

# To the New Mark Master Mason

Firstly, let me welcome you to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason. I hope you will have many happy years in this special degree.

As you may know, there are many degrees in Freemasonry, and those who join the Mark Degree have the extra opportunity of joining the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, which is only open to Mark Masons.

The Royal Ark Mariner Degree, which has existed as a separate degree since the 18th Century, works some of the oldest known Masonic ritual. Based on the story of the preservation of life by Noah in the Ark, it teaches that out of chaos and catastrophe mankind can survive and that we should face adversity together and help to look after those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Royal Ark Mariner Degree is complete in itself, but is administered by the Mark Authorities through the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council.

In each Province the Mark PGM is also responsible for the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges therein.

In every Mark Lodge there are many Royal Ark Mariners, identified by a jewel with a rainbow ribbon.

If you would like to join us, please speak with any of them.



R.W. Bro. George J Deacon  
Provincial Grand Master

