

to form a Grand Lodge. On the 24th of June of the same year (St. John's the Baptist's Day) they met again and carried that scheme into execution. All that is known of those meetings is told by Anderson, as follows:—

King George the First entered London most magnificently on the 20th of September, 1714, and after the rebellion was over, A.D. 1716, the few lodges at London, finding themselves neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, thought fit to cement under a Grand Master as the centre of union and harmony, viz.: the lodges that met:—

1. At the Goose and Gridiron ale house in St. Paul's Churchyard.

2. At the Crown ale house in Parker's Lane, near Drury Lane.

3. At the Apple Tree Tavern, in Charles Street, Covent Garden.

4. At the Rummer and Grapes tavern, in Channel Row, Westminster.

They and some other old brothers met at the Apple Tree, and, having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge *pro tempore*, in due form, and forthwith revived the quarterly communication of the officers of lodges (called the Grand Lodge), resolved to hold the annual feast, and then to choose the Grand Master from among themselves, till they should have the honour of a noble brother at their head.

Accordingly, on St. John the Baptist's Day, in the third year of King George the First, A.D. 1717, the assembly and feast of the Free and Accepted Masons was held at the aforesaid Goose and Gridiron ale house.

Before dinner, the oldest Master Mason in the chair, proposed a list of candidates, and the brethren, by a majority of hands, elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, gentleman. Grand Master of Masons; Captain Joseph Elliott, Mr. Jacob Lamball, carpenter, Grand Wardens, who, being forthwith invested with the badges of office and power by the said oldest Master, and installed, was duly congratulated by the assembly, who paid him the homage.