

Museum & Library Ambassador

(Formerly Museum & Library Representative)



The Museum & Library Ambassador (M&L Ambassador) is not a “regular” or “additional” office in accordance with the Book of Constitutions but it is a role that is special to all Lodges in Kent. The M&L Ambassador should either be elected by the Lodge members or appointed by the Worshipful Master.

This appointment should not be based solely upon Rank in Craft or age, but rather upon the Brother’s suitability for the role and his desire to discharge its duties for the right reasons.

The M&L Ambassadors form the official membership of the Kent Masonic Museum & Library Trust and, on behalf of their Lodges, are entitled to vote on the various resolutions at the Museum’s Annual General Meeting held in September.

In addition to attending and voting at the AGM, the M&L Ambassador is expected to keep his Lodge informed of any developments at the Museum, to encourage their Lodge to become Patrons – and in support, to include this wording on Lodge Summonses: “Patron: Kent Museum & Library Trust”, and from time-to-time, organise visits from the Lodge to the Museum. Such visits may be in ones or twos or may be larger groups with Lodge Members and their wives, partners and families.

The Museum is of particular value to new members of your Lodge or even potential candidates for membership. An hour or so spent there, will give them a wider appreciation of what freemasonry is all about.

If you want your visit to include a viewing of any specific lodge-related artefacts, you should plan it in advance with the Museum Curator, David Birch. Likewise, a larger group visit is best planned in advance so that the Museum can give your group the best possible experience. With the Masonic Centre next door, there is also scope to visit the wonderful historic lodge room there and to arrange a meal for your party.

The Museum is always on the lookout for Volunteers to help. There are a wide range of roles; face-to-face with members of the public or working behind the scenes to help catalogue and/or restore artefacts. It would be very much appreciated if you could offer your help in this way and, equally importantly, to convey this need to your Lodge members and feed back to the Museum the names of any would-be helpers.