

Director of Ceremonies; R. P. Stephens, Almoner; John Fisher, Sub-Marshal, (Expert); V. E. Sir Knight Fred. J. Menet, First Standard Bearer; Sir Knights, A. S. Irving, Second Standard Bearer; J. B. Nixon, Capt. of Guards; James Adams, First Pursuivant, (Herald); John Ross Robertson, Second Pursuivant; John L. Dixon, Guard. Sir Knight George Hopkins, the Eminent Preceptor elect of St. John the Almoner Preceptory, Whitby, was by request, at the same time duly installed by the same Sir Knights.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE 21st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada, will be held at the new By-Ward Market Hall in the city of Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 12th Inst., at the hour of High Twelve.

The following notices of motions were given at the last Annual Communication:

By V. W. Bro. F. J. Menet,—That Article 7, "of Fees," in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out all after the words "jurisdiction of a Lodge," and inserting therefor the words "Two Dollars;" also, that Article 1, "of Constituting a New Lodge," the words following: "and in case of there being more than two Lodges in the nearest jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of the said Lodges."

By W. Bro. Wm. Forbes,—That the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters, be paid by this Grand Lodge, by allowing a certain amount for each Lodge.

By R. W. Bro. S. Woods,—That the clause of the Constitution relating to "constituting a new Lodge" be amended by inserting after the words "nearest Lodge," the following: "Except in cases of an application from a village, town, or city, when the consent of all the local lodges having concurrent jurisdiction shall first be obtained."

By R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi,—That Article 17, "of the Grand Lodge" be amended by striking out the words "at which the place of holding the next Communication shall be decided" and inserting in place thereof the words "in the City of Toronto."

By R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens,—That Article 10 "of the Grand Lodge" be amended by inserting the following clause between the words "before Grand Lodge" and "and no alteration," namely:—"or unless notice of motion of such amendment be given in writing to the Grand Secretary, at least one month before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and such notice be inserted in the Summons for such Annual Communication," also that Article 1 "of proposing members" be amended by inserting next after the words "the next stated Lodge meeting" the words "and in all cases held not less than four weeks from the date of the application."

By W. Bro. Wm. Norris,—That Article 1, "of the Grand Lodge," be amended by striking out the word "Canada," and inserting in place thereof, the word "Ontario," and that all verbal alterations in the Book of Constitution consequent upon the adoption of this resolution, be made immediately thereafter.

By W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell,—That Article 2, "of Honorary Members," be amended by adding thereto, the words following: "but if an Honorary Member does not attend a meeting of the Lodge for a space of three years, or give satisfactory reasons for his absence, he may be suspended from Honorary Membership by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge;" also,—That Article 8, "of the Grand Lodge," be amended by striking out all after the words "any Communication of Grand Lodge," and inserting in place thereof, the words "any Past Master of the Lodge duly returned may represent the Lodge, the immediate P. M. to take precedence."

By W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, or W. Bro. Wm. Hayden,—That the Book of Constitution be so amended as to provide that all routine business in private Lodges be done in the third degree, instead of the first as at present.

By R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns,—That the Toronto District be divided into two Districts, the counties of York and Peel to constitute the Toronto District, and the counties of Simcoe and Grey to constitute a New District, to be named the Georgian District.

By R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves,—That the Toronto and Ontario Districts be reconstituted, so as to make three or more out of the two Districts, or otherwise to divide either or both of them.

The Board of General Purposes will meet at the Masonic Hall, Rideau Street, on Monday the 10th Inst., at noon.