

Landmarks in Freemasonry

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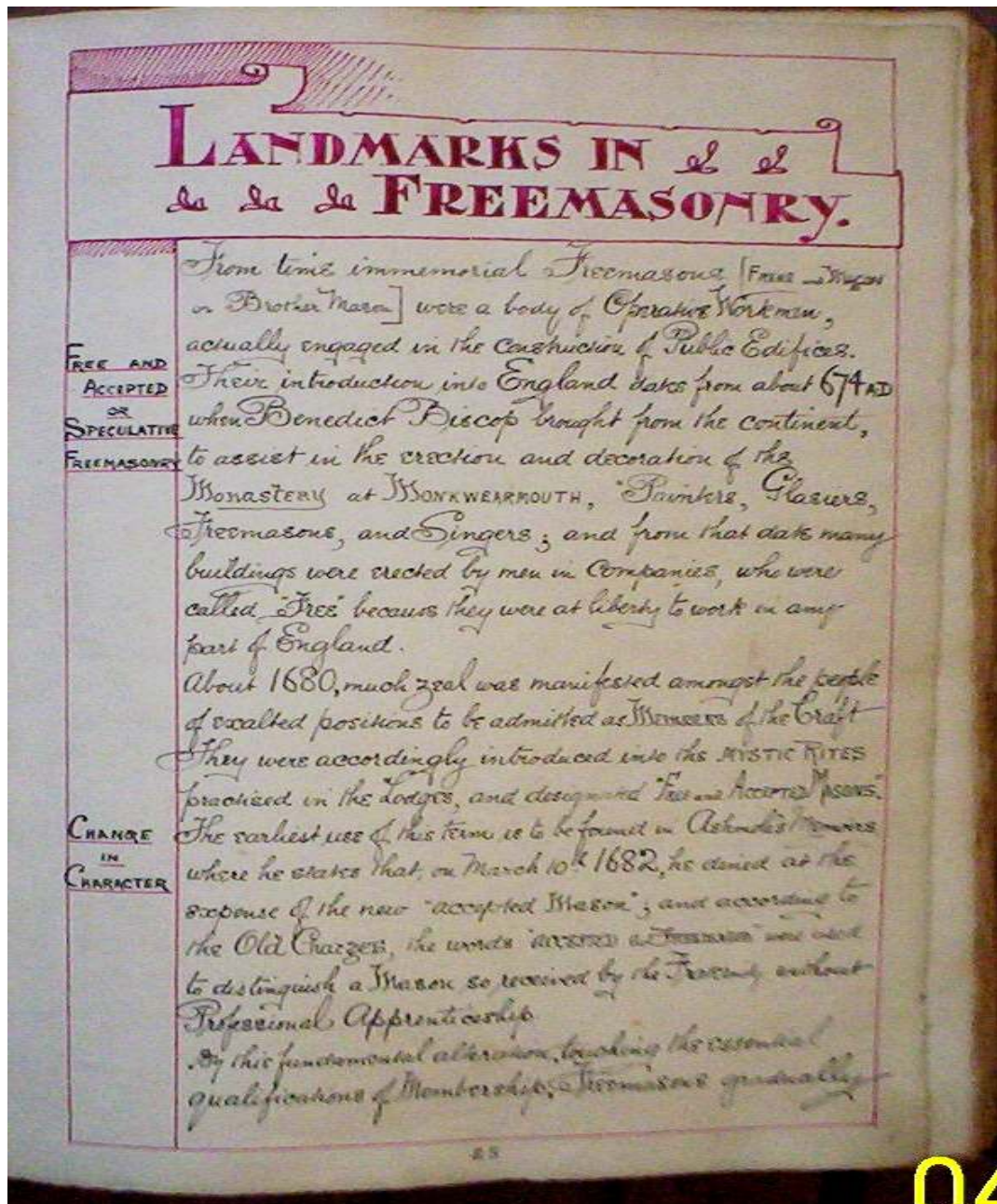
"From time immemorial Freemasons were a body of Operative workmen, actually engaged in the construction of Public Edifices.

