

UNITED GRAND LODGE
OF
**Antient Free and Accepted
Masons of England**

HRH THE DUKE OF KENT, *KG, GCMG, GCVO, ADC*,
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

FREEMASONS' HALL
GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON
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19 August 2011

Sir and Brother,

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge will be holden at the above address on Wednesday, **14 September** next at **12.00 noon** (for which purpose the doors will be opened at **11.15 a.m.**). Those eligible to attend the Grand Lodge are hereby requested to do so.

Brethren eligible to attend the Grand Lodge are Grand Officers (present and past) and the Master, present Wardens, and the Past Masters (if qualified under Rule 9, Book of Constitutions) of every Lodge under the English Constitution.

Brethren from certain selected Provinces who, though not otherwise eligible, obtain tickets for admission beforehand via their respective Provincial Grand Secretaries, may attend but are not eligible to speak or vote.

All Brethren attending must wear the Craft tie, or plain black tie, and the appropriate Aprons and Collars. **The Royal Arch Tie and Provincial Ties are not to be worn.** Qualified Brethren should wear the Royal Arch Breast Jewel (or Grand Superintendent's Jewel and Collarette). White Gloves are worn in Grand Lodge.

Detailed instructions for those attending are given on the back page.

By command of the MW The Grand Master.

C.N.R. BROWN
Grand Secretary

BUSINESS

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of 8 June 2011, for confirmation.

2. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Meetings in 2012

2.1 In accordance with the requirements of Rule 225 of the Book of Constitutions, notice is hereby given of the dates upon which the Board of General Purposes will meet in 2012:

14 February	17 July
20 March	18 September
15 May	13 November

ATTENDANCE AT LODGES UNDER THE ENGLISH CONSTITUTION
BY BRETHREN FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

2.2 The Board considers it appropriate to draw attention to Rule 125 (b), Book of Constitutions, and the list of Grand Lodges recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, which is published in the Masonic Year Book, copies of which are sent to Secretaries of Lodges.

2.3 Only Brethren who are members of Lodges under recognised jurisdictions may visit English Lodges. They must produce a certificate (i.e. a Grand Lodge certificate or other documentary proof of Masonic identity provided by their Grand Lodge), should be prepared to acknowledge that a personal belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is an essential Landmark in Freemasonry, and should be able to produce evidence of their good standing in their Lodges. It is the Master's responsibility to ensure that the requirements of Rule 125 (b) are met.

2.4 It is particularly noted that the hazard of admitting a member of an unrecognised constitution arises not only in connection with overseas visitors (or individuals resident in this country who belong to an unrecognised constitution overseas). There are Lodges of unrecognised constitutions meeting in England, and care must be taken that their members are not admitted to our meetings.

ATTENDANCE AT LODGES OVERSEAS

2.5 The continuing growth in overseas travel brings with it an increase in visits by our Brethren to Lodges of other jurisdictions, and the Board welcomes this trend.

2.6 From time to time, however, Brethren become involved with Masonic bodies which Grand Lodge does not recognise, e.g. in visiting a jurisdiction which, quite legitimately so far as it is concerned, accepts as visitors Brethren from Grand Lodges which are not recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England. In this connection, Brethren are reminded that it is part of their duty as members of the English Constitution not to associate Masonically with members of unrecognised constitutions, and should such a situation occur, they should tactfully withdraw, even though their visit may have been formally arranged.

2.7 To avoid this danger, and potential embarrassment to hosts, Brethren should not attempt to make any Masonic contact overseas without having first checked (preferably in writing) with the Grand Secretary's Office at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ, that there is recognised Freemasonry in the country concerned and, if so, whether there is any particular point which should be watched.

2.8 The Board recommends that the terms of this warning should be repeated:

- a. verbally in open Lodge whenever a Grand Lodge Certificate is presented, and
- b. in print once a year in a Lodge's summons.

