

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 23rd and 24th, A. D. 1875.

The Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1875, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT :

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ALFRED F. STREET,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, ...Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, ...Grand Secretary.
W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL, ...Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE,Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. N. ROBERTSON,Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. CHARLES F. BOURNE, ...as Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.

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W. W. WALTER LEE,.....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. E. M. WETMORE,.....as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, ...Grand Steward.
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD, ..."
W. URIAH DRAKE,"
W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL, ..."
W. GEORGE KILNAPP,"
W. HENRY G. HUNT,"
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,Past Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,Past Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE, ...Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. EDWARD TWEEDIE,Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. DAVID MAIN,Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. A. G. BECKWITH,Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,Past Gr. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN,Past Grand Sword Bearer.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO,Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, ...Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,Past Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with prayer by
the V. W. Grand Chaplain.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read the "Regulations for
the government of the grand lodge during the time of
business."

It was moved by R. W. Brother B. Lester Peters, P. G. M. and

Resolved, That the reading of the records of the last annual communication be dispensed with, as printed copies have been placed in the hands of the brethren; and further, that they be taken as read and confirmed.

Notes were received from the R. W. Senior Grand Warden and R. W. Junior Grand Warden, conveying apologies for their inability to be at the opening of grand lodge; also from W. Brother D. E. Seymour, Past Senior Grand Deacon, representative at the Grand Lodge of Maine, regretting his inability to be present during the communication.

W. Bros. Charles U. Hanford, Freeman W. Wisdom, and William R. Russell, Committee on Credentials, reported from time to time, the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz:

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....James Adam, W. M.
Charles D. Jordan, S. W.
Montg. Chamberlain, J. W.
William W. Emslie, P. M.
Robert T. Clinch, P. M.
B. Lester Peters, P. M.
Thomas F. Raymond, P. M.
Archibald Rowan, P. M.
Sylvester Z. Earle, P. M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Edwin J. Everett, P. M.
Charles D. Thomson, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.
Chas. McLauchlan, jr., P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....William M. Sears, W. M.
Hiram G. Betts, J. W.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.
R. Sands Armstrong, P. M.
Charles E. Potter, P. M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
John D. Short, P. M.
Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M.
William H. Sinnott, P. M.
Henry G. Hunt, P. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....Andrew J. Stewart, W. M.
George E. Perkins, S. W.
Thomas Logan, J. W.
James McNichol, sr., P. M.
Mark N. Powers, P. M.
John Mullin, P. M.
George Kilnapp, P. M.
James Saunders, P. M.
William J. Logan, P. M.
James Adams, P. M.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....William D. Forster, S. W.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....Alfred F. Street, W. M.
Herbert C. Creed, J. W.
A. G. Beckwith, P. M.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....David Brown, P. M.
David Main, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,...John C. Leonard, W. M.
James Cooper, J. W.
Stephen P. Wetmore, P. M.
Charles Ketchum, P. M.
Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,... Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
John V. Ellis, P. M.
Henry Leonard, P. M.
Richard N. Knight, P. M.
Uriah Drake, P. M.
J. Alfred Clark, P. M.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,..... David J. Wetmore, W. M.
Edwin M. Wetmore, S. W.
David Wetmore, P. M.
G. H. Flewelling, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,.. Samuel Edgett, W. M.
Beverley Stevens, S. W.
Edward R. Gregory, J. W.
Thomas H. Keohan, P. M.
Robert Marshall, P. M.
David R. Munro, P. M.
Robert M. Stevens, P. M.
William C. Morissey, P. M.
Henry Duffell, P. M.
Charles U. Hanford, P. M.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,..... William F. Dibblee, W. M.
William Skillen, P. M.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 12,..... George U. Hay, S. W.

Northumberland Lodge, No. 17,.. Charles F. Bourne, W. M.
W. Walter Lee, J. W.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,..... Wm. A. Tweedale, W. M.
Robert C. Thorne, S. W.
Edward Willis, P. M.
Henry J. Thorne, P. M.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 20,..... Arthur P. Tippet, S. W.

Zion Lodge, No. 21,..... Joseph H. Littledale, P. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,.. David Dearness, W. M.
James McNichol, Jr., P. M.
William McNichol, P. M.
William R. Russell, P. M.
Wm. G. McFarlane, P. M.
Wm. G. Matthewson, P. M.
Robt. J. McAdoo, P. M.
Edward Tweedie, P. M.

Keith Lodge, No. 23,..... Christopher P. Harris, P. M.
Irwin W. Binney, P. M.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29,.. Zebedee R. Everett, S. W.
Alexander Burchill, P. M.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,..... Robert Gilmour, W. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered his Annual Address,
as follows:

Grand Master's Annual Address.

Officers and Brothers:

The time for the annual meeting of grand lodge is a time for self-examination on the part of the grand master. He is called upon to review his own acts; to consider whether he has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and whether he has labored as zealously as he ought to have labored in the interests committed to his care. Whilst I will not say that I have wilfully neglected any important duties, I must confess my consciousness of many lost opportunities to do good, for which I invoke your consideration towards myself.

In the kind feeling and harmony that prevail in our jurisdiction, you will recognize the handiwork of the Great Architect of the Universe, and return Him thanks for this and all His other blessings bestowed upon us.

If in New Brunswick there has been no occurrence of deep interest to the craft, there have transpired during the year, in other jurisdictions, some events of interest to the whole fraternity—inasmuch as they reflect in some way the growth, progress and prosperity of our Ancient Institution.

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was an event that excited much interest, not only among the freemasons in the Empire, but among all classes of people. The exalted position of the Prince of Wales, the magnificence of the ceremonial of his installation, the demonstration of warm affection excited by his appearance in grand lodge, the admirable spirit of his address on assuming his official station, his own acknowledgment of attachment to our time-honored fraternity and of his determination to further its objects, are sufficient to make this event one of the most important in the annals of freemasonry in the British Empire; and it is one that I trust will shed a lustre, not only upon the institution, but upon our distinguished brother.

Another striking masonic event was the dedication in the City of Rome of a magnificent suit of apartments for the uses of the craft—a ceremony in which nearly one thousand brothers united, and the public celebration of which demonstrates the masonic unity now prevailing in Italy, as well as the growth of liberty in the Eternal City.

The dedication of the fine new masonic temple in New York was an occurrence of more than ordinary interest. The grand master of that state courteously extended to the grand master and other prominent officers of this grand lodge an invitation to be present and participate in the ceremonies. The temple is owned by the craft in the state, and its erection is but the preliminary step to the creation of a Masonic Asylum, intended to be the most complete establishment of its kind in the world. This work, and the noble charity which it is designed to aid, have long been in contemplation by the masons of the Empire State, and I would have been much gratified had the time at my disposal enabled me to participate in an event which, alike from its interest and the magnificence of its surroundings, is of historic importance to masonry on this continent. But I had made an engagement with the craft in Prince Edward Island for a later period in the same month, and was unable to give the time. The deputy grand master and the grand secretary concurred with me in the idea that the occasion was one to call for the congratulations of the entire craft in the province, and we

therefore, sent the following telegram to the Grand Lodge of New York:

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, June 4, 1875.

To Elwood B. Thorne, Grand Master:

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of New York, and congratulates the fraternity of the Empire State on the great events of the week. May the hall just dedicated ever be the abode of brotherly love, and the projected asylum soon be an accomplished fact—a monument testifying alike to the great principles of our institution and of the devotion of New York Masonry to those principles.

JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand Master.

ROBERT MARSHALL, Deputy Grand Master.

WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

With all the masonic jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal communication the most kindly relations prevail.

Commissions have issued to W. Bro. W. W. Estabrooks, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and a native of this province, as our representative at that grand lodge; and to W. Bro. Christopher Dhiel as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Utah. The Grand Lodge of Hungary has asked for an exchange of representatives; we have not however, entered into fraternal relations with that body, and whilst the fraternity in Hungary continues in a divided condition, it is advisable that our present attitude should not be changed.

