



# FREEMASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM

## Visiting a Lodge abroad

If you are intending to visit overseas Masonic Lodges it is important that you adhere to the guidelines set down by United Grand Lodge. The following guide may be useful:

1. Find out if the Lodge to be visited is a member of a Constitution 'recognised' by UGLE. Make the enquiry in writing or by email to the Grand Secretary, **via Provincial Office (email [pgl@pgldurham.org](mailto:pgl@pgldurham.org))**.  
If the specific lodge is not known, specify the area or town you propose to visit.
2. Assuming there are no problems with the above, the Provincial Office will if possible provide you with contact details of the official in the country you wish to visit. Protocol demands that contact from England must be through the Provincial Office to UGLE, and then to the foreign Constitution and back through the same channels. This procedure does take time and due allowance must be made for this. Alternatively, contact may be made direct to the foreign Constitution **once you are in their territory (but not before)**.
3. If you are a Master Mason, take with you your Grand Lodge Certificate and a letter from your Lodge secretary stating that you are in good standing with your Lodge and that all your dues are paid. This letter needs to be addressed 'to whom it may concern' and be dated and written on Lodge notepaper.
4. If you are not yet a Master Mason then you will not of course, have a Grand Lodge Certificate. The letter from your Lodge Secretary will then need to include information as to your rank, i.e. Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, together with a request that you be admitted to Lodges open in that particular degree.