

The Manchester Association for Masonic Research



2003 Programme

Dear Brethren,

Blending a programme is much like selecting from a range of malt whiskies. First get your quality right, then take a little from here for the high notes, a little from there for the mordants, and quite a bit from somewhere else for the base. Well, I hope you enjoy the smoothness of the result, the strength of the mix, and the memorable finish.

The high notes come from close to home, with some well-known lively personalities to open the season. The middle-order is very strong. Prof. Stevenson has ensured a lasting legacy for having championed most effectively the primacy of Scottish Freemasonry but for us he turns his formidable research upon the origins of the London Grand Lodge. (The setting at Buxton is also well worth seeing.)

We have no fewer than two Prestonian Lectures! That for 2002 was oversubscribed when it took place at Blackpool; a repeat is in response to popular demand. That for 2003 has been arranged as a joint meeting with our Sheffield colleagues through the good offices of Prof. Andrew Prescott. This is an opportunity to get close to all that is developing, most appropriately, in the Centre.

Lastly, brethren ought to circle their diaries for the presentation by Michael Baigent, whose reputation, like that of our own John Dee, has already become one to conjure with. A subtle, gentle bouquet and satisfying finish!

John Acaster
Programme Secretary

Programme for the year 2003

All meetings, excepting May and October to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester M3 3BT
Note:- MAMR welcomes the attendance of all those who are Master Masons and above. Except in May and October, Regalia will be worn at all meetings. For dining, see over.

Tuesday 28 January at 5.45 pm
Installation and Inaugural Address

Jews in Masonry

WBro Gerald Cohen PProvAGDC (Ches)

Jewish brethren continue to find the Craft a congenial setting for their social, cultural and charitable traditions. Bro Cohen brings together many elements of their lively contribution to Freemasonry through the centuries.

Wednesday 26 March at 5.45 pm

The Gibson Jewel

WBro Ivan J Goldberg PProvJGD, PProvGSuptWks (Warks)

Detective work on a magnificent jewel reveals that it belonged to a notable northern Freemason, whose career and connections were truly exceptional.

Wednesday 28 May at 6.15 pm
(Association Meeting-No regalia)

At the Masonic Hall (Old Court House), George Street, Buxton SK17 6AY, in the Province of Derbyshire, by kind co-operation of the Provincial Grand Master and Brethren of Derbyshire

Why was the Grand Lodge of England founded? Politics and Freemasonry.

Prof. David Stevenson, Emeritus Prof.,
Dept of Scottish History, University of St Andrews

British freemasonry prides itself on being non-political. It is, in the sense that politics is not discussed. But underlying it is a basic political stance - loyalty to the state. Accepting the existing structure of power is itself a basic political decision. Prof Stevenson will argue that Grand Lodge was founded to serve the cause of unity. 'From the point of view of the historian, surprisingly little research has been done linking developments in freemasonry to wider developments in social and political history.'

Wednesday 24 September at 5.45 pm
The Prestonian Lecture for 2002.

The Anglo-Irish Masonic Connection

WBro Charles Wallis Newport PProvDepDC (Bristol)

Bro Wallis-Newport addresses an important but little-documented strand in the development of Freemasonry, and brings to it his extensive knowledge of Bristol traditions.

Thursday 30 October at 6 pm
(Association Meeting- No regalia)

The Prestonian Lecture for 2003:
in the Auditorium, Sheffield University Union of Students, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TG. This joint meeting with the Sheffield Study Circle is held under the kind auspices of the Centre for Research into Freemasonry, Sheffield University. Dining afterwards will be at Tipton Hall, Shore Lane, off Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3BU

The Contribution of the Provinces to the Development of English Freemasonry

WBro Prof. Aubrey Newman PProvGSwdB (Leics and Rutland) PM Quatuor Coronati Lodge

Bro Newman is Emeritus Professor, Dept of History, Leicester University, and Associate Director of the Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust Studies.

Tuesday 25 November at 5.45 pm
Symbolism and Ritual as a path to wisdom

WBro Michael Baigent Editor, Freemasonry Today

In the Renaissance ancient concepts of using symbolism were re-discovered. They changed Europe, and the precepts found their way into Freemasonry, where their ancient usage has been renewed. Michael Baigent has shown flair as a Masonic author, and this is an opportunity to revel in his equal talents as a speaker.

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Dining

Members and Guests who wish to dine after any meeting **MUST** notify the General Secretary **NOT LATER** than **FOUR** clear days before the meeting, enclosing the dining fee of £14 (drinks excluded) per person (subject to a possible surcharge on the night of dining) otherwise meals cannot be provided. We regret the formality but this is required by the caterers. **Cheques** should be made payable to 'MAMR Dining a/c' and sent to:

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Joining the Manchester Association for Masonic Research?

Any Brother wishing to join the Association may do so by contacting the Membership Secretary:

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