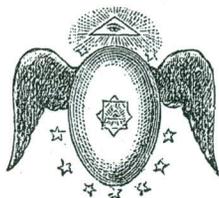


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EGYPTIAN MASONRY.

As there are many scarce works which have a bearing upon our Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, we propose from time to time to furnish the reader with extracts, and make our commencement with a translation from the French. There are seven degrees of the following system of Egyptian Masonry, dating from the year 1780. The first degree, which we now print, corresponds with our Patriarch of Isis, 27°; the references alone are of great value, and we intend to give the remaining six degrees in consecutive numbers.

J. Y.

CRATA REPOA;

OR INITIATIONS TO THE ANTIENT MYSTERIES OF THE PRIESTS OF EGYPT.

Translated from the German, and published by the Bro. Ant. Bailleul. Paris.—At Ant. Bailleul, Editor, Rue Thibaut, Odé 8; Renard, Library, Rue St. Anne, 71; Delannay, Rue Palais Royal, 5821.

PREPARATION.

When an Aspirant desired to enter the Antient and Mysterious Society of Crata Repoa, he had to be recommended by one of the Initiates. The proposition was ordinarily made by the King himself, who wrote an authorisation to the Priests. Having applied at Heliopolis, the Aspirant was referred to the learned of the Institution at Memphis, and these sent him on to Thebes. (Porphy—Life of Pythagoras.) Here he was circumcised.* (Herodotus, book 2nd. Clement of Alexandria, Stromat 1.) They put him on a particular diet, interdicting him the use of certain foods, such as vegetables and fish, also wine,† but after his initiation this restriction was relaxed. They compelled him to pass several months imprisoned in a subterranean vault,‡ abandoned to his reflections he was allowed to write his thoughts. He was then strictly examined to ascertain the limit of his intelligence. When the time had arrived to quit his prison, they conducted him to a gallery surrounded with the columns of Hermes, upon which were engraven those maxims which he was required to learn by heart.

(Jamblicus, de Mysteriis. Pausanius, book 1, expressly stating that these columns were found in subterranean near Thebes.) When he had accomplished this an Initiate, termed the *Thesmophores* (Introducer), approached him. He held in his hand a large scourge, with which he kept back the people from the entrance, called the Gate of the Profane. He introduced the Aspirant into a grotto, where they bandaged his eyes, and attached bonds or manacles to his hands of an elastic nature.

FIRST GRADE.—PASTOPHORIS.

The Apprentice was charged to guard the entrance, which conducted to the Gate of Men. The Aspirant having been prepared in the grotto, the *Thesmophores* took him by the hand (Apulieus, *Metamorphoses*, book 2), and presented him at the Gate of Men. (Cicero, de Legibus, book 2—*Mysterii ex agresti imanique vita exculi ad humanitatem, et Mitigati sumus.*) Upon his arrival the *Thesmophores* touched the shoulder of the *Pastophoris* (one of the last apprentices), who was guarding the exterior, and invited him to announce the Aspirant, which he did by knocking at the gate of entrance. (On one of the Pyramids this act is naturally figured.) The Neophyte having satisfied the questions asked of him, the Gate of Men opened and he was admitted.

The Hierophant questioned him anew upon various subjects, and the Neophyte answered categorically. (Plutarch, in Lacon Apoph. Lysander.) They then caused him to travel round the Birantha (*Histoire du Ciel*, book 1, page 44), and endeavoured to terrify him by artificial lightning, claps of thunder, hail, rain, and tempest. (Eusebius. Cæsar, *Preparat Evangel.* Clement of Alexandria, *Admonit ad Gent.*)

* Bro. Godfrey Higgins suggests that this is the origin of the popular belief that all Freemasons are branded.

† The Druses and other societies known in our 29° follow the same ancient custom.

‡ The Hindu Yoge does the same, but this is to give him the opportunity of adopting hibernating customs, and contribute to the result.

(To be Continued.)



MIZRAIM.

We are enabled to give translations of the two Charters recently received from the Grand Orient of Naples, in confirmation of the privileges previously enjoyed by the Sov. Sanc. of Great Britain and Ireland, to confer the degrees of the Rite of Mizraim. These Charters have been granted in acknowledgment of similar Charters of the Antient and Primitive Rite issued by our Sov. Sanc. to Naples, and evidences the cordial relations existing between the two Grand Bodies, the degrees conferred by each being thus equalised.

We are indebted to our Ill. Bro. J. E. Greenhill, 30°, for his able rendering of the following from the Italian Text.

1.—REFORMED EGYPTIAN RITE, 33°.

Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Lumini Architecti Gloriam
ORDO ab Chao. LUX E TENEBRIS.

