

The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity  
of Royal Ark Mariner



**M.W.Bro. His Royal Highness  
PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT, GCVO  
Grand Master**

**M.W.Bro. JOHN HERBERT PRIZEMAN  
Pro Grand Master**

**R.W.Bro. FRANCIS CHARLES SPENCER  
Deputy Grand Master**

**R.W.Bro. Prof. DENOVAN KEITH WILSON  
Assistant Grand Master**

Mark Masons' Hall  
86 St James's Street  
London, SW1A 1PL

3 November 2022

Dear Sir and Brother

The Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner will be held on **Monday, 12 December 2022**, in the Grand Temple at **Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ at 2p.m.**

All members of the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner are invited to attend.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, G.M.R.A.C.  
Grand Secretary

Dress: Short black coat or dark lounge suit. Royal Ark Mariner regalia.

**Rehearsals will commence at 12 noon for the Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Inner Guard and all Grand Stewards of the year.**

# AGENDA

1. To open the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner held on Tuesday, 7 December 2021, as circulated with the summons for this meeting, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To receive and, if approved, adopt the Report of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council for the twelve months ended 30 September 2022, as detailed in **Appendix A**.
5. To propose amendments to the Regulations for the Government of the Degree of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner as detailed in **Appendix B**.
6. To invest the recipients of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank.
7. The Presiding Officer will address the Annual Assembly.
8. To close the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner.

## Appendix A

### REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S ROYAL ARK COUNCIL 2021/2022

#### 1. Certificates Issued

During the twelve months ended 30 September 2022, 823 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 September 2022 was 21,911.

#### 2. Obituary

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported in the year ended 30 September 2022:

R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, A.G.M., G.M.R.A.C.	W.Bro. Jeffrey Edward Davies
R.W.Bro. Timothy John Lewis, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.)	W.Bro. David Elwyn Davies
R.W.Bro. Dr John Horace Wickstead, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.)	W.Bro. John Vincent Davis
R.W.Bro. Roy Keith Bradley, P.Prov.G.M. (Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire)	W.Bro. Paul Herbert Davis
R.W.Bro. John Ernest Eley, P.Prov.G.M. (Gloucestershire and Herefordshire)	W.Bro. Colin Deighton
R.W.Bro. Norman Sydney Manser, P.Prov.G.M. (Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire)	W.Bro. John Denton
R.W.Bro. John Douglas Arthur Platts, P.Prov.G.M. (Bristol)	W.Bro. Keith Dinning
R.W.Bro. Whilston Davis Taylor, <i>OD, JP</i> , P.Dist.G.M. (Jamaica and Cayman Islands)	W.Bro. John Eric Dixon
W.Bro. David James Alexander	W.Bro. Peter Richard Dyke
W.Bro. John Walter Allcock	W.Bro. David John Eeles
W.Bro. Revd David Lionel Allonby	W.Bro. Joseph Flaherty
W.Bro. Robert Andrew	W.Bro. Donald Herbert Fletcher
W.Bro. Leonard Armstrong	W.Bro. John Fowler
W.Bro. Ronald Aspinall	W.Bro. Leonard Maurice Freeman
W.Bro. Geoffrey Bakewell	W.Bro. Cecil Freeman
W.Bro. Richard Neil Bedells	W.Bro. Jeremy James Gaskell
W.Bro. Revd David Edward Bennett	W.Bro. Peter William Grant
W.Bro. Brian Leslie Berry	W.Bro. Alan Quintus Griffiths
W.Bro. Sidney George Blake	W.Bro. Dr Charles Morgan Gwynn, <i>TD</i>
W.Bro. Derek Sidney Bontoft	W.Bro. Michael Tildesley Hale
W.Bro. Christopher Arthur Boorman	W.Bro. Harold Wilford Hampton
W.Bro. Gordon Albert Edward Brett-Harris	W.Bro. John Bernard Hardy
W.Bro. Douglas Edward Brooker	W.Bro. Ronald Henry Harrison
W.Bro. Chap. Alan Brown	W.Bro. David Walter Harrison
W.Bro. David William Burrows	W.Bro. Roy Hart
W.Bro. William Rowland Cantello	W.Bro. Neil Robert Hartburn
W.Bro. Robert Anthony Carew-Hunt	W.Bro. John Brian Haslam
W.Bro. Christopher Ernest Carter	W.Bro. Alban Henry Hearn
W.Bro. George Martin Cattanaach	W.Bro. Cornelis Houwertjes
W.Bro. Roger John Clarke	W.Bro. David Hubbard
W.Bro. Clifford Coates	W.Bro. Paul Graham Hurst
W.Bro. Mervyn Brian Colling	W.Bro. Michael Albert Irons
W.Bro. Philip Julian Conn	W.Bro. John Ishmael
W.Bro. Frank Cooke	W.Bro. Robert Leslie Jacobs
W.Bro. Geoffrey Mawer Cooper	W.Bro. John Joy
W.Bro. Dennis Cope	W.Bro. Kenneth Keast
W.Bro. Derek Brian Cope	W.Bro. George Austin Keen
W.Bro. James Edward Corby	W.Bro. Ian Joseph Kenward
W.Bro. Frank Joseph Crown	W.Bro. David Kinsey
W.Bro. Andrew George Davies	W.Bro. Michael Graham Langley
	W.Bro. Anthony Bruce Mason Latham
	W.Bro. Anthony Paul Leeson
	W.Bro. Wilfred John Marlow
	W.Bro. Alan Ernest Massey
	W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre
	W.Bro. James Dunlop McKee
	W.Bro. Anthony Clive Moles

