

THE NORMAN B. SPENCER FUND

The Norman B. Spencer Prize Essay Competition was instituted to encourage brethren to take a lively and active interest in masonic research and to encourage those who have previously undertaken study of this kind to find a stimulating and satisfying addition to their normal masonic ritual learning.

THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The competition is open to members in good standing of lodges on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England or of other Grand Lodges recognised by it. They may select their own subject which must be within the fields of Masonic History, Symbolism, Ritual, Biography, or Antiquities (Regalia, Jewels, Glassware and Ceramics, Books, Documents and Press Comments on Freemasonry, Architecture or any subject deemed to be of general and particular historical importance). Ritual subjects, Lodge Histories and Local Masonic History are not generally acceptable (SEE NOTE).

No one is eligible who has previously been awarded the Norman B. Spencer Prize or who has been invited to read a paper at a meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

NOTE: Quatuor Coronati Lodge reserves the right to determine whether any entry is not suitable for publication.

2. The Prize, of **ONE HUNDRED POUNDS (£100)** is awarded for the entry in each year judged by the Board of Assessors as being the winner or it may be divided between entrants. The decision of the Board must be accepted as final.

3. Essays should consist of 5,000 to 10,000 words in English and must be submitted in duplicate, typewritten in double spacing, with a wide left hand margin to each page. The author's name and address **MUST** be submitted on a separate sheet of paper on which the title of the paper should be repeated and must not appear anywhere as such on the manuscript.

4. Entries will only be accepted on the understanding that Quatuor Coronati Lodge and / or Q.C. Correspondence Circle Ltd have the option of first publication of any entry. The right is also reserved to exercise normal editorial powers in the preparation of essays for publication or delivery and in particular to bring them into conformity with the Quatuor Coronati Style Guide. Whilst it is acknowledged that the copyright of papers remains with the authors, by entering the competition they automatically grant to Quatuor Coronati Lodge and/ or Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle Limited the full right to print, reprint or otherwise publish their papers or extracts therefrom without requiring any further permission from the authors, their heirs or assigns.

5. **ENTRIES (FOR THE CURRENT YEAR) MUST REACH THE SECRETARY OF THE LODGE ON OR BEFORE 1 JUNE IN EACH YEAR.**

NOTE:

IMPORTANT. The fundamental purpose of Quatuor Coronati Lodge is Masonic Research and it is therefore expected that entries will be essentially of a high masonic content. Papers of a contemplative or philosophical nature are unlikely to qualify.

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QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE
SEND SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL
MEMBERS OF THE CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE

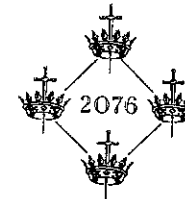
QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE No 2076

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Festival of the Four Crowned Martyrs

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 12 November 2009 at 5 o'clock p.m., precisely.

By command of the Master

John S. Wade, PPJGW (Yorks. W.R. & Derbys.)

Secretary

Morning Dress or Dark Suit, Undress Regalia and White Gloves

N.B. The Standing Committee will meet at 2.30 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 2010

Thursday 18 February; Thursday 13 May;

Wednesday 30 June*; Thursday 9 September;

Thursday 11 November (Installation)

**Please note the change of day and date.*

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ADVANCE COPIES OF THE PAPER

Advance copies of the Papers to be delivered at the meetings are available at a price of £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 that Monday. Payment for the meal will be collected at the 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 4.00 p.m. 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 Install the Master Elect.

To Appoint and Invest the Officers.

Inaugural address by Bro. Dr. J.S. Wade:

QC and AQC: the next 125 years?

Synopsis: In his Inaugural Lecture as Master Bro. John Wade explores the direction that *Quatuor Coronati* Lodge No. 2076 and its *Transactions* have taken since the Lodge was warranted in 1884, and looks at the challenges to be faced in the twenty-first century – challenges within an environment driven by high-speed information technology and instant world-wide communications, totally different to that experienced by its nineteenth-century founders. These founders were well aware of the contribution that the study of masonic history could make to historical studies in general. We need to adapt that tradition – which is still very much alive – to the current times.

About the Author: Bro. Dr. John Stephen Wade was born in Edinburgh in 1947. He was educated at High Storrs Grammar School Sheffield and the University of Durham where he read Classics. Following a 20-year career as a Classics teacher in Sheffield, he finished his full-time career as Teaching Fellow in Latin and Greek at the University of Sheffield. Having taken early retirement in 2005, John Wade continues to teach Latin to postgraduate students at the University in the Department of History, and has just successfully completed his doctorate with a thesis on the Latin writings of the Tudor martyrologist, John Foxe.

Bro. Wade was initiated into Fellowship Lodge No. 4069 in 1981 and exalted into Fellowship Royal Arch Chapter No. 4069 in 1985. He was installed as Master of Fellowship Lodge in 1991 and was the founding Master of Amadeus Lodge No. 9359 in 1994. He is a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in both Yorkshire West Riding and Derbyshire, and a Past Provincial Grand Sojourner in the Royal Arch, as well as a Past Sovereign in the Rose Croix. He is Provincial Grand Registrar for the Province of Derbyshire in the Mark degree and a Divisional Steward in the Red Cross of Constantine, as well as being an active member of a number of other orders. From 2003-2005 he was President of the Sheffield Masonic Study Circle. Having been elected a full member of *Quatuor Coronati* Lodge in 2005, he was Secretary of the Lodge for 2008 – 9. Bro. John Wade also manages to find time to be a member of lodges in Scotland (where he is Immediate Past Master of Lodge Hope of Kurrachee, No. 337, S.C.), Ireland, Italy and the United States (where in September 2009 he was appointed to the rank of Honorary Grand Lecturer in the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey), and to be the musical director of the Sheffield and District Masonic Choir which he founded in 1991. Bro. Wade is the 2009 Prestonian Lecturer, his paper being: “ ‘Go and do thou likewise’: English Masonic Processions from the 18th to the 20th Centuries”.

To close the Lodge