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-- The Newsletter for the Mark Master Mason

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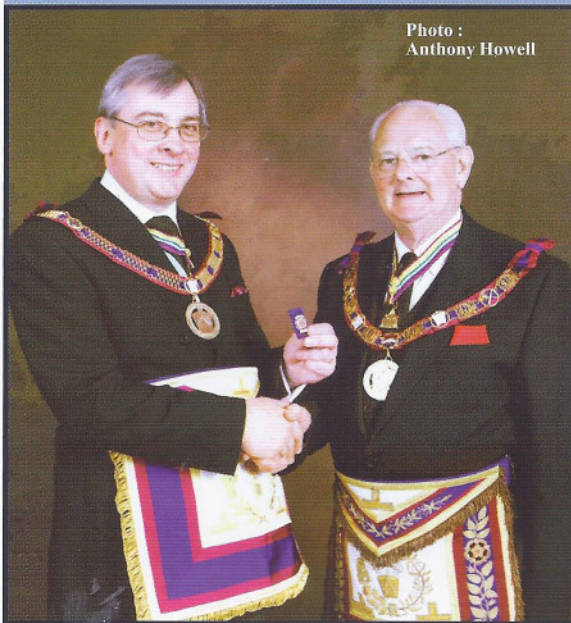


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Presentation of the **first** 2004 Festival Jewel.

The 2004 Festival Stewards Jewel.

A week after the 2003 Festival we are proud to announce delivery of the Stewards jewel for our 2004 Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund. The picture shows the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Paul R. Clement, presenting the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett with the first Jewel.

The Jewel is now available to all those who have qualified as a Steward on completion of the application form and payment of the £4.00 fee. A copy of the form and an application to attend the Festival Dinner at the Cardiff International Arena is to be found on the following pages. The Jewel should now be worn at all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and when visiting other Lodges in our Province and others. Wear it with pride, and promote the 2004 Festival whenever you can. The Provincial Grand Master is expecting the full support of his Brethren to ensure that the Festival is a success and one that will be remembered by all. Let us endeavour to display the Stewards Jewel and Festival Tie by the end of September, and really kick off the new Masonic season on a high!

An information pack containing details of the Festival, hotel accommodation, car parking and an eve of Festival event has already been sent to all Mark Brethren within the Province, and to other provinces via their Provincial Grand Secretary. Please take a few minutes to study this information and return the application forms to the Provincial Office. Additional information can be obtained from the Lodge Festival Organiser, Charity Steward, or the Provincial Office.

S.W.J. Clarke, Prov. G. Sec.

Another First for Wales

At the December 2002 Meeting of the De Cymru Lodge of Mark Grand Officers, No 1606, the Provincial Grand Master, Desmond Barnett, in his address to the Brethren said that in answer to a questionnaire he had circulated to all the members of the Lodge, there had been an overwhelming

response to form a New Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, attached to the De Cymru Lodge of Mark Grand Officers for holders of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank.

The Provincial Grand Master asked the secretary of the De Cymru Lodge, Keith Hyde if he would act as founding Scribe for the new Royal Ark Mariner Lodge and his hope was that the new Lodge would be formed in the current Masonic Year.

A meeting of interested founders was held in January chaired by the Provincial Secretary, Jeffrey Clarke when all the requirements for forming the new Lodge were completed.

On the 14th. May the new Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was consecrated at the Caerphilly Masonic Temple in the presence of 70 Royal Ark Mariners. The consecrating officer was Desmond Barnett, Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Anthony Francis Moore together with a full Provincial team including Michael David Howell the

Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies who directed the Ceremony.

At the end of the consecration ceremony the De Cymru Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner became Lodge No 1606 under the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners attached to the De Cymru Lodge of Mark Grand Officers No 1606, to the delight of the founders.

The formation of the new Lodge makes South Wales the only Province in the United Kingdom to have both Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges for grand officers.

Immediately after the consecration, the Commander designate, Neil Matthews was installed, as Worshipful Commander by the Installing Commander, Paul Clement. The Worshipful Commander then

appointed and invested his wardens - Keith Tod Browning as Senior Warden and Donald Lewis Lewis, O.B.E. as Junior Warden. He then appointed and invested the remainder of his officers.

