



KINDRED LODGES ASSOCIATION

to facilitate and foster relationships among Freemasons who are or were involved in Youth Work

NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2017

8500 The Lancashire Scouting Lodge of Allegiance

Held their installation on Wednesday 23rd August and installed W. Bro Anthony Wells as Worshipful Master. There were 6 Grand Lodge Officers present including the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters from both East and West Lancs. who are both members of the Lodge. As is our usual custom we gave £100 to both East and West Lancashire Scouts to be given to a young person in adversity. We gained one new member and had a resignation. We also have a joining member to be balloted for at the next meeting.

9137 Woodsmoke Lodge

A potentially busy year ahead with a new member being initiated in September two more in the pipeline including a 'Lewis' and two existing members to be raised and passed. Twelve ceremonies for seven meetings.

9936 Scoutcraft Lodge

On Saturday 29 April 2017 around 120 Freemasons attended the Consecration of the Scoutcraft Lodge No. 9936 in the Province of Bristol. On this occasion, the members were presented with their neckerchiefs in the colours of the Province of Bristol – Royal Blue with Red border – with their new Banner design, incorporated into what we would call a District or District Badge on the neckerchief's point. Members will be permitted to wear their neckerchiefs at future meetings. At their first meeting, on 21 October 2017, there will be a Banner Presentation by the Provincial Grand Master of Bristol together with the Initiation of their first two Candidate. KLA Members are invited to join them for this meeting.

316 Lodge of Unity, Peace & Concord (The Installed Masters' Lodge for the KLA)

The Lodge meets twice a year; on the fourth Saturday in June at Freemasons' Hall, London, and in a Province immediately prior to the KLA Autumn Festival meeting. The Lodge has not run its own charitable events but has made donations to causes related to the KLA. The Lodge is now accepted as an Installed Masters' Lodge within the Metropolitan Grand Lodge circuit of IMLs and is taking part in a Tercentenary celebration on 19th September hosted by City of London LIM No. 8220, whose current WM is RW Bro. Jonathan Spence, Deputy Grand Master.

9385 Impeesa Lodge

Forthcoming significant events: Looking to future re location of meetings to attract Scout Leaders from Gloucestershire following opening of the Scoutcraft Lodge in Bristol (Avon). They continue to make regular donation to Bristol Hospital Scout Group

9146 Duo Fraternitates Lodge

All is running well at Duo Fraternitates Lodge, in Bedfordshire. The Lodge currently has 26 members with an initiate in the pipeline. In addition to the new candidate we will have two 2nds and then two 3rds to keep us busy. Over the last two years the Lodge has given generously based on a surprising sum of money which we did not realise we had – a side effect of an abrupt handover some years ago. These include £8,850 in 2016 to several good causes and in 2017 donated Motor Neurone Disease Foundation—£1000, Dementia Association—£3000, Amphill Scout Group—£1000, Medical Detection Dogs—£500, 2nd Urmston Scouts—Subaru Impreza Project—£250 & Maria Hanson Holidays - £600 In general, the scouting or ex scouting contingent in the lodge is diluted but traditions and a leaning towards helping local scout groups is still evident. We have had a call of help from the newly formed Faulkes District in Luton and we hope to support them with financing some tents and camping fridges in the upcoming months.

If you wish to contribute to any future Newsletter or need any information about the KLA or members Lodges, please do not hesitate to contact the UK Secretary on: Secretary@KindredLodges.org.uk

Food for Thought?

Have you any ideas or suggestions regarding the Lodge Scout flavour and items used at a meeting?

Grateful thanks to Alan Beavis for these words of wisdom

- ✓ Bible cushion banner with the Lodge Badge and name.
- ✓ Presentation cushion for Aprons with World Scout Badge.
- ✓ Deacons and DCs Wands to have brass Scout emblem – as used on flags mounts
- ✓ World Scout Flag to cover Tracing Board prior to opening the Lodge.
- ✓ Singing of the Scout Hymn, either before the closing hymn or at the end of the festive board.
- ✓ Printed place mat for the Festive Board.
- ✓ Place settings individual name card with Lodge Name and Number and words: Happy have we met. Happy may part, and Happy meet again.
- ✓ Annual Uniform Meeting commencing with the parading of the Union and Scout Flags with those Members present and wishing to re-affirm the Scout Promise.
- ✓ Alms Collection Trays, possibly billy can?

