

Privileges of said Lodge and of Masonry in General he having given sufficient satisfaction for his formerly disorderly conduct to said Lodge."

Another instance of "the full rigor of the law" is to be found in the minutes of 1801 where it is recorded that Bros. John King, John Livingston, Chas. Dunbrack and Thos. Kinnear applied for leave to withdraw to join Union Lodge No. 1. A resolution was thereupon passed unanimously declaring it "highly improper, unconstitutional and injurious to Masonry, to suffer any number of Masons to withdraw from one Lodge and join another under frivolous pretensions."

"The members (of this Lodge) are at present by no means too numerous, a number of which consisting of old infirm and seafaring Brethren." The resolution went on to refer to "repeated instances of disrespect and unmasonic conduct of the applicants aforesaid" and concluded with an emphatic censure on the four members. Three of the Brethren got their way in the end, and by severally withdrawing at successive meetings they all got outside the Lodge within a few months.

May 29, 1802 a member suspended for intoxication until such time as the lodge is convinced his conduct merits re-admission.

**Other Notes.** In Jan., 1809, the Lodge considered a plan submitted by St. John's Lodge for raising a fund for the education of orphan children of poor Brethren; the plan was approved and recommended and for many years afterwards we find recorded the election of a member of the Lodge to "the School Committee."

One feature of Masonic life in this period was the effort made to improve the "work" and educate the Craft.

On May 5th, 1807 it is recorded that the D. G. M. (John Geo. Pyke) proposed to attend at Freemasons' Hall at 7. 30 p. m. every Wednesday "for the purpose of giving instructions to such Brethren as wish to avail themselves of the opportunity."

On Jan. 5th, 1808 a letter was read from Grand Lodge enclosing a resolution "That the Master of every Lodge in Halifax is hereby enjoined to deliver a lecture in one of the degrees of Masonry or cause it to be done by some capable Brother on every regular night of meeting."