

Mark Province Honours Retiring Provincial Grand Master

by : Roger Lewis

At the Manor Hotel Crickhowell, members of the South Wales Mark Province marked the retirement of its Provincial Grand Master RWBro Thomas Richard Eirian Jones, who was the sixteenth Provincial Grand Master to have held that office. Appointed in 2008 as Assistant Provincial Grand Master he then became Deputy in 2013 and was finally Installed as Provincial Grand Master in 2016 by MWBro Richard Victor Wallis.

Eirian was Advanced into the Arthur Lewis Mark Lodge No.585 in Pontypridd in 1994, followed in the September of that year by becoming a Founder Member of the Brychan Mark Lodge No.1725 in Brecon. He became its Master in 2001 prior to becoming a Founder Member of the Brychan Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No.1725 and its WCommander in 2003. Eirian was, in 1997, Elevated in the St Tydfil's Lodge No.639 of Royal Ark Mariners.

In 2003 he became a Joining Member of the South Wales Installed Mark Masons Lodge, No.1201 becoming its Master in 2017 and similarly becoming a Joining Member of the South Wales Installed Commanders Lodge No.1201 in 2004.

In 2008, he became a Joining Member of the De Cymru Mark Grand Officers Lodge No.1606 becoming its Master in 2017 and similarly becoming a Joining Member of the De Cymru Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No.1606 in 2009.

An impressive resume of Masonic achievements is indicative of RWBro Eirian Jones' dedication to Masonry. He has been Installed in all the Chairs of the mainstream Masonic Orders including Holy Royal Arch, The Ancient and Accepted Rite, Rose Croix, Royal and Select Masters, Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, Order of the Secret Monitor, Orders of the Temple, Knights Templar and his first Chair in 1993 as Worshipful Master of Brecknock Lodge No.651 in Brecon. He also occupied a number of Chairs in the Mark Degree including the Chair of Cyfrinfa Marc Dewi Sant, Dewi Sant Mark Lodge, the only Mark Lodge in the Constitution which is permitted to hold its degrees entirely in the Welsh Language.

It was inevitable that such dedication and expertise should be awarded the status of Grand Rank. Firstly, in 2008 he was Appointed Past Grand Junior Deacon and Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. Further Grand Rank appointments followed in the Mark Degree with PSGD in 2013 and PGJO in 2015. In Holy Royal Arch, the appointment of Past Grand Standard Bearer was confirmed in 2013 and in 2014 he was appointed to the Grand Rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Craft.

He also holds Grand Rank in the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine when he was Appointed Grand Vice-Chamberlain in 2013, in the Order of Royal and Select Masters, when he was Appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2010 and promoted to Past Grand Captain of the Guard in 2017 and in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord when he was Appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2014.

In both Royal and Select Masters and Order of the Scarlet Cord he held Executive rank as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Assistant Provincial Grand Summus respectively.

Thomas Richard Eirian Jones was born in the final austere year of the Second World War in 1945. Together with his younger brother he was brought up in the small closely-knit Welsh mining village of Pontyates in the Gwendraeth Valley in Carmarthenshire.

This Welsh speaking mining background was one where education was promoted. He was encouraged to work hard in school.

He passed his Eleven Plus and embarked on an academic career starting in Llanelli Boys' Grammar School.



It is hardly surprising that at Swansea University he chose to read Geology in deference to his family's mining background. He graduated with honours in 1967 with further study in Trinity College Dublin. He returned home to Wales in 1968 to marry his wife Geraldine whom he had met whilst they were both students at Swansea University.

Eirian retired from academia in the summer of 2003 having spent over thirty years in education holding many senior and responsible posts, both academic and pastoral including Head of Departments in Geography and Geology, Head of the Humanities Faculty and Head of Sixth Form.

His interest in education is still maintained. His three sons are all married to teachers and he has three grandsons whose progress in school he views with great interest.

Eirian and Geraldine were presented with flowers and gifts as a token of the Province's immense gratitude for his leadership and friendship over many years. This was greeted with a standing ovation from those present and was a fitting climax to a most enjoyable afternoon.





New Year Message from the Provincial Grand Master

“A new year is a time to reflect on the past while embracing the future.” Unknown

Dear Brethren,
As we look back to Christmas and the previous year my mind often reflects on the first couple of months since that fabulous day for our Province in Cardiff on 4th June.

