

The Paper

‘Thoughts on the Early History of the Royal Arch in England’

The paper presents a radical new look at the origins of the Royal Arch, bringing together in one place some familiar and many less well-known references. We expect that it will encourage comments and contributions, and we envisage a lively discussion.

The Speaker

Christopher Powell was born at Lyme Regis, Dorset and educated at the universities of Sheffield and Cambridge (Emmanuel College). He taught in the University of Cambridge for five years before moving to Cardiff where for twenty-five years he was on the staff of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – the National Conservatoire of Wales. He held a number of senior academic and administrative posts and was for more than a decade a member of the academic board and governing body of the college. Having retired on his fiftieth birthday – his present to himself – he became a Freemason first in the Province of Derbyshire and then in Yorkshire West Riding. He is a Past Master of Royal Brunswick Lodge No.296 and a Past Z of Chapter of Loyalty No. 296, both eighteenth-century foundations based in Sheffield. He is also a member of other Masonic bodies in England and Scotland. In 2009, he was awarded the Norman B. Spencer Prize and the following year elected a full member of QC lodge. He is the author of numerous papers published in AQC as well as papers in other Masonic journals, including those of the Manchester and Bristol Masonic research associations. For the last ten years Chris has been a plenary lecturer at the East Lancashire ‘Let’s Talk Masonry’ annual conference. He is also the author of Easy Lodge Music – a collection of familiar music for lodge use.

The meeting will be held at 4.00pm at Freemasons’ Hall, London

The meetings of the Lodge are held on the Second Thursday in November (Installation), Third Thursday in February, Second Thursday in May and September, and the Fourth Thursday in June.

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**Next meeting: Thursday 8 May 2025**

*at Freemasons’ Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ*

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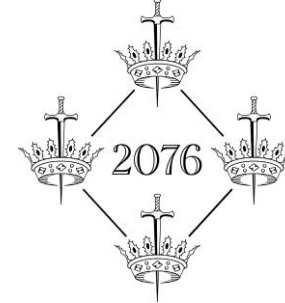
The Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge are on the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December

Should any member’s contact details change, please inform the Secretary

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Dear Sir and Brother,

You are desired to attend the duties of the Lodge at Freemasons’ Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ on **Thursday 20 February 2025, at 4.00pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

RD Soames

Secretary

Dark suit (no gloves) - Undress Regalia
(This is a CLOSED meeting-attended by Freemasons only)

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2024-2025

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Bro. Mike James	Tyler

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MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

Prof. Aubrey Newman, **OSM, PJGD**; Dr Brent Morris, **PJGD** PM; Dr Trevor Stewart, PM; David Peabody, **PGStB**, PM; Yoshio Washizu; Robert Cooper, PM; Antony Baker **PJGD**, PM; Prof. Roger Burt; Prof. James Campbell, **PJGD**, PM; Prof. Andreas Önnersfors, PM; Arturo De Hoyos; Mark Tabbert; Hugh O'Neill PM, Dr Mike Kearsley **PAGDC**; Dr Paul Calderwood, **PGSwdB**; Kent Henderson; John Reuther; Christopher Powell, PM; Adam Kendall; Helge Horrisland; Iain McIntosh; Dr Oscar Alleyne; V. Rev. Leif Grutle; Dr Felipe Corte Real de Camargo; Dr David Harrison; Dr Timothy Blakemore

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

The Most. Hon. the Marquess of Northampton, **DL, PProGM**;
Dr James Daniel, **OSM, PSGW**, PM; Yasha Beresiner, **PGStB**, PM

Post-Meeting Arrangements

We look forward to welcoming members of QC Correspondence Circle (QCCC) to our meetings and to stay afterwards and chat with the speaker and members of the Lodge. Following the meeting there will be a 'Conversazione' in the Bar on the ground floor at Freemasons Hall to talk over the paper and share a convivial drink. Please book using the website booking form. There is a nominal charge of £10 for wine. There are no formal dining arrangements on this occasion.

MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14 November 2024.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To appoint and invest those members unable to attend the Installation meeting.
5. To ballot for Joining Members, the full details of whom have been provided to Lodge Members.
6. Bro Soames to propose and Bro Faulks to second that By-law No 9 shall be amended as 'Payment of any sum over £300, if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by Resolution of the Lodge of which notice has been given in the Summons, except in case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and Treasurer and reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting'.
7. To approve the Lodge accounts (previously circulated).
8. To receive a report from the Almoner.
9. To attend to the Lecture.
10. To receive Propositions.
11. To close the Lodge.

THE NORMAN B. SPENCER PRIZE ESSAY

Non-members of the Lodge are reminded that they are eligible to enter the competition whether they live in the United Kingdom or abroad. It was instituted to encourage brethren to take an interest in Masonic research and those who have not previously undertaken study of this kind will find that it is a remarkably interesting and satisfying activity. Further details are provided on our website:

<https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/research/spencer-prize/>