



News from Freemasonry@86 06 December 2019

Welcome to your news and information update from the ten progressive Orders and higher degrees of Freemasonry administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's. This bulletin is emailed to all 'leaders' in the Provinces, Districts & Divisions and their Secretariats and uploaded to the Mark Masons' Hall TeamApp.

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Dates for your diary - it's looking a lot like Christmas

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

Friday 20 December - Mark Masons' Hall closes for Christmas

Wednesday 25 December 5pm -

Thursday 2 January - Mark Masons' Hall re-opens after Christmas

Wednesday 8 January 11am - Scarlet Cord Consecration of Vale of Glamorgan
Consistory No.135 - Penarth

Booking for the RAM Annual Assembly & Investiture dining has now closed - you can still attend the last 'big' meeting of 2019, click on this link for booking details >>>

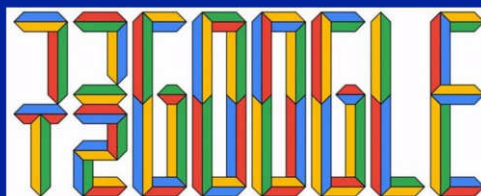
Regalia of the Week - who wore an apron like this?



It is a Mark Grand Master's chain and apron - hence dress regalia. It belonged to King George VI, and is a tad unusual in that he was never Grand Master of the GLoFMMM but was appointed to Past Grand Master in 1937.

He was for a short period of time the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a post he resigned from following his accession to the throne. The museum in the GL of Scotland has on display his letter of resignation from that post. He was also in receipt of the rank of Past Grand Master in the United Grand Lodge of England.

This week's Social Media Top Tip - Association



Be topical and 'trendy' – fish where the fish are and note what they're feeding on.

- Monitor **Twitter trends** throughout the day for topical #hashtags to build posts around and join the conversation (although political and commercial trends should be avoided – remember **the social media guidelines**)
- Check the **Google doodle** at the start of every day to see what is topical

Provincial Priory of South America Annual Meeting



Pictured left to right are Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Jayme de Freitas Filho, Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Detlev Fenselau & Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Marcio Pereira

The Annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of South America was held last Saturday, 30 November, in the Anglican Church in the city of Santos, on the South Coast of the state of São Paulo.

Officers and members of the Province were present, under the leadership of the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Detlev Fenselau.

Representing the Grande Priorado Do Brasil (Great Priory of Brazil) was Moisés Figueiredo

Interested in joining an Order?



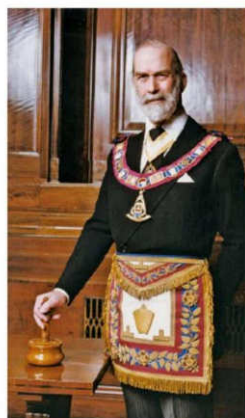
We're overhauling the membership enquiries pages on the markmasonshall.org website to improve the quality of support and information we provide both you and potential candidates.

We are piloting a new enquiry 'journey' whereby all contact with us is acknowledged and further information provided at the initial stage. This will ensure that we direct all potential candidates to the most appropriate Province/District etc. and that suitability is validated at step one.

We will be contacting you in the coming weeks to confirm the most appropriate email address to direct 'vetted' enquiries.

We would also greatly appreciate your suggestions and thoughts on improvement opportunities. In the New Year this will also include more comprehensive and engaging content for those wishing to join further Orders.

Meeting the Mark



Mark Masonry: Clockwise, from far left, The Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO; the apron of Past Grand Master HRH The Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII; Pro Grand Master Raymond John Smith; the Mark Master Masons coat of arms; The Mark Benevolent Fund coat of arms; the Mark Master Masons grant of arms



Check out the latest edition of *Freemasonry Today* and the excellent article on the Order of Mark Master Mason in particular, on this link bit.ly/MarkFMT

V.W.Bro. Wally Randall - 104 and still tiling



Grand Secretary, Wally and R.W.Bro. David Tremaine ProvGM (Buckinghamshire) presenting his special certificate from the M.W. Grand Master in November 2018.

