

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. Jaimin Patel
Worshipful Master

W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick-Thirlway – Master Elect

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October 2017

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are cordially invited to attend the Masonic duties of this, the Burgoyne Lodge, at a meeting to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ on Saturday 28th October 2017 at 5.00pm.

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

W. Bro. Kyle J. Alexander, SLGR, MetDepGDC
Secretary

Attire: Morning dress or dark suit, white gloves and Connaught Club, Metropolitan, Craft, Royal Arch or black tie.

Visiting Officer
W. Bro. Tony Hawley, PGStB



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

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 take as read and consider for confirmation the circulated minutes of the regular meeting held on Saturday 10th June 2017.
3. To ballot for, and if successful to welcome, as a joining member Bro. Benjamin Sinclair, a Master Mason of Westminster City School Lodge No. 4305, residing at 83 Akeman Street, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 6AF; a Police Sergeant with Metropolitan Police based at New Scotland Yard, Victoria Embankment, Westminster, London SW1A 2JL.

As a member of the Connaught Club he is proposed by W. Bro. Jaimin Patel as Master of Burgoyne Lodge and seconded by W. Bro. Lewis Clement as Chairman of the Connaught Club. His details were read in open lodge on Saturday 10th June 2017. Rules 163(c) and 175 of the Book of Constitutions have been complied with.

4. To install W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick-Thirlway as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.
5. To invest the Treasurer and Tyler, and to appoint and invest the other officers.
6. Bro. Charity Steward will propose, and Bro. Treasurer will second, that the following donations be made from the lodge relief chest:
 - a. £500 to Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust in support of the Connaught Club's 'Bros for Jo's' appeal
 - b. £500 to Bowel Cancer UK
7. To receive the Almoner's report.
8. To receive the Charity Steward's report.
9. To receive the Mentor's report.
10. To collect alms.
11. 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, AMetGM
W. Bro. Gus Machado, SGD, MetGInsp
W. Bro. Dr Peter S Kershaw, PJGD
W. Bro. Martin Humphrys, *JP*, PAGDC, MetGMentor

HONORARY MEMBERS – ‘BURGOYNE A’

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| 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. Frank Shepherd, SLGR | W. Bro. Fred Machin |
| W. Bro. David Langford, SLGR | Bro. Andre Ramsey |
| W. Bro. Terry Newton, LGR | Bro. Ivan Cottle |
| W. Bro. Steve Harrington, LGR | |

MEMBERS

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| A W. Bro. Terry Talkington, LGR | W. Bro. Lewis Clement |
| * W. Bro. Simon Blumsom, SLGR | Bro. William Stockbridge |
| * W. Bro. Kyle Alexander, SLGR, MetDepGDC | * W. Bro. Richard Knights |
| W. Bro. Cain Hayward-Hughes | W. Bro. Jonathan Jacobs |
| W. Bro. Daniel Hayward-Hughes, <i>JP</i> | * W. Bro. Andrew Ridal, ProvDepGSec (W Lancs) |
| * W. Bro. Dimitrios Alafouzou | W. Bro. Gregory Brennan |
| W. Bro. Charles Bishenden, LGR | Bro. Paul Moorhouse |
| * W. Bro. Frixos Melas, LGR | Bro. Andrea Di Lena |
| * W. Bro. Stuart Smith, PProvGStwd (Middx) | Bro. Kirill Arakcheev |
| * W. Bro. Chris Staunton, LGR | W. Bro. Darren Knight, LGR, MetGStwd |
| W. Bro. Samim Syed | W. Bro. Benedict Allen |
| W. Bro. Jaimin Patel | Bro. Luke Elford |
| W. Bro. Johnny Cuffe | W. Bro. Darren Sylvester |
| * W. Bro. Andrew Porter | * Bro. Lal Mehmi |
| W. Bro. Oliver Coddington | W. Bro. Colin Luther-Davies |
| W. Bro. Anthony Muirhead | Bro. Alexandros Alexandropolous |
| * W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick-Thirlway | Bro. Neil-Thomas Allen |
| W. Bro. Alexis Petrou | W. Bro. Chris Hegarty, ProvSGD (E Lancs) |
| W. Bro. Robert Selwyn | Bro. Vitalis Nwokorie |
| Bro. Richard Smith | Bro. Thomas Richmond |

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* – *Connaught Club Old Boy*

ALMS

The proceeds of the alms collected this evening will be donated to

The Connaught Club Appeal for Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust

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

VICE PATRON OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC CHARITY APPEAL
FOR LONDON'S AIR AMBULANCE



OFFICERS 2016 – 2017

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| W. Bro. Jaimin Patel | Worshipful Master |
| Bro. Richard Smith | Senior Warden |
| Bro. Andrea Di Lena | Junior Warden |
| W. Bro. Stuart Smith, PProvGStwd (Middx) | Immediate Past Master |
| W. Bro. Robert Selwyn | Chaplain |
| W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick-Thirlway | Treasurer |
| W. Bro. Kyle Alexander, SLGR, MetDepGDC | Secretary |
| W. Bro. Charles Bishenden, LGR | Director of Ceremonies |
| W. Bro. Christopher Hegarty, ProvSGD (E Lancs) | Almoner |
| W. Bro. Andrew Ridal, ProvDepGSec (W Lancs) | Charity Steward |
| W. Bro. Darren Sylvester | Mentor |
| W. Bro. Benedict Allen | Senior Deacon |
| W. Bro. Greg Brennan | Junior Deacon |
| W. Bro. Stuart Smith, PProvGStwd (Middx) | Assistant Director of Ceremonies |
| W. Bro. Lewis Clement | Organist |
| W. Bro. Darren Knight, LGR, MetGStwd | Assistant Secretary |
| Bro. Kirill Arakcheev | Inner Guard |
| Bro. Alexandros Alexandropoulos | Steward |
| Bro. Neil-Thomas Allen | Steward |
| Bro. Vitalis Nwokorie | Steward |
| Bro. Thomas Richmond | Steward |
| W. Bro. Frixos Melas, LGR | Tyler |
| W. Bro. Alexis Petrou | Royal Arch Representative |

SUBSCRIBING PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE

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| W. Bro. Terence Talkington, LGR | 1998 |
| W. Bro. Simon Blumsom, SLGR | 2009 |
| W. Bro. Kyle Alexander, SLGR, MetDepGDC | 2010 |
| W. Bro. Charles Bishenden, LGR | 2011 |
| W. Bro. Daniel Hayward-Hughes, <i>JP</i> | 2012 |
| W. Bro. Dimitrios Alafouzou | 2013 |
| W. Bro. Frixos Melas, LGR | 2014 |
| W. Bro. Stuart Smith, PProvGStwd (Middx) | 2015 |



MEETING DATES AND NOTICES

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

The **Annual 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. Chris Hegarty on 07817 832 027 or chris@hegartys.net.

HISTORY OF BURGOYNE 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.