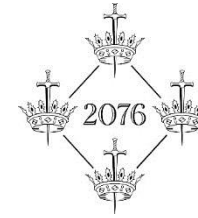


## Synopsis of Paper

At the turn of the nineteenth century, John Browne and William Finch produced works – partly written in cipher – outlining the contemporary ritual of the Premier Grand Lodge. David Slater's prize-winning paper examines Browne's contribution and highlights some of the difficulties and ambiguities that exist in the deciphering. He considers Browne's 1798 *Master-Key*, his 1802 *Master Key*, and the four quarto pages that accompany Browne's *Tracing Boards*. The paper also examines and critiques previous attempts to decipher Browne's work.

## About the Author

David Slater, a third generation freemason, was initiated in 1983, and passed and raised in 1984 in Lodge The King's School (No. 760, UGL of NSW & ACT) by his father VW Bro Bob Slater, then WM. The tradition continues with David occupying the chair at his son Alex's three degrees. Alex will be in the audience at his father's Norman B. Spencer Prize presentation. Lodge The King's School consolidated with other school lodges in 2010 forming The Schools Lodge (No. 639). David is its Education Officer as well as an Education Officer in Lodge Commonwealth of Australia (No. 633), a lodge in which he was WM for three terms. He is Organist of Yass Lodge of Concord (No.27), SW of The Discovery Lodge of Research (No. 971), Treasurer of the Linford Lodge of Research, a member of QCCC, an associate member of the Lodge of Living Stones (No. 4957), a correspondent member of the Victorian Lodge of Research (No. 218 UGL Victoria), and a member of Kring Nieuw Holland. David is a vice president of the ANZMRC and a Kellerman Lecturer – presenting his paper 'Mysticism, Masculinity and Masonry' at its 2004 conference. He holds the conferred Grand Rank of PDGDC



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17 April 2019

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 9 May 2019, at 4pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally  
James Campbell PJGD  
Secretary

Dark suit without gloves - Undress Regalia for the Lodge meeting  
There will be no Committee meetings on this occasion

### Officers of the Lodge

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Dr James Daniel, PSGW, PM; Prof. Wallace McLeod, PM;  
Yasha Beresiner, PGStB, PM

### Dining Arrangements

The members of the Lodge will dine together after the meeting at The Grand Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5BX. If you wish to dine please download, complete and return the Dining Form & Cheque to:

**Mike Karn, 18 Curlew Gardens, Merrow Park, Guildford GU4 7DY**

or please email [dine@quatuorcoronati.com](mailto:dine@quatuorcoronati.com) no later than 4.00 pm on the Friday before the meeting. Please note that meals must be paid for if cancelled after that time. If you require a change from the set menu for dietary or allergy issues, please advise accordingly when booking. Cheques should be made payable to QCCC Ltd.

BACS and other payment methods are available, see [www.quatuorcoronati.com](http://www.quatuorcoronati.com).

**Menu:** Wild mushroom, coriander and duck terrine; Seared sea bass fillets, leek and mushroom wild rice risotto, wilted spinach, vermouth sauce; Cherry Bakewell with vanilla cream; Coffee and after dinner mints.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019.
4. To exclude any member not having paid his subscription for 2018/19 in accordance with the lodge by-laws and Rules 148 and 181 of the Book of Constitutions.
5. To receive a Report from the Almoner.
6. To receive notice of propositions
7. To receive a paper titled:  

**Revisiting John Browne's CIPHERED Masonic Work**  
Norman Spencer Prize Winning Paper  
to be delivered by W. Bro. David Slater
8. To close the Lodge

*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 meetings: 27 June (Shrewsbury), 12 September**