It was a momentous occasion for us all but especially for me as I took office as the seventeenth Provincial Grand Master of our Province. Time moves forward, since we resumed our labours in September and as we enter the New Year, we can reflect on our own Masonic journeys with joy and acclamation. We know in our hearts we are all doing our best to enjoy our rituals, ceremonies and the many friendships we have gained over the years.

Christmas and the New Year are very special times which I am fortunate to spend with my family. With my own three grown up children and two grown up stepdaughters, Allyson and I are blessed with nine grandchildren. Personally it's a time of joy and quality family time, with carol services and the family getting together to make further memories.

Not everyone is as blessed and this is a time for remembering those who sadly are no longer with us but are never forgotten. The New Year is quickly upon us and brings with it new experiences and opportunities. As Mark Men we are always quick to seize on these which enable us, through the Mark Benevolent Fund and other endeavours to benefit others.

I and my very supportive wife Allyson along with fellow Provincial Executives wish to each and every one of you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year as we look forward to 2026 and beyond. May the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe bless and keep you and your families safe and well.
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda. - *Philip.*



Annual Inter-Province Bowls Match at Albert Edward Bowls Green

by : Lyn Guttridge

On Sunday, 10 August 2025, we were blessed with a warm sunny day when ninety-five persons attended, including teams from Monmouthshire and South Wales. We were also delighted that RWBro Philip Davies, his wife Alyson, RWBro Ben Dykes and RWBro Paul Clement and his wife Molly were able to attend as enthusiastic spectators.

Teams from Lodges in Port Talbot, Bridgend and Porthcawl augmented with individual bowlers made up the South Wales Provincial Team. South Wales were the eventual winners after two hours of intense, yet friendly, bowling and won the coveted trophy against a strong Monmouthshire team.

Philip Davies and Ben Dykes gave a congratulatory speech and thanked the ladies of The Prince of Wales Court Bowling Club for the splendid tea.

They then presented the newly appointed Manageress, Teresa Picton and WBro Phil Aubrey, Chairman, a cheque for £650.00, the proceeds of the day.

Due to the day's great success it is hoped to involve Dyfed and Gloucester Provinces next year on the second Sunday of August 2026.





Elections at Llynfi Mark Lodge set for next term

by : Tal Harries

Llynfi Valley Mark Lodge No.1592, held its election night on 10 September 2025 when Senior Warden John Williams was elected as Worshipful Master for 2025/26. Also WBro William James was re-elected as Treasurer.

At the same meeting Bro Gwynfi Mark Jones was Advanced into the Lodge in an excellent Ceremony conducted by Worshipful Master Peter Hamley and his officers.

The photographs show Gwynfi being congratulated and welcomed by Peter Hamley and one of WBro John Williams.



Triple Event at South Wales Installed Mark Masters Lodge

by : Chris Mugford

South Wales Installed Mark Masters Lodge No.1201 elects a new Master, ballots for 3 new Members and received an enthralling Dissertation.

A Meeting of the Lodge was held on 27 September 2025 at the Bridgend Masonic Hall, by Worshipful Master, VW Bro Jeffrey D Williams PGJO, in the presence of WBro Alun Howell Thomas PGJD, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro Martin A Jones PGJO, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, VWBro Dr Paul R Calderwood PGSO PastDPGM, VWBro James P Childs PGJO, VWBro Ralph Jeffery PGJO and a plethora of Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, Members and Guests.

A ballot was held for three new Members of the Lodge, namely WBro M Huw Williams (a Past Master of Cowbridge Mark Lodge No.1573), WBro Talfyn W H Harries (a Past Master of Llynfi Mark Lodge No.1592) and WBro Chris Mugford (Worshipful Master of the Neath Mark Lodge No.1125). The ballot proving successful, the three Joining Members were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

James P Childs PGJO, was then elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and suitably congratulated by the Worshipful Master and Brethren.

Following domestic business of the meeting being concluded, a dissertation was given by WBro William Jenkins PPrGJO, (The Right Illustrious Companion and District Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas) on the subject of his Order.



In his address he perambulated the Lodge whilst informing the Brethren of the history and relevance of the Order, occasionally pausing to pick out a member of his Order from among the Brethren to emphasize a point of relevance or to give a personal note of relevance to his dissertation. At his conclusion, the Members gave their lengthy acclamation to his excellent speech.

