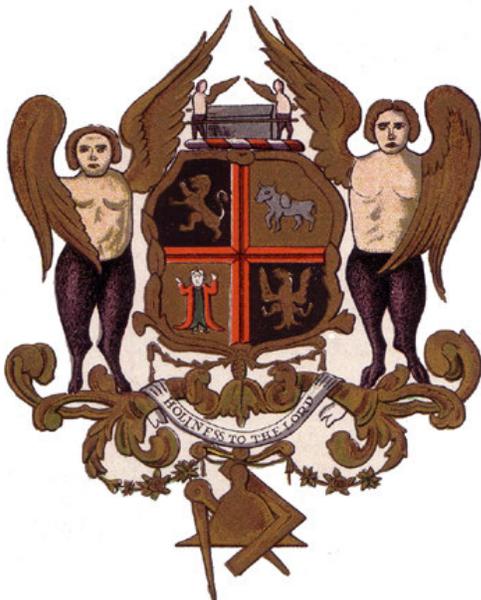


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A Challenge Taken up

In January of this year The Masonic High Council of England and Wales took up a long-neglected challenge: to labour for the restoration of the fundamental spiritual values of the Craft; to lay the foundation stone upon which to raise a superstructure, perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder. In the months since there has, needless to say, been a very considerable degree of interest from Freemasons, not only in England but also throughout the world.

There has been much discussion, some positive, some disparaging, not a little disinformation and, indeed, the occasional comical supposition made by one or two of the more conspiracy-minded contributors to Masonic discussion lists and forums.

As far as the MHC is concerned, however, there has been much more than mere discussion. We have now either close fraternal relations or an actual physical presence in a growing number of countries, the latest being in Scandinavia where the Masonic light of Craft Freemasonry has been brought, effectively for the first time, to Norway, where until now the Craft degrees have only been formally worked within the context of a pre-existing chivalric order.

But numbers and geography are not, after all, what we are about; rather, the turning of rough ashlar to polished stone. We live in a society dominated by an instrumentalist ethos, where philistinism has been institutionalised and where mediocrity has been enshrined as a cardinal virtue. But it follows that we live in a time when a truly free man is one free of the predominant banal cultural mindset, and when the spiritual values of Freemasonry are consequently of greater relevance than ever. It is our aspiration, then, to offer to men free and of good report admission to the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry that they may be better enabled to work upon the rough ashlar of their own selves, to the benefit not only of the men concerned but to that of society at large. And that is the true challenge.

MW John Garland, DGM

ITALY

MW Bro John Garland, Deputy Grand Master, MW Senior Grand Officer and Brethren:
We should like to heartily congratulate our Italian Brethren upon the successful creation of the Grand Orient of Italy Federal at Rome on the 13th of October 2005, and particularly to congratulate the First Grand Master, the MW Bro. Pasquale Cerofolini, GM of Italy.

SPEECH BY THE MW BRO. PASQUALE CEROFOLINI Gran Maestro Federale G.O.I.F.

The new Italian Masonic Renaissance

Throughout the second half of the twentieth century, following a troubled post-war reorganisation, Italian Freemasonry experienced a period of considerable turmoil and confusion. This time of internal division and misunderstanding has been aptly characterised as the 'Garden of Un-Reason'.

However, at 15.00hrs on the 13th of October, 2005, under the auspices of the Masonic High Council for England and Wales - Regular Grand Lodge of England, and of the Masonic High Council for Italy, a considerable number of Brethren, dedicated to the values of Freedom, Brotherhood and Tolerance, came together to establish the Constitution of the - The Grande Oriente Italiano Federale (GOIF).

Having found the path out of the garden of past divisions through the application of Reason and Fraternal love the Grand Orient of Italy Federal has proved itself worthy to be recognised as the Cornerstone of the Cathedral of the new Italian Masonic Renaissance.



NOMINATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Whereas the Most Worshipful Masonic High Council for England and Wales, being in Grand Assembly on the 27th of October 2005, did by resolution, agreed by the Members of the said Masonic High Council, proceed to elect and install on that date:

RW Bro. RW Bro. Philip Fowler, DGM
as Deputy District Grand Master for India

RW Bro. Oswaldo Ulloa Peña, MHC
as Senior Grand Officer Masonic High Council
for Bolivia



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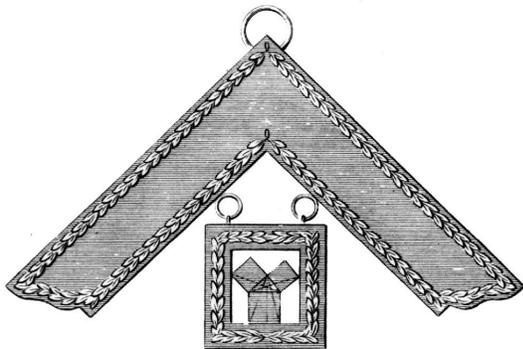
BOLIVIA

MW Bro John Garland, Deputy Grand Master, MW Senior Grand Officer and Brethren: We are pleased to inform that the formation of the Masonic High Council of Bolivia is now under way, and our Dear and RW Brother Oswaldo Ulloa Peña, has been appointed to act as the Senior Grand Officer of Bolivia.

And we are pleased to inform that we have received all necessary documentation for the foundation in regular form of the Craft Lodge Obreros de la Luz No.1 (No.30 EC) in the city of Santa Cruz, Bolivia; a further two Lodges will be formed once all documentation is received.

NORWAY

MW Bro John Garland, Deputy Grand Master, MW Senior Grand Officer and Brethren: I have the honour to give notice that the Masonic High Council of England and Wales, the mother Masonic High Council of the World, received a large delegation of Norwegian Brethren from the capital city of Oslo and that we are now in the process of establishing the First Craft Freemasonry Lodge on Norwegian soil, Lodge Akershus Lux at the capital city Oslo.



Enquiries to join the Regular Grand Lodge of England should be sent to the MHC Secretary:

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Rules for visiting

There are four rules relating to visiting in recognised or unrecognised jurisdictions.

1 - A Mason may only visit constituent lodges under a Grand Lodge recognised by the Regular Grand Lodge of England.

2 - If a Mason owes allegiance to two Grand Lodges, he may then only visit lodges in a third jurisdiction recognised by both, unless all the Grand Lodges involved permit otherwise.

3 - If a Mason lawfully visits a lodge in another jurisdiction and finds another visitor lawfully present, whose Grand Lodge is not in amity with the Regular Grand Lodge of England, then the Mason must withdraw, unless MHC/RGLE and the host's Grand Lodge both permit otherwise.

4 - A lodge may only admit visitors from jurisdictions formally recognised by the Regular Grand Lodge of England, unless the MHC/RGLE has instructed its lodges otherwise.

If this is not practicable, the strictest version of the above rules should be abided by. The safest course is for Brethren to obtain advice from the Regular Grand Lodge of England prior to visiting. It is important to keep this advice in mind when reading these rules because the RGLE will be able to provide up to date information about lodges and Grand Lodges which may not be recognised.