The lodges in Prince Edward Island united in the formation of a grand lodge for that province of the Dominion, and a courteous request was sent to me and to the officers of grand lodge to attend on the 24th of June to install the grand master and other officers of grand lodge. Satisfied with the regularity of their proceedings, the movement of the freemasons in Prince Edward Island was one that met with my hearty concurrence, as I have no doubt it will with yours, and I readily accepted the invitation. With

P. G. Master R. W. ROBT. T. CLINCH, Acting Deputy Grand Master,
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING, as Senior Grand Warden,
W. G. H. FLEWELLING, as Junior Grand Warden,
W. JAS. G. FORBES, as Grand Secretary,
W. GEO. KILNAPP, as Grand Treasurer,
W. T. N. ROBERTSON, as Grand Director of Ceremonies,
B. C. BARCLAY BOYD, as Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,
W. JAS. D. PHINNEY, Grand Sword Bearer,
W. JAS. McNICOL, JR., as Grand Pursuivant,
W. CHAS. U. HANFORD, Grand Steward,
ROBT. H. SANCTON, as Grand Steward,
attended the new grand lodge and installed M. W. Bro. Yeo, the

Grand Master, and the other officers. Besides the masonic duties in grand lodge, the craft on the island had arranged for a public procession and a service at church, where an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Archdeacon Read, and in the evening there was a masonic dinner, at which the visitors were hospitably and courteously entertained. The "Encampment of St. John" of the Order of the Temple had courteously offered their services as an escort to the Grand Master of New Brunswick to and from Charlottetown, an offer which I gladly accepted, and the presence of this fine chivalrous organization gave great interest to the public ceremonies. The grand secretary will lay before you the official application from the new grand lodge for recognition, and I have no doubt that you will readily and heartily welcome her to a place in your affections.

The grand secretary will also lay before you the papers connected with the formation of a grand lodge in the province of Manitoba together with the official application for recognition. I have looked through the report of the proceedings, and I believe you will find the action taken to have been perfectly regular, and the new grand lodge entitled to our warmest fraternal regard and sympathy. These applications, coming as they do from the extreme East and from the far West, exhibit alike the progress of our country and the spread of the great principles of which our institution is the exponent. Our recognition is also asked for the recently formed Grand Lodge of Wyoming, which, I think, may be safely accorded. The proceedings have been transmitted us of a grand lodge lately formed in the "Indian Territory," but there is no formal request for recognition. There is a lack of information as to the status of the subordinate lodges uniting in the formation, and for the present, immediate action on the matter does not appear to be necessary.

The transactions of our sister grand lodges record the death, during the year, of many eminent and distinguished brothers. In the number is included three past grand masters of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, R. W. Bros. John Meredith Read, Lucius H. Scott, and James Paige; M. W. Past Grand Master John N. McJilton, of Maryland; and Past Grand Master John H. Anthon, of New York. The craft in Massachusetts recently sustained a severe loss in the death of Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, not only a devoted and an active mason up to the time when death closed his illustrious career, but a citizen and a man adorned with the graces of mind and character which made him eminent in society and in the state, and generally useful to his fellow man.

In our own Dominion the death of M. W. Bro. Wm. Mercer Wilson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, excited deep and general sympathy. When I was made a mason in the city of Montreal, nearly twenty years ago, Bro. Wilson was at the head of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for several times, at various intervals, he has been called to the same position, the duties of which he discharged with discretion, zeal and ability. I believe that a close review of Bro. Wilson's career would show that he was the leading mind in the movement for the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the result of which has been the present system of masonic government in the Dominion. In the early days of the movement his patient energy and wise counsels sustained that grand lodge in the darkest hour of trial. He visited a large number of the grand lodges in the United States, explaining to them the position of his grand lodge, and procuring from them support and sympathy; and his continued election to the office of grand master clearly showed how grand lodge trusted him. When what is known as the "Quebec Difficulty" had assumed such a position that its settlement became an absolute necessity, the Grand Lodge of Canada recalled him to the position of grand master—the highest compliment that could have been paid to him. It was never my good fortune to personally meet Bro. Wilson, but I had considerable correspondence with him, and ever found him prompt, clear and decisive; whilst the fund of masonic knowledge at his hand, on the most intricate questions, was very large indeed. As a citizen, M. W. Bro. Wilson was held in the highest esteem by the community in which he lived; the government of the country showed its confidence in him by giving him a seat on the bench; and his whole career, civic and masonic, was that of a good man. Grand Lodge will not, I am sure, fail to give expression to its sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Canada in the loss it has sustained by the death of so eminent a brother.

In this jurisdiction we have to mourn the death of R. W. Brother W. P. Flewelling, who died at Clifton, on March 27, at the age of sixty years. For many years Bro. Flewelling was an active member of Midian Lodge, in which he filled nearly every important office, and of which he was treasurer at the time of his death. He took an active interest in the formation of our grand lodge, and was the first senior grand warden. A man of large human sympathies and kind heart, Bro. Flewelling was always held in high esteem by the community. He was the leading spirit of the settlement in which he lived, and which his enterprise largely contributed to build up. Hon-

ored by the people of King's County with their confidence, he represented them in the provincial legislature, serving them faithfully, as he did the whole province as a member of the government, and as surveyor general—the duties of which office he discharged, as he did of every position of trust he held, with marked fidelity. It will be a proper tribute to the worth of our deceased brother to dedicate a page of the records to his memory.

The only other member of grand lodge whose death in the past year has come under my notice, is W. Bro. John Frost, of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, who died April 7. Bro. Frost's quiet and retiring disposition prevented him from taking an active interest in the affairs of grand lodge; but he was a warm-hearted and enthusiastic mason, and the place he held in the affections of the brethren was amply demonstrated by the numbers who, under the banners of Union Lodge of Portland, attended his remains to their last resting place.

The reports of the board of general purposes and of the grand secretary and the grand treasurer will show the craft in this jurisdiction to be in a satisfactory condition. If we are not making as rapid progress in increase of numbers and in wealth as some of the more ardent of our brethren would desire, the returns will show that there is a healthy increase; and that there are no discordant elements at work to disturb the harmony that should be the great characteristic of all masonic bodies. The grand master or the board has not been called upon to settle any important disputes between lodges or members, and we can all heartily exclaim, "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Grand Lodge will find that in the year its finances have been managed with the most rigid economy. Although the amount received by the grand secretary fell below the receipts of the previous year, the balance on hand has been very slightly reduced, while a payment of \$500 has been made on the subscription of grand lodge to the stock of the Masonic Hall Company.

When grand lodge was established the salary of the grand secretary was fixed at \$300. Last October the board of general purposes, considering the increased and growing labors of the grand secretary, after ordering the payment of this amount, voted him an additional \$100. It will be for grand lodge to say whether the salary shall be permanently fixed at this advance—which, though large in proportion to our revenue, does not seem to be a large recompense for the discharge of the duties the grand secretary is called upon to perform.

At the last session of grand lodge a resolution was adopted making the production of a grand lodge certificate a pre-requisite for examination, from brothers hailing from another jurisdiction, desiring to be received as visitors into lodges in this province. I invite grand lodge to a further and fuller consideration of this subject. If it is desirable to continue this regulation it should be made a constitutional enactment; and it appears to me, that if continued, it should be made to apply to brothers hailing from lodges in our own province, as well as to those coming from other jurisdictions. The European practice is to insist upon the production of a grand lodge certificate, as a proof that the applicant has been made a mason in a regular lodge. On this continent the production of the certificate is not generally required, though it is in some places. However, the brethren have now had several months experience of the practice, and they ought to be able to say whether its continuance is or is not desirable.

The constitution of grand lodge provides for the existence of a charity fund, to be styled the "Fund of Benevolence," for the relief of poor and distressed brethren, or the widows and orphans of deceased brethren in good standing, upon the register of grand lodge. Up to the present time this fund exists only in name, and I earnestly urge upon grand lodge to consider whether some practical steps cannot be taken towards the creation of the fund. If we begin in ever so humble a manner, something even then will be achieved. Out of the surplus now on hand at least two hundred dollars might be funded, and placed at interest for this purpose. I sincerely believe that a fund created for such a laudable object will rapidly grow, and will commend itself to the warmest consideration of charitable and well-disposed brothers; but until a commencement is made by grand lodge, the "donations" contemplated by the constitution are not likely to be received from individuals. The establishment of the fund itself is a duty the performance of which we ought no longer to postpone.

