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A distinguished visitor  
and guest of honor at our

BI-CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In the City of Boston  
the 26th day of June

*Anno Domini 1933*

*Anno Masonry 5933*

*Robert G. Jennings.*

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MASTER - ST. JOHN'S LODGE - A. F. & A. M.

The Humble Petition of the following subscribers in  
Behalf of themselves and Worshipfull & Antient Brotherhood  
Belonging to the Society of Free & Accepted Masters now residing  
Here &c

To the Rt. Worshipfull Bro. Mr Henry Price Deputy  
Provinciall G. M. for these parts By our Rt. Wor-  
shipfull & Worshipfull Bro. & Rt. Hon. Benjamin  
Lord Viscount Montague G. M. of Great Britain  
His Seal & Sign'd by our Rt. Worshipfull Bro. T. Watson  
D. G. M. G. Rooke & J. Smyth. D. G. Wardens as p<sup>re</sup>l<sup>ate</sup> Relation  
Dated in London the 13. day of April Anno Domini 1733 and of  
Masonry 5733

Sheweth

That your Petitioners are very sensible of the Honour done to us  
here by your Deputation & for as much as we are a considerable  
Number of Brethren regularly & lawfully made in His Majesty's  
Kingdoms of Great Britain & Ireland as appears by your  
Examination & are now desirous of enjoying each other (as well  
as those made here of this Province) in a regular & amicable manner  
as Masters in a Regular & constituted manner for our Harmony  
& Union together as well as our Brethren in any other  
arrange here or such as may be made hereinafter if so be in  
due manner to be done therefore we do request as well in our  
Own Name as in the Names of all other Brethren it may be  
concerned if you will please to give the necessary orders to all our  
Brethren within the Limits & Powers to give their due Atten-  
dances in on all a reasonable hour to assist you & the Rest of  
the Brethren in their Capacities towards Constituting a  
Society in the City of the Borough of Gravesend in  
Kent & London by the House of Mr. Edward Dutton  
on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst. whereby we may be enabled to assist  
one another in our lawful Works of Antient Masonry  
or all any other Lines or Places as may seem more meet &  
Requisite to Our G. M. his Deputys & Rest of the Bro. may  
agree upon & then & there to make such private Laws & Rules  
not exceeding the Bounds prescribed to us in our Constituted  
of Antient Masonry or of Deputation & as will be approved  
& confirmed by them according to Antient Right & Custom  
& the Lodges to be held on every Second & Fourth Wednesday  
of each month for if Common Good of us & Brethren your  
Compliance herein will doubt not will redound much  
the Honour of Masonry by enlarging it with many  
Worthy Gentlemen in this Town & elsewhere Residing We  
are w<sup>th</sup> Respect Sir

James Gordon  
John Waddell  
Edmund Ellis  
W<sup>m</sup> Gordon  
And Belcher  
Henry Stone  
Thos Russell  
John Quare  
Fred. Hamilton

# Extra Special Chapter

## of Free & Accepted Masons

Regularly met & Congregated at the house of  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Lutwyche at the Sign of the Bunch of Grapes  
in King's Street Boston N. Eng<sup>l</sup>. On Monday  
July the 30<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1733. & of Masonry A. 5733.

The following Brethren being regularly  
met in the Lodge at y<sup>e</sup> house afores<sup>d</sup>. Indubitably  
Agreed to petition, & did then accordingly petition  
Our R<sup>t</sup> Worsh<sup>p</sup>: Bro<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Henry G. Provincial  
Grand Master of the Free & Accepted Masons  
of New England, to constitute us in a regular  
Lodge (by v<sup>rtue</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Power & Authority to him  
given by Deputation from Our R<sup>t</sup> Worsh<sup>p</sup>full  
Brother and R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Anthony  
Lord Viscount Contague Grand Master  
of England dated in London the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of April. A. D. 1733. & of Masonry A. 5733  
And sealed with y<sup>e</sup> Seal of the Grand Lodge  
Signed by Our R<sup>t</sup> Worsh<sup>p</sup>full Brothers  
George Rook Esq<sup>r</sup> & G. W. of England.  
James Moor Smith Esq<sup>r</sup>

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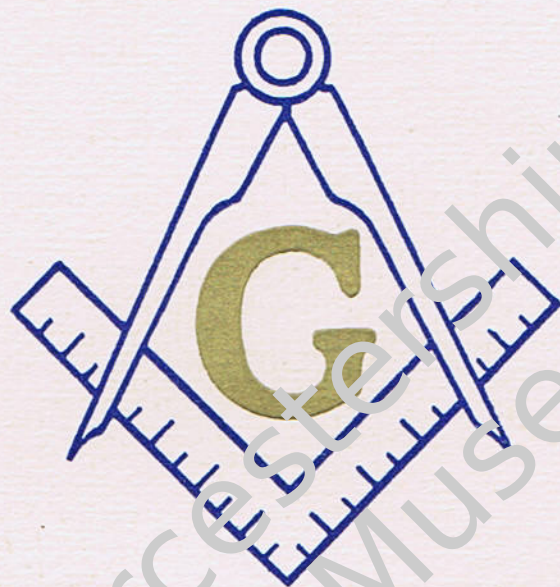
It is assumed that the first meeting of St. John's Lodge was chronicled in the following week's edition, no copy of which is now in existence, to the best of our knowledge. Note the reference to "the Bunch of Grapes" tavern in the right hand column of the last page, ten lines from the top.

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