

# Emulation

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" Altho' E. L. of I has no authority from the G. L. of E  
" & is not part of our Const: it is indispensable  
" to Eng. Fmry.

" Lord A. writes Nov/24. "Emulation teaches neither  
" claim nor seek to exercise Authority & "  
" that wh they do is in strict accordance with  
" those Articles of Union on wh modern English  
" Fmry is founded that it is not open to anybody  
" to question the influence wh they undoubtedly  
" exercise by exam: alone.

" Every Eng. Fmry is of course free to follow an  
" Exam: wh has the best approval of G. L.  
" G. L. since the time of the Re-emulation L  
" wh established uniformity of working has  
" wisely adhered to the principle of referring to  
" adjudicate upon pt of Ref.

" He also writes - "The E. L. of I system has  
" so far as it was humanly possible ensured  
" that there shd be no deviation from the origl  
" Cer: wh were accepted by G. L. from the L of  
" Recow in 1816.

Further "It is of course invaluable to the Craft  
" that there shd be in existence a standard of  
" Eng working wh has without question remained

Deputy G. M. Lord Cornwallis - had stated on many occasions that he was a whole hearted admirer of the E. Ritual -

Lord Fishborough July 1926. urged that E. preserved the purity of the Ancient Rit: & guarded that Rit: against innovations.

In succeeding generations the E. Com: had exercised rigid control over the Rit: for more than a Century - there had never been a broken link in the chain of their Com: men

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unchanged for a hundred years, & that a  
 "demon<sup>sh</sup>" of that stand: sh<sup>d</sup> be accessible to any  
 "genuine Fmn at Fmn Hall once a week:  
 no L compelled to conform to Em:  
 a short acc of origin - 2 G.L. of Fmn founded in  
 1717 & 1751 - always quarrel on Rts &  
 procedure -

In 1813 these 2 G.L. united & under 1 G.M. &  
 1 Const<sup>m</sup> in what was called the United G.L. of E.

The Art. of Union wh bound the 2 G.L. together  
 decided that there sh<sup>d</sup> be uniformity of working  
 in the Int<sup>m</sup> Pass: & Accs in all Engl. L.

To arrive at uniformity a L of Recon was  
 Const: in 1813 with an equal number of chosen  
 workers from each Const<sup>m</sup> (1 Modern 1 Ancient)

These selected workers agreed upon a Rit that  
 embodied all that was Rt. & hist. in both  
 & omitted whatever was spurious in either.

The agreed Cer: were rehearsed before a special  
 G.L. in May 1816 & the Min: of the G.L. Meeting  
 the following month June 1816 records that G.L.  
 adopted, confirmed & authorized the Cer: as rehearsed  
 before it by the members of the L. of Recon. the

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at a G.L. held <sup>in</sup> 23.8.1815, ~~the~~ it was Resolved  
& ordered that ~~the~~ all L dependent on the  
G.L. shall practice the O of the O & the  
Forms & Cer: exhibited by the L of Rec:  
for opening & closing of L in the 3 O  
& on 20.5.1816 <sup>before</sup> G.L. the Off: members  
of the L of Recon: opened a L in the 1.2. & 3 O  
successively & exhibited the Cerem: of unite.  
passing & raising a F.M. as proposed by them  
for general adoption & practice in the Craft -  
on 5.6.1816 the min: of this G.L. when the  
Cerem: & Practices recommended by the L of Recon:  
were exhibited & explained. Consequently it  
was resolved that the several Cerem:  
recommended <sup>be</sup> ~~were~~ app<sup>d</sup> & confirmed.

on the 4.9.1816 the last mention of the  
L of Recon: <sup>occurs</sup> in the Off. Records, when the  
Wm. Off: & Br: were awarded the thanks  
of G.L. for their unremitting Zeal & Exertion  
in the Cause of Free

~~E. was then being desired to become the more general~~  
~~form of records in the Craft~~

previous month & so ended the long strip - 2A

That authority & sanction of the M. G. L. has never since been revoked & the Cer: authorized by G. L. in June 1816 remain the only authorized Cer: for In: Pass & Rais.

The Inst. Cer: was later settled to the S. M. thro' a board of Instal M<sup>rs</sup> who held it meetings & the settlement arrived at by them in 1827 has never been set aside & remains to day the only authorized Inst. Cer:.

