

Roll of Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Location.	Date of Present Warrant.	Time of Regular Meeting.	No. Mem bers.	Former Gr'd Lodge	Surrender Former Warrant.
Albion,	1	Saint John,....	March 31, 1868,	First Friday in each Month,	181	England,	Nov. 1, 1867.
Saint John's,	2	"	April 29, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	100	"	Nov. 5, 1867.
Hibernia,	3	"	April 30, "	Second Tuesday in each Month,	106	Ireland,	Nov. 12, 1867.
Sussex,	4	Dorchester,....	May 1, "	Thursday on or after Full Moon,	35	England,	April 30, 1868.
Saint Mark's,	5	Saint Andrews, May 2, "	"	First Thursday in each Month,	44	"	Nov. 19, 1867.
Solomon's,	6	Fredericton, .. May 4, "	"	First Tuesday after every Full Moon, ..	58	"	Sept. 8, 1868.
Sussex,	7	Saint Stephen, May 5, "	"	First Wednesday in each Month,	43	Ireland,	Oct. 30, 1867.
Carleton Union, ..	8	Carleton,	May 6, "	First Thursday in each Month,	80	England,	Sept. 5, 1867.
Midian,	9	Clifton,	May 7, "	Second Tuesday in each Month,	22	"	Nov. 12, 1867.
Union of Portland,	10	Saint John,....	May 8, "	Third Thursday in each Month,	101	"	Oct. 19, 1867.
Woodstock,	11	Woodstock,	May 9, "	First Wednesday in each Month,	46	"	May 27, 1868.
Saint George,	12	Saint George,	May 11, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	35	"	Feb. 4, 1868.
Corinthian,	13	Hampton,	May 12, "	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	15	"	Nov. 20, 1867.
Alley,	14	Upper Mills,	May 13, "	First Thursday in each Month,	53	"	Oct. 15, 1867.
Howard,	15	Hillsborough,	May 14, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	35	"	Jan. 14, 1868.
Saint Andrew,	16	Richibucto,	May 15, "	First Thursday in each Month,	68	Scotland,	Oct. 31, 1867.
Northumberland, ..	17	Newcastle,	May 16, "	Second Tuesday in each Month,	51	England,	Oct. 29, 1867.
Miramichi,	18	Chatham,	May 18, "	Third Thursday in each Month,	47	"	Oct. 15, 1867.
Leinster,	19	Saint John,....	May 19, "	First Monday in each Month,	41	Ireland,	Oct. 21, 1867.
Salisbury,	20	Salisbury,	May 20, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	15	England,	.....
Zion,	21	Sussex,	May 21, "	Wednesday before Full Moon,	21	"	Dec. 5, 1867.
New Brunswick, ..	22	Saint John,....	May 22, "	Second Thursday in each Month,	54	"	Oct. 10, 1867.
Keith,	23	Moncton,	July 3, "	Thursday after Full Moon,	27	"	July 3, 1868.
Zetland,	24	Shediac,	Sept. 16, "	Third Wednesday in each Month,	34	"	Sept. 16, 1868.
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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Laying the Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall, Carleton,

JULY 30th, A. D. 1869.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in the Masonic Hall, Judge Ritchie's building, Princess Street, in the City of St. John, on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1869, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which the following actual and acting officers were at their respective stations:—

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master.
R. W. W. WEDDERBURN, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON, Senior Grand Warden.
W. GEORGE F. STICKNEY, as Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D.D., Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS, Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN WALLACE, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES A. HARDING, as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE E. SMITH, as Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. G. E. FLEWELLING, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
W. DAVID MARTIN, as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MULLIN, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. STANAGE JACOBS, as Grand Steward.
" R. W. WEMORE, do.
" RICHARD HETTER, do.
" THOMAS G. SANDALL, as do.
" THOMAS F. TROTTER, as do.
" GEORGE SMITH, as do.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read the following note addressed to him by the secretary of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, under date the 13th July, instant;

V. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—The hall for masonic purposes in course of erection by Carleton Union Lodge No. 8, is so far under way as to be ready for the *Corner Stone*, and an unanimous desire has been expressed by the lodge to have the same laid with the customary ceremonies of the craft, by the M. W. Grand Master. For the furtherance of this object, I am directed by the Worshipful Master of Carleton Union Lodge to ask the M. W. Grand Master to respond to the wish of the brethren by laying the corner stone of their contemplated hall.

He has further directed me to say that the lodge will be pleased to attend to such directions and carry out such arrangements as he, the M. W. Grand Master, may appoint.

I am yours respectfully and fraternally,

CHARLES KETCHUM, P. M.,
Secretary.

The M. W. the Grand Master informed grand lodge that he had accepted the invitation of the Carleton Union Lodge with much pleasure; it being a gratification to him and he felt it would be to the craft generally, to know that another temple was about to be erected for masonic purposes. He thanked the lodges and the brethren for the ready response given to the summons issued by his direction, and expressed his pleasure in finding so large a number present to assist in the interesting ceremonies of the day.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the grand secretary read the following note:—

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN,
RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE,
St. John, N. B., July 14th, 1869.

V. W. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

V. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I am directed by the Noble and Eminent Commander, John V. Ellis, to offer the services of the Encampment of Saint John, K. T., as an escort to the M. W. Grand Master and the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in the procession to be formed on Friday the 30th day of July.

Respectfully yours, I remain, etc.,

GEO. F. KEANS,
Secretary Encampment of St. John, No. 48.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that he had directed the grand secretary to reply to the foregoing and to accept the services of the fratres of the Encampment of Saint John so courteously and so kindly offered.

All the necessary arrangements having been completed the M. W. the Grand Master vacated the East, when the order of procession was formed as follows:—

Eldon Brass Band.

Tyler with sword.

New Brunswick Lodge No. 22, James McNichol, jr., as W. M.

Leinster Lodge No. 19, Israel S. Gross, W. M.

Union Lodge of Portland No. 10, Robert M. Stevens, W. M.

Carleton Union Lodge No. 8, Richard N. Knight, W. M.

Hibernia Lodge No. 3, John Johnston, W. M.

St. John's Lodge No. 2, Jos. C. Hatheway, W. M.

Albion Lodge No. 1, Edwin J. Everett, W. M.

New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter.

Carleton Royal Arch Chapter.

Union de Molay Encampment, K. T.

Grand Lodge, escorted and supported by Encampment of St. John, Knights Templars, John V. Ellis, Commander.

The several bodies formed in line on Canterbury Street, under the command of Bro. James A. Harding, high sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, acting grand director of ceremonies and grand marshal of the day. The procession took its course to Carleton by way of the ferry and marched through some of the principal streets of Carleton to the site of the new hall, when the grand lodge and the other bodies formed in and around the foundation of the building, a choir of ladies and gentlemen singing the ode, "Hail Masonry Divine."

W. Bro. Richard N. Knight, W. M. Carleton Union Lodge, in a short and eloquent address to the M. W. the Grand Master, alluded to the efforts of his lodge in providing a suitable hall for their purposes and to the gratification the brethren experienced in having such a large assemblage of the craft present to do honor to the occasion. He then presented the grand master with a silver trowel having engraved on it, "B. Lester Peters, Esquire, Grand Master of New Brunswick: presented by Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., at the laying of the corner stone of the masonic hall, Carleton, July, 1869," and requested that he would proceed to lay the corner stone.

The M. W. the Grand Master replied, expressing the great pleasure he felt in complying with the request of Carleton Union Lodge.

The parchment roll for deposit in the corner stone was read by the V. W. Grand Treasurer, viz. —

BY THE FAVOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD:

On the 30th day of July A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869 and in the thirty-third year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, the corner stone of this masonic hall was laid by Benjamin Lester Peters, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New

Brunswick, attended and assisted by the grand lodge and various lodges and brethren of this jurisdiction, in accordance with the ancient usages of freemasonry, which may God prosper.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Richard N. Knight (chairman), Charles Ketchum, Edwin J. Wetmore, John V. Ellis, Henry Leonard, Jarvis Wilson, George H. Clark and William J. McCordock.

TRUSTEES OF THE LAND FOR CARLETON UNION LODGE.

Richard N. Knight, Edwin J. Wetmore and George H. Clark.

ARCHITECT—JOHN A. MUNROE.

Carleton Union Lodge No. 767 was founded by warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England, dated 21st March, A. D. 1846, and the officers were installed on the 24th June of the same year. John S. Clark was the first Worshipful Master. On the re-numbering of the lodges in A. D. 1863 it received the number 524. In September 1867 it united with other lodges in the province in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and received its warrant as No. 8, dated May 6th, 1868. The officers of the lodge at the present time are

RICHARD N. KNIGHT,	Worshipful Master.
GEORGE H. CLARK,	Senior Warden.
JOHN N. MOORE,	Junior Warden.
JARVIS WILSON,	Treasurer.
CHARLES KETCHUM, P. M.,	Secretary.
JAMES A. CLARK,	Senior Deacon.
JOHN THOMPSON,	Junior Deacon.
HENRY S. CLARK,	Senior Steward.
DANIEL MULLIN,	Junior Steward.
BENJAMIN TIPPETT, Jr.,	Inner Guard.
WM. J. MCCORDOCK,	Master Ceremonies.
HENRY CARD,	Organist.
JAMES H. EAGLES,	Tyler.
Carleton, St. John, N. B.	

