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## Chairman's Chatter.....

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



Following the incredible events of 2007, I thought the Chairman's job might get a bit ordinary. How wrong could I be! I am still endeavouring to visit all of the KLA Lodges. I am making steady progress, but I might need another term of office to get round you all. Why you may ask – well quite simply things keep happening. Let's look at the events of the past year (other than normal visiting):-

There have been the regular KLA Festivals. April in Durham where we were hosted by Indaba Lodge 9454, and then in October to Huddersfield where we were hosted by Woodsmoke Lodge No.9317. Two different meetings, but both very well attended and very enjoyable. My thanks to both Lodges for their efforts.

September saw the Consecration of the Be Prepared Lodge No 9845 at Sindlesham in Berkshire. For those who have never been to this centre, it is one of the best Masonic Venues I have ever had the privilege to visit. The Province of Berkshire did the new Lodge proud even if I did have to temporarily join the Masonic Choir to help out. I was a guest of the Lodge and I thank them for their hospitality.



In October, The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1907 was consecrated at Derby. As I am not in the Mark, I could not attend the ceremony

but was invited to the Festive Board to respond to the KLA Toast. It was a most enjoyable occasion and the 'camp' lunch was a novel idea. My thanks to Tony Harvey for the invitation.

November I travelled to Norwich Masonic Centre (Giles Street) for the Consecration of The Scout Lodge No. 9850. The Provincial Team again did a superb job, and the founders can feel justly proud. It was a shame that the KLA only had a few tickets made available, and I did mention to the PGM that we could have doubled the number present. Derek Evans is the KLA Representative (formerly of Torch Lodge) and again, thanks for the hospitality. I have promised a revisit to see Richard Butler go in the Chair next year. All three lodges are joining the KLA and we are pleased to welcome them.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Pinewood Lodge 8426 (Surrey) to deliver a talk on the KLA, Sure and Stedfast 9130 (Sheffield) on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and The Scout Lodge 9814 (Northants) on the occasion of their Banner Dedication .....



*"We have that bond, and that's the real secret Freemasonry. It can't be put into words. It can't be explained. It must be experienced."*



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## More Chairman's Chatter.....

The other remarkable news of the year was a £500,000 donation to The Scout Association by Grand Charity.

This is to be used for development and will be spread over 5 years.

We will be getting reports as to what the money is being spent on and where.



We will keep you updated via the Website; [www.kindredlodges.org.uk](http://www.kindredlodges.org.uk)

My thanks to all the KLA Officers for their continued efforts and support, and I would like to particularly thank Derek Burt who is standing down as Treasurer at the Spring Meeting. He has done a great job looking after the finances and chasing the debtors. Alan Beavis will be taking his place – thank you.

Should your Lodge be planning a special event, If invited I will do my utmost to come and support it. A Happy New Year to you all.

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The last Committee Meeting gave approval for a new **KLA Scarf and woggle**. Pictured, it is black with a gold border with the KLA logo woven onto the apex. These would look particularly effective when worn by everyone at a lodge meeting. Purchase through your Lodge representative (woggles available soon) sold together for £10.

Please contact your Lodge representative or contact Richard Micklefield, Remohca House, Woodlands, Wimbourne, Dorset, BH21 8LW email; [remohca@aol.com](mailto:remohca@aol.com)

Other KLA items on sale include: Tie £10, Cufflinks £10, and Square & Compass with Scout Badge Tie Pin £5.50.

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**The Spring Festival** of the Kindred Lodges Association will be held on 8 May 2010 and hosted by Duo Fraternitates 9146 in the Province of Bedfordshire. The meeting will be a Third Degree ceremony.

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**Venturer Lodge 7897** members attended the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting at Freemasons Hall in Scout Uniform on 28th March to mark the fact that the Province of Essex recognises the valuable contribution Scouting makes to communities. In particular to make known that within Essex, the PGM encourages all lodges to extend members expertise into contributing to Scouting and other voluntary organisations. As you can imagine, the uniformed members attending, stuck out like the proverbial but faced a barrage of questions and interested comments during the festive board.

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The Scout Holiday Homes Trust is a registered charity, and provides self-catering holiday accommodation in a welcoming family environment for any family or group who has a member with special needs, families with elderly or frail members, people with any special needs with their carers, single parent families, and low income families - in fact any family in which the quality of life is diminished by a physical or mental disability, infirmity or misfortune.



All the Trust's caravans and chalets are wheelchair accessible. They have a purpose-built ramp, and the unit doors - inside as well as the outside - are wide enough to allow access for all standard-size manual wheelchairs. There is sufficient room inside the accommodation to allow for a wheelchair to get alongside the bed, the toilet, the meal table, the shower, and to be able to move freely in most areas.



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The Trust has units in Northumberland, Yorkshire, Norfolk, Essex, Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and North and South Wales These parks have superb facilities, as well as daytime and evening entertainment - at the very least all our holiday parks have a grocery shop, take-away, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, children's playground, and launderette.

Over the past four years, donations exceeding £3,500 have been received from Arrowhead Lodge of Freedom 8500, Pinewood 8426, Walesby Forest 9674, The Scout Lodge 9814, Jersey 2334, Temple 101, Prittlewell 4896, Gateway 8501, Impeesa 9385 and the Provincial Grand Lodge for Derbyshire as well as a number of individual Masons. Those donations have, of course, been very gratefully received and faithfully applied!

