

HISTORY.

The organization of this, the oldest Chapter in Canada West, took place at the Freemason's Tavern, then standing on the corner of King and Barrack Streets, Kingston, on the 7th of June, A.D. 1797, under and by virtue of the warrant granted on the 20th of November, A.D. 1795, by the Right Worshipful William Jarvis, Grand Master of the Province of Upper Canada, to Lodge No. 6, on the Provincial Registry, Craft Lodges at that period assuming to themselves an inherent right and power to hold a Chapter and confer the degree of Holy Royal Arch Mason, as is evident from the preamble, to that effect declaratory, to "the revised Rules and Regulations of the Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter, confirmed at a Grand Chapter, held at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, London, on the 6th of April, A.D. 1791." And indeed so intimately connected was this Chapter with Lodge No. 6 that, at a convocation held on the 15th of February, A.D. 1806, a charge was preferred against a Companion member "for unmasonic conduct, in striving to separate the Holy Royal Arch Chapter from the body of No. 6."

It is worthy of remark that until A.D. 1809 the three Chiefs or Principals were styled respectively H.P., S.K.I., H.K.T., and those degrees termed the intermediate were not even then considered necessary previous to exaltation. In the fifth and eighteenth Sections of the By-