

The preliminary meetings for the organization of St. Andrew's Lodge, before it was duly constituted, were held at Bro. Sir William Campbell's residence, Duke Street, just opposite Frederick Street, York (Toronto).

On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th December, 1822, the first recorded minutes of the Lodge show the lodge assembled at 12 o'clock, noon, for constitution. The meeting place is not mentioned, but it was probably held either at Jordan's Hotel, King Street East, near Princess Street, or at the Ontario House, afterwards the Wellington Hotel, on the north-west corner of Church and Market (Wellington Streets).

R.W. Bro. James Fitzgibbon, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided at the constitution of the lodge at its first meeting. The usual opening ceremony having been concluded, W. Bro. Sir William Campbell was installed W.M., after which the following officers were severally inducted and invested into their respective positions : Bros. Thomas Ridout, S.W. ; John Henry Dunn, J.W. ; John Beikie, Treasurer ; Bernard Turquand, Secretary ; Thomas Fitzgerald, S.D. ; and George Hillier, J.D.

A resolution was passed whereby the lodge was to meet "on the Wednesday next preceding each and every full moon, and also on the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, in each and every year, at which stated meetings no summons is considered