Where advice has been asked by lodges or brethren on any question, it has been freely given, through the grand secretary; but I have made no decisions of particular importance to the craft generally. In one case, where an inquiry was made as to whether a brother could hold office in a lodge of which he was not a member, an answer was returned in the negative; for although there is no constitutional enactment on the subject, it would seem to be opposed to common sense to allow a brother to be an officer where he was not a member; and the absence of any regulation might be taken as a proof that no regulation was

thought to be necessary. Of course, the case of a tyler, who is a serving brother, and whose duties are entirely different from those of any other officer, is entirely an exceptional custom as well as necessity, permitting one brother to serve many lodges. In another case the grand secretary advised a lodge that it was contrary to sound masonic policy to initiate in 1875, without a fresh ballot, a person who had been accepted in 1871. The reasons are obvious. In that period of time many persons might be initiated into the lodge who would not be willing to receive the candidate, whilst in the four years his own character and habits might unfortunately have undergone changes which would unfit him to be made a mason. Every lodge by its by-laws ought to provide that a candidate neglecting to come forward within a reasonable period after his election, should have his election set aside. A lodge asked whether it could rent its lodge room to another society. Of course, with the control of the property of private lodges the grand master has no power, or even desire to interfere; but the enquiring lodge was advised that the interests of the craft would be best served by reserving its lodge room for its own exclusive use. I am aware that in some places throughout the country, lodges cannot help a common tenancy with other societies, and in some places where masonic halls have been erected by the joint action of the lodge and the community, the lodge room is used for various purposes. It should be the aim of every lodge however, to secure as soon as possible its own room for its own exclusive use. A lodge enquired whether objection would be taken to its holding a "Masonic Gift Enterprise" in aid of its hall fund. The grand secretary fraternally advised the lodge to abandon the idea, as the whole feeling and spirit of the craft is against undertakings of this kind—and they have been positively condemned by many grand lodges. The advice was at once acted upon in the most commendable spirit by the lodge—a circumstance that I note with pleasure, for the burden entailed upon it by the fine hall it is erecting is very great, and the "Gift Enterprise" seemed an easy way of financing. A lodge was also advised that a native of this province who has resided many years in California, and returns on a short visit to his friends, is to be regarded as a sojourner merely.

In the matter of granting dispensations to advance brethren at the shortest time allowed by the constitution, I have endeavored to be fully satisfied that the circumstances justified the use of the power vested in the grand master; and where not satisfied, I have refused the request.

Questions continue to be put to the grand secretary as to the physical

cal qualifications of candidates, notwithstanding the clear and unmistakable utterances of grand lodge on this matter. I trust I may be pardoned in quoting, in this connection, a decision of the Grand Master of New York, M. W. Bro. E. E. Thorne, as showing the practice of that jurisdiction to be entirely in accord with our own. Brother Thorne decided:

"That the physical qualifications of a candidate for masonry cannot be determined by the grand master. The grand master cannot issue a dispensation allowing a lodge to disobey a landmark of masonry. Whether a candidate is such 'a hale man, sound, not deformed or dismembered,' as the landmarks of masonry prescribe to be eligible material for the temple, is a question that must be settled by the conscientious judgment of the master and each brother of the lodge. If the master of a lodge is not satisfied, after thoroughly and scrupulously considering the matter, that the candidate is such a man, it will be his duty to reject him."

I would earnestly impress upon the worshipful masters of lodges the duty of a strict compliance with the laws of grand lodge and the general requirements of the craft in respect to masonic burial. In one case a lodge buried with masonic honors a brother who had never affiliated with the craft in this jurisdiction, and who was not a member of any lodge; in another case the grand secretary was applied to for information as to whether a dispensation would be issued to bury a brother who had been suspended for non-payment of dues; other applications have been made for dispensations to bury unaffiliated masons. In one case a brother had accidentally shot himself, and there was much public sympathy with his family. In another a brother had withdrawn from his lodge, had resided some time in the United States, and had not rejoined on his return. The burden or responsibility, or even trouble, of a decision in such cases, should not be thrown either upon the grand master or the grand secretary, but the master of the lodge, no matter what the local reasons pressing him to a contrary course, should manfully do his duty, as is clearly prescribed by the constitutions. No unaffiliated mason can be lawfully interred with masonic honors, and no affiliated brother ought to be so interred, unless at his own request. Our constitutions make a liberal provision to meet the case of the stranger-brother who may die within our jurisdiction. No master of a lodge should ask for a dispensation to hold a masonic funeral procession unless he is fully satisfied in his own mind that the circumstances of the case will justify a compliance with his request.

A dispensation has been granted for the establishment at Andover, Victoria County, of "Benjamin Lodge." It has not yet been forwarded however, as I was desirous of meeting the brothers at that place

before they commence their labors. With this object in view I made an arrangement to visit them, with the grand secretary, in the latter part of August, or early the present month; but this design was frustrated by an attack of sickness which confined me to the house for several weeks. The zeal and earnestness the applicants for the dispensation have evinced is a good omen for the success of the lodge. I may state that they have already taken steps for the erection of a hall to contain a proper lodge room.

In Fredericton, last winter, Solomon's Lodge and St. Andrew's Lodge united in the formation of a lodge of instruction, principally upon the model of "Emulation Lodge of Instruction," held in St. John by the grand secretary, and which proved of great benefit to the craft here. The lodge at Fredericton worked very satisfactorily. St. George Lodge, No. 12, St. George, gave its permission to a number of its members, resident at Pennfield, to hold a lodge of instruction in the temperance hall at that place; but I have asked the lodge not to act upon its resolution until your opinion is given upon the subject. It appears to me that a very important principle is involved. With the desire of the brothers at Pennfield to receive masonic instruction we must all heartily sympathize; but we must consider the effect of allowing a lodge of instruction to be worked elsewhere than in the village where the lodge itself is held, and in a different place of meeting from the lodge room; away, perhaps, from the control of the master. If a lodge may authorize such a lodge of instruction in one place, may it not authorize a similar lodge in another; and what limit is there upon its powers in this respect? I ask your serious consideration of this important matter.

Permission has been given to two persons, residents of the Island of Grand Manan, to apply for admission in the Eastern Star Lodge at Eastport, Maine, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and the grand secretary has notified that lodge of this fact. The nearest lodge in our jurisdiction to the residence of these persons is that of St. Andrew's, a place which they rarely visit, whilst it is much more convenient and easy for them to go to Eastport, with which place indeed they are in constant communication. The ground upon which I granted the application is the general one that it is better for a man to be made a mason in a lodge where he is likely to become an active member, and perhaps a useful, working mason, than in a lodge which he may rarely or never visit after he has received the degrees. As however, I have recently received another application from three gen-

tleman residing at Forest City for permission to join another lodge in the State of Maine, upon which I have not yet acted, I deem it advisable to bring this matter before you for your consideration.

A complaint was received from Alley Lodge, No. 14, to the effect that Lewey Island Lodge, of Princeton, Maine, had refused to examine or receive in any way as a visitor Brother ———, of that lodge. It did not appear however, that Lewey Island Lodge declined to receive as visitors all of the members of Alley Lodge. The objection appears to have been made simply to an individual brother; and recognizing as I do the right of a lodge to refuse admission to a visitor who may be objectionable, I did not deem it advisable to interfere. Of course, it is our duty to secure for our subordinate lodges, from the masonic powers with which we are in amity, every right to which they are entitled. Whilst it is sometimes difficult to prevent differences among lodges of different jurisdictions whose territory is contiguous, I am glad to be in a position to state that our relations with the grand lodge of Maine are of the most satisfactory kind, and that we can rely on its best efforts in aid of our own to promote peace and harmony among our brethren on the border.

Among the official visitations that I made during the year was a very pleasing one to Albion Lodge, No 1, on the occasion of its forty-fifth anniversary from the date of its taking out a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, although it had a long existence previous to this as Lodge No. 52, under the then so-called Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. If some of our older lodges could be induced to publish sketches of their history, they would be invaluable additions to our masonic records. I also paid quite recently, in company with V. W. Bro. Bunting, and W. Bros. T. N. Robertson and Henry Duffell, an exceedingly pleasant visit to Midian Lodge, Clifton, where we were most hospitably entertained, not only by the brethren, under the presidency of Past Master G. Hudson Flewelling and the W. Master Rev. Bro. David Wetmore, but by the ladies of the place, the wives and daughters of the members. You all know how peculiarly Midian Lodge is situated. Often it does no work for long periods of time, and the names of two or three well known families principally cover its whole list of members. But it lacks neither enthusiasm nor the right masonic feeling. It was a real pleasure to us, on the occasion in question, to meet many old masonic veterans, some of whom had been masons, and even masters of lodges, before any of the visitors had entered upon this transitory stage of existence. We listened with

great interest to many reminiscences of the past from these old veterans, some of whom would carry their masonic memories back over a period of from fifty to sixty years.

