



Kent Masonic Museum and Library Trust

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The Cornwallis Lecture – Rules

With effect from April 2024

The prestigious annual Cornwallis Lecture is organised under the auspices of the Kent Masonic Museum and 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 several applicants, working under a strict set of rules regarding content, submit a lecture for selection. The final choice from all the applications is made each year alternately by the Provincial Grand Masters of East Kent and West Kent. 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.

Applications from individuals and Masonic Groups will be requested at the end of each calendar year. The closing date will be 31st January.

Who can enter?

Freemasons from East and West Kent who are also companions in the Holy Royal Arch are eligible to put forward a submission for the Cornwallis Lecture.

How to enter?

1. Complete the Application Form by the submission date.
2. Check you have adhered to the rules of entry.
3. Attach your submission to the form and email to enquiries@kentmuseumoffreemasonry.org.uk
4. Submissions will be selected by the Provincial Grand Master of the province hosting the Cornwallis lecture from a shortlist prepared by the committee.

Rules for entry

1. Each lecturer should provide a full transcript of the lecture as it will be delivered.
2. Each submission may have up to 12 images to exemplify the text.
3. The source of any wider materials or images used must be referenced.
4. The transcript should be written in MS Word or equivalent with no further formatting and submitted digitally by email.
5. Each lecturer should include their Masonic CV with the submission.
6. The content of the lecture must be original and should be related to a Masonic subject.
7. The duration of the lecture should be between 30-40 minutes.
8. The lecture will be presented to Craft Masons of all degrees and to Holy Royal Arch companions.
9. Once accepted by the Committee and approved as an official Cornwallis Lecture, the copyright remains the property of the Kent Masonic Museum and Library Trust.
10. Entrants must be both a Craft mason and Holy Royal Arch companion.



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Rules of delivery

1. The successful lecturer will deliver six lectures: three in East Kent and three in West Kent.
2. The lecture may be presented in a Holy Royal Arch Chapter if requested.
3. The lecture should be delivered in the same manner and not deviate from the accepted submission.
4. The lecturer may use up to 12 images in his presentation to exemplify their lecture. They may use visual aids to project these images, however a full slide deck with Power Point or equivalent is not permitted.
5. If a lecturer falls ill, or cannot attend a venue in the published programme, that presentation will be postponed or cancelled.
6. The Committee will arrange for the lecture to be printed and made available for brethren to purchase. All profits will be donated to the Kent Masonic Museum and Library Trust.

Please note that in submitting a lecture for consideration for the Cornwallis Lecture you provide full consent to the above rules of entry and delivery. All submissions will be handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations of the Kent Masonic Museum and Library Trust.