

❖ Ars Quatuor Coronatorum ❖

BEING THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI of A.F. & A.M., LONDON

No. 2076.

VOLUME I.

COPY OF PETITION.

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Master-Masons of the Lodges against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the Art; and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge, to be named QUATUOR CORONATI. In consequence of this desire we pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the first Wednesday of every month, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the Laws of the Grand Lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend Brother *Sir Charles Warren, K.C.M.G.*, who has served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge to be the first Master, Brother *William Harry Rylands* to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother *Robert Freke Gould* to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Charles Warren, B'Colonel, R.E. P.M., Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, and Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832.

William Harry Rylands, Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2

Robert Freke Gould, P.S.G.D., and P.M. of Nos. 92, 153, 570, and 743.

Adolphus F. A. Woodford, P.C.C. and P.M., No. 2.

Walter Besant, M.A., P.M. Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159.

John Paul Rylands, Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Marquis of Lorne Lodge, No. 1354.

Sisson Cooper Pratt, Major, R.A., Nos. 92, 1615, and 1724.

William James Hughan, P.G.D., P.M., 131, (Lodge of Fortitude.)

George William Speth, P.M. of Lodge of Unity, No. 183.

We, the undersigned, beg to recommend the annexed petition for a Warrant of Constitution.

WILL BOHM, W.M., No. 92.

BERTRAM NOAKES, S.W., No. 92.

ALFRED DENT, J.W., No. 92.

Sir Charles Warren, K.C.M.G., (now G.C.M.G.), born 1840. Entered Her Majesty's Service as Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers in 1857; Captain, 1869. Conducted the Palestine Exploration 1867-70. In 1876 settled the boundary line of the Orange Free State and Griqualand West; Gazetted C.M.G. in 1877, and appointed Special Commissioner in the latter district. Was engaged in the Griqua-Kaffir War, and made Lieut.-Colonel in 1877. In 1879, Administrator of Griqualand; 1881, Surveying Instructor at Chatham. Served in Egypt against Arabi, and recovered the bodies of Professor Palmer and his companions in 1882. Proceeded to South Africa in command of the Bechuanaland Expedition, in 1884, and was created G.C.M.G. for his services. On his return he was placed in command at Suakim, but was recalled in 1886 to re-organize the London Police Force as Chief Commissioner. Is the author of "Underground Jerusalem," "The Temple or the Tomb," and of many papers to various learned societies.

Bro. William Harry Rylands, born 1847, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Member of the Asiatic Societies of London and Paris, &c., &c., Secretary of the Society of Biblical Archæology, was initiated in 1872 in the Faith and Unanimity Lodge, Dorchester, No. 417; joined Antiquity No. 2, London, in 1881, and was exalted in St. James' Chapter No. 2, London, in 1882. Grand Steward, 1887. He is the Author of Freemasonry in the xvii century in Warrington, Chester, &c., and of many other works and contributions to the Masonic press, as well as papers, &c., on Antiquarian matters.

Bro. Robert Freke Gould, was born in 1836. Entered her Majesty's Service in 1855 as Ensign, 86th Foot; Lieut. 31st Foot in 1855; served in the North China Campaign of 1860 (medal and clasp); Barrister at Law 1868. Was

initiated in the Royal Navy Lodge, Ramsgate, No. 621 (then 429) in 1855, and successively joined the following Lodges—Friendship, Gibraltar, No. 278 (then 345), in 1857; Inhabitants' Lodge, Gibraltar, No. 153 (then 178), in 1858, as first W.M. on its revival; Meridiau Lodge, in H.M.'s 31st Foot, No. 743 (then 1045), in 1858, of which Lodge he was elected W.M. in 1858 and again in 1859; St. Andrew's in the East, Poona, East Indies, No. 343, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in 1859; Orion in the West Lodge, Poona, No. 415 (then 598), in 1859; Northern Lodge of China, Shanghai, No. 570 (then 832), in 1863; elected W.M. in 1864; Royal Sussex Lodge, Shanghai, No. 501 (then 735), in 1864; and Moira Lodge, London, No. 92, in 1866, serving as its W.M. in 1874 and again in 1875. Was exalted in Melita Chapter, Malta, No. 349 (then 437), in 1857; joined the Scotch Chapter at Poona in 1859; the Zion Chapter, Shanghai, No. 570, in 1863, of which he was Z. in 1865; and Moira Chapter, London, No. 92 in 1875, Z. in 1878. In 1858 he was appointed Provincial Senior G.W. of Andalusia, and in 1880 Senior Grand Deacon of England. Appointed, 5th December, 1877, a member of the Special Committee to enquire into and report to Grand Lodge on the action taken by the Grand Orient of France in removing from its constitution the paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of T.G.A.O.T.U. Served on the Board of General Purposes in 1876, 1878 and 1879, as an elected member, and from 1880-83 by nomination of the G.M., and as an elected member of the Colonial Board from 1876-1879. Besides numerous contributions to the Masonic press, dating almost from his initiation, he is the author of "The Four old Lodges," 1879, "The Atholl Lodges," 1879, and "The History of Freemasonry," 1882-1887.

