



Freemasonry@86 News - 30 October 2020



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Mark Masons' Hall Receives Covid-19 Safety Stamp of Approval



After many weeks of preparing documentation, putting in place processes and making sure guidance is adhered to; and following a visit from an Inspector who undertook a comprehensive review of everything we had implemented, we are pleased to announce that our certificate of compliance has now been granted.

Our thanks to Michael Owen, Hospitality Manager and John Wheeler, Facilities Manager for their efforts and hard work in ensuring we attained the necessary high standard.

An Address by M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees

On the day of what would have been the meeting of Grand Council



<https://youtu.be/ekaXIVqtDQ4>

A New Mark District Grand Master for New Zealand



On 10 October, Farouk Khan was installed as Right Worshipful District Grand Master for New Zealand, at the Ara Lodge No. 348 IC in Auckland. Over 60 Brethren attended which was quite remarkable given authority to have indoor meetings of up to 100 had only been given a few days earlier. Representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and New Zealand attended as did representatives of nearly all the progressive Orders which work in New Zealand. The installation was carried out by R.W.Bro. Khan's predecessor R.W.Bro. Jeremy Eggleton, assisted by another Past Dist.G.M., R.W.Bro. Capt. Iain McGibbon, *OBE*.

R.W.Bro. Khan then appointed, obligated and invested as Deputy Dist.G.M., W.Bro A.B. (Tony) Mansfield, P.A.G.D.C., (left) and as Assistant Dist.G.M., W.Bro. J.D. (Taz) Webster (right). The formalities over, all present retired for an excellent Festive Board.





The Red Cross Division of Derbyshire say farewell to their Past Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Peter Salt, K.C.C.



The Annual Meeting of the Derbyshire Division was a virtual affair this year, and whilst the usual ceremonial was sadly missing, it was good to see over 40 of the Worthy Knights “in the room”.

The Intendant-General, Rt.III.Kt. Dr Alan Beckerton welcomed the Worthy Knights of the Division, including the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire and several other Derbyshire Heads of Order. The business of the Division was then conducted by the Intendant-General and the new team of Officers were appointed and congratulated, as were those who had been promoted in Past Rank to mark their contributions to the Order, and those who had received Grand Rank in the summer.

The Deputy Intendant-General marked the passing on 16th of this month of the Past Intendant-General Rt.III.Kt. Peter Salt, K.C.C., with a moving eulogy. This sad occasion was also referred to by the Intendant-General who proposed starting a fund to make a suitable donation to Prostate Cancer UK in his memory.

At the end of the Meeting the Intendant-General wished all the Knights well, and asked them to stay safe, and hoped for happier times to come when we could again meet together in person to celebrate our wonderful Order.Red

III.Kt. Richard Clarke, P.G.St.B.(L.), Divisional Recorder



1 - R.III.Kt. Peter Salt, K.C.C. (right) with R.III.Kt. Alan Beckerton

Bobbies on Bikes



R.Dist.Comp. Phil Clare, Provincial Grand Summus for the Scarlet Cord Province Kent, as some of you may know was a Policeman until he retired in 2018, he is also a keen and avid cyclist. In 2013 with some colleagues they formed the UK Police Unit Tour and cycle each year from the National Police Memorial in the Mall over 3 days to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire to meet the Widows, Orphans & Dependents at the Care of Police Survivors Memorial weekend. This is normally done in July. This has grown from 25 riders in 2013 to 350 riders in 2019 and in that time it has raised an incredible £850k for Care of Police Survivors. Sadly because of Covid the 2020 tour could not go ahead.

R.Dist.Comp. Phil along with another Mason, Bro. Andy Swift of Bond of Friendship Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1576 in Surrey, decided to hold the event virtually. This would mean that over a 10 day period riders would have to cycle 100 miles either on the road (following local restrictions) or on static bikes. The event finished on Sunday 25th and raised an incredible £75k with riders taking part from all round the Country, including Jersey & Northern Ireland.

