

## Freemasons

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Claim to date back to Knights Templar, later masons building cathedrals etc formed societies. Modern freemasonry has its origins in 1717 when 4 London lodges combined to form the Grand Lodge.

### **Kings Head, Portsea**

|  |             |     |
|--|-------------|-----|
|  | 1739        | 181 |
|  | 1758 Erased | 181 |

### **Absit Invidia, 6751**

|  |                             |   |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
|  | 1951-1958 Met at Derby Road | 1 |
|--|-----------------------------|---|

### **Ancients Lodge(Spring Clock), 79, 101**

|  |  |     |
|--|--|-----|
|  | 1779 Moved to The Theatre Tavern from Gosport      | 181 |
|  | 1791 Moved to Quebec Hotel, Bath Square            | 181 |
|  | 1795 Moved to The Dolphin Hotel, High Street       | 181 |
|  | 1797 Moved to The Crown                            | 181 |
|  | 1800 Moved to The Kings Arms, Grand Parade         | 181 |
|  | 1806-1819 Met at The Sir John Falstaff, Nobbs Lane | 181 |
|  | 1819-1821 Met at The Anchor & Hope, Portsea        | 181 |
|  | 1821-1825 Met at The Three Tuns                    | 181 |
|  | 1825 Met at The Isle of Man (Broad Street)         | 181 |
|  | 1832 Erased at The Wheatsheaf, Ordnance Row        | 181 |

### **Arthurian, 5658**

|  |                             |   |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
|  | 1946-1958 Met at Derby Road | 1 |
|--|-----------------------------|---|

### **Bosmere Lodge, 1958**

|  |   |       |
|--|---|-------|
|  | 1891 Moved to St Georges Masonic Hall from Havant | 181   |
|  | 1894 Name changed to St Georges Lodge             | 181   |
|  | 1897 Moved to Highbury Masonic Hall               | 181   |
|  | 1897-1940 Met at Highbury Hall                    | 1,181 |
|  | 1940-1945 Met at Derby Road                       | 219   |
|  | 1946-1956 Met at 79 Commercial Road               | 1     |
|  | 1957 Met at Highbury Hall                         | 181   |

### **79 Commercial Road**

|  |  |     |
|--|--|-----|
|  | 1879/80 Built, architect E.J.Smith, cost £7,000  | 1   |
|  | 1887 Freemason's Club and Hall   | 166 |
|  | 1888 Masonic Club  | 165 |
|  | 1891-1958 Freemason's Hall and Club, 79 Commercial Road  | 1   |
|  | 1928 Rebuilt   | 1   |
|  | 1928 [24380] Commercial Road alterations & additions by Hampton & Sons Ltd for City of Portsmouth Masonic Club Ltd | 95  |
|  | 1928 Temple reconstructed  | 220 |
|  | 1951 [4524] Alterations to servery for City of Portsmouth Masonic Hall Ltd   | 95  |
|  | 2006 See The Front Room under pubs   |     |

### **Comrades Lodge, 4745**

|  |   |       |
|--|---|-------|
|  | 10 Jul 1925 Consecrated at Lake Road Masonic Hall | 181   |
|  | 1925-1928 Met at Landport Masonic Hall            | 1,181 |
|  | 1929-1958 Met at Highbury Street, Masonic Hall    | 181   |

### **Derby Road**

|  |   |     |
|--|---|-----|
|  | 1938 Plot of land purchased for £550    | 181 |
|  | Designed by Gordon and Douglas Cogswell | 181 |
|  | Built by John Hunt of Gosport, £3,845   | 181 |
|  | 12 Dec 1938 Dedicated                   | 181 |

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|      |  |     |
|------|--|-----|
| 1970 | Closed and purchased by corporation for service road<br>Used as Auction Rooms<br>Used as Training Centre | 181 |
| 2005 | Used by WEA as North End Adult Learning Centre   |     |
| 2010 | Reopened as  |     |

### Domus Dei Lodge, 5151

|             |   |         |
|-------------|---|---------|
| 12 Feb 1930 | Consecrated at Highbury Street Masonic Hall | 181,219 |
| 1934-1948   | Highbury Street                             | 1       |
| 1956-2011   | Met at 110 High Street                      | 219     |

### Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1834

|            |  |     |
|------------|--|-----|
| 9 Jun 1879 | Consecrated at Masonic Hall, St Georges Square | 181 |
| 1880       | Moved to Portsmouth Masonic Hall               | 181 |
| 1887       | Landport Hall                                  | 166 |
| 1928-1958  | 79 Commercial Road                             | 1   |

### Excelsior Lodge, 4505

|            |   |            |
|------------|---|------------|
| 8 Mar 1923 | Consecrated at Commercial Road Masonic Hall                             | 181        |
| 1923-1928  | Met at Commercial Road  | 1,181      |
| 1928-1939  | Met at Highbury Street Masonic Hall<br>Moved to Derby Road Masonic Hall | 181<br>181 |
| 1940-1958  | Met at Derby Road   | 1          |

### Georgian, 6752

|           |                   |   |
|-----------|-------------------|---|
| 1951-1958 | Met at Derby Road | 1 |
|-----------|-------------------|---|

### 8 Hampshire Terrace

|           |   |     |
|-----------|---|-----|
|           | Bought for use as Province Headquarters | 181 |
| 1946-1960 |   | 1   |
| 1971      | Moved to Chandlers Ford                 | 181 |

### Hampshire Lodge of Emmulation, 1990

|      |               |     |
|------|---------------|-----|
| 1887 | Landport Hall | 166 |
|------|---------------|-----|

### Highbury Masonic Hall & Temple

|      |   |     |
|------|---|-----|
| 1860 | Bought, see Portsmouth & Portsea Literary and Philosophical Society | 181 |
| 1925 | [22556] alterations & additions for Portsmouth Lodge 487            | 95  |
| 1926 | Altered and extended, cost £3,400                                   | 181 |
| 1956 | Closed  | 181 |

### 109 High Street

|           |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|
|           | Military Headquarters to be bought by council for £4175                                    | 95 |
| 1928-1937 | Provincial Grand Lodge Masonic Offices   | 1  |
| 1938-1940 | Provincial Grand Lodge Hants & Isle of Wight Masonic Offices<br>Moved to Hampshire Terrace | 1  |

### John Pounds, 809

|           |                   |   |
|-----------|-------------------|---|
| 1946-1958 | Met at Derby Road | 1 |
|-----------|-------------------|---|

### King Edward VII Lodge, 3816

|            |                                   |       |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Apr 1918 | Consecrated at St Marks Institute | 181   |
| 1918-1938  | Met at St Marks Institute         | 1,181 |
| 1940-1958  | Met at Derby Road Masonic Hall    | 1     |

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### Lake Road Masonic Hall & Temple

|        |      |  |     |
|--------|------|--|-----|
|        | 1903 | [14978] planning application for Masonic Hall by K Wyatt and W Stewart             | 95  |
|        | 1903 | Site acquired in Lake Road by United Services Lodge                                | 181 |
|        | 1904 | Building commenced   | 181 |
| 13 Jan | 1905 | Opened   | 181 |
|        | 1925 | [22731] extensions for United Services Masonic Club                                | 95  |
|        | 1937 | [22731] additions to hall for building committee of<br>United Service Masonic Club | 95  |
|        | 1938 | [30310] Alterations to hall for United Services Masonic Club                       | 95  |
| 10 Jan | 1941 | Bombed   | 181 |
|        |      | New building, architect Roy Lewis Reynish  | 181 |
| 29 Jun | 1955 | Dedicated  | 181 |
|        | 2006 | Sold   |     |

### Landport Lodge, 1776

|        |           |                                      |         |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 15 Aug | 1878      | Consecrated at Highbury Street       | 181     |
|        | 1878-1879 | Met at 7 Herbert Street              | 165,181 |
|        | 1879      | Met at St Georges Masonic Hall       | 181     |
|        | 1880      | Moved to new hall in Commercial Road | 181     |

### Lodge 291

|  |      |                                       |     |
|--|------|---------------------------------------|-----|
|  | 1762 | Formed at The Vine, Lombard Street    | 181 |
|  | 1767 | Moved to The Kings Arms, Grand Parade | 181 |
|  | 1773 | Erased                                | 181 |
|  | 1786 | Reborn as Phoenix Lodge               | 181 |

