

# Addresses & Lectures presented in London First Principals Chapter No. 2712

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- September 2025 An address was given by newly installed MEZ, E Comp Michael Singleton, PGSoj. Details to be added
- May 2025 Comp. **Clive Moore** gave a most interesting talk on Exploring the Royal Arch. The talk was very well received by the companions and included accompanying illustrations. A booklet was available to the companions for a small donation to charity. Clive frequently lectures on English Masonic history and is a member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No.2076,
- January 2025 **Richard Shuttleworth**, a retired Military and London Air Ambulance Helicopter Pilot gave a fascinating talk on the London Air Ambulance. The presentation provided a brief background of Military Exercise Operations and the start of the Air Ambulance Service. It also gave an alternative perspective of the Helicopter operation 'behind the scenes' and the restrictions and challenges of its operation in London.
- September 2024 **Nick Critchlow** PGSoj, gave a talk briefly including a general history prior to UGLE and the Premier Grand Lodge in 1717. It explained why there were many variations and different traditions as originally there was no written ritual. From 1750 and 1813 Royal Arch started to exist with differences between the Ancients and the Moderns. Today the Royal Arch is considered the Master Mason Completed.
- May 2024 **M. E. Comp. Sir David Wootton**, 2nd Grand Principal, gave a short talk on s the Pro Grand Masters Strategy for Freemasonry for the next seven years with particular reference to Craft and RA Masonry being brought together. He was honoured to be recently Installed as 2nd Grand Principal and included within the single team for Craft and Royal Arch. He continued to explain 'One Journey, One Organisation' with a natural flow from the 3rd Degree to RA, including the Structure of Royal Arch going forward. The talk also included details of the latest initiative 'Archway' and Regional Liaison Groups.
- January 2024 A Presentation of the Royal Arch Tracing Boards was then Presented by the Metropolitan Stewards Demonstration Team. The Team Coordinator was **Ian Morrison** SLGCR. An introduction was made by **Nick Critchlow** PGSoj. Part 1 was presented by **Doug Syrett** PZ. Part 2 was presented by **Richard Hime** SLGCR. Part 3 was presented by **Mick Scotchmer** PGASoj. Part 4 was presented by **Nandan Kumar** LGCR.
- September 2023 **Mick Scotchmer** PAGSoj gave a talk on the Symbolism in the Royal Arch, primarily with reference to the Triple Tau and the Equilateral Triangle.
- May 2023 **Vicki Pipe**, the Museum Manager of Bow Street Police Museum, following the closing of the Convocation gave a short talk entitled: 'Bow Street Beginnings: Law and Order in Covent Garden.'
- January 2023 **Simon White** PGSwdB introduced a Demonstration of the new Royal Arch Playlet 'REVIVE AND THRIVE' carried out by the Metropolitan Grand Stewards Chapter 9812, focusing on the initiatives for Chapter retention, improvement and growth.

- September 2022 **Stanley Haines** PGSoj gave a talk entitled 'A Tale of Two Chapters' being an introduction to a new playlet 'REVIVE and THRIVE', which he had devised and will be demonstrated by members of the Metropolitan Grand Stewards Demonstration Team at our next meeting in January 2023. This will then be seen for the first time.
- May 2022 **Robert Whittingham** PGStB gave details of the 'Teddies for Loving Care' scheme with many facts about the scheme along with some interesting and moving stories in connection with presentation of the bears to Children in hospital.  
**Chris Caine** PAGSoj, also gave a talk providing details of how 'Dementia within the RMBI Homes' was dealt with by E Comp the RMBI Ambassador along with some very interesting facts and considerations.
- January 2022 **Rob Soames**, PAGSoj gave a talk entitled 'So who was Laurence Dermott and why is he so important' giving details of his life and how he influenced how Freemasonry is organised and structured today. During questions being answered E Comp Trevor Sherman who had assisted with the genealogy helped with some replies.
- September 2021 **Christopher Clark** PGSN gave a talk entitled "Reginald Davis – Great War Hero". The talk gave some fascinating information and details on what life was like and the conditions on the front line in the First World War from an inside perspective. It also transpired that there were close family links with Freemasonry in general and this Chapter in particular.
- September 2019 **John E Burnapp** PGSoj, accompanied by Timothy L'Estrange, Patrick Penny and Michael Scotchmer gave a very interesting talk called "So who was Zerubbabel?".
- May 2019 **Edward James Rothead** LGCR, gave a talk entitled "What is a Masonic Steward?"
- January 2019 **Christopher Clark** PGSN Dep Met Grand Supt, set the scene for what was to be a very delightful, humorous and informative interpretation of an interview of an Irish Freemason named Laurence Dermott, (1721- 1791), played by **Donald McGarr**. The interviewer was played by **Ian Currans**, PGSwdB, AMetGSupt., wearing a facemask of Graham Redman.
- September 2018 **Richard T Greenhill** (AsstMetGSupt) spoke on the "**Mysteries of the Triangle**".
- May 2018 **Edward James Rothead** LGCR, a Chartered Mathematician and defence expert, spoke on "The Platonic Solids - their Symbolism and Science".
- January 2018 **Padraig Belton** LGCR spoke on "Padraig's Progress with Press Pass and Passport", in an evening with two lectures. Padraig reflected ethically and masonically on his work as an international conflict journalist.
- The Rev'd Timothy L'Estrange** (2ndMetGPrin) spoke on "The Janitor's Toast", exploring the true identity of the 'most important toast of the evening' and themes in the concept of a safe return to one's native country.
- September 2017 **The Rev'd Timothy L'Estrange** (2ndMetGPrin) spoke on "The First Words", demonstrating differences in ritual forms of opening the Chapter, and explaining the history of the oldest piece of Masonic ritual still in regular use.
- May 2017 **John Hamill** (President LGRA) spoke on "Masonry Universal", with illustrations from his international relations work in the office of the Grand Chancellor.

May 2013

**Christopher Clark** (DepMetGSupt) spoke on “The Demon Drink”, outlining the historic links between Masonry and the Temperance Movement.