Rev. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford, born in 1821, gazetted Christmas Day, 1838, Ensign and Lieutenant Coldstream Guards, retired in 1841, matriculated at Durham University 1842, took B.A. degree and Licence of Theology in 1847, and M.A. degree some years after. Ordained Deacon in 1846, curate of Whitburn, near Sunderland, 1846-47, ordained priest July, 1847, and in the same year presented to the Rectory of Swillington, Leeds, which he resigned in 1872. In 1852 he was Chaplain to Sir John Lowther, Bart., as High Sheriff of Yorkshire. Initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, Gibraltar, No. 278, in 1842, and subsequently joined the following Lodges—Marquis of Granby, Durham, No. 124, in 1842, W.M. in 1844 and 1845; Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, No. 304, in 1854, W.M. in 1858 and 1859; and Lodge of Antiquity, London, No. 2, in 1863, D.M. in 1878, under H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He was exalted in Concord Chapter, Durham, No. 124, in 1848; joined the Philanthropic Chapter, Leeds, No. 304, in 1863, and its first Z.; and St. James' Chapter, London, No. 2, in 1874, Z. thereof in 1882. Appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Durham in 1847, Provincial Grand Chaplain, West Yorkshire, 1860, and Provincial Grand Senior Warden, 1857, and finally Grand Chaplain of England in 1863. Was first Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee from 1859-1870. He has been a constant contributor to the Masonic press, few names being better known than "Masonic Student," one of his many *noms de plume*, and was the editor of the London "Freemason" and of the "Masonic Magazine," from 1873 to 1886; and the author of "Kenning's Cyclopædia," "Defence of Freemasonry," "The Sloane Manuscript," and other works—as well as of the learned introduction to Hughan's "Old Charges of the British Freemasons."

Bro. Walter Besant, M.A., Cambridge, Secretary to the Palestine Exploration Fund. He was initiated in Lodge of Harmony, Port Louis, Mauritius, in 1862, and joined the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, London, in 1869, of which he became W.M. in 1873. Is the author of "The French Humourists," "Early French Poetry," "Life of Coligny," "Life of Whittington," "Rabelais," "Readings in Rabelais," "The History of Jerusalem from Jesus to Saladin," joint author with James Rice, (deceased) of the "Golden Butterfly," and other novels, and sole author of "Children of Gibeon," and other novels.

Bro. John Paul Rylands, born 1846, Barrister at Law, Northern Circuit, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Was

initiated in the Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, Dorchester, in 1872, joined the Marquis of Lorne Lodge, 1354, Leigh, Lancaster, in 1879, and the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, in 1880, where he served as J.W., in the same year. Was exalted in the Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, Warrington, in 1880. Is the author of "Account of the Holcroft Family," "Arms in Warrington Church," "Lancashire Inquisitions Post Mortem," "Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates," "Visitations of Cheshire" "Visitation of Dorset, 1623," "Genealogies of the Families of Bate and Kirkland," "Genealogies of the Families of Culcheth and Risley," and numerous pamphlets and articles on Heraldic and Genealogical subjects.

Bro. Sisson Cooper Pratt, born 1844, Major Royal Artillery, P.S.C., Professor of Military History, R.M. Academy, Gold Medallist, R.A. Institution. He obtained his commission in June, 1863, served throughout the Bhootan Campaign of 1864-65, was present at the capture of Fort Dalimkote, the affairs at Chumurchi and Nagoo, and the recapture of the Bala Pass. Was appointed assistant Field Engineer to the Left Brigade, Dooar Field Force, three times mentioned in despatches, Medal and Clasp. Served as District Staff Officer to the South Western District during 1867-68, passed through the Staff College in 1873, and has since held the appointment of Instructor in Tactics and Professor of Military History at the Royal Military College. He was initiated in the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, London, in 1876, and subsequently joined the Kiser-i-Hind and Moira Lodges. Is the author of "Field Artillery, its organization and Tactics," "Military Law, its procedure and practice," "Précis of the Franco-German War," "Notes on Field Artillery," "The Strategic Defence of Egypt," "The Egyptian Campaign of 1801," "Notes on Military History," etc., etc.

