



Freemasonry@86 27 December 2019

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

Thursday 2 January - Mark Masons' Hall re-opens after Christmas

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

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 (new Dep.Dist.G.Pref.) - Gateshead

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

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

Safe Anchor Lady Flies



The MBF granted £48,235 for the refurbishment of the canal boat *Safe Anchor Lady*. The charity provides trips for those in the community who suffer physical and mental disabilities, poor health and social isolation, catering for over 7,000 people each year.

[Click on this link for the full story of the refurbishment >>>](#)

Hong Kong Royal Ark Mariners support Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital



Members of two RAM lodges visited the Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital and distributed the stuffed toys that were donated at their installation banquets - the animals that "went into the Ark two-by-two" were displayed on the banquet tables.

They also presented the HK\$69,600 donation made by the MBF during the summer following the visit by the Assistant Grand Master. The metatherapy treatment machine has not yet been delivered, but the virtual reality headsets are now under trial with the staff and patients.



**A Message from M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans, Grand Summus,
Scarlet Cord**



2019 has been a special year for our Constitution. More Companions in Scarlet Cord than ever before and 12 new Consistories consecrated. There have been conferrals of the 4th, 5th and 6th Grades, installations of new Provincial and District Grand Summi, a Provincial reconstitution and banner dedication. My grateful thanks to all who have worked so hard, either in their own Consistories, their Provinces/Districts or at Grand level. Especial thanks to Frank, Howard, Phillip, Trevor, Ryan, Paul, Jacquie, Katherine and Lennie, whose support has been immense.

2020 promises to be just as exciting, with another large number of new Consistories in the planning stage.

[Click on the following link for the full message >>>](#)

Not quite 'Goose' and 'Maverick' - but it was the 'Top Gun' Dinner



The 4th Annual AAC-AFA 'Top Gun' Dinner was held as usual in the Royal Air Force Club where the events arranger, host, and Commanding Officer (CO) W.Bro. Paul D. Fitzgerald, is a member.

He is pictured presenting a cheque for £1,000 to R.W.Bro. Tom Quinn (ProvGM Mark Province of London).

Check out the full story on [this link >>>](#)

Crisis UK and the MBF - not just for Christmas



On 19 December, Darren Coleman-Heald and MBF Trustee, Edward Lord OBE, paid a visit to the Crisis offices in Aldgate, London to present them with £5,000 on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund. This will pay for 173 'Crisis for Christmas' places, each costing just £28.87.

As well as a hot meal and a feeling of belonging at Christmas, it will be the opportunity to introduce each person to the education, training and support to help end their homelessness for good through Crisis' year-round

services crisis.org.uk

#Tweet of the Week



Mark Masons' Hall
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2nd January is trending at the moment which is an opportunity for a timely reminder that [@MarkMasonsHall](#) offices will be closed at 1pm today. We re-open at 8am on Thursday 2nd January. Have a great #Christmas 🇬🇧 and #NewYear2020



Sometimes, the simple straightforward messages are the most engaging - this one Tweet reached an audience which was six times greater than we achieved in the whole month of July.

Facebook Post of the Week

 **Mark Masons' Hall**
Published by Mike Baker [?] · December 19 at 2:58 PM · 🌐

On this day in 324 Licinius abdicates his position as Roman Emperor, having been routed by Constantine at the battle of Chrysopolis. A date which will be familiar to all Knights of the #RedCrossofConstantine - check out the full history bit.ly/RCCintro
bit.ly/RCCConstantine

Battle of Chrysopolis



Testimony to the historical heritage and enduring 'chivalric' appeal of this Order, with a very strong following and loyal membership.

Check out the historical background to the Red Cross of Constantine on this link >>>



#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 >>>](#)

And for 2019



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