

The Museum Collection

No.1

The General Laws of the
Royal Antediluvian Order of
Buffaloes



Royal Regenerator Lodge No.3

Opened at the
Canterbury Arms, Upper Marsh
Westminster Road, London
1849

The Host - Mr. C. Morton

Compiled from the handwritten notes
of Brother T. Johnson, Grand Primo 1901
as supplied to him by Bro. H. Pearce, R.O.H.
Grand Secretary 1869 - 1883

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PREFACE

Brother Stanley Stirman, the curator to the R.A.O.B. Museum, has since his appointment undertaken an extensive examination of the documents, files, Minute Books and other non regalia items which have been donated to the Museum.

Amongst the papers that he inherited are a considerable number of documents, many handwritten in pencil, some over one hundred years old, which are now so old and worn that I fear their likelihood of surviving for much longer is in doubt.

Brother Stan Stirman has transcribed these into computerised copy in an attempt to preserve them for future members of the Order, since they have an important story to tell in the origins of the Order.

Progressively these will be published as fundraisers for the Museum under the banner title of "The Museum Collection".

This edition deals with the Royal Regenerator Lodge and the earliest set of Lodge rules known to us for the present.

They are from the personal handwritten notes of Brother Tommy Johnson who was to become Grand Primo in 1901, and was also the first member to be raised to the degree of Roll of Honour. That ceremony being performed by the Grand Lodge of England.

His Fourth Degree jewel is on display in the Museum in a case of jewels permanently loaned to the Museum by the Leicestershire Province.

**ROYAL REGENERATOR LODGE
OFFICERS 1849**

Sitting Primo Brother B.C. Walker

PRIMO'S

Brothers:- C. Morton - Worsly and Broughton

City Marshal	Bro. Moore
City Secretary	Bro. West
City Tyler	Bro. Bell
City Scavenger	Bro. Keats
City Constable	Bro. Mason
City Physician	Bro. Jones
City Barber	Bro. Rupert
City Minstrel	Bro. Phillips
City Waiter	Bro. Lincon
City Taster	Bro. Newall
Alderman of Juniper	Bro. Keats
Alderman of Poverty	Bro. Williamson
Alderman of Lunacy	Bro. Marne
Alderman of Suicide	Bro. Male

26, Heaton Square,
Peckham Road,
S.E.
September, 12th. 1900

Dear Tom,

I was pleased to hear from you as there is two in the Order I care to hear from, the other is Dick Featherstone late of Aldershot.

Now you are going to shine in the Order and as you will be supposed to know something about it and its' legitimate formation. I have sent you the enclosed. It explains itself, the list was the whole of the London Lodges that contained and formed the Grand Primo Lodge in 1866 and when the Grand Surrey, who did not like this power curtailed withdrew in 1868. Sir E. Scates, Primo's Mitchell - Ledger - Field - Kell and H. Pearce altered it into the Grand Lodge of England and there it is still and a Primo named Garbett and your humble servant brought forth The Printed Dispensation that is used now.

There is another that might be useful to you, that is the 1st Grand Lodge minutes and Cash Book which is still in my possession and not a soul knows I have it. It is a remnant of ancient (if I may use the term) Buffaloism, and through it then we never thought we should stand, but we stuck to it and hence the result. I have also a Traveling Diploma that Old Fannon used to go about with opening Lodges and extracting money under false pretences.

You can have them if you like. Kind regards to Robson
And believe me yours Truly

H. Pearce

General Laws

1. That this Lodge be denominated the Royal Regenerator Lodge and its regular meetings be held on every Sunday evening commencing at 8 and concluding at 11 - all Officers not in attendance at the opening be fined 3d or before the close of the Lodge six pence. Members may then admit friends (with the consent of the Sitting Primo) on payment of one penny for each and responsibility of payment of the fines stated as per rule.

2. That the Officers be appointed by the Primo elect immediately after his Election to serve for one month, should an officer absent himself for two successive Lodge nights without apologising, another appointed in his place and a fine not exceeding sixpence.

