

The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity  
of Royal Ark Mariner



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**  
held on Tuesday, 10 December 2019

at 4.45 p.m. in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall,  
60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

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**PRESENT**

M.W.Bro. RAYMOND JOHN SMITH  
Pro Grand Master

R.W.Bro. JOHN HERBERT PRIZEMAN  
Deputy Grand Master

R.W.Bro. STEPHEN DAVISON  
Assistant Grand Master

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together with holders of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner, Commanders, Past Commanders and other Brethren.

### Report of Proceedings

#### 1. OPENING

The Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner was opened in ample form and the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

#### 2. IN MEMORIAM

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master announced that during the last year the Supreme Commander of the Universe had called a number of Brethren to higher service, including 149 Grand Officers who were all detailed in the Report of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council. Particular reference was made to:

R.W.Bro. John Aubrey Hammond, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.), P.Prov.G.M. (Staffordshire and Shropshire)  
R.W.Bro. Col. Robert Keith Hind, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.), P.Prov.G.M. (Middlesex)  
R.W.Bro. Harry Stephenson Arnold, P.Prov.G.M. (Bedfordshire)  
R.W.Bro. Brynley Bevan, P.Prov.G.M. (Surrey)  
R.W.Bro. Andrew Schoborgh Brass, P.Dist.G.M. (East Africa)  
R.W.Bro. Roelinton Burjor Framji Khambatta, P.Prov.G.M. (London)  
R.W.Bro. George Stewart Lee, *JP*, P.Prov.G.M. (Gloucestershire and Herefordshire)  
R.W.Bro. Archibald Armour McCorkindale, *OBE*, P.Dist.G.M. (East Africa)  
R.W.Bro. David Ivor Williams, P.Prov.G.M. (London)

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer to departed merit.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner held on Tuesday, 11 December 2018, which had been circulated with the Summons, were taken as read and confirmed.

4. REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S ROYAL ARK COUNCIL

The Report of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council for the twelve months ended 30 September 2019, which had been printed in the Summons, was taken as read, approved and adopted.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO ROYAL ARK MARINER GRAND RANK

The Grand Secretary read the names of the Brethren who had been appointed to Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner. Those recipients who were present at the Annual Assembly were then invested by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

Colin George Albrow	Michael Eric Gerschel
Las Abiodun Alli-Shobande	Ian David Gibson
Albert Valentine Anderson Jnr	Ronald Stephen Goddard
Andre Ravindran Arul	Lyn Michael Grenville-Mathers
David John Austin	Leslie Grout, <i>KCLJ</i>
Jeffrey Awdas	Michael Joseph Grover
Geoffrey Bakewell	Pieter Willem Haans
Adrian Hedley Barlow	Martyn Ronald Hale
Michael Herbert Barrett	Nigel Angrave Harris
John Simpson Benson	Francis William Edward Hatton
Ranjit Singh Bhogal	Bryan Charles Hedges
Rodney Charles Bignell	Douglas Allan Higginson
Colin Birkbeck	John Stanley Hills
David John Blakeman	Keith George Holdsworth
Robert Brandon	Bryan James Isaac
Alan Robert Brumwell	Walter Joseph Janusz
Jason Cameron-Potter	Martin Alan Jones
Peter Edward Carroll	Jan Cornelis Kant
Alexander Patrick Clark	Andrew Kelly
William David Clarke	Basil Henry Keys
Adrian Cleightonhills	David Lambton
George Ernest Cody	David Matthew Lawrence
Christopher Ronald Connop, <i>JP</i>	Frank Lee
Melvyn Cross	Claudius Nikita Leigh
Terence Dancer	Ian Herbert Macklin
Colin Dann	Hugh Padruig McIntosh MacLeod
David Terence Davies	Gnanapragasam Louis Mahendra
Thomas Roy Davies	David John Merrick
Michael Davis	Derek Mersh
Roger Deacon	Edmund Tony Moore
Peter Condon Dolby	Allan Morecroft
Gwyn Edwards	Lt Col. Roderick Edmund Forbes Morriss, <i>TD, DL</i>
Robert William Emerson	Dr Robert Shadrack Nasiiro
Garry John Errock	David Nunn
Graham Henry Fenwick	Gareth Owen
Kenneth George Foster	John Keith Palmer
Michael John Foster	Timothy John Pashen
Ernest Gavan	Mayur Jamnadass Patel
Rudolphus Henricus Maria Geerdes	Dr David Keith Whitton Paterson

