

Freemasonry@86 News - 28 August 2020



Welcome to your news and information update for the progressive/companion Orders of Freemasonry administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's.

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**The Mark Brethren and KT Knights of Cyprus support the Beirut
Disaster Appeal**



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Within hours of the tragic event that took place in Beirut, members of Kition Mark Lodge and Kolossi KT Preceptory in Cyprus started raising money to purchase immediate essentials required for those affected and were being transported to Beirut by the Larnaca Municipal Council.

They raised a considerable amount of money which was added to by the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cyprus adding €500.00 to their appeal.

The appeal was notified to The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, who swung into action and the sum of £5000.00 was granted by the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund. This fantastic sum of money was immediately added to the appeal, and a considerable amount of essential goods has been purchased in conjunction with Larnaca Municipal Council, and has now been shipped to Beirut.

Photos of some of the pallets of goods being shipped to Beirut are below along with one of W. Bro. Polycarpos Kyriacou of Kition Lodge No 1904 and E.Kt. Andrew Theocharous P.Gt.W. of R. of Kolossi Preceptory, along with one of the organisers from Larnaca Municipal Council.





Twenty-four hour relay by Knights Templar in aid of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

E.Kt. Angus Rhodes tells us, from midday Saturday 5th until midday Sunday 6th September 2020 a team of Knights drawn from the Provincial Priories of London, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Essex plus Somerset plus two from the Great Priory of Scotland will be completing continuous laps of a more than five mile course around the City of London.

Only one Knight will be in motion at any one time so it will be perfectly socially distanced.

The course has been worked out to run from the Temple Church via the Tower of London, back into the City via a number of historical landmarks including the Knights of St John (Hospitaller) headquarters at St John's Gate before finishing back at the Temple.

Anyone wishing to know more may visit their Team page: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/Vision-Beautiful>

It is hoped that this may be the first of a number of team challenges going forward.

Angus is also doing a skydive for the Eye Hospital on Friday 25th September, details to follow.



Essex Knights Templar prepare to celebrate 90 Years of the Province



R.E.Kt. John Helliard, Provincial Prior writes:

The Knights Templar Province of Essex will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of its consecration as a sovereign entity on 30th September next.

This date will launch a year of celebrating that fact with various events throughout the following twelve months. We had originally hoped to begin the celebrations during 2020 but due to the various restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we have decided to move celebration dinners, banquets, etc., into 2021.

This is in the hope that gatherings for such events will have had the current restrictions lifted and life will have returned to a more normal state of affairs similar to that experienced some twelve months ago.

you can read a potted history of the Province Here² including more about The Rev. Felix Crate (below), the First Provincial Prior.



REV. F. E. CRATE, F.G.SYD.B., P.F.G.J.
1st Principal, 1936-37

Continuing to Mark Well in the District of Spain



²http://download.mmh.org.uk/Essex_KT_Potted_History.pdf

The Mark District of Spain covers a geographical area twice the size of the UK and has less than 500 Brethren spread across this large area and conducts its activities in several languages.

Therefore, to have raised some 4,000€ to aid Spanish based Covid related issues during lockdown and keep everyone engaged via Zoom and other means has been both enjoyably challenging and highly rewarding.

A lot of Provinces and Districts embraced the Tea@3 initiative, including Spain. They also had mugs produced which were sold and posted to their Brethren and encouraged them to send photographs. This alone has realised a profit of 1,000€ through the sale of 200 Mark mugs.

Shortly they will commence with the sale of Allied mugs, with proceeds also going to charity.



Across Social Media

On Twitter - The Library and Museum at Freemasons' Hall re-opens on Tuesday 1 September

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1298943277916450816>

One of the most asked questions by members of the public taking tours of Mark Masons' Hall is "Who was Mark Mason?". They could find enlightenment here.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1298634299332349953>

Oxfordshire highlight the Royal Ark Mariner

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1298575920161124353>

On Facebook - Which Masonic Ruler links Swedish pop group ABBA with superstar american wrestler Ric Flair? Found out on Brother. Beyond the Craft

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Not seeing your news? Join us on Social Media

Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent a Masonic Club or Society linked to our Orders, please send us an invite to join or follow you.

