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## The History of Freemasonry

### CHAPTER I.

HISTORY OF MASONRY FROM THE YEAR 1829 TO 1834.

(Continued.)

In September, His Royal Highness was requested to superintend the deposition of the foundation stone of a new building to be erected in Agarstreet, Strand, and to be called Charing Cross Hospital. This part of the metropolis is thickly peopled, and accidents on the River Thames are of frequent occurrence, with no similar institution within a convenient distance. The utility of such a charity being thus obvious, His Royal Highness graciously consented; and for this purpose opened a Grand Lodge in the Vestry Room, near the parish Church of Saint Martin's, Westminster; where he was attended by His Grace the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of Ireland; Lord Dundas, D. G. M.; James Agar, P. D. G. M.; Lord George Lennox, S. G. W.; Lord H. John Churchill, J. G. W.; Earl Ferrers, P. G. M. for Staffordshire; as well as all the Grand Officers present and Past; several Provincial Grand Masters; and the Masters and Wardens of many private Lodges.

The procession was then formed, and moved in the following order, viz:

Police Officers:

Military Band of Music.

Two Tylers.

Grand } The Banner of the } Grand  
Steward. } Grand Lodge. } Steward.  
The Wardens, Past Masters of the several Lodges; according to Rank, Juniors walking first.

Officers of Grand Stewards' Lodge.

The Architects, with  
A Cornucopia, with  
Corn, borne by the  
Grand } Master of a Lodge. } Grand  
Steward. } Two Ewers with wine } Steward.  
and oil, borne by the  
Master of a Lodge.

Trustees, Treasurers, Building Committee, and Officers.

Stewards, with Wands.

Governors and Subscribers.

Stewards, with Wands.

Beadles.

When the head of the procession arrived at the place where it was to halt, the Brethren divided to the right and left, and faced inwards, forming an avenue for the M. W. Grand Master to pass through, preceded by the Steward and Grand Patron and the Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by His Royal Highness's Banner, the Ionic Light, the Grand Master of Ireland, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, who took their respective situations on the platform. The Vice-Patrons of the Institution, the Vice-Presidents, and the Building Committee also took their places on the platform.

The stone was then raised, and, after the lower one was adjusted, the Grand Secretary read aloud, the inscription engraven on the brass plate. The Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins in the cavity of the lower stone, and the Grand Secretary placed the inscription plate over the mouth of the cavity. The cement was then placed on the upper face of the bottom stone, and the Grand Master adjusted the same with a trowel handed to him for that purpose. After which the upper stone was lowered slowly, the band playing "Rule Britannia."

The Grand Master then proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb, level, and square, which were successfully delivered to him by the Junior and Senior Grand Wardens, and the Deputy Grand Master. Being satisfied in these particulars, His Royal Highness gave the stone three knocks with the mallet, which was delivered by His Grace the Duke of Leinster. The Cornucopia, containing the corn, and the Ewers, with the wine and oil, were then handed to His Royal Highness, who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone, with the accustomed ceremonies. The Grand Master having inspected the plan of the intended building, delivered the same to the Architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed, without loss of time, to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan.

The Stewards and Committee of the Hospital having erected a very extensive platform, and also seats for the accommodation of spectators, the ceremony was graced by the presence of many ladies of noble

Brethren is always ensured. For this purpose they have been conveniently divided into sections and clauses, which may occasionally be entrusted to talented Brethren, at the will and pleasure, and under the direction of the Master. This is a practice which excites emulation, and produces industry amongst those who might otherwise be always indifferent. It encourages the timid Brethren to exercise and improve their dormant talent; and is frequently found to develop ability and zeal, which might have forever remained undiscovered and unknown. To those who have witnessed the eagerness with which, even Brethren of ordinary abilities have listened to the Masonic lecture, and the edification which it has produced, this duty will need no recommendation. But as the practice of lecturing in the Provinces is very limited, it was thought not altogether useless to point out its constant and certain effects, that the Brethren might be induced to enter on it with spirit and alacrity.

### SAINT JOHN.

LEINSTER LODGE, No. 19.—The M. W. Grand Master, W. Wedderburn, installed Leinster Lodge Officers, on Friday evening the 13th inst. The names of officers are as follows:

Henry J. Thorne, M. M.; Asaph G. Blaklee, J. P. M.; Chas. A. Stockton, Sen. W.; Moses L. Gross, Jun. W.; A. A. Stockton, Treas.; J. Edward N. Holder, Sec.; W. A. Tweeddale, Sonr. D.; Jno. Murdoch, Junr. D.; Jno. Y. McDermott, M. of C.; Wm. J. Cornfield, S. Stew'd; Xenophon Perry, J. Stew'd; Jos. McIntyre, In. Gard; Dinges Scribner, Tyler.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—The Royal Order of Scotland was re-associated on Friday evening the 13th inst. and received a considerable accession to its membership. Sir Knight B. L. Peters is now the chief officer.

