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### *LA INVESTIDURA ROVER EN 1937*

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*LOS PRIMEROS ROVERS EN MEXICO*

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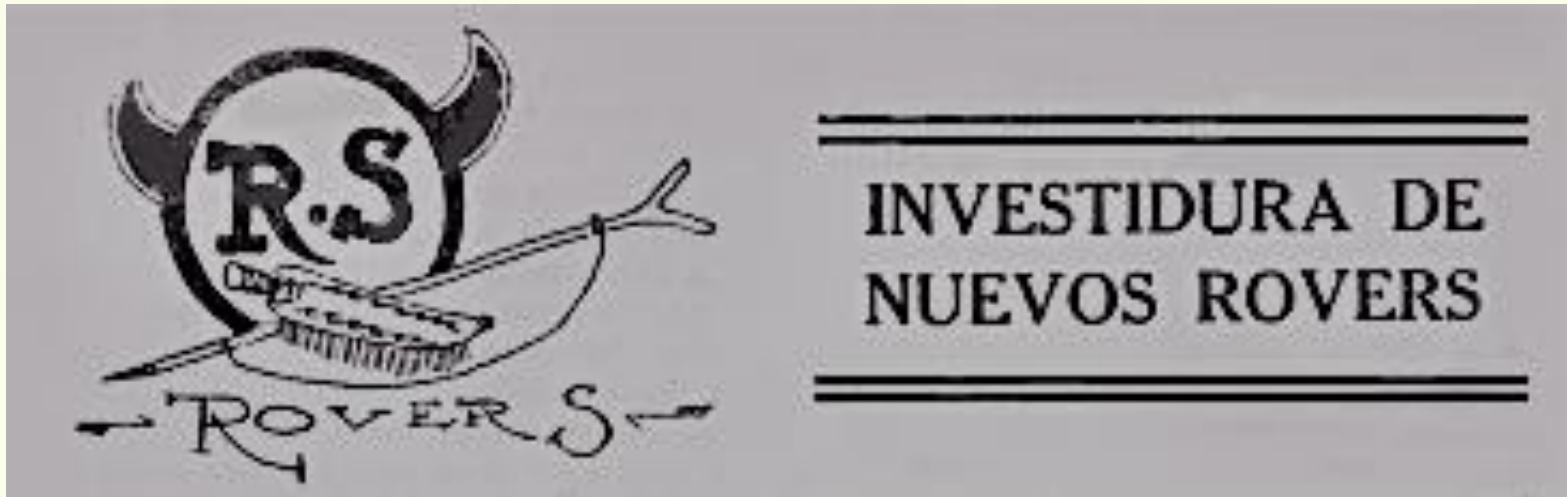
**En este álbum se incluye una nota sobre las investiduras de miembros del Clan del Grupo 3, publicada en la revista “Escultismo” en 1937, año en que también apareció una nota sobre la Investidura de Rovers en México**

**Juan Lainé platicaba que se contaba con documentos originales de la Asociación británica en los cuales Baden Powell explicaba los orígenes y desarrollo de la Investidura de Rovers .**

**En la colección “Lord Baden Powell Papers” se encontraron algunos documentos que parecen ser los que mencionaba Lainé.**

# UN RELATO DE UNA INVESTIDURA DE ROVERS

Nota en el número 13 de la revista “Escultismo” por “El Esculta de Calatrava”, seudónimo de Beremundo Ruidíaz Fernández, primer Rover en México.



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El domingo 28 de Marzo se efectuó en la vecina población de Tlalpam la investidura de los Novicios pertenecientes al Clán del Grupo II de México, quienes después de satisfacer las pruebas y que fueron sometidos pasaron a formar parte de él.

La víspera por la noche se reunió el Clán en casa de su Jefe Mr. C. O. Robson, que también es Comisario Nacional de Rovers, y disfrutando además de la grata compañía de su C. Du. José Ortega que lo honró con su presencia. Después de cenar alegremente se prolongó la velada haciendo uso de la palabra varios de los presentes.