I have to thank the various officers of grand lodge, the board of general purposes, and many members of the craft of every station and rank, for the advice or assistance rendered me, as I have asked it, in the discharge of my official duties. The courtesy and kindness shown towards me personally, I gratefully appreciate. Whilst the cheerfulness with which assistance has been rendered me has not only lightened my own labors, and made the performance of them very pleasant, it has also shown to me what must be equally pleasing to you all, the deep and hearty interest that is felt by so many of our brothers in the welfare of this ancient and honorable fraternity.

It was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, A. G. D. U., and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee, to make such a disposition of the subjects contained in it as will tend to facilitate the business of grand lodge.

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed such committee:

W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, R. W. Bro. W. F. Dibblee, and W. Bro. Henry J. Thorne.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account, as follows:

Annual Report of Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Grand Secretary, as required by the laws of the grand lodge, herewith submits his annual statement, as follows:

The receipts of his office for the year just ended were twelve hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty cents, accruing from the following sources:

For Registration fees,.....	\$186 50
Certificates,.....	169 00
Annual dues,.....	873 20
Dispensations,.....	24 00
Miscellaneous,.....	25 60
Total,.....	\$1278 30

He paid this amount over to the grand treasurer, and rendered a detailed statement to the board of general purposes, whose audit committee will no doubt, submit a report thereon.

The returns of the lodges for the year ending December 27th, 1874, have been received, with the exception of Sussex, No. 4, of Dorchester, which lodge, from some unexplained cause, has failed to attend to this very important requirement.

A synopsis of the returns gives the following particulars:

Number initiated,.....	161
“ Passed,.....	161
“ Raised,.....	175
“ Joined,.....	39
“ Reinstated,.....	3
“ Withdrawn,.....	54
“ Suspended,.....	55
“ Excluded,.....	2
“ Died,.....	30
Total number of members,.....	2209

Six dispensations were issued under authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, during the past year, for the following purposes:

To confer degrees at short intervals,.....	4
To bury deceased brethren,.....	2

The proceedings of the last annual communication of Grand Lodge were published in due course, under the authority of the board of general purposes, and were distributed in the usual manner.

The Grand Secretary herewith acknowledges the reception of the following contributions to the Library of Grand Lodge:

From R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, D. G. M.—A copy of Mackey's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences.

From the Grand Lodge of Virginia—A copy of the Reprint of the proceedings of that Grand Lodge from A. D. 1777 to A. D. 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Illinois—A copy of the reprint of the proceedings of that Grand Lodge from A. D. 1840 to A. D. 1860. Also, a copy of its Constitution.

From the Grand Lodge of Missouri—Two copies of a new edition of its Book of Constitutions.

From the Grand Lodge of California—A copy of a new edition of its Constitution.

1874.		Cr.	
Oct. 3.	By paid advertising in <i>Morning Telegraph</i> ,..	\$	12 00
"	" advertising in <i>Morning News</i> ,.....		12 00
"	" advertising in <i>Evening Globe</i> ,.....		11 00
"	" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....		4 25
"	" Grand Tyler,.....		12 00
"	" Grand Secretary, salary,.....		300 00
"	" " extra allowance,..		100 00
"	" Festival Committee,.....		144 00
1875.			
Mar. 10.	" H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.,...	159	60
"	" Lansdowne & Martin, crape, &c.,...	6	34
"	" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	4	00
"	" Knox & Thompson, book case,....	30	60
"	" Insurance on regalia, &c.,.....	7	50
Sept. 10.	" Masonic Hall Co., stock sub.,.....	500	00
"	" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	5	00
"	" Telegram to New York,.....	5	76
"	" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	2	33
"	" Cleaning and repairing regalia,....	5	50
"	" Cleaning consecration vessels,.....	1	20
"	" Grand Secretary for postages, &c.,...	16	38
"	" Balance in Bank B. N. America,...	985	11
		\$2324 57	

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 13th Sept., 1875.

Whereupon, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P.
G. M., and

Resolved, That the reports and accounts of the grand treasurer and
grand secretary be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as President of the

Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report of
the board, as follows :

Report of Board of General Purposes.

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK,
22nd day of September, A. L. 5875.

*To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free
and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick :*

The Board of General Purposes, in presenting its eighth annual
report, feels deep gratification in being able to record the fact that
peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that the
various lodges give evidence of that material advancement and marked
progress which should characterize our time-honored institution.

Shortly after the last annual assembly of grand lodge the board met,
and by an unanimous vote elected Worshipful Brother James McNichol,
Junior, Vice-President for the current year. The festival committee
then reported as to the dinner given under the banners of grand lodge,
at the Victoria Hotel, on Friday evening, the 25th of September, 1874.
The close of the annual session of grand lodge would seem to be a time
when the brethren might with much profit gather around the social
board. While we may not have the pleasure this year, under the ban-
ners of grand lodge, of meeting in this way, it may be well for the
brethren in the city, for the future, to make it a matter of course that
our grand assembly shall close with a fraternal re-union. You will all
admit that festivals such as that of last year do much to cement that
true and cordial good fellowship which should pre-eminently mark our
intercourse one with another.

The board, at its meeting held on the 2nd October last, unanimously
resolved to hold four instead of six regular meetings during the masonic
year, for the transaction of business, viz : on the second Wednesday
in December, March, June and September, at 3 o'clock p. m. Inas-
much as a special meeting may be convened when occasion requires,
the change has proved unobjectionable ; indeed, the masonic harmony
which obtains throughout the province has rendered the work of the
board of general purposes during the year exceedingly easy and
agreeable.

Under date Saint John, 17th April, A. D. 1875, the board received the following letter, viz. :

"GENTLEMEN: I desire to give three grand concerts, or a short season of opera, at the Academy of Music, Saint John, in aid of the new Masonic Hall, now in contemplation of erection in this city, and I desire that I may be allowed permission to advertise the same whenever and wherever I choose, for which I will guarantee the lodge the sum of five thousand dollars, to be devoted to such purposes as the lodge may deem advisable.

"With every sentiment alive to the importance of your good work,

"I am, with respect,

The board at once proceeded to consider this proposition, and unanimously adopted the following, viz. :

"Resolved, That the board acknowledges the sentiments of good will conveyed in ———'s note, and while thanking him for his generous offer, they do not feel disposed to lend the aid of the craft in the promotion or encouragement of lotteries, and therefore respectfully decline to take advantage of his proposal."

The board considers that it may properly refer to this matter, knowing that the policy adopted in the above quoted reply will meet with the earnest endorsement of every masonic body throughout our jurisdiction.

Agreeable to authority of grand lodge, the board has, through the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, paid a second instalment of five hundred dollars towards the six thousand dollars subscribed by grand lodge to the capital stock of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company. Although the times may appear unpropitious, yet it is to be hoped that material progress will be made during the present year in this important work. The company now own a valuable, spacious and eligible site in one of the most desirable locations in the City of Saint John, and the fraternity of the province have only to decide that the "New Brunswick Masonic Temple" shall be built, and little if any real difficulty need be anticipated. If even one-fourth of the brethren on the roll of grand lodge take stock to the amount of say one hundred dollars each (and as the payments are spread over a number of years this can easily be done), an amount more than will be required, even for such a commodious and imposing "Temple" as the plans now in course of preparation by our architects indicate, will be guaranteed. German Street is so central that the stockholders may look forward to a large revenue from rental which, in time, may we not assume, will go to swell the "General Relief Fund" of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Agreeable to the direction of grand lodge, the board of general pur-

poses have exhaustively revised the book of constitutions, so that all requisite alterations may be made before the new edition be published. They beg to submit the following, which having been entered upon the notice book by the very worshipful the grand secretary, may now be discussed and acted upon:

1st. — Page 24, Section 16. It is proposed to strike out "the fourth Wednesday in September," and insert "the last Wednesday in March."

2nd. — Page 29, Section 4. It is proposed to strike out all previous to the words, "He may also," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Should the grand master deem it desirable, he may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent grand lodge in any sister grand lodge with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication, and report such appointment to grand lodge at the earliest opportunity."

3rd. — Page 31, Section 1. It is proposed, under heading "Of Grand Wardens;" also, section under heading "Of Grand Chaplain;" also, section under heading "Of Grand Treasurer," and page 32, section 1, under heading "Of Grand Secretary," to insert in each section the words "if present" before "invested."

4th. — Page 32, Section 3. It is proposed to strike out the words "in September," at the end of the section.

5th. — Page 34, Section 4. It is proposed after the word "Salary," to strike out "of per annum."

6th. — Page 34, Section headed "Of Grand Deacons." It is proposed to insert the words "if present" before "installed."

7th. — Page 38, Section 10. It is proposed to strike out the word "all," third line; also, to strike out all after the word "payment," fourth line.