### Lodge of Antiquity, 31

|  |           |   |     |
|--|-----------|---|-----|
|  | 1736      | Birthplace of Freemasonry in Portsmouth, Blue Posts, Broad Street | 181 |
|  | 1738      | Moved to The Vine Tavern, Lombard Street                          | 181 |
|  | 1752      | Moved to The Three Tuns, High Street                              | 181 |
|  | 1790      | Moved to The Kings Arms, Grand Parade                             | 181 |
|  | 1794      | Moved to The Three Tuns, High Street                              | 181 |
|  | 1799      | Moved to The George Inn   | 181 |
|  | 1804-1838 | Met at The Mitre, Kent Street                                     | 181 |
|  | 1838      | Erased  | 181 |

### Lodge of Hope, 2153

|  |           |                          |     |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
|  | 1928-1958 | Highbury Road            | 1   |
|  | 1955      | Met at Lake Road         | 181 |
|  |           | Moved to Commercial Road | 181 |
|  |           | Moved to Horndean        | 181 |

### Mark & Royal Ark, 17

|  |           |           |      |
|--|-----------|-----------|------|
|  | 1934-1940 | Lake Road | 1934 |
|--|-----------|-----------|------|

### Naval and Military Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, No 35

|  |           |                           |     |
|--|-----------|---------------------------|-----|
|  | 1887      | Landport Hall             | 166 |
|  | 1946-1958 | Met at 79 Commercial Road | 1   |

### Neptune Lodge, 5150

|        |           |                                       |     |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 17 Feb | 1930      | Consecrated at Lake Road Masonic Hall | 181 |
|        | 1930-1939 | Met at Lake Road                      | 181 |
|        | 1940-1958 | Met at Derby Road                     | 181 |

### Phoenix Lodge, 257

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|  |   |         |
|--|---|---------|
| 7 Feb 1786   | Founded in George Hotel, High Street  | 181     |
| 1794   | Moved out   | 181     |
|  | Met at Fountain Inn, High Street  | 181     |
| 1814-1820  | Met at The George Inn, High Street  | 181     |
| 1820-1824  | Met at The Kings Arms, Grand Parade   | 181     |
| 1824   | Met at 36 High Street   | 181     |
| 28 Apr 1841  | Temple at 109-110 High Street   | 181     |
| 1859   | 110 High Street   | 59      |
| 1879-1880  | 110 High Street   | 165,181 |
| 1887   | 110 High Street   | 166     |
| 1899   | Bought the High Street premises   | 181     |
| 1899   | [12919] additions for Phoenix Lodge trustees  | 95      |
| 1918-1940  | 110 High Street   | 1       |
| 1928   | Extended  | 181     |
| 1930   | [25525] additions for Phoenix Lodge   | 95      |
| Jan 1941   | Bombed  | 181     |
| 1946-1958  | Met at 110 High Street  | 1       |
| 2011   | Met at 110 High Street  |         |
| <br><b>Phoenix Mark Master Masons Lodge</b>        |   |         |
| 1887   | Landport Hall   | 166     |
| <br><b>Portsmouth &amp; District Masters, 5990</b> |   |         |
| 1946-1958  | Met at Derby Road   | 1       |
| <br><b>Portsmouth Lodge, 717, 487</b>              |   |         |
| 27 Feb 1843  | Founded   | 181     |
| 1843-1844  | Met at Quebec Hotel   | 181     |
| 1844-1852  | Met at 36 High Street   | 181     |
| Jun 1852   | Met at 126 High Street  | 181     |
| 1859   | 126 High Street   | 59      |
| 1879   | Highbury Street   | 165     |
| 1887   | Highbury Street   | 166     |
| 1928-1958  | Met at Highbury Street  | 1       |
| <br><b>Portsmouth Masonic Hall &amp; Temple</b>    |   |         |
| 10 Jun 1879  | 79 Commercial Road and rear in Spring Gardens was former Catholic school acquired   | 181     |
|  | Plans by Emanuel J Smith, builder Donald Lewis  | 181     |
| 9 Aug 1879   | Foundation stone laid by Mayor W.D.King   | 181     |
|  | Built of Fareham brick with Bath stone dressings to designs of E.J.Smith, at cost of £8,000   | 1       |
| 16 Mar 1880  | Opened, Portsmouth Masonic Hall   | 181     |
| 1928   | Rebuilding of Catholic School at rear commenced, builders Hamptons of Pall Mall East, London, £11,000   | 181     |
| 10 May 1929  | Reconstructed and refurbished Hall opened   | 181     |
| <br><b>Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, 2068</b>       |   |         |
| 1885   | Formed  | 181,242 |
| 16 Feb 1885  | Consecrated at Soldiers Insitute  | 181,242 |
|  | Founders Capt Thomas Ward, A Emanuel, James Palmer, George Reading, George Bevis, James Pither, W Robinson, Phineas Emanuel, George Sylvester, Corne Adams, William Miller, Quinton Cecconi, Thomas Tuffnell, Edward Haldane, John Woodhouse, Robert Griffiths, William Robinson, Matthew Sprent, Edward Nayler | 242     |