Primariamente el Ayudante de Jefe Rover, Rafael Ullarri, dirigió a los Novicios en nombre del Clán una alocución llena de sabor y de espíritu Rover. Expresó la alegría de los viejos Rovers al ver sus filas engrosadas y a grandes trazos marcó la ruta que deberá seguir el clan en el futuro: "Hermanos, decía, iniciemos esta nueva etapa de nuestra ruta sin llevar ningún rencor en nuestras almas..., que en ellas solo arda el fuego del amor y de la fraternidad para todos nuestros hermanos menores y mayores que forman parte de esa gran tribu fundada por el anciano guerrero que desde su solitario retiro retiró de "Pax-Hill", al otro lado del mar, contempla como fructifica la buena semilla que desde Benwasaen él esparció a todos los pueblos...". Demostró a los Novicios que la Ruta es apostolado y que el Rover no debe consagrarse más que a su vida "Ser-



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vir", sin temer a las críticas ni a las maledicciones, ayudando siempre leal e intensamente a nuestros Jefes a guiar a la Asociación y termino exhortando a todos a meditar la frase de Sócrates: "Ningún hombre se ocupa de un objeto más parecido a los de Dios, que aquel que está atento a lo bueno, enseñándolo no solo a sus propios hijos, sino a los hijos de los demás..."

El Jefe Rover, con gravedad y cariño habló a sus jóvenes camaradas con la voz de la sabiduría y de la experiencia, indicando la conducta pública y privada que debe observar el Rover en su paso por este mundo, "Sirviéndolo" intensamente al Movimiento que cifra en él sus esperanzas, y normando su vida por la del Gran Jefe Jesucristo, leyendo y meditando constantemente su vida, fuente de vida eterna, para conservarse inmunes contra el respeto humano, las malas compañías y para ser puros y fuertes.

Don José Ortega en breves pero sentidas palabras expresó la satisfacción de hallarse entre los Rovers, la élite del Escultismo, según él, y los invitó a ser buenos cristianos para ser buenos Rovers, conscientes de su responsabilidad y útiles a Dios, a la Patria y a la Sociedad.

Los Novicios Régulo Hernández, Jorge Chávez, Fernando Martínez y Genaro Escalona, hicieron durante la noche la tradicional "Velación de Armas" y al rayar el nuevo día tuvo verificativo la solemne ceremonia de la Investidura, en la que a usanza de los Caballeros de los antiguos tiempos, los Novicios, rodea-

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## INVESTIDURA DE NUEVOS ROVERS

dos de sus padrinos, recibieron del Jefe Rover al espadazo que los convirtió en modernos Caballeros de la Ruta.

En el silencio y la penumbra del amanecer, entre los venerables muros del recinto en que se desarrollaba el acto ritual, evocador de pasadas gestas de honor, de

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gloria y de recio cristianismo, al mismo tiempo que las notas de los himnos sacros nos parecía oír arrastrar espuelas, y chocar armaduras y espadas, y soplar una brisa nueva de juventud, de virilidad y de esperanza!

El Esculta de Calatrava R. S.



*Beremundo Ruidíaz Fernández*

# INVESTIDURA DE ROVERS EN 1937

Descripción de la ceremonia en esa época.

## ● La Investidura Rover ●

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El Joven, después del examen de sí mismo es traído al seno del Clan, que se encuentra uniformado, y colocado con sus padrinos, uno de cada lado, delante de una mesa, cubierta con la Cruz de San Jorge y sobre la cual se ha colocado una jarra con agua, una palangana y una toalla. El Guía Rover Scout se coloca del otro lado de la mesa, de frente a ella, llama en alta voz al candidato por su nombre y le dice:

Guía: Viene usted con el deseo de convertirse en un Rover Scout dentro de nuestra Hermandad Mundial?

Candidato: Sí.

Guía: A pesar de las dificultades con que ha tropezado en el pasado tiene usted el propósito de hacer cuanto pueda por vivir una vida limpia, ser honrado, veraz y recto en todos sus tratos, puro en sus pensamientos, en sus palabras y en sus obras?