The foregoing with a copy of the record of the organization of the grand lodge and the proceedings of the first annual communication, the city newspapers of the present

date, and the coins of the realm and of this province, were placed in a tin box and deposited by the grand treasurer in the cavity of the stone.

After the dedicatory prayer by the grand chaplain, the choir sang the hymn—"Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," during which the stone was lowered to its place.

The Deputy Grand Master then applied the *square*, the senior grand warden the *level* and the junior grand warden the *plumb*, after which the grand master proclaimed—"The foundation stone well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the ancient rules of the craft."

He then scattered corn upon it saying—"I scatter corn, the emblem of *plenty*, upon this stone according to ancient usage. May the Grand Architect of the universe bless this undertaking."

The following lines were then sung by the choir:

When once of old in Israel,
Our early brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell
In showers of corn and wine and oil.

He then poured wine the emblem of *joy*, with the accustomed dedication and the choir sang:

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on corner stone
They poured out corn and wine and oil.

He then poured oil the emblem of *peace*, and after the accustomed dedication the choir sang:

And we have come fraternal bands
With joy and pride and prosperous toil,
To honor Him by votive hands
With streams of corn and wine and oil.

The Grand Master, striking the stone three times with the gavel, said—"May the Grand Architect of the universe bless and prosper the inhabitants of this place, assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen from every accident, long preserve the structure from decay, and grant to us a bountiful supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy."

Response—"So mote it be."

The grand master then presented the architect with the plans and working tools, and said to him—"As grand master of freemasons I have laid this corner stone with the usual ceremonies of our ancient craft. The erection of the building, according to the plans which have been duly approved, is entrusted to you. I place in your hands the working tools and assure you that the craft has the fullest confidence in your skill and ability to carry to a successful completion this important work."

Here followed the anthem, "The earth is the Lord's," by the choir, after which the grand chaplain pronounced the benediction.

The several bodies re-formed in the order of procession and marched to the Carleton city hall, where they partook of a luncheon provided by the members of Carleton Union Lodge.

After luncheon they again formed in procession and returned to the city proper by the Princess Street ferry, and having marched through some of the principal streets returned to the masonic hall.

The M. W. the Grand Master having taken his seat in the East, called grand lodge to order.

He addressed the assembled brethren and referred to the willing support he had received from the respective lodges and other bodies, and to the hearty response they had made to his summons and invitation for the occasion. He alluded to the presence of the officers of grand lodge, some of whom were in attendance from distant parts of the jurisdiction at much personal inconvenience and sacrifice. He felt especial pride in receiving the support and escort of the Encampment of St. John, Knights Templars. He said there was not an individual outside of the craft who had witnessed the day's proceedings but must feel it an honor to be a freemason. He again thanked the brethren for their attendance and support.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master and

Resolved Unanimously, That the cordial thanks of grand lodge be conveyed to the eminent commander and fratres of the Encampment of St. John, K. T., for the courteous offer of escort on this day and for the admirable and true knightly style in which they had performed this important duty.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master and

Resolved unanimously, That the choir of ladies and gentlemen whose efforts had in a marked degree added greatly to the interesting ceremonies of the day, receive the thanks of grand lodge for their kind and gratuitous services.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master and

Resolved unanimously, That the hearty acknowledgements of grand lodge be recorded to Bro. Harding, the grand marshal of the day, and his aides, for the efficient manner in which they superintended and conducted the various arrangements.

After which the grand lodge was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer by the Rev. and V. W. Grand Chaplain

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 22nd and 23rd, 1869.

The second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1869, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT :

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON, as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS, Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. WM. DONALD, D.D., Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS, Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS, as Grand Secretary.
W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, . . . as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID MAIN, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
W. JOHN MULLIN, Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., as Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS, Grand Steward.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS, do.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

The M. W. Grand Master informed grand lodge that the V.W. Grand Secretary was unable to attend and he requested W. Bro. John V. Ellis to act in his place.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, acting grand secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Willis, Grand Steward, and

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, the same having been printed and in the hands of the brethren.

W. Bros. Alfred A. Stockton, Thomas Irving and David Brown, appointed by the board of general purposes a committee on credentials, reported the following representatives present and entitled to seats and voices in grand lodge, viz.:

<i>Albion Lodge, No. 1,</i>	B. Lester Peters.
	Thomas M. Reed.
	Robert T. Clinch.
	Edwin J. Everett.
	James Robertson.
	C. A. Robertson.
	Robert R. Sneden.
	Thomas N. Robertson.
	T. A. D. Forster.
<i>St. John's Lodge, No. 2,</i>	Jos. C. Hatheway.
	William Wedderburn.
	Wm. H. A. Keans.
	John D. Short.
	Samuel F. Matthews.
	James G. Forbes.
<i>Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,</i>	John Johnson.
	John Mullin.

Wm. E. Everett.
David Martin.
Mark N. Powers.

Sussex Lodge, No. 4,.....S. Crane Charters.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....John Richards.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....David Main.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,....Richard N. Knight.
Charles Ketchum.
John V. Ellis.
Henry Card.
Edwin J. Wetmore.
Henry Leonard.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....G. Hudson Flewelling.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Robert Marshall.
Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D.
David R. Munro.
William C. Morissey.
John Frost.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 13,.....George L. Taylor.

Alley Lodge, No. 14,.....Wilder Babcock.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,.....Joseph Wetmore.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,.....Israel S. Gross.
Edward Willis.
Alfred A. Stockton.
John Willis.
Henry J. Thorne.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,.. William R. Russell.
James McNichol, Jr.

Keith Lodge, No. 23,.....John L. Harris.

Zetland Lodge, No. 24,.....Thomas Irving.
Alexander Stronach.

Restigouche Lodge, No. 25,.....Robert Good.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address as follows, he said:—

It is with great satisfaction that I congratulate grand lodge on the prosperous condition of our ancient and honorable fraternity in this jurisdiction.

Since the last annual communication our foreign relations have largely extended, and fraternal intercourse has been established with grand lodges in all parts of the masonic world, while the returns of private lodges afford ample evidence of the increasing prosperity of our order at home.

At the request of the board of general purposes I renewed application by memorial to the grand lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, asking that fraternal communication may be established with those grand bodies, there remaining only two lodges (on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland) within this province that are not on the roll of this grand lodge. I have deemed it expedient to await the answer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland before proceeding to the exercise of masonic discipline against those two lodges in the hope that, by voluntary submission to the local authority, the necessity for extreme measures may be avoided.

In accordance with resolution of grand lodge, at the last annual communication, a warrant issued to brethren at Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche, erecting them into a lodge by the name of "Restigouche Lodge," No. 25. In the month of November last, attended by the V. W. Grand Secretary and the W. Grand Pursuivant, I left this city for the purpose of opening Restigouche Lodge. We arrived at Chatham on the evening of Saturday, the 7th November, and visited Miramichi Lodge, No. 18. I am glad to inform grand lodge that Miramichi Lodge is in a most prosperous condition with a large number of active and zealous members. The meetings are held in the masonic hall, a commodious building erected by the craft at Chatham. The lodge room is spacious and comfortable and well adapted for the purposes of the craft. On Monday, the 9th of November we left

Chatham accompanied by W. Bro. Thomas F. Gillespie, P. M. of Miramichi Lodge, Senior Grand Deacon, and Bro. James Anderson and arrived at Dalhousie on the following morning. On Tuesday, the 10th of November, assisted by the brethren who accompanied me, I constituted "Restigouche Lodge," No. 25, in due and ancient form and installed W. Bro. William Draper as first master. The Worshipful Master then installed the wardens named in the warrant and appointed and installed his other officers and the lodge was duly erected according to ancient usage. I have every reason to congratulate grand lodge upon the organization of this new lodge and I have no doubt that Restigouche Lodge will prove an honor to the craft. We left Dalhousie on the following morning. I purposed making official visit to Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, at Newcastle, in returning, but was informed that the ordinary place of meeting was engaged on the evening upon which I arrived at Newcastle and that therefore arrangements could not be made for a meeting of the lodge. I regretted this, but as it was impossible for me to remain longer at Newcastle, I was obliged to return home without having the pleasure of meeting the brethren of Northumberland Lodge.

Application was made by the Worshipful Master, wardens and brethren of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, setting forth that the lodge had built a hall at Richibucto and requesting that such hall might be dedicated to masonry. I had great pleasure in acceding to the request. On Thursday, the 26th of January last, I arrived at Richibucto and made an official visit to the lodge on the evening of that day. On Wednesday, the 27th, the brethren met in the forenoon and afternoon for instruction. On Wednesday evening a masonic ball was given by the lodge in honor of the visit of the officers of grand lodge. There was a large assemblage including members of the craft from adjoining counties and we enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of meeting the fair sisterhood in that part of the province. On Thursday, at high twelve, the masonic hall was solemnly dedicated according to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, with the ceremonial appropriate to so important an event. The building was tastefully and handsomely decorated for the occasion, the attendance of the craft at the ceremonies of dedication was very large, the spacious hall was filled to its utmost capacity and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed among the brethren. Eloquent expression was given by prominent members of the lodge to the pleasure they had experienced in the visit of the officers of grand lodge and we separated with renewed assurances of

fraternal attachment and good will. I have great pleasure in reporting to grand lodge that Lodge St. Andrew is in a most flourishing position, with a roll of upwards of seventy members. The masonic hall has been built by the craft at Richibucto without assistance from any quarter and reflects great credit on the members. The building is well constructed and arranged and the lodge room is second to none in the province in its adaption to what is required for the due performance of our rites.

