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Chairman's Chatter.....

Steve Gough, Chairman of KLA gets around a bit these days, he writes....

What a year 2007 has been! I didn't think that when I took over as Chairman in such tragic circumstances 2 years ago, that the Centenary year of Scouting would be such fun.

It started in April when I travelled on a glorious Saturday morning on my new motorbike (A Honda XL1000 Varadero for those in the know) to East Lancs. on the occasion of The Arrowhead Lodge of Freedom 8500 hosting the KLA Spring Festival. There we were treated to a 'Banner Dedication', something I have never seen before, and all had a wonderful day.

In May I visited Kudu 8662 to hear Michael Baden Powell give a talk. This was also repeated at Pioneer and Walesby Forest Lodges.

In late July a few KLA members (including the Secretary and myself) camped at the Jamboree site and assisted in the building of a gateway to 'The Desert Hub'.



This took the form of a 4m high Pyramid. Our thanks go to Alan Beavis for all his co-ordination, finance and 'making it happen'.

Once again, the KLA badge was in evidence at a prominent Scouting event.





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More Chatter.....

In August, Venturer 7897 hosted 'a Jamboree Meeting' at Chelmsford. This, although technically not a KLA Festival, was supported by us nevertheless. Attendees came by coach from the Jamboree site and joined with other masons to enjoy an afternoon of celebration and fun. Venturer told the story of 'Scouting and Freemasonry' and their intrinsic parallels. This was interspersed with Gang Show and Camp Fire songs.

The PGM was presented with a Join in Jamboree Scarf at the start of the meeting as I agreed with so many present that he was undressed without one..

The afternoon was even more poignant as the Hon. Michael Baden Powell, grandson of the



Founder and Bob Corp-Reader, the adopted son of Ralph Reader were both present and took part in the proceedings.

In reading their respective scripts, duly annotated with personal and very individual recollections, we heard of a grandfather who had a vision and a father who staged many,..... you could have heard a pin drop.

It is surprising that they had never met before ...

Cyril Davison was in his element, as he met many of his overseas corresponding Masons and could at last put names to faces.

This reminds me that we have an increasing international membership and Cyril would be delighted to hear from anyone wishing to become an individual member or indeed a Lodge wishing to be affiliated to the K L A.

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More Chatter.....

September saw Brownsea Island Lodge 9689 hosting the Autumn Festival. This proved to be yet another memorable day.

The meeting was held on Brownsea Island itself in a marquee, tiling a marquee proved an interesting challenge, and the brethren were treated to an enacted history lesson.

Did you know the names of the boys that attended the original camp? Or what the programme was each day?



I certainly didn't, but now I do....

We even got a boat ride thrown in as well..... ..can't be bad.



On 5th November I flew to Belfast and was met at the airport by W.Bro Gordon Lynn and his wife Gwen. My trip was to visit Sure & Stedfast 619. This was to be on the Tuesday evening. I was treated to 3 days wonderful hospitality, and taken to many interesting places. I was even taken to Stormont Castle and allowed into the debating Chamber. A trip into Belfast City Centre was an eye opener.



I also visited the HQ of the Belfast Boys Brigade and had an encouraging meeting with the Chief Exec. The Lodge Meeting itself was again different from anything I had seen before, and well

attended. It is encouraging to note that the Boys Brigade Lodges send each other summonses and often attend each other's meetings. I hope we can manifest that sense of camaraderie across all of the Kindred Lodges. Before flying home together with Gordon and 2 other masons from 619, we had a drive round the Antrim Coast past The Giants Causeway and other well known places.

619 thanks for a memorable trip and to Gordon and Gwen for their hospitality.



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More Chatter.....



In addition to the Festivals, I am gradually getting round to visit all the KLA Lodges. If I haven't got to you yet, rest assured I will! So far this year I have been to Pioneer 9065, Sure & Steadfast 9130, Kibblestone 9504, Warwickshire Scout 9648, Scout Lodge (Northamptonshire) 9814, Kudu 8662, Woodsmoke 9317, Pathfinder (Yorkshire) 8236, The Quest 5969, Red Scarf 8448, Sure & Steadfast (Northern Ireland) 619 and North Kent 2499.

