

At the regular meeting on the 13th January, 1824, held at Bro. George Ridout's, "Bro. Billings, a Master Mason, was admitted a member of this lodge without petition, ballot or payment of fees, being a transient brother, and not having been solicited to subscribe towards our petition for a warrant at the time this lodge was constituted." For this departure from the By-laws there does not seem to have been any sound reason, save that the name of Bro. F. T. Billings may have been omitted from the petition for the dispensation presented to R.W. Bro. McGillivray in September, 1822. Bro. Billings was afterwards the Treasurer of the Home District, and resided on Lot Street (now Queen Street West). This was the last meeting held at Bro. George Ridout's house, for at the regular meeting, on the 10th March, 1824, the minutes state that the lodge met "in the new lodge room, York, U.C.". This doubtless had reference to the Masonic Hall in Market Lane (Colborne Street) that had been erected by Royal Arch Lodge, No. 16, in the year 1819.

The lodge was considered to be in a flourishing condition at this period, for, on the 24th January, 1824, Bro. B. Turquand, writing to Bro. John Dean, from York, amongst other matters says of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1: "Our lodge flourishes. Bro. Hagerman and Bro. Sherwood, Speaker of the House, have joined us during this session."

Owing to the extremely bad weather there was no lodge meeting in February. At the meeting