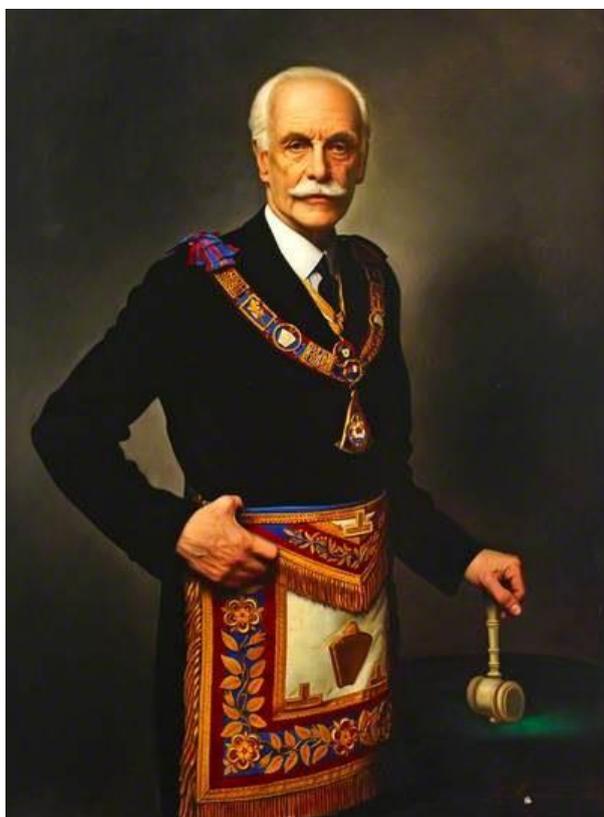
We can be found at:

Facebook - Mark Secretariat³ - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page⁴

Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall⁵

Art@86

Continuing our look at some of the portraiture at Mark Masons' Hall and the personalities behind the pictures.



George St Vincent, fifth Baron Harris of Seringapatam and Mysore and Belmont, *CBE, MC, DL, KStJ*, gazes down upon Brethren meeting in the Grand Temple at Mark Masons' Hall. He held the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons from 1954 to 1973, having previously been Grand Senior Warden in 1916 and Deputy Grand Master 1952 until his promotion.

He was also Provincial Grand Master for two Mark Provinces, Surrey 1928-1934 and Kent 1936-1956.

³<https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

⁴<https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall/>

⁵<https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>

His Knights Templar Freemasonry is equally impressive, being First Great Constable in 1919, Great Seneschal from 1932 until 1947 when he was promoted to Grand Master, serving until 1973.

He was Eton educated followed by Christ Church College, Oxford, a very prolific academy of Rulers of the Mark as we've seen throughout this series of portraits.

And, like many of his predecessors, his professional and civic C.V. is none too shabby.

In the First World War he served as Captain in the Royal East Kent Yeomanry and received the Military Cross.

He was a Commander of The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, District Lieutenant for Kent, Knight of the Order of St John, Master of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and President of the Antiquarian Horological Society.

In addition to this portrait, Lord Harris has also been immortalised in bronze with this sculpture adorning a table in the Boardroom.



Aside from Lord Harris, inclusion in the Boardroom is restricted to two categories of people, the reigning monarch and Past Grand Secretaries. A portrait of Her Majesty The Queen adorns the left hand wall as you enter and she is surrounded by the portraits of the Past Grand Secretaries from 1923 to the present day.

Perhaps most notable of which is the gentleman and Brother...



The splendidly named Major Sir Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith, *DSO*, served as Grand Secretary for a staggering 32 years, from 1923 until 1955.

His education was Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, before embarking on a military career that would see him receive commission in 21st Empress of India's Lancers, serving in Egypt and Gallipoli, and in France and Belgium, 1916-1919, with 3rd Division and Cavalry Corps. He was mentioned in despatches twice.

But the story that makes him stand out from his peers in the Boardroom is one of sadness, tragedy, loss but also strength of character.

Within Wellington Barracks on Birdcage Walk (Less than half a mile from the present site of Mark Mason's Hall) stands The Guards' Chapel.

On the morning of 18 June 1944, a congregation had gathered to fill the Chapel for the Sunday service. At 11.20 a.m., just as the first lesson had ended, it was struck by a direct hit from a V1 bomb.

The roof and supporting walls collapsed instantly although, remarkably, the Apse remained intact and the story goes that when emergency services arrived, the alter candles were still lit and burned throughout the 48 hour rescue mission.