Gilwell Reunion 2017



A success for the KLA! Our pitch was hardly ever empty with a wide array of people visiting to introduce themselves as Freemasons, as well as others seeing how we can help, some just curious and some nice thank you visits from representatives of groups that Freemasonry had supported. The team of Dave, Adrian, Bill, Richard, Ian, Alan, Steve and Clive were a credit to the KLA. We had discussions with scouts and Freemasons from Japan, America, Peru, Brazil, Spain and Denmark all interested on how Scouting and Freemasonry fits together in the UK. All in all, an enjoyable weekend and great for the KLA.

New KLA Banner

It is proposed to have a further banner designed with all the other banners of member Lodges of the KLA. Shortly, these banners will be available for purchase later in the year after some correction due to lodges not keeping us up to date with changes to their logo or design. There is also an offer to digitise the logo design of Lodges that our not yet available.



TREASURER'S REPORT

TO THE KLA COMMITTEE MEETING – October 2017

I must report that after several reminders 4 Lodges failed to acknowledge my request for their annual subscription. Thanks go to you, the Representatives and the Lodge Treasurers who paid especially those using BAC it saves time.

We currently have 35 Craft Lodges (31 Scout and 4 Sure & Stedfast), 1 Past Masters Lodge No. 316, 1 Mark Master Masons Lodge No. 1907, 1 Royal Ark Mariners Lodge No. 1907, 2 Sure & Stedfast Chapter No.9065 & 9326. 1 Scout Chapter No 9065

We gave a donation of £100.00 to the East Lancashire Masonic Charity for The Manchester Bomb Appeal.

We have purchased a super granite brick for £250.00 for The Promise Path at Gilwell Park. As a testament to the commitment and support of Scouting from the Kindred Lodges Association. Due to the attack on our web site, we requested assistance and it was clean up for us at a cost of £80.00

Bro. Richard Micklefield who kindly looks after our merchandise ordered 300 Pin Badges at a cost of \$258(we paid £200.00 thanks to a member) plus duty £20.00

As agreed we attended this year's Gilwell Reunion, organised by Bro. Andy Gillard and have reimbursed expenses of £327.94, from the budget of £500.00 agreed. This includes the graphic design (again thanks to Bro Steve Sutton) of a new roll up banner highlighting the banners of all the Scout Lodges.

Tercentenary Celebrations



As part of the tercentenary celebrations of Grand Lodge, Northamptonshire and Huntingdon Province held a parade through Peterborough town centre and held a joined in Evensong at the Cathedral. Ben Sheard and Jonathan Hazell as banner bearers as part of the

guard of honour at the Cathedral entrance. After the service about 1000 masons and their wives had wine and canapes in the Cathedral Cloisters.

The Scout Lodge Mark Master Masons No. 1907

This is the world's first Mark Scouting Lodge. It meets in different Provinces around England and Wales and brings together local Scouting and Mark Masonry. All Mark Master Masons are welcome to attend and those who are interested in joining this very friendly Order are invited to enquire.

Details from W Bro. Tony Harvey

Associate Membership

We can report that we have a total of 161 Associate members. No less than 28 of whom are subscribed into the next period 2016-2019. Renewal reminders will be sent out to all known Associate. We also have 16 international Associate members with the potential for a new one from Denmark.

Adrian Eggleston

Camp Fire Blanket / Tee Shirt Badge



Can soon be made available at around £4.50 per badge but will reduce considerably if we can get numbers.

Please let Brian Hughes know if you are interested so that we can get a better price.

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

Yorkshire, North & East Ridings & Cheshire Provinces are looking to establish Scout Lodges. London, Worcestershire, & South Wales Provinces are looking to form Scout Mark Lodges. In addition, the KLA has been invited to participate in a Conference of Lodge Associations, along with 11 other groups. To be held on Tuesday 5th December, the conference will be an opportunity for Lodge Associations to share their methods of operation and good practice, as well as to stimulate new ideas. The Assistant Grand Master, Sir David Wootton, will be addressing the conference and participants will afterwards attend a meeting of Metropolitan Grand Stewards' Lodge.