2.9 Brethren should also be aware of the Masonic convention that communications between Grand Lodges be conducted by Grand Secretaries. They should therefore not attempt without permission to make direct contact with the Grand Secretary of another Constitution. This does not preclude direct contact on a purely personal level between individual Brethren under different Grand Lodges.

GRANDE LOGE NATIONALE FRANÇAISE

2.10 At the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge the President made a statement relating to the turbulence existing in the Grande Loge Nationale Française ("GLNF") and indicated that the Board would continue to monitor the situation closely.

2.11 The Board regrets that the situation within the GLNF has deteriorated. Notwithstanding the letter its current Grand Master wrote to our Pro Grand Master, he failed to relinquish his mandate on 27 June. This has done nothing to ease the discord. Some 600 Lodges or more have dissociated themselves from the Grand Lodge or have indicated that they will be doing so. This means that their members, unless they have dual membership with Lodges that remain under the GLNF or a Lodge in another jurisdiction with whom this Grand Lodge is in amity, would cease to be able to visit our Lodges. It would be an impossible task for our Lodges to know which French Masons could visit us and which could not.

2.12 Harmony within Lodges and with fellow Masons has always been one of the customs and usages of Freemasonry. This is a fundamental principle urged upon candidates at their initiation. Indeed, it is so fundamental that it has never been considered necessary to enshrine it as a Rule in the Book of Constitutions, though the “Antient Charges” which are published as a part of the Book of Constitutions urge the cultivation of brotherly love, “avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting”.

2.13 The Board considers that the GLNF may be in breach of Paragraph 8 of the Principles for Grand Lodge Recognition – “That the principles of the Antient Landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft shall be strictly observed” – which are also included with the Book of Constitutions. The evidence of substantial disharmony within the GLNF is overwhelming. However, the Board is reluctant at present to recommend withdrawal of recognition from a Grand Lodge with which the United Grand Lodge of England (“UGLE”) has been in amity for nearly 100 years. It therefore recommends, that with immediate effect relations with the GLNF be suspended, that is to say that:

1. our Brethren should no longer be permitted to join or to visit Lodges under the GLNF; and
2. our Lodges should no longer be permitted to elect as a joining member or admit as a visitor any Brother who is a subscribing member of a Lodge under the GLNF, unless he is also a subscribing member of a Lodge under UGLE or under a Grand Lodge, other than the GLNF, recognised by UGLE.

2.14 This suspension would not force any of our Brethren who are currently also members of Lodges under the GLNF to resign from any such Lodges; nor would it prevent such Brethren from continuing to exercise, as members of Lodges under the GLNF, such rights, including those of visiting, as they enjoy under the GLNF.

2.15 A Resolution to give effect to this appears at item 5 of the Paper of Business.

2.16 The Board hopes that it will not be too long before harmony is restored within the GLNF so that we may resume normal relations with our Brethren in France.

AMALGAMATION

2.17 The Board has received a report that Sir James Martin Lodge, No. 4255 has resolved to surrender its Warrant in order to amalgamate with Semper Vigilans Lodge, No. 3040 (London).

2.18 The Board accordingly recommends that the Lodge be removed from the register in order to effect the amalgamation. A Resolution to this effect appears at item 3 of the Paper of Business.

The Board of General Purposes regrets to record the death of the following Present and Past Grand Officers reported up to 19 July 2011:

