



Freemasonry@86

24 April 2020

Worshipful Brother Mike Baker, P.A.G.D.C.



Many of you will already have heard that the originator of this newsletter, Mike Baker, sadly passed away on the morning of Thursday 23 April.

Mike joined the team at Mark Masons' Hall as Communications Consultant in September 2019 and quickly began to change the way we looked at our communication strategy. He was central to developing our Twitter and Facebook presence, as well as increasing the level of communication with our members, across all of our Orders, with initiatives like the newsletter.

At number 86 he was a well-liked member of the team, with a quick sense of humour and an enthusiasm for Masonry well beyond the Orders of which he was a member.

In an attempt to maintain his legacy, we have decided to continue to publish this newsletter.

Mike, it hasn't been easy without you.

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.

Please share this content with your members - forward this email, send a copy of the PDF or let them know that it's available on the MMH website and [TeamApp](#).

[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 - given the current general suspension of all

Masonic activity, all previously advised events have been postponed/cancelled.



**The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
Grand Master's Address and list of this year's recipients**



The Most Illustrious Grand Master was pleased to confer the Rank of Custodian of the Ninth Arch upon two Companions in Tuesday's Grand Ranks.

They were R.III.Comp. Brian Anthony Vickers and R.III.Comp. Graham Smith, FRICS.

Brian was admitted into the Order in Matier Council No. 3 in the District of London in April 1974 and has held memberships of Councils across three different Districts plus two unattached Councils. He was first appointed to Grand Rank as Past Grand Conductor of the Council in 1994, promoted to Past Grand Lecturer in 2002 and was Installed as District Grand Master for London in June 2007, a role he carried out

diligently until 2012.

Also in 1974, in December, Graham was admitted into the Order in Invicta Council No. 14 in the District of Kent, becoming Deputy District Grand Master in December 1996 followed by Promotion to District Grand Master in October 2002. Upon retirement from that Office in 2007 most people might have opted to take things easy but Graham went on to become Grand Inspector of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in July 2012, a post he still holds today.

Both of these Companions have given long and devoted service to the Order and this Promotion is a recognition of their support and dedication over the years.

A video of the Grand Master giving his address and a full list of this Year's recipients can be found [here on the Mark Masons'](#)

[Hall website](#)

**EAMBA Grant to support face shields for Care Home Staff
and the NHS**



The East Anglian Mark Benevolent Association is delighted to provide a £1000 grant to aid the fight on the front line by our valiant care home staff and the NHS.

Find out the full story on [the Province of East Anglia website.](#)

Oops - we got it wrong last week.



In congratulating the new Mark Province of Sussex ProvGM on his appointment, we failed to give him his full and correct name. R.W.Bro. Roger Francis Richardson please accept our apologies.

