

with some other old Brethren met at the Apple-Tree Tavern, above mentioned, in February, 1717; and, having voted the oldest Master Mason then present into the chair, constituted themselves a Grand Lodge, *pro tempore* in due form. At this meeting it was resolved to revive the Quarterly Communications of the Fraternity, and to hold the next annual assembly and feast on the 24th of June, at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Church-Yard, (in compliment to the oldest Lodge, which then met there), for the purpose of electing a Grand Master among themselves, till they should have the honour of a noble Brother at their head. Accordingly, on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1717, in the third year of the reign of King George I., the assembly and feast were held at the said house; when the oldest Master Mason and the Master of a Lodge having taken the chair, a list of proper candidates for the office of Grand Master was produced; and the names being separately proposed, the Brethren, by a great majority of hands, elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, Grand Master of Masons for the ensuing year; who was forthwith invested by the said oldest Master, installed by the Master of the oldest Lodge, and duly congratulated by the assembly, who paid him homage. The Grand Master then entered upon the duties of his office, appointed his Wardens, and commanded the Brethren of the four Lodges to meet him and his Wardens quarterly in communication; enjoining them at the same time to recommend to all the Fraternity a punctual attendance on the next annual assembly and feast."

Within a few years the labors of Dr. Anderson, George Payne, the Duke of Montagu and others developed the Fraternity both territorially and as an organization. Spain, France, Bengal and Gibraltar were invaded almost immediately. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was established in 1729, Scotland in 1736, Hamburg in 1737, and the Fraternity spread rapidly throughout Europe.

Masonry in America. The first authority for the assembly of Freemasons in America was issued on June 5th, 1730, by the Duke of Norfolk, to Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, appointing him Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; three years later, Henry Price, of Boston, was appointed to the same office or New England. Price organized the St. John's Grand