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OF
Royal Arch Masons
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
AT THE
NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD AT HALIFAX,
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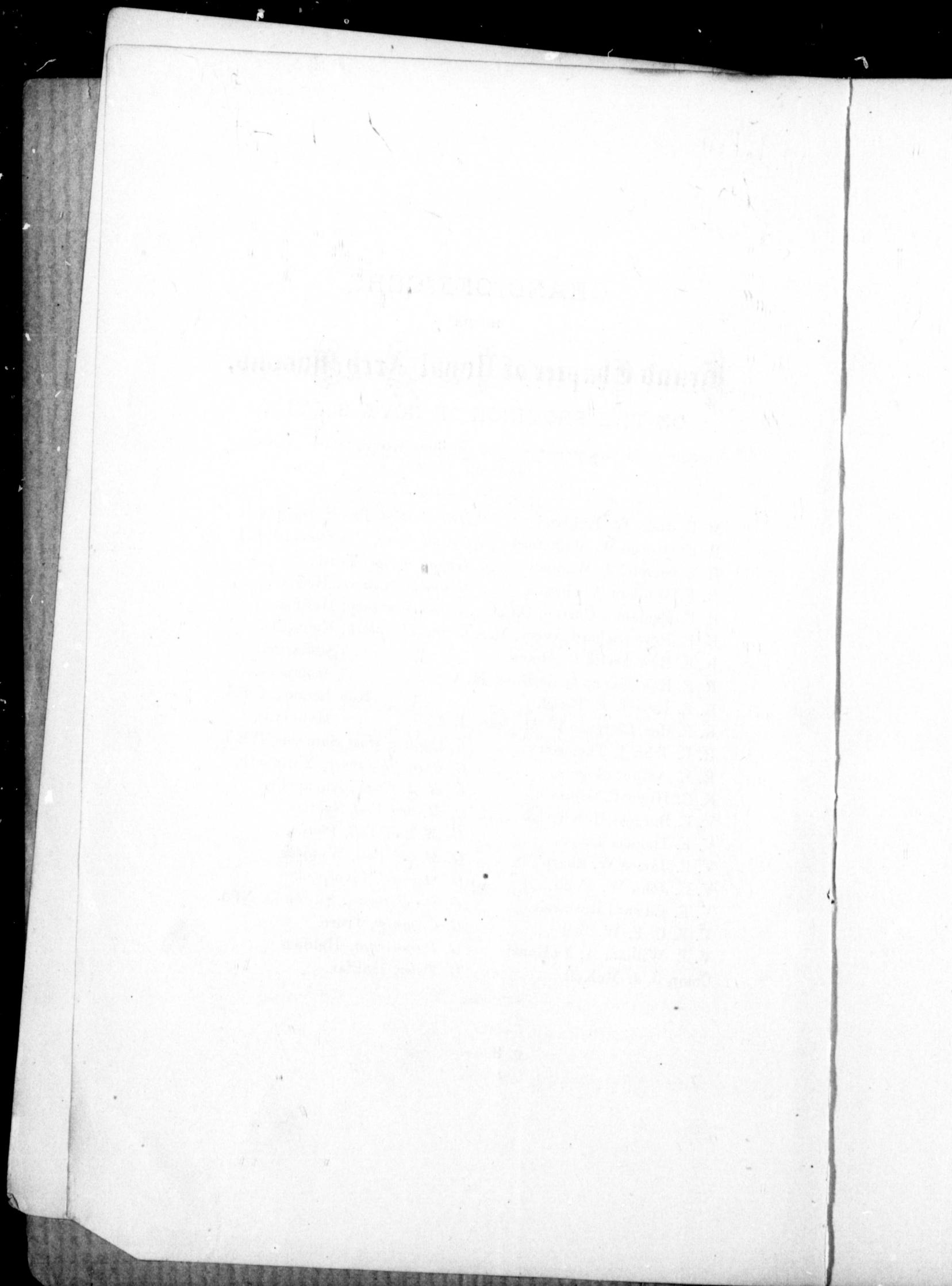
GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Elected and appointed at the Annual Convocation, Tuesday,
June 5th, 1888.

M. E. John W. Ruhland	.....	<i>Grand High Priest</i> , Halifax.
R. E. George W. Wakeford	....	<i>Grand King</i> , Char'town, P.E.I.
R. E. Samuel J. Waddell	.....	<i>Grand Scribe</i> , Truro.
R. E. William A. Hesson	..	<i>Grand Treasurer</i> , Halifax.
R. E. Benjamin Curren, D.C.L.	.....	<i>Grand Secretary</i> , Halifax.
R. E. Rev. Richard Avery, M.A.	.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i> , Kentville.
R. E. Rev. David C. Moore	....	" Stellarton.
R. E. Rev. Henry D. de Blois, M.A.	"	Annapolis.
R. E. Rev. T. B. Reagh	.....	" New London, P.E.I.
R. E. Rev. Clarence W. McCully, B.A.	"	Halifax.
R. E. John L. Thomson	.....	<i>G. Capt. of Host</i> , Sum'side, P.E.I.
R. E. Arthur Rogers	.....	<i>G. Prin. Sojourner</i> , Yarmouth.
R. E. Hugh E. Gillies	.....	<i>G. R. A. Capt.</i> , Annapolis.
V. E. Burgess McKittrick	.....	<i>G. M. 3rd Veil</i> , Sydney.
V. E. Thomas Tanner	.....	<i>G. M. 2nd Veil</i> , Pictou.
V. E. James W. Sharp	.....	<i>G. M. 1st Veil</i> , Windsor.
V. E. John W. Cobb	.....	<i>G. Steward</i> , Liverpool.
V. E. Edward Rothwell	.....	<i>G. Stand. Bearer</i> , St. John's, Nfd.
V. E. C. F. W. Bell	.....	<i>G. Organist</i> , Truro.
V. E. William A. McKenzie	....	<i>G. Pursuivant</i> , Halifax.
Comp. J. J. McKeil	.....	<i>G. Tyler</i> , Halifax.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNUAL COVOCATION.

THE Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Nova Scotia, was held at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Halifax, on Tuesday, June 5th, A. D. 1888, A. I. 2418, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp. Luther B. Archibald *Grand High Priest.*
R. E. " William Crowe *Grand King.*
R. E. " William A. Hesson *Grand Treasurer.*
R. E. " Benjamin Curren *Grand Secretary.*
R. E. " David C. Moore *Grand Chaplain.*
R. E. " Clarence W. McCully .. *Grand Chaplain.*
R. E. " Thomas R. Harris *Grand Capt. of the Host.*
R. E. " William S. Macdonald ... *Grand Prin. Sojourner.*
R. E. " Geo. W. Wakeford *Grand Roy. A. Captain.*
V. E. " John L. Thomson *Grand M. 2nd Veil.*
V. E. " Samuel Porter *Grand Organist.*
Comp. J. J. McKeil *Grand Tyler.*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS, (Permanent Members.)

M. E. Comp. Benjamin Curren *P. G. H. P.*
 " " William A. Hesson *P. G. H. P.*
R. E. " Richard T. Roome *P. G. K.*

ROLL CALLED.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when nine of the twelve Chapters of the jurisdiction were found represented.

The representatives from a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters being present, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in AMPLE FORM; and with prayer by the Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary stated that the returns had been sent in from all the subordinate chapters, and were found correct.

REGULATIONS.

The Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during the time of business were read.

READING OF MINUTES DISPENSED WITH.

On motion of R. E. Comp. G. W. Wakeford, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation were dispensed with, the same having been printed.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

On motion of M. E. Comp. B. Curren, it was

Resolved, That the courtesy of admission be extended to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the present convocation.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX, N. S.

June 5th, 1888.

The Committee on Credentials have to report that they have examined the Returns of the Chapters forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and that the following are entitled to be represented at this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter;—

COMPANIONS,—

Geo. Graydon,	<i>M. E. High Priest,</i>	Royal Union, No. 1,	Halifax.
Henry Grier, M.D.,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
Thos. Trenaman, M.D.,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do
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W. A. McKenzie,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	St. Andrew's, No. 2,	Halifax.
John Naylor,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
James H. Dow,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do
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F. W. Dakin,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Hiram,	No. 3, Windsor.
J. W. Sharp,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
B. J. Barnes,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do
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C. F. W. Bell,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Keith,	No. 4, Truro.
T. E. Atkins,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
H. W. Yuill,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do
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Jacob M. Owen,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Eureka,	No. 5, Annapolis.
Hugh E. Gillies,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
James McDormand,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do
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M. G. Marshall,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Rossignol,	No. 6, Liverpool.
E. R. Mulhall,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
J. R. Ryan,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do
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Sandford H. Pelton,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Union,	No. 7, Yarmouth.
James W. Bingay,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
Amos B. Crosby,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do
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J. R. Davis,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	St. John's,	No. 8, Pictou.
T. Tanner,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
Malcolm Morrison,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do

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Geo. J. Carter	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Shannon.	No. 9, St. John's, Nfd.
P. G. Tessier,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
John Pye,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do

B. McKittrick,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Pr. of Wales, No. 10.	Sydney, C. B.
C. A. Farquharson,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
J. A. Burns,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do

A. N. Large,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Alexandra, No. 11,	Ch'town, P.E.I.
H. J. Worth,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
J. T. Crockett,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do

Leonard Morris,	<i>M. E. H. P.</i>	Pr. Edward, No. 12,	Sum'side, P.E.I.
W. T. Hunt,	<i>E. King,</i>	do	do
C. R. Clark,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do	do

PAST HIGH PRIESTS.

