

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



M.W.Pro Grand Master of Mark Master Masons to Retire

With a heavy heart the M.W.Pro Grand Master, Benjamin Addy, yesterday announced that he will be retiring after the June investiture meeting of Mark Master Masons to be held in Great Queen Street, London. He has served the order of Mark Master Masonry as a ruler for over twenty four years and Pro. Grand Master for three years.

I am sure that you will all wish the M.W.Pro. Grand Master, Benjamin Addy, a long, happy and healthy retirement and offer your hearty congratulations to all of those

who have been promoted to higher ranks.

R.W.Bro. Paul W. Tarrant

Grand Secretary

Wednesday, 12th March 2014

He announced that his successor as Pro. Grand Master would be the R.W.Bro. Richard Victor Wallis, JP, our current Deputy Grand Master, and that our current Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. H. Keith Emmerson will replace him as the new Deputy Grand Master. Finally, R.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, President of the M.B.F., will become the new Assistant Grand Master.

A Time for Congratulations and Thanks

Yes it is that time again, when some Brethren are keeping their eye on the Postman, in the hope of news of Appointments or Promotions, in the various Orders in Freemasonry. It is also a time that we can pause for a moment and consider the events high and low within our Province, these

pages within the section entitled Mark my Words, we have time to reflect on the work carried out by our Provincial Officers in the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees.

We firstly must congratulate our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, on being nominated unanimously, to be proposed for election as Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor, at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Conclave in November this year.

He takes over the reins from M.Wy Bro. Michael William Guest who recently announced his retirement from office.

We are sure that all the Brethren within the Province of South

Wales would wish to extend their congratulations and wish him every success in his new appointment.

We also extend our congratulations to W.Bro. Keith Berwick Ferguson, PGJD, Provincial Grand Treasurer, who was Installed as the new Provincial Grand Summus for South Wales and Monmouthshire in the Order of the Scarlet Cord, in Swansea on Saturday 15th February 2014.

W.Bro. Keith had the wisdom of appointing as his Deputy

W.Bro. Alan D. Jones, of Barry Mark Lodge and as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus W.Bro. T.R. Eirian Jones, PGJD, our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the Mark Degree.

We are sure that you will agree that W.Bro. Keith has chosen well.

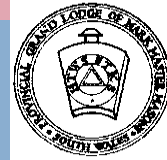


**R.W.Bro.
Paul Raymond Clement**



**W.Bro. Keith B. Ferguson, W.Bro. Alan D. Jones
and W.Bro. T.R. Eirian Jones**

Looking back, (so far), over the year it has been very eventful with a new Mark Lodge, Dinas Llandaf, meeting in Cardiff and a new Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, Stability, holding it's meetings in Penarth. Both Lodges have got off to a good start being supported by the members and Visiting Brethren indeed Stability RAM Lodge held it's first Installation on the 19th February, which was attended by over fifty Brethren, who had the pleasure of witnessing not only the Installation Ceremony, but an Elevation Ceremony, prior to the installation. The W. Commander W.Bro. David Waite, ProvRAMGR, undertook both ceremonies. Bro. Kenwyn Ball, was welcomed into the Order and W.Bro. Sir Paul Williams, was installed as Commander. We wish both Lodges every success for the future.



The Provincial Team

When coming to the last half of the Masonic year it is very easy to overlook the work being carried out on our behalf by the Active Provincial Officers, they seem to just fade into the background, carrying out their duties without any fuss or bother. It is therefore most appropriate to express our sincere thanks to them within these pages, for the loyalty they give to the Order.

The Provincial Mess, under the President and Vice President, our Provincial Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, have held the Annual Christmas Luncheon and we now look forward to the Annual Mess Dinner to be held in May this year.

The Executive Officers of the Province wish to express their sincere thanks to all Lodges who have organised Social Evenings, formal as well as informal, allowing Brethren and their partners to enjoy each others company, and in doing so, raising much needed funds to assist local charities, as well as supporting our own charity needs, Please keep up the good work.

We reported earlier that this is the Appointment Season and we extend to all brethren who receive their First appointment and to those who are Promoted, within all Orders, our sincere congratulations and wish them good health to enjoy their appointments to the full.

Indeed as we go to press, news has filtered through that our Deputy Provincial Grand Master has been Appointed to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Craft Freemasonry, and we offer him our very best wishes and congratulations.

There are others of course. but as we put pen to paper, further news has not reached us. There has to be some justification in asking why do we edit this magazine at this time of year? Why not wait a few weeks, when we could congratulate all by name.

