



The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1907



The Scout Lodge's Antient Traditions

During the Lodge's foundation, its early days and first meetings, certain practices were established, 'applauded' by the members and adopted as customs that define the special nature of this Lodge. These include preparations for meetings, procedures within the Lodge, details for visitors who are not Mark Masons and the dining arrangements:

- ☉ The June and September, and all other "away", meetings will be in Scout (or Boys-Brigade) uniform (including decorations) and will be known as Uniform Meetings.
- ☉ The Installation will be in Masonic dress (short black coat or dark lounge suit).
- ☉ Uniform meetings will be in undress regalia; Installations will be in full dress.
- ☉ Talks and meals at uniform meetings will be open to non-Mark Masons, including Craft Masons, Scouters, wives & partners. They will be admitted after the Lodge is closed.
- ☉ We will invite the host PGM and Deputy, together with the host County Commissioner, to away (or uniform) meetings as guests of the Lodge.
- ☉ Mindful of, and respecting, local practices, we will agree with the host province all issues of protocol (eg, processions, seating, offering the gavel, salutations, etc).
- ☉ We will only Advance candidates with a national role in Scouting or Freemasonry, encouraging other Craft Masons interested in joining to be Advanced into a Lodge in their own province and then to be a Joining Member of SLoMMM.
- ☉ If we do an Advancement ceremony it will normally be at the Installation meeting, before the Installation, and will be conducted by a Past Master of the Lodge.
- ☉ The SW's wicket will normally be on the floor during meetings. The JD will place it in front of the SW immediately prior to the collection of the wages during any Advancement ceremony and will be recited on the floor immediately after that part of the ceremony.
- ☉ Only the visiting Worshipful Masters will perambulate to collect their wages during Advancements.
- ☉ Only the Lodge soloist, presently Bro Chris Gregory, will sing the chants. All brethren will sing when the workmen process to receive their wages.
- ☉ The Primus Master, or a ruler in his absence, will present Grand Lodge certificates.
- ☉ Greetings in the first rising will be given from (Present and) Past Officers of Grand Lodge by the senior Grand Officer present who is not a provincial ruler.
- ☉ Greetings in the second rising will be given from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire by the ruler present, or from (Present and) Past Officers by the senior (acting) officer present, and from the host Provincial Grand Lodge by the ruler present.
- ☉ Greetings from visiting Lodges will be given in the third & fourth rising.
- ☉ We will use the Scout Hymn as our closing ode.
- ☉ We will dine at all meetings at round tables.
- ☉ Dining tables will be indicated by Patrol names, (Bulls, Wolves, Curlews, and Ravens being those of BP's experimental camp on Brownsea Island in August 1907).
- ☉ The WM's table will include the guests of the Lodge (PGMs and CCs, etc) and the Primus Master, in his capacity as inter-province & Scouting liaison.
- ☉ Members of the Lodge will act as Stewards, where appropriate.
- ☉ We will sing the first & third verses of the National Anthem at the dinner table.
- ☉ There will be no firing after toasts.