

THE ANTIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY

ROYAL ARK MARINERS OF VICTORIA

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S ROYAL ARK COUNCIL

HELD WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2019

1. RAM Neck Tie

The new design Royal Ark Mariner neck tie as approved by the MW Grand Commander is now in stock. The cost of the tie is \$30 and may be ordered from the Joint Secretariat.

2. Elevation Ceremony at Sea

The Council was advised that the "Elevation at Sea Ceremony" on board the Lady Cutler on Saturday, 31 August 2019 was an outstanding success. The event was fully booked and a happy and enjoyable evening was had by all in attendance, not the least of which was the newly Elevated Brother Andrew McPhee.

3. Enthronement Officers participation in a Mark Installation Ceremony

The Council was asked to advise the MW Grand Commander concerning the participation of Enthronement Officers in a Mark Installation Ceremony on those evenings where a Mark and an Ark Mariner Lodge twin. The Council advised that they could see no impediment to this arrangement but left it to the prerogative of the MW Grand Commander.

4. Reading of the ritual in Open Lodge

Both the MW Grand Commander and the Council confirm that NO part of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree Ritual is to be read in Open Lodge. The reading of the Ritual detracts from the impact of the ceremony, in particular when a candidate is being Elevated. Commanders of Lodges are enjoined to enforce the Councils confirmation that NO part of the Degree Ritual is to be read in Open Lodge.

Wayne L. Smith, PDGCmdr
Grand Scribe

BROTHER SCRIBE: Please read Items 1 and 4 in full
at the Second Time of Rising at the next meeting of your Lodge.