The Supreme Council of the 33° and last degree of the Antient Reformed Egyptian Rite, for the jurisdiction of the Italian dependencies.

Salutation upon all the points of the Triangle. Respect to all the regular Obediences of the Universe.

We, Sovereign Grand President and Grand Dignitaries of the Most Serene Sovereign Sanctuary of the 33° and last degree of the venerable Egyptian reformed Rite for the Italian jurisdiction, seated in the Valley of Sebeto, Grand Orient of Naples.

To all the Brethren and Masonic bodies spread upon the superficies of the earth, Salutation—Strength—Union—Science—Labour.

Considering the demand put forward by the Ill. and Potent Br. John Yarker, 33-96°, Sovereign Grand Master General of the Antient and Primitive Rite (Memphis) for Great Britain and Ireland, tending to be authorised, together with other Illustrious Brethren, to exercise the Venerable Reformed Egyptian Rite (Mizraim) in the perimetre of his jurisdiction as above.

Considering the article 9 and following of the grand Constitutions of the Rite.

Considering the moral qualities and Masonic virtues of the applicants.

Heard the advice of the Supreme Chamber of Rites, purposely assembled extraordinarily. For the greater increase and prosperity of the Rite, by the present Decree is declared constituted and legally acknowledged the Supreme Grand Council of the 33° and last degree of the Reformed Egyptian Rite of Mizraim, that was in times past the 90° grade for the jurisdiction of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with its seat in London or Manchester, as will be thought best by the said Ill. and Potent Fr. Yarker, and is composed as follows:—

The Ill. Pot. Fr. John Yarker, 33-90°, Sovereign President General.

Illus. Fr. Samuel P. Leather, 33-90°, 1° Grand Examiner General.

Illus. Fr. Jabez N. Hillman, 33-90°, 2° idem, idem, idem.

Illus. Fr. Maurice L. Davies, 33-90°, Grand Orator, Minister of State.

Illus. Fr. B. B. Labrey, 33-90°, Grand Chancellor General.

Illus. Fr. James Hill, 33-90°, Grand Secretary General.

Illus. Fr. Thomas Laurence Shaw, 33-90°, Grand Guardian of Sanc.

Authorises the actual Grand Dignitaries to name to all the other offices necessary to constitute the Sovereign Sanctuary, as well as all the other Chambers of the Rite; and with their successors to work and create all the grades of the Rite in conformity with the Grand Constitutions, Statutes, and special regulations, while maintaining by the seat of this Mother-Power the Representative indicated by the art. 23 of the General Statutes.

Given in the Valley of Sebeto, Grand Orient of Naples, in the Mysterious Sanctuary of the Region and of the V.L., known only to the sons of the V.L. under the Celestial Vault, and of the zenith 40° 50' 15" latitude north, the 20th day of the VIIth Egyptian Masonic month Lima Shamenoth, year of the V.L. 000,000,000, equivalent to 20th Sept., 1881, of the Vulgar era.

Signed,

- II. Gran Tesoriere, S.T., Dottor Gabriele de Angelis, 33-90°. (*Seal.*)
- II. Gran Segretario Generale de Marinus Genno Generoso, 33-90°. (*Seal.*)
- II. Gran Oratore, Ministro di Stato, Alfonso Basso, 33-90°. (*Seal.*)
- II. Seriniss Gran Luogotenente, Giovanni Clemente, Marchese di S'Luca, 33°. (*Seal.*)
- II. Sovrano Gran Maestro Generale, G. B. Pessina, 33-90°. (*Three seals.*) Registrato al No. 1248, vol. 2, folio 14, Il. 20 Settembre, 1881, E.V.
- II. Gran Cancelliere, Guardia Sigillo, Allesandro Martucci, 33-90°. (*Two seals.*)

2.—ORIENTAL RITE OF MIZRAIM, 90°.

To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the Worlds. Salutation upon all the points of the Triangle (*nosce te ipsum*). Respect to all the regular Obediences.

To all Illus. Masons of both Hemispheres, Salutation—Strength—Union. (*Seal.*) Egyptian or Oriental Rite of Mizraim.

The Supreme General Council of the Grand Patriarchs, Grand Masters for life, 90° grade of the Oriental Rite of Mizraim, Mother-Power of the Rite, sitting in the Valley of Sebeto, Grand Orient of Naples, having constituted itself on the 10th December, 1747, and modified itself in 1805.

Considering the demand put forward by the Ill. Fr. John Yarker, 33-96°, Sovereign Grand Master General of the Antient and Primitive Rite for Gt. Britain and Ireland, tending to be authorised to exercise, together with the other Ill. Brs., the Venerable Egyptian or Oriental Rite of Mizraim in the perimetre of his jurisdiction. In virtue of the art. 9 and following of the Grand Constitutions of the Rite.

