

You are cordially welcome to attend the meetings of the

Southchurch Masonic Study Circle

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### *CMSC Future Diary Dates*

You are cordially invited to our meetings and please bring a guest.

**Monday, 19th December 2011**

Study Circle regular meeting with a cheese and wine buffet with a guest speaker.

**Wednesday 28th March 2012**

Study Circle regular meeting with a guest speaker and discussion.

**A Screen is available for presentations**

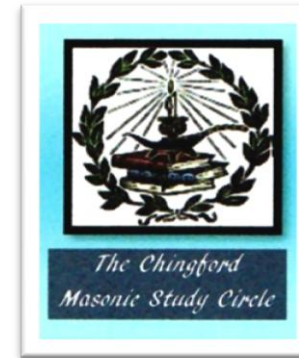
#### **Thomas Harper** .....Continued

He served as Master in 1793 and acted as Grand Steward in 1796. He joined the Lodge of Antiquity in 1792, now Lodge No.2, and from 1797 until 1801 was Treasurer. He had a long association with Nine Muses Lodge, now 235, first joining in 1800 and served as Secretary in 1801, when his very good friend Chevalier Bartholomew Ruspini was Master (Founder of the RMIG). However, Thomas Harper had been expelled from the Premier Grand Lodge in 1803 because he was a senior member of the Antients Grand Lodge, although it took the premier Grand Lodge more than a decade to recognise this despite the fact that Harper had been a Grand Steward (as a member of Globe Lodge) in 1796 when he was Deputy Grand Secretary. There can be no doubt he was a skilful mediator and when W.Bro. William Dickey, Deputy Grand Master, died suddenly in 1801, he was hurriedly thrust into the appointment of Deputy Grand Master. Thoughts in the Masonic world and in the mind of W.Bro. Harper turned to a single Masonic authority. It was commonly known that he shared the same aspirations as his late friend W.Bro. Lawrence Dermott, who been Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master until 1797

After the Union Thomas Harper was elected annually to the Board of General Purposes or to the Board of Finance and frequently presided over the Lodge of Benevolence until 1831. He passed to the Grand Lodge above on the 25th April 1832 at the age of 96. Thomas Harvey's jewels are top on the list of collectable items, and in 1996 the Thomas Harper Lodge No.9612 was founded for members of "Jewels of the Craft", a group of masonic jewel collectors.....*Allan de Luca*

*Read the full article in the next edition of CAMSG Newsletter No.35.*

## Chingford Masonic Study Circle



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You are cordially invited to our Study Circle  
meeting on

**Wednesday, 27th July 2011**

The Chingford Masonic Hall

Forest Approach

Chingford, London E4 7AZ

At 7.30 p.m.

Guests are Welcome

Secretary: W Bro Allan de Luca

# Chingford Masonic Study Circle Agenda

1. To welcome visitors and prospective new members
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To read and if approved, confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd March 2011
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. To receive from the Treasurer the CMSC Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2011
6. To display artefacts of interest to the circle (see Article on the Masonic Peace Memorial)
7. W.Bro. Steve Smith to introduce the topic of “Masonic Education” and to chair an open discussion on this which will include an idea of W Bro John Bold of presenting a “calling card” to non members of Freemasonry with printed information of “What is Freemasonry”.
8. An opportunity for members to propose topics for future discussion on a group basis, and ways of generally promoting the circle.
9. Any Other Business
10. To close the meeting



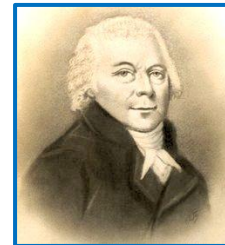
## An Artefact to be displayed at the Chingford Masonic Hall A model of the Masonic Peace Memorial



Made of base metal it has a silver finish on a marble plinth. It is approximately 83mm high by 60mm square, and is still in its original hinged box with a small lock on the front. These are rare items. The real building, the third on this site, was built in London between 1927 and 1933 in the art deco style to the designs of architects Henry Victor Ashley and F. Winton Newman as a memorial to the 3,225 Freemasons who died on active service in the

World War I. It is an imposing art deco building, covering two and one quarter acres. Initially known as the Masonic Peace Memorial, the name was changed to Freemasons' Hall at the outbreak of the World War II in 1939.

The model was presented to the visiting dignitaries at the Consecration of the present day Grand Lodge building in 1933. W Bro John Bergstrom Potter, a member of the Chigwell Lodge No.453 placed an advert in the July 2010 Essex Mason, advertising the item as a Prize draw in Aid of the 2011 Festival, with a unique opportunity to win this rare model of the Masonic Peace Tower, by inviting members of the Province to pay an entrance fee of £5.00 but unfortunately the idea did not take off. The Chingford Masonic Hall is very proud to be displaying such an important Masonic artefact.



**Thomas Harper** All Freemasons are proud to wear their Masonic Jewels, and Thomas Harper is probably best known as a maker of Masonic Jewellery. As a Silversmith, Harpers Masonic jewels were noted for their high level of craftsmanship. He also edited and revised “The Constitution of Freemasonry: or, Ahiman Rezon”. Not much is known of Harper’s early years in England, but he did emigrate to America and is recorded as being in Charleston (then Charles Town), South Carolina in 1767.

Thomas Harper was initiated in 1761 into Lodge No.24 which at the time met at the Bush Inn, Marsh Street, Bristol. During his time in Charlestown, South Carolina he was the first Junior Warden of Lodge No.190, and there is also mention that he was involved in the Holy Royal Arch in this same period of the 1770s.

He was an influential member of the Grand Master’s Lodge No.1 on the Atholl Register, now No.1 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England. He was honoured in September 1785 at the age of 50, as a Grand Lodge Officer under the Atholl Society, being made Junior Grand Warden.

He became Master of this Lodge in 1793 and in 1794 was elected Treasurer, holding office with distinction for 35 years. He was actively involved in other Lodges including Globe Lodge, now 23, under the banner of the Moderns’ Grand Lodge.