The Provincial Grand Master together with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and the provincial team, were elected to honorary membership by the Founders. They then joined the honoured Guests and Founders at the Consecration Banquet.



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SUPPORT FROM OUR FRIENDS IN OTHER ORDERS AND PROVINCES

We offer our grateful thanks for the following donations received in recent months from other Masonic sources.

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| Feb | Cartref Council No.169, Royal & Select | 200.00 |
| March | Lodge of Three Pillars No. 5857, Craft | 500.00 |
| | Province of Gloucester & Hereford | 1000.00 |
| | Talgarn Conclave No.307, Red Cross | 100.00 |
| May | Province of Hampshire & Isle of Wight | 1000.00 |
| | Province of Cornwall | 1000.00 |
| | Hen Bont Lodge No.4691, Craft | 1000.00 |
| June | Province of Nottinghamshire | 500.00 |
| | St. David's Royal Arch Chapter, No.679 | 100.00 |
| | St. Margarets Mark Lodge No.1478 (Mon) | 50.00 |
| | Beaufort Mark Lodge No.1474 (Mon) | 50.00 |
| | Monmouth Installed Commanders Lodge No.1447 | 50.00 |
| | Provincial Officers Mess | 549.00 |
| | Fforest Preceptory Knights Templar No.582 | 100.00 |
| July | Province of Somerset | 1000.00 |
| | Province of London | 1000.00 |
| | Acting Provincial Officers Luncheon | 72.00 |
| August | Province of Wiltshire | 1000.00 |
| | Province of Dyfed | 1500.00 |
| | Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter SWED | 461.00 |
| | Aberpennar Lodge No.6354, Craft | 500.00 |

Arthur Lewis Lodge unveil 95 years of Masters at Pontypridd

On 17th. June 2003 the P.G.M., R. W. Bro. Desmond Barnett presided over a dedication ceremony for the new Arthur Lewis Mark Lodge (585) Roll of Honour Board. Pictured with the PGM are W. Bro. Gordon Williams, who made the Board, and W. Bro. Roger Williams, the current Master. The Board was made possible by a donation from Mrs K. Evans, widow of Bro. Caradog Evans in memory of his love of Mark Masonry. It has taken the Lodge some 95 years to get the board, and it is now on display in the Pontypridd Temple.



Lodge News

Ysgolion Lodge No. 1487

Good for a Laugh! - an evening of entertainment at Cardiff or Pontyclun Masonic Hall including an informal meal - Date to be announced.

Cowbridge Lodge, No. 1573

Race Night - 14th. November at Cowbridge Town Hall including bar, buffet & raffle - £7.50

Sponsored Gym Circuits - January 2004. Huw Williams will row 3 km., run 3 km., cycle 1 km., and swim 1/2 mile

Please contact Richard Jasinski on 01446 774110

or email : richardljasinski@aol.com

Porthcawl Lodge, No 1377.

6th. September - Cabaret Evening with Owen Money & The Loan Sharks at The Grand Pavillion, £25.00 for 4 course dinner with wine.

Burns Night Gala Dinner.

The Annual Gala Dinner to be held on Saturday 24th. January 2004 at the Cardiff Masonic Hall, will have as its theme a 'Burns Night'. The last time we held a Burns Night it proved a great success. We would therefore urge you to book early to avoid disappointment. Come and enjoy the atmosphere of the Tartans, the Pipes, a 'wee dram', the Address to the Haggis, the Toast to the Chieftain and a feast of a meal complete with wines. We can assure you and your guests that you will not be disappointed.

A deposit will secure your places and application forms are to be found in the information packs already in your possession. Come and join us for a really special evening, - the last before the Festival!

David Gerwen Thomas Principality Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No 1057



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Mrs. Thomas with Gerwen and
Desmond Barnett, P.G.M.

