,

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

R.W.Bro. Prof. DENOVAN KEITH WILSON
Deputy Grand Master

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

In Memoriam
M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman
Pro Grand Master
September 2022 to January 2026

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

October 2026

Dear Sir and Brother

The Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner will be held on **Monday, 7 December 2026,** 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

D.M. Heath

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 10.30 am for the Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Inner Guard and all Grand Stewards of the year.

Please note that photography and videography are being conducted at this event. The captured media will be used for social media, newsletters, our website, and archival purposes.

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, 8 December 2025, 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 2026, 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 2025/2026

1. Certificates Issued

During the twelve months ended 30 September 2026, 1,068 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 September 2026 was 22,167.

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 2026:

M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Pro G.M.
R.W.Bro. Dr Claudius Oluwatoyin Oredugba, Dist.G.M., Nigeria
R.W.Bro. Linton Anthony Andrews, *JP*, P.Dist.G.M. (Jamaica & Cayman Islands)
R.W.Bro. Brian Morris Batty, P.Prov.G.M. (West Yorkshire)
R.W.Bro. Nigel Robert John Woodhouse, P.Dist.G.M. (Germany)
W.Bro. James Munro Adams, *BEM*
W.Bro. Charles Alfred Ager
W.Bro. Gazanfar Ali Mohammed Ali
W.Bro. Leslie Allinson
W.Bro. James Gordon Boyd Anderson
W.Bro. Jack Aston
W.Bro. Rodney Frank Atkinson
W.Bro. Barrie John Baker
W.Bro. Graham Richard Lloyd Ball
W.Bro. Maurice Bartle
W.Bro. David Francis Barton
W.Bro. Roland John Bedford
W.Bro. Francis Graham Bendell
W.Bro. Robert Christopher Biddle
W.Bro. James Samuel Blake
W.Bro. David John Blakeman
W.Bro. William George Boggia
W.Bro. Dilwyn Bowen
W.Bro. Terence Albert Dennis Bowler
W.Bro. Colin Edmund Brader
W.Bro. Sydney Lynton Brailey
W.Bro. Nigel John Bridges
W.Bro. Alvaro Alonso Casserly, *JP*
W.Bro. Robert William Chilvers
W.Bro. Arthur Joseph Clark

