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The Builders of The Silent Cities

Lodge No. 4948

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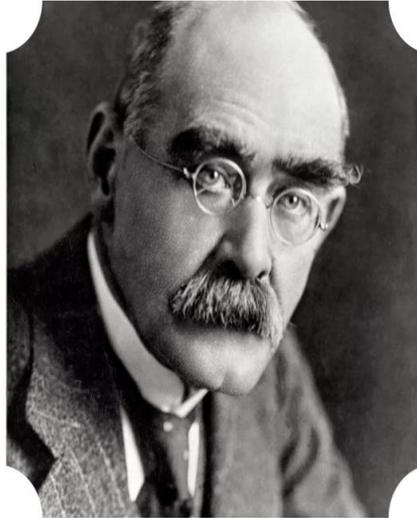
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FOUNDER RUDYARD KIPLING



Rudyard Kipling

1865 - 1936



Rudyard Kipling

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Rudyard Kipling was well-known for his poems and novels, including *The Jungle Book*. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1907.

He was born in India in 1865 and later lived in the UK. Kipling was initiated at the age of 20 in the Lodge of Hope and Perseverance No. 782 in Lahore in 1886.

He was immediately appointed the Lodge's Secretary because, as a young journalist, he possessed a typewriter. He later joined the Lodge of Independence with Philanthropy No. 391 in Allahabad.

Involved in the War Graves Commission after the First World War, he was a founder member of both Builders of the Silent City Lodge No. 12 (Grand Loge Nationale Francais) in St. Omer, France, in 1922, and Builders of the Silent Cities Lodge No. 4948 in London in 1925.





THE SUMMONS

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Builders of the Silent Cities Lodge
of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. No.4948

Hall Stone Lodge
Vice Patron for the London Appeal for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution

W. Bro. The Reverend Stuart Adrian Boyd, PPrSGW
Worshipful Master

W. Bro. Gary James Anderson, SLGR
Master Elect

December 2023

Dear Sir and Brother

You are requested to attend the **THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SECOND**
Regular Meeting of this Lodge to be held at
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ,
on Friday the 19th January 2024 at 15:00 p.m.

By Command of the Worshipful Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. Bro. P.B. Sandy, LGR
Secretary.

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Dark Suit, **Black Tie** and White Gloves to be worn

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The next full meeting of the Lodge is on
Friday 17th May at 4:00 p.m. at Freemasons'
Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B
5AZ.