At the Installation Meeting on Wednesday the 7th. May 2003 Gerwen reached his 50th anniversary in The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners. He was elevated into the Principality Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No.1257 at the Installation Meeting on Wednesday the 6th. May 1953 with five other Brethren and was that night appointed Chaplain. He was the Worshipful Commander in 1959 and was re-appointed Chaplain some ten years ago and still serves the Lodge in that capacity today. An address to Gerwen was given in the temple by Keith Hyde and the

Provincial Grand Master Desmond Barnett presented Gerwen with a veterans certificate and scroll.

The normal after proceedings were suspended and the Brethren were joined by their Ladies at a Festive Dinner. The picture shows the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Desmond Barnett presenting Gerwen with a specially commissioned and inscribed plate on behalf of the Lodge. A large bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs Thomas in appreciation for her loyal support of Gerwen's Masonic activities over many years.

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! Have you obtained your 2004 Festival merchandise?

Ties, pin badges, cuff links and Mark Tokens are available from your Lodge Festival co-ordinator or Charity Steward. Merchandise is also on sale from the Mark Provincial Office:

The Coach House,
128 Newport Road,
Cardiff.
CF24 1DH



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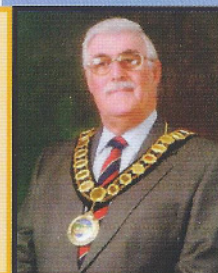
Gareth Jones, O.B.E.

Congratulations Gareth!

Our congratulations go to Gareth Jones, Past Master of Ysgolion Lodge (1487) on his inclusion in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Gareth was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

And to Elwyn!

D. Elwyn Davies of the Talbot mark Lodge (179) and the Abertawe R.A.M. Lodge (179) became Town Mayor of Gorseinon on 7th. May last. Elwyn has worked in the coal industry for 35 years, retiring in 1987. He graduated from Swansea University in 1993 with an honours degree in Economic and Social History.



2004 Festival Dinner Fact File

Where and When?

The Festival Dinner, which represents the culmination of our fundraising efforts for the 136th. Anniversary Festival for the Mark Benevolent Fund, is to be held on Saturday 3rd. July at the Cardiff International Arena.

Who can go?

Festival Stewards and their guests are welcome to attend the Festival dinner. Festival Stewards will have contributed a minimum of £50 to the Mark Benevolent Fund and will have purchased a Stewards Jewel (£4.00). Stewards may invite friends or family as guests. All are welcome! They need not be a Mark Mason, a Freemason, or even male, but may, if they want, qualify as Stewards themselves on payment of the £50.00 minimum fee, and the £4.00 for the Jewel. Bring your wife, family and friends! Let them see what we, as Mark Masons really get up to!

How much?

The dining charge is £39.00 per person. Many Lodges are organising 'Christmas Box' type schemes to help spread the cost.

Why have a Festival Dinner?

The dinner will be attended by the Principal Officers of our Province and a prominent member of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, whose name will be announced later. Senior members of the Mark Benevolent Fund will also be in attendance. The total raised by our province, a closely guarded secret until then, will be announced on the night, and the dinner is an opportunity for them to thank you for your huge efforts.

How can I get a ticket?

Your Lodge Festival Liaison Officer may be making a block booking for members of your Lodge. See him if you want to sit with your Mark friends. Alternatively you can use the application form below. Please apply as early as possible. The Cardiff International Arena can cater for a large number of people, but there is a limit, and first come will be first served. The closing date for applications is 1st May, 2004.

REMEMBER!

You must be a Festival Steward to attend (£50 min contribution + £4 Jewel), and you can invite as many guests as you like. They need not be Stewards.

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| To: | R. F. Richmond, The Coach House, 128 Newport Road, Cardiff. CF24 1DH | Name in full |
| | | Address |
| | | Mark Rank |
| | | Lodge & No. |

Please reserve me tickets for the 2004 Mark Benevolent Fund Festival Dinner at the Cardiff International Arena on Saturday 3rd. July 2004

I shall be accompanied by the following guests :

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I have qualified as a Festival Steward inLodge, and wish to apply for a Stewards Jewel (cost £4.00).

I enclose a cheque for £ (£39.00 per ticket, £4.00 per jewel)
made payable to :- South Wales M.M.M. 2004 Festival