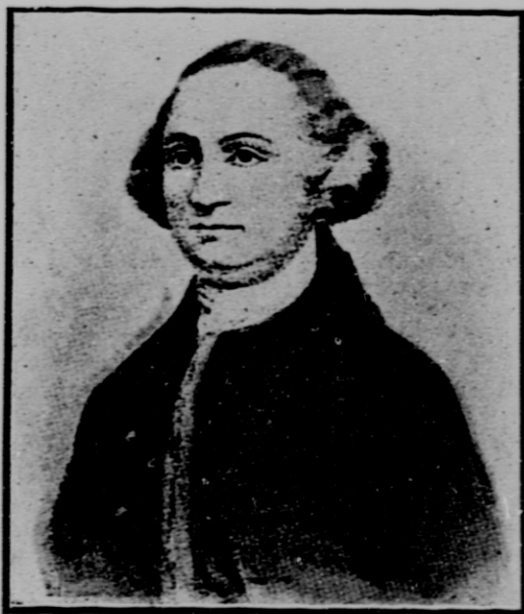


Lodge in Boston, on July 30th, 1733, which immediately granted a warrant to the First Lodge (St. John's Lodge), in Boston, today the oldest existing lodge in the New World.

Captain Erasmus James Philips, of Annapolis Royal, N. S., was made a Mason in this Lodge, Nov. 14th, 1737. (O. S.) along with J. Sheriff, also of Annapolis Royal, Commissioners to settle the boundaries of Massachusetts and Rhode



Henry Price.

Prov. Grand Master, New England, 1733.

Island. On their return to Annapolis in 1738, they established a lodge of which Philips was first Master, and which was the first on Canadian soil and fourth in order of precedence of the lodges chartered from Massachusetts.

The records of St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts have the following entry under date of Dec. 24th, 1740:

"Omitted in place, That Our Rt. Worsh'l Grand Master, Mr. Price, granted a Deputation at Ye Petition of