

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.

Congratulations and Celebrations

Photos by: **Anthony Howell**

On the 10th October 2012, St. Tydfil Mark Lodge No.639 celebrated their Centenary in the company of the Assistant Grand Master and Deputy Grand Secretary R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson and

He asked the Deputy Grand Secretary to read the Original Warrant of the Lodge and the Centenary Warrant after which R.W.Bro. Emmerson presented the Centenary Warrant to the Worshipful Master, with his sincere good wishes to the lodge wishing them every success for the future.

Centenary Jewels were presented to all members of the lodge present, by the Assistant Grand Master who was also congratulated by the Provincial Grand Master.



W.Bro. Lt.Cdr. Angus Hannagan, The Executive and other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, accompanied the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, who extended the congratulations of



Evans, after resuming the Chair, presented a Centenary Jewel to the Assistant Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Secretary, to mark their visit to St.Tydfil Mark Lodge. He thanked R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson and W.Bro.Lt.Cdr. Angus Hannagan for their good wishes and for their attendance at the meeting.



Honorary Membership was conferred on the Assistant Grand Master, Deputy Grand Secretary and the Provincial Executive. R.W.Bro. Emmerson thanked the lodge for the honour on behalf of all the elected Honorary Members.

A copy of the History of the Lodge, compiled by W.Bro. David Baldwin, was presented to each brother present. The Senior Warden, Bro, Jeffrey E Davies read extracts from the book which was received with much acclaim.

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the Province.

The Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson and the Deputy Grand Secretary entered the lodge and the Assistant Grand Master accepted the gavel and occupied the chair.

In his address, he offered congratulations to the Lodge on reaching their Centenary and praised the Founders who in their wisdom had the courage and commitment to form the Lodge.





Barry Mark Lodge Salute W.Bro. Vernon

By: **Brian Dowling**
Photos by: **Anthony Howell**

Bro. Vernon Holtam was Advanced into the Barry Mark Lodge on the 1st October 1962 and on the 1st



invitation of the Master W.Bro. Brian Dowling. W.Bro. Eirian Jones congratulated W.Bro. Vernon Holtam on reaching his fiftieth Anniversary in Mark Masonry and Forty years since being installed as Master in April 1972.

The Provincial Secretary read the Congratulatory Certificate from the Grand Master, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, which was then presented to W.Bro. Vernon by W.Bro. Eirian Jones. V.W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke was then requested to read the Congratulatory Certificate from the Provincial Grand Master, R. W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement. W.Bro. Eirian Jones again presented this certificate. Eirian Jones, also expressed the great regret of the Provincial Grand Master, for not being able to be present on this special



The evening was concluded by a very lively Festive Board and in replying to his Toast W.Bro. Vernon spoke of his immense pride in being a Member of the Mark Degree and his surprise at the number of brethren who were present to share this milestone in his Masonic career.

Our pictures show :
Photograph 1. - Assistant PGM W.Bro. Eirian Jones, W.Bro. Vernon Holtam and V.W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke holding the two certificates.

October this year, Fifty Years to the day, W.Bro. Vernon was greatly surprised to witness the arrival into the Temple of the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Thomas Richard Eirian Jones and the Provincial Secretary, V.W.Bro. Stanley William Jeffrey Clarke, accompanied by a large number of Active Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, into what was as far as the business stated, a domestic meeting of the lodge.

The business of the evening was to Advance Bro. Nicholas Barnes and Bro. Christopher Shattock and the Worshipful Master and his Officers performed their various responsibilities with care and dignity, resulting in a very impressive ceremony, and one which will be remembered by the Candidates and all the brethren present.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master took the Gavel and occupied the Chair at the



occasion, due to other Masonic duties out of the Province.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master presented W.Bro. Vernon with a Fifty-year Lapel badge and an enamel Token of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Photograph 2. - W.Bro. Vernon flanked by the new members of the lodge, Bro. Christopher Shattock (on Vernon's right) Bro. Nicholas Barnes (on Vernon's Left).
Photograph 3. - The W.Master W.Bro. Brian Dowling and W.Bro. Vernon with the Provincial Team.

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The Worshipful Master invited the Assistant Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master, to unveil an inscribed Keystone to mark the Centenary of the lodge, the Keystone will be displayed in the Temple to mark the occasion.

The Provincial Grand Master requested the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Provincial Congratulatory Certificate after which he presented it to the Worshipful Master wishing the lodge every success in the years ahead.

The Centenary Dinner, which followed, was attended by a large number of members and guests.

A proud day for the members of St. Tydfil Mark Lodge, and a joyous experience for all who witnessed the occasion.

The Pictures on page 27 show :
Photograph 1. - from left to right. W.Bro. Lt.Cdr. Angus Hannagan, R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson, W.Bro. Neil Evans and R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement.

Photograph 2. - Bro. C. Davies, Junior Warden, W.Bro. N. Evans, Master and Bro. J E Davies, .

Senior Warden with the Centenary Certificate from Grand Lodge.
Photograph 3, - The Junior Warden, Master, Senior Warden and Bro. T W. Harris, with the Keystone made and presented by Bro M. Evans.

Photograph 4. - The Worshipful Master accompanied by W.Bro. R.M. Budden with the Representatives of Grand Lodge and the Executive of the Province.

Photograph 5. - St. Tydfil Mark Lodge Officers, and Members.



Provincial Grand DCs' Lodge No.1813 Meets in Neath

By: Roger Gale

The latest meeting of the Provincial Directors of Ceremonies Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1813 of the Province of Worcestershire was hosted at the Neath Masonic Hall on Saturday October 5th, due to the Worshipful Master being W.Bro Martin Mogford, a well regarded Freemason in our Province.

The Lodge received an appropriate dispensation from its own Province and of course our own. The ceremony was enhanced by the delivery of an informative and interesting talk on the topic of the history of St.John, by our Craft Provincial Grand Master, R.Wor.Bro Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, from the origins of the order in the Holy Land, to the present day and its work in hospital and

ambulance scenarios.

Also present was our Mark Provincial Grand Master, RWor Bro Paul R. Clement, VW Bro Anthony F. Moore MBE the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and RWBro Frank Spencer, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Worcester, along with the WM, and Officers of the PDC Lodge of MMM No.1813, and many other distinguished Brethren from both Provinces.

The Provincial Directors of Ceremonies Lodge is a peripatetic Lodge which is attached to the Province of Worcestershire, the Installation being at Kings Heath Birmingham and the Election Meeting traditionally in the Province of the Worshipful Master.