Benjamin Curren,	<i>Past High Priest,</i>	Royal Union, No. 1,	Halifax.
Richard T. Roome,	do	do	do
William A. Hesson,	do	do	do
James Gossip,	do	do	do
George T. Smithers,	do	do	do
James Dempster,	do	do	do
John W. Ruhland,	do	do	do
Wm. J. A. E. Rix,	do	do	do
James G. Jamieson,	do	do	do
Wm. Ross,	do	do	do

Chas. J. Macdonald,	do	St. Andrew's, No. 2,	Halifax.
William Williams,	do	do	do
James K. Munnis,	do	do	do
David Pottinger,	do	do	do
Theodore A. Cossmann,	do	do	do
M. T. Foster,	do	do	do
W. V. Murray,	do	do	do
Saml. Porter,	do	do	do
Benj. H. Landis,	do	do	do
Wm. Crowe,	do	do	do

Fraser W. Dakin,	do	Hiram,	No. 3, Windsor.
Wm. Walter Rickards,	do	do	do
Henry W. Dimock,	do	do	do
Rev. A. W. Nicholson,	do	do	do
John R. Cowen,	do	do	do
Anthony S. Sanford,	do	do	do
Edgar D. Shand,	do	do	do

Proceedings of the

George Hyde,	<i>Past High Priest,</i>	Keith,	No. 4, Truro.
Luther B. Archibald,	do	do	do
Thomas V. Cooke,	do	do	do
Wm. B. Alley,	do	do	do
A. C. McKenzie,	do	do	do
W. E. Logan,	do	do	do
S. J. Waddell,	do	do	do
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Rev. H. D. deBlois,	do	Eureka,	No. 5, Annapolis.
Augustus Robinson, M.D.	do	do	do
Robert L. Hardwick,	do	do	do
F. W. Dakin,	do	do	do
Simeon D. Tobias,	do	do	do
Rev. Richard Avery,	do	do	do
Frederick Leavitt,	do	do	do
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Nathan R. Freeman,	do	Rosignol,	No. 6, Liverpool.
William Knaut,	do	do	do
James R. Tupper,	do	do	do
John W. Cobb,	do	do	do
Robie McLeod,	do	do	do
G. A. Smith, M.D.	do	do	do
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Sandford H. Pelton,	do	Union,	No. 7, Yarmouth.
James W. Bingay,	do	do	do
N. J. B. Tooker,	do	do	do
Arthur Rogers,	do	do	do
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Jos. A. Gordon,	do	St. John's,	No. 8, Pictou.
T. V. Cooke,	do	do	do
John R. Davies,	do	do	do
Thos. Tanner,	do	do	do
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Moses Monroe,	do	Shannon,	No. 9, St. John's, Nfld.
Jas. S. Hayward,	do	do	do
Chas. S. Pinsent,	do	do	do
Wm. S. Canning,	do	do	do
James L. Duchemin,	do	do	do
Edward Rothwell,	do	do	do
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Murray Dodd,	do	Pr. of Wales,	No. 10, Sydney, C.B.
Alx. D. McGillvary, M.D.	do	do	do
Lewis E. Tremain,	do	do	do
W. McKay, M. D.	do	do	do
James McKenzie,	do	do	do

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J. S. Carvell,	<i>Past High Priest, Alexandra, No. 11, Ch'town, P.E.I.</i>		
A. N. Large,	do	do	do
Simon W. Crabbe,	do	do	do
David Small,	do	do	do
Adam Murray,	do	do	do
Geo. W. Wakeford,	do	do	do
T. A. McLean,	do	do	do

Rev. T. B. Reagh,	do	<i>Pr. Edward, No. 12, Summerside.</i>	
Donald Darrach,	do	do	do
J. L. Thomson,	do	do	do

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

M. E. Stephen R. Sircom	Boston.
M. E. Charles J. Macdonald	Halifax.
M. E. Benjamin Curren	do
M. E. William A. Hesson	do
M. E. James Gossip	do
M. E. Rev. Henry D. deBlois	Annapolis.

PAST GRAND KINGS.

R. E. Fraser W. Dakin	Windsor.
R. E. James Poyntz	do
R. E. Thos. V. Cooke	Pictou.
R. E. Geo. T. Smithers	Halifax.
R. E. Rev. R. Avery	Annapolis.
R. E. Richard T. Roome	Halifax.
R. E. Wm. V. Murray	do
R. E. J. W. Ruhland	do
R. E. L. B. Archibald	Truro.
R. E. Samuel Porter	Halifax.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

R. E. William Williams	Halifax.
R. E. Robert L. Hardwick	Annapolis.
R. E. Augustus Robinson	do
R. E. Sandford H. Pelton	Yarmouth.
R. E. John R. Cowen	Windsor.
R. E. Theodore Cossmann	Halifax.
R. E. Alex. D. McGillvary	Sydney.
R. E. L. E. Tremaine	do
R. E. James Dempster	Halifax.
R. E. H. E. Jefferson	Berwick.

Proceedings of the

HONORARY PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

- R. E. James FortuneHalifax.
- R. E. Moses Monroe.....Representing the G. H. P. in N. F. L.

• GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. E. Luther B. Archibald.....*Grand H. P.*, Truro.
- R. E. William Crowe*Grand King*, Halifax.
- R. E. James G. Jamieson.....*Grand Scribe*, Halifax.
- R. E. William A. Hesson*Grand Treasurer*, Halifax.
- R. E. Benjamin Curren, D.C.L.....*Grand Secretary*, Halifax.
- R. E. Rev. Richard Avery, M.A.....*Grand Chaplain*, Kentville.
- R. E. Rev. David C. Moore..... " Stellarton.
- R. E. Rev. Henry D. de Blois, M.A.. " Annapolis.
- R. E. Rev. T. B. Reagh " New London, P.E.I.
- R. E. Rev. Clarence W. McCully, B.A. " Halifax.
- R. E. Thomas R. Harris *G. Capt. of Host*, Aylesford.
- R. E. William S. McDonald *G. Prin. Sojourner*, Pictou.
- R. E. Geo. W. Wakeford..... *G. R. A. Capt.* Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- V. E. W. B. Alley *G. M. 3rd Veil*, Truro.
- V. E. John Thomson..... *G. M. 2nd Veil*, Summerside, P.E.I.
- V. E. Alex. McGillvary, M.D. *G. M. 1st Veil*, Sydney.
- V. E. Edgar Shand *G. Steward*, Windsor.
- V. E. Robert McLeod *G. Standard Bearer*, Liverpool.
- V. E. Samuel Porter..... *G. Organist*, Halifax.
- V. E. J. W. Bingay *G. Pursuivant*, Yarmouth.
- Comp. J. J. McKeil *G. Tyler*, Halifax.

And the Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters entitled to seats as such in this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM CROWE,
 JAMES G. JAMIESON,
 J. W. RUHLAND,
 WILLIAM ROSS,
 W. WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*

On motion of E. Comp. George Graydon, the Report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then read the following—

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Nova Scotia :—

COMPANIONS,—

It affords me much pleasure to welcome so many of you to this our Nineteenth Annual Convocation, and I hope that our deliberations at this time may be conducted wisely and harmoniously, and may redound to the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. Acknowledging, as we do, the over-ruling power of the G. A. O. T. U., we have great reason for thankfulness that within our borders peace and prosperity have prevailed, and that neither War, Famine nor Pestilence has desolated our land.

In surrendering the authority that you have for the past year vested in me as Grand High Priest it becomes my duty to submit for your information a report of my official acts.

DECISIONS.

The year, masonically speaking, has been an uneventful one. I am glad to say no decisions have been called for. I take this to be an indication that our Constitution and Regulations have been attentively studied, that the Companions know the law and abide by it, and that peace and harmony prevail among the Royal Craft. A question should seldom arise in a Chapter that cannot be decided by its members, if the Constitution and ancient landmarks are carefully consulted.

DISPENSATIONS.