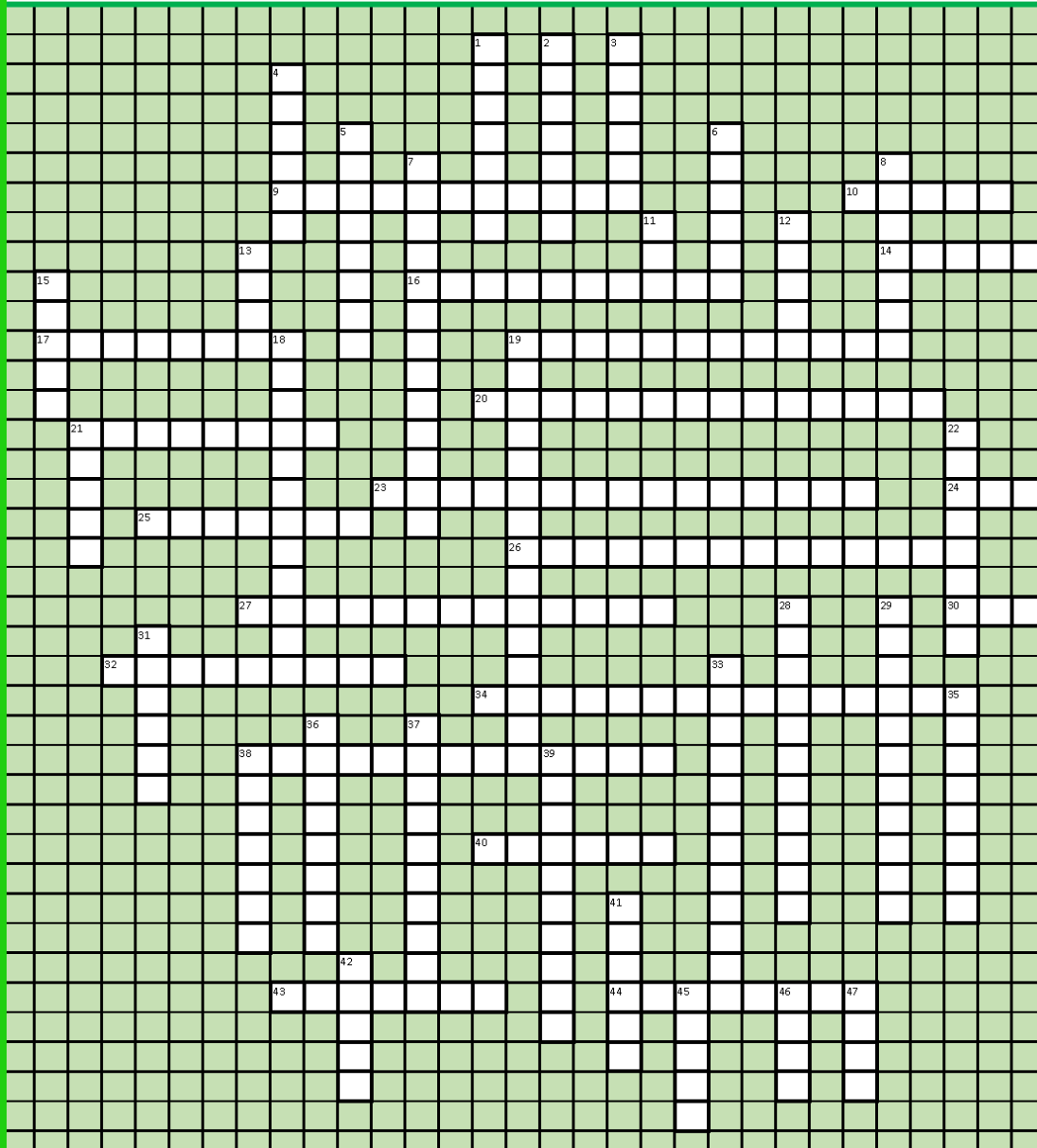


The Red Cross of Constantine will celebrate the Festival of the Discovery of the Cross on Sunday 3 May with a virtual Church Service.

The Reverend Timothy L'Estrange, Grand Eusebius, and his team have been busy recording the Service and we look forward to sharing it with you next week.

This week's Royal Ark Mariner Crossword Challenge

Created by Richard Goodwin - Mark Province of Essex



Click on [this link to download a PDF of the crossword grid.](#)

Click on [this link to download the crossword clues.](#)

We are once again indebted to W.Bro. Richard Goodwin P.G.J.D. (Essex Mark Media Team Lead) for providing this week's poser. The answers will be published in next week's *Freemasonry@86*

news.

[As promised, the answers to last week's Mark crossword may be found on this link >>>](#)

Facebook Post of the Week

Happy and Glorious



Mark Masons' Hall

21 April at 00:33 · 🌐

Happy Birthday to Her Majesty the Queen. Long to reign over us. This portrait hangs proudly in the Boardroom at Mark Masons' Hall.





Many Happy Returns Your Majesty

#Tweet of the Week

 **Brother. The Masonic Podcast** @BrotherMasonic · 17 Apr

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 The Order of the Secret Monitor 

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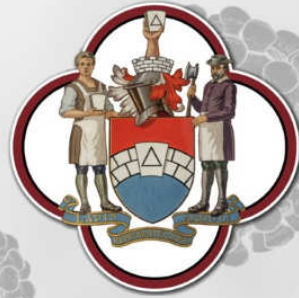


After much anticipation the Order of the Secret Monitor Podcast, part of our series in collaboration with Brother. The Masonic Podcast, went live last weekend. Many thanks to Neil-Thomas Allen and his team, and of course the Order's very own Grand Sword Bearer, Worthy Brother John Watts, for putting this together.

Tune in [here](#)

Locked down but still here to help

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update



Mark Masons' Hall may have 'closed for business' during the imposed lockdown, but all departments and teams are available on email to help and support - not just to drink tea.

If you're not sure who to contact, please email

communications@mmh.org.uk

and we'll direct you to the right person.



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#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 >>>](#)



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