

# THE GRAND FESTIVAL



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M.W.Bro. H.R.H. The DUKE OF KENT  
K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C.

Grand Master

**T**he noble ardour that you show to enter into the ancient and very illustrious Order of Freemasons, is a certain proof that you already possess all the qualities necessary to become members. These qualities are philanthropy, inviolable secrecy and a taste for the fine arts.

**L**ycurgus, Solon, Numa and all the other political legislators have failed to make their republics lasting. However wise their laws may have been, they have not been able to extend through all countries and through all ages. As they were founded on victories and conquests, on military violence and the elevation of one people above another, they were not able to become universal nor to make themselves acceptable to the taste, spirit and interest of all nations. Philanthropy was not their basis. Patriotism badly understood and pushed to excess by men who inhabited a small portion of the Universe, destroyed in all these warrior republics the love of humanity in general. Mankind is not essentially distinguished by the tongues spoken, the clothes worn nor by the corners of this busy world that they occupy. The whole world is nothing but a huge republic, of which each nation is a family and each individual a child. It was, gentlemen, for the purpose of reviving and spreading these ancient maxims borrowed from the nature of man, that our Society was established.

**W**e desire to unite all men of enlightened minds, gentle manners and agreeable wit, not only by a love for the fine arts, but much more by the grand principles of virtue, science and religion, where the interests of the Fraternity shall become those of the whole human race, whence all nations shall be enabled to draw useful knowledge and where the subjects of all Kingdoms shall learn to cherish one another without renouncing their own country.

**W**hat obligations do we not owe to these superior men (our ancestors) who, without gross selfish interests, without even listening to the inborn tendency to dominate, imagined such an institution, the sole aim of which is to unite minds and hearts in order to make them better, and form in the course of ages a spiritual empire where, without derogating from the various duties which different States exact, a new people shall be created, which, composed of many nations, shall in some sort cement them all into one by the tie of virtue and science.

The second requisite of our Society is sound morals. The religious orders were established to make perfect Christians, military orders to inspire a love of true glory, and the Order of Freemasons, to make men lovable men, good citizens, good subjects, inviolable in their promises, faithful adorers of the God of Love, lovers of virtue rather than of reward.

Nevertheless, we do not confine ourselves to purely civic virtues. We have amongst us three kinds of brothers: Novices or Apprentices, Fellows or Professed Brothers, Masters or Perfected Brothers. To the first are explained the moral virtues; to the second the heroic virtues; to the last the Christian virtues; so that our institution embraces the whole philosophy of sentiment and the complete theology of the heart.

Because a sad, savage and inisanthropic philosophy disgusts virtuous men, our ancestors wished to render it lovable by the attractions of innocent pleasures, agreeable music, pure joy and moderate gaiety. Our festivals are not what the profane world and the ignorant vulgar imagine. All the vices of heart and soul are banished there and irreligion, libertinage, incredulity and debauch are proscribed. Our banquets resemble those virtuous symposia of Horace, where the conversation only touched what could enlighten the soul, discipline the heart and inspire a task for the true, the good and the beautiful.

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*The above is an extract from Chevalier Ramsay's famous oration delivered to a lodge in Paris on 26 December 1736. Andrew Michael Ramsay was probably born in Scotland on 9 June 1656 but from 1716 onwards, he lived in or around Paris and died at St Germain-en-Laye on 6 May 1743.*

*Whilst on a visit to London, he was initiated in the Horn Lodge, Westminster, in March 1730, and on his return to Paris, soon rose to be Grand Orator in the recently-founded Grand Lodge of France.*

*He records that he gave his oration in all '... at the acception, at different times, of eight dukes and peers and of two hundred officers of the first rank and highest nobility ...'.*

# MENU

Mousse de Saumon Fumé

Selle d'Agneau Rôtie au Romarin

Pommes Lyonnaise

Petit Pois Extra Fins

Sorbet

Bécasse à l'Ecoisaise

Café

# WINES

Sauvignon Touraine 1984

Crozes Hermitage 1980

Cognac ou Porto

# TOASTS

## THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT  
K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C.

*Proposed by*

W. Bro. Cyril Ernest Kila Northwood Batham PAGDC

*Reply*

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master

## THE BOARD OF GRAND STEWARDS

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The Most Worshipful The Grand Master

