

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. Prof. DENOVAN KEITH WILSON
Deputy Grand Master**

**R.W.Bro. PETER DAVID WILLIAMS
Assistant Grand Master**

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

November 2025

Dear Sir and Brother

The Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner will be held on **Monday, 8 December 2025**, in the Grand Temple at **Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ at 12.30p.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. Daniel M. Heath, 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, 9 December 2024, 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 2025, 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 2024/2025

1. Certificates Issued

During the twelve months ended 30 September 2025, 1,060 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 September 2025 was 22,161.

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 2025:

R.W.Bro. Keith Stanley Carmichael, <i>CBE</i> , G.M.R.A.C.(H.C.)	W.Bro. Stephen Eric Blanchard, <i>JP</i>
R.W.Bro. Michael William Guest, G.M.R.A.C.(H.C.)	W.Bro. John Victor Bluett
R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett, <i>JP</i> , P.Prov.G.M., South Wales	W.Bro. Derek Roy Blumsom
R.W.Bro. Gordon Edwin Goff, P.Dist.G.M., South Africa (Eastern Division)	W.Bro. John Graham Bones
R.W.Bro. Beresford Charles Mitchell, P.Dist.G.M., New Zealand – South Island	W.Bro. Peter Brindley
R.W.Bro. Leon Gerald Rivers, P.Dist.G.M., Zimbabwe	W.Bro. Maj. Ian Donald Bruce, <i>TD, DL</i>
W.Bro. David Edward Henry Adams	W.Bro. Joseph Bulmer, <i>JP</i>
W.Bro. Jeffrey Awdas	W.Bro. John Roger Gordon Bunn
W.Bro. Richard Anthony Ayling	W.Bro. Bernard Charles Burgess
W.Bro. Peter Tulloch Baikie	W.Bro. Rex Martin Cain, <i>OBE, DL</i>
W.Bro. Selwyn Smith Beattie	W.Bro. Hartley Tyrrell Campbell
W.Bro. Michael Becker	W.Bro. Kevin Chawner
W.Bro. David Edward Bennett Rees	W.Bro. Robert Nicholas Clark
	W.Bro. Francis William Clarke
	W.Bro. William Frederick Clemens
	W.Bro. Dennis Roland Coburn
	W.Bro. Keith Edwin Colcutt
	W.Bro. Roy Edwin Compton

W.Bro. Paul Cooper
 W.Bro. Paul Michael Curran
 W.Bro. John Arthur Patrick Daley
 W.Bro. Lionel Danby
 W.Bro. Michael James Davey
 W.Bro. Dr Owen William Davison
 W.Bro. William Raymond Duke
 W.Bro. Anthony Charles Eden, *JP*
 W.Bro. Leslie Victor Edwards
 W.Bro. Brian Ennever
 W.Bro. Francis Felix
 W.Bro. William Ferguson
 W.Bro. Aubrey Eugene Ffrench
 W.Bro. Alan Charles Finney
 W.Bro. Anthony Duncan Fisher
 W.Bro. John Forshaw, *SBStJ*
 W.Bro. Derek Stanley Foster
 W.Bro. Morris Freeman
 W.Bro. Michael John Gage
 W.Bro. Hans-Joachim Gerards
 W.Bro. Donald Norman Gerling, *RFD, ED*
 W.Bro. John Bamborough Gibson
 W.Bro. Stephen Courtney Ray Gill
 W.Bro. Anton Peter Godfrey
 W.Bro. Michael Terry Goffin
 W.Bro. Jesse Ian Greenidge
 W.Bro. Bjarne Gerald Gronmark
 W.Bro. Hansraj Fulchand Gudka
 W.Bro. Peter Arthur Gunning
 W.Bro. Allan Gurney
 W.Bro. Colin Frank Harris
 W.Bro. Trevor John Harrison, *JP*
 W.Bro. Thomas Arthur James Hatchett
 W.Bro. Eric David Arthur Hay
 W.Bro. Thomas Richard Goodwin Heap
 W.Bro. Norman Edward Hoadly
 W.Bro. David Vinson Hoare
 W.Bro. Peter Michael Holmes
 W.Bro. Robert Ian Holmes
 W.Bro. Raymond Charles Horton
 W.Bro. Nolan Robert Hobbs Howland
 W.Bro. Glyn Hughes
 W.Bro. Keith Charles Hyde
 W.Bro. Ian Alexander Irving
 W.Bro. Kenneth Gwylfa James
 W.Bro. William Alexander James
 W.Bro. Ronald Adams Johnston
 W.Bro. Henry Howard Kelly
 W.Bro. Andrew Kelly
 W.Bro. Rolf Erich Krieger
 W.Bro. Kevin John Law
 W.Bro. Ronald Ernest Leighton
 W.Bro. Edward Lennon
 W.Bro. Patrick John Leonard
 W.Bro. Mervyn David Arthur Lewis
 W.Bro. Most Revd Hon. Dr Orland Ugham
 Lindsay, *DD, OD, OJ*

