

Synopsis of the Paper

One Jurisdiction's Response to Diminishing Membership

All masonic jurisdictions, certainly those in the English-speaking world, have seen membership numbers decline since the mid-1950s. In British Columbia, membership peaked in 1962 and has steadily decreased to sixteen percent of what it once was during a period when the province's population has increased by 325%. This Installation Paper will review this sixty-year period, 1962-2022, looking at how the jurisdiction's members and leaders responded to this decline, outlining the steps they took to check this decline, and perhaps offering some insight into the future of this and other jurisdictions.

The Speaker

Trevor W. McKeown was born in Canada. His thirty-year career in publishing and printing everything from newspapers and magazines to international journals has spanned a period from cold lead to digital media. Joining his father's lodge, King George Lodge No. 129, in 1980, and serving as master in 1996, he served as a grand steward for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, and as district deputy grand master for Lower Fraser Valley District BCYR. As Grand Historian, an appointment he has held for 18 of the last 19 years, he published annual monograph on his jurisdiction and a review of his ongoing research. In 2022, to mark the Vancouver Lodge of Education and Research's 75th anniversary, he edited an anthology of research papers. He is currently working on an overview of his jurisdiction's history, tentatively titled, *Chronicles of Change, 1871-2021*.

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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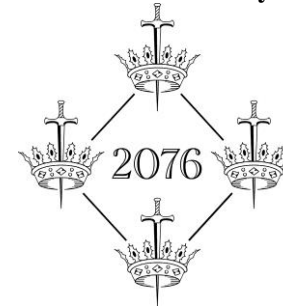
**Next meeting : Thursday 20 February 2025**  
*at Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ*

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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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2 October 2024

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 14 November 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, ProvGM (Shropshire)	Chaplain
Bro. Iain McIntosh.....	Treasurer
Bro. Rob Soames PAGDC	Secretary
Bro. Dr John Wade, PJGD , PM	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. John Belton	Almoner
Bro. Dr Brent Morris PJGD , PM	Charity Steward
Bro. Fabio Venzi, GM RGLI	Senior Deacon
Bro. Richard Gan PAGDC	Junior Deacon
Bro. Brian Price OBE PAGDC , PM.....	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Martin Faulks.....	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Dr John Reuther PSGD	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 attend the Installation Dinner which will be held in the South Gallery at Freemasons' Hall. Meals must be booked and paid for (no later than 4.00pm on 6 November before the meeting) via the QCCC website. If you require a fish, vegetarian or vegan meal, please advise accordingly when booking. www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings/festive-board/

MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 12 September 2024.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To ballot for five Joining Members, the full details of whom have been provided to Lodge Members in the Appendix to this Summons.
5. To Install W. Bro. Trevor McKeown as Master.
6. To invest the Treasurer and Tyler; to appoint and invest the other Officers.
7. To transfer a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. D. Peck.
8. To receive the Worshipful Master's Inaugural Address.
9. To receive a report from the Almoner.
10. To receive a report on the Associate Membership of the QC Correspondence Circle.
11. Bro Soames to give Notice of a Proposition that By-law No 9 shall be amended as 'Payment of any sum over £300, if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by Resolution of the Lodge of which notice has been given in the Summons, except in case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and Treasurer and reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting'.
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/>