

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Perambulations

**Question:** I notice that most perambulations in the lodge take place in a clockwise mode and the winding stair is also clockwise but the actions of the deacon and candidate take an anti-clockwise route. Why is this?

**Answer:** The custom of the clockwise movements in lodge is in fact to follow the Sun, the symbol of enlightenment.

In the case of the actions of Deacon and Candidate one might expect this to follow the same symbolic path. The fact of the matter is that, as so often in freemasonry, it is not possible to pursue the matter in a logical way. The candidate is on a path of enlightenment from the dark North to the brighter East, but the method of advancement, from a purely practical point of view, dictates that the motion shall be anti-clockwise.

### Masonic Baptism

**Question:** Is there such a thing as Masonic baptism?

**Answer:** The Freemasons Quarterly Review of 6th March 1836 records the fact that a Nehemiah Blunt, the sixth son of Matthew Blunt (a member of the Anchor & Hope Lodge, Bolton le Moors). The ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Chaplain for the Eastern Division of Lancashire. The sponsors were a Brother David Barber, Provincial I.G. and a Mrs. Mary Thorp. Mrs. Thorp was the wife of the landlord of the Legs of Man Inn where Anchor & Hope met.

The child was invested with a masonic apron together with other emblems of the Order.

Nehemiah had an older brother who had been christened Ezra. It would seem that neither brother became members of the craft.

There have been other examples of this strange practice which would certainly not find favour today.

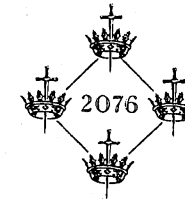
### Lodge Numbering

**Question:** I have reason to believe that there was a Lodge which met in Deal, Kent, with the No. 191 but I see from the Grand Lodge year book that Lodge 191 meets in Bury in the Province of East Lancs. Can you tell me if this is the same Lodge?

**Answer:** This problem frequently arises in masonic history and in order to solve it we require a date for the Lodge in question. The number of a lodge was originally made according to its seniority in the Engraved List in 1729. Following this there were five closings-up of numbers to allow for the erasure of lodges. The Antients had their own numbering system when they were set up and these were amalgamated with the Moderns in 1813 at the Union of the two Grand Lodges. Since that time there have been two closings-up of numbers to allow for erasures in 1832 and 1863. The Deal Lodge was originally No. 282 in 1762 and was named "Royal Navy Lodge" in 1776 by which time it had taken the number of 229. In 1781 it became 184, in 1792, 157 and, finally, 191 in 1814. It was finally erased in 1822. Such problems can only be solved by reference to "Masonic Records" by John Lane, a remarkable and valuable book published in 1895.

## QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE No 2076

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*Brother,*

*As a member of this lodge or of the Q. C. Correspondence Circle you are warmly invited to attend the meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Thursday 26 June 2008 at 5 o'clock p.m., precisely.*

*By command of the Master,  
Peter E. Holland, PG Swd B  
Secretary*

**Morning Dress or Dark Suit, Undress Regalia and White Gloves**

**N.B The Standing Committee will meet at 3.00. p.m.**

**A particular welcome is extended to members of the Correspondence Circle, and to members (not below the rank of Master Mason) of lodges in the Correspondence Circle, who are all cordially invited to make the fullest use of their association with Quatuor Coronati Lodge.**

**Dates of other Meetings in 2008**  
**Thursday, 11 September**  
**Thursday, 13 November; (Installation)**

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2007-08

Table listing officers: W. Bro. S. Brent Morris (Master), W. Bro. P.H. Currie (Senior Warden), W. Bro. J.F. Ashby (Junior Warden), W. Bro. R.A. Gilbert (Chaplain), W. Bro. R.A. Crane (Treasurer), V.W. Bro. P.E. Holland (Secretary), V.W. Bro. J.M. Hamill (D.C.), W. Bro. M.L. Brodsky (Almoner), W. Bro. D.G. Perrin Osm (Charity Steward), W. Bro. R.D.L. Cooper (Senior Deacon), W. Bro. T.V. Webb (Junior Deacon), W. Bro. Y. Beresiner (A.D.C.), W. Bro. A.L. Durr (Inner Guard), W. Bro. M.L. Perkins (Tyler).

