



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

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 No.2020 - Mark Masons' Hall - **this event has been postponed**

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 - **Bookings for dining have now closed**

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

Saturday 14 March 11am - OSM Installation of new PGSR of Province of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire - Bingham Hall, Cirencester

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 Installation of new District Grand Prefect, Sussex -Brighton

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

Tuesday 14 April - Mark Centenary of Lancastrians Lodge No. 689 - Manchester

Saturday 18 April - Scarlet Cord Provincial Grand Senatus Cheshire & North Wales - Christleton

Monday 20 April - AMD Centenary of Commemoration Lodge No.39 - Macclesfield

Tuesday 21 April 12:30pm - Royal & Select Masters Grand Council -Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London

Thursday 23 April - OSM Consecration of Luminatus Conclave No.632 - MMH

Thursday 23 April - Scarlet Cord Consecration of Luminatus Consistory No.136 -MMH

Thursday 23 April - St George's Day

Tuesday 5 May - Knights Templar Provincial Priory North & East Yorkshire Installation of new Provincial Prior - York

Thursday 7 May 12:30pm - Scarlet Cord Grand Senatus - MMH

Wednesday 13 May - Royal Ark Mariner Centenary Nottingham Lodge No.344 - Nottingham

Thursday 14 May - Mark Sesquicentenary Keystone Lodge No.107 - MMH **Wednesday**

20 May 12:30pm - Knights Templar Great Priory - Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London

Registration details for the RSM Grand Council Meeting on 21 April are available on this link >>>

**In Memoriam - M.III.Kt. Cdr. Ronald Albert Champion, RN, G.C.C.,
Past Grand Sovereign**

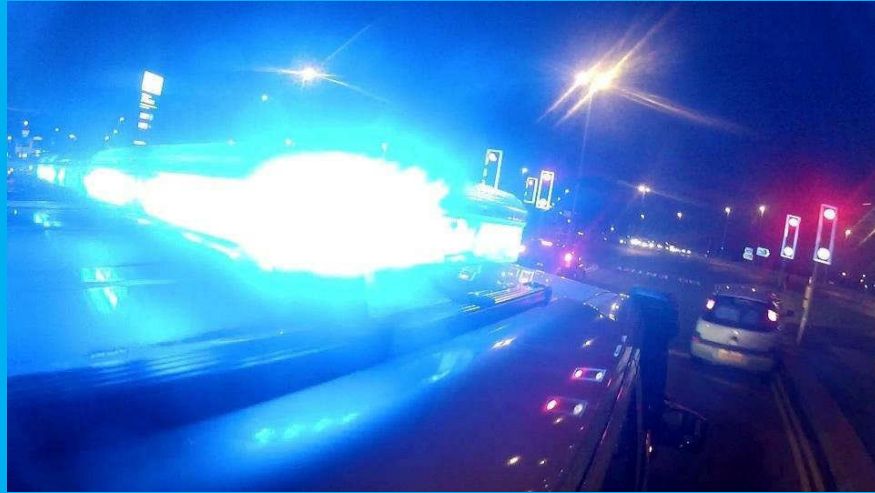


was called to higher service on Sunday 9 February at the age of 91. A very distinguished Freemason, he held senior Grand Rank in all the Orders of which he was a member, and was elected Grand Sovereign in 1996 – an office he held for twelve years.

He will, to those who met him, ever be remembered as a consummate professional with a great sense of humour. But above all, he will be remembered for his gentlemanly approach in all that he did.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign has directed that a period of Masonic mourning, lasting three months, should be observed. All Red Cross of Constantine summonses issued during this time should be edged in black with the first item of business after opening the Conclave reserved for *In Memoriam* in respect to our departed Worthy Knight.

Emblematic Lodge of Mark Masters No.350 - prepared for all emergencies



There are many examples of lodges with a special interest, even a joint Armed Forces lodge for serving or retired members of the Armed Services. There are a few instances where members of the Emergency Services have done the same, but these are for a single service e.g. law enforcement or fire service.

There are only two instances that we've found where all three of the UK Emergency Services have come together to enjoy their masonry but none that are Mark lodges.

To reinstate the balance, and by popular demand, the Emblematic Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.350 is now the first "Blue Light" Mark Lodge under Grand Lodge.