There is no authorized writing, or print in existence giving detail & wording of any of these authorized H Cer: altho G. L. Library possesses manuscript originals of B<sup>rs</sup> who were workers of that time. ∴ to make known to the Craft generally those Recon: Cer: wh G. L. had authorized a system of L<sup>2</sup> Inst was set up under P. Masters who were qualif<sup>d</sup> men about from L to L as teachers. The system adopted for the proper reg<sup>n</sup> & govt. of L of I in 1813 is still cont<sup>d</sup> in the Book of Const (Rule 158). Among all the teach<sup>rs</sup> of Pil at the time of the Union the most eminent was Peter Gethin

P.G. was initiated in British L 1804. now  
 N<sup>o</sup> 8. in 1784 & was made Master of several  
 London L & attended the meetings of the Special  
 L of Promulgation in 1809-11 - This L of Prom  
 was the prelim: to the later Act of Union &  
 was intended to prepare Mast<sup>r</sup> & Br<sup>s</sup>. for the  
 uniformity of work<sup>g</sup> wh later was taught by the  
 L of Recon: in 1813-16.

When the L of Recon: was const<sup>d</sup> P.G.  
 was already well known as the leading teacher  
 of Rit with 27 years record as a Foun & he  
 needed only to modify his previous working so  
 as to bring it into line with the authorized readings  
 as all loyal Foun<sup>s</sup> had then to do & his willing  
 attendance at 10 or more of the meetings of Recon:  
 is clear evidence of his desire for exactitude -

At the meetings of the Board of J.M<sup>s</sup> in 1827  
 when the Cir: of Inst<sup>n</sup> was settled P.G. is  
 recorded as attending on every occasion when  
 attendances were regist<sup>d</sup> -

The L G. Sec at time of Union W.H White  
 & Edwards Harper both active participants  
 in the work of Recon: L. have left testimony

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To the accuracy & authority of P.G. teaching.  
Lodges in Lincoln, Northampton, Sunderland  
Kiddermminster & Shrewsbury all have recorded  
in their minutes testimony to the help they had  
rec<sup>d</sup> from P.G. in acquiring the Cer: as witnessed  
by E.L. so that the fame of his teaching was  
not confined to London.

From all this testimony, as to the intimacy  
of P.G. knowledge & the accuracy of his teaching  
to so many L<sup>s</sup> & so many M<sup>ens</sup> we must  
conclude that he was from 1816 until his  
death in 1833 an authoritative teacher of Recm:  
working.

The uniformity of working decreed by E.L. as the  
duty of all Fr<sup>ms</sup> was not by any means assented  
to by every Fr<sup>m</sup> or by every L. for many L<sup>s</sup>  
checked the accumulated errors & whims of  
successive P.M<sup>s</sup> under the delusive name of  
'Lodge traditions' - even as many still do -

Most of the marked diff. in practice now  
seen in L<sup>s</sup> have come about in recent years -  
& we can watch it: changing now either  
thro' general laxity or by the personal influence  
of some dominating member of the L.

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e.g. Penal S<sup>n</sup> & thus your due Guard.

Admit him - properly clothed.

In 1823 the E. L of J for MM founded  
The govt of E. L of J is entrusted to a Com:  
instead of to a Preceptor. - This diff. of govt  
is the factor that has enabled E to hand down  
the Cer: unaltered & unchanged from Gen: to Gen<sup>on</sup>.

This form of a supervisory Com: has proved a  
check & control on each of its Mem: preventing  
change & alter<sup>n</sup> arising from inadvertence or from  
lapse of memory on the part of any one of them &  
what is perhaps of still greater value it has  
prevented death interfering with the Continuity  
of the work for the vacant place is at once filled  
by a capable & reliable worker chosen for his  
knowledge by the surviving Mem<sup>s</sup> of the Com:

Each Mem: of the Com: has equal power in checking  
& controlling the rit. unaltered -

P.H. attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting & frequently visited  
it & became a joining Mem: & one of the Com:  
& as the present Mem: of the Com: are the Pupils  
of P.H. carrying on in a direct & unbroken line  
his teaching of the Recon. work? the E. work? is  
accepted as standard throughout the English  
Masonic World



P.G. initiated in 1786

S. B. Wilson

Thomas Fenn

R. C. Sudlow

G. J. V. Rankin

These 5 names reach back before the Act of U. & are a direct link with Fry of 144 years ago.

The essential pt is the direct connection with the L of Promulgation in 1810 when P.G. was instituted & prepared for the Union in 1813, his recorded attendances at the meetings of the L of Recm: as well as Board of J.M.s in 1827.

