



## UNIVERSAL LODGE NO. 8219

### Lodge Meetings

*To attend a Lodge Meeting (unless you are the candidate) you must be a subscribing Freemason to a lodge recognised by UGLE.*

#### **The Lodge meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in:**

October (Installation), December, February, April and June

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in October: Installation Meeting**

Time & Agenda: 5.30pm – Installation Meeting  
Second Entrance: 6.15pm

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in December: Lodge Meeting**

Time: 5.45pm – Lodge Agenda  
Second Entrance: 6.30pm

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February: Lodge Meeting**

Time: 5.45pm – Lodge Agenda  
Second Entrance: 6.30pm

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in April: Lodge Meeting**

Time: 5.45pm – Lodge Agenda  
Second Entrance: 6.30pm

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in June: Lodge Meeting**

Time: 5.45pm – Lodge Agenda  
Second Entrance: 6.30pm

*If you are running late to any of the meetings, due to work or other commitments and/or traffic congestion, etc., please do not worry. We look forward to greeting you upon your safe arrival.*

*Similarly, should you need to leave the Festive Board at an earlier time, again please do not worry. We thank you for your company and wish you well, until we meet again.*

*Universal Lodge supports the West Kent 2026 Festival and the following charities;  
Bexley Riding Club for the Disabled, Demelza Hospice Care for Children, Teddies for Loving Care (TLC), Masonic Trout & Salmon Fishing Association (MT&SFA), Prince George Duke of Kent Court Care Home, Cancer Research, to name but a few.*

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Founded on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1968

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## Information About the Lodge for Non Masons Interested in Joining

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*Thought you may be interested in this information.*

[www.universallodge.org.uk](http://www.universallodge.org.uk)

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Universal Lodge was founded as the result of a number of Freemasons who were meeting frequently on the West Kent and London Masonic circuits finding it increasingly difficult to get away for the start times of the meetings they attended, that is to say starting at 3.00pm or 3.30pm.

Their thoughts on the difficulties they had encountered and their desire to do something about it led them to decide that they would form a lodge that would:

- ❖ meet at a later hour than was customary;
- ❖ confine itself to one ceremony per meeting; and;
- ❖ cater for the younger professional/businessman.



The petition to form Universal Lodge was successful and the Lodge was consecrated as, UNIVERSAL LODGE 8219, on 17th July 1968, at the Masonic Hall, Cromwell Avenue, Bromley.

The “Founding Principles” for the future membership of Universal Lodge were:

- ❖ That it should not be restricted to one group or profession, but should be open to all professionals and businessmen of all ages;
- ❖ That once there were a sufficient number of members to make the Lodge viable there would be only one ceremony per meeting and only one candidate per ceremony;
- ❖ That charity should be practiced in deed as well as in word.

The Founders were therefore drawn from Lodges in the (then) Province of Kent and London Lodges.



In 2010 the members of Universal Lodge commissioned a set of 17 ‘Firing Glasses’. These glasses have been individually engraved to honour each of our founding members; each firing glass bearing their name and rank.

You shall see these glasses at every Festive Board and we urge you to make good use of them in the way that our founders first used their gavels in the newly formed Universal Lodge in 1968.

*(Have fun – make some noise).*

If you are looking to join Freemasonry, members of Universal Lodge would be happy to speak with you.

After an initial discussion, we would look to meet with you before a formal interview, after which we can, hopefully, schedule you for initiation.

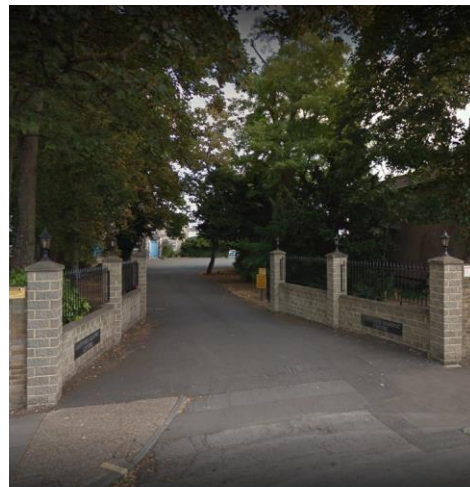
The Lodge meets five times a year so sometimes it can mean waiting a few months before joining; however, this does not prevent you from attending any social functions the Lodge may have.

Hopefully the information opposite should give you an idea of what to expect from a Universal Lodge Meeting.



*If you have any questions about joining the Lodge or about the Lodge please email the Lodge Secretary:*

[secretary@universallodge.org.uk](mailto:secretary@universallodge.org.uk)



*Entrance to Dartford Masonic Centre, West Hill, Dartford*

## JOINING UNIVERSAL LODGE

### Typical Monday for a Universal Lodge Meeting

|       |                                                                 |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17:00 | Members & Guests meet in the bar at the Dartford Masonic Centre |
| 17:30 | Brethren gather in the Lodge Room                               |
| 17:45 | Lodge Meeting Starts                                            |
| 18:30 | Second Entrance                                                 |
| 19:30 | Meeting Ends                                                    |
| 20:00 | Dining                                                          |
| 21:30 | Festive Board Ends/Carriages                                    |

### KEY FACTS:

#### DRESS CODE:

Traditionally Brethren attend in Morning Dress or Dark Coloured Lounge Suit with a White collar, Black/Provincial or UGLE Tie and White Gloves.

#### MEETING VENUE:

Dartford Masonic Centre  
71 West Hill, Dartford. DA1 2HJ

#### DINING VENUE:

The Rabnott Suite

#### VISITOR'S DINING FEE:

£31.00 (inclusive of wine)

#### LODGE RITUAL:

Universal Ritual

#### JOINING/INITIATION FEE:

£50/£80 (October 2021)

#### ANNUAL SUBS:

£150