

written in it, have long since gone to their reward. On the foundation they laid you have builded. The rough ashlar brought from the quarries by your apprentices have been hewn, polished and placed in position by faithful craftsmen. How well they performed their labor eternity itself must reveal. This is a red letter day in the history of the craft on Prince Edward Island. This is not only the centennial of St. John's Lodge, it is also the centennial of the regular establishment of masonry in this Province.

A number of Masons belonging to a military regiment stationed in this city held masonic meetings under authority from a lodge at Halifax, dated 29th May, 1781. One of the Grand Lodges in England was requested to issue a Charter to this Military Lodge, but for some reason it was never granted, and not until 1797, when St. John's Lodge obtained this venerable document, which now, Worshipful Master, I return to you, was Masonry a lawfully organized body in this colony.

Worshipful Sir, I return to you the original Charter of St. John's Lodge, safely keep it, and sacredly guard it as the most precious Relic of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, and I would, as Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, request you to add these words to your installation service when installing your successor:

"And now, Worshipful Sir, I entrust to your keeping the original Charter of St. John's Lodge. This sacred relic which I received from my predecessor I now place in your hands, and I charge you to preserve it with religious care, and when your mastership terminates, deliver it to your successor with this charge with which you now receive it."

This addition to your Installation Service will be another mark on your century milestone.

The request made by some of your members at the last communication of Grand Lodge, to