3 That every member to give name and Office for the Lodge books or be fined 1 penny.

4. That One Shilling shall be paid on proposition and 3/- on being made, money to be forfeited after 2 general Lodge nights have elapsed.

5. That any Officer or Brother interfering with the duties of those appointed shall be fined 6d.

6. Any Brother refusing to keep order at the sound of Primo's Staff, fine 1d. second 2d. to be brought to trial 3d.

7. Games of Chance - Betting or offering to bet, swearing or profane language, political or Religious Topics be fined 1d.

8. Direct insult to another Brother be fined 1d. or brought to trial.

9. Any Brother in Anger at the opening, to strike a Brother be fined 6d. or brought to Trial at option of Brother.

10. Landlord to provide and light and such other necessary's Lodge may require, neglect be fined half a gallon of Ale and be consumed by the Lodge.

11. Defacing the City books or Furniture to be brought to Trial.
12. Fall asleep, read or perusal of books, eat be fined 1d.
13. Enter Hat on, leave without permission be fined 1d.
14. Refusing to pay fine after 2nd night, to be sent to Coventry.
15. Primo to be held responsible for calling a Lodge at a non-Buff house where the Landlord is not a Buff without good reason.
16. Initiation of Primo 2/6 on proposal. 7/6 on Initiation.
17. Speaking of Lodge business or Secrets of the Order in the hearing of uninitiated to be brought to Trial.

This book of Laws, carefully revised by C. Walker, Sitting Primo

Verbatim copy by Sir H. Pearce.

**Notes on the Foundation of the
R.A.O.B
1840 - 1850**

What is Buffaloism

Buffaloism not being a friendly society as the Oddfellows, Foresters, Anglo Saxons Comical fellows, and many others of the above class, it needs some explanation, though Masonic in its formation that it is distinguished from the above, it teaches us or should teach Brethren the necessity of excursion into the Virtues of Charity and Affability and Inculcate the principle of Brotherly Love amongst Brethren. The Object of the Order is by means of small voluntary contributions and fines, to be in a position to give relief temporary and in some instances substantial to Brethren in pecuniary difficulties, it's motto being Philanthropy and Conviviality.

When and from what source did it spring - well from various sources of information there can be no doubt it sprang from a Bacchanalian Society with the Title of the City of Lushington held at the Harp Tavern, Russell Street, Drury Lane and exactly opposite one of the Pit entrances to the Drury Lane Theatre. It was here in the early days of the last Century it was established, and we believe that nearly the whole of its members belonged to the Dramatic and Musical profession.

Now at the said Harp Tavern in the same room that the Lushingtons held their meetings, the first Buff was installed but by whom and what date remains a mystery.

It was well known that Buff Lodges 60 years ago were sprinkled over London and over 51 years ago C. Morton of Canterbury renown had a Lodge held at his public house called the Royal Regenerator at the Canterbury Arms in Upper Marsh, Westminster Road and which contained in addition to the Officers which are now used, an Alderman of Lunacy and Alderman of Suicide, these were two of the wards belonging to the Lushingtons.

There was also a Lodge somewhere about this time held at the Victoria Tavern next to the Victoria Theatre near Waterloo Railway Station, called the Vampire, which was afterwards removed to the St. George's Tavern close to the Catholic Cathedral, opposite Bethlehem Hospital, St. George's Road, Southwark and it was re-christened The Grand Surrey Lodge.

This Lodge being in close proximity to Astleys, Surrey and Victoria Theatres also to the Winchester - Canterbury (which was built then) and other small music halls. The Grand Surrey became an influential Lodge.

All Lodges at that time, stood on their own bottom as there was no executive of any sort in existence in London. The Grand Surrey being also largely attended on Sunday Evenings and nearly all the whole of its members belonging in some way to the Dramatic and Musical profession.

Now where any Brothers wish to open a Lodge they usually appealed to the Grand Surrey to assist them, this brought the Grand Surrey into repute and it was here they started the Order of Merit and had the lecture written by John Carcas, and of course this made them more important. Harry Dobson a Detective was the first and Fermandy who was at the Surrey Theatre the second.

