



**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET**  
**MARK MASTER MASONS**

## **Introduction to the Royal Ark Mariner Degree**

Dear Brother Mark Master Mason,

My congratulations on being presented with your Grand Lodge Certificate of a Mark Master Mason and, as a Member of our Order I am sure that you are already aware you are now eligible to become a Royal Ark Mariner, indeed you may have already noticed many Brethren in your own Mark Lodge wearing the rainbow breast jewel or collarette of a Royal Ark Mariner.

The Ritual of the Degree is based around the Biblical Story of Noah and the great flood, taken from the Book of Genesis and is a beautiful, interesting and most inspiring Ceremony, based on a foundational narrative of judgement and redemption which is enjoyed by all who are elevated into it. From a ritual perspective the Mark and Ark Mariner Degrees bear no similarity with no allegorical or narrative connection but will most definitely enhance your masonic knowledge and experience.

Each Royal Ark Mariner Lodge is attached (or Moored) to a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and throughout the Province there are 11 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges you could be Elevated into, meeting in Bath, Keynsham, Wincanton, Frome, Burnham, Taunton, Chard, Minehead, Clevedon, Yatton and Nailsea.

I would urge you, circumstances permitting of course, to consider joining this beautiful and most interesting Degree in Freemasonry and should you require any further information please do speak to any of the Royal Ark Mariners in your own Mark Lodge, your Lodge Secretary or indeed any Member of the Provincial Team who would only be too happy to help you

With Congratulations & Best Wishes

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

RW Bro Anthony R Guthrie RAMGR

**Provincial Grand Master**