The meeting was then closed and the Brethren retired to the dining room where they were treated to an excellent meal for which Jayne, the hall caterer, is well renowned.





South Wales Mark Masons support Mark Benevolent Fund

by : Roger Lewis

The Mark Benevolent Fund was created in 1868 when the Grand Master of the Mark Order, The Revd George Raymond Portal felt that the current system of charitable support at the time lacked speed and was bogged down by bureaucracy and formality which delayed the disbursement to those in need.

His remedy was both progressive and radical and his guiding principle "Bis dat qui cito pro": "he who gives promptly, gives twice" was adopted and is still the underlying belief of the Mark Benevolent Fund today. He felt that those in need required immediate assistance and there should be no delay in helping those in difficulties.

Locally the Mark Benevolent Fund has recently supported the Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby team and this contribution has helped the team move forward and provide further support to its members. The South Wales Mark Order at Provincial and Lodge level has also supported The Wallich, a south Wales charity which supports those members of society in need of a home and other assistance; the Brecon Mountain Rescue Team who do such sterling work in the Brecon Beacons and Maggies, a cancer support organisation based at Velindre Hospital Cardiff.

Photographs show Brethren receiving their MBF Collarettes: RWBrother Philp W Davies Provincial Grand Master, the Diamond MBF Collarette, at Scouts Cymru Mark Lodge.



WBro Clive Thomas, of Brecon Mark Lodge receives his Grand Patron Collarette at Scouts Cymru Mark Lodge, with WBro Tony Harvey in attendance. WBro Peter Constantine receiving the Caerfilli Royal Ark Mariner Lodge Collarette and Members of Cambria Mark Lodge receiving Diamond, Grand Patron and Patron. All the meetings were well supported.



Ysgolion Lodge Install new Worshipful Master

by : Chris Mugford

Ysgolion Mark Master Masons Lodge No.1487 (a Member of the Federation of School Lodges) held an Installation Meeting for a new Worshipful Master. At the Meeting held on Friday, 26 September 2025, at the Masonic Temple, Park Crescent, Pontyclun. Held in the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro Alun Howell Thomas PGJD, Provincial Grand Secretary, VWBro Jeffrey D Williams PGJO, VWBro Gareth Jones OBE,PGSO (the Past Provincial Grand Master of South Wales in the Craft), WBro Graham G Evans PPrJGO (Director of Ceremonies) plus a number of Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, Members of the Lodge and Guests.

Worshipful Master, WBro Dr Ian C W Hooper, expertly and sincerely conducted an Installation Ceremony of his successor Bro Josefino Con-Ui. This was made all the more remarkable as Dr Ian Hooper has been undergoing medical procedures for his vision and has also been suffering severe mobility issues for some time.

He was warmly congratulated by WBro Alun Howell Thomas PGJD on his performance in the Ceremony.

Josefino Con-Ui then Appointed his Officers, including Senior Warden (Bro David O E Price), Master Overseer (WBro Michael Hopkins PPrJGW) and the Chaplain (Michael Lewis PAGDC).

The Festive Board was held in the Dining Hall of the Pontyclun Temple where the diners were treated to an excellent repast and the new Worshipful Master provided memorial place mats for each of the diners.





The SCLOMMM Mark Mans Token

by : Alun Morton

The presentation of a Mark Token to a Candidate being Advanced into our Order is a fundamental part of the Mark Degree Advancement Ceremony. It symbolises the payment of his wages as a Mark Man for working well and worthily for 6 days or less at the building of King Solomon's Temple. He is instructed to use it, as not abusing it and to go on his way rejoicing.

Many variations of Mark Tokens exist, including an English standard version from Mark Grand Lodge and many local versions produced by Mark Provinces, Districts and individual Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters throughout the world. Indeed, there is even a very active 'Mark Token Collectors Club' which registers and researches designs and issues a quarterly Newsletter.

The Scouts Cymru Lodge of Mark Master Masons has predominantly used the standard Mark Grand Lodge version of the Token, but seven years since foundation and seven members Advanced, we have firmly established ourselves as a proactive and progressive Mark Lodge nationally and in the Provinces of South Wales; the time has come to design our own Token.



