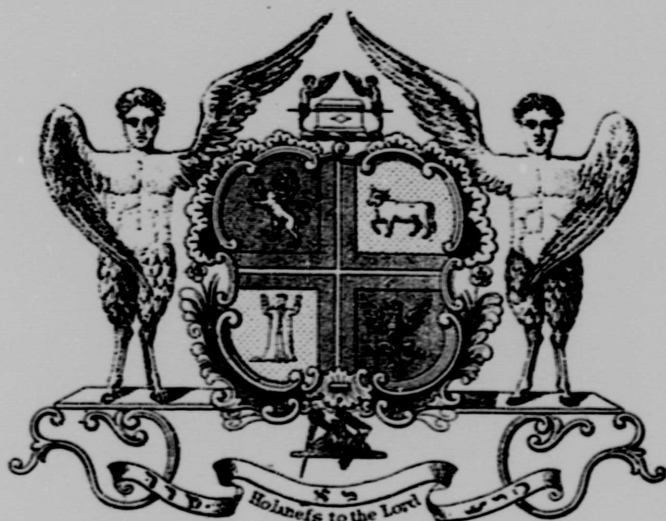


sundry Brethren at Annapolis in Nova Scotia to hold a Lodge there, and appointed Major Erasmus James Philips, D. G. M., who has since at Ye Request of sundry Brethren at Halifax granted a constitution to hold a Lodge there and appointed the Rt. Worsh'l His Excellency Edward Cornwallis, Esq., their First Master."

An account of the first Lodge at Annapolis Royal will be found in the Transactions of the N. S. Lodge of Research, Vol. I, p. 62. The Lodge continued until 1767 and possibly later. Until 1750 it was the only Lodge in Nova Scotia. A biographical sketch of Philips will be found in the same volume, at page 42.



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The "Ancients." Before referring to the establishment of Masonry in Halifax, it is necessary to refer to the organization of a Grand Lodge of Masons, which was brought into existence in 1751, and which for a long time, was the bitter rival of the premier Grand Lodge established in 1717. We cannot do better than quote from the account