

Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and we indulge the hope, vain though it may be, that it be accepted, and the suggestion with reference to the communication from the Grand Lodge of Belgium meets with our approval, also the issuing of commissions to representatives near other Grand Lodges.

The question of Masonic custom and law demands most careful attention. The Grand Master refused to put a motion at the last session of Grand Lodge. His plea seems to be the broad principle of Masonic privilege, on which also his objection is based. The position of the Grand Master we deem to be well taken, for ample opportunity should be given in order to a thorough acquaintance of matter of such high importance as the development and establishment of Masonic law. No contravention of principle contained in the motion takes place, only delay is occasioned in reporting progress, a delay which gives abundant margin for examination and comparison, that the ancient land-marks be not contravened—a delay which we believe to be in accord with Masonic principle, charity and privilege. The subsequent action of the Grand Master in having printed and distributed copies of the proposed alteration and amendments of the constitution and bye-laws is hereby commended.

His suggestion too as to wisdom of refraining from tampering with the constitution too frequently is approved, and the hope is entertained that our power of apprehension may be sufficient to enable us to distinguish things that differ. Constitution and bye-laws, that confusion of thought may not arise, that action may be secured and that Masonic work may be done with all the comeliness of Masonic harmony. Your committee observes with pleasure the reference to the special communication of the Grand Lodge, the purpose being the payment of Masonic courtesy and brotherly love

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