Candidato: Estoy decidido.

Guía: Ha pensado usted que servir significa ser considerado en todo tiempo con los demás, y hacer todo lo posible por ayudarlos aun cuando esto no sea ni conveniente, ni agradable, ni seguro para usted y que al hacer esto no espera usted recibir ninguna compensación?

Candidato: Así lo entiendo.

Guía: Entiende usted que al hacerse Rover Scout ingresa usted a una hermandad en la que todos debemos ayudarlo a cumplir con su ideal, por lo que le pedimos que obedezca nuestra leyes y cumpla con nuestra Divisa de Servir a los demás?

Candidato: Así lo entiendo.

Guía: En la antigüedad se acostumbraba que aquellos que iban a ser armados caballeros se lavaban para significar con ellos que se lavaban de todos los vicios ma-

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los que habían cometido en el pasado y como signo de su determinación de vivir una vida nueva.

Guía: Está usted dispuesto a dar esta prueba, aquí, en presencia de todos nosotros?

Candidato: Si lo estoy (el candidato o los candidatos si hubiere más de uno, por turno, colocarán sus manos juntas sobre la bandeja y uno de sus padrinos tomará la jarra y dejará caer el agua sobre ellas, mientras el otro tomará la toalla y secará con ella las manos del Candidato).

Guía: Sabiendo que usted comprende estas cosas, lo requiero para que haga (o renueve) su promesa Scout, teniendo presente que esperamos de usted que la interprete no ya como niño, sino como hombre.

(El Piloto Rover se adelanta llevando la bandera del Grupo en la mano, la cual inclina un poco para que quede colocada entre el Guía y el Candidato: este último toma la bandera con su mano izquierda y con la derecha hace la señal Scout).

Candidato: Yo prometo, por mi honor y con la Gracia de Dios hacer cuanto de mí dependa por cumplir mis deberes para con Dios y para con mi prójimo. Amar a mi Patria, ser útil en todos los momentos y respetar sus leyes. Obedecer el Código del Scout.

El Guía Rover Scout le tiende su mano izquierda que él toma también con su mano izquierda y enseguida le da una palmada en el hombro izquierdo con la mano derecha a la vez que le dice,

Guía: Confío en que por su honor cumplirá usted (continuará cumpliendo) su promesa y por lo tanto doy a usted el espalldarazo que los Caballeros de antaño recibían para recordarle, como a ellos,

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que usted tiene algo que cuidar, su HONOR; que nada sentirá usted más que una imputación hecha contra él.

Después de esto el Guía Rover Scout le coloca su charretera y le entrega su insignia diciéndole:

Guía: Esta charretera amarilla, verde

y roja tienen los colores de las tres secciones de nuestra Hermandad que le recuerdan su deber hacia sus hermanos menores y su responsabilidad, como Rover Scout, de darles en todo tiempo buen ejemplo.