W.Bro. John Royden Clarke
W.Bro. John Bennett Clay
W.Bro. Peter William Clee
W.Bro. Jozef Jan August Corbet
W.Bro. Colin William Corder
W.Bro. Geoffrey Melvyn Cowley
W.Bro. Stanley Crawford
W.Bro. Robert Cyril Curtis
W.Bro. Ian Dalgleish Daniel
W.Bro. James Peter Darby
W.Bro. John Alexander Darné
W.Bro. Wg Cdr John Irfon Davies, *CBE*
W.Bro. Louis De Bouvere
W.Bro. Jack Devlin
W.Bro. Kenneth James Drew
W.Bro. Nigel Harry Dyke
W.Bro. John Harvard Eastment
W.Bro. Ian Alfred Eaton
W.Bro. Derek Edwicker
W.Bro. Timothy Charles Ellwood
W.Bro. David Emmerson
W.Bro. Howard Nicholas Emmett
W.Bro. Raymond George Fretten
W.Bro. Frederick William Gardiner, *CStJ*
W.Bro. Ronald David Gee, *TD*
W.Bro. William Geoffrey Gibson
W.Bro. Edwin Bryant Goodwin
W.Bro. Henry Malin Goonetileke
W.Bro. Harold Grant
W.Bro. Anthony John Griffiths
W.Bro. Raymond Hadwick
W.Bro. David Victor Hagger
W.Bro. James Donald Hague
W.Bro. Gerald Michael Pritchard Hardie
W.Bro. Philip Maxfield Harrison
W.Bro. John Stuart Hay
W.Bro. Frank Victor Herbert
W.Bro. Marcellinus Johannes Hubertus Maria Herpers
W.Bro. Austin Arthur Holtum
W.Bro. Maurice Ronald Huck
W.Bro. Peter William Hughes
W.Bro. Paul Baden Humphrey
W.Bro. Donald Sheard Hunt
W.Bro. Eustace Anthony Johnson
W.Bro. Ithel Gareth Jones
W.Bro. Meharban Singh Jutlla
W.Bro. Adrian Quentin Kidney
W.Bro. John Knox, *KCLJ*
W.Bro. Ying Ko
W.Bro. Edward William Leeman
W.Bro. Keith Liddell
W.Bro. William Graham Lloyd
W.Bro. Gordon Gilbert Han Von Loch
W.Bro. Arnold Long
W.Bro. James George Maitland
W.Bro. James Anthony Martin
W.Bro. John Rollett Leedale Maultby
W.Bro. Donald McGarr
W.Bro. Bruce Albert Meech
W.Bro. Simon Andrew Mighall
W.Bro. James McDougal Moyes
W.Bro. Nigel Mumford
W.Bro. Denis Newnham
W.Bro. Terance Nicholson
W.Bro. Dr Pierre Raoul Francis Noel
W.Bro. David Michael Nunes
W.Bro. Alan Odams
W.Bro. Alan Oldfield
W.Bro. Raymond John Organ
W.Bro. Edward Keith Patnick
W.Bro. Walter Anthony Pell
W.Bro. Donald Geoffrey Percival
W.Bro. Christopher Robin Phipps
W.Bro. Thomas Whitelaw Prentice
W.Bro. John Raymond Proudley
W.Bro. Robert David Rice
W.Bro. Michael Richardson
W.Bro. Gerald Walter Gillan Ridge
W.Bro. Ernest Forbes Roberts
W.Bro. Malcolm Ross
W.Bro. Alexander Robert Russell
W.Bro. Francis Maxwell Sanderson
W.Bro. Trevor Scorer
W.Bro. Roger Charles Screen
W.Bro. Anthony Kenneth Serjeant
W.Bro. Wyndham Seymour-Hamilton
W.Bro. Thakershi Tejshi Shah
W.Bro. Mark Aaron Sharp
W.Bro. Anthony Sheppardson
W.Bro. Capt. (Rtd) John Railton Simons
W.Bro. George Thomas Simpson
W.Bro. Terence Sloan
W.Bro. Lt. Bartel Smit
W.Bro. Kenneth Arthur Clive Smith
W.Bro. William Steele
W.Bro. John Surgeoner Stewart
W.Bro. George Tilley
W.Bro. Philip Albert Toler
W.Bro. Hak Chiu Herman Tsoi
W.Bro. David Tucker
W.Bro. Bomi Ardeshir Vaid
W.Bro. Marco Van Der Linden
W.Bro. John Henry Veall
W.Bro. Harry Waddingham
W.Bro. Francis Wakem, *BEM*, *QPM*
W.Bro. Raymond Edward Roy Walters
W.Bro. John Michael Warden
W.Bro. Walter Warwick
W.Bro. Harold William Charles Webb
W.Bro. Ernest Samuel While
W.Bro. Brian Thomas White
W.Bro. Alan Raymond Zimon

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 30 October 2026:

R.W.Bro. Geoffrey Francis Warwick Isaac, P.Prov.G.M. (Cornwall)
W.Bro. Henry Walter William Beal
W.Bro. Denis Calderley
W.Bro. David Francis Court
W.Bro. Terence Timothy Finucane
W.Bro. Rodney Alfred Gibson
W.Bro. Michael James Oates
W.Bro. Donald Geoffrey Percival
W.Bro. Christopher Robin Phipps
W.Bro. David Redhead
W.Bro. Royden Rees
W.Bro. David Alan Webber
W.Bro. Michael Anthony Woodcraft

3. Warrants of Constitution

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

Ferrymead Lodge of R.A.M. No. 300 – New Zealand
Dedal Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2049 – Romania
Jorge Canning Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2051 – River Plate
Vasile Stroescu Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2057 – Romania
Atalaia Lodge Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2069 – Brazil
Barão do Rio Branco Lodge of R.A.M. No. 2074 – Brazil

