

**SYMPATHY OF THE FREE-MASONS WITH THE GRINNELL EXPEDITION.**—The following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted, at the suggestion of **BRO. JOHN W. BENNETT**, late keeper of the Minot's Rock Light-House, Massachusetts, at a meeting of Free-Masons held at Arcana Lodge, in this City, May 2, 1853 :

*Resolved*, That the members of Arcana Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, have heard with heart-felt pleasure of the Expedition shortly to proceed in search of the long lost and worthy master Mason, **SIR JOHN FRANKLIN**, and that they also rejoice that one in high command of that noble and philanthropic enterprise, is a distinguished member of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

*Resolved*, That the members of this Lodge offer their sincere wishes for the success of the glorious undertaking, and their sympathies and hopes with the true-hearted men engaged therein.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Three be appointed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the commander, officers and men of the Expedition, wishing them God speed, entire success and a safe return to their homes and friends.

**JAMES H. BRUSH,**  
**THOS. MAGEE,**  
**CHAS. A. PECK,** } Committee.

I certify the above a true copy from the Minutes.

**SIDNEY KOPMAN**, Secretary.

**NEW-YORK**, Tuesday, May 3, 1853.

**SIR AND BROTHER**: I have received your eloquent letter, enclosing the resolutions of the Free and Accepted Masons of Arcana Lodge. These resolutions expressive of the sympathy of our brethren with the object of the expedition under my command, are to me especially pleasing. I shall communicate them formally to the officers and men, as an indication of valued sympathies at home; and a useful stimulus in the search after our lost brother, **SIR JOHN FRANKLIN**.

I have the honor to be, faithfully, your friend and brother,  
**E. K. KANE.**

**SIDNEY KOPMAN**, Esq., Secretary Arcana Lodge.  
Philadelphia, May 12, 1853.