Their introduction into England dates from about 674 AD when Benedict Biscop brought from the continent, to assist in the erection and decoration of the Monastery at Monkwearmouth; Painters, Glaziers, Freemasons and Singers, and from that date many buildings were erected by men in companies, who were called 'Free' because they were a liberty to work in any part of England".

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During their sojourn in Sunderland, "Crowley's Crew", as his workmen were called, held their lodges, which they removed to Swalwell and subsequently to Gateshead on Tyne, and which is now known as the Industry Lodge, No 48, the oldest lodge in the Province".



THE
YORK
G:L.

Until 1724, no Warrants were granted for any Lodge outside of London, but in this year CHARTERS were issued for Lodges meeting at Bath, Bristol, Worcester, &c. This activity produced a like spirit in the Old Lodge at YORK, which had been working there long before G.L. was established in 1717, with the result that on 27th 1725 "THE GRAND LODGE of all ENGLAND"

was inaugurated at York, with Charles Bathurst, Esq. as Grand Master. For many years this G.L. consisted of 1 Lodge only, but eventually issued Warrants to Lodges in Yorkshire, Cheshire, & Lancashire. After in dispute with G.L. of 1717, it collapsed about 1790.

THE
FOURTH
G:L.

During this period another Lodge, The Lodge of Antiquity, endeavoured to emulate its example. London was the Birthplace of this particular G.L., promulgated into existence by a few members of the Lodge of Antiquity in 1749, under the title of "THE GRAND LODGE of ENGLAND, SOUTH OF THE RIVER TRENT,"

but collapsed after a ten years struggle. On July 17th 1751, was founded the royal GRAND LODGE under the title of "THE GRAND LODGE of ENGLAND,"

THE
ATHOLS

according to the Old Institutions. and eventually gradually styled "Ancients and Athols". At this point the following Letter, written by Bro. H. Sander, the Master of the Grand Lodge of Athols,

RELATION-
SHIP
BETWEEN
MODERNS
AND
ANCIENTS

From the Constitution of this rival G.L. great rivalry was generated amongst their respective adherents, styled Moderns & Ancients, whereby the practice of that "Love & Harmony" which should at all times characterize Freemasonry lay uncultivated; in fact, Goodwill & Harmony were replaced "locally" by acrimony: as a perusal of Lodge Records so amply testify. To enable us to appreciate this assertion, the following Minutes play their part:-

April 13. 1809. In consequence of Bro. Thomas Fleming having been so weak as to get himself initiated into a Lodge of Alcohol Masons the W. M. [Bro. T. HARDY] proposed his expulsion, and that Circular Letters be sent to the Members of this and Phoenix Lodge to avoid association with him as Masons, and that his name be transmitted to Bro. G. L. to be forwarded to G. L. for review.

[Carried nem. con.]

The Alcohol Lodge referred to is St John's, N^o 80, whose Record dated March 11th, 1809, reads:-
"Bro. Newton proposed Thomas Fleming, who wished to enter our Lodge, which was unanimously agreed to, he being made a Modern Mason before, it was agreed he should pay 1² Guineas to go through the 3^d Degree."

IRREGULARITIES

This dual system encouraged "irregularities" and as clandestine Meetings. In Aug. 1807, we read that "Bro. William Sawcutt, having been made a Mason in a clandestine Lodge, was accepted and admitted." Light is thrown on these "irregularities" from the Records of St John's Lodge N^o 80.

THE
UNION
OF THE
GRAND
LODGES
IN
1813.

MARCH 11th 1806

"That the Lodge Tyler, James Ballantyne, was found 'Guilty' of clandestinely making Masons out of the Body of any Lodge, and by unanimous consent was excluded from the Lodge."

