



A Celebration of 50 years

Saturday 11th February, 1967

Wednesday 15th February, 2017

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ROYAL ARK
MARINERS,

No. 87,

HAYLE,

CORNWALL

"I am pleased to inform you that at their meeting on June 10th (1966), the Past Masters of Cornubian Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 87 unanimously agreed to support the formation of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in Hayle.

The formal proposal will be brought before the September meeting of Hayle Mark Lodge when a unanimous vote in favour is anticipated.

It is proposed to call a meeting of Founders at the Masonic Hall, Hayle on Wednesday 20th July at 7pm in order to discuss arrangements and elect a formation committee.

It is anticipated that the membership of the new Lodge will come mainly from the Hayle / St. Ives area so this letter is being sent only to Mark Members in this area who are also Royal Ark Mariner Members or who have shown an interest in becoming Members.

At this stage the Fee for Founder Members cannot be accurately stated, but it is likely to be from £10 to £12."

Letter sent by R.J.Hosking on 25th June, 1966 to 22 R.A.M. members and 16 MMMs to herald the birth of Cornubian Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 87,

The main "Mover and Shaker" in the formation of the Lodge was Richard Hosking who was ably assisted by Ed Ferris, Jack Gilbert and the other Founder Members.

On page 17 is a list of all of the Commanders, Treasurers, Scribes and Directors of Ceremony. Their unstinting service can only be hinted at but needs to be on record so that some trace of their influence can be passed on. We must also pay tribute to the members who have maintained 50 years of uninterrupted working.

This table could be said to represent the "Great and the Good" in Freemasonry in Hayle, there have been fewer "St. Ives Masons" featuring in the list, probably because the Lodge has always met in Hayle. Hopefully, this will change in the coming years as the two Lodges of Mark Master Masons increase their association and co-operation and it is pleasing that the most recent of our new members have come from Tregenna Lodge of MMMs. Long may this continue, to the benefit of Mark and Royal Ark Masonry in both Hayle and St. Ives.

The Lodge has undergone some difficult times in terms of membership and finances but has continued and will continue into the future; Visitors are always impressed by the spirit of companionship and good humour which characterises the meetings.

I have included a summary of events on the world stage to give a context to its evolution through a period of rapid developments in both political and social affairs.

I hope that you enjoy reading this and that it brings back some happy memories; I trust that in 50 years time another Scribe will be able to continue the story to the Centenary Warrant.

I apologise for the inevitable errors and hope that they have not distorted what has happened. The records of the Lodge are housed in the Coombe Library in the Hayle Masonic Complex where they will be available to future voyagers!.

Michael Murton, January, 2017

Copy of the letter sent by R.J.Hosking to the Provincial Grand Secretary on July 21st, 1966; this letter covers what happened at the meeting on 20th July.

"Dear W.Bro. Andrew,

Following recent correspondence between myself and the Secretary of 404, Penzance, the Secretary of 404 wrote to you and you wrote to the Secretary of 87, Hayle. There followed a PM's meeting of 87 which was unanimous in agreeing to the formation of a R.A.M. Lodge at Hayle.

On receipt of this information I accordingly sent out to all R.A.M. members in the district a letter of which I enclose a copy for your retention.

The response was most encouraging; 16 replies as Founders, 1 as a Joining Member, 14 as Candidates, all from Hayle and St. Ives.

I approached W.Bro.Frank Biggleston and asked him to accept the office of WC designate and this he did much to our delight.

I then called a meeting for 20th July and the following decisions were reached;

Officers, list as attached, ALL PRESENT; Equipment ... all necessary items donated by various Brethren; Collars and Jewels are to be bulk purchased; Annual subs £2; Elevation fee 3 guineas; Joining fee, 2 guineas.; By-Laws, subject to approval, to copy exactly the Sept 1961 edition of 404, simply substituting our fees and dates.

Day of meeting : alternate months with 404, so Feb, Apr, June, Oct, Dec. With the Hall at Hayle used by 4 Lodges already and with fairly regular lettings of the Dining Room as a Dance Hall etc... the choice of day is severely limited. For all practical purposes we are left with Wednesday; this will suit us admirably as it will mean regular 2nd Weds. We are aware that this will clash with 404 Mark but feel that as our members are all Hayle/St.Ives this will be better than clashing our own meetings and it is not our intention to recruit from Penzance.

It was hoped that the arrangements for Consecration could be, early rehearsal, cup of tea, ceremony, then Dinner in our own Dining Hall to which we could invite our own MMM friends.

We are confident of a unanimous vote at our Sept. 87 meeting when the formal motion will be put and can assure the PGM of our enthusiasm and confidence in our success."

FOUNDERS and FIRST OFFICERS

Francis Millwood BIGGLESTON	Commander
Robert Henry Richards TILLY	SW
Stanley Michael GILES	JW
Henry George Olaf TAYLOR	IPC
William Arthur RICHARDS .	Chaplain
Edmund John FERRIS	Treasurer
Richard James HOSKING	Scribe
Richard John GILBERT	DC
Christopher Norman HOLLOW	SD
Robert Leslie GILES	JD
Edwin Chellew PERKIN .	Organist
Henry Martin WELLINGTON .	Guardian
John ROGERS	Steward
Clarence Paul ROSEWARNE	Steward
Herbert James BOASE	Steward
Peter Jerry JELBART	Steward
David Martin UREN	Warder

EQUIPMENT for LODGE and Donors

Porphyry Stone	C.P.Rosewarne	£ 4—4—0
3 Sceptres	M.O.Eddy	£11—15—0
Set of Tools	H.G.O.Taylor	£10—10—0
2 Brass Triangles	W.A.Richards	£ 3—5—0
17 Officers' Collars		£32 -17—4
17 Collar Jewels		£20—3—9
Signature Book	P.J.Jelbart	£ 3—2—6
Minute Book	H.M.Wellington	£ 2—9—0
Receipt Book	E.J.Ferris	£ 1—12—0
Gold Block name-books		15—0
Wood Altar & Triangle; 3 Gavels & Boards	R.J.Hosking	"made & given"
Engraving of Collars		£11—18—0
Founders' Dinner		£20—0—0
Printing	H.W.Mitchell	£ 5—0—0
		£85—19—7

Estimated costs of running

Lodge for one year

Rent, 5 meetings @ £5 per meeting	£25
Printing	£20
Guests at Dinner	£ 8
Lodge Suppers (say..)	£ 5
	£58

First year will be rent free but we must
not trade on this and make the subs too
low

Consecration Day, 11th, February 1967

PROVINCE OF CORNWALL

CONSECRATION OF THE
CORNUBIAN LODGE OF
ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 87

AT

THE MASONIC HALL, HAYLE

on

Saturday, 11th, February, 1967

At 2.30 pm precisely

by

R.W.Bro. Col. E. PERRY MORGAN, M.B.E., T.D., J.P.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

ASSISTED BY

R.W.Bro. Capt. T.W. WATERS, M.C.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

And Other Grand Lodge and
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers

ADDRESS BY COLONEL E. PERRY MORGAN,
M.B.E, T. D, J.P. Provincial Grand Master.

