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R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett, J.P.
Provincial Grand Master

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

More glories of the Mark 150th Anniversary 1856—2006

There were so many memorable moments to be enjoyed at the Sesquicentennial Meeting at the Albert Hall last October. Here are more photographs to enable Mark Master Masons to share some of them.



The Royal trumpeters prepare to "Mark" a Royal Occasion

Mark Master Masons attending the event, whether among the five-and-a-half thousand in the Albert Hall or in the five hundred at Freemasons' Hall, will have their own personal memories of the few days which marked the Sesquicentenary, from the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction, the Mark Exhibition in Freemasons' Hall, the afternoon's celebrations to the Banner Ceremony and the handing over of the magnificent cheque for £3 million to the National Osteoporosis Society.

Congratulations to Mark Brethren who have attained Grand Rank or promotions as we go to press:

Grand Lodge : Rt.W.Bro. Neil Matthews to A.G.Supt.W., V.W.Bro. Anthony Moore MBE, to P.G.Org., W.Bro. Des Preece to P.A.G.D.C. and W.Bro. Sid Robling to P.A.G.D.C.

G. Royal Arch Chapter : W.Bro. Sid Richards to P.A.G.Soj. and W.Bro. D.R. Rees to P.G.Std.B.

In haste, apologies to any Brethren who have been omitted from this list !



Mark My Words

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Our own Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Paul Clement, Grand Organist, sitting in front of the massive Royal Albert Hall Organ, which he played so well during the celebrations.



The above picture shows the Grand Master and Princess Michael standing alongside the first of the mobile Osteoporosis vehicles which have been purchased with the £3M Mark donation

Reports from the Lodges :—

Want to be a Television Star ?? Then you must join Trinity Mark Lodge No 1845

by : **Bro Arnold Hutchings**

Over the Christmas and New Year period two of our members had substantial air time on Television! Firstly, a new Brother Barrie Myers gave a long interview on BBC Wales's Television News. He explained how, in spite of being a heavy smoker for much of his life, he had managed to give up smoking with the help of some of his work colleagues and the Welsh Assembly! Then the Lodge D.C., W.Bro. David Power starred in a BBC documentary called "The food that we eat". Along with eight others David had volunteered to eat four cloves of garlic for each of ninety days—(360 cloves!) This was part of an investigation into the effect of the food on our bodies. Curious Brethren should visit the Trinity Lodge at Bargoed and speak to W.Bro. David or call 01633 864938. **Warning!** You may also be asked to assist him in his fund-raising for the Welsh Charitable RFC, which raises thousands of pounds by holding tribute functions for notable rugby players.

Stewards being served ?? Join the South Wales Mark Provincial Stewards Lodge No. 1829 !

A new Lodge which meets on only two occasions during the year needs to enjoy social events for members to really bond and form a Lodge identity. The Stewards' Lodge, which is open to any Brother appointed as Provincial Steward in the Mark Degree, was consecrated in 2003, but the Brethren have spent more time in Stewarding duties than at their meetings! For this reason, the current Worshipful Master W.Bro. Fred Fox announced at his Installation that he hoped that a spring event could be organised to allow Brethren, wives and partners to meet and enjoy each others' company. That has now been done, and with cooperation between W.Bro. Bill Wilson, the Lodge Treasurer, and W.Bro. Colin Mogg, Master of the Craft Lodge of Contentment, there will be a combined lunch at the Heronston Hotel at Ewenny, Bridgend on Sunday 13th May. Both Lodges are hoping for a good turnout, and a very convivial lunch !

W Bro Douglas James Morgan of Cowbridge Mark Lodge No 1573

When W.Bro. Douglas James Morgan installed his successor in the Chair of the Cowbridge Mark Lodge No. 1573, it completed another year in a Masonic career in which he has been Master of St. Gwynno (8599), Commander of Brychan RAM (1725), M.W.Sov. of Pontypridd and Pontyclun Rose Croix (227 / 955), and 1st Principal of Talygarn Chapter. He is currently Senior Warden of Yr Efail Craft Lodge (9502), 2nd Constable of Cefn Ydfa Preceptory (579) and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. We can expect more as he progresses !!

Ysgolion Lodge No 1487

by **W Bro Fred Fox**

The Brethren enjoyed their end-of-January meeting at Pontyclun with twenty-seven members and five visitors in attendance. A member of the Harlequins Lodge, Bro Martin Unsworth, was Advanced, swelling the membership to 43, after the sad loss of two brethren who passed to the Grand Lodge above last September. The secretary gave warning that new fire regulations were to be enforced which would involve all users of the Temple being instructed in fire drills and a knowledge of fire exits / fire fighting equipment etc., following new EU directives. It is however a spot where there is always a warm welcome for visitors and we are particularly looking for Advancees or Joining members who have grammar school connections. Give us a try—you'll want to come again !



Neath Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 1125

by Bro Eddie Bolton

The Lodge Election Night Meeting on June 26th will be the 25th Anniversary of the Lodge (Warrant 3rd June 1982), and it will be the occasion for something special to happen. Just what, is a closely guarded secret, but it is rumoured that the PGM, Rt W Bro Des Barnett will be involved, and after that, who wants more of an invitation ??

Notes for the Mark Master Mason's diary:

The FISHGUARD WEEK-END Friday / Saturday 27th / 28th April . The annual relaxation for Mark Brethren.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK OFFICERS' MESS DINNER at the Glynclydach Hotel Neath, on Friday 4th May. Open to Brethren, wives and friends

RHAEADR GWY MARK LODGE NO. 1318 Built Wells — Banner Dedication ceremony on Saturday 19th May (by dispensation)

MID-SUMMER GALA DINNER at the St Quentin Suite, The Bear Hotel ,Cowbridge, on Sunday June 3rd



And here, to finish off this Spring 2007 issue, and to put the 150th Mark Festival to rest., I am offering a **competition** for Mark Brethren ! Both of the above photographs were taken at the Drapers Hall reception. I am asking for captions for them.

In the left-hand picture, I want to know what you think the Brother with his right hand outstretched **might** be saying to The M.W. Grand Master, while in the other picture tell me what the Brother on the left of the picture might be **thinking**. You may offer your opinions by mail to the M.M.M's Provincial Office, marking your envelopes "**Captions**", or by e-mail to me at frederick.fox@ntlworld.com I will publish the best in our next issue, and who knows ? Perhaps a free copy of Y Dalaith for the winners!

Mark Degree Tracing Board.

Brethren are reminded that W Bro Stan Woodberry of Stability Lodge No 158 is available to lecture to Mark Lodges on the Mark Degree Tracing Board, or is willing to lend a large Board which is visible from the far reaches of most Temples, with a fold-down flip chart and stand.

Enquiries to the Provincial Office, please

Obituary:

We are sad to report the passing to the Grand Lodge Above on Wednesday March 7, of W.Bro. Trevor John Lewis, G Stwd, Past Master of the Arthur Lewis Mark Lodge No. 585, Secretary and Founder Member of the S Wales Mark Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge No.1829, member of the De Cymru Mark G Officers Lodge No.1606, and W Commander of the Arthur Lewis Lodge of RAM. W.Bro. Trevor was an enthusiastic supporter of the Mark and RAM Degrees, and his passing will be sorely felt in the Province