Wally Randall was born in 1915 and celebrated his 100th birthday in 2015.

At the age of 100 Wally was still very active as the Lodge Tyler in both Beaudesert Mark and Grand Union RAM Lodges, both in the Province of Buckinghamshire, although held at Linslade in Bedfordshire.

On his 100th birthday meeting the Lodge received a visit from the Past Pro Grand Master M.W.Bro. Ben Addy and the then Deputy Grand Secretary W.Bro. Ryan Williams. A brief history of Wally's life was given by M.W.Bro.

Addy who then proceeded to present him with a special certificate commemorating his 100th birthday and, to mark the occasion promoted him to Grand Rank (PAGDC). Wally was also presented with a special Tyler's Chair crafted by a Buckinghamshire Mark Master Mason.

Moving on to 2018, Wally is now 103 and still Tying. This brought another visit from the Grand Secretary, now R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams who presented him with a special commendation from the M.W. Grand Master congratulating him on his incredible age. At the same time Wally was promoted to PGJO making him a Very Worshipful Brother.

In 2019, and at the age of 104 he's still tiling for both Lodges. Surely, the oldest active Mark Master Mason in our Order. Although he now sits, he directs the 'younger' brethren as to how the Lodge should be set out.

On top of his duties as Tyler, Wally is also recognised as the oldest Poppy seller for the Royal British Legion, still to be found at Tesco leading up to the 11th November.

A truly remarkable Mason and in particular a Mark Master Mason.



Wally at 104 with the ProvGM, W.Bro. Steve Joyce W.M. Beaudesert Lodge No. 1350 and W.Bro. Roy Black W.Cdr. Grand Union RAM Lodge No. 1350

When R.W.Bro Peter Balsom met Freddie



Pictured are R.W.Bro Peter Balsom (ProvGM Devon), accompanied by W.Bro Trevor Jenkins, W.Bro Brett Varker, W.Bro Chris Elliott and W.Bro. Nic White plus Kay O'Shaughnessy, Gill Parker and Robin Laing - not to mention 'Freddie'

Peter was delighted to present a cheque for £8235 from the DMCA 2022 Project to the Friends & Families of Special Children (Plymouth).

The charity's objects are to bring about improvements in services for beneficiaries with special needs, to promote the development and health of children with special needs (including social and personal) and to promote a forum that promotes empowerment and participation for service users in the delivery of services for children with special needs and their families and carers. Click on [the following link for the full story and photos.](#)

#(Re)Tweet of the Week



There's nothing especially creative or innovative about this retweet, but what it does show is another great example of inclusivity, where Masonic centres are encouraging members to consider a full range of progressive orders. It's important that we seize every opportunity to promote such enlightened thinking and activity, and promote our wonderful Orders.

Submitting Articles for Publication - Best Practice



Hopefully you'll have noted that you can now submit articles for publication in the weekly News from Freemasonry@86 bulletin, as well as on the markmasonshall.org website and on our Facebook and Twitter pages via the website on [this link >>>](#)

When submitting articles you are limited to only 600 characters, which is challenging. However, if like me you adopt the maxim of "why use one syllable when three will do" you can also attach a Word doc or PDF along with your photos. You don't need to be a Times journo - or even a Sun hack - the important element is an interesting story and content. One of our elves this end can 'wordsmith' the article for you.

But most important is to send your news in to us - we rely on you 100%.

Simone did pack her trunk(s) but she wasn't off to the circus



Pictured are ProvGM (West Yorkshire) R.W.Bro. Jim Steggles, Simone Enefer-Doy (CEO - Lifelites) and APGM W.Bro. John Bolton

The venue was Forget-me-not Childrens' Hospice in Huddersfield on Tuesday 26 November.

ProvGM, Jim Steggles, was delighted to present the latest donation of 'tech trunks' in the MBF's total commitment of 15 sets across the country, with total funding of £141,423, in liaison with Lifelites.

Sadly, the ProvGM missed out on testing the VR equipment by the very excited crowd of children, eager to try out their new tech kit.



#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 it 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** 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.

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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

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

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