"Brethren, today we are to consecrate the ninth Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in this Province. I feel this is a sure indication of how much we all value this most interesting Degree in Freemasonry. The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council is rightly jealous of everything that appertains to this Degree. They condemn the wearing of Mark Regalia in an Ark Mariner Lodge. The only exception is, as today, at the Consecration Ceremony. It is pointed out that this is a separate Degree in Masonry with its own distinctive Ritual & Regulations. The fact that a Brother is a Past Commander weighs heavily on me when I select the Mark Provincial Wardens as with nine Ark Mariner Lodges, it is important that they be visited by the reigning Wardens who should be qualified to see the whole of the Installation Ceremony.

I want to congratulate the Founders of this new Lodge and express the hope that they will live long enough to enjoy the fruits of their labours and see their Lodge go from strength to strength. It shares the name and number of a senior Mark Lodge in this Province, a Lodge that recently celebrated 100 years of continuous working and having given its blessing to this Ceremony today, I hope it will always be proud of its Ark Mariner Lodge.

Presently, I shall pray that the virtues of Fidelity, Hospitality & Everlasting Friendship shall always distinguish the Brethren of this Lodge. If my prayer is answered, I need have no fear for you will be a happy Lodge and a credit to the Antient and Honourable Fraternity".

MENU

Vegetable Soup

Grilled Fillet of Plaice and Lemon

Roast English Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

Roast and Creamed Potatoes

Green Peas and Buttered Carrots

Pears and Cornish Cream

or

Vanilla Ice Cream

Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee

MINUTES of the CORNUBIAN LODGE of
ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No 87, HAYLE

The Consecration Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Hayle on Saturday 11th February, 1967 @ 2.30 pm...The Consecrating Officers were...

RWBro Col. E. Perry-Morgan, PGM

RWBro. Capt. T.W.Waters, Dep. PGM;

W.Bro. L.J.L. Lean SW; W.Bro. F. Ethridge, JW

Bro. Rev. J. McIntyre, Chaplain; Bro. Rev. J.R. Jose, Chaplain

W.Bro. C. Andrew, Secretary; V.W.Bro. J.E. Price, DC

W.Bro. L.E. Perkins, Dep. DC; W. Bro.C.V. Stewart, Organist W. Bro.T. Cotton, Guardian

Also in attendance was Bro. B.S. Davey, Prov. Regalia Steward;

Grand Officers: - W. Bros, E.V. Dunn, W.V. Bennett, A.C. Robinson, J.R.S. Bennetts & P.E. Stephens

Provincial G. L. Officers - W.Bros. G. Nicholls, R.C. Matthews, E.F. Saunders

Visitors from Mother Lodge (St. John the Baptist, No. 404, Penzance) were Bro. W.R. Pollard, C.H. Maurice, J.S. Carron, J.N. Pollard, T. Reynolds, A.H. James, R.T. Berryman, E.H. Smith & S.J. Hosking

Also represented were... Fortitude (Truro) No. 78; Boscawen (Redruth) No. 101; St. Michael's, (Helston), No. 175; St. Austell, No.275; St. Martin's, (Liskeard), No. 379; Mount Edgcumbe, (Camborne), No.417 & Three Grand Principles, (Penryn), No. 879

There were 70 members and visitors present.

The Brethren assembled in the Lodge Room with the petitions formed in the centre.

The Consecrating Officer, RWBro.Col. E. Perry-Morgan entered the Lodge and appointed his Officers.

The Lodge was opened and the opening hymn sung.

The Ceremony of Consecration proceeded in accordance with the attached leaflet, also attached are the Orations by the Chaplain and the address by the consecrating Officer.

The Brethren adjourned to the Dining Room for light refreshments following the Patriarchal Benediction.

We reassembled and proceeded with the Installation.

The Board of Installed Commanders was formed with RWBro. T.W. Waters as Installing Commander; W.Bro. L.J.L. Lean as SW; W.Bro. W.J.E. Martin as JW; W.Bro. L.R. Perkins as DC; W.Bro. R.C. Matthews as Chaplain & W. Bro.T. Cotton as Guardian.

All Brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired; W.Bro. Francis Millwood Biggleston was installed as Commander by R.W.Bro. T.W. Waters

The Board of Installed Masters was closed and the Brethren re-admitted; the Commander was saluted and proclaimed and the following Officers invested.... Bro. R.H.R. Tilly, SW; Bro. S.M. Giles, JW; W.Bro. G.O. Taylor, IPC; Bro. E.J. Ferris was proposed as Treasurer by Bro. Tilly, seconded by Bro. Giles and received a unanimous vote.; Bro. E.J. Ferris was invested as Treasurer.; Bro. R.J. Hosking, Scribe; W.Bro. R.J. Gilbert, DC; Bro. C.S. Hollow, SD; Bro. R.L. Giles, JD; W. Bro.N.C. Perkin, Organist; Bro. H.M. Wellington, Guardian

Bros, J. Rogers, C.P. Rosewarne, H.J. Boase, P.J. Jelbert, Stewards

W. Bro.D.M. Uren, Warder Pro tem.

The address to the Commander was given by R.W.Bro. T.W. Waters.

Approval of the By-Laws was proposed by Bro. C.P. Rosewarne, seconded by Bro. H.J. Boase and unanimously approved.

The Consecrating Officers were proposed as Honorary members by Bro. R.J. Hosking, seconded by Bro. E.J.Ferris and unanimously approved.

Apologies were received from Bro. W.A. Richards who was in Hospital

Detailed proposal forms were read for Bros M.O. Eddy, H.W. Mitchell, T.L. Petters & W. Balsdon (Warder) and the Scribe reported 10 other completed applications

Announcement was made of the official photograph of the Consecrating Officers and Founders to be taken in the Dining Hall; copies obtainable from Bro. C.P. Rosewarne @ 7/6d each.

No charge would be made for the Dinner as the collecting box realised £6-8-3d

A collection for the Mark Benevolent Fund raised £7.

When our visiting Brethren had tendered their fraternal greetings, the Lodge which had been formed in Harmony and conducted in Happy Accord was closed in the proper manner

F.M. Biggleston, Commander,

April 12th, 1967

*W.Bro. Biggleston gave half the cost of table wines at our dinner.

*Dinner in the Lodge Dining Room was attended by our first 4 candidates"

By-Laws (adopted at the Regular meeting held on 11th February, 1967 and signed by F.M. Biggleston (Commander) and R.J. Hosking (Scribe) and approved on 11th March, 1967 by E. Perry-Morgan, (PGM) and on behalf of Grand Master's Royal Ark Council by J.W. Chitty, (Grand Secretary).

MEETINGS: The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Hayle, Cornwall, on the second Wednesday in February, April, June, October & December, at such hours as the Commander shall direct.

ELEVATION and JOINING FEES: the fee for elevation shall be £3, 3s, 0d, which amount shall include the current year's subscription. The Joining Fee for any Brother under the English Constitution shall be £2, 2s, 0d, which amount shall include the current year's subscriptions; otherwise the same as for elevation.

The **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION** for Members shall be £2; to be paid on 1st January.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES: the election of candidates for Elevation and Joining shall be conducted in conformity with Royal Ark Mariner Regulations. On a ballot for a candidate for elevation or joining two black balls shall exclude.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: the Commander and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Warder by show of hands, at the regular meeting in December. The Commander elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in February.

COMMITTEE: the Lodge Committee shall consist of the Commander, Wardens, Past Commanders, Treasurer, Scribe and two Brethren to be appointed by the Lodge in December of each year. Three to form a Quorum. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's accounts and report thereon at the February meeting prior to the Installation, and deal with any other matters specially referred to it by the Lodge.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS: any member desiring to alter any By-Law shall give notice in open Lodge, such notice to be inserted in the next summons, and the proposed alteration, if approved at the meeting, must be submitted for confirmation at the following meeting but shall not become effective until approved by the Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council.

