

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON

LODGE NO.6988



Welcome

To the Queen's College Masonic Lodge
(<https://www.queenscollegelodge.co.uk/>)

Queens Masonic Lodge is the senior school lodge in the Taunton area. It was consecrated on 8 July 1950 and came into being as a result of the enthusiasm of several English and Welsh Old Boys of the School who were Masons. The Founders established that the Lodge should work the 'Oxford' ritual which has been adapted over the years to produce our own unique and much respected "Queen's Workings."

Historically, our membership from all over the UK, is drawn from former pupils, their relatives, staff and friends associated with Queen's. *Although our roots lie with Queen's College, we welcome enquiries from anyone with a genuine interest in Freemasonry whether as a new Initiate or as an existing Joining member.*

We have an enviable reputation for the very friendly atmosphere at our meetings held on just four Saturdays a year, in March, May, October and December. We meet at the Taunton Masonic Centre in the Crescent shared with 8 other Craft Lodges - an impressive Grade 2 listed building,



having excellent in-house dining Lodges are always welcome. The largely a social event to which followed by a Traditional Festive



comprehensively equipped and facilities. Guests from other December Christmas meeting is Ladies and Guests are invited, Lunch.



The Installation Meeting of the Lodge is held in March each year when the incoming Master is invited to choose a charity for the Lodge to support. Charitable giving is a strong feature of our meetings with the emphasis on supporting local charities.

The Lodge celebrated its Golden Jubilee Meeting on 8 July 2000. Two months later we were privileged to be allowed to host the Federation of School Lodges annual meeting at School, where we welcomed over 400 Freemasons and Ladies from all over the UK. Previous to 2000, we last acted as host in 1967.

MEMBERSHIP. We currently have approximately 45 members from all backgrounds spread throughout the UK. The importance of enjoyment and camaraderie in Freemasonry cannot be overemphasised yet due deference is paid to the traditions with the formal side of our ceremonies in which we encourage participation by all members to gain both in experience and confidence. It is in the full participation in the life of Queen's Lodge, both at meetings and at other times of the year and in the visiting of other Lodges, that lifelong friendships develop.

CHARITY. The values of Freemasonry are based on **integrity, kindness, honesty** and **fairness** and from its earliest days, Freemasonry has been involved in charitable activities. Since its inception it has provided support for many widows and orphans of Freemasons as well as many others within the community. In addition, Freemasonry donates large sums to National, Regional and Local charities. It is however entirely up to the individual member what he gives to Charity, but it should always be without detriment to his other responsibilities.



Queen's College Lodge supports charities through both regular and one-off donations. It has become our tradition for the Master to choose one local charity to focus support on each year although, inevitably, there are often other needy causes such as international disasters calling for contributions like the Ukraine Appeal to which we contributed £5,000. These are examples of more recent local donations.



If you wish to know more about our Lodge's charitable endeavours, please see our website <https://www.queenscollegelodge.co.uk/> or email the Lodge Secretary (✉ <mailto:secretary6988@gmail.com>) or Charity Steward (✉ <mailto:thomas865@btinternet.com>)

A brief history has been written copies of which are available from the Lodge Secretary. Occasional holidays abroad have been successfully organised which include a visit to the local Lodge.

