



The Consecration of
The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No 1907
Holden at The Masonic Hall, Littleover, Derby.
On Saturday, 31st October 2009.



Consecrating Team

Consecrating Officer	RWBro	Robert Poxon, GMRAC, PGM
Installing Officer	VWBro	Colin Cantrell, PGJO, DepPGM
Senior Warden	WBro	Philip Ablott, ProvGSW
Junior Warden	WBro	Roger Foster, ProvGJW
Chaplain	WBro	Arthur Youell, PPrGJW, ProvGChap
Secretary	WBro	Robert Lee, PGStdB, ProvDGSec
Director of Ceremonies	WBro	Alan Radford, PAGDC, ProvGDC
Sword Bearer	WBro	Garry Hall, ProvGSwdB
Deputy Director of Ceremonies	WBro	Cliff Hall, PPrGReg, ProvDGDC
Assistant Director of Ceremonies	WBro	Tony Higton <i>QFSM</i> , PPrGMO
Assistant Director of Ceremonies	WBro	Steven Varley, PPrGIG
Organist	WBro	John Rooks, PPrGSD, ProvGOrg
Standard Bearer	WBro	Richard Knibbs, ProvGJD
Inner Guard	WBro	David Simpson, ProvGIG
Tyler	WBro	George Reynolds, PPrGReg, ProvGTyl

Other Provincial Officers of Derbyshire

WBro	Frank Whithead, ProvGMO	WBro	John Sheldon, AGDC, ProvGTreas
WBro	Bill Carruthers, ProvGSO	WBro	John Culpin, ProvGStwd
WBro	Gerald Spencer, ProvGJO	WBro	Roger Deacon, ProvGStwd
WBro	Robin Appleby, ProvGSD		

Founding Officers

Worshipful Master	WBro	Tony Harvey, PAGDC, ProvGSec
Immediate Past Master	WBro	John Carvin, PM 302
Junior Warden	Bro	Frank Milner, MMM
Master Overseer	WBro	Les Sinclair, PM 5
Senior Overseer	Bro	Colin Mackie, MMM
Junior Overseer	Bro	John Taylor, MMM
Chaplin	WBro	Jim Reid, PPrGJW
Treasurer	Bro	Graham Jones, MMM
Register of Marks	WBro	Brian Bacon, PPrGMO
Secretary	Bro	Trevor Brearley, MMM
Director of Ceremonies	WBro	Alan Beckerton, PAGDC
Senior Deacon	Bro	Martin Giles, MMM
Junior Deacon	Bro	Mike Gyles, MMM
Assistant Director of Ceremonies	WBro	Richard Micklefield, PPrGStwd
Almoner	WBro	John Webb, WM 855
Charity Steward	WBro	David Hislop, PPrGJO
Organist	Bro	Kevin Hawley, MMM
Inner Guard	Bro	Martin Payne, MMM
Stewards	Bro	Jon Bamford, MMM
Stewards	Bro	Dave Lowe, MMM
Stewards	Bro	Paul Barrass, MMM
Tyler	Bro	Don Newing, MMM

Founders

WBro Stuart Goold (SW absent)
Bro John Howarth, MMM (acting SW)
Bro Chris Gregory, MMM
WBro Steve Barratt, PM 855
Bro Paul Neal, MMM

WBro Brian Balin, PPrGSO
WBro Peter Whysall, PPrGSD
WBro Michael Jakins, PPrGSD
WBro John Keith, PPrGSD

Visitors

RWBro TG William
RWBro JT Clewes, PPGM
VWBro JS Wallace, PGSO, PDepPGM
VWBro G Weston, PGJO, PDepPGM
VWBro JW Jordan, PGJO, PDepPGM
VWBro W Summers, PGJO
WBro S Mighall, PGSD, AGSec
WBro BO Percival, PGSD

WBro B Walkerdine, PGSD
WBro A Ratledge, PGJD
WBro JD Lacey, PGJD
WBro JL Archer, PAGDC
WBro RI McDarmaid, PAGDC
WBro W Barnard, PAGDC
WBro CC Adkin, PAGDC

