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## MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION OF MASONIC RESEARCH

### 2022 Programme

Dear Brethren,

**MAMR** aims to be refreshing and stimulating for Freemasons old and new. Its meetings are similar to being on a Masonic holiday. Every coming-together has a minimum of routine. They offer a new horizon to what it can mean to be a Mason. Exploration broadens the mind and soul.

The 2022 programme is packed with such things. One of the greatest of our Deputy PGM's in East Lancashire, John Goulburn, said in 1912 'I feel I am in an atmosphere widely different to that usually associated with Masonic meetings .... but here I am conscious of surroundings more congenial, apparently tending to a fuller appreciation of Freemasonry in its highest ideals.' That tradition continues and we are delighted that the current PGM of Shropshire shares John Goulburn's appreciation by having led us through the last two years.

**MAMR** is also strengthening its online presence. We aim gradually to make digital copies of our past Transactions available to members. They contain many valuable lectures which could provide excellent meat for empty lodge agendas. We are also excitingly aiming to publish new archive material of importance. A subscriber list will be opened. Tune into our website for all such announcements, and spread the word:

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## Programme for 2022

Our meetings normally begin at 5.45pm, but this can vary according to location and subject. The general intention is to move around the north-western region to share variety and inclusion. But in the winter two months of the year, January and November, the meetings are held in the comfortable surroundings of the Third Floor, Manchester Hall, 33 Bridge Street, M3 3BT. These winter meetings are associated with the Lodge of Silent Temple No. 126, warranted in 1762, and are tyled. Locations are otherwise as stated on our website: [www.mamr.co.uk](http://www.mamr.co.uk)

**Wednesday, 15 December 2021. Venue T.B.A.**

**The Prestonian Lecture 2021**

**A System of Morality – Aristotle and the making of the ritual**

Professor George Boys-Stones

This lecturer postulates that English Freemasonry defines itself as a 'system of morality' – but what does that phrase mean? This new study traced it back to the work of William Preston (1742–1818), who argued that Freemasonry teaches a philosophical approach to virtue. According to Preston, the rituals of Freemasonry are designed to lead the initiate through the ethical thought of Aristotle. His view proved popular and was decisive in shaping the ritual approved for use by the United Grand Lodge of England shortly after its formation in 1813. Almost all English lodges, and many others throughout the world, still use a ritual derived from this one, and, perhaps without realising it, continue to pay silent testimony to Preston and to Aristotle in their work.

This is the only time the 2021 Prestonian Lecture will be delivered in Lancashire.

**Tuesday, 25 January. Venue: - Manchester Hall, 33 Bridge St., Manchester, M3 3BT**

**Installation within Lodge 126, tyled, with Inaugural Address**

**An insight into Freemasonry in Manchester in 1865 through the Newspaper Cuttings Book of Brother Sadler.**

WBro. J. Christopher Welton, PSGD, PAPGM

Using various news items contained in the book of newspaper cuttings compiled by Bro Campbell Hulton Sadler, who was initiated into Lodge of Affability in 1864, this talk will give a vivid view of freemasonry in the Manchester and Cheshire area in 1865 and where it fitted into society at the time.

**Wednesday, 23 March. Venue: - T.B.A.**

**Thomas Telford Operative and Speculative Mason**

Alan Howls

Thomas Telford, born in 1757 in a Dumfriesshire shepherd's cottage, became the greatest civil engineer of his age whose legacy can be witnessed today in the Holyhead Road, the Menai suspension bridge, and the Caledonian Canal. He was also an active speculative Freemason. This illustrated talk brings the great man to life before your eyes.

**Friday to Sunday 13 – 15 May**

**Visit to York**

Our visit to York will be very special. We will be introduced to the team of Stone Masons and possibly to the mediaeval glass restorers. We will be taken up to the heights to see the work currently in progress and entertained afterwards at Duncombe Place the ancient home of York Freemasonry.

**Wednesday 28 September, Venue:-T.B.A.**

**Freemasonry in Italy**

Maxine Gilhuys

Maxine Gilhuys was born in Guyana, educated in Birmingham, and has worked for various international organisations in Geneva, Zurich and New York. Subsequent studies at the Universities of Bologna and Leiden continued the cosmopolitan nature of her career. Currently based in Florence she has developed a strong interest in Masonic research.

**Tuesday, 22 November. Venue:- Manchester Hall, 33 Bridge St., Manchester, M3 3BT**

**A tyled meeting of Lodge No. 126.**

**The Paradox of the Royal Arch as practised in England and Wales**

RWBro. Roger Pemberton

Roger Pemberton looks briefly at the history and development of the Royal Arch as practised in England and Wales and then turns his attention to an examination of current thinking on the status of the 'Supreme Degree' ..... or should that be order?

