



R.W.Bro. Desmond You have Marked Well

The Province of South Wales will say a big thank you to R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett, J.P. on his retirement, from office as our Provincial Grand Master at two very special events, firstly at the Celebration Dinner to be held at the Mercure, Holland House Hotel, Newport Road, Cardiff on Saturday 17th May 2008 when we shall celebrate his tenure of office as Provincial Grand Master. This will be followed by his attendance on Monday 19th May at the Installation Meeting of the Cwm Rhondda Mark Lodge, to be held on this occasion at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd. The brethren of the Rhondda Valley together with his Provincial Officers and many other brethren throughout the Province will support him as Provincial Grand Master for the last time before his retirement.

Under R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett's leadership, we as a Province and nationally in the Mark Degree, have enjoyed and celebrated many outstanding events, among which were the Chairmanship of the 2004 Festival, when our Province raised over half a million pounds towards the Mark Benevolent Fund.

He was Chairman of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction Festival held in our Province in 2006.

The 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons celebration meeting held at the Royal Albert Hall in October 2006 when £3 million pounds was presented to the Osteoporosis Society.

Within the Province he has presided over many Gala dinners and bonding weekends all of which have been well attended and supported by brethren and their families. It has been one of R.W.Bro. Barnett's aims to bring a closer link between the brethren and the family by making them more aware and thus more supported of the Order, something we have all rejoiced in by the success of this innovation.

During his tenure as Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett has Consecrated three new Mark Lodges namely, Cwm Rhondda Lodge No.1812, South Wales Mark Provincial Stewards Lodge No.1829 and Trinity Mark Lodge No.1845. In the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, he has been privileged to Consecrate four new lodges namely, Brychan Lodge No.1725, Llynfi Valley Lodge No.1592, De

Cymru Lodge No.1606 and Cynon Dare Lodge No.1590.

He has represented the Province fully by attending Grand Lodge, and as senior Provincial Grand Master, has assisted the Pro Grand Master on numerous occasions, by serving as Grand Senior or Junior Warden. He has represented the Province in attending other Provinces at their Annual meetings and by so doing bringing the name of our Province to the fore.

He has travelled the length and breadth of the Province visiting each of the lodges on more than one occasion, at Installation meetings, Dedicating Lodge Banners or similar, and at domestic lodge meetings. We have been privileged to have a Provincial Grand Master whose aim was to ensure that the brethren and lodges within the Province received his full support and friendship a true

Provincial Grand Master to us all.

It is a delight to us all when we see the link and friendship built up over the last twelve years by the close cooperation now enjoyed between the Craft and the Royal Arch Degree together with the other Orders, this has been achieved by the hard work and dedication to Freemasonry in general and the friendship between the leaders of the other Orders, long may it continue.

In publicly thanking him for his many years of service as Provincial Grand Master and as Assistant Provincial Grand Master and also not forgetting his years of service as a Provincial Officer holding other ranks, we must pay a special tribute and indeed thanks to his wife Elaine who during those years has supported him and the Province to the full, and thank her for her friendship, which we have all been privileged to enjoy.

We are coming to the close of a remarkable chapter in the history of this Province. Looking back it seems that his achievements will be hard to follow. The brethren of the Province have been proud to have such a person as our Province Grand Master and we wish him and Elaine well for the future, and hope that we may be able to continue to enjoy their company for many years to come.

Well done, thou true and faithful brother, you have Marked Well.

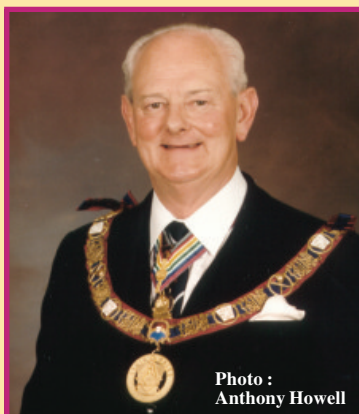


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R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett, J.P.
Provincial Grand Master



New Provincial Grand Master for South Wales

It is with much pleasure that we announce that Very Worshipful Brother Paul Raymond Clement P.G.J.O., G. Org. has accepted the invitation of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother His Royal Highness, Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO to serve as the Provincial Grand Master for South Wales in the Mark Degree.

The investiture will take place at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge to be held on Wednesday 4th June 2008 when the Pro Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Hale, will install Very Worshipful Brother Paul Raymond Clement, as Provincial Grand Master.

We are sure that all Mark Master Masons and their Lodges, throughout the Province will join in congratulating Very Worshipful Brother Paul and wishing him good health and happiness during his tenure of office.

Very Worshipful Brother Paul was:
Advanced in the Neath Mark Lodge No.1125 in 1983

Installed as Master of Golden Square Lodge No.856 in 1988

Appointed Assistant Grand Organist in 1989

Promoted to Grand Senior Deacon in 1996
Grand Organist in 2000

Past Grand Junior Overseer in 2001

He is also a Member of :

Grand Masters Lodge
Mallet and Chisel Lodge No.5

South Wales Installed Mark

Masters Lodge No.1201

De Cymru Lodge No.1606

Sketty Hall Lodge No. 1685

In the Royal Ark Mariner Degree he was :

Elevated in the Neath Lodge
No.1125

Installed as Commander in
1988

Appointed to Provincial Royal
Ark Mariner Grand Rank in 1990

and Appointed to Royal Ark Mariner Grand
Rank in 1995

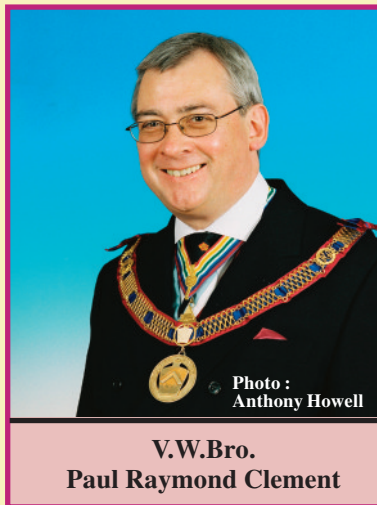


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V.W.Bro.
Paul Raymond Clement

Gala Celebration Dinner

The Provincial Office has been overwhelmed with applications for the above, and has found it necessary to re-schedule the event to a larger venue to accommodate all those wishing to attend. Please note that the Gala Dinner will now take place at the

**Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa,
24—26, Newport Road.
Cardiff. CF24 0DD**

The date (Saturday may 17th. May), remains unaltered. Applications for tickets, at £30.00 per head should be made to W.Bro. Jim Childs at the Coach House, 128 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 1DH

Make cheques payable to PGLMMM please.

Reports from the Lodges

Ysgolion Lodge No 1487 from Lodge Secretary W Bro Fred Fox

The Ysgolion Lodge was pleased to Advance its second new member of the Masonic Year on Friday, 25th. January at Pontyclun. Bro PHILLIP FREDERICK POOLE of High Street ABERTRIDWR, was duly added to their list of members which, with Advancee CARL DOUGLAS DAVIES due to enter at the end of March, will be raised to forty-five. There were thirty-five Brethren present to see the Ceremony performed by the W Master, W Bro Keith Dascombe, and his team of Officers. At the after-proceedings, the W Master announced that he would be holding a Dinner for the Ladies on Friday June 13th., at the Masonic Hall, Pontyclun. Any Mark Master Mason is welcome to attend a meeting of the Ysgolion Lodge on the last Friday in the months of September (Installation), October, November, January and March