While at Shediac, on my way to Richibucto, I made official visit to Zetland Lodge, No. 24, and had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the brethren and receiving from the Worshipful Master a gratifying report of the position and prospects of the lodge.

Since the last annual communication I visited Howard Lodge, No. 15, at Hillsborough, in Albert County. I found a large number of brethren assembled and the report of the W. Master on the progress of the lodge was satisfactory. The place of meeting I found neither so commodious or well arranged as could be desired, and on bringing the necessity for a change in this respect to the attention of the lodge, I was informed by the W. Master that arrangements were proceeding for removal to a more convenient place for holding the meetings of the lodge.

I have pleasure in reporting to grand lodge that I have received the most cordial assistance during the year from the masters and past masters of the private lodges in this city, who have cheerfully accompanied me in my official visitations, when, in consequence of the absence of grand lodge officers who reside in distant parts of the province, I had occasion to request the attendance of city past masters.

The visits made to different parts of the province have afforded me great pleasure, not alone in the extended personal acquaintance which I have thus been enabled to make among the brethren, but in the cordial and most hospitable greeting and entertainment everywhere accorded to myself and the officers of grand lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, and Corinthian Lodge, No. 13. His report to me on the position of those lodges I have pleasure in laying before you :

OFFICE OF THE D. G. MASTER, ST. JOHN, N. B. Sept. 22nd, 1869.

To M. W. the Grand Master :

M. W. SIR,—I have very great pleasure in reporting that I officially visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, located at Moncton and Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, at Hampton, during the last summer and that the former lodge I found in a very pros-

perous condition, with a large number of zealous and devoted members. The work of the third degree was performed in a most satisfactory manner. I was happily attended by V. W. the Grand Secretary on the occasion. The hospitality extended to me by the brethren of Keith, [principally in the form of a banquet in the evening] seemed to be without bounds and I came away fully persuaded that Keith Lodge is in the care of masons who love the craft. T Corinthian Lodge has for a long time been practically inoperative. Several active masons, however, seemed indisposed to allow it to become extinct and upon the erection of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, determined to make an earnest effort to bring it up to something like its old standard. When, by your request, I visited Corinthian officially and presented them with the warrant of grand lodge, I found the lodge in good working condition and I have no doubt by perseverance and some little self-sacrifice Corinthian will continue to exist a credit to the craft.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.

It will be most gratifying to you and the craft generally throughout this jurisdiction, to know that the differences which, unhappily, divided the brotherhood in Nova Scotia on the important subject of the formation of an independent grand lodge, have terminated and that an union of all the lodges has been consummated under the grand lodge of Nova Scotia. On the invitation of the committee of arrangements, I had the honor of being present and taking part in the interesting proceedings which resulted in the union of the lodges under one banner.

I had the pleasure of receiving a cordial and fraternal communication from the M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master of Canada, informing me that he purposed passing through this jurisdiction on his way to Nova Scotia. He was accompanied by the M. W. Bro. Dr. Bernard, P. G. M. of Canada ; and in their most agreeable companionship I visited Halifax, where we arrived on the 23rd of June last and on the evening of that day the union of the lodges, under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was perfected. The venerable and eminent Bro. the hon. Alexander Keith, who, during a long life of devotion to the interests of the fraternity, has won for himself the respect and attachment of the craft, was unanimously elected grand master and the other officers of grand lodge were eventually chosen with like unanimity. On the following day, 24th of June, the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, the M. W. Bro. Keith was, by the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada, duly installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in the presence of a large assemblage of the craft, numbering upwards of six hundred. I had the honor of assisting the M. W. Grand Master of Canada in the ceremonies of installation ; and

there were present M. W. Bro. Bernard, P. G. M. of Canada, M. W. Bro. Sircom, P. G. M. of Nova Scotia and R. W. Bro. Clinch, P. G. M. of New Brunswick. The M. W. Grand Master Keith received the homage of the brethren amid the most enthusiastic and unanimous plaudits of the large assemblage. Public procession was then formed and the masonic festival duly celebrated by the attendance of the craft at public worship at St. Paul's Church, where choral service was admirably rendered. An eloquent and impressive discourse was delivered by R. W. Bro. the Rev. D. C. Moore, grand chaplain. In the evening a sumptuous masonic banquet was given by the craft, the M. W. Grand Master of Nova Scotia presiding; and thus terminated proceedings most gratifying to all who have at heart the unity and prosperity of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Having received an application from Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8' requesting that the corner stone of the masonic hall, in course of erection by that lodge at Carleton, in this city, might be laid with masonic ceremony, I convened a special communication of grand lodge for the purpose and invited the assistance and co-operation of the craft generally throughout the province, and on the 30th day of July last I had the honor of laying the foundation stone of the new hall. I had received from St. John's Encampment, Knights of the Temple, a courteous offer of escort which I had pleasure in accepting, and that Encampment formed escort to grand lodge in the public procession. DeMolay Encampment of Knights Templars, Carleton Royal Arch Chapter and New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter also took part in the ceremonies of the day. All the city lodges were largely represented, many brethren were present from different parts of the province and members of the craft from sister jurisdictions. The energy and masonic spirit exhibited by the members of Carleton Union Lodge in building for themselves a spacious hall are worthy of all praise, and I hope that the example thus set by our brethren on the western side of the harbor will at no distant day be followed by the city lodges on this eastern side in uniting in the erection of a masonic temple worthy of the craft in this jurisdiction.

Three applications have been made for warrants to erect new lodges in this province; from brethren at Milltown, in Charlotte County, at St. George, in Charlotte County, and at Blissville, in Northumberland County. Of these applications the first mentioned has been already before grand lodge. The assent of the nearest lodge has since been obtained and registration of some of the petitioners is all that is required before granting dispensation. In the other cases necessary

preliminary requirements must be complied with before I shall feel justified in proceeding further in the matter.

The chief business to which I have to ask the attention of grand lodge is certain proposed changes in the constitution that during the year have occupied the careful attention of the board of general purposes, and which will be placed before you in the report of the board. It is very desirable that a thorough revision of the constitution should be made at this communication, so that after the issue of a new edition, now required, few alterations will be necessary in the future.

The masonic record for the past year within this jurisdiction, has been marked by the progress and prosperity of our order. The efficient working of the lodges already established, the erection of new lodges and the building and dedication of temples devoted to masonic purposes evidence the steady advancement of our ancient fraternity. Harmony and unity prevail among us and I feel justified in congratulating you on the success which has attended the organization of this grand lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Assistant G. D. Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the election of grand officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, as follows:—

Sit Lux et Lux Fuit.

By the Most Worshipful Jonathan L. Dawson, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Tennessee, in the United States of America:—

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee, have agreed to cultivate with each other a more intimate correspondence than has heretofore existed between them, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the masonic family promoted and the unity, integrity and purity of the order protected and its utility and

honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of representatives from each of the aforesaid grand lodges to the other,

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, That We, reposing especial trust and confidence in our well-beloved Bro. B. Lester Peters, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said B. Lester Peters the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for the purposes aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the grand lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have signed the same at the City of Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869.

JONATHAN S. DAWSON,
Grand Master.

Attest :

JOHN FRIZZELL,
Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the approval of grand lodge, appointed W. Bro. George S. Blackie, M. D., Assistant Grand Secretary of Tennessee, the Representative for New Brunswick in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and grand lodge by an unanimous vote conferred upon Bro. Blackie the rank of past grand deacon of this grand lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, and

Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the grand secretary of Nebraska Bro. F. A. Allen, of that jurisdiction, be appointed representative of this grand lodge in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, with the rank of past grand deacon.

On motion the grand lodge was called from labor until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

22nd September, 1869.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock, the M.W. Grand

Master in the East and other officers at their respective stations.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, as president of the board of general purposes, submitted the following report which on motion of W. Bro. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, seconded by W. Bro. Marshall, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept. 22nd, 1869.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:—

The board of general purposes beg to report that during the past year they have, from time to time, assembled as the business of the jurisdiction under grand lodge required and have disposed of all matters submitted to their judgment, as they deemed the interests of the craft demanded. They have much pleasure in assuring grand lodge that the craft throughout the province is in an exceedingly prosperous condition, as they believe the official reports of M. W. the Grand Master and other grand officers will shew. Harmony prevails in the various lodges, a warm interest is manifested in their meetings and accessions are being made to their membership and many of them are exhibiting evidence of material progress. The general fund seems to be amply sufficient, not merely to defray promptly all claims for ordinary and incidental expenses, but to allow a large margin for expenditure in charities and in enlarging and improving the properties and increasing the usefulness of the craft. Many lodge rooms are commodious and eligible and some of them quite handsome in appearance, while efforts are being made in different directions towards erecting masonic temples and making the halls where the craft assembles more comfortable and attractive, wherever a want in this respect is felt.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

Naturally this fact recalls the attention of the board to the necessity of providing much better accommodation for the various masonic bodies of the City of St. John (east side). An idea is quite prevalent

that the plan proposed last year by the board is beyond the pecuniary means and present requirements of the craft, and while that opinion prevails it must be very difficult, if not quite impossible, to carry that scheme to a successful termination. It would be well, therefore, for grand lodge to reconsider the whole subject, that the board may at all times have possession of the latest views and, at the same time, be in a position to avail themselves of any favorable circumstances or opportunity to supply the want so much felt and so unanimously expressed at the last communication of grand lodge.