RW Bro M.N. Craigs, *RD*, PProvGM, Northumberland
 RW Bro D.C. Law, PProvGM, Derbyshire
 VW Bro C.P.C. Talbot, *RD*, PGSwdB
 VW Bro R.H. Mosse, PGSwdB
 W Bro J.A. Boutland, PSGD
 W Bro J.E. Scholtz, PJGD
 W Bro K.G.R. Boddington, PJGD
 W Bro L. Jackson, PJGD
 W Bro P. Perdikis, PJGD
 W Bro E.W. Powell, PJGD
 W Bro the Rev J. Jermy, PAGChap
 W Bro G.T. Howard, PAGChap
 W Bro R.M. Walkden, PAGReg
 W Bro P.K. Cowan, PAGDC
 W Bro J.P. Mitchell, PAGDC
 W Bro Dr G.P. West, PAGDC
 W Bro T. Davis, PAGDC
 W Bro Sir John Chatfield, *CBE, DL*, PAGDC
 W Bro J.D.S. Curtis, *OBE*, PAGDC
 W Bro B.J. Green, PAGDC
 W Bro A.R. Shopland, PAGDC
 W Bro M.R.B. Telford, PAGDC
 W Bro R.J. D'Archambaud, PAGDC
 W Bro J. Piper, PAGDC
 W Bro R. Sollitt, *MM*, PAGSwdB
 W Bro G. Owen, *MBE*, PAGSwdB
 W Bro R.R. Mansingh, PAGSwdB
 W Bro B. Gee, PAGSuptWks
 W Bro D.L. Morgan, PAGSuptWks
 W Bro L.O. Aldridge, PGStB
 W Bro E.B.H. Chappell, PGStB
 W Bro M.T. Kear, PGStB
 W Bro T.S.M. Radmore, PGStB
 W Bro J.K. Jacob, PGStB
 W Bro J.E.M. Dillon, *BEM*, PGStB
 W Bro R.J. Gatehouse, PGStB
 W Bro D.A. Parker, PGStB
 W Bro N. Pearce, PGStB
 W Bro J. Turner, PGStB

ERASURE OF LODGES

2.19 The Board has received a report that twenty-three Lodges have closed and have surrendered their Warrants. The Lodges are:

Athenaeum Lodge, No. 1491 (London)
 Lombardian Lodge, No. 2348 (London)
 King George V Lodge, No. 3529 (East Lancashire)
 Providence Lodge, No. 3697 (London)
 Doric Lodge, No. 4073 (Yorkshire, West Riding)
 St Helen's Lodge of Integrity, No. 4151 (West Lancashire)
 Portman Lodge, No. 4747 (London)
 Pandora Lodge, No. 4966 (London)
 Winckley Lodge, No. 5438 (West Lancashire)
 Woodland Lodge, No. 5478 (East Lancashire)
 Estreham Lodge, No. 5494 (London)
 Eureka Lodge, No. 5505 (East Lancashire)
 Temple of Friendship Lodge, No. 5886 (Surrey)
 Magnum Bonum Lodge, No. 6613 (London)
 Fellowship and Peace Lodge, No. 7002 (London)
 Hackney Brook Lodge, No. 7397 (London)
 New Era Lodge, No. 7400 (Hertfordshire)
 Teddington St Mary's Lodge, No. 7469 (Middlesex)
 Brookmans Park Lodge, No. 7655 (Hertfordshire)
 Summa Petens Lodge, No. 7682 (London)
 Tavistock Lodge, No. 8376 (Surrey)
 Bi-Centenary Lodge of Nottinghamshire, No. 9070 (Nottinghamshire)
 Star and Phoenix Lodge, No. 9286 (London)

2.20 Over recent years the Lodges have found themselves no longer viable. The Board is satisfied that further efforts to save them would be to no avail and therefore has no alternative but to recommend that they be erased.

2.21 In 1993 a Warrant was granted for Lodge of Shankar, No. 9526 (Bombay) and in 1996 a Warrant was granted for Universal Lodge, No. 9644 (Guyana). Both Warrants were issued, but neither Lodge has been, or is now likely to be, consecrated. The Board accordingly recommends that the Lodges be formally erased.

2.22 A Resolution to effect the above erasures appears at item 4 of the Paper of Business.

REPORT OF LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST

2.23 The Board has received a report from the Library and Museum Charitable Trust which appears as Appendix A.

EXPULSIONS

2.24 As required by Rule 277 (a) (i) (B) and (D), Book of Constitutions, Appendix B shows Brethren recently expelled from the Craft.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON
19 July 2011

(Signed) A.C. WILSON
President

3. RESOLUTION FOR THE GRAND LODGE

AMALGAMATION

The President of the Board of General Purposes to move:

“That in order that it may amalgamate with another Lodge, Sir James Martin Lodge, No. 4255 (London) be removed from the register of the Grand Lodge.”

