

The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity  
of Royal Ark Mariner



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

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Assistant Grand Master**

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

November 2020

Dear Sir and Brother

**2020 Annual Assembly**

Due to the restrictions on Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, the next Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner, due to be held on Tuesday, 8 December 2020, **will not take place.**

**Brethren to be invested with Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank will assume their new ranks with effect from Tuesday, 8 December 2020.**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master wishes me to convey to you his fraternal greetings and his hope that you and your families remain safe and well during this time of national emergency.

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

**As the Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner will not be taking place due to the restrictions on Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council recommends the following to Brethren:**

1. That the Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner held on Tuesday, 10 December 2019, as circulated with this Notice of Meeting, be adopted.
2. That the Report of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council for the twelve months ended 30 September 2020, as printed in **Appendix A**, be approved.
3. To note that Brethren being invested with Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank will assume their new ranks with effect from **Tuesday, 8 December 2020**.

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**The Degree of the Ancient and Honourable  
Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner**

**GRAND RANKS 2020**

Phillip Charles Anyan  
Matthew Harold Arnold  
Jagdishchandra Shrikrishna Arole  
Jack Aston  
Lalgudi Vaidyanatha Balasubramaniam  
Antonio Barrasso  
Robert Alan Bates  
Darren Herbert Nelson Bending  
Nigel Robert Haughton Blore  
Sydney Lynton Brailey  
Nigel John Bridges  
Richard Charles Callaby  
Anthony John Callister  
Ronald Leonard Campbell  
Robert William Carruthers  
David William Austin Clarke  
Michael Dennis Conroy  
Brian Geoffrey Cotton  
Geoffrey Stuart Cree  
Ralph Cuthbertson  
Revd Christopher John Damp  
John Michael Daniels  
James Peter Darby  
Norman Davies  
Christopher Thomas Brooklyn Davis  
Michael George Dent  
Gilbert Emiel August Denys  
Brian Edmund Dowling  
Stephen Dunsdon

Timothy Charles Ellwood  
Norman James Eve  
Roger Kenneth Foster  
Adrian Charles Foulkes  
Steven Charles Frankland  
Michael John Gage  
Jeremy James Gaskell  
Ian Christopher Gibson  
Peter Gibson-Leitch  
Norman Grant  
John Stuart Graves  
James Stewart Gray  
Alan Gregory  
Allan Gurney  
William Haddon  
Graham Hamilton-Taylor  
Joseph Roger Hansard  
Richard Henry Hardaker  
Gerald Michael Pritchard Hardie  
Roy Hart  
Royston George Hartley  
Stephen Keith Hewitt  
Stephen Edward Heynes  
Lawrence James Hinde  
Francis David Hook  
Hossein Hosseini-Aria  
Alan Thomas Howls  
Clifford James Hughes  
Colin Walter Hughes

Simon Everard Humberstone  
Anthony James Hung  
Andrew Charles Jagger  
Simon Rupert Jeffery  
John Jenkins  
Michael Oke Johns, *JP*  
Kevin Christopher Johnson  
Raymond Reginald Johnson  
Stephen Richard Jones  
Graham Samuel Kirby  
Alan John Krzysica  
John Edward Lacey  
Simon Paul Lancaster  
Henry Alfred Le Tissier  
Denis Dixon Leigh  
Colin Anthony Lemin  
John Lewis  
Terrance William Lewis  
Hywel John Lloyd  
Jude Ian Wayne Loveday  
Grahame Peter Lovett  
Peter Andrew Maloney  
Robert Maxwell McKillop  
Richard Francis Micklefield  
Graham John Minett  
Celestino Moro  
Geoffrey James Morrison  
Gustavo Mantas Mosciaro  
Anil Christopher Nair  
Kritanand Nathoo  
Mark Paul Nixon  
Ivor Ethelbert O'Brien  
Kenneth Obilo Ogbonna  
Bhirendra Shanabhai Patel  
Dr Maxwell Charles Pipe

