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AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

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To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Universe.

In the name and under the auspices of the Sov. Sanc. of the A. & P. Rite of Masonry, in and for Great Britain and Ireland, sitting in the Valley of London.

Salutation on all points of the Triangle. Respect to the Order.

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The above executive Officers of the Sov. Sanc. in and for Great Britain and Ireland, regularly and constitutionally established under a dispensation dated the 23rd day of February, 1872, (E.V.) under hand and seal of the Grand Master General of America,* as the Sov. Sanc. of England and

*The Sov. Sanc. of America embraces about 90 Mystic Temples (32-94) in the various States of America, and has upon its rolls many of the Grand Masters of the Craft Grand Lodges. The A. and P. Rite in America was originally constituted in the 32-94^o person by Ill. Bro. M. de Negre in 1856, and in the 33-96^o by Ill. Bro. M. de Negre and the Grand Council of the Grand Lodge of France in 1863. The last-named Charter has been publicly exhibited in England, and bears the signature of Ill. Bro. Marshall Magnan, Grand Master of French Freemasons; Ill. Bro. Heuillant, Grand Master Adjunct; and Ill. Bro. Thevenot, Grand Secretary. It also bears the seal of the Grand Lodge of France. We extract the following from "The British, Irish, and Colonial Masonic Calendar 1868," page 271, as to the position of the Rite. "Grand College of Rites, having for its object to initiate to the highest Masonic degrees (pursuant to Clause 82 of the General Statute) Section 1, French Rite. 2, Rite of Heredom. 3, Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite. 4, Rite of Kilwinning. 5, Philosophical Rite. 6, Rite du Regime rectif. 7, Rite of Memphis. 8, Rite of Misraim." Copies of the original charters, &c., 33-96^o, and a full History of the Rite will be found in the GENERAL STATUTES printed under the sanction of M. Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, New York; and a General Synopsis of all the Rites will be found in M. Ill. Bro. John Yarker's "Speculative Freemasonry," published by John Hogg, 7, Printing House Square, London; and John Heywood, Deansgate, Manchester, and Wm. Hale, 52, Cross Street, Manchester.

Wales, &c., and since constituted, consecrated, and installed in person by the Grand Master General of America, by Charter under hand and seal of the Sov. Sanc. of the United States of America, dated the 3rd day of June, 1872, (E.V.) as the Sov. Sanc. in and for Great Britain and Ireland, embracing at that time several influential Chapters, Senates, Councils, and Mystic Temples held in various parts of the aforesaid extended jurisdiction; and the said official and other members of the order being desirous to extend a knowledge of the *sublime teachings* of this truly Masonic, Catholic, and Universal Rite, embracing under its noble banner all rites and degrees, to the intent thereof have ordered:

1st—That Mystic Temples, Councils General (32-91) may be constituted in England, Scotland, Ireland, India, British America, Australia, and other Colonies and possessions of the British Crown:—subject to the General Statutes of the Order, with privileges similar to the Grand Mystic Temples—Councils General, of the several States of the United States of America.

2nd—That subordinate Chapters of the R.C. (11-18); Senates of Grand Inspectors and K.H.P. (20-42); Councils of S.M. of the G.W. (30-90); and Mystic Temples (12-94); may be chartered throughout this jurisdiction in accordance with the General Statutes of the order.

3rd—Applications to be made to the Grand Chancellor (or other officials) of the order, who will furnish all information as to fees and mode of procedure.

Privileges, Principles, and Prerogatives.

The Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, works 33 degrees divided into three sections, embracing Jewish, Chivalric, and Egyptian Masonry, and the latter was worked on the continent last century. The first section teaches morality, symbols, and philosophical research; and contains the degrees to Rose Croix (11-18). The second section teaches science, philosophy, and political myth, and develops the sympathetic senses; it contains the degrees to Grand Inspector (18-33). The third section contains the Hermetic degrees and occupies itself with high philosophy and religious myth. The order rewards merit by five decorations:—1st, the Grand Star of Sirius. 2nd, the Decoration of Alidee. 3rd, the Decoration of the Grand Commander of the 3rd series. 4th, the Lybic Chain. 5th, the Decoration of Eluesis. It also adds a General Bronze decoration for the reward of merit and bravery either in Masons or non-Masons.

The Order recognises the degrees of all other rites, when legitimately obtained, so that a brother who has the Rose Croix, Kadosh, or Grand Inspector under any other authority, may visit and participate in the same degrees of Antient and Primitive Masonry.

It admits brethren of every and all political and religious creeds, for by the American revision of 1865, the Hindoo, the Parsee, the Jew, the Trinitarian and Unitarian Christian, the Mahomedan, &c., may attend its sublime ceremonies and lectures without any sacrifice of principle, or of private conviction, the Rite breathing only pure Masonry—charity, love, and mutual tolerance—whilst adoring the Sublime Architect of the Universe, inculcating the immortality of the soul, and endless happiness for the good brother.

It embraces a far more extensive ritual of workable degrees than any other rite, every one of its 33 degrees having its appropriate and elaborate ceremonial, easily arranged for conferment.

Its government is strictly representative, as in our own political constitution. The 32^o and 31^o are the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Officers of the *Chapter, Senate, and Council*, and form the *Mystic Temple and Judicial Tribunal*, the Presiding Officer or Grand Master of Light, having the 33rd degree to enable him to represent the Province in the Sov. Sanc. (33-95)

The Order relies more fully upon Masonic worth, ability and learning, than social standing and mere monetary qualifications, and seeks to extend Masonic knowledge, justice and morality. It levies only a small capitation fee upon each member admitted, to be hereafter devoted to charity and good works.

It admits Master Masons only in good standing under some constitutional Grand Lodge, and prohibits all interference with Craft Masonry, upon which its own 30 ceremonies form, and are intended to constitute, the most valuable and learned system of lectures extant, cultivating charity, tolerance and brotherly love in the Masonic Order and entering into no entangling alliances which too often prove their destruction.

Its watchword—DEFENCE, NOT DEFIANCE.