



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

## South Wales Mark Province Makes History !!

**A**pril 15th was a highly historic day for Freemasonry in general, especially the Mark Degree, and most especially the Province of South Wales – the day the South Wales Mark Province consecrated the first Lodge anywhere in Freemasonry to be authorised to hold its ceremonies in Welsh.

This all emanated from a discussion between our present Provincial Grand Master, Rt.W.Bro. Paul Clement and W.Bro. Elfan Jones, at Rhaeadr Gwy Mark Lodge Installation back in 2003. This had been about the possibility of founding such a Lodge, and our Provincial Grand Master had stated that, with due patience, this could well be achievable in the Mark Degree.

Last June, W. Bro. Elfan Jones received a telephone call from the Provincial Grand Master, stating he had taken up the matter with Mark Grand Lodge, that permission had now been granted, and requesting W. Bro. Elfan to move rapidly to provide a translation of the Mark Ritual. Early in 2010, the process of establishing the Dewi Sant Mark Lodge began in earnest. Founders-Designate were gathered together, culminating in a meeting with the Provincial Grand Secretary V.W. Bro. Jeffrey Clarke at the end of February. Although the Founders had been thinking in terms of an autumn consecration, such was the enthusiasm of our Provincial Grand Master for this venture that the consecration date was brought forward to April 15th.

The Consecration Ceremony, which was attended by close to 100 Brethren, was exquisitely undertaken by the Provincial Grand Master, with the assistance of his Consecrating Team, and the Dewi Sant Mark Lodge No. 1914 was consecrated with dignity and style. After the Consecration had been completed, the following first officers were appointed:

Worshipful Master  
W. Bro. Elfan W. Jones PPrGJW(SW), PPrGJW(Mon).  
IPM - Rt.W.Bro. John I. Davies GJW  
Senior Warden - W.Bro. T.R. Eirian Jones, PSGD, APGM



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The Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy, with W.Bro. Elfan Jones the Primus Master, inspect the Warrant of the Lodge

Junior Warden - Bro. John T.J. Davies  
Master Overseer - Bro. Dr. Stephen Bassett  
Senior Overseer - Bro. Gareth Andrews  
Junior Overseer - Bro. Terry ap Hywel  
Chaplain - W. Bro. the Rev. Dafydd Henri Edwards PPrGMO  
Treasurer - W. Bro. Stephen C.E. Harries PM  
Registrar of Marks - V.W. Bro. Hywel Davies PGJO  
Secretary - Bro. the Rev. Alistair Swinford ProvGChap  
Director of Ceremonies - W.Bro. Phillip D.W. Edwards J.P.,  
PPrDepGChap.  
Almoner - W. Bro. Roy Hart PPrGJW  
Senior Deacon - Bro. J. Lyndon Howells  
Junior Deacon - Bro. Geoffrey W. Thomas  
Assistant Director of Ceremonies -  
W.Bro. Richard O.W. Edwards PPrDepGChap  
Organist - Bro. D. Roger Lewis  
Inner Guard - Bro. Gwyndraeth Thomas  
Tyler-W.Bro. Malcolm Kidd PPrGSwdB



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The Consecrating Officer, the Provincial Grand Master and the Consecrating Team.

Having completed the investitures and addresses, the Consecrating Team departed in procession with due decorum. English had been the language of the actual Consecration and Installation, and now the Lodge was granted the unique opportunity of undertaking the remainder of its business in Welsh.

History was made when the new Worshipful Master uttered the following words, the first words of Welsh to be uttered officially anywhere in Freemasonry:

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“Codaf i holi a oes gan unrhyw un unrhyw beth i’w gynnig er lles Saeryddiaeth y Marc yn gyffredinol, neu hon Cyfrinfa Marc Dewi Sant Rhif 1914 yn benodol.”

Translating as : “I rise to inquire whether anyone has aught to propose for the good of Mark Masonry in general or this the Dewi Sant Mark Lodge No.1914 in particular.”

