



## QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE No. 2076

The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

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*To receive and discuss a paper by Prof. Aubrey Newman*

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS IN THE 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

Meeting to be held at [Freemasons' Hall](#), 80 London Road, Leicester LE2 0RA by kind permission of [Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland](#)  
Thursday, 27 June 2024, at 6pm, in the magnificent [Holmes Lodge Room](#) with an opportunity before the meeting to visit the wonderful [Library and Museum](#)

*Non-masons are most welcome to join the visit, lecture and dinner.*

From almost its beginning the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster faced two problems. Originally concerned with various Lodges in and around London it received a number of applications firstly from Lodges all over the country and then from all over the world asking for recognition from London. It was then faced with a request from Lodges in Chester asking that London give recognition to a locally elected Provincial Grand Master. Agreeing to such requests led by the end of the eighteenth century to a substantial growth in the number of such Provincial appointments, even where there were no Lodges recognised by Grand Lodge. Simultaneously there were a number of individuals, especially Thomas Dunckerley, who held the office of Provincial Grand Master of a number of Provinces at the same time and who did much to lay down the pattern organisation which emerged during the nineteenth century.



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**Thomas Dunckerley**  
"Provincial Grand Master  
of England"

The original painting is owned by Loyal Lodge No. 251 and is hung in the gallery/dining room at Barnstaple Masonic Hall.

For more information and to attend see:

<https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings/next-meeting/> or contact [secretary@quatuorcoronati.com](mailto:secretary@quatuorcoronati.com)