



# The Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Masters No. 211

Twickenham District Masonic Centre  
Cole Court, 150 London Road, Twickenham

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

**Presents The Canon Portal Memorial Lecture**

**By VW Bro Dr. John W. Hawkins, PGJO**  
**entitled**

## **“THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE MASONIC CHARITIES”**

For over 150 of the 212 years since the United Grand Lodge of England was formed, members of the Royal Family have served as Grand Master and played significant roles across English Freemasonry. A series of recent lectures by John Hawkins has highlighted their involvement: the 2022 Prestonian Lecture examined their engagement with Craft Freemasonry; the 2023 Mark Grand Stewards' Lecture explored their roles in additional Masonic degrees and in Grand Lodges outside England; and the 2024 Portal Lecture outlines their longstanding support for major Masonic charities. Royal-led Charity Festivals alone have raised over £100 million, in today's value.



John Hawkins is an independent researcher and author with interests in art, family, local, masonic, military and social history, having published in most of these areas and others. He was the author of the 2022 Prestonian Lecture, the 2023 Mark Grand Stewards Lecture and the 2024 Canon Portal Memorial Lecture

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To book your place for what promises to be a special evening, please contact  
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Dining will be £26 and a menu will be circulated prior to the meeting