APPEAL.

But one appeal has been submitted to the board, that of Bro. Henry C. McMonagle against the action of Leinster Lodge, No. 19. The grievances complained of and the careful report of the committee of the board and their final action in the matter, are in the possession of V. W. the Grand Secretary and are all in grand lodge for reference at this time. Without proceeding minutely into the various charges preferred by Bro. McMonagle, the board beg to state the point decided by them, that it may be known to the craft in this jurisdiction. The committee of the board closed their report as follows:

"The sub-committee further find that Bro. McMonagle, after the lodge had finally taken action in his case and when he was in good standing, voluntarily withdrew his membership on the 7th December. The appeal is made on the 29th December. The sub-committee urge the board to settle the principle, whether in a case like this an appeal ought to be entertained at all. The sub-committee conceive that an appellant ought to retain his membership and await the action of the grand lodge, as no good purpose can be served by entertaining appeals on matters of purely lodge discipline, after the appellant has resigned his membership in the lodge."

Whereupon it was by the board

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the appeal of Bro. McMonagle dismissed, in consequence of his having severed his membership in the lodge prior to making his appeal, as set forth in the second paragraph of the committee's report.

DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.

Shortly after the last communication of grand lodge the board found it impracticable to carry out the order of grand lodge to deposit the funds in the Bank of New Brunswick. Arrangements, however, were made finally with the Bank of British North America to receive the moneys, subject to the check of M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. the

Deputy Grand Master, and V. W. the Grand Treasurer, or of two of them, the V. W. the Grand Treasurer always to be one. Under these provisions the funds of grand lodge have been regularly deposited by V. W. the Grand Treasurer.

ACCOUNTS.

The committee on accounts and audit have very carefully attended to their duty and their final report is submitted as follows:—

The sub-committee of the board appointed to audit the accounts for the past year submit the following report:—

They have examined the treasurer's books and find them correct. The treasurer has received \$1,000 and has paid out \$1,533.71 leaving a balance of \$66.29 in bank.

The grand secretary's books and accounts are made up with the usual care and neatness and afford full information of the state of the funds up to August 31st, at which time the grand secretary closes his accounts.

He has received in the year \$1,122.18 and has paid over to the grand treasurer the sum of \$1000, leaving a balance in his hands of \$122.18, and, in addition to this, \$31.15 was paid by lodge No. 14 on September 1st, and not taken into his account.

A detailed statement of the accounts is herewith submitted:

On looking over the accounts the audit committee are impressed with the fact that the revenues of the grand lodge are ample for its wants. The expenses of organization have been heavy; in the year large sums have been paid for regalia, for books and for printing; these will not have to be incurred again, so that the current expenses of the year must necessarily be less than those of the year that is past and the funds of grand lodge will now rapidly accumulate.

JOHN V. ELLIS.

J. ROBERTSON.

JOHN D. SHORT.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

The board have given great consideration to the constitution for the general government of the craft in this jurisdiction, examining the various provisions in the light of the experience of two years' operation. They beg to submit to grand lodge the following amendments, which, having been entered *pro forma* on the notice book of V. W. the Grand Secretary, may be constitutionally discussed and decided upon at the present communication:—

1st.—It is proposed to make the following section, No. 6, on page 38 of the constitution and to re-number the subsequent sections so far as shall be necessary:

"G. Every brother of the rank of past master who shall remove

into the Province of New Brunswick and shall become a regular contributing member of any lodge therein, shall retain his rank as a past master and as such be entitled to membership in grand lodge."

2nd.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 19, on page 41 and re-number the subsequent sections as may be necessary:

"19. No mason can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, except that he may be elected an honorary member of another lodge or lodges, as hereinafter provided in this constitution; but in case he shall be suspended, excluded or expelled from the lodge of which he is an actual member, his honorary membership shall absolutely cease."

3rd.—For the sake of reference, it is proposed to insert the same section substantially as No. 3, page 49, under the title of "Honorary Members," as follows:

"3. In case an honorary member shall be suspended, excluded or expelled from the lodge of which he is an actual member, his honorary membership shall absolutely cease."

4th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 4, under the same title:

"4. No brother shall be admitted an honorary member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting."

5th.—It is proposed to add the following to section No. 16, on page 40:—

"16. An interval of not less than seven days shall in all cases elapse between the times respectively of conferring the degrees on a brother."

6th.—It is proposed to make the following section, No. 3, page 22, and No. 4, page 38, and to re-number the sections following; in the former case the word "Grand" to precede the word "Lodge."

"3. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open lodge and where no opposing candidate is nominated the election shall proceed by shew of hands, and in case a ballot is taken every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted."

7th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 3, page 38, and to re-number the subsequent sections:—

"3. The Worshipful Master of a lodge shall not be elected to that office for more than two years consecutively, except by dispensation from the grand master."

8th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 27, page 42 and to re-number the following sections:—

"27. Any member of a lodge absent from the Province of New Brunswick and in arrears of dues for the term of two years and upwards may, by a vote of the lodge, be considered as having withdrawn therefrom."

9th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 29, page 42, and to re-number the subsequent sections:—

"29. In case of the re-instatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues the lodge re-instating him shall pay all arrearages of dues to the grand lodge for the brother restored."

10th.—It is proposed to amend section 28, page 43, as follows:—

"28. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments to the grand lodge annually, not less than four weeks previous to the annual communication of grand lodge, and in case of neglect to make such returns and payments the master and wardens and all representatives of such lodge shall be disqualified from attending grand lodge or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed, and in case of continued neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased."

11th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 36, page 44:

"36. The regular business of the lodge, including the reading of the minutes, shall be transacted in a lodge of entered apprentices."

12th.—It is proposed to amend section 2, page 38, to read as follows:

"2. Every lodge shall annually, in December, elect its master and treasurer, such master having first served as warden of a warranted lodge for at least one year. On the festival of Saint John the Evangelist or the first lawful day following this election, after the minutes have been read and approved, the master shall be installed according to ancient usage, he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer and tyler into office."

The board recommend that they be empowered to publish the book of

constitution as soon as possible and to place the same for sale in the office of the grand secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
President Board General Purposes.

The amendments to the constitution proposed by the board were thereupon taken up for discussion and were disposed of as follows:—

SECTION 1.—Adopted.

“ 2.—Adopted, except all following and including the words
“ but in case.”

“ 3.—Negatived.

“ 4.—Adopted.

“ 5.—Adopted.

“ 6.—Adopted.

“ 7.—Adopted.

“ 8.—Adopted.

“ 9.—Adopted.

“ 10.—The consideration of this section was deferred until the next annual communication of grand lodge.

“ 11.—Indefinitely postponed.

“ 12.—Indefinitely postponed.

It was thereupon on motion—

Resolved, That the report as amended be adopted and printed with the published proceedings.

The grand lodge was called from labor until this evening at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

22nd September, 1869.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 8 o'clock, the officers at their respective stations as in the afternoon.

The order of the day fixing the election of grand officers at 8 o'clock was read by the acting grand secretary.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren to act as scrutineers, viz:—

W. Bro. Ketchum, P. M. Lodge No. 8; W. Bro. Irving, P. M. Lodge No. 24; and W. Bro. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2.

At this stage of the proceedings Past Grand Master R. T. Clinch was announced, and thereupon received into grand lodge with the customary masonic honors and the acclamations of the brethren.

The following brethren were proposed for the respective offices, and were duly elected without opposition, viz:—

M. W. BENJAMIN LESTER PETERS, nominated by W. Bro. Short, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, nominated by R. W. Bro. Richards, J. G. W., and re-elected Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. BENJAMIN R. STEVENSON, nominated by W. Bro. Marshall, Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and re-elected Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. JOHN RICHARDS, nominated by W. Bro. Irving, P. M. Lodge No. 24, and re-elected Junior Grand Warden.

V. W. and REV. WM. DONALD, D. D., nominated by W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and re-elected Grand Chaplain.

V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, nominated by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Bro. JOHN BOYER was nominated and re-elected Grand Tyler.

The M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master elect, was duly obligated, invested and installed by Past Grand Master Robert T. Clinch.

The M. W. Grand Master was thereupon saluted with the usual honors and proclaimed in the east, west and south.

The M. W. Grand Master in the exercise of his prerogative, appointed the following office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz:—

- V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,..... Grand Secretary.
- W. DAVID MAIN,..... Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. THOMAS IRVING,..... Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. ROBERT MARSHALL,..... Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. EDWARD WILLIS,..... Ass't G. D. Ceremonies.
- W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,.... Grand Sword Bearer.
- W. JOHN MULLIN,..... Grand Standard Bearer.
- W. HENRY CARD,..... Grand Organist.
- W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,.... Grand Pursuivant.

The office-bearers elected and appointed were thereupon duly installed, invested and proclaimed, as follows:—

- R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,..... Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,..... Junior Grand Warden.
- V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
- V. W. WILLIAM W. A. KEANS,.... Grand Treasurer.
- W. DAVID MAIN,..... Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. THOMAS IRVING,..... Junior Grand Deacon.
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[NOTE.—The Senior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler, who were absent, were not installed.]

