

Grand Secretary and Treasurer, to Wildey Monument Fund Dr.

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| 1864. | To Balance Due..... | \$ 6 00 |
| 1865. | Chatham Lodge, No. 29 | 4 00 |
| | Erie Lodge, No. 33 | 5 00 |
| | Total | \$15 00 |

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The following Proclamation by the Most Worthy Grand Sire, received from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Sec. of the G. L. U. S. are respectfully submitted :

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME—GREETING.

Whereas, owing to causes which no longer prevail, several jurisdictions subordinate to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States have, during the past four years, been unrepresented in the Parent Body ; and whereas, some difficulty is supposed to exist as to the manner of returning Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States from such jurisdictions ; Therefore, to the end that all difficulty may be removed, and the way be made open and free for a prompt restoration to entire affiliation with the brotherhood under the Supreme Head of the Order : I, Isaac M. Veitch, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging, do hereby, by this my Proclamation to the fraternity at large, declare the unbroken unity of the Order, and by virtue of the sovereignty residing in the Grand Lodge of the U. S., proclaim and make known, that there exists no hindrance to the re-establishment of the fraternal relations that formerly existed between all the jurisdictions subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the U. S. ; and that every act or declaration of any kind whatsoever, if any should have been made, intended to impair the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. over, the whole fraternity, is hereby declared to be null and void, and of no force or effect whatever.

And I do hereby earnestly and fraternally invite and exhort all Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, in such jurisdictions in which the Order may have become disorganized, to reassemble according to the forms prescribed by their respective charters and constitutions, and proceed with the work of organization, and the election of duly qualified Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which will convene in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, on the third Monday in September, 1865.

In the hope that our brotherhood may come forth from the severe ordeal to which it has been subjected, unscathed and re-invigorated by its trials, and that its great heart may ever vibrate in unison with the teachings of Charity, I await with confidence a prompt and cordial response from every jurisdiction, assuring all who accept this affectionate invitation that a fraternal greeting awaits them upon the occasion of our Grand Annual Communication.

Done at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on the twenty-fourth day of May, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-five, of the Republic the eighty-ninth, and of our beloved Order the forty-seventh.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, Grand Sire.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Cor. and Rec. Sec.