



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

## Royal Ark Mariners Grand Rank

**C**ongratulations are extended to W.Bro. David Gwynfyn Rowlands, St. Tydfil RAM Lodge No.639, W.Bro. Alistair Stewart Duthie, Barry RAM Lodge No.1043, W.Bro. Brian William Hithersay, Principality RAM Lodge No.1057 and W.Bro. Brian Davies, Sketty Hall RAM Lodge No. 1685, on being appointed to Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners.

We also extend our congratulations to W.Bro. Phillip David Watcyn Edwards, a member of the Albert Edward Lodge of

Royal Ark Mariners No.1317 in the Province of Monmouthshire and a Past Master of Rhaeadr Gwy Mark Lodge No.1318.

These Brethren will be invested at the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London on Tuesday 14th December 2010.

It is hoped that many Brethren will travel to London on the 14th to witness the investiture and support the recipients of this high office. Following in our usual custom we shall be enjoying a light lunch prior to the investiture, which this year will be held in Wolfe's Restaurant just across the road from Freemasons' Hall.

For further details please contact Jim Childs at the Provincial Office, Telephone 029 2049 0555

## 40 Years of Service to the Mark degree

by : Roger T. Partington,

**W**.Bro Alan Lewis of Rhaeadr Gwy Mark Lodge No.1318 is pictured here receiving a special certificate signed by the Provincial Grand Master, Right W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement in recognition of having served forty years in the degree of Mark Master Masonry.

W. Bro. Alan was advanced in Rhaeadr Gwy Mark Lodge on the 12th September, 1970 under the Mastership of W. Bro. Evan Thomas Kinsey Morgan, who was his proposer and founding Junior Warden of the Lodge. He was seconded by Arthur E. Randall Edmunds, the founding Worshipful Master. The founding Master Overseer of the Lodge, W. Bro Neville Tom Walters, occupied the Chair of Worshipful Master for the purposes of the Advancement Ceremony, whilst Alan's good friend, W.Bro. John Selwyn Bishop (another Mark veteran) was the secretary.

During his membership, W.Bro. Alan hosted the lodge at the Elan Valley Hotel (where the Lodge was founded in 1966) in his capacity as owner. He was Worshipful Master for two consecutive years in 1980 and 1981. He became secretary in 1989 and served in that capacity for a period of seventeen dedicated years until 2006. In 2003 he was honoured by being promoted to the rank of P.Pr.G.S.W.



In the photograph, the Worshipful Master of the lodge, W.Bro David Robert Andrews looks on as the special certificate is presented by a well known Past Master and member of the Lodge, W.Bro. Thomas Richard Eirian Jones, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, at the regular Lodge meeting held on Saturday, 18th September 2010. W.Bro. Alan Rosser Thomas is also seen presenting W. Bro Alan with some specially engraved cut glass in recognition of this wonderful achievement.

## First meeting of Dewi Sant Lodge

**T**he first Regular Lodge Meeting of the Dewi Sant Mark Lodge No.1914 was held at the Masonic Hall, Bridgend on 20th September 2010

The meeting was very well attended and the Brethren witnessed the first Advancement Ceremony ever conducted in Welsh, the candidates were Bro. Roger Thomas and Bro. Arwyn Reynolds.

The ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Master W.Bro. Elfan W Jones assisted by his Regular Officers.

During the meeting Honary Membership was conferred on the following Brethren: R.W.Bro. David I James PGM Monmouthshire, R.W.Bro. Gareth Willuams, OGM North Wales, R.W.Bro. D Nigel Adams, PGM Dyfed, R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett, P.PGM South Wales, R.W.Bro. Neil Matthews, PGJW, G.Insp.Wks, R.W.Bro. J Stuart Peters PGJW, W.Bro. Capt. Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, PGSD and W.Bro. Rev Malcolm C G Lane Dep.G.Chap.

The meeting conducted throughout in Welsh was an historical occasion and those present were privileged to be witness.

It also pleasing to report that there is a steady stream of candidates wishing to become members of this new Lodge in the Province of South Wales.



### Requiescant in Pace

## Alan William Hines Past Provincial Grand Secretary

**I**t was with much sadness that we learnt of the demise of V.W.Bro. Alan William Hines, P.G.J.O., Past Provincial Grand Secretary.

V.W.Bro. Alan was Advanced into the Dunraven Mark Lodge No.950 on St. David's Day 1960 and was a Mark veteran of 50 years. He became Master of the Lodge in 1971.

He was appointed a Grand Steward in 1980 and in 1984 he took up the mantle of Provincial Grand Secretary, the office he held until he retired in 1993, when he was promoted to the rank of Provincial Grand Registrar.

In Grand Lodge in 1985 he was promoted to Grand Senior Deacon, and in 1990 to the rank of Past Grand Junior Overseer.

