



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

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Dates for your diary

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

Saturday 21 March - AMD Installation of new District Grand Prefect, Sussex - Brighton

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 >>>



Thank you for continuing to provide us with news and information - we really can't get enough.

Let us tell your story - please email words and pictures to: communications@mmh.org.uk or m.baker@mmh.org.uk

You can also share news and pictures with us via the website - click on [this link](#) to submit an article

Providing a service for those with a short but special life



The Mark Province of Devonshire accompanied R.W. Bro. Peter Hawken, P.P.G.M. and Trustee of the MBF, to North Devon Children's Hospice at Little Bridge House, where a cheque for £36,362 was presented for their games room project.

The Provincial party was made up of Prov.G.M. R.W. Bro. Peter Balsom, Deputy P.G.M., W. Bro. David Purdie, Assistant P.G.M., W. Bro. John Clendinning, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Devon Mark Charity Association, namely W. Bro. Trevor Jenkins and W. Bro. Brett Varker along with the Provincial Charity Steward W. Bro. Paul Howard- Baker.

The Prov.G.M. had the honour of breaking off, with the rest of the team forming an orderly 'cue' behind him.



First ever 50 year certificate for Kent Division of Red Cross of Constantine



Wednesday 22 January 2020 saw a unique occasion in the history of the Red Cross Order in Kent when the Grand Sovereign, and Grand Eusebius travelled to St. Eanswythe Conclave No. 260 in Folkestone to present

R.III.Kt. John Bonomy with a certificate and jewel to mark his 50 years in the Order – the first ever recipient since the Division was created in 1869.

He was the Deputy Intendent General from 1978 to 1990, when he was poached by the Craft/Royal Arch Province of East Kent to become, first the Grand Superintendent, and then the Provincial Grand Master as well until 2004.

A packed temple heard the Grand Sovereign extol John's contribution to the Order, culminating in 2010 with him being appointed as a Knight Commander of Constantine – a rare honour. More tributes were given, including being presented with the Invictus Award by the Intendent General for Kent, R.III. Kt. Nick Alder, before John then reminisced about his love for the Order, and the many memories of people that he had shared over the last 50 years.

The festive board was a very convivial occasion with several fine speeches in tribute to the Conclave (which will also be celebrating its half century later this year) and to John. The evening was made even more special by John's very generous hospitality throughout.



Pictured: Intendent General for Kent, Rt.III.Kt. Nick Alder; St. Eanswythe M.P.Kt. Ray Cooper ; Grand Sovereign M.III.Kt. Graham Flight; Rt.III.Kt. John Bonomy K.C.C.; Grand Eusebius, Rt.III. & Venerable Kt. Timothy L'Estrange; Grand Marshall, Rt.III.Kt. Neil Matthews.

You'd think he'd like the taste of Haggis by now?



Saturday saw the Mark Province of London's Burns Night celebration in Bournemouth. The address to the 'Great chieftain o the puddin'-race' - haggis to you and me - was given by ProvGM, R.W.Bro. Tom Quinn. A total of £2,500 was raised for charity including £500 to V.W.Bro Bob Hancock's lovely lady for her charity, Cherry Trees, and to recognise her great achievement in being awarded the British Empire Medal.



[Check out the full story and photo album on the Mark Province of London website on this link >>>](#)

MBF Worthy Causes Committee



The Mark Benevolent Fund Worthy Causes Committee met on Monday 20 January, and a total of £230,000 funding was approved for six very special charities. We'll bring you further details, and updates on our social media, in the next couple of week's, as soon as we have notified the beneficiaries.

#Tweet of the Week



It is, of course, great to be appreciated, but more importantly it's the thirst for knowledge and information which is out there.

So many Freemasons want to know more about what lies 'beyond the Craft' and are keen to understand their options.

Facebook Post of the Week



Mark Masons' Hall

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On this day in 1901 the Victorian era comes to an end as the then longest-reigning monarch in British history (63 years), Queen Victoria, dies aged 81. She was succeeded by her eldest son, who was proclaimed King Edward VII. Prince Albert Edward was, of course, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of #MarkMasterMasons from 1886-1901 - but where does the portrait below hang?



