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# THE Post-Boy

From **Thursday** December 26 to **Saturday** December 28 1723

To the Author of the Post-Boy.

SIR,

**H**AVING for some time past been a curious Observer of what was inserted in the *Flying-Post*, and other Papers, in relation to the Society of FREE MASONS, which has made so much Noise of late ; I can now assure you, that those Accounts were not agreeable to the Practice of our Modern MASONS ; but the following *Questions* and *Answers* you may depend upon as Authentick, because I took them myself in Short-hand, having heard the whole Ceremony thro' a thin Waincot, at the Admission of some new Brethren at a famous Lodge in Westminster,

- [1] Q. Are you one of us ?  
A. I'll stand Tryal.
- [2] Q. How will you be try'd ?  
A. By Question and Answer.
- [3] Q. What's your Name ?  
A. Base or Capital, according to my Degree.
- [4] Q. From whence come you ?  
A. From Solomon's Temple.
- [5] Q. What did you see there ?  
A. A folded square Paper.
- [6] Q. What was the Use of that Paper ?  
A. It was a Passport to the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, and all the private Parts of the Temple.
- [7] Q. What office did you bear there ?  
A. I was Scali-ger, or Ladder-Bearer, at the Makings.
- [8] Q. How many Engagements have you ?  
A. Five.

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- [9] Q. Which are they ?  
A. Firſt, to be true to the King and the Grand Maſter.  
2dly, Not to meddle with Politicks or Diſputes about Religion in the Lodge.  
3dly, Not to abuſe or flander one another.  
4thly, To answer all Signs and Tokens.  
5thly, To keep the Secrets and be Merry and Wife.
- [10] Q. How do you begin to make a Maſon ?  
A. By building the Temple.
- [11] Q. who are the Four Corner Stones ?  
A. Four Fellow-Craftsmen,
- [12] Q. Who are the four Capitals ?  
A. Four 'Prentices.
- [13] Q. Who is Cupola ?  
A. The new Brother.
- [14] Q. How high do you raiſe him ?  
A. Above Ground.
- [15] Q. Who turns the Ladder ?  
A. The Junior Warden.
- [16] Q. What's the Sword-Bearer's buſineſs ?  
A. To examine and ſee that none but Men enter the Lodge.
- [17] Q. What's the Reaſon Women are not admitted into your Society ?  
A. Becauſe they can't keep a Secret.
- [18] Q. What's the Maſter's Buſineſs ?  
A. To give the Charges, receive the Fees, and teach the Lodge the Art of Maſonry.
- [19] Q. What is done before the demolifhing ?  
A. The ſham Words are taught by the Senior Warden.
- [20] Q. What do you do when you firſt come into the Lodge ?  
A. I crook my Arm, and bend my Foot.
- [21] Q. Which way were you brought into the Lodge ?  
A. Between the Wardens blind-folded.
- [22] Q. How did you look before you were admitted ?  
A. Like a Fool.
- [23] Q. How did you look afterwards ?  
A. As wife as my Neighbours.
- [24] Q. How came you off ?  
A. In a whole Skin, but empty Pockets,

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- [25] Q. What is the Mafons Craft ?  
A. One Fool makes many.
- [26] Q. How do Mafons work ?  
A. By Rule and by Meafure.
- [27] Q. What were the Dimenfions of the Lodge ?  
A. Three times three.
- [28] Q. How high was your Lodge ?  
A. Out of the Reach of any but a Free Albans,
- [29] Q. What is the Mafter's Name ?  
A. Solomon.
- [30] Q. Where was the firft Lodge kept ?  
A. In the City of Enoch.
- [31] Q. Who was the Mafter Mafon ?  
A. Cain.
- [32] Q. Who was his Warden ?  
A. Seth,
- [33] Q. Why fo ?  
A. Befcaufe he fet up the Pillars.
- [34] Q. What is the Apprentice's Word ?  
A. Babel.
- [35] Q. What is the Fellow Crafts Word ?  
A. Jerufalem.
- [36] Q. What is the Mafter Word ?  
A. Hiram abif.
- [37] Q. What is the grand or general Mafon Word ?  
A. Ask S. John.
- [38] Q. How many States of Mafonry do you reckon ?  
A. Three. The firft before the Flood : The fecond after the Flood : And the third after the Deftruction of the Temple.
- [39] Q. How do you call them ?  
A. Nature Mafonry, Law Mafonry, and Gofpel Mafonry.
- [40] Q. How many Orders of Mafons are there ?  
A. Seven Orders.
- [41] Q. What is the higheft Order that our prefent Mafons can attain to ?  
A. Few exceed the Fourth Order
- [42] Q. What qualifies a Man for the Seventh Order ?  
A. Thefe five Things. Firft, Conqueft over Nature. Secondly, the Compofition of the Grand Elixir. Thirdly,

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The Mastery of the great Work. Fourthly, The Chaining of the Golden Dragon. Fifthly, The Enjoyment of the Silver Lady, &c.

PS. In my next you shall have the rest of their Questions and Answers, and a full Account of their Ceremonies ; by the Knowledge of which, I have been several times admitted at their Lodges, and receiv'd as a Free-Mason.

*Yours, &c.* A. B.