

## Synopsis of Paper

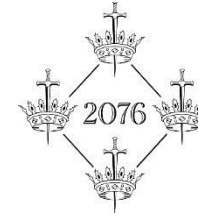
The Catholic Church has been at odds with Freemasonry for nearly 300 years. Chris Powell's paper examines the issues faced by English Catholics today, especially those who have joined the Craft. It considers issues of regularity and the many different freemasonries (plural) around the globe, and the Church's confused messages, especially since 1974 when for a decade Catholics in England were *de facto* permitted by the Vatican to become Freemasons.

The paper notes the differences between what was published in the Canons of 1983 and in Cardinal Ratzinger's Declaration of the same year. It also notes the sometimes erroneous statements published in the Catholic press by authors ill-informed about Freemasonry, especially English Freemasonry.

## About the Author

Christopher Powell was born at Lyme Regis, Dorset and educated at the universities of Sheffield and Cambridge. 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, he became a Freemason first in the Province of Derbyshire and then in Yorkshire West Riding.

Chris 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 and in other Masonic journals, including those of the Manchester and Bristol Masonic research associations. He is also the author of Easy Lodge Music – a collection of familiar music for lodge use.



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10 August 2019

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are desired to attend the duties of the Lodge at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London on **Thursday 12 September 2019 at 4.00 pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally  
James Campbell, PJGD  
Secretary

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### **Officers of the Lodge**

W.Bro.	Dr Andreas Önnorfors .....	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 .....	Junior Deacon
V.W.Bro.	Dr Paul Calderwood, PGSwdB .....	Asst 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, Brian Price OBE, PAGDC 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, 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 Royal India Restaurant Function Room  
3 Endell Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2H 9EL (A four-minute walk from  
Freemasons' Hall). 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,**  
**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 menu for dietary or allergy issues, please advise when  
booking. Cheques payable to QCCC Ltd. BACS and PayPal are also available, see

[www.quatuorcoronati.com](http://www.quatuorcoronati.com).

**Menu:** as stated on the Dining Form.

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the QC Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 27th June 2019.
4. To Elect the Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The only nominations received to date are Bro. Andreas Önnorfors and W.Bro. David Peck for Master and Treasurer respectively. Subject to the Book of Constitutions, it is the intention of the Master to declare them elected unless any member calls for a ballot.
5. To elect a Tyler.
6. To elect two brethren to the Audit Committee.
7. To announce the winner of the Norman B. Spencer Prize for 2019.
8. To receive propositions of motion for new Members of the Lodge.
9. To receive a paper titled:  

***Pure, Ancient Masonry and the Catholic Church***  
delivered by W. Bro. Christopher Powell
7. 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 meeting: Installation Meeting  
14 November 2019  
Freemasons' Hall, London**