LODGE PROPERTY: the Jewels and other property of the Lodge shall be insured against damage or loss by fire, and shall be vested in the Commander, Treasurer and Scribe, for the time being in trust for all members of the Lodge. An Inventory of the whole shall be entered in the Minute book which shall be examined by the Lodge Committee every year who shall certify to having seen the articles enumerated.

Up and running

1960s

1966— England won the World Cup watched by a crowd of 93,800.

1967— Colour TV started in Britain; the first hand-held calculator was developed. The Torrey Canyon hit the Seven Stones Reef off Land's End in March; the QE2 was launched; there was a Foot & Mouth outbreak and De Gaulle vetoed the UK's application to join the "Common Market."

1968—Sesame Street started; Nixon was elected as U.S. President and the first astronauts orbited the Moon.

1969—First Moon Landing; test flight for Concorde; British troops sent to quell unrest in Northern Ireland; A new 50p coin was introduced.

1967 (F.M. Biggleston) - the first meeting on Weds 12th April saw the Elevation of M.O. Eddy & H.W. Mitchell, followed later in the year by T.L. Petters, W. Balsdon, A.D. Thomas & J.E. Roberts.

1968 (R.H.R. Tilly) saw the Elevation of E.P. Lashbrook, D. Reynolds, & T.R. Gloyn; J. Trethewey (St. John the Baptist Lodge (Penzance)) became a Joining Member. On September 20th The Lodge visited its Sister Lodge, St. Michael's at Helston and worked the ceremony of Elevation; a week later T.E.K. Uren was Elevated by the Officers of St. Michael's in a return visit.

1969 (S.M. Giles) saw the untimely death of the Chaplain, W. Bro. W.A. Richards on 14th March; W. Bro. R.J. Gilbert read a Paper entitled "R.A.M. Masonry and its Biblical concatenation"; the Treasurer proposed a change to By-Law 2 to "conform to decimal currency" while taking the opportunity to increase both Joining and Elevation Fees to £2.50 & £3.50 respectively.

The 1970's

1970—Boeing 747 ("Jumbo Jet") entered commercial service. The Computer "mouse" was patented. Ian Smith declared Rhodesia a republic; Edward Heath won the General Election and a "large oilfield was found in the North Sea."

1971—Decimal coinage was introduced on 15th February.

1972—Nixon visited China and Russia

1973—Britain joined the "Common Market" (EEC) on 1st January.

The Vietnam war ended; The "Watergate" scandal hit the U.S.A.

1974—First video game (Pong) from Atari. IRA bombed Parliament; Nixon resigned to be replaced by Gerald Ford. Lord Lucan disappeared before Police could question him about the murder of his children's Nanny.

1975—First "live" broadcast of Parliament; UK voted to stay in European Market in a referendum; North Sea Oil began to flow; the "Cod War" with Iceland hotbed up.

1976—Agatha Christie died; Harold Wilson resigned as PM to be replaced by James Callaghan; Chairman Mao died.

1977—The Queen celebrated her Silver Jubilee. Elvis Presley and Charlie Chaplin died

1978—VHS video recorder went on sale; "Motability" got moving in UK; first "test-tube baby" born. Ian Botham bowled into Cricket History.

1979—Sony began selling the Walkman personal stereo; Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Iran; Airey Neave killed by car bomb in Westminster; Margaret Thatcher became first woman PM; IRA bomb killed Lord Mountbatten; Council tenants given "right to buy" their houses

1970 (C.N.Hollow) Elevated E.V. Turner, W.J.Winn and B.C.Winn and the Scribe reported that letters to Bro, ***** were returned marked "Gone Away"; he asked for help in locating him. There are no further reports so I assume that he was unsuccessful.

1971 (R.L.Giles) Elevated A.Pennie, T.J.Trembath, W.G.Rowe and welcomed J.N.Pollard who Joined from St. John the Baptist Lodge ; W.T.Hicks replaced E.J.Ferris as Treasurer . At the April meeting members stood in one last tribute to departed merit following the death of T.Gloyn (Secretary of Cornubian Mark Lodge, Treasurer of the Hayle Chapter and I.P.M. of Trewinnard Lodge).

1972 (H.M.Wellington), 28th March brought the death of "Bill" Balsdon, the resident Caretaker and Tyler of the Hayle Masonic complex, after a long illness ; Elevated during the year were S.Oliver, J.C.Winn & S.L.Scott-Smith. On Sunday 8th October, the Commander, W.Bro. H.M.Wellington, died at his home in Ludgvan. W.Bro.R.L.Giles assumed the Office as the I.P.M. and completed the year.

1973 (E.J.Ferris) who had been instrumental in forming the Lodge and had served as its first Treasurer was Installed as Commander; there is a footnote in the Minutes referring to the lack of resident Tyler which meant that wives under the direction of Mrs Ferris prepared the excellent Installation meal. R.C.Trevorrow was Elevated in April and the Lodge met in Redruth on 7th May at the invitation of Boscawen Lodge where they Elevated J.H.Polglase; the visit was reciprocated on June 20th when the Commander and Officers of Boscawen Elevated F.L.James. W.Bro, R.J.Gilbert presented a paper entitled "A Traditional History of the Royal Ark Mariners which was very well received but December 19th saw "the smallest attendance to date because of a clash with Tregenna Mark Lodge who had changed the date of their meeting". The Scribe reported that the complex now had a resident Tyler/Cook so the wives were delighted to be made redundant. Fulsome praise is recorded in the Minutes for their excellent support.

1974 (P.J.Jelbart) "Dinner with waitress service, cash with order on the booking form. All worked excellently." A.W.Hubbard, S.J.Blewett & N.Lancaster were all Elevated during the year; the Treasurer recommended an increase to £4.50 for Elevation; £3.50 for Joining and £3.00/annum subscription which was duly accepted. Richard Hosking "retired" from his Office of Scribe and was sincerely thanked for his exceptional service and foresight in helping establish the Lodge in Hayle. The end of year accounts showed a balance "in hand" of £49.00.

18th February, 1974, W.Bro. Frank Biggleston (First Commander) died at his home. A Man who had been deeply involved with Freemasonry in Hayle and in Cornwall and who had given a great deal of his time and effort in ensuring that the Lodge was successful.

1975 (H.W.Mitchell) Elevated K.Wood, T.Lobb and W.E.N.Eveleigh; the year also saw a change of Scribe, with Gordon Rowe replacing Richard Hosking. The Treasurer (W.T.Hicks) successfully proposed an increase in the fees to £5.50, £4.50 & £5.00 respectively. The Lodge ended the year with a credit balance of £40.10. At the December meeting, W.Bro.R.J.Gilbert presented "A History of the Ark Mariner Degree" which was well received.

1976 (J.E.Roberts) Elevated D.E.J.Chapman and L.J.Sweet and on Wednesday 16th June, W.J.I.Bosanko was Elevated at the meeting of the Cornish Installed Commanders' Lodge, No 1332, held at Hayle. The Bank Balance had increased to £88.56 by the year end.

1977 (T.L.Petters) Elevated W.J.Blewett; R.J.Hosking presented "the Early Years of Freemasonry in West Cornwall" while R.J.Gilbert weighed in with "Variations in Ritual in the last 50 Years."