It was on motion of R. W. Wm. Wedderburn, Deputy Grand Master;

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be authorized to codify the book of constitution, with the several amendments thereto, adopted at the last and present sessions of grand lodge and have the same printed for distribution.

It was moved by W. Bro. Willis, Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. Ketchum, P. M. Lodge No. 8, and

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to exercise his own discretion in dealing with the two lodges in the province which have not as yet accepted warrants from this grand lodge, viz:—St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, of Fredericton, and St. John Lodge, No. 412, of Bathurst, both on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, W. M. Lodge No. 2, seconded by W. Bro. David Martin, P. M. Lodge No. 3, and

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to the board of general purposes, from which they shall have the power, from time to time, to make grants to pay the actual travelling expenses of officers of grand lodge, incurred in the discharge of their official duties, under direction of the M. W. Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Richards, Junior Grand Warden, seconded by W. Bro. Ellis, Past G. D. Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be directed to ascertain from the respective lodges, the amount each will be willing to contribute towards a fund for the employment of a grand lecturer.

On motion, the grand lodge was called from labor until 12 o'clock noon, to-morrow.

THURSDAY NOON,

23rd September, 1869.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at the appointed hour, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, acting Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Marshall, Grand Dir. Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be directed to prepare annually a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of grand lodge up to the 1st September of each year, and have the same printed and placed in the hands of the members of grand lodge on the first day of each annual session.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, acting Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Short, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That at the next annual communication, after the general business of the session shall have been transacted, grand lodge will proceed to the exemplification of the work; and

Further Resolved, That the V. W. Grand Secretary, in issuing summonses to the private lodges, be directed to draw their attention to this fact.

It was moved by W. Bro. Mullin, Grand Standard Bearer, and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be directed to inform the lodges that the revised constitution is about to be published, and to ascertain the number of copies each will take, and that they be informed that the sole right of issuing the constitution is vested in grand lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committee on work and ritual:

M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, V. W. Grand Secretary, W. Bros. John V. Ellis, Joseph C. Hathe-way and Alfred A. Stockton.

The following brethren were appointed grand stewards for the ensuing year, viz:—

W. MARK N. POWERS,	P. M. Lodge No. 3.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS,	P. M. Lodge No. 4.
W. WM. F. DIBBLEE,	P. M. Lodge No. 11.
W. GEO. L. TAYLOR,	W. M. Lodge No. 13.
W. WILDER BABCOCK,	S. W. Lodge No. 14.
W. I. W. DOHERTY,	W. M. Lodge No. 16.
W. ALFRED MARKHAM,	W. M. Lodge No. 21.
W. JOHN L. HARRIS,	W. M. Lodge No. 23.
W. ROBERT GOOD,	S. W. Lodge No. 25.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, Grand Dir. Ceremonies, seconded by R. W. Bro. Robertson, Past Senior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That grand lodge, recognizing the importance of having a suitable masonic temple in Saint John, the board of general purposes be directed to take steps towards carrying out the scheme already suggested, or to prepare such a modification of it as will attain the desired result.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee during the recess to make arrangements, if practicable, for a grand lodge festival at the next annual communication.

The acting grand secretary read a petition in the usual form, from thirteen master masons, residents of Milltown, in the County of Charlotte, praying for a warrant of constitution for a new lodge to be named the "Victoria Lodge" No. —, to meet as a regular lodge at Milltown on the second Thursday of every month. The petitioners recommend Robert Pool to be the first master, James H. Smith Senior Warden and George H. Farnham Junior Warden.

The prayer of the petition is recommended by Sussex Lodge No. 7, of Saint Stephen, being the nearest lodge.

Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in Account with
Grand Lodge.

Moneys received during the year ending 31st August, 1869.

Received from	No. 1.	\$131 90
Albion Lodge,.....	2....	68 30
Saint John's,.....	3....	96 90
Hibernia,.....	4....	31 00
Sussex,.....	5....	39 80
Saint Mark's,.....	6....	36 50
Solomon's,.....	7....	51 90
Sussex,.....	8....	54 80
Carleton Union,.....	9....	20 40
Midian,.....	10....	6 50
Union of Portland,.....	11....	39 00
Woodstock,.....	12....	32 40
Saint George,.....	13....	6 50
Corinthian,.....	14....	58 60
Alley,.....	15....	63 70
Howard,.....	16....	56 38
Saint Andrew,.....	17....	33 90
Northumberland,.....	18....	54 80
Miramichi,.....	19....	28 30
Leinster,.....	20....	9 60
Salisbury,.....	21....	28 00
Zion,.....	22....	63 20
New Brunswick,.....	23....	32 40
Keith,.....	24....	20 60
Zetland,.....	25....	25 00
Restigouche,.....		31 80
Sale of Constitutions,.....		
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Synopsis of Returns of Lodges for the year ending 27th December, 1868.

No. Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Time of Regular Communication.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined	With- drawn.	Died.	Depend- ent sus- s.	Depend- ent Ex- pend.	Rein- stated.	No. Mem- bers.
1	Albion,.....	Saint John,...	First Friday in each Month,.....	16	19	19	1	13	4	...	...	...	181
2	Saint John's,.....	"	First Tuesday in each Month,.....	9	8	6	1	6	...	...	1	...	102
3	Hibernia,.....	"	Second Tuesday in each Month,.....	18	16	13	...	8	5	...	...	...	111
4	Sussex,.....	Dorchester,...	Thursday on or after Full Moon,.....	5	4	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	39
5	Saint Mark's,.....	St. Andrews,...	First Thursday in each Month,.....	6	8	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	52
6	Solomon's,.....	Fredericton,...	Second Tuesday in each Month,.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
7	Sussex,.....	St. Stephen,...	First Wednesday in each Month,.....	10	9	8	5	1	...	...	...	...	56
8	Carleton Union,...	Carleton,...	First Thursday in each Month,.....	9	9	11	2	3	...	...	...	1	87
9	Midian,.....	Clifton,.....	Second Tuesday in each Month,.....	4	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
10	Union of Portland,...	Saint John,...	Third Thursday in each Month,.....	19	17	15	5	2	...	...	9	...	115
11	Woodstock,.....	Woodstock,...	First Wednesday in each Month,.....	7	7	9	2	3	1	2	...	2	52
12	Saint George,.....	Saint George,...	First Tuesday in each Month,.....	7	6	5	...	5	1	...	...	...	36
13	Corinthian,.....	Hampton,...	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	15
14	Alley,.....	Upper Mills,...	First Thursday in each Month,.....	20	25	29	1	...	...	...	...	...	54
15	Howard,.....	Hillsborough	First Tuesday in each Month,.....	13	12	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	48
16	Saint Andrew,.....	Richibucto,...	Monday on or after Full Moon,.....	9	10	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	70
17	Northumberland,...	Newcastle,...	Second Tuesday in each Month,.....	4	3	2	1	5	...	...	1	...	51
18	Miramichi,.....	Chatham,...	Third Thursday in each Month,.....	11	10	10	7	10	2	3	...	...	50
19	Leinster,.....	Saint John,...	First Monday in each Month,.....	4	6	6	...	2	1	...	...	...	42
20	Salisbury,.....	Salisbury,...	First Tuesday in each Month,.....	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	19
21	Zion,.....	Sussex,.....	Wednesday before Full Moon,.....	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
22	New Brunswick,...	Saint John,...	Second Thursday in each Month,.....	15	13	9	...	14	...	...	...	...	55
23	Keith,.....	Moncton,...	Thursday on or after each New Moon	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
24	Zetland,.....	Shediac,....	Third Wednesday in each Month,...	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	34
25	Restigouche,.....	Dalhousie,...	First Tues. on or after each new moon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
				199	199	192	28	73	17	6	12	4	1419

CONSTITUTION
AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

TITLE.

THE style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. The grand lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the grand tyler) with all past grand officers except past grand tylers, continuing to subscribe to a lodge, the masters and wardens of all private lodges (duly returned) and all past masters (duly returned) being members of a private lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a past grand officer unless at the time of holding office in grand lodge he was either a master or past master of some lodge.

2. Should neither the worshipful master nor the wardens of a lodge attend any communication of grand lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by the worshipful master and secretary and under seal, may delegate any master or past master entitled to a seat in grand lodge to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the worshipful master and secretary of the lodge: and no brother can represent by proxy more than one lodge. A duplicate of such written proxy

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shall be delivered to the grand secretary before the communication of the grand lodge.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the grand lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

2. The grand master or presiding officer at the annual communication shall appoint three scrutineers whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for grand officers from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates they shall present their reports to grand lodge.

3. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open grand lodge, and where no opposing candidate is nominated the election shall proceed by shew of hands, and in case a ballot is taken every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted.

4. The election and appointment of all officers of grand lodge shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested and proclaimed in ancient form. As soon after the opening of the annual communication as conveniently may be, grand lodge shall, by a majority vote, determine the hour at which the election and installation of officers shall be commenced; at which time grand lodge shall proceed with the election or installation as the case may be, such order of proceeding taking precedence of all other business before grand lodge.

5. The officers of the grand lodge shall consist of—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Right	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	"	Junior Grand Warden.
Very	"	Grand Chaplain.
"	"	" Treasurer.
"	"	" Secretary.
"	"	" Deacons.
"	"	" Director of Ceremonies.
"	Assis't	" Director of Ceremonies.
Worshipful	"	Sword Bearer.
"	"	Standard Bearer.
"	"	Organist.
"	"	Pursuivant.
"	"	Stewards of the year.
"	"	Tyler.

6. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be *elected* by written ballot :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Right	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	"	Junior Grand Warden.
Very	"	Grand Chaplain.
"	"	" Treasurer.
"	"	" Tyler.

7. The following officers shall be *appointed* by the Grand Master, viz. :—

Very Worshipful Grand Secretary.

"	"	Deacons.
"	"	Director and Assis't Director of Ceremonies.
"	"	Sword Bearer.
"	"	Standard Bearer.
"	"	Organist.

Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.

" " Stewards.

8 The rank of officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows :—

M. W. Grand Master.

R. W. Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Past " Masters.
"	Senior " Warden.
"	Past Senior Grand Wardens.
"	Junior " Warden.
"	Past " Wardens.

V. W. Grand Chaplain.

"	Past " Chaplains.
"	Grand Treasurer.
"	Past " Treasurers.
"	Grand Secretary.
"	Past " Secretaries.

W. Senior Grand Deacon.

"	Past " Deacons.
"	Junior " Deacon.
"	Past " Deacons.
"	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
"	Past " Directors of Ceremonies.
"	Assis't Grand Director of Ceremonies.
"	Past " Directors of Ceremonies.
"	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Past " Bearers.
"	Grand Standard Bearer.
"	Past " Bearers.
"	Grand Organist.
"	Past " Organists.
"	Grand Pursuivant.
"	Past " Pursuivants.
"	Grand Stewards of the year.

And the masters, past masters and present wardens of private lodges, in the order of the number of their respective lodge warrants.

9. The elective officers respectively, are to be chosen by written ballot by a majority of all the votes present. In case of a third ballot, the candidate having the fewest votes shall not be in nomination, and on each succeeding ballot the lowest candidate shall be dropped until an election is had.

10. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the grand lodge (except the offices of grand chaplain and grand tyler,) unless he shall have been regularly installed worshipful master of a private lodge.

11. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the grand lodge, the grand master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

12. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by a vote of the grand lodge, duly confirmed, be constituted members of the grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

13. No member of the grand lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the grand lodge.

14. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand lodge for the year previous to the annual communication, the master, wardens, or other representative of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the grand lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

15. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master, or warden, until his name and appointment

shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the grand secretary's office.

16. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden in the city of St. John, on the fourth Wednesday in September, in each year. None but members of the grand lodge shall be present at the communications, without permission of the grand master or presiding officer.

17. The grand master, or in his absence from the province, the deputy grand master, or in his like absence, the grand wardens, may summon and hold a grand lodge of emergency, at such time and place as in his or their opinion, the good of the craft shall require and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

18. If at any grand lodge, annual or emergent, the grand master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and, if no elective grand officer be present, by the master of the senior lodge. And the powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer, shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The grand lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the grand master is present; in *due form* when a past grand master or the deputy presides; at all other times only in *form*, yet with the same authority.

19. By the ancient constitutions and usages of freemasonry, the grand lodge, as the supreme masonic authority in this province, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges. Among these is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the ancient landmarks. The grand lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which

it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority and the exclusive power of erasing lodges and expelling members; of establishing and preserving a uniform system of work and lectures; of issuing warrants for new lodges and of suspending or revoking the same.

Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge During the Time of Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the grand lodge.

Reading and confirmation of minutes.

Communications from the grand or deputy grand master.

Reports from grand secretary and grand treasurer.

Reports from the board of general purposes, committees, etc.

Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.

Money grants.

Deferred business.

New business.

Closing the grand lodge.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each lodge having three votes, each past master one vote, each officer of grand lodge, except the grand tyler not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the grand master a casting vote in case of an equal division, unless the lodge for the sake of expedition think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the grand master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are

always to be signified by each holding up his right hand, which uplifted hands the grand wardens or grand deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the grand deacons, grand director of ceremonies and his assistant and the grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the grand master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the grand master to order or the grand master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

6. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of the grand lodge, or for adding a new rule, regulation or law, without notice in writing, stating in full the amendment or addition proposed, having been given to the grand secretary at least one month before the time appointed for holding the communication at which it is to be submitted to the grand lodge, and no alteration or addition shall be made unless by consent of a majority of the members present.

7. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

8. It shall be competent for a member of the grand lodge to move a motion, an amendment or an amendment to an amendment but an amendment to amend an amendment shall not be entertained.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

1. The grand master and the elective grand officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication.

2. The grand master shall be installed and invested immediately after his election according to the ancient usage. He shall then appoint such grand officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who, together with the grand officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

3. In the temporary absence of the grand master from the province, notified by him to the grand secretary, the deputy grand master shall possess all the powers of the grand master, and should the grand master die during his term of office or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the province or otherwise, the deputy grand master shall forthwith assume the functions of grand master until the next annual election, and should the deputy grand master die previous to such election, the grand wardens shall immediately summon a grand lodge to elect a grand master.

4. If the grand lodge shall resolve to be represented in a sister grand lodge, the grand master, under sanction of the grand lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent such grand lodge in a sister grand lodge. He may also with the concurrence of the grand lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a sister grand lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick with such rank as the grand lodge may deem to be appropriate.

5. The grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge and order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right and the master of the lodge on his left hand. His wardens are also to act as wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the grand wardens be not present then the grand master may command the wardens of the lodge or any master masons to act as his wardens *pro tempore*.

6. The grand master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

7. The grand master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such lodge or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended and the proceeding notified to the grand lodge.

8. The grand master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the grand secretary.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the annual communication of the grand lodge. If present he shall be immediately installed according to ancient usage. In the absence of the grand master, as hereinbefore provided, the deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The deputy grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge with the master of the lodge on his right hand. The grand wardens, if present, are to act as wardens of that lodge during his presence.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The grand wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual grand wardens are in grand lodge no others can supply their places, but in their absence the senior past grand wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no past grand warden be present the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge to act as grand warden for that occasion.

3. The grand wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the grand master and while he presides in any particular lodge are to act there as his wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The grand chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The grand treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand treasurer shall give bonds with two sureties to the M. W. Grand Master, himself for two thousand dollars and the sureties in one thousand dollars each, to the satisfaction of the grand master, for the due performance of his trust; and shall renew or alter the same and provide other sureties therein, whenever and as often as he shall be required so to do, by the grand master or the grand lodge or the board of general purposes.

3. To the grand treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity or for any other use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the grand lodge or other proper authority shall direct and submit an account of his receipts and disbursements to the board of general purposes, at least fourteen days before every regular communication of grand lodge and also, whenever and as often as he shall be called upon so to do, and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication in September.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The grand secretary shall be appointed and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand secretary shall sign and certify all instruments from the grand lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the grand lodge, board of general purposes and of any committee of which he shall be directed by the grand master or grand lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the grand lodge, and duly report the same at each annual communication of the grand lodge; to transmit to all lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of grand lodge and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the grand master, the grand lodge or board of general purposes; to notify all lodges annually of all expelled, restored, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish the board of general purposes or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and to lay them before the grand master or other proper authority; to attend the grand master or board of general purposes and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the grand lodge; to receive, credit and record all moneys of the grand lodge and pay over the same without delay to the grand treasurer; to take the custody of the grand lodge seal and affix it to all warrants, certificates and other proper papers by order of the grand master, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been or should be done by a grand secretary.

3. The grand secretary shall also submit at each annual communication, a general report on the state of the craft under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge, with as full and particular account as possible of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each lodge in the province.

4. The grand secretary shall be paid a salary of [] per annum for his services, out of the fund of general purposes. He shall open and keep open an office to be styled "The office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall inform all the lodges in the province where the said office is located, and in case of its removal, to where it has been removed.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

The grand deacons shall be appointed and installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication the grand master or presiding officer may appoint any members of grand lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARER AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The grand director of ceremonies, assistant grand director of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant, stewards and standard bearer are to be appointed annually by the grand master on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

2. *The grand director of ceremonies and assistant grand director of ceremonies*, in addition to their other duties, have the care during the session of grand lodge of the regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the grand lodge.

3. *The grand sword bearer* shall carry the grand master's sword of state on all proper occasions and perform such other duties as may be required of him pertaining to his office.

4. *The grand pursuivant* shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the grand lodge and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those

who are qualified and who have their proper clothing and jewels and have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all respects entitled to admission, be admitted.

5. The grand master may appoint not more than twelve *grand stewards* annually for the regulation of grand festivals under the direction of the grand master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

6. *A grand standard bearer* shall be appointed by the grand master at the annual communication. He must be a master mason and shall carry the standard of the grand lodge.

7. *The grand organist* shall be a master mason and be appointed and invested at the annual communication and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the lodge, under the direction of the grand master or presiding officer.

8. *The grand tyler* is to attend all meetings of the grand lodge, assist in the arrangements and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

9. If any grand tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting or pretending lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of the grand lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investiture of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1. The board shall consist of the grand master, deputy grand

master, (who shall be ex-officio president), the grand wardens, grand secretary and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge by the grand master.

2. The board shall elect one of its members to be vice-president. Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the board the members shall elect a chairman *pro tempore*. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote, in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member.

3. Should any vacancy occur among the appointed members of the board, by death or otherwise, the grand master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy, and the grand secretary shall inform the board at its next meeting of the brother so appointed.

