Synopsis

When Britain declared war on Germany on 4 August 1914, Freemasonry in England faced unprecedented circumstances and Grand Lodge had to contend with the impact of a global war.

English Masonic Lodges nonetheless continued to meet during the war and the lecture and accompanying booklet account how Freemasonry and many Lodges reacted to the conflict. Much of the information has been researched from individual Lodge Histories and Minute Books.

The lecture includes Masonic relations with Germany before the war; Freemasons 'called to the colours'; Masonic reaction to the declaration of war; how Lodges coped with the war years; German Lodges in England; prisoner of war camps; the war at sea; and German Zeppelin and bomber attacks.

About the Author

After a successful professional career, Mike was initiated into Freemasonry in Middlesex in 1987. It rapidly became one of his main activities and now includes researching and writing on a range of Masonic subjects. Mike was Provincial Grand Orator for Middlesex and a member of the Grand Lodge Oration Scheme Committee, and has produced many papers, including the Norman B. Spencer prize essay.

In addition to QC, Mike is a member of the Temple of Athene (Research) Lodge, and other Middlesex Lodges. He is a Grand Officer in the Craft and Royal Arch, and is involved actively in a number of side orders.

One of his other main interests is music, being an Organist and Chorister, and he also is a member of the David Bonner (Musicians) Lodge.



QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE NO. 2076

The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

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10 May 2019

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are desired to attend the duties of the Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Crewe Street, Shrewsbury SY1 2HQ on **Thursday, 27 June 2019, at 6.00 pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally James Campbell, PJGD Secretary

Dark suit (no gloves) - Undress Regalia for the Lodge meeting

Officers of the Lodge

W. Bro.	Dr Andreas Önnerfors	Senior Warden
W. Bro.	Dr Mike Kearsley, PAGDC	Junior Warden
W. Bro.	David Peabody, PGStB, PM	Chaplain
W. Bro.	David Peck	Treasurer
W. Bro.	Dr James Campbell PJGD, PM	Secretary
W. Bro.	Dr John Wade, PAGDC, PM	Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro.	Prof. Aubrey Newman, OSM, PJGD, PM	🛚Almoner
W. Bro.	Dr. Brent Morris, PM	Charity Steward
W. Bro.	Hugh O'Neill	Senior Deacon
W. Bro.	John Acaster, PM	Junior Deacon
V.W.Bro.	Dr Paul Calderwood, PGSwdB Assi	t Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro.	Michael Karn, PJGD	Assistant Secretary
W. Bro.	Dr John Reuther, PSGD	Inner Guard
W. Bro.	Mike James	Tyler
W. Bro.	Andreas Rizopoulos	Immediate Past Master

Members of the Lodge

Dr Trevor Stewart, PM; Douglas Burford, PJGW, PM; Yoshio Washizu; Robert Cooper, PM; Antony Baker, PJGD, PM; Prof. Roger Burt; Gordon W.S. Davie, PSGD, PM; Richard Gan, PAGDC; Arturo De Hoyos; Trevor McKeown; Mark Tabbert; Fabio Venzi; John Belton; Kent Henderson; Christopher Powell; Brian Price, *OBE*, PAGDC, PM; Adam Kendall

Honorary Members of the Lodge

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

Dining Arrangements

Dining after the meeting is at Freemasons' Hall, Crewe Street, Shrewsbury. If you wish to dine, please download, complete and return the Dining Form & Cheque to:

Andy Delamere, PrAsstGSec, 19 Wrekin Avenue, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7HQ

or email: asstsec@pglsalop.org.uk 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 (£23 per person) should be made payable to QCCC Ltd. BACS and PayPal are also available, see www.quatuorcoronati.com.

Menu: Goat's Cheese and Red Onion Tart; Chicken & Leek Casserole; Fresh Fruit Salad; Cheese & Biscuits: Coffee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. To open the Lodge.
- 2. To read the Dispensation.
- 3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the QC Correspondence Circle, Shropshire Masons, and Brethren from overseas.
- 4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 9th May 2019.
- 5. To close the Lodge
- 6. To invite in guests and receive a paper titled:

English Freemasonry during the Great War

- The Prestonian Lecture – delivered by W. Bro. Mike Karn, PJGD

The meetings of QC 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:
12 September and 14 November (Installation)
at Freemasons' Hall, London
The Standing Committee will meet before the September meeting.