



Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076

The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

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Tercentenary International Conference

Celebrating 300 Years of Freemasonry

to be held at

Queens' College, Cambridge, England, 9 September – 11 September 2016

Organised by the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076

June 2017 is an important landmark in the history of Freemasonry as it marks the three hundredth anniversary of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster; the first Grand lodge in the world.

To celebrate this momentous occasion the members of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, are hosting a Conference at Queens' College, Cambridge from Friday, 9 September 2016 to Sunday 11 September 2016.

The Lodge was founded by Brethren who were intent on using an evidence-based approach to the study of Masonic history and research into Freemasonry. This innovative approach was intended to replace the imaginative writings of earlier authors on the history of Freemasonry. This new style and approach was later to be referred to as the 'authentic school' of Masonic research.

The Founders planned to develop an interest in research among Brethren everywhere, to have papers read and discussed in Lodge and published in its transactions *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum (AQC)*. The Lodge thus hoped to attract the attention and enlist the cooperation of Masonic scholars and lecturers in all parts of the world.

The members of QC, as Quatuor Coronati Lodge, is fondly known, is the Premier Lodge of Masonic Research and continue today to work to the standards laid all those years ago and strive to maintain the high quality of research papers, lectures and discussion established at the foundation.

The Conference is open to all Freemasons and non-Freemasons interested in Masonic history.

Delegates to the conference have the option of attending either on a fully residential basis at the College or on a non-residential basis.

Queens' College is one of the oldest and largest colleges of the university, founded in 1448 by Margaret of Anjou. The College, situated in the centre of Cambridge, spans both sides of the river Cam and has some of the most recognisable buildings in the City.

The Conference will have three eminent Keynote speakers making a 40-minute presentation. A combination of short and medium presentations, lasting 10 and 20 minutes respectively, will be delivered at each of the five conference Sessions, which will be followed by a period for questions and discussion.

Papers are invited on any aspect of the history and development of Freemasonry, in general, and Grand Lodge, in particular, over the three centuries since its foundation.

It is hoped that the flexibility in the presentations will encourage a range of papers to be submitted. Copies of the Abstracts will be circulated to all Delegates in advance of the Conference, and all papers delivered at the Conference will be published, providing the full-text is received by the deadline date. It is estimated that 10 minute presentation will on publication be some 2,500 words; whilst a 20 minute and 40 minute presentation are likely to be 5,000 and 10,000 words respectively.

Possible themes include: 18th century Freemasonry; 19th century Freemasonry; 20th century Freemasonry; English Freemasonry overseas; Sources and Historiography. The list is not exhaustive and the themes for the various sessions will be finalised when the Editorial Committee, under the Chairmanship of Professor Aubrey Newman, have selected the papers for presentation.

The timetable for receipt of papers may be summarised as follows:

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| 1 May 2015 | Synopsis and outline | 500 words maximum |
| 1 August 2015 | Authors advised if their outline has been accepted for delivery | |
| 1 April 2016 | Abstract | 1,200 words maximum |
| 1 November 2016 | Paper for publication | ~ 2,500 words - 10 minute presentation ~ 5,000 words - 20 minute presentation ~ 10,000 words - 40 minute presentation |

Regrettably no financial assistance can be offered to Delegates or Speakers, but they may be eligible for a grant from their respective Academic Institution. Professor Newman will be pleased to provide the necessary accreditation, discuss possible subjects for papers and deal with all academic enquiries in respect of the Conference.

The Conference is being held in September 2016 so as to enable the collection of delivered papers to be published in June 2017 by QC Lodge as an integral part of the Tercentenary celebrations.

Synopses, Abstracts and Papers should all be sent to new@le.ac.uk

The Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Richard Gan, will be pleased to deal with any general queries regarding the Conference, secretary@quatuorcoronati.com

Full details for Delegates wishing to register and attend the Conference will be made available early in 2016.

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