4. RESOLUTION FOR THE GRAND LODGE

ERASURE OF LODGES

The President of the Board of General Purposes to move:

“That Athenaeum Lodge, No. 1491 (London); Lombardian Lodge, No. 2348 (London); King George V Lodge, No. 3529 (East Lancashire); Providence Lodge, No. 3697 (London); Doric Lodge, No. 4073 (Yorkshire, West Riding); St Helen's Lodge of Integrity, No. 4151 (West Lancashire); Portman Lodge, No. 4747 (London); Pandora Lodge, No. 4966 (London); Winckley Lodge, No. 5438 (West Lancashire); Woodland Lodge, No. 5478 (East Lancashire); Estreham Lodge, No. 5494 (London); Eureka Lodge, No. 5505 (East Lancashire); Temple of Friendship Lodge, No. 5886 (Surrey); Magnum Bonum Lodge, No. 6613 (London); Fellowship and Peace Lodge, No. 7002 (London); Hackney Brook Lodge, No. 7397 (London); New Era Lodge, No. 7400 (Hertfordshire); Teddington St Mary's Lodge, No. 7469 (Middlesex); Brookmans Park Lodge, No. 7655 (Hertfordshire); Summa Petens Lodge, No. 7682 (London); Tavistock Lodge, No. 8376 (Surrey); Bi-Centenary Lodge of Nottinghamshire, No. 9070 (Nottinghamshire); Star and Phoenix Lodge, No. 9286 (London); Lodge of Shankar, No. 9526 (Bombay); and Universal Lodge, No. 9644 (Guyana) be erased from the register of the Grand Lodge.”

5. RESOLUTION FOR THE GRAND LODGE

GRANDE LOGE NATIONALE FRANÇAISE SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS

The President of the Board of General Purposes to move:

“That:

(a) no Brother who is a member of a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England (“UGLE”) shall join any Lodge under the Grande Loge Nationale Française (“GLNF”), unless already a subscribing member of a Lodge under the GLNF immediately before 14 September 2011 and also at the date when the ballot for membership is taken;

(b) no Lodge under the UGLE shall ballot for as a joining member any Brother who is a subscribing member of a Lodge under the GLNF, unless he be also a subscribing member of a Lodge under the UGLE or a Grand Lodge, other than the GLNF, recognised by the UGLE;

(c) no Brother who is a member of a Lodge under the UGLE shall, in that capacity, attend or visit any Lodge under the GLNF;

(d) no Lodge under the UGLE shall admit as a visitor any Brother who is, or has at any time been, a subscribing member of a Lodge under the GLNF, unless such Brother attends in a capacity other than as a member, or former member, of a Lodge under the GLNF;

(e) nothing in the foregoing paragraphs shall require a Brother who is a member of a Lodge under the UGLE to resign from any Lodge under the GLNF of which he was a member immediately before 14 September 2011;

(f) nothing in the foregoing paragraphs shall prevent a Lodge under the UGLE from balloting for as a joining member any Brother otherwise in good standing who ceased before 14 September 2011 to be a subscribing member of every Lodge under the GLNF to which he had at any time belonged.”

6. MASONIC COMMUNICATIONS IN AN ELECTRONIC AGE

To receive a talk from the Grand Secretary.

LIST OF NEW LODGES FOR WHICH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY
THE MW THE GRAND MASTER SHOWING THE DATES FROM WHICH
THEIR WARRANTS BECAME EFFECTIVE

DATE OF WARRANT/ NO. AND NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	AREA
<i>28 April 2011</i>		
9866 Abuja Lodge	Abuja	Nigeria
9867 The Leeds Lodge	Leeds	Yorkshire, West Riding

*APPENDIX A*REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
CHARITABLE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2011

Extract from the Report of the Council of the Library and Museum for the year ending 31 January 2011.

