



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

Commemoration of the Centenary of the end of The Great War for Civilisation 1914-1918

This year heralds the commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice that signalled the end of the Great War for Civilisation 1914-1918, the First World War.

During this year and particularly around November, a period of National Remembrance will be observed across the country through a range of remembrance services and activities to reflect on this conflict and the legacy it left behind for our country.

Freemasonry is itself intrinsically linked to the Great War, not only through the millions who served during this conflict but those who before or after the war became Freemasons. Many thousands of men in the years after the war joined lodges to share and remember the camaraderie of service life and to honour and remember their fallen comrades, for those who gave their lives that Great Peace Memorial itself, Freemasons' Hall in London, was built to commemorate and remember their sacrifice.

The Province wishes to commemorate this Centenary within lodges through two options:

1. A special commemoration service that has been designed to be carried out during a regular meeting in November when the lodge is called-off. This will be conducted in selected lodges within Areas
2. For lodges not holding a commemoration service, an Oration is available to be read to lodges during any other meeting in November (The Oration is also included within and part of option 1)

Details of the service and Oration have been distributed to Area Ceremonial Officers and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters; lodges wishing to take the opportunity to be considered for either option should contact their Area Vice-Chairman for details.

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