

# Mark My Words

-- The Newsletter for the Mark Master Mason



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A collection of recent history, current events and future affairs  
for Mark Master Masons of the Province of South Wales.

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## Grand Lodge News

### A Time for Celebrations and Congratulations

It is that time of year again when appointments and Promotions in all Orders in Freemasonry seem to be announced on a daily basis and we are delighted to extend congratulations firstly to our own Provincial Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, who has received the following honours :

**A Member of the Grand Masters Royal Ark Council.  
Grand Senior General, Red Cross of Constantine  
Past Grand Chancellor, Royal and Select Masters  
and Past Senior Grand Deacon, in Grand Lodge Craft.**

It is pleasing to report that in Grand Mark Lodge the Most worshipful Grand Master has appointed the following brethren to Active Rank from within our Province, **W. Bro. Gwilym Haydn Jones**, stability Mark Lodge No. 758, has been appointed **GRAND INNER GUARD.**

**W. Bro. Stephen Charles Evans Harries**, Sketty Hall Mark Lodge No. 1685 our Deputy Provincial Grand director of Ceremonies, has been appointed **GRAND STEWARD**

**R. W. Bro. Neil Howard Matthews** and **W. Bro. Naunton Charles William Liles**, have been reported to their respected Office, (see full list below).

Special mention must also be made on the appointment to **Past Grand Junior Overseer of W. Bro. RICHARD THOMAS EIRIAN JONES**, PGSD, DepPGM. and **W. Bro. JOHN O'LEARY**, PGJD, Afan Mark Lodge No. 1088

Promotions well deserved and applauded.

We extend to all Brethren honoured our warmest congratulations.



## Grand Lodge Promotions & Appointments 2015 - 2016

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to offer the following appointments and promotion to the following brethren. The brethren so honoured have of course accepted.

The Annual Investiture will take place at Mark Grand Lodge on Tuesday 9th June 2015.

### Re-appointed :

**R. W. Bro. Neil Howard Matthews**, Grand Inspector of Works  
**W. Bro. Naunton Charles William Liles**, PGSD, Grand Organist

### Promotions :

**W. Bro. Thomas Richard Eirian Jones**, PGSD Deputy PGM.  
Promoted to Past Grand Junior Overseer.

**W. Bro. John O'Leary**, PGJD,  
Promoted to Past Grand Junior Overseer

**W. Bro. Robert John Nettleship**, PAGDC,  
Sir Frederick Alban Lodge No. 1455

Promoted to Past Grand Senior Deacon.

**W. Bro. William Wikson**, Dunraven Lodge No. 950  
Promoted to Past Grand Junior Deacon.

### First Appointments - Acting Rank :

**W. Bro. Gwilym Haydn Jones**, Pr. PGJO,  
Stability Lodge No. 758

Appointed Grand Inner Guard.

**W. Bro. Stephen Charles Evans Harries**, PPrGJW, DepPrGDC,  
Sketty Hall Lodge No. 1685

Appointed Grand Steward.

### To Past Grand Rank :

**W. Bro. Malcolm Charles Bignell**, PPrGJW.

Cambrensis Lodge No. 1528

Appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

**W. Bro. Richard Jasinski**, P.Pr. GJW.

Cowbridge Lodge No. 1573

Appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

**W. Bro. Norman Davies**, Pr. G. Charity Stwd (Monmouthshire)

Trinity Lodge No. 1845

Appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

**W. Bro. Geoffrey Richards**, PPrGSW,

Neath Lodge No. 1125

Appointed Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

**W. Bro. Paul Davies**, PPrGJW.

Talbot Lodge No. 179

Appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer

We extend to all these brethren our congratulations and best wishes on their new appointments and promotions and trust that they will continue to support the Mark Degree for many years to come.

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## Welcome to the Club from one old Veteran to another

**O**n Monday 10th March at the Regular Meeting of the Barry Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 1043 W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas, PGJD was surprised when W.Bro. Anthony Seymour the Worshipful Commander, the Provincial Grand secretary came to address the Lodge.

W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke stated that it was the custom to acknowledge and congratulate a Brother who had achieved 40 years continuous Membership of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary was asked to read the Congratulatory Certificate which was signed by the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Paul R Clement, GMRAC. The certificate was presented to W.Bro. Alan by the Provincial grand Secretary, who reminded him of the work he undertook in assisting in establishing the Provincial Office at Llandow and the transfer to Cardiff in 2000, where he continued to work until retirement.