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PAST MASTERS

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† 1927/1928	W.Bro. SIR HERBERT ELLISSEN - C.B.E., PGD, PGS	1972	W.Bro. G.W. LEE - SLGR
† 1929	W.Bro. GRAHAME HAMILTON - PAGReg, PGS	† 1973	W.Bro. P.A. YEOMANS - SLGR
† 1930	W.Bro. SIR FABIAN WARE - K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., LL.D., PGD	† 1974	W.Bro. R.D. SUTTON - SLGR
† 1931	W.Bro. F.J. CUTTING - O.B.E., LGR	† 1975	W.Bro. K.R. OWEN - SLGR
† 1932	W.Bro. F.E. BOAZ - M.B.E., M.C., LGR	† 1976	W.Bro. E.E. TAYLOR
† 1933	R. W.Bro. THE EARL OF COURTOWN - O.B.E., D.L. PGW, Prov.GM(Beds)	† 1977	W.Bro. A.A. CORDER - LGR
† 1934	W.Bro. F. CHETTLER - C.M.G., O.B.E., PGD, LGR 1934	† 1978/2004	W.Bro. T.B. HANSLEY - SLGR
† 1935	W.Bro. F.W. MURPHY - O.B.E., LGR	† 1979	W.Bro. L.C. HOWARD
† 1936	W.Bro. F.R. DORRINGTON	† 1980	W.Bro. A.J. HORTON
† 1937	W.Bro. H.P.L. CART DE LA FONTAINE - O.B.E., T.D., PAGSupt.Works, PGS	† 1981	W.Bro. J.H. HOLLAND - LGR
† 1938	W.Bro. S.W. VAUGHAN - M.B.E.	† 1982	W.Bro. C.W. SEABRIGHT - LGR
† 1939	W.Bro. S.C. HURST	† 1983	W.Bro. J.O. CHRISTIAN
† 1940	W.Bro. J.W. HATTON	† 1984	W.Bro. J.E. JEFFREYS - LGR
† 1941	W.Bro. A.J. DIX	† 1985	W.Bro. S. DARCH
† 1942	W.Bro. F.W.C. WALTON - PAGPurs., LGR	† 1986	W.Bro. R.D. CROCKETT - PPAGReg
† 1943	W.Bro. R.W. NELSON - LGR	1987	W.Bro. S. PARKER-ROSS
† 1944	W.Bro. A.W. HAMMOND - LGR	1989/2002	W.Bro. K.A. CORDER - SLGR, MetAGInsp
† 1945	W.Bro. H.F. BOAZ	1990/2019	W.Bro. L.L. WINTER - SLGR
† 1946	W.Bro. P.W. JONES - PPGW(Bucks)	1991	W.Bro. S.J.L. SKEVINGTON
† 1947	W.Bro. C.R. KIRTON - M.B.E., LGR	† 1992	W.Bro. S.H. BUCKINGHAM
† 1948	W.Bro. R.C. WALKER - M.B.E., LGR	† 1993/2016	W.Bro. R.B. MCKINVEN - LGR, PPAGDC (W.Kent)
† 1949	W.Bro. V.G. HOUSDEN - M.B.E.	1994	W.Bro. J.N. WINTER - PAGDC , SLGCR, PPGSej
† 1950	W.Bro. C.G.W. PARKER - O.B.E., LGR	1995	W.Bro. R.G. TUTHILL - PAGStB , PPJGW (Surrey), PPrGSwdB (W.Kent) PdtGSStB (GLNF-Picardie)
† 1951	W.Bro. L.A. GRAY - LGR	1996	W.Bro. A.M. HILL - LGR, PPGStB
† 1952	W.Bro. F.T. GREENWOOD - LGR	† 1997	W.Bro. P.H. VALDER - PPAGDC (Surrey)
† 1953	W.Bro. C.E. HOWARD - PPJGW (Bucks)	1998	W.Bro. J.P. TWYDLE - LGR, PPrSGD
† 1954	W.Bro. A.S. HUGHES - LGR	1999	W.Bro. N.L. HANSLEY - LGR, MetAGDC
† 1955	W.Bro. G.T. TOPLEY - PGStd.B., PPGK (Kent)	2000/2014	W.Bro. P.D. WAKE - SLGR, PPrSGD, PGStB
† 1956	W.Bro. F.G. PLUMMER - PPAGDC (Bucks)	2001	W.Bro. P.C. CLARE - SLGR, PPSGW
† 1957	W.Bro. T.F. CHIVERTON	2003	W.Bro. L. WEST
† 1958	W.Bro. C.F. HUNT - LGR	2005/2013	W.Bro. S. MCKINVEN - LGR
† 1959	W.Bro. F.C.T. PEARSE	2006	W.Bro. C.S. BROOKS
† 1960	W.Bro. H.E. BARTLEY - SLGR	2007/2017	W.Bro. P.B. SANDY - LGR
† 1961	W.Bro. E.J. MAKING	2008	W.Bro. H.F. MCGINTY
† 1962	W.Bro. A.H. MITCHELL	2009	W.Bro. A.M.J. MCGINTY
† 1963	W.Bro. S.E. LORD - LGR	2010/2022	W.Bro. G.G. CLEMENTS.
† 1964	W.Bro. P.F.J. CHIVERTON	2011	W.Bro. D. WAKE
† 1965	W.Bro. J. PELLOW	† 2012	W.Bro. B. DUBAR
† 1966	W.Bro. R.F. MITCHELL	2015	W.Bro. B.C. SUTTON
† 1967/1988	W.Bro. C.H. KINGMAN - PGStB	2018	W.Bro. D.D. COOPMAN
† 1968	W.Bro. P.A. COPAGE - LGR	2020/2021	W.Bro. L. KETT
† 1969	W.Bro. A.R. PRATT	2022	W.Bro. S.A. BOYD, PPrSGW
† 1970	W.Bro. R.A. DONE		
† 1971	W.Bro. S.N. WOOD		



