

Synopsis

King Solomon's Temple is a recurring image in Masonic ritual. It was also a real building in Jerusalem. Both aspects have been the subject of speculation since its destruction in Masonic and non-Masonic contexts, and the lecture examines the various ways in which it has been used by writers in a primarily English context, touching on topics from ancient history to Dan Brown.

The building of King Solomon's Temple is one of the central allegories of the craft degrees as they have been worked in England and Wales since the eighteenth century. With a slightly different aspect, it is also a crucial element of the narrative of the Royal Arch degree. Freemasonry is, however, by no means unique in assigning symbolic importance to this building erected in Jerusalem. Despite it only being described in passing in the Old Testament, King Solomon's Temple acquired an importance over the course of the Middle Ages and into the Enlightenment and beyond which far exceeded its original Biblical import: as a model for the future Messianic Kingdom, a source of worldly power and secrets, and as an allegory for mankind itself. In English culture, the allegorical application of building to moral improvement is one that was already present in the seventeenth century, as set out most explicitly in John Bunyan's 'Solomon's Temple Spiritualized', but also in other Biblical commentaries and sermons of the period, including some of Newton's more esoteric works.

The Speaker

Daniel Johnson studied Classics as an undergraduate and Tudor Church History as a post-graduate at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. While a student, he was initiated into freemasonry in Apollo University Lodge, where he was Master in 2006-7. He was subsequently Deputy Chairman of the UGLE Universities Scheme for a number of years. He was appointed AGStB in 2015, PAGDC in 2023, is a past Grand Steward and is currently Deputy Grand Treasurer. He lives and works in London and is a Tax Director at a Big Four accountancy firms specialising in financial services.

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.

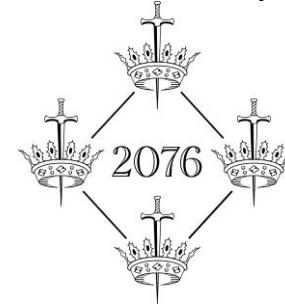
Next meeting: *Thursday 12 November 2026* at the Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ

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

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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, 10 September 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

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MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

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Bro. Dr David Harrison	Junior Deacon
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Bro. Martin Faulks, PAGPurs	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; 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.

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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

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 25 June 2026.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To receive Eulogies in respect of two recently deceased Members of the Lodge-W. Bro. David Peabody **PGStB**, PM and W. Bro. Robert Gilbert, PM.
5. To elect a Master and a Treasurer for the ensuing year. The only nominations of which the Secretary is aware are Bro. Adam Kendal as Worshipful Master and W. Bro. Martin Cox 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 receive a report from the Almoner.
8. To receive the **2026 Prestonian Lecture**-a paper by W.Bro. Daniel Johnson **DepGd Treas** entitled **Solomon's Temple in Myth and Ritual**.
9. To receive Propositions.
10. To announce the name of the winner of the 2026 Norman B Spencer Prize. The award will be made at the 12 November Lodge meeting.
11. 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/