



2010 ANZMRC Biennial Conference Mandurah Western Australia 3rd. to 6th. September

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Profile of our keynote speaker

Yasha Beresiner LL.B.

Yasha Beresiner was born in Istanbul, Turkey in 1940. He had a public school education in England (Romsey College, Hants) and obtained his law degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, where he served in the parachute regiment (in 1963 he married his sergeant!). He settled in London in 1968 working as a legal consultant. In 1982 he set up his own collectables business which he still operates.

Bro Yasha was initiated in London in 1975 and in 1992 he was invited to become a full member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No 2076, serving as Master of this Premier Lodge of Masonic Research in 1998/9. He was appointed to Past Grand Standard Bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England in April 2003. He enjoys higher Grand Rank status under the jurisdictions of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel (Hon SGW) and the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy (PSGW), where he currently serves as the Grand Librarian. He also holds Grand Rank in the Royal Arch, the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner and is active in many other orders beyond the Craft. He is a Kellerman Lecturer and toured South Africa, Australia and New Zealand under the auspices of the ANZMRC in 2000. In February this year, he was appointed the 2009 'Blue Friar' in Alexandria, Virginia USA.



Yasha is active in the City of London, a Past Master (2001-2) of the ancient City Livery Company: Makers of Playing Cards founded in 1628 and a Committee Member of the Bishopsgate Ward Club, he is a qualified City guide (2002/3) and is the current Editor of *Cityguide* magazine. He has had an extensive Masonic career and is writing regularly in *Freemasonry Today*, the official publication of the United Grand Lodge of England. His hobbies - in addition to 6 grand children - include all aspects of 'the Square Mile'; writing and lecturing (author of 10 books and a multitude of articles on collectables etc); Bridge (County Master level); Freemasonry and languages; he is fluent in English, French, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew and Turkish.

We are very fortunate to have attracted Yasha to the 2010 ANZMRC Biennial Conference in Mandurah. He will address us at the Official Opening Dinner on Friday 3rd. September.

The title of his address will be "Jack the Ripper...a Freemason?!"