In consecrating the first Lodge ever, anywhere in Freemasonry to be authorised to hold valid ceremonies in Welsh, Mark Masonry has proved itself a most enlightened degree. It is to be hoped that the process will, in the fullness of time, extend to other Orders in the fraternity.

Although it will hold ceremonies in Welsh, it is the heartfelt wish of all the Founders that the new Lodge also be a part of the mainstream of Mark Masonry. The language of the ceremony will be up to the

Candidate and it is the intention in the slightly longer term, to produce a bilingual version of the ritual, with Welsh and English side by side, to enable all visitors, including all those who are less than fluent in Welsh, to feel at home and to be able to follow the ceremony.

Like any new Lodge, inquiries for memberships, either as advances or joining members are very welcome. Everybody is welcome, be they fluent Welsh speakers, learners or supporters of the language. Our contact details will be in the next Year Book. In the meantime, Mark Provincial Office will be very happy to put you in touch.

Mark well, and go on your way rejoicing. - Marcia'n dda, a dos rhagot gan lawenhau.



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The Founders and First Officers

## Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting and Investiture

**W**ednesday 2nd June was the date of our Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting which was held as is our custom at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff. R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, the Provincial Grand Master presided.

The attendance this year broke all records, with the exception of the Installation of our Provincial Grand Master

in 2008. It was also pleasing as there were a number of other Provinces holding their meetings the same week and a new Provincial Grand Master was to be installed in the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire the following day.

It was pleasing to see so many Visiting Brethren from other Provinces together with so many of brethren of our own Province in attendance especially the newly Advanced brethren who had the opportunity to attend their first Provincial Meeting, and were warmly greeted. All the lodges within the Province were well represented and were the Representatives of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodges were welcomed and greeted by the Provincial Grand Master.

We congratulate all those brethren who were appointed, promoted and invested at the meeting.

## Annual Investiture of Mark Grand Lodge Officers

**O**n the Tuesday following our own Provincial Meeting a large number of brethren travelled to London in support of those brethren being appointed to and promoted in Grand Lodge.

This annual outing to London seems to attract more brethren each year and it is to the credit of the brethren who wish to be associated with and witness the ceremony and add their moral support.

Most of the brethren travelled by train and we all assembled at Brown's Restaurant for a light lunch held in a private dining room prior to attending Grand Lodge. This luncheon allows those brethren in attendance to personally congratulate those receiving honours.

### Acting grand Rank

R.W.Bro. Neil Howard Matthews, PGJW, Reappointed Grand Inspector of Works.

W.Bro. Naunton Charles William Liles, Asst. G.Org. as Deputy Grand Organist

### Promotions

W.Bro. Peter William Clee, PAGDC to Past Grand Senior Deacon  
W.Bro. David Martin Mogford, PAGDC to Past Grand Senior Deacon

W.Bro. Alun Williams, PGIG, to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

### First Appointments (Past Rank)

W.Bro. Gordon Davies Evans, to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W.Bro. Idris Limbrick Hughes, to Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer  
W.Bro. Joseph Charles Welch, to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W.Bro. Gilbert Anthony Howell to Past Grand Standard Bearer  
W.Bro. William Geoffrey Howard Thomas, to Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer.

The Brethren of the Province extend congratulations to all of these Brethren.



# Mark My Words



## Best of Luck Dad

On Wednesday 23rd June, last a large number of brethren were in attendance to witness the Installation of a new Worshipful Master in the De Cymru Grand Officers Mark Lodge No. 1606 and the added excitement on this occasion, was that the Installing Master W.Bro. Kenneth Crabbe, PGJD was to install our Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement as Master of the Lodge.

The Ceremony and the Festive Board following the Installation were most enjoyable and perhaps the icing on the cake was the presentation of the Master Elect which was left in the very capable hands of Bro. Lewis Clement the son of our Provincial Grand Master, indeed there were comments within the Temple that Bro Lewis's command of the Ceremony was better than his father, the jury is still to give their decision.

