

AN INTRODUCTION
TO THE
QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE
No. 2076

THE PREMIER LODGE OF
MASONIC RESEARCH

Its Objects and Functions and the
Privileges of Membership



THE FOUR CROWNED MARTYRS

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*There is no greater service we can render than in helping to foster a genuine love
for the Craft, based on a better understanding of its origins, its customs and practices.*

IN THIS WORK WE NEED YOUR HELP

**PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN
AND PERSUADE YOUR LODGE TO JOIN**

THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076 LONDON

was warranted on the 28th November, 1884, in order

- TO PROVIDE a centre and bond of union for Masonic students and to imbue Brethren everywhere with a love for Masonic research ;
 - TO SUBMIT the discoveries and conclusions of students to the judgment of their fellows by means of papers read in the Lodge, and to publish the papers, with the criticism and discussions arising from them, in the Lodge Transactions ;
 - TO PUBLISH scarce and valuable manuscripts and other important works on Freemasonry, thereby making them available to students all over the world ;
 - TO MAINTAIN a Masonic library and reading room for members of the Lodge and the Correspondence Circle.
- Full membership of the Lodge is limited to forty, who are admitted, by invitation, upon high Masonic research qualifications. For membership of the world-wide Correspondence Circle, see below.

The functions of the Lodge and the extent of its services to the Craft as a whole are entirely dependent on the support it enjoys from the members of the Correspondence Circle.

THE CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE

Membership. Inaugurated in 1888 it now numbers over 6,600 members, including eminent Grand Officers, Masonic students and writers, and about 1,900 Grand Lodges, Supreme Councils, Private Lodges, Chapters and Study Circles, Libraries and other corporate Masonic bodies.

Eligibility. All Master Masons in good standing under Grand Lodges in amity with the United Grand Lodge of England and all Lodges, Chapters and other recognized Masonic bodies throughout the world are eligible as members of the Correspondence Circle.

Privileges. Members of the Correspondence Circle enjoy all the privileges of full members, except the right to hold office or to vote on Lodge matters. They are heartily welcomed at our meetings, not as visitors, but as associates of the Lodge. They receive the Lodge Summonses and the Transactions as issued, and may subscribe for any of the special publications of the Lodge. (See details on page 3.)

Fees. Joining fee, for individual Brethren or for Lodges, etc., is £1 (\$3 U.S.). Annual subscription, renewable on 1st November in each year, is £2 (\$5.80 U.S.).

Papers. Papers, notes and queries from members of the Correspondence Circle are welcomed and should be addressed to the Secretary. Papers must necessarily be of a requisite standard and the Secretary will be happy to give guidance and advice on such matters.

THE PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE

We are frequently asked, by prospective members of the Correspondence Circle: "What are the privileges of membership — what do we get for our £2 per annum?" They are listed, very briefly, below:—

- (1) To attend the Q.C. Lodge meetings, six times a year, and to participate in the discussions that follow the Lectures. Overseas Brethren are cordially welcomed.
- (2) To receive the "Educational" Lodge Summonses. Pages 3 and 4 are usually devoted to Masonic Notes and Queries of wide popular interest.
- (3) To receive, *without further charge*, the annual volume of the Lodge Transactions. It is a book of some 300 pages, containing the six main Lectures of the year (with all the discussions that follow) and *four or more "ready-made" simple Lectures for use in Lodges or Lodges of Instruction*. The volume also contains a wide-ranging and interesting collection of Notes and Queries on all sorts of Masonic subjects.
- (4) To buy any of the other publications of the Lodge, which are only available to members of the Lodge and the Correspondence Circle.
- (5) To submit, to the Secretary, any questions on Masonic history, customs, ritual, etc., to which we furnish sound authoritative replies, whenever possible.
- (6) To participate in valuable and constructive Masonic work, as associate members of the greatest Lodge of its kind in the world.

NOTE—The members of the Lodge dine together after the meetings, *but at their own individual cost*. Members of the Correspondence Circle and Visitors are gladly invited to dine with members, *on the same terms*.

WHEN A LODGE JOINS THE CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE

When a Lodge, or Chapter, joins the C.C., its Master-Mason members in good standing enjoy practically the same privileges, but the Lodge receives only one copy of the Q.C. Lodge Summons and only one copy of the annual volume of Transactions.

WE RECOMMEND that the Summons, and especially the Transactions, should be sent to the Preceptor at the Lodge of Instruction, or to some zealous Brother, who will ensure that the volume will be circulated amongst those Brethren who are interested in Masonic studies.

LECTURERS. We gladly assist in arranging speakers for Lecture evenings, Discussions, etc. For Lodges and Study Groups at a great distance (or overseas) we can supply Papers which are ideally suited for these purposes. (Particulars on application to the Secretary.)

HOW TO JOIN THE CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE

Write to the Secretary, 27 Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, for a Proposal Form.

YOU DO NOT NEED A PROPOSER FROM OUR LODGE.

The W.M. or Secretary of your own Lodge, or *ANY MEMBER OF THE CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE*, may introduce you by signing the Form. *NO SECONDER IS NEEDED*. Election will normally follow at the next Regular meeting of the Lodge.

THE TRANSACTIONS

The yearly volume of Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge has been issued since the Lodge was founded, and the body of our Transactions forms a collection of essays and articles that comprises every important discovery and discussion that has occurred in Freemasonry since the foundation of the Lodge.

Together, the 78 volumes already published represent the work of the most celebrated scholars during the past three generations in every field of Masonic study and research.

A few complete sets of the Transactions are still available, as well as several of the more recent Volumes. Details from the Secretary.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

One of the most important functions of the Lodge is the publication of reproductions and transcripts of rare and valuable Masonic works, thereby making them accessible to students everywhere. A number of standard works by leading Masons have also been published. Most of these publications, in both categories, would be commercially impracticable, and they could only be undertaken by a world-wide non-profit-making organization.

The Transactions and Other Publications are available only to Members of the Lodge and to Brethren, Lodges etc. who are members of the O.C. Correspondence Circle.

DATES OF MEETINGS

The first Friday in January, March, May and October. The 24th of June (St. John's Day in Summer).

Installation, November 8th (i.e., the Feast of the Quatuor Coronati (the Four Crowned Martyrs, the Patron Saints of the Masons).

TO THE SECRETARIES OF LODGES THAT BELONG TO THE CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE

We suggest the following as an item worthy of inclusion in your Lodge Summons : —

Our Lodge is a subscribing member of the Correspondence Circle of
THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076,
THE PREMIER LODGE OF RESEARCH.

All our Master Mason members are, therefore, invited to attend their meetings and to hear the lectures and discussions that follow.

For Brethren eager to take a deeper interest in the Craft, its origins, development and practices, this is a splendid opportunity, and they will be heartily welcomed.