

**Royal Ark Mariner Appointments within,  
Provincial Grand Lodge of MMM of London  
Guide for Lodges and Lodge Scribes.**

**Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank**

The Mark Province of London's Honours System is the means by which an individual's contribution to his Royal Ark Mariner Lodge is recognised and rewarded. It is also intended as an encouragement to give future and further service to the Province, depending on a Brother's skills, expertise and availability for any additional duties.

These guidance notes are to be used when considering candidates for Appointment to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank and when completing the relevant Nomination Forms. Fair and impartial consideration must be given to all eligible nominees, based on merit and not simply on seniority within a particular Unit.

**Eligibility criteria for nomination:-**

- A nominee must be a subscribing member and a Past Commander of or in a London R.A.M. Lodge
- He should have attended approx. 75% of the nominating lodge's meetings during the preceding 5 years
- A working knowledge of R.A.M. ritual and ceremony is expected but a Brother who has not performed ceremonies should not be excluded from consideration
- A nominee should have been installed as Commander at least three years before the date of intended appointment to Provincial R.A.M. Grand Rank: i.e. those to be invested in September 2018 should have been installed before September 2015.

**Provincial Grand Master's Discretion**

Notwithstanding any of the above criteria, the PGM, at his own discretion, may appoint any Brother to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank.

**Nomination Process (Provincial Rank)**

- The Province's appropriate Nomination Form must be completed in full for each nominated Brother
- Lodge Scribes should consider all of the above guidelines before completing a Nomination Form
- The Nomination Form must be transmitted by email to the Member of the Executive (usually the Official Visitor) within whose aegis the Lodge is included
- The nomination deadline set by the Provincial Grand Secretary must be strictly adhered to
- If there are no suitable nominees in any year, Lodge Scribes should complete a Nil Return by submitting a Form and indicating "No" in the relevant section
- All queries which cannot be answered by reference to the above Guidelines should, in the first instance, be directed to the Lodge's Official Visitor. Any resultant, unresolved issues may be directed to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

**Nomination Process (Grand Rank)**

These Ranks are normally allocated at the discretion of the Provincial Grand Master, and whilst there is no formal process for Scribes to follow, nor Nomination Forms to be completed, if a Lodge Scribe does have a Member who he believes to be a strong candidate for Nomination, he should speak in the first instance to the Lodge's Visiting Officer.

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