

GUIDANCE NOTE 008: THE CORNWALLIS LECTURE

The prestigious annual Cornwallis Lecture is organised under the auspices of the Kent Masonic Museum & Library Trust to promote Masonic thought, discussion, and understanding.

The inaugural lecture, "Freemasonry Universal", was written and delivered by the late The Right Honourable The Lord Cornwallis in September 2002. It was delivered at the Winter Gardens, Margate, and was attended by approximately 600 Freemasons and their ladies.

Each year a number of applicants, working under a strict set of rules regarding content, submit a lecture for selection. The final choice from all the applications is made alternately by the Provincial Grand Master of East Kent in one year, and West Kent the next year. Once the lecture is chosen, only six official presentations of it take place during that year, and a calendar and list of venues is published by the Trust.

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THE CORNWALLIS LECTURE – RULES

The late M. W. Bro. The Right Honourable The Lord Cornwallis, graciously agreed to allow his Family name to be used to title an annual lecture, to be given on a Masonic subject. He also generously affirmed that he would personally present the first lecture.

Future Cornwallis Lectures will be given annually and will be presented each year in the Provinces of East and West Kent.

Applications from individuals and Masonic Groups will be requested at the end of each calendar year. The closing date will be 31st January. From the list of nominees, the PGM of East and West Kent alternately will select a Lecturer whose name will be announced at the Annual Festival of each of the Provincial Grand Lodges.

The Cornwallis Lecture will be presented approximately six times in each year according to availability. It is anticipated that it will be given in both Provinces on an equal number of occasions.

The programme for the lectures, with times and venues, will be promulgated as soon after the announcement of the name of the Lecturer as is practicable.

The venues for the lecture will be selected with a view so as to gather as many Brethren or Companions as possible at each meeting.

There will be no prizes or trophies for successfully completing the year as the Cornwallis Lecturer. The only accolade will be an entry on the Cornwallis Lecture Roll of Honour which will be published by the Provincial Grand Lodges of East and West Kent.

During the current year of the Lecture, the Lecturer should not give "unofficial" presentations within the Provinces of East or West Kent. He may, however, give the lecture in other Provinces or overseas.

Preparation and Content.

Each Lecturer should prepare his notes in advance of nomination and should submit a copy for consideration with his application, together with his relevant CV. The content of the lecture must be original and Masonic in subject. It should not be copied from other or older lectures.

The length of the lecture will be between 30 and 40 minutes.

A full transcript of the lecture on A4 (one side only) should be sent to the Cornwallis Co-ordinator as soon as possible, after being selected.

Notes.

1. The six lectures should be given in the same manner, from the same subject script and in roughly the same time.
2. The Cornwallis Lecture is not intended to be a PowerPoint presentation or anything similar. However, if the Presenter wishes to include a small, limited quantity of illustrations, he may do so, provided they are in an acceptable format and with the correct accreditation. They must have been submitted to, and approved by the Committee in advance.
3. No radical or large alterations will be allowed between presentations.
4. If the Lecturer falls ill, or cannot attend a venue in the published programme, that presentation will be cancelled.

WBro Paddy Langdown PPSGD
Cornwallis Lecture Co-ordinator

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GUIDANCE NOTES FOR HOST LODGES/CHAPTERS

Whilst it is appreciated that many of you will have hosted or attended, presentations of the Cornwallis Lecture in previous years, some may not & it is mainly for their guidance that these notes are published.

Please ensure that the Speaker receives a copy of the Summons prior to his arrival and confirm any special requirements (Screen, Lectern, Dietary needs, etc). Copies of the Summons should also be sent to p.langdown17@uwclub.net (Cornwallis Lecture Co-ordinator) & crmglatton@aol.com (West Kent).

Please remember that it is considered an honour & privilege to be a host to the Lecture & that the Speaker is to be treated as a Lodge/Chapter Guest. He should, where possible, be kept a "Reserved" space for Parking & be greeted on his arrival by the Master/Z, Secretary/ScribeE or a Senior Member designated. Assistance should be provided to help with carrying any equipment on his arrival and departure.

He should be seated at the right of the Master/Principals during the Meeting and at the Festive Board.

The timing of the Lecture is not to be amended by the Host Lodge/Chapter.

A donation to The Kent Masonic Library & Museum Trust will be most welcome & the Speaker will be pleased to pass it to the Trust on your behalf.

Copies of the Lecture will be available for sale after the Meeting at £5 each & Stewards are to be asked to assist in their sale.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Paddy Langdown

Co-ordinator

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The Cornwallis Lecture.

The first 'Cornwallis Lecture' was presented by M.W. Bro. The Lord Cornwallis in 2002. It was explained at that time, it was intended that the Provincial Grand Masters of East and West Kent would select future lecturers in alternate years.

Those Brethren, who wish to be considered for selection, should complete the form, which is part of this letter.

Please include a short CV on a separate sheet of paper giving as much information as you can, but be brief.

A synopsis of the lecture and any relevant notes and comments, should accompany the application.

It should be noted that the venues for the six presentations of the lecture will be selected and arranged by the Library and Museum Trust. Three will take place in East Kent and three in West Kent.

Applications will only be considered from East Kent this year & forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary accordingly.

W.Bro. Paddy Langdown PPrSGD, PZ, Co-ordinator.

The Cornwallis Lecture 2019 - Application Form.

Block letters please.

Date: - _____ Lodge No: - _____

Full Name: - Rank: -.....

Address for correspondence: -.....

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..... Post Code: -

Telephone No.: -.....Mobile No.....

Email.....

Subject of Lecture: -.....

Title of Lecture: -.....

Signature: -.....

This form, together with requested attachments, should be returned to the Trust Co-ordinator at the above address - by **31st January 2019.**