

of Grand Lodge, and the following letter was directed to Alexander Dougall, Esq., Grand Lodge Secretary:

"Sir,—Observing in the Weekly Magazine an advertisement by you requiring the different Masters of the Lodges in Scotland that are in arrears to the Grand Lodge to transmit to their secretary at Edinburgh lists of their un-entered Members with the Grand Lodge, and money to pay what they owe in arrear respectively. I have in compliance with the said advertizement transmitted you enclosed a list of all the Members of this Lodge, none of whom being yet entered in the Grand Lodge Books, that you may order their names to be enrolled therein, and likewise Draught on Mr. Shadrach Moyse at the Custom House, Edinburgh, payable at sight, for two pounds, fifteen shillings, being at the rate of two shillings and sixpence by each Member for such enrolment. If there are any other dues payable to the Grand Lodge quarterly or annually you will please let me know, and they shall be regularly transmitted in future.

"I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

"ARCHD. SMITH, M."

The Grand Clerk, Bro. David Bolt, in his letter of acknowledgment states that the half crown from each entrant is the only dues demanded, but if the number of the Brethren exceeds twelve a fee of two shillings and sixpence, and if over twenty, one of five shillings is due to the Clerk.

The meetings for several years after the foundation appear to have been held rather irregularly, or at any rate regular minutes were not kept, and the number of the Brethren is practically stationary up to the year 1772.

The Records do not afford any indication of the locality of the building in which the Lodge met during the first year of its existence, but upon 2nd August, 1770,

"The Brethren present having taken into consideration their want of a convenient place to meet in, unanimously agreed and fixed upon a room in Bro. Kenneth McKenzie, junior's, house, to which a convenient closet is adjoining, and to pay him annually for both, the sum of thirty shillings as rent and four shillings more for furnishing Fire and Water to the Lodge, the said rent to commence the 5th July, 1770."

Bro. Kenneth McKenzie, junior's house was situated, according to the Charter granted him by Lord Fortrose in 1761, on Cromwell street, or as it was then called, Oliver street, and must have been on the second feu south from Church street, or lane, afterwards known as Kenneth Murray's Property.

The Brethren had occupied Bro. Kenneth McKenzie's room for their monthly meeting on 5th July, and on 2nd August he laid before the Lodge an account of "necessaries furnished," probably for the house warming, which the Lodge ordered to be "instantly paid."

To one loaf sugar, weighing 11 lbs. 5 oz., at 10½d. per lb.	£0 9 10½
To seven pints of rum, at 2s. 3d. per pint	0 15 9
To three dozen Choppine black bottles, at 2s. 3d. per dozen	0 6 9
To 5 Deals, at 1s. 2d. each	0 5 10
To Nails, Candles and Corkage	0 1 8
	£1 19 10½

1771.

Bro. Archibald Smith, Collector of Customs, occupied the Chair till 17th January, 1771, at which date the number of members was still twenty-two. Bro. John McElver then succeeded him as Master. The minute of 17th January says: "The election of a Master and Officers of that Lodge having been postponed all our meeting nights since St. Andrew's Day, owing to there being but few members present, but this night that difficulty being removed by a competent number appearing, Brother John McElver was elected Master; John Reid, Comptroller of Customs, Secretary, and all the other former officers continued."