



## Freemasonry@86 News - 26 February 2021



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## The District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Bombay



W.Bro. Jaggs Arole, P.A.G.D.C., writes;

Last week, St. Mark's Lodge Number 668 under the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Bombay held its First Meetings of Mark and RAM Lodges after 1 FULL YEAR of closure. The meetings were held at Freemasons' Hall, Pune, India.

W.Bro. Rajiv Lochan continued as Master & Commander for Second Term in Office along with his Team of Officers, on a wonderful note 3 new Candidates were proposed for Advancement and 1 Candidate for Elevation in the months to come.

The photo shows us; a small, but a Centenary, Lodge!

We look forward for Normal times ahead in 2021.

## District of Lancashire RSM

The Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Lancashire was held as a Virtual Business Meeting on Saturday, 20 February 2021. In attendance was the Grand Master, M.III.Comp. Kessick John Jones, and Companions from many other Districts among the 100 Delegates that joined the meeting.



The District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Robert S.C. Mitchell, *JP*, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.



The District Grand Recorder, Ill.Comp. John E Green, **P.A.G.D.C.**, read the permission to hold a Virtual Business Meeting.



The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved by the Companions before The Grand Master briefly addressed the meeting. He expressed his thanks for the invitation to the meeting and congratulated all those who will receive Grand Rank in April. He said he was looking forward to being able to be with everyone, hopefully in the not too distant future.



After the regular business of the District was completed, the District Grand Master announced that he was appointing Ill.Comp. J. Fraser McCord, P.G.Cond.C., as Deputy District Grand Master; and Ill.Comp. J Christopher Welton, P.G.Cond.C., as Principal Conductor of the Work. The District Grand Master asked the District Grand Recorder to read the names of the Companions appointed to and promoted in District Grand Rank.

The District Grand Master then individually welcomed all the guests and visitors and addressed District Grand Council. He thanked everyone for attending before declaring the meeting closed.

*Article and photos by Chris Eley, Assistant Provincial Grand Recorder, Surrey.*

## Video Technology Leads The Way

The London Province of Knights Templar has created this introductory video



[https://youtu.be/E\\_Qw16ab2IM](https://youtu.be/E_Qw16ab2IM)

And the Mark Province of West Yorkshire provide an introduction to the Royal Ark Mariner



<https://youtu.be/PEMzruMaKXA>

## Latest update from our friends at Dogs for Good



### Competition! Share your funniest dog stories ...

At Dogs for Good, we know that dog ownership brings many untold rewards, but let's face it, having a dog can be challenging too. If we're honest, most of us have had moments where our dogs have left us a little red in the face when their natural instincts have both amused and maybe horrified us just a little bit! Maybe it was the time that your dog decided to join a very cosy picnic for two on a

warm summer's day and no amount of calling would entice him to come back? Or the time that you invited a new love interest over to your house and your dog created a less than romantic setting by creating his own 'eau de perfume'?

We want people to share their funniest, laugh out loud stories in our #OhMyDog! competition to sniff out the UK's cheekiest dogs. We'll share the four best stories on our website with the eventual #OhMyDog winner decided by public vote. And the prize for our best story? Some fab goodies from our friends at Weatherbeeta and the Little Soap Company.



### **Build a bond with your dog**

The human-dog bond is an amazing thing and we're fortunate enough to see the life-changing effect it can have on both people and dogs through our work at Dogs for Good. But, just like any relationship, building a bond with your dog doesn't happen by magic, it takes patience, understanding and respect. Read our tips on building a bond with your dog. [Read more Here](#)<sup>2</sup>

You can read the full Newsletter [Here](#)<sup>3</sup>

## **Across Social Media**

[On BBC News South East - A GLMMM St John Ambulance Mobile Treatment Centre is used as a vaccination hub in Sussex](#)



<https://youtu.be/Jdq38Ui7AAk>

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<sup>2</sup>[https://www.dogsforgood.org/good-advice/the-human-dog-bond/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=February\\_Enewsletter\\_-\\_External&utm\\_content=February\\_Enewsletter\\_-\\_External+CID\\_42d63b33f183322a648d8ab79ebc2dc1&utm\\_source=Campaign\\_Monitor&utm\\_term=Read\\_more](https://www.dogsforgood.org/good-advice/the-human-dog-bond/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=February_Enewsletter_-_External&utm_content=February_Enewsletter_-_External+CID_42d63b33f183322a648d8ab79ebc2dc1&utm_source=Campaign_Monitor&utm_term=Read_more)

<sup>3</sup><https://cm.dogsforgood.org/t/ViewEmail/t/6CA759978F0731D32540EF23F30FEDED/8630DB846D4A8C36667CCDA886AB700A>



## On Facebook - Setting out the stalls for Christmas

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We've never seen a website launch previewed like this before...

