What is Quatuor Coronati?
Come and Find Out

For 129 years, researchers have been amassing vast volumes of knowledge about all aspects Freemasonry. They have unearthed and pored through ancient manuscripts, searched through public and private libraries, debated questions, researched evidence, written and delivered papers and presentations and recorded their findings for posterity – just so that you don't have to!
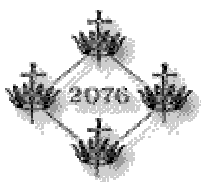
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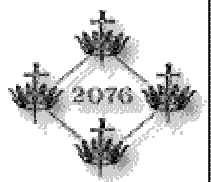
W Bro Antony Baker IPM will show and tell us how the

Passing the Veils
Ceremony

came about and has been worked in Bristol since before the Union. Book NOW to avoid disappointment!

The Paper

A ceremony of "Passing the Veils" is common throughout Scotland, Ireland and the United States of America, but is unknown in England except in the Province of Bristol where it forms an integral part of the Exaltation ceremony. There is a generally held view that "Passing the Veils" was re-introduced in Bristol in about 1900-1910 by the Beaufort Chapter, No. 103. A careful examination of the available evidence, however, shows that this view is not correct. The author concludes that there was no reintroduction. The current Bristol practice of "Passing the Veils" is essentially the same as what was being done in The Beaufort Chapter in 1890 and has been worked continuously in Bristol since at least around 1817 and probably long before.

The Speaker

Tony Baker was born in Welshpool, Powys in 1953, and educated at Shrewsbury School, Cambridge University, and St. Thomas' Hospital. After training in Leicester, where he gained an MD, he moved to Bristol where he practises as a consultant vascular and general surgeon. He was initiated in Powis Lodge (No. 7355), in Welshpool in 1984 and was exalted in Welchpool Chapter (No. 998) in 1986. He was WM of The St. Vincent Lodge (No. 1404) in Bristol in 1999, and First Principal of Jerusalem Chapter again in Bristol in 2004. He loves the Bristol Ritual in both the Craft and the Royal Arch. He served as PrGChap in 2005, and as PrSGW in 2008 and is currently Provincial Grand Orator and Mentor in Bristol and Third Provincial Grand Principal. He was honoured with the rank of PAGDC in 2011. He has occupied the Chair in a total of nine other Masonic Orders. His main interest is in the interpretation of what the Masonic ceremonies might mean, what they might be trying to tell us, rather than the history of the origins and administration of Freemasonry.

- Quatuor Coronati Lodge meetings are open to all Master Masons and are held in Lodge Room No. 11 at Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.

- The Lodge will be Tyled promptly at 4pm.

- Brethren normally wear undress regalia and white gloves. Brethren of other recognised constitutions wear the regalia of their own constitutions.

- The members of the lodge and their visitors dine together after every Lodge meeting, this being an excellent opportunity to meet and socialise. Indeed, members themselves feel these occasions are a key and vital part of the lodge's activities. The formalities are minimal thus providing every opportunity for Masonic conversation.

- The Dining Fee will be collected before the meeting or at table (cheques payable to 'Q.C.C.C Ltd' or cash please) by the Dinner Monitor. This allows all present to dine without interruption. The cost of the meal is currently around £40.00 inclusive of wines. An alternative vegetarian or other dietary option can be made available by prior request with your booking.

- Brethren wishing to dine MUST reserve their meals no later than the Monday of the week of the meeting please, by email or telephone (occasionally by answering machine) with their details.

- PLEASE NOTE that once meals have been ordered, it is obligatory to pay for them whether or not they are taken. Cancellations will only be accepted up to the above booking deadline. Failure to cancel will result in a charge being levied. Bookings and cancellations are ONLY to be made to the following e-mail address or telephone number/answering machine.

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