ADVANCE COPIES OF THE PAPER

Advance copies of the Papers to be delivered at the meetings are available price £3.50 from the Q.C.C.C. Ltd., office about three weeks before each meeting. The paper delivered by the newly installed Master will also be available on or after, but not before the day of Installation, at the same price. The office address is shown on the front of this summons.

DINING ARRANGEMENTS

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY. The members of the Lodge will dine together after the meeting. Those brethren who also wish to dine MUST book their meal by 4.00.p.m. on the MONDAY preceding the lodge meeting. Bookings WILL NOT be accepted after 4.00.p.m. on Monday. Payment for the meal will be collected at table. Cheques payable to Q.C.C.C. Ltd. are acceptable. If you require a fish or vegetarian meal, please mention it when making your reservation.

PLEASE NOTE that once meals have been ordered it is obligatory to pay for them whether or not they are taken. Cancellations are accepted up to 4. pm on the Monday preceding the meeting, failure to cancel will result in a charge being levied.

ALL REMITTANCES, for whatever purpose, must be in favour of Q.C.C.C. Ltd. Please remember this as otherwise it means additional work for the staff.

AGENDA

At 5 p.m. To open the Lodge.

To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting

To report on membership of the Correspondence Circle.

To receive a paper by R W Bro R.B. Khambatta entitled:

George Cooke - An Anglo-American Interlude

George Cooke was born in Gloucester, England and at some point emigrated to the United States, settling in Albany, New York. He entered the folds of Freemasonry at a time when Freemasonry was under considerable attack.

In 1847, whilst on a visit to England, he visited St. Paul's Lodge in the City, and became very popular with his generosity towards our Masonic charities. The attention of the Earl of Zetland (Grand Master) was drawn to him when introduced as Major General Cooke of the United States Army (ret'd). Cooke requested that the Grand Master should appoint him as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of England to the Grand Lodge of New York; and also to the "Grand Chapter of the United States". After some thought, the Grand Master acceded to this request, and further, appointed Cooke as Past Senior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Secretary, William Henry White, was instructed to draw up the necessary papers. After a preliminary discussion with Cooke, White drew up the documents in draft and after repeated requests, was unable to meet Cooke (this correspondence will be discussed).

In New York State, Cooke's appointment was not very acceptable, and letters were written to Zetland, casting doubts on Cooke's status in life. Now, Cooke avoided meeting the Grand Secretary. It is interesting to read the correspondence on this delay, in the Freemasons Quarterly Review.

George Cooke's early life, his "profession" as a "doctor", his Masonic memberships, etc., have been fully tracked through the courtesy of the Livingstone Memorial Library of the Grand Lodge of New York and these documents will be presented (thanks to Bros Thomas and Savini).

Later, it was alleged that Cooke had never served in the United States Army (hence, he had not been a Major General, thereof).

Further information caused Zetland to revoke the rank given to Cooke by Grand Lodge and he was expelled from Grand Lodge in 1869.

There is an interesting denouement, which will be presented on the lecture given in Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR OF THE PAPER

Bro. Khambatta was initiated into Lodge Zoraster in the Scottish Constitution. He joined his father's and grandfather's lodge, Lodge Faith No. 2468 under the United Grand Lodge of England. He held office as District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Senior Warden, and Deputy District Grand Master before being appointed District Grand Master and Grand Superintendent in the District Grand Lodge of Pakistan from 1970-1976.

He also served as Provincial Senior Grand Warden in Hertfordshire and holds rank as Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden in both Worcestershire and Suffolk.

Active in the Mark Degree, he was appointed as Provincial Grand Master of London. He holds Grand Rank in the Royal Ark Mariner Degree and has held office as Grand Chancellor in the Order of the Secret Monitor and as Senior Grand Warden in the Allied Masonic Degrees.

He was the President of the Board of Grand Stewards in 1988-1989.

He has delivered many Masonic papers amongst which have been the History of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab given in Q.C. Lodge in May 1990 and The Prince of Wales, Grand Master (1874-1901). In non-Masonic life Dr. Khambatta has practiced as a Consultant Cardiologist.

Bro. Khambatta was appointed the Prestonian Lecturer for 2007.

TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

NOTE: Verbal comments upon the paper are welcome in lodge, brethren asked to restrict such comments to an absolute maximum of three minutes.

Such spoken comments should subsequently be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the lodge within two weeks of the meeting.

Written comments of any length are also welcome and two copies on A4 paper with double spacing should be sent to the Secretary preferably prior to the meeting.