



Francis of Lorraine Lodge
No. 6906.

Worshipful Brother

REGINALD C. SMITH, Master

Bro. R. O. PICKERING, Master Elect

22nd September, 1955.

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are requested to attend the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Norwich, on Thursday, 20th October, at **5.30 p.m.**

By command of the Worshipful Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

W. STANLEY BLOFIELD, P.M.

Secretary.

Brethren desirous of inviting guests are requested to send names and addresses of such guests to the Secretary AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE so that official invitations can be issued and replies received by Monday, 17th October.

Rehearsal : Tuesday, 18th October, at 7.30 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 Brethren." During 1814—15 eight brethren, including Philip Broadfoot, were appointed to fill vacancies. The system as settled and taught by the 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, 21st April, 1955.
2. To receive and pass the Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th April, 1955.
3. To Instal the Master Elect, Bro. F. O. Pickering.
4. To Appoint and Invest the Officers for the ensuing year.
5. To elect two members to Audit the Accounts.
6. To collect the Alms.
7. To report on the proceedings of Grand Lodge.
8. To transact any other business regularly brought before the Lodge.

OFFICERS

1954-55

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BRO. W. O. CARVER	Steward
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BRO. D. R. ARTHURSON	Steward
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