Considering the moral qualities and Masonic virtues of the applicants.

Heard the advice of the Supreme Chamber of Rites. Declares by the present Decree for the greater increase and prosperity of the Rite, legally constituted and acknowledged the SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL of the 90° and last grade of the Oriental Rite of Mizraim or of Egypt, for the jurisdiction of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with its seat in London or Manchester (as the Ill. B. Yarker will think best), and invests with the 90° grade the following:—

M. Ill. Br. John Yarker, Sovereign President General.

" " Samuel P. Leather, first Grand Exam. Genl.

" " Jabez N. Hillman, second " "

" " Maurice L. Davies, Grd. Orator Genl. " "

" " B. B. Labrey, Gd. Chancell. Gen.

" " James Hill, Gd. Secretary Gen.

" " Thomas L. Shaw, Gd. Guardian of the same.

Authorises them to name to all the other offices for their organic completeness, as well as to constitute all the other Chambers of the Rite, and to labour together with their successors, and with full powers in all the grades of the Rite, in conformity with the Statutes, Constitutions, and Dispositions, now and ever, while maintaining by the seat of this Mother-Power the Representative indicated by the art. 23 of the General Statutes.

Given in the Valley of Sebeto, Gr. Or. of Naples, the XXth day of the VIIth month, Luna Shamenoth A. of V.L. 000,000,000, 20th Sept., 1881 of the V.E.

Signed,

- II. Sovr. Gran Maestro Presid., 90°, G. B. Pessina, 33°. (*Three seals.*)
 - II. Gran Segretario Genle., De Marinis Genno Generoso, 33-90°. (*Seal.*) Regior al No. 1248, vol. 2nd, fol. 14, Napoli, 20 Settembre, 1881, E.V.
 - II. Gr. Cancelliere, Guardia Sigil, Allesandro Martucci, 33-90°. (*Seal.*)
- Additional Officers, appointed September 20th, 1881.
- R. Ill. Bro. John Henry Southwood, 90°, Grand Treasurer General.
 - " Henry Meyer, 90°, Grand Master of Ceremonies.
 - " Thos. M. Campbell, 90°, Grand Almoner General.
 - " A. D. Lowenstark, 90°, Grand Captain of Guard.

AMERICAN JURISDICTION.

THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY OF AMERICA, AND THE RITE IN CANADA, OR BRITISH AMERICA.

TO THE EDITOR OF "KNEPH."

DEAR SIR AND ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER,—There is no law so well understood as that which determines the Masonic jurisdiction of any governing body of every order and degree. No man or body of men can claim more than what is well defined and laid down in a charter, nor go beyond the rights which that charter confers. Jurisdiction cannot possibly reach beyond the boundaries of chartered rights. If a charter is issued for the United States it cannot include Canada, Great Britain, France, Spain, and Germany. A charter cannot empower a body of men to exercise jurisdiction in the territory of a neighbouring republic, kingdom, or empire, if there be a governing body exercising independent jurisdiction there. And even granting that there is no such governing body, the right of jurisdiction in the territory of a foreign nation or republic can only be regarded as provisional and temporary, until such times as a competent self-governing body can be formed, to whom the right of independent jurisdiction must then be delegated and transferred. British America, or the Dominion of Canada, is in just that condition to exercise and maintain independent jurisdiction over its own territory, and has a Sovereign Sanctuary of its own now in active operation.

We are surprised to hear that Most Ill. Bro. Alexander B. Mott, M.D., 33°, 96°, 90°, Grand Master of the United States of America, claims jurisdiction over the whole continent of America, and signs himself "G.M. of the Continent of America." He has no right to claim it from any charter either in his own possession or that of his predecessors. It has never been conferred upon him by any Masonic power or authority now existing or that ever existed. He has no right to ask it either on Masonic, moral, or political grounds, and it cannot be allowed him. Indeed, his general supineness in behalf of the A. and P. Rite, in relation to Canada especially, must exclude any Canadian endorsement of such a claim.

British America, or Dominion of Canada, has a wide territory, with an independent government. It has also a Sovereign Sanctuary of its own, strong enough both morally, politically, and Masonically, to exercise independent jurisdiction within its own dominion, and will do so.

Indeed, a simple reference to the original Charter of Jacques E. Marconis will prove that it was given for the "United States" of America. And though Ill. Bro. H. J. Seymour obtained a charter in 1862 which was worded so indefinitely as to use the descriptive title "America," yet the provisions of the charter prove it to have been intended for the same jurisdiction as the previous charter of Jacques Et. Marconis, namely, the "United States" of America. Otherwise we must come to a very absurd conclusion, that the simple and unqualified title "America" means:—

- Russian America, or Alaska (1862).
- Danish America, or Greenland.
- British America, or Canada.
- Columbian America, or United States.
- Central America, or Guatemala, &c.
- South America, or Brazil, &c.