June 20th, 1887, I granted a dispensation to Royal Arch Masons in Halifax to wear their regalia and walk in procession to attend divine service in St. Paul's Church in company with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, on June 22nd, on the occasion of the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. While our part in the celebration was not as conspicuous as that of some other bodies, yet we yield to none in our love and esteem for the Patroness of the Great Masonic Charitable Institutions connected with the G. L. of England.

June 27th, granted dispensation to Alexandra Chapter No. 11, to wear Royal Arch regalia and walk in procession on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the New City Hall, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on July 1st, 1888.

December 21st, I granted a dispensation to St. John's Chapter No. 8, Pictou, N. S., to wear Royal Arch Regalia at a musical and literary entertainment for masonic purposes at Pictou on 29th December, 1887.

January 3, 1888, I commissioned E. Comp. E. G. Bartlett, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, as a representative of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, on the recommendation of M. E. Comp. Joseph Hall, G. H. Priest of that jurisdiction.

March 5th, I directed the Grand Secretary to depute the following Companions to officially visit and report on condition of undermentioned Chapters, having found it would be impossible for me to do so personally :

- M. E. Comp. Rev. H. D. DeBlois, *P. G. H. P. Eureka No. 5*, Annapolis.
- E. Comp. N. R. Freeman, *P. H. P., Rossignol No. 6*, Liverpool.
- R. E. Comp. S. H. Pelton, *P. G. S. Union No. 7*, Yarmouth.
- R. E. Comp. Moses Munroe, *Hon. P. G. S. Shannon, No. 9*, St. John's, Newfoundland.
- R. E. Comp. A. D. McGillvary, *P. G. S. Prince of Wales No. 10*, Sydney, C. B.

March 23rd, I approved By-Laws of St. John's Chapter No. 8, Pictou, as amended.

April 2nd, I approved By-Law No. 1 of Keith Chapter No. 4, Truro, as amended.

April 20th, I granted dispensation to Prince of Wales Chapter No. 10, Sydney, C. B., to elect and install officers at their regular convocation in May, the recent change in the Constitution requiring the election and installation to take place in April having been inadvertently overlooked by its officers.

VISITATIONS.

April 12th, 1888, accompanied by P. H. P. Alley, of Keith Chapter, I visited St. John's Chapter No. 8, Pictou, and at their request installed the officers elect. The attendance at this convocation was very good and embraced about all the resident members. During the year eleven additions have been made to their numbers and a further increase is expected in the near future. All the regular and a large number of emergent convocations have been held. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well kept. The Hall occupied by this Chapter is owned by the Masonic Fraternity of Pictou and is admirably adapted to their

purposes. The paraphernalia of this Chapter is fine, and remembering their former misfortune is well insured. The Book of Marks is now carefully kept in accordance with the Constitution. There seems to be a renewed interest in Royal Arch Masonry in Pictou from the fact that this Chapter is officered by "well tried, true and trusty" Companions. I have every confidence in its becoming one of the best in the jurisdiction.

April 17th, I visited St. Andrew's Chapter No. 2, Halifax, and had the pleasure of presiding at their Installation ceremonies. All the regular meetings of this Chapter were held during the year. The average attendance at their convocations I regret to say is not proportionate to the City membership. Financially the condition of the Chapter is good but too large an amount of dues have been allowed to accumulate. Marks have been recorded. The Secretary's books have been well attended to.

April 20th, I visited Royal Union No. 1, Halifax, and by request installed their officers elect. The attendance was fair but not so large as might reasonably have been expected from the premier Chapter of Nova Scotia. All regular convocations with one exception and a number of emergent ones were held during the year. The financial position of this Chapter is very good, there being a balance to their credit of about \$2600.00, and the Companions (possibly as a consequence) have been very lenient to delinquent members in the matter of dues. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept in a neat and business-like manner.

April 23rd, I visited Keith Chapter No. 4, Truro, and installed their officers. The attendance was large, all resident members of the Chapter being present except three. This Chapter is well officered and is in good working order. The Secretary's books have been well kept, all Marks have been duly recorded. Financial matters are carefully looked after, and as a result a very small amount of dues is outstanding. An event, not down on my programme and which was a pleasant surprise to me, took place at the close of my inspection, when I was presented with a very handsome Grand High Priest's Jewel accompanied by a very complimentary address from Past High Priest Waddell on behalf of the Companions of Keith Chapter.

I much regret that, owing to official duties of another nature the foregoing were the only Chapters I was able to visit personally during the year. In addition to these I had fully expected to visit Hiram of Windsor, and Alexandra and Prince Edward of P. E. Island, before this Convocation, and this is why no one was deputed to visit them.

I have received a Memorial from the M. E. the Grand

Chapter of New Brunswick, asking for our recognition, and that fraternal communication may be established with us. This Memorial I commend to your kindest consideration, and I feel sure the Grand Chapter of N. S. will join me in wishing that prosperity and harmony may always attend our Companions in New Brunswick.

Companions, it is with feelings of deepest regret I have to record that since our last Annual Convocation the Angel of Death has thrown his dark shadow across our portals, and called our much loved Past Grand High Priest, Wm. Taylor, to his eternal rest. In the bosom of his family and surrounded by loving friends he passed peacefully away on the 26th of February, 1888, in the 67th year of his age. By his death this Grand Chapter has lost one of its brightest ornaments. Brought to Light in Burns' Lodge, then No. 352, Registry of Scotland, in April, 1860, after filling numerous subordinate offices he was elected Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia in 1881. Exalted to the sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch in 1864, he was elected Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction in 1879. In every relation of life he was loved and honored by all who knew him, and most loved and honored by those who knew him best. He was a true friend, a sincere Christian, and in his daily life exemplified all that is beautiful in Masonry. To his bereaved family and friends we tender our heartfelt sympathy. To the Companions of this Grand Chapter we would say: So let us imitate his example, that when we are called to pass through the river of death we may also hear the glad welcome from the eternal shore: Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

I would recommend that a page to his memory be inserted in our Annual Proceedings this year. So far as I am aware at the time of this writing none other of our Companions have fallen by the way. In conclusion, Companions, I am glad to say we are at peace with all our brethren wheresoever dispersed.

While Royal Arch Masonry has not made such advances with us of late years as we might have wished, yet we have no reason for despondency. There are many able and faithful workers in the jurisdiction, and I would call upon all such to make a determined personal effort all along the line during the coming year to infuse new life and vigor into the Chapters to which they belong. To do this they must necessarily take an active part in Blue Masonry, for the vigor of the tree largely depends upon the strength of its roots. Only strong personal effort will enable us to keep pace with the progress of our country. I thank you very much for the great honor conferred upon me at your last Convo-

ation, in electing me to this the highest and most honorable position in your gift, and I thank the Officers and Companions for the uniform courtesy extended to me during my term of office, and now with my best wishes for the prosperity of the Royal Craft, I return the charge committed to my keeping.

L. B. ARCHIBALD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Benj. Curren, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Dempster, the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest was referred to a special committee consisting of R. E. Companions Rev. D. C. Moore, Rev. C. W. McCully, and William Crowe.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

Letters apologizing for absence from the present Annual Convocation were read from :

- R. E. James G. Jamieson, *Grand Scribe.*
- R. E. Comp. Rev. R. Avery, of Kentville, *G. Chaplain.*
- R. E. Rev. H. D. de Blois, M. A. of Annapolis *G. Chaplain.*
- V. E. W. B. Alley, of Truro, *G. M. 3rd Veil.*
- V. E. A. D. McGillvary, M. D. of Sydney *G. M. 1st Veil.*
- V. E. Robert McLeod, of Liverpool, *Grand Standard Bearer.*

The R. E. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was on motion referred to the Committee of Gen. Purposes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

COMPANIONS,—

I am pleased to report for the information of Grand Chapter that Returns have been received from every Chapter in the jurisdiction, showing our present strength to be 519 subscribing members, an increase over the number reported last year, and especially so—in view of the fact that Companions Royal Arch Masons like their brothers of the Blue occasionally dimit instead of continuing—are being from time to time suspended for non-payment instead of contributing to the support of the Body that constitutes the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry, viz.: the “Order of the Holy Royal Arch.”

Of our twelve Chapters, nine have had exaltations during the year now ended ; nine, unfortunately have had dimissions ; three

only, I am pleased to know, have had occasion to suspend, but not one for unmasonic conduct.

St. John's Chapter of Pictou, for some time apparently lifeless, has had quite a revival, and in view of the work done this year, let its watchword for the future be *sic semper*.

