

# WEST HAM ABBEY LODGE

## No. 2291

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### Metropolitan Grand Lodge

Grand Patron & Founding Lodge of the R.M.H.

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Patron Lodge of the R.M.I.G. & R.M.I.B.  
& Redevelopment & Modernisation of the  
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February 2009

Dear Sir & Brother,

The 608<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting of this Lodge will be held at the Ilford Conservative Club, Ilford, Essex, IG11 2AT, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 3.00 pm.

Your attendance is requested,  
By Command of the W.M.  
W.BRO. M.V. DAVIS SLGR *secretary*.

*"be very cautious whom you recommend as a Candidate for Membership, one false step on this point may be fatal ! If you introduce a disputatious person, confusion will be produced which may end in the dissolution of the Lodge. If you have a good Lodge, keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial."- Dr. Oliver.*

Dark Morning Dress  
Black Tie, White Collar & Gloves

W.Bro.C.J.Prentice LGR  
Asst. Secretary

The regular meetings of the Lodge are held on the Third Friday in February (Installation), March, October & the first Monday in December.

W.Bro.W.Grahamslaw PAGSwdB  
VISITING OFFICER

**WEST HAM ABBEY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.** The Principals of the Chapter, Ex.Comps Terry Cross, Chris Prentice & Danny Field wish to advise the Brethren that exaltation into the Royal Arch Chapter is an entitlement to every Master Mason. It is not necessary to await an invitation to join. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary.

In Memoriam  
W.Bro Leslie George Marsham  
LGR  
Centenary Master 1989  
Initiated 16-12-1976  
Passed to Grand Lodge Above  
10-12-2008  
Rest in Peace

**OPENING HYMN**

Hail, Eternal ! By whose aid,  
All created things were made.  
Heaven & Earth, thy vast design  
Hear us Architect divine.

May our work begun in Thee  
Ever blessed with order be;  
And may we, when labours cease,  
Part in harmony and peace.

By thy glorious majesty,  
By the trust we place in Thee  
By thy badge & mystic sign,  
Hear us Architect divine.

**BUSINESS**

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the circulated minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008.
3. To receive the financial statement for the year 2008.
4. To install W.Bro.Thomas Frederick Arthur Carter as WM for 2009/2010.
5. The WM will appoint & invest his officers.
6. To read & consider Grand Lodge Communications.
7. To receive the Almoners report.
8. To receive the Charity Stewards report & to circulate the Charity Gavel.
9. To receive proposals for initiation/joining.
10. To transact any other Lodge business.
11. To call off
12. To call on.
13. To Dedicate the New Lodge Banner.
14. To close the Lodge.

**CLOSING HYMN**

Now the evening shadows closing,  
Worn from toil to peaceful rest.  
Mystic arts and rights reposing,  
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of Light whose love unceasing,  
Doth to all thy works extend.  
Crown our order with thy blessing,  
Build, sustain us to the end.

Humbly now we bow before thee,  
Grateful for thine aid divine.  
Everlasting power and glory  
Mighty Architect be thine.

**The next Regular meeting of the Lodge is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**LODGE DUES & DINING FEES SHOULD BE PAID TO THE TREASURER  
Bro.D.Beardon LR, 64 Upney Lane, Barking, Essex, IG11 9LR, 020 8594 2606  
Dining Fee £21 Annual Dues £80**

**Officers for the year 2008/9**

W.Bro.T.Carter	SW	W.Bro.D.Field	ADC
W.Bro.P.Field	JW	W.Bro.C.Prentice LGR	Ass.Secy
W.Bro.R.Hood	Chaplain	Bro.M.Dyson	IG
Bro.D.Beardon LR	Treasurer	Bro.R.Jeyes	Steward
W.Bro.M.Davis SLGR	Secretary	Bro.S.Borthwick	Steward
W.Bro.J.Thompson LGR	DC	Bro.L.McDonald	Steward
W.Bro.A.Field	Almoner	Bro.A.Falkingham	Steward
W.Bro.J.Stewart SLGR	Charity Steward	Bro.J.Gibbons	Steward
Bro.P.Brown	SD	W.Bro.B.Reipond	Tyler
Bro.A.Camfield	JD	W.Bro.G.McDonald	IPM

**C of M: Bros. R.Jeyes, J.Gibbons, S.Borthwick**

**Please notify the Secretary immediately of any change of address.**

**To enable the Lodge to help any member who may need assistance, it is requested that the Almoner or Secretary be notified immediately.**

**The Lodge of Instruction meets at East Ham Conservative Club, Vicarage Lane, East Ham, every Monday. The Preceptor, W.Bro.D.McDonald PAGDC, extends a welcome to all members of the Lodge. It is especially important that all brethren aspiring to office should attend regularly.**

**Donations to Masonic Charities by Gift Aid, Cash or Cheque should be paid to the Charity Steward, W.Bro.J.Stewart SLGR, 268 Benfleet Road, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1PS. 01268 793342.**

**NOTE: EXCLUSION OF MEMBERSHIP of the Lodge takes place under Rules 148 B of C after 2 years of unpaid subscriptions & under Rule 181 B of C (Bye-Law 6) after 1 year unpaid subscription. IT CANNOT BE DELAYED OR REVOKED BY THE LODGE.**