

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

6 November 2023

Dear Sir and Brother

The Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner will be held on **Monday, 11 December 2023**, in the Grand Temple at **Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ at 12:30 p.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, *OStJ*, G.M.R.A.C.  
Grand Secretary

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

**Rehearsals will commence at 10.30am 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 Monday, 12 December 2022, 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 2023, as detailed in **Appendix A**.
5. To invest the recipients of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank.
6. The Presiding Officer will address the Annual Assembly.
7. To close the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner.

## Appendix A

### REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S ROYAL ARK COUNCIL 2022/2023

#### 1. Certificates Issued

During the twelve months ended 30 September 2023, 979 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 September 2023 was 22,106.

#### 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 2023:

R.W.Bro. John Norman George Howitt, G.M.R.A.C., Grand Treasurer	W.Bro. Bernard Christopher Dunne
R.W.Bro. Cedric Gunnery, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.)	W.Bro. John Herbert Dye
R.W.Bro. Revd Trevor John Walker G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.)	W.Bro. William Peter Ellis
R.W.Bro. Joseph De Haro, P.Dist.G.M. (Gibraltar)	W.Bro. George Evatt, OBE
R.W.Bro. Claude Raoul Martin, P.Dist.G.M. (Belgium)	W.Bro. Sidney Trevor Rowland Ewins
V.W.Bro. Alan Edgar Stewart, KLJ, P.G.Insp. (Isle of Man)	W.Bro. Robin Fagence
W.Bro. John Kenneth Alexander	W.Bro. George Brian Fairhurst
W.Bro. John Roger Aston	W.Bro. Brian Gordon Fordyce
W.Bro. John Charles Mark Avery	W.Bro. Ralph Foster
W.Bro. Ljuba Milan Badjak	W.Bro. Robin Edward Furber
W.Bro. Peter Harold Edwin Bailey	W.Bro. Frank Edwin Gambrell
W.Bro. Michael Robin Bailey	W.Bro. John Vincent Gardner
W.Bro. Frederick Victor Bashford	W.Bro. William Henry Gibson
W.Bro. John Albert Bedding	W.Bro. John Healey Gilbert
W.Bro. Robert Ian Beese	W.Bro. Isaac White Godwin
W.Bro. William John Belfitt	W.Bro. The Rt Hon. Viscount Shane Hugh Maryon Gough
W.Bro. Brian Moreton Bell	W.Bro. William Jack Hagger
W.Bro. Eric Curtis Bennett	W.Bro. John Arkwright Hargreaves
W.Bro. Beverley Edwin Bennett	W.Bro. David Hartley
W.Bro. Roger William Bishop	W.Bro. Nigel Antony Hatton
W.Bro. Henry Horsfall Bland	W.Bro. David John Heathcote
W.Bro. Geoffrey Frank Bollard	W.Bro. Jack Higgins
W.Bro. William Francis Bragg	W.Bro. Brian John Stanley Howett
W.Bro. John Henry Brayford	W.Bro. Kenneth Charles Humphryes
W.Bro. Anthony David Briggs	W.Bro. James Robert Innes
W.Bro. David William Cameron	W.Bro. John Michael Jackson
W.Bro. Iain Peter Campbell	W.Bro. Douglas John Lindsay Jamieson
W.Bro. Patrick Alexander Camplin	W.Bro. David Jenkinson
W.Bro. Alan William Clements	W.Bro. Trevor Jewitt
W.Bro. Michael John Collinson	W.Bro. Neville Anthony Joseph
W.Bro. Brendan Maxwell Cronin	W.Bro. Michael John Juden
W.Bro. Raymond Lewis Crowle	W.Bro. Gerard Carl Ferdinand Kaschula
W.Bro. Arnoldus Gerardus Daane	W.Bro. Graham John Keenor
W.Bro. William Arthur Daly	W.Bro. Stewart Campbell Kerr
W.Bro. George Davies	W.Bro. Peter Gerard Kok
W.Bro. Donald Edward Davinson	W.Bro. Eric Livesley
W.Bro. Alfred John Day	W.Bro. Michael Jol Louis, JP
W.Bro. Antonio Elio D'Emilio	W.Bro. Philip Alexander Love
W.Bro. David Foster Dickens	W.Bro. David George Richmond Lovett
W.Bro. Gp Capt. Trevor Francis Dole	W.Bro. Ian William Mackenzie
W.Bro. Peter Ransom Duckworth	W.Bro. Dr James Stephen Boyd Mather
	W.Bro. Norman Hubert McDermott
	W.Bro. Duncan McGregor
	W.Bro. James McKeeman
	W.Bro. John McLachlan

