



## News from Freemasonry@86 15 November 2019

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### Dates for your diary

**Saturday 16 November - Scarlet Cord** - Consecration of three consistories - Calcutta, Eastern India and Bengal - Kolkata. Full story & pictures next week.

**Monday 18 November - Scarlet Cord** Installation of new Provincial Grand Summus for East Anglia - Bury St Edmunds

**Tuesday 19 November 12:30pm - Knights of Malta** Great Priory & Annual Investiture - Freemasons' Hall, London - booking details [bit.ly/MaltaGreatPriory](http://bit.ly/MaltaGreatPriory)

**Saturday 23 November - Scarlet Cord** Banner Dedication - Province of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire & Wiltshire - Cirencester

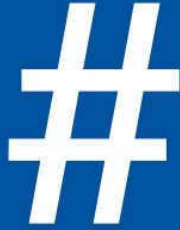
**Tuesday 3 December 11am - Scarlet Cord** Conferral of 5th Grade - Mark Masons' Hall

**Tuesday 3 December 2pm - The Scarlet Cord TI** Consistory - multiple 2nd Grade Conferrals and Installation of Deputy President (R.Dist.Comp. Peter Wise) - Mark Masons' Hall

**Tuesday 10 December 4:45pm - RAM** Annual Assembly & Investiture - Freemasons' Hall, London - booking details [bit.ly/RAMAnnual](http://bit.ly/RAMAnnual)

**Dining has now closed for the Knights of Malta Grand Priory, but you can still attend the meeting on 19 November which starts at 12.30pm - click on this link for details >>>**

## What exactly is this 'hashtag' thing all about?



One definition is "a word or phrase preceded by a hash sign (#), used on social media websites and applications, especially Twitter, to identify messages on a specific topic."

### But what's the point?

Whether you're a 'digital native' or 'digital naiive' effective use of hashtags will enable you to draw attention, to organize, and to promote your social media postings and tweets. They make it easier for people to find, follow and contribute to 'conversations.'

There's only three simple things you need to remember about using hastags:

1. No spaces
2. No punctuation
3. No special characters

Check out [this website >>>](#) for an excellent user guide to hashtags.

### When mentioning our Orders on social media, please use the following:

#MarkMasterMason #RoyalArkMariner #KnightsTemplar  
#KnightsofMalta #RedCrossofConstantine #Royal&SelectMasters  
#AlliedMasonicDegrees #OrderoftheSecretMonitor #ScarletCord

## OSM Grand Conclave 2019



*Pictured left to right: R. Wy. Bro. Michael Herbert (Grand Master KBHC), M. Wy. Bro. Paul Clement (Grand Master Knights Templar & Past GSR), M. Wy. Bro. Andrew Sweeney (Grand Supreme Ruler) and M. Wy. Bro. Michael Guest (Past GSR)*  
With visiting princes from around the world, including Australia, India, South East Asia, the Far East, France, Portugal, the Caribbean, South Africa (no doubt still celebrating their well-earned World Rugby Cup victory and Kent, this year's Grand Conclave was a resounding success.

It included two very special announcements from the Grand Supreme Ruler, M. Wy. Bro. Andrew Sweeney - a 50 years loyal service presentation to R. Wy. Bro. Barry Collinson and the appointment to Grand Chancellor of R. Wy. Bro. Merrill Elliott.

Check out full details [on this link >>>](#)

[Click on this link for an album of photos from the Grand Conclave](#)

[>>>](#)

**Assistant Grand Master makes a Halloween visit to celebrate the centenary of Powys Lodge of MMM No.685**



Not a Welsh Lodge, as you might imagine. It was named after John Powys, The Right Honourable Lord Lilford gave his family name to the Lodge - he was ProvGM of the Mark Province of Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire & Bedfordshire from 1912-1939.

ProvGM (Northants & Hunts) R.W.Bro. Robert Andrew Stokes accompanied by W.Bro. Brian J. Elliott, P.G.S.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master and 21 members of the Provincial Team together with 10 Grand Officers visited the Lodge to complete the Lodge Centenary Celebration.