4. The grand secretary shall act as secretary of the board and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

5. Five members of the board shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

6. The board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting.

7. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the grand master and an appeal to the grand lodge. Should an appeal be made, notice must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month after the decision of the board. The board cannot expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to grand lodge.

8. The board may summon any lodge or brother to attend it and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the lodge or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not

comply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy the lodge or brother shall be suspended and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge.

9. In case of any charge affecting a member of the board or a lodge to which he belongs such member shall withdraw whilst the board considers its decision.

10. The board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the grand lodge. It shall examine all accounts against the grand lodge and if found correct may order their payment. It may also order the payment by the grand treasurer of any petty expenses of the grand secretary's office or any other office in connection with the grand lodge, but the aggregate of the sum which it can order to be paid in one year must not exceed one hundred dollars.

11. The board may recommend to the grand lodge for its adoption whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary to the welfare and good government of the craft.

12. The board shall be a general committee to which shall be submitted all matters referred by grand lodge to a committee except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the grand master in reference to the good government of the craft, it may appoint sub-committees of its own body for foreign correspondence or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to the board.

13. The board shall previous to the annual meeting of grand lodge appoint three masters or past masters of lodges as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the grand lodge for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all respects entitled to admission.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

1. The charity fund of this grand lodge shall be known as "The Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it, together with such other amounts as may from time to time be received on account of said fund.

2. The fund of benevolence shall be held in the name of the grand lodge and shall be under the control and direction of the board of general purposes.

3. This fund shall be appropriated exclusively for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren, and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, as may be deemed worthy of assistance; provided always that such brethren or such deceased brethren at the time of their decease were registered and in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a lodge are the master and his two wardens, chaplain, a treasurer, a secretary, two deacons, two stewards, director of ceremonies, inner guard and tyler, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

2. Every lodge shall annually at the regular communication immediately preceding the 27th December, the festival of Saint John the evangelist, elect its master and treasurer by written ballot such master having first served as warden of a warranted lodge for at least one year. At the next regular meeting following his election after the minutes shall have been read and approved, he shall be installed according to ancient usage, he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer into office.

3. The worshipful master of a lodge shall not be elected to that

office for more than two years consecutively, except by dispensation from the grand master.

4. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open lodge, and where no opposing candidate is nominated the election shall proceed by show of hands, and in case a ballot is taken every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted.

5. Officers shall be installed in person and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elect or appointed be not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present, and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

6. Every brother of the rank of past master who shall remove into the Province of New Brunswick and shall become a regular contributing member of any lodge therein, shall retain his rank as a past master and as such be entitled to membership in grand lodge.

7. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the grand lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the grand secretary for the approbation of the grand master, and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

8. The by-laws of the lodge shall be delivered to the master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a

declaration of his submission to them, and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge and delivered to the members.

9. The master of every lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the grand lodge relating to private lodges and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge once every year.

10. The master is responsible that a book or books, be kept, in which the secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising, and also their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

11. The place and regular days of meeting of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws and no meeting of the lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the grand master.

12. Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge until the removal be properly notified.

13. A lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the master or in his absence of the senior warden, or in their absence of the junior warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes and no other business shall be entered upon.

14. Every lodge shall keep a book in which all visitors attending shall, at each meeting, sign their names before entering the lodge, with their masonic rank and the name of their mother lodge or the lodge from which they hail.

15. The precedence of lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged nor any of its officers admitted into the grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

16. No lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation, in which case the number of persons shall be set out in the dispensation, nor until they have been balloted for and approved, nor can a rejected applicant for initiation in the province be balloted for in the same or any other lodge within six months from the time of such rejection: every lodge rejecting a candidate shall forthwith notify every lodge in the province of such rejection by a sealed notice, nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the grand master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge in such previous degree. An interval of not less than seven days shall, in all cases, elapse between the times respectively of conferring the degrees on a brother.

17. No lodge in the County of St. John shall make a mason for a less consideration than twenty dollars, and no lodge outside of the county shall make a mason for a less sum than sixteen dollars, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master be first obtained.

18. Every candidate initiated in a lodge, if he desires, shall become a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for the regular lodge dues. He shall immediately sign the by-laws.

19. No mason can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, except that he may be elected an honorary member of another lodge or lodges, as hereinafter provided in this constitution.

20. Every lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity, unless his name be duly registered and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a lodge.

21. To prevent injury to individuals by their being excluded the privileges of masonry through the neglect of their lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof to the grand secretary that he has paid the full fees of his lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft. But the offending lodge shall be reported to the grand lodge and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the grand lodge and which had been paid to the lodge for specific appropriation.

22. The master shall see that all moneys received or paid on account of the lodge are entered in proper books by the secretary and treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the lodge.

23. Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a grand lodge certificate to be paid for by the lodge.

24. No lodge or officer, or member of a lodge shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation, to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges or individual brethren for relief.

25. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession or attend in masonic clothing any public or private gathering which is not

permitted by the constitutions, without a dispensation from the grand master.

26. Every lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for unmasonic conduct or for non-payment of dues; but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself: when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

27. Any member of a lodge absent from the Province of New Brunswick, and in arrears for dues for the term of two years or upwards may, by a vote of the lodge, be considered as having withdrawn therefrom.

28. A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot, on application to the lodge and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, and notice of his restoration shall be forthwith given to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

29. In case of the re-instatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues, the lodge re-instating him shall pay all arrears of dues to the grand lodge for the brother restored.

30. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to and are the property of the master, wardens and brethren of such lodge.

31. All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a lodge must be produced by the master when he shall be so required by competent authority.

32. The majority of the members of a lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the master and wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the grand lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

33. Each lodge shall annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, make a return to the grand secretary of the master, wardens and past masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in grand lodge as past masters, as having served the office of master in some other lodge, specifying the lodges in which each of such past masters have served the office of master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in grand lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return.

34. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, to the grand secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. The master and wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the grand lodge or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments are completed.

35. By a vote of the lodge the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

36. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall forthwith be delivered up to the grand master or other constituted authority.

37. As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the grand lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less

than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the grand lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

38. No lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the master, or in his absence the wardens, shall have been notified in writing, of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made.

39. If any lodge, by its master and wardens, be summoned to attend or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts to the grand master, his deputy or any board or committee, or person authorized by the grand lodge and do not comply nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy, such lodge may be suspended and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

40. No member shall, on any pretence, exhibit or expose any representation or similitude of any jewel or furniture of a lodge, or of any masonic emblem or device, on any sign-board, show or window blind, business card or advertisement, under pain of reprimand or suspension by the lodge, or even expulsion by the grand lodge, and every member is strictly enjoined to report to the lodge to which the offending brother belongs, any brother violating this rule.

41. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge, the grand master or the board of general purposes, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real
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worth and personal merit only; therefore, no brother shall be elected master of a lodge or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank. No master elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may, in the interim, rule the lodge. It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a master, and on confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master shall follow.

2. Every master, before being placed in the chair, shall, in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs and to preserve the land-marks of the fraternity and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. The master, wardens and members of a lodge, are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among free-masons.

4. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the master die, be removed or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in the absence of the senior warden the junior warden shall act as master in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the master be not present the immediate past master, or if

he be not present the senior past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. If no past master of the lodge be present then the senior warden, or in his absence, the junior warden may rule the lodge but not confer degrees.

7. A past master of any other lodge may be invited to officiate as master and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The master and wardens of every lodge when summoned so to do shall attend the grand master, his deputy, the grand lodge or any board or committee or person authorized by the grand lodge, and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the lodge under pain of suspension and being reported to the next grand lodge.

9. No warden or other officer of a lodge can resign his office nor can he be removed unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the lodge to be sufficient, but if the master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge, and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded he shall have power to displace such officer and another must be elected or appointed in his place.

OF TYLERS.

1. The tyler is to be chosen by ballot by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

2. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting or pretended lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master, or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered in-

capable of ever being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (See "*Proposing Members.*")

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely or in a lodge which is not a regular lodge or for small and unworthy considerations or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the grand master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor into any regular lodge nor partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print or publish or cause to be printed or published the proceedings of any lodge or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the permission of the grand master under pain of being reprimanded, suspended or expelled as the grand lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a lodge or by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to attend.

4. The majority of the members present at any lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member therefore shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

5. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible to visit or become a member of any other lodge until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign or shall be excluded, or whenever at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge, and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

6. All differences between or complaints of members that cannot be accommodated privately or in some regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary to be submitted to the grand master who shall refer them to the board of general purposes or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon and the case has been investigated the committee shall report to the grand lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

7. A mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension or, by the grand lodge only, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general or to any particular lodge may, by a vote of the lodge, be elected an honorary member of such lodge. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to grand lodge and pay to the grand lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge, unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge at a regular meeting—previous notice of intention to confer the right, and the name, residence and addition of the brother in whose case the vote is to be had having been first stated in the usual summons.

3. No brother shall be admitted an honorary member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting, at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge, are to be produced and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge on producing a certificate from the grand secretary stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

2. Except in cases of seafaring and military men no person shall be made a mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence, nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the worshipful master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate, nor until his name, age, addition or profession

and place of abode shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when, after the committee have reported to the lodge, he must be balloted for, and if approved he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

3. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge without the consent by a resolution of that lodge, which shall be signified in writing, unless by dispensation of the grand master, except in a town or city where there is more than one lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge.