DEC: 1814.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Charge of making Masons clandestinely, brought against Bro W. Carter, adjudged him "Guilty," and suspended him from the various Lodges for a term of 9 Months.

It is gratifying to record that, in 1813, this unfortunate struggle was brought to an end by the Union of the MODERNS and ANCIENTS under our present Constitution of

"The United Grand Lodge of England,"

which explains the "title" on the Certificates granted to Candidates on becoming Master Masons.

Thus Freemasonry, after the gradual extinction of its Operative features, consummated the Speculative details by rigidly clinging to past Traditions; and by the continuation of venerable Symbols, Rites, and Ceremonies which, with but slight modifications, still exist.

CROWLEY'S
CREW.

Speculative Freemasonry, as practised "locally," is traceable to the establishment of an iron manufactory by Sir Ambrose Crowley, of London, an enterprising genius, in the Low Street, SUNDERLAND.

LOCAL
FREEMASONRY
IN
EARLY TIMES

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the Works were transferred, together with his Cyclopaen
Colony, to Swalwell in 1690.

During their sojourn in Sunderland, "Crawley's Crew",
as his workmen were called, held their Lodge which
they removed to Swalwell, and subsequently to
Satchhead-on-Tyne, and which is now known as the
"Industry Lodge", N^o 48, the oldest Lodge in the Province.
Further evidence of the existence of a Lodge in Sunderland,
probably a "Time Immemorial Lodge", is testified to by the
minutes of the "Masters of GRAND LODGE", DURHAM, as follows.

APRIL 24th 1745.

"Bro Bryan Stobart a Mason made in Sunderland,
was admitted a Member of this Lodge."

DEC: 19th 1751.

"Samuel Thompson being made a Mason at a Lodge
in Sunderland, was admitted a Member."

DEC: 27th 1751.

"At the same Lodge Bro: Robert Gibson, a member
of the Lodge at SUNDERLAND, now residing in
the City of Durham, was, at his request, and
the unanimous consent of the Society, admitted
a Member."

PHOENIX
LODGE

Four years later, i.e. on OCTOBER 5th 1755,
was constituted in Sunderland the First
Warranted Lodge and which at present
bears the name of "Phoenix Lodge N^o 97."



The Earl of Loughborough

**FIRST
FRUITS**

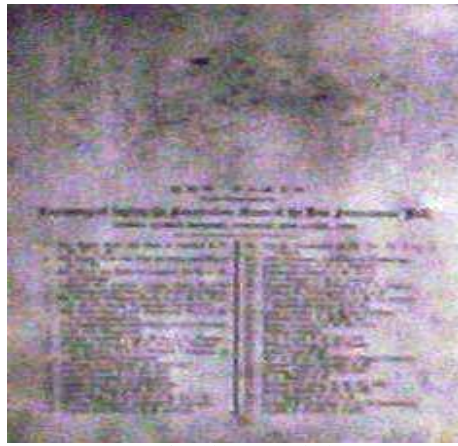
Amongst the "First Fruits" of this Union of the Ancients & Moderns was the Amalgamation of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge [ATHOL] N° 113, founded on SEP. 24th, 1805, with ST Nicholas Lodge [MODERN] founded on APRIL 2nd, 1813. By this fusion, under the name of Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, the very high N° 26 was secured, and at present this Lodge stands N° 24 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England. This event was the occasion of great rejoicing amongst the Brethren of Northumberland & Durham. A Grand Procession of over 600 Brethren, including Sir J. E. Swinburne Bart. P. G. M. [Northumberland] Sir Matthew White Ridley Bart. M. P. Curshbert Ellison Esq. M. P. William Lorraine Esq. Deputy P. G. M. [Durham] The Reverend John Collicler, Rector of Gateshead and several members of this Lodge 97, marched to ST Mary's Church, Gateshead, where they heard Divine Service, after which £112. 16. 10 was collected for the Benefit of the Chaplainry at Newcastle.

