

Prestonian Lecturers, 1924-2026

1924 The First Degree	C.W. Firebrace
1925 The Development of the Trigradal System	L. Vibert
1926 The Evolution of the Second Degree	L. Vibert
1927 Bro William Preston: the Man, his Methods & Work	G.P.G. Hills
1928 Masonic Teachers of the Eighteenth Century	J. Stokes
1929 The Antiquity of Our Masonic Legends	R.H. Baxter
1930 The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences	H.D. de Lafontaine
1931 Medieval Master Masons and their Secrets	W. Covey Crump
1932 The Evolution of Masonic Ritual in England in the Eighteenth Century	J.H. Lepper
1933 The Old Charges in Eighteenth Century Masonry	H. Poole
1934 The Art, Craft, Science, or 'Mystery' of Masonry	F.C.C.M. Fighiera
1935 Freemasonry and Contemplative Art	W.J. Bunney
1936 Freemasonry, Ritual and Ceremonial	L. Edwards
1937 Inwardness of Masonic Symbolism in the Three Degrees	J. Johnson
1938 The Mason Word	D. Knoop
1939 Veiled in Allegory and Illustrated by Symbols	G.E.W. Bridge
1940-1946	Suspended
1947 The Grand Lodge South of the River Trent	G.Y. Johnson
1948 The Deluge	F.L. Pick
1949 Our Oldest Lodge	C.C. Adams
1950 Lodges of Instruction, their Origin and Development	W.I. Grantham
1951 Variations in Masonic Ceremonial	H.W. Chetwin
1952 Free in Freemason: The Idea of Freedom through Six Centuries	B.E. Jones
1953 What is Freemasonry?	G.S. Shepherd-Jones
1954 The Freemason's Education	B.W. Oliver
1955 The Fellowship of Knowledge	J.R. Rylands

1956	G.S. Draffen
The Making of a Mason	
1957	H. Carr
The Transition from Operative to Speculative Masonry	
1958	N. Rogers
The Years of Development	
1959	J.S. Purvis
Medieval Organisation of Freemasons' Lodges	
1960	S. Pope
Growth of Freemasonry in England & Wales since 1717	
1961	G. Brett
King Solomon in the Middle Ages	
1962	P.R. James
The Grand Mastership of HRH the Duke of Sussex	
1963	H.G.M. Clarke
Folklore into Masonry	
1964	A.J. Arkell
The Genesis of Freemasonry	
1965	E. Newton
Brethren who Made Masonic History	
1966	W.R.S. Bathurst
The Evolution of the English Provincial Grand Lodge	
1967	A.R. Hewitt
The Grand Lodge of England: the First Hundred Years	
1968	H.K. Atkins
The Five Noble Orders of Architecture	
1969	J.R. Clarke
External Influences on the Evolution of English Masonry	
1970	E. Ward
In the Beginning was the Word	
1971	R. Tydeman
Masters and Master Masons	
1972	T.O. Haunch
'It is not in the power of any man': a Study in Change	
1973	C.F.W. Dyer
In Search of Ritual Uniformity	
1974	N. Barker Cryer
Drama and Craft	
1975	T. Beck
Anthony Sayer, Gentleman: the Truth at Last	
1976	A.C.F. Jackson
Preston's England	
1977	R.A. Wells
The Tyler or Outer Guard	
1978	C. Mackechnie-Jarvis
Grand Stewards 1728-1978	
1979	G.E. Walker
250 Years of Masonry in India	
1980	F.J. Cooper
Robert Freke Gould	
1981	C.N. Batham
Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Institutions	
1982	J. Stubbs
The Government of the Craft	
1983	R.H.S. Rottenbury
The Pre-Eminence of the Great Architect in Freemasonry	

1984	H. Mendoza
Getting and Giving Masonic Knowledge	
1985	S. Bruce
‘not only Ancient but useful and necessary’: Deacons	
1986	W. McLeod
The Old Charges	
1987	C. Gotch
The Role of the Innkeeper in Masonry	
1988	A.I. Pearmain
Music and Masonry	
1989	Sir L. Brett
The Book of Constitutions of UGLE	
1990	F. Smyth
The Master-Mason-at-Arms	
1991	K.T. Flynn
Freemasons at War	
1992	M. Morgan
Masonry: Pure and Applied	
1993	J.M. Hamill
‘And the Greatest of These is Charity’	
1994	M.L. Brodsky
English Freemasonry in Europe, 1717-1919	
1995	J. Webb
Freemasonry and Sport	
1996	J.F. Goodchild
The Freemasons and the Friendly Societies	
1997	R.A. Gilbert
The Image of Freemasonry in Popular Fiction	
1998	B.F. Page
Elias Ashmole: the First Recorded English Freemason	
1999	J.F. Ashby
Freemasonry and Entertainment	
2000	R.A. Crane
‘for therein you will be taught...’	
2001	S. Fernie
The First Degree in Freemasonry	
2002	C. Wallis-Newport
The Anglo-Irish Masonic Connections	
2003	A.N. Newman
The Contribution of the Provinces to the Development of English Freemasonry	
2004	A.T. Stewart
English Freemasonry: Origins, Themes & Developments	
2005	G.W.S. Davie
Women and Freemasonry	
2006	G.S. Angell
The Victoria Cross – Freemasons’ Band of Brothers	
2007	R.B.F. Khambatta
Grand Secretaries of the UGLE (1813-1980)	
2008	R. Sillett
The Language of Ritual	
2009	J. Wade
Go and Do Thou Likewise (Masonic Processions)	
2010	W. Warlow
Music in Masonry and Beyond	
2011	J.W.P. Campbell
Was Sir Christopher Wren a Freemason?	

2012 Scouting and Freemasonry: Two Parallel Organisations?	A.D.G. Harvey
2013 ‘As we were seen – the Press and Freemasonry’	P.R. Calderwood
2014 1814 Consolidation and Change: the first year of the United Grand Lodge of England	M.A. Kearsley
2015 Wherever Dispersed: The Traveling Mason	R. Burt
2016 Foundations: new light on the formation and early years of the Grand Lodge of England	R.A. Berman
2017 The Grand Design	J.W. Daniel
2018 A Good Workman Praises His Tools: Masonic Metaphors in the Ancient World	C.P. Noon
2019 English Freemasonry during the Great War	M. Karn
2020 A ‘System of Morality’: Aristotle and the Making of Ritual	G.R. Boys-Stones
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2022 Freemasonry and the Royal Family	J.W. Hawkins
2023 The 1723 Constitutions. The Indispensable Trowel: Cementing America’s Foundations’	A. Elias
2024 The Second Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Ireland, the London Irish & Antients Freemasonry	R.A. Berman
2025 Our Friends in the North	S.E. Medland
2026 King Solomon’s Temple in Myth and Ritual	D. Johnson