R.Dist.Comp. Phil explains "Care of Police Survivors is the charity set up by dependents for dependents, it's a club that no one wants to join, but when they are admitted get the warmth, comfort and support they need. The support they provide for the ones left behind is incredible and as part of the Committee for the UK Police Unity Tour, I am glad we are able to raise funds to make a difference and allow COPS to support and provide further services to the dependents".

Details of the UK Police Unit Tour can be found at www.ukpoliceunitytour.org² and if anyone wishes to make a donation please use the justgiving link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/put2020>

Or you can Click to Download³ a video explaining more.



²<http://www.ukpoliceunitytour.org>

³https://www.icloud.com/attachment/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fcvws.icloud-content.com%2FB%2FAfQUaCHhEuhI7SRwhL1JZmej6WgOAa0pxHInYpjdU9jRCT6nw3KRzqFn%2F%24f%3Fo%3DAiVOxKf3eZmHFSqFd4qTypLb3oX33P_7_iqjBwJbCWWj%26v%3D1%26x%3D3%26a%3DCAogCgsNQGbVW_n7vub44kBRif28oaNSo2FScPNjkjW-Q0kSdRDNrPD71i4Yzbzrz-AulgEAKggByAD_XfRI11IEo-loDIoEk6hZ2oIUdT8yRiryPpPTZDzFx9tYXkxQgfhQHm-tTVMphj5D4nagfUlXnIl7aBKEzPC9xngLo7OKYM9MaXAKKqe1Uy2fCmyieplDSOTuKmpYA%26e%3D1606485204%26fl%3D%26r%3DF17F61BC-2C29-4565-9E5D-4DF93845484C-1%26k%3D%24{uk}%26ck%3Dcom.apple.largeattachment%26ckz%3D3B9E8441-FBFB-4327-8347-6E12FE08D5C4%26p%3D26%26s%3DHU62IaKJzHAEWSBmnIBNBYS_KwE&uk=Gqch9iVZq4iOKGYv4ejhCg&f=2020-10-25_17.38.06.mp4&sz=33212504

Roll-up Roll-up, Come to the Fair!

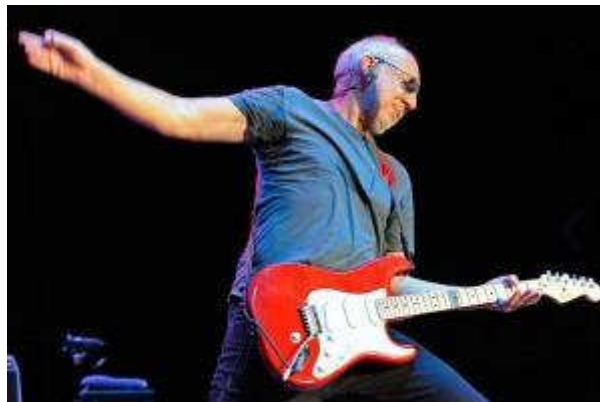


The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Fundraising Guild's Annual "Gift of Sight Fair" is going virtual for the first time from Monday, 2 November.

As well as virtual stalls selling goodies, gifts and much, much, more, there is a fantastic auction of lots great and small; from books, prints and tours to weekends away, a behind the scenes visit to Channel 4 News and a Pete Townshend Guitar.

You can visit the Gift of Sight Fair from 2 November Here⁴

And bidding on the Auction is already underway Here⁵



⁴<https://brilliantlittlebrands.com/pages/giftofsight?fbclid=IwAR0kXs0SPZ4Vzklhl4WVYe3504o8B1bzTrmsW3N0NvRyD7z9Glx25RjxeYM>

⁵<https://www.givergy.uk/stjohnauction/?controller=lots&category=All Lots&scrollToItem=32>





Helping to Combat Covid



At the start of Lockdown the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W., shared the COVID Symptom Study⁶ app.