The Caravan Project has now raised almost the full amount needed, and I thank everyone for their efforts. I am now actively looking for a Boys Brigade project to support next year.

My continued thanks to all the Committee who work tirelessly with me to keep the KLA what it is ...and to you all for your continued support.

Steve Gough chairman@kindredlodges.org.uk

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I have just learned that the 2008 Autumn Festival being hosted by Red Scarf will be on Saturday 27th September at Butchers Hall, London

Brownsea Island

On Saturday 8th. September, Brownsea Island Lodge No. 9689 hosted the Autumn Meeting of the KLA. This had been planned some years ago to celebrate the Centenary. The Lodge



arranged a great meeting on Brownsea Island, where the great game of scouting started.

Travelling across by ferry we met in a marquee. The Committee of the KLA met at 11.00am after which we were joined by the other attendees. The meeting was attended by 180 brethren including the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset and his two Assistants. The programme was a dramatic presentation 'Scouting's Cradle - An affectionate look at the germination of a world-

encompassing ideal'. This was given by members of the Lodge and included an adaption of the Founders Day ceremony as usually used by some Lodges in Australia.



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Browsea Island...continued

It concluded with the recording of BP's last message during which we re-affirmed the Scout Promise and proved to be, as moving a moment, as the first time I took my own as a new leader. Following the meeting we all returned to Poole for the Festive Board in a hotel.

This meeting was a very nostalgic event, being held on the Island, and was well appreciated by all who attended. The whole day took a lot of planning and was executed without a hitch. Browsea Island Lodge are to be congratulated for their organisation and efforts.

Cyril Davison – Deputy Chairman

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Passed to The Grand Lodge Above – W.Bro. Keith Lower

In mid December I was notified that W.Bro Keith Lower who was Deputy Chairman of the KLA from 1991 until 2004 has passed away on 29th October 2007.

A memorial Service was held at Gillingham United Reform Church on 15th November, at which many of his Brethren, family and friends were present to give thanks for his life, spent in service to God, his fellow man and to many young people through the Boys Brigade and his Church.

A keen Mason who had supported the KLA for many years. Initially as the representative for Sure & Stedfast Lodge of the Kings Messenger 9100 , then as one of the Deputy Chairmen under Peter Ingram's leadership.



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As an individual.....

Associate Membership of the K.L.A.

At the autumn festival in 2006, our Associate membership list numbered 86. That prompted our Chairman to issue a challenge to increase membership by at least doubling that number.

It was pleasing at the spring festival 2007 to report that in the Centenary Year of Scouting our Associate Membership had risen to 100. That prompted our Chairman to re-iterate his challenge to double the Associate membership.

I'm pleased to be able to report that we now have 111 Associate Members. But of course, that will in no way satisfy our Chairman, there is still such a long way to go.

Out there, in the wide Masonic world, in all those Lodges that meet in the same rooms as your own there are a great many Masons who share our beliefs. Individuals who have been or are still involved in youth work.

That is our common bond. *To facilitate and foster relationships among Freemasons who are or were involved in Youth Work.* And of course, you know who they are.

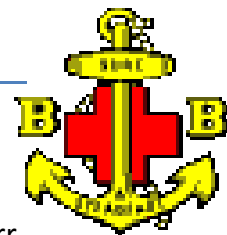
Why not invite them to become Associate Members of our Association. The cost is just £8 per four-year period collected in 'leap year'. Why not print off application forms and hand them to your visitors at the Festive Board. Applications received now will give membership up to the end of 2011. Let's put a smile on the Chairman's face.