W.Bro. James Ferguson McLauchlan  
 W.Bro. Brian Alec Charles Moore  
 W.Bro. David John Nicholas  
 W.Bro. Hugh Norman  
 W.Bro. Norman Basil Oakes  
 W.Bro. William Owen  
 W.Bro. Bryan Frank Page  
 W.Bro. Dr Malcolm David Marston Parkes Bowen  
 W.Bro. Frederick Stephen Parsons  
 W.Bro. Pervez Ruttonshaw Patel  
 W.Bro. Nigel William Penn  
 W.Bro. Clifford John Penny  
 W.Bro. Sabino Pereda  
 W.Bro. Doodnauth Persaud  
 W.Bro. Frank Lucas Powell  
 W.Bro. David Anthony Powell  
 W.Bro. Brian William Price  
 W.Bro. Douglas Reed  
 W.Bro. Michael Henry Roalfe  
 W.Bro. Keith Stanley Robinson  
 W.Bro. Michael Robinson  
 W.Bro. David Leslie Robson  
 W.Bro. Kenneth Oswald Hubert Rollins  
 W.Bro. Ian Ronson  
 W.Bro. Robert Henry Rowden  
 W.Bro. Eusebio Sanda Palacios  
 W.Bro. Roger Wallace Sargent  
 W.Bro. Herbert Thomas Sawyers  
 W.Bro. Ian Christopher Screen  
 W.Bro. Gordon Frederick Setterfield  
 W.Bro. William Alec Brown Sherlock  
 W.Bro. Peter Leslie Sidnell

W.Bro. William Slater  
 W.Bro. William Edward Slater  
 W.Bro. Alfred Smallcorn  
 W.Bro. Sydney John Smith  
 W.Bro. Frederick Arthur Smith  
 W.Bro. Derek William Southgate  
 W.Bro. Raymond Stephenson  
 W.Bro. Peter John Stocking  
 W.Bro. John Beverley Talbot  
 W.Bro. Albert Arthur Taylor  
 W.Bro. Raymond Owen John Taylor  
 W.Bro. Brian Thompson  
 W.Bro. Brian Stephen Thompson  
 W.Bro. Colin William Thurston  
 W.Bro. Gordon Alexander Trew  
 W.Bro. Terence Albert Trist  
 W.Bro. Rex Trollope  
 W.Bro. Sidney Edward Ernest Tuck  
 W.Bro. George Henry Vincent  
 W.Bro. Howard Charles Wallbank  
 W.Bro. Patrick Joseph Walsh, *JP*  
 W.Bro. John Warburton  
 W.Bro. Alexander Edward Ward  
 W.Bro. Brian Edward Wetherell  
 W.Bro. Dr Harry John White, *JP*  
 W.Bro. Geoffrey Whiteman  
 W.Bro. Revd Gwynfor Williams  
 W.Bro. Barry Keith Williams  
 W.Bro. David John Windsor  
 W.Bro. Robert John Woodward  
 W.Bro. Francis George Woolgrove  
 W.Bro. Gerald William Yockney, *JP*

### 3. Warrants of Constitution

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

The Benjamin Addy Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1107 – Cheshire  
 Forest of Lebanon Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1752 – Spain  
 Universal Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1911 – Middlesex  
 Camera Dei Cavalieri Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1977 – Italy  
 Loyalty Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1989 – London  
 Nicolae Titulescu Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1991 – Romania  
 Traian Vuia Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2010 – Romania  
 Southern Star Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2026 – Essex  
 Corsarios del Pacifico Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2036 – River Plate

