

WOOLWICH POLYTECHNIC LODGE

TO ATTEND A LODGE MEETING (UNLESS YOU ARE THE CANDIDATE) YOU MUST
BE A SUBSCRIBING FREEMASON TO A LODGE RECOGNISED BY UGLE

Lodge Meeting Dates

3rd Friday in February
(Installation of new Master)

3rd Thursday in April

2nd Thursday June

3rd Thursday October

3rd Thursday December

Key Facts

Dress Code:

Traditionally Brethren attend
wearing dark suits with
Black Tie and White Gloves.

Lodge Ritual:

Craft Guide

Meeting Venue:

The Westwood
168 Bellegrove Road
Welling, Kent, DA16 3RD

Dining Fee:

Approx. £27.00 (incl Wine)

Joining / Initiation Fee:

£100.00

WEEKLY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Members of the Woolwich Polytechnic Lodge meet socially, at The Westwood,
every week, between formal Lodge Meetings, for Lodge of Instruction (LOI).

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No. 3578



FOUNDED FEBRUARY 1912

INFORMATION ABOUT
THE LODGE FOR NON MASONS
INTERESTED IN JOINING AND MASONS
INTERESTED IN REJOINING

www.woolwichpolytechniclodge.org

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Woolwich Polytechnic Lodge was founded February 1912. It was the objective of the Founders of the Lodge to promote Masonic teachings and principles among past, present and future students and staff of the Woolwich Polytechnic Institution and Woolwich Polytechnic Athletic Club, and to give them continued interest in Polytechnic life and work.

Whilst the initial impetus came from staff, students and members of the Woolwich Polytechnic, the strength of the Lodge has come about by current members recognising the need to include people from all professions and occupations. The Woolwich Polytechnic Lodge undoubtedly has a long and very interesting history in Freemasonry which it vigorously maintains. However, our Members fully understand, that to continue to grow and prosper, there is a need to attract new members across a range of ages, who will continue to take the Lodge forward into the future.

We, together with other lodges in the West Kent Province, continue to look at opportunities to modernise our meetings, both in terms of Lodge meeting times, recognising that working people cannot always make meetings requiring half day absences from their workplace, and also how the masonic ritual may be improved without taking away the basic principles and tenets on which Freemasonry is based.

Members of The Woolwich Polytechnic Lodge pride themselves on the ability to work with new members by encouraging them, answering questions and generally mentoring them throughout the early days of their masonic career through to them becoming active and senior members of the Lodge.

CHARITY WITHIN WOOLWICH POLYTECHNIC

As is the custom with most Masonic Lodges, we have a very active charitable foundation and support both national and local appeals, in particular the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice and TLC, which provides teddy bears for children in hospital

One of our highlights each year is the Annual Raft Race, which takes place in September, on the River Thames at Greenhithe. Contestants come from all over and do not have to be members of lodges, although all money raised is for charity. The Woolwich Polytechnic are proud to say we have won the race on numerous occasions and compete every year. All new members who feel active and courageous enough are invited to join in.



JOINING WOOLWICH POLYTECHNIC LODGE



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

After an initial discussion, we would look to meet with you a few times 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.

Hopefully the information overleaf should give you an idea of what to expect from a regular Woolwich polytechnic Lodge meeting. For more information, please email our Lodge Membership Officer woolwichpolymo@hotmail.co.uk



TYPICAL POLY MEETING

- 16.00 Members & Guests meet in the bar
- 16.45 Brethren Gather in Temple
- 17.00 Lodge Meeting Starts
- 19.30 Dining (Festive Board)
- 21:30 Festive Board Ends
- 21.45 Socialise in the bar.
- 22.30 Leave for home.