

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. RAYMOND JOHN SMITH
Pro Grand Master**

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

**R.W.Bro. STEPHEN DAVISON
Assistant Grand Master**

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

1 November 2021

Dear Sir and Brother

The Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner will be held on **Tuesday, 7 December 2021**, in the Grand Temple at **Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ at 4.45 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, G.M.R.A.C.
Grand Secretary

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

Rehearsals will commence at 2.30 p.m. 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 note that there are no Minutes to approve and adopt from the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner which was due to have been held on Tuesday, 8 December 2020, but abandoned due to restrictions on Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. To receive and, if approved, adopt the Report of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council for the twelve months ended 30 September 2021, 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 Most Worshipful Grand Master 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 2020/2021

1. Certificates Issued

During the twelve months ended 30 September 2021, 60 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 September 2021 was 22,184.

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 2021:

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| R.W.Bro. John Brackley, G.M.R.A.C. (H.C.) | W.Bro. Norman George Hill |
| R.W.Bro. Frederick Mark Holiday, P.Prov.G.M. (Channel Islands) | W.Bro. Derek Hobbs |
| R.W.Bro. Robert Giles Russell, P.Prov.G.M. (Warwickshire) | W.Bro. Brian Holland |
| R.W.Bro. Richard James Slade, P.Prov.G.M. (Oxfordshire) | W.Bro. William Gordon Hornsby |
| R.W.Bro. Christopher Martin Smith, P.Prov.G.M. (Bedfordshire) | W.Bro. Barrie James Howard |
| R.W.Bro. Brian Clifford Wareham, P.Prov.G.M. (Sussex) | W.Bro. Buckley Wyn Jones |
| R.W.Bro. Francois Hewitt Vosloo, P.Dist.G.M. (South Africa – Eastern Division) | W.Bro. Samuel Wilkinson Kilburn, OBE |
| W.Bro. Albert William Attfield | W.Bro. Derrick George King |
| W.Bro. Richard Walter Baber | W.Bro. Rowland Samuel Kirk |
| W.Bro. Thomas Blackburn | W.Bro. Allan Markham Langan |
| W.Bro. Michael James Boase | W.Bro. Donald Lewis Lewis, OBE |
| W.Bro. Robert Alan Braden | W.Bro. Robert Ronald Elliott Lewis |
| W.Bro. Trevor Malcolm Garvin Brodrick | W.Bro. Brian Harold Long |
| W.Bro. Revd Arthur William Stawell Brown, MA | W.Bro. Reginald Frederick Luckman |
| W.Bro. Geoffrey Butterworth | W.Bro. Cyril Arthur Noel Matthews |
| W.Bro. Brian George Carter | W.Bro. William McKay |
| W.Bro. Gerald Chalfen | W.Bro. Donald McLean |
| W.Bro. James Sutton Charnock | W.Bro. George Edward Melber |
| W.Bro. James Cole | W.Bro. William Paul Miller |
| W.Bro. Gilbert Corbett | W.Bro. William John Moore |
| W.Bro. Ralph Cuthbertson | W.Bro. Douglas James Morgan |
| W.Bro. Lawrence Meredith Davis | W.Bro. Donald James Morris |
| W.Bro. Alan Dixon | W.Bro. George Michael Nunn |
| W.Bro. Simon Campbell William Dixon | W.Bro. Richard Guan Seng Ong |
| W.Bro. Adriaan David John Dominicus | W.Bro. Samuel Ivor Page |
| W.Bro. Capt. Jan Albert Dop, RNAR (Rtd) | W.Bro. Colin Ernest Pascoe |
| W.Bro. Joseph Janardan D'Silva | W.Bro. Achyutkumar Chandubhai Patel |
| W.Bro. David Frank Edge | W.Bro. Hasmukhrai Jashbhai Patel |
| W.Bro. Terence Edwards | W.Bro. Rajnikant Ashabhai Patel |
| W.Bro. George Frederick Edwards | W.Bro. Maj. Michael Anthony Patton |
| W.Bro. John Henry Finlayson | W.Bro. Derek Lenfesty Pilling |
| W.Bro. Maurice Roy Forsey | W.Bro. Michael Frederick Ponting |
| W.Bro. Donald Friar | W.Bro. Colin Price |
| W.Bro. Bernard William Frude | W.Bro. Donald Priestley |
| W.Bro. Leslie William Gabriel | W.Bro. Kow Abaka Quansah |
| W.Bro. Thomas William Gray | W.Bro. Ralph Dementri Ransom |
| W.Bro. William James Lewis Groom | W.Bro. John Michael Rawlinson |
| W.Bro. Brian William Hall | W.Bro. James William John Raymont |
| W.Bro. Graham Stanley Hall | W.Bro. John Edward Rayner |
| W.Bro. James Edward Harker | W.Bro. Arthur Roberts |
| W.Bro. Christopher Richard Haskins | W.Bro. Kenneth Bradley Rolfe |
| | W.Bro. Leon Bernard Rothman |
| | W.Bro. Dennis Brian Saunders |
| | W.Bro. Robert Strickland Scorer |
| | W.Bro. Ernest Harold Matthew Seaward, ISO, JP |
| | W.Bro. John Sylvester Sermon |
| | W.Bro. Edward Frederick Showell |

