

does to the Masons here present (cheers.) to have the honor of the presence of a relation of the Princess of Wales' family here to-day. (Cheers.) Brethren, you will remember that it was in Sweden I was initiated into Freemasonry. On my return to Denmark, I was first received into a Lodge, and I shall always look upon my connection with Freemasonry as being a binding link between Sweden, Denmark, and England. (Cheers.) My Lord Mayor. I thank you once more for the kind way in which you have proposed the toast of my health, and I again thank you for the great and high compliment you have paid me and the Grand Lodge of England. (Loud cheers)

In response to the toast of the "Grand Officers, Present and Past," H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, P. G. W., said:—

My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren, it is with great diffidence that I rise to return thanks for the very important toast which has just been given. I have served the office of Senior Grand Warden, and I am very proud to have held that position. I only regret that my military duties have not enabled me to do as much as I would in that office. I only wish all my Brethren to believe that my heart is most fully in all that concerns the happiness and welfare of the Craft. My Lord Mayor has referred in most eulogistic terms to the Grand Officers and to their duties. I am sure that from the beginning they have always taken a leading part in Freemasonry, and have always done their utmost to show how fully alive they were to the importance of their duties. One of the most pleasurable of those was to take a leading part in all that promotes the good of the Charities. I am sure, sir, if you will allow me only to repeat the words of the Grand Master, I would say how much we, the Grand Officers, appreciate the great kindness and the great honor you have done us in asking us here this evening. You have indeed, as you have said, held out to us the right hand of friendship and of hospitality. In conclusion, therefore, I beg, in the name of the Grand Officers, to thank you most sincerely for the honor you have done us this evening.

The Prince of Wales, in proposing the health of the host, said:—

BRETHREN,—The last toast which is to be given here this evening has been kindly entrusted to my care. Though it is the last it is by no means the least, and it is one which I know you, Brethren and members of the Grand Lodge, will all drink most cordially and most heartily with me—

the health of the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor will, I am sure, allow me to say that I feel convinced that in the last weeks of the remainder of his tenure of office it has given him pleasure to receive the Grand Lodge this evening. Therefore, on their part, and on my own, I beg again to thank him for the compliment he has paid us, and assure him how much we appreciate being here in the Mansion House, more especially as I have the pleasure and privilege on many occasions of partaking of the well-known hospitality of the Lord Mayor, and he will, I know, allow me to say, that I accept that hospitality always with the greatest pleasure, not only for the compliment he has always paid me, and his predecessors have paid me individually, but as a citizen of this great city. I now, Brethren, call upon you most cordially to drink with me to the "Health of the Lord Mayor."

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was received with loud and long continued cheering, said:—

May it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren,—The great and distinguished honor which has been conferred upon me to-night I never can forget, because it is not only an honor conferred upon me, but it is also an honor conferred upon the City of London. Your Royal Highness has been pleased, in proposing my health, to allude to one or two circumstances which to me have been great memorials. In the year 1863 I was called upon by my brother fellow citizens to preside over a committee which received your Royal Highness and the Princess; and later on, in St. Paul's Cathedral, on that great day of thanksgiving, I had the honor, in conjunction with my co-Sheriff, Sir John Bennett, of receiving your Royal Highness and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; and now, as Lord Mayor of London, I am permitted the proud and distinguished honor of receiving your Royal Highness as Grand Master in this ancient hall. I need not say, therefore, what my feelings are on this occasion. I dare not express them, but I must at least say that it will ever be to me and my family a proud remembrance that as Lord Mayor of this great city I have been permitted not only to entertain His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and this is the first time that name has been used in this hall this evening, but also the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of our Craft.

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