Bro. William James Hughan, born 1841, initiated in Lodge St. Aubyn, Devonport, No. 954, in 1863, joined the Phoenix Lodge, Truro, No. 331, in 1864, and Fortitude Lodge, Truro, No. 131, in 1866, serving as W.M. of the latter, in 1868, and again in 1878. He was exalted in "Glasgow" Chapter, No. 50, in 1865, and joined "Kilwinning Chapter," Ayr, No. 80, in 1868, of which he became Z. in 1873. Is an Hon. Member of many Home and Foreign Lodges and Societies, such as the Penn'a Association of Masonic Veterans, etc., and was in 1880 made Hon. Senior G.W. of Grand Lodge of Quebec, an honor from which he withdrew in 1886. In 1876 he was granted the Rank of Past S.G.W. of Grand Lodge of Egypt, and has been Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania from 1872. Besides holding past rank as Grand Secretary, etc., in his own province of Cornwall, he was, in acknowledgment of his masonic researches, granted the rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon of England in 1874, declining at the same time the offered past rank in Grand Chapter, which he however accepted in 1883, as Past Assistant Grand Sojourner. He was the editor of the "Devon and Cornwall Masonic Calendar," 1865-8; originator and editor of "Cornwall Masonic Directory," 1870-1887, and in addition to innumerable communications to the masonic journals of both hemispheres, the author of the following works, (all now out of print) "Constitutions of the Freemasons, 1869," "History of Freemasonry in York," (Kingston Masonic Annual, 1871), and "Unpublished Records of the Craft," in one volume, as "Masonic Sketches," 1871, "Old Charges of the British Freemasons," 1872, "Memorials of the Masonic Union of December, 1813;" 1874, "Numerical and Medallio Masonic Register," 1878, "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," 1884, and numerous pamphlets. He is a frequent lecturer on Masonic History and Biblical Archæology.

Bro. George William Speth, born 1847, initiated in 1872 in the Lodge of Unity, London, No. 183, W.M., in 1876. Exalted in Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, Twickenham, in 1883. Is the author of "A History of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183," 1881, and of "Royal Freemasons," 1885, besides having been a frequent contributor to the Masonic Press of London and Philadelphia, and the writer of several articles in the "Masonic Monthly."

little as it seemed to him. Whether the idea was sound Time alone could show. At any rate, just now, any theories are welcome which would enable us to overcome many difficulties and explain many enigmas.

On motion duly made and seconded, the thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Woodford for his learned, suggestive, and interesting discourse, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

3RD MARCH, 1887.

The Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m. There were present Bros. Sir Charles Warren, in the chair; R. F. Gould, S.W. as I.P.M.; W. M. Bywater, J.D. as S.W.; Wm. Simpson, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Major Pratt, S.D.; Prof. T. Hayter-Lewis, I.G.; and Dr. Wynn Westcott. Also the following Visitors:—Bro. John Lane, P.M. No. 1402; J. Liddell McGregor Mathers, of Hengist Lodge, No. 195; W. B. Woodman, P.G.S.W.B., Otto Hehner, and C. Kupferschmidt, of Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238; and C. F. Hogard and Jos. da Silva, both of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

The Secretary reported that in pursuance of the Resolution passed at the last meeting the Committee had drawn up and issued the following circular.

"Lodge Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, London.

Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., Worshipful Master.

CIRCULAR No. 7.

SIR AND BROTHER,

In reply to numerous enquiries the following particulars with regard to the design and scope of this Lodge are here briefly outlined.

MAIN OBJECTS.

- 1.—To provide a centre and bond of union for Masonic Students.
- 2.—To attract intelligent masons to its meetings, in order to imbue them with a love for masonic research.
- 3.—To submit the discoveries or conclusions of students to the judgment and criticism of their fellows by means of papers read in Lodge.
- 4.—To submit these communications and the discussions arising thereon to the general body of the Craft by publishing, at proper intervals, the Transactions of the Lodge in its entirety.
- 5.—To reprint scarce and valuable works on Freemasonry, and to publish Manuscripts, etc.
- 6.—To make the English-speaking Craft acquainted with the progress of masonic study abroad, by translations (in whole or part) of foreign works.
- 7.—To tabulate concisely, in the printed Transactions of the Lodge, the progress of the Craft throughout the world.
- 8.—To acquire permanent premises and form a masonic library and museum.

The Lodge having only been consecrated on the 12th January, 1886, it is not to be supposed that all of these objects have yet been realized, but the members may safely congratulate themselves on the fact that the first three have been most satisfactorily attained.

MEMBERS OF THE LODGE.

