

## Freemasons

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
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### **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
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### **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	Temple reconstructed	220
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
1970	Closed and purchased by corporation for service road	181
	Used as Auction Rooms	
	Used as Training Centre	
2005	Used by WEA as North End Adult Learning Centre	

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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	181
	Moved to Derby Road Masonic Hall	181
1940-1958	Met at Derby Road	1

### **Georgian, 6752**

1951-1958	Met at Derby Road	1
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### **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
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### **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**

1928-1937	Provincial Grand Lodge Masonic Offices	1
1938-1940	Provincial Grand Lodge Hants & Isle of Wight Masonic Offices	1
	Moved to Hampshire Terrace	

### **John Pounds, 809**

1946-1958	Met at Derby Road	1
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### **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

### **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
10 Jan 1941	Bombed	181
	New building, architect Roy Lewis Reynish	181

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29 Jun 1955	Dedicated	181
2006	Sold	
<b>Landport Lodge, 1776</b>		
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
<b>Lodge 291</b>		
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
<b>Lodge of Antiquity, 31</b>		
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
<b>Lodge of Hope, 2153</b>		
1928-1958	Highbury Road	1
1955	Met at Lake Road	181
	Moved to Commercial Road	181
	Moved to Horndean	181
<b>Mark &amp; Royal Ark, 17</b>		
1934-1940	Lake Road	1934
<b>Naval and Military Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, No 35</b>		
1887	Landport Hall	166
1946-1958	Met at 79 Commercial Road	1
<b>Neptune Lodge, 5150</b>		
17 Feb 1930	Consecrated at Lake Road Masonic Hall	181
1930-1939	Met at Lake Road	181
1940-1958	Met at Derby Road	181
<b>Phoenix Lodge, 257</b>		
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

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1918-1940	110 High Street	1
1928	Extended	181
Jan 1941	Bombed	181
1946-1958	Met at 110 High Street	1
2011	Met at 110 High Street	

### Phoenix Mark Master Masons Lodge

1887	Landport Hall	166
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### Portsmouth & District Masters, 5990

1946-1958	Met at Derby Road	1
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### Portsmouth Lodge, 717, 487

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

### Portsmouth Masonic Hall & Temple

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

### Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, 2068

1885	Formed	181
16 Feb 1885	Consecrated at Soldiers Insitute	181
1885-1890	Met at Soldiers Institute	166,181
1890-1902	Met at The Speedwell Hotel, Commercial Road	181
1902-1922	Met at Highbury Street Masonic Hall	181
1922	Moved to Lake Road Masonic Hall	181
1928-1940	Lake Road	1
1946-1958	Met at Derby Road	1

### Portus Magnus, 6530

1948-1958	Met at 79 Commercial Road	1
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### Royal Marine Portsmouth, 6423

1953-1958	Met at Highbury Street	1
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### Royal Regiment of Artillery

1773-1782	Met at The Red Lion, High Street	181
	Erased	181

### Prince Edward (of Saxe-Weimar) Lodge, 1903

25 May 1881	Consecrated at Soldiers Insitute	181
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1887	Met at Highbury Street	166
1928-1958	Met at Highbury Street	1
1955-1997	Met at Lake Road	181
<b>Royal Naval Preceptory No 2 of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta</b>		
1887	110 High Street	166
<b>Royal Naval 9 Rose Croix Chapter</b>		
1946-1958	Met at 110 High Street	1
<b>Royal Naval 2 Preceptory &amp; Priory</b>		
1946-1958	Met at 110 High Street	1
<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
<b>Royal Sussex Lodge, 428</b>		
1859	31 St Georges Square	59
<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
<b>St Georges Lodge</b>		See Bosmere Lodge
<b>St Georges Masonic Hall</b>		
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 Champions, to extent Kent Street	181
	Demolished	181
	Now 10 St Georges Way	181
<b>St Thomas Lodge, 6574</b>		
27 Feb 1948	Consecrated at Highbury Street	181
	Moved to Lake Road	181
<b>St Vincent Lodge, 5295</b>		
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

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### 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
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### Thomas a'Becket, 775

1946-1958	Met at 79 Commercial Road	1
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### Thomas a'Becket RAM, 755

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

### 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