Still this Lodge in reality was only a Minor Lodge, there were no dispensations and the only regalia a piece of ribbon for the Primo and each Lodge printed their own rules.

At the end of the year 1865 Primo Brown KOM, a Mason, of the Beehive Lodge Walworth, mooted the idea of an executive. The Lodges, Grand Surrey - Britannia - Bloomsbury - Beehive - York Minster - Flowers of the Forest - Sampson - Shakespeare, sent Delegates and discussed the matter and drew up the Laws and in June 1866 The Grand Primo Lodge was opened at the Albert Arms, London Road, Southwick, only a few minutes walk from the Grand Surrey Lodge. Things went smoothly and the 2nd year Sir E. Scates became Grand Primo, he was rather of pompous order and always liked to be in front of everything and when his time expired he did not like giving up his power,

so he got some of his chums to put him up for a second time, now Primo Arthur Grey, secretary to the Grand Surrey Lodge was also put up, I remember remarking to my old Chums, Sir B.Ledger (who you know died about 6 years ago) and Kell who is still alive and been a Buff over 50 years, that this election of 1868 would end in a quarrel. Well Scates got in and this was the thin end of the wedge and our refusing to pass a Brother to the Primo Degree of the St Thomas's Lodge finished it. They at the Grand Surrey got hold of a few Lodges and so did the Primos and there was the split. The Grand Surrey with their 3 or 4 Lodges made themselves into an executive and it became the Grand Surrey Lodge and to give it another title, called it The Mother Lodge of the World.

They owed us a lot of money, that we had expended on the Rye House Fete and so when Field, Ledger, Kell, Scates, Mitchell and your humble servant met at the Lodge house we were fairly up a pole, no money, in fact so to speak no anything but the books I sent you. I might here tell you I had the 1st Minute book in my box for you and it had some interesting bits, but Hunt took it. I don't want it and don't like to say he stole it, (but there were some minutes in it relating to money matters he did not like).

Well we stuck to it The Grand Primo Lodge for we were undoubtedly the Legitimate Head of the Order.

Field Trusted us the Printing, we drew up the Dispensation, advertised in the 'Era' and when I took on the Sec in 1869, we had 20 Lodges and when I retired in 1883 or truly speaking rascally ousted by a caucus headed by that Dirty Dog Eshelby, who the last I heard of him a few months ago he was a potman. Then I had signed 480 Dispensations during my term of office.

The Grand Surrey some time after got into another scrape, Josh Danks whom you remember at Leicester left us as he could not get to the front and joined the Grand Surrey, he was a crafty and precocious Buff, he had not been at the Grand Surrey long before by his treachery he ousted Sir A Greig who had been for years, Greig and his party went to the Marquis of

Granby, new but and there opened another Executive Council both were using dispensations etc, here we have the Grand Lodge of England then the Grand Surrey self constituted and the Executive the same.

Things seemed to be going fairly smooth with the two outsiders when the host of the Grand Surrey fell into difficulties and asked Host Craddock who held a Tuesday night Lodge to take over the properties or they might be seized by the Brokers, Craddock did and the Grand Surrey was removed to the Gibraltar. When things were settled and they talked about moving it back to the St. Georges Tavern, there was not the slightest idea of Danks going back or Craddock giving up the properties and there the Lodge sticks now, although Craddock has been retired years and is in a very excellent position and rich, but Danks is in a wretched condition and I have heard, and not pitied he was a fair bad-un.

Well some of the Old Grand Surrey members set to work and after a little time, again opened the Grand Surrey at the old home where they stayed for years, but they after meet at the Hampton Court Palace a splendid house opposite the Clock Tower Newington Butts and is a rich Lodge, here then came in the Grand Surrey No 2 Mother Lodge of the World, both claiming the title one which neither can claim.

Well in the seventies we had the Grand Lodge of England legitimately established. Grand Executive Council and the two Grand Surrey's and how many more Independents and Others, I don't intend to hark upon. Now you have the real and truthful facts.