W.Bro. Edward Richard Smith
W.Bro. Royden Matthew Smith
W.Bro. Alan Edge Smith
W.Bro. Alan Eli Smith
W.Bro. Donald Eric Soper
W.Bro. Anton Spevack
W.Bro. The Rt Revd Dr Michael John Stayt
W.Bro. Michael David Stevens, *MBE*
W.Bro. Vivian James Stringer
W.Bro. Peter Richard Swinnerton
W.Bro. Raymond Talbot
W.Bro. Keith Llewelyn Taylor
W.Bro. Gerald Leon Tedder
W.Bro. Leonard Joseph Tomlinson

W.Bro. Maurice Tunstall
W.Bro. Clifford Harry Tysoe
W.Bro. David Charles Utting
W.Bro. Tom William Dawe Venning
W.Bro. Albert Waite
W.Bro. Geoffrey Michael Watkins
W.Bro. Harold Wearne
W.Bro. Roy Harold Webber
W.Bro. Joseph Albert Weetch
W.Bro. Roger David John Wheale, *MBE*
W.Bro. Leslie Frederick Williamson
W.Bro. Derek Wood
W.Bro. Basil Rex Woodward
W.Bro. Dudley Yorke-Summerskill

2a. The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1–31 October 2021:

R.W.Bro. Adediji Adedoyin, P.Dist.G.M. (Nigeria)
R.W.Bro. Frank Tonkin, P.Prov.G.M. (Cornwall)
W.Bro. Taspas Ford Agyekum
W.Bro. Bryan Alan Bailes
W.Bro. Raymond Norman Dinning
W.Bro. Charles Alexander Floodgate
W.Bro. Frederick Fox
W.Bro. Kenneth William Hall

W.Bro. John Hart
W.Bro. Terence John Hartshorne
W.Bro. Henry Desmond Hogarth
W.Bro. John Edward Lightfoot
W.Bro. John Ernest Mahy
W.Bro. Roger Benjamin Nettleton-Hammond
W.Bro. Terence Norman Paul Turner

3. Warrants of Constitution

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

Utrique Fidelis Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Officers No. 1836 – Monmouthshire
Harmonia Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1854 – Brazil
Chuquisaca Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1891– Bolivia
Centenary Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1908 – Brazil
Southern Harbour Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1971 – River Plate
The Royal Ark Mariner Internet Lodge No. 1975 – Monmouthshire
The Ralph Reader Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1997 – London
Metropolitan Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2003 – London
Southern Keystone Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2005 – River Plate
Los Andes Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2006 – River Plate
Hippolyto Joseph da Costa Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2029 – Brazil
Serra Gaucha Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2030 – Brazil

4. Sesquicentenary Warrant

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Sesquicentenary Warrant to Carnarvon Lodge of R.A.M. No. 62 (Hampshire & Isle of Wight) on completion of one hundred and fifty years continuous working.

