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A REPRINT OF A UNIQUE COPY OF THE
"LIST OF LODGES OF ANCIENT
MASONS, 1753," WITH THE PAPER GIVEN
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A UNIQUE ENGRAVED
LIST OF LODGES,
" ANCIENTS," A.D. 1753.

By BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.



THE Irish Grand Lodge in England, styled the "Ancients," is considered to date from 17th July, 1751, and was the third organization of the kind formed in this country; the first being the original Grand Lodge of A.D. 1717, the second known as the Grand Lodge of All England, at York (1725-1795), the fourth the Scottish Grand Lodge in London (1770-5), as lately discovered by Bro. H. Sadler, and the fifth the York Grand Lodge in the Metropolis (1779-1789), five in all.

As to the third, Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley declares that Bro. Sadler "has demonstrated the true origin of the Grand Lodge of the Antients, and showed its close connection with Irish Freemasonry." This view of the matter is now generally accepted, but in a "Defence of Free-Masonry," A.D. 1765, it is stated that the brethren were chiefly "Natives of Ireland, assisted by some honest Yorkshire-men"; so that the same opinion was held about a century and a half ago; but subsequently overlooked until recent years.

It has generally been assumed, however, that these brethren did not assemble in Lodges prior to the year

1751, but the "Rules & Orders to be Observ'd By the Most Ancient and Hon^{ble} Society of Free and Accepted Masons," agreed to 17th July, 1751, rather suggest a prior origin. Past Masters were permitted to represent Masters or Wardens in their absence, and members of "a regular Lodge of Ancient Masons, who had been Regularly Install'd" were allowed to attend the "Monthly Committee" (evidently additional to the Lodges which started the Grand Lodge in 1751). It is scarcely likely that some eighty brethren refrained from meeting in Lodges until 17th July, 1751; but the point need not be discussed now, though such an enquiry would doubtless prove very interesting.

It is not easy now to decide when the title of York Masons was first used by the "Ancients." In 1751 the term is not met with in the Rules, etc., and I think it likely that the unauthorised use of the prefix may be credited to Grand Secretary Dermott; who would not have utilised that honoured name had the Grand Lodge of All England been active A.D. 1752-3. At least I think not.

With respect to the Lists of Lodges assembling under the denomination of "Ancients," they begin in 1751. On July 17th of that year, in "Morgan's Register," is the premier record consisting of 10 and 9 Lodges, in the first and second portions respectively. List ii. has 36, and List iii. contains Nos. 2 to 64 inclusive, but there are several vacancies. According to Bro. John Lane's "Handy Book to the Lists of Lodges" (1889), in 1751, there were six active Lodges, in 1752 the number had increased to 13, in 1753 to 28, and to 30 in 1754.

This invaluable Register was compiled by Bro. John Morgan, the predecessor of Laurence Dermott. The latter was elected Grand Secretary on 5th February,

1752, when he was in his 31st year, having been born 24th June, 1720, and initiated in 1741 ; so that these Compilations were the work of the two Grand Secretaries, 1751-4.

Until quite recently no other Lodge-Lists of the " Ancients " of that period were known, but early this year Bro. W. John Songhurst (P.M. in 2016) became the fortunate purchaser of an engraved List of 1753 which is not only unique, but is a little gem of great value and interest. He has, in the kindest manner, made it over to our Library, so we may well congratulate ourselves on being the possessors of this great curiosity. These engravings will bear comparison with the finest of the kind published by the " Moderns " from 1723 to 1778.

It is very strange that no account has ever appeared of this special List, of such beauty and excellence, either in the minutes or accounts of the Ancient Grand Lodge, or in any other way, its advent being wholly unexpected and a great surprise to us all. The List is a real work of art, and consists of nine engraved plates, numbered 1 to 9 inclusive, the first page being the dedication, arranged within a handsome design.

On page 2 are two pretty designs, dividing the page equally, having the first portion devoted to the " Grand Committee, behind the New Church in the Strand. First Wednesday in every Month " ; the sign at the Head being that of the " Five Bells." Unfortunately someone has added to the contraction " N^o " the figure 1 in ink, which in the original was left blank ; doubtless waiting until times were ripe for the chartering of the " Grand Master's Lodge," following the example set by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1749.

The second portion relates to Lodge No. 2, with a space left, for the "M.W.W." (i.e. Master and Wardens), having the Sign at the top, and then the place and day of meeting, with the number and date of constitution across the head of the elaborate enclosure, each of the latter, as with all the others, being of a different design, two on a page.