W.Bro.L.E.Perkins presented an Olive Branch to add to the Lodge Furniture. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £159.33.

1978 (G.C.Mason) appointed P.J.Jelbart as Scribe and thanked W.G.Rowe for his invaluable work over the past four years. During the year he Elevated C.Stevens and J.H.Clinch. The Lodge finances continued to prosper with a credit balance of £147.27.

1979 (R.Curnow) Elevated W.T.Dickens and J.P.D.Harry; the Treasurer proposed revising the Elevation and Joining Fees to £5.00 and £4.00 respectively with the annual subscription at £5.

R.J.Hosking presented "Did Noah ever have an Ark?" and a Brother was excluded for non payment of dues for 2 years..

THE 1980s

1980 — Exiled Robert Mugabe returned to Rhodesia to lead independent Zimbabwe; Polish shipyard workers won Trade Union rights; Ronald Reagan beat Jimmy Carter to become U.S.President; John Lennon shot and killed in New York.

1981 — Launch of IBM PC; Prince of Wales married Lady Diana Spencer. Penlee Life-boat Solomon Browne lost with all hands on night of 20th December. "Gang of Four" launched SDP

1982 — Falklands War. Birth of Prince William

1983 — First CDs on sale; Breakfast TV started; British Drivers ordered to "belt-up"; £25,000,000 gold bullion robbery at Heathrow

1984 — Apple Mac launched (£4000 in today's money); Miner's Strike; O-Levels replaced by GCSEs; UK and China agreed Hong Kong handover; Conservative Cabinet targeted in Brighton bomb blast. Pound coins introduced.

1985 - Nintendo with Super Mario Bros; first version of Microsoft "windows"; East Enders started. Gorbachev became Soviet leader; Brixton, Toxteth & Tottenham riots; Anglo-Irish Agreement signed.

1986 - Nuclear Reactor at Chernobyl exploded spreading a radio-active cloud across Western Europe and potentially affecting the health of millions of people in the future. Soviets launched Mir Space Station; Print workers and Police clashed in Wapping. GLC abolished; Harold MacMillan died.

1987 — Margaret Thatcher won record third term as PM; gunman killed 14 in Hungerford; hurricane battered Southern England.

1988 - 50,000 computers connected to the Internet. Lockerbie air crash; egg industry fury over salmonella link; Paddy Ashdown became Liberal Party leader.

1989 — Hillsborough disaster; Tiananmen Square massacre; Berlin Wall removed and Brandenburg Gate restored.

1980 (F.L.James) appointed R.L.Giles as Scribe replacing P.J.Jelbart; during the year he Elevated H.T.Philp, R.Philp, R.M.Wellington and T.T.Jones.

1981 (W.G.Rowe) the year began with "The History of the Royal Ark Mariners" presented by R.J.Hosking; during the year T.R.Hornsby and E.Herst were Elevated. On 16th December, the Treasurer (H.W.Mitchell) sent the following note to all subscribing members.....*"Unfortunately Mark Grand Lodge have brought forward their end of year by 4 months and have increased their fees far, far beyond the rate of inflation. They now require £5.75 per member per annum (more than our current subscription was), They have also increased the Registration Fee for new members to £17.25 & Joining Members to £10.35. I have no option but to propose the following revisions to By-Laws 2 and 3 ... Elevation Fee—£20; Joining & Re-Joining to £11 and the annual subscription to £12. I had intended to propose an increase of £2."* This proposal was carried unanimously.

1982 (D.Reynolds) began his year with a repeat of "Did Noah ever have an Ark?" delivered by R.J.Hosking; a dispensation was received from MMMH allowing the Lodge to Elevate R.Balsdon as a "Serving Brother" without payment of the usual fee. Bro Roger Balsdon occupied the office originally held by his late Father, Bill Balsdon as the on-site Tyler, Caretaker, Caterer for the Hayle Masonic Complex. The death of C.Rosewarne, a Founder Member was marked in the Lodge. D.C.Wakfer was Elevated.

1983 (A.W.Hubbard) saw F.L.James replace R.L.Giles as Scribe; N.R.H.Don was Elevated on 20th April; the annual subscription was raised to £14. "King Solomon's Temple and its connection with Masonic Ritual" was presented by R.J.Hosking and "Freemasonry in South Africa, 1772 to 1982" by R.W.Pascoe

1984 (N.Lancaster) the year was "quiet" in terms of no new members and saw demonstrations of the Ceremony of Elevation. More importantly, W.Bro.P.Phillips of St. Michael's Lodge presented "Saved from the Flood", the first mention of a Brother who would have a very beneficial effect in the years to the present!

1985 (E.V.Turner) elevated C.D.Hollow and L.S.Osborne and E.Cothey became a Joining Member.. The Lodge voted against selling the Royal Masonic Hospital. E.Herst died on 13th October.

1986 (S.J.Blewett) Elevated J.R.Middleton, R.Rowe, F.R.Doble and W.Bland became a Joining Member in a busy year of Ceremonial.

1987 (T.Lobb) had a much "quieter" year with a demonstration of the Ceremony and a presentation from R.J.Hosking "Roman Catholics and Freemasonry"; L.E.Perkins died on 24th July.

1988 (W.T.Dickens) Elevated R.W.Freeman (on 15th June) and C.H.Waters. The Treasurer proposed an increase in the Elevation Fee to £25; the Joining & Re-Joining Fee to £15 and the annual subscription to £16. the Minutes of December recorded that *"W.Bro, R.J.Hosking as one of the remaining Founder Members expressed his displeasure of the new layout of the Lodge and recalled that the late Col. Perry-Morgan agreed that the layout of the Lodge would remain for ever as it was at the Consecration and he wished it to be placed on record that, whilst it was accepted that the new layout was mandatory, it did not receive the wholehearted support of the Lodge."*

1989 (S.Oliver) Elevated G.R.P.Williams (21st June); L.C.Marsh (Assistant PGM) presented "Which Stone?" and R.L.Giles, a Founder member, was made an Honorary member.

THE 1990s

1990— Poll Tax Riots in London; De Klerk dismantled Apartheid; Nelson Mandela released from prison; Margaret Thatcher resigned as PM to be replaced by John Major; new Euro currency proposed.

1991 - First Gulf War; Freddie Mercury died; Gorbachev resigned as USSR broke up.

1992— Dr.Who finished after 679 episodes; Maastricht Treaties made EU official; Betty Boothroyd became first female "Speaker" of House of Commons; Bill Clinton elected as U.S. President; first women Priests in C of E.

1993—12,000,000 women were at work (15,000,000 men) More than 50% of women worked. IRA bomb devastated City of London.

1994—17,000 coal miners in Britain; Sony PlayStation launched. Channel Tunnel opened. National Lottery started. Sunday trading legalised. Nelson Mandela became South Africa's first black President.

1995—National telephone codes changed on "Phonesday"; Brixton Riots; 3 year war in Bosnia ended.

1996—10,000,000 computers connected to the internet; first GM food on sale in UK; Dunblane School Massacre; IRA bomb destroyed central Manchester. BSE scare.

1997—16% of the population were aged 65 and over; 7% were 75 and over due to advances in medicine Dolly the Sheep cloned; Tony Blair became PM; IRA declared ceasefire; Princess Diana died in Paris car crash; Mother Theresa died; dawn of Scottish Parliament.