John Clive Penpraze  
 Sidney George Philpin  
 Stephen Geoffrey Pike  
 John Dudley Pinnock  
 Norman Edwin Pope  
 Michael Leon Porter  
 Michael William Porter  
 Roy Potter  
 Christopher John Charles Race  
 David George Rainford  
 Chintamun Randhir Ramloll  
 Andrew William Rapley  
 Robert Charles Reeve  
 Mickael Reuben Cawkwell Ricketts  
 Keith Robinson  
 Murray Jarvis Rose  
 Johnston Montgomery Ross  
 Bruce Edwin Routledge  
 John Shaw  
 Christopher Robin Sidwell  
 Trevor Charles John Simcock  
 Roland Tyson Smallwood  
 Duncan Smith  
 Michael Ernest Staff  
 Colin John Stanley

John Henry Stannard  
 John Frederick Statham  
 Michael John Stocker  
 Logan M S Sankaran Subramaniam  
 Martyn Brian Summers  
 Alun Howell Thomas  
 Gwyn Fryn Thomas  
 Simon John Trevains  
 Geoffrey Allen Tuckett  
 Revd Dr Henry Van Der Linde  
 Terence James Wadman  
 Derick Edward Wait  
 Jonathan Peter Wallis  
 Mark Andrew Walton  
 John Chung-On Wan  
 John Waring  
 Sean Paul Warner  
 James Douglas Watson  
 Bruce White  
 Richard Bernard Steven Oliver White  
 Stephen Nigel White  
 Paul Andrew Wicking  
 Martin John Wilson  
 Michael John Winterbottom  
 Michael Hammond Yates

6. ADDRESS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master addressed the Assembly as follows:

Brethren, it is a once again a great privilege, delight and pleasure to have the honour to preside at today's meeting, to welcome so many to this Grand Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners all supporting this delightful Order of ours.

Before proceeding further, it is my duty to bring you fraternal good wishes from our Most Worshipful Grand Master. He is unable to be with us today, but, Brethren, I am able to tell you that he has recovered well from a recent operation. It is likely we will have him present on several occasions next year and, in particular, we hope his busy schedule will permit him to be involved in the Keystone Conference next September when our Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be hosting other Mark Grand Lodges from across the world.

This annual meeting of our Order is important, but to more than 130 Brethren who have received appointments to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, most of whom have been invested today, it marks a most significant milestone in their Masonic life. They have shown their dedication to Masonry in general and, to this Royal Ark Mariner degree in particular, have succeeded in extending their Masonic knowledge so successfully to have warranted their appointment to Grand Rank. Congratulations to all of you and it has indeed been my great pleasure and privilege to have invested you today. All of you who have received preferment should rightly be proud of your achievement and here in this Grand Assembly, in your Provinces and in your Lodges, your appointment to this high office will rightly be recognised. I hope, however, that having achieved such high office your dedication will not diminish but that you will continue with your commitment to this Order and will encourage others to follow in your footsteps.

During the last year, this Order of Royal Ark Mariners has seen a drop in head count slightly above the average for all the Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall. Such performance, whilst disappointing, is I believe within acceptable margins given

the challenges facing Freemasonry at this present time. Memberships fared much better and were almost unchanged at the Masonic year end in August. Recruitment and retention initiatives led by the Working Party, have been rolled out during the year creating important opportunities to attract and retain members.

