

Burgoyne Lodge

No.



902

of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Consecrated 17th February 1862

FOUNDING LODGE OF THE METROPOLITAN GRAND LODGE OF LONDON

W. Bro. Oliver James Coddington, AGSec
Worshipful Master

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Dear Sir and Brother,

You are summoned to attend the regular meeting of this lodge to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ on **Saturday 26 February 2022 at 3 p.m.**

By command of the Worshipful Master,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. Bro. Lewis Clement, PGStwd
Secretary

Attire for this meeting: Undress regalia, jacket and chinos, white gloves, and Connaught Club, Masonic or sporting tie.

Visiting Officer

W. Bro. Desmond Griffin, SLGR, desmond.griffin@sky.com



PURPOSES OF THE LODGE

- ⊙ To increase the Masonic education and broaden the Masonic experience of its members, members of the Connaught Club and of the Craft in general.
- ⊙ To provide a means of regular congregation for all past and present members of the Connaught Club.
- ⊙ To encourage and support young Freemasons in their Masonic journey; promoting involvement in their Lodges and in Freemasonry generally.



For Young Freemasons in London

The Connaught Club for Young Freemasons in London was founded to give young Freemasons in London a means to meet and socialise with like-minded people of similar ages, who might otherwise be dispersed over London's many Lodges and large geographic area.

Membership of the Club is open to any Freemason under 35 years of age, who is a member of Metropolitan Grand Lodge or Chapter, or who lives/works within London.

Primarily the Club's role is to provide events and other occasions, of either a social or (Masonically) educational nature, for young Freemasons to meet each other and encourage their involvement within the fraternity.

We endeavour to encourage and support participation in our Lodges and in Freemasonry. We promote openness and pride in our membership of the Craft and stress the contemporary role Freemasonry plays in modern society, with particular emphasis placed on its relation to the younger generations.

AGENDA

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To approve the minutes of:
 - a. the regular meeting held on Saturday, 22 February 2020;
 - b. the emergency meeting held on Saturday, 31 July 2021; and
 - c. the installation meeting held on 23 October 2021which have previously been circulated to the members of the Lodge.
3. To Invest Officers not present at the installation meeting.
4. To receive accounts for the years 2019 to 2020 and 2020 to 2021 which were deferred from the installation meeting.
5. To ballot for and, if successful, to welcome the following brethren as joining members:
 - a. Bobby Faulds, of 255 Peach Road, London W10 4DX, a Past Master of Lodge of New Hope, No 6370, and a Committee Member of the Connaught Club;
 - b. Maceo Leonard Kennion Williams-Frederick, of Flat 13 Fairfield House, 171 South Street, Enfield EN3 4GR, a Master Mason of Kensington Park Lodge, No 6925, and a Committee Member of the Connaught Club; and
 - c. Rafael Steinmetz Leffa, of Flat 1, Graham Appartments, London NW9 0FG, a Master Mason of Lothbury Lodge No 3612, and a Committee Member of the Connaught Club.
6. To receive updates from the Almoner, Charity Steward, and/or Connaught Club Representative.
7. To close the Lodge.

HONORARY MEMBERS

R. W. Bro. Sir Michael Snyder, MetGM
R. W. Bro. Russell J. Race, *DL*, PMetGM
V. W. Bro. Richard Knox-Johnston, *JP*, PGSwdB
V. W. Bro. Ian Currans, PGSwdB
W. Bro. Gus Machado, PSGD
W. Bro. Martin Humphrys, *JP*, PAGDC

HONORARY MEMBERS – ‘BURGOYNE A’

W. Bro. J. Stuart Kay, PJGD	W. Bro. Ron Linkins, LGR
W. Bro. Brian D’Arcy, <i>RVM</i> , SLGR	W. Bro. Clive Wren, LGR
W. Bro. David Langford, SLGR	W. Bro. Fred Machin
W. Bro. Terry Newton, LGR	Bro. Andre Ramsey
W. Bro. Steve Harrington, LGR	Bro. Ivan Cottle

MEMBERS

A W. Bro. Terry Talkington, LGR	* W. Bro. Richard Knights
* W. Bro. Simon Blumsom, SLGR	* W. Bro. Andrew Ridal, PProvGSwdB, ProvDepGSec (W Lanes)
* W. Bro. Kyle Alexander, PAGDC	* W. Bro. Gregory Brennan
* W. Bro. Dimitrios Alafouzos, PProvJGD (Cambs)	* W. Bro. Paul Moorhouse
* W. Bro. Charles Bishenden, LGR	* Bro. Andrea Di Lena
* W. Bro. Frixos Melas, SLGR	Bro. Kirill Arakcheev
* W. Bro. Stuart Smith, PProvAGDC (Middx)	* W. Bro. Darren Knight, LGR, AMetGDC
W. Bro. Samim Syed	* W. Bro. Benedict Allen, LGR, MetGStwd, PPSGD (E.Lanses)
* W. Bro. Jaimin Patel, LGR	Bro. Luke Elfrod
* W. Bro. Andrew Porter	* W. Bro. Darren Sylvester
W. Bro. Oliver Coddington, AGSec	* Bro. Lal Mehmi
W. Bro. Anthony Muirhead, PProvGStwd (Middx)	* W. Bro. Chris Hegarty, PProvSGD (E Lanes)
* W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick-Thirlway, LGR	W. Bro. Luca Grosso
W. Bro. Alexis Petrou, LGR	* W. Bro. Moawia Bin-Sufyan, PProvSGD (S Wales)
* W. Bro. Robert Selwyn, LGR	* Bro. Ben Sinclair
* Bro. Richard Smith	* W. Bro. Laurence Hobbs, LGR
W. Bro. Lewis Clement, PGStwd	W. Bro. Samuel Walsh
* W. Bro. Jonathan Jacobs, LGR, MetGStwd	

ALMS

The proceeds of the alms collected today will be donated to

THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

In order to maximise charitable contributions, Gift Aid envelopes will be distributed in the temple for the Alms collection. The Charity Steward asks that you accurately complete the envelopes so that the Relief Chest may receive maximum benefit from tax reclamation. The envelopes will be collected during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

We thank you for your generosity.



