

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

WE are directed, by HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE GRAND MASTER, in transmitting to you the inclosed paper, to request your early and fraternal attention to the Reports of the several Boards, with respect to the Masonic Clothing and Ornaments, for the sake of that perfect unity which ought to subsist throughout the Craft, and by which the English Masons will be recognized as uniform with the Antient Brotherhood throughout the World. And it is also most earnestly recommended to you to submit to your Lodge the importance of the plan for raising a *Fund by voluntary Subscription, &c.* distinct from the Fund of Benevolence for the purpose of preparing an edifice in London that shall be worthy of the present high and flourishing condition of Masonry in England; and by which the communion among Masons may be rendered more intimate and complete, not merely for great solemnities and festivals, but that a house of resort to Brothers be established and kept constantly open for Masonic intercourse and hospitality. You will please to observe, that, in devising the plan for raising this Fund, the utmost possible care has been taken to impose no new burthen on the actual contributing Brethren of the Lodges holding of the Grand-Lodge, to increase that necessarily directed by the Act of Union. And the proposed additions to be made to the registry of new initiated Members, and to the price of Grand-Lodge Certificates cannot affect the Lodges. It proposes to raise the price of registry only from five shillings to half a guinea, which, in the present high state and character of the Craft, will not be thought excessive, when it is considered that so much, at least, ought to be added to the expense of the initiation, and that a portion of it is to be applied to the maintenance of the Schools. And, with respect to certificates, it is material for you to observe, that the charge is become necessary, for the purpose of regulation as well as revenue. And it is proposed, that the charge shall be settled by an understanding with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, that it may be uniform for the three kingdoms, as the means of preventing abuse, which has been severely felt of late years. Upon the whole, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS feels assured that you and the Members of your Lodge will enter into a just consideration of the honour of the Craft, and of the propriety of placing the Antient Institution of Masonry upon such a foundation of splendour in England, as may make it, at least, equal with the superb establishments on the Continent; and he confides in your brotherly zeal and exertion in a matter so interesting to the fraternity at large.

A *Book of Constitutions* for the United Grand Lodge will be published as speedily as possible, of which notice will be sent to the Lodges, until which time the Craft is cautioned against any unauthentic and unauthorized edition that may be offered for sale.

We are further directed to say, that the Grand Installation will take place, on St. George's Day, the 23d of April next, when HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, the GRAND MASTER, hopes for the presence of the Representatives of all the Lodges to assist in the ceremony, and to partake of the festival with which it will be concluded. Patterns for the clothing, &c. may be seen at FREE-MASONS'-HALL,

We have the honour to be,

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

Your very obedient Servants and Brothers,

William H. White, } G. S.  
Edw. Harper, }

N. B. It having been thought advisable to postpone the Meetings of the Lodge of Reconciliation until after the arrival of the Brethren from Scotland and Ireland, the next meeting will be held on the 27th of April next.

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WORSHPFUL MASTER,

WE are directed by His Royal Highness, THE GRAND MASTER, in transmitting to you the enclosed paper, to request your early and patient attention to the papers of the several Lodges, with respect to the Masonic Clothing and Ornaments, for the sake of that paper which ought to submit throughout the Craft, and by which the Lodges themselves will be recognized as uniform with the Ancient Brethrenhood throughout the World. And it is also most earnestly recommended to you to submit to your Lodge the importance of the plan for raising a Fund by voluntary Subscriptions, for distinct from the Fund of Benevolence, for the purpose of purchasing an edifice in London that shall be worthy of the present high and long condition of Masonry in England; and by which the communion among Masons may be rendered more intimate and complete, not merely for great solemnities and festivals, but that a fund should be established and kept constantly open for Masonic intercourse and hospitality. You will please to observe that, in devising the plan for raising this Fund, the most possible care has been taken to impose no new burden on the actual contributing Brethren of the several Lodges of the Grand Lodge, so inasmuch that necessarily directed by the Act of Union. And the proposed additions to be made to the registry of new initiated members, and to the price of Grand Lodge Certificates cannot affect the Lodges. It proposes to raise the price of registry only from the Lodges to his Majesty, which, in the present high state and character of the Craft, will not be thought excessive, when it is considered that so much, at least, ought to be added to the support of the institution, and that a portion of it is to be applied to the maintenance of the same. And, with respect to certificates, it is material for you to observe that the change is become necessary, for the purposes of regulation as well as revenue. And it is proposed, that the charge shall be settled by an understanding with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, that it may be uniform in the three Kingdoms, as the means of preventing abuses, which has been severely felt of late years. Upon the whole, His Royal Highness feels assured that you and the members of your Lodge will enter into a full consideration of the honor of the Craft, and of the propriety of placing the ancient Institution of Masonry upon such a foundation of splendor, in England, as may make it stand equal with the superb establishments on the Continent; and he considers in your protection and exertion in a matter so interesting to the fraternity at large.

A Book of Constitutions for the United Grand Lodge will be published as speedily as possible, of which notice will be sent to the Lodges, and which the Grand Lodge will be pleased to see any manuscript and unannounced citation that may be presented.

We are further directed to say, that the Grand Lodge will take care on St. Andrew's Day, the 23d of April next, when His Royal Highness, the GRAND MASTER, shall be in the presence of the Representatives of all the Lodges to visit the ceremony, and to participate in the festival with which it will be concluded. Papers for raising the Fund may be seen at Fox-Masons-Hall.

We have the honor to be,

WORSHPFUL MASTER,

Your very obedient Servant and Brother,

William H. White, } G.S.  
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