We are however pleased to announce that the Provincial Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the following Brethren to

PROVINCIAL ROYAL ARK MARINER

Ralph Prole	St. John's No. 28
Matthew Richards	Abertawe No.179
Philip J James	Dunraven No. 950
S Brian Hann	Barry No. 1043
Michael Hopkins	Principality No. 1057
Alun H Thomas	Afan No. 1088
Paul K Coleman	Neath 1125
Andrew J Morgan	Porthcawl No. 1377
W Paul Knill	Sir Frederick Alban No. 1455
Pramond Devichand	Sir Frederick Alban No. 1455
Malcolm C Bignell	Cambrensis No. 1528
Victor G Watkins	Cynon Dare No. 1590
Michael R Winn	Llynfi Valley No. 1592
Golfryn M Stephens	Brychan No.1725

The Annual Investiture will take place under the Banner of the South Wales Installed Commanders Lodge No.1201 on Saturday 26th April, at the Masonic Temple, Bridgend.

We extend our congratulations to them all and with them many happy years in their promotion.

The Day They Received Their Wages



To commemorate the year W.Bro. Alan Ford Thomas, PGJD served as Worshipful Master of the South Wales Installed Mark Master Masons Lodge No.1201 he commissioned a Token to be struck to mark the occasion.

W.Bro. Alan was Installed on 23rd March 2013 and every member

who attended received their wages in the customary manner. The Tokens were distributed by forming a procession of all the members including the Provincial Grand Master to the Senior Wardens wicket.

The Token itself is of an unusual design and everything depicted on the Token has been carefully chosen to tell the story.

The name of the Lodge is shown on the obverse by means of initials in cipher. The dates shown above are in Roman numerals (MMXIII – MMXIV). The Keystone has a master's jewel superimposed and above this Keystone is the lodge number again in Roman numerals. (MCCI)

Almost hidden at the foot of the keystone is Brother Alan's mark.

The reverse has a mallet and chisel in a triangle and the usual words and a small Welsh dragon in the exergue.

A very special Token greatly appreciated by all who received it.

Brethren who are interested in the History and collecting Tokens should visit the Mark Token Collectors Club,

Website; <http://www.mtcc.org.uk>

Or contact the Secretary Ralph Wheeler, at;
ralph.wheeler@whitehouse59.plus.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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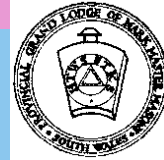
26th Mark Provincial General purpose Committee (Bridgend)
 26th Royal Ark Mariners, Annual Assembly and Investiture (Bridgend)

MAY

16th Provincial Grand Lodge Officers Mess, Annual Dinner, Clydach, Neath

JUNE

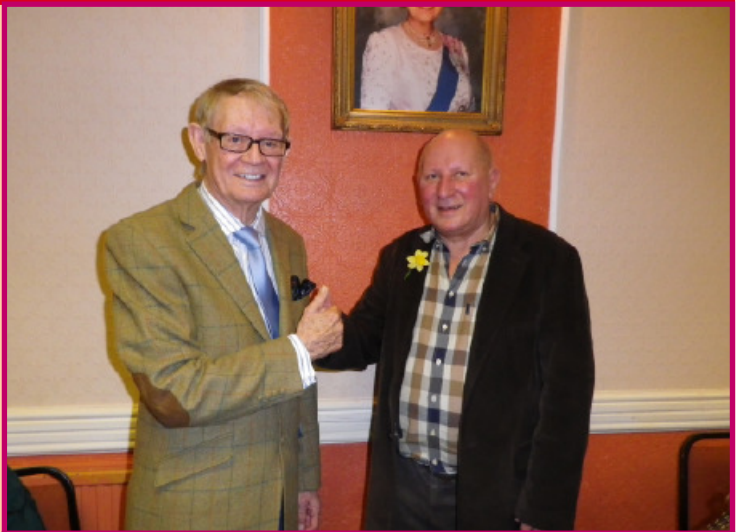
4th Mark Provincial Grand Lodge.
 10th Mark Grand Lodge, Annual Investiture, London.



Trinity celebrate Ten Years of Mark Masonry

Ten years ago on Tuesday 16th March 2004, the Consecration of Trinity Mark Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple – BARGOED. In the interim years the Lodge has been popular with Mark Masons from both the Province of South Wales and from the Province of Monmouth. Hence there has never been a shortage of visitors.

Ten years after the Consecration it fell on the current Master Worshipful Brother Arnold Hutchings to organise a celebratory event. So, a special tenth anniversary Sunday Lunch was held at the Bargoed Temple on 2nd March 2014,



Top; The founding master, Worshipful Brother Idris Hughes, congratulates Worshipful Master on 10 years of Trinity Mark Lodge. Left; Worshipful Brother Arnold Hutchings and his wife Val celebrate with Worshipful Brother Dave Waite



which happened to be Arnold's birthday. He has never had so many guests at his birthday party!!

The event turned out to be a resounding success. Worshipful Brother Mike Howell and his catering staff provided a superb lunch with pleasant background music. The afternoon continued with hilarious quizzes, a game of bingo and other novelty games. A raffle with lots of high quality prizes enabled the Lodge to present a cheque to the Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund for more than two hundred pounds. Everyone who attended will have fond memories of the occasion. May Trinity continue in such a positive vein for many years to come.