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:

St George's Lodge of R.A.M. No. 15 – Devonshire
Keystone Lodge of R.A.M. No. 109 – Monmouthshire
Mercia Lodge of R.A.M. No. 339 – Derbyshire
Broxbourne Lodge of R.A.M. No. 428 – Hertfordshire
Scarsdale Lodge of R.A.M. No. 529 – Derbyshire
Bede Lodge of R.A.M. No. 605 – Durham
Strode Lodge of R.A.M. No. 696 – Devonshire

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:

County Palatine Lodge of R.A.M. No. 156 – East Lancashire

King Charles the Martyr Lodge of R.A.M. No. 267 – Kent

Westwood Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1354 – Kent

7. 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:

Kenton Lodge of R.A.M. No. 901 (Middlesex) with effect from 28 July 2021

Loyalty Lodge of R.A.M. No. 914 (Surrey) with effect from 15 July 2021

Gawthorpe Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1014 (East Lancashire) with effect from 19 April 2021

Doric Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1542 (Germany) with effect from 28 June 2021

8. 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:

Springs Lodge of R.A.M. No. 707 – The Transvaal (formerly in abeyance with effect from 4 October 2018.)

Mizpah Lodge of R.A.M. No. 551 – South Africa, Western Division (formerly in abeyance with effect from 6 July 2017.)

Rivacre Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1016 – Cheshire

9. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **22 July 2022** 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 2021 to 31 August 2022** 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

Annual Dues (1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022).....£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 – 2021/2022).....£15.00

A Joining Brother already registered (50% reduction – 2021/2022).....£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

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| 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

1 November 2021

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

Appendix B

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

Insert new Regulation 26 as follows and renumber subsequent regulations accordingly:

26. (i) A Sesquicentenary jewel shall be a green equilateral triangle on a white enamel Quatrefoil with a gold edge. On the apex of the triangle in gold, the letters 'G', 'L' and 'M'. At the angles of the triangle in gold, the letters 'N', 'J' and 'S'. In the triangle a gold Rainbow above which is the all seeing eye and below a dove. On the base of the triangle an Ark on Water. (Plate No. 36)

(ii) A Sesquicentenary jewel shall be worn as a breast jewel suspended by a rainbow ribbon one inch and a quarter in width.

(iii) The ribbon of the jewel shall be attached to a bar brooch of gold or gilt, on the bar of which shall appear in green lettering the name and number of the Lodge.

(iv) A bar, of gold or gilt, on which shall appear in green lettering the word 'Sesquicentenary' shall be attached immediately below the bar brooch of the jewel.

(v) The dates signifying the one hundred and fifty years of uninterrupted existence (e.g., 1871-1921) shall be in gold or gilt upon the white within the Quatrefoil.

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 6.45p.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/ram-annual-assembly-2021>

Alternatively, reservations may also be made via email to: **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 £52.00 to Masonic Support Services on or before **Tuesday, 23 November 2021**.

Dining places are restricted at this event: this may cause the registration for dining to be closed earlier than advertised. **Dining fees will be processed before the event.**

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

www.facebook.com/markmasonshall

Twitter: [@MarkMasonsHall](https://twitter.com/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/charity

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 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

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

Due to the restrictions on Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual Festival, which was due to be held on Thursday, 29 April 2021 at Mark Masons' Hall, was abandoned.

The next Annual Festival will be held on **Friday, 29 April 2022**, 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. ARCHIBALD IAIN TORRANCE, Provincial Grand Master for Kent.

Information and application forms for the 2022 Annual Festival will be available from the Festival Secretary, as noted below, in due course:

W.Bro. Shaun Rayner

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

Email: shaun.rayner@ntlworld.com