Shannon, of St. John's, Newfoundland, is usually the largest contributor to the funds of Grand Chapter, having in the last two years sent in about \$75.00 as against Royal Union's \$51.00, St. Andrew's \$47.00, Prince Edward's \$38.50, or Hiram's \$31.75 for the same years. Three only have had no exaltations, but a letter from the Worthy Secretary of one of these is so unique in style, so characteristic of the well known and popular Companion who wrote it that I offer no excuse for giving you the contents—here it is:—

“Under this heading we may say that although no actual work—*i. e.*, the handling of teams—has been done by the Companions of Keith Chapter during the past year, still there is evidence that very substantial progress has been made; the attendance on the part of members shows an average of twelve, and attention has been given to the working of the Chapter, so that when we get teams to handle, as we expect to in the near future, we are in a position to drive them through in good shape. Of the meetings held during the year, none were more encouraging or exhibited more vim on the part of the Companions, than the Emergent Convocation held on the 23rd of April, when 17 out of the 33 Companions mentioned in these returns came trooping in to obey the commands of their chief, to assist him in the selection of officers for the ensuing term, and attend to the duties devolving on them. Then again when Companions Hyde, Miller and Edward Archibald stood up to take part in the work, the onlooker would be forced to the conclusion that there were giants in those days, who stood *very high* in Masonry.

The prompt manner in which the selection of an able staff of officers was made, their installation by the M. E. G. H. P. of Nova Scotia, who was present officially on his annual inspection, the presentation to him by the Companions of Keith Chapter, of a P. G. H. P.'s Jewel, the avalanche of speech-making that followed, the hearty manner in which the Companions present acknowledged the compliment paid them, from the fact that one of their number had been selected to fill the position of G. H. P. of Nova Scotia, were features that were very pleasing, and seemed to indicate that the rebuilding of the Temple would shortly receive a great impetus.”

Most of you knowing the genial Companion who wrote the letter will readily guess its author.

EUREKA NO. 5.—*Continuance of Warrant.*

I have prepared for this Chapter and had engrossed by Mr. Whiston of this City, an expert in such matters, a “Continuance of Warrant” the only possible substitute for its charter which was destroyed by fire some time ago. This document is now on my table and will be immediately forwarded to the High Priest of Eureka.

Since our last annual meeting I have received from Excellent Companion, Rothwell, of Shannon Chapter, a tin box under lock and key containing important information: long lost, but now found—the w—k.

I have received also from the late Grand Secretary the Register and Book of Warrants of Grand Chapter. More will no doubt follow.

MONEY RECEIVED.

I have received during the year and paid out to the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion W. A. Hesson, the sum of two hundred and ten dollars and seventy-five cents, as will appear from his receipts.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CURREN,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

The Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Nova Scotia, in Account with Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary.

DR.

1888.
June 4th. To cash paid W. A. Hesson, Grand Treasurer.....\$210 75

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1888.	May.	By cash received from Royal Union, No. 1, to May, 1888....	\$ 29 00
	do	St. Andrew's, No. 2, to May, 1888....	22 25
	do	Hiram, No. 3, to May, 1888....	20 00
	do	Keith, No. 4, to May, 1888....	8 25
	do	Eureka, No. 5, to May, 1888....	22 25
	do	Rossignol, No. 6, to May, 1888....	6 25
	do	Union, No. 7, to May, 1888....	10 00
	do	Shannon, No. 9, to May, 1888....	29 50
	do	Pr. of Wales, No. 10, to May, 1888....	11 00
	do	Alexandra, No. 11, to May, 1888....	13 75
	do	Pr. Edward, No. 12, to May, 1888....	25 00
	do	Pr. Edward, No. 12, for 1887.....	13 50
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BENJAMIN CURREN,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

*The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia in Account with
Wm. A. Hesson, Grand Treasurer.*

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1887.			
June 1.	To paid	St. Andrew's Chapter 2 years' interest on loan to May, 1888	\$ 11 68
4	do.	Grand Secretary's salary for the year ended May, 1887, as per vote of Grand Chapter	75 00
16.	do.	Grand Tyler to May, 1887.....	5 00
Oct. 26.	do.	J. Bowes & Sons, printing 350 copies of Proceedings for 1887	41 50
	do.	for postage, &c., &c.	5 00
1888.			
Mar. 30.	do.	James Gossip for binding in 1884, 24 volumes of Proceedings of Foreign Grand Chapters.....	32 40
	do.	Letter Press.....	7 75
June 4.	do.	for postage stamps, postage cards, stationery for the year	6 00
	do.	Morning Chronicle for advertising Annual Convocation of 1888	1 00
	do.	Morning Herald for advertising Annual Convocation of 1888	1 00
	do.	Recorder for advertising Annual Convocation of 1888	1 00
	do.	J. Bowes & Sons, printing circulars, summonses for June, 1888	2 00
	do.	S. E. Whiston for engrossing Continuance of Warrant for Eureka Chapter, No 5.....	6 00
		To balance to credit of Grand Chapter	190 69
			<u>\$386 02</u>

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1887.			
May 31.	By balance to credit of Grand Chapter		\$175 37
1888.			
June 4.	By Cash received from R. E. Comp. B. Curren, Grand Secretary		210 75
			<u>\$386 02</u>
1888.			
June 4.	By balance in Grand Treasurer's hands at this date		\$190 69

W. A. HESSON,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Committee on General Purposes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

R. E. Companion William Crowe, from the Committee of General Purposes, submitted the following report:—

The Board of General Purposes have to report on the finances of the Grand Chapter as follows:—

The Grand Secretary's returns show amount received by him for the present year to be \$210.75, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts.

The balance in hands of Grand Treasurer May 31st, 1887, was	\$175 27
Received from the Grand Secretary the sum of	210 75

	\$386 02
Of which he has paid out	195 33

Leaving in his hands at present, June 4th, 1888	\$190 69
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AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Amount in Grand Treasurer's hands	\$190 69
St. John's dues to May, 1888	38 75
Union—balance	10 00
Amount overpaid St. Andrew's, one year, to May, 1888	5 84
	\$245 28

CURRENT LIABILITIES.

Amount due present Grand Secretary, salary say	\$ 75 00
Interest due Union Chapter on loan to May, 1888	11 68
Amount for G. Tyler, for May 31st, 1888	5 00
	\$ 91 68
	\$153 60

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM CROWE, JAS. G. JAMIESON, JOHN W. RUHLAND, W. ROSS, WM. WILLIAMS.	}	Committee.
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Account with
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Interest on loan	\$ 11 68
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CONCERNING REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

The following resolution was moved by Comp. C. F. W. Bell, and seconded by R. E. Comp. Samuel Porter :—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Finance and Audit just read be adopted.

In amendment it was moved by V. E. Comp. Geo. W. Wakeford, that the Report of the Committee on Finance and Audit be referred back to that Committee, for the purpose of having it include an exact statement of the liabilities due by this Grand Chapter.

This amendment, on being seconded by Comp. John L. Thomson, and put to vote was declared lost, it being shown that there would not be sufficient time to make an additional report at the present session.

Comp. C. F. W. Bell's motion to adopt the Report was then put to vote and agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO REPORT FULLY AT THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The following resolution was then moved by R. E. Comp. Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by M. E. Comp. B. Curren, Grand Secretary, and unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year be requested to report fully upon the liabilities of the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation.

REPORTS ON VISITATIONS.

Official Visitation of Eureka Chapter, No. 5, Annapolis.

LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD, Esq.

Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia :

Most Excellent Sir and Companion,—

In accordance with the notice of the Grand Secretary, that it was your wish I should visit Eureka Chapter No. 5, I notified the Companions and met them in Convocation on Monday the 16th of April, 1888. The attendance was remarkably good—the Minutes faultless and the Finances in a sound healthy condition. The "Royal Arch Degree" was conferred on three candidates in a most creditable and workmanlike manner. After addressing the Chapter and congratulating the Companions upon their brightening and rapidly improving prospects, I installed the officers for the ensuing year. After the business of the Convocation had all been satisfactorily disposed of, the Companions with their visiting guests sat down to an elegant collation, which after their arduous work they fully enjoyed. You will perceive by the annexed digest, that Eureka Chapter has done nobly during the past year, and bids fair under its present energetic High Priest to do better even in the future than it has done in the past. The Officers are attentive to their duties, well up in their work and punctual in their attendance.

1. Average attendance Regular Convocations	14
2. Number of Regular Convocations missed	None
3. Arrearages for dues which will all be paid in May Convocation.	\$ 30
4. "By-Laws" are strictly carried out and enforced	
5. "Marks" duly recorded as required by Constitution	
6. Assets—Chapter Furniture, etc	\$120
Funds in hand	80
Dues—(good)	30
Total Assets:	\$230
7. Liabilities	None
8. Deaths	None

The above for year ending April, 1888.

I have the honor to be Most Excellent Sir,
Yours fraternally,

HENRY D. DEBLOIS,
Past Grand High Priest.

Official Visitation of Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, Liverpool.

