

# Burgoyne Lodge

No.



902

of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

*Consecrated 17<sup>th</sup> February 1862*

FOUNDING LODGE OF THE METROPOLITAN GRAND LODGE OF LONDON

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Worshipful Master

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May 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 10th June 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 read the dispensation.
3. To take as read and consider for confirmation the circulated minutes of the regular meeting held on Saturday 25th February 2017.
4. To ballot for, and if successful to welcome, as joining members those brethren whose names and details appear on the attached list.
5. To elect for the ensuing year:
  - a. The Worshipful Master
  - b. The Treasurer

The only nominations of which the Secretary is aware are of W. Bro. Mitchell Merrick-Thirlway as Worshipful Master and W. Bro. Jaimin Patel as Treasurer, and, subject to the provisions of Rules 105(a) and 112(a) of the Book of Constitutions, it is proposed to declare the ballot in their favour. Any member present at the meeting may, however, demand a ballot.

- c. The Tyler
6. To elect, in accordance with By-Law No. 4, two Brethren to serve on the Lodge Committee for the ensuing year.
7. To elect, in accordance with By-Law No. 5, two Brethren to form the Audit Committee for the ensuing year.
8. Bro. Treasurer will propose, and Bro. Secretary will second, a motion to exclude brethren whose subscription due on 1st October 2016 was still unpaid on 31st May 2017, in accordance with By-Law No. 6 and Rule 181 of the Book of Constitutions.
9. To receive the Almoner's report.
10. To receive the Charity Steward's report.
11. To collect alms.
12. To receive a talk from Prof. Andrew Prescott entitled 'What Happened in 1717?'
13. 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’

W. Bro. J. Stuart Kay, PJGD	W. Bro. Ron Linkins, LGR
W. Bro. Brian D’Arcy, RVM, 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

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, JP	* 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
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	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, PProvGStwd (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

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, PProvGStwd (E Lancs)	Almoner
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	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

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 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. Chris Hegarty on 07817 832 027 or [chris@hegartys.net](mailto: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.