Stephen Conrad Pipes  
Ekke Plasschaert  
Howard John Pollard  
Pantelis Poullais  
Gary Quinn  
John Baron Rawcliffe  
John Michael Rimmer  
Malcolm Ross  
John Desmond Ryan  
George Samuel Savage  
Peter Saxton  
Col. Dr Greh Bhushan Sethi  
Mark Aaron Sharp  
John Michael Shaw  
Norman Michael Mostyn Simons  
Terence Sloan  
Michael Barry Smith  
Philip James Smith  
John Kenneth Speed  
James Stanley, *JP*  
Howard Rochdale Taylor  
Kojo Taylor-Appiah  
Trevor John Tinley  
Lawrence Walter Abbot Trotter  
Barrington Thomas Trumper  
Adrian Leonard Verco  
Robert Anton Verwey  
Martin David Vidler  
Bryan John Wakely  
Simon Stuart Walsh  
Alan Bruce Waters  
Terence Alfred Weston  
Anthony Haydn Wilcox  
Dr Wilkin Maben Wilhelm  
Michael Anthony Woodcraft

## Appendix A

### REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S ROYAL ARK COUNCIL 2019/2020

#### 1. Certificates Issued

During the twelve months ended 30 September 2020, 628 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 September 2020 was 23,225.

#### 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 2020:

R.W.Bro. Peter Glyn Williams, <i>CStJ</i> , G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.)	W.Bro. Dr James John Edwards, <i>OBE</i>
R.W.Bro. Peter Maxwell Ball, Prov.G.M., Nottinghamshire	W.Bro. John Henry Enders
R.W.Bro. George Henry Philip Birch, P.Prov.G.M. (West Yorkshire)	W.Bro. Christopher John England
R.W.Bro. Sybe Tunnis Booij, P.Dist.G.M. (The Netherlands)	W.Bro. John English
R.W.Bro. Alan Frederick Brunning, <i>JP</i> P.Prov.G.M. (Berkshire)	W.Bro. David Spencer Enock
R.W.Bro. Derek Gordon Hugh, P.Dist.G.M. (South and East Caribbean)	W.Bro. Clive Evans
R.W.Bro. Christopher Robert Watton, P.Prov.G.M. (Dorset)	W.Bro. Christopher John Fairer
W.Bro. Norman John Ackland	W.Bro. Ronald George Fidler
W.Bro. Leslie Arthur Allchin	W.Bro. Gordon Fletcher
W.Bro. Noel Orville Arrindell Alleyne	W.Bro. Roy William Ford
W.Bro. Joseph Alan Armstrong	W.Bro. John Graham Forsyth
W.Bro. Joseph Walton Armstrong	W.Bro. Anthony Roy Foster
W.Bro. Robert Ash	W.Bro. Brian Walter Frost
W.Bro. Stephen Michael Ayres, <i>JP</i>	W.Bro. Peter Michael Fry
W.Bro. Anthony Thomas Baillie	W.Bro. Derek Robert Gadsby
W.Bro. Marion Virgil Barker	W.Bro. Denis Paul Aylward Goldson
W.Bro. John Barlow	W.Bro. Ralph Russell Goldston
W.Bro. Rodney Lister Bass, <i>OBE</i>	W.Bro. Alan Hall
W.Bro. Robert Stanley Bell	W.Bro. Lawton Croswell Heywood
W.Bro. Samuel Royston Bennett	W.Bro. Dr Barry Ian Hoffbrand
W.Bro. Edward Bentley	W.Bro. Michael Lawrence Homer
W.Bro. Derek Francis Bird	W.Bro. Dr Franklyn Kenneth Stephen Jacobs
W.Bro. Ivor John Boulton	W.Bro. Stuart Maurice Jacobs
W.Bro. Terence Stanley Brown	W.Bro. Edward Leslie Johnson
W.Bro. Alan James Buck	W.Bro. Jan Marie Marcus Jung
W.Bro. Michael Peter Burridge	W.Bro. David Charles Kibble-Rees
W.Bro. Wallace Ransford Campbell	W.Bro. John Leonard Knew
W.Bro. Adrian Ralph Chalk	W.Bro. Paul James Kostromin
W.Bro. Cdr Ronald Albert Champion, <i>RN</i>	W.Bro. David Robert Littler
W.Bro. Robin Brian Clabon	W.Bro. David Walter Llewellyn, <i>CBE</i>
W.Bro. Frederick George Cooper	W.Bro. Peter David Lloyd
W.Bro. Frank James Corke	W.Bro. Alan Locke, <i>JP</i>
W.Bro. Terence Raymond Cover-White	W.Bro. Alec Leslie Mallory, <i>JP</i>
W.Bro. William Keith Craig	W.Bro. John David Marsh
W.Bro. Horace Clifford Davies	W.Bro. David Thomas Mathews
W.Bro. John Brian Dean	W.Bro. Colin Oliver Mayes
W.Bro. Brian Walter Frederick Vaux Dilloway	W.Bro. Harold Edward Mayne
W.Bro. Roy Dobson	W.Bro. Ernest Alexander McGeagh
W.Bro. John Dutton	W.Bro. Roger George McGuire
W.Bro. George Edgar	W.Bro. Jeffrey Paul Morgan
W.Bro. Benjamin Marsh Edwards	W.Bro. Robert James Nall
	W.Bro. Anthony Norris
	W.Bro. Stanley Edward Norman Nye
	W.Bro. John Oakley-Smith, <i>JP</i>
	W.Bro. Geoffrey John Parrish
	W.Bro. Philip James Patrick
	W.Bro. Peter Lyndon Penfold
	W.Bro. Leslie Alan Penney

