

The Prestonian Lecture for 2012

Authors' Lodge



No. 3456

Scouting & Freemasonry: Two Parallel Organisations?

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Provincial Grand Mentor for Derbyshire
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The Scout Association**

**Authors' Lodge will be hosting the
Official London delivery of the
Prestonian Lecture for 2012**

on

**Wednesday 16th May 2012
at 5.00pm**

**Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street
London WC2B 5AZ**



In 1818, Brother Preston, the author of the Illustrations of Masonry, bequeathed £300 in Consols, the interest of which was to provide for the annual delivery of a lecture according to the system which he had elaborated.

The appointment of the Lecturer was left to the Grand Master for the time being. Stephen Jones, a Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and an intimate friend of Preston, received the first appointment; and it was subsequently given to Brother Laurence Thompson, the only surviving pupil of Preston.

He held it until his death, after which no appointment of a Lecturer was made until 1857, when the Worshipful Master of the Royal Stork Lodge, was requested by Lord Zetland, Grand Master, to deliver the lecture, which he did in January 1858. Since then, the lecture was abandoned until 1924 when Captain C. W Firebrace, a Past Master of Preston's old Lodge, the Lodge of Antiquity, was appointed the Prestonian Lecturer for the year, and was followed by Brother Lionel Vibert, in 1925, a Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

Since then, with the exception of the war years, a Prestonian Lecturer has been appointed annually. The full list since 1924, appears in the back of the UGLE Year Book and includes such notable Freemasons as Bros. Carr, Tydeman, Cryer, Batham, Stubbs, Mendoza, and Hamill.



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Bro Tony Harvey is uniquely qualified to deliver a Lecture on this topic, being a National Volunteer with The Scout Association and having served for some years as the liaison between the Kindred Lodges Association, The Scout Association and UGLE. He has undertaken extensive new research into the relationship between these two value-based organisations, and suggests how they might both benefit from a mutual understanding. His Lecture will interest all Freemasons who have been Scouts, as well as those concerned with Freemasonry's future and especially its links with local communities.

A published booklet, covering the ground in considerably more detail, complements the Lecture, and will be on sale in the Temple.

For those dining, a special signed copy is included in the cost.

All proceeds will be divided between The Masonic Samaritan Fund and The Scout Association's Archives Development Project.

We are anticipating a very large attendance at this, the only *Official* London presentation of the 2012 Prestonian Lecture.

Please book early by completing and returning the booking form as soon as possible.

Please list the Names, Lodges and Masonic Ranks of each person for whom you are booking.

This information is needed to enable the proper arrangements to be made for seating in the Lodge Room and at the Dinner.

Please indicate if each brother is Dining or Non-Dining (D/ND).

Please also state clearly any special dietary requirement.

Costs are:

£7 per visiting brother only attending the Lecture;

£47.50 per person for Lecture, Dinner, Wine & Booklet.

Applications must be accompanied by a cheque made payable to: "Authors' Lodge No. 3456".

Please ensure that you fully complete the form with a clear email address so that the Summons can be sent to you.

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Closing date is 1st May 2012.

Dining, and applications will be treated on a first come first served basis. Dining will be at The Imperial Hotel, Russell Square London, WC1B 5BB.

Please send completed bookings together with your cheque to:

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William Preston
1742-1818

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unique in being the ONLY
non-research Lodge to have had
THREE Prestonian Lecturers

Bro H. Cart de Lafontaine	1930
Bro Simon Fernie	2001
Bro Tony Harvey	2012

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