A number of requests have in the last year or so been received by the Grand Secretary to make available a clearer image of the Royal Ark Mariner Tracing Board. In response to those requests, an artist has been commissioned to paint an updated version and I am delighted to unveil that to you today. Grand Director of Ceremonies, would you please present the new Tracing Board. Brethren, when you have had an opportunity to look closely at it, I am sure you will agree that this is a significant improvement on what we had before and I must thank W.Bro. Paul Swinge from the Province of Essex for producing such fine work.

Brethren, the timing of this meeting is not great for many of you; we are well aware the late start causes difficulties with travel. This is due to the Connaught Rooms having a long-term commitment to a third party so are unable to accommodate us until this time of day. We are tentatively exploring other options which would enable us to meet and dine earlier. We hope to make an announcement about this very early in the New Year.

Just over three months ago, the Grand Secretary launched a new communications strategy focusing on creating an environment where recruitment and retention become less of a challenge and we grow our footprint by educating our members, and those who have not yet joined our Orders, what we are about. Our vision will be to share best practice, promote growth and safeguard the future of our Orders by sustainable development, through a fully integrated recruitment and reinvigoration programme. The strategy speaks of our core values of respect, friendship and care with a strong emphasis on inclusion, creating a sense of belonging and compassion and concern for others. This will help us to achieve what our Grand Master set out in his Address last June – an enthusiastic membership organisation with a clear purpose and a commitment to supporting our local communities and those in need.

As we approach the Festive period, let us adopt the simple word of 'kindness'. Not just for the Festive period, but for all of next year and thereafter. Simple acts can make such a great difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. Tea and cake for a neighbour, help a neighbour with shopping, help your Lodge organise a party at your local hospice or care home. Start small, keep it simple but show kindness.

If nothing else from this meeting, on your way home, at breakfast tomorrow and then every day say the word 'kindness'. Don't just say the word but act upon it and let the office at Mark Masons' Hall know of your actions so it can be reported on our social media platforms and thereby encourage others to do the same.

Many of you will have noticed our higher profile on social media recently. I understand that in July of this year 2,344 of our Twitter posts were being read. This had risen to 107,000 at the end of November and coupled with our weekly electronic newsletter 'Freemasonry@86', it demonstrates the positive outcome that this work is creating. Let us show on our social media those acts of kindness I am asking you to undertake.

Two years ago, I mentioned that because it is such a long period between the meetings of Mark Grand Lodge in September to the following one in March it was my intention to report on various matters that have happened. I intend to do that again this year.

During 2018, the Worthy Causes Committee of the Mark Benevolent Fund received 40 applications for grants, approving 65 per cent of those received, totalling £933,024. This year the Committee received 44 applications of which 80 per cent were approved, totalling £1,458,982.

Brethren, it is thanks to your generous donations that the Fund has been able to support more and more community based projects. The Petitions Committee has received 48

requests for assistance from individuals in need and 81 per cent of those applications have been approved totalling £94,791. For the first time, this year we asked our Provinces to tell us how much they were giving to local charitable causes over and above the grants from the MBF. Brethren, I am delighted to tell you that during the first half of 2019 £151,717 was given directly by Provinces to over 200 charities, the average grant being just over £5,000.

It is now my pleasure to welcome on your behalf our distinguished visitors and members from our Districts overseas. Firstly, I welcome Heads of our other Orders:

R.W.Bro. Paul Clement, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.), the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple;

R.W.Bro. Kessick Jones, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.), Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters;

R.W.Bro. Thomas Jackson, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.), Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees;

R.W.Bro. Ian Currans, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.), Grand Summus of the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord;

R.W.Bro. Michael Herbert, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City;

R.W.Bro. Sir Frederick Crawford, Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Sir Fred, what a pleasure it was to have the privilege, on behalf of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, to very recently present you with your certificate marking 60 years since being advanced into the Mark. Thank you for all you have contributed over those 60 years;

R.W.Bro. David Williamson, Grand Chancellor of the Ancient and Accepted Rite and Past Assistant Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England;

W.Bro. Tony Llewellyn, Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia.

