Synopsis of paper

Printed Masonic Periodicals in England 1793-2024

Richard's paper tracks the progress and regress of Masonic publishing through to the present day, a time when there is no longer any Masonic periodical with a national circulation in England, the last having ceased hard-copy publication in December 2024 when it transferred online.

The Speaker

Richard L Gan was born in 1950 Bradford to Polish parents. He was educated at the Becket School, Nottingham, and graduated in Geology at London University, where he also took a Master's Degree in education; in addition, he holds a Degree in Management Studies from the Open University. Richard's professional career included teaching, educational management and Masonic administration. He retired in June 2010 as Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and thereafter was editor of The Square until 2014.

Richard was initiated in Ribblesdale Lodge No. 8020 in Nottingham in 1977 and promoted to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2008. He is a Grand Officer in all the major Orders of Freemasonry and in addition has served as the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Assistant Grand Master) in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and as Provincial Grand Master in the Mark for Middlesex. Richard lives in Lincolnshire and writes and researches on subjects that include Victorian Freemasonry and the Orders beyond the Craft. He was elected a full member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge in 2014. He has been a regular Masonic speaker and has delivered more than fifty talks and lectures on a range of Masonic subjects; he has authored four monographs, six papers and eight books.

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 19 February 2026* at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, LondonWC2 5AZ

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.

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September 2025

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**, **13 November 2025**, **at 4.00pm**.

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

R.D. Soames Secretary

Dark suit (no gloves) - Undress Regalia

This is a Closed meeting-masons only.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2024-2025

Bro. Trevor McKeown	Master
Bro. Richard Gan, PAGDC	Senior Warden
Bro. Roger Pemberton, PPrGM	Junior Warden
Bro. Dr Rob Hammond	Chaplain
Bro. Dr Ric Berman, PGSwdB, PM	Treasurer
Bro. Rob Soames, PAGDC	Secretary
Bro. Dr John Wade, PJGD, PM	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. David Peck, PM	Almoner
Bro. Fabio Venzi, GM RGLI	Charity Steward
Bro. Clive Moore, PAGStdB	Senior Deacon
Bro. Mike Karn, PJGD	Junior Deacon
Bro. Brian Price, OBE PAGDC, PM	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Martin Faulks AGPurs	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Gerald Reilly	Inner Guard
Bro. Mike James	Tyler

Immediate Past Master: Bro. David Peck

MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

Prof. Aubrey Newman, **OSM**, **PJGD**; Dr Brent Morris, **PJGD**, PM; Dr Trevor Stewart, PM; David Peabody, **PGStB**, PM; Robert Cooper, PM; Antony Baker, **PJGD**, PM; Prof. Roger Burt; Prof. James Campbell, **DepGSuptWks**, PM; Prof. Andreas Önnerfors, PM; Arturo De Hoyos; Mark Tabbert; Hugh O'Neill PM, Dr Mike Kearsley **PAGDC**; Dr Paul Calderwood, **PGSwdB**; Kent Henderson; Dr John Reuther **PSGD**; Christopher Powell, PM; Adam Kendall; Helge Horrisland; Iain McIntosh; Dr Oscar Alleyne; V. Rev. Leif Grutle; Dr Felipe Corte Real de Camargo; Dr David Harrison; Dr Timothy Blakemore; Prof. Remzi Sanver, **GM Turkiye**; Brendan Kyne; Andrew Farleigh.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

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

MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

- 1. To open the Lodge.
- 2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 11 September 2025.
- 3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
- 4. To Install W. Bro. Richard L Gan as Master.
- 5. To invest the Treasurer and Tyler; to appoint and invest the other Officers.
- 6. To present a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. T McKeown.
- 7. To receive the Worshipful Master's Inaugural Address.
- 8. To receive a report from the Almoner.
- 9. To receive a report on the Associate Membership of the QC Correspondence Circle.
- 10. To present Bro. Dr Adeyemi Akande with the 2025 Norman B Spencer Award for his essay entitled Native (Mis)Understanding of Freemasonry in the British Colony of Lagos.
- 11. Propositions.
- 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/

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 Festive Board which will be held in the South Gallery at Freemasons' Hall. Meals must be booked and paid for (no later than 4.00pm on 3 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/