The Lodge side of the Token consists of the motif designed by WBro Alun Morton and adopted by the Lodge, it consists of the World Scout Arrowhead sign, mounted in a keystone with 'Lodge No.1995' written beneath it. Either side and facing inwards to signify our Welshness are two Welsh Dragons looking inward, as worn on a Welsh Scout's uniform. At the top are the words 'Scouts Cymru Lodge of Mark Master Masons'.



The obverse of the token consists of the words 'Son Of Man' at the top perimeter edge and 'Mark Well' at the bottom perimeter edge, 'Mark Well' is a term used in English speaking lodges in place of the ancient word. The centre is our familiar Keystone, inside the Keystone are two circles within which are the letter H T W S S T K S and within the inner circle is an equilateral triangle (the sacred Delta) that being the Mark Master's Mark of approval.

Brethren of SCLOMMM No.1995 are encouraged to purchase their Mark Man's Tokens from the Lodge Treasurer, new Advancers will receive theirs during their Ceremony of Advancement. Joining Members will be presented theirs on their first Lodge meeting. Collectors can order direct from the Lodge Secretary.

Brethren are required to carry their Token with them at all Lodge meetings and if, when challenged, they are unable to produce them a fine will be incurred and placed in the Lodge's Charity Chest.

Province Supports Provincial Brethren

by : Roger Lewis

The Provincial Grand Master RWBro Philip W Davies and a significant number of Brethren were delighted to support Brethren who were Promoted in Mark Grand Lodge at their September meeting at Freemasons' Hall. They were: WBro Gareth Jones, OBE to Past Grand Senior Overseer, WBro D Martin Mogford to Past Grand Junior Overseer, WBro Jeffrey D Williams, Provincial Grand Secretary to Past Grand Junior Overseer, WBro Gareth Andrews to Past Grand Junior Deacon.

WBro Garry M Davies to Past Grand Junior Deacon and WBro Anthony W Seymour to Past Grand Junior Deacon. WBro Gareth Jones OBE and WBro Jeffrey Williams will now become Very Worshipful Brethren.

Images show the assembled Brethren and WBro Vincell Haskins enjoying a joke with RWBro John French the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey.





Scouts Cymru Lodge No.1995 Annual Newsletter 2025

by : Alun Morton

Greetings Brethren; as we bring another Masonic year to a close, we enter our eighth year since Consecration and we prepare to install a new Worshipful Master and appoint officers for 2025/26. Congratulations to WBro Simon Morgan on his year as Master and we look forward to him installing his successor, WBro Howard J Mallett in October.



Reflecting on the year past under Simon's leadership and looking forward to the coming year under Howard Mallett, we are now comfortably established as a Progressive Mark Lodge in the South Wales Province and further afield. We are attracting new members and enjoy a regular cohort of visitors at each meeting.

This last year we advanced two members in Bro Byron Williams and Bro Piers Hallahan, but have unfortunately received the resignation of WBro Mike Howell. He will remain in touch and his support is greatly valued. However, we are aware of several encouraging prospective Candidates for Advancement and joining in the coming year.



We launched our Lodge Enamel Cup at a reasonable cost of £12.00. We have a few over so if you have not got yours yet contact Howard Mallett. You will have observed that two much larger cups are used for our Alms bowls, reflecting our rustic Scouty character.

We will be introducing the SCLoMMM Lodge Specific Token at our Installation meeting

in October. There is no doubt this will become a collectors piece so don't miss out. Order yours for yourself and your guests at the Lodge rate of £5.00 each from WBro Alun Morton.

The plan is that at sometime during the meeting you will form a line to collect them from the Senior Warden's Wicket in exchange for a fiver per token. Guests at the meeting may also purchase theirs at the same preferential Lodge rate on this occasion and any surplus will be offered to the very wide and active collectors market at a dearer price.



So it is, with initiatives such as this we continue to raise our profile in the South Wales Province, adjacent Provinces and further afield. In April a small contingent represented SCLoMMM at the Kindred Lodges Association Spring meeting at Long Eaton, Derbyshire. A hearty welcome was rendered and we mixed it with other Scout Mark Lodges from across the UK, meeting old friends and making new.

We also enjoyed a very warm welcome from our friends at St Margaret's Lodge No.1478 in the Province of Monmouthshire on our return to Blackwood Temple in February where we Advanced Bros Byron and Piers.