*Best viewed with sound on*

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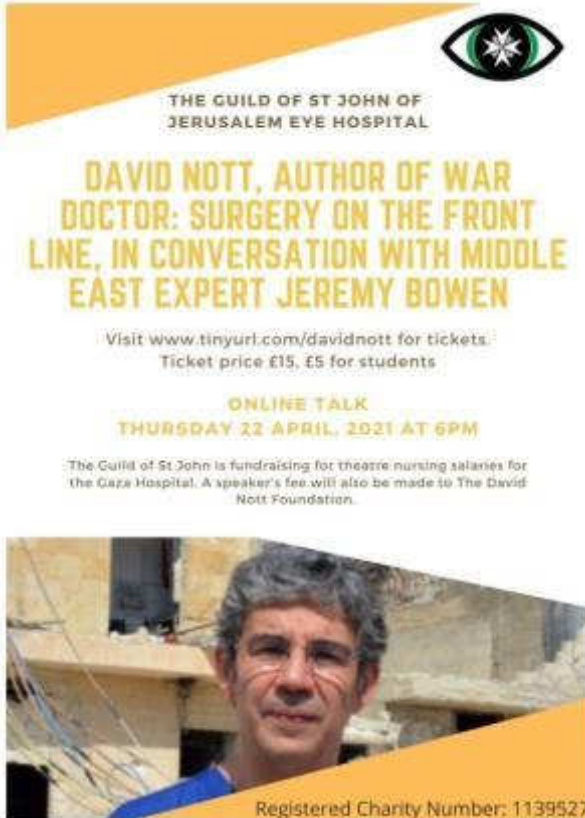
## On Twitter - It was #ScarletCordWednesday in Cheshire

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1364516432361488390>

And no rest in Oxfordshire as they continue to hone their ritual

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1363820834733760515>

The next Guild of the St John Eye Hospital event - David Nott, author of War Doctor: Surgery on the Front Line, in conversation with BBC Middle East Editor Jeremy Bowen



THE GUILD OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL

DAVID NOTT, AUTHOR OF WAR DOCTOR: SURGERY ON THE FRONT LINE, IN CONVERSATION WITH MIDDLE EAST EXPERT JEREMY BOWEN

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/davidnott](http://www.tinyurl.com/davidnott) for tickets  
Ticket price £15, £5 for students

ONLINE TALK  
THURSDAY 22 APRIL, 2021 AT 6PM

The Guild of St John is fundraising for theatre nursing salaries for the Gaza Hospital. A speaker's fee will also be made to The David Nott Foundation.

Registered Charity Number: 1139527

[Click Here<sup>4</sup>](#) to read the full event notice

## 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 Secretariat<sup>5</sup> - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page<sup>6</sup>

Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall<sup>7</sup>

Or you can email us at [communications@mmh.org.uk](mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk)<sup>8</sup>

## The Shop@86 is open for online orders via the website

[Click Here<sup>9</sup>](#) to visit the Shop@86 website

**Please note:** During the current Government Lockdown restrictions, there will be limited access to Mark Masons' Hall. As a result there will be delays to the despatch of orders, which will take place on a weekly basis, normally on a Tuesday. Customers will be notified via email once their order has been despatched. For enquiries about your order please email [ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk](mailto:ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk)<sup>10</sup>



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<sup>4</sup><https://mailchi.mp/737cf05288f8/davidnottjeremybowen?e=cb8e27782e>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall/>

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The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now raised over £45,500 and continues to grow



**Please note that the MCF, who are handling donations to this appeal, have moved their payment collection site from the Everyday Hero platform to that of Just Giving. This doesn't impact how you make your donation but unfortunately it isn't possible for us to set the amount of your donation automatically to £20. The default set by the website is £30 and you will need to adjust it down.**

You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. Just Click Here<sup>11</sup> or use the Text Donate facility below.

100% of donations will be given to the 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.***

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<sup>11</sup><https://fundraising.mcf.org.uk/Appeal-KT2042020>





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 3352. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1184703, Company No. 09751836

60 Great Queen Street | London | WC2B 5AZ | [www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk)

## MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels 2022 and 2023 now available



We reported last week that the new style MBF Festival Stewardship is aimed principally, (but not exclusively), at members of each host Festival Province.

In return for a qualifying donation of £100, each Steward will be entitled to:

- A distinctive Stewards' breast jewel (opposite), year bar and pocket jewel holder.
- Inclusion of their name in the Festival Stewards' Roll of Honour in the Festival booklet
- And for individuals making their first donation under the scheme, qualification as a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund – the first step on the ladder of honorifics.

Monies raised by the take-up of Festival Stewardships will, of course, be included in each respective Festival total.

Now, we're pleased to announce that the West Yorkshire Jewel for 2023 will be available.

Click Here<sup>12</sup> to download a 2022 Surrey Stewardship Jewel Form

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<sup>12</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/2022\\_Surrey\\_MBF\\_Festival\\_Stewardship\\_Form\\_.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/2022_Surrey_MBF_Festival_Stewardship_Form_.pdf)

Click Here<sup>13</sup> to download a 2023 West Yorkshire Stewardship Jewel Form

## 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:

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<sup>13</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/2023\\_West\\_Yorkshire\\_MBF\\_Festival\\_Stewardship\\_Form\\_.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/2023_West_Yorkshire_MBF_Festival_Stewardship_Form_.pdf)

By email: [eastlancscalendars@gmail.com](mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com)<sup>14</sup> By telephone: 07766731307

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

**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 Here](#)<sup>15</sup> for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

[Click Here](#)<sup>16</sup> for the updated complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website [Here](#)<sup>17</sup>

## 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 Study<sup>18</sup> 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.

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<sup>14</sup><mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>

<sup>15</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Stewardship\\_Badge\\_Form.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf)

<sup>16</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete\\_Forms\\_Pack\\_Final\\_2021\\_-\\_Updated\\_18.01.2021\\_\(002\).pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete_Forms_Pack_Final_2021_-_Updated_18.01.2021_(002).pdf)

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

<sup>18</sup><https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

## Business as usual for the Staff@86



Staff from the 4th Floor at Mark Masons' Hall have returned to working from home but all departments and teams are available via email and telephone to help and support as usual.



Mark Masons' Hall is pleased to be

