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Provincial Grand Master Welcomes his Son & a Friend into the Mark Degree

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The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Paul Raymond Clement had the pleasure of taking the Masters Chair at the November meeting of Sketty Hall Mark Lodge No.1685 – a Chair he first occupied as Master in 1992 – his second appearance there-in, by agreement with the current Worshipful Master W.Bro. Patrick Pattison.

The occasion was prompted by the two candidates for that November meeting, but one especially, in that he was the Provincial Grand Masters son Lewis, who was accompanied by



his friend Rheinallt Morgan. Both were Initiated into Craft Masonry in November 2008, Lewis into Grafton Lodge No.2347 in London and Rheinallt into Singleton Lodge No.8399 in Swansea, in their respective University cities.

As expected the two young men were expertly Advanced into Mark Masonry, by the Provincial Grand Master, and given a hearty welcome by all who witnessed the ceremony.

The picture shows from left to right, the Worshipful Master W.Bro. Patrick Pattison, Bro. Rheinallt Morgan, Bro. Lewis Clement and R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement.

A Mark Master Mason for 60 years

On Wednesday 9th September, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, accompanied by his Officers, Members of Llynfi Valley Mark Lodge, their ladies and guests, saluted W.Bro. Cyril William Shickle, on attaining 60 years as a Mark Master Mason.

W.Bro. Cyril was Initiated into the Lodge Albert, Advanced into the Albert Mark Lodge No.448 S.C., on 20th July 1949 and Exalted in the Albert Holy Royal Arch Chapter S.C., on the 4th August 1949. Under the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and it's Districts and Lodges Overseas, he became a Joining Member of Afan Mark Lodge No.1088 in 1964 and Founding Secretary of the Llynfi Valley Mark Lodge No.1592 in 1983.

Congratulatory Certificates were presented to W.Bro. Cyril, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and in doing so he congratulated him on his many years of service to Mark Masonry in general and to this Province of South Wales in particular. W.Bro. Gordon Stow presented a certificate on behalf of the Supreme Grand Lodge of Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

At the Festive Board the Brethren were accompanied



by their wives and partners.

During the After Proceedings the Worshipful Master, Vernon Thomas White, presented W.Bro. Cyril with a specially commissioned plate to commemorate his long membership of the Order.

The whole Province through "Mark my Words" also extend to him our very best wishes.



Congratulations and Welcome

Cambrensis Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No.1528 were invited by Caerffili Mark Lodge to hold an emergency meeting prior to their Installation Meeting on Friday 13th November. The business paper read to, "Elevate Captain Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards, KCVO., subject to the ballot being favourable."

His proposer and seconder were R.W.Bro. Wg.Cdr. John I. Davies, CBE, Grand Junior Warden and W.Bro. S.W.Jeffrey Clarke.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Malcolm Bignell, accompanied by his Officers, in attendance were W.Bro. Anthony Francis Moore MBE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. Thomas Richard Eirian Jones, Assistant Grand Master, also present were 76 brethren.

The ceremony was performed with much dignity and was appreciated by all. Congratulations were extended to Bro.Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards on behalf of the Lodge

by R.W.Bro. John I Davies.

A surprise presentation was then made on behalf of the Lodge by W.Bro. S.W. Jeffrey Clarke, the remaining Founder member of Cambrensis RAM Lodge, to W.Bro. Leonard Roy Evans, who at the first Regular meeting of the Lodge was Elevated to the Degree, with his Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank regalia, in which he will be invested at the Grand Assembly in December.

After a short interval, which included a tea break, the Installation Ceremony of Caerffili Mark Lodge took place and W.Bro. David Charles William Chugg, was Installed as Worshipful Master, by W.Bro. Richard Lindon Codd, in what was a delightful ceremony enjoyed by a very large number of brethren.

The Officers and Brethren of Cambrensis Royal Ark Mariner Lodge wish to express their sincere thanks to Caerffili Mark Lodge, for the hospitality extended to them.

A Chance Visit to Angle

Whilst on a short break with his family over the half team period, V.W.Bro. Jeff Clarke, the Provincial Grand Secretary, found himself in Angle, the home of the new Tamar Class RNLB Lifeboat, named the "MARK MASON".

He was warmly welcomed by the Station Master, who immediately informed him that the Lifeboat was being prepared and would be launched as soon as all the crew arrived in answer to the distress call.

Within minutes the crew of seven including a young lady were on board and the Mark Mason was sliding into the waters, the whole procedure, including plotting the course was, achieved with the



assistance of a further three members of the Station.

Standing along side the Lifeboat, and then witnessing the launch at such close quarters, was an experience he will long remember. It is on these unexpected occasions in life that you realise that men and women are willing, at a moments notice, to drop everything and risk their own lives in the service of others.

Congratulations

The following brethren have been honoured with receiving the rank of Royal Ark Mariner and were invested at the Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas which took place in the Grand Temple at Great Queen Street, London, on Tuesday 8th December.

W.Bro. Gordon William Stow, Dunraven, No.950 and llynfi Valley No.1592

W.Bro. Ryan Andrew Williams, Dunraven, No.950

W.Bro. Keith Berwick Ferguson, Sir Frederick Alban, No.1455 and

W.Bro. Leonard Roy Evens, Cambrensis, No. 1528

To all of these brethren we extend our warmest congratulations and trust that they will continue to support and work for the good of the Order.

Provincial Mark Website

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