

Prestonian Lecture 2012

On the nomination of the Board of General Purposes, the Trustees of the Prestonian Fund have appointed WBro Antony DG Harvey to be the Prestonian Lecturer for 2012. Tony Harvey states that the title of his lecture will be 'Freemasonry and Scouting: two parallel organisations?'

Tony Harvey is an active Scout as well as Freemason joining the Scout movement on his eighth birthday; he went on to become a Queen's Scout. As an adult he has held appointments at local and national levels. Since the late eighties he has been involved with the work of The Scout Association's UK headquarters where he has been a member of a number of national boards, committees and teams, especially in the areas of recruitment, adult training and activities, and has been a regular contributor to Scouting Magazine. Currently he is involved in defining and developing the Association's future approach to volunteer leadership and management. He is also a director and trustee of the charity that bought back into Scouting the Rolls-Royce car, "Jam Roll", that the Scouts of the World bought for Robert Baden-Powell to celebrate Scouting's coming of age in 1929. Bro. Harvey was awarded The Scout Association's "Silver Acorn" for specially distinguished services in the St. George's Day Awards of 2006.

Masonically, Tony Harvey was initiated into Pioneer Lodge No 9065, the Province of Derbyshire's Scout Lodge, in Scout uniform, at the age of thirty one. He is also a Founder and Past Master of Walesby Forest Lodge No 9674, Nottinghamshire's Scout Lodge; a member of the Essex Scout Lodge, Venturer Lodge No 7897, and Junior Warden of Authors' Lodge No 3456 in London. Within his home province of Derbyshire Tony Harvey is the Provincial Grand Mentor.

As the Kindred Lodges Association's (KLA's) liaison with the UK Scout Association and United Grand Lodge, Tony Harvey meets at intervals with senior staff and volunteers at The Scout Association to discuss matters relating to Scouting and Freemasonry. In 2008 he was invited to meet with the Grand Secretary, as a result of which UGLE has endorsed Tony Harvey's work. Senior members of both organisations have since met to discuss matters of mutual interest and to build relationships that Tony Harvey believes, will benefit both organisations in the future.

When he is not engaged in Scouting or Masonic activities, Bro. Harvey works as a Leadership consultant, trainer and coach. As well as holding degrees in psychology, education and management he is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, of the Chartered Management Institute and of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, manufactures and commerce

The dates for the official deliveries of the 2012 Prestonian Lecture, will be set by the Board of General Purposes in November 2011.

Arrowhead Lodge of Freedom No 8500 will be receiving an unofficial delivery by Tony Harvey at their regular meeting on Monday 2 April 2012.

The lodge members extend a welcome to all those Brethren from the Province who may wish to attend the regular meeting at which the delivery will be made, subject to space. A festive board will follow at a modest fee.

As an unofficial delivery the Presentation will be on entitled on the summons as a paper entitled 'Scouting and Freemasonry: two parallel organisations', The Prestonian Lecture for 2012, will be delivered by Tony Harvey, PProvGReg, ProvGMen (Derbyshire).

It is customary for the Prestonian Lecture to be printed in booklet form for sale, the profits going to a Charity or Charities (Masonic and non-Masonic) of the Lecturer's choice. These are the Samaritan Fund and the Scout Association (to be used for preservation of its archives).

If you would like to attend the meeting please contact the lodge secretary, Keith Lang by email at keith_lang.t21@btinternet.com