Certainly we think a charter that happens to have the indefinite title "America" as the name of its definite territory should define whether it means North America or South America, Russian America, Danish America, British America, or Central America, before it can set up a definite claim and exercise jurisdiction in any one of these six divisions of America. And before Most Ill. Bro. Mott ever signs himself "Grand Master of America" he should first know with certainty which America he is "Grand Master" of out of these six divisions. At any rate we are positive when we say that his charter was not granted for British America, or it would have said so; and until he gets a charter giving him jurisdiction over British America he would do well to sign himself "G.M. of the United States of America," so that his charter claims and signature may correspond.

Hence the substitution of "Continent" for what was originally declared "United States" is a ridiculous and unwarrantable assumption, and an expression of the boundaries and jurisdiction of his charter beyond the design and express

language of the instrument. Such a usurpation British America, or the Dominion of Canada, cannot and will not permit.

Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL BESWICK, 33-95°.

Grand Master of Ceremonies, Sov. Sanc. of British America, Dominion of Canada.

[We insert this letter as requested, and shall be glad to hear the other side of the question from the M. Ill. Bro. Dr. Mott. We trust, however, that no ill feeling may spring up between the members of our Rite in Canada and those in the United States. In each territory ample room exists; and we hazard an opinion that the American body would strengthen their position by directing all their efforts to consolidation of their work at home.—ED. K.]

Reports of Masonic Bodies.

ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY, 33°.

I AM glad to inform the brethren of our well-beloved Rite that with the New Year my labours-extraordinary cease, and that we have a full complement of Officers, all of whom are anxious and willing to perform their duties, which, from what I see, will be done in a thorough and efficient working manner. In future all returns should be made complete *in duplicate* to the Grand Chancellor (which may be addressed to my care) and to the Grand Secretary; remittances to the Grand Treasurer. New Chapters and revivals are in progress, and the brethren will hear of it in due course. I append a list of my own Receipts and Payments, and the Grand Treasurer General, whose position is satisfactory, will make his Financial Report at the proper season.

JOHN YARKER, 33-96°.

Withington, Manchester, Jan 1, 1882.

1881.	CASH RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
June 30.	Balance in hand...	...	0	9 2
Oct. 4.	Bro. Colin McKenzie, Books and Fees	5	11	9
Nov. 5.	Bro. Wm. Oxley, <i>Kneph</i>	...	0	2 6
Dec. 6.	Bro. M. R. Davies, Books	...	0	7 6
" 20.	Bro. C. M. Wilson, do.	...	1	2 0
" 31.	No. 2 Chapter, do.	...	0	4 0

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CASH PAYMENTS.

1881.	CASH PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 16.	Three Months' Subscription to <i>Kneph</i> (to Dec., 1881)	...	3	2 10
Dec. 31.	Framing Mizraim Warrant, clothing same, and binding 1 copy of <i>Kneph</i>	0	5	5
" 31.	Miscellaneous Foreign and English postages, carriage of 200 <i>Knephs</i> for six months from London, and postage of same	...	3	3 0
" 31.	Balance in hand for petty expenses	1	5	8

£7 16 11

N.B.—On *Kneph* account the six months have been closed with a loss of £4 5s. 7d. paid by the Treasurer General, and the Sovereign Sanctuary has no outstanding debts.

PALATINE AND JERUSALEM CHAPTER—TIME IMMORTAL (No. 2).—A preliminary meeting of the officers of this Chapter was held at Gresham House, on the 4th February, 1882, at which were present the following Illustrious Brethren:—John Yarker, 33-96°, P.M.W.; Beby Bowman Labrey, 33-95°, P.M.W.; Joseph Hawkins, 30°, M.W.; J. R. England, 30°, K.S.W.; J. R. Dobson, 30°, K.J.W.; E. O. D. Gallagher, 30°, Orator; Fredk. Tomlinson, 30°, Treas.; G. A. Robinson, 30°, Sec.; R. H. Holt, P.M.W., 32°, Conductor; W. Briggs, 30°, Archivist; Rd. Higham, 30°, C. of G.; Joseph Boardman, 30°, Gd. of Tower. These officers were obligated, and a committee appointed to fix the day of installation and meeting. The Rose Croix fee was fixed at £2 2s., the annual subscription at £1. A committee to investigate the character of candidates, consisting of Sir Knts. Holt, England, and Boardman, was appointed. The appeal of the Gd. Treasurer General, Ill. Bro. J. H. Southwood, 33-95°, having been mentioned, and brethren having offered to contribute, it was thought that £5 5s. 0d. might be subscribed to make the Most Wise a Governor of the Fund for Aged Freemasons.