On the Road with Mark Deputy Grand Master,
R.W.Bro. John Prizeman

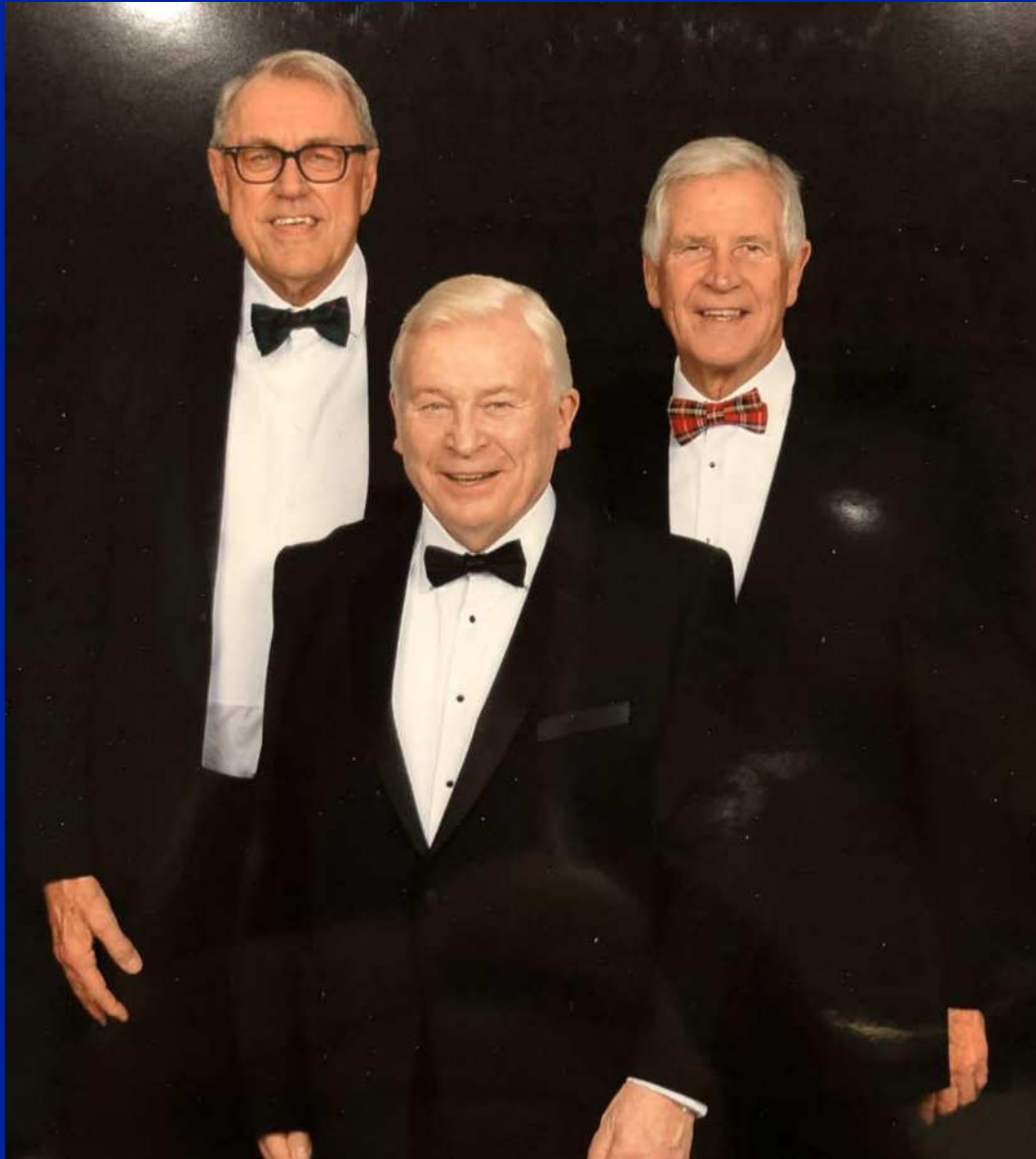


First stop, Wednesday 15 January, was Bognor Regis (Sussex by the Sea) for the Centenary of Hothampton Mark Lodge No.703 - and yes, they knew he was coming so they baked a cake.

Second stop, Friday 17 January, was up to Keynsham in the glorious county of Somerset, for the meeting of Somerdale Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.1608. He was attending as a private guest of R.W.Bro David Nelson P.P.G.M. of Somerset and Worshipful Master of the Lodge, who Advanced Bro. Daniel Allen into the Mark Degree.



The third and final stop of the week, and back to the seaside, was to Bournemouth for the Mark Province of London Burns Night, where he was chaperoned by none less than the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith and the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison.



**Kings Heath, Birmingham & the Craft Province of Worcestershire
salute V.W.Bro. Stuart Edwards**



At last Saturday morning's meeting of Worcestershire Craft Installed Masters' Lodge the ProvGM, R.W.Bro. Robert Vaughan, was delighted to present V.W.Bro. Stuart Edwards PastDepPGM with a certificate for 50 years' service, with over 200 members in attendance. Stuart is, of course, equally familiar to us as Past Grand Treasurer of the Mark, OSM, Scarlet Cord, AMD, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Templar & Malta, KBHC and Royal & Select Masters, as well as being a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council.

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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

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 >>>](#)