8th. — Page 41, Section 3. It is proposed, in lieu of section 3, struck out at the annual communication of grand lodge of September, 1873, to insert the following: "Section 3. — A lodge, by its by-laws, may provide that the Festival Day of Saint John the Evangelist shall be a regular communication for the purpose of installing officers."

9th. — Page 41, Section 6. It is proposed to strike out the word "member," first line, and insert "brother."

10th. — Page 44, Section 17. It is proposed, before the word "County," first line, to insert "City and," and strike out after the word "sum," fifth line, the sentence: "The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation."

11th. — Page 45, Section 18. It is proposed to strike out "if he desires," first line.

12th. — Page 49, Section 37. It is proposed to strike out the first, second, third and fourth lines of the section, and before the words "the majority," fifth line, insert the word "if."

13th. — Page 53, Section 9. It is proposed to strike out the word "place," at the end of the section, and substitute the word "stead."

14th. — Page 57, Section 2. It is proposed to strike out the words "and military," first line, and at the foot of the page add as a *foot note*: "The term *seafaring men* does not extend or apply to persons employed in vessels known as coasters, or in any vessels trading or plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America."

15th. — Page 57, Section 3. It is proposed to amend, to read as follows: "No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge, without the consent of that lodge. If the lodge whose permission is asked consents thereto, it must be by resolution and in writing, the members thereof having been previously notified of the application. Should such lodge refuse to give its consent, application may be made to the grand master, who may grant a dispensation. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction, half way to the nearest lodge, except in a city or town where there are two or more lodges, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction."

16th. — Page 59, Section 5. It is proposed to strike out the words "of the following import, viz.," and substitute "as follows."

The blank space after the word "have" to be changed, to come after the word "made," same line. In the succeeding line strike out the words "any other," and substitute "another." The following to be added to the section: "This declaration shall be read in open lodge, and handed to the committee of investigation, who shall append their report thereon."

17th. — Page 60, Section 8. It is proposed, after the word "craft" third line, to strike out the words "and if he desire to become a member of the lodge, he must," and insert the words "he shall," and strike out the words "on his initiation," fifth line.

18th. — Page 60, Section 9. It is proposed to add the following to the end of the section: "When an applicant who has been rejected in one lodge in this jurisdiction shall, after the expiration of six months, make application to another lodge for admission to the fraternity, the application may be received, but no ballot shall be taken thereon until the

former lodge shall have been notified and shall have given its consent by resolution, certified by the master and secretary. The members of the lodge, whose consent is asked, must, previous to any action thereon, be notified of such application.

19th. — Page 62, Section 2. It is proposed to strike out all the section after the word "thereof," second line, and substitute the words "or it will not be valid."

20th. — Page 64, Section 7. It is proposed to strike out "fifty cents," and insert "one dollar."

21st. — Page 65, Section 5. It is proposed to strike out the word "to," seventh line.

22nd. — Page 67. It is proposed that the sentence, "For every person initiated in a lodge, one dollar registration fee," shall be amended so as to read, "For every person initiated in a lodge two dollars, to include registration fee and certificate."

The Sub-Committee on Audit and Accounts having attended to that duty, their report is submitted, as follows:

To the Board of General Purposes, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Audit Committee, appointed by the board, beg leave to report that, after a careful examination of the books and accounts of the grand treasurer and grand secretary for the year ending September 14th, 1875, they find them correct.

Your committee again have much pleasure in expressing their gratification at the manner in which they have found the books and accounts of the above named grand officers.

The receipts for the past year are,	\$1273 30
The balance on hand from last year was,	1040 27

Making a total of,	\$2324 57
The expenditure during the year was,	\$1330 46
Leaving a balance in hands of grand treasurer of	985 11
	<hr/> \$2324 57

The grand treasurer produced proper vouchers for the amounts paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MCNICHOLO, JR.,
J. HENRY LEONARD,
HENRY DUFFELL,
Committee.

The board having attended to the instruction of grand lodge, to consider the propriety of providing an uniform "Funeral Service" for the use of lodges in this jurisdiction, have to report that although this important matter has received thoughtful attention, yet it has been unable, up to the present time, to select from the many beautiful and

impressive services now in use by the fraternity, one which it would recommend should be adopted throughout our jurisdiction, to the exclusion of all others. The board, under the circumstances, therefore suggests that the matter be again referred, so that it may be considered during recess, to the end that the question may be disposed of at the next meeting of grand lodge.

The board would respectfully recommend that the very worshipful the grand secretary be hereby authorized and directed to have another edition of the "*Book of Constitutions*" printed for the use of the fraternity.

Very respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL, D. G. M.,

President Board of General Purposes.

Whereupon, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report of the board be received.

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

Resolved, That the grand secretary be authorized to have the foregoing addresses, reports and accounts printed for immediate distribution among the representatives present in grand lodge.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read circulars from the recently organized Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Wyoming Territory, announcing the formation of such grand lodges, and requesting to enter into fraternal relations with this grand lodge.

Whereupon, it was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the applications be received and be laid on the table.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read the following note:

"Mr. Thomas Furlong presents his compliments to the members of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons of New Brunswick, and begs their acceptance of the accompanying picture."

Accompanying this note was a portrait, richly framed, of His Royal Highness ALBERT EDWARD, Prince of Wales, in his official insignia as M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. The portrait is an autotype, finely and richly painted in water colors, by Wilson, of London, and is a valuable addition to the portraits now in the possession of grand lodge.

Whereupon, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved unanimously, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick cordially accepts the very handsome portrait of His Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Brother Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, presented to this grand lodge by Thomas Furlong, Esquire, and tenders the warmest acknowledgments and thanks of grand lodge to Mr. Furlong for a gift which is valuable, not only as an admirable likeness of an eminent member of the fraternity, but also as a finished work of art.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the amendments to the constitution, proposed in the annual report of the board of general purposes, be the order of business for half-past eight o'clock this evening.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read notes, addressed to him, from M. W. Bro. James F. Miller, representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Texas, and R. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, acknowledging the reception of their commissions as such representatives, and expressing their heartfelt desire for the permanent establishment of the most amicable relations between the respective grand lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the V. W. the Grand Secretary address to Thomas

Furlong, Esq., a copy of the resolution of grand lodge, in reference to the gift received from him.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

22nd September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The Library Committee submitted a report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M. was ordered to be received, and the thanks of grand lodge returned to the contributors to the shelves of the library.

Report of Library Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. :

The undersigned Library Committee beg to report, that when they submitted their statement at the annual communication last year, they had in their hands a balance of \$33.15.

Since then they have expended the sum of \$31.46, leaving a balance in their hands of \$1.69.

During the year just closed they have added, by purchase, the following works to the library shelves :

A Defence of Freemasonry, by A. F. A. Woodford, M. A. ;

Reflected Rays of Light upon Freemasonry, by Bro. William Garey ;
The Life of Constantine ;

Freemasonry in relation to Civil Authority and the Family Circle, by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton ;

Masonic Gatherings, by Bro. George Taylor ;

Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1874 and 1875, London ;

Freemasons' Secrets, edited by Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M. A. ;

Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, A. D. 1873 ;

Craft Tracing Boards, published by Kenning, London.

They have received as a donation to the library, from R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, D. G. M., a copy of Bro. Mackey's very valuable work, entitled, "An Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences."

Also, from W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, the representative of this grand lodge near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, a volume, entitled, "The Knights Templars," by C. G. Addison.

The proceedings of sister grand lodges, magazines, etc., which have been accumulating during the past few years, numbering one hundred and forty-one volumes, have been bound and placed on the shelves.

We respectfully call upon grand lodge to continue its efforts on behalf of the library.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,
WM. F. BUNTING.

St. John, 22nd Sept., 1875.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida, dated the twenty-seventh day of July, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. Albert J. Russell, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Peters, as such representative, was thereupon received, and saluted in due form.

The Committee on the M. W. Grand Master's Address, presented a report, which, on motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, was ordered to be received, and the recommendation of the committee agreed to.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 22, 1875.

*To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free
and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:*

The committee to whom was referred the address of the most worshipful grand master, to report as to its disposition in order to facilitate the business of grand lodge, beg to offer the following recommendations, as best calculated to effect that object, viz.:

That so much of the address as relates to relations with other grand lodges be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

That so much of the address as refers to the honored dead be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

That so much of the address as relates to the fund of benevolence be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The committee ask leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
W. F. DIBBLEE,
HENRY J. THORNE.
Committee.