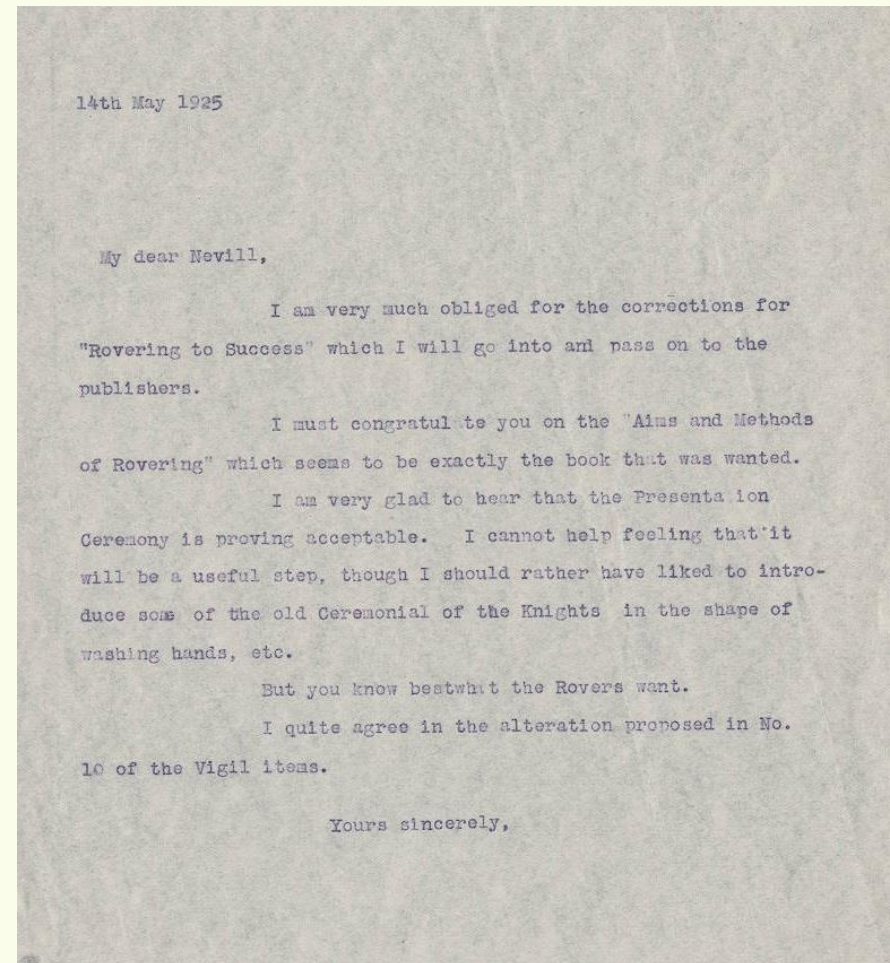
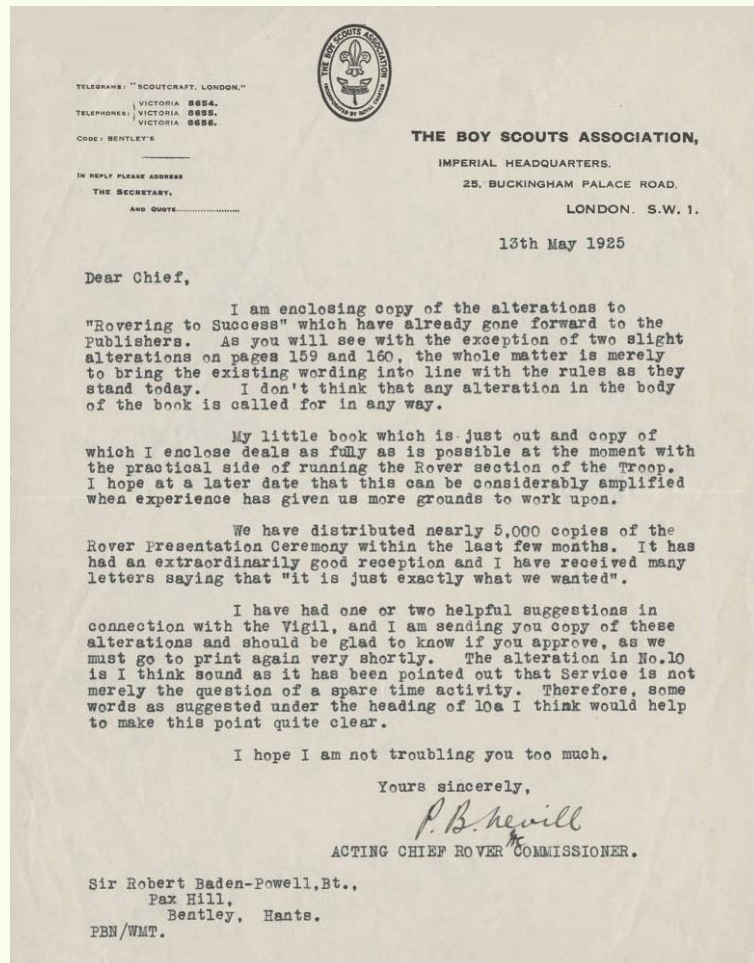
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**Nota. Recuerdo que en una ocasión Jorge Toral Azuela comentó que nunca se tuvieron las charreteras de tres colores ( que se mencionan en el texto) Se usaban las que adquirían en la Asociación británica.**



# DOCUMENTOS SOBRE INVESTIDURA DE ROVERS

Documentos sobre la ceremonia de investidura Rover provenientes de la colección "Lord Baden Powell Papers" de la Universidad Brigham Young. Correspondencia entre BP y Oficina Imperial.