During his period as Provincial Grand Secretary he oversaw

the consecration of the Mark Lodge of Progress and Sketty Hall Mark Lodge. In the Royal Ark Mariner Degree he oversaw the formation of the Arthur Lewis RAM Lodge and South Wales Installed Commanders Lodge. However the most difficult and upsetting task he had to oversee was the separation of the South Wales Province and the formation of the New Province of Dyfed, the break up of the Province he so loved was a great disappointment to him.

He became the Commander of the Dunraven RAM Lodge in 1972, promoted to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Rank in 1975 and Grand Rank in 1984

He was a member of South Wales Installed Masters Lodge No.1201 and was Master in 1989

A founder member of De Cymru Mark Lodge No. 1606 and was Master in 1993

V.W.Bro. Alan was a member of many other Orders of Freemasonry to which he gave the same level of commitment and dedication but above all he will be remembered for his support and guidance to the younger brethren for his wisdom, encouragement and understanding.

## Provincial Officers Annual Lunch

**T**he sun shone down at Cowbridge where the Annual Luncheon of the Acting and Past Provincial Officers was held at the Bear Hotel. As usual it was well attended with 88 brethren and their ladies present. The luncheon was as ever very enjoyable occasion with W.Bro. Alan R Thomas taking complete charge of the Raffle in his own amusing way, and was ably assisted as ever by W.Bros. Eddie Bolton and Lewis Groom. By their efforts and the generous support of all, the raffle raised over £500.00, which was donated to the Provincial Grand Masters' Discretionary Fund.



# Advance Notice YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

We are celebrating St. Patrick's Day by holding a Gala Dinner and fun filled evening at the Canada Lake Lodge, Creigiau, Cardiff, on of course, the 17th March 2011.

Further details and application forms for tickets are available and if not already received please contact

**Jim Childs on 029 2049 0555.**



## Porthcawl Mark Lodge Salute W.Bro. Dan

**I**t turned out to be a real Birthday Party atmosphere, when Porthcawl Mark Lodge honoured W.Bro. Dan O'Brien and celebrated his 90th Birthday at their Lodge meeting held on 14th October 2010.

The meeting was well attended and W.Bro. Dan was presented with an engraved lead glass plaque to mark the occasion by W.Bro. Lyn Guttridge who spoke of his loyalty to Mark Masonry and to Porthcawl Mark Lodge which he joined on the 8th May 1980 and

became the Worshipful Master in 1990.

After vacating the Chair W.Bro. Dan has undertaken the office of Assistant. Director of Ceremonies., Director of Ceremonies, Charity Steward, Almoner and has only recently retired as Chaplain, over the last thirty years he has served the Lodge to the full, in his own quiet and unassuming way.

In Provincial Grand Lodge he was appointed Provincial



Grand Standard Bearer in 1994. He was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Master Overseer in 1997 in 2001 the then Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett promoted W.Bro. Dan to the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden, in recognition of the service and dedicated commitment he had given to the Mark Degree. The photographs show :

left : Dan with W.Bro. Lyn Guttridge on the left and W.Bro. Jim Childs on the right.

Above : with W.Bro. Clive Evans.

**The Executive of the Mark Province of South Wales  
Wish All Brethren and their families  
a very happy Christmas  
and good health and fortune for the coming year 2011**

### Sweet Quiz

**If you score more than 25 correct answers, you are definitely a "Fruit & Nut" Case!**

**Do you have a sweet tooth? If so, you might like to try this quiz, all about Sweets & Chocolates, supplied by Brian Langley. If you are really stuck, the answers are on page 7.**

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| 1. Wobbly Infants                  | 2. Wise Guys             | 3. Where Refined People Live                |
| 4. Edible Fasteners                | 5. They Grow On You      | 6. Nine, Ten, Eleven                        |
| 7. Occult Perhaps                  | 8. In Alcoholic Mouth    | 9. Fallen Fruit                             |
| 10. Sport For Princes              | 11. 100% Metal           | 12. Tartan Granite                          |
| 13. For Being Good                 | 14. Aromatic Spheres     | 15. Royal Herb                              |
| 16. Mother's Local                 | 17. Tommy Rot            | 18. Shut Your Mouth!                        |
| 19. Mediterranean Jokers           | 20. A Price On Your Head | 21. Dateline                                |
| 22. Belly Dancer's Pleasure        | 23. Shhhhhh!             | 24. Item For Agenda                         |
| 25. All This Food Might Hamper You |                          | 26. Fruit In A Shell Can Give You A Beating |
| 27. Take A Break With This         |                          | 28. Where The Stars And Planets Are         |
| 29. Full Member Of Teachers'Union  |                          | 30. They Fall In Winter, But Aren't White   |