Adrian Eggleston

Associate Members Liaison Officer. associates@kindredlodges.org.uk

Boys Brigade

As I have been saying for some time, I wanted to look towards opening up dialogue with the BB. Following my visit to 619, I established contact with BB H.Q in the U.K. In December W.Bro Pat Farr and I went along to Felden Lodge in Hertfordshire, to a meeting with the U.K Brigade Secretary Steve Dickinson. We were made very welcome and talked for nearly an hour about Freemasonry in general, the KLA, the Boys Brigade and the Scout Assn. We had no agenda other than to introduce ourselves and establish contact and lay a foundation for further meetings as and when the need may arise. I want to ensure that the relationship with the Boys Brigade is on the same footing as that with the Scout Association



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Jamboree Meeting – August 2007

This was arranged by Venturer Lodge No. 7897 of Essex. Held on Saturday 4th. August in Chelmsford, down the road from where the Jamboree site was located, it proved to be an excellent event. 130 attended including a good representation of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Of the 130 attending I counted only 13 who were not in scout or youth organisation uniform.

Those attending from the Jamboree primarily came from Australia, New Zealand and USA but no doubt there were other countries also.

The Lodge was opened and the Provincial Grand Master was presented with a Jamboree Scarf 'as without one, he, looked out of place'.

The programme undertaken by members of Venturer Lodge was a narration dialogue demonstrating the parallels between

Scouting and Freemasonry with campfire and gang show songs between the sections.

This programme was similar to the one previously presented at a KLA Meeting by Venturer Lodge but modified to include a section presented by Michael Baden Powell, Grandson of the Founder.

This was followed by the Festive Board which proved again to be entertaining by the quality



As an ex Cub he qualified for temporary membership

of the speeches. A presentation was made to the Worshipful Master of Venturer Lodge, W Bro Andy Freeman, of a framed scarf and a badge set from Baden Powell Lodge, no 488, Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia.

From the reports received by the Lodge the whole day was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended particularly those guests who were camping at the Jamboree.

Cyril Davison

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Where will you be on 1st August 2007?

That was the question posed by the leaflet that dropped out of Scouting magazine (and every other HQ communication) all through last year. The answer of course was that none of us really knew, we were still thinking about it. Then two of our ADCs came home from the National Scout Conference at Warwick last autumn and said: *"They're looking for photographers for Brownsea Island next year"*. Well that was it. Like shaking a red rag at a bull. Five minutes on the Internet and there was the job description, person spec and application form. Ho ho, right up my street.

I filled in the application form, submitted it and got the first job within 24 hours. Stills photographer on the Brownsea Media Team

At the beginning of July I attended a briefing meeting on the Island, I jumped onto the Brownsea ferry along with a host of other scouters from all over the United Kingdom (and beyond) and the adventure commenced. We pitched camp on the original 1907 site. Oh, the experience.



The B-P spirit. I'd swear that Baden-Powell was there. If there had been nothing else, I would have been satisfied with that one weekend. The experience was priceless.

But no. Two weeks later I was on the ferry again and off to the P.Ls camp along with 350 PLs, APLs, and a few would be PL's, and what a great time we all had for the next four days. Tell you a bit about it later.

The next four days were given over to the 'Scouting Sunrise Camp' where we enjoyed the most intense international scouting experience one could ever imagine.



We were joined by 324 scouts, two from each of the 162 nations attending the Jamboree at Hylands.

As Baden-Powell first said, there were scouts from *'every country, class and creed'* one could think about. And every language. But of course, we all spoke the same language – Scouting. And that was all that mattered.



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Where will you be on 1st August 2007?continued

We mixed them up *"like plums in a pudding"* just as Baden-Powell had done 100 years before, and what a great time we had over the next four days. Tell you a bit about it later.



The highlight of the 'Sunrise' camp was of course the sunrise ceremony. Well perhaps not quite, it was just one of the highlights. Totally unarranged (as a

camp activity), at 4.30 am on 1st August, about 50 – 60 scouts of every country, class and creed, dressed in full national uniform and walked down to the landing stage at Brownsea Castle to watch the sun rise over the Sandbanks peninsula and onto the Island. There were no leaders invited, so one or two of us tagged along to ensure all was safe. As the sun hit the Island, the Scouts joined hands in a circle and sang 'happy birthday to Brownsea'. The tears flooded – and that was just me. There were fat scouts, thin scouts, tall scouts and short ones, there were black scouts, brown scouts, red scouts and yellow scouts, and a few white ones. But they were all happy scouts. Try and experience that without emotion. What great young people they are.