W.Bro. John Long
 W.Bro. John David Martin
 W.Bro. Geoffrey William Maw
 W.Bro. Frederick Rowland Mecklenburgh
 W.Bro. Frederick Arthur Milgate
 W.Bro. David Hendry Allan Milne-Leith
 W.Bro. William George Nash
 W.Bro. Charles Patrick Newman
 W.Bro. Michael John Newth
 W.Bro. Derek Franklin Oliver
 W.Bro. Thomas Stanley Page
 W.Bro. Frederick Charles Parr
 W.Bro. Robert Spencer Parsons
 W.Bro. Mukeshkumar Manubhai Patel
 W.Bro. David James Piczenik
 W.Bro. Alexander Francis John Poole
 W.Bro. Herman Pouncey
 W.Bro. David John Price
 W.Bro. Phillip Reginald Robert Purdy
 W.Bro. Sudhichandra Govindji Radia
 W.Bro. Hugh Edward Ranscombe
 W.Bro. James William Raven
 W.Bro. Donald Kennedy Richardson
 W.Bro. Norman Alan Richardson
 W.Bro. Michael Leslie Richardson
 W.Bro. Raymond Rooke
 W.Bro. John Albert Rowe
 W.Bro. John Desmond Ryan
 W.Bro. John Peter Sargeant
 W.Bro. Bernard Hermann Schultz
 W.Bro. Stuart Scott-Darling
 W.Bro. John Searson
 W.Bro. Royston Arthur Slaughter
 W.Bro. Michael Barry Smith
 W.Bro. John Edward Swan
 W.Bro. Anthony John Tallon
 W.Bro. Peter Alexander Taylor
 W.Bro. William Albert James Taylor
 W.Bro. Michael Carl Terry
 W.Bro. Ian Finlayson Thurn
 W.Bro. Michael Campbell Ross Tod
 W.Bro. Ronald Tuffey
 W.Bro. Robin Vergette
 W.Bro. Peter Richard Albert Violet
 W.Bro. John Walker
 W.Bro. George Ian Warn
 W.Bro. Derek Warneford
 W.Bro. David Hilton Wells
 W.Bro. Robert Edgar Westwood
 W.Bro. Keith Gardiner Kenneth Wheatley
 W.Bro. Kenneth Clarence Wild
 W.Bro. Keith Warren Williams
 W.Bro. Graham Paget Williams
 W.Bro. Stephen John Henry Willoughby
 W.Bro. Ronald Wilson
 W.Bro. George Zografos

- 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 October to 4 November 2025:

W.Bro. George Robert Bennie
W.Bro. John Charles Board
W.Bro. Samuel John Brown
W.Bro. John Arthur Castle
W.Bro. Peter Ewart Cornish
W.Bro. James Stewart Gray
W.Bro. William Edward Hagon

W.Bro. William Everard Hayes-Allen
W.Bro. Frederick Craigie Main
W.Bro. Malcolm Christopher Moreland
W.Bro. Anthony Pluckrose
W.Bro. Harvey Andrew Roland
W.Bro. Dr David Graham Shipley
W.Bro. Dennis John Williams

3. Warrants of Constitution

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

Alexandra Lodge of the Land R.A.M. No. 1230 – Lincolnshire
Phoenix Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1923 – Cyprus
Filippo Brunelleschi Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1956 – Italy
Generosidad y Perseverancia - Georges Petit Ramel Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1970 – Bolivia
Pax Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2023 – Bolivia
Corsarios de St James Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2047 – River Plate
De Hominis Dignitate Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2059 – Italy

4. Warrants of Confirmation

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

De Gorllewin Lodge of Installed Commanders Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1535 – Dyfed
Turks Island Forth Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1553 – Bahamas and Turks
Middlesex Armed Forces Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1999 – Middlesex

5. Sesquicentenary Warrant

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Sesquicentenary Warrant to Wentworth Lodge of R.A.M. No. 53 (West Yorkshire) on completion of one hundred and fifty years continuous working.