W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas was informed that he has become the 9th living member of this very select club of Royal Ark Mariners and W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke welcomed him aboard and presented him with the RAM Presentation Token and Lapel Badge.

W.Bro. Alan suitably responded and stated that he was completely overwhelmed by the presentation which had come as a complete surprise, and wished to extend his thanks to the Provincial Grand Master and of course to the Provincial Office, which he thought may have had no small part to play, in the preparation.

The other Brethren in the Province who have 40 continuous years Membership are



W.Bro. Cyril W Shickle	6S.C.	1949
W.Bro. Donald L Lewis	1057	1957
W.Bro. Vernon Holtam	823	1965
W.Bro. Ronald E W Bennett	28	1968
W.Bro. John K O'Leary	1088	1969
S W Jeffrey Clarke	28	1971
W.Bro. G Leslie Richards	28	1971
W.Bro. William Wilson	950	1974
W.,Bro. ALAN F THOMAS	1043	1975

Photograph shows

W.Bro. Martin Jones DepPGSec, W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke, Pr.G.Sec and W.Bro. Anthony Seymour Asst.PrGSec., Worshipful Commander, surrounding W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas.

## Dunraven Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners double celebration

**O**n Saturday 6th September 2014, W.Bro Richard Jasinski, the Commander of the Dunraven Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, together with W.Bro Hugh McGleish the Worshipful Master of the Dunraven Mark Lodge received their respective Honours Boards from the Provincial Grand Master, Rt Worshipful Brother Paul Raymond Clement. The Dunraven R.A.M. Board was their first whilst the Mark Board is their second.

This event also coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Dunraven R.A.M., who received their Warrant on the 2nd January 1964 and the Brethren were joined at the dedication with their wives or partners in celebration of both events, and a very pleasant event was had by all.

The photograph shows W.Bro Richard Jasinski and Rt. W.Bro Paul Raymond Clement cutting the Birthday cake to celebrate, and the Ladies received a wonderful posy of flowers, and the Brethren received an embroidered napkin.







## Cyfrinfa Marc Dewi Sant Banner Dedication

After the months of meetings and preparation and unending organisation, we were finally there – the Consecration Meeting of our new Lodge Banner.

It is the ambition of every Lodge to dedicate a Banner and Cyfrinfa Marc Dewi Sant was no exception. The catalyst was a very generous donation by the Dewi Sant Craft Lodge and the fact that it had also quite recently dedicated its own Banner. Some very generous donations from elsewhere, meant that the membership was quite easily able to fund the difference.

The Banner design was put in the very capable hands of Bro. Roger Thomas. He came up with a few designs, each an improvement on its predecessor, and with the valuable advice of V.W.Bro. Jeff Clarke,



originally set up as a means of identification, a rallying point in time of battle or distress, or as a focus of loyalty, and also as a symbol of the mystical relationship between the tribe and God. This is a custom continued even to the present day.

The Dewi Sant Banner depicted a Keystone, to focus our thoughts, and to advance our Masonic knowledge. The Centre of the Banner was Black with a yellow cross, depicting the flag of St David. He yhencongratulated the Lodge on securing a Banner so early on in its development.

A deputation was formed and the new banner was paraded into the Lodge and unveiled. It was then paraded three times round the Lodge, at the conclusion of which, the Dedicating Officer presented the Banner to the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Geoffrey W. Thomas, then resumed the Chair and the Dedicating Officer and his team retired in procession.

After the National Anthems, the Worshipful Master and his Officers retired from the Lodge to the Anteroom where the Lodge was called back on and Closed.

There followed a very impressive after-proceedings which rounded off a very memorable evening.

### Cysegru Baner Cyfrinfa Marc Dewi Sant

Wedi'r misoedd o gyfarfodydd a pharatoi a threfnu oedd yn teimlo'n ddiddiwedd, yr oeddem yno o'r diwedd – Cyfarfod Cysegru Baner newydd ein Cyfrinfa.