Our great Grand Lodge, by their wanton waste of money and the way they put the pressure on the Lodges about the year 1890, when they used to in Boardman's time voted one another K.O.M. from Grand Lodge. It was the means of shutting up the family one by one neither Boardman nor Rushton got their K.O.M. in a legitimate manner they were maked by Grand Lodge out of Grand Lodge monies.

Closed Lodges

Beacon.	Britannia.
Beehive	Cambridge.
Cheremount.	Duke of Edinburgh.
Elogetitian.	Earl of Essex.
Grosvenor.	Hay Albert.
Lambeth.	Louis Victoria
John Pen.	Pride of Bermondsey
Palmerston.	Ordnance
Oxford.	Sons of the Thames
Prince of Wales.	Walmer Castle

All Gone

There are one or two more but I cannot remember them, there is only one Lodge on the South of the Thames and that is a comparatively new one in the Blackfriars Road.

Now if the grand Lodge of England is not the legitimate head of the Order then I am a Dutchman, or a Boer.

Note:- these were probably a copy of notes sent to Bro. T. Johnson G.P.1901 from Bro H. Pearce Grand Secretary 1869 - 1883.

Grand Primo Lodge of England

Travelling Dispensation granted by

Sheffield

To

Thomas Fannon

July, 21st. 1873

Loyal Ancient Order of Antediluvian Buffaloes
Travelling Dispensation granted to Bro Henry Simmonds
July 23 1876

Had the Honour of Primo Buffo conferred upon him in a full
Lodge of the Loyal Order of Antediluvian Buffaloes
who empowered him to form

A Lodge Designated No. One Shakespeare, Walsall.

All unenlightened individuals therefore Initiated by him will
be
deemed Loyal and Good

Signed	Samuel Mathews, Primo Buffo.
	Edward King, Primo Buffo.
	Charles Sinclair, Primo Buffo.
	Henry Cameron, Primo Buffo.
	William Haden, Primo Buffo.

Primo Robert Wilkinson Secretary

The Constitution Of the Grand Primo Lodge of England

We the undersigned Primo's of the Metropolitan Lodges of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, being assembled by the authority of the said Lodges for the furtherance of our Order and the settlement of our Laws, do hereby take upon ourselves from this date as the Grand Primo Lodge of England the sole right of granting Dispensations and the government of all Lodges lawfully Constituted in the United Kingdom. We therefore call upon all Primo's and Brethren of such Lodges as are at present established to yield us their allegiance and to obey all Rules, Regulations and orders that are herein embodied, or that may from time to time be ordained by us and we do hereby acknowledge and confirm all such Lodges lawfully constituted in all the rights and privileges that they at present possess.

Witness our hands this 18th day of May 1866

G.J.Wright President

Edwd. T. Scates Vice-President

Joseph Jones Knight of the Order of Merit

Arthur E. B. Fullogar

John Laing

Joseph Alten

Branden Ledger

Alfred Tapping

William H. Kell

William Winspear

William Wade

H. F. Harrison

E. B. Mitchell

Saml. G. Morz

Albert Bingham

Harvey Burton

Edmond St-Allyon

Andrew Greig

H. Willey

Resolved.

1. That the Primos of the Metropolitan Lodges form a Primo Lodge and that such Lodge be the Executive of the Order for the granting of Dispensations framing and approving of Rules altering the signs and passwords when necessary and for general business of the Brotherhood.

2. That this Primo Lodge shall be called the Grand Primo Lodge of England.
3. That the Primo's annually on the first Friday in June, elect one of their number to be the President, another to be Vice-President and another to be Secretary.
4. That the President shall be styled the Grand Primo of England and the Vice-President the Deputy Grand Primo of England.

