

Mastership. Prince Frederick has been a Mason for fifty-three years, and still remains Protector to the Dutch Grand Lodge.

In the month of August, 1787, the Grand Lodge of Freemasons granted a warrant constituting the "Prince of Wales's Lodge (No. 259). Five years afterwards His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, then Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order, was pleased to nominate Gen. Hulse Deputy Master, and their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Clarence Wardens of the Lodge. Upon his Majesty's (George IV.) accession to the Throne a memorial was presented by the Lodge praying that it might be permitted to continue to enjoy the high honor of the Royal patronage. His Majesty graciously acceded to the request. Subsequently his Royal Highness the Duke of York was in due form installed into the Chair by his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, who was the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Duke of York filled the office of Worshipful Master with honor to the Lodge until his Royal Highness's decease. Upon this the Duke of Clarence became Master and was formally installed also by his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex at a special Lodge held at the Thatched House Tavern in February, 1828. In January, 1831, the Duke of Sussex, in obedience to the expressed wish of his Majesty, was installed into the chair of the Lodge, which his Royal Highness filled until his death in 1843. In 1830 the Earl of Rutland was initiated in this Lodge, which, as shown from the time of its constitution, has always been distinguished by its Royal and aristocratic membership. As stated, his Royal Highness William Henry Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV.; his Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York, his Royal Highness Augustus Frederick Duke of Sussex, Gen. Sir J. Doyle, Bart., the Earl of Wigtown, the Right Hon. Earl of Mountmorris, the Earl of Zetland, the Duke of Roxburghe, George Canning, the Right Hon. Lord Hawke, the Right Hon. Chas. A. Pelham, Lord Yarborough, Sir David Pollock, Right Hon. Lord Saltoun and Abernethy, the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere, the Duke of Beaufort, the Right Hon. Lord Rendlesham, and the present Earl of Yarborough were amongst other distinguished members of this Lodge. The Lodge, it will be seen, is eighty-seven years old, and during that long period it has always enjoyed a *status* which it promises to maintain for generations to come. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is the perpetual Master of the Lodge, and on Tuesday night was added to its list of members a name well known and honored by the public at large. Prince Arthur Patrick Albert, K. G., was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The ceremony, which took place at Willis's Rooms, was regarded with more than usual interest by those who witnessed it, from the fact of the initiation having been performed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Master of the Lodge. Pursuant to a resolution which was unanimously passed, and approved by the Worshipful Master in January last, no member was permitted to introduce visitors upon the occasion. Indeed, it was his Royal Highness's express command that the meeting should be strictly confined to members of the Lodge, with the exception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Thus the meeting did not number more than forty members. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Earl of Ripon, the Grand Master, arrived in Lodge at six o'clock, and immediately proceeded to the business of the evening, the Lodge having been previously opened by the Deputy Master Bro. Gray. His Royal Highness confirmed the appointment of officers for the present year, after which Prince Arthur was introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was impressively performed by his Royal Highness the Worshipful Master, who was assisted by Deputy Master Robert Gray, Senior Warden John Gibson, Junior Warden Arthur B. Cooke, Senior Deacon T. D. Bolton, the Junior Deacon, A. Rucker, &c. At the conclusion of the business his Royal Highness closed the Lodge in the usual manner, and the Brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquet, at which his Royal Highness the Worshipful Master presided.

AT HOME.

A *Letter of Instruction* for the Ontario District was held at Brighton, Ont., on the 26th of March, by R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves, D. D. G. M., of Port Hope. The work was illustrated in a very satisfactory manner, and doubtless much good will result from the meeting. W. Bros. Peplow of Port Hope, Miller of Peterboro', Winch of Cobourg, Thayer and Wellington of Brighton, and Doebler of Port Hope, took part in the ceremonies.

A *new* Lodge, named "Blair," was opened at Palmerston on the 3rd of April, with Bro. H. Hyndman as W. M., Bro. J. Skea S. W., and Bro. R. Shields J. W. The W. M. elect was pleased to appoint Bro. A. Bruce Munson as Secretary. A large number of visiting Brethren from sister Lodges were received, amongst whom were R. W. Bro.