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| N ^o 2 | Cons ^d | July 17 th 1751 | Church Court, Strand,
2 ^d & 4 Wednesday
(<i>"Thistle and Crown."</i>) |
| N ^o 3 | „ | do. | St. Paul's Church Yard
1 st & 3 ^o Tuesday
(<i>"Crown."</i>) |
| N ^o 4 | „ | do. | Shear Lane, Temple
Bar, 2 ^d & 4 Tuesday
(<i>"Temple and Sun."</i>) |
| N ^o 5 | „ | do. | Ludgate Hill, 2 ^d & 4
Thursday
(<i>"Horse Shoe."</i>) |
| N ^o 6 | do. | | In the Strand, 1 st & 3 ^d
Monday
(<i>"Brown Bear."</i>) |
| N ^o 7 | Cons ^d | Jany 29 th 1752 | Wyche Street, 2 ^d & 4
Thursday
(<i>"Angel."</i>) |
| N ^o 8 | Cons ^d | Jany 30 th 1752 | Bishopgate Street
Without, 2 ^d & 4
Tuesday
(<i>"Vernon."</i>) |
| N ^o 9 | Cons ^d | June 12 th 1752 | Church Court, Strand,
2 ^d & 4 Friday
(<i>"Thistle and Crown."</i>) |

N^o 10 Cons^d Sept^r 15th 1752 Bishopgate Street
Without, 1st & 3^d
Tuesday

(“*Vernon.*”)

N^o 11 Cons^d Nov^r 13th 1752 on the Broadwall,
Southwark, 2^d & 4th
Monday

(“*Mitre.*”)

N^o 12 Cons^d Nov^r 14th 1752 Carlisle Arms, Queen
Street, Southwark, 2^d & 4th
Wednesday

N^o 13 Cons^d Dec^r 7th 1752 in the Borough of
Southwark every
Thursday

(“*Marshalsea.*”)

N^o 14 Cons^d Dec^r 11th 1752 East Street, Red Lion
Square, 2^d & 4th
Monday

(“*Turk's Head.*”)

N^o 15 Cons^d Jan^y 9th 1753 Mary le Bone Street,
2^d & 4th Tuesday

(“*King's Head.*”)

N^o 16 Cons^d Jan^y 10th 1753 Capel Street, 2^d & 4th
Wednesday

(“*King and Queen.*”)

The place of meeting of No. 4 is stated to be “Shire Lane” in the first MS. List, and No. 12 was Nov. 4th (not 14th) A.D. 1752. A new enumeration of 1752 raised the original 8, 9, 11 and 12 to 7, 8, 9 and 10 respectively, the first No. 7 of 29th July, 1751 and No. 10 of February 1st, 1752, being removed from the “Roll” for their disobedience of the 21st Rule of the “Grand.”

The "Grand Master's Lodge," or a Lodge numbered 1, is referred to in the minutes of 2nd September, 1756, and 13th March, 1757, according to a memo of my lamented friend, John Lane, in his working copy of the most valuable "Masonic Records 1717-1894."

No. 2 was declared vacant in 1783, and allotted in the following year, now the "Lodge of Fidelity" No. 3, which was originally No. 32 of 18th February, 1754. No. 3 ceased to meet soon after the issue of the Engraved List, and the number was subsequently taken by No. 55 of A.D. 1756, being now No. 5 the "St. George and Corner Stone." No. 4 held on for some 15 years, and was re-started in 1769, its present name and number being the "Royal York Lodge of Perseverance No. 7." No. 5 lapsed about 10 years after its Constitution, then it was revived in 1762 and again fell through, but was established in 1769, becoming eventually the "Albion No. 9." The No. 6 was in a poor condition, apparently from its origin, as the first entry is dated in August, 1753, so in 1754-5 the number was transferred to No. 37, which from 1819 has been known as the "Enoch" No. 11. The 7th of the Engraved List, after some vicissitudes, was obtained by No. 86, in 1788, for five guineas to the funds of the Grand Lodge, and from 1814 has been No. 13, its name, the "Union Waterloo," being selected about 1823. No. 8 is the "Kent," so called in 1720; and, probably, is the oldest Lodge of the "Ancients" on the "United Grand Lodge" Register of 1906, by continuity from January 30th, 1752.

