

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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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**

Sunday 1 March - St David's Day

**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 Tuesday 17 March - St Patrick's Day

**Friday 20 March - Red Cross of Constantine** Consecration of Metropolitan Conclave No.533 - Mark Masons' Hall

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

**Monday 6 April - Red Cross of Constantine** Sesquicentenary of Gwent Conclave No.23 in Pontypool

**Tuesday 14 April - Mark** Installation of new ProvGM (Sussex), V.W.Bro. Roger Francis Richardson, P.G.J.O.

**Tuesday 14 April - Mark** Centenary of Lancastrians Lodge No. 689 in Manchester **Saturday 18 April - Scarlet Cord** Provincial Grand Senatus Cheshire & North Wales, venue TBC

Monday 20 April - AMD Centenary of Commemoration Lodge No. 39 in Macclesfield Tuesday 21 April 12:30pm - Royal & Select Masters Grand Council at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London

**Thursday 23 April - OSM** Consecration of Luminatus Conclave No.632 at MMH **Thursday 23 April - Scarlet Cord** Consecration of Luminatus Consistory No.136 at MMH

Thursday 23 April - St George's Day

The Summons and Minutes of the previous meeting for the March Communication of Mark Grand Lodge is available on this link >>>

### Supporting others to keep in touch with their (horticultural) roots



The MBF is proud to support Communigrow with £5,662 funding in the runup to the 2020 festival, hosted by the Mark Province of Kent.

This educational charity uses horticulture to reconnect people with where their food comes from. Learning, teaching and sharing are core aspects food production, conservation and well-being. They needed funding for a log cabin to replace a marquee to be used for a variety of purposes including preparation of veg boxes, a place to meet and shelter from the elements when required, and a secure and safe area particularly for vulnerable young people and volunteers.

### Knight of the Realm & Worthy Knight.....



In late January, Sir David Wootton, UGLE's Assistant Grand Master, was in Gillingham, at Kent Conclave No.392, who hosted the Appendant Orders ceremony to confer the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist on 12 Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

The ceremony was graced with the presence of the Grand Sovereign, M.III.Kt. Graham Flight G.C.C., who carried out the accolade on the new Knights. It will no doubt be a treasured memory for all of them, especially as he arranged to present them with their certificates - a unique occasion. The Red Cross of Constantine welcomes members who are both Craft and Royal Arch Masons.

Intendant-General for Kent, R.III.Kt. Nick Alder, was delighted that the attendance of Sir David Wootton continues to clearly demonstrate the very close links that the Order has with the rulers in the Craft.

## Love your Freemasonry, love your job?



Mark Masons' Hall is seeking an Assistant Grand Secretary, and interested Brethren should note that this is a full-time post based at 86 St James's in London. Separate Masonic and Personal CVs are required from those wishing to apply for the post.

Please note that the deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, 21 February 2020.

Please click on the following link for a copy of the role specification which includes details of how to apply >>>

#### **#Tweet of the Week**



Mark Masons' Hall @MarkMasonsHall · Feb 8

#OTD in 1910 The Boy Scouts of America (modelled on
@UKScouting) was incorporated by William D. Boyce.
There are well-established links between Scouting & Freemasonry
@KindredLodges including #MarkMasterMason Lodges.
@Prestonian2012



By far the most 'popular' tweet of this week, and a good example of the popularity of our 'specialist' Lodges - and not just those in the Craft.

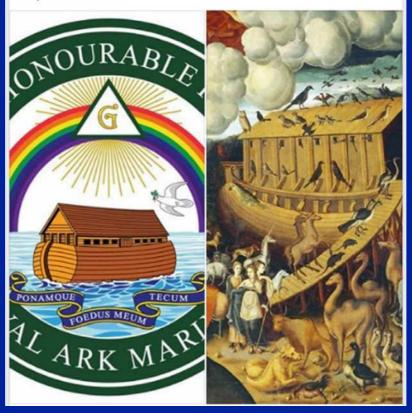
#### **Facebook Post of the Week**



Published by Mike Baker [7] - February 9 at 2:09 PM - @

It's #windy but not quite what Noah faced in #RoyalArkMariner "when the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the whole earth shall be dissolved."

Find out more about joining this lovely #Freemasons Order bit.ly/RAM9Reasons



Hopefully not newsjacking on the back of Ciara and Dennis but the enduring appeal of this lovely Order. Don't just take my word for it - all Mark Masons will love the Royal Ark Mariner degree.

### Some Provincial Level Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 15 February -** West Midlands Divisional Meeting of Red Cross of Constantine at The Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6DT at 11.00am followed by lunch.

**Saturday 14 March -** Kent Red Cross of Constantine Divisional Conclave meeting - contact Malcolm Smith, Divisional Recorder, malcolm.smith737@ntlworld.com for full details

**Saturday 21 March** - Provincial Grand Senatus of Middlesex at the Harrow District Masonic Centre, Kenton, Harrow with a start time of 11.30am.

If you have 'Provincial' meetings you'd like to promote please send details to us at <a href="mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk">communications@mmh.org.uk</a>

Sorry, but we will not be able to publish Freemasonry@86 News next Friday - your next update will, however be emailed only 24 hours later on Saturday 22 February.





### **#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.



# **Progressive Masonry on the Move**

Check out the <u>Mark Masons' Hall Team App</u>, 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 >>>