



Welcome to your news and information update for the progressive/companiun Orders of Freemasonry administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's.

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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

- Tuesday 21 January - RAM** Centenary St Bartholomew Lodge No.650 -Wednesbury
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
Saturday 1 February - AMD Installation of new District Grand Prefect, Southern
 Counties - Botley
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
Friday 6 March - Mark Consecration Collegia Fabrorum Lodge - Mark Masons' Hall
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 - Botley
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 **Friday
 20 March - Red Cross of Constantine** Consecration of Metropolitan Conclave No.533
 - Mark Masons' Hall
Friday 20 March - AMD Installation of new District Grand Prefect, Sussex - Venue TBC

Please note that the Summons and Minutes of the previous meeting for the March Communication of Mark Grand Lodge will be made available for download here four weeks prior to the meeting. The dining and registration details are now available on the Mark Masons' Hall website >>>

Slaying the Nemean Lion was just the beginning – the labours of Hercules Angus Rhodes



After a series of unfortunate events, outside of his control from 2014 to 15, left him on the brink of death Angus Rhodes was forced to undergo physical retraining just to be able to walk up the road. Being big, Scottish and probably not wholly sane, he saw this as an opportunity to retrain to a much higher degree. It also occurred to him that he had wished to complete a series of slightly undefined personal challenges for some years, plus having been enormously impressed by the work of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, he wanted to do some more for them. His 'labours' have included slaying the Lernean Hydra (!?!), catching the Erymathean Boar (that's running three marathons on three consecutive Sundays to you and me) and much more.



[Click on the following link for Angus' full story so far >>>](#)

"Don't call us, we'll call you" Paul Lambert - Manager Ipswich Town FC



Representatives from the Mark Province of East Anglia, including Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. David Boswell, visited the EACH Treehouse Hospice in Ipswich this week, to add a little joy to the lives of the children in its care.

The Mark Benevolent Fund granted £4,745 to buy Lifelites 'tech trunks', which are specialist assistive technology packages for children and young people to play, be creative, control something for themselves and communicate.

However, with less than impressive ball control was Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Richard (Tractor Boy?!?) Styles, and surely as a Freemason you should know that when doing the 'hokey cokey' it's your left leg in?

And shouldn't that trouser leg be rolled up?



Social Media Top Tip - a picture paints a thousand words



Great photos catch people's attention and help tell a story with immediacy and impact.

Always include visual elements in your social media, unless it is absolutely necessary to leave out

Always be on the lookout for good photo opportunities and cultivate talent in your Province/District – those with a flair for photography or graphic design make great spotters

- Build an image library - [flickr](#) is a great, free to use site
- Contact communications@mmh.org.uk to request stock images, but don't use this option as an easy substitute for home grown 'killer' images'
- Don't rely solely on the classic 'cheque presentation' photos for charity stories

Try to find good images suitable for the story on the charity's website, their social media, Google Images, royalty-free stock image websites

- etc. For example, if the money raised is for a Scout project, a photo of Scouts involved in the building work tells a far more compelling and engaging story than a Freemason in regalia – even if it's just a chain - handing a cheque to a leader (the classic 'grip & grin'

See what great looks like, 'faces' and people are especially engaging - get a feel for which images work best on social media by following successful accounts (such as ours and switching on notifications so you don't miss anything

- 'Commission' professional photographers for special events, and to create a stock of images for your flickr library

Try to get the highest resolution and quality - crop where necessary so

- the most important elements of the image are clearly visible, even when rendered on mobile screens

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

#Tweet of the Week



Dr David Staples

@UGLE_DrDStaples · Jan 10

Always great to catch up with Ryan Williams, Grand Secretary @MarkMasonsHall, and the Grand Secretary General, Supreme Council 33rd Degree, for a spot of Lunch yesterday at @FreemasonsHall 🍴

#Freemasons pic.twitter.com/dz34Tw38Z2



... and I'm sure it was a case of "we three do meet and agree", but which was wisdom, which was strength and which was beauty?

Is there such a thing as a 'free' lunch?

Facebook Post of the Week



Mark Masons' Hall

Published by Mike Baker [?] · January 15 at 5:20 PM · 🌐

If #Freemasonry is a journey then Supreme Grand Chapter is undeniably the completion of that journey. But in the words of Dan Millman "The journey is what brings us happiness not the destination" and don't forget we should "unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness."

The Progressive Orders of Mark Masons' Hall Ltd. surely fulfil that journey.
#WednesdayWisdom
markmasonshall.org/



Royal Arch



Mark Master
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Order of Secret
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Mark & Royal Arch



Red Cross of
Constantine



Knights Templar



Royal Ark Mariner



Scarlet Cord



Royal & Select
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Knights of Malta

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**Welcome
back to Mark
Masons Hall
in 2020**



DATES FOR 2020
Carvery Restaurant

Friday 17 January	Wednesday 26 February
Thursday 23 January	Thursday 5 March
Wednesday 29 January	Wednesday 11 March
Wednesday 5 February	Tuesday 24 March

Catering Enquiries & Reservations: 0207 747 1180

The Carvery lunch is available from 12:00pm to 1.30pm and booking is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment.

Bon appetit.

Please click on this link for the latest Mark Masons' Hall Contact List - updated on 17 January 2020 >>>



#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 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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