The 9th on the List was revived in 1756, then in 1771, and again in 1787, being really new Lodges in the four instances. It became 17 at the "Union," joined the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1869, and continues as the "Albion No. 2," under the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The 10th (original 12) was inactive from 1768, and the number was bestowed on No. 159, in the next year, being the "Royal Athelstan" No. 19. Numbers 11 and 12 were short-lived, but 13 was transferred to No. 64, of A.D. 1757, in 1759, becoming 23 in 1814, and 22 from 1832, its name, "Neptune," having been chosen about that time. No. 14 was contumacious in 1770, and so was eventually erased and 15 was given to No. 131 in 1813, thereafter being known as the "Athol," now 24, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The "Robert Burns" No. 25 dates from 1810, when it was allotted the vacant 16, this number concluding the Lodges enumerated and described in the List of A.D. 1753.

It is noteworthy that whereas three out of the four Lodges, credited with forming the premier Grand Lodge, are still on the Roll as Nos. 2, 4, and 12, all the founders of the "Ancients" ceased to work, their places now being held by later Lodges, which were granted their numbers.

The first Grand Master was not elected until December 5th, 1753, when "Bro^r Robert Turner, Master of No. 15, was nominated and Unanimously chosen," but when the Engraved List was published, a Grand Committee regulated the affairs of the Grand Lodge.

How soon it became the custom to publish a printed List of the "Ancient" Lodges, it is impossible now to decide. Probably there was not another Engraved List issued, at all events none have been traced; but in 1795, Bro. Thomas Harper, Jeweller, had "A Calendar or printed List of the Lodges for the current year" for sale at one shilling each, and a similar notice appears in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1796-1799, but I am

not aware that any are preserved. In P. Boyle's "View of London and its Environs," of 1799, I found "A Correct List of all the Lodges in London according to the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons," etc., and there is also another of the "Moderns" in the same volume.

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(1753.)

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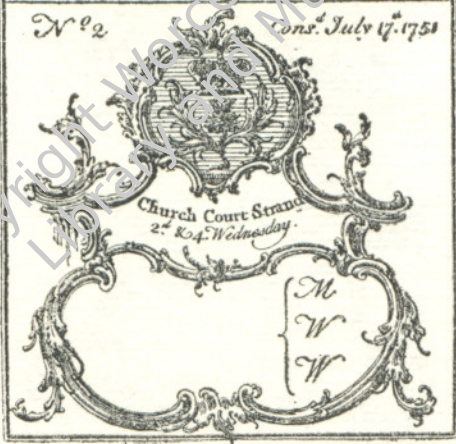
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Cons^d. June 12. 1752.



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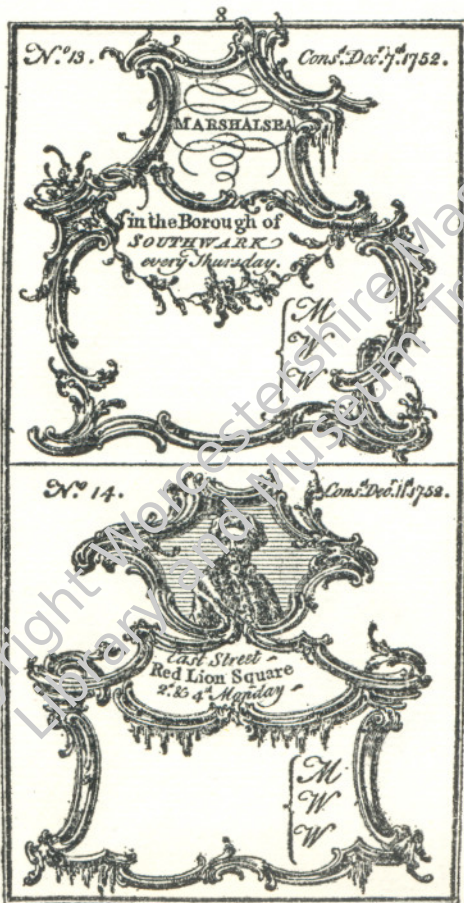


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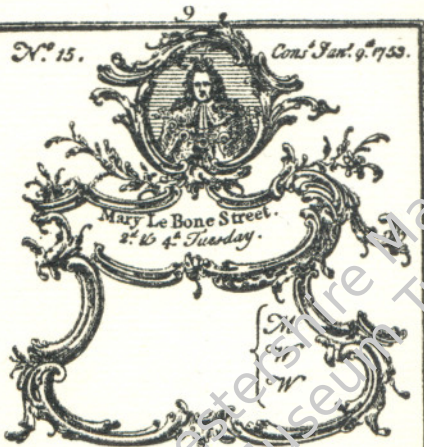


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N^o 15.

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