W.Bro. William Andrew Morris  
 W.Bro. George Edward Morris  
 W.Bro. Cyril Morris  
 W.Bro. Maj. Michael Mullally, *TD*  
 W.Bro. Carl Melvyn Nixon  
 W.Bro. Arthur O'Neill  
 W.Bro. Barry John Edward Paint  
 W.Bro. David Ivor Park  
 W.Bro. John Reginald Pearson  
 W.Bro. Derrald Perkins  
 W.Bro. John Howard Peters  
 W.Bro. Dr Brent Elliot Vincent Augustus Phillips  
 W.Bro. Peter Phillips  
 W.Bro. David Scott Pinkerton  
 W.Bro. Alan Pitkeathley  
 W.Bro. Eric Gordon Plaistowe  
 W.Bro. Stanley Victor Pond  
 W.Bro. Lindsay Preece  
 W.Bro. Richard Brian Ward Price  
 W.Bro. Edward John Staite Price  
 W.Bro. Brian Ben Priestley  
 W.Bro. Frederick John Rademan  
 W.Bro. Chintamun Randhir Ramloil  
 W.Bro. Dr Arthur Ramsden  
 W.Bro. John Herbert Renshaw  
 W.Bro. Peter Ernst Ribl  
 W.Bro. Michael Arthur Richards  
 W.Bro. Nigel Frederic Riley  
 W.Bro. Cecil Edward Robins, *OBE*  
 W.Bro. William Victor Edward Rodda  
 W.Bro. Wg Cdr John Brian Rodgers  
 W.Bro. David Russell

W.Bro. James McDonald Scott, *Snr*  
 W.Bro. William Richard Seddon  
 W.Bro. Adrian Shaw  
 W.Bro. Ian Gary John Sherriff  
 W.Bro. Roger Anthony Sherwin  
 W.Bro. Harry Oliver Alexander Shirley  
 W.Bro. Alan James Small  
 W.Bro. Alan Hodgson Smith  
 W.Bro. Alan Smith, *CBE*  
 W.Bro. Milton Solves  
 W.Bro. David Sparks  
 W.Bro. Robert Procter Stanworth  
 W.Bro. Phillip Garth Sugden  
 W.Bro. Frank Aubrey Tarbuck  
 W.Bro. Alfred James Taylor  
 W.Bro. James Derek Thomas  
 W.Bro. Lawrence Tinkler  
 W.Bro. James Michael Treacy  
 W.Bro. Jorge Juan Tretiakov  
 W.Bro. Derick Edward Wait  
 W.Bro. William John Wallace  
 W.Bro. Michael James Waterman  
 W.Bro. Graham Anthony Webb  
 W.Bro. Dennis James Weeks  
 W.Bro. Trevor Frederick Wellings  
 W.Bro. Fredrick Henry Wheeler  
 W.Bro. John Whitney  
 W.Bro. Leslie William Whitton  
 W.Bro. Keith Richard Wilson  
 W.Bro. Victor Edmund Wischhusen  
 W.Bro. Alaric Waldo Wood  
 W.Bro. Peter Eric Wreford

**2a.** The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 to 3 November 2022:

W.Bro. Sydney Gerald Coombe  
 W.Bro. Peter William Thomas Hadlett  
 W.Bro. Dr Roger Hugh Jago  
 W.Bro. Peter Kenneth James

W.Bro. John William Michael Minshaw  
 W.Bro. John Kenneth Speed  
 W.Bro. Colin John Watson  
 W.Bro. Laurence James Young

