



Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076

Meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ

on

Thursday 15 February 2018

Head to Head Debate and open Discussion 1717 and all that . . .

The controversy over the formal start of Grand Lodge Freemasonry will be explored

John Hamill and Ric Berman say
1717

Andrew Prescott and Susan Sommers say
1721



Recent research by Andrew Prescott and Susan Sommers challenges the long accepted date of 24 June 1717 as marking the formal commencement of Grand Lodge Freemasonry, suggesting 24 June 1721 instead.

V. W. Bro. John Hamill

Deputy Grand Chancellor

Former Librarian and Curator of The Library and Museum of Freemasonry, Great Queen Street, London.

W. Bro. Dr Ric Berman

Prestonian Lecturer 2016

'Foundations: a new light on the origins and early years of Grand Lodge'.

Prof. Andrew Prescott

Former curator in the Department of Manuscripts of the British Library; Former Director of the Centre for Research into Freemasonry at the University of Sheffield.

Prof. Susan Mitchell Sommers

Professor of History at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Strong views are held by the above proponents so this promises to be a very lively debate indeed which could be seen as a tussle between the masonic establishment and professional historians.

The outcome may well either confirm or overturn the conventional view of Masonic history.

Comments and questions from attendees will be taken.

Further information, timing and attendance booking details are given on the lodge web site:

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