LOCAL

In the evening 214 Brethren dined at the Jolly Boat Inn. On MARCH 10th 1814 the Brethren of St Johns Lodge [ATHOL] now N° 80, and of St Pauls Lodge N° 197 [ATHOL] created in 1828 paid their first fraternal visit to St Nicholas Lodge.



Widdowson's Hall



Ceremony of Laying Foundation Stone
for the new Freemasons' Hall

CUSTOMS
ADOPTED
BY
G. L.

The "United Grand Lodge of England" adopted the following Customs of the MODERNS & ANCIENTS:—

- (1) Our present G. L. Seal includes the whole of the Armorial bearings of the Ancients except their Legend.
[The mottoes of both were discarded for the present]
- (2) G. L. Certificates in English & Latin from the Ancients.
- (3) Past Masters were not MEMBERS of G. L. under the MODERNS as with the ANCIENTS.
- (4) G. L. Officers were restricted to Grand Stewards [MODERNS]
- (5) Grand Pursuivants were not recognized by MODERNS
- (6) Deacons were appointed generally.
- (7) The privilege of the Grand Stewards to nominate their Successors, and the prerogative of The Grand Master in appointing the Grand Officers, were old Customs of the MODERNS.

The two Royal Dukes,
H. R. H. The Duke of Sussex who succeeded H. R. H. The Duke of Wales in 1812 as P. M. [MODERNS] &
H. R. H. The Duke of Kent, who succeeded the Duke of Arkel in 1813 as P. M. [ANCIENTS]
zealously devoted themselves to the task of reconciling that great division of Masons - the Union, and at length arranged:—

GRAND
MASTERS

The United Grand Lodge of England.

THE UNION
OF
MODERNS
AND
ANCIENTS
ON
DEC 27 1813

On the accession of H R H The Prince of Wales to the Regency of the United Kingdom in 1812, he was succeeded by H R H The Duke of Sussex as S. W. It was early apparent that the Duke was determined on uniting the Moderns & Ancients. His Grace, the Duke of Athol, was at the head of the Special Lodges who, although constituted in 1751, had continued their meetings without acknowledging a Head until 1792, when His Grace was chosen S. W. This venerable nobleman, recognizing the desirability of a Union, in the handsomest manner, resigned in favour of H R H The Duke of Kent, who was duly installed S. W. at Willis's Rooms, St. James's Square, on DEC: 1st 1813, on which occasion H R H most liberally proposed that he had accepted office with the sole object of cooperating with his illustrious Brother of Sussex, in promoting and cementing the so-much-desired Union.

This important event of the Reunion, took place with great solemnity on **S^t JOHN'S DAY,**
DECEMBER 27th, 1813.

ORDER
OF
PROCEEDINGS.

- The following Order of Proceedings, was strictly observed
1. Freemasons' Hall having been fitted up agreeably to a Plan & Drawing for occasion, and the whole House tiled from the outer porch, the Platform on the E. was reserved for the Grand Masters, Grand Officers and Visitors.
 2. The Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the several Lodges who had been previously re-obligated and purified by the

LODGE
OF
RECONCILIATION
Lodge of Reconciliation, and provided with Tickets
signed and countersigned by the two Secretaries thereof, were
arranged on the two sides in the following manner; that is to say,
the Masters were placed in the front, the Wardens or benches behind,
the Past Masters or rising benches behind them, and the Lodges were
ranked so that the two Fraternities were completely intermixed

ARTICLE V of Articles of Union: - For the purpose of establishing
and securing the best uniformity in all the Warranted Lodges, and also to
in the Grand Assembly, and to place all the Members of both Fraternities
on the level of equality on the Day of Reunion, it is agreed, that as soon
as these presents shall have received the sanction of the respective G. Lodges,
the two G. M's shall appoint each, a worthy and expert M. P. or
P. M. of their respective Fraternities, with Warrant & Instructions
to meet together at some convenient central place in London, when
each party having opened (in a separate apartment) a just & proper
Lodge, according to their peculiar regulations, they shall give and receive,
mutually and reciprocally the OBLIVATIONS of both Fraternities,
according to lot which shall take priority in giving and receiving,
the same, and being thus all duly and equally delighted in both
parts, they shall be empowered, and directed, either to hold a Lodge
under the banner or Dispensation to be assigned to them, and to be called