Notices to Correspondents.

To facilitate information as to the reception of Master Masons in good standing into the A. and P. Rite, enquiries may be made either personally or by letter—

In Manchester, of the Grand Chancellor Genl., Bro. Beeby Bowman Labrey, 33°, Bull's Head Chambers; or of the Sov. Gd. Master Genl., Bro. John Yarker, 33°, 96, the "Poplars," Burton-road, Withington, Manchester.

In London, of the Gd. Trea. Genl., Bro. J. H. Southwood, 33°, 98, Houndsditch; or of the Gd. Sec. Genl., Bro. James Hill, 33°, 91, Clarence-road, Clapton.

In Dublin, of the Gd. Expert Genl., Bro. Dr. Davies, 33°, 10, Lower Sackville-street.

In Glasgow, of the Gd. Examiner Genl., Bro. T. M. Campbell, 33°, 10, Carrick-street.

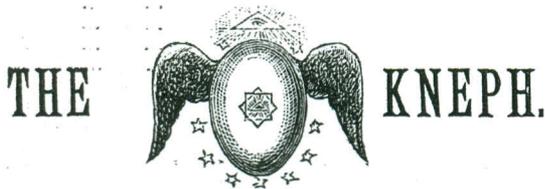
In Aberdeen, of the Gd. Inspector Genl., Bro. T. L. Shaw, 33°, Regent Quay.

In Burnley, Lancashire, of the Gd. Administrator Genl., Bro. S. P. Leather, 33°.

In Havant, Hants, of the Gd. Keeper of the Golden Book, Bro. Jabez N. Hillman, 33°, Redhampton.

FORMS for the return of members are supplied to each body gratuitously on application. Declaration forms in Books of 100, 4s. each. Forms of petition for Dispensation or Warrant for a Chapter, Senate, or Council, under the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry (where no such bodies exist). The above, and all information requisite, will be supplied by the Grand Secretary-General of the Rite, 91, Clarence-road, Clapton.

THE postal rate for *Kneph* is ¼d. per 3 copies for inland and 1d. per 3 copies for foreign and colonial. American Brethren will therefore please reckon their subscription for single copies, 2s.; two copies, 3s. 6d.; three copies, 5s. per annum.



LONDON, FEBRUARY, 1882.

THE POSITION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AS TO THE HIGH DEGREES, AND ALL DETACHED SYSTEMS OF MASONRY.

It is well known that the Grand Lodge of England is simply a craft system of three degrees, and has always been so from its foundation in 1717. The recognition of the Royal Arch degree in no way alters this fundamental point, because the Constitutions declare it to be the detached completion of the third degree.

Moreover by the Articles of Union of 1813 it was enacted as another fundamental point that full tolerance should be given to the practice of the Chivalric degrees of Masonry, under which concession falls all the degrees of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, as one of the tolerated systems.

It is utterly beyond the power of Grand Lodge, or any official of Grand Lodge whatsoever, to alter or repeal this constitutional basis

in any way. The Grand Lodge cannot accept or receive any grades but those of Apprentice, Fellow, and Master, or annul the constitutional right of these Lodge grades to practice the Higher degrees of the Antient and Primitive Rite, or even the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite or Templars. To do either one or the other (receive or prohibit) would be to dissolve the Articles of Union of 1813, and all the funds of the Grand Lodge of England might be attacked in Chancery.

We cannot too often repeat this to the Brethren generally, as the consideration will remove very much misconception. The Antient and Primitive Rite, in common with others, never can be either recognised or prohibited by the Grand Lodge of England; but if such a thing was possible as recognition it is as an Unsectarian system, the only High Grade Rite that Craft Masons, as non-sectarian, could recognise.

PALATINE CHAPTER (No. 2, Manchester).

We are glad to be able to report that the resuscitation of this old Chapter (founded in connection with the Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity) proceeds with highly encouraging results, several influential Masons having been lately received, and a few of the surviving old members having expressed their desire to assist in the work of revival. We have repeatedly expressed our regrets that a Chapter possessing such a time-honoured prestige as that derived from the Jerusalem Chapter, should be allowed to continue inactive, and now that our Ill. G.M. has, with accustomed energy, thrown himself into the work, we have no doubt but the result will prove in the highest degree satisfactory. A preliminary meeting was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., to arrange as to meetings, etc.

SIRIUS (No. 4, Burnley).

We hope that the gratifying position No. 2 has assumed will induce our Burnley brethren also to revive their Chapter, in which we are assured they will be heartily seconded by the veteran Bro. Leather, 33°, under whose able guidance they could scarcely fail to succeed, if they try with a will.