# DOCUMENTOS SOBRE INVESTIDURA DE ROVERS

## La vigilia Rover, por BP



### THE VIGIL

In becoming a Rover Scout you are going over the threshold from Boyhood into Manhood.

The boy thinks only of the present; as a man you look forward to the future. You look forward and think what you are going to make of your life. Your thoughts probably run to some profession in which you will get the best money. Or one which will bring you into a good position. Or one which you consider would suit you.

These are among the points that you would most probably consider when planning your life. You naturally look at the beginning of your career. But this does not always give life to you in its true perspective. You will do well to look at it also from the far end of life. (Remember the far end may not be so very far off for some of us).

So picture for yourself which things will count when you look back on the years through which you have been living. Have you frittered them away on things that don't matter or have you done your best with them? That is what counts.

How often one has heard of a dying man whispering contentedly in his last moments "At any rate I tried to do my duty". We each have to face these last moments. Do we funk it or shall we be able. And what is one's Duty?

Surely it is to develop and make best use of the wonderful body and mind and soul which the Creator has given - no, not given but lent to us. With our body we can enjoy games. With our mind we can indulge in various kinds of pleasure. This is all self indulgence. But where does the soul come in in this? The soul is the love that is in us which expresses itself by using mind and body for the good of others. So we should surely make our body and mind as healthy, fine, and clean as possible, the better to do God's service. And that means using them for the good of others, through the spirit of Love that is in us - that is, our soul.

So you have the choice of two courses in life - Self or Service, the more easy and comfortable; Service involves Sacrifice. But the willingness to sacrifice time or pleasure, or life itself if need be, is just the test of a true man.

Your fathers and elder brothers showed the example of Service and Sacrifice in the Great War. You, in your turn, are going to show yourselves true men like them.

Self, that is self-interest, is at the bottom of half our industrial and other social troubles today. Self-interest between nations is the root cause of war. Selfishness never made a nation. Sense of service in its individuals has made many a nation.

But sense of service to others makes us see the other party's point of view and leads us to sacrifice some of our own ideas to help them and to meet them halfway. And this brings about peace and good will. The more you give of love in this way the more you receive of love, and the world becomes more of Heaven.

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## Explicaciones de elementos de la ceremonia de investidura, publicados por la Asociación británica

### TABLA VII.

1.

#### Explanation.

An Esquire, when about to be made a Knight, was attended throughout the different steps of the ceremony by two Knights who were termed "Governors" or Sponsors.

#### The Bath.

After being received with all ceremony by the Governors on his arrival the Esquire strips off his clothing and is conducted to a Bath. Here the senior Governor pours water on him to wash him clean of former sins, so that he comes purified to be made a Knight.

The Governor at the same time admonishes him to this effect "Right dear Brother. Be ye strong in the faith of the Holy Church; Relieve the widows and oppressed maidens; give unto every one his own, and above all things Love and fear God. superior to all other earthly objects love the King, they Sovereign Lord, him and his right defend unto thy power and put him in worship".

#### Action

The Esquire, robed in a sheet, is led in by two Knights. Number one splashes water from a silver bowl over him, hands empty bowl to Knight No. 2. taking from him a towel with which he dries the Squire; then returns towel to No. 2. He steps back a pace and addresses the Squire who stands with bowed head during the admonition.

#### 11. Explanation.

#### The Vigil

The Esquire is brought to the Chapel towards evening by his Governors. He is clothed in a russet gown and hood like that of a friar, signifying a deeply religious sense of what he is undertaking.

