



Augustus Frederick G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Reverend and Loving Brethren

We Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Ashlow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, G.C.H., Grand Master

of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England

Send Greeting Whosoever

That We by these presents and under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England, vested in us for that purpose and at the humble petition of our right trusty and well beloved Brethren William Jace George, Matthias John C. Lane, John Monk, Hughies, Henry Thomas Joseph Samuel Dangerfield and others residing at Evesham, in the County of Worcester do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or denomination of 'Fidelity and Truth' to be opened and held at the Cross Keys Inn in the Town of Evesham aforesaid on the last Wednesday of every month, empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make grass and raise Free Masons according to the Antient Usages of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known World. And further at their said petition and of the Great trust and confidence we have in every of the above named Brethren we do appoint the said William Jace to be the first Master the said George Matthias to be the first Senior Warden and the said John C. Lane to be the first Junior Warden of the same and their successors for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as a written Master shall be regularly elected and enrolled among the members who shall be chosen to preside over the said Lodge shall be called in Antient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office And we do require you the said William Jace to take especial care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly initiated and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe perform and keep the Laws rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Deputy Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being And we do require you to make such report to the Government of your Lodge as shall be the majority of the members appear proper and necessary and also not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft and a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us and we do require you to cause all such By Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose and you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Temple our Deputy Grand Master or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and moneys payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge and you the said William Jace are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge this thirteenth day of May A.D. 1788

By Command of the M. M. the Grand Master J. Ward D.S.M.

William White G.S. Edw. Harpur