



ScoutsCymru offers challenge and adventure to over 20,000 members in Wales. We aim to contribute to the development of young people and help them achieve their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We believe that young people develop best when they are “learning by doing”, when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves

Gareth Watson, Chief Commissioner for Wales, says ;

*“We are excited by the opportunity to work together to improve the lives of Young People across Wales in the years to come.”*



Scouting

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Freemasonry in Wales

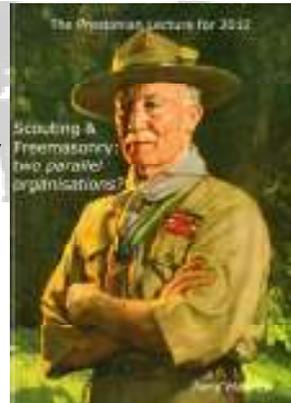
## A message to the Scouting Brethren of the Province of South Wales



*Brethren; were you ever in the Scouts? perhaps a Leader, Commissioner, Advisor, an Administrator or even a Boy Scout yourself. Perhaps you still are involved or perhaps you have kids and grandkids in Scouting today?*

*Do you remember all those great activities and troop nights and the fun you had then, do you ever think of how similar the atmosphere of Freemasonry is to that of Scouting and how similar the aims of both organisations are? How would you like an opportunity to rejuvenate all of that whilst providing positive support for Scouting across Wales?*

*There already exists an affinity between Scouting and Freemasonry; after all members of both organisations make similar promises of allegiance and brotherliness, each profess to believe in a supreme being and 'to make good men better' and neither are tied to a particular religion and have so many other things in common.*



*The Prestonian Lecturer W Bro Tony Harvey got wise to this quite some time ago and produced the 2012 Prestonian Lecture - "Scouting & Freemasonry - Two Parallel Organisations", he formed "The Scout Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1907", he has been instrumental in forming other Lodges and still delivers his Prestonian Lecture.*

*There are more than thirty eight Craft Scout Lodges across the UK founded specifically to provide that 'Scouting for we older kids' and 'support for the Scout Association'. In fact a new Scout Craft Lodge was consecrated in Bristol in April of this year (Scoutcraft Lodge No9936).*



There are also a number of Scout Mark Lodges, although they are based in London, East Midlands and Northern England - but there's not a Scout Lodge here in Wales.



All are members of the Kindred Lodges Association

Now, I've been thinking about this for quite some time; having become a Freemason in 1994 and retiring as a Commissioner from Scouting in 2003 after 23yrs service, but more particularly since I saw the 2012 Prestonian Lecture delivered by W Bro Tony Harvey at Danycoed Lodge No.8127 a few years ago

Watch for W Bro Tony's inspiring 2012 Prestonian Lecture, he's due to deliver it here in South Wales in the near future, you should attend and try to get the book—it's a worthwhile read.

I'm sure you will have seen the many articles on the support that Freemasonry gives Scouting at National level in 'Freemasonry Today', well I'd like to think we can make such an impact here in Wales and at a more local level; by forming a Scout Mark Lodge under the auspices of The South Wales Province to serve the Provinces of South, East & West Wales and the Scout Areas/Counties in the same region, to begin with.

We have the potential to make an impressive impact in both organisations.

But look, it's not all about financial support, it's as much about rejuvenating our old enthusiasms for Scouting, giving something back, sharing experiences, facilities and skills amongst so many other things - would you be interested in becoming a founding or joining member of the first Scout Mark Lodge in South Wales?

We'll meet at different locations and temples across the Province in order to cover The Province and give all Masons an opportunity to attend and contribute.

Catch me at a Lodge meeting or contact me directly on e mail .....

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.....to express your interest and place your details on a mailing list so that I can keep you up to date with these plans as they develop.

Tell me who you are, your lodge/s, position or rank. Tell me about your Scouting connections, are you or were you a warranted leader, an administrator perhaps or other supporter, instructor etc. or perhaps you were a boy scout yourself.

Mark Provincial WEB Site: [www.southwalesmarkmastermasons.co.uk](http://www.southwalesmarkmastermasons.co.uk)

Provincial e mails: [provincialoffice@southwalesmarkmastermasons.co.uk](mailto:provincialoffice@southwalesmarkmastermasons.co.uk)



### Achievement

At St James Palace on the occasion of their DoE Gold Award presentations.

Achieved through Venture Scouting in the 1990s

### Joint Venture

The Millennium Totem Pole — erected by the Scouts of Mid-Glamorgan at Margam Park, South Wales during their celebratory millennium camp.

At the foot of the totem pole was buried a time capsule containing messages from all districts, groups and sections across the county.

The totem pole still stands today, why not look out for it the next time you visit Margam Park.

Perhaps this is a simple but typical example of where Freemasonry could have helped with skills, material and finance



### The Future is now

So the Grand Master is in the Scouts as well, you'll be surprised at how many masons were and are.



For more information on the organisations mentioned .....

[www.kindredlodges.org.uk](http://www.kindredlodges.org.uk)

[www.freemasonrytoday.com](http://www.freemasonrytoday.com)

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