Scout Liaison Working Group Report October 2017

I have delivered the 2012 Prestonian Lecture on 95 occasions and all Provinces have now received a delivery. I am now working on making deliveries in an Installed Masters' Lodge in each Province; there are only ten Provinces in which IMLs have yet to book. I have seventeen further deliveries booked. Receipts total £68,283 and so far £57,928 has been donated to Scouting and Masonic charities. I am still very keen to deliver the lecture to any Masonic &/or Scouting audience that is interested in mutual understanding and collaboration.

In September I had a very positive meeting with the new Chief Executive of UGLE, David Staples. He is supportive of our activities and is looking forward to his first luncheon meeting with the Chief Executive of the Scout Association. That meeting will also have the Chair of Trustees for The Scout Association, Dr Ann Limb, in attendance. David will be appointed Grand Secretary in April 2018 and I believe that we shall soon be considering more concrete forms of collaboration.

The Members' Pathway project is about to be launched and will be rolled out to regions during January – March 2018. The Pathway was heavily influenced by The Scout Association's work on adult recruitment, induction and development. I have also now been co-opted on to the IDG Education Group and will be working with others to develop a repository of educational materials for the Craft and Royal Arch.

Plans for a London Scouting Mark Lodge continue. We expect to hold a founders' meeting later this year.

I attended the Consecration of Scoutcraft Lodge in Bristol on Saturday, 29th April. It was an excellent occasion with outstanding ritual and a very enthusiastic group of founders. All those who

have not seen a Bristol Installation meeting should try to attend and support this new Lodge.

In June I addressed the County Commissioners of all the English Scout counties on the subject of Freemasonry. My talk was received with a great deal of interest and lots of good intentions to make local contacts. I used the newly TSA badged version of the resource "Creating local connections" and that has proved helpful.

Once again, we had a stand at the 2017 Gilwell Reunion and others will report on that. Alan Beavis arranged to produce a new banner but we still need further materials.

Earlier this month Steve Gough and I met with the Chief Executive of the Boys Brigade. He was receptive to what we had to say and is to discuss opportunities with his trustees. Next steps might include a meeting involving representatives of the B-B Lodges. The B-B is looking for local support.

Later this month I will be attending the first meeting of Cheshire's Scouting Lodge. South Cheshire Lodge is "converting" to become a Scout Orientated Lodge and I have been invited to its inaugural meeting.

Membership of the Lodge of Unity, Peace & Concord No. 316 currently stands at 87. We have four to ballot for in October, including the Secretary of the KLA, W Bro. Brian Hughes. If successful, this will take us to 91 subscribing members. To date I have not received any applications for membership to be proposed at this meeting. Can Lodge Representatives please promote the Lodge among the Past Masters of their own Lodges and can current members encourage others to join? It would be good to see the Lodge reach 100 members.

Tony Harvey, PAGDC
Liaison with UGLE and TSA

Festivals



Members of the Rudyard Kipling Lodge 9681 receiving the tile in preparation for hosting the 2017 Autumn Festival at The Masonic Hall Faraday Chambers Street, Grantham NG31 8BL on Saturday 14 October 2017 with their latest recruit taking charge of the proceedings.

Other Festivals already allocated include:

- ✓ Autumn 2020 – Pax Hill Lodge, Hampshire
- ✓ Spring 2021 - Woodsmoke Lodge 9317, Yorkshire West Riding
- ✓ Autumn 2021 - Scoutcraft Lodge 9936, Bristol
- ✓ Autumn 2023 - Arrowhead Lodge of Freedom, West Lancashire

- ✓ Spring 2018 - Venture Lodge, Northumberland
- ✓ Autumn 2018 - Pathfinder Lodge, Sheffield
- ✓ Spring 2019 - Walesby Forest Lodge, Nottinghamshire
- ✓ Autumn 2019 - Be Prepared Lodge, Berkshire
- ✓ Spring 2020 - North Kent Lodge, Kent

If you wish to host a festival please submit a bid to the KLA Secretary

New Fact Sheet Resource SCOUTING AND FREEMASONRY creating local connections

Scouting and Freemasonry share many features in common, from the same traditional values to similar future challenges. Over the last few years the two organisations have supported each other in many ways and at all levels. This resource is designed to assist members of both Scouting and Freemasonry to engage and support each other locally.

