

KENT MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TRUST

THE CORNWALLIS LECTURE – RULES

The late M. W. Bro. The Right Honourable The Lord Cornwallis, graciously agreed to allow his Family name to be used to title an annual lecture, to be given on a Masonic subject. He also generously affirmed that he would personally present the first lecture.

Future Cornwallis Lectures will be given annually and will be presented each year in the Provinces of East and West Kent.

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

From the list of nominees, the PGM of East and West Kent alternately will select a Lecturer whose name will be announced at the Annual Festival of each of the Provincial Grand Lodges.

The Cornwallis Lecture will be presented approximately six times in each year according to availability. It is anticipated that it will be given in both Provinces on an equal number of occasions.

The programme for the lectures, with times and venues, will be promulgated as soon after the announcement of the name of the Lecturer as is practicable.

The venues for the lecture will be selected with a view so as to gather as many Brethren or Companions as possible at each meeting.

There will be no prizes or trophies for successfully completing the year as the Cornwallis Lecturer. The only accolade will be an entry on the Cornwallis Lecture Roll of Honour which will be published by the Provincial Grand Lodges of East and West Kent.

During the current year of the Lecture, the Lecturer should not give “unofficial” presentations within the Provinces of East or West Kent. He may, however, give the lecture in other Provinces or overseas.

Preparation and Content.

Each Lecturer should prepare his notes in advance of nomination and should submit a copy for consideration with his application, together with his relevant CV. The content of the lecture must be original and Masonic in subject. It should not be copied from other or older lectures.

The length of the lecture will be between 30 and 40 minutes.

A full transcript of the lecture on A4 (one side only) should be sent to the Cornwallis Co-ordinator as soon as possible, after being selected.

Notes.

1. The six lectures should be given in the same manner, from the same subject script and in roughly the same time.
2. No radical or large alterations will be allowed between presentations.
3. If the Lecturer falls ill, or cannot attend a venue in the published programme, that presentation will be cancelled.

WBro Paddy Langdown PPSGD
Cornwallis Lecture Co-ordinator