L. B. ARCHIBALD, ESQ., MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
Grand R. A. Chapter of Nova Scotia.

M. E. Companion,—

As requested in the Grand Secretary's communication of March 14th, 1888, I visited Rossignol Chapter at a Special Convocation on the 14th April on which occasion the officers for the ensuing year were installed. I find there have been three Regular Convocations during the year, the average attendance being eleven exclusive of Janitor. The meeting in January was not held on account of a severe storm. Several special meetings have been held during the year, mostly for the purpose of instruction. The arrearages for dues amount to ninety dollars; a committee has been appointed to wait upon each member and they report that the greater part will be paid at once. The Marks have been recorded in the Book of Marks as required. I find the Assets of the Chapter as follows: Dues that will be collected seventy-five dollars, due from Zetland Lodge fifty dollars, total one hundred and twenty-five dollars. The Liabilities of the Chapter are nil. After paying Grand Chapter dues and other current expenses the Treasurer will have a small amount in hand. A special meeting of the Chapter was held some weeks ago to decide whether to continue the Chapter or not; after investigating the affairs of the Chapter it was unanimously agreed to continue the same. There appears to be prospect of work ahead and the prospects for Rossignol encouraging. The Chapter has a fine set of officers who have acquired the work in a most satisfactory manner, and I feel assured that under their management Rossignol will prosper. I find the Books neat and have been well kept by Comp. Hemmeon who has been Secretary since the formation of the Chapter until the present year. The Companions of Rossignol Chapter request me to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fact that they have no Charter as yet although promised them some time ago. Trusting that this report will prove satisfactory to the M. E. G. H. P.

I remain, yours Fraternaly,

N. R. FREEMAN.

Official Visitation of Shannon Chapter, No. 9, St. John's Nfld.

OFFICE OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF R. A. M.,
Saint John's, Newfoundland, April 17, 1888.

BENJAMIN CURREN, Esq., D. C. L.,

Grand Secretary Grand Chapter R. A. Masons of Nova Scotia :

Dear Sir and R. E. Companion,—

I am in receipt of your kind favor of 13th March, directing me in the name of the M. E. Grand High Priest, to visit officially Shannon Chapter, No. 9, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. In obedience to this command I visited Shannon Chapter on the evening of the 16th, and was present at the election of officers, whom I afterwards installed. Companion Rothwell, the M. E. H. P. for three years, having expressed a strong desire to relinquish the charge of the Chapter, M. E. Companion Carter was elected by a large majority, and I doubt not, will maintain the Chapter in the very efficient order and condition in which he takes charge of it. The number on the roll of members in good standing is 88. At the time of the Annual Convocation last year there were 89 in good standing, and three have been exalted during the year, while two have left the Colony, one declared off and one deceased. I found the Chapter in its usually good and active condition. The officers are remarkably well up in ritual, and on the whole I have the pleasure to report a very satisfactory condition of affairs. In reply to your request for special information on the following points, I beg to say.—

Average attendance.—Any figure I could give you as to this would be misleading. We have in this Colony two busy seasons, when it is very difficult for Companions to attend, and during those busy seasons the attendance is not much over the official strength of the Chapter. During the slack season the Chapter is well attended, and the members take a warm interest in the work and business. I found 32 members present at the Annual Convocation, and all the officers in their places except one.

Number of Regular Convocations Missed.—None. Such a thing unknown here.

Amount of Arrears for Dues, and are By-Laws in relation to this carried out.—The amount of arrears for dues is \$80, only a trifle of which is doubtful. The amount would be much less but for the holding of Annual Convocation a month earlier than usual. The By-Laws are very fairly carried out as to collection of dues. There is not much need to enforce any by-law for negligence, as on the whole there is little reason or cause to do so.

Whether Marks are recorded as required by Constitution.—I regret to say that this has not been as strictly adhered to as it ought to be. I directed the High Priest to have the blank places filled up, and in future exalt no Companion until he has first selected his Mark.

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Assets.—The balance in hands of the Treasurer is \$220.

Liabilities.—The Chapter has no debts due and unpaid.

In conclusion I venture to express a hope that the foregoing report will be satisfactory to the M. E. Grand High Priest, as it is the desire of every Companion of the Chapter that Shannon should be, if not at the top of the tree, as near thereto as it is possible to be.

I have the honor to be,

R. E. Companion,

M. MONROE,

Rep. of the M. E. G. H. P.

Official Visitation of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, Sydney, C.B.

L. B. ARCHIBALD, Esq.,

Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia:

Dear Sir and M. E. Companion,—

By a commission dated March 4th, 1888, I was requested to visit officially in your stead Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, R. N. S., said visitation to be held prior to April 30th. The latter part of my commission I was unable to carry out as there was no meeting of the Chapter until their Quarterly Communication on the 8th of May. On this date I visited the Chapter and for your information beg to report as follows: The general condition of the Chapter is very good. The books are very carefully kept. The finances are fairly good. The arrears are rather large, but are considered perfectly good, the bad and doubtful being weeded out last year. The average attendance has been small, and no capitular work has been done, as the High Priest could not obtain the work. This difficulty, however, has been overcome, and as there are a number of candidates waiting, degrees will be conferred shortly. To sum up I may say—

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| 1. The average attendance has been..... | 12 |
| 2. The number of Convocations held | 3 |

One was missed—there not being enough present.

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| 3. The Marks are all recorded. | |
| 4. The amount due for arrears | \$150 00 |
| 5. The assets of the Chapter | 700 00 |
| 6. The liabilities | Nil. |
| 7. The membership | 44 |
| 8. Dimissions | 1 |
| 9. Deaths | 1 |

After my examination of the condition of the Chapter I installed the officers elected for the ensuing year.

I hope that during the year the Grand High Priest will visit the Chapter personally; visitations by proxy are unsatisfactory, and do not accomplish the good which a personal visitation would.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours Fraternaly,

SYDNEY, May 10th, 1888.

A. D. MACGILLVARY, P. H. P.

Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

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REPORTS REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Comp. S. Porter it was

Resolved, That the Reports on the Visitation of Chapters just read be received and referred to the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, tellers were appointed, when the election was held, and the following Companions were declared elected:—

<i>M. E. Comp.</i>	John W. Ruhland,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	George W. Wakeford,	<i>Grand King.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	Samuel J. Waddell,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	William A. Hesson,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	Benjamin Curren,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF GRAND CHAPTER.

The following Companions were then elected as members of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year, in addition to the Grand King, Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary *ex-officio* members of the committee, viz. :—

- William Ross,
- James Dempster,
- William Crowe,
- William Williams,
- Geo. Graydon,
- W. A. Hesson.

Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1888.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. M. E. Comp. Luther B. Archibald, presiding. Officers and members as in the morning session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

R. E. Comp. D. C. Moore, from the Special Committee, on the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, submitted the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Nova Scotia.

Your Committee having carefully read the Address of the M. E. Grand H. P., fully agree in his opening remarks as to the thanks due to the G. A. O. T. U. for our peace and prosperity.

We rejoice that there has been no need to call upon the M. E. G. H. P. for any decision; the dispensations issued cannot but meet with approval, and his care in providing for official visitations of those R. A. Chapters which he himself was unable to reach is worthy of the highest commendation.

The reports of Visitations made by the M. E. himself show his zeal and ability.

With regard to the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick your Committee is of opinion that it is advisable that this Grand Chapter give to our Companions in New Brunswick our hearty recognition of the New Grand Chapter, and wish them all prosperity and harmony.

Your Committee join in the recommendation that a memorial page be set apart in our next Annual Proceedings, to the memory of Past Grand High Priest William Taylor, as to one whose work was ever admirable and whose loss will long be severely felt.

We recommend that the reports on the Visitations by Companions Rev. H. D. DeBlois, N. Freeman, A. D. MacGillvary and M. Munroe be inserted in the next report of Grand Chapter Proceedings.

DAVID C. MOORE,
C. W. McCULLY,
W. CROWE.

On motion of Comp. W. A. Hesson, seconded by Comp. J. W. Ruhland, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest be received and adopted.

REQUEST FROM SHANNON CHAPTER.

A petition was read from Shannon Chapter No. 9, St. John's, Newfoundland, praying G. Chapter to permit the addition of certain names to their warrant, said names having been omitted at the time of petition owing to the absence of the Companions, referred to when it was moved by R. E. Companion, J. W. Ruhland, seconded by R. E. Comp. Rev. D. C. Moore, and

Resolved, That the request of Shannon Chapter to have the names of Companions, John Roche McCowen and James Humphrey Watson inserted in the Charter be granted; but that the Charter *must* be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for that purpose.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK RECOGNIZED.