W.Bro. Charles George Willink Pilkington  
W.Bro. Paul Edward Platt  
W.Bro. Alfred Edward Rackliff  
W.Bro. John Whittington Reeve  
W.Bro. John George Rice  
W.Bro. William Mark Ridley  
W.Bro. Revd Canon William Forster Roan  
W.Bro. Jean-Pierre Robert  
W.Bro. Keith Philip Roberts, *JP*  
W.Bro. John Robson  
W.Bro. Keith Henry Rogers  
W.Bro. Richard Gibson Routledge, *RVM*  
W.Bro. Thomas Gordon Rowell  
W.Bro. Michael Joseph Sanger-Davies  
W.Bro. Dr Wolfgang Schaefer  
W.Bro. Derek Anthony Shailer  
W.Bro. Geoffrey Sheppard  
W.Bro. Dennis Ronald Shorroch  
W.Bro. Norman Bryan Smallwood  
W.Bro. John Benjamin Smith  
W.Bro. Brian Leonard Stansbie  
W.Bro. Robert William Stoddard  
W.Bro. Roy Ernest Stone  
W.Bro. Charles David Stubbs  
W.Bro. Kim Seng Tan

W.Bro. Gayton Cusley Taylor  
W.Bro. David William Thomas  
W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas  
W.Bro. John Alfred Topping  
W.Bro. Peter Basil Torres  
W.Bro. Herman Van Wijk  
W.Bro. Willem Venker  
W.Bro. Alan William Wainwright  
W.Bro. David Walker  
W.Bro. Bryan Walkerdine  
W.Bro. Capt. John Vyvyan Wallace  
W.Bro. Ian Stretton Walton  
W.Bro. Leslie Albert Warrell  
W.Bro. Jack Alfred Webb  
W.Bro. Arthur Walter Weed  
W.Bro. Harry Wells  
W.Bro. Paul Frederick Weston  
W.Bro. Stanley George Wilford  
W.Bro. Ronald Albert Wilson  
W.Bro. Ernest John Wonnacott  
W.Bro. Ivor Claude Woodhouse  
W.Bro. David Edwin Woolnough  
W.Bro. Stephen Young

**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 and 16 November 2020 when the papers of business were compiled:

W.Bro. Dr David Thomas Cooke  
W.Bro. Herbert Croley  
W.Bro. Thomas Roy Davies  
W.Bro. Geert Ellen  
W.Bro. David Frederick Allen Faulkner  
W.Bro. Reginald Henry Green, *JP*  
W.Bro. Anthony Hattam  
W.Bro. Keith Anthony Hawkard  
W.Bro. Kenneth George Heath  
W.Bro. Arthur Leslie Heaton  
W.Bro. Hedley Jackson  
W.Bro. John George Kemp  
W.Bro. John McGann

W.Bro. Derek Straker Moxley, *JP*  
W.Bro. John Stuart Northover  
W.Bro. Christopher Harold Philpott  
W.Bro. David Barry Platten  
W.Bro. Ullattuthodiyil Rajkumar  
W.Bro. William Richardson  
W.Bro. Martin Jeffrey Sale  
W.Bro. Keith Leslie Sharp  
W.Bro. Harald John Sommerin  
W.Bro. Cecil Thiagarajah  
W.Bro. Thomas Thomson, *CPM*  
W.Bro. John Keith Von Gerard