Other rules to No. 33 for guidance of Grand Lodge.
 Rules of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes
 as revised and sanctioned by
 The Grand Primo Lodge of England
 1866

No.1 to 77 passed this 9th day of October 1866

First Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Primo of England	Primo T. Wright
Deputy Grand Primo	Primo E. Scates
Grand Tyler	Primo W. Winspear
Grand Constable	Primo Hildreth
Grand Physician	Primo J. Allen
Grand Barber	Primo A. Bingham
Grand Minstrel	Primo S. Maygun
Grand Alderman of Juniper	Primo B. Ledger
Alderman of Poverty	Primo Kell
Secretary	Primo E. B. Mitchell

Delegates

Lodge	Delegate
Grand Surrey	Primo's Ledger and Greig
Britannia	Primo's Harris and Hildreth
Bloomsbury	Primo Mitchell
Walworth	Primo's Kell and Winspear
Beehive	Primo's Scates and Burton
York Minster	Primo Bingham
Flowers of the Forest	Primo's Wade and Jones
Sampson	Primo's Dare and Harrison
Shakespeare	Primo's Lock and Carcus
Lambeth	

Copy of First balance Sheet

R.A.O.B. Grand Primo Lodge of England

Income

			£	s.	d
1866	June	1st. Fines and Gifts		7	0
		15th. Fines and Gifts			4
		29th. Fines and Gifts		2	2
	July	13th. Fines and Gifts			8
		27th. Fines and Gifts			5
	Aug.	9th. Fines and Gifts			6
	Sep.	14th. Fines and Gifts			6
		26th. Fines and Gifts			4
	Oct.	31st. Subscription from the Foley Lodge for			
		Books of Rules Grand Surrey	1	0	0
		Books of Rules Britannia	1	0	0
		Books of Rules Walworth	1	0	0
		Books of Rules Beehive	1	0	0
		Books of Rules Bloomsbury		10	0
		Books of Rules Samson		10	0
		Books of Rules York Minster		10	0
		Books of Rules Flowers of the Forest		10	0
		Books of Rules Lambeth		10	0
			7	2	11
		Expenditure	4	0	5
		Balance	3	2	6

R.A.O.B Grand Primo Lodge of England Expenditure

1866	Nov	23	Primo Dace on Account for Printing 1000 Books of Rules	4	0	0
			Alderman of Poverty for			5
				4	0	5

Income Continued

		£	s	d
Nov 23	1866			
	Balance Brought Forward	3	2	6
	Fines and Gifts		10	0
	Shakespeare Lodge for Books of Rules		10	0
Dec 5	Fines and Gifts		10	0
Jan 2	Brittania Lodge		10	0
	Lambeth Lodge		10	0
	Bee Hive Lodge		10	0
	Flowers of the Forest		10	0
	Walworth		10	0
Jan 5	Grand Surrey Lodge		2	0
	Fines			6
Feb 6	Fines			6
Mar 13	Dover Castle Lodge Dispensation		10	0
	Dover Castle Lodge 25 Rule Books		5	0
	Sheriden Lodge 25 Rule Books		5	0
	Sheriden Lodge Dispensation.		10	0
20	York Minster Lodge 1 Dispensation.		10	0
	Fines		1	6
	Oxford Lodge 50 Books of Rules.		10	0
Apr 3	Fines		1	4
17	Fines			6
	Sheriden Lodge Making Book etc		10	0
	Dover Castle 1 Init & 1 Primo Making Book		10	0
	Flowers of Forest Lodge 1 Primo Making Book		5	0
	St Georges Lodge 25 Books of Rules		5	0
		11	8	10
	Primo Carter		10	0
		11	18	10

Expenditure Continued

		£	s	d
1866				
Nov 23	Primo Dace Balance of Account	2	10	0
	For books of Rules			
Dec	Bro Tipler's Refreshments			6
1867				

Jan	Box with three keys		6	3
	Dispensation Dover Castle Lodge		10	0
Feb 20	To Copying Installation for Order of Merit		4	0
	To the writing “ “ By Carcas		5	0
	Dispensation for Sheridan Lodge		10	0
	Tyler		1	0
Mar 13	3 Initiation and 5 Primo Making Books.	1	8	6
20	Tyler Refreshment			3
			<u>4</u>	<u>0 5</u>
			<u>9</u>	<u>15 11</u>

