

nor Lawrence. On this evening Lord Colvill, a distinguished naval officer and afterwards prominent in social and Masonic life in Boston, where the duties of his profession soon led him, was initiated Entered Apprentice. Other prominent residents of the town followed in his wake, and the lodge flourished. In the following March another lodge was founded in Halifax, and the existence and success of the Craft in the province became established on a sound footing.

The brethren celebrated the first anniversary of St. John the Baptist in Halifax by a Masonic procession to the Governor's house, thence to church—all clothed in mourning on account of the recent death of the M. W. Bro. the Prince of Wales, eldest son of King George the Second.

Hon. Edward Cornwallis, as the first W. M. of the first Halifax lodge, deserves special mention. His marked ability as both soldier and administrator made him prominent in these important capacities; and as a Mason he is entitled to our homage and respect. He had in 1748 established and been Master of the lodge of the 20th Regiment of the British Army—now the Lancashire Fusiliers—warranted as No. 63 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and afterwards known as "Minden" Lodge, in honor of the great victory of that name in which the 20th took so large a part. Next year, 1749, he was seconded from active military service to be leader of the expedition to found the town of Halifax, and was succeeded in the 20th by James Wolfe, the hero of Louisbourg and Quebec. Records of Cornwallis' further career in this province are scant; but his zeal must have burned brightly, for we know that soon after leaving Nova Scotia he became for a third time the founder of a lodge, being that of the 24th Regiment, warranted as No. 426 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. It seems strange that so great a name in the annals of our Craft has not been perpetuated in any lodge now existing in this Jurisdiction. In 1786 there was a charter granted to Cornwallis Lodge No. 15, to meet in Halifax, a lodge which included in its members some of the most distinguished and honored names of our early citizens, such as Salter, Binney and Murdoch; but it surrendered its privileges in the early years of the next century. There exists therefore, an excellent opportunity for any incoming lodge to work under one of the greatest names in both our Masonic and Provincial history.

As we have seen the first lodge in Halifax—the second in Nova Scotia—was warranted in July, 1750. The lodge instituted at Annapolis Royal ten or twelve years earlier had