**3. Warrants of Constitution**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants for the following new Lodges:

Orlando Klein Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1951 – Brazil  
 Enugu Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1974 – Nigeria  
 Locomotion Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2013 – London  
 Khalsa Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2022 – London  
 Curitiba Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2034 – Brazil  
 Barão de Batovi Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2041 – Brazil

**4. Warrant of Confirmation**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Confirmation for the following Lodge:

Marlborough Lodge of R.A.M. No. 980 – Oxfordshire

**5. Centenary Warrants**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Centenary Warrants to the following Lodges on completion of one hundred years continuous working:

Dent Lodge of R.A.M. No. 216 – Cumberland and Westmorland  
Y Geninen Lodge of R.A.M. No. 259 – North Wales  
St Mary Lodge of R.A.M. No. 326 – Lincolnshire  
Royal Savoy Lodge of R.A.M. No. 355 – Hertfordshire  
Perseverance Lodge of R.A.M. No. 403 – East Lancashire  
Buenos Aires Lodge of R.A.M. No. 481 – River Plate  
St Nicholas Lodge of R.A.M. No. 540 – Devonshire  
Great Ouse Lodge of R.A.M. No. 607 – Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford  
Temperance Lodge of R.A.M. No. 629 – Warwickshire  
Mortimer Lodge of R.A.M. No. 687 – East Anglia  
Yenton and Central Keystone Lodge of R.A.M. No. 719 – Warwickshire

## **6. Jubilee Warrants**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Jubilee Warrants to the following Lodges on completion of fifty years continuous working:

Bronte Lodge of R.A.M. No. 535 – West Yorkshire  
Loveland Lodge of R.A.M. No. 674 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight  
Morecambe Lodge of R.A.M. No. 716 – West Lancashire  
Unity Lodge of R.A.M. No. 783 – Devonshire  
Keep Lodge of R.A.M. No. 911 – East Lancashire  
Barry Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1043 – South Wales

## **7. Lodge Name Change**

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted and approved a request from the members of Emblematic Lodge of R.A.M. No. 350 (Middlesex) to change its name to Emblems of Service Lodge of R.A.M. No. 350.

## **8. Lodge Transfer**

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted and approved a request for the following Lodge to transfer their Mark Lodge mooring:

St Aubyn Lodge of R.A.M. No. 64 (Devonshire) to be re-moored to Plympton Erle Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1100, with effect from 7 October 2021, and to be known thereafter as St Aubyn Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1100.

## **9. Warrants in Abeyance**

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted and approved requests for the following Lodges to be placed in abeyance for a period of not more than three years:

Natalia Harmony Lodge of R.A.M. No. 252 (Natal) with effect from August 2022  
Castle Eden Lodge of R.A.M. No. 930 (Durham) with effect from March 2022  
Oak Tree Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1839 (Surrey) with effect from April 2022

## **10. Warrants Surrendered**

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted that Warrants of the following Royal Ark Mariner Lodges were to be surrendered to Grand Lodge and struck from the Roll:

Hotspur Lodge of R.A.M. No. 135 (Northumberland) with effect from May 2022  
Sincerity Lodge of R.A.M. No. 327 (Cheshire) with effect from July 2022  
St George Lodge of R.A.M. No. 383 (Devonshire) with effect from July 2022  
Billinge Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1327 (East Lancashire) with effect from November 2021

## **11. Grand Honours**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **21 July 2023** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

## 12. Fees and Annual Dues

In accordance with the Constitutions and Regulations it has been agreed that standard rate of registration and other fees payable to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the financial year **1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023** shall be as set as follows:

### WARRANTS

For a new Warrant ..... at cost  
For a Warrant of Confirmation ..... at cost  
For a Celebration Warrant ..... at cost

### PATENTS

For a Provincial/District Grand Master ..... at cost  
For a Patent of Confirmation ..... at cost

### REGISTRATION

Annual Dues (1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023) ..... £32.00  
Annual Dues – Installed Commanders Lodges ..... £16.00  
Registration of a Brother on Elevation (50% reduction – first year of membership)..... £15.00  
A Joining Brother not previously registered (50% reduction – 2022/2023)..... £15.00  
A Joining Brother already registered (50% reduction – 2022/2023) ..... £11.50  
Registration of a founding member of a new Lodge being a Brother  
already registered ..... £8.00  
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Lodge Certificate ..... £30.00

### YEARBOOKS

Mark..... £13.00  
All other Orders ..... £12.00

### DISPENSATIONS

Lodge or Commander Elect..... £30.00  
Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc)..... £58.00

Any request for a Dispensation received less than 21 days before it is required will be treated as a Nunc Pro Tunc Dispensation and charged accordingly.

**All Fees shown are inclusive of Value Added Tax at the current rate of 20% payable by Lodges and Brethren in the United Kingdom. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.**

## 13. Administration

The Registrations department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of Grand Officers as soon as they occur via Keystone Online.