121 soldiers and civilians lost their lives with another 141 seriously injured. This was to be described as most deadly V1 attack of the Second World War.

Among the deceased were the Major's Wife, Sister and Daughter; Lady Gwendolen Muriel Maud Lumley-Smith, Mrs Alice Gabriel Lumley Keane and Miss Moya Lumley-Smith.

By the 27 June the memorial services for all three had been held and Major Sir Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith, *DSO*, was back to work as Grand Secretary within a month of the blast.

The Guards' Chapel is open to visitors, their website is Here⁶

The book "Send More Shrouds" by Jan Gore, which details the names and brief backgrounds of each of the victims, is available Here⁷

We're grateful to W.Bro. James Sacré, P.G.S.D., Grand Librarian, who unearthed this story.

Past Grand Master of the AMD and Past Supreme Ruler of the OSM featured in new book



**Soldier and Mason:
The Life and Times of
Charles Warren Napier-Clavering**
by
Ian W. Brown

From Ian Brown, Provincial Librarian and Archivist for the Province of Northumberland.

Over the past two years I have written a biography of the Life and Times of Colonel Charles Warren Napier-Clavering, who was Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland from 1909-1931.

He was a career soldier in the Somerset Light Infantry and saw active service in the Burma Campaign and the Boer War. He was a very prominent and active Freemason, and he became Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees and the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor.

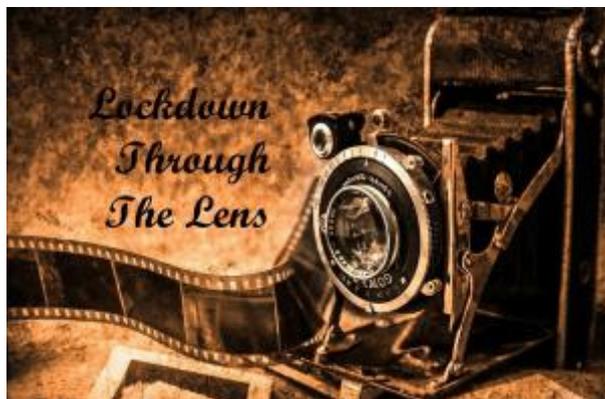
This book chronicles the Life and Times of Colonel Charles Warren Napier-Clavering. He was heavily involved in virtually every Masonic Order and held high Office in many. Illustrated with many family photographs, it can also be read as a social history of the late Victorian Age. This book is available at a cost of £12.00 including postage and packing from the author by post to 53 Ridley Avenue, High Howdon, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear NE28 0DX or E-mail i.w.brown@btinternet.com

⁶<https://www.householddivision.org.uk/guards-chapel>

⁷<https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Send-More-Shrouds-Hardback/p/13298>

All proceeds are to go to the Northumberland Masonic Charities Association.

"Lockdown Through The Lens" photography competition



Since the beginning of Lockdown many Freemasons have taken this opportunity to get busy with their cameras. To mark World Photography Day on Wednesday 19 August we announced the launch of our "Lockdown Through The Lens" photography competition.

There are three prizes of Amazon gift vouchers up for grabs with £100, £50 & £25 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place respectively. And the winning picture will be professionally printed, framed and hung in Mark Masons' Hall.

All you need to do is submit a picture, taken since Lockdown was announced, which captures something about the times that we are currently living in. It can be any subject matter you like, friends/family reunited, clear skies, abundant wildlife, empty streets. Just give it a title, explain in no more than one-hundred words what it represents to you, and submit it via email or post, along with the entry form, available [Here](#)⁸.

Entries must be received by noon on Monday 14 September.

We look forward to receiving your entries. Below are some pictures which may provide inspiration.

