

Alexander Pope

Born in London on May 21, 1688, Pope evolved from a young literary sensation to stand at the apex of C18th literary society as one of England's most eminent literary and artistic talents. His stature in the Arts was comparable to that of Sir Isaac Newton in the Sciences and he was considered to be one of the towering intellects of the age.

It is widely accepted that Alexander Pope was a Freemason: his name is frequently included in lists of famous Freemasons, including those published by the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. However, the only documentary evidence supporting the contention is a single reference to an Alexander Pope in the Returns to Grand Lodge for 1730 supplied by the lodge meeting at the *Goat at the Foot of the Haymarket*.

Ric Berman's paper researches the evidence and examines both contemporary source material and the background evidence. Was Pope a Mason? Hear the talk and reach your own conclusion!