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**Subject:** A Message from the Mark Province of Derbyshire

Dear Bro. Provincial Grand Secretary

As you may be aware, a group of Mark Masons with an interest in Scouting are in the process of founding a Mark Scout Lodge. The purpose of emailing you is to provide you with background information so that any interested brethren in your Province can enquire about the Lodge, and about becoming a Founder, if they so wish.

The Lodge will meet three times a year in different Provinces on the third Saturdays in February (Installation), June and September. It will not seek candidates but, if requested, it will Advance brethren with a particular, perhaps senior or national, interest in Scouting. In such instances, we will encourage them to also join a local Lodge in their home Province. Thus the Lodge will not compete with local Lodges. Installation meetings will be in Derbyshire.

The Lodge will seek to become a channel for Mark Masonry to support Scouting. It will actively seek to support local Scouting in the Provinces which it visits. It will join the Kindred Lodges Association and be the first Mark Lodge to do so.

There will be a meeting of the Founders at Long Eaton Masonic Hall, Derbyshire, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, after which we will submit a petition to Grand Lodge. If any brother you knows wishes to attend, or wishes to become a Founder, please ask them to contact me directly with details of their membership of the Order. Particular interest may be found among brethren who are members of any Kindred Lodges in your Province.

If you have any questions, please direct them to me. I will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely & fraternally  
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Provincial Grand Secretary, Mark Province of Derbyshire  
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