The Lodge was honoured with the presence of The Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, and W.Bro. Kevin Williams, who presented members of the Lodge with a Centenary Jewel. Also visiting were R. W. Bro Michael E. Herbert, P.Dep.G.M. , R.W.Bro. Philip J. Mann (ProvGM Leicestershire and Rutland), R.W.Bro. A. Morris, Dep.Pres.M.B.F. together with the immediate Past ProvGM of Northants & Hunts, R.W.Bro. George E. Bonham, G.M.R.A.C.

The News from Freemasonry@86 wouldn't be the same without a report on a Scarlet Cord Consecration.



... and this one was from Monday 4 November in Barnstaple - the newest Consistory in the newest Province - Valley of the Rocks No.133 in Devon & Cornwall. Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans and his team conducted proceedings with the usual panache, not dampened by the inclement weather. Let's consecrate a new Scarlet Cord consistory in 'sunny' Devon, and to make it interesting let's choose November as the date was perhaps the thinking?





### **CORRECTION & APOLOGY**

I am sorry to say that in last week's Newsletter we carried a story on the consecration of the Mark Province of London's Spirit of Rugby Lodge, which was woefully incorrect.

In spite of consecrating the new Locomotion Lodge only 48 hours previously, ProvGM R.W.Bro. Tom Quinn did not sit this one out on the sidelines - he was very much the Consecrating Officer. His Deputy, Tim MacAndrews, installed the Primus Master, W.Bro. Richard Hogg.

Ever wondered what the Red Cross of Constantine was all about?



How about a story that sounds like 'Game of Thrones meets Freemasonry'. We're talking about the Third Century AD, when the Roman Empire was collapsing, weakened by political corruption and division. Within a period of ten years eight emperors or would-be emperors were killed, many having been assassinated by their own troops. Sounds straight out of the pages of Game of Thrones doesn't it? Thankfully, a slide presentation and accompanying script, which has been used as an introduction to the Red Cross of Constantine by R. III Kt David John Roach, Intendant-General for North & East Yorkshire, has been produced. It was researched and written by W.Kt. James Steele, a young man who is a Past Provincial Lecturer in the Craft and amended by III.Kt. Neil Webster, P.G.St.B.(C), Deputy Intendant-General. This an excellent piece of work for use at awareness events as well as for general interest reading.

[Click on this link](#) for a PDF copy of the presentation and notes.

[Click on this link](#) for a Powerpoint version with notes



## All-conquering Red Cross of Constantine Cheque Presentations



First stop was to Clare School, Norwich on 7 November when Intendant-General for the Division of East Anglia, R.III.Kt. Dr. John Elmore, had the privilege of presenting a cheque for £2,500 from the Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund, to Head Teacher Fyfe Johnston for their hydrotherapy pool project.

Next stop was to Zoe's Place in Middlesbrough where another cheque for £2,500 was presented by V. III. Kt. Phillip Ellenor, PGHAlm, District Treasurer, R. III. Kt. David Roach IG and P. Kt. David Kirwan Div. Jun. Gen. (Des. to staff nurse James. Zoe's Place is one of three independently run hospices for babies and children under school age. It really is a fantastic place where the warmth and care the staff give to the children and all members of the families who attend is there for all to see.





### #Friday Feeling

It's good to feel liked and followed - Mark Masons' Hall and our Grand Secretary are no exception. One of the very powerful ways of building awareness and consideration towards our ten Orders is to establish a presence on social media - Facebook and Twitter are a good start - and to have that conversation with your members and potential candidates.

We would also like to share our appreciation of the great work you are all doing - **can you please email us on [communications@mmh.org.uk](mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk)** with your Facebook and Twitter details. This will ensure that we like, share, follow and retweet in return - all emails will be acknowledged.

Thank you.



### Progressive Masonry on the Move

Check out the [Mark Masons' Hall Team App](#), which is ready and waiting to be filled with useful information - it's what smart phones were made for.

Content posted so far includes:

- all News from Freemasonry@86 bulletins
- key events and booking details (where available)
- Social Media Guidelines and Best Practice
- TeamApp User Guide

What would you like to see included? Let us know on [communications@mmh.org.uk](mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk)

[Check out the TeamApp User Guide on this link >>>](#)

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[Best Practice](#)