6. 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:

Saint John's Lodge of R.A.M. No. 28 – South Wales
St Barnabas Lodge of R.A.M. No. 97 – Buckinghamshire
Chelmer Lodge of R.A.M. No. 342 – Essex
Rockcliffe Lodge of R.A.M. No. 362 – Durham
St Nicholas Lodge of R.A.M. No. 413 – Essex
Debenham Lodge of R.A.M. No. 636 – Hertfordshire
Hipperholme Lodge of R.A.M. No. 715 – West Yorkshire

7. 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:

Hawton Lodge of R.A.M. No. 100 – Devonshire
Dunmow Lodge of R.A.M. No. 527 – Essex

8. Dispensations to Resume Working

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

Lyegrove Lodge of R.A.M. No. 218 – Gloucs & Herefordshire
Natalia Harmony Lodge of R.A.M. No. 252 – Natal
Hundred of Hoo Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1326 – Kent
Doric Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1542 – Germany

9. Lodge Transfers

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

Perseverance Lodge of R.A.M. No. 403 (East Lancashire) to be re-moored to Thomas Sharples Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1383, and to be known as PERSEVERANCE Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1383.

Progress Lodge of R.A.M. No. 898 (West Lancashire) to be re-moored to Preston Lodge of M.M.M. No. 143, and to be known as PRESTON Lodge of R.A.M. No. 143.

Prosperity Lodge of R.A.M. No. 905 (The Transvaal) to be re-moored to King Edward Lodge of M.M.M. No. 941, and to be known as KING EDWARD Lodge of R.A.M. No. 941.

Manadon Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1076 (Devonshire) to be re-moored to St John Lodge of M.M.M. No. 50 and to be known as MANADON Lodge of R.A.M. No. 50

10. 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:

Rectitude Lodge of R.A.M. No. 18 – East Lancashire

Olive Lodge of R.A.M. No. 220 – Madras

St James Lodge of R.A.M. No. 318 – Staffordshire and Shropshire

Addington Lodge of R.A.M. No. 515 – Natal

Chola Lodge of R.A.M. No. 610 – Madras

Horus Lodge of R.A.M. No. 633 – London

Landale Johnston Lodge of R.A.M. No. 642 – Madras

Rising Star Lodge of R.A.M. No. 885 – The Transvaal

Moseley Lodge of R.A.M. No. 925 – Durham

Twickenham Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1378 – Middlesex

Adastral and King Harold Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1686 – Hertfordshire

Cantero Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1837 – Spain

Gran Canaria Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2008 – Spain

11. 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:

Loyalty Lodge of R.A.M. No. 914 – Surrey

Castle Eden Lodge of R.A.M. No. 930 – Durham

All Hallows Lodge of R.A.M. No. 986 – Middlesex

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

Charlotte Amalie Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1834 – South and East Caribbean

Oak Tree Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1839 – Surrey

12. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **17 July 2026** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

13. 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 2025 to 31 August 2026** 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£33.00
Annual Dues – Installed Commanders Lodges£16.50
Registration of a Brother on Elevation£30.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered£30.00
A Joining Brother already registered£23.00
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.

14. 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

4 November 2025

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

R.W.Bro. D. M. Heath, 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

Delete text as follows:

Election and Installaton of Commander

14. ... No Brother shall be installed as Commander, except by special dispensation from the Grand Master, unless at the date of Installation: he shall have deemed to have served the office of Senior Warden or of Junior Warden in a regular Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners for one complete year, that is to say from one installation meeting to the next; ~~he shall also have been installed as Master of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons.~~ The Brother so elected, if he be able, willing and qualified to serve as Commander, shall be regularly installed in the Chair at the next meeting according to antient usage. A Commander elect shall not assume the Commander's Chair until he has been regularly installed. The Commander shall be presented with a current copy of the Constitutions and Regulations.

