

Brothers N. I. Neustadt,
 E. C. Holden,
 M. W. Walitt,
 A. C. Campbell,
 A. G. Richardson,
 Rev. Thos. Somerville,
 R. H. Adams,
 J. E. Hunt,
 P. J. Hall,
 J. R. Stewart,
 H. B. W. Alkman,

and perhaps others.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been called to order the Provincial Grand Master addressed the Brethren briefly, stating that he had already granted dispensations for the formation of two Lodges—Carlboo, at Barkersville, subsequently warranted as No. 460, and Caledonia, at Nanaimo, which afterwards obtained a warrant numbered 47. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his officers, who were as follows:—

R. W. Bro.	Norton I. Neustadt.	Provincial Deputy Grand Master
W. "	R. H. Adams....	Provincial Senior Grand Warden
" "	J. E. Hunt.....	Provincial Junior Grand Warden
" "	J. R. Stewart.....	Provincial Grand Treasurer
" "	A. G. Richardson....	Provincial Grand Secretary
" "	Rev. T. Somerville....	Provincial Grand Chaplain
" "	A. C. Campbell....	Provincial Senior Grand Deacon
" "	E. C. Holden.....	Provincial Junior Grand Deacon
" "	H. B. W. Alkman....	Provincial Grand Sword Bearer
" "	P. J. Hall.....	Provincial Grand Tyler

The Brethren of the English Constitution had, at an early date in their history, endeavoured to secure the appointment of a District Grand Master, and at various times had passed resolutions and had sent petitions to the Grand Lodge of England urging such appointment. For some time, however, the Grand Master of England hesitated to grant the request. The reason at first given was that no District Grand Master would be appointed until there were at least three Lodges in the Colony working under the English Constitution. This difficulty was removed early in 1866 when Nanaimo Lodge was warranted. In July, 1867, British Columbia Lodge was warranted, making the number of English Lodges four, but still no patent was granted. Shortly before that date, however, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland had as already mentioned, appointed a Provincial Grand Master for the Colony, and the Grand Lodge of England may have feared that the precedence so carefully reserved by Victoria Lodge was in danger of being lost, for in the fall of 1867 a patent dated 10th of September, 1867, was issued to W. Brother Robert Burnaby, appointing him District Grand Master for the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

Although dated as above it is probable that the patent was not received by Brother Burnaby until early in 1868 as it was not until the spring of that year that he communicated the fact that he had received the patent to several Brethren. A meeting was held at his residence on the 14th of March, 1868, to make the preliminary arrangements for the formation of a District Grand Lodge, the following Brethren being present: