

Synopsis

Welsh Freemasonry and the Unlawful Societies Act

Paul Calderwood analyses the composition and nature of Welsh Freemasonry through the lens of the Unlawful Societies Act, official documents ordered by the British government to be sent to the Court of Quarter Sessions each year for almost 170 years. These documents have not been explored previously in either a systematic or country-wide manner and their examination is all the more important given their fragile and deteriorating nature. Paul's paper examines all surviving Welsh documents and will be of considerable importance not only to those interested in the history of the principality but also those interested in English social history, since many of the paper's discoveries and conclusions apply to both.

The Speaker

VW Bro. Dr Paul Calderwood has spent over 50 years in Craft Freemasonry, beginning in 1974 with his initiation into Spencer Park Lodge, 6198, London, following which he became a member or hon. member of eight other Craft lodges in England & Wales. In 2013, Paul was appointed Prestonian Lecturer for that year, giving a paper titled 'Freemasonry and the Press'. He has written several books on Freemasonry including 'This Chequered Existence', 'Freemasonry and the Press', and 'The Mark of the Red Dragon'. Paul's connection with Quatuor Coronati Lodge began in 2010, when he was awarded the Norman B. Spencer Prize for his essay on Freemasonry and Architecture in twentieth-century Britain. He was subsequently invited to become a full member of the Lodge and later served as its Secretary and as Secretary of the Editorial Committee of QC and its Book Reviews Editor. Paul is a former Assistant Metropolitan Grand Master in the Craft, Assistant Metropolitan Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of South Wales and is Provincial Prior of the Knight Templar Province of Monmouth and South Wales.

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 25 June 2026

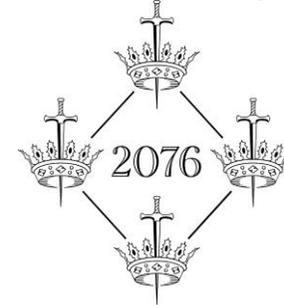
at the Masonic Hall, The Avenue, Newark NG24 1ST

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

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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, 14 May 2026, at 4.00pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

W.Bro. R.D. Soames
Secretary

Dark suit - Undress Regalia – No gloves

This is a Closed Meeting for Freemasons only.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2025-2026

Bro. Richard L. Gan, JP, PAGDC	Master
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Bro. Andrew Farleigh	Steward
Bro. Mike James.....	Tyler

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MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

Prof.Em. 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. Em. Roger Burt; Prof. James Campbell, **DepGSuptWks**, PM; Dr.Ric Berman **PGSwdB**, PM; Prof. Andreas Önnersfors, PM; Arturo De Hoyos; Mark Tabbert; Hugh O'Neill PM, Dr Mike Kearsley **PAGDC**; Dr Paul Calderwood, **PGSwdB**; Mike Karn **PJGD**; Kent Henderson; Fabio Venzi*Dr John Reuther **PSGD**; Christopher Powell, PM; Adam Kendall; Helge Horrisland; Iain McIntosh; Dr Oscar Alleyne; V. Rev. Leif Grutle; Dr Timothy Blakemore; Prof. Remzi Sanver^; Brendan Kyne.

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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**, GLJapan

MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 19 February 2026.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To present Bro Kyne with his UGLE Grand Lodge Certificate
5. To Ballot for a Joining Member, the full details of whom have been provided to Members of the Lodge.
6. To receive a report from the Almoner.
7. To receive a paper by VW Bro Dr.Paul Calderswood **PGSwdB**
Welsh Freemasonry and the Unlawful Societies Act
8. To receive Propositions.
9. 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 the meeting, which will be followed by a Drinks Reception, with wine and nibbles. All visitors are encouraged to stay and discuss the paper with the author and other members of the Lodge. Please book your place at
www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings/festive-board/