Provincial and District Grand Secretaries and Scribes of Unattached Lodges are requested to address communications either to the Grand Secretary or the most appropriate member of MMH staff by name, depending on the nature of the communication. Communications should only be marked 'Private & Confidential' by exception. All such communications should be sent to:

G.L.M.M.M.  
Mark Masons' Hall  
86 St James's Street  
London, SW1A 1PL

3 November 2022

R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, G.M.R.A.C., Chairman  
R.W.Bro. R. A. Williams, G.M.R.A.C., Grand Secretary

## Appendix B

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF ROYAL ARK MARINER

*Insert and delete text as follows:*

1. (i) The Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner shall be holden in each year, on the ~~second Tuesday~~ **Monday before the second Wednesday** in the month of December, provided that if such regular day of the meeting be proclaimed as a Public Holiday or if for any reason it should be impracticable or inconvenient to hold the meeting on such day, the Grand Master may direct that the meeting shall be held on some other day in the month of December as the case may be.

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## NOTICES

### 1. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Scribes of all Lodges are required to forward copies of this summons to Installed Commanders and to all other Brethren who may wish to attend the Annual Assembly.

### 2. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner at approximately 3.45 p.m. in the Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA.

Brethren who wish to dine may make reservations via the online dining facility on the Grand Lodge website:

**<https://www.markmasonshall.org/events/royal-ark-mariner/grand-lodge-3>**

Group reservations may also be made via email to: **[m.support@mmh.org.uk](mailto:m.support@mmh.org.uk)** provided a completed dining form is attached which includes full debit/credit card details for payment of the requisite dining fee, or by sending a completed reservation form, together with payment of the dining fee of £55.00 to Masonic Support Services on or before **Monday, 28 November 2022**.

Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to **7 days** prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded.

### 3. WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

To keep up to date with events in all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall go to:

**[www.markmasonshall.org](http://www.markmasonshall.org)**

**[www.facebook.com/markmasonshall](https://www.facebook.com/markmasonshall)**

**Twitter: @MarkMasonsHall**

### 4. KEYSTONE ONLINE

All documents relating to the administration of Provinces/Districts/Inspectorates and Lodges are now available in the new document store on Keystone Online. Provincial/District Grand Secretaries and Scribes are advised not to save copies to a PC or Province/District/Inspectorate website but to always use the latest version in the document store.

5. MASONIC CHARITIES

Information and downloadable forms for all the Masonic charities administered from Mark Masons' Hall can be found on the Grand Lodge website:

**[www.markmasonshall.org](http://www.markmasonshall.org)**

6. HOSPITALITY AT MARK MASONS' HALL

The Carvery at 86 St James is open on selected weekdays and is available to all Freemasons, their family and friends. **Booking in advance is strongly recommended** as the Carvery is very popular and is, on occasions, fully booked for private functions. Members of the **86 St James Loyalty Scheme** will receive advance notification of opening dates by email.

Reservations may be made via email to **[info@86stjames.com](mailto:info@86stjames.com)** or by telephone: 020 7747 1180.

To coincide with the UGLE Quarterly Communications at Freemasons' Hall, we can guarantee the Carvery Restaurant will be open on the second Wednesdays in March, June, September and December. Advance booking is required and you can be seated between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m., finishing at 4 p.m.

A variety of hot and cold sandwiches is also available in the bar on weekdays from 12 to 4 p.m. The bar opening times will be 11.30 a.m. until 10.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Further information is available on the 86 St James website:

**<http://86hospitality.info>**

7. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA

Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at Mark Masons' Hall and via our website: **[www.shopat86.co.uk](http://www.shopat86.co.uk)**

The shop opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). Orders may also be placed by telephone: **020 7747 1191** or email: **[regalia@mmh.org.uk](mailto:regalia@mmh.org.uk)**

8. ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MASTER'S LODGES OF INSTRUCTION FOR MARK MASTER MASONS AND MEMBERS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF ROYAL ARK MARINER

The next Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, **21 June 2023**, at Sherwoods of Eastleigh, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 9HT, at which there will be a demonstration of the Elevation and Advancement Ceremonies. The meeting will be followed by a Festival Dinner.

Festival President: R.W.Bro. GEORGE JOHN DEACON, Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire & Isle of Wight.

Information and application forms for the 2023 Annual Festival can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Simon Lancaster, or from the Festival Secretary:

W.Bro. Christopher J. Rose

10 Griffin Way, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT23 4JL

Email: **[cs.rose@btinternet.com](mailto:cs.rose@btinternet.com)**