

ETHELBERT LODGE,

MAY 6th, 1897.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

By request of the Worshipful Master, I send you below copy of a Letter he has received from the Grand Secretary of England Brethren desirous of being present must notify me of this wish not later than Saturday, May 15th, as if more than five Members do so a Ballot will be held.

Yours fraternally,

JOS. J. WOOD.

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“UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,

“FREEMASONS’ HALL,

“GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W.C.

“3rd MAY, 1897.

“WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

“I have received the commands of the MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER to acquaint you that, with the view of enabling the Members of the Craft to give expression to their feelings of loyalty and devotion towards HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, on the approaching Celebration of her long and glorious reign, His Royal Highness the Grand Master has graciously consented to preside over a great representative Meeting of English Freemasons to be held at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL, on MONDAY, the 14th JUNE, at Four o'clock, when a loyal and dutiful Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty on the auspicious event will be proposed.

“It has been decided that, following the precedent of the Celebration of Her Majesty’s Jubilee in 1887, the fee for the ticket of admission shall

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be ONE GUINEA, one half of the sum so raised going to the three Masonic Charities, and the other half to that truly Masonic object, 'The Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund.'

"As the accommodation in the Royal Albert Hall will not permit more than five Brethren being present from each Lodge, it is requested that you will inform me, before the 20th May instant, what number of tickets, not exceeding that number, you will require for the Members of your Lodge, accompanied by a remittance of One Guinea for each.

"In the event of any Lodges desiring to be furnished with more than five tickets, it would be advisable if such Lodges were to state what extra number they may wish for, so that in case there should be a surplus, by reason of any Lodges not requiring their full number, such surplus may be distributed *pro rata*.

"I am further authorised to announce to you that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has approved of a special Jewel being worn by every Freemason being a Subscribing Member of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on the 20th June, 1897, when Her Majesty will complete the 60th year of her accession to the Throne of these realms.

"In conclusion I am to state that the Most Worshipful Grand Master is of opinion that the Address of Congratulation to be voted to Her Majesty at this Meeting in London, should be considered as emanating from the entire body of English Freemasons, and that local addresses will therefore be unnecessary and inexpedient.

"I remain, Worshipful Master,

"Yours fraternally,

"E. LETCHWORTH,

"Grand Secretary."