

## Synopsis of the Paper

Freemasonry in North Wales has generally been a subject ignored by Masonic academics, which is odd as the Province was the first who had its Grand Master appointed by London in 1727 and so claims to be rapidly approaching its tercentenary. This traditional history hides the fact that for at least a third of the first 125 years there were no lodges in North Wales and those that opened rapidly declined and closed, making this claim tenuous at best. The Paper seeks to explain the failure of Freemasonry to become established in North Wales, examining the practical issues of geography and economics, as well as the nature of its Masonic leadership, or lack of it, and other more subtle forces such as language and religion. A story of English dominance, poor oversight, and a lack of regularity and discipline, Freemasonry's survival in any capacity at all until 1852 is, perhaps, something to be celebrated.

## The Speaker

Dr Rob Hammond is a North Wales Mason, initiated into Royal Denbigh Lodge No.1143 in 2012. After studying PPE at Oxford, he joined the Army in 1991 where in due course he became a military educator, serving in Northern Ireland, the Balkans and Sierra Leone, the latter becoming a lifetime academic interest. He completed his MA at Lancaster University and after leaving the army became an Associate Lecturer with the Open University. He recently completed his PhD thesis: 'Freemasonry and the Political History of Sierra Leone: 1890–1992'.

## The meeting will be held at 4.00pm at Freemasons' Hall, London

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.

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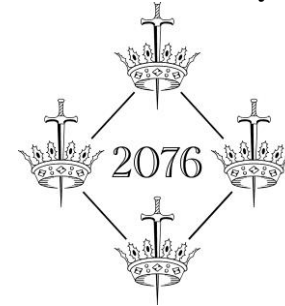
**Next meeting (Installation) : Thursday 14 November 2024**  
at Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ

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*The Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge are on  
the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December  
Should any member's contact details change, please inform the Secretary*

## QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE NO. 2076

The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research  
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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 12 September 2024, at 4.00pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

RD Soames

Secretary

Dark suit (no gloves) - Undress Regalia  
(This is a CLOSED meeting-attended by Freemasons only)

## OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2023-2024

Bro. David Peck.....	Master
Bro. Prof. Roger Burt.....	Senior Warden
Bro. Adam Kendall.....	Junior Warden
Bro. Roger Pemberton, <b>ProvGM</b> (Shropshire) .....	Chaplain
Bro. Iain McIntosh.....	Treasurer
Bro. Rob Soames <b>PAGDC</b> .....	Secretary
Bro. Dr John Wade, <b>PJGD</b> , PM .....	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. John Belton .....	Almoner
Bro. Dr Brent Morris <b>PJGD</b> , PM .....	Charity Steward
Bro. Fabio Venzi, <b>GM RGLI</b> .....	Senior Deacon
Bro. Richard Gan <b>PAGDC</b> .....	Junior Deacon
Bro. Brian Price <i>OBE</i> <b>PAGDC</b> , PM.....	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Martin Faulks.....	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Dr John Reuther <b>PSGD</b> .....	Inner Guard
Bro. Mike James .....	Tyler

Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hugh O'Neill

### MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

Prof. Aubrey Newman, **OSM, PJGD**; Dr Trevor Stewart, PM; David Peabody **PGStB**, PM; Yoshio Washizu; Robert Cooper, PM; Antony Baker, **PJGD**, PM; Prof. James Campbell, **PJGD**, PM; Prof. Andreas Önnarfors, PM; Arturo De Hoyos; Trevor McKeown; Mark Tabbert; Dr Ric Berman, **PGSwdB**, PM; Dr Mike Kearsley, **PAGDC**; Dr Paul Calderwood, **PGSwdB**; Kent Henderson; Michael Karn, **PJGD**; Christopher Powell, PM; Helge Horrisland; Dr Oscar Alleyne; V.Rev. Leif Grutle; Clive Moore **PAGStdB**.

### HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

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

### Post-Meeting Arrangements

We look forward to welcoming members of Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle (QCCC) to our meetings. All visitors are invited to stay and chat informally with the speaker and members of the Lodge. Following the meeting we will be holding a 'Conversazione' in the Bar on the ground floor at Freemasons Hall to talk over the paper and share a convivial drink and snacks. Members of QCCC are especially welcome to join us and meet members of the Lodge. On this occasion there is no planned dining but no doubt some will join together to set up their own private arrangements.

## MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27 June 2024.
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 elect a Master and a Treasurer for the ensuing year. The only nominations of which the Secretary is aware are W.Bro. T McKeown as Worshipful Master and VW. Bro. R Berman as Treasurer. In accordance with the Book of Constitutions, it is the intention of the Master to declare them elected unless any member calls for a ballot.
6. To elect a Tyler for the ensuing year.
7. To resolve that the WM Elect shall be empowered to appoint the rest of the Officers.
8. To receive a report from the Almoner.
9. To receive a talk entitled 'Widely scattered and doomed to Fail; Freemasonry in North Wales 1727 -1851' by Dr Rob Hammond.
10. In accordance with By-law No 9, Bro Soames will propose and Bro Faulks will second that Lodge Funds, up to a limit of £150, should be expended towards the costs of the 'Conversazione' to be held in Freemasons' Hall subsequent to this meeting.
11. To receive Notice of Propositions. The Secretary will give details of the application forms of proposed new members of the Lodge.
12. To close the Lodge.

### THE NORMAN B. SPENCER PRIZE ESSAY

Non-members of the Lodge are reminded that they 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 a remarkably interesting and satisfying activity. Further details are provided on our website:

<https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/research/spencer-prize/>