

HAVE YOU BEEN A SCOUT AND ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FOUNDING

A NEW SCOUTING LODGE FOR MMM IN LONDON

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. David Ashbolt, has asked W Bro. Tony Harvey, PGSD, to found a Scouting Lodge in the Mark Province of London.

The aim of the Lodge will be, "to create closer ties between Mark Masonry and Scouting in London". It will be open to Freemasons who still are, or have been in the past a Scout and who practice:-

The Values of Scouting:

Integrity - To act with integrity; be honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - To have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - To support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - To explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Cooperation - To make a positive difference; to cooperate with others and make friends.

The Lodge will be named, "**The Ralph Reader Lodge of Mark Master Masons**". W Bro. Bob Corp-Reader (Ralph Reader's son) is a distinguished London Freemason and has given this very Special Lodge his full support. Current members of The Scout Association will be encouraged to wear the current Scout uniform to meetings and in time it is hoped that other Scouting traditions will develop.

The following dates have been reserved at Mark Masons' Hall for the regular meetings of the Lodge:

2nd Saturday in February (probable Installation)

4th Saturday in May

2nd Saturday in October

W Bro. Tony Harvey will be the Primus Master and is on the look out for FOUNDERS for the Lodge. Bro. Tony first joined Scouting in Greater London in 1968 and has been a member of the Movement ever since, currently holding local and national appointments. He is well known in London for his 2012 Prestonian Lecture "Scouting and Freemasonry: two parallel organizations" and acts for the Kindred Lodges Association (KLA) as the liaison between Scouting and Freemasonry. He founded the first Scout Mark Lodge in 2009. Bro. Tony has asked W Bro. Martin Payne, ProvJGD, to be the Organizing Secretary and Secretary Designate of the Lodge. Bro. Martin is a former County Secretary for Nottinghamshire and a former Trustee

and Treasurer of the Scouts Holiday Homes Trust. He spent some years on The Scout Association's General Purposes Committee and is an experienced officer in a number of Scouting Lodges,

The intention is to hold a founders meeting later in the year to agree the by-laws, first officers, customs and practices for the new Lodge.

This Lodge will fall under the Aegis of W. Bro. Henry Hobson APMG who was a Scout in Northern Ireland and wants to be one of the Lodge founders.

So now to the big question, have you ever been a Scout and do you want to be a founder of what undoubtedly will be a BRILLIANT NEW MARK LODGE?

If so don't delay, email W Bro. Martin Payne masonry@martinwpayne.com letting him know you are interested. He will send you the relevant forms.