Balance of May 1867

Income	15	19	3
Expenditure	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Difference of A/c.	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Order of Merit	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

Cash in Primo Wright's hand
£8 - 12 - 5

Auditors Primo Grieg
Primo Oxley
Primo Burton

R.A.O.B

Grand Primo Lodge of England

		£	s	d
	Balance of A/c for 1866 - 67	6	0	4
Jun 19	Lodge Allermaine 25 Books of Rules			5
	Fines			10
Jul 3	Lodge Allermaine 2 Making Books			10
17	Primo Fitzgerald's Lodge of Emergency	1	8	
	" " "	1	8	
	Fines			8
Aug 1	"			6
Sept 4	"			8
18	Ivor Imtised Service.		1	8
Oct 2	Ivor Imtised Service.		1	8
16	Ivor Imtised Service.	1	5	2
1	Rye House Fete.	1	5	0
Nov 6	Fines			6
20	Sheridan Lodge			10
	" Sampson			10
Nov 20	Fines			8
Dec 4	Oxford 25 Books of Rules		5	0
	Bee Hive Lodge.			10
	Walworth Lodge.			10
	Britannia Lodge.			10
	Dover Castle Lodge.			10
	Bloomsbury Lodge.			10
	Flowers of the Forest Lodge.			10
	Lambeth Lodge			10
	Grand Surrey Lodge.	1	0	0
	Fines.			10
Dec 18	Fines.	0	1	0
		9	12	10
		3	1	6
		6	11	4
	Error	0	1	4
		6	10	0

R.A.O.B

Grand Primo Lodge of England

Expenditure for 1867 - 68

	£	s	d
Sep 4. Brother Field 500 Cards		16	0
P. M Brand		3	6
Dec 4. Check Book		2	0
Dec 10. I.R Elected Secretary.	2	0	0
	3	1	6
Balance	6	11	4
	9	12	10

Books of Rules.		10	0
Fines.		14	2
Fitzgerald.		12	4
10 Lodges.	6	0	0
Rye House Fete.	1	5	0
Allermaine Lodge 2 Making Books.		10	0
	9	11	6

H. Pearce
Primo Derby

Auditors

January 1868

		£	s	d
Jan 15	Balance of A/C.	6	10	0
	Cash.			10
Feb 19	25 Books of Rules St Georges Lodge		5	0
Mar 4	Fines			4
"	Fines		5	10
Mar 18	Fines		3	0
Apr 1	Fines		2	8
May 7	Fines		4	8
Jun 3	Fines		2	0
" 8	Balance from Rye House		14	5
	do " Supper		2	0
	Fines from a meeting held at Bath		4	1
	Receipts	8	14	10
	Expenditure	4	11	4
	Balance	4	3	6

January 1868

		£	s	d
Feb 19	Primo Thrusper Tyler		2	0
Mar 4	Primo Thrusper Tyler		2	0
18	Primo Thrusper Tyler		1	0
Apr 1	Primo Thrusper Tyler		2	0
15	Towards defraying the Supper a/c.	2	0	0
May 7	Tyler		2	0
Jun 3	Tyler		2	0
8	Secretary Salary	2	0	0
10	Stationary for Election			4
	Expenditure	4	11	4
	Balance	4	3	6
	Receipts	8	14	10

Audited and found correct 17th June 1868

A. Grieg

H Pearce

Apr 17	100 Cards for Banquet		7	6
20	200 Balance Sheets.	1	7	0
May 6	Advertisement for Banquet.		3	6
		1	18	0
	Balance		2	0

1868 Receipts

		£	s	d
Jun 17	To Cash Balance from Last Audit	4	3	6
Oct 21	12 Books of Rules Woolworth		3	0
	30 Books of Rules Marlborough		7	6
	12 Books of Rules Britannia		3	0
	25 Books of Rules Bloomsbury		6	3
	25 Books of Rules Lambeth		6	3
Dec 2	25 Books of Rules Cadogan		6	3
	25 Books of Rules Marlborough		6	3
	25 Books of Rules Oxford		6	3
	25 Books of Rules Oxford No.1		6	3
	20 Books of Rules Beehive		5	0
	Printing cards for General Stationary			
	Beehive		1	6
	Walworth		1	6
	Lambeth		1	6
		<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