In accordance with the recommendations contained in the foregoing report, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH SISTER GRAND LODGES.

R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, W. Bro. Henry Duffell, and
W. Bro. Robert Gilmour.

COMMITTEE ON THE HONORED DEAD.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, W. Bro. Charles F. Bourne,
and W. Bro. David Main.

COMMITTEE ON THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

W. Bros. James McNichol, Jr., G. Hudson Flewelling, and
J. Alfred Clark.

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

Resolved, That the circulars from the newly constituted Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Wyoming Territory, and the report of the organization of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, be referred to the committee on relations with sister grand lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge be appointed to take place on to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That grand lodge go into consideration of the amendments to the book of constitutions, proposed in the report of the board of general purposes.

All the propositions of the board were thereupon considered separately, and were all adopted by grand lodge, with the exception of the first, having reference to a change in the time of holding the annual communication of grand lodge, which was negatived.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the amendments just adopted be incorporated with and become a part of the constitution of this grand lodge.

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

Resolved, That the grand secretary be authorized to have a new edition of the constitution printed, to contain all amendments and alterations up to the present time.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

23rd September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at three o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

R. W. Bro. Willis, from Committee on Relations with other Grand Lodges, submitted a report, which, on motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, was received, and the recommendations adopted.

Report of Committee on Relations with other
Grand Lodges.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 23rd, 1875.

The Committee on the Relations with other Grand Lodges respectfully report :

That having had under consideration the memorials of the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Wyoming Territory, and finding that the proceedings in each case have been regular and in accordance with the usages of the fraternity, they recommend the said grand lodges to recognition by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and suggest that fraternal communication be established by an immediate exchange of representatives.

Your committee have also examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, and while they consider that these indicate that the affairs of the fraternity in the jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily, still, in the absence of a formal application, they do not feel justified in recommending either recognition or an exchange of representatives at the present time.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
HENRY DUFFELL,
ROBERT GILMOUR.

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

Resolved, That the question of a FUNERAL SERVICE for this jurisdiction, as suggested in the report of the board of general purposes, be referred to the board for its consideration.

W. Bro. McNichol, from the Committee on the FUND OF BENEVOLENCE, submitted a report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., was received and adopted, and the amount recommended by the committee ordered to be appropriated from the funds of grand lodge.

Report of Committee on Fund of Benevolence.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1875.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the most worshipful grand master at the opening of this session of the grand lodge as relates to the existence of a charity fund, to be styled the Fund of Benevolence, for the relief of poor and distressed brethren, or the widows and orphans of deceased brethren in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, beg to report as follows :

The committee fully agree with the suggestion of the grand master in reference to the advisability of creating such a fund, and would recommend to grand lodge that the sum of two hundred dollars mentioned by him be appropriated from the funds of grand lodge for such purposes.

Your committee would also suggest that grand lodge annually supplement this vote by such amounts as the funds of grand lodge will warrant.

Your committee, while recognizing the importance of this Charity Fund, do not feel warranted in recommending a larger sum, in consequence of the monetary engagements entered into by grand lodge in connection with the contemplated masonic hall.

Your committee would further recommend that the board of general purposes be requested to appeal to the members of the craft in this jurisdiction for donations to the above fund.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,
G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,
J. ALFRED CLARK.

W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, from Committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted a further report, which, on motion, was received; and the several suggestions and recommendations adopted.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1874

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom the address of the most worshipful grand master was referred, having carefully considered the subjects not already referred to special committees, beg to submit a further report.

Your committee would recommend that the question of the salary to be paid the grand secretary should be dealt with by the grand lodge, and an amount fixed which would be permanent.

Your committee fully agree with the advice and decisions which have been given by the most worshipful grand master during the year on the various questions which have been submitted to him.

Your committee also concur in the remarks of the most worshipful grand master in reference to the physical qualifications of candidates, and trust that masters of subordinate lodges will more fully realize the responsibility which rests upon them in this matter.

Your committee cordially agree with the most worshipful grand master in his remarks in reference to masonic burial.

Your committee recommend that grand lodge should further consider the regulation adopted by it at last annual communication, in reference to the production of a grand lodge certificate as a pre-requisite for examination from brothers hailing from a foreign jurisdiction.

Your committee would recommend to grand lodge the serious consideration of that portion of the address of the most worshipful grand master in reference to lodges of instruction. The committee are decidedly of opinion that authority cannot be given by any private lodge to hold a lodge of instruction outside of the hall or room in which the regular meetings of the lodge are held.

In reference to permission to apply for initiation abroad, the most worshipful grand master has handed to the committee for their information an application from three gentlemen residing in Forest City, New Brunswick, for permission to join a lodge in the State of Maine. The committee do not desire to make any special recommendation to grand lodge or the grand master in this matter, but would suggest that each individual case, as it rises, should be dealt with by the grand master and his advisers—the board of general purposes—as the circumstances may seem to warrant.

Your committee congratulate grand lodge upon the very satisfactory condition of the craft within the jurisdiction.

Your committee, in closing their report, desire most cordially to endorse the able and interesting address of the most worshipful grand master.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
W. F. DIBBLEE,
H. J. THORNE,
Committee.

It was moved by the R. W. the Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the grand master's address, the grand secretary be paid a salary of four hundred dollars.

It was moved by W. Bro. Henry J. Thorne, and seconded by R. W. Bro. William F. Dibblee:

That grand lodge re-consider the regulation adopted at the last annual communication, requiring all visitors to lodges to produce a certificate of a grand lodge previous to undergoing an examination.

Which motion was negatived.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That lodges of instruction shall be held only in the regular place of meeting of the lodges under whose authority they may be authorized to work.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING.

23rd September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that he had appointed the Very Worshipful Brother Geo. F. Newcomb of Winnipeg, to represent this Grand Lodge near the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. Peters, from the Committee on the HONORED DEAD, presented a report, which, on motion of the R. W. the Senior Grand Warden, was received, and the recommendations and resolution of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on the Honored Dead.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master in remembrance of the honored dead, submit their report:

Your committee are in cordial sympathy with the feeling and eloquent tribute of regret offered by the M. W. the Grand Master to the memory of the distinguished and eminent brothers who, from sister grand lodges and from our own jurisdiction, have passed to rest since the last annual communication of this grand lodge.

Your committee recommend that a suitable memorial page be prepared and published with the proceedings of this grand lodge in memory of R. W. Brother William P. Flewelling, Past Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, as an expression of fraternal regard for a brother alike eminent, venerated and beloved.

With special reference to the death of M. W. Brother William Mercer Wilson, your committee submit for the consideration of grand lodge this resolution: "*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick offers fraternal sympathy to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada on the lamented death of M. W. Brother William Mercer Wilson, late grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and joins in the deep sorrow felt by the whole fraternity in the Dominion at the loss sustained by the craft in the demise of an illustrious and distinguished mason."

Your committee recommend that grand lodge adopt this resolution of condolence, and that the same be engrossed and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Canada under the seal of this grand lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS,
CHAS. F. BOURNE,
DAVID MAIN.

Committee Rooms, Masonic Hall, 23rd Sept., A. D. 1875.

The time appointed for the election of the elective officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year having arrived, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That grand lodge proceed with the order of the day.

The Grand Master said:

R. W. Senior Grand Warden and Brethren:

Before any nomination is made for the office of grand master, I desire to say what is, no doubt, well known to many of you: that it is not my intention to be again a candidate for the position of grand master, which your kindness has enabled me to fill for a period of three years. While the many requests that have been made to me not to act upon this intention fully satisfy me that your confidence is undiminished, I am warned by the pressure of my private affairs, by the increasing calls upon my time, by my duty to my family, that a period has arrived when I must rest from some of my masonic labors. Ever

since this grand lodge was organized I have been engaged in the discharge of some official duty in connection with it, and it is a great satisfaction to believe, as I do, that I retire from my present position enjoying the confidence and respect of all my brethren. In the discharge of the varied and important duties which devolve upon the grand master, I have aimed to be just and impartial in my decisions, careful to maintain the old landmarks, and to adhere to ancient practices; and I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren that a spirit of tolerance and kindness should pervade all their dealings with each other. When I have been called upon to act in any public capacity as grand master, my great aim has been to so place this institution before the public that its enemies would be disarmed, and the good feelings towards it of its friends deepened and strengthened. Whatever errors I have committed, I ask you to charge to that frailty of nature which is common to all men, and to cover them with the broad mantle of masonic charity. Whatever success I have met with in the discharge of my duties is due, under Divine Providence, first to the deep and warm feelings which I entertain for the Masonic Society, to whose capacity for good works I bear hearty testimony; and, second, to your own co-operation and support given to me in my official station, and to your many personal kindnesses shown to me in every station, which has made my occupancy of this chair a real and heartfelt pleasure—one which I shall always keep fresh in memory, and always think of with deep satisfaction.