Referring to that part of the Address of the Grand High Priest in which he so strongly commends the recently formed Grand Chapter of New Brunswick to the favorable consideration of this Grand Chapter, and the favorable report also of the Committee on that Address touching our Sister Grand Chapter, it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. W. Ruhland, seconded by Comp. Hugh E. Gillies, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia hereby cordially recognizes the M. E. Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, welcomes it into the family of Grand Chapters, and desires that fraternal communication be established between it and this Grand Chapter.

KEITH AND ROSSIGNOL CHAPTERS.

M. E. Comp. Luther B. Archibald, moved the following resolution, which was seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Crowe, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Keith and Rossignol Chapters be furnished each with "Continuance of Warrant" at their own expense, if requested.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion the Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of officers, when M. E. Comp. Luther B. Archibald, Grand High Priest, assisted by R. E. Comp. William Crowe as presenting officer, installed the following as Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

<i>M. E. Comp.</i>	John W. Ruhland,	<i>Grand High Priest,</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	George W. Wakeford	<i>Grand King,</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	Samuel J. Waddell,	<i>Grand Scribe,</i>
<i>M. E.</i>	William A. Hesson,	<i>Grand Treasurer,</i>
<i>M. E.</i>	Benjamin Curren,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

The following appointments were then announced by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and the Companions present installed into their respective offices; those absent, marked thus, (*) to be subsequently installed in their several Chapters:—

<i>R. E. Comp.</i>	*Rev. Richard Avery,	<i>Grand Chaplain,</i>
"	Rev. David C. Moore,	"
"	*Henry D. deBlois,	"
"	*T. B. Reagh,	"
"	Clarence W. McCully,	"
"	John L. Thomson,	<i>G. Capt. of Host,</i>
"	Arthur Rogers,	<i>G. Prin. Soj.</i>
"	Hugh E. Gillies,	<i>G. R. A. Capt.</i>
<i>V. E.</i>	*Burgess McKittrick,	<i>G. M. 3rd Veil,</i>
"	*Thomas Tanner,	<i>G. M. 2nd Veil,</i>
"	James W. Sharp,	<i>G. M. 1st Veil,</i>
"	*John W. Cobb,	<i>G. Steward,</i>
"	*Edward Rothwell,	<i>G. St. Bearer,</i>
"	C. F. W. Bell,	<i>G. Organist,</i>
"	William A. McKenzie,	<i>G. Pursuivant,</i>
<i>Companion</i>	J. J. McKeil,	<i>G. Tyler.</i>

On motion of R. E. Comp. William Crowe, a vote of thanks was unanimously and most heartily passed to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Luther B. Archibald, for the very

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great interest manifested by him in the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia, during his incumbency of the office of Grand High Priest.

On motion, the sum of one hundred dollars was voted to the Grand Secretary, as salary for the past year, ended May, 1888.

On motion, the sum of five dollars was voted to the Grand Tyler for services as such.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by R. E. Comp. Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Convocation, at Pictou, N. S., on Tuesday, June 11th, 1889.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

Grand Secretary.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

ROYAL UNION, No. 1.

HALIFAX.

(Chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, June 30th, 1780, and numbered 118. United in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, October 14, 1869.)

MEETS ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

George Graydon, <i>High Priest.</i>	James G. Jamieson, <i>Secretary.</i>
Henry Grier, M.D., <i>King.</i>	J. W. Ruhland, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
Thomas Trenaman, M.D., <i>Scribe.</i>	Joseph Wilson, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
W. A. Hesson, <i>Treasurer.</i>	W. J. S. Satterly, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Benjamin Curren,	James Dempster,
Richard T. Roome,	John W. Ruhland,
William A. Hesson,	Wm. J. A. E. Rix,
James Gossip,	James G. Jamieson,
George T. Smithers,	Wm. Ross.

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 2.

HALIFAX.

(Chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, December 26th, 1832, and numbered 55. United in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, October 14, 1869.)

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

William A. McKenzie, <i>High Priest.</i>	Alex. Waddell, <i>Secretary.</i>
John Naylor, <i>King.</i>	R. B. Wilch, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
J. H. Dow, <i>Scribe.</i>	Samuel Porter, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
William Crowe, <i>Treasurer.</i>	T. A. Cossmann, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Chas. J. McDonald,	M. T. Foster,
William Williams,	Wm. V. Murray,
James K. Munnis,	Samuel Porter,
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HIRAM, No. 3.

WINDSOR.

(Chartered by the Grand Chapter of Canada, August 10, 1869, at Golden ville, and numbered 33. United in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, October 14, 1869. Transferred to Windsor, January 14, 1870.-

MEETS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

F. W. Dakin, <i>High Priest.</i>	Henry W. Dimock, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. W. Sharp, <i>King,</i>	James W. Curry, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
B. J. Barnes, <i>Scribe.</i>	W. W. Rickards, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
George Pattison, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Henry Parkman, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Fraser W. Dakin,	Rev. A. W. Nicholson,
Wm. Walter Richards,	John R. Cowen,
Henry W. Dimock,	Anthony S. Sanford,
Edgar D. Shand.	

KEITH, No. 4.

TRURO.

(Chartered June 6, 1871.)

MEETS ON THE 3RD MONDAY OF MAY, JUNE, SEPT., OCT. AND NOVEMBER.

OFFICERS :

C. F. W. Bell, <i>High Priest.</i>	W. B. Alley, <i>Secretary.</i>
T. E. Atkins, <i>King,</i>	Edward Archibald, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
H. W. Yuill, <i>Scribe.</i>	John Hay, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
W. E. Logan, <i>Treasurer.</i>	D. A. Bishop, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Geo. Hyde,	Wm. B. Alley,
Luther B. Archibald,	A. C. McKenzie,
Thomas V. Cooke,	W. E. Logan,
S. J. Waddell.	

EUREKA, No. 5.

ANNAPOLIS.

(Chartered June 4, 1872.)

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF FEB., MAY, AUG., NOV.

OFFICERS :

Jacob M. Owen, <i>High Priest.</i>	Frederick Leavitt, <i>Secretary.</i>
Hugh E. Gillies, <i>King,</i>	Arthur A. Nichol, <i>Capt of the Host.</i>
James McDormand, <i>Scribe.</i>	Augustus Robinson, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
Robert L. Hardwick, <i>Treasurer.</i>	William H. Weldon, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Rev. H. D. deBlois, M.A.,	Simeon D. Tobias,
Augustus Robinson, M.D.,	Rev. Richard Avery, M.A.,
Robert L. Hardwick,	Frederick Leavitt,
F. W. Dakin.	

Proceedings of the
ROSSIGNOL, No. 6.
LIVERPOOL.

(Chartered June 3, 1873.)

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF JAN., APRIL, JULY, AND OCTOBER.

OFFICERS :

M. G. Marshall, <i>High Priest.</i>	Robie McLeod, <i>Secretary.</i>
E. R. Mulhall, <i>King.</i>	G. A. Smith, M. D., <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
J. R. Ryan, <i>Scribe.</i>	William Knaut, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
Robie S. Sterns, <i>Treasurer.</i>	C. S. Marshall, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Nathan R. Freeman,	John W. Cobb,
William Knaut,	Robie McLeod,
Jas. R. Tupper,	Gilbert A. Smith, M. D.

UNION, No. 7.
YARMOUTH.

(Chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Septr. 20, 1865,
and numbered 108. United with the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, Novem-
ber 22nd, 1875.)

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

OFFICERS :

Sandford H. Pelton, <i>High Priest.</i>	Charles E. Trask, <i>Secretary.</i>
James W. Bingay, <i>King.</i>	Henry Churchill, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
Amos B. Crosby, <i>Scribe.</i>	William R. Haley, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
George S. Taylor, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Edward D. Moulton, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Sandford H. Pelton,	James W. Bingay,
Arthur Rogers,	

ST. JOHN'S, No. 8.
PICTOU.

(Chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, March 6, 1869,
and numbered 130. United with the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, April
29th, 1876.)

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF JAN., APRIL, JULY AND OCT.

OFFICERS :

John R. Davies, <i>High Priest.</i>	F. Wyatt Fraser, <i>Secretary.</i>
Thomas Tanner, <i>King.</i>	Joseph A. Gordon, <i>Capt of the Host.</i>
Malcolm Morrison, <i>Scribe.</i>	Geo. R. Chisholm, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
Charles E. Tanner, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Geo. D. Ives, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Jos. A. Gordon,	John R. Davies,
T. V. Cook,	Thos. Tanner.

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SHANNON, No. 9.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

(Chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, _____ 1868,
under the title of St. John's Chapter, No. 597. Chartered by the Grand
Chapter of Nova Scotia, June 6, 1876.)