The Lodge of Reconciliation
or to visit the several Lodges holding under both the G. Lodges for the
purpose of Obliging, Instructing, and Perfecting the
Master, Past Master, Wardens, and Members, in both the
parts, and to make a Return to the G. Secretaries of both the
G. Lodges of the names of those whom they shall have thus

In
Common

In
Dues

DUTIES
OF
SECRETARIES

enlightened. And the said General Secretaries of both Lodges shall be empowered to enroll the names of all the Members thus nominated in the Register of both the Grand Lodges, without fee or reward, it being ordered, that no person shall be thus obligated and Registered unless the Master & Wardens of his Lodge shall not certify, by writing under their hands, that he is free or the Brother of his particular Lodge. Thus, on the day of the Assembly of both Fraternities, the Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters & Wardens who are alone to be present, shall all have taken the Obligation by which each is bound, and be prepared to make their solemn engagement, that they will thereafter abide by that which shall be recognized and declared to be the true and universally accepted Obligation of the Master Mason.

DRESS

3. The Masters, Wardens, & Past M's, all dressed in black (Regimentals excepted), with their respective Insignia, and in White Aprons & Gloves, took their places by 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

OPENING
OF
GRAND
LODGES

4. The Masters: - Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and distinguished visitors, of the two Fraternities, assembled in two adjoining Rooms, in which they opened two Grand Lodges, each according to its own peculiar Solemnities, and the Grand Procession moved towards the Hall of Assembly, in the following order: -

GRAND
PROCESSION.

Grand Usher with his Staff

The Duke of Henke Band of Music, 15 in number, all Masons

Two Grand Stewards

A Cornucopia borne by a M. M.

2 Grand Stewards

Two Golden Ewers, by two M. M.'s

The Quorum and extra Masons

forming The Lodge of Reconciliation

in single file, ranks opposite to rank, with the

Emblems of

The Grand Secretary bearing

the Book of Constitutions and

Great Seal

The Treasurer with Golden Key

The Corinthian Light

The Pillar of the J. G. W. on a Pedestal

The J. G. W. with Scepter

The Deputy Chaplain with Holy Bible

The Grand Chaplain

Past Grand Wardens

The Dove Light

The Pillar of the S. G. W. on a Pedestal

The S. G. W. with Scepter

2 Past Deputy Grand Masters

The Deputy Grand Master

Mr. William de la Cour de Sagard, the Swedish Ambassador

of the first Embassy to the North

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The Dep. G. C. with Holy Bible

The Grand Chaplain

Past Grand Wardens

Past Grand Masters with their Seats

The Dove Light

The Pillar of the S. G. W. on a Pedestal

The S. G. W. with Scepter

The acting Deputy G. M.

G. M.

Victor

GRAND
PROCESSION.

The Royal Banner.

The Sonic Light.

The Grand Sword Bearer

The G. W. of England.

H. R. H. The Duke of Kent

with the Act of Union in duplicate

2 Grand Stewards.

Grand Tyler

On entering the Hall, the Procession advanced to the Throne, and opened and faced each other, the MUSIC playing a MARCH composed for the occasion.

THE
G. M's.

5 - The 2 Grand Masters then proceeded up the centre, followed by the G. W. visitor, the Deputy G. W. all in the order named, those the most advanced, returning in single file, to turn, re-advance, and take their places. The Musicians ranging themselves in the Gallery over the Throne. The Brethren bearing the Cornucopians, Vases, &c. taking the seats reserved for them.