The holiday homes caravans undergo special adaptations and need to be replaced every 10 to 15 years with each caravan costing in the region of £50,000. In this, the Trust's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, efforts are being made to secure the financial future of the Trust so that it may continue to provide holidays for all.

The Scout Holiday Homes Trust is a registered charity No 269946

For further information please contact

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**Walesby Forest Lodge** No. 9674 held an 'Open' meeting in June at the 1<sup>st</sup> Redhill Scout & Guide Group Headquarters. After the lodge was closed, the ladies and none Masonic guests were invited to join the brethren for a talk on "Masonic Donations to Charity". This was given by W. Bro. Bill Lawrenson who gave details of donations being given by the Grand Charity to Scouting nationally and donations by the Province to the Walesby Forest Scout Camp. Particular emphasis was made upon identifying the needs of local Scouting and ways in which Masonry could assist. Prior to the talk, W. Bro. Tony Harvey gave a brief explanation of the significance of the lodge furniture on view which the guests found most interesting. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Howard Parker, added the Latin wording on the lodge banner which was the nearest translation to the scout motto "Be Prepared".

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**As an individual.....** I'm pleased to be able to report that we now have 127 Associate Members. 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.* Why not invite them to become Associate Members of our Association. The cost is just £8 per four-year period collected in 'leap years'. Why not print off application forms and hand them to your visitors at the Festive Board.

Adrian Eggleston—Associate Members Liaison Officer. [associates@kindredlodges.org.uk](mailto:associates@kindredlodges.org.uk)

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## The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons 1907

The consecration of The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which has been honoured with the significant, in Scouting terms, Lodge number of 1907, took place in Derbyshire on Saturday 31st October at Derby Masonic Hall. The consecration was conducted by RW Bro Robert Poxon, Provincial Grand Master, assisted by VW Bro Colin Cantrell, Deputy P G M.



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## Brownsea Island Lodge No 9689 and Red Scarf Lodge No 8448 joined forces



to assist in the upkeep of Brownsea Island by spending a weekend 'Rhodi Bashing', that is cutting down Rhododendrons, an invasive shrub which is not indigenous to the island.

We took residence in the South Shore Lodge and also enjoyed a splendid meal, a guided tour of the island and wild life which is very evident once the public have departed on the last boat at 17.00. The project will definitely be repeated next year, with kind permission of the National Trust Warden.

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**Initial discussions** in the latter part of 2007, the Centenary year of Scouting, led to a meeting in April 2008 to explore the possibility of founding a Scouting Lodge in Berkshire, not only to provide a link between Freemasonry and Scouting in Berkshire, but also to welcome Scouting Masons and Adult Leaders wishing to join the Fraternity from neighbouring Provinces.

The initial meeting was attended by 25 interested Masons and resulted in the Petition for the Lodge being submitted in October 2008 duly signed by 22 Petitioners and the Sponsoring Lodge, Charles Nicolls 7318. Notification of the Petition being granted was received on 2 December 2008. The Founding Master is W Bro Ken Cook PPSGD, the founding Senior Warden is W Bro Aaron Lawson, the founding Junior Warden is W Bro David Matthews PPJGD, and the founding Secretary is W Bro Tony Parker.

The Consecration was held on Thursday 3 September 2009, at the Provincial Masonic Centre in Sindlesham (Reading) whilst the Lodge will regularly meet at the Wokingham Masonic Centre.

Over 300 brethren witnessed the consecration of the Lodge by the Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro John Michael Hooton, assisted by 13 other members of the Provincial team. A presentation was made at the festive board that requires the new Master of 9845 to similarly present to the newly installed master and Lodge of the next KLA affiliated Lodge which will take place in Norfolk, in November 2009.



**Branding and Identity.....** The KLA aims to foster and facilitate relationships among freemasons who are or were involved in youth work, but what does that actually mean? How do we actually translate an aim into achievement?

## **The KLA want to hear from you!**

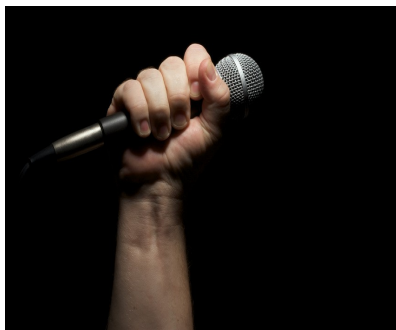
We invite one and all interested parties to put forward their views within the context of the following headings.

**M**ethod- What does "foster relationships" mean? What should be our main messages?

**I**dentify- How do we represent ourselves to others? What audiences should we target?

**C**ommunication- What do we need to focus on over the next year and five years?

**S**howing others- What can we do to promote what we do and recall who we are?



*M. I. C. S. is short for Microphone, used for amplifying voices. The KLA is keen to amplify its voice and is eager to hear from you and your views on its future role and work. Please feel free to send any comments or views you have by March 31st 2010.*

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## KLA on the web.....[www.kindredlodges.org.uk](http://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

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### **Future KLA Festivals -**

#### **Spring Festival 2010**

Duo Fraternitates 9146 (Luton)

#### **Autumn Festival 2010**

Lancashire Scouting Lodge of Allegiance (Lancs.)

#### **Spring Festival 2011**

Sure & Steadfast 8991 (Cardiff)

#### **Autumn Festival 2011**

Torch 7236 (London)