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

OFFICERS :

Geo. J. Carter, <i>High Priest.</i>	Frederick C. Cornick, <i>Secretary.</i>
P. G. Tessier, <i>King.</i>	Rev. A. Currie, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
John Pye, <i>Scribe.</i>	F. H. Axford, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
Charles S. Pinsent, <i>Treasurer.</i>	John H. Noonan, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Moses Monroe,	Wm. S. Canning,
Jas. S. Hayward,	Jas. L. Duchemin,
Chas. S. Pinsent,	Edward Rothwell.

PRINCE OF WALES, No. 10.

SYDNEY, C. B.

(Chartered June 5th, 1877.)

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF FEB., MAY, AUG., AND NOV.

OFFICERS :

Burgess McKittrick, <i>High Priest.</i>	E. T. Mackeen, <i>Secretary.</i>
C. A. Farquharson, <i>King.</i>	D. Matheson, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
James A. Burns, <i>Scribe.</i>	L. E. Tremaine, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
James A. Campbell, <i>Treasurer.</i>	James Mackenzie, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Murray Dodd,	Lewis E. Tremaine,
A. D. McGillvary, M.D.,	Wm. McKay, M.D.,
	James Mackenzie.

ALEXANDRA, No. 11.**CHARLOTTETOWN.**

(Chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, under the title of Alexandra Chapter, No. 100. Chartered by the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, June 4th, 1878.)

OFFICERS :

A. N. Large, *High Priest.*
Henry J. Worth, *King.*
John T. Crockett, *Scribe.*
Adam Murray, *Treasurer.*

D. R. McLennan, *Secretary.*
Silas F. Hodgson, *Capt. of the Host.*
Geo. W. Wakeford, *Prin. Sojourner.*
John Messervey, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

J. S. Carvell,
A. N. Large,
Simon W. Crabbe,

David Small,
Adam Murray,
Geo. W. Wakeford,
Thomas A. McLean.

PRINCE EDWARD, No. 12.**SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.**

(Organized March 16, 1885, Chartered June 2, 1885.)

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF FEB. MAY, AUG., AND NOV.

OFFICERS :

Leonard Morris, *High Priest.*
W. T. Hunt, *King.*
C. R. Clark, *Scribe.*
Neil McKelvie, *Treasurer.*

John Grady, *Secretary.*
Andrew Bowness, *Capt. of the Host.*
W. A. Leslie, *Prin. Sojourner.*
Philip Ramsay, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Rev. T. B. Reagh,
Neil McKelvie,

Donald Darrach, M. D.,
John L. Thomson,

Abstract of Returns to Grand Chapter for year ended May 20, 1888.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. last Return.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Missing.	Died.	Present Members.	Dues on Members. at 25c.	Registry and Diploma fees, Exaltations.	Registry and Diploma fees, Affiliations.	Total fees and dues.	Amount paid.
1	Royal Union, Halifax	80	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	80	\$20 00	\$5 00	4 00	\$29 00	\$29 00
2	St. Andrew's, Halifax	59	4	0	0	7	5	1	1	49	12 25	10 00	0 00	22 25	22 25
3	Hiram, Windsor	27	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	30	7 50	12 50	0 00	20 00	20 00
4	Keith, Truro	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	33	8 25	0 00	0 00	8 25	8 25
5	Eureka, Annapolis	23	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	7 25	15 00	0 00	22 25	22 25
6	Rosignol, Liverpool	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	6 25	0 00	0 00	6 25	6 25
7	Union, Yarmouth	38	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	40	10 00	10 00	0 00	20 00	10 00
8	St. John's, Pictou	29	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	9 00	22 50	0 00	31 50	0 00
9	Shannon, St. John's, N. F. L.	89	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	88	22 00	7 50	0 00	29 50	29 50
10	Pr. of Wales, Sydney, C. B.	46	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	44	11 00	0 00	0 00	11 00	11 00
11	Alexandra, Charlottetown, P. E. I.	36	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	35	8 75	5 00	0 00	13 75	13 75
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At Rest.

GEO. M. KINGSFORD....Royal Union, No. 1....Died March 6, 1888.

SMITH COPELANDSt. John's, No. 8.....Died Oct. 12, 1887.

J. S. MACDONALDSt. John's, No. 8....Died May 29, 1887.

HUGH GEMMELShannon, No. 9.....Died March, 1888.

AUGUSTINO BELLONIPr. of Wales, No. 10...Died May 17, 1887.

DONALD C. MARTIN.....Alexandra, No. 11.....Died 1887.

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M. E. COMP. WILLIAM TAYLOR, B.A.

Past High Priest of St. Andrew's, Chapter No. 2,

— AND —

Past Grand High Priest

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Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia,

WHO DIED AT HALIFAX, N. S., FEB. 26, 1888.



"He was a true friend, a sincere Christian ; and in his daily life he exemplified all that is beautiful in Masonry."

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Samuel Porter	Halifax
Arkansas	T. A. Cossmann	Do
Canada		
California	Rev. H. D. deBlois, M.A.	Annapolis
Connecticut	Rev. R. Avery, M.A.	Aylesford
Colorado	R. T. Roome	Halifax
District of Columbia ..	James Gossip	Do
Dakota	W. V. Murray	Do
Delaware	James Dempster	Do
Georgia	W. W. Rickards	Windsor
Illinois	James Gossip	Halifax
Indiana	John W. Ruhland	Do
Iowa	W. A. Hesson	Do
Kansas	S. H. Pelton	Yarmouth
Kentucky	R. L. Hardwick	Annapolis
Louisiana	John R. Cowen	Windsor
Maine	Benj. Curren, D.C.L.	Halifax
Maryland	C. J. Macdonald	Do
Minnesota	L. B. Archibald	Truro
Missouri	Geo. T. Smithers	Halifax
North Carolina	L. E. Tremaine	Sydney
New Hampshire	A. D. McGillvary, M.D.	Do
New Jersey	James Gossip	Halifax
Nebraska		
Nevada	Thomas V. Cooke	Pictou
New York	C. J. Macdonald	Halifax
Ohio	William Williams	Do
Oregon	Moses Monroe	St. John's, Nfld
Pennsylvania	F. W. Dakin	Windsor
Quebec	James Poyntz	Do
Rhode Island	W. B. Alley	Truro
Scotland	S. R. Sircom	Boston
South Carolina	James Gossip	Halifax
Tennessee	George Fraser	Truro
Texas	James A. Gordon	Pictou
Washington Ter.	James G. Jamieson	Halifax
West Virginia	James Fortune	Do
Wisconsin	F. W. Dakin	Windsor

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**Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia
near other Grand Chapters.**

GRAND CHAPTERS.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Samuel Thompson	
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock
California	J. H. Neff	Dutch Flat, Placer Co
Canada	Robert Hendry, Jr.	Kingston, Ont
Colorado	J. J. A. Bigler	
Connecticut	Luke A. Lockwood	Stamford
Dakota	C. O. VanDuzen	Jamestown
Delaware	C. S. Rambo	Edgmoor
District of Columbia..	Richard Ball	Washington
Florida	W. M. Mackintosh	Tallahassee
Georgia	J. J. Wright	
Illinois	James H. Miles	Chicago
Indiana	Rees J Chestnutwood	South Bend
Iowa	T. S. Parvin	Iowa City
Kansas	G. W. Port	Beloit
Kentucky	William Ryan	Louisville
Louisiana	Michael Eloi Girard	Vermillionville
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond, LL. D.	Portland
Maryland	Charles H. Ohr	Cumberland, All. Co.
Massachusetts.....	Rev. John W. Dadmun	Winthrop
Minnesota	J. H. Brown	Wilmur
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	R. F. Stevenson	Jefferson City
Nebraska	E. A. Allen	Omaha
Nevada	Frank Bell	Reno
New Hampshire.....	H. P. Gooderich	Lebanon
New Jersey.....	George Scott	Paterson
New York	George Van Vliet	New York
North Carolina	William Simpson	Raleigh
Ohio.....	James Nisbet	Troy
Oregon.....	James R. Bayley	Corvallis, Breton Co.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia
Quebec.....	Miles B. Scholfield	Sherbrooke, Q.
Rhode Island	Geo. H. Burnham.....	Providence
South Carolina	Augustine T. Smythe	Charleston.
Scotland	Alex. Hay	Edinburgh
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Nashville
Washington	W. A. Fairweather	Sponake Falls
West Virginia	E. G. Bartlett	Martinsburg
Wisconsin	William T. Palmer	Milwaukee

Elective Officers of the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Nova Scotia from its organization in 1869, to the present Year.

