

which unanimous assent was given, that your Lodge might wear a distinctive colored apron as another mark on the Ebenezer of your journey. These marks of your Centennial time cannot efface, if your Lodge observes them.

The century of your history began while Napoleon was on his way to Egypt, hoping to conquer it, but Horatio Nelson blasted that hope at the Battle of the Nile. Trafalgar and Waterloo followed. Wars, mutiny and many other shadows have thrown themselves across the face of our national history during the last hundred years. Our race has been subjected to many ordeals and tests, many changes have been wrought, many orders and societies have been organized, flourished, outlived their usefulness, and perished. Institutions hoary with time, have gone out of existence. Our own fraternity has received many a shock, yet your Lodge has maintained its organization unbroken, and to-day forms a part of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, a Fraternity which has the largest membership of any semi-religious institution in the world.

We have just reason to be proud of our name as Freemasons. The world owes much to masonry. She has ever been the star that points to equality, justice and liberty, and notwithstanding the antipathy in some quarters to the fraternity, she has always been in the front rank in the steady march of human progress. Great strides have been made during the century in every branch of industry. Art, commerce, exploration and invention have been the activities of the age.

Law, order and moral reform have been the results of educational, religious and fraternal communities, and Masonry has added its quota to these interests.

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