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for Mark Master Masons of the Province of South Wales.

Bringing You News from around the Province

A Time to reflect

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As we look back over yet another successful year in the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees and taking into account, the wonderful attendance at our Provincial Meeting held in Cardiff in early June, when we also received and welcomed, a large number of Visiting Brethren, from other Provinces.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming R.W.Bro. Kessick John Jones, Grand Director of Ceremonies. It was also a moment of delight when the Provincial Grand Master welcomed the brethren who had been Advanced into the Order during the last twelve months, and we must make mention of the procession into Provincial Grand Lodge of the Representatives' of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, military precision at it finest, and rumour has it, that brethren came from far and wide, to witness this special added feature to the proceedings.



The Royal Ark Mariner Representatives

We now have time to reflect, and indeed to take note of the change in Provincial Officers that occurred at, and after that meeting. Firstly we must thank the retiring Officers for their support during the last twelve months, they were a team that worked extremely hard, to ensure the smooth running of the

Province.

Our congratulations are also extended to our new team of Provincial Officers wishing them a happy and successful year in their respected offices.

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Ryan Williams is Appointed Deputy Grand Secretary

The Provincial Meeting this year was mixed with sadness and also with pride when it was announced that W.Bro. Ryan Andrew Williams, D.G.D.C and our Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies was retiring from Office, quickly followed by the announcement of his forthcoming appointment to Deputy Grand Secretary, which drew an instant warm response from all the brethren present.

The Provincial Grand Master requested W.Bro. Ryan to advance to the dias and on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge presented him with a token of our thanks for the manner he had conducted the ceremonial duties of the Province, and our best wishes when he takes up his new appointment at Mark Masons Hall, London.

W.Bro. Ryan Williams was admitted to the Craft as a Lewis some 27 years ago, and as those of us who have been privileged to note, quickly developed a passion for all aspects of Freemasonry, taking the opportunity to progress in a number of Orders at the earliest



Ryan Williams with the PGM, R.W.Bro. Paul Clement.



Ryan Williams with the D.PGM, V.W.Bro. T.R. Eirian Jones

opportunity. His Masonic CV, which follows in part, the whole of which can be obtained on the Provincial Web Site, is a testimony to his drive and determination to progress in the Orders to which he belongs and as shown in several cases this has resulted in achieving Provincial and Grand Rank.

Combining youth, a strong Masonic pedigree and true commitment to Freemasonry in general.

In Craft Freemasonry :

- Initiated into the Ystradyfodwg Lodge No.7638 - 1988.
- Installed as Worshipful Master of Ystradyfodwg Lodge - 1994
- Appointed PrAGDC Province of South Wales - 1999
- Promoted to PPrGSwdB Province of South Wales - 2004
- Joining member of Hendre Lodge No.3250 currently Steward.

Royal Arch Chapter:

- Exalted into the Ystradyfodwg Chapter No.7638 - 1991
- Installed as First Principal in Ystradyfodwg Chapter - 2001
- Appointed PrAGDC Province of South Wales - 2004
- Promoted to PPrGSoj. Province of South Wales - 2007
- Joining member of Hendre Chapter No.3250

Mark:

- Advanced into the Dunraven Mark Lodge No.950 - 1990
- Installed as Worshipful Master, Dunraven Mark Lodge - 2001
- Appointed Lodge Secretary 2008 – 2015

- Joining member of Langley Mark lodge No.28
- Appointed PrAGDC Province of South Wales - 2004
- Re-appointed PrAGDC Province of South Wales - 2005
- Promoted to Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies - 2006
- Appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies 2007 – 2015
- Appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies - 2008
- Promoted to Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies 2012 – 2015
- Appointed to Deputy Grand Secretary, - June 2015

Royal Ark Mariner

- Elevated in Dunraven Lodge No. 950 - 1991
- Installed as Worshipful Commander, Dunraven Lodge - 2003
- Appointed to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank - 2006
- Promoted to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank - 2009
- Joining member of SWIC Lodge No.1201
- Joining member of De Cymru Lodge No.1606
- Honorary member of Stability Lodge No.758
- He is also a member of the following Orders to which his present rank only is indicated.

