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FREEMASONS’ HALL, 96 GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
24 MAY - 26 MAY 2013
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AND REGISTRATION BOOKING FORM
**FRIDAY 24 MAY 2013**

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**SESSIONS**

**11.00-11.30**

**Session 1: The Royal Arch and the 1875 English Union**

**Paper 1a. Simon Clements, UK**

"Moderns prior to their Union in the 1813 Grand Lodge illumine cultural divisions between the Ancients and Moderns in England: how more incisive analysis may serve to reframe political allegiances to Freemasonry and the military, exploring the ambiguities in allegiances and obligations.

**Paper 1b. John Aslett, UK**

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

DR. DENNIS TOWNHILL MEMORIAL CONCERT

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2013
18.45

PRE CONFERENCE CONCERT

Freemasons’ Hall, 96 George Street, Edinburgh
Dress Code: Casual

Concert Ticket only £5 per person
Concert & Dinner £45 per person
3 course dinner with wine takes place in the magnificent surroundings of the Lower Hall in Grand Lodge.

The Organ in Grand Hall was built in 1913 and is now one of the very few Brindley and Foster organs still in existence. The organ builder Charles Brindley began his career in Germany, setting up his first workshop in Carver Street, Sheffield and trading under the name “Charles Brindley”.

The instrument in The Freemasons’ Hall is a fine example of the “Charles Brindley System” and incorporates a “Brindgradus Pedal”, which acts as a Crescendo Pedal, allowing the organist to build to full organ without changing the combination drawn at the time. Between 1909 and 1914 Brindley and Foster built, on average, one organ a month. The organ in Freemasons’ Hall was one of the last instruments to be built before World War I.

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18.00

WELCOME RECEPTION

Dress Code: Casual
Cost included in Registration Fee & Accompanying Person’s Fee

Concluding the first day of proceedings will be a Welcome Reception allowing all registered delegates and registered accompanying persons the opportunity to meet one another and relax within the magnificent surrounds of the lower gallery within the Freemasons’ Hall.

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2013
19.30

GALA DINNER

Dress Code: Black Tie Preferred
£75.00 per person

Gala Dinner, New Club, Edinburgh

The central location of The New Club, with an unbroken view over Princes Street Gardens and Edinburgh Castle, provides an ideal setting for staying, dining and entertaining, combining the comfort and style of a long-established Club.

The Club’s earliest records date from 1787 when it met in Bayle’s Tavern in Shakespeare Square at the east end of Princes Street. The Club then acquired its own premises in St. Andrew Square before moving to its present site in 1837. Today’s building dates from 1969.

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