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 2:30p.m. in the Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA. Individual and group reservations may be made via the online dining facility on the Grand Lodge website:

<https://markmasonshall.org/latest-events/events/royal-ark-mariner/grand-lodge-3/ram-dec2025>

Reservations will close on **Monday, 24 November 2025** – all details are on the website. Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to **7 days** prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded. Please email m.support@mmh.org.uk.

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

www.facebook.com/markmasonshall

www.youtube.com/@markmasonshall86

4. **KEYSTONE ONLINE**—All documents relating to the administration of Provinces/Districts/Inspectorates and Lodges are available in the document store on Keystone Online. Provincial and 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/charities

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** or by Tel. 020 7747 1185. 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 12 noon until 10.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday. Further information is available on the Mark Masons Hall website:

www.markmasonshall.org/dining-at-86

7. **PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA**—Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at M.M.H. and via our website:

www.markmasonshall.org/shop-at-86

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**

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 **Thursday, 30 April 2026**, at M.M.H., London, 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. THOMAS QUINN, Provincial Grand Master for London.

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

W.Bro. Christopher J. Rose. Email: cs.rose@btinternet.com Mobile: 07733 228366



Mark Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity No. 207610

Grand Master's Keystone Fund



The Grand Master's Keystone Fund (G.M.K.F.) was launched at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge in June 2023 in celebration of over 40 years dedicated service by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO. This new fund replaces the previous Keystone Fund, established on 3 June 1930, to finance significant capital projects improving the infrastructure, amenities, and overall quality of the Headquarters of our Orders, and the reinvigorated 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund, launched at the Sesquicentenary Celebration of Mark Grand Lodge in October 2006.

PURPOSE—To offer encouragement and financial support in the form of bursaries to individuals pursuing educational, vocational, sports or performing arts endeavours.

BENEFICIARIES—The G.M.K.F. Bursary Scheme opened to members of the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, and their dependents, on **1 July 2025**.

ADMINISTRATION—The fund is administered by the Mark Benevolent Fund (M.B.F.) Board of Trustees. Online applications will be processed by the Bursary Scheme Coordinator. The G.M.K.F. Awards Panel will assess applications using the M.B.F. eligibility criteria.

DONATION QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE—Donations made to the fund will continue to be acknowledged with the Keystone Breast Jewel for Brethren, and a Collarette and Jewel for units, Provinces, Districts, Divisions and Inspectorates, which includes a distinctive new Button. Ladies' jewels are also available.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.....	£100.00
Metal Jewel (including Button).....	£50.00
LADIES DONATION (jewel included – may be worn as a brooch or necklace)	£100.00
LODGES (per subscribing member).....	£25.00
PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, DIVISIONS, INSPECTORATES (per subscribing member)	£10.00
Metal Jewel (including Button).....	£60.00
Multi Award Pin (White Keystone)	£10.00

ORDER RECOGNITION—Contribution levels, jewels and buttons are the same for all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall; the only difference being the colour of the ribbon/collarette from which the jewel is suspended. These are: **MMM** – dark blue & crimson; **RAM** – rainbow; **KT** – red and white; **RCC** – white; **RSM** – crimson; **AMD** – thistle green; **OSM** – Indian yellow; **SC** – red, white and black; **KBHC** – lime green and red.

DONATION FORMS AND GIFT AID—Gift Aid can be applied to all donations (excluding the purchase of jewels) if eligible. Donation forms (including Gift Aid notices) are available to download from the Mark Masons' Hall website:

www.markmasonshall.org/charities/gmkf

Please return donation forms by post or email: **charitiesfinance@mmh.org.uk**
Charities Finance Department, Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

APPLICATION FORMS—All bursary applications are to be made **online** via the webpage as above, where further details of the bursary scheme and **FAQs** are also available. Please direct any additional queries to the G.M.K.F. Bursary Scheme Coordinator by email: **gmkfbursaries@mmh.org.uk**