WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

UNITED GRAND LODGE of ENGLAND

There are 250,000 Freemasons belonging to 8,000 Lodges throughout England and Wales, and districts overseas.

Worldwide, the figure rises to six million Freemasons, all with their own special reasons why they enjoy Freemasonry. For some, it's about making new friends and acquaintances. For others, it's being able to help deserving causes — making a contribution to family and society. But for most, it is simply an enjoyable hobby.

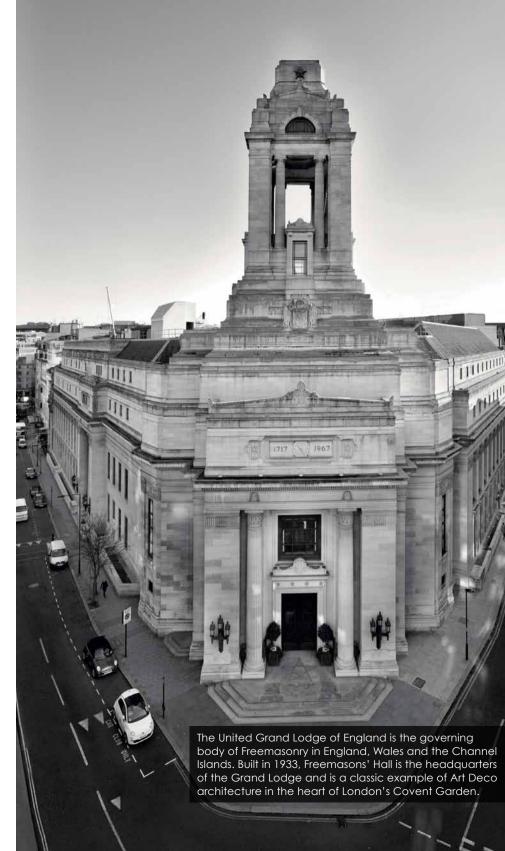
Every Freemason has his own reason for joining. What's yours?

PRINCIPLED

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations.
For many, its biggest draw is the fact that members come from all walks of life and meet as equals whatever their race, religion or socio-economic position in society.

Its values are based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness.

FREEMASONRY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOUR, RELIGION, POLITICAL VIEWS OR SOCIAL STANDING



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Freemasonry provides a unique environment for people from all backgrounds to learn skills, make lasting friendships, achieve their potential and, above all, have fun.

What is more, the organisation provides a valuable forum for discussion between members in an open environment, helping to build trust.

I WANTED TO BECOME A FREEMASON TO MEET A CROSS SECTION OF PEOPLE, FRIENDSHIPS AND HAVE FUN!





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Freemasonry prides itself on its transparency. Not only are Freemasons completely free to acknowledge their membership, they are encouraged to do so.

There are no closed doors in Freemasonry – anyone can visit its headquarters at Freemasons' Hall in London – and Lodges throughout the UK regularly open their doors to visitors. For everyone, Lodges offer a place of harmony and tranquillity.

WITH HOLLYWOOD BLOCKBUSTERS AND LANDMARK TV SHOWS SHOOTING HERE, WE WELCOME OVER 100,000 VISITORS EVERY YEAR TO FREEMASONS' HALL





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Freemasons make a major contribution to society through their own charities, as well as through donations to UK charities and worldwide disaster relief funds, with members playing an active role in their communities.

WE DO NOT UNDERTAKE ANY EXTERNAL FUNDRAISING – ALL MONEY DONATED COMES FROM OUR OWN EFFORTS





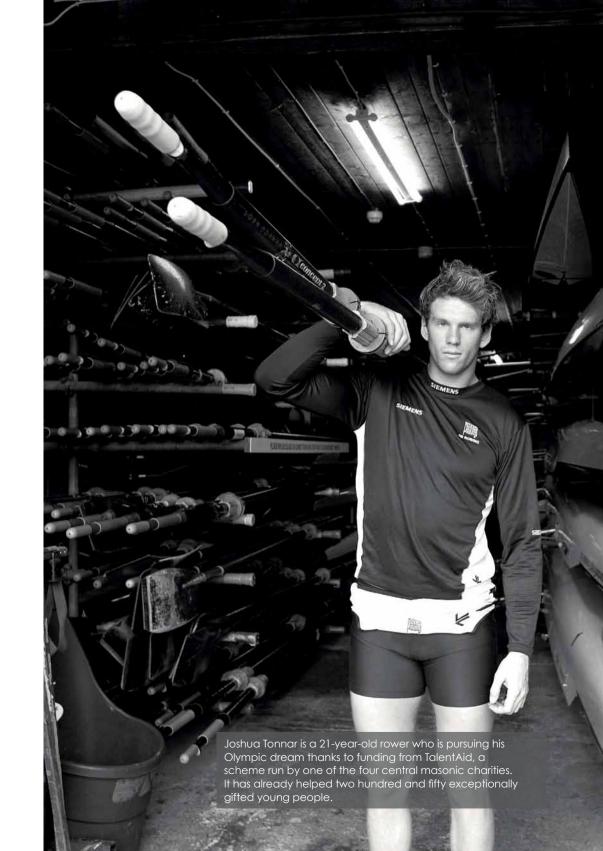
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Freemasonry is more relevant and important to society today than ever, as it encompasses and embraces all the fundamental principles of good citizenship.

Many of these are learnt through traditional rituals that take the form of one-act plays, leading to increased self-esteem and confidence.

WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF TALENT, IT'S VITAL THAT YOU GIVE THEM THE SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THEIR LIVES





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GROWTH

Every Freemason embarks on his own journey of self-discovery when he enters the organisation.

With three levels of Freemasonry, the progression through to senior roles within a Lodge can be seen in much the same way as a person progressing in his career – each promotion bringing greater understanding and responsibility.

FREEMASONRY HAS HELPED BUILD MY CONFIDENCE, ENABLING ME TO TACKLE CHALLENGES I USED TO SHY AWAY FROM





There are many reasons for joining the Freemasons.

We can answer any questions you might have about our history, our future, what we believe in, the kind of work we do or where your nearest Lodge is.

If you want to find out further information, please start by visiting our website at www.ugle.org.uk

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