

All Master Masons in good standing in attendance were permitted to be present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following order of business was adopted :—

1. Grand Lodge will be opened at 10 A.M.
2. Minutes of last Annual Meeting will be read.
3. Representatives from Sister Grand Lodges will be received.
4. Grand Master will deliver his Address.
5. Grand Secretary will present his Report.
6. Grand Treasurer will present his Report.
7. Dis. Dep. Grand Masters will present their several Reports.
8. Reports from different Standing Committees will be received.
9. Election and Appointment of Grand Officers at 8 P.M.
10. Reports from Special Committees will be received.
11. Installation of Grand Officers-elect.
12. Unfinished business.
13. Grand Lodge will be closed.

The rules and regulations governing Grand Lodge during its time of business were read by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of the last Annual Communication, when it was

Moved by R. Wor. Bro Russell, seconded by R. Wor. Bro. John Renshaw,

“That the minutes of the proceedings of this grand lodge at its 16th annual communication, having been printed and distributed amongst the several subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, the same shall be considered as having been read, and they are hereby confirmed.

The motion was carried *nem con.*

At this period of the proceedings R. Wor. Bro. Alfred J. Hall, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont entered Grand Lodge, and was introduced by M. Wor. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler and R. Wor. Bro. I. H. Stearns, to the M. Wor. Grand Master by whom he was welcomed, and presented to Grand Lodge. The illustrious Brother received a warm greeting by the assembled brethren, which he acknowledged, in the following words :—

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC :

“ Although in a foreign country and jurisdiction, I assure you that I feel much at home among Quebec Masons and in this Grand Lodge.

I shall remember with pride and pleasure, as long as I remember anything, my fraternal acquaintance with the leading Masons of this jurisdiction,