

The Paper

The Second Grand Lodge, The London Irish & Antients Freemasonry

The impact of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and of Irish freemasonry extended far beyond the island of its birth. This is seen perhaps most clearly in the development of 'Antients' freemasonry, which was established by London's expatriate Irish community in the mid-eighteenth century. More inclusive and mutually supportive, Antients freemasonry was shipped back to Ireland and transported across Britain's burgeoning Empire, particularly North America. It was also absorbed formally into English freemasonry following the 1813 union of the original Grand Lodge of England (the 'Moderns') and the Antients Grand Lodge to create the United Grand Lodge of England. This entertaining Lecture recognises the seminal role that Irish and Antients freemasonry has played in the transmission of Masonic and Enlightenment ideas across the globe, and in creating English freemasonry as we know it today.

The Speaker

Ric Berman researches and speaks on English, Irish, and American Freemasonry, with a focus on the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. He has written numerous journal articles and some ten books, and has given keynote talks and lectures worldwide. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Ric holds a master's degree in economics and a doctorate in history from the University of Cambridge and the University of Exeter, respectively, following which he spent two years post-doctoral research at the University of Oxford. Ric has been a Freemason for over forty years and has twice been Prestonian Lecturer. He holds Grand Rank in the United Grand Lodge of England and is a past master of three English lodges including Quatuor Coronati Lodge, the premier lodge of Masonic research. Ric is also an American Freemason, a member or honorary member of lodges in five states, a Fellow of the Philalethes Society and a member of the Society of Blue Friars.

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.

Next meeting: Thursday 26 June 2025

at the Province of Bristol Masonic Hall, 32 Park Street, BS1 5NH

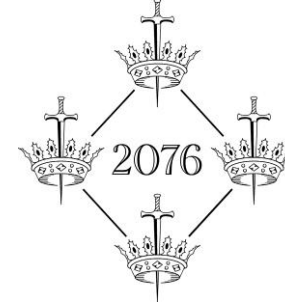
The Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge are on the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December

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

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE NO. 2076

The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

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March 2025

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 8 May 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

Bro. Trevor McKeown.....	Master
Bro. Richard Gan, PAGDC	Senior Warden
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Bro. Martin Faulks.....	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Gerald Reilly.....	Inner Guard
Bro. Mike James	Tyler

Immediate Past Master: Bro. David Peck

MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

Prof. Aubrey Newman, **OSM, PJGD**; Dr Brent Morris, **PJGD**, PM; Dr Trevor Stewart, PM; David Peabody, **PGStB**, PM; Yoshio Washizu **PGM** Japan; 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; Prof. Remzi Sanver, **GM Turkiye**; Brendan Kyle; Andrew Farleigh.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

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

MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 20 February 2025.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To receive a report from the Almoner.
5. To attend to the Lecture.
6. Further to Notice of Motion given in Open Lodge at the Meeting on 20 February, Bro Soames to Propose and Bro Berman to Second that Bro Yoshio Washizu become an Honorary member.
7. To receive Propositions.
8. To close the Lodge.

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, so following the meeting there will be a Drinks Reception in the Bar on the ground floor at Freemasons Hall, at a nominal cost of £10. *Please book using the website booking form.*

There are no formal dining arrangements on this occasion, but some QC and Circle members will be dining informally. If you would like to book to join them, please contact Bro Hugh O'Neill at mail@hughoneill.co.uk, before 5 May at the latest.

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/>