

## Mark Lodges meet at the following halls in the Province of Dyfed

### **MANSEL MARK LODGE No. 116**

**CARMARTHEN** • Meets first Tuesday in October, December, February (Installation) and April • Email: [sec116@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec116@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **FIVE ARCHES MARK LODGE No. 256**

**TENBY** • Meets first Monday in November, February and third Thursday in April (Installation) • Email: [sec256@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec256@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **PICTON CASTLE MARK LODGE No. 297**

**HAVERFORDWEST** • Meets fourth Tuesday in February (Installation), May, October and November • Email: [sec297@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec297@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **ST BRIDES MARK LODGE No. 729**

**MILFORD HAVEN** • Meets second Tuesday in September, November (Installation), March and May • Email: [sec729@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec729@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **LLIEDI MARK LODGE No. 820**

**LLANELLI** • Meets last Monday in October (Installation), February, April and third Monday in December • Email: [sec820@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec820@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **PENFRO MARK LODGE No. 1102**

**PEMBROKE DOCK** • Meets second Friday in October, December, February and April (Installation) • Email: [sec1102@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec1102@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **LOVENTIUM MARK LODGE No. 1287**

**ABERAERON** • Meets first Friday in October, February and second Friday in December, May (Installation) • Email: [sec1287@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec1287@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **TEIFI MARK LODGE No. 1441**

**CARDIGAN** • Meets third Monday in March, May, September (Installation) • Email: [sec1441@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec1441@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **DYFED LODGE OF INSTALLED MARK MASTERS No. 1535**

**CARMARTHEN** • Meets second Monday in December and third Monday in June (Installation) • Email: [sec1535@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec1535@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **ABERYSTWYTH MARK LODGE No. 1674**

**ABERYSTWYTH** • Meets second Tuesday in February (Installation), second Saturday in October and second Wednesday in December • Email: [sec1674@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec1674@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **GORLEWIN CYMRU MARK GRAND OFFICERS LODGE No. 1700**

**CARDIGAN** • Meets fourth Monday in May and first Friday in November (Installation) • Email: [sec1700@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec1700@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

### **CARREG WASTAD MARK LODGE No. 1705**

**FISHGUARD** • Meets last Wednesday in April, third Wednesday in June (Installation), and on the first Thursday in November • Email: [sec1705@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk](mailto:sec1705@dyfedmarkmasons.co.uk)

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## Mark Masonry

In 1857 the Grand Master, Lord Leigh, announced that he wished any county with at least three Lodges to form them into a Province, with a Provincial Grand Master who would be welcomed by the Brethren he had to superintend — a principle that happily still applies today!

Mark Lodges can be found across the globe, divided into Provinces (UK), Districts (Overseas), and Inspectorates (Overseas regions smaller than Districts).

Lodges generally meet four to six times a year, mostly in the winter months. Mark Masons recognise the importance of family involvement, and our popular social events run throughout the year.

The ceremony of being made a Mark Master Mason, known as Advancement, is beautiful, interesting and enlightening, with the Candidate right at its heart.

It depicts an incident at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and the use of a stone mason's selected Mark. It teaches important lessons about our roles in life, and how good work in due course earns its just reward.

# The Magic of the Mark



## **The Order: 'Mark Well'**

The Mark is a very old order, the third largest in Freemasonry, and traces its origins to the same period of history as the development of the Craft and Holy Royal Arch.

It enjoys royal patronage: HRH Prince Michael of Kent is our Grand Master.

It benefits from a magnificent headquarters, Mark Masons' Hall: the London club for Mark Masons.

It is said by many to be their favourite order; new Mark Masons often say that they wished they had joined the Mark years before. There is an emphasis on the social side of Mark Masonry.

The Mark is an inclusive order; and admittance is open to all Master Masons irrespective of faith and cultural background.

Mark Masonry has its own registered charity, the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF), which does outstanding work in providing speedy support to members, their families and non-Masonic worthy causes.

It creates a sense of belonging to the Mark family, which has an aim of promoting harmony, friendliness and enjoyment.

## **The story and the ritual: 'The Fourth Regular Step'**

Each Mark Mason has his own personal and unique mark, which provides a direct link to operative stonemasons who have used marks to identify their work for centuries.

The Mark degree, focusing on the keystone of the sacred arch of King Solomon, provides a comprehensive understanding of the interconnections between the Solomonic degrees: Craft, Mark, Holy Royal Arch, Royal & Select Masters and other orders.

The beautifully written ritual teaches lessons of hope

and encouragement, having confidence in the quality of one's own work and of the advantages of perseverance.

The dramatic and yet friendly ceremony illustrates that the wisest can be mistaken, that experts are often wrong, that the most insignificant has the potential for distinction and that we all have significant part to play in building the temple.

## **The individual's perspective: 'Make your Mark'**

For many, it is the first move beyond the Craft and can offer a different group of people to meet and from whom to learn, thereby widening a brother's Masonic knowledge and circle of friends. It provides a gateway to other Masonic orders.

Mark Masons are enthusiastic Freemasons and extremely welcoming; there are shorter lines of communication with friendly and approachable executives. Amongst Mark Masons you will always find friends, which is why it is known as 'the friendly degree.'

The ritual and ceremonial offer opportunities for participation to all from the day a brother joins; the candidate is not merely led round the lodge room but increasingly takes an active, central role.

Mark Masonry offers progression and growth for a greater proportion of Freemasons, with a very real opportunity to showcase their qualities and enhance their enjoyment of Masonry as a whole.



**The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark  
Master Masons of Dyfed is the home  
of Mark Masonry in Carmarthenshire,  
Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire**

**R W Bro Gareth R Hicks**  
*Provincial Grand Master*

**W Bro Martin J Lowe**  
*Deputy Provincial Grand Master*

**We look forward to welcoming  
you into our fellowship**

*"The stone which the  
builders refused has  
become the headstone  
of the corner"*

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a video about the  
Magic of the Mark:*

