



Francis of Lorraine Lodge

No. 6906.

Worshipful Brother

FRANK BRIERS, Master

26th February, 1953.

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are requested to attend the REGULAR MEETING of the Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Norwich, on Thursday, 19TH MARCH, at 6 p.m.

By command of the Worshipful Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

W. STANLEY BLOFIELD, P.M.

Secretary.

Members wishing to dine or invite guests to dinner MUST inform the Assistant Secretary, BRO. R. R. DEWING, The Smithy Cottage, Spixworth, Norwich, by Monday, 16th March. Dinner cannot be provided unless Brethren comply with this request.

Dress: Dark Clothing, Black Tie, White Collar and Gloves.

Rehearsal: Tuesday, 17th March, at 8 p.m.



"STABILITY" BACKGROUND

In 1813 two English Grand Lodges amalgamated to form the present United Grand Lodge. On amalgamation each Grand Master appointed nine "worthies" plus two secretaries (total twenty) to form the Lodge of Reconciliation, which was entrusted with the duty of establishing and securing the "most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the lodges, of making, passing and raising, instructing and clothing Brothers." During 1814—15 eight brethren, including Philip Broadfoot, were appointed to fill vacancies. The system as settled and taught by this Lodge of Reconciliation was approved by United Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on 5th June, 1816. Its work completed, the Lodge of Reconciliation was dissolved, but *ten of its members*, realising the need of an authoritative teaching body, joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction (three of the ten, including Philip Broadfoot, being Founder members). "There may have been other general Lodges of Instruction working at that time, but if so they have left no record and have no present existence."

It is of interest to note that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement came into being in 1823, and its figure-head, Peter Gilkes, joined in 1825. Unlike "Stability," which from its earliest date in 1817 concentrated on the ritual and ceremonial as approved by Grand Lodge in 1816, Bro. Gilkes stated in 1830 that in the Emulation L. of I. he taught "only Lectures."

AGENDA

1. To read and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, 19th February, 1953.
2. To Initiate
MAJOR ALAN CEDRIC GEORGE GIBBS, T.D.,
or MR. RICHARD GRENVILLE.
(Both Elected 19th February, 1953.)
3. A short talk on the Growth of Grand Lodge to be given by W.Bro. The Revd. A. St. John Heard, P.A.G.Chap.
4. To collect the Alms.
5. The Treasurer, W.Bro. L. Olafeld, in accordance with Notice of Motion given on the 19th February, to propose :—
“That £50 be taken from the Benevolent Fund and given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and placed on the list of Bro. A. Moore, S.W., the Lodge Representative Steward for the 1954 Festival.”
6. To transact any other business regularly brought before the Lodge.

N.B. *Our Officers are inviting the Officers of Union Lodge No. 52 to be our guests at this meeting, and if any other Brethren would like to invite another member of Union Lodge as their guest, will they please notify the Secretary IMMEDIATELY so that the necessary arrangements can be made in good time.*

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