1868 Expenditure

Jun 17	Primo Pearce for Printing.		16	6
Aug 5	Primo Thrusper		2	0
19	Primo Thrusper		2	0
Sep 2	Primo Thrusper		2	0
16	Primo Thrusper		2	0
Oct 21	Primo Thrusper		2	0
Nov 18	Primo Thrusper		2	0
	Brother Field for Printing	2	9	0
	Security Salary	2	0	0
	Primo Thrusper	0	2	0
		<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>
	Balance	1	4	6
		<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and compared with Cash and Vouchers
Jan 19th 1869

Edward Harris
A.E.Emmett

1869 Receipts

		£	s	d
Jan 6	To Cash Balance from last Audit in Treasurers hands	1	4	6
	Fines omitted last Quarter		6	6
Feb 3	Fines		3	6
17	Oxford No.1 Making Book		10	0
	Lambeth Making Book		10	0
	Fines			8
Mar 17	Lambeth Lodge quarterly Subscription		5	0
	Beehive Lodge quarterly Subscription		5	0
	Walworth Lodge quarterly Subscription		5	0
				8
Apr 17	St Georges Lodge quarterly Subscription		5	0
	Nil Desparante Lodge Dispensation		10	6
	Oxford Lodge Dispensation		10	6
21	Beehive Lodge Dispensation		10	6
	Lambeth Lodge Dispensation		10	6
	Marlborough quarterly subscription.		5	0
	St Georges Lodge Dispensation.		10	6
	Fines.			8
May 5	Marlbrough Dispensation.		10	6
	Cadogan Dispensation		10	6
	Prince of Wales Dispensation		10	6
	Fines			6
Jun 3	Queens Lodge Dispensation		10	6
	Queens Lodge 25 Books of Rules		6	3
	Grosvenor Lodge Dispensation		10	6
	Grosvenor Lodge 25 Books of Rules		6	3
	Fines		1	0
Jun 16	Primo Pearce Ret less advertisement		2	0
	Fines			4
		9	16	10

Expenditure 1869

Jan 2	Primo E. B. Mitchell 6 months Security	2	0	0
	Primo Kane County Court Expenses	2	2	0
6	Two advertisements		7	6
		11	4	0

Audited and found Correct

Fred J. Garbut

H. Pearce

June 16th 1869

1869 Receipts

			£	s	d
Jul	7	Bloomfield Quarterly Subscription		5	0
	21	Carlton Lodge Dispensation & Books of Rules		14	0
		Oxford Lodge Subs		5	0
		Lambeth Lodge Subs		5	0
Aug	4	St. George Quarterly Subs		5	0
		Walworth Quarterly Subs		5	0
		Beehive Quarterly Subs		5	0
		St George Making Book		10	0
Au	18	Dispensation and Rules for the St Thomas Lodge Scarborough	1	10	3
Sep	1	100 Cards Nil Desperandum Leeds		8	6
		50 Cards Lambeth Lodge		4	3
		50 Cards St George's Lodge		4	3
		Single Copys etc etc		8	3
	15	Cards of Membership Oxford Lodge		4	3
		Nil Deperandum Rules		6	3
Oct	6	Britannia Lodge		4	3
		Victoria Lodge Longton		15	0
		Theatre Royal Lodge Dewsbury		17	6
Oct	13	Bloomsbury Lodge Cards		4	3
		The Late Treasurers Balance	1	19	4
Oct	20	Leeds 24 Books of Rules		6	0
		Scarborough, St. Thomas making & Rules Books		12	2
		Shakespeare Lodge Rules and Cards		10	6
Nov	3	Queens Lodge cards		4	3
		Dispensation to Alma Lodge		10	6
		Dispensation to Dukes Motto Lodge		10	6
		2 dozen Books of Rule Dukes Motto Lodge		6	0
		Dispensation and Books of Rule Walworth		17	3
		Two Dispensation to Liverpool	1	1	0
		Quarterly Sub		5	0
		50 Books of Rules for Oxford		12	6
		Books and Cards for Chatham		10	3
Dec	5	Dispensation Shakespeare Lodge Sheffield		10	6
		Book of Rules Shakespeare Lodge Sheffield		6	6
		Cards Shakespeare Lodge Sheffield		4	3
		Received from Dukes Motto Lodge		5	0
		In Treasurers Home from Last Audit	1	16	10
			19	9	4