6 - The 2 Grand Masters seated themselves in two equal Chairs, on each side of the Throne.

7 - The Visiting G. W. & other distinguished Visitors on each side.

8 - Remaining G. Officers & Visitors according to Degree.

The D. or C. Sir George Naylor having proclaimed silence, the Rev. D. Barry, F. C. to H. R. H. The Duke of Kent commenced the important business of this Assembly with Holy Prayer in a most solemn manner.

ACT
OF
UNION

The Act of Union
was then read by the Director of Ceremonies.

PROCLAMATION
BY
G. C.
OF
MODERNS

The Rev. Dr. Coghlan, G. to his Fraternity under the
Duke of Sussex, proclaimed aloud after sound of Trumpet
"Hear ye! This is the Act of Union, engrossed
in confirmation of Articles solemnly concluded
between the two Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted
Masons of England, signed, sealed, and ratified, by
the two Grand Lodges respectively; by which they
are to be hereafter and for ever known and acknowledged
by the style and title of
The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons
of England.

OMNES

How say you, Brethren, Representatives of the two Fraternities
Do you accept, ratify, and confirm the same?"
To which the Assembly answered
"We do accept, ratify, and confirm the same."

The Grand Chaplain then said:— And may the Great
Architect of the Universe make the Union perpetual.
To which all the Assembly replied "So mote it be."

The two Grand Masters and the six Commissioners
signed the Instruments, and the two Grand Masters then
affixed the Great Seals of their respective Grand Lodges
to the same.

PROCLAMATION
BY
G. C.
OF
ANCIENTS

The Rev. Dr. Barry, after sound of Trumpet, then
proclaimed:—
"Be it known to all men, That the Act of Union between
the two Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of England
is solemnly signed, sealed, ratified, and confirmed;

and the two Fraternities are one, to be from henceforth known
and acknowledged by the style and title of
The United G. L. of Ancient Freemasons of England,
and may the Great Architect of the Universe make their
Union perpetual!"

ONES

And the Assembly said "Amen."

Bro. Wesley, who was at the Organ, performed a Symphony.

The two Grand Masters, with their respective Deputies
and Wardens, then advanced to the Ark of the Masonic Covenant,
prepared under the direction of W. Bro. John Doane,
R. A. Grand S. of N., for the edifices of the Union, and
in all times to come to be placed before the Throne.

CEREMONY

The Grand Masters standing in the E, with
their Deputies on the right and left, the Grand Wardens
in the W. and S; the Square, the plumb, the level,
and the mallet, were successively delivered to the Deputy
Grand Masters, and by them presented to the two G. Ms.,
who severally applied the Square to that part of the said Ark
which is square; the plumb to the sides of the same; and the
level above it in three positions; and lastly, they gave it
3 knocks with the mallet, saying "May the Great
Architect of the Universe enable us to uphold the Grand
Edifice of Union, of which this Ark of the Covenant is the
symbol, which shall contain within it the Instrument
of our Brotherly Love, and bear upon it the Holy Bible,
Square, and Compass, as the light of our faith and the rule
of our works. May He dispose our hearts to make it perpetual!"

OMNES

And the Brethren said "So mote it be."

The two Grand Masters placed the said Act of Union in the interior of the said Ark.

The Cornucopia, the Wine and Oil, were in like manner presented to the Grand Masters, who, according to ancient rite, poured forth corn, wine and oil on the said Ark, saying, —

CORNUCOPIA

"As we pour forth corn, wine, and oil on this Ark of the Masonic Covenant, may the bountiful hand of Heaven ever supply this United Kingdom with abundance of corn, wine and oil, with all the necessaries and comforts of life; and may the diverse hearts be grateful for all His Gifts!"

And the Assembly said "Amen."

The Grand Officers then resumed their places.