CHARITY HONORIFICS

GRAND PATRON OF THE RMTGB

GRAND PATRON OF THE RMBI

GRAND PATRON OF MSF

PATRON OF THE GRAND CHARITY

METROPOLITAN GRAND MASTER'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC CHARITY APPEAL

FOUNDATION LODGE OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC CHARITY
APPEAL FOR LONDON'S AIR AMBULANCE



OFFICERS 2019 – 2021

W. Bro. Oliver Coddington, AGSec	Worshipful Master
W. Bro. Robert Selwyn, LGR	Senior Warden
W. Bro. Laurence Hobbs, LGR *	Junior Warden
W. Bro. Lewis Clement, PGStwd	Immediate Past Master
W. Bro. Moawia Bin-Sufyan, PProvSGD (S Wales)	Chaplain
W. Bro. Jaimin Patel, LGR	Treasurer
W. Bro. Lewis Clement, PGStwd	Secretary
W. Bro. Stuart Smith, PProvAGDC (Middx)	Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Darren Sylvester	Almoner
W. Bro. Anthony Muirhead, PProvGStwd (Middx) *	Charity Steward
W. Bro. Frixos Melas, SLGR	Mentor/CC Rep
W. Bro. Luca Grosso *	Senior Deacon
Bro. Ben Sinclair *	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. Benedict Allen, LGR, MetGStwd, PPSGD (E. Lancs)	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Andrew Ridal, PProvGSwdB, ProvDepGSec (W. Lancs)*	Assistant Secretary
W. Bro. Paul Moorhouse *	Inner Guard
Bros. Lal Mehmi*, Samuel Walsh*, Andrea Di Lena* and Greg Bennan*	Stewards
W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick Thirlway, LGR *	Tyler
W. Bro. Kyle Alexander, PAGDC	Royal Arch Representative

*Yet to be invested

SUBSCRIBING PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE

W. Bro. Terence Talkington, LGR	1998
W. Bro. Simon Blumsom, SLGR	2009
W. Bro. Kyle Alexander, PAGDC	2010
W. Bro. Charles Bishenden, LGR	2011
W. Bro. Dimitrios Alafouzou, ProvJGD (Cambs)	2013
W. Bro. Frixos Melas, LGR	2014
W. Bro. Stuart Smith, PProvAGDC (Middx)	2015
W. Bro. Jaimin Patel, LGR	2016
W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick-Thirlway, LGR	2017
W. Bro. Andrew Ridal, PProvGSwdB, ProvDepGSec (W. Lancs)	2018
W. Bro. Lewis Geo. Clement, PGStwd	2019/20



MEETING DATES AND NOTICES

The **Regular Meetings of Burgoyne Lodge** are held on the fourth Saturdays in October (Installation) and February, and the second Saturday in June.

The **Annual General Meeting of Metropolitan Grand Lodge** will be held on the first Thursday in March.

The **Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge** are held on the second Wednesday in the months of March, June, September and December. The **Grand Festival** is held on the Wednesday following St George's Day.

Members are warned that they should, **prior to visiting a lodge abroad**, make enquiries of the Grand Secretary's Office at Freemasons' Hall, to ascertain whether the Masonic body and Lodge in that country are regularly recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England.



ALMONER

If any brother has knowledge of any member or their family in distressed circumstances or in need of assistance, will they please contact the Lodge Almoner, W. Bro. Darren Sylvester on 07859 905091 or darrenjsylvester@hotmail.com.

HISTORY OF BURGOPYNE LODGE

*Hard by the Thames, as in centuries past,
The Tower of London stands.
Created by Craftsmen, intended to last,
Raised by experienced hands.
The cradle of Burgoyne, the heritage plain,
And steadfast traditions are ours to maintain.*

In 1861, eight members of Constitutional Lodge No. 55 decided to form a new lodge. The petition was deposited with Grand Lodge on Christmas Eve 1861, and even though the next day was Christmas Day, the Warrant was signed, sealed and ready for collection on December 27th.

The lodge was called The Tower Hamlets Engineers Lodge No. 1204, and became one of the select few City Military Lodges. The following year, with the closing up of numbers, the lodge became No. 902.

It was made up of volunteers from the then new Corps of Engineers, and adopted the emblem of the Tower of London from their regimental badge, which they used on both their banner and Past Masters jewels. They also retained the regimental motto *Perita Potius Quam Vi*, meaning “By Skill Rather Than Strength”.

The consecration meeting was held in February 1862 at the Ship and Turtle Inn, in the City of London. The first Master of the Lodge was W. Bro. Lt. William Wigginton PProvGDC (Worcs.), who wore the full ceremonial dress of the Rifle Corps, as did the three officers and two NCO’s who were initiated that same evening.

In 1869 the lodge changed its name to Burgoyne Lodge, in honour of its connection with the Tower of London (Sir John Fox Burgoyne was at the time the Constable of the Tower, as well as being an engineer himself). This was apparently such an unusual occurrence that Grand Lodge could not find a precedent, and cheerfully waived any dispensation fee.

In 2009 Burgoyne Lodge started its association with the relatively new Connaught Club for Young Freemasons in London, as a means for club members to meet in a Masonic environment and practice Freemasonry together, whilst maintaining the principles and traditions of the lodge. Burgoyne Lodge No. 902 celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2012.