



Freemasonry@86

10 January 2020

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.

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22 January - Red Cross of Constantine St Eanswythe Conclave No.260 presentation of 50 year certificate by M.III.Grand Sovereign - Folkestone

Friday 31 January - Mark Centenary of Unity Lodge No.708 - Morpeth

Monday 10 February - Knights Templar Leicestershire & Rutland Annual Meeting and 50 Year Anniversary - Leicester

Thursday 13 February - Knights Templar Centenary of King Ina Preceptory No.211 - Taunton

Monday 2 March - Royal Ark Mariner Centenary of Moseley Lodge No.667 - King's Heath, Birmingham

Saturday 7 March - AMD Northumberland & Durham Annual District Meeting - Gateshead

Saturday 7 March - Scarlet Cord Reconstitution of Province of Hampshire/Isle of Wight & The Channel Islands - Venue TBA

Tuesday 10 March 2pm - Mark Grand Lodge Communication - Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London

Thursday 12 March - Mark Sequicentenary of Roberts Lodge No.24TI - Rochdale

Monday 16 March - Mark Centenary of Claughton Lodge No.705 - Birkenhead

Please note that the Summons and dining registration details for the 10 March Communication of Mark Grand Lodge will be available on the [Mark Masons' Hall website](#) from 17 January.

Croeso i Cymru lan.....



.... was the greeting awaiting Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans when he rolled into Penarth on Thursday 8 January for the consecration of Vale of Glamorgan Scarlet Cord Consistory No.135.

He was ably assisted and supported by Deputy Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Frank Spencer, Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard Markham and many more, including his trusty Tzaddikim.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have spotted the Grand Master of Knights Templar, M.E.&S.Kt. Paul Clement, but here as P.Dep. Grand Summus and Grand Recorder, R.Dist.Comp. Ryan Williams (acting as translator).

And as they say in Penarth *cafwyd amser da gan bawb.*

Province of Cornwall OSM - funding more missions, saving more lives



On Friday 20 December, R.Wy. Bro. Michael Barnard MBE, PGSR for the Province of Cornwall, Wy.Bro. Chris Sharrinton and Wy.Bro. Trevor Conroy PGSwdB, ProvGRec visited the Cornwall Air Ambulance staff to present a cheque to the Trust towards the cost of buying a new helicopter.

The cheque for £1,000 included £500 from the Brethren of the Province and £500 matched funding from the OSM Benevolent Fund.

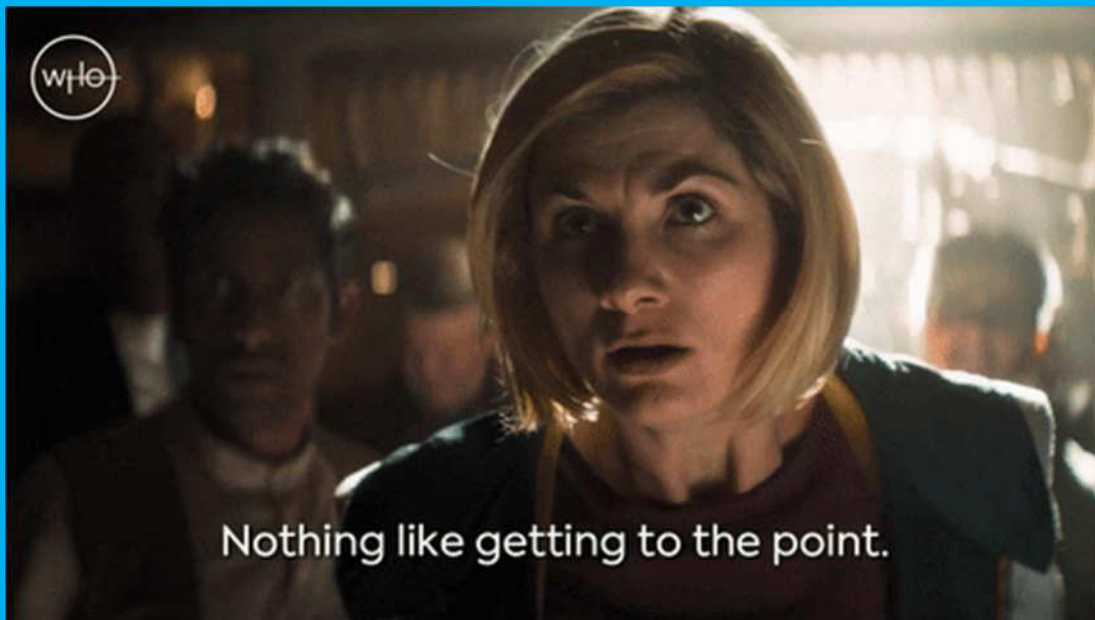
It was a very informative day, and we are told that the trust are well on the way to achieving their target of £2.5million.

It was clear to see that in a county as remotely populated as

Cornwall there is a real need for their services - the air ambulance crew attend to over 800 missions each year.

The new helicopter is faster, more powerful and has double the fuel range of the current helicopter, meaning more missions and saving more lives.

Social Media Top Tip - Get to the Point



The first 19 words of your Posts and Tweets should effectively tell the whole story. You can then elaborate with further detail (if you have capacity on Twitter with its 280 character limit), remembering that by default Facebook only shows the first 400 characters (typically 5-7 lines) before it cuts off. This is denoted by 'See More' - these can be expanded, but a casual viewer may not be engaged enough to do so.

Leave out the waffle.

[Click on this link for the full MMH Social Media Best Practice Guidelines >>>](#)

#Tweet of the Week



Mark Masons' Hall
@MarkMasonsHall

A much asked question from Master Masons is what Order should I join next? Options include:

[@GrandChapter](#)

[#MarkMasterMason](#)

[#OrderoftheSecretMonitor](#)

[#RoseCroix](#)

There is only one answer - the Order which best suits the individual. Please remember this, personal mentors.



From the significant feedback and retweets, based on the personal experience (and opinion) of members, it is very clear that

there is no single solution. But what is very clear is that 'the next step' must be based on a member-centric approach - what is best for the individual and not for the organisation/Order.

#Retweet of the Week

We are indebted to the Junior Warden of Erlegh Lodge in the Mark Province of Berkshire for this excellent response.

← Tweet



SupremeGrandChapter
@GrandChapter

Are you ready to take the next step in your masonic journey?

Find out how & why you should join the Royal Arch here → bit.ly/RoyalArchMasons

#RoyalArch



4:51 PM - Jan 9, 2020 - Twitter Web App

33 Retweets 71 Likes



James Alexander @jamesalexander · 8h

Replying to @GrandChapter

Don't forget, you cannot build an Arch without a Keystone @GLoMM



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Facebook Post of the Week



Mark Masons' Hall

Published by Mike Baker [?] · January 7 at 8:00 AM · 🌐

#CharityTuesday spotted over #Christmas in Settle, Yorkshire was this **Hope for Tomorrow** mobile cancer care unit, which allows patients to save time by having their cancer care closer to home, saving them time & energy to be with the people that mean the most. One of 8 units provided with £260,000 funding from the #MBF



HELP - who should I contact at Mark Masons' Hall?



We will be 'publishing' a monthly updated database with contact numbers and email addresses of the support team at Mark Masons' Hall. We hope that it covers all of the areas of enquiry you may have.

This not intended to be a replacement, rather more a complement, to the Help Desk service on [the Mark Masons' Hall website.](#)

It must be stressed that in the first instance all enquiries should be channelled through your Lodge/unit Secretary or Province/District (and equivalents).

[Please click on this link for the latest Mark Masons' Hall Contact List](#)

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#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.

FIND US ON



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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