4. Warrant of Reponement

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Reponement for the following Lodge:

St Aubyn Lodge of R.A.M. No. 64 – Unattached (Serbia)

5. Warrant of Confirmation

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Confirmation for the following Lodge:

Southern Harbour Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1971 – River Plate

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:

Folkestone Lodge of R.A.M. No. 380 – Kent
East Hertfordshire Lodge of R.A.M. No. 683 – Hertfordshire

7. 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:

Battlesbridge Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1415 – Essex

8. Lodges Resuming Working

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

Northern Transvaal Lodge of R.A.M. No. 966 (The Transvaal) w.e.f. December 2025
Cantero Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1837 (Spain) w.e.f. November 2025
Harmony Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1960 (Spain) w.e.f. November 2025

9. Lodge Name Changes

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted and approved requests from the members of the following Lodges:

Northern Transvaal Lodge of R.A.M. No. 966 (The Transvaal) to change its name to KEYSTONE Lodge of R.A.M. No. 966

Ludwig Zum Flammenden Stern Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1642 (Germany) to change its name to ATA Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1642

Athanor Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1945 (Italy) to change its name to CONCORDIA Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1945

10. Lodge Transfer

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted and approved a request for Cantero Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1837 (Spain) to transfer its mooring to Temple Builders Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1869 and to change its name to ARK BUILDERS Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1869.

11. Amalgamation of Lodges

The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council noted the decision of the members of Stockton-on-Tees Lodge of R.A.M. No.122 and Darlington Lodge of R.A.M No. 250 (Durham) to amalgamate with effect from 7 September 2026. The amalgamated Lodge will be known as DARLINGTON AND STOCKTON Lodge of R.A.M. No. 250.

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:

St Peter's Lodge of R.A.M. No. 842 – Kent
Prudence and Verity Lodge of R.A.M. No. 932 – London
St Hiev Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1079 – West Yorkshire
Mahajan Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1856 – London

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:

Keystone Lodge of R.A.M. No. 573 – Zimbabwe
Ararat Lodge of R.A.M. No. 881 – Zimbabwe
Kenton Lodge of R.A.M. No. 901 – Middlesex
Carville Lodge of R.A.M. No. 968 – Northumberland
Abbey Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1086 – Sussex
Crane Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1157 – Kent
Manor of Bensham Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1167 – Surrey
All Saints Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1251 – Middlesex
Dorking Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1356 – Surrey
Hesperides Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1689 – Spain
Sanderstead Lodge of R.A.M. No. 1742 – Surrey

14. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **16 July 2027** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

15. 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 2026 to 31 August 2027** 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 £35.00
Annual Dues – Installed Commanders Lodges £17.50
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.

16. 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

30 October 2026

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

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 2:30 p.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://www.markmasonshall.org/ram-annual-assembly

Reservations will close on **Monday, 23 November 2026** – 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.instagram.com/markmasonshall/**

   www.facebook.com/markmasonshall **www.linkedin.com/company/101117374**

   www.youtube.com/@markmasonshall86 **www.x.com/MarkMasonsHall**

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 M.M.H. 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 telephone: 020 7747 1185.

   A variety of hot and cold sandwiches is also available in the bar on weekdays from 12 noon 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 M.M.H. 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 the M.M.H. 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, 22 April 2027**, at Wensum Valley Hotel, Beech Avenue, Taverham, Norwich, Norfolk, NR8 6HP, 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. DAVID JOHN BOSWELL, Prov.G.M. for East Anglia.

   Information and application forms for the Annual Festival can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Terry Larkowsky, P.A.G.D.C., or from the Festival Secretary:

   W.Bro. Christopher 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 is open to members of the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, and their dependents.

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 (including Jewel and Button) £150.00
Ladies Donation (including jewel – may be worn as a brooch or necklace).....£100.00
Lodges: £25 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and Button.....£60.00
Provinces, Districts, Divisions, Inspectorates:
£10 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and 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 Coordinater by email: **gmkfbursaries@mmh.org.uk**

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