Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in Lincolnshire

Remigius	117	Lincoln
Trent	172	Gainsborough
Heneage	188	Cleethorpes
St. Wilfrid's	209	Alford
St. Mary	326	Louth
St. Oswald	387	Scunthorpe
St. Deny's	427	Sleaford
St. Swithun's	445	Crowle
St. Wulfram's	916	Grantham
St. Nicholas	946	Boston
Earl of Scarbrough	1032	Skegness
St. Guthlac	1122	Deeping
St James Mercia	1240	Spalding
Bayons	1365	Market Rasen
The Haven	1732	Cleethorpes
Mayflower	1899	Spilsby
The Ark	1910	Alford
Alexander Lodge of the Land of Royal Ark Mariners	1230	Long Sutton

There is also an Installed Commanders Lodge, The Millennium Lodge number 1412

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Application forms, lodge contact details and any other information can be obtained from:

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Under the

Provincial Grand Lodge

of Mark Master Masons of

Lincolnshire

Are you a Mark Master Mason?

Have you considered becoming a member of this lovely, warm, colourful and interesting degree?

Why not join us to enjoy our happiness and warmth of friendship and discover what you can learn from the story of Noah and The Great Flood.



A short history of the Royal Ark Mariner degree

The history of the degree is somewhat obscure and there seems to be little recorded to establish its exact origin. It is generally accepted that the degree is around two hundred years old and is based on the Great Flood and the steps taken by Noah to build the Ark by which mankind was preserved from perishing in the “Universal deluge”.

The legend of Noah, his sons, the Ark and the deluge was enacted in the Mystery Plays of the 17th century and continued as catechisms in many of the early Masonic rituals. By the 1750s there was a degree of Noachites or Prussian Knights. However, the first authentic record of the degree appears in the minutes of a meeting held in Bath in 1790 and several records exist throughout the country to show that the degree has been practised since that date.

Conflict and dissension arose as to who controlled the degree and continued well after 1870 until the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons simply purchased the degree for the sum of £25.00. The receipt for the transaction still hangs in the library of Mark Mason’s Hall in St. James Street, London.

The Degree of a Royal Ark Mariner

The degree, although worked under the aegis of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and governed by the Grand Master’s Royal Ark Council, has no historical connection whatsoever with that degree. It stands entirely alone and totally unrelated to any other degree in Freemasonry.

However, like the Mark degree it is based on an established fact. The Mark is degree based on the construction of the Temple at Jerusalem, so the Ark Mariner degree is based on the Great Flood as recorded in the Bible and verified by archaeologist Sir Leonard Woolley in 1929. The qualification for “elevation” to membership is that of being a Mark Master Mason.

The degree commemorates the providence and mercy of God; the subject matter being taken directly from the Bible is naturally both beautiful and instructive. The Ark is symbolised in terms similar to the Ark of Salvation and the candidate is instructed to advance in the spirit of the Cardinal Virtues.



The teaching of the degree emphasises the importance of family strengths and the need for each member of society to play their part for the benefit of all. We are taught that out of chaos and catastrophe, mankind can survive and that we should face adversity together, helping to look after those less fortunate than ourselves.

Royal Ark Mariner Lodges



All Royal Ark Mariner Lodges are attached to or “moored” to a Mark Lodge and have the same number, though, not necessarily the same name. Most Lodges meet three or four times per year of which one meeting is for installation. The dates for all meetings, venues, lists of officers and members are found in the Lincolnshire Freemasons’ Handbook.

After the formation of Grand Lodge in 1856, it didn’t take long for Lincolnshire to form its own and in 1874 John Sutcliffe became its first Provincial Grand Master.

To date there are 20 Mark Lodges in the Province to which 20 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges are moored.

How can I become a Royal Ark Mariner?

Any brother that you meet in your Mark Lodge who is wearing the distinctive “rainbow” breast jewel should be able to help. Alternatively, you can contact the Provincial Grand Secretary.