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.

A NEW YEARS MESSAGE

From

The Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement.

Very Dear Brethren All,

As we go forth into the un-chartered waters of another year it is a very great pleasure to extend to you and your loved ones very best wishes from Molly and myself and to express our gratitude for all the kindness and friendship you have shown us during 2011.

We will all reflect on the past year for different and varied reasons, some happy memories and some not so. Foe me personally it was one of Masonic travel which took me far and wide in the United Kingdom with duties in Scotland, the Isle of Man, Channel Islands and many other parts of England and Wales. In September and



October Mark Masons Hall sent me to India and Malaysia for a three week tour of Masonic duties which, although predominantly headed by the Order of the Secret Monitor, included amongst the thirty-five Ceremonies, Mark, Royal and Select Masters, Scarlet Cord and Allied Masonic Degrees. To enable me to undertake this task I had to rely even more on my Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and the Provincial Grand Secretary to ensure the smooth running of the Province in my absence and I would like to place on record my grateful thanks to them for all they did whilst I was out of the Country.

As a very young Mark Mason one of my earliest recollections was being introduced to W.Bro. Stanley Bernard Roberts who, at that time, had just been appointed Provincial Grand Master. He made me feel very special and enquired if I was coming along to witness his Installation. I did attend and greatly enjoyed this memorable occasion, which was conducted by the R.W.Bro. Rt.Hon The Lord Swansea, Assistant Grand Master. It was with much sadness hearing the news of his passing to the Grand Lodge Above.

I hope that I have followed R.W.Brother Stanley's example and given encouragement whenever and wherever possible to younger, junior Brethren.

I look forward to working with you all in 2012 in promoting the Mark Degree and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees in South Wales.

With warm fraternal regards Paul Raymond Clement, Provincial Grand Master.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to the following brethren who have been appointed to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank by the Grand Master.

W.Bro. William Marcel Hugh Pulman, St. Tydfil RAM Lodge No. 639

W.Bro. Peter Frost, Dunraven RAM Lodge No. 950, Cambrensis RAM Lodge No. 1528

W.Bro. James Peter Childs Porthcawl RAM Lodge No. 1377

W.Bro. Phillip William Adamson, Sir Frederick Alban RAM Lodge No. 1455

The Annual Investiture took place at Great Queen Street, London on Tuesday 13th December and was well supported by brethren of our Province.

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What a Celebration!

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Principality Mark Lodge No. 1057 when the members and representatives of Provincial Grand Lodge came together to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of W.Bro. Robert (Bob) Ramsay Harry Past Grand Senior Deacon Advancement into the Mark Degree.

The Worshipful Master welcomed the Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Master's V.W.Bro. Anthony Francis Moore and W.Bro. Thomas Richard Eirian

Jones, they were

accompanied by a large number of Provincial

Officers including the Provincial Grand Secretary V.W.Bro. S W Jeffrey Clarke V.W.Bro. Anthony Francis Moore extended the good wishes to the lodge and in particular to W.Bro. Bob from R.W.Bro. Paul Clement who was in India on other Masonic duties.

During the ceremony a Congratulatory Certificate was read and present to W.Bro. Harry on behalf of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. The Certificate from the Province made reference to his career spanning over the 50 years in Mark Mason and was read by the Provincial Secretary, it was stated that, Bro. Bob was Advanced into the Principality Mark Lodge No. 1057 on 20th September 1961 and became Master in 1971. In Provincial



Grand Lodge he was appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary in 1974 and promoted to Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1976 and again promoted to Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden in 1977. In Grand Lodge Bro. Bob was appointed to Past Assistant Grand director of Ceremonies in 1995 and promoted to his present rank of Past Grand Senior Deacon in 2009.

A token gift was presented to Bro. Bob on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge at the close of the ceremony.

At the After Proceeding the





Lodge presented their own gift to W.Bro Bob who responded by recalling some of the highlights he had witnessed over the last 50 years, at the close of his response we were entertained by W.Bro. Bob by playing the accordion something, which was a regular feature in days gone by.

Our photographs show.

- A. W.Bro. Bob with V.W.Bro. Anthony F Moore and W.Bro. Eirian Jones with the Congratulatory Certificate from Grand Lodge
- B. With as above but also V.W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke holding the Provincial Grand Masters Congratulatory Certificate/
 - C. Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers in attendance.
 - D. W.Bro. Bob in Party mood.





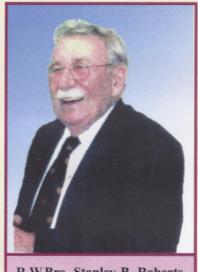
R.W.Bro. Stanley Bernard Roberts Past Provincial Grand Master

It was with much sadness that we were informed of the demise of R.W.Bro. Stanley B Roberts who was called to the Grand Lodge above on 10th November 2011. Aged 88 years.

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R.W.Bro. Stanley was a very active mason in many degrees in Freemasonry and despite the high attainments in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry; it was the Mark Degree that he scaled the greatest

He was Advanced into the Dunraven Mark Lodge No. 950 in December 1959 becoming Master in 1972. In Provincial Grand Lodge he became Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1978 serving in that capacity until 1984 following the death of R.W.Bro. Norman Alexander Morgan whom he succeeded as Provincial Grand Master and remained in



R.W.Bro. Stanley B. Roberts

that office until his retirement in 1991.

His period of Office held many challenges with a steady growth in the Mark Degree enabling the Province to appoint an Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the first time in 1985 and he was responsible for overseeing the smooth and orderly manner in which the South Wales Province was split to enable the new Province of Dyfed to be established in 1989.

It is twenty years this year that he retired from office, but is remembered with much affection by those brethren who had the honour and pleasure to serve with him in our Province.

R.W.Bro. Stanley is survived by his wife Stephanie, three Daughters and their families to them all we extend our condolences.

With great pleasure we announce the details of

ANNUAL DINNER

Which will be held on 25th January 2012 to celebrate St. Dwynwen's Day for Welsh Lovers

St. Dwynwen being the patron saint of love & friendship, and our equivalent of St. Valentine,

Our Gala Dinner is being held at the romantic Miskin Manor Country Hotel, Miskin, CF72 8ND. Limited overnight accomodationis available at a special rate, see booking form for further information.

The evening is a celebration of love and friendship, and Medic's will be on hand, just in case anybody gets too excited!

Entertainment will be provided by

Royal Harpist - Hannah Stone & Soloist - Mandy Starr

Why not book your tickets, check your blood pressure, dine and enjoy the whole atmosphere of what will be an enchanting evening, of good food, exciting entertainment, and of course, the company of friends, at this music and fun filled evening.

The cost per head is £30.00. Our Gala Dinners have enjoyed great success in the past and we continue to strive to maintain the same high standard. We look forward to your support.

Reception: 7.00 pm ≥ Dinner 7.45 pm ≥ Carriages: Midnight ≥ Dress code: Gentlemen, Dinner suit, Ladies, Cocktail dress



Wild Mushroom and Spinach Tart, topped with Caerphilly Cheese

Loin of Pork, Braised Leeks, Glazed Apples served with a Welsh Cider and Sage Sauce Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes

Welsh Whisky Cheesecake, topped with Raspberry Jelly, served with a Toasted Almond Ice Cream

Selection of Welsh Cheeses and Biscuits

Choice of Tea or Coffee

Tickets available from Jim Childs Tel: 02920 490555

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