The Diary 2023-24

Diary Dates 2024-2025

		<i>Fridays</i>	
Standing Committee Meeting		1st December	2023
Lodge Rehearsal		15th December	2023
Lodge Rehearsal		12th January	2024
REGULAR LODGE MEETING		19th January	2024
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Standing Committee Meeting		2nd February	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		23rd February	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		8th March	2024
REGULAR LODGE MEETING		15th March	2024
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Standing Committee Meeting		29th March	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		26th April	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		10th May	2024
REGULAR LODGE MEETING		17th May	2024
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Standing Committee Meeting		27th September	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		25th October	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		8th November	2024
REGULAR LODGE MEETING		15th November	2024
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Standing Committee Meeting via Zoom		6th December	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		20th December	2024
Lodge Rehearsal		10th January	2025
REGULAR LODGE MEETING		17th January	2025
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LODGE MEMBERS & VISITORS FROM 2024 INSTALLATION MEETING





THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER
WITH OUR TWO GRAND
OFFICES OF THE LODGE
2024



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER WITH HIS TWO WARDENS 2024





Bro Omar on his initiation 15 March 2024



**Bro Omar with
our new VO
Riche Miller**



THE BANNER



The Banner for 4948:

The Banner has the same basic design as the Lodge Past Masters Jewel. The artwork for the emblem for the Badge was produced by W.Bro Bob Tuthill, S

You will see from the illustration that the centre shield is enclosed by two pillars representing the two pillars that stood at the porchway entrance of King Solomon's Temple. These are adorned with two spherical balls on which are delineated maps of the celestial and terrestrial globes. The Pillars stand on the mosaic pavement, in the centre of which is depicted the volume of the sacred law which governs our faith.

The Centre has depicted one of the cemeteries in Flanders Fields and the graves of those valiant soldiers who fell during the Great War of 1914-1918. The lodge was founded by members of the Imperial war graves Commission after which the Lodge is named.

The bottom centre contains the heraldic device or trademark of the Craft. These two symbols in Freemasonry have more than one meaning.

The square in Freemasonry merely a square, to be taken at its face value; It is representative of the complete square; a figure with four sides and four right angles; It is a try square, which is an instrument for testing a right angle; It is a symbol of rightness, or righteousness; It is a symbol of the earth, once believed to be square in shape.



The Builders of The Silent Cities Lodge No. 4948

The Lodge first met at Andertons' Hotel, in Fleet Street, then known as the Horn Tavern, last of a succession of taverns and coaching inns dating back to the 15th Century. Andertons', the name changed around 1930, remained our home until the outbreak of War in September 1939. The War naturally influenced the nature of Lodge meetings. Dining subscriptions were suspended and both the day of the week on which meetings had customarily been held and their venue varied with the vagaries of the situation. The Lodge then met at The Rembrandt Hotel, Thurloe Street, from 1945 until 1954 followed by The Mostyn Hotel, Portman Square, from 1954 until 1970 when it moved to The Royal Commonwealth Society, and then in 1980 to The Park Court Hotel in Bayswater which became its home for the next twenty one years, before finally returning home in 2001 to Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen Street to where the Lodge now meets and was originally consecrated.

Working in the Lodge as laid down by our Founders and stated in Lodge By-Laws is Emulation. As we have no Lodge of Instruction our Director of Ceremonies and his Assistants assemble with the Officers on regular dates prior to Lodge Meetings to rehearse the work for the next meeting.

At the end of every meeting the hymn "Oh Valiant Hearts", or as it was originally titled "The Supreme Sacrifice" which was specially written for a War Anniversary Intercession service held at Westminster Abbey in August 1917, is sung. After which the Lodge stand to Order "in memory of those who dwell in the Silent Cities". This was adopted from the moment the Lodge was consecrated and continues to be observed in its original form since, besides being a tribute to those who died in the Great War it is also a reminder to us of the gift by the Peoples of France, in common with Belgium and Italy, and other Allied Governments, of the land required for the permanent Cemeteries in which to honour our War Dead.





What is Freemasonry

Making Good Men Better.

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. Its members share a common goal of helping each other become better men. Its body of knowledge and system of ethics is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity.

Its roots go back centuries and its members are diverse: high profile leaders, physicians, construction workers, farmers...and maybe you.

Ancient...and modern.

We're united by three ancient and fundamental principles - brotherly love, charity and truth - that are made relevant to the 21st century through the personal development, good works and social connections available to our members, Great benefits...for you and the world.

Freemasonry offers much to its members - the opportunity to grow, the chance to make a difference and the means to build a better world for our children. It offers the chance to socialize and work with men who have the same values and ideals.

