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

As we prepare this edition of Mark My Words, we are experiencing one of the worst June / July periods of weather since records were first kept. We hope that the Summer will have better to offer, and we bring you some of the brighter moments of recent Mark events !!

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting of Mark Master Masons took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, 6th June, at the Masonic Hall in Guildford Street, Cardiff, under the Banner of the **Stability Mark Lodge No.758.**

A full report, with photographs, will be available for the next issue of "Mark My Words", but it can be reported that this very successful meeting was somewhat saddened by the realisation that it would be the last Annual Meeting over which our R W Provincial Grand Master would preside.

Nevertheless both the Meeting and the subsequent Afterproceedings were conducted with great enthusiasm. The Brethren of the South Wales Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 1829 were again in evidence, from 10.30 am until "lights out", busy with the organisation of visitors' advice, shepherding of Brethren between functions, serving at the various sources of hospitality, dispensing wines at the Afterproceedings, and generally helping things along. Some seventeen members were involved, all conspicuous by their Stewards' Lodge Collarettes. This young Lodge is taking an active part in the Provincial affairs, and any Provincial Stewards who are not yet Members are invited to join by contacting W Bro Keith Pearson on (01656) 788622. The Lodge meets twice a year, at Bridgend, on the fourth Friday in May, and the first Friday in November. If you are eligible, come and join this busy "Band of Brothers" !

On Sunday 10th June, reports W Bro Brian Langley, it was the turn of the Lodge of Progress to host a Joint Sunday Lunch with St. Tydfil Mark Lodge, this year held at the Caerphilly Masonic Hall. Over eighty Ladies, Brethren and friends attended what was registered as a happy and successful event, where we were privileged to have the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Desmond Barnett, JP., The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V W Bro Paul Clement, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, V W Bro Anthony Francis Moore, and their Ladies, as our guests. Also included in this august gathering was the PGM's grandson, who appeared at ease and thoroughly part of the proceedings. When can we expect to see his Advancement? On a warm sunny day, everyone enjoyed a relaxing and casual social event which, with a successful raffle being held, resulted in a surplus of £223.25, which was donated to the PGM's Discretionary Fund.

Photographs are shown below :



Mark My Words

-- The Newsletter for the Mark Master Mason



Arthur Lewis Mark Lodge No 585

Report from V W Bro John Nathaniel

A Social evening held at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd by the Arthur Lewis Mark Lodge on 21st. April was highly successful. Over 90 Brethren, Ladies and guests attended, and agreed that a good time was had by all. During the evening the Brethren showed guests the beauty of the Pontypridd Temple, by which they were impressed. The W Master, **V W Bro John Nathaniel** expressed his gratitude to the members of the Lodge, particularly the Secretary **W Bro Jeffrey Williams**, and the Junior Warden, **Bro Lance McPhail** for their work in promoting the evening, and to those who had kindly donated raffle prizes. The W Master and Brethren were sad to be losing the services of **W Bro Leo Wynne**, who was Master of the Lodge in 1996, but wished him and his family well in his new career in Spain

South Wales Mark Provincial Stewards Lodge No 1829

Report from W Bro Fred Fox

On 13th May the Stewards Lodge (Swampy !) joined a Craft Lodge for a combined Lunch at the Heronstone Hotel, at Ewenny. A disappointing response of only eleven out of twenty-six invitations to Lodge Brethren saw a small group of twenty Mark Masons, wives and guests enjoy a three course meal plus coffee for £11.50, and the weather and convivial company combined to make it quite a memorable occasion. The Craft Lodge was the Lodge of Contentment No. 9763, a daytime Lodge in which W Bro Colin Mogg is a prime mover. Some comment was made about the two Lodges moving abilities when it was realised that the two W M's were named Fox and Pickford !
.....No job too small ??

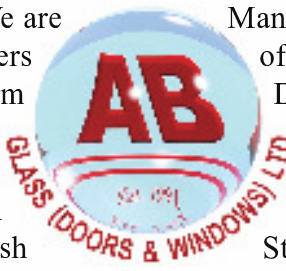
De Cymru Lodges of Mark Grand Officers and Royal Ark Mariners Nos 1606

Report from W.Bro. Fred Fox

These Lodges meet on the same morning, at Port Talbot in June, and Caerphilly in December. The Mark Lodge meeting is always preceded by the Royal Ark Mariners' meeting, so an early start is required, usually at 10.am, in order to finish both meetings in time for lunch ! At the RAM meeting on June 21st **W Bro Vernon Holtam** RAMGR was elected as W Commander for the ensuing year, when he will succeed **W Bro Doug Mason** in the Chair. The Mark Lodge meeting which followed at 11.15am was an Installation, in which **W Bro Bill Laskey** installed **V W Bro Jeffrey Clarke**, our Provincial G Secretary and Past Assistant P G M, in the Chair. **V W Bro Hywel Davies**, PGJO, was invested as Inner Guard. W Bro Gordon Stow was re-elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Rt W Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master were present for both meetings.

