



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

## **From one Provincial Grand Master to another...**



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### **...The gift of Advancement into the Mark Degree**

The first planned date having been “snowed –off”, the De Cymru Mark Lodge No. 1606 convened an Emergency Meeting at the Masonic Temple in Caerphilly on 20th February. The W Master, W Bro Leslie Richards proffered the gavel to the Provincial Grand Master, Rt W Bro Paul Raymond Clement who, assisted by an invited team of Officers, had the great pleasure of Advancing Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards into the Mark Degree. The distinguished Officers taking part were: “Senior Warden V W Bro Anthony Francis Moore, PGJO, Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

Junior Warden  
Master Overseer  
Senior Overseer  
Junior Overseer  
Chaplain  
Registrar  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Organist  
Inner Guard  
Tyler

W Bro R T Eirion Jones, PGJD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master,  
V W Bro John Irfon Davies CBE, PGMO,  
V W Bro S W Jeffrey Clarke, PGMO, Provincial Grand Secretary,  
V W Bro Hywel Davies, PGJO, Past P G M in the Craft,  
W Bro Peter Frost, PAGDC, Past Deputy P G M in the Craft,  
Bro Andrew Lindsey Gretton, Deputy P G M in the Craft,  
R W Bro Neil H Matthews, PGJW, Grand Inspector of Works,  
W Bro John Taylor, PGJD Grand Superintendent in the Holy Royal Arch,  
W Bro John Beddoe, PGSD,  
W Bro James R Bevan, PGJD Prov G Sec in the Craft,  
Bro Malcolm C Bignall, Provincial Grand Tyler.



It was a particular delight to welcome the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. John Brackley, who at the end of the Ceremony miraculously produced a Grand Lodge Certificate to present to our Candidate ! Our Prov. Grand Secretary is keen to point out that he does not possess similar magical powers ! We were also honoured by the presence of R.W.Bro David I. James, the Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, together with W.Bro. Malcolm C.G. Lane, both Provincial Grand Master in the Craft and Grand Superintendent of the Holy Royal Arch in Monmouthshire. The distinguished list was completed by our own Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett. The Temple was filled to capacity by members of the Lodge and their guests to witness and appreciate this very special and impressive ceremony, which was followed by a fine luncheon



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**The Officiating Team**



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The Miracle of the Grand Lodge Certificate !  
W.Master, The Advancee, G. Secretary and P.G.M.

## The Provincial Mark Grand Officers' Mess

It has been another outstanding year in the history of the Mess. The membership increases year by year, and once again the members have enjoyed two social occasions. The first was a Christmas Luncheon held in Brecon and hosted by the Vice-President W Bro Gordon Davies Evans and his wife Wyn. It has become traditional for members to be presented with their Mess Ties on these occasions, and again the Mess Patron Rt W Bro Paul Raymond Clement was the donor. The second event was a Gala Dinner held at GlynNeath, hosted by the President of the Mess, W Bro Michael Howell, and his wife Debbie. Both of these occasions were supported by a record number of Mess members, their friends and families, and apart from the opportunity to re-unite with old, and to make new, friends, the Mess was once again able to support the Provincial Grand Master's Discretionary fund by their fund-raising activities. The Executive Members of the Province wish to publicly thank the Mess for all the help and support which it gives to this worthy fund.

## 150 Years' Anniversary for Langley Mark Lodge

On Saturday 13th June, a special meeting is to be held at the Cardiff Masonic Hall to celebrate the 150th. Anniversary of the founding of the Langley Mark Lodge No. 28. The Lodge was founded under the aegis of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and their representatives will be attending, as well as those from Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Our own Provincial Grand Master, Rt W Bro Paul Raymond Clement will be accompanied by his Executives, and other distinguished Brethren from other Provinces. The nearness of the Sesquicentenary Meeting of Mark Grand Lodge in October 2006 indicates the seniority of Langley Lodge, and what a landmark the date is for the Province. All Mark Lodges will be contacted shortly, but meanwhile any queries may be directed to either the Lodge Secretary W Bro Ralph Jeffery (0290—20258863 or ralph.jeffery@ntlworld.com) or the Treasurer W Bro Kevin Duggan (029—20610999). The dining fee will be £25.00.