Sir Charles Warren, W.M.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, I.P.M.; R. F. Gould, S.W.; W. Simpson, J.W.; W. Besant, Treasurer; G. W. Speth, Secretary; Major S. C. Pratt, S.D.; W. M. Bywater, J.D.; Professor T. Hayter-Lewis, I.G.; W. J. Hughan; W. H. Rylands; J. P. Rylands; Major F. G. Irwin; T. B. Whytehead; J. Ramsden Riley; Dr. W. W. Westcott; etc.

INTERNAL ECONOMY OF THE LODGE.

The membership is limited to forty, in order to prevent the Lodge becoming unwieldy.

The fees for initiation and joining are twenty guineas and five guineas respectively, the annual subscription is one guinea.

The funds are wholly devoted to Lodge purposes, nothing being spent on refreshment. The members usually dine together, but at their own individual cost, and visitors, who are cordially welcomed, enjoy the option of partaking—on the same terms—of refreshment at the common table.

No members are admitted without a literary or artistic qualification.

The stated meetings are, the day succeeding the four quarterly communications of Grand Lodge, and the 8th November, (Feast of Quatuor Coronati.)

At every meeting an original paper is read which is followed by a discussion. During the current year papers entitled "On some old Scottish Masonic Customs;" "The Steinmetzen Theory, critically examined;" "On an early version of the Hiram Legend;" and "Hermeticism and Freemasonry;" have been read by the S.W., Secretary, I.G., and I.P.M., respectively, and will be printed in the Transactions.

The first volume of our Proceedings or Transactions is being prepared for publication, and will be continued periodically at intervals of three, six, or twelve months, as may hereafter be determined.

Many Masonic Students, both at home and abroad, have expressed a wish to participate in the *special* as distinguished from the *ordinary* labours of the Lodge. The members of No. 2076 are anxious to meet these brethren half-way.

Distance, inability to attend, the rules which, under some Grand Lodges, forbid the membership of more than one Lodge; and the absence, as may well happen, of a literary qualification; all these may in turn render impracticable (even were our numbers unlimited) the admission to full membership of the numerous brethren whom we should otherwise so gladly welcome in our ranks.

But it seems to us, in the interest of our own Lodge, of the Literature of the Craft, and of Masonic Research in its largest and widest sense, that it will be both practicable and expedient to establish an outer and far reaching circle of Students, and thus bind to us by an even closer tie than the bond of Fellowship already subsisting, the ever-growing band of earnest searchers after Masonic Truth and Light, both in the Old World and the New.

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE.

Under the above title we have therefore decided to establish a Literary Society in close and intimate connection with the Lodge, for the convenience of such brethren of other Lodges—subscribers to the Transactions—who may be desirous of participating in our special labours, by the communication of Papers, or in other ways (in writing) to the Secretary.

The members of our Correspondence Circle will be placed on the following footing:—

1.—The printed Transactions of the Lodge will be posted to them as issued, and also the summonses convoking the meeting, if desired.

2.—They will be entitled to purchase at cost or at a reduced price copies of all publications of the Lodge, such as are included under No. 5 of "MAIN OBJECTS."

3.—Should circumstances permit of their occasional presence among us at meetings of the Lodge, they will feel that although not members, they are more than visitors, in the ordinary sense, as being united to us by the tie of Fraternity in the outer Circle of the "Quatuor Coronati."

4.—The Proceedings in Lodge are of course regulated by the Book of Constitutions, but *all* brethren present when a Paper is read are invited to take part in the subsequent discussion. Papers, moreover, from Correspondence members, will be gratefully accepted if approved by the Permanent Committee.

5.—They will be accorded free admittance at all reasonable hours to our Lodge Library and Writing Rooms, as soon as circumstances shall permit us to carry out this part of our plan.

6.—A Candidate for membership of our Correspondence Circle will be subject to election, but will require no special qualification, and will be as nearly as possible on the same footing as an Honorary Member in the popular signification of that term.

7.—No entrance fee is demanded, and the subscription is half-a-guinea (£0 10s. 6d.) per annum. (If residing beyond the Postal Union extra postage will be charged.) This sum is calculated to just cover cost of Transactions, Stationery, Printing, and Postage.

Should the subscription more than cover the above expenses, the balance will aid the Lodge in No. 5 of the "MAIN OBJECTS."

Subjoined is a frank statement of the benefits to be expected should our Circle of Correspondence Members be largely increased.

It is evident that the greater the number of subscribers, the less will be the cost of our printed Transactions *per copy*, and the larger will be our means for republishing scarce works and manuscripts.