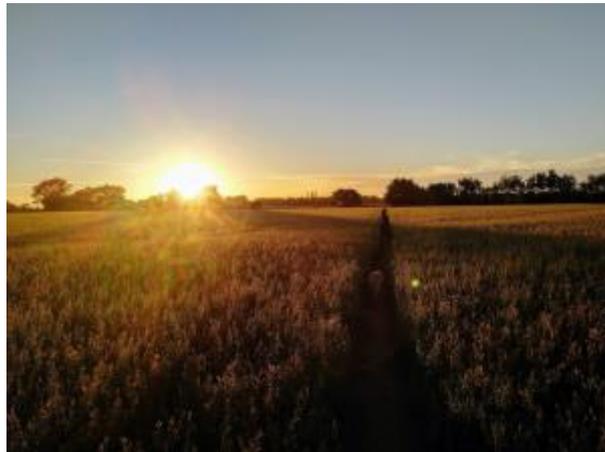


1 - Last to leave the allotment

⁸[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Lockdown Through The Lens Entry Form.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Lockdown_Through_The_Lens_Entry_Form.pdf)



2 - Flying the Flag



3 - Tranquil Sunset



4 - All's quiet on Savile Row



5 - Waiting for play to resume



6 - First time out



7 - No vapour trails

The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now raised more than £30,000.00



You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. Just [Click Here](#)⁹ or use the Text Donate facility below.

100 per cent of donations will be given to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group to support their vital work. To recognise your generosity and support, The Great Priory of Knights Templar is sending a limited-edition Swift tie/lapel pin to every donor.

The Swift pins are now being posted out but please bear with us as we are only in the office one day per week to carry out this task so some deliveries will take longer than others. Thank you for your patience.



**The Knights Templar
20 for 2020 Appeal**



Text **KT2042020 to **70500** to donate **£20****

All monies donated to this text number go towards the **The Knights Templar 20 for 2020 Appeal**

For a text donation, you will be charged for one standard text message plus your donation of £20. Always get the bill payer's permission. The Relief Chest will receive 100% of your donation. If you do not want to be contacted by text in the future, add the words NO INFO when texting your donation. All donations are administered by the Relief Chest Scheme (Grand Charity Registered Charity No. 281942). Text donation helpline: 020 3146 3362. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1164703, Company No. 08751836

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⁹<http://everydayhero.co.uk/event/KT2042020>

MBF Festival 2021

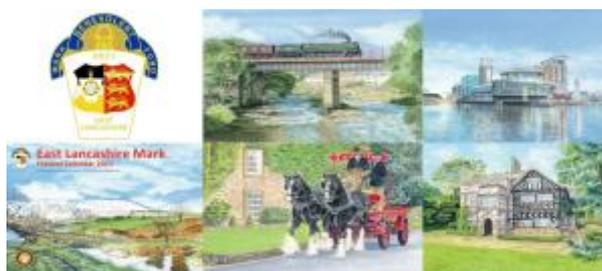


East Lancashire Province, hosts of the **153rd Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival in 2021**, have produced a unique **Souvenir Festival Calendar** for the year **2021** and copies are now available.

These large, wall hanging calendars feature twelve contrasting prints of iconic sights in East Lancashire, commencing with the beauty of Pendle Hill in January and ending with Manchester's colourful Christmas Market in December. The 12 original watercolours were painted by Annette Young over the past four years specially for this calendar without cost to the Province. Calendars are priced at £10 each and all proceeds will go to the MBF.

So, let us brighten your kitchen or office wall and at the same time provide much needed support for our Mark Benevolent Fund. Why not purchase several more copies to send to friends and family at Christmas?

Thank you very much for your support.



The calendar measures: 318mm x 228mm folded – 318mm x 456mm open

To order:

By email: eastlancscalendars@gmail.com¹⁰ By telephone: 07766731307

Payment by **cheque to East Lancs Mark 2021 Festival** – post to:

East Lancs Calendars. 47 St Leonards Way, Woore, Crewe. CW39SS

¹⁰<mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>

Or contact them for electronic payment details

And don't forget, Stewardship, Badge and Festival orders can be places as well.

Click Here¹¹ for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here¹² for the complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here¹³

The Shop@86 is now open



As well as being able to accept online orders, we are pleased to announce the Shop@86 is now open to visitors, initially from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For those who have received appointment to, or promotion in, Grand Rank - you may still place your order using the methods outlined in the form provided with your offer letter.

Please note: orders will be dispatched as soon as possible but may be subject to delays caused by Covid-19 restrictions.

Visit the Shop@86 website Here¹⁴

¹¹https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf

¹²https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Festival_Complete_Forms_Pack.pdf

¹³<http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

¹⁴<https://www.shopat86.co.uk/>



Business as usual for the Staff@86 while away from Mark Masons' Hall

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.