1998—12% of people were self-employed; there were 130,000,000 web users in the world. Northern Ireland Peace Deal; Omagh bombing; U.S. Embassies in Africa bombed.

1999—Millennium Dome opened on 31st December. Britain's first minimum wage; Putin replaced Yeltsin in Russia; Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly began work

1990 (N.R.H.Don) Elevated J.H.Polglase and B.Murley; the By-Laws were updated at the request of the Scribe (F.L.James) and W.Bro. Paul Phillips, past Commander of St. Michael's RAM No. 175, became a Joining Member; he was immediately "put to work" and delivered "Craft Unions, their origins and Masonic Connections"; the Fees were increased to £30 for Elevation; £20 for Joining & Re-Joining and £18 for the annual subscription.

1991 (W.J.Blewett) announced the unveiling of a Past Commanders' Board as part of the 25th Anniversary celebrations and thanked Bros Mitchell, Middleton & Waters for producing it. P.J.Jelbart Re-Joined in a new ceremony worked for the first time in our Lodge by W.Bro.Phillips. Rev. Bro. C.Roach presented "The Flood" and W.L.Watters (Mount Edgcumbe Lodge) presented "Connections between Masonry and the Bible."

1992 (J.R.Middleton), the 25th Installation Meeting saw W.T.Dickens elected Treasurer to replace H.W.Mitchell who reported... "we just managed to scrape through the year with a very small credit balance. It was only made possible by a raffle which raised £41. It is a job to keep up with the annual increases in GL dues; we have no option but to follow suit.". The working year saw a demonstration of the Elevation ceremony; "Freemasonry in Changi" by P.Phillips and a film of the 275th anniversary celebration of Grand Lodge . The Treasurer reported a small deficit at the end of the year. We donated £100 to St. Julia's Hospice, the Charity Account being well supported.

1993 (F.R.Doble) Elevated R.Lindsay who was acting as SD at the next meeting! W.L.Watters presented "Banners and Things"; P.Phillips presented "Readings from a collection of Masonic Ancient and Modern Verse; the subscription was raised to £26; Two of our Founder Members, E.J.Ferris died on 17th January and R.L.Giles died in September. It was agreed to reduce the number of meetings to 4 (February, April, June & Oct) and to amend the By-Laws accordingly.

1994 (M.O.Eddy) Elevated A.Trewhella and R.W.Freeman presented "Progress of the R.A.M. Degree"; the Commander also oversaw a demonstration of the Elevation Ceremony.

1995 (R.W.Freeman) Elevated his Uncle, E.T.J.Freeman, as well as R.Badcock and I.Phillips in three very efficiently worked ceremonies. He also presented the Lodge with a set of Hymn Cards "to enable the brethren to sing the closing hymn competently." S.J.Blewett successfully replaced J.E.Roberts as DC.

1996 (P.J.Jelbart) a Founder member and Past Commander in 1974 Elevated R.A.Longmore and M.J.C.Wills and S.J.Blewett presented "The Mark Master Masons' Degree, that Graceful Appendage to the Degree of a Fellowcraft." J.P.D.Harry died on 25th March.

1997 (E.Cothey) presented a tape recorded lecture entitled "The Additional Degrees", "which proved exceedingly interesting and was much enjoyed by all the Brethren". He Elevated M.Benney but the Lodge lost two of its Founder Members and supporters as R.H.R.Tilly died on 10th January and R.J.Hosking on 27th June. On 15th October, the new Tracing Board donated by the W.Commander was dedicated by the PGM RWBro.F.Tonkin who gave a brief explanation of the History of the R.A.M. and the discovery of the Tracing Board. Rev.Bro.S.Leach then ably delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board.

1998 (P.Phillips.) demonstrated the Ceremony of Elevation; he also presented "Masons in Early Lincoln County prior to the 1900s." G.H.Veal Re-Joined; A.W.Hubbard died on 21st August and Rule 6 of the By-Laws was rescinded following a directive that Lodge Auditors had to be elected.

1999 (C.H.Waters) demonstrated the Ceremony of Elevation; P.Phillips presented "Changes in the R.A.M.Ritual down the years" and W.G.Hubber, PAGDC, Provincial Grand Secretary presented "Work in the Province". W.T.Dickens announced his resignation as Treasurer and the new By-Laws were adopted on 20th October.

By-Laws adopted in Open Lodge on 20th October, 1999, signed by C.H.Waters (Commander) & F.L.James (Scribe) and approved on 11th November, 1999 by F.Tonkin (PGM) and on behalf of Grand Master's Royal Ark Council by Timothy J. Lewis (Grand Secretary).

1. The regular meetings shall be held at Freemason's Hall, Hayle on the third Wednesday in February (Installation), April, June and October, at such time as the Commander shall appoint.
2. The Annual Subscription shall be payable in advance on 1st January of each year.
3. The Commander and Treasurer shall be elected at the October meeting.
4. The Commander shall be Installed at the February meeting.
5. The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Commander, Wardens, Scribe, Past Commanders and two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually at the October meeting.
6. The Accounts for the year ending 31st December, shall be audited by two members of the Lodge, duly elected at the October meeting and confirmed at the Installation meeting in February. Copies of the Audited Accounts shall be sent to all Members together with the Agenda for the February meeting.
7. The Scribe's Services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of his subscription.
8. Upon a Ballot for Elevation or Joining, two black balls shall exclude.
9. The Regalia and other property of the Lodge shall be insured against damage, loss by fire or theft and shall be in the care of the Commander, Treasurer and Scribe for the time being on behalf of the Lodge.

2000 — 25th July, Air France Concorde crashed in Paris. Ford left Dagenham after 70 years of car manufacture.

2001 — Terrorists destroyed World Trade Centre ("Twin Towers") in New York. Apple's i-Pod launched. Bradford "Race Riots".

2002 — Queen Mother, died. The Euro came into use in much of the EU.

2003 — England won Rugby World Cup. British soldiers began fighting in Iraq.

2004 — 12% of UK's population was aged 85 or over. 42% of women giving birth were unmarried. George W Bush re-elected as U.S. President. Asian Tsunami killed over 300,000 people.

2005 — 7th July, Terrorists attacked trains and a bus in Central London. England won the Ashes for the first time since 1987. over 50% of UK homes had access to the Internet. There were more mobile phones in UK than there were people. Charles married Camilla; Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans; Angela Merkel became Chancellor of Germany.

2006 — 395,000,000 computers connected to the Internet. Broadband available to 99.7% of UK homes and business.

2007 — There were more Pensioners than Teenagers in UK. Sales of CDs were down by 11% since 2006.

2008 — Barack Obama became President of USA; 30% of households were made up of just one person. Watching TV was the most popular leisure activity for more than 80% of adults. Over 1.5 billion web users in the world. 80% of UK homes had a digital TV and 57% had a broadband internet connection

2009 — February saw worst snow-fall for 20 years while, in November, the UK experienced the worst floods in history.

2000 (S.J.Blewett) served his second term as Commander; R.W.Freeman replaced W.T.Dickens as Treasurer L.R. Hosking and P.M.Yendall were Elevated and the Commander presented "Who was Thomas Dunkerley?"

2001 (R.Badcock) Elevated L.W.Davies. G.H.Veal died on 8th March and H.W.Mitchell and P.J.Jelbart both resigned citing "ill health" as the reason.

