



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

Bringing You News from around the Province

A Busy Meeting for Members of the South Wales Installed Masters Lodge

by : Mike Lewis

On the morning of Saturday 28th September 2013 the Worshipful Master of SWIMM, W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas welcomed brethren from all over the province to the Election Meeting.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement was greeted and the Senior Warden W.Bro. W. Graham Lloyd was duly elected as Worshipful Master for

dating back to 1956 as being "a who's who" of Mark Masonry in South Wales - if not Masonry in general. He then reminded everyone that 1956 was the year when the price of petrol rose to Six shillings (30p) a gallon as a result of the Suez crisis!

In the year 2020 The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales will be celebrating 150 years and has launched a 2020 Appeal in celebration of the 150th anniversary within the Province, the proceeds of which will be credited to the South Wales Mark Benevolent Fund. To mark the occasion a new tie has been produced and the Provincial Grand Secretary, V.W.Bro. S.W. Jeffrey Clarke presented R.W.Bro. Paul Clement and W.Bro. Dr Paul Calderwood with ties, (pictured bottom left), after which the Provincial Grand Master announced that the tie has been approved as the new official Province of South Wales tie.

Our Provincial Grand Charity Steward, W.Bro. D. Neil Morgan



Photographs by Anthony Howell

the ensuing year.

W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas had commissioned honours boards for both SWIMM and SWIC (South Wales Installed Commanders) and R.W.Bro. Paul Clement led the Provincial team in dedicating both boards in a colourful ceremony. During the course of the ceremony the Provincial Grand Master referred to the list of names on the SWIMM board

was presented with a Mark Benevolent Grand Patrons Collarette and Jewel by the Provincial Grand Master and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, (pictured bottom right).

The brethren were then treated to a magnificent explanation of the Mark tracing board expertly delivered by W. Bro. Karl Say, much to the delight of all, the picture bottom centre, shows Karl with the APGM and PGM, with the Tracing Board.

The South Wales Installed Mark Masters Lodge No 1201 is open to all installed Mark Masters to join and all Mark brethren are encouraged to visit. The secretary W. Bro. Norman Simons would be





The 2020 Appeal

T it is pleasing to note that the Brethren of the Province have embraced the wish of our Provincial Grand Master in supporting this very worthwhile cause to assist those Brethren and Families who require our assistance, and to mark the 150th Anniversary of the formation of our Province.

You can support this Appeal by giving a donation to your Lodge Charity Steward and if possible by Gift Aid so that we can receive that little bit extra from the Tax Man. There is also the 150 Club which is drawn twice a year, so why not join, you could end up winning sizable cash prizes. More information again can be received from your Charity Steward or Secretary.

This Appeal is gaining momentum all the time and you can keep

up to date with all the latest news by going onto the Provincial Mark Website: www.southwalesmarkmastermasons.co.uk

Donations have already been received from Brethren and Lodges who are encouraged to go that little bit further by organising a Social Evening in aid of the Appeal.

At the meeting of South Wales Installed Masters in September last the 2020 Appeal Tie and Lapel Pin were launched and our photograph shows V.W.Bro. Jeffrey Clarke presenting the tie to the Provincial Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Master, RWBro. Paul R Clement and WBro Dr. Paul Calderwood.

The Tie and Lapel Badge are available to purchase and can be obtained from your Charity Steward or from the Provincial Office. It is the wish of the Executive that this tie become the official tie of the Province replacing the existing tie(s) now being worn.

Happy New Year

Brethren as we begin 2014 may we first wish you and your Families Good Health and Happiness throughout the year that lies ahead and we look forward with renewed energy as long as we keep taking the tablets.

The prospect of a new Mark Lodge, which will meet in the morning followed by a luncheon. This format is proving to be very popular throughout the Country and are becoming known as "Daylight Lodges" These lodges of course allow brethren who are not wishing to venture out of an evening to continue or renew their love of Masonry and the friendship of their brethren. More details of this new lodge will be posted on the Provincial Website and circulated to all lodges so that any brother who wishes to become a Founder or Joining Member will be provided

with the necessary information.

After the success of the recent Gala Evenings we are again looking forward to this year's evening which will be held in March.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers Mess continues to go from strength to strength and where brethren can keep in touch with each other socially. The Mess is also a major supporter of the Provincial Grand Masters Discretionary Fund to which the Province is extremely grateful. The Mess holds two social events annually which are always fully subscribed, and we are looking forward to another enjoyable and successful year

The Province is in good heart and membership is being maintained and indeed an increase in membership is expected during 2014 without taking into account the formation of a new lodge which will of course further increase the membership on our records.