Knights Templar

- A member of the Morganwg Preceptory No. 200 - 1993
- Appointed Deputy Great Vice Chancellor - July 2015

Ancient & Accepted Rite

- A member of Maesteg Chapter No.397 - 1993
- Joining member of Groeswen Chapter No.1036 - 2010
- Appointed Grand Elected Knight Kadosh 30th Degree - 2015

Royal & Select Masters

- Admitted to the Cartref Council No.169 - 2010
- Appointed Captain of the guard, Cartref Council - 2015

Allied Masonic Degrees.

- A member of the Dinas Council No.140 - 2010
- Appointed Deputy Grand Secretary - July 2015

Order of the Secret Monitor

- A member of the Bro Taf Conclave No.432 - 2009
- Joining member of the Sumu Conclave No.3 - 2014
- Appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies - 2014
- Appointed Deputy Grand Recorder with personal rank of Past Grand Registrar - June 2015

Ancient & Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord

- Admitted to First Grade in the West Glamorgan Consistory 28 TI - 2014

Knight Templar Priests

- A member of the Sant Crallo Tabernacle No. 164 - 1994
- Promoted to Past Grand Sixth Pillar in Grand College – 2014
- The brethren of the Province of South Wales and indeed other Provinces wish him every success for the future and as the title of the song, of which we own the performing rights says :

"We'll Keep a Welcome"

We trust that he will always remember his association with South Wales, and continue to enjoy the friendship of his own brethren for many years to come.



New Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

The Provincial Grand Master announced that he would appoint W.Bro. Stephen Charles Evans Harries, PPrGJW, Deputy Provincial Grand Master as W.Bro. Ryan Williams successor, and this was received with much acclaim.

The brethren were also informed that on 9th June 2015 at Mark Grand Lodge, W.Bro. Harries would be invested as a Grand Steward.

The full list of those brethren receiving Grand Rank in the Mark Degree was printed in the April edition of Y Dalaith and can be viewed on the Provincial web Site.



W.Bro. Stephen C.E. Harries

The Festive Board following the Provincial Meeting was as usual a very happy and very well attend function at which the 150 Club draw was made and full details of prize winners can be seen the Provincial Web Site.

New President & Vice President of the Provincial Grand lodge Officers Mess.

During the After Proceedings the Provincial Grand Master also invested W.Bro. Clive Evans, PGStB, Provincial Grand Senior Warden as President of the Provincial Officers Mess and W.Bro. Keith Dascombe, Provincial Grand Junior Warden as Vice President.

Provincial Year Book 2015 – 2016

The Provincial Year Book (the 100th edition), will we understand, be available from September this year and contains "Full Information of all Mark and RAM Lodges," and we would ask you to ensure that you receive your copy from your Craft Lodges.



W.Bro. Brian Isaac

New Appointments.

At the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge the Provincial Grand Master appointed two additional Officers to the Provincial Team. To the Office of Assistant Provincial Grand Charity Steward W.Bro. Brian Isaac, and W.Bro. Peter Eric Taylor PPrGStwd to Assistant Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.

We extend to both



PGM congratulates Provincial Senior Grand Warden W.Bro. Clive Evans, as President of the Officers Mess.

of these Brethren our congratulations.

With the appointment of W.Bro. Isaac PAGSwdB, as Assistant charity Steward he will work in tandem with the Provincial Charity Steward W.Bro. Neil Morgan to ensure that all lodges and brethren are kept fully informed regarding the efforts being made by the Province towards our Charity commitments and of course the 2020 Appeal.



W.Bro. Neil Morgan



PGM congratulates Prov Grand Junior Warden, W.Bro. Keith Dascombe, as Vice President.

The New Masonic Year :

We now embark on a New Masonic Year and we take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very happy and successful year in your various lodges and continue to maintain the tradition of the Mark Degree as the Happy Degree.