2002 (A. Trehwella) Elevated P.J.Everest (17th April) and J.A.Harper; a member was excluded for failing to pay his dues for 2 years. H.W.Mitchell died on 12th June; G.C.Mason & P.J.Jelbart were both made Honorary Members in recognition of their long and productive service to the Lodge. N.R.H.Don read "The Life and Times of George Washington" on behalf of P.Phillips who was in hospital.

2003 (I.Phillips) Elevated M.Gibson, R.A.Brook, P.Kirkman and B.J.Curtis all members of Tregenna Lodge of MMM. Bros Brook and Kirkman were Elevated in a double ceremony, not seen since the very early days of the Lodge. The death of P.M.Yendall on 4th November was reported.

2004 (L.R. Hosking) Elevated K.D.Oldrey as well as conducting a demonstration of the Ceremony; the Treasurer recommended an increase of the annual subscription to £28. A letter from the PGM instructed that "at all gatherings of Provincial Grand Lodge, a deputation of the Commanders of each R.A.M.Lodge should process in R.A.M. Regalia"

2005 (C.H.Waters) served his second term as Commander; S.J.Blewett acted as Scribe following the death of F.L.James on 3rd June. It was not a good year for the Lodge as we also "lost" J.A.Harper, E.T.J.Freeman and E.Cothey all loyal and capable members. S.J.Blewett presented "Freemasonry and the Church of Rome" written by Dr. Charles Hagenbach.

2006 (R.Badcock) served his second term as Commander .P.J.Everest was elected as Treasurer; C.P.Stoddern became a Joining Member and R.Mayou, G.P.Clemo and S.C.Everest were Elevated.

2007 (R.A.Longmore) Elevated C.A.J.Polkinghorne and H.F.Blakeley and welcomed R.M.A.Neydorff as a Joining Member.

2008 (P.Kirkman) served his second term as Commander and appointed C.A.J.Polkinghorne as Treasurer; R.W.Dryer was welcomed as a Joining Member; R.A.Baker and V.R.Jenkin were Elevated in a double ceremony and P.H.Glasson was also Elevated. The highlight of the year was the dedication of the Lodge Banner by the PGM and his team on 20th June. The Minutes record the gratitude of the Lodge to Paul Phillips who designed, commissioned and paid for the Banner.

2009 (R.A.Brook) Elevated F.P.Hollywood and P.Phillips Elevated his close friend N.C.Martin with grateful thanks to the Commander who vacated the chair temporarily. M.O.Eddy died on 23rd November.

2010 (P.Phillips) served his second term as Commander of this Lodge; the annual subscription was raised to £32; the lecture on the Tracing Board was ably delivered by P.Phillips, S.J.Blewett, I.Phillips, N.R.H.Don and R.A.Brook. The Lodge donated £100 to Shelterbox; £100 to Cornwall Hospice care and £100 to the Precious Lives Appeal. S.J.Blewett read P.Phillips' "The Harveys of Hayle"; the D.C. expressed his disappointment over the poor attendance at rehearsals; L.Davies died during the year. A discussion on the newly imposed levy and the increase in fees by Grand Lodge concluded that the subscription needed to increase to £38 per annum.

2011 (R.M.A. Neydorff) saw P.Phillips present "The real meaning of the R.A.M.Degree" and "That on the Left and That on the Right". F.R.Doble died on 15th February and M.Gibson died on 2nd June. The Commander demonstrated the ceremony of Elevation and it was announced that a new Ritual No. 1 was available for purchase.

2012 (P.J.Everest) Elevated M.O.Murton and welcomed M.Averns as a Joining Member. H.F.Blakeley Re-Joined; P.Phillips presented "The Life Story of W.Bro. Alexander Fleming".

2013 (N.C.Martin) in this year the Lodge "lost" M.Averns (died 10th March); C.H.Waters (died 27th March) and R.M.A.Neydorff (died 2nd April). G.R.P.Williams was made an Honorary Member in recognition of his outstanding service over many years. P.Phillips presented "The Siege of Skewes in 1742 and "The Camborne Police Riot of 1882."

2014 (P.Kirkman) served his second term as Commander; the subscription was raised to £42 per annum; the Commander demonstrated the ceremony of Elevation and P.Phillips presented "Changes to the R.A.M. ceremony over the years." and "Why Freemasonry?" S.J.Blewett died on 24th December after many years of dedicated service to this (and many other) Lodges in both Hayle and Camborne.

2015 (P.Kirkman); there being no other candidates, Paul Kirkman was proclaimed for his third term as Commander. He appointed M.O.Murton as Scribe and Elevated T.L.Hosking. The Treasurer reported that he had been unable to pay either Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge dues but was confident that the grave financial situation would improve in the near future. On 17th June, members of Boscawen lodge visited and presented us with the "Travelling Ark", made by W.Bro. Mark Hocking and used to encourage visits among R.A.M.Lodges. On 17th September, we presented it to St. Michael's Lodge in a very enjoyable visit. (It does work!). P.Phillips presented "Freemasonry and Mormonism."

2016 (V.R.Jenkin) Elevated S.W.Wordsworth and D.C.Mears; M.Murton presented "11th February, 1967", an account of the Consecration and Installation Ceremonies as a prequel to February 2017 and our 50th Birthday Party.

Cornubian Lodge of Mark Master Masons celebrated 150 years of uninterrupted working in September

2010 — In the general Election, the Conservatives won most seats but failed to gain an absolute majority. David Cameron became PM at the head of a coalition with the third placed Liberal Democrats.

2011 — Prince William married Kate Middleton, they became the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The "News of the World" closed as a result of the "phone-hacking scandal"; rioting in Tottenham spread to South London.

2012 — Summer Olympics held in London.

2013 — Prince George (third in line to the Throne) was born; House of Commons blocked military involvement in Syria.

2014 — UKIP won 27% of the vote for the European Election, ahead of both Labour and Conservative Parties; voters in Scottish referendum rejected independence.

2015 — Conservatives won General Election, Liberal Democrats reduced to 8 seats; SNP won all but 3 seats in Scotland.

2016 — Referendum resulted in win for "Brexit" (Britain voted to leave the E.U.) David Cameron resigned as PM to be replaced by Theresa May.

2017 —

EXTRACT FROM Rev Stephen Leach, Provincial Grand Chaplain's ORATION FOR THE DEDICATION OF CORNUBIAN LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS BANNER. On Wednesday 18th June, 2008

"That Lodges have Banners at all harks back to the days before the War when Freemasons would proudly parade through the streets of their town, usually on their way to a church service, wearing their Regalia with a Lewis bearing the VSL with the Lodge Banner at the head of the procession.

Nowadays, Lodge Banners rarely leave the safety of the buildings in which they are housed, which is perhaps a pity; but at least they do make our Temples more colourful and more personal.

The word "Cornubia" means "People of the Horn" and refers to the far west of Cornwall and is here at the top of your Banner with the number of your Lodge just above the rainbow.

The symbols on your banner are well known, at least to the Brethren present. First is the equilateral triangle which is one of the main symbols of this Degree, with the letters N, J and S in the three angles of the triangle. These letters indicate the three principal Officers of the Lodge and their situation in the Lodge. The Worshipful Commander who represents Noah and who sits in the East; his eldest son Japeth or SW who sits in the North-West; and his youngest son Shem or JW who sits in the South-West. The middle son, Ham, fell from grace as is recorded in the Book of Genesis, and he is not to be found amongst our number. We are taught in this degree that the triangle is emblematic of the Sun, the Moon and the Stars and is meant to remind us that *the Moon, although borrowing her light from the Sun, evidently shows forth the glory of God, and the flowers of the field declare his power equally with the stars of the firmament.* This in turn teaches us that the highest is he who performs his part best, and not necessarily he who occupies the most exalted position.