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|---|--|-----------------|
| Jul 1886  | Royal Arch Chapter formed                            | 242             |
| 1885-1890   | Met at Soldiers Institute                            | 166,181,<br>242 |
| Oct 1890- Nov1902   | Met at The Speedwell Hotel, Commercial Road          | 181,242         |
| Dec 1902-1922   | Met at Highbury Street Masonic Hall                  | 181,242         |
| 1922  | Moved to Lake Road Masonic Hall                      | 181             |
| Apr 1923  | Moved to Lake Road                                   | 242             |
| 1928-1940   | Lake Road  | 1               |
| 1946-1958   | Met at Derby Road                                    | 1               |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Portus Magnus, 6530</b>  |  |                 |
| 1948-1958   | Met at 79 Commercial Road                            | 1               |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Royal Marine Portsmouth, 6423</b>  |  |                 |
| 1953-1958   | Met at Highbury Street                               | 1               |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Royal Regiment of Artillery</b>  |  |                 |
| 1773-1782   | Met at The Red Lion, High Street                     | 181             |
|   | Erased   | 181             |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Prince Edward (of Saxe-Weimar) Lodge, 1903</b>                               |  |                 |
| 25 May 1881   | Consecrated at Soldiers Insitute                     | 181             |
| 1887  | Met at Highbury Street                               | 166             |
| 1928-1958   | Met at Highbury Street                               | 1               |
| 1955-1997   | Met at Lake Road                                     | 181             |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Royal Naval Preceptory No 2 of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta</b> |  |                 |
| 1887  | 110 High Street                                      | 166             |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Royal Naval 9 Rose Croix Chapter</b>   |  |                 |
| 1946-1958   | Met at 110 High Street                               | 1               |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Royal Naval 2 Preceptory &amp; Priory</b>                                    |  |                 |
| 1946-1958   | Met at 110 High Street                               | 1               |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Royal Sussex Lodge, 342</b>  |  |                 |
| 25 Aug 1814   | First meeting at The Old Bugle Tavern, Old Rope Walk | 181             |
| 1823  | Meeting at The Duke of Clarence, 110 Queen Street    | 181             |
| 1831  | Met at The King's Arms, Queen Street                 | 181             |
| 1834-1839   | Met at The Mitre, Kent Street                        | 181             |
| 1839-1841   | Met at St Pauls Rooms, St Georges Square 181         |                 |
| 1841  | Met at Absaloms Rooms, Kent Street                   | 181             |
| Oct 1844-1852   | Met at Athenauem, Bishop Street                      | 181             |
| 1879  | Met at St Georges Square                             | 165             |
| 21 Jul 1880   | Moved to Portsmouth Masonic Hall                     | 181             |
| 1887  | Landport Hall  | 166             |
| 1928-1958   | 79 Commercial Road                                   | 1               |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>Royal Sussex Lodge, 428</b>  |  |                 |
| 1859  | 31 St Georges Square                                 | 59              |
| <br>  |  |                 |
| <b>St Clair Lodge, 2074</b>   |  |                 |
| 1885  | Formed   | 181,220         |
| 28 Apr 1885   | Consecrated at Landport Masonic Hall                 | 181,220         |
| 1885-1997   | Met at Landport Masonic Hall                         | 1,166,181       |

