



Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076

The Premier Lodge of Masonic Research

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Tercentenary 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 the 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.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, fondly known as QC Lodge, is the premier lodge of Masonic research and its members continue today to work to the standards laid down all those years ago in striving 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 Queens' College or on a non-residential basis. Full details are available on the conference booking website:

www.quatuorcoronati.com/conference_ccc.html

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

In addition to the four eminent Keynote speakers, John Hamill, Dr James Daniel, Dr Brent Morris and Professor Andrew Prescott, over forty speakers from all over the world will be delivering papers on aspects of the history and development of Freemasonry in general, and on Grand Lodge in particular, over the three centuries since its foundation. The diverse topics include: Illustrations of Masonry; Freemasonry in the colonies; other degrees in Freemasonry; Dukes and Kings; clubs, constitutions, and rituals; Freemasonry in Asia, China, India, Italy, Russia, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Turkey.

A copy of the conference brochure and outline programme is attached and gives full details of all the various events taking place during the conference. These include a meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which will take place in Cambridge on the morning of Friday 9 September, and at which Dr Ric Berman will deliver the 2016 Prestonian Lecture.

The conference is being held in September 2016 so as to enable a collection of the delivered papers to be published later this year. The details of this volume will be announced shortly, and it will form an integral part of the forthcoming Tercentenary celebrations.

The Tercentenary Conference Secretary, Richard Gan, will be pleased to deal with any general queries regarding the conference: qcc@aha.cam.ac.uk

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Images may be reproduced from the Conference Brochure. If images with a higher resolution are required please contact Richard Gan, the Tercentenary Conference Secretary, who will also be pleased to answer any other enquiries:

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