**3. 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:

Eclectic Lodge of R.A.M. No. 39 – Durham  
Darlington Lodge of R.A.M.No. 250 – Durham  
Nottingham Lodge of R.A.M. 344 – Nottinghamshire  
Granville Lodge of R.A.M. 390 – Kent  
Seymour Lodge of R.A.M. 606 – Warwickshire  
Saint Bartholomew Lodge of R.A.M. 650 – Staffordshire & Shropshire  
Moseley Lodge of R.A.M. 667 – Worcestershire  
Commemoration Lodge of R.A.M. 964 – Cheshire

**4. Jubilee Warrant**

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

Thorne Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1004 – West Yorkshire

## 5. Lodge Name Change

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted that Vesey Lodge of R.A.M. No. 757 (Warwickshire) had resolved to change its name to Vesey St Christopher's Lodge of R.A.M. No. 757 with effect from 2 July 2020.

## 6. Lodge Transfer

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

Weaver Lodge of R.A.M. No. 824 (Cheshire) to be re-moored to Wythenshawe Lodge of M.M.M. No. 532 with effect from 16 January 2020.

## 7. Dispensations to restart Lodges

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted that Dispensations had been issued to restart the following Lodges which were previously in abeyance:

Addington Lodge of R.A.M. No. 515 (Natal) with effect from November 2019

The Fillebrook Lodge of R.A.M. No. 944 (Essex) with effect from October 2019

## 8. 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:

Silver River Lodge of R.A.M. No. 628 (River Plate) with effect from 25 November 2019

All Hallows Lodge of R.A.M. No. 986 (Middlesex) with effect from 17 February 2020

## 9. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **23 July 2021** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

## 10. 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 2020 to 31 August 2021** shall be as set out below:

### 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 (**revised 24 July 2020**)

Annual Dues (1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021).....£32.00

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 – 2020/2021).....£15.00

A Joining Brother already registered (50% reduction – 2020/2021) .....£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 and the European Union.**

### 11. 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

16 November 2020

R.W.Bro. P. Hawken, *MBE*, G.M.R.A.C., Chairman  
R.W.Bro. R. A. Williams, 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 Paper of Business to Installed Commanders and to all other Brethren who may have planned to attend the Annual Assembly.

### 2. 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](https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall)**

### 3. 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.

### 4. 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/charity](http://www.markmasonshall.org/charity)**

5. HOSPITALITY AT MARK MASONS' HALL

**The bar at Mark Masons' Hall is currently closed.** On the resumption of Masonic dining, the bar will be open from 11.30 a.m. until 10.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and a variety of hot and cold sandwiches may be ordered on weekdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

**The Carvery at 86 St James's Street is currently closed.** On the resumption of Masonic dining, it will be open on selected weekdays from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and is available to all Freemasons, their families and friends. Advance booking is strongly recommended as the Carvery is very popular and is, on occasions, fully booked by private groups. Opening dates for the Carvery will be announced when catering at Mark Masons' Hall recommences.

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

Email: [info@86stjames.com](mailto:info@86stjames.com)

Tel: 020 7747 1180

6. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA

**The Shop@86 is temporarily closed** but will reopen as soon as the new Government Lockdown restrictions for England are lifted. If you have any urgent enquiries about orders already placed please email:

**[ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk](mailto:ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk)**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the shop hours upon reopening will be 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Publications and regalia will then be available to purchase from the shop at Mark Masons' Hall and via our website:

**[www.shopat86.co.uk](http://www.shopat86.co.uk)**

Email: [regalia@mmh.org.uk](mailto:regalia@mmh.org.uk)

Tel: 020 7747 1191

7. 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

Due to the general suspension of all Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual Festival, which was due to be held on Wednesday, 29 April 2020, will instead take place on **Thursday, 29 April 2021** at Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

Festival President: R.W.Bro. ARCHIBALD IAIN TORRANCE, Provincial Grand Master for Kent.

**Application forms will be available from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Kent or from the Festival Secretary noted below:**

W.Bro. Shaun Rayner

18 Davenport, Church Langley, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9TF

Email: [shaun.rayner@ntlworld.com](mailto:shaun.rayner@ntlworld.com)