From Brian H, UK Sec KLA I've got a great idea!

I would really like to visit all the Scouting Lodges in Australia, but two meets on the same night, one on the east coast, the other on the west? It will take a minimum of five weeks. Good idea said Steve, Chair of the KLA, I will come with you and we can tie in New Zealand and Hong Kong., Yes, course we can?

And we are! Departing Monday 29th January, stopping off at Dubai and landing in Auckland we are visiting all Baden Powell Lodges starting with 381 in Wellington, off to 1051 in Sydney, 505 in Brisbane, 350 in Perth, 488 in Victoria, 222 in Adelaide and finishing off with 929 in Hong Kong returning 13 March 2018.

Six Weeks, 13 flights and lots of hospitality in between. It's going to be tough journey but someone has to do it! It is the season for founder's meetings and should prove both interesting and colourful, we have yet to discover what 'Summer Dress' may be required. If you wish to sponsor either Steve or myself for undertaking this task on your behalf, all contributions will be gratefully accepted???

The Scout Lodge Mark Master Masons No. 1907

This is the world's first Mark Scouting Lodge. It meets in different Provinces around England and Wales and brings together local Scouting and Mark Masonry. All Mark Master Masons are welcome to attend and those who are interested in joining this very friendly Order are invited to enquire.

Details from W Bro. Tony Harvey

KLA Merchandise

The KLA has some merchandise available - details can be obtained from your KLA Representative. Particularly the neckerchief and woggle worn by many at our uniform meetings and/or after meetings. Together with Polo / Sweat Shirts for attendance at outside events. Visit Kindred Lodges Association Website and log in as members at:

www.kindredlodges.org.uk

There will be a formal Representatives Committee meeting at our Spring Festival in April 2018. If you have any questions or wish to have input or need any information about anything on the is Newsletter please do not hesitate to contact Brian H on 07969178721 or e mail direct to brianh83@btinternet.com

Pioneer Lodge donates to new Scout activity and accommodation centre at Drum Hill

When Pioneer Lodge learned that Derbyshire Scouts needed a new activity and accommodation centre at the county camp site, Drum Hill, members wanted to support the venture. Not only had some of them been volunteers at the site over the years, and some had helped build the previous centre, Birch Hall, but Pioneer Lodge itself has had a long attachment to Drum Hill. Since 1991 Pioneer Lodge has held its annual uniform meeting at the Bemrose Training Centre on the site. Any member of the Province who wishes to visit every Masonic meeting place needs to include Drum Hill on his list.

The new building is intended to act as the site's main Pack Holiday Centre and to be a base for Scouting and other users, such as the Prince's Trust, Derbyshire school groups and Derbyshire police. It is being built to a higher specification than the Bemrose Centre to serve these diverse needs. It will be energy efficient, with a solid floor and insulated wooden clad walls. Once opened the number of Derbyshire people using the facility will quickly run into many thousands.

Pioneer Lodge felt that this was an excellent cause to support and that doing so would help to make the Lodge more visible within its core community, Derbyshire Scouting. The Lodge has donated £2,000 to the venture and Pioneer Chapter will be voting on donating a further £1,000 at its Convocation in October. This total will enable one of the bedrooms to be name after the Lodge and Chapter and for "Pioneer Lodge & Chapter Freemasons" to be listed on the centre's honours board.



On Wednesday, 9th August, the Master of Pioneer Lodge, W Bro. Andy Brown, accompanied by the Charity Steward, W Bro. Don Newing, and W Bro. Tony Harvey, presented the County Commissioner for Derbyshire, James Stafford, accompanied by the centre's project manager, Tom Stoddart, with the cheque for £2,000.