



Welcome to your news and information update for the progressive/companion Orders 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.

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This newsletter is on the Mark Masons' Hall website latest news section - the front page - on this link >>>

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Dates for your diary - given the current general suspension of all Masonic activity, all previously advised events have been postponed/cancelled.

In Memoriam - Stephen Michael Ayres, JP



He was born and bred in North London. Following a successful career in the hospitality industry - rising to Director of Personnel with a major hotel chain – he 'retired' and became General Manager of the Clerkenwell Masonic Centre, while continuing to sit as a Magistrate - culminating in becoming Chairman of the Haringay Bench.

Stephen took his first steps into the Progressive Orders of Freemasonry on 24 January 1980 when he was advanced in King Solomon's Quarries Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 828 in London. From there he joined most of the Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall and rose to prominence in several, particularly as Past Grand Junior Warden and President of the Executive Committee in the Allied Masonic Degrees; Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Essex in the Order of the Secret Monitor; Past Grand Chancellor and President of the Executive Committee in the Royal and Select Masters and Grand Chancellor in the Scarlet Cord. Away from MMH Stephen was Grand Master of The Masonic Order of the Pilgrim Preceptors and had also been Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of The City of London in the Royal Order of Scotland. In the Craft, Stephen had just received notification of a promotion to Past Junior Grand Deacon from Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and was Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Royal Arch.

His Masonic memberships spread across several Provinces and he was well known as a splendid ritualist and strong supporter of multiple Masonic Units. He was a good friend and mentor to many Freemasons and worked tirelessly for the benefit of our Orders. Stephen will be a greatly missed member of our Masonic family.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update



Mark Masons' Hall may have been 'closed for business' during the imposed lockdown, but all departments and teams are available on email to help and support.

If you're not sure who to contact, please email communications@mmh.org.uk and we'll direct you to the right person.

[Please click on this button for a copy of the Mark Masons' Hall email contact list >>>](#)

Calling all Secretaries, Scribes, Recorders et al



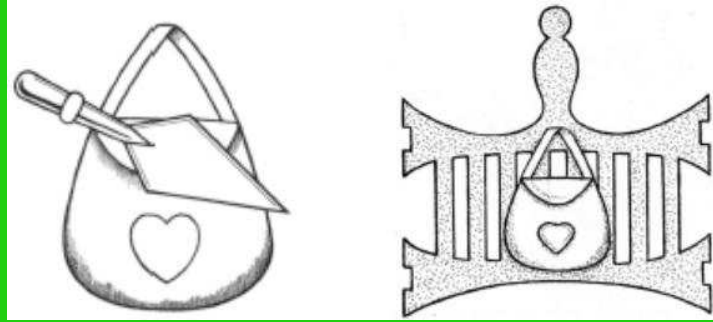
Further to the General Suspension of all Masonic Activity for a period of four months in response to the spread of COVID-19, a variety of issues relating to the administration of our Orders has arisen. The Grand Secretary has issued guidance which relates to all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall and deals with the abandonment and postponement of meetings.

Areas covered are as follows:

- Individual Masonic Units (Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves etc.)
- Unit Election and Installation meetings
- Grand Investiture Meetings
- Provincial & District Grand Lodges or equivalent
 - Provincial meetings scheduled to take place during the Suspension period
 - Appointment of Provincial & District Executive Officers

[Please click on this link for the latest guide for Secretaries, Scribes, Recorders et al >>>](#)

Almoners - reporting the health of members



Please click on [this link for Data Protection instructions](#) issued by the Grand Secretary on Monday 30 March, which should be circulated to all Lodge/unit members within the British Isles and the E.U.

Order of the Secret Monitor Visiting Officers reporting members' health



Please click on [this link for guidance](#) issued by the Assistant Grand Recorder on Tuesday 31 March to Provincial/District Grand Supreme Rulers/Recorders and Conclave Secretaries within the British Isles and the E.U.

Brother Masonic Podcast - Red Cross of Constantine



We are working with 'Brother Masonic' on season two of their podcasts, which are called 'Brother Beyond the Craft' or #BBTC.

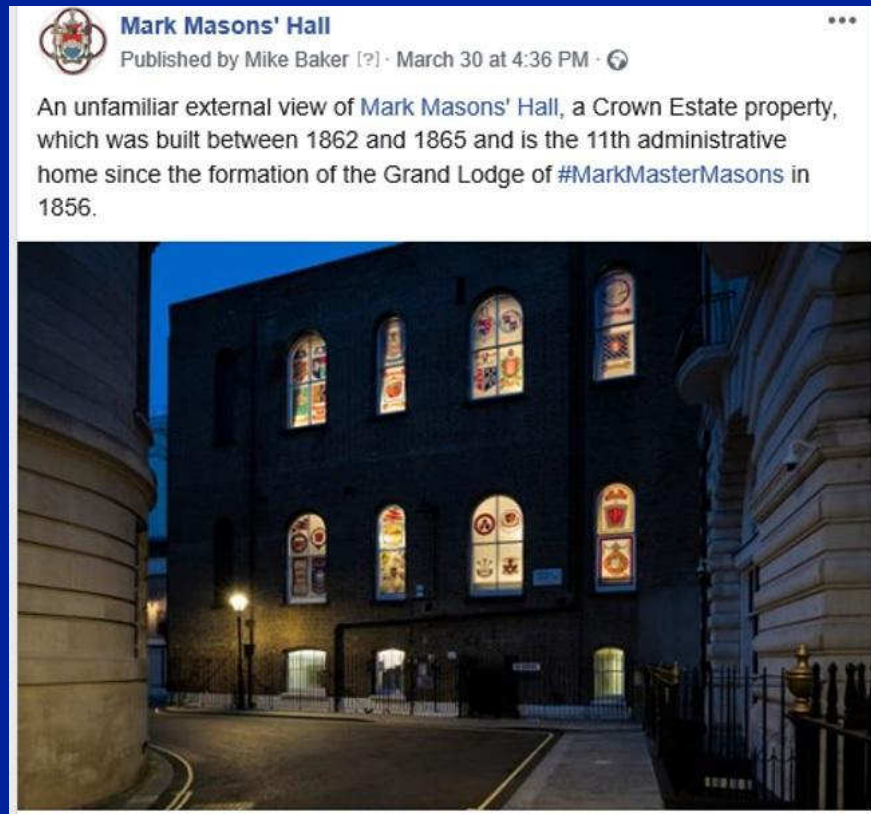
The season opener on Monday evening dealt with the Red Cross of Constantine, giving an interesting insight into the Order.

Check it out on bit.ly/BBTCRedCross

Next up will be the Order of the Secret Monitor - watch this space for details.

Please click on [this link for an Introduction to the Red Cross of Constantine >>>](#)

Facebook Post of the Week



The image is part of a series of stunning photographs which have been commissioned for our new website - just a taster of what's to come.

#Tweet of the Week



Season one of the Brother Masonic Podcasts featured an Interview with Scarlet Cord Grand Summus, M.Dist. Comp. Ian Currans, which you can check out on bit.ly/ICurransPodcast
But what's the reference to ABBA all about?



#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 - 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 Freemasonry 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 >>>](#)