

## Library and Museum of Freemasonry

The Library and Museum of Freemasonry hosts one of the world's finest collection of books, artefacts and archives relating to the history and development of freemasonry. Details of its opening hours, address and telephone number are available at

<http://freemasonry.london.museum/contact-us.php>

The United Grand Lodge of England was formed by a union of the Moderns or Premier Grand Lodge, formed by four Lodges in 1717, and the Antients Grand Lodge, formed in 1751. Archives held by the Library and Museum include membership registers, annual returns, correspondence and petitions for lodges dating from 1768.

Details of printed resources, such as lodge histories and ephemera, and archives, which have been described in full, are included on the Library and Museum on-line catalogue. For further information see

<http://freemasonry.london.museum/catalogue.php>

There are no comprehensive name indices for freemasons. All records that provide information about individual members are organised according to lodge name and number. Numbers of lodges changed sporadically due to renumbering exercises before 1863. It is possible to find out where lodges operated by searching for the lodge location using the on-line version of Lane's Masonic Records 1717-1894. This can be found at

<http://www.freemasonry.dept.shef.ac.uk/lane/>

The Library and Museum has digitised the pre-1887 membership registers – these will soon be available as CD Rom copies for research in our reading room. Annual returns listing lodges and members are available for those researching the period after 1887. Information relating to current members is not made available to researchers.

The Library and Museum offers a genealogical research service – there is no charge where the lodge name or number for an ancestor is known. A charge is made for researching the Masonic career of an individual when the lodge name/number are unknown. Further details of this service and a search request form are found at: <http://freemasonry.london.museum/family-history.php>

Those wishing to look at resources in the Library and Museum reading room are required to complete a Reader Registration Form and to provide proof of identity and address when they first use the Library or Archives. A Form can be downloaded from: <http://freemasonry.london.museum/library.php>

Please telephone to arrange an appointment on 020 7395 9257 and to discuss your research before visiting, so that staff can have material available for you.