

The Buckinghamshire Association for Masonic Research invites entries for a Competition to select the 2009/10 Burnham Lecturer.

HISTORY

In October 2002 the then Provincial Grand Master the Rt Hon the Lord Burnham announced the introduction of a Lecture within the Province to be entitled the Burnham Lecture. It is promoted by the Bucks Association of Masonic Research (BAMR) and the Buckinghamshire Lodge of Masonic Research (BLMR)*. This innovation within the Province reflects the unique historical link of members of the Burnham family to Buckinghamshire Freemasonry, three of whom served as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, and their continuing encouragement and sponsoring of Masonic Research in the Province.

DESCRIPTION

The lecture is intended to encourage the presentation of papers and new research by Freemasons who may not have previously published any research or articles on Freemasonry in general and in the Province of Buckinghamshire in particular. These may include any aspect of the history, symbolism and philosophy of Freemasonry that promote the aim of the BAMR which is to: **"Inform and educate"**; applications are welcome, from any Mason in the Province. Assistance is available for anyone who would like to apply but has no experience in this type of presentation.

It is expected that the designated Burnham Lecturer is announced by the Provincial Grand Master at the Annual Provincial meeting and his name recorded in the Provincial Directory. He is expected to give three official lectures within his currently two year tenure. The initial lecture in each series is delivered to the Bucks Masters Lodge No 3305. It is hoped that other official lectures will be evenly distributed between the three areas of the Province.

Lodges are encouraged to host an Official Lecture and applications for this must be made to in writing to the Provincial Grand Secretary. Unofficial Lectures may be given subsequently the designated period and application for these may be made direct to the BAMR Secretary.

It was Rt Hon the Lord Burnham's wish that a charity should benefit from the Lecturer's visit, a proportion of any raffle or other fund raising being divided between the BAMR Library Fund and a charity (or charities) nominated by the host Lodge.

APPLICATIONS and INFORMATION

The deadline for submission of applications is 30 April 2008, those wishing to apply should contact in the first instance the Secretary of the Association.

As the lecture will be published in the BAMR 'Transactions' the format should be one that can be adapted for printing. For the 'Transactions' any colour photos will need to be able to be converted into black and white. Further guidance on submissions for BAMR Transactions is available from the BAMR Secretary.

For more information on the BAMR or a copy of this announcement: www.bamr.co.uk

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* The BLMR closed in 2009.