1869 Expenditure

	£	s	d
Jul 21 Banquet Cards		3	0
Minute Book		2	0
Sep 1 Primo Making Book		3	0
		<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

An extract of accounts for the half year end Dec 22/69

	£	s	d
In hands of the Late Treasurer Host Chapman	1	19	4
Dispensations, Books of Rules & cards, Making Books Etc.	13	13	2
Dukes Motto for Diary		5	0
Quarterly Subscriptions from seven Lodges	1	15	0
in Treasurer Hands from Last Audit	1	16	10
	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>

Expenditure

	£	s	d
Primo Harris for County Court Exp.	2	2	0
Era Advertisement	1	12	6
Minute Book 5/- and Making Books 20/-	1	5	0
Banquet Cards		3	1
250 Books of Rules	2	6	0
1000 Cards of Membership	4	0	0
100 Coat of Arms in fill and Gold	1	10	0
Secretary's Mitchell & Pearce	4	0	0
	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

	£	s	d
Receipts	19	9	4
Expenditure	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
Balance in Hand	2	4	9

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Installation
of
Knights of the Order of Merit

Appertaining to the
Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

Composed by

Primo John Carcas
of the Shakespeare Lodge

Who died January 1867 Peace to his soul

(End of Book)

Primo Fred J. Brand
4 Gloucester Street
Margaret Street
Haggerstone
NC
1867

Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

Proceedings of the Amalgamation Committee of Members of the Grand Lodge of England and The Grand Executive Council, held at the Equestrian Tavern London July 10th 1877.

The under mentioned resolutions were passed.

The Name of the Order to be in future the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes under the Banner of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Past Grand Primo's shall be allowed to enter Grand Lodge and vote as a member of the Grand Lodge, but not past Deputies, who shall be eligible for Election as Delegate.

None but a Primo can be elected as Delegates and only one delegate shall be elected from each Lodge.

All Past Grand Deputies and Knights shall retain their respective honours and shall be eligible for election to any post in the Order as per rule, which may be passed.

All properties now in use shall be recognised as legal until such time as the present stock is used up, when the new properties shall bear the new title of the Order as named above.

That if requested new laws and Regulations shall be passed for the better regulation and guidance of the members of the Order.

No Lodge or Lodges of any other section of the Order shall be allowed to join the United Grand Lodge of England, except by the consent of the Grand Lodge.

That in the event of the Amalgamation taking place the new Knight and Kangaroo Certificates designed by the Grand Executive Council, shall be used by the United Grand Lodge of England.

If the two councils are in favour of the above mentioned Resolutions, the present Committee on both sides shall (with the consent of both Councils) retain their position until the Business is all finally settled.

Committee Present

Chairman A. Grieg

Deputy F.C. Hunt

G.L.E.

Primo Hunt KOM

Primo Rushton

Primo Albert KOM

Primo Oxley KOM

Primo Curling KOM

Primo Bowman KOM

G.E.C

Primo A Grieg KOM

Primo J. Percival KOM

Primo W.Wadley KOM

Primo J. Nelson KOM

Primo J. Suffield KOM

Grand Lodge of England

Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, City, E.C

Resolved that the above resolution be printed and circulated in the Lodges of the Grand Lodge of England. H.Pearce G.L.Sec

A reply to this circular For or Against must be sent on or before Tuesday October 16th.

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