### ALBERT COUNTY.

HOWARD LODGE, F. & A. M., of Hillsboro, installed their officers for the current year on St. John's Day, 27th ult. At the close of the installation ceremonies the brethren with their lady friends and invited guests sat down to a sumptuous repast, after which toast drinking and speech-making were indulged in for some hours. The officers elect are as follows:

John A. Beatty, W. M.; Wm. Woodworth, S. W.; Wm. S. Gross, J. W.; John Beatty, Senr., Sec.; Wm. Golding, Treas.;

### P. E. ISLAND.

The brethren of Alexandra Lodge, No. 983, F. & A. M. of Port Hill, met at their Lodge Room on Tuesday evening the 27th December, being the anniversary of St. John, and installed their officers for the year as follows:

John Yeo, W. M.; Thomas Adams, S. W.; John Ellis, J. W.; John Maynard, Treas.; John Bell, Sec.; Henry Newcombe, S. D.; Edward England, J. D.; P. W. Hubbard, I. G.; R. T. Oulton, Tyler, Archibald McIntosh, David McLean, Stewards.

After which, supper having been announced, the Brethren present sat around the festival board, and enjoyed with evident relish the good things provided, while the feast of reason and the flow of soul was a conspicuous element in the evening's entertainment.

CHARLETTOWN.—On Tuesday the 27th December, being St. John's Day, the Brethren of St. John's Lodge of Free Masons marched in procession to St. Paul's Church, where the Rev. Dr. Reade preached an eloquent discourse appropriate to the occasion. A collection in aid of the Poor was taken up, amounting to £4. In the evening the following were installed Office Bearers for the current year:

P. S. Macgowan, W. M.; Thos. Johnston, S. W.; A. A. Baldwin, J. W.; R. McRae, Treas.; N. P. Stramberg, Sec.; Rev. Dr. Reade, Chap.; S. W. Crabbe, S. D.; W. H. Aitken, J. D.; G. P. Tanton, S. S.; W. McLaren, J. S.; Lawrence Hickey, I. G.; James Stewart Tyler; John Dorsey, Marshall.

At 9 o'clock the members of the Lodge with their friends and guests dined together in the City Hotel. The wines and viands were excellent. The Rev. Dr. Reade, Chaplain, said grace. After the cloth had been removed, a number of toasts were proposed, and responded to, from the Master's Chair. Songs, sentimental, patriotic and comic, closed the evenings entertainment.

At the regular meeting of Mount Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M., on Tuesday 27th December, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year, viz:

David Rogers, W. M.; Lemuel Vicker, S. W.; Notar Scribner, J. W.; Geo. Beirsto, Treas.; J. Gourlie, Sec.; David Montgomery, S. D.; John Young, J. D.; William Campbell, I. G.; James Caldwell, Tyler; Chas. Saunders, S. Rodd, Stewards.

At the close of the proceedings the

plentiful supply of the good things had been disposed of, the W. M., Bro. Dr. Loomis took the chair and proposed a number of sentiments, which were responded to by Bros. Falkiner, Dickson, Bewell, Revds. Messrs. Robinson, Mockridge and Norris. Mr. Maybee presided at the merriment, and a number of songs were well sung by the Messrs. Maybee and Hudgeons. Mrs. John Bull and Mr. Fitzgerald sang with remarkably good effect, a duett. The String Band added much to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

The *Globe* informs us that St. John's Lodge, of Bathurst, has returned its warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and applied for a warrant from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

ST. ANDREWS LODGE, in Fredericton, is the only remaining Lodge which has not yet given in its allegiance to the properly constituted authority. We are in hopes that they will shortly follow suit.

PRESENTATION.—At the annual meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., of Milltown, held on St. John's Day, W. Bro. David Main, was presented by the members of the Lodge with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Worshipful Master, David Main, by the members of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Dec. 27th, 1870.

The gift was accompanied by an address, to which P. M. Main replied in appropriate terms thanking the brethren of Victoria Lodge for the handsome testimonial and their good wishes toward him.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—Eastern Star Lodge, No. 51, R. N. S., celebrated its second anniversary by a dinner at the Masonic Hall, on the evening of Tuesday the 10th inst. The affair was quite a success.

VICTORIA LODGE, of Milltown, Saint Stephen, has leased the upper flat of the Swett building from C. E. Boardman, Esq. The hall has been renovated and fitted up at considerable expense, and now presents the finest appearance of any Lodge Room in the Province. It is to be used for Masonic and religious purposes only.

### DISCOVERY OF MASONIC EMBLEMS.

The Newark (N. J.) *Advertiser* says: "Some interest has been created in Sussex County during the excavation for the 1770.