



KENT MASONIC MUSEUM AND LIBRARY 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 are given annually and are 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 Provincial Grand Master of East and West Kent will alternately 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. Preference will be given to Lodges and Chapters that are active [Museum Patrons](#).

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 & 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 in Word format 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. The Cornwallis Lecture is not intended to be a PowerPoint presentation or anything similar. However, if the Presenter wishes to include a small, limited quantity of illustrations, he may do so, provided they are in an acceptable format and with the correct accreditation. They must have been submitted to, and approved by the Committee in advance.
3. No radical or large alterations will be allowed between presentations.
4. If the Lecturer falls ill, or cannot attend a venue in the published programme, that presentation will be cancelled.
5. Once accepted by the Committee and approved as an official Cornwallis lecture, the copyright remains the property of the Museum and Library Trust.

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