*Reply*

W. Bro. Joseph Edward Oliver Arnold T.D.

## THE TYLER'S TOAST

# GRAND STEWARDS

## 1986-87



### GRAND MASTER'S LODGE, NO. 1

*W. Bro. Cyril Ernest Kila Northwood Batham, PAGDC*



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*R. W. Bro. John Herbert Wyndham Wilder, CBE, Prov. GM, Berkshire*



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*W. Bro. Bernard Frederick Wheeler*



### BRITISH LODGE, NO. 8

*W. Bro. Alan Paul Wesley*



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*W. Bro. Joseph Edward Oliver Arnold, TD, PGStwd (President)*



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*W. Bro. Quentin Charles Triscott Humberstone (Treasurer)*



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*W. Bro. Gordon Wilson*



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*W. Bro. David Treharne Dillon Hughes, FRCP (Secretary)*



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*W. Bro. Richard Ainsworth Cunningham*



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*W. Bro. Anthony Martyr Whittaker*



**LODGE OF REGULARITY, NO. 91**

*W. Bro. Michael Francis Baird*



**SHAKESPEARE LODGE, No. 99**

*W. Bro. Oliver John Pritchard, DFC*



**JERUSALEM LODGE, NO. 197**

*W. Bro. Robert James Ingham Clark*



**PRINCE OF WALES'S LODGE, NO. 259**

*W. Bro. David Edward Bennett-Rees*



# THE MASONIC ROYAL KENTS

**E**DWARD AUGUSTUS, Duke of Kent (1767-1820). 4th son of George III and father of Queen Victoria. Initiated 5 August 1789 in the Lodge l'Union des Cocurs, Geneva. Elected a Past Grand Master of the premier Grand Lodge 10 February 1790 and was their Provincial Grand Master for Gibraltar 1790-1800. Provincial Grand Master for Lower Canada under the Antients Grand Lodge 1792-97 and elected their Grand Master in 1813. With his brother, the Duke of Sussex, he was actively concerned in the union of the premier and Antients Grand Lodges and proposed Sussex as the Grand Master of the resulting United Grand Lodge. Grand Master of the Knights Templar 1804-07 and their Grand Patron 1807-12.

**G**EORGE, Duke of Kent (1902-1942). 4th son of George V. Initiated on 12 April 1928 Navy Lodge No. 2612 (Master 1931). Member Prince of Wales's Lodge No. 259; Royal Alpha Lodge No. 16, (Master 1940). Senior Grand Warden 1933; Prov. G. M. Wiltshire 1934-39; Grand Master 1939-42. Exalted Westminster and Keystone Chapter No. 10, First Grand Principal 1939-42. Grand Master (Mark) 1939-42.

**E**DWARD, Duke of Kent (born 1925). Elder son of George, Duke of Kent (q.v.). Initiated 18 December 1963, Royal Alpha Lodge No. 16, Master 1965-6. Senior Grand Warden 1966. Grand Master since 1967. Exalted Westminster and Keystone Chapter No. 10, First Principal 1966. First Grand Principal since 1967.

**M**ICHAEL OF KENT, (H.R.H. Prince; born 1942). Younger son of George, Duke of Kent (q.v.). Initiated 13 June 1974, Royal Alpha Lodge No. 16, Master 1977. Joined Prince of Wales's Lodge No. 259, 21 October 1975; Master 1987. Grand Steward, 1982. Senior Grand Warden 1979; Prov. G. M. Middlesex, from 1982. Exalted 5 June 1979, Prince of Wales's Chapter, No. 259. First Principal 1983. Past Grand Scribe N. 1985. Advanced 28 June 1979, Milestone Lodge of M. M. Ms. No. 1000. Elevated 25 October 1979, Milestone Lodge of R. A. Ms. No. 1000. Grand Master (Mark) from 1982.