COUNT

DE

LEADER

The Members of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and the distinguished Visitors, on their return, proceeded slowly up the centre in double file; and as they approached the two Grand Masters they opened, and the Grand Visitors advanced, when His Excellency the Grand Master of the First Lodge of the North audibly pronounced that the forms settled and agreed on by the Lodge of Reconciliation were pure and correct. This being declared, the same was recognized as the forms to be alone observed and practiced in the United Grand Lodge, and all the Lodges dependent thereon, until Time shall be no more.

The Holy Bible, spread open, with the Square and Compasses thereon, was laid on the Ark of the Covenant, and the two Grand Chaplains approached the same.

DECLARATION

The recognized Obligation was then pronounced aloud by the Rev. D^o Hemming, one of the Masters of the Lodge of Reconciliation; the whole Fraternity repeating the same, with joined hands, and declaring "By this solemn Obligation we vow to abide, and the Regulations of Ancient Freemasonry now recognized, strictly to observe."

CONSTITUTION OF ONE G. L.

The Assembly then proceeded to constitute one G. L. in order to which, the Grand Masters, Deputy G. M's, G. Wardens, and other acting G. Officers of both Fraternities, divested themselves of their Insignia, and Past G. Officers took the Chair

R. W. DEPUTY
R. W. M.
R. W. O.
H. R. F.
address, standing upon himself
Fraternity,
important
happily &
his illustri
Grand
for which he
qualified.
Washing
unanimou

NOMINATION OF G. M.

DECLARATION OF THE DUKE OF SUSSEX AS G. M.

H. R. H. The Duke of Sussex was placed on the Throne by the Duke of Kent and the Countess of Arundel, and solemnly addressed.

Proclamation was then made, that the Most Worshipful Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Innes, Baron Arundel, Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, was elected and enthroned Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England.

And H. R. H. received the homage of the Fraternity. H. R. H. the G. M. then nominated the following Grand Officers of the new Lodges:-

- Bro. the Rev. Samuel Hemming, D.D. as S. G. W.
- Isaac Lindo as J. G. W.
- John Dent as G. TREASURER.
- William Maybrick as G. REGISTRAR.
- William Henry White } as G. SECRETARIES.
- Edward Harpers }
- Rev. Edward Barry, D.D. } as G. CHAPLAINS.
- Rev. Lucas Coates, D.D. }
- Rev. Isaac Knapp as Deputy G. C.
- John Evans as G. S. OF W.
- Ensign Taylor as G. D. OF C.
- Captain Jonathan Barker as G. S. W. B.
- Samuel Wesley as G. ORGANIST.
- Benjamin Aldhouse as G. USHER.
- William V. Salmon as G. TYLER.

OFFICERS OF ONE G. L.

It was then solemnly proclaimed, that the two Grand Lodges
 was incorporated and consolidated into one, and the G. M.
 declared it to be open in due form according to ancient usage.
 The G. L. was then called to Refreshment, and the Cup
 of Brotherly Love was delivered by the J. G. W. to the
 Past Deputy G. M., who presented the same to the G. M., he
 drank to the Brethren
 "Peace, Goodwill, and Brotherly Love, all over the World,"
 and he passed it.

CUP
 OF
 BROTHERLY
 LOVE

During its going round, the VOCAL BAND performed a Song
 and GLEE.

GLEE

GLEE composed by Bro Kelly
 Lo! see from Heaven the peaceful dove,
 With olive-branch descend!
 Augustus shall with Edward join,
 All rivalry to end
 And taught by their fraternal love,
 Our Arms, our hearts shall intertwine,
 The Union to approve.

ANTHEM.

ANTHEM, composed by Bro WESLEY, and sung at the Union.
 Behold! how good a thing it is,
 And how becoming well,
 For Brethren, such as Masons are,
 In Unity to dwell
 Oh! 'tis like ointment on the head,
 Or dew on Sion hill,
 For then, the Lord of Hosts hath said,
 Peace shall be with you still



Frontispiece to Book of Constitutions
 1723