Keep in Touch

You can keep in touch with News from the Province by going to our website: www.southwalesmarkmastermasons.co.uk.

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Please do not forget that we are here to assist in any way we can.

Mark Benevolent Fund

The MBF and the MBF of South Wales are there to assist in anyway we can the distress or needs of our Brethren and their Families and as the days grow shorter and cooler it is time to think about those in our lodges who may have mobility problems and may struggle during the winter.

In recent months the media has been reporting on the ever increases in energy prices as against very low pension increases. This is a major problem especially to those living alone and we would ask you to make discreet enquiries if you are aware of someone whom you think we can assist to help them keep warm during the winter months. Speak with your Lodge Almoner or Secretary, please be alert to this problem paying special attention to our widows some of whom we may have lost touch with.

Recently we have been able to help in a number of different

ways;

- Help sponsor a young man with disability difficulties to enable him to play rugby.
- Renewing furniture
- Help with general living expenses for a Brother and his wife whose health is failing them
- Replaced a widow's heating system after it failed just as the cold weather set in.
- Gave an emergency grant to an elderly Brother who was living with dangerously threadbare carpets.
- Help with Funeral expenses.

We also support local charities and recently we have been able to assist the following:

- Prostrate Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Stroke Association

A full list of Charities we have supported will be announced at the General Purpose Committee to be held in March.



Mark My Words

Congratulations Congratulations Congratulations

Congratulate the following Brethren who were appointed and invested to the rank of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank on the 10th December last at the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners held at Freemasons' Hall Great Queen Street, London.

- W.Bro. Capt. Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards,**
De Cymru RAM Lodge No.1606
- W.Bro. Clinton Andrew Cook,**
South Wales Installed Commanders Lodge No.1201
- W.Bro. Naunton Charles William Liles**

- Barry RAM Lodge No.1043
- W.Bro. David Neil Morgan,**
St.Illtyd RAM Lodge No.784
- W.Bro. Robert John Nettleship,**
Sir Frederick Alban RAM Lodge No.1455
- W.Bro. Sir Paul Michael Williams,**
Principality RAM Lodge No.1057

We trust that they will enjoy their promotion and embrace the added responsibilities they now have to the Order.

Clive Celebrates his Fortieth year in Mark Masonry.

by : Roger Gale

WBro. Clive Measday was surprised and delighted to receive a commemorative scroll from the Mark Provincial Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, to honour a remarkable fortieth year in Mark Masonry.

The presentation was made at the Neath Mark Lodge No. 1125 in October, a Lodge which the P.G.M. was pleased to note as the first Mark Lodge he joined.

W. Bro. Clive has also served with distinction in our degree, being advanced on the 14th of February 1973, and becoming the Worshipful Master of the Neath Mark Lodge in April 1985. He also became a founding member of the Brychan Mark Lodge No.1725 that was consecrated on the 22nd of November 1994. W.Bro. Clive's progression through the Provincial ranks has been well deserved; appointed as a Grand Inspector of Works in 1988, followed by promotion to Past Grand Master Overseer in 1998, Past Grand Junior Warden in 2002, and most recently receiving the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden in 2010.



All the Brethren of the Lodge, and indeed no doubt, all that know W. Bro. Clive throughout the Province, congratulate him on a notable anniversary, and wish him many more years of enjoyment within and outside of Freemasonry. The R.W.Bro. Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by (left to right) W.Bro. Ryan Williams, Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. M. A. Jones Deputy Secretary, W. Bro. Roy Davies, Master of Neath Mark No. 1125, and W. Bro. Stuart James, Provincial Grand Steward.



A Walk of Remembrance

By : Jeff Evans

The loss of a devoted wife and mother can sometimes send those affected into periods of reflection that can lead into involuntary inactivity. When Jan, wife of WBro T. Jeff Evans of the Ystrad Mynach Lodge No. 8567 passed suddenly to The Grand Lodge Above on 1 July 2013, it affected Jeff and his two sons, Gareth and Hywel greatly.

When an occasion presented itself, they decided that, by partaking in a worthwhile activity, it would help to preserve the memory of Jan. This occasion presented itself on Saturday 21 September 2013 when Jeff and his two boys took part in "The Llantrisant Walk" of eight and a half miles in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. The amount they raised was £1,200.00 and they wish to thank all their sponsors for their support and generosity.



The photograph shows WBro Jeff, centre, with Bro Hywel, left and Gareth with their medals after completing the walk.