

Synopsis

Firing Glasses: Identification and Chronology

Rod's paper describes the characteristics of Georgian and Victorian firing glasses, explains how to estimate when they were made and is illustrated with photographs from the author's own collection of over 200 firing glasses from this period. Rod defines a 'firing glass' and outlines how they were made and how they differ from other drinking glasses. He covers when the use of firing glasses was first recorded, how their designs changed with technological advances in glassmaking and with fashion, and how these factors contribute to establishing the dates when they were made. The paper gives examples of when Masonic engraving was first used and how and when this expanded. The paper also examines the use of firing glasses in other organisations and some of the pitfalls encountered when trying to establish provenance. He will offer advice to potential collectors and conclude with suggestions for further research. The presentation will be accompanied by a display of firing glasses from the author's collection.

The Speaker

Rod Taylor is a retired consultant respiratory physician. He took an intercalated BSc, qualified from the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, and later gained an MD and became FRCP. After retiring, he took an MSc in human osteology and palaeopathology. Rod was initiated into Beverlonian Lodge No. 9084 in 1987. He has been ProvJGW in Yorkshire, North and East Ridings, and ProvSGW in Yorkshire, West Riding, and is now PAGDC. He is a PGStB and Past Second Provincial Grand Principal in the Royal Arch and a PGJO and Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Mark.

Rod has been delivering Masonic lectures for over twenty years. He was Provincial Lecturer (Yorkshire, NER) and Provincial Grand Orator (Yorkshire, WR); he delivered the Mark Grand Stewards' Lecture in 2014, 2018 and 2024, and was the second Canon Portal Memorial Lecturer in the Mark.

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 10th September 2026

at the Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ

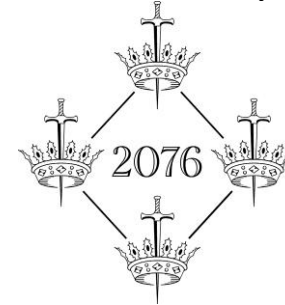
The Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge are on the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December

Should any member's contact details change, please inform the Secretary.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE NO. 2076

The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

Consecrated 12 January 1886



Master

W. Bro. Richard L. Gan, JP, PAGDC

Cedarwood, West Street
Childrey, WANTAGE
Oxfordshire
OX12 9UL

Telephone: 01235 751297

Email: secretary@quatuorcoronati.com

May 2026

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are desired to attend the duties of the Lodge at the Masonic Hall,

The Avenue, Newark, NG24 1ST, on **Thursday, 25 June 2026, at 5.30pm.**

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
Bro. Adam Kendall	Senior Warden
Bro. Dr Paul Calderwood, PGSwdB	Junior Warden
Bro. Dr Rob Hammond.....	Chaplain
Bro. Gerald Reilly.....	Treasurer
Bro. Rob Soames, PAGDC	Secretary
Bro. Dr John Wade, PJGD , PM.....	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. David Peck, PM	Almoner
Bro. Roger Pemberton, PPrGM	Charity Steward
Bro. Clive Moore, PAGStdB	Senior Deacon
Bro. Dr David Harrison.....	Junior Deacon
Bro. Brian Price, <i>OBE</i> , PAGDC , PM.....	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Martin Faulks, AGPurs	Assistant Secretary
Bro. Dr Felipe Corte Real De Camargo.....	Inner Guard
Bro. Andrew Farleigh	Steward
Bro. Mike James.....	Tyler

Immediate Past Master: Bro. Trevor McKeown, PM

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; Martin Cox

* **GM**, RGLItaly ^**GM**, GLTurkiye

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, 14 May 2026.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To read the Dispensations from the Provincial Lodge of Nottinghamshire and the Metropolitan Grand Lodge in respect of this meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge being held in Nottinghamshire.
5. To receive a report from the Almoner.
6. To receive a paper by W.Bro. Rod Taylor PAGDC entitled:
Firing Glasses: Identification and Chronology
7. To receive Propositions.
8. 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/>

Dining at The Masonic Hall, Newark.

This will be a four-course Festive Board with Wine at a cost of £25.00. Bookings, including any dietary needs, to the Dining Steward: W Bro Adrian Whittle: adrian@awhittle.com and payment by Bank Transfer to Magnus Lodge No 3441. Sort Code: 54-10-23; Account number: 19406630; Reference: QCL + Surname. Bookings should be made prior to 21 June 2026

www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings/festive-board/