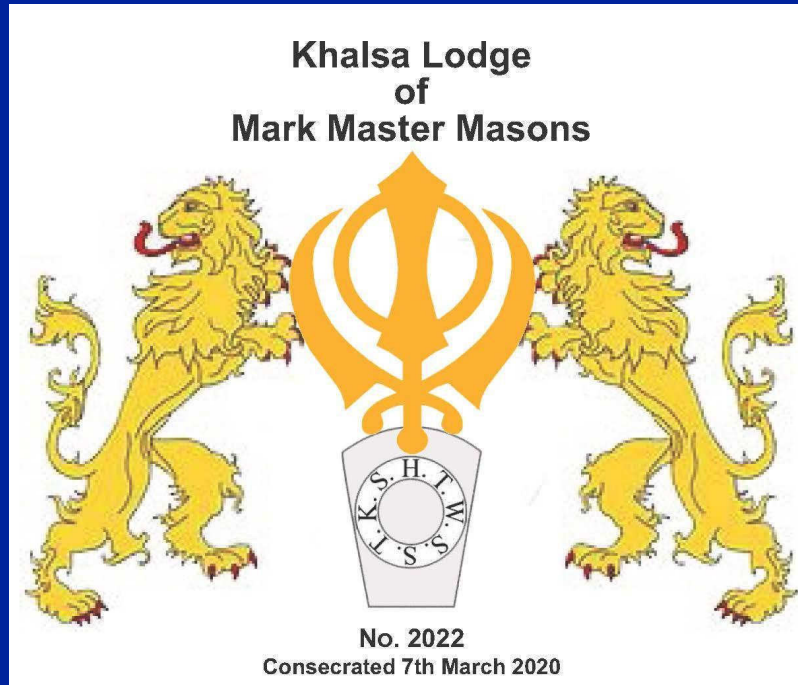
If you're a serving or past member of the UK Emergency Services, and think this might suit you, click on **[the following link](#)** for details.

An admirable donation from the team at MMH to Dementia UK



The special thing about Mark Masons' Hall is that it's not just the members of our Lodges and units who are committed to care, charity and supporting our communities. The wonderful staff team here at St James's was delighted to donate £1,760 to Dementia UK from their annual Christmas raffle and fundraising. The money raised will go towards supporting an Admiral nurse - find out more **bit.ly/AdmiralNursing**
Please click on **[the following link](#)** for the letter of thanks from the charity.

'Pure' (but not Antient) Mark Masonry



Whilst not part of Pure Antient Masonry (as defined by the preliminary declaration in the UGLE Book of Constitutions) Khalsa Lodge No.2022 will definitely symbolise pure Mark Masonry. The consecration will take place at MMH on Saturday 7 March.

The word 'Khalsa' means 'pure', (in thought, word and deed) - Khalsa are Sikhs who have undergone the sacred Amrit Ceremony (like a Christian baptism). All Sikhs are expected to be Khalsa or be working towards that objective and live to the high morals.

The Khanda, the Sikh emblem consists of a solid circle, two interlocked swords, one double-edged sword in the centre. It's also part of the logo of the Khalsa Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which can be briefly explained as follows: the central double-edged sword (known as Khanda), represents the belief in one God. The Chakkar (solid circle) represents God, without beginning or end and reminding us all to remain within the rule of God. Two crossed kirpans (swords); the right one represents temporal power - Miri and the left one spiritual power - Piri.

#Tweet of the Week



.... was actually a re-tweet and shows the value of responding and sharing content on Twitter. The popularity of this piece highlights the thirst for knowledge and understanding of our progressive/companion Orders. There is very clear evidence that very large numbers of Freemasons are keen to understand what lies 'beyond the Craft.'

Let's make it our mission to fulfill that 'want', always remembering that wherever possible all options should be presented. And, most importantly, the next step must suit the individual.

Some Provincial Level Dates for your Diary

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 11.30am - Provincial Grand Senatus of Middlesex at the Harrow District Masonic Centre, Kenton, Harrow

Saturday 21 March 10.45am - Mark Province of Surrey Annual Meeting at Croydon Masonic Centre - click on [the following link >>>](#) for the [Calling Notice](#)

Saturday 28 March 11am - Annual meeting of the District of Surrey Royal and Select Masters at the Croydon t Masonic Centre

If you have 'Provincial' meetings you'd like to promote please send details to us at communications@mmh.org.uk

Facebook Post of the Week



There's no denying the enduring appeal (even without the fabled short trousers) of the Scouts, especially, the shared values of this parallel organisation.



#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 Freemasonry 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 >>>](#)