We are aware that at the outset of their career, they, in common with No. 2, experienced the utmost hostility from the members of a high grade Rite, at once bigoted and intolerant, and consequently dreading the establishment of a body professing the tolerant and unsectarian spirit of the Antient and Primitive Rite. That this hostility should have existed at all is proof convincing that at heart they were less Masons than bumptious possessors of pretentious titles of more than doubtful origin. But the Masonic world has grown wiser since then. The gorgeous pretensions of these sham potentates, with their gilt gingerbread trappings and fallacious Archives, have been so much exposed of late that it is hardly likely now that any attempt will be made openly to recommence the un-

masonic attacks made upon our members ten years ago. Our Rite has now been long enough before the Masonic world to satisfy any reasonable man of its perfect claims to Masonic recognition, and its teachings are so completely in unison with Craft Masonry that it may be truly said to be the University of the Craft. Let our Lancashire brethren then take heart of grace, stick firmly to the banners of our Rite, and when assailed, either covertly or openly, meet their traducers with a bold front, strong in the justice of their cause, and fighting with the weapons of truth against imposture; who can doubt that victory shall be theirs, for we also have the right to use the motto, "Deus Meumque Jus," and desire no other.

TREATY BETWEEN THE ANTIENT AND
PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY,
OR ORIENTAL ORDER OF MEMPHIS, OR OF EGYPT,
IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
IN AMERICA, IN ITALY, ROUMANIA, &c.,
AND RATIFIED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE SOVEREIGN
GRAND MASTERS.

To the Glory of the Sublime Architect of the
Universe;
Salutation on all Points of the Triangle;
Respect to the Order.
Peace, Tolerance, Truth.

To all Illustrious and Enlightened Masons throughout
the World.—

Union, Prosperity, Friendship, Fraternity.

Know Ye, The Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand
Masters and Hierophants of the Antient and Primitive
Rite of Masonry, in Great Britain and Ireland, in
America, in Italy, Roumania, &c., having judged
it expedient in the interest of our well-beloved
Rite that such regulations should be made between
them, the High Contracting Parties, as may tend
to unite more closely Brethren of their several jurisdic-
tions, and to promote the interchange of courtesy and
hospitality, have agreed to conclude a Treaty, between
the Sovereign Powers over which they respectively
preside, and to promote such union have decreed the
following articles, viz:—

I.

The Treaty, or Contracting Parties, mutually agree
to recognise one Supreme Sovereign Grand Master,
Grand Hierophant, and Honorary Grand Patron, who
shall be, *ad vitam*, the Most Illustrious Brother
General Guiseppe Garibaldi, 33—97°, of Italy, as
successor to the Illustrious and Enlightened Brother
Jacques Et. Marconis, 33—97°, Paris, France.

II.

All Illustrious Brethren visiting or joining Chapters,
Senates, or Councils in the jurisdiction of any of the
Contracting Parties, shall be received, according to
their rank at home, on an equal footing with those
among whom they may respectively come, taking pre-
cedence according to their degree, and amongst those
of equal rank, according to the dates of their respec-
tive patents of creation.

(Signed)

John Yarker, 33—96°—90°, S.G.M Gt. Britain, &c., September 2, 1881.
Alexander B. Mott, 33—96°, M.I.S.G.M. in and for the Continent of America, September 14, 1881.
G. Pessina, 33—96—90, S.G.M. for Italy, September 20, 1881.
Constantine Moroiu, 33—96° (Odos) Grand Master of the Roumanian Masonry, Nov. 22—Dec. 4, 1881.

III.

The Contracting Parties agree that none of them
will issue any Charter, Warrant, or Patent, authorizing
the establishment of any Chapter, Senate, or Council,
or the reception of any Member of the Rite, within
the jurisdiction of the other.

IV.

The Contracting Parties agree to render their
Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, Forms, Rituals, and other
matters as homologous as the circumstances and
requirements of their several jurisdictions will admit.

V.

The Contracting Parties agree to fraternize, so far
as relative circumstances will permit, with all friendly
Rites, but to hold no intercourse with or recognize
any Masonic Body, Rite, or Power within the terri-
tory of any of them, or within any foreign territory,
unless such Rite or Power maintains amicable
relations with our Antient and Primitive Rite of
Masonry, or Oriental Order of Memphis, or of Egypt.

VI.

All judgments, decrees, or sentences pronounced
by the competent Supreme Authority in the territory
of the Contracting Parties shall be valid and executory
in the others without further process; and no appeal,
error, or review shall lie against such judgment,
decrees, or sentences except in the Supreme Court of
the country from which they emanated, save by special
licence and authority or delegation under hand and
seal of the Sovereign Grand Master of such country;
and in such case any judgment pronounced thereon
shall be final.

VII.