Uchelgais pob Cyfrinfa yw cysegru Baner

ac nid oedd Dewi Sant yn unrhyw eithriad i hyn. Y catalydd oedd rhodd haelionus iawn gan Gyfrinfa Grefft Dewi Sant a'r ffaith ei bod hi newydd gysegru ei baner ei hunan. Gwnaeth rhai

rhoddion haelionus o fannau eraill hi'n gymharol hawdd i'r aelodaeth ddod o hyd i'r gwahaniaeth.

Gosodwyd y gwaith o ddylunio'r Faner yn nwylo medrus y Bd Roger Thomas. Cyflwynodd nifer o ddyluniadau, pob un yn welliant ar ei ragflaenydd, a chyda chyngor gwerthfawr y TH Fd Jeff Clarke, cytunwyd ar ddyluniad trawiadol iawn.

Yr H. Fd Eirian Jones PU-WB, Dirprwy BFD ac U-W sylfaenol y Gyfrinfa oedd y Swyddog Cysegru ac, fel y gellid disgwyl yng Nghyfrinfa Marc Dewi Sant, cynhaliwyd y ddefod yn Gymraeg yn bennaf.

Yn ôl Saeryddiaeth y Marc, gwahoddwyd Menywod a Brodyr nad ydynt yn y Marc, a chymerasant eu lle yn y Deml, tra roedd yr Hybarch Feistr, yr H. Fd Geoffrey Thomas yn agor mewn ystafell gyfagos cyn ei galw o'i Llafur i'w Lluniaeth ac yna gorymdeithio i mewn i'r Deml

Wedi i'r HF groesawu gwesteion ac ymwelwyr, gorymdeithiodd yr H. Fd Eirian Jones a'i dim i mewn i'r Deml a chymerodd y gadair. Wedi iddo benodi ei swyddogion, cyflwynodd anerchiad i'r Gyfrinfa ar natur yr achlysur. Sefydlwyd Baneri yn wreiddiol fel modd o adnabod, fel pwyntialio adeg brwydrneu drallod, ac fellydaeth ynganolbwyntteymgarwchi bawb, a hefyd y berthynas gyfriniol rhwng y llwyth a Duw. Mae'r arfer hyn yn parhau hyd y dydd heddiw.

Roedd Baner Dewi Sant yn dangos Maen Clo er mwyn ffocysu ein meddyliau a chynyddu ein gwybodaeth Saeryddol. Roedd canol o Fner yn ddu gyda chroes felen, ar ffurf Baner Dewi Sant. Llongyfarchodd y Gyfrinfa ar sicrhau Baner mor gynnar yn ei dablvgiad.



a very impressive design was finally agreed.

W.Bro. Eirian Jones, PSGD, Deputy PGM and founding Senior Warden of the Lodge was the Dedicating Officer, and, as would befit Cyfrinfa Marc Dewi Sant, the ceremony was conducted mainly in Welsh.

As is the custom in Mark Masonry, Ladies and non-Mark Masons were invited and took their place in the Temple, whilst the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Geoffrey W. Thomas opened the Lodge in an Ante-Room and then calling it off, before entering the Temple in procession.

After the Worshipful Master had welcomed guests and visitors, W.Bro. Eirian Jones and his team entered in procession and took the Chair. Having appointed his Officers, he then addressed the Lodge on the Nature of the occasion. Banners were



Ffurfiwyd dirprwyaeth a pharedwyd i Faner i mewn i'r Gyfrinfa a'i dadorchuddio. FE'i paredwyd wedyn dair gwaith o gwmpas y Gyfrinfa, ac wedi hynny cyfowynodd y Swyddog Cysegru y Faner i'r Gyfrinfa at ei gwasanaeth.

Ail-esgynnodd yr H. Fd Geoffrey W. Thomas i'r Gadair ac ymneilltuodd y Swyddog Cysegru a'i Swyddogion mewn Gorymdaith. Wedi'r Anthemau Cenedlaethol, ymneilltuodd yr Hybarch Feistr a'i Brif Swyddogion i'r Ystafell Gyfagos lle galwyd y Gyfrinfa yn ôl o'i Lluniaeth i'w Llafur ac fe'i caewyd.

Yn dilyn, cynhaliwyd Ail Gwrdd trawiadol iawn i ddod â'r noson goftadwy iawn i ben.

