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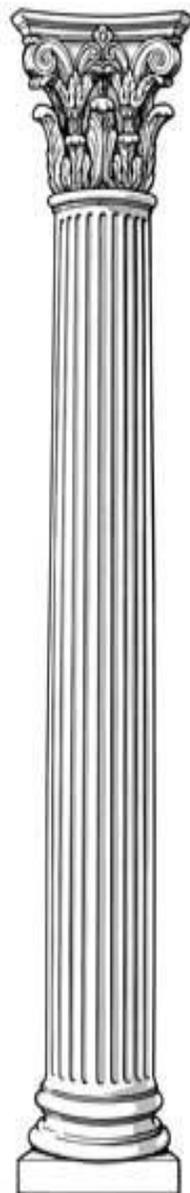
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Did you know that the MAMR library is held at the University of Manchester John Ryland's Library on Deansgate? "They have catalogued it professionally and put it on COPAC. At the moment it is the **ONLY** Masonic that is on COPAC. UGLE library should be there but it is not up to standard. COPAC are very strict about what they will and will not put online, and rightly so", says Christopher Powell.

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2019 Programme

Dear Brethren,

MAMR is keen to offer assistance to all efforts to demonstrate and reveal the richness and, as may be, the mystery and value of Freemasonry. In this we now seem, in principle, to be sailing with a fair wind from the authorities in London. This new team deserves our support, for our aims run parallel, and we hope that in turn we can rely upon theirs.

As an Association we are free to attend lodges and chapters in any part of the North-west. We are certainly not wedded to Manchester despite our title. Our website and twitter pages reflect the vigour and breadth of our interests. It is curious, and most regrettable, that we seem to be so little appreciated on our home patch while our reputation is very strong across the world. A recent visit to Washington DC has evidenced this without any prompting.

Our focus is not local, as other English research societies tend to be. Our vision is far broader, as the 2019 Programme indicates. We tend to be at the leading edge of genuine Masonic knowledge. That's why our reputation internationally is so strong.

So join us, and come. Share the thrill of real exploration and discovery. Your membership means a lot to us and ensures the survival of north-western Masonic excellence.



Programme for 2019

Meetings normally commence at 5.45 pm, dependent upon location and subject. In January and November the meetings are at the Third Floor, Manchester Hall, and are tyled, being associated with the Lodge of Silent Temple No. 126. Locations are otherwise as stated on our website: www.mamr.co.uk

Tuesday, 22 January.

Installation within 126, tyled, and Inaugural Address

'Soap Powder & Freemasonry'

WBro. Allan Shields

Lord Leverhulme was a very successful entrepreneur, and carried his vigour into civic life and into Freemasonry. His roots were in Lancashire in Bolton but his business became centred within Cheshire at Port Sunlight. Allan will provide a lively account of this great Northern pioneer.

Wednesday, 27 March.

Thoughts on the early history of the Royal Order of Scotland

WBro. Christopher Powell

Bro. Powell will engage us in his usual style. The topic as yet remains part of the grand mystery of Masonry. It bristles with tantalising questions, connections and possibilities of great importance. Doubtless we will be stimulated and wish to know more. The open question and answer session is your opportunity to probe the mind and opinions of this popular savant.

Wednesday, 22 May.

What and Why?

Association visit and discussion at an exemplary Masonic museum.

A fresh era seems to be dawning at Great Queen Street. The Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, Geoffrey Dearing, is 'hugely respectful of tradition and history' and keen to promote better, effective communication. Sir David Wootton, Chairman of the Improvement Delivery Group, seeks to 'prioritize learning'. And David Staples, Grand Secretary, has burst on the scene vigorously to assert that 'Freemasonry is so much bigger than what each of us believes'. Buzz round the beehive!

Wednesday, 25 September.

Bordeaux 2019

Several members of MAMR will have taken part in the ICOM conference held at Bordeaux over the 7-9 June weekend. The theme there will be *A fertile half-century on both sides of the Atlantic*. The roll-call of participants (www.icom.fm) reads like a *Who's Who* of active Masonic experts. This will be an opportunity for our members to report back with their individual impressions.

Tuesday, 26 November, within Lodge No. 126, tyled, at Manchester Hall Austrian Freemasonry

Marcus Patnik, WM of

Forschungsgesellschaft Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Vienna

Bro. Patnik is an energetic leader of Masonic studies in Austria. He edits their impressive annual Transactions, *Quatuor Coronati Berichte*, Wien. His insights form part of our continuing series explaining Freemasonry's development on the continent of Europe.

Associated meetings

Saturday, 30 March. *Let's Talk Masonry* conference at Salford Masonic Hall. Usually very popular. Programme not yet announced.

Thursday, 27 June. Visit of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 to Shrewsbury. The speaker will be WBro. Mike Karn delivering his 2019 Prestonian Lecture

Freemasonry in World War I. Details will be published on our website: www.mamr.co.uk and on www.quatuorcoronati.com

The 'Peterloo Massacre' took place in Manchester in August 1819. There are several Masonic angles to this. It is possible that we could take part in the **Manchester Histories Festival 2019** to raise awareness of Freemasonry among the general public. Volunteers required!

