

OF FREEMASONRY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF ITS RITES AND GRADES.

English and Irish Masons—Their True Relations to Their Brethren on the Continent.

What the Holy Father, in his Encyclical *Humanum Genus*, says it is the duty of Catholics to do, is:

In the first place, to tear from Freemasonry the mask with which it hides itself, and to show it to the world just as it is. Secondly, to instruct the people, to make them understand the artifices employed by the sect in order to seduce men from virtue and draw them into their ranks.

Another writer says:

Those who have been the most active in drawing men into evil associations have been: Luther, Calvin, Voltaire, Rousseau, Jansen, Jules Ferry, Victor Hugo, Sr., and all the chiefs of Catholic Liberalism, of Freemasonry, of Socialism, of Radicalism, and of Nihilism..... The most dangerous men of our times are Liberal Catholics, Jew-Masons, Socialists; in a word, those who are condemned by the Pope as being the worst enemies of the Church, of France, and of civilization.

Monsieur Meurin was the first to reveal, in his magnificent work, *Franc-Maçonnerie, Synagogue de Satan*, the existence of "Palladism," which constitutes High Masonry, the secret body which controls the sect.

Masonry extends its influences, its active agency, to every part of the world, but its Grand Orient, its Supreme Councils, and its Grand Lodges—that is, the central, official authorities of the different Masonic federations—have their centres only in Europe, Africa and America. Thus the Grand Orient, French Rite, has under its dependence the various grades not only in France and the colonies, but also of foreign countries. The Lodges of all these countries are directly dependent on the Grand Orient of France, in immediate communication with it, and through it, and it alone, are in connection with the Supreme Grand Lodge, the Paladium, now located in Rome, under the Supreme Mastership of the Apostate Lemmi. Other centres exercise their influence over dependent jurisdictions on the same general principles.

RITEs OF MASONRY.

In Masonry, as in religion, the word Rite is understood to mean a form of ceremonies adopted and practised. Freemasonry is a grotesque imitation of Catholicity, and of its particular rites. The Church recognizes, besides the Roman, the Greek, the Chaldean, the Syriac and other rites, but all these, while they differ in external forms, hold all the articles of faith and recognize one head, the representative of Christ on earth. So in Masonry, they have ten recognized rites or outward forms used in their lodges, but all are united for the accomplishment of the same end, and they recognize one supreme head of all the rites, whom the Bishop of Port-Louis calls the "Sovereign Pontiff and the Vicar of Lucifer on earth." The following extract from the carefully prepared work before mentioned of Monsieur Meurin, the Bishop of Port-Louis, who has been styled "one of the brilliant lights of the Society of Jesus," is a word picture as truthful and as forcible as a photograph, of what Freemasonry really is.

Freemasonry is one in every part of the globe; under innumerable forms, but under the supreme direction of the Sovereign Pontiff in Charleston. When the book was written, that is an absolute truth. Charleston is (was then) the provisional Rome of the Synagogue of Satan. The Grand Master of the Supreme Council of Charleston is his Pope, the vicar of Lucifer on earth, aspiring to reside one day in the true Rome. The Grand College of Masons Emeritus is his Sacred College of Cardinals; the sovereign Commanders of the Supreme Councils, or the Grand Orient in the world, are his patriarchs, archbishops, and bishops; the venerables of the lodges, his priests; the Masons are the faithful; the lodges are his churches and chapels. The solstitial assemblages are the Grand Festivals of his worship; and finally, the Palladium is the tabernacle, or rather the ark of the Covenant, between Jehova Lucifer, and his people, the Masonic elect.

The priests of God have a liturgy; the

worshippers of Satan have their Pontiffs, their High Priests and their Grand High Priests. This fact led the great mathematician Lagrange, a member of the French Institute, to say: "Freemasonry is an absurd religion."

Masonic rites are numerous and the Order is divided into sects which differ in the ceremonies which govern the conduct of their Lodges, but they are all united in desiring and in working for the destruction of the Roman Catholic Church.

Many of the rites and orders established since its foundation have been abandoned. Those that remain in use are ten, but four of them control nearly all the Lodges in the world. They are:

1. The Heredom Rite.
2. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.
3. The Ancient Reformed Scottish Rite.
4. The Scottish Philosophic Rite.
5. The French Rite.
6. The York Rite.
7. The Johannite or Zinnendorf Rite.
8. The Electic Rite.
9. The Swedish or Swedenborgian Rite.
10. The Misraim Rite.

It will be remembered that the Rites differ only in the management of their Lodges and in the number of degrees they confer. They are all the same in dogma, for they all acknowledge the authority of one supreme Dogmatic Chief, who is now officially established in Rome, in the person of Adriano Lemmi, the successor of Mackay and Albert Pike, formerly of Charleston. They have also an Executive Chief, whose position is filled by a man named Medico, a Roman Jew, who is the successor of Mazzini.

The English and Irish Masons chiefly follow the "Herodom," the "Ancient Accepted Scottish" and the "York" Rites. These each possess a varying number of "Degrees" or grades through which the Mason has to pass before he enters the inner circle of the body of which he is a member.

