

represented by its own newly installed officers and the celebration was generally prolonged into "the morning after." For example the minutes of Dec. 27th, 1804, record the installation of the officers for the year 1805 "after which the Lodge was adjourned until 4 o'clock when they dined in conjunction with the several Lodges in this town under the Grand Banner, and spent the evening with that conviviality and Brotherly Love which has ever distinguished the Craft." The old and infirm members were not forgotten on these occasions. In a letter from Bro. Fife (of St. John Lodge) to Bro. Joseph Peters, Grand Secretary, dated June 29th, 1791, referring to the St. John's Day dinner, he writes that "old Bro. Bayer's was to have his dinner sent him and a Bottle of Wine, but the Master of 155 neglected it and we thought he should have his Money returned." This probably refers to Bro. George Bayers, then a member of St. Andrew's.

Naval Character of the Lodge. Beginning about 1793 we find a very large number of the members of the Lodge belonging to the Navy. This perhaps was only to be expected in such times of naval activity, and we have in the last few years during the Great War, seen the same thing happen. Between 1793 and 1820 we find the Navy well represented. Some of the Navy's most famous ships entered the port in those days of world-wide war. Few of the members were permanent additions to the Lodge membership; they got their degrees, attended regularly while they could, but were obliged to drop out after perhaps a few months because of transfer to other parts of the Empire. It must be remembered that from 1787 to 1803, Royal Navy Lodge, No. 18 worked side by side with St. Andrew's in Halifax and that St. John Lodge No. 211 (now No. 2) also included many of the senior service among its members.

Some of the most famous ships of the line mentioned in our minutes are the following: in 1796, the "Resolution" and "La Topaz"; in 1797, the "Rover", "Thetis", and "La Prevoyante"; in 1798, the "Spencer", "Porcupine", "Driver" "Dasher", "Andromeda", St. Albans" and "Thisbe"; in 1801, the "Pheasant"; in 1805, the "St. George"; in 1806, the "Tartar"; in 1810 the "Cleopatra," in 1811, the "Aeolus"; 1813, the "La Hogue"; in 1814, the "Leander"; in 1815, the "Ceylon"; in 1816, the "Opossum"; and "Niger"; and in 1819, the "Active."