WBro R Acton
Bro N Thompson
Bro Neil Bowman
WBro Leslie Hainsworth
WBro David Wright
WBro Gary Thompson
WBro John Bradford
WBro J Stivens
WBro A Hill
WBro T Whittaker
WBro Douglas Watson
WBro F Tubb
WBro A Rigby
Bro M Brelsford
WBro David Hughes
WBro G Cooper
WBro G Cree
WBro A Badger
WBro P Marshall
Bro Eddie Allcock
WBro Anthony Francis
WBro Michael Holmes
WBro Keith Overton
WBro David Sansam
Bro Edward Foulds
WBro Eric Sims
WBro Ken Mee
WBro P Foster
WBro C Clapham
WBro A Vaines
Bro Derek Butcher

WBro Paul Shepard
WBro D Storer
WBro Cyril Rose
WBro Bernard Sole
WBro Peter Talbot
WBro George McMorrان
WBro Graham Leeder
WBro Ron Williamson
Bro Mark Rees
WBro N Walters
WBro Peter Jowett
WBro John Hughes
WBro M Hale
WBro D Ashmore
Bro J Veitch
WBro A Shearer
WBro Suresh Gohil
Bro P Hill
WBro B Sayers
WBro David Lathrope
WBro David Alton
WBro Les Griffiths
WBro Chris James
WBro R Gray
Bro John Backhouse
WBro S Hilditch
Bro Jeff Malyon
WBro P Hilditch
WBro R Riley
WBro Derek Barclay

A summary of the Consecration, as recorded

At the prescribed time of 10.45, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, WBro Alan Radford, announced the entry of the Consecrating Officer, The Right Worshipful Bro Robert Poxon, GMRAC, Provincial Grand Master, and his consecrating team.

The Consecrating Officer appointed his officers, who seated themselves at their respective stations.

The Consecrating Officer requested that all should sing the opening ode.

The Consecrating Officer opened the Lodge in due and antient form. Under the direction of the ProvGDofC, the Consecrating Officer, RWBro Robert Poxon, GMRAC, was saluted with the honours due to his rank, namely seven times right hand to left. RWBro Poxon thanks the brethren for their salutations and wished them well.

The Consecrating Officer addressed the assembled brethren and explained the purpose of the occasion.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, WBro Arthur Youell, furnished the opening prayer in a solemn comportment; and the Consecrating officer was addressed by the ProvGDofC.

The Petitioners were summoned and ranged in the East.

The Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary, WBro Bob Lee, read the parchment Warrant.

The Consecrating Officer Constituted the Petitioners as a Regular lodge.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain spoke again, this time delivering a wonderful and detailed Oration about the nature and purpose of the institution and significance of this Lodge, the first Mark Lodge for those with an interest in Scouting, while the assembly completed all three verses of the Anthem.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered the first part of the dedication prayer, and verses 1-4 from chapter 2 of Chronicles, being interspersed by the Consecrating Officer who pronounced the Invocation.

Once the Lodge Board had been uncovered by the Provincial GDofC and his Deputy, the Consecrating Officer and Wardens carried the elements of the Consecration three times around the Board, while the Provincial Grand Chaplain read sections of Psalms 72:16, Nehemiah 10:39 and Exodus 30:25-26. Also during each circuit the brethren sang while the Consecrating Officer scattered and poured corn, wine and oil respectively. The petitioners were then requested to form a watch around the Lodge Board, so the Provincial Grand Chaplain could deliver Leviticus 2:13, and a further Anthem sung; during which, the Consecrating Officer strew salt on the left shoulder of the petitioners.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain perambulated around the Lodge three more times, offering the second part of the Dedication Prayer with smouldering incense.

The Consecrating Officer finally transformed the Petitioners into Founders by Consecrating the Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered his final work; the Patriarchal Benediction.

The work of the Consecrating Officer was now complete, the Lodge being duly consecrated, it was now the turn of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro Colin Cantrell, PGJO, to install and proclaim WBro Tony Harvey, PAGDC, ProvGSec, as the first Master of The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons and to entrust him with the Warrant.

The brethren below the rank of an Installed Master retired for the Inner Workings and on their return they were assembled in the North where they were called upon to greet the newly installed Worshipful master as Mark Master Masons with three, taking their time from the Director of Ceremonies.

Secure in the chair of Adoniram our Worshipful Master's first task was the instatement of his Officers.

WBro Stuart Goold was appointed Senior Warden by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, but as he was unavoidably absent, the Worshipful Master agreed to invest him on some other occasion. Brother John Howarth accepted the Master's invitation to occupy the Senior Warden's chair.

