



The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons N^o 1907



THE SCOUT LODGE

The idea for founding this Lodge was put to WBro Tony Harvey after he had arranged a grant from The Freemasons' Grand Charity to The Scout Association of £500K. The purpose of the Lodge is to provide an avenue for Mark Masonry to support Scouting, both nationally and locally.

The Lodge draws members from across the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. It does not actively seek candidates, but it will Advance brethren with a national role in Scouting or Freemasonry. In such cases it also encourages them to join a local Lodge in their home Province.

The Lodge meets three times a year on the third Saturday in February (I), June and September. The Installation meeting is in Derbyshire, at Long Eaton, and the other two meetings (to both of which members and visitors are invited to wear the uniform of their youth organisation) are held in other provinces where we can see and support local Scouting. To these meetings the Lodge invites the leaders of local Scouting and of local Mark Masonry. It hopes to learn about the needs of local Scouting and be able to engage the support of local Mark Masonry.

The Founding Master was WBro Tony Harvey, PAGDC, ProvRAMGR. For over twenty years Tony held local Scout Commissioner appointments at County & District levels and for over twenty five years he has been a member of various boards and national teams at Scouting's national headquarters. He is currently a senior national volunteer with The Scout Association and a co-opted member of the Operations sub-Committee. He is also the Kindred Lodges Association's liaison with The Scout Association and with UGLE, and the Provincial Grand Secretary for the Mark Province of Derbyshire.

The Founders of the Lodge come from Derbyshire, West Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire & Rutland, Staffordshire & Shropshire, Essex, London, Berkshire, North Wales, Somerset and Dorset. All Mark Provinces were approached about the Lodge and supported its founding. Many have been happy to make their own membership aware of its foundation.

The Lodge was awarded the number 1907. 1907 was the year in which Lt.Gen. Robert Baden-Powell held his experimental camp for twenty boys on Brownsea Island in Dorset. Following the success of the camp he published "Scouting for Boys" in six fortnightly parts starting in January 1908. Their publication was the catalyst for young boys to form themselves into Patrols and the Scout Movement was born. In 2007 the World Organisation of the Scout Movement celebrated its centenary with a World Jamboree in Essex. The Lodge will hold its first two "away" meetings in Dorset, near to Brownsea Island, and in Essex, near to Gilwell Park, the International Scout Training Centre and the spiritual home of Scouting worldwide.

The Lodge was consecrated on Saturday 31st October 2009 at Derby Masonic Hall, by RWBro Robert Poxon, GMRAC, Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Derbyshire, assisted by a Consecrating Team made up of the present officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Installing Officer was VVBro Colin Cantrell, PGJO, RAMGR. Over a hundred and fifty brethren attended the consecration to witness the magnificent ceremony superbly conducted, including a very pertinent oration delivered by WBro Arthur Youell, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Among the "traditions" the Lodge has adopted are the wearing of uniform at undress meetings, the use of the Scout Hymn as the closing ode and the singing of the first and third verses of the National Anthem. After a consecration menu based around camp food, albeit of a higher quality than we might have been experienced as boys, we are developing a distinctive menu in the Lodge.

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