As local lockdowns and UK cases increase, with over 4 million users, this app is a useful source of information regarding the situation in your area, as well as being a portal through which people of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID, support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

⁶<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Our friends at the "Climbing Out" charity publish their Autumn Newsletter



Climbing Out Autumn Update 2020

Well 2020 hasn't turned out quite like any of us planned has it! We had such an amazing, exciting year ahead of us... but as we know too well from the people we work with through Climbing Out, life can often throw in some curve balls that we could never expect. And oh boy has Covid done that!

Nine programmes, a Sweden wilderness canoeing expedition, our 10th Anniversary Ball, a fundraising hike and an Adaptive Tri Challenge... all except one programme fell victim of the Coronavirus restrictions. BUT!!! It is what it is, we can't change it, so we brush ourselves off, pick ourselves up, take what learnings we can from it and move forward!

And that's exactly what we've done! There's been so much achieved this year DESPITE Covid, and our eyes are firmly fixed on 2021 and making up for all the disappointments of this year. Ready on to find out more.....

2020 Update

Progression

We'd planned nine, we managed one! But what a programme it was! From August 10th-14th we ran a Covid adapted programme for members of the Emergency Services, NHS and military. Despite reduced numbers, social distancing, face masks, temperature checks and personal ppe screening, we proved that Covid wouldn't stop the Climbing Out programmes from changing lives.



"After I got sick, I spent 10 weeks learning to be a patient, well I spent 5 days with Climbing Out learning how to be me!" Julie

The combination of outdoor activities, personal development session, teamwork, camaraderie, fresh air, one to one support, barrier and mental resilience tools led to an outstanding and life changing week. Our what better way to see the impact it had than to hear directly from the participants. Below is a link to a short video the guys put together themselves to show what the week meant to them.

5 days in 5 minutes... 5 minutes that show the magic that happens on a Climbing Out programme!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbT0rU185c>

You can read the full Newsletter by [Clicking Here](#)⁷

Across Social Media

On Twitter - Young Freemasons of South Wales prepare to find out more about the O.S.M. and Scarlet Cord.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1321555218056830977>

And two pillars of Kent Freemasonry come together to deliver The Keystone Lecture

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1321356683898167296>

⁷[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Climbing Out Autumn Newsletter 2020.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Climbing%20Out%20Autumn%20Newsletter%202020.pdf)

Our Friends at The Masonic Craft Beer Society get a write up on the Met Grand Lodge website

[Click Here⁸](#) to view



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 Secretariat⁹ - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page¹⁰

Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall¹¹

Or you can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk¹²

⁸<https://www.londonmasons.org.uk/news/244/the-masonic-craft-beer-society-celebrating-the-other-craft>

⁹<https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

¹⁰<https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall/>

¹¹<https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>

¹²<mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk>

The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now exceeded £35,000.00



You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. Just [Click Here](#)¹³ 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 (Grant Charity Registered Charity No. 251942). Text donation helpline: 020 3146 3352. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1164703, Company No. 06751839.

60 Great Queen Street | London | WC2B 5AZ | www.mcf.org.uk

¹³<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.com¹⁴ By telephone: 07766731307

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

¹⁴<mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>

East Lancs Calendars. 47 St Leonards Way, Woore, Crewe. CW3 9SS

Or contact them for electronic payment details

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

Click Here¹⁵ for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here¹⁶ for the complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here¹⁷

The Shop@86 is open



As well as being able to accept online orders, we are pleased to announce the Shop@86 is also open to visitors, from 10 a.m. to 4 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 Here¹⁸

¹⁵https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf

¹⁶https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Festival_Complete_Forms_Pack.pdf

¹⁷<http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

¹⁸<https://www.shopat86.co.uk/>



Business as usual for the Staff@86

The 4th Floor at Mark Masons' Hall may be quieter than usual while travel is somewhat restricted but, whether working from home or in the office, all departments and teams are available on email to help and support as usual.