## WHY isn't your Mark Lodge mentioned in Mark My Words ??

Surely something of interest has happened in your Lodge which you would like to see in print ? Could it be that you haven't told your Mark correspondent about it ? That special event, some promotion, fund raising or even just a good dinner ? Send any information, with photographs, to Fred Fox at 14, Heol Carne, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 1HD, or frederick.fox@ntlworld.com. If we don't know about it, we can't do anything !! **Put your Mark Lodge on the map !!**



## New recruit for Cambrensis Lodge No 1528

At their January meeting, Worshipful Master Karl Say, Advanced Brother Anthony Davidson, the son of the Lodge Secretary W.Bro. John. Bro Anthony is W Master of Juventus Craft Lodge No. 8015, and he was delighted with the ceremony. "I immediately felt relaxed when W.Bro. Ben Smith, the Inner Guard, opened the wicket with a cheerful greeting; the ceremony was really interesting and filled in many gaps in my Masonic knowledge."

Bro. Anthony is the first of a goodly number of young Master Masons in Juventus Lodge who are keen to join the Mark Degree.

The photograph shows W.Bro. Karl welcoming Bro. Anthony, with proud "Dad" looking on.

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**C**ongratulations are in order again at this time in our Masonic Year, and the Province is pleased to publish the Appointments and Promotions, which His Royal Highness, Prince Michael of Kent has been pleased to make.

### Acting Grand Rank

V.W.Bro. John Irfon Davies CBE, P.G.M.O.  
R W.Bro. Neil Howard Matthews P.G.J.W.  
W.Bro. Roger Francis Richmond  
W.Bro. Naunton Charles William Liles  
W.Bro. Gareth Jones

Appointed Grand Junior Warden  
Re-appointed Grand Inspector of Works  
Appointed Grand Standard Bearer  
Re-appointed Assistant Grand Organist  
Appointed Grand Steward

### Promotions

W.Bro. Robert Ramsay Harry P.A.G.D.C.  
W.Bro. Francis Langford P.A.G.D.C.  
W.Bro. Trevor Avery Kavanagh P.G.Std.B.

Promoted to Past Grand Senior Deacon  
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Promoted to Past Grand Junior Deacon

### First Appointment (Past Rank)

W.Bro. John Charles Giddings  
W.Bro. Robert John Nettleship  
W.Bro. Christopher Sharp  
W.Bro. William Peter Ellis  
W.Bro. Haydn Osborne

Appointed to Past Assist Grand Director of Ceremonies  
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We congratulate these Brethren and look forward to their Investiture at Grand Lodge on Tuesday 9th June.

We also wish to congratulate those Brethren who have been honoured by the Provincial Grand Master with the rank of Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, and who will be appointed and invested at the Regular Meeting of the South Wales Installed Commanders' Lodge No.1201 at Bridgend on Saturday 25th April:

W.Bro. Peter John Law No.179; W.Bro. William Kenneth Harpwood No.1088; W.Bro. Terrance Thomas No.585;  
W.Bro. Colin David Pitman No.1348; W.Bro. Ronald Slater No.1455; W.Bro. Alun Martin Thomas No.784;  
W.Bro. Peter Frost No.1528; W.Bro. William Geoffrey Howard Thomas No.823; W.Bro. David Francis Court No.1529  
W.Bro. Naunton Charles William Liles No.1043; W.Bro. Keith Willicombe No.1687

## Ysgolion Mark Lodge No 1487 by W.Bro. Fred Fox, Secretary

We are coming up to the last meeting of our Masonic year - our Election Night, during which our Senior Warden hopes to be elected as Master for the ensuing year. Time will tell ! During the year in which W.Bro. Peter Jones has occupied the Chair of Adoniram we have been fortunate to have a candidate for Advancement for each of the three allocated meetings. Our March meeting will see Bro. Mark David of Old Cantonians Lodge No.8875 Advanced, slightly loosening the grip which the members of Harlequins Lodge tightly maintain. Numbers at Pontyclun have been good - thirty-seven attended our last meeting in January, but there is always a welcome for any Friend who would like to come along. We meet on the last Friday of the months of September (Installation) October (rehearsal) November, January and March. We are particularly proud of the honours accorded to the Brethren of the Lodge this year, viz. appointments of Acting Junior GrandWarden and Grand Steward, and reappointment of Assistant Grand Organist in Mark Grand Lodge.