



Freemasonry@86

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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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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 >>>**

You can't judge a book by its cover



.... or for Royal Ark Mariners, a Mason by his habiliments.

How many times have we sat next to someone at a meeting and wondered what they did when they weren't in 'Lodge'? Many will instantly recognise

Ralph Craig, whether that be in London, Kent or the South & East Caribbean - after all he's been the Founder of 15 different units within the progressive Orders. But how many know of his pioneering work in the field of mental health within the NHS over the last 48 years?

Read his full story in the Winter Edition of *Connected* - the magazine of the Kent & Medway NHS Partnership & Social Care Trust [on this link >>>](#) or the Mark Province of Kent website [on this link >>>](#)

Romania - what's in a name?



Pictured left to right: V.W.Bro. Cristian Mihutoiu (Grand Inspector), W.Bro. Cristian Lepere, Primus Master & R.W.Bro. David Powell Prov.G.M. (Monmouthshire)

On Saturday 18 January R.W.Bro. David Powell ventured across to the Zodiac Palace, Bucharest, as consecrating officer for the newest Mark Lodge in the recently constituted Inspectorate of Romania.

The Lodge was Titu Maiorescu No.2017, and is the latest in a line of Lodges named after famous Romanian figures - not necessarily Freemasons.

But who was Titu Maiorescu? Apparently, he was a Romanian literary critic and politician, founder of the Junimea Society. As a literary critic, he was instrumental in the development of Romanian culture in the second half of the 19th century. Now you know, and if you're interested in the titles of other units in the Inspectorate of Romania, check out

[the following link>>>](#)

[Click on this link for an album of photos from the Consecration taken by Bro. Adrian Cojan >>>](#)

Two 'Grand Masters' for the Price of One



Pictured left to right: R.Dist.Comp. Paul Clement P.Dep.G.S., R.Dist.Comp. Roderick Jones Prov.G.S., & M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans Grand Summus

... although, to be pedantic, one's actually a Grand Summus.

The occasion was the Provincial Grand Senatus of West Wales on Saturday 25 January in Camarthen, when Grand Master of Knights Templar,

M.E. & S.Kt. Paul Clement, G.C.T.was in attendance.

Once again, a wonderful example of the progressive and companion Orders of Freemasonry supporting each other.

Please share your photos of similar events with us - email communications@mmh.org.uk

After 50 Years as a Worthy Knight in the Red Cross of Constantine,
V.E.Kt. John Bonomy finally gets to be Banner Bearer for his
Preceptory



*Pictured left to right: E.Kt. Kelvin Gane P.Gt.Her., R.E.Kt. David Jordan Prov. Prior,
V.E.Kt. John Bonomy P.1st.Gt.Con., E.Kt. Pieter Swinge and R.E.Kt. Kessick Jones K.C.T*

On Monday 27 January, a Knights Templar meeting was held at Temple Ewell Preceptory No.325 in Dover. The Provincial Prior of Kent, R.E.Kt. David Jordan, together with his Bodyguard and Active Officers were in attendance to dedicate a new banner to Temple Ewell Preceptory.

At the same meeting, E.Kt. Pieter Swinge was Installed as the new Provincial Sub-Prior. Both ceremonies were excellently organised and marshalled by E.Kt. Kelvin Gane.

Also in attendance were V.E.Kt. John Bonomy P.1st Gt.Con, Banner Bearer for the dedication, and taking a day off from his duties as Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters, R.E.Kt. Kessick Jones K.C.T., P.Prov.Prior.

#Tweet of the Week



... and it begs the question who sold this lovely Order?
You'll find out more in the March edition of *Freemasonry Today* in the latest 'Daily Advancement On the Side' article.

Facebook Post of the Week



Whilst not specifically associated with our Orders, we nevertheless clearly value the compassion and respect of such memorials.

Organisational Changes - an update from the Grand Secretary



I was delighted to welcome Paul Merryfellow to the team at Mark Masons' Hall in the autumn of 2018, as an Assistant Grand Secretary, filling the role left vacant following the retirement of Jonathan Roberts just a few months earlier. During the last fourteen months or so, Paul has been responsible for the day to day running of the Order of the Secret Monitor and the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord as well as having oversight of our Registrations, Publications and Charities teams. Paul has now decided the time is right to pursue other career opportunities and has stepped down from his post with immediate effect. I wish him well in his future endeavours and thank him for his contribution.

The process of recruiting Paul's successor will begin next week so look out for details of the role and its responsibilities and how to apply.

[Please click on this link for the latest Mark Masons' Hall Contact List - updated on 29 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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