Miskin Mill Scout Village

And of course we held a very successful business meeting at the Miskin Scout Village in June where we again enjoyed good company, good food and lucky weather for the archery afterwards. Thanks to all involved.

But by far the highlight of this last year Brethren, has to be the Appointment of our very own, now Right Worshipful Brother Philip W Davies as our Provincial Grand Master, we cannot take the credit for this one but it must be remembered that 'the Caerphilly Boy', a Founder Member of SCLoMMM done good. Many of us were at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in June to witness his Installation as RW Provincial Grand Master and what a Grand day it was. A special day for the Lodge and a very special and proud day for RWBro Phil.



At the Provincial Meeting we also witnessed Brethren of the Lodge being Appointed and Promoted to Provincial Grand Rank and we congratulate them all. And, we were the nominated Lodge under who's Banner the 2026 Provincial meeting will be held, to which I have proudly accepted on your behalf.

Basically that means that we as a Lodge will be expected to assist in setting up the Temple the day before the meeting, parading our Banner at the meeting, helping out on the day and dismantling the Temple the day after. Wednesday, 3 June 2026, please mark these dates in your diary.

Throughout the year we have maintained our charitable commitment; early in the year the Lodge won a second prize of £250.00 in the Province's 150 Club Draw, that enabled us to kick off the fund for the Lodge Token. We attained Patron status of the Mark Benevolent Fund, our Worshipful Master now wears the Patron's Collaret and we are allowed to state our achievement on our Lodge Summons and of course, we have supported other local charities and worthy causes.

On the subject of raising our profile, next years' mission will be a membership drive, to consolidate and bring in new members. You will be aware that I continue to submit material for 'Y Dalaith' and to the 'KLA newsletter', WBro Nick Gregory has opened our Facebook account and I've resumed our X (Twitter) page @SCLoMMM, a WEB page is next.

I've also produced a Tri-fold flier for your general circulation and so that you can do your bit to interest and enlist new members, I'll be circulating business cards for you to personalise and use in your personal recruitment drive.

Finally Brethren, as we've reflected and set the scene for a new Masonic year, I thank you for supporting the Lodge and wish you all good health, happiness and continued enthusiasm so that we can further enjoy and develop this wonderful Lodge.



Assistant Provincial Grand Master on duty at Mother Mariner Lodge.

by : Roger Lewis

This photograph shows VWBro Martin A Jones, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, on his first duty as APMG congratulating WBro Huw Davies who was Proclaimed as Worshipful Commander for a second year.

Barry Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No.1043 is VWBrother Martin's Mother RAM Lodge so he was delighted to undertake his first duty at one of his own Lodges.



Buckingham Palace Recognised Achievement

WBro Tony Wynne, Past Master of Arthur Lewis Lodge No.585 of Mark Master Masons was recently recognised for his work in the community by being presented with his MBE by Prince William, Prince of Wales. An honour thoroughly deserved.

However, perhaps not everyone knows that Tony was a Champion boxer in his younger days and has contributed immensely to his local community over the years.

Tony Wynne joined the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association as a 13-year-old and competed on and off until the age of 32. He represented Wales on seventeen occasions at International level, was Captain of the Welsh senior team and became a Welsh Senior Featherweight Champion. He also won Sea Cadet Championships at 13,14 and 15 years of age.

Having completed his apprenticeship as a motor mechanic, he started up his own Motor Trade business in 1960, where

in 1964 he expanded to a larger premises opening a petrol station and taking on a Dealership for Austin/Morris cars. He employed a staff of 14 and retired in 1999 as a Rover Dealer. He carried on his membership of the WABA, of which he is still very active, holding the position of President. During his time as a businessman, he sat for ten years as a school Governor for two schools in his locality and was a Founder Member of the Rhondda Sports Advisory Committee.

He retired from active boxing in 1969 and started

his career as a referee/judge the same year. He is still very much involved, as the OIC (Official in Charge). He qualified as an EABA official in 1984 and went on to qualify as an AIBA (International) official in 1988, acting as a referee or judge at

the highest level of tournaments all over the World. For this service he has been made a life member of the Referee and Judges Association of Wales and of the WABA.