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### St Georges Lodge

See Bosmere Lodge

### St Georges Masonic Hall

|             |   |     |
|-------------|---|-----|
| 1852        | New building at 28 St Georges Square, planned by Bro Pines, built by Bro John Dyer Hodges | 181 |
| 4 Oct 1852  | Foundation stone laid by master and officers  | 181 |
| 20 Apr 1853 | Opened, St Georges Masonic Hall   | 181 |
|             | In use as tailors, outfitters, lodging house  | 181 |
| 1908        | Became Headquarters for Church Lads Brigade   | 181 |
|             | Became bakery   | 181 |
| 1928        | Acquired by Campions, to extent Kent Street   | 181 |
|             | Demolished  | 181 |
|             | Now 10 St Georges Way   | 181 |

### St Thomas Lodge, 6574

|             |                                |     |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 27 Feb 1948 | Consecrated at Highbury Street | 181 |
|             | Moved to Lake Road             | 181 |

### St Vincent Lodge, 5295

|           |                               |       |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1934-1940 | Met at Lake Road              | 1     |
| 1941-1956 | Met at Commercial Road        | 1,181 |
| 1955      | Returned to rebuilt Lake Road | 181   |
| 1958      | Met at Lake Road              | 1     |

### Southsea Lodge, 4071

|             |   |     |
|-------------|---|-----|
| 21 May 1920 | Consecrated at Highbury Street Masonic Hall | 181 |
| 1928-1956   | Highbury Street                             | 1   |
| 1958        | Met at 110 High Street                      | 1   |

### Stradbroke, 874

|           |                           |   |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|
| 1946-1958 | Met at 79 Commercial Road | 1 |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|

### Thomas a'Becket, 775

|           |                           |   |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|
| 1946-1958 | Met at 79 Commercial Road | 1 |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|

### Thomas a'Becket RAM, 755

|           |                           |   |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|
| 1953-1958 | Met at 79 Commercial Road | 1 |
|-----------|---------------------------|---|

### Twelve Brothers Lodge

|            |   |     |
|------------|---|-----|
| 4 Mar 1808 | Founded at The Blue Anchor, St Georges Square | 181 |
| 1820-1828  | Met at Dolphin Hotel, High Street             | 181 |
| 1828       | Erased  | 181 |

### Union Lodge, 619, 626, 414

|            |   |     |
|------------|---|-----|
| 8 Mar 1810 | Began at The Blue Anchor, St Georges Square | 181 |
| 1819-1822  | Met at The Anchor & Hope, Portsea           | 181 |
| 1822-1836  | Met at The Mitre, Kent Street               | 181 |

### United Brothers Lodge, 1069

|           |                                     |         |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 1865-1875 | Met at Pier Hotel, Southsea Terrace | 181     |
| 1875-1883 | Met at Castle Hotel                 | 165,181 |
| 1883      | Met at Beach Mansions Hotel         | 181     |
| 1883-1885 | Met at Grosvenor Hotel              | 181     |
| 1885-1956 | Met at Highbury Street              | 1,181   |
| 1958      | Met at 110 High Street              | 1       |

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### United Service Lodge, 1428

|            |  |       |
|------------|--|-------|
| 5 Apr 1873 | Consecrated and Met at Highbury Street Masonic Hall              | 181   |
| 1875-1877  | Met at Soldiers Institute  | 181   |
| 1877       | Returned to Highbury Street                                      | 181   |
| 1879       | Highbury Street  | 165   |
| 1887       | Landport Hall  | 166   |
| 1903       | Meeting at Commercial Road                                       | 181   |
| 1903       | Acquired site in Lake Road for new Masonic Temple, see Lake Road | 181   |
| 1928-1940  | Lake Road  | 1     |
| 1941-1956  | Met at Commercial Road   | 1,181 |
| 1955       | Returned to rebuilt Lake Road                                    | 181   |
| 1958       | Met at Lake Road   | 1     |

### Victory Lodge, 3509

|            |                                       |       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 5 May 1911 | Consecrated at Lake Road Masonic Hall | 181   |
| 1911-1941  | Met at Lake Road, Masonic Hall        | 1,181 |
| 1941-1958  | Met at Derby Road                     | 1,181 |
| 1955       | Returned to rebuilt Lake Road         | 181   |