THE YEAR REVIEWED

The Library and Museum of Freemasonry at Freemasons' Hall in London is open to the public, free of charge, Monday to Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. The book, object and archive collections are available for the enjoyment of visitors of all ages by way of the permanent displays and increasing online resources which are also available for those who cannot visit in person. Temporary exhibitions highlight aspects of the collections.

During 2010 the Library and Museum organised two exhibitions: *Freemasons and the Royal Society* and *The Masonic Emporium*. Both exhibitions drew extensively on the Library and Museum's own collections. The Royal Society exhibition marked the 350th anniversary of its founding. Work related to the exhibition resulted in the online publication of a searchable biographical listing of nearly 400 Freemasons who were also Fellows of the Society. Loans to the exhibition were made by Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492, in Cambridge. The Royal Society provided images from their collections.

In *The Masonic Emporium* the Library and Museum explored the growth of a commercial market for Masonic items and the businesses which developed to supply it in the 19th century. The exhibition was supported by Toye, Kenning and Spencer who kindly lent photographs and documents from their archives and specimen items from the manufacturing process. A number of objects were lent from private collections. A free illustrated exhibition guide was published for this exhibition.

TOURS

A record number of more than 30,000 visited the Library and Museum during the year (2009–10: 25,622) of whom approximately 60% were not Freemasons. For many visitors the highlight was the tour of the ceremonial areas provided by Library and Museum staff. The Library and Museum and the ceremonial rooms of Freemasons' Hall were opened on Saturday 18 September 2010 for London Open House. More than 2,500 visitors were received that day.

PROVISION OF RESEARCH RESOURCES

Increasing use is being made of the Library and Museum as a research resource with over 170 new readers registered during the year (2010: 200). The issue of books and documents has continued to increase steadily. Many enquiries are dealt with by mail or increasingly electronically.

A new version of the Library and Museum website was launched in November 2010 designed with easier navigation and with more images to convey the variety of the collections. This provided the opportunity to reissue the series of downloadable Information Sheets on a range of frequently requested topics. Also included on the site is guidance for Lodges and Chapters about the care of their records.

CATALOGUING

Good progress continued to be made with over 650 museum items catalogued (2010: 509). This included the collection of 18th century plated and pierced metal Masonic jewels. In addition, 2,755 books (2010: 4,810) and 1,835 detailed archive records (2010: 1,385) were added to the catalogue. Work has continued on cataloguing the print and photograph collection and over 1,500 images are now available.

CONSERVATION

Following the Historical Records Survey which was undertaken in 2008–10, the Library and Museum co-ordinated a grant scheme to support conservation work on Lodge and Chapter records. The scheme attracted 35 applications from Lodges and Chapters in 18 Provinces and 12 grants were made. It is intended to administer a similar grants scheme in 2011. Library and Museum staff also gave several presentations at Provincial offices on conservation.

ACQUISITIONS

Donations of regalia, books and artefacts have continued to enable the Library and Museum to expand its collections and the Council is grateful for the generosity of all donors.

RAISING AWARENESS OF THE COLLECTIONS

Members of staff spoke at Masonic Lodges around the country and at meetings of family history societies and local and specialist history groups. The Curator, Mark Dennis, presented a paper on Masonic regalia at the International Costume Conference in Athens in April. Both the Director, Diane Clements, and the Archivist and Records Manager, Susan Snell, presented papers at the Women and Freemasonry conference organised by the University of Bordeaux in May and these will be published in 2011/12. Susan Snell also spoke to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain and gave a paper to the British Records Association conference in December on Masonic charity.

In November 2010 a joint event, Freemasonry and Ancient Egypt, was run with the Petrie Museum at University College London. Due to the success of this event it was repeated early in 2011.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

One of the most important resources used by the Library and Museum are the membership registers maintained by UGLE for the century or so after the 1880s. These exist as unique volumes. During 2011 the Library and Museum is undertaking a project to microfilm these volumes to assist with their future preservation.