Back to the camp centre for breakfast and get ready for the Sunrise Ceremony. We are going to be on the telly – all round the world – there are satellite dishes all over the island. At least six TV companies and dozens and dozens of journalists. 162 national flags were handed out to 162 scouts. Again without orchestration, they paraded onto the Horsefield and started to move clockwise in ever decreasing circles until all had joined in.



What a sight. 162 happy, smiling, singing, chatting faces, flying their national flags in unison with each other. More tears.

What an atmosphere, what an experience. Roll on the next 100 years.



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Where will you be on 1st August 2007?continued

During the morning 1000 day visitors arrived, they were able to participate in all the activities on the island.

At 12 noon, the international participants left to return to Hylands and yet another 250 scouts arrived to take part in the first official scout camp of the New Centenary. Another four days of non-stop scouting

You may have noticed that each camp covered a four-day period, and I did say I would tell a little of what took place later in this report. The reason is simple; each camp repeated essentially the same programme. Good planning eh.



The participants were split into four sub-camps based on the four original patrols of Curlews, Ravens, Wolves and Bulls. Their activities included: a half-day canoe safari to the other islands, circus workshops, pioneering, and rhythm workshops using real African drums. We did archery and coracle making, and pottery. There were various workshops on topics of national and international interest. We went 'dendron bashing' to help clear the island of Rhododendrons to make room for the red squirrels, we had a half day island adventure and also a half day activity called 'chain reaction' which ended up with a member of the camp staff getting soaked, much to the enjoyment of the young people.

All the activities took place in an atmosphere of true internationalism, based on five areas of the island each devoted to a Scout continent and culture. There were marquees dedicated to Africa, America, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia and Arabia, with all manner of activities, articles and foods to try. We had an internet café with 14



workstations, a 'Centenary on the Air' radio station and we even spoke to the space station as it passed over Southern England.

.....That was a sight, seeing dozens of young scouts lying flat out on the grass at midnight watching the space station pass overhead and listening to the conversations taking place. Each camp held a 'carnival parade', had a



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cabaret show and a disco into the early hours. There was never a dull moment and never an opportunity to sulk.

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Where will you be on 1st August 2007?continued

What a great time I had during my three weeks on the island. Helping to provide centenary activities for nearly 2000 people. Twenty gigabytes of digital images to sort out, articles to write and reunions to plan. Oh, work is never finished, always something else to do. I wouldn't have it any other way. Thank you to my two ADCs for telling me about the opportunities available to a not very young scout. I was able to truly experience: *"the greatest movement for good that the world has ever seen"*. Who said that?? It was a chap called Lord George Brydges Harley Guest Rodney. Now that's a name to conjure with. He was one of the original 20. Who am I to argue?

'Sparks'

Chairman's Challenge

When I took over as Chairman, the Associate Membership was only about 80 people, let us see if we can get this number up to 200 before the next Festival Meeting in Leicester. If we all found 1 new associate member from a visitor to the Lodge, we would be almost there!

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Spring Festival 2008

The 2008 Spring festival meeting will take place on Saturday 12th April 2008 at Freemasons Hall, Leicester. All members of the Kindred Lodges Association are invited, along with their guests.

The meeting will include a lecture 'assist me to open the Lodge' given by W Bro.Christopher Lunn PAGDC, Dep.Met GDC. and W Bro. Jon Lunn L G R

The meeting will start with Lunch at 13:00 followed by the meeting at 15:00

The cost is £20.00 per person (excluding wines). Meeting only cost will be £5.00

For further details and information please contact :

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KLA on the web.....

www.kindredlodges.org.uk

The web site is a great start point for information and further contacts with the Kindred Lodges Association.

We would welcome your emails with news, views and feedback

To email any of the KLA core team:

Move the mouse cursor over the underlined name below and press the Ctrl key on your keyboard and left mouse click to create an email

The current Officers of the KLA are:

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