

*"To the M. W. Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick :*

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the propensity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named ———; in consequence of this desire, we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at ———, in the county of ———, on the ——— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the grand lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother [A. B.] to be the first master, brother [C. D.] to be the first senior warden, and brother [E. F.] to be the first junior warden of the said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the grand master and the laws and regulations of the grand lodge."

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens; or, in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore*.

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge according to the antient usages of masons :

A lodge is duly formed, and after prayer, an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The grand master is then informed by the grand secretary or acting grand secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc., etc.

The minutes of the lodge, while under dispensation, are likewise read, and being approved, are declared regular and valid, and signed by the grand master. The grand master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form, an oration