

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The Excellences of the Institution and the Qualifications of its Members

Synopsis

As an opinion piece, this paper first looks at the institution itself, how the same common thread has been running through its precepts for many centuries and its aspirations are likely to continue for many more. How it sets the tendency for good behaviour and the benefits afforded to its members by so doing.

Secondly, the relationship between the institution and its select membership is examined particularly in regard to the necessity of matching potential members' expectations with the principles of the organisation. As a fraternity, its attractions are essential elements leading to enhanced understanding by its members of the behavioural standards required of them, mirrored by the society's understanding towards its members.

About the Author

Hugh O'Neill was Initiated in 1959 in Tyrian Lodge No. 253, Derbyshire, and became its Master in 1972. He was Exalted in 1979 in Sussex, where he currently resides. He is or has been a member of Mark, Royal Ark Mariners, Knights Templar, A&AR (30°), Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, Knight Templar Priests, SRIA, Royal Order of Scotland and Athelstan. He is currently a subscribing member of four lodges and an honorary member of three.

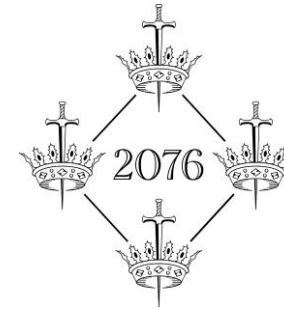
He has been Archivist & Curator of the Lodge of Union No. 38 since 1979 and created that lodge's informal website in 2000 (which was formalised in 2007). Since 2000 he has been presenting Q&A sessions in Lodges and Chapters around the country and was appointed as a QC Correspondence Circle local secretary in 2006. He has been the Mentoring and Membership Co-ordinator for the Craft Province of Sussex since 2019. In addition, he has been providing music for Lodges and Chapters since 2015 and re-instated Masonic participation in Remembrance Day Parades in Chichester in 2010.

He has contributed *AQC* papers since 2007 and was invited to join Quatuor Coronati Lodge in 2012. He has been writing *AQC* book reviews since 2007 and has been a member of the QC Lodge Editorial Committee since 2020.

As well as writing the 'Ashlar Chippings' column for *The Square* print magazine and its on-line successor since 2011, Private Lodge booklets written by him include: *The Chichester Boards* (Lodge of Union No. 38) 2004, *An Action Plan* for Tyrian Lodge 2009, *New Freemasons' Handbook* 2017, *Your Lodge* 2019, *What Just Happened* for the three Craft degrees 2019. His main masonic interest is active education founded on evidence-based research.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE No. 2076 The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

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19 October 2022

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 10 November 2022, at 4pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Paul Calderwood, PGSwdB
Acting Secretary

Black straight tie, Dark suit - Undress Regalia
– Dinner at conclusion

BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 8 September 2022.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle, and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To confirm that meetings of the Committees may be held by remote electronic means, whenever deemed practical by the Master, Secretary and Senior Warden.
5. To ballot for a Joining Member: R.W.Bro. Roger Pemberton, a Retired Company Chairman, of Mill House, Cruckmeole, Hanwood, Shrewsbury, a member of Roden Lodge No 6243. Proposed by the Master and seconded by the Secretary.
6. To Install W.Bro. Hugh O'Neill, as Master.
7. To invest the Treasurer and Tyler and to appoint and invest the other officers.
8. To transfer a Past Master's Jewel to W.Bro. Christopher Powell.
9. To receive the Worshipful Master's Inaugural Address:
The Excellences of the Institution and the Qualifications of its Members
10. To receive a Report from the Almoner.
11. To receive a report on the Associate Membership of QC Correspondence Circle
12. To receive Notice of propositions.
13. To close the Lodge.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2021-2022

W.Bro. Christopher Powell	.....	Master
W.Bro. Hugh O'Neill	.....	Senior Warden
W.Bro. Trevor McKeown	.....	Junior Warden
W.Bro. Prof. Aubrey Newman, OSM, PJGD, PM	.....	Chaplain
W.Bro. David Peck	.....	Treasurer
W.Bro. Dr Ric Berman, PAGSwdB, PM	.....	Secretary
W.Bro. Dr John Wade, PAGDC, PM	.....	Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. John Belton	.....	Almoner
W.Bro. Dr Brent Morris, PM	.....	Charity Steward
W.Bro. Dr John Reuther, PSGD	.....	Senior Deacon
W.Bro. Helge Horrisland	.....	Junior Deacon
V.W.Bro. Dr Paul Calderwood, PGSwdB	.....	Asst Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. Martin Faulks	.....	Assistant Secretary
W.Bro. Richard Gan, PAGDC	.....	Inner Guard
W.Bro. Mike James	.....	Tyler
W.Bro. Prof. Andreas Önerfors, PM	.....	Immediate Past Master

MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

Dr Trevor Stewart, PM; Yoshio Washizu, David Peabody, PGStB, PM; Robert Cooper, PM; Antony Baker, PJGD, PM; Prof. James Campbell, PJGD, PM; Brian Price OBE, PAGDC, PM; Prof. Roger Burt; Arturo De Hoyos; Mark Tabbert; Dr Mike Kearsley; Fabio Venzi; Kent Henderson; Adam Kendall; Iain McIntosh; Dr E. Oscar Alleyne; V.Rev. Leif Grutle.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

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

DINING ARRANGEMENTS

The members of the Lodge will dine together after the meeting at the Hercules Pillars, 18 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DG. If you wish to dine, meals may be booked and paid for (no later than 4.00 pm on the Friday before the meeting) via the QCCC website at <https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings> If you require a fish or vegetarian meal please advise accordingly at the time of booking.

*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: 16 February 2023*

THE NORMAN B. SPENCER PRIZE ESSAY

Members are reminded that all 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 remarkably interesting and satisfying in itself even though their efforts may not be crowned with the award of the prize.

1. Entrants may select their own subject which must be within the fields of Masonic history, symbolism, ritual, biography or antiquities (regalia, jewels, furniture, ceramics, glassware, silverware, documents, etc.) or Freemasonry in the press or in municipal architectural, or archaeological archives.
2. Ritual matters which are unsuitable for publication will not be accepted. Individual lodge history or local Masonic history will not be accepted unless the subject is of particular historical importance.
3. The prize for the best entry in each year is £200 and normally it will be presented at a regular meeting of the lodge, the decisions of the board of assessors must be accepted as final.
4. Essays should consist of 5,000 to 10,000 words and must be typewritten in double spacing, with wide left-hand margins.
5. Entries will only be accepted on the understanding that Quatuor Coronati Lodge and/or Q.C. Correspondence Circle Limited have the first option of publication. The right is also reserved to exercise normal editorial powers in preparation of essays for publication or delivery and in particular to bring them into conformity with the Quatuor Coronati Style Guide. The copyright of papers so published remains with the authors but it is a condition of any such publication that the authors thereby and thereupon grant to Quatuor Coronati Lodge and/or Q.C. Correspondence Circle Limited the full right to print, reprint, or otherwise publish the same without requiring any further permission from the authors, their heirs or assigns.
6. Entries must reach the Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge by 1 June each year.

Attention is particularly drawn to item 1 above. The fundamental purpose of Quatuor Coronati Lodge is Masonic research and entries must be essentially of Masonic content. In particular, those papers of a contemplative or philosophical nature are unlikely to qualify.