We congratulate R.W.Bro. Paul on his Installation and add congratulations also to Bro. Lewis on achieving his Degree of Bachelor of Music (Hon).

The Picture shows Father and Son at the Installation.



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## 142nd Mark Benevolent Festival

The One hundred and forty-second Festival under the Chairmanship of R.W.Bro. George Bonham, Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Mark Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire was held at the East of England Showground Executive Suite. The event was attended by over 700 guests among whom were the President of the Mark Benevolent Fund R.W.Bro. Peter Hamilton Rollin, the Pro Grand Master M.W.Bro. John Hale, and other members of the General Board

The occasion was as always very colourful and a delight to have our ladies and families supporting this important event in the Mark calendar. It is also pleasing to report that the Province of South Wales was well represented by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, Assistant and Secretary accompanied by their wives, partners. Following the Festival Banquet the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. John Brackley announced the Festival result which raised the magnificent sum of £561,127.00, this being achieved by one of the smallest Provinces in the country and although supported by other Provinces and individual donations, is an achievement that is to be applauded.

The total donations from our Province amounted to £2,933.00 which included £433.00 credited to Stability Mark Lodge No.758 being the Royalties earned from "We'll keep a Welcome in the Hillside".

Well done Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

## Annual Joint Sunday Lunch at Merthyr

Sunday 25th April was the date chosen this year to hold the Annual Joint Sunday Lunch. This event has been held for the last six years alternately at Caerphilly where Mark Lodge of Progress No.1670 meet, and Merthyr Tydfil where St. Tydfil's Mark Lodge No. 639 meet. It was St. Tydfil's turn to host the Sunday Lunch this year and it was delightful to see over eighty Ladies, Brethren, friends and relatives assemble to enjoy a four course meal together. It was also nice to be able to welcome the Deputy and the Assistant Grand Masters, V.W.Bro. Tony Moore and W.Bro. Eirian Jones, on what was a lovely sunny day. The raffle raised over £200.00 towards the Provincial Grand Masters Discretionary Fund. As he had done on two occasions previously, W.Bro. Brian Kinnear was responsible for all the arrangements for what was a hugely enjoyable occasion, but on a very sad to note, Brian passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Tuesday 13th July. He was the Immediate Past Master of St. Tydfil's Mark Lodge as well as Master Overseer of Mark Lodge of Progress. Brian was quiet but authoritative, a friend to everybody and he will be greatly missed.

## Lord Mayor Keith Hyde

At an impressive ceremony held at the City Hall in Cardiff on Thursday 20th May witnessed by V.W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke and his wife Andrea in the company of Civic Dignitaries and other Distinguished Guests, W.Bro. Keith Charles Hyde, PGJD was installed as the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City of Cardiff and his wife Ann was appointed as his Lady Mayoress.

W.Bro. Keith's appointment to this office carries on a long tradition of Freemasons becoming the cities first citizen. The City of Cardiff is one of only five cities within the United Kingdom to carry the title Right Honourable before Lord Mayor.

During his Acceptance Speech W.Bro. Keith announced that the Lord Mayor's Charity during his tenure of office would support the Childrens Charity Latch, and we wish him every success in assisting this very worthy charity.

W.Bro. Keith is a member of Principality Mark Lodge and was Master in 1985 and is still an active member in the lodge. Many of our brethren will also know him from being for a number of years as Secretary and Scribe of De Cymru Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, he is the present Senior Warden of De Cymru Mark lodge.

The year of office in this very prestigious roll as the first citizen of the city has



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Asst. PGM, W.Bro. Eirian Jones, W.Bro. Neil Davies, presenting the cheque to the Dep. PGM, V.W.Bro. Anthony Francis Moore and W.Bro. Gareth Parry.



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commenced and we congratulate and wish him and Ann every success in carrying out the numerous duties they will undertake on behalf of the people of Cardiff.

The picture shows The R.Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress W.Bro. Keith & Mrs. Ann Hyde with V.W.Bro. Jeffrey and Mrs. Andrea Clarke.