The long training of each mem. of the Com. under the personal direction of his predecessors back to P.G. & his teaching of Recm: work makes it practically certain that E. in teaching that work to day & the very strong probability that no where else can Recm: work have been so jealously guarded from any alteration. It is well to note that the G. Secs have been associated from the time of the Union down to the present day.

G. L. Library has had 3 Custodians in succession Sadler - Hammond - Wounacott - each students of Masonic History & Mas. Rit. & Wounacott is the accepted authority of the history of the L of Recm: Among Masonic writers it is difficult to find

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masons whose opinion is of greater value  
& all 3 of them have been convinced & practical  
adherents of E. work? & advocates for its  
acceptance in our L<sup>s</sup>.

To see E. work? visit The Hall. G. Q<sup>u</sup>. St. on  
any Friday evening from Oct to June.

The Cer: of Inst<sup>n</sup>: as fixed by the M. W. G. M. in 1827  
can be seen on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the  
working months.

If you go you require intro: by a Member of the L  
or must take your Cert: & you must be a Subsooty  
Mem: of a Regular L. *ii* Small fee charged for attendance.

The freedom allowed to Masters for intro. of  
slight changes in Rit: frequently leads to diff. of opinion  
among Off<sup>r</sup>: & to wide diff: in work? of L<sup>s</sup> in many  
of our Proo: - The acceptance of E work? as a standard  
has been recommended to the L<sup>s</sup> under their ruling by  
many Proo: & Div. of Mast: as well as by Mast. of L  
as a solution of the difficulties that have followed  
this diversity of opinion

The Reconal: W<sup>o</sup> could be found in all general  
L of 1 that desired it for 10 or more years after the adoption  
of the Cer: by U. G. L in 1816.

In the Fm: of 10.7.15 the late W<sup>o</sup> B<sup>o</sup> Dr. Claridge  
P. G. D writes "there can be no doubt that

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During the early years of the Union of the F. L. 9  
every care was taken to spread the teaching of  
Reconcil. W. as widely as possible & between 1816  
& 1840 no body of M<sup>ns</sup> need have lacked ample opportunity  
to learn it.

The quest. to be ans<sup>d</sup> by the Rit. Purist of to day .. is  
not as to who rec<sup>d</sup> the orig. teaching so much, as what  
precautions they & their successors adopted to ensure  
its unpolled transmission to us.

The claim to be teach<sup>d</sup> the exact Cer: must .. rest  
on some more solid foundation than the mere  
assertion that those Cer: were rec<sup>d</sup> a 100 years ago  
& similarly the claim of any Ind<sup>l</sup> Prep<sup>r</sup> to be  
teaching the true w<sup>o</sup>rn. needs more support than  
his mere statement that he is following his predecessors  
in every detail -

No one can deny that the many best Mem: are  
sometimes treacherous. & the only real safeguard is to  
have 2 or 3 Mem: carefully watching & checking -  
It is barely conceivable that a slip in one could  
ever coincide with the same slip in a 2<sup>nd</sup> &  
3<sup>rd</sup> well instructed brain.

It wd be foolish to claim an exclu: right to  
what was given freely & taught in Lond & the Prov:  
for many years, but E. does claim that by  
its system of Foot it can show an absolute  
unbroken chain that has kept the orig. Rit pure  
and unaltered.

In Sept/02. E. L. & the G. S. wrote  
"But so called by the L of Recon: it is assumed has  
been orally transmitted thro' the L<sup>s</sup> since then  
& the present work? of E. L. & I. is generally  
accepted as an exemplification of the Rit.  
then Authorized.

In Nov<sup>r</sup> 1912. he wrote.

While it is true that no edict has ever been issued  
by G. L. as to any part: work? being accepted, nor  
is it considered compulsory that E. Sh<sup>d</sup> conform  
to what is termed the E form of Rit on the other  
hand it is a historical fact that G. L. in 1816  
def<sup>tly</sup> adopted & gave its app<sup>r</sup>. to the system of work<sup>s</sup>  
submitted to it by the L of Recon: & it is also a  
fact that this is the system wh the E. L. & I.  
was founded in 1823 to teach & wh: is  
taught by that L to day.

{ E. working seems destined to  
become the more general form  
of working in the Craft. }

culled from many sources  
Students req<sup>d</sup> more sh<sup>d</sup> read  
History of E. L. & I.  
& Bonnacott on the L of Recon:

Henry Sadler's