

On the 4th Dec. it was resolved that "Twenty dollars be given out of the funds to Bro. McCudden, a distressed brother; two pounds was also granted to another distressed brother." And on the 1st January, 1818, "that two guineas be allowed to Rev. G. O. Stuart, and one guinea to the clerk of the Church, for their services on St. John's Day," as also five guineas to the "Kingston Compassionate Society," after which the Lodge was closed, as it well might be, "in love and harmony." At each of the three following meetings, certificates were granted to members of the Lodge "to be exalted to the Royal Arch Degree."

"On the 7th May, 1818, "Bros. — and — having been specially summoned by order of the W. M. for charges brought against them, did not think proper to attend the same. The former brother was expelled the benefits of Masonry for *ninety-nine years*."

On the 4th June, "There not being a sufficient number of brethren present, the meeting was adjourned until Friday evening, 5th inst., at 7 o'clock." On the 5th (next day), the minutes were confirmed, the officers were elected for the ensuing six months, two joining members were proposed and accepted, a fellow-craft raised to the third degree, and other business transacted. A very gross irregularity is apparent in these proceedings. No Lodge has or can have the right to adjourn from day to day. The Order recognizes but two descriptions of Lodge meetings (saving and excepting masonic funerals); the one being the regular (monthly or otherwise) meeting, as laid down in the by-laws, and the other an emergent meeting. At the first, all regular work may be transacted without a special summons, the laws of the Lodge being the summons, although there are some descriptions of work which cannot be even gone into on the regular meeting, unless a summons has gone forth to the members advising them of the fact; while at an emergent, or irregular meeting, nothing can be entered on except what has been expressed in the summons calling such meeting, and of which every member must have a week's notice. We have already noticed such irregularities as the foregoing; but it cannot be too forcibly impressed upon some of our Lodges that there is both a right and a wrong way of doing things. At this same meeting, it would appear that the brethren thought they had been too lenient in expelling a member at a previous meeting for only *ninety-nine years*. They therefore, perhaps by way of example, resolved that "in consequence of Bro. —'s non-compliance with a certain resolution of this Lodge, and conduct unbecoming a Mason, he be and is hereby expelled from this Lodge, and all the benefits of Masonry, for *nine hundred and ninety-nine years*"!!! Probably if he seeks admission at the end of his term, he will be received into full membership again.

And this gives us an opportunity of moralizing a little on masonic trials and punishments.