

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is the supreme authority over all its subordinate Lodges, which exist not only in Ireland, but in Africa, Asia, Australia, and many other places. It is an entirely independent and autonomous body, though it works in close co-operation with its sister Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and in terms of great friendship with the many other Regular Grand Lodges throughout the World.

### WHAT AND WHO?

What are Freemasons? They are ordinary people who try to live in accordance with high moral principles, and as good citizens. They do not claim to have a monopoly on these ideals, but they do join together in Lodges in order to help each other to maintain these standards. Freemasonry practices and teaches the ideals of kindness, honesty, decency, courtesy, fairness, understanding and concern. It upholds above all the belief that we are all part of the Brotherhood of Man, under the Fatherhood of God. Freemasons believe that by practising these principles they are making themselves more extensively useful to their fellowmen — and thereby becoming better members of society.

Who are Freemasons? They are men from every walk of life; not from any particular social class or financial status. Some do not declare their membership; some wear Masonic ties or rings. Some you will like; some you will dislike. They are, in other words, ordinary men, perhaps like yourself.

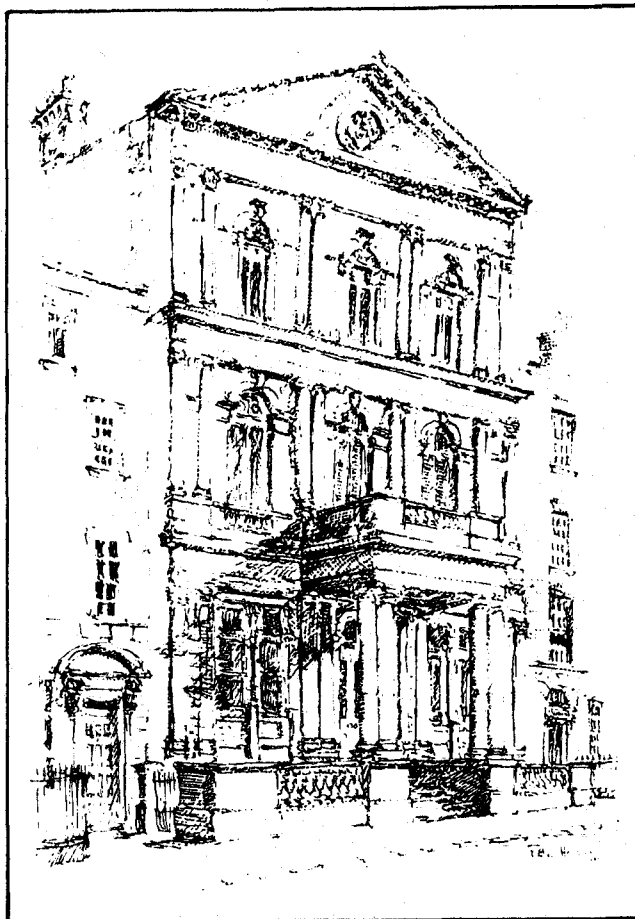
### THE 'OLD CHUMS'

Freemasonry demands from its members a respect for the law of the country in which a man works and lives. Its principles do not in any way conflict with its members' duties as citizens, but should strengthen them in fulfilling their public and private responsibilities. It never calls on a member to put the Order before his family or friends. It condemns the use by a Freemason of his membership to promote his, or anyone else's business, professional or personal interests, and regards such action as contrary to the conditions on which a man seeks admission to the Order. It believes that a man's duty to society should always prevail, and never allow him to attempt to shield a Brother Freemason who has acted dishonourably or unlawfully.

### COSTS

You can easily ascertain the fees and dues payable to your Lodge, its days and hours of meeting (usually once a month, nine months in the year) at which you will be expected regularly to attend as part of your Masonic duty, so that you may satisfy yourself that membership will not in any way clash with the duties you owe to those dependent upon you.

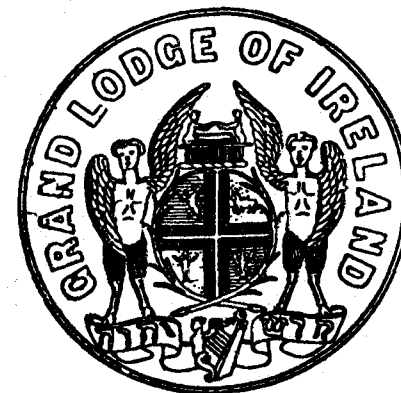
If upon due reflection you freely and voluntarily make application to join us, then we, and every legitimate Lodge the world over, on your acceptance into the Fraternity, will make you heartily welcome, and we would look forward to your assistance in our labours, to the utmost of your power and ability.



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