## **Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of North Wales**

## THE ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS

Having received your Mark and taken your fourth regular step in Freemasonry you are now qualified to consider membership of one of the most beautiful Degrees; that of the Royal Ark Mariner.

This ancient Degree, the earliest confirmed working being 1790, is only conferred upon Mark Master Masons and further develops the Initiatory rite; that of a new start or outlook on life. It is based upon the story of Noah building the Ark to preserve mankind from the Great Flood.

The Degree has been under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for almost 140 years and is governed by the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council. Each Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners is attached to a Mark Lodge and bears the same number. Members of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree are readily identified in our Mark Lodges by their Rainbow Breast Jewel.

As is suggested by the name of the Degree, the wearers of this Jewel are most approachable and will be pleased to inform you of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge associated with your Mark Lodge. Talk to them and seriously consider extending your Masonic knowledge by becoming a member of this wonderful Degree.

R.W.Bro. Peter Talbot

**Provincial Grand Master** 

