## *Synopsis*

### The Knights Commanders of the Sun and Nineteenth-Century Anti-Catholic Fraternalism

Founded around 1875 by the prolific California Mason, Edwin Allen Sherman, the Knights Commanders of the Sun blended elements from the uniformed fraternities such as the Knights Templar and Knights of Pythias that were gaining in popularity throughout the post-Civil War United States. Using rare primary sources, Adam's paper uncovers the little-known Order's fraternal and Masonic influences, militant religious and political worldview, and its ritual that dramatized President Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

*The Speaker*

Adam was born and raised in northern California. He graduated with a BA in Cinema from San Francisco State University and an MA in History at California State University, Los Angeles. For several years he was the collections manager for the Henry W. Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry at the Grand Lodge of California and, most recently, the executive director of the Oakland Scottish Rite Historical Foundation and manager of the Valley's library and archives. Adam was initiated in San Francisco in 1994 and is a Past Master of Phoenix Lodge No. 144. Additionally, he is a Former Master of Northern California Research Lodge. In 2023, he was invested with the Inspector General Honorary Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. He is a past president of the Masonic Library and Museum Association and The Philalethes Society, and a Fellow of the latter; he is also a former editor of the Scottish Rite Research Society's quarterly bulletin, The Plumbline, and its annual transactions, Heredom. Adam was elected to full membership in Quatuor Coronati Lodge in 2017. Fascinated with the obscure and sometimes controversial aspects of fraternal organizations in the US (and particularly California), Adam has published a number of essays and enjoys presenting at lodges and symposia.

*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 18 February 2027* 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**

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September 2026

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, 12 November 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

Quatuor Coronati Lodge is a Masonic Lodge working under the Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE). Attendance at its meetings is restricted to Freemasons who are members of a Grand Lodge recognised by UGLE.

## OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2025-2026

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| 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, *OBE,* **PAGDC**, PM | Assistant Director of Ceremonies |
| 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 Önnerfors, 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

## MASONIC LODGE BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 10 September 2026.

3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle and especially Brethren from overseas.

4. To ballot for a Joining Member, the full details of which have been provided to Members.

5. To receive a report on the Associate Membership of the QC Correspondence Circle.
6. To appoint the Auditors.

7. To Install Bro. Adam Kendall as Master.
8. To invest the Treasurer and Tyler; to appoint and invest the other Officers.
9. To present a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. R Gan.

10. To receive the Worshipful Master's Inaugural Address.

11. To receive a report from the Almoner.
12. To receive Propositions.
13. 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 the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle (QCCC) to the meeting and dinner.

The three course Installation Dinner, which includes a pre-dinner reception drink, will served in the Old Board Room at Freemasons' Hall.

Please book your place at www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings/festive-board/