The first three degrees are properly known as symbolical; they are the initiative degree, in which the aspirant to future Perfect Masonry, not yet worthy to know all the secrets, is gradually initiated by symbols or figures of what he is to learn when sufficiently tried and proved worthy. Indeed, all the degrees up to the thirtieth, or Knight Kadush, or Perfect Mason, may be considered as relatively symbolical, for they merely prefigure the reality of true Masonry.

The first degree is that of Apprentice; the second is the Companion and the third is Master Mason.

Every Rite must necessarily confer these three degrees, in the same order, and under the same name, and no man is a Mason until he has received the third or Master Mason's degree. Each of these degrees must be conferred separately, and a certain time must elapse before the candidate can be raised to the succeeding.

The rite used in Dublin, as in Ireland generally, is the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, which owes its creation to Frederick II. of Prussia, who added eight degrees to the Herodom Rite. It is divided into four series, the first of which includes the three Symbolical degrees as in all the rites.

The second series, Capitular Grade, includes all the degrees of the Herodom, from the 4th to the 18th, both included, thus bringing within it the 13th, or Royal Arch, and the 18th, or Rose Cross, which is, as Bishop Cledon remarked in his dialogue on the "Lodge in South America," the first in which the Masons assist at the celebration of the Black Mass which begins "Introibo ad altare," etc.

The third series, Philosophic Grades, includes all from the 19th, the Grand Pontiff of the Heavenly Jerusalem, to the 30th, the Grand Elect Knight Kadush, Perfect Initiated. This, as stated, corresponds with the 25th Herodom.

The fourth series, Superior Grade, 31st, Grand Commander; 32d, Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret; that of the Prince of Wales and 33d, Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

This rite is practised by the Grand Orient in Italy, seated in Rome; by the Supreme Council of France, seated in Paris; by the Supreme Council of England, seated in London; by the Supreme Council of Scotland, seated in Edinburgh; by the Supreme Council in Ireland, in Dublin; by the Supreme Councils in Belgium, Prussia, Greece, Spain, Hungary, Switzerland, etc.; by the Supreme Council of the United States—Northern Jurisdiction, seated in Boston;

Southern Jurisdiction, seated in Charleston; in Canada, South America, and in the State of Louisiana; all the other States follow the York Rite.

The "Herodom" and "York" Rites are also followed in both England and Ireland, but all the members of the various rites are everywhere acknowledged as true Masons by those who belong to the society. Indeed, it is impossible to deny that there is an absolute fraternity between the English and Irish lodges and those of the Continent.—Catholic Standard.

A TELLING REBUKE.

German Catholic papers publish the following anecdote: During the summer, at one of the German watering-places, the *table d'hôte* had just commenced. Amongst the assembled guests were seen two Catholic ecclesiastics, apparently secular priests. Both made the sign of the cross and said their grace. Several young fellows who were present began to laugh and to make fun of the two priests in a very offensive manner.

The priests quietly finished their grace, and thereupon the elder of the two, tapping upon his glass to secure attention, turned to the company and addressed them in polite words:

"I am," he said, "a Catholic priest and Cardinal Prince Archbishop of Vienna; my companion is Canon N. We were both taught by our mothers, as children, to say grace before meals, and according to the precepts of our mother the Church, we are accustomed to sign ourselves at our prayers with the sign of the Cross. I observe, that this does not find favor with several of the distinguished company present. Should the majority of the guests agree that our grace and the sign of the Cross are unsuitable in this company, we shall be glad to take our places at another table."

Nearly all present protested loud and energetically against the conduct of the young men, and "Out with them!" was the unanimous verdict.

GREAT MEN AND CATS.

Not a few great men have been partial to cats. Petrarch had his cat embalmed. Dr. Johnson, sometimes called the "Great Bear," nursed his cat day and night during its illness, and went himself for oysters to tempt its appetite. Southey raised one of his cats to the peerage, with the high-sounding title of "Earl of Tomlemange, Baron Raticide, Warwiler and Skaratchi." To Napoleon, however, cats were a mortal terror.

Just after the battle of Wagram an aide-de-camp, upon entering the Emperor's room, saw him half undressed, with protruding eyes and perspiring forehead, making frequent lunges with a sword at the tapestry around the room. In explanation, he said that there was a cat behind the tapestry, and that he had hated cats from his very infancy. He had crossed the bridge at Lodi with sublime courage, yet quivered with excitement and terror over the presence of a cat.

The weekly reviews of trade of the Dun and Bradstreet commercial agencies show that the volume of business transacted is on the whole better than a year ago. The volume of production has been well maintained and in some branches improvement is reported. Wheat and corn advanced in price during the week, while pork and cotton declined slightly.

In the current Donahoe's Magazine, the Rev. John Talbot Smith writes of Archbishop Ireland, and declares that the St. Paul prelate "is to day in Europe the best known and most dreaded representative of American democracy," despite his Irish birth, his Catholic faith and his episcopal character.

The Japanese are winning victories now as often as they can find a Chinese army willing to meet them. There has been heavy fighting north of Port Arthur, with the usual result. The Japanese captured the towns of Kinkow and Tollewan. A naval engagement, of which the details are unknown, occurred Saturday.

A cholera riot has occurred in Heszth, a village of Hungary, arising from the popular anger at an edict declaring that all persons who die of cholera must be buried in a separate cemetery.

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