The story of Noah in Genesis is well known to you all. It is, in point of fact, the interweaving of two stories from two slightly different traditions, it was once thought, by some, that the story of Noah, the Ark and the Flood was simply a myth or legend, but the discovery of similar accounts in other places has led to the conclusion that there once indeed was a great flood which did cover a considerable area, which might well have led to the conclusion that it covered the whole earth by those who survived and whose knowledge of Geography was quite limited, and who thought that the Earth was flat.

According to Genesis, God sees the evil done by Man on the Earth and so He proposes to destroy that which He has created. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and so God determined that he and his family and representatives of all living creatures, should be saved from the coming destruction. Thus, under diverse guidance, Noah builds the Ark. The clouds come up with fervent heat, the rain begins, and Noah, his family and the animals enter the Ark and are thus saved from destruction. Thus, the Ark is used as a symbol of hope, hope that, along with divine judgement, there is also divine forgiveness which encourages us and gives us the hope of salvation. The rains last for 40 days, the number 40 indicating a period of trial. Hence the Israelites wander for 40 years in the wilderness of Sinai, and Jesus is tested for 40 days in the desert.

Noah then sends forth the dove which, at the second attempt, returns carrying in its beak an olive branch which must mean the tops of trees can be seen again. After 7 days Noah sends the dove forth for the third time, but on this occasion, it does not return for it had now found a resting place. The dove bearing an olive branch is a symbol of hope and of peace; peace between God and Man in the person of Noah.

When the Ark had safely landed on Mt. Ararat, Noah offers up the sacrifice to the Almighty in token of thanks for his safe deliverance. God then fixes his bow in the sky as the sign of his covenant with mankind. *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

The Ark is a symbol of salvation and so the story of Noah and the flood is seen to prefigure Christian Baptism.

Members of Cornubian Lodge you are to be congratulated on this your new banner and you are indebted to W.Bro.Paul Phillips whose idea it was, who had it made and who financed it.

Since its formation, the Lodge has been very fortunate in having a number of members who were willing and capable of delivering a variety of "Educational Papers" so continuing that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge that is so important, particularly to Royal Ark Mariners.

PAPERS PRESENTED IN LODGE

1969 — "The R.A.M. and its Biblical concatenation."	R.J.Gilbert
1973 & 1975 "Traditional History of the Royal Ark Mariners"	R.J.Gilbert
1977— "Variations in Ritual in the last 50 years."	R.J.Gilbert
- "Early years of Freemasonry in West Cornwall"	R.J.Hosking
1979 & 1982 "Did Noah ever have an Ark?"	R.J.Hosking
1981— "History of the R.A.M."	R.J.Hosking
1983— "King Solomon's Temple and Freemasonry."	R.J.Hosking
"Freemasonry in South Africa, 1772 to 1982."	R.W.Pascoe
1984— "Saved from the Flood."	P.Phillips
1987— "Roman Catholics and Freemasonry."	R.J.Hosking
1989— "Which Stone?"	L.C.Marsh
1990— "Craft Unions, their origins and Masonic connections."	P.Phillips
1991— "The Flood"	C.Roach
"Connections between Masonry and the Bible."	W.L.Watters
1992— "Freemasonry in Changi"	P.Phillips
1993— "Readings from a collection of A & M Masonic Verse."	P.Phillips
"Banners and Things."	W.L.Watters
1994— "Progress of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree."	R.W.Freeman
1996— "The MMM's Degree, appended to the Degree of a FC."	S.J.Blewett
1997— "The Additional Degrees."	E.W.Cothey
1998— "Masons in early Lincoln County prior to the 1900s."	P.Phillips
1999— "Changes in the Royal Ark Ritual down the years."	P.Phillips
"Work in the Province."	G.W.Hubber
2000— "Who was Thomas Dunkerley?"	S.J.Blewett
2002— "Life and Times of George Washington."	P.Phillips
2005— "Freemasonry and the Church of Rome."	S.J.Blewett
2010— "The Harvey's of Hayle."	P.Phillips
2011— "The real meaning of the R.A.M. Degree."	P.Phillips
"That on the left and That on the right."	P.Phillips
2012— "Life-story of W.Bro.Alexander Fleming."	P.Phillips
2013— "The Siege of Skewes, 1742."	P.Phillips
"The Camborne Police Riot of 1882."	P.Phillips
2014— "Why Freemasonry?"	P.Phillips
"Changes to the R.A.M.Ceremony over the years."	P.Phillips
2015— "Possible links between Freemasonry & Mormonism."	P.Phillips

**"Highlights" of the
first 50 years:**

1968: "Exchange visit" with St. Michael's Lodge

1973: "Exchange" with Boscawen Lodge.

1976: Meeting of Installed Commanders' Lodge at Hayle.

1991: Past Commanders' Board commissioned.

1993: Number of meetings reduced to 4 per year.

1997: New Tracing Board donated by E.Cothey.

1999: New By-Laws adopted.

2008: Lodge Banner donated by P.Phillips

2015: Travelling Ark received from Boscawen Lodge and delivered to St. Michael's Lodge.

The Lodge Minutes of June, 1979 contain the following tribute.....

"W.Bro. Ed Ferris has recently left the area to live in Newport, Gwent, to be near his family. With the passage of time, the part he played in the establishment of this Lodge might be forgotten, so it is proper to make this record. Ed was Charity Steward in Cornubian Mark Master Masons 87 and was, like many from Hayle, elevated in St. John The Baptist 404. He quickly saw the possibility of founding 87, and with his quiet persistence gathered together all the documentary evidence necessary, proving that with the then membership in 404, a newly Elevated Bro, would need to live to be 145 to attain that chair. 404 soon agreed to the idea but our own Mark 87 proved recalcitrant, mainly due to one or two senior members taking the line, "I never had the chance, why should you?". Not to be discouraged by this, Ed, together with Jack Gilbert and Richard Hosking, worked away gradually gaining support as prejudice gave way to knowledge. A trained Company Accountant, his mastery of figures was of great help to the small number of Founders trying to do their best at minimal cost. In spite of difficulties due to ill health (which eventually confined him to a wheelchair) the meetings of 87 had his full support, and as Commander he set high standards both in ritual and the number of visits to other Cornish Mariner Lodges. Ed was the right man in the right place for the job at the right time. We shall miss him and the future members owe him a great deal."

R.J.Hosking, Scribe

*Members of the
Lodge awarded*

ROYAL ARK MARINER GRAND RANK

F.M.Biggleston
E.C.Perkin
R.J.Gilbert
R.J.Hosking
R.H.R.Tilly
E.Cothey
H.W.Mitchell
J.E.Roberts
S.J.Blewett
R.W.Freeman
N.R.H.Don
P.Phillips

PROVINCIAL R.A.M.