We strengthen and improve our character by learning and practicing basic virtues of fraternal love, charity, and truth. Our principles extend far beyond our interactions with each other, and we strive to apply them to our daily lives.





HONOURS

NOTES: ADD LINKS TO THE YEARS / AND ALL HONOURS



HONOURS

Congratulations to W.Bro Roy Sutton, SLGR, SLGCR who has achieved 50 years in Masonry. On the 12th March W.Bro John Winter, PPAGPurs and W.Bro Bob Tuthill, SLGR had the pleasure of visiting Roy at his lovely nursing home in Telford to present him with his 50 year certificate for service to Masonry and found Roy to be very well and in tremendous spirits and entertaining the other residents with his fine singing voice and sharp wit.

W.Bro Roy Sutton was Initiated on the 1st May 1964 in the Builders of the Silent Cities Lodge, and occupied the chair in 1974.

He is the most senior Past Master of the Lodge who is still a member of the Lodge.

He was made an Honorary Member of the Builders Lodge in 2013 for his services to the Lodge.





CHARITY

NOTES:ADD LINKS TO THE YEARS / AND NAMES

TEAR BEARS FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL



TOOTHBRUSHES FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL



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COVID - 19 TIMES



Volunteers, community members and charity champions have been uniting to show their support during the greatest global pandemic in living memory, with Freemasons donating a total of £1 million to the cause.





The sole focus hasn't been on just supporting people with PPE, but also protecting families from domestic abuse, which has been done by giving more than £16,500 to the cause.

Nearly 1,000 tablets were donated to provide vital contact between coronavirus patients and their loved ones.





LODGE CHARITABLE DONATIONS



2024 Ladies night Gary Anderson

2023 Ladies night The Reverend Stuart Boyd raised £

2022 Ladies night Lee Kett and Corinne Gray raised over £1000 for the British Heart Foundation

2021 Ladies night Lee Kett and Corinne Gray

2020 Ladies night COVID_19

2019 Ladies night COVID_19

2018 Ladies night Dominique Coopman and Claudette coopman raised over £

2017 Ladies night Peter Sandy and Valerie Sandy raised over £

2016 Ladies night Robbie and Zena McKinven raised over £600 for the ?

2015 Ladies night Brian and Irene Sutton raised over £700 for the London Air Ambulance

2014 Ladies night Peter and Pat Wake raised over £300 for MK Charity for respite care





TESTIMONIAL





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I was recommended to the Lodge by the Freemasons membership team after my interview and was rather keen and excited to meet and assess those that will not only guide me through the journey but be able to connect with as Brothers. On arrival at the Lodge, I immediately noticed that most of the Brethren, if not all, at least at that particular meeting, were rather 'advanced in time' and it crossed my mind that perhaps the difference in age might introduce a line item of concern in my assessments. However, this was expediently quashed when I met the warm, friendly, humorous, genuine, passionate, diverse and committed set of gentlemen and friends which pleased me delightfully and have been supportive of my journey ever since. I am in the Lodge because the Brethren are authentic, they are fun to be with - we have a lot of laughs, devoted to Freemasonry and above all, I enjoy the camaraderie we share amongst us.



My decision to join the Lodge was to be part of a brotherhood of like minded individuals with ambition and humility. I also believe in the fellowship of people who aim to better themselves and seek the truth without a biased mindset. I've always been in a team or group, whether it's music or playing football and basketball with friends. My awareness of the wonders of the world and the fact that we know nothing if we think we know it all, encouraged my eagerness to join the Lodge. I want to learn from people wiser than myself.





The Builders Of The Silent Cities have sister Lodge in France No 12



Builders Of The Silent Cities No12 11 June 2022



Builders Of The Silent Cities No 12



PILLARS AND FRONTAL PRESENTED TO NO. 12—MAY, 1962.
(See page 30)



BIBLE PRESENTED TO NO. 12—MAY, 1962.
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WAR GRAVES





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WE WILL CONTACT YOU ASAP

COMMENTS:



LINK TO PETER/LEE





SOCIAL EVENTS

NOTES: IE: LADIES NIGHTS OR DAYS OUT



SOCIAL EVENTS 2024

- LADIES NIGHT IN BOURNEMOUTH
- DAYS OUT ?
- FRANCE NO 12 ?