### 4. Warrants of Confirmation

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

Emblems of Service Lodge of R.A.M. No. 350 – Middlesex  
 Sutton Surrey Lodge of R.A.M. No. 450 – Surrey

### 5. Warrant of Reponement

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Reponement to Isthmian Lodge of R.A.M. No. 891 – Essex

## **6. Sesquicentenary Warrant**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Sesquicentenary Warrant to Mount Ararat Lodge of R.A.M. No. 158 (West Lancashire) on completion of one hundred and fifty years continuous working.

## **7. 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:

Solent Lodge of R.A.M. 63 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Robinson Lodge of R.A.M. No. 255 – Kent

Buenos Aires Lodge of R.A.M. No. 481 – River Plate

Windsor Castle Lodge of R.A.M. No. 519 – Berkshire

Philanthropic Lodge of R.A.M. No. 538 – East Anglia

Portsmouth Lodge of R.A.M. No. 739 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight

## **8. 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:

Claughton Lodge of R.A.M. No. 705 – Cheshire

Four Cardinal Virtues Lodge of R.A.M. No. 723 – Cheshire

True Love and Unity Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1159 – Devonshire

Clanfield Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1385 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight

## **9. Dispensations to Resume Working**

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted that dispensations to resume working had been issued to the following Lodges:

The George Parker Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1316 (Middlesex) – formerly in abeyance

Pico Della Miranda Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1896 (Italy) – formerly dormant

## **10. Amalgamation of Lodges**

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted the decision of the members of Cambrensis Lodge of R.A.M. No.1528 and Principality Lodge of R.A.M No. 1057 (South Wales) to amalgamate with effect from 18 October 2023. The amalgamated Lodge will be known as Principality and Cambrensis Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1057.

## **11. Lodge Transfers**

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

Strode Lodge of R.A.M. No. 696 (Devonshire) to be re-moored to Spencer Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1495 and be known as Strode Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1495

Northern Heights Lodge of R.A.M. No. 989 (Surrey) to be re-moored to Cranleigh Centenary Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1917, with effect from 29 August 2023, and to be known as Cranleigh Centenary Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1917.

## **12. Warrants in Abeyance**

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

Lyegrove Lodge of R.A.M. No. 218 – Gloucestershire & Herefordshire

Northern Transvaal Lodge of R.A.M. No. 966 – The Transvaal

Birkenhead Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1072 – Cheshire

Abbey Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1086 – Sussex

Dorking Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1356 – Surrey

Sanderstead Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1742 – Surrey

### 13. Warrants Surrendered

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

Monument Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1055 (Durham) with effect from January 2023

All Saints Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1251 (Middlesex) with effect from June 2022

### 14. Warrants in Dormancy

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted that the Warrants for the following Royal Ark Mariner Lodges are to be in dormancy until further notice:

John Dee Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1915 (Italy) with effect from January 2021

Acropolis Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1969 (Italy) with effect from January 2021

### 15. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **19 July 2024** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

### 16. 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 2023 to 31 August 2024** 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 2023 to 31 August 2024).....£33.00

Annual Dues – Installed Commanders Lodges .....£16.50

Registration of a Brother on Elevation (50% reduction – first year of membership)....£15.00

A Joining Brother not previously registered (50% reduction – 2023/2024).....£15.00

A Joining Brother already registered (50% reduction – 2023/2024) .....£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

#### 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.

#### YEARBOOKS

Mark.....£13.00

All other Orders .....£12.00

**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.**

## 17. 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

6 November 2023

R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, G.M.R.A.C., Chairman

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

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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 3.45p.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 £58/£60.50p (if cheese & biscuits are required for dessert) to Masonic Support Services on or before **Monday, 4 December 2023**.

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 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 Tuesday, **30 April 2024**, at Mark Masons' Hall, 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 and Isle of Wight.

Information and application forms for the 2024 Annual Festival can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Darrel Peter Palmer, or from the Festival Secretary:

W.Bro. Christopher J. Rose

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