W. Bros. Edwin J. Wetmore, Henry Duffell and Adolphus G. Beckwith were then appointed and qualified to act as scrutineers.

The regulations of Grand Lodge, relative to the election of officers, having been read by the Grand Secretary, the following brethren were nominated and elected, viz.:

ROBERT T. CLINCH, M. W. Grand Master.
 WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 G. HUDSON FLEWELLING, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 DAVID MAIN, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, . . . V. W. Grand Chaplain.
 WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, V. W. Grand Treasurer.
 DINGEE SCRIBNER, W. Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in a few appropriate remarks, called the attention of Grand Lodge to the services rendered the Craft by V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, representative at this grand lodge of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, and formerly Junior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge under England, and he proposed that grand lodge should mark its estimation of these services by conferring past rank on those brothers. He recommended that the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden should be conferred on Bro. Bunting, and that of Past Junior Grand Warden on Bro. Wetmore.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That, in response to the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden be conferred on V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting.

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

Resolved, That, in response to the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred on W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the installation of the officers of grand lodge take place to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That grand lodge proceed to the consideration of the resolution deferred from the last annual communication, viz.:

Resolved, That while, in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the craft to prevent lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a by-law, providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual

election in their lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office."

Which resolution, on motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, was adopted and confirmed by grand lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

24th September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at ten o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

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

Resolved, That in consequence of the serious losses sustained by the brethren of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, in their attempts to erect a suitable hall at Newcastle, grand lodge donate the sum of fifty dollars to assist them in finishing the building now in course of erection.

The hour appointed for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master elect, M. W. Brother Robert Thomson Clinch, was obligated, invested and installed by his predecessor, R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis and was thereupon saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :

- V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, . . . Grand Secretary.
- W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., . . . Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. CHARLES F. BOURNE, . . . Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, . . . Grand Dir. Ceremonies.

- W. EDWIN A. RECORD, Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
- W. EDWARD L. WETMORE, Grand Sword Bearer.
- W. ROBERT GILMOUR, Grand Standard Bearer.
- W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
- W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Pursuivant.
- W. CHAS. McLAUCHLAN, Jr., Grand Steward.
- W. JAMES GORDON FORBES, "
- W. GEORGE KILNAPP, "
- W. SAMUEL EDGETT, "
- W. JOHN C. LEONARD, "
- W. WILLIAM A. TWEEDALE, "
- W. ROBERT A. STUART, "
- W. WILLIAM SHAUGHNESSY, "
- W. ERNEST HUTCHINSON, "
- W. GEORGE L. TAYLOR, "
- W. EDWIN M. WETMORE, "
- W. HENRY A. JOHNSON, "

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz. :

- R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE, Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING, Senior Grand Warden.
- R. W. DAVID MAIN, Junior Grand Warden.
- V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, Grand Chaplain.
- R. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, Grand Treasurer.
- R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
- W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon.
- W. CHARLES F. BOURNE, Junior Grand Deacon.
- W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
- W. HENRY CARD, Grand Organist.
- W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Pursuivant.
- W. CHAS. McLAUCHLAN, Jr., Grand Steward.
- Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz:

R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, Past Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. EDWARD WILLIS, " "
 R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON, Past Senior Grand Warden.
 R. W. W. H. A. KEANS, " "
 W. JAMES McNICHOL, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon.
 W. HENRY DUFFELL, Past Grand Pursuivant.
 W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, Grand Director Ceremonies.
 W. J. ALFRED CLARK, Past Master Lodge No. 8.
 W. JOHN MULLIN, Past G. Standard Bearer.
 W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL, Past Senior Grand Deacon.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That a Ritual Committee be appointed.

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:

M. W. Robert T. Clinch; R. W. B. Lester Peters; R. W. John V. Ellis; R. W. William F. Bunting; W. Henry Duffell and W. T. Nisbet Robertson.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M. and

Resolved, That a Library Committee be appointed.

Whereupon, R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, and W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., were appointed such committee.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be accorded the committee on credentials for the very careful and efficient manner in which they have performed the onerous duties entrusted to them.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That at each annual communication of grand lodge, the M. W. the Grand Master shall appoint a Ritual Committee and a Library Committee.

All business having been disposed of, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form, and with solemn prayer.

*Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy.*

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1874.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded.	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,.....	4	5	5	4	....	1	....	2	174
2	Saint John's,.....	12	10	11	3	....	6	7	1	180
3	Hibernia,.....	3	5	5	1	....	2	....	2	142
4	Sussex,*.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23
5	Saint Mark's,.....	3	6	8	5	....	1	12	....	73
6	Solomon's,.....	6	6	5	....	....	14	....	....	71
7	Sussex,.....	10	9	9	4	....	3	19	1	87
8	Carleton Union,.....	6	6	4	1	....	3	....	2	131
9	Midian,.....	3	4	5	....	....	....	....	....	29
10	Union of Portland,.....	22	18	15	....	....	1	....	3	187
11	Woodstock,.....	10	9	11	3	....	....	....	1	70
12	Saint George,.....	11	11	10	3	1	....	....	3	119
13	Corinthian,.....	1	1	....	....	....	1	2	1	28
14	Alley,.....	2	5	5	....	....	1	8	1	53
15	Howard,.....	5	3	4	....	....	....	....	....	58
16	Saint Andrew,.....	3	3	6	....	....	1	....	....	64
17	Northumberland,.....	7	6	6	1	....	2	....	1	78
18	Miramichi,.....	3	3	3	....	1	1	....	3	62
19	Leinster,.....	7	9	12	2	....	....	5	1	79
20	Salisbury,.....	3	1	2	2	1	....	1	....	38
21	Zion,.....	6	3	4	2	....	1	....	1	48
22	New Brunswick,.....	4	6	8	1	....	2	....	....	90
23	Keith,.....	6	5	7	1	....	....	....	2	64
24	Zetland,.....	2	1	2	1	....	2	....	....	34
25	Restigouche,.....	3	5	5	....	....	6	....	....	61
26	Victoria,.....	6	6	6	1	....	1	....	1	68
27	Saint John,.....	....	2	4	....	....	3	....	2	39
28	Lebanon,.....	1	2	2	....	....	2	2	....	21
29	Saint Andrew's,.....	5	5	6	1	....	....	1	1	51
30	Saint Martin's,.....	7	6	5	3	....	....	....	1	38
Total,.....		161	161	175	39	3	54	57	30	2209

* No return from this lodge.

In Memory of

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

William P. Newelling,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,

WHO DIED AT CLIFTON, KING'S COUNTY,

the 26th day of March, A. D. 1875,

AGED 68 YEARS.

"A man of large human sympathies and kind heart."

—Grand Master's Address.

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the Names and
Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,.....	Daniel Sayre,.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas,.....	Luke E. Barber,.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia,....	Coote M. Chambers, ..	Victoria, V. I.
California,.....	Alexander G. Abell, ..	San Francisco.
Canada,.....	John J. Mason,.....	Hamilton.
Colorado,.....	Ed. C. Parmelee,.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut,.....	Joseph K. Wheeler, ..	Hartford.
Delaware,.....	William S. Hayes,....	Wilmington
District of Columbia, ..	William A. Yates,....	Washington.
England,.....	John Hervey,.....	London.
Florida,.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins, ..	Jacksonville.
France,,.....	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,.....	J. Emmett Blackshear, ..	Macon.
Idaho,.....	Joseph Pinkham,	Boise City.
Illinois,.....	John F. Burrill,.....	Springfield.
Indiana,.....	John M. Bramwell, ..	Indianapolis.
Iowa,.....	Theodore S. Parvin, ..	Iowa City.
Ireland,.....	Samuel B. Oldham, ..	Dublin.
Kansas,.....	John H. Brown,.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,.....	J. M. S. McCorkle, ..	Louisville.
Louisiana,.....	James C. Batchelor, ..	New Orleans.
Maine,.....	Ira Berry,.....	Portland.
Manitoba,.....	John H. Bell,.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland,.....	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,.....	Charles H. Titus,	Boston.
Michigan,.....	Foster Pratt,.....	Kalamazoo.
Minnesota,.....	Edwin D. B. Porter, ..	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,.....	J. L. Power,.....	Jackson.
Missouri,.....	Geo. Frank Gouley, ..	St. Louis.
Montana,.....	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,.....	William R. Bowen, ..	Omaha.

