



**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

Forward into 2015

Brethren we trust that you have had an enjoyable Festive Season, with your Families and indeed your friends and the Executive Members of the Province wish you and your families

A very Happy New Year

During the last twelve months, the Mark and the Royal Ark Mariner Degree have enjoyed a period of expansion.

We welcomed in to the Province three new lodges, the Dinas Llandaf Mark Lodge, Tremains Mark Lodge and Stability Royal Ark Mariner Lodge. We also saw a steady increase in membership in both degrees not including the membership of our new Lodges.

We trust that we can go forward during the year that lies ahead with renewed vigour to enable us to continue to encourage new members into what is universally accepted as the "Friendly degrees".

The Province salutes and congratulates our Provincial Grand Master

There appears to be no slowing up of our Provincial Grand Master R.W. Paul Raymond Clement.

On Tuesday 11th November 2014 at a very colourful and exceedingly well attended Ceremony at Freemasons Hall London our Provincial Grand Master was invested as Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor. The ceremony of Investiture was conducted by M.Wy Bro. Michael William Guest.

A large number of brethren from all corners of the Province of South Wales and Monmouthshire travelled to London to witness the Ceremony.

It was also to some a surprise to note that the recently newly appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Order was Wy Bro. Ryan Williams our own Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Mark Degree. He was assisted by Wy Bro. Christopher Davies one of the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies also a member of our Province.

To be present on such an occasion was a privilege as it is not an annual event. It was further enhanced by the inclusion of Bro. Lewis Clement and Bro. Andrew Thomas as members of the Arch of Steel. They carried out their duties with dignity and brought further ceremonial to the proceedings.

A highlight of any Installation of a new Head of an Order to those witnessing the occasion is of course the Proclamation, and we were not disappointed when the Grand Director of Ceremonies stepped forward and proclaimed M.Wy.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, Grand Supreme Ruler. During the Proclamation the Orders to which our Provincial Grand Master is a member were listed along with the rank and office held by him,

They are as follows:

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Paul Raymond Clement continued from page 35

Past Junior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England;

Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England;

Provincial Grand Master for South Wales in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, and of the Ancient and Honourable fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners;

Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders and Great Marshal of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas;

Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32nd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas;

Past Grand Junior General in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas, of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St. John the Evangelist;

Past Grand Councillor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas;

Past District Grand Prefect for Severn in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas;

Grand Regent Vicarius of the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas;

Knight of Holy Wisdom and Past Grand Seventh Pillar in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom;

Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City and Grand Mareschal of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales;

Substitute Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Metropolitan Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland;

Grand Chancellor;

etc., etc., etc., etc.;

has this day been elected, obligated, invested and installed Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas;

Whom, may the Almighty Friend of All Friends long preserve;

Ysgolion Lodge celebrates at Pontyclun

by : **Fred Fox**

Ysgolion Mark Lodge enjoyed a most convivial evening at Pontyclun on September 26th last, when the Worshipful Master W.Bro. Ben Cope, (pictured , right), Installed his successor W.Bro. Gareth Parsons, (pictured middle). into the Chair of Adoniram.

As there are only two Mark Lodges which meet at the Pontyclun venue, the St. Iltyd and Ysgolion Lodges have a warm arrangement of visiting each other, and the Temple was packed, for what was a fine Ceremony.

W.Bro. Gareth has the distinction of having been Installed into the Chair of three Lodges which are members of the Federation of School Lodges, viz.(Craft) Old Cantonians and Ymlaen, and now Ysgolion.

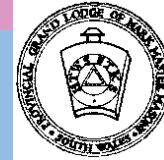
We were also delighted to have the company of W.Bro. Dr. Paul Calderwood, (picture , left), representing the Province. W.Bro. Paul has a pleasant way of putting the Officers at their ease, allowing them to relax and enjoy the fruits of their



labours, which was evident as the evening progressed. Indeed, he was most fulsome in his praise of the Installing Master and his Officers, both in the Temple and at the ample.Festive Board.

All of the Brethren present were able to retire to their homes having had a most satisfying evening.

Ysgolion meets next at Pontyclun on Friday 25th January 2015, and all Mark Masons will be sure of a warm welcome.



Around the Province

During the Festive Season of Christmas and the New Year many events have been held by lodges and the Annual Christmas Luncheon of the Provincial Mess was held in Brecon, under the chairmanship of the Vice President W.Bro. Victor Watkins, Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and his wife.

Because of the timing of this issue of "Y Dalaith" we are unable to report fully or include photographs of these events, so look out for these in the next edition.

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The Annual Meeting and Investiture of Royal Ark Mariners

The Annual Meeting was held as usual on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street London.

At the Luncheon prior to the Investiture over 30 brethren from the Province, joined together to congratulate those being honoured with this high Appointment. It was pleasing to witness that the Province continues to support in such high numbers, the brethren who are recipients of Grand Rank, not only at this meeting, but also at the Annual Investiture meeting of Mark Grand Lodge, in June each year, much to the envy of many other Provinces.

We congratulate

W.Bro. Edward George Bolton,
Neath RAM Lodge No.1125, SWIC RAM Lodge No.1201
and Caerffili RAM Lodge No.1348

W.Bro. William Peter Ellis,
Arthur Lewis RAM Lodge No.585

W.Bro. Paul Kelvin-Smith,
South Wales Installed Commanders Lodge No.1201
and Cambrensis RAM No.1528

W.Bro. Merlyn Lloyd,
St. Tydfil RAM Lodge No. 639, Cynon Dare RAM Lodge No.1590 and Sketty Hall RAM Lodge No. 1685.

Did you know?

1981 & 2005 - Two Interesting Years

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Lesson to be learned:

**The next time Charles gets married,
someone should warn the Pope.**