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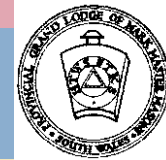
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Ysgolion Lodge no 1487

Report from W Bro Fred Fox

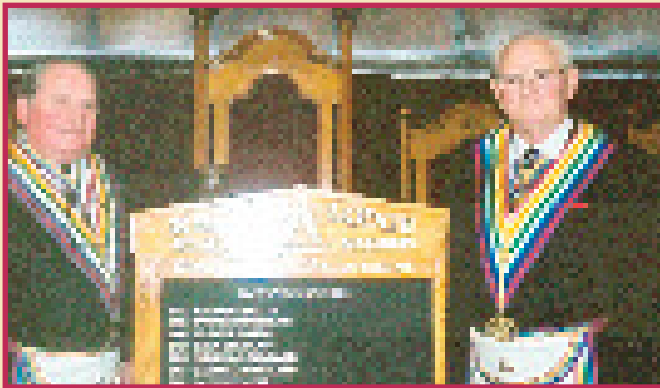
At our last meeting of the Masonic year in March, the Lodge was pleased to Advance **Bro Patrick Quinn**, of the Old Monktonians Lodge No.8938. This brought our Lodge membership up to forty-four. At the same meeting, **Bro. Keith Dascombe** was unanimously elected as W Master for the ensuing year, Bro Keith has worked diligently through all of the Offices to reach this position, and we wish him well in what will be another good year for the Lodge. **Bro. Ralph Powell** was also re-elected as Treasurer. We finished the year on a high note when the W Master, **W.Bro. Neil Charles** held a Ladies' Dinner at the Masonic Hall Pontyclun, on Friday 15th. June. **Bro. Ken Crook**, of Trisant Craft Lodge No.4154, is the "Man for all Seasons" at the Pontyclun Temple, and through his good offices tables were laid out for the 73 Brethren, Ladies and guests who were to attend. Bro Ken is a tower of strength in this capacity, and the Lodge is ever grateful for his willing assistance. Table decorations were prepared by Mrs. Pat Charles, the wife of the WM, which were later given to the Lodge widows, six of whom attended. The caterers excelled themselves with the five course meal and the feeling of bonhomie must have been felt miles away, when the last reluctant reveller (the W Master) called it a night, and locked up ! Our Installation Festival will be held on September 28th, and a warm welcome is extended to all Mark master Masons to join us for another evening of Mark warmth and friendship. We are still waiting for either joining members or prospective Advancers who attended any of the Grammar Schools in Penarth, or any other towns or cities than Cardiff to become members and to enjoy the extra bonus of bonhomie and friendly rivalry which association with the Federation of School Lodges brings.



Neath Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 1125 25th Anniversary Dedication of Honours Board

.....Report by W.Bro. Edward G Bolton

Neath Lodge. The Provincial Director of Ceremonies, W Bro Ryan Williams announced the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro Desmond Barnett JP, accompanied by his Senior Warden, W Bro Martin Mogford, his Junior Warden W Bro Eirian Jones, the Provincial Deputy Secretary, W Bro James R. Childs, the Provincial Chaplain W Bro John Russell OBE, Sword Bearer W Bro Malcolm Kidd, Standard Bearer W Bro Norman Simons, and Provincial Stewards W Bro Victor Watkins and Bro Brian Garner, all of whom entered the Lodge in Procession. Bro David Newton was invited to act as Guardian. The R W Provincial Grand Master gave a resumé of the Lodge history since its Warrant on 3rd June 1982. Founders present at this ceremony were W Bros. Martin Mogford, Trevor Kavanagh and Frank Langford, and V W Bro Paul Clement, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was installed as W Commander after only three years' membership of the Lodge ! There were seventy-seven present for the Ceremony, including visiting Royal Ark Mariners and ladies.



The R W Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro Desmond Barnett JP, and the W Commander, W Bro Eddie Bolton proudly display the new Honours Board



Members of the Neath Lodge of RAM join the Dedication Team to pose for a Group photograph.

The Ceremony was followed by Afterproceedings which included a five-course meal, with wines, enjoyed by sixty diners. A raffle for Masonic Charities raised the princely sum of £250.00, £150.00 of which was immediately presented to the R W Provincial Grand Master by the W Commander, for his Discretionary Fund. At this event the Provincial G Master also took the opportunity to present W Bro Martin Mogford with his collarette to mark his Presidency of the South Wales Provincial Grand Mark Officers' Mess (photograph below)



Congratulations to the undermentioned Past Commanders who were promoted to Provincial Royal Ark Mariners Grand Rank in June:

<u>Name</u>	<u>R A M Lodge</u>
W Bro D E Roberts	Langley No 28
W Bro W P Ellis	Arthur Lewis No 585
W Bro S Cocco	St Illtyd No. 784
W Bro G A Hulin	Cambria No. 823
W Bro T R Monaghan	Dunraven No. 950
W Bro P D Mansell	Principality No 1057
W Bro K Griffiths	Afan No 1088
W Bro W H Wicks	Neath No 1125
W Bro E G Bolton	Caerphilli No 1348
W Bro A Taylor	Porthcawl No 1377
W Bro K B Ferguson	Sir Frederick Alban No 1455
W Bro P Kelvin Smith	Cambrensis No 1528
W Bro J A McCutcheon	Sketty Hall No 1685
W Bro D N Morgan	Brychan No 1725