4. In case of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing to the master the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency, and the master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member, appoint a committee as before provided, and at the same time summon the lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate, if the candidate be then approved he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition and the emergency stated to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a mason in any lodge, and every candidate must be a free man, and at the time of initiation be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences and have made some progress in one or other of them, and he must at the time of his application subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz. :—

To the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of ——— Lodge,
No. ———, New Brunswick.

I, ———, of the ——— of ———, in the county of ———, aged ——— years, by occupation ———, being a free man and of mature age, do declare that unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution and a desire of knowledge, and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also declare that I have ——— made application for admission into any other lodge.

Witness my hand this ——— day of ———, A. L. 58——.

Recommended by

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6. Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity, and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn, and no person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a lodge if on ballot three black balls appear against him, nor shall less than three black balls reject a candidate.

7. A ballot may be reconsidered once by order of the W. M. or a vote of the lodge. The ballot on the reconsideration must be taken before the lodge shall have proceeded to other business than balloting for candidates.

8. Every candidate shall on his initiation solemnly promise to submit to the constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft, and if he desire to become a member of the lodge he must sign the by-laws of the lodge on his initiation, a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of grand lodge shall then be presented to him.

9. A rejected candidate cannot be balloted for in the same or any

other lodge within six months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, and which shall be in the custody of the secretary, under the direction of the worshipful master.

2. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the grand secretary and whenever changed an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge or by the special license and authority of the grand master. The lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of grand lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the grand secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the grand master, or lodge granting the sanction.

4. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he be per-

sonally recommended, or well vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the brethren present and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name or number of his mother lodge or the lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose, and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the province and not affiliated with some lodge shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the craft.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a grand lodge certificate, immediately upon being registered in the books of the grand lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay one dollar. Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

2. Every brother to whom a grand lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, in the presence of the worshipful master or the secretary of the lodge, except in case of absence from the place of meeting of his lodge, when he shall sign it in presence of the worshipful master or secretary of any duly warranted lodge, otherwise it will be invalid.

3. No brother shall obtain a grand lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the grand master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a grand lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify, not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for grand lodge certificates must be made to the grand secretary, and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the grand secretary, and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the grand lodge, or called for by any of its committees or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; and no lodge shall charge for a private lodge certificate.

7. Any brother who may have lost his certificate, shall be furnished with a duplicate thereof at a cost of fifty cents, by the grand secretary, upon a properly certified application by the master or secretary of his lodge.

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

1. No mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity, unless it be at his own request, nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of master mason. When the wish of the deceased shall have been communicated to the master of the lodge of which he died a member, the master shall apply to the grand master for a dispensation.

2. When a master mason from beyond the province of New Brunswick, shall die within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, the provisions of the constitution relating to deceased members of

lodges in New Brunswick shall apply as far as practicable, and any master of a lodge may take the direction of the funeral and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased.

3. No public procession of masons shall be allowed without permission of the grand master. In case of a masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the grand master, the worshipful master or, in his absence, the brother ruling the lodge, shall authorize and hold such masonic funeral procession and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitution, and he shall immediately after the service report his proceedings in full to the grand master through the grand secretary.

4. In case of a masonic funeral the master may invite other lodges to attend in form, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the master of the lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or in case of a stranger brother the master of the lodge which assumes the control of the proceedings, and he is accountable for the regularity and conduct of the ceremonies. If the grand master or deputy grand master be present he may at any time take charge.

5. If any brother shall attend as a mason clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft at any public procession except a masonic funeral or at any public or private gathering not authorized by the constitution, without the permission of the grand master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a lodge, and also to be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any lodge shall so offend it shall stand suspended until the grand lodge shall determine thereon.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the grand lodge when congregated is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity it necessarily possesses a

supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother therefore who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction may appeal to the grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of and be transmitted to the grand secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against in proper and respectful language.

FEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the grand lodge :—

For granting a new warrant, twenty-five dollars.

“ “ dispensation for a new lodge, fifteen dollars.

“ “ warrant of confirmation, ten dollars.

“ “ new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, ten dollars.

For dispensation to confer a degree in less time than one month, one dollar and fifty cents.

For dispensation to initiate a person from beyond the jurisdiction of a lodge, five dollars.

For a dispensation for a public procession, except in case of a funeral (for which there shall be no charge) two dollars.

For a dispensation to make more than five masons in one evening one dollar and fifty cents for each candidate.

For a grand lodge certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a lodge, one dollar registration fee.

For every entered apprentice or fellow craft joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.

For every master mason joining from another lodge or re-joining his former lodge, fifty cents.

For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.

For any dispensation not provided for in this table, one dollar and fifty cents.

For every member, each lodge shall pay towards the fund for grand lodge purposes, forty cents per annum.

OF REGALIA.

1. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft and that only, and no brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the grand lodge.

<i>The grand master</i>	The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.
<i>Past grand masters</i>	A similar jewel without the gold plate.
<i>Deputy grand master</i>	The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.
<i>Past deputy grand masters</i>	The compasses and square only.
<i>Senior grand warden</i>	The level.
<i>Junior grand warden</i>	The plumb.
<i>Grand chaplain</i>	A book within a triangle.
<i>Grand treasurer</i>	A chased key.
<i>Grand secretary</i>	Cross-pens with a tie.
<i>Grand deacons</i>	Dove and olive-branch.

Grand directors of ceremonies.. Cross-rods.

Grand sword bearer..... Cross swords.

Grand organist..... A lyre.

Grand pursuivant..... Arms of the grand lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the grand chaplain, treasurer, secretary, deacons, directors of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant, are to be within a circle with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a grand steward of the grand lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

Grand tyler..... The sword in a circle on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Masters of lodges..... The square.

Past masters..... The square and the diagram of the 47th prob. 1st book Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior warden..... The level.

Junior warden..... The plumb.

Chaplain..... A book on a triangle.

Treasurer..... The key.

Secretary..... The cross pens.

Deacons..... The dove.

Director of ceremonies..... The cross rods.

Organist..... The lyre.

Inner guard..... The cross swords.

Stewards..... The cornucopia.

Tyler.....The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

COLLARS.

Of lodges.....To be light-blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon.

Of the grand lodge.....To be of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad and bound with gold lace.

The grand stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

All past grand officers, except past grand masters (who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel in enamel, being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice.....A plain white lamb-skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings.

Fellow craft.....A plain white lamb-skin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master mason.....The same with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep and an additional rosette on the fall or flap and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be

allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

The masters and past masters of lodges,.....To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each and of the perpendicular lines one inch, these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver. If grand officers similar emblems of garter blue or gold.

Grand stewards, present and past..Aprons of the same dimensions lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels.

Grand officers of the grand lodge, past and present.....Aprons of the same dimensions lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels with the emblems of their offices in gold or blue in the centre.

The apron of the grand master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pome-

granate and lotus with the seven eared wheat at each corner and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery, the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the deputy grand master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

In the grand lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals, where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, the actual grand officers wear chains of gold or metal gilt, instead of collars; but upon all other occasions collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Past grand officers of the grand lodge are, in the grand lodge or at any great ceremonial or festival, to wear embroidered collars and in private lodges, collars either embroidered or plain.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge and be transmitted to the grand secretary, to be submitted to the grand master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the grand master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the grand lodge.

The following is the form of petition:—

"To the M. W. Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art, and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good

reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named —; in consequence of this desire we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at —, in the county of —, on the — of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the order and the laws of the grand lodge, and we have nominated and do recommend brother [A. B.] to be the first master, brother [C. D.] to be the first senior warden and brother [E. F.] to be the first junior warden of the said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the grand master and the laws and regulations of the grand lodge."

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens, or in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore*.

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge according to the ancient usages of masons:—

A lodge is duly formed and after prayer an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The grand master is then informed by the grand secretary or acting grand secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc.

The minutes of the lodge, while under dispensation, are likewise read and being approved, are declared regular and valid and signed by the grand master. The grand master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form an oration on the nature and designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated according to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions, but not proper to be written, and the grand master constitutes the lodge in ancient form.

The candidates or the new master and wardens being yet among the brethren, the grand master asks his deputy if he hath examined them and found the candidate-master well skilled in the noble science and royal art and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall, by the grand master's order, take the candidate from among his fellows and present him to the grand master saying, "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the grand master, placing the candidate upon his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: "I appoint you the master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge," etc., with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a master, and the grand master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the grand master shall by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages install him and present him with the book of constitution, the lodge book and the instruments of his office, one after another, and after each of them the grand master or his deputy shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

After this the members of the new lodge, bowing all together to the grand master, shall return him thanks, and immediately do their homage to their new master and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him by the usual congratulation.

The deputy and the grand wardens, and any other brethren present who are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate

late the new master, and he shall return his acknowledgment to the grand master first and to the rest in their order.

Then the grand master desires the new master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office in naming his wardens, and the new master calling forth the two brothers, presents them to the grand master for his approbation. That being granted the senior or junior grand warden shall rehearse the charges of wardens, and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new master shall signify their submission thereto.

Upon which the new master shall present them with the instruments of their office and induct them in due form in their proper places, and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected officers of the lodge, and those appointed, are then invested in ancient form.

The lodge being thus completely constituted shall be registered in the grand master's book and by his order notified to the other lodges.