The Contracting Parties further agree that all
judicial acts done according to law by one of them
shall be communicated to the other, and thereupon
published throughout the jurisdiction of the same, and
any act of contumacy punished by the authority of
such country shall be regarded by the other as con-
tumacy against its own Judicial Act.

VIII.

The Contracting Parties shall be at liberty to send
reciprocally a Representative or Legate to be ac-
credited to each other respectively, who shall receive all
the honours due to his Representative position.

IX.

The Contracting Parties agree that all advantages
of this Treaty may hereafter be extended to regular
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In witness whereof the abovenamed Grand Masters
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EGYPTIAN MECHANICS.

CONTEMPORARY REVIEW.

THE height of the Great Pyramid, the tomb of Khufu, or Cheops, of the fourth dynasty, was originally 480 feet 9 inches, and the base 764 feet. It is virtually a mass of solid masonry, for the rock must take up but a small proportion of the interior, and the chambers and passages have no appreciable relation to the whole bulk. The material chiefly employed is the limestone on which the structure stands, which was in part cleared away to make a level platform; but the finer quality, used for the casing stones and lining of passages, was quarried on the other side of the river, nearly ten miles away; and the red granite, also used for inner casing and for the sarcophagus, was quarried at Syene, at the extreme south of Egypt, nearly 550 miles away by the course of the river. We must remember that the Third Pyramid, now 208 feet high, was cased in part, or wholly, with granite of Syene. How did the Egyptians contrive to transport and raise these vast blocks of stone? Let us look at the whole process. First, the labour of quarrying, without any of the modern aids of blasting, must have been enormous, especially when the hard red granite, which turns the edges of our modern steel tools, and yet was cut by bronze ones, had to be hewn out and shaped into accurate blocks. The transport to the river was not difficult, and the descent on rafts during the high Nile would have met no risks but from sand-banks. At this period of the year the rafts would have been brought by a canal very near the site of the pyramid. A causeway, of which there are remains, would have made the land transport less difficult. But it must be remembered that the only mode of moving great masses on land was by means of sledges drawn by men or oxen. So far we see only a vast expenditure of almost unaided labour; how vast we do not appreciate, for it is beyond imagination to master the tremendous work; we are constantly confused by our being unable to cast away the modern notions of facility to which we are accustomed. All this preliminary labour was followed by the actual work of building. The Great Pyramid is not a mass of piled-up stones; it is a model of constructive skill. A sheet of paper cannot be placed between the casing stones, and we can scarcely imagine that any mortar was spread on their sides. The passages present no roughness that could arrest the sarcophagus. Everything was exquisitely finished. Allowance was made for the pressure of the vast mass. The great chamber of the sarcophagus has no less than five small chambers above it to lighten the superincumbent weight; over the entrance of the first passage two great stones are placed in a vaulted position for the same purpose. In consequence nothing has given way. Our real difficulty begins when we endeavour to explain any mode by which the great blocks of which the pyramid is built were placed in position at their various heights until the top stone was put upon the summit, and the work of casing completed the wonder. It would be easy to find a method if it did not entail as much labour as the building of the pyramid itself. Rejecting any such view the most reasonable conjecture that can be offered is that inclined planes ran along the sides of the giant steps in which the pyramid was built, and that the stones were dragged up them by the workmen. It is necessary here to note that when the mummy of the King had been placed in the sepulchral chamber, the entrance passage was permanently closed, and heavy portcullises lowered at intervals; this needing great mechanical skill. The chapel attached to each pyramid for the sepulchral rites was built at a suitable distance in front of it, contrary to the practice in the tombs of subjects around, in which the chapel was constructed in the mass of the masonry, or hewn in the rock. The final closing of every pyramid, which was the universal custom, is an important fact, which is in itself enough to disprove a scientific heresy, according to which deep secrets were concealed in the heart of the Great Pyramid for the enlightenment of remote generations. Professor Piazzi Smyth does not consider the red granite sarcophagus a royal coffin, like every other sarcophagus in Egypt, but a divinely-appointed sacred standard, connecting the ancient measures with, for instance,

the English inch. Yet more here, and in other parts of the pyramid, he fancies that he sees the indications of profound astronomical truths, which were unknown to the old Egyptians. This phantasy has been pushed to the length of making the pyramid, not alone a record of an ancient faith, but a stone prophecy of the ages to come. An Egyptologist may ridicule a theory which destroys the whole value of his labours; a logician may protest against the selection of one pyramid on which to found a hypothesis and the rejection of all others, and the choice of measurements which best suit the evolution of the fancies of the speculator; but the true answer can only be given by good mathematicians. They can explain the reasons of the proportions which have been interpreted away from their original purpose, and show how easy it is to prove anything to the uninitiated by those "dangerous playthings," numbers, which at last deceive the theorist himself. Sir Henry James, Royal Engineer, and Professor Weckerbarth, of Upsala, have thus abundantly refuted the extraordinary fancies of Professor Piazzi Smyth.