For 2011 the temporary exhibition programme will include *Building Solomon's Temple* and *The Patriot Freemason: Freemasonry in American Society*. Work continues on documentation, cataloguing and re-storage

FINANCIAL REVIEW

As at 31 January 2011 the consolidated net assets of the Library and Museum Charitable Trust were £2,719,700 (2010: £2,634,699).

The activities of the Library and Museum are funded by donations, fees charged for genealogical research and booking fees for Saturday tours. The Friends of the Library and Museum established in 2001 enables individuals (whether Freemasons or not), Lodges and Chapters to support the Library and Museum by way of an annual subscription. Friends receive regular Newsletters and can attend special events. The Friends scheme is open to all those interested in developing their understanding of the varied collections of the Library and Museum and who wish to contribute to their development and care.

The Library and Museum's trading subsidiary, Letchworth's (Freemasons' Hall, London) Limited ("Letchworths") made a Gift Aid contribution to the Library and Museum of £92,202 (2010: £75,740).

This Report comprises extracts from the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2011. For a copy of the full Annual Report and Accounts please write to the Director.

APPENDIX B

EXPULSIONS FROM THE CRAFT

The following list shows Brethren expelled from the Craft on 17 June 2011 with the Lodges (Chapters) of which once a member.

Name	Lodges (Chapters)
Edwin Pierre Bennett	L7887 (C7432)
Mark Callum Butler	L1205
Robert Lynton Carr	L5919
Leslie Davies	L2408 L3250 L6299 L6907 L9659 (C6299)
Thomas Francis Dawes	L2148 (C2047)
Neil Richard Dunkel	L8510 (C8332)
David Hart	L2238 L6882 (C8659)
Robert Edward Hay	L364
Gary Daniel McGuinness	L4357 L7500 (C7808)
Roger Vernon Popp	L9549
Alan David Wilson	L4687
Roger Thomas Bootyman Wotton	L6279 L6378 (C1247)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE GRAND LODGE

Grand Officers enter by the **Great Queen Street Entrance** and proceed to the Acting Grand Officers' or Past Grand Officers' rooms, whichever is appropriate, to clothe.

All **other Brethren** enter by the **Tower Entrance** (at the junction of Great Queen Street and Wild Street) and, after clothing, proceed to the first and second vestibules on the first floor to receive the voucher for admission. **Master Masons** attending as part of the pilot scheme will receive separate instructions.

Quarterly Communications of the **Grand Lodge** are held on the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The next will be at noon on **Wednesday, 14 December 2011**. Subsequent Communications will be held:

14 March 2012

12 September 2012

13 June 2012

12 December 2012

The **Annual Investiture** of Grand Officers takes place on the last Wednesday in April (the next is on 25 April 2012), and admission is by ticket only. A few tickets are allocated by ballot after provision has been made for those automatically entitled to attend. Full details will be given in the Paper of Business for December Grand Lodge.

Convocations of Supreme Grand Chapter are held on the second Wednesday in November and the day following the Annual Investiture of Grand Lodge. Future Convocations will be held:

9 November 2011

14 November 2012

26 April 2012

For the benefit of Brethren with impaired hearing, the South, West and North areas on the lower level of the Grand Temple have been fitted with an Acoustic Loop. To obtain the maximum benefit, Brethren should select position 'T' on hearing aids.

THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM AT FREEMASONS' HALL

The Library and Museum of Freemasonry at Freemasons' Hall is open to the public from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. It is closed on Sundays and Public Holidays (including Saturdays preceding Public Holidays).

In normal circumstances, the Grand Temple may be visited hourly from 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) and parties, which may include members of the public, will be conducted from the Library and Museum for that purpose. From time to time, however, these arrangements may be affected by security considerations.

Early application should be made to the Library and Museum for appointments for organised tours on a Saturday morning.

**BRETHREN SHOULD NOTE THAT SMOKING
IN FREEMASONS' HALL IS ILLEGAL**