With an extended circle interested in our pursuits and animated by a common impulse, the chances are greatly increased of waifs and strays of curious information coming to our hands, and of Hidden Manuscripts being discovered and brought to light.

It is confidently anticipated that the members of the Quatuor Coronati Society or Correspondence Circle or some of them, may occasionally favour the Secretary with communications to be read in Lodge and subsequently printed.

Members of foreign jurisdictions will, we trust, keep us posted from time to time in the current Masonic history of their districts. These reports will furnish a valuable annual appendix to our Transactions, available to historians in all times to come.

Foreign members might further assist by periodic announcement and criticism of new Masonic Works published abroad. (Communications may be addressed to the Secretary in any of the Germanic or Latin tongues, more especially English, French, German, and Spanish.)

Thus would not only our means of Research and Publication be increased, but those publications themselves be enhanced in value, to the lasting benefit of all connected with the Lodge and the Craft in general.

Every mason* throughout the Universe, being at the time a subscribing member of a Lodge, is eligible as a member of our Correspondence Circle, and it is hoped that more especially our British, Colonial, American, and German brethren will avail themselves of the invitation which is hereby extended to them.

The annual subscription is due in December. It is merely necessary to forward name, address, masonic rank, name of Lodge, and 10s. 6d. to the Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati, and subject to the approval of the Permanent Committee, or in such manner as may be from time to time prescribed, a candidate will be at once enrolled.

We are, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

For the W.M., Officers, and Members of the
Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London,

G. W. SPETH, P.M., Secretary, 2076.

London, January, 1887.

* N.B.—Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Libraries, Institutes, and all other Associations of a kindred character, Masonic or otherwise, can be placed on the roll of the Correspondence Circle, and the printed Transactions will be regularly forwarded to them.

P.S.—It is contemplated to issue shortly the first Volume of the Quatuor Coronati Reprints. This will probably consist *inter alia* of the "Masonic Poem," (Halliwell's) in *fac simile*; "The Defence of Masonry" of 1730; and the article in the "Plain Dealer" of 1724, on the Society of the Gormogons.

Form of Application.

TO BRO. G. W. SPETH, SECRETARY, 2076,
Streatham House, Margate, Kent, England.

Please enrol me as a Correspondence Member of the Quatuor Coronati Society. I enclose 10s. 6d. subscription to December next.

Date..... Signature.....

Name in full.....

Address.....

Name of Lodge.....

Masonic Rank and Office (if any).....

The result so far had been thirty-seven applications, of which twenty-six had already been accepted by the Permanent Committee, and he now moved that the remaining eleven be elected Correspondence members. There being no objections to any single name on the list, the remainder were then approved.*

On the motion of the Secretary the following Committees were then appointed to assist him in the following purposes:—

Bros. Woodford, Bywater, and Westcott, to enquire into the question of either altering our days of meeting or removing to other quarters, and to report to the Lodge.

Bros. Simpson, Pratt, and Whytehead, to print and issue the Transactions.

Bros. Gould, Hughan, and Hayter-Lewis, to select subject matter for first volume of Quatuor Coronati Reprints, obtain estimates and subscribers, and under certain conditions, to print and issue.

The failure of Bro. Chapman (elected to join in June, 1886), to take up the membership of the Lodge was explained to the brethren, and on motion duly made he was excused his fees.

The following presentations to the Lodge Library were announced. From Bro. Budden, a Treatise on Secondary Education, a Masonic Funeral Service with original music by said brother, and various publications of the Masonic Charity Association of Dorset. From Bro. Cramer, of Berlin, the back numbers of "Latomia," 1887, and a promise to send the paper in future for the use of the Lodge. From Bro. Simpson, The Rock Cut Caves and Statues of Bamian, being a paper by Captain Talbot, with notes by Bro. Simpson, read before the Royal Asiatic Society.

The following brethren were proposed as joining members by the Worshipful Master and seconded by the Senior Warden:—

Bro. John Lane, Torquay, Chartered Accountant, F.C.A., born 1843. Was initiated in 1878 in the Jordan Lodge, Torquay, No. 1402, and served as W.M. in 1882. Joined Lodge True Love and Unity, Brixham, No. 248, in 1883; was exalted in St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, Torquay, No. 328, in 1880, and passed the chair of J. in 1887. He is the author of "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," and of the "Court Rolls of the Manor and Borough of Paington, Devon."

* To save valuable space the names are not given here. It is proposed to issue to each member of the Lodge and Circle a St. John's Card on the 27th December of each year, showing names and residence, etc., of every member of the Correspondence Circle; and a full list will also be printed as an appendix to each volume of the Transactions, when completed.