

Synopsis of the paper
The Royal Family and Freemasonry

In the 209 years since the Union of the Premier and Antient Grand Lodges to form the United Grand Lodge of England, a member of the Royal Family has been its Grand Master for more than 150.

The Union itself in 1813 was facilitated by the heads of the two constituent Grand Lodges both of whom were royal princes and brothers, the Dukes of Sussex and Kent. Prior to the Union, members of the Royal Family had already been Grand Masters of the Premier Grand Lodge for over 30 years.

However, the royal connection goes back even further with Frederick Lewis, Prince of Wales and eldest son of King George II, having been initiated in 1737. The present Duke of Kent has been Grand Master of the Craft since 1967 and Prince Michael of Kent Grand Master of the Mark since 1982.

This lecture discusses not only those members of the Royal Family whose contributions to the Craft remain well-known today, of whom King Edward VII and the Duke of Connaught are examples, but other members who are now less well remembered, including the ill-fated Dukes of Albany and Clarence.

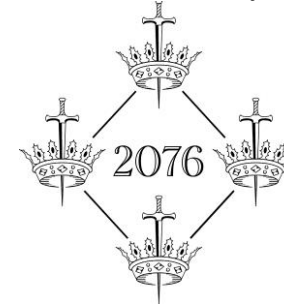
Members of the Royal Family who were not Freemasons have nonetheless supported its charities and recognised its force for good and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, the Prince Consort, are not omitted from John's paper.

The author has been provided with unprecedented access to the archives of United Grand Lodge and has also drawn on material from the Royal Archives at Windsor and contemporary news reports.

About the Author

John Hawkins is an independent researcher and author with interests in art, family, local, masonic, military and social history, having published in most of these areas and others.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE No. 2076
The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research
Consecrated 12 January 1886



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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 11 May 2023, at 4pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Paul Calderwood, PGSwdB
Secretary

Dark suit - Undress Regalia
Dinner at conclusion

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2022-2023

W.Bro. Hugh O’Neill	Master
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MEMBERS OF THE LODGE INCLUDE

Dr Trevor Stewart, PM; Yoshio Washizu, David Peabody, PGStB, PM; Prof. James Campbell, PJGD, PM; Prof. Andreas Önnersfors, PM; Prof. Roger Burt; Arturo de Hoyos; Mark Tabbert; Dr Ric Berman, PAGSwdB, PM; Dr Mike Kearsley, PAGDC; Adam Kendall; Helge Horrisland; V.Rev. Leif Endre Grutle, Roger Pemberton.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

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

BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 16 February 2023.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle, and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To invest those officers who were unable to attend the Installation Meeting.
5. To receive a Report from the Almoner.
6. To receive Notice of propositions.
7. To close the Lodge.

After the Lodge has been closed, non-Masonic guests will be invited to enter the Lodge Room and attend to:

The Prestonian Lecture of 2022
delivered by W.Bro. John Hawkins:

The Royal Family and Freemasonry

Next meeting:

Wednesday 21st June at Derby Masonic Hall, 457 Littleover Road, Derby, when we shall hear a lecture by R.W. Bro. Roger Pemberton on the life of Charles Shirreff.

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/festive-board/> If you require a fish or vegetarian meal please advise accordingly at the time of booking.

THE NORMAN B. SPENCER PRIZE ESSAY

Brethren 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. Further details are provided on our website, <https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/research/spencer-prize/>