

Others May Care To Know . . .

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Athelstan, grandson of Alfred the Great, in the year 926, in the City of York, called a General Assembly of traveling Masons for the purpose of adopting a constitution. According to the old manuscripts: "Prince Edwin, the King's brother, being taught Geometry and Masonry, for the love he had to the said craft, and to the honorable principles whereon it is founded, purchased a Free Charter of King Athelstan, his Brother, for the Free Masons having among themselves a Connection or a power and freedom to regulate themselves, to amend what might happen amiss, and to hold an yearly Communication in a General Assembly." The old manuscripts continue: "That accordingly Prince Edwin summoned all the Free and Accepted Masons in the Realm, to meet him in Congregation at York, who came and formed the Grand Lodge under him as their Grand Master, A.D. 926. That they brought with them many old Writings and Records of the Craft, some in Greek, some in Latin, some in French, and other languages; and from the contents thereof, they framed the Constitutions of the English Lodges, and made a law for themselves, to preserve and observe the same in all Time coming, etc. etc." Thus was the birth of Ancient York Masonry.

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