Nevada,.....Samuel W. Chubbuck,Gold Hill.
 New Hampshire,....John A. Harris,.....Concord.
 New Jersey,.....Joseph H. Hough,.....Trenton.
 New York,.....James M. Austin,....New York.
 North Carolina,.....Donald W. Bain,....Raleigh.
 Nova Scotia,.....Benjamin Curren,....Halifax.
 Ohio,.....John D. Caldwell,....Cincinnati.
 Oregon,.....R. P. Earhart,.....Salem.
 Pennsylvania,.....John Thomson,.....Philadelphia.
 Prince Edward Island, B. Wilson Higgs,....Charlottetown.
 Quebec,.....John H. Isaacson,....Montreal.
 Rhode Island,.....Edwin Baker,.....Providence.
 Scotland,.....John Lawrie,.....Edinburgh.
 South Carolina,.....Charles Inglesby,....Charleston.
 Tennessee,.....John Frizzell,.....Nashville.
 Texas,.....George H. Bringhurst, Houston.
 Utah,.....Christopher Diehl,....Salt Lake City.
 Vermont,.....Henry Clark,.....Rutland.
 Virginia,.....John Dove,.....Richmond.
 Washington,.....Thomas M. Reed,....Olympia.
 West Virginia,.....Odell S. Long,.....Wheeling.
 Wisconsin,.....John W. Woodhull,....Milwaukee.
 Wyoming,.....John K. Jeffrey,.....Cheyenne.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
 in Sister Grand Lodges.

Canada,.....Aldis Bernard,.....Montreal.
 England,.....Brackstone Baker,....London.
 Iowa,.....Rev. W. W. Estabrooks, ———
 Louisiana,.....Edwin Marks,.....New Orleans.
 Maine,.....Denison E. Seymour, Calais.
 Manitoba,.....Geo. F. Newcomb,....Winnipeg.
 Michigan,.....D. Burnham Tracy, ..Detroit.

Minnesota,.....James N. Castle,.....Stillwater.
 Missouri,.....Geo. Frank Gouley,....St. Louis.
 Nebraska,.....Edwin A. Allen,.....Omaha.
 New Jersey,.....Daniel B. Bruen,....Newark.
 Nova Scotia,.....William Taylor,.....Halifax.
 Quebec,.....Henry M. Alexander, Montreal.
 Scotland,.....Alexander Hay,.....Edinburgh.
 Tennessee,.....George S. Blackie,....Nashville.
 Texas,.....James F. Miller,.....Gonzales.
 Utah,.....Christopher Diehl,....Salt Lake City.

Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges in the Grand
 Lodge of New Brunswick.

Canada,.....John V. Ellis,.....Carleton.
 England,.....Robert T. Clinch,Saint John.
 Florida,.....B. Lester Peters,....Saint John.
 Iowa,.....Robert Marshall,.....Saint John.
 Louisiana,.....Edwin J. Wetmore, ..Carleton.
 Maine,.....David Brown,.....Saint Stephen.
 Manitoba,.....William F. Dibblee, ..Woodstock.
 Michigan,.....Benj. R. Stevenson, ..Saint Andrew's.
 Minnesota,.....Charles Ketchum,St. John.
 Missouri,.....William F. Bunting, ..Saint John.
 Nebraska,.....William Wedderburn, Hampton.
 New Jersey,.....Robert R. Call,Newcastle.
 Nova Scotia,.....B. Lester Peters,....Saint John.
 Prince Edward Island, G. Hudson Flewelling, Clifton.
 Quebec,.....Edward Willis,.....Saint John.
 Scotland,.....Robert Gowan,.....Fredericton.
 Tennessee,.....B. Lester Peters,....Saint John.
 Texas,.....David R. Munro,Portland.
 Utah,.....William F. Bunting, ..Saint John.
 Wyoming,.....David Main,.....Saint Stephen.

CONSTITUTION
AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE
ANTIENT 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 ANTIENT 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

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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 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 antient 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 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.
" "	"	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 Assistant Director of
"	"	Sword Bearer. [Ceremonies]
"	"	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 " " Wardens.

" Junior " " Warden.

" Past " " Wardens.

V. W. Grand Chaplain.

" Past " Chaplains.

" " Treasurer.

" Past " Treasurers.

" " Secretary.

" Past " Secretaries.

W. Senior Grand Deacon.

" Past " " Deacons.

" Junior " " Deacon.

" Past " " Deacons.

" Grand Director of Ceremonies.

" Past " Directors of Ceremonies.

" Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

" Past " Directors of Ceremonies.

" " Sword Bearer.

" Past " " Bearers.

" " Standard Bearer.

" Past " " Bearers.

" " Organist.

" Past " Organists.

" " 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 antient 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 antient 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 antient 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 antient 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. Should the grand master deem it desirable, he may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent grand lodge in any sister grand lodge with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication, and report such appointment to grand lodge at the earliest opportunity. 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 pre-

sent, 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 antient 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, if present, 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, if present, 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, if present, invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand treasurer shall give bonds, with two sureties, to the M. W. the 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.

OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The grand secretary shall be appointed and, if present, 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 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, if present, 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, past grand masters entitled to seats in grand lodge, the 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.

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 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 can not expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to the 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 accounts against the grand lodge, and, if found correct, may order their payment.

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 Antient 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, a 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 antient usage; he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer into office.

3. A lodge, by its by-laws, may provide that the festival day of Saint John the Evangelist shall be a regular communication for the purpose of installing officers.

4. 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.

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 antient 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 privilege, 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; 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 city and county of Saint 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. 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 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 to 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 reinstatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues, the lodge reinstating 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. Should such returns and payments not be made at least four weeks prior to the annual communication of grand lodge, 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 have been 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. If 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 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 authorised 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 stead.

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 incapable 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, or 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 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 charac-

* The term *seafaring men* does not extend or apply to persons employed in vessels known as coasters, or in any vessels trading or plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America.

ter 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 of that lodge. If the lodge, whose permission is asked, consents thereto, it must be by resolution, and in writing, the members thereof having been previously notified of the application. Should such lodge refuse to give its consent, application may be made to the grand master, who may grant a dispensation. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction, half-way to the nearest lodge, except in a city or town where there are two or more lodges, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction.

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 as follows :

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 antient usages and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also declare that I have made ——— application for admission into another lodge.

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

Recommended by }
————— } (Sig.)
————— }

This declaration shall be read in open lodge and handed to the committee of investigation, who shall append their report thereon.

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 worshipful master 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 shall sign the by-laws of the lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of grand lodge, shall then be presented to him.

9. When an applicant who has been rejected in one lodge in this jurisdiction shall, after the expiration of six months, make application to another lodge for admission to the fraternity, the application may be received, but no ballot shall be taken thereon until the former lodge shall have been notified and shall have given its consent by resolution, certified by the master and secretary. The members of the lodge whose consent is asked must, previous to any action thereon, be notified of such application.

10. 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 personally 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 and 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, or it will not be valid.

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 one dollar, 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 the members of other lodges to attend, 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 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.

FEEES.

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, two dollars, to include registration fee and certificate.

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 toward 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.

The grand master.....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.

Past grand masters.....A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy grand master.....The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

Past deputy grand masters.....The compasses and square only.

Senior grand warden.....The level.

Junior grand warden.....The plumb.

Grand chaplain.....A book within a triangle.

Grand treasurer.....A chased key.

Grand secretary.....Cross-pens with a tie.

Grand deacons.....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 Antient 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 of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior warden.....The level.

Junior warden.....The plumb.

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

<i>Treasurer</i>	The key.
<i>Secretary</i>	The cross pens.
<i>Deacons</i>	The dove.
<i>Director of ceremonies</i>	The cross rods.
<i>Organist</i>	The lyre.
<i>Inner guard</i>	The cross swords.
<i>Stewards</i>	The cornucopia.
<i>Tyler</i>	The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

COLLARS.

<i>Of lodges</i>	To be light-blue ribbon, four inches broad ; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon.
<i>Of the grand lodge</i>	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, present and past.—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 pomegranate 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 ceremonies 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 Antient 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 antient 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., 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 these occasions, but not proper to be written; and the grand master constitutes the lodge in antient 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 antient 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, that are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate 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 antient 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.