He offers at the Altar a taper with a penny stuck in it, the taper signifying gratitude to God, the penny gratitude to the King.

After which the orders says "The Governors then do take their leave and he, with silence, shall thank them for their labours and the worship that they have done unto him."

The Governors shut the doors and the Squire remains in prayer throughout the night," till the dawning waxeth clear and day be come".

#### Action.

#### The Vigil.

Scene a Chapel and Altar, candles, etc.  
The Squire in armour, but bare headed is brought in by Governors. Number 1. puts a russet gown and cowl upon him, and shows him the altar.

Governor number 1. hands him a taper, and number 2 a penny, which he sticks into the taper and then lays it on the altar. The Squire turns and bows his thanks to the Governors. They bow low and withdraw. Squire turns to the altar, draws his sword, kneels holding his sword in both hands towards altar. Rises, places sword on altar, retires and kneels in prayer.

111.

#### Explanation

#### The Robing

A red robe lined with white is put on the Squire to signify, with the red, that he will fight and shed blood if need be for his Faith, while the white means that he will remain pure within. Black stockings are put on his feet to remind him that he is but mortal, and must remain humble.

#### Action

#### The Robing

The Squire in armour, bareheaded, is clothed by his senior Governor in a red mantle lined with white. Before putting it on him the Governor explains the meaning of the red and of the white lining. Number two puts black cloth stockings on his feet, and explains to him their meaning. He bows in acknowledgement.

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#### Explanation

#### The Banquet

The Squire is given a banquet of many courses, but in view of the grave responsibilities that he has taken upon himself he prefers to fast.

#### Action.

#### The Banquet

Clothed as in scene 111 the Squire sits at table and the Governors serve him with dish after dish of food, and cups of wine; but he touches none of them.

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## Explicaciones de elementos de la ceremonia de investidura, publicados por la Asociación británica

### Explanation

The Accolade

The Squire is brought before the King to be knighted. The Senior Governor carries his sword, hilt on high, with belt, spurs, and knot of white ribbon, hanging on the hilt. The King takes the spurs and hands one to each Governor to fix on the Squire's heels. The spurs signify that he will "display the utmost ardour and activity in doing his duty and a ready and cheerful obedience to any command."

The Sword belt is a sign of his being encompassed with purity and honour. The sword is a token of his defiance against the devil and his works.

The Knot of white ribbon is a sign that he is a young Knight, prepared to defend it against capture by an adversary, as his Honour.

The King, after girding on his sword attaches the ribbon to the Squire's left shoulder. The King then touches him on the shoulder with his blade, and smites him on the neck with his hand.

This is to remind him that he has one tender point, namely his honour; nothing should be more quickly felt or longer retained than an imputation against his honour.

The Squire while receiving the Accolade has his hands and eyes raised to Heaven. After the buffet the King raises him from his knees by his right hand and salutes him as a Knight.

## Action

## The Ascolade

The King, seated on a throne. The two Governors bring in the Squire, the senior carrying his sword and belt with hilt on high. On the hilt hang two spurs and a bunch of white ribbon.

All make obeisance to the King. Governor number one offers the sword hilt to the King. The King takes the sword and hands one of the spurs to each Governor.

Number one kneels on one knee, and takes the Squire's foot on to his knee, buckles on the spur, and makes the sign of the cross on the Squire's knee. Number two repeats the same action with the other foot.

The Governors step back and the King stands. The Squire approaches the King, who girds the sword belt round him and draws his sword, which he hands to the Squire.

The Squire kneels before the King, holding his sword aloft and looking up to Heaven. The King attaches bunch of ribbons to Squire's left shoulder, then taking the sword from him strikes him on the shoulder with the blade and hands back the sword. The King then strikes him with his hand upon the neck, and then seizing his left hand raises him to his feet and places both hands on his shoulders. The King then passes out, followed by the two Governors. The young Knight raises his sword hilt upwards, and kneels to pray.





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