In 1989 he suffered a heart attack after completing a ten mile charity fun run and in 1998 had a bad riding accident where he broke his back. In November 2015, suffered a mini stroke (T I A). Despite these problems, he has not stopped carrying on his sporting career. In 1990 he was voted by the Rhondda Group of Boys Clubs committee, as the Rhondda Valleys Sports Personality.

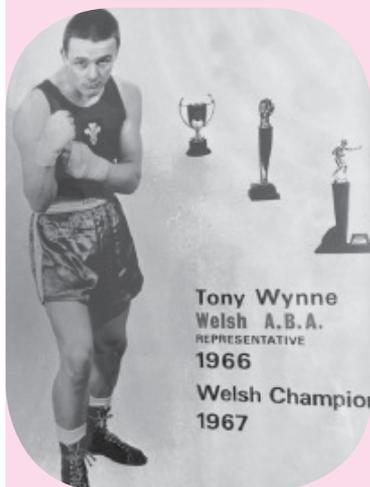
Besides officiating at the highest level, (two Commonwealth Games) he travels many miles every week to attend boxing in all parts of the country. To enable him to carry on doing this he has to keep fit so still attends the gym.

Tony also organizes charity boxing dinner show events, which have raised thousands of pounds for numerous charities. All his services are on a voluntary basis and this year he celebrates 67 years, as a member of the WABA and has been Chairman of the Welsh Referee and Judges.

During recent years he has taken coaching courses with the Welsh FA, coached soccer with Aberdare Grass Hoppers AFC and became their Welfare Child Protection Officer for the club. He also drew up a policy on their behalf, but has now taken a back seat. This was also on a voluntary basis.

A few years ago, Tony won two awards for his services as a volunteer, one with the WCVA and the other with Interlink based at Pontypridd. He was also a runner up in the Community Champion Awards organized by the Western Mail. He is now in his eighties but still carries on a full and rewarding life.

(With acknowledgments to Rhiannon Wynne)



Langley Mark Lodge Announce New Craft Prov Grand Master

by : Chris Mugford

At the Regular Meeting of the Langley Mark Lodge No.28 (the oldest Mark Masons Lodge in South Wales) held at the Cardiff Masonic Hall, it was announced that the Secretary of the Lodge, WBro Robert G Payne PPrGJW (presently an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft Province of South Wales) is to be Invested as the new Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of South Wales.

It was also announced that, together with Bro Steven J Page (Secretary of St Johns Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No.28R, which is moored to the Langley Lodge), Robert G Payne was to be awarded the Honour of a Grand Patron Collarette and Jewel of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Presentation of the Collarettes and Jewels to Robert and Steven was made by WBro David H Elliot GStd (the Provincial Charity Steward of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Wales) who gave an excellent presentation of the history, evolution and workings of the Mark Benevolent Fund in its wider context.

This was received with acclamation by the Brethren and Visitors of Langley Lodge. During the domestic business of the evening, a regular visitor and much appreciated friend, WBro Denis Tucker PJGD was warmly accepted as a Joining Member, he will certainly be a valuable asset to the Lodge.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, the Members and guests retired to the Edgar Rutter Suite of the Cardiff Masonic Hall, where they were treated to the excellent fare for which the hall is noted.



The Langley Mark Lodge meets at the Cardiff Masonic Hall, Guildford Street, Cardiff on the first Wednesday in March, April, October and November.



New Commander at Installed Commanders Lodge

by : Chris Mugford

At the Meeting of the South Wales Installed Commanders Lodge No.1201 on Saturday, 25 October 2025, the Senior Warden of the Lodge, WBro Paul S Cage RAMGR, was Installed as Worshipful Commander. The Meeting was held in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of South Wales and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners, RWBro Philip William Davies, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, WBro Martin A Jones RAMGR, assisted by WBro Philip D Rice, ProvGDC, together with a large number of holders of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank and visiting Members of the Order.

The Ceremony was carried out to perfection by the Worshipful Commander, WBro Allan D Jones, RAMGR (The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor for the Province of South Wales and Monmouthshire).

Before the meeting concluded Philip William Davies requested that the Provincial Director of Ceremonies, WBro Philip D Rice, escort the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Martin A Jones to formally present him with his Grand Patron Gold Collarette in recognition of his continued contributions to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

A very convivial Festive Board was held in the dining hall, where all were treated to an excellent repast for which Jayne, the hall caterer, is renowned.