GRAND RANK

S.M.Giles
R.L.Giles
E.J.Ferris
T.L.Petters
G.C.Mason
F.L.James
A.W.Hubbard
N.Lancaster
T.Lobb
W.T.Dickens
F.R.Doble
M.O.Eddy
C.H.Waters
R.Badcock
C.P.Stoddern
I.R.Phillips
L.R. Hosking
R.A.Longmore
P.Kirkman

	Commander	Scribe	Treasurer	D.C.	Number on roll	
1967	F.M.Biggleston	R.J.Hosking	E.J.Ferris	R.J.Gilbert	17	
1968	R.H.R.Tilly				23	
1969	S.M.Giles				29	
1970	C.N.Hollow				30	
1971	R.L.Giles		W.T.Hicks		33	
1972	H.M.Wellington				35	
1973	E.J.Ferris				35	
1974	P.J.Jelbart				36	
1975	H.W.Mitchell	W.G.Rowe		37		
1976	J.E.Roberts			38		
1977	T.L.Petters			39		
1978	G.C.Mason	P.J.Jelbart		S.M.Giles	41	
1979	R.Curnow				36	
1980	F.L.James	R.L.Giles				
1981	W.G.Rowe		H.W.Mitchell			
1982	D.Reynolds					
1983	A.W.Hubbard					
1984	N.Lancaster					
1985	E.V.Turner	J.E.Roberts		29		
1986	S.J.Blewett			28		
1987	T.Lobb			28		
1988	W.T.Dickens			26		
1989	S.Oliver	W.T.Dickens		S.J.Blewett	25	
1990	N.R.H.Don				26	
1991	W.J.Blewett				28	
1992	J.R.Middleton				27	
1993	F.R.Doble	R.W.Freeman	N.R.H.Don		25	
1994	M.O.Eddy				24	
1995	R.W.Freeman				26	
1996	P.J.Jelbart				24	
1997	E. Cothey			P.Everest		26
1998	P.Phillips					25
1999	C.H.Waters					25
2000	S.J.Blewett					26
2001	R.Badcock	C.A.J.Polkinghorne	L.R.Hosking	26		
2002	A.Trewhella			26		
2003	I.R.Phillips			25		
2004	L.R.Hosking			25		
2005	C.H.Waters			S.J.Blewett		26
2006	R.Badcock					21
2007	R.A.Longmore					23
2008	P.Kirkman					27
2009	R.A.Brook	M.Murton		29		
2010	P.Phillips			29		
2011	R.M.A.Neydorff			27		
2012	P.J.Everest			21		
2013	N.C.Martin			22		
2014	P.Kirkman			18		
2015	P.Kirkman			13		
2016	V.R.Jenkin			15		

It is always important to place events in their context and the table here lists the important "World Leaders" of the past 50 years. A great deal has happened and huge changes have taken place; the one constant throughout that time has been the regular meetings of Cornubian Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 87.

U.K.PRIME MINISTERS.

1964—70 : Harold Wilson

1970— 74 : Edward Heath

1974— 76 : Harold Wilson

1976—79 : James Callaghan

1979—90 : Margaret Thatcher

1990—97 : John Major

1997—2007 : Tony Blair

2007 -2010 ; Gordon Brown

2010—2016 : David Cameron

2016— : Theresa May

AMERICAN PRESIDENTS:

1963—69 : Lyndon Johnson

1969—74 : Richard Nixon

1974—77 : Gerald Ford

1977—81 : Jimmy Carter

1981—89 : Ronald Reagan

1989—93 : George Bush (Snr.)

1993—2001 : Bill Clinton

2001-2009 :George Bush(Jnr)

2009—2017 : Barak Obama

LEADERS OF USSR

1964—82 : Leonid Brezhnev

1982—84 : Yuri Andropov

1984—85 : Konstantin Chernenko

1985—1991 : Mikhail Gorbachev

LEADERS OF RUSSIA

1991—1999 : Boris Yeltsin

2000—2008 : Vladimir Putin

2008—2012 : Dmitry Medvedev

2012—present : Vladimir Putin

The start of the next 50 years.....

The Installation Ceremony on Wednesday 15th February, 2017, sees Vyvyan Jenkin start his second year as Commander with our newest members in Office which augurs well for the future. We also have an application for membership and are hoping that the closer co-operation between the two MMM Lodges will result in more Royal Ark Mariner recruits.

There are 15 members and one Honorary member as we begin the next stage of our evolution. The average number of members over the 50 years is 27 with a high of 41 in 1978 and a low of 13 in 2015; the average has been declining steadily, standing at 36 in the first 13 years, dropping to 26 in the next 13 and down to 23 in the last 15; I don't have figures for 1981 to 1988 as these were not recorded in the Minutes.

We have always been a "small" Lodge but one which has achieved a great deal, obviously the quality has far exceeded the quantity element.

On the World stage Donald Trump became President of the U.S.A. on 20th January and the UK prepared to start the process of formally leaving the European Union by invoking "Article 50" at the end of March 2017.

M.M.

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Members & Officers on 15th February, 2017

Vyvyan Richard JENKIN (2008)	Commander
Paul PHILLIPS (Joined, 1990)	SW
Peter John EVEREST (2002)	J.W.
Paul KIRKMAN (2003)	Chaplain
Clive Adrian John POLKINGHORNE (2007)	Treas. & Charity Stwd.
Michael Oliver MURTON (2012)	Scribe
Lewis Raymond HOSKING (2000)	D.C.
Nicholas Charles MARTIN (2009)	Almoner
Thomas Leslie HOSKING (2015)	SD.
Stuart William WORDSWORTH (2016)	JD
Roger Wilfred FREEMAN (1988)	Asst. Scribe & Organist
Neville Roy Hendry DON (1983) ,	A.D.C.
David Clive MEARS (2016)	Guardian
Ivor Richard PHILLIPS (1995)	Warder
Carl Pellar STODDERN (Joined, 2006)	
George Raymond Polgrean WILLIAMS (1989)	Honorary Member

The precise origins of the R.A.M. Degree are unknown. It is around 200 years old and, as its name suggests, has a nautical flavour, taking for its setting the circumstances leading up to the Great Flood and the steps taken by Noah to build the Ark by which mankind was preserved. Like the M.M.M.'s Degree which is based on the fact of the construction of the Temple at Jerusalem, so the R.A.M. Degree is also based on an actual happening, the "Great Flood", as recorded in the Bible.

The Master is known as the Worshipful Commander, the Secretary as the Scribe, the Inner Guard as the Guardian and the Tyler as the Warder. The Wardens sit, as in the Craft Lodges of old, in the NW and SW of the Lodge Room respectively, while the Deacons sit together in the West. The Principal Officers of a Lodge of R.A.M. represent Noah and two of his sons, Shem and Japheth, and the Lodge Room is made to represent the Ark of Safety.



There is only one Ceremony, (apart from the Installation of a W.Cmndr.) and that is the Ceremony of Elevation. The Ceremony of entrance into the Degree, commemorates the providence and mercy of God and relates to the legend of the Degree. The content is naturally instructive and the teaching of the Degree emphasises the importance of the Family strengths and the need for each member of Society to play his part for the benefit of all.

The candidate is presented with an Apron and Jewel. The Jewel of the Order is in the shape of a Rainbow with a Dove bearing an olive branch appended and on a ribbon having the colours of a rainbow. This reference to the Dove bearing an olive branch bears witness to the past links with the Craft where the Deacons bear this same emblem. The Ark and Anchor are symbols to which our attention is drawn, seemingly at random, in the Lecture of the Mark Master Mason's Degree emphasising the links between M.M.M. & R.A.M.