

Synopsis of the paper

by David Peck

Sir Charles Throckmorton 7th Baron (1757–1840)

This paper is a sequel to one on Sir John Throckmorton (AQC 135), brother of Sir Charles. Both brothers belonged to a wealthy, influential, Roman Catholic family with estates in Warwickshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. They were educated in France but subsequently had very different lives. Sir John became the first PGM of Buckinghamshire and was one of the leaders for Catholic Emancipation whilst Sir Charles studied medicine in Scotland where he entered the fraternity in 1785. He was the founding Treasurer of the Lodge Roman Eagle which was closely attached to the Edinburgh Medical School. He then entered many higher degrees.

After qualifying as a physician, he returned to the family estates, never practised medicine but commenced the real love of his life – travelling!

In 1802, whilst travelling with his wife in France, they were forced by the Napoleonic authorities into detainment in the parole town of Verdun in northeastern France and subsequently in Paris, until the end of the Napoleonic Wars. In Verdun, along with many other detained Gentry and senior captured officers, he led a charmed and almost unrestricted life living amongst and socialising with the local gentry, including dining, hunting, shooting with them. Similar fraternal connections developed, between English and French Freemasons, with many detainees being initiated into local French Lodges.

Later in life, as a subscriber and Board Member of Midlands hospitals and never having practised as a doctor, Sir Charles became known affectionately as the “Father of the Profession” and in 1832 was one of the founders of what became the British Medical Association.

About the Author

Bro. David Peck was born in 1944 in Lincolnshire and attended Barton-upon-Humber Grammar School. He graduated in Electrical Engineering and later became a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

David was Initiated into Whiston Lodge No. 3614 in Cheshire and subsequently joined Haddenham Lodge No. 8944 in Buckinghamshire and was a founder of the Buckinghamshire Lodge for Masonic Research No. 9585.

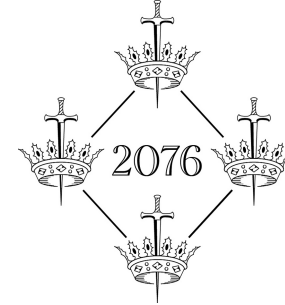
In 2012, David was awarded the Norman B. Spencer Prize by Quatuor Coronati Lodge, becoming a member thereafter, and has served as Senior Warden and Treasurer.

A member of a number of Masonic orders in England and abroad, David is chairman and webmaster of the Buckinghamshire Association of Masonic Research. His Masonic papers include ‘Freemasonry in Malta’ and ‘1940s – Hitler, the Greatest Threat to English Freemasonry’.

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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 9 November 2023, at 4pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Paul Calderwood, PGSwdB
Secretary

Dark suit - Undress Regalia
Dinner at conclusion

**There will not be a meeting of the Lodge Committees
on this occasion.**

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2022-2023

W.Bro. Hugh O'Neill	Master
W.Bro. David Peck	Senior Warden
Bro. Trevor W. McKeown	Junior Warden
W.Bro. Prof. Aubrey Newman, OSM, PJGD, PM	Chaplain
W.Bro. Iain McIntosh	Treasurer
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W.Bro. Mike Karn, PJGD	Inner Guard
W.Bro. Mike James	Tyler
W.Bro. Christopher Powell	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; Prof. Andreas Önerfors, PM Brian Price OBE, PAGDC, PM; Prof. Roger Burt; Arturo de Hoyos; Mark Tabbert; Dr. Ric Berman, PAGSwdB, PM; Dr. Mike Kearsley, PAGDC; John Belton; Dr. John Reuther, PSGD; Adam Kendall; Helge Horrisland; Dr. E. Oscar Alleyne; V.Revd. Leif Endre Grutle, Roger Pemberton PGM, Shropshire.

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

BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 Sept. 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 Install W.Bro. David Peck as Master.
6. To invest the Treasurer and Tyler and to appoint and invest the other officers.
7. To transfer a Past Master's Jewel to W.Bro. Hugh O'Neill.
To receive the Worshipful Master's Inaugural Address:
Sir Charles Throckmorton 7th Baron (1757–1840)
An investigation into the life and times of a Catholic Gentleman,
Medical Student to "*Father of the Profession*",
a Freemason and Freemasonry among Napoleonic Detainees.
8. To award the Norman B Spencer Prize for 2023 to W Bro Ariel Weinmann-Rubino for his paper on *Freemasonry and the Panama Canal*.
9. To receive Notice of propositions.
10. To close the Lodge.

Please note that on this occasion, the Lecture and NBS Prize Presentation will be delivered after the meeting and in the company of ladies and non-Masons who would be most welcome to join us at the Festive Board.

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:

Thursday 15th February 2024

at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

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/>