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## THE BOOK OF ASHLAR

QUARRIED BY CLERICUS THE SCRIBE.

## CHAPTER I.

*From the Creation to the building of King Solomon's Temple.*

**I**N the beginning there was Mastership among Masons, and the foundation was on this wise.

2 The first man *Adam* was made after the image of the Great Architect, and he begat sons and taught them the Liberal Sciences, primo Geometry.

3 And *Cain* did build a city and erect many curious works, and his sons and his sons' sons walked in the ways of their fathers.

4 And it came to pass at the building of a Tower in the city of Babylon that the fame of Geometry, alias Masonry, was spread abroad.

5 And the nations of the East heard thereof and desired to build cities.

6 Now at that time *Nemorth* reigned King of Babylon, and he was a mason.

7 And a message came unto *Nemorth* from his cousin the King of Nineveh, saying, Send me I pray thee wise men of your craft that we may have houses to dwell in.

8 Then did *Nemorth* the King summon his fellows, and he selected three score of them to go thither.

9 And he delivered unto them a charge, and exhorted them to

be true to one another and love one another. And then it was for the first time that any mason had delivered unto him a charge.

10 So they departed, and were received with great favour by the King of Nineveh, and they did their work as they had been commanded.

11 Likewise the patriarch *Abraham*, when he went into Egypt, carried the knowledge of the science to the Egyptians.

12 And there was a man of the Egyptians named *Euclides*, who became skilled in the craft, and made laws which bound the workmen in companies, and admonished them to ordain from time to time the wisest of their number to be their master.

13 So the arcane science prospered, and many were led to seek a knowledge of its mysteries.

14 And in process of time, when the children of Israel dwelt in the land of Bethest, in the country of Jerusalem, they sighed for a Temple wherein to worship.

15 Now *David*, their King, loved Masons well, and cherished them, for he gave them good payment, and delivered to them a charge, as *Euclides* had given before in Egypt.

16 And King *David* appointed his son *Solomon* to reign in his stead. And *Solomon* proceeded to erect the Temple that his

good father *David* had planned.

17 And he sent for Masons of divers nations to the number of Four and Twenty Thousand, of which Four Thousand were elected and created Masters and Governors of the work.

18 And King *Solomon* confirmed all things concerning masons that *David* his father had given in charge.

## CHAPTER II.

*The Journeyings of Masons into divers countries.*

**T**HEN did Masons travel divers countries, to perfect their own knowledge and to instruct others.

2 And it came to pass that one *Memongreus*, who had been at the building of King *Solomon's* temple, journeyed to France and taught the science there.

3 Now in that country there reigned a King, called *Carelus Martel*, who greatly loved Masons, and learned of them the science, and became one of the brotherhood.

4 Thereupon great works were begun, and the King liberally did pay his workmen, and he confirmed unto them a large charter, and was yearly present at their assemblies.

5 Now about this time there came into the neighbouring land of Britain a pious Saint named *Alban*, who instructed the King of that country in the knowledge of Masonry, and also in Divinity, for the King was a pagan.

6 And Saint *Alban* grew in

high favour with the King, inso-much that he was made Chief Steward, and was appointed Governor of the realm.

7 And he greatly cherished and loved Masons, and truly paid them their wages. He also purchased for them a charter from the King, to hold a general assembly and council yearly.

8 And it came to pass that the land was invaded, and divers of the people were destroyed by fire and sword, so that the science of Masonry was much decayed.

9 Then came the days of King *Athelsteu*, and the land was restored to peace and rest, and Masons again began their work.

10 And they built Abbeys and Monasteries for worship, and Castles and Fortresses for defence.

11 And then did Masonry become much respected and preserved in the land.

12 And it came to pass in the reign of King *George*, the third in generation of that name, that there were found dwelling in a distant island of Britain, called *Guernsey*, certain pious men desirous of gaining knowledge of the science.

13 Now the chief among Masons in those days was one *Ferrers*, a peer of the realm, who on learning the desire of the devout *Guernseymen*, granted unto them a charter.

14 And the knowledge of the science grew in that island, and

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its guardians were faithful to their charge, insomuch that one of the King's Governors, surnamed *Doyle*, joined in their assemblies and presided over their work.

15 And they called their fellowship after his name, and their Lodge did prosper, and many became skilled in the craft.

16 And they did build for themselves a harbour, as a refuge for their ships, and piers for the landing of their merchandize.

17 And once in every year, they selected and ordained one of the most skilful of their fellows to be their master.

18 Now the rest of the acts of the Guernsey Masons, and the monuments and other noble structures that they built, we they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of their Lodge, as ensamples to them that come after.

## CHAPTER III.

*The wise men of Guernsey select a new Worshipful Master.*

AND it came to pass in the twelfth month of the eighth year of *Albertus Edwardus* Prince of Wales, Royal Grand Master, on the fourteenth day of the month, that the brethren assembled to make selection of their chief.

2 And they cast lots. And the lot fell upon one *Edwardus Chepmell*, whose surname was *Ozanne*, a skilful Mason, learned in the law, and an officer of the Crown.

3 And immediately there was heard the sound of great rejoicing that the lot had fallen on one of the sons of *Sarnia*.

4 Now the feast of *S. John* the Evangelist drew nigh, and the brethren sought how best to keep the feast and honour their new master.

5 And when the day was fully come, they assembled together with one accord for the august ceremony of installation.

6 And *Clericus*, the Scribe opened the roll of the book that contained the writings of King *Solomon*, saying:

7 My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments, and remove not the antient landmark which thy fathers have set.

8 And *Edwardus* answered "I will not remove it." Then said the brethren "So mote it be." And they seated *Edwardus* in the chair of King *Solomon*.

9 And his brethren made obeisance to him, offering their salutations after the antient and laudable manner of Masons.

10 And when the labours of the day were ended the brethren were an hungered, and divers of them had come from afar.

11 So they went into the house of one *Jacobus Byron*, who was surnamed *Gardner*, a Master of the craft, and sat down to meat, in number about two score.

12 And they did eat and were filled. And they began to be merry.