



Trent–Bentinck Lodge 3416

Lodge Profile



History

The Trent–Bentinck Lodge meets at Freemasons' Hall in West Bridgford, a popular area on the outskirts of Nottingham. The hall itself overlooks the river Trent and is close to the famous Trent Bridge Cricket Club.

The Lodge was formed by the amalgamation of the Trent Lodge and the Bentinck Lodge on the 26th of September 2022.

The Trent Lodge was consecrated on 23rd November 1927 at Freemasons' Hall, West Bridgford. The formation of the Lodge was decided at an informal meeting at the Mikado Café in Long Row Nottingham on the 27th January 1927 and at a subsequent meeting on the 26th February 1927, it was decided that Duchess of Portland Lodge be invited to act as sponsors and become the mother Lodge.

The Bentinck Lodge was consecrated on the 19th of April 1910, which was the same day that the Freemasons' Hall in West Bridgford was officially opened. The name was taken from Lord Henry Bentinck who became a founding member and gave permission for the Lodge to use his coat of arms. Lord Henry Bentinck was then the Provisional Grand Master for Westmorland and Cumbria, and the brother of the then Provisional Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, the Duke of Portland.

Meetings

The Lodge meets on the third Monday of the months from October to April, with October being the Installation meeting. A rehearsal for those involved in these meeting is held on the second Thursday. The brethren are also encouraged to attend on a Friday evening to rehearse the next ceremony and develop their knowledge and skills of freemasonry.

Membership

The Lodge has 45 members, working or retired from careers in a wide range of sectors including Banking, Engineering, Construction, Health, Finance, Police, Education, Information Technology, Hospitality and Media. Among the hobbies shared by the members are golf, local football, gardening, sailing and walking.

Our annual dues are currently £200 per annum and the cost of the meal after our Lodge meeting is in the region of £21.



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Social Activities

Our partners and friends are invited to join us for dinner at the Christmas Lodge meeting. Additionally, we organise other social events such as an annual dinner dance, quiz evenings and afternoon teas with widows of Lodge members as our honoured guests.

These events enable our wives and partners to be more involved with the Lodge and are convenient to invite prospective new members, that they may learn more of the aims and benefits of freemasonry.

Charity

As Freemasons, charity is at the top of our priorities, so as well as offertory collections and holding raffles at our meetings, we also raise monies at our social events. Monies raised on these occasions are donated to masonic charities as well as local non-masonic charities, such as Clifton Food Bank, Stonebridge Animal Farm, St Pauls Café and Hear Together. We also support the charity initiatives and festivals of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, to which all members are asked to contribute according to their means.

Why join Trent–Bentinck Lodge

Trent–Bentinck Lodge is a traditional Craft Lodge, focusing on delivering a high standard of ritual at our meetings, so all who attend have a memorable experience and enjoy the warm friendly atmosphere that the Lodge members are renowned for generating.

As a Lodge, we are very keen that new members immediately experience the camaraderie of the brethren and from day one they feel part of the team. So, the Lodge Mentor appoints an individual Mentor to be in regular contact with a new member, so he never feels left out.

By joining the Trent–Bentinck Lodge, a new member will enjoy the genuine friendship of our brethren, supporting them through their masonic experience, and assisting them in becoming an excellent freemason and a better man, in the very happy and friendly atmosphere of likeminded people.

Further Information

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