

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2011

For those arriving during Friday, there is plenty to see and do in and around Edinburgh including the castle and excellent shopping facilities. We can also highly recommend the nearby town, palace and loch of Linlithgow for a more serene start to your weekend.

SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2011

- 10:00am Registration and coffee at Hill Street
Masonic Centre 19 Hill Street Edinburgh
EH2 3JP
- 10:30am Welcome briefing by the Chairman,
Michael Davey
- 10.45am Patrick McCann: The Shrine in Europe
- 11.45am Eddie Alicoon: Famous Masons
- 12:45pm Complimentary Lunch
- 2:15pm Afternoon briefing
- 2.30pm Andrew Hammer: Observing The Craft
- 3:30pm Panel Discussion
- 4:00pm Guided tour of Hill Street Masonic Centre
- 7:00pm Drinks and informal Dinner (not included
in ticket price)

SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2011

- 12:00 Private tour of Rosslyn Chapel

TICKETS

Members of the public welcome. Tickets for the Symposium are £25 including lunch on Saturday and complementary entry to Rosslyn Chapel on Sunday.

Credit or debit card payments may be made via PayPal by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/tms-uk2-pay>. Any PayPal fees due must be paid by the purchaser.

Cheques should be made payable to **Mr. Michael Davey** and sent to **3 High Street, Stanwick, WELLINGBOROUGH, Northants, NN9 6QA**. Please remember to include all your contact details (name/address/postcode/email/telephone).

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WHAT IS THE MASONIC SOCIETY?™

***“The ultimate success of Masonry depends
on the intelligence of her disciples.” –
Albert Mackey***

A significant group of passionate Masons have joined together to create what is now the fastest growing research society in Freemasonry. Called simply **The Masonic Society**, we are brothers who have a deep and abiding desire to seek knowledge, explore history, discover symbolism, debate philosophies, and in short, who are at the forefront of charting a path for the future of Freemasonry.

As a student of Freemasonry, you are invited to join with us in this exciting organization.

Our name, **The Masonic Society**, intentionally alludes to the Royal Society, the innovative organization of visionary men who were at the forefront of the Age of Enlightenment, many of whom were present at the formation of what became modern Freemasonry. Likewise, our Society is at the forefront of a new age of Freemasonry, and we are a vibrant, active community within the fraternity, with members in 17 countries around the world.

The goal of **The Masonic Society** is not just to look backward at the history of Freemasonry, but to foster the intellectual, spiritual and social growth of the modern Masonic fraternity.

To that end, **The Masonic Society** extends the hand of assistance and cooperation to individual research lodges throughout the Masonic world. It is the desire of **The Masonic Society** to cooperate with these lodges, to give their members the regular opportunity to publish their papers for an international audience, and to publicize their activities.



2ND ANNUAL UK-IRELAND SYMPOSIUM

Aspects Of Freemasonry

HILL STREET MASONIC CENTRE
19 HILL STREET
EDINBURGH
EH2 3JP

SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY
3RD JULY 2011

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PATRICK MCCANN

Originally from New York City, Patrick McCann moved to Paris, France and married a French woman in 1991. Initiated in 1995 in Stability Lodge 29, a lodge of American ex-pats in the Paris area, attached to the Continental District of the National Grand Lodge of France (GLNF), he became Master of the lodge in 2000, an active District Officer in 2001 and District Assistant Grand Master in 2003 and is today Past Grand Standard Bearer.

Patrick belongs to the Grand Master's Lodge in Dublin and is a member of 3 London Lodges, notably of Imperial 1694 where he is in the East this year. In Chapter, he is a life member of Scotland's Stirling Rock #2 and founding Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grande Courronne Province in France.

W.Bro. McCann became a Shriner in London in 2005 and has been actively in the forefront of bringing this American-based Masonic charity to Europe, developing both membership and medical partnerships.

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EDDIE ALICOON

W.Bro. Eddie Alicoon, London Grand Rank has been a Freemason since being initiated in 1976. He belongs to two craft Lodges, one Royal Arch Chapter, Mark, & Royal Ark Mariners'. In his mother Lodge he has served in most of the offices including being their Secretary for five years. He is currently Charity Steward in his Essex Lodge, and assistant Scribe E of his Chapter.

Having retired as a Senior Sales Executive through ill health in 1992 & wanting to put something back into the community he subsequently became an advisor with the CAB and it was here that his interest in lecturing & talks developed. During his four years with CAB, he gave many talks on the history of Redbridge, Essex CAB as their representative.

Bro. Alicoon is on the lecturers list of both the London Grand Rank Association and Essex Province and is regularly sent to speak at Lodges who are either short of work or having a White Table meeting.

Eddie has recently started to give non-masonic talks on the London Street Markets including a history of London's Covent Garden, & the famous Petty Coat Lane Market.

Eddie is also a Freeman of the City of London. Contrary to public belief, this honour doesn't include the right to take ones' sheep over London Bridge.

ANDREW HAMMER

W.Bro. Andrew Hammer is Past Master of one of the world's most historic Masonic lodges, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Founded in 1783, the Lodge bears the distinction of having George Washington as its Charter Master, the only Lodge in the United States to have had a sitting President as its Master. Andrew is also a Director of the Masonic Society, and a member of the Executive Committee of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. In 2010 he wrote *Observing the Craft: The Pursuit of Excellence in Masonic Labour and Observance*, a manifesto of sorts for the observant Mason, who seeks quality over quantity in every aspect of Freemasonry. It is a stringent argument for the Symbolic Lodge as being the whole of Masonry, calling for nothing but the utmost effort and commitment to be put into the operation of a Masonic Lodge and its meetings.

Bro. Hammer has spoken at the First Annual Symposium of the Masonic Restoration Foundation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is organizer for the Second Annual Symposium this year in Alexandria. He spoke on the book at the Masonic Society Semi-Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana in September of 2010, and has been recently invited to speak at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York. He has an increasing diary of speaking engagements in support of the book.

Observing the Craft is scheduled for publication in the UK in June 2011 [details to be announced in the coming days]. Andrew's appearance at the UK-Ireland Symposium in Edinburgh will be the first in the UK in promotion of the book.