

Mark My Words

-- The Newsletter for the Mark Master Mason



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

MARK MASON is in ACTIVE SERVICE

Friday 5th June was an extremely busy day at Angle Bay in Pembrokeshire as it heralded the naming and dedication of the Tamar class Lifeboat "MARK MASON".

The sum of £1.5million. had been donated by the Mark Benevolent Fund to the R.N.L.I., towards the provision of the new lifeboat.

The weather was kind to the large number who had assembled to witness the event, which was complimented by the Pembroke Choir and Brass Band. Many Mark Masons and their wives and partners were in attendance including Provincial Grand Masters and members of their respective executive from far and wide.

Shortly before 4-00pm., The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, arrived by helicopter and accompanied the Pro Grand Master, John Hale, in the company of Executive Officers and members of the General Board and representatives of R.N.L.I.

The ensuing proceedings then

unfolded and a rather moving and appropriate service took place including musical interludes. At the appointed time the Grand Master then handed over the lifeboat to the R.N.L.I. whose representative received it on

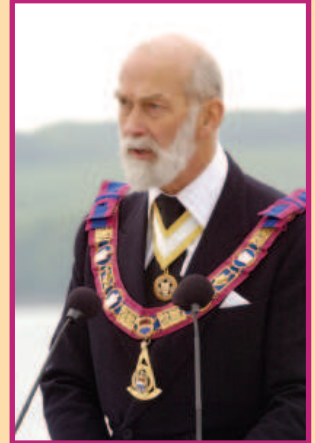


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behalf of Angle Lifeboat Station.

Following the service of dedication the Grand Master then formally named the lifeboat MARK MASON.

In the evening a celebration dinner was held at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel attended by nearly 200 which brought the day's event to a fitting close.

Thanks must be extended to the brethren of the Province of Dyfed for their tremendous effort in ensuring the event, with all its challenges was so successful.



The Mother Lodge of the Province Celebrates it's 150th Anniversary in Great Style

On Saturday 13th June 2009, the Langley Mark Lodge celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of the lodge, which was held on 15th June 1859 and was under the Scottish Constitution it was not until 1869 that the Langley Mark Lodge received a Warrant of Confirmation to become a member of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Dependencies of the British Crown, now of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas. The Warrant was granted on the 30th December 1869. Under the Scottish Constitution the Lodge number was sixteen but changed to twenty-eight in 1869.

The Temple in Cardiff was filled with Mark Masons from all over the Province of South Wales and with representatives from other adjoining Provinces, among whom with brethren from the Canynges Lodge T.I. from the Province of Bristol. The Canynges Lodge T.I., being the Mother Lodge of Langley. The lodge was also delighted to welcome the Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire R.W.Bro. David James and the

G. Merrey, JP., with the Sesqui-Centenary Certificate signed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness prince Michael of Kent, GCVO.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master before retiring from the lodge presented each member of the Langley Mark Lodge with their Sesqui-Centenary jewel.

During the celebratory proceedings Bro Christopher Mugford gave a short talk on the history of the lodge. An extended copy of which together with a Mark Token specially struck for the occasion was presented to all the brethren present.

A Celebratory Luncheon attended by 90 brethren followed the meeting.

The bottom picture shows the Assistant Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master presenting the Congratulatory Certificates to the Worshipful Master of Langley mark Lodge.

The main picture shows the Officers and members of the Langley Mark Lodge, V.W.Bro. D.J. Mason is seated on the left of the picture and W. Bro. R.A. Jeffery is sixth from the right next to W. Bro. Stuart G. Merrey, the Worshipful Master.



Second Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, M.E. Comp. Archibald H. Mc.Watt accompanied by E. Comp. Hugh Edmond.

The Provincial Grand Master accompanied by the Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers entered the lodge in a colourful procession. The Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, presented a Certificate of Congratulations to the lodge to mark this historic occasion. The citation was read to the brethren by the Provincial Grand Secretary. V.W.Bro. S W J Clarke.

To mark the occasion further the Provincial Grand Master, presented 40 years membership certificates to V.W.Bro. Douglas J. Mason and W.Bro. Ralph Arthur Jeffery.

The Lodge then had the great honour to welcome R..W.Bro. Benjamin Addy, the Assistant Grand Master accompanied by W.Bro. Simon Mighall, Assistant Grand Secretary, who brought the greetings of the Grand Master. The Assistant Grand Master addressed and congratulated the lodge on attaining their 150th anniversary and presented the Worshipful Master W.Bro. Stuart





Another First for the Province among the Grand Lodge Appointments

The Annual Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers, took place at the Grand Temple, Great Queen Street, London on Tuesday 9th June. A large number of brethren from South Wales witnessed the investiture of V.W.Bro. Wg.Cdr. John Irfon Davies, CBE. as Grand Junior Warden. This is the first occasion in the history of our Province that we have been so honoured.

The whole Province is delighted and congratulate the now Right Worshipful Brother John to the high rank he has been entrusted, an honour justly deserved for the services he has given



to the Mark Degree.

Our picture shows R.W.Bro. John, on the left of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, also in the picture is the outgoing Grand Junior Warden, R.W.Bro. Michael E Slater.

R.W.Bro. Wing.Commander. John Irfon Davies, CBE., was Advanced in the Ysgolion Mark Lodge No. 1487 on the 23rd November 1978 and was Master in 1987.

He was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1993 and remained in that office until 1996.



Wing.Commander. John Irfon Davies.

In Grand Lodge he was appointed a Grand Steward in 1994
Promoted to Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1995
Promoted to Past Grand Junior Overseer in 1998
Promoted to Past Grand Master Overseer in 2005
The Province was also honoured with a large number of other appointments and promotions in Grand Lodge.

ACTING GRAND RANK

R.W.Bro. Neil Howard Matthews, PGJW, 1445

Re-appointed Grand Inspector of Works.

W.Bro. Roger Francis Richmond, 823,

Appointed Grand Standard Bearer.

W.Bro. Naunton Charles William Liles, 1487, 1829

Re-appointed Assistant Grand Organist.

W.Bro. Gareth Jones, OBE., 1487,

Appointed Grand Steward.

PROMOTIONS

W.Bro. Robert Ramsay Harry, PAGDC, 1057,

Promoted to Past Grand Senior Deacon

W.Bro. Francis Langford, PAGDC, 179,

Promoted to Past Grand Senior Deacon

W.Bro. Trevor Avery Kavanagh, PGstB, 1125,

Promoted to Past Grand Junior Deacon

FIRST APPOINTMENT (PAST RANK)

W.Bro. Capt.Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards,

Past Grand Senior Deacon

W.Bro. Dr. John Charles Giddings, 758,

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

W.Bro. Robert John Nettleship, 1455,

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

W.Bro. Christopher Sharp, 639,

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

W.Bro. William Peter Ellis, 1670,

Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

W.Bro. Haydn Osborne, 179,

Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

We extend to each and every one of these brethren our congratulations and trust that they will continue to promote the good of Mark Masonry for many years to come.

And finally we must congratulate W.Bro. Keith C. Hyde, PGJD, on his appointment and investiture as Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Cardiff. We wish him every success during his year of Office.