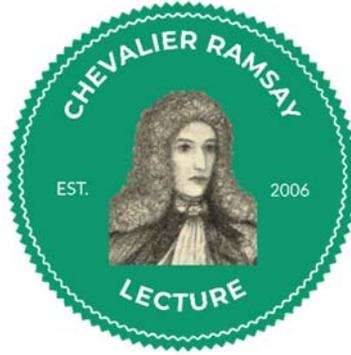


## The Chevalier Ramsay Lecture Award



Instituted from the very formation of the Order and first awarded in 2006 at the primus Annual Assembly of Grand Court; the Chevalier Ramsay Lecture has over the years become somewhat of a 'slot-in' to Grand Court. This coupled with the poor acoustics at our traditional home has resulted in the Chevalier Ramsay Lecture losing some of its lustre and standing in Freemasonry.

During my address at the Annual Assembly of Grand Court in 2019, I stated that change was needed to enhance this wonderful and unique aspect of our Order and a reformatted procedure was to commence with the award of the 2020 lecture.

### **Procedure and Requirements**

The Grand Lecturer on his appointment to that active Grand Office will be awarded the Chevalier Ramsay Lecture for the year of his appointment. If he is re-appointed or already holds a previous award, he cannot be re-awarded.

The Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer is appointed for 1 year running from the date of his award.

Each Province should be encouraged to submit to the Grand Lecturer a suitable lecture annually and by 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Grand Lecturer will recommend to the Grand Master a winning lecture after consultation with a small Committee composed of the Assistant Grand Master, the Eminent Grand Prior and the Grand Secretary.

The recommended award shall be notified by the Grand Lecturer no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July of each year.

A database and shortlist of all lecturers submitted will be kept and administered by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by an appointed Deputy Grand Secretary.

The Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer of the year will be announced at Grand Court and the Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer will be invested with his distinctive collarette and jewel immediately after the Grand Rank awards.

He may wear this collarette and jewel at all meetings of the Order and at any meal following a meeting, and each successful Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer will also receive an award of £350 to assist his expenses.

## **The Chevalier Ramsay Lecture Award**

Each domestic Province will be required to invite the Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer to deliver his winning lecture at a Court meeting within each Province during his year via the Grand Lecturer. This they must submit in writing to the Grand Secretary, by 1<sup>st</sup> November, nominating a Court a meeting date.

The above notwithstanding, the Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer is only required to deliver his lecture on at least three official occasions selected in consultation with the Grand Lecturer. He may also deliver it on as many unofficial occasions as he wishes. Official presentations must be given within different Provinces, preferably with wide geographic separation. The Most Worshipful Grand Master may permit the simultaneous webcasting of such lectures for the benefit of brethren unable to attend in person, on a case by case basis.

England and Wales based Chevalier Ramsay Lecturers may opt to deliver up to two of their official presentations within Overseas Provinces, at their own additional expense, but at least one official presentation must always be in the England and Wales. Should the winning Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer be from an Overseas Province, the requirement for three official presentations still applies.

The Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer will be expected to deliver his lecture officially and personally within his own Province and may then choose to deliver his lecture officially twice further via secure electronic means such as Zoom, Teams or Skype if personal travel to other Provinces is impractical. Alternatively, overseas based Chevalier Ramsay Lecturers may opt to deliver the remaining two official presentations personally within England and Wales or other Overseas Provinces, at their own additional expense, with the proviso that at least one official presentation MUST always be accessible to England and Wales based brethren, either by personal delivery or by transmission by suitable electronic means.

The appointed Deputy Grand Secretary will coordinate with the Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer and each successful Province and he will arrange timely suitable publicity regarding the dates and locations within the Order and broadcast arrangements if appropriate

### **The Lecture**

Lectures must be the original work of the author for the purpose of submission as a Chevalier Ramsay Lecture. Lectures where copyright has been assigned elsewhere, or are already in the public domain via publication, impending publication or prior delivery elsewhere are unlikely to be accepted as Chevalier Ramsay presentations. Authors will be required to confirm the status of their submissions in that regard.

The subject matter must be of relevance to freemasonry in general or to Anglo-Saxon history and may also (if desired) be suitable for a non-masonic audience. It can be wide ranging and must refrain from the usual taboos within Freemasonry.

It should be between 30-45 minutes in length and may include pictorial content etc. and the use of electronic presentation equipment is permitted.

The Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer must be prepared to take questions following delivery of his lecture.

All sources must be referenced, and any copyrighted materials must have permission to be used.

## **The Chevalier Ramsay Lecture Award**

The Chevalier Ramsay Lecturer must consent to the royalty-free publication or other use of his lecture, in whole or part, by the Order in perpetuity and confirm that there is no other impediment to such use.

Suitable attribution will always be made in such circumstances.

**MW Bro. Paul W. Johnston**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**