Brethren, we welcome from overseas:

From Belgium, as usual a very large representation, twelve members led by R.W.Bro. Jean Verbist, the District Grand Master. A very warm welcome to you all.

From Brazil, we are delighted to welcome W.Bro. Jayme Barboza De Freitas Filho, the Assistant District Grand Master. Thank you for making the long flight to be here today.

From Germany, R.W.Bro Michael Cooper, District Grand Master, accompanied by seven members of the District, two of whom received Grand Rank today.

R.W.Bro. Michael Cooper has been the District Grand Master since November 2009. Not only has he been an excellent and extremely hard-working leader of his District, but he travels extensively to meetings across Europe representing his District and also, on many occasions, representing Grand Lodge. Brother Grand Director of Ceremonies, would you please present R.W.Bro. Michael Cooper to me that I may, on behalf of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank him.

R.W.Bro. Michael, not only do I wish to thank you before all those present for your loyal and dedicated service but, on behalf of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is my honour and privilege to acknowledge your meritorious service to this Order of Royal Ark Mariner and to confer on you the rank designated the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council (Honoris Causa) and to present to you the jewel of that rank. Michael, congratulations, and thank you for all your support.

From Hong Kong, R.W.Bro. Herbert Tsoi, the District Grand Master, accompanied by three members of the District. I am very much looking forward to attending your Annual meeting in July next year.

From Singapore, R.W. Bro. Justice Rubin, the District Grand Master, accompanied by W.Bro. Yuen Tin Laurence Wong. A very warm welcome to you both.

From Spain, R.W.Bro. Barrie Mansell, the District Grand Master, accompanied by seven members of the District. I understand the Assistant Grand Master will be attending your annual meeting in January; please take great care of him.

From the Netherlands, R.W.Bro. Cornelis van Putten, District Grand Master, with four members of the District. A very warm welcome to you.

From Romania, our newest Inspectorate, Brothers Silviu Dascal and Florin Serban. Delighted to have both of you with us.

And two Most Worshipful Brethren that I am delighted to have with us today, our Past Pro Grand Masters, M.W.Bro. John Hale and M.W.Bro. Benjamin Addy.

M.W.Bro. Richard Wallis is unable to be with us today but we wish him a speedy recovery from his recent minor accident.

We have present 42 of our Provincial and District Grand Masters. Thank you all for your support and for the management, leadership and dedication you provide to our Provinces and Districts.

Brethren, always here and always supportive, we have 16 Past Provincial and District Grand Masters spread about on the dais behind me. Brethren, we will include them in your very warm welcome and appreciation of all those I have just introduced. Brethren, please show that appreciation.

Before I close this meeting, I wish to thank the Grand Secretary and the team, both male and female, from Mark Masons' Hall. Not just for their work preparing for today's meeting but for their sterling service and dedication over the past year.

My thanks also go to the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Deputies, both past and present for their work today and for all the support they have given to me, to the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Master. On the many visits which take a Grand Lodge team all over the country, the support of all the active Officers who show such dedication and commitment is very much appreciated.

Brethren, it has been an enormous privilege, delight and pleasure to preside at this meeting of Grand Assembly. Thank you all for your presence and support. I shall end by once again congratulating all who received preferment today. On behalf of myself, the Deputy and the Assistant Grand Master, we do wish you and all your families a very happy Festive Season and may the coming year be a healthy, peaceful and enjoyable one for all of us. And may 'kindness' be the word we forever associate with this beautiful Order and Royal Ark Mariner Masonry.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Grand Secretary informed the members of the ongoing issue of the collapsed sewer affecting Mark Masons' Hall and that from this Thursday until Christmas, Masonic meetings will be resumed but without dining facilities. He wished the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and his wife a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. The Grand Secretary also wished to record his thanks to the staff of Mark Masons' Hall for their efforts during the year.

## 8. CLOSING

The Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner was closed in due and antient form.