



Freemasonry@86

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The Grand Secretary & Team at Mark Masons' Hall, wish you a belated Happy New Year



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.

This bulletin is emailed to all 'leaders' in the Provinces, Districts & Divisions and their Secretariats and uploaded to the Mark Masons' Hall TeamApp.

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8 January 11am - Scarlet Cord Consecration of Vale of Glamorgan Consistory No.135 - Penarth

Thursday 9 January - Mark Centenary of Hertford Military & Athol Lodge No.408 - Severn Street, Birmingham

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

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.

This is a Curiously Wrought Stone



... and how many have walked past it at Mark Masons' Hall without stopping to find out exactly what it is? Wonder no more - [click on this link >>>](#) for full details on this block of stone from King Solomon's quarries in Jerusalem.

Website Developments



We've started work on re-skinning our websites - updating the look and feel of markmasonshall.org, shop@86.co.uk and 86hospitality.info

Part of that will be giving them a complementary, co-ordinating and uniform appearance - 'matching luggage'. That is, of course, only a small element of the development work. Whilst being sleeker, we also want to make the navigation more user-friendly, providing you with easily accessible information, whilst also serving as a shop window to our ten Orders. The following are on our shopping list:

- A members' area for all administrative items.
- Keeping to 12 fields, a home page, the 10 Orders and a page about Mark Masons' Hall and the team.
- Charities go under the Order to which they relate.
- Latest news can be fed by Twitter and Facebook, other more detailed news stories can be posted under the relevant Order.
- Testimonials from members and personalised intros from each Grand Master to be sourced.
- An intro to each Order to be written, possibly along the lines of the *FMT* pieces (KT, RSM, AMD and Mark already covered).
- Diary and links to Provincial websites to be reviewed.
- Ticketing system/help desk to be reviewed.

And now the important part - these are your websites and they should fulfil your requirements, so please let us know what you'd like to see and improvements you'd like us to make. Perhaps, let us know the details of websites you think are great and which we should emulate.

We look forward to hearing from you on communications@mmh.org.uk

#Tweet of the Week

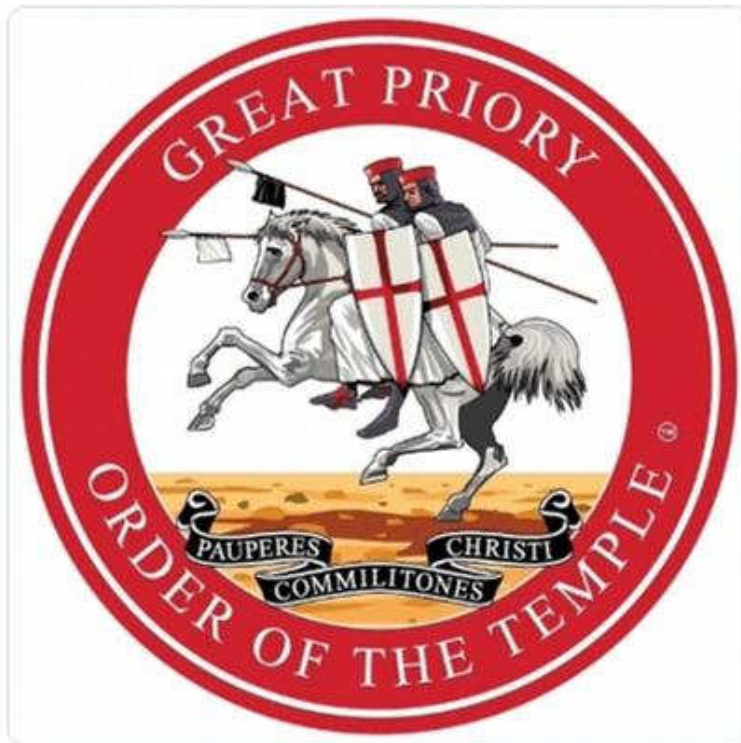


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CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE

#KnightsTemplar are reminded to join in good wishes to their Brother Knights in the Order throughout the world at 5pm.

"Preserve, O Lord, our Brother Knights
by land and sea and air,
and as we hold them in our thoughts,
so keep them in thy care."



In spite of being tweeted at 5pm on Christmas Day, this clearly struck a chord with the thousands of Knights who saw it.

Facebook Post of the Week

 Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall ***
December 28, 2019 at 9:29 AM · 🌐

Congratulations to Bro. Harry Billinge, on being honoured in the New Years Honours List with an MBE for service to Charitable Fundraising.



302,509 Views

 BBC Breakfast
December 27, 2019 at 10:30 PM · 🌐 Like Page

94 year old war veteran Harry Billinge is made an MBE for Services to Charitable Fundraising 🎉 🙌
We've followed his fundraising journey for the Normandy Memorial Trust 📺

Harry is a member of Carnanton RAM Lodge in the Province of Cornwall and a past member of four other Orders in Devon/Cornwall - a truly inspirational man and Freemason. Click on the image above for the video story on Facebook.



#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 >>>](#)

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