[While we do not altogether adopt the views of the writer, and prefer the authority of Professor Piazzi Smyth to that of his opponents, we give this article as worthy of attention, and shall probably refer to the subject in a future number.—Ed. K.]

THE AZTEC MYSTERIES.

Mr. Frank H. Cushing, of Western New York, has, in the study of the Zuni religion, found for certainty that the worship and traditions of Montezuma, so long accepted in all accounts of the Aztecs, have no foundation in fact, and that Montezuma was never heard of. But he has discovered a mine of mythological lore, beliefs and superstitions, gods and spirits, that throw the full light of day on the Aztec religion. Among other wonderful things is the existence of twelve sacred orders, with their priests, and their sacred rites are carefully guarded as the secrets of Freemasonry, an institution to which these orders have a strange resemblance. Into several of these orders he has been initiated, and has penetrated to their inmost secrets, obtaining a knowledge of ceremonials, both beautiful, profound, and grotesque in character. But the most marvellous thing which he has discovered in connection with their religion is the grand fact that their faith is the same thing as modern Spiritualism.

The *Bombay Theosophist* copies the above from the *Boston Herald*, but refuses to accept the identity with Spiritualism, and argues its assimilation to that of the higher adepts of India and the East.

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CRAFT MASONRY.

WOOLWICH UNION, WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—A well attended meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Hy. S. Syer, W.M. The business on the agenda comprised an Initiation and two members for joining; the latter having passed the ballot were duly elected members of the Lodge, but the candidate for Initiation being unable to attend on this occasion, his reception was necessarily postponed. We are informed that this Lodge numbers 84 members, and enjoys the enviable privilege of an uninterrupted record of proceedings for 88 years, and from the fact that no record could be found of the purchase or gift (whichever it might have been) of the Lodge Banner, it is concluded the Lodge may claim a still more remote period for its origin. At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge, the W.M. informed the brethren that a ball would be held in a short time, in connection with the Lodge, when he hoped to receive their support. The following list of officers and visitors were present:—Bros. Henry S. Syer, W.M., R. Hodgkinson, I.P.M., W. Akers, acting S.W., O. Hutton, J.W., Thomas Hutton, P.M. and Treas., G. Davis, P.M. and Sec., W. Bidgood, Organist, George Masters, S.D., H. Grice, acting J.D., A. Cleal, I.G. Visitors: J. J. Gould, Guelph, 1685, C. B. Rogers, St. John's, 325, W. Sale, United Military, 1536, J. Gooding, United Military, 1536, G. Smith, Ancient Stirling, 30, P. Joskey, Cornwallis, 1107, G. Hill, Liberty of Havering, 1437, G. Hughes, True Brothers, 1210, and many others.

MARK MASONRY.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).—The regular Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury, on Thursday, 2nd inst., Bro. H. Meyer, W.M. The business of the evening comprised the election of W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year, and the appointment of the Audit Committee. The minutes having been read, the brethren proceeded to elect the W.M., and resulted in Bro. W. Beasley, S.W., being unanimously called to the chair. Bro. B. Meyer, P.M. and Treas., was also unanimously re-elected. Bros. J. J. Gould, S.O., J. E. Greenhill, S.D., and J. D. Birkin, I.G., were appointed Auditors. A Past Master's Jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., and hearty good wishes having been tendered to the W.M., Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then opened, Bro. W. J. Meek, W.C.N. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to elect the W.C.N. for the year ensuing, their choice falling on Bro. Hy. Meyer, J. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring W.C.N., Bro. Meek, for his able services during the year, and Lodge was closed in due and Antient form.

[We are requested to state that the Audit Committee of the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge will meet at the Moorgate on Thursday, 6th April, at 7 p.m.]

SCOTLAND.

A MEETING of the Lodge "Clyde," No. 408 (S., C.), was held on Friday, 6th ult., Bros. William Clinton, R.W.M., Robert Headrick, 30°, S.W., William Walker, J.W., Ill. Bro. John McInnes, 31°, I.P.M., office bearers and brethren. Bro. Jean Deslandres, of Lodge "Clemente Amitie," Paris, and *Attache aux Affaires Etrangeres*, was proposed by Bro. Alpha Omega Munro, 18°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Thomas M. Campbell, 33°, for Affiliation, his documents being examined and found in accordance with the Antient constitutions, was enrolled as a member, and affiliated from the Grand Orient to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This being the first meeting of the year, the usual happy greetings were passed, a short time was spent in harmony, and the Lodge was closed in good order.

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