Bro Frank Milner was appointed Junior Warden by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and was duly invested by the Worshipful Master. The remaining Officers were invested, culminating with the six stewards on the floor, where they were informed that they would have a relatively quiet afternoon; as on this occasion, the bar staff would serve the wine.

The Senior and Junior Wardens respectively proposed and seconded Bro Graham Jones for election as Treasurer and Bro Don Newing for election as Tyler. Following their successful elections by the Brethren, Bros Jones and Newing were invested by the Worshipful Master.

From the North West corner the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master delivered the address to the Worshipful Master in a most impressive and dignified manner, both word perfect and stylish.

Subsequently the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered the address to the Wardens in an equally inspiring manner in the North.

From the South WBro Philip Ablott, ProvGSW, delivered the address to the Overseers and WBro Roger Foster, ProvGJW, delivered the address to the Brethren from the East.

At 12.56, it was then formally announced that the Lodge was now under direction of the Worshipful Master who most graciously thanked the Consecrating Officer and the Installing Officer for their support, for the concept of the Lodge, and, for their work in the ceremony. He then extended a warm invitation to any and all of the Brethren to the meetings of SLoMMM in the future.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master courteously replied that the pleasure was all his in helping to constitute 1907 and wished one and all his best wishes for the future.

The Lodge Secretary, Bro Trevor Brearley, proposed that the draft by-laws be approved and adopted this being seconded by the DofC, WBro Alan Beckerton, and duly passed by the Brethren.

The Brethren were then once more called to the floor by ProvGDofC, where the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master thanked the Brethren for their contribution to the 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund and presented the Worshipful Master with the 150th Anniversary Keystone Jewel, adding further that it was unique for a Lodge to qualify at its consecration. In a perambulation amongst the founders he presented one and all with their Founders Jewels.

The Worshipful Master then proposed that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary and (to his complete surprise) the Assistant Grand Secretary, WBro Simon Mighall, PGSD, all be made honorary members of SLoMMM. This proposition was seconded by WBro John Carvin and carried by the Brethren. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master graciously accepted this honour on behalf of the above mentioned brethren and enquired if he could legitimately use the left handed handshake?

Given that the first regular meeting of the Lodge will be the Installation meeting, the next item of business was to elect the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. WBro Tony Harvey and Bro. Graham Jones being the only nominees the Worshipful Master declared that both he and Bro Jones were duly elected. Bro Don Newing was proposed as Tyler and seconded by the Master and Senior Overseer, and when put to the vote Bro Don Newing was successfully re-elected.

The Worshipful Master then requested if there was any other business that may be regularly brought before the lodge; the secretary enquired of the Worshipful Master, if we may take all of the business in the risings. This suggestion being approved by the Worshipful Master, all other business was deferred.

The Worshipful Master then enquired if the Chaplain would like to assume his rightful seat on the Dais, which he duly assumed.

In the first rising the Secretary reported:

That the Provincial Grand Secretary had received a letter from the Grand Secretary asking that the Most Worshipful Grand Master's congratulations and best wishes be conveyed to the founders of the lodge.

There were no communications from Provincial Grand Lodge in the second rising. But the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master gave greetings from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.

In the third and fourth rising the Secretary reported:

That we had received three applications for membership, all of which were in the hands of the Worshipful Master, who duly proposed Bros SM Gough & PC Farr as candidates for advancement (seconded by Bro Paul Barrass) and Bro P Hill as a joining member (seconded by WBro Alan Beckerton).

A letter had been received from Derek Twine CBE the CEO of the Scout Association, congratulating the Lodge on its founding, and, wishing good luck to the members of 1907.

The Secretary was supposed to ask the Founders and members of the Consecrating Team to return to the Lodge for commemorative photographs, but he forgot.

There were no other communications save several apologies for absence, and good wishes.

The DofC invited greetings from visiting brethren.

The Worshipful Master thanked everyone for their greetings and extended his welcome to everyone at the Festive Board.

The PGDofC requested that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master retired with a recessional escort being assembled for this purpose. With full musical accompaniment the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and his delegation retired with acclamation at 1320.

At 1325, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge.

The closing ode was sung while alms were collected towards the Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund.

Apologies

VWBro Eric Livesley

WBro Richard Moss PGSD

WBro Stuart Goold

VWBro Richard Davis PGJO

WBro John Carr PAGDC

Bro Alan Kay

Signed:

20th February 2010

Worshipful Master

Secretary