YEAR.	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.	GRAND KING.	GRAND SCRIBE.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND SECRETARY.
1869	*Alexander Keith	Stephen R. Sircom	*Joseph C. Brown	William Twining	James Gossip.
1870	*Alexander Keith	Stephen R. Sircom	*Joseph C. Brown	William Twining	James Gossip.
1871	Stephen R. Sircom	*Joseph C. Brown	William A. Hesson	William Twining	James Gossip.
1872	Stephen R. Sircom	William A. Hesson	Fraser W. Dakin	William Twining	James Gossip.
1873	Stephen R. Sircom	Fraser W. Dakin	Benjamin Curren	William Twining	James Gossip.
1874	Stephen R. Sircom	Benjamin Curren	William Williams	William Twining	James Gossip.
1875	Stephen R. Sircom	James Poyntz	*James Martin	William Twining	James Gossip.
1876	Charles J. McDonald	*William Taylor	Lorenzo F. Darling	William Twining	James Gossip.
1877	Benjamin Curren	Lorenzo F. Darling	Thomas V. Cooke	William Twining	James Gossip.
1878	William A. Hesson	Thomas V. Cooke	Robert L. Hardwick	William Taylor	James Gossip.
1879	*William Taylor	George T. Smithers	Augustus Robinson	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1880	Lorenzo F. Darling	Rev. Richard Avery	Sanford H. Pelton	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1881	William A. Hesson	*Charles Crew-Read	John R. Cowen	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1882	James Gossip.	Richard T. Roome	Theodore A. Cossman	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1883	Rev. Henry D. deBlois	William V. Murray	Alex. D. McGillvary	William A. Hesson	George T. Smithers.
1884	Rev. Henry D. deBlois	John W. Ruhland	Lewis E. Tremaine	William A. Hesson	George T. Smithers.
1885	Rev. Henry D. deBlois	Luther B. Archibald	James Dempster	William A. Hesson	George T. Smithers.
1886	Rev. Henry D. deBlois	Samuel Porter	Henry E. Jefferson	William A. Hesson	George T. Smithers.
1887	Luther B. Archibald	William Crowe	James G. Jamieson	William A. Hesson	Benjamin Curren.
1888	John W. Ruhland	Geo. W. Wakeford	Samuel J. Waddell	William A. Hesson	Benjamin Curren.

Honorary Members.

- *John D. Nash, (Honorary), P. G. Scribe.
- James Poyntz, " "
- Stephen R. Sircom, P. G. H. P.
- James Fortune, (Honorary), P. G. Scribe.
- Moses Monroe, (Honorary), P. G. Scribe.

*Deceased.

With
 JURISDICTION
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 Quebec ..
 Rhode Island ..
 Scotland ..
 South Carolina ..
 Tennessee ..
 Texas ..
 Vermont ..
 Virginia ..
 Washington ..
 West Virginia ..
 Wisconsin ..
 General Grant ..

GRAND CHAPTERS,

With Names and Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

JURISDICTION.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco
Canada	David McLellan	Hamilton, Ontario
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmelee	Pueblo
Connecticut	Joseph H. Wheeler	Hartford
Dakota	Thomas J. Wilder	Casselton
Delaware	James H. Price	Wilmington
District of Columbia..	Lewis G. Stephens	Washington
England	Shadwell H. Clerke	Freemasons' H. Lon.
Florida	DeWit C. Dawkins	Jacksonville
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Macon
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines
Ireland	Samuel B. Oldham	Freemasons' H. Dub.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte
Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor, M.D.	New Orleans
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	A. T. J. Pierson	Saint Paul
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	William H. Mayo	Saint Louis
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson
New Brunswick	T. Nisbet Robertson	St. John
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord
New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City
New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren, D.C.L.	Halifax
Ohio	E. V. Rhoads	St. Paris
Oregon	Rocky P. Earhart	Salem
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia
Quebec	Joseph Mitchell	Montreal
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence
Scotland	William Edwards	Edinburgh
South Carolina	John E. Burke	Charleston
Tennessee	John F. Lazel	Nashville
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	John W. Morris	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee
General Grand Chapter	Christopher C. Fox	Buffalo, New York

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Grand Royal Arch Chapter
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

(As Revised to May 31st, 1887.)

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

1.—The style and title of the Grand Chapter shall be "THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA," and shall consist of a Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, two Grand Chaplains, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters of the Veils, Grand Marshal, two Grand Stewards, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Organist, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tyler; and likewise of all the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of every subordinate Chapter duly installed, and in their absence proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past High Priests, being subscribing members to some regular Chapter.

2.—The rank of officers and members of Grand Chapter shall be as follows :

Grand High Priest.
Past Grand High Priest.
Grand King.
Past Grand King.
Grand Scribe.
Past Grand Scribe.
Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Treasurer.
Grand Secretary.
Past Grand Secretary.
Grand Chaplains.
Past Grand Chaplains.
Grand Captain of the Host.
Past Grand Captain of the Host.
Grand Principal Sojourner.
Past Grand Principal Sojourner.
Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Past Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Grand Masters of the Veils.
Past Grand Masters of the Veils.
Grand Marshal.
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Grand Standard Bearer.
Past Grand Standard Bearer.
Grand Organist.
Past Grand Organist.
Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Tyler.

The High Priests, Kings and Scribes of subordinate Chapters in the order of the number of their respective Chapter Warrants.

3.—The Officers of Grand Chapter shall be respectively elected as herein-after provided, and hold their offices for one year or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed. But they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, when they shall be duly installed, invested and proclaimed in ancient form.

No Companion shall be installed by proxy.

4.—The following Officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, and shall require a majority of all the votes present :

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest.
“ Right “ Grand King.
“ “ “ Grand Scribe.
“ “ “ Grand Treasurer.
“ “ “ Grand Secretary.

After all the nominations have been made, the Grand Secretary shall read the names of the Candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the subsequent one shall be taken only for those having the two highest number of votes. Should only one nomination take place the ballot is unnecessary.

The remainder of the officers shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, viz :—

The Right Excellent Grand Chaplains.
“ “ Grand Captain of the Host.
“ “ Grand Principal Sojourner.
“ “ Grand Royal Arch Captain.
The Very Excellent Grand Masters of the Veils.
“ “ Grand Marshal.
“ “ Grand Stewards.
“ “ Grand Standard Bearer.
“ “ Grand Organist.
“ “ Grand Pursuivant.
Companion Grand Tyler.

The election and installation of officers of a Chapter regularly constituted under Charter, must be held in the month of April in each and every year, and the Annual Return to the Grand Chapter must be made up and forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least twenty days prior to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, the officers installed shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

The mode of election shall be as in the case of Grand Chapter.

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- 5.—The Grand High Priest, King and Scribe must be Post High Priests of a Subordinate Chapter.
- 6.—Should neither of the representative Officers nor a Past High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter attend any convocation of the Grand Chapter, such Chapter by a vote properly certified by the High Priest and Secretary, under seal, may delegate any Companion entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter to represent their Chapter, but no Companion can represent more than one Chapter.
- 7.—Every Companion elected to office in the Grand Chapter shall, during his period of office, be a subscribing member to some regular Subordinate Chapter; and any Past Grand Officer or member, who shall for twelve months continuously cease to be a subscribing member to some Subordinate Chapter, shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Chapter; such disqualification to continue until he shall have again become, and continue to be, a subscribing member to some regular Subordinate Chapter.
- 8.—The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the day previous to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and at the same place. None but members shall be present without the permission of the presiding officer.
- 9.—The Grand High Priest, or in his absence, the Grand King or Grand Scribe, may convene Grand Chapters of Emergency when necessary. The reason for convening a Grand Chapter of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.
- 10.—No officer or member shall be permitted to attend in Grand Chapter without his proper clothing or Jewel.
- 11.—If at any Grand Chapter, stated or occasional, the Grand High Priest be absent, the Chair shall be filled by the Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, provided he be an installed Present or Past High Priest of any Subordinate Chapter. And if no such Grand Officer be present, then by the High Priests of Chapters, according to seniority, and the powers of any such *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.
- 12.—Grand Chapter is declared open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand High Priest is present; at all other times in DUE FORM, but with the same authority.
- 13.—An annual report of the transactions of the Grand Chapter, with an account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed without delay, and one copy thereof transmitted to every officer of Grand Chapter, and three copies to every Subordinate Chapter, immediately after the Annual Convocation in June.
- 14.—In the Grand Chapter alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Royal Arch, and of altering, amending, repealing and abrogating them. The Grand Chapter has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relating to the Royal Arch and the intermediate degrees, and to Subordinate Chapters and individual Companions, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the Grand Chapter alone resides

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14.—When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion, and the circumstances relating thereto being communicated to it by the Grand High Priest, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft's suspension or repulsion continues in force. But no Companion shall, under any circumstances, be suspended or expelled until he shall have been summoned to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, and every opportunity afforded of defending himself, either in Grand Chapter as aforesaid, or before other duly constituted authority.

15.—Should any Chapter have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Chapter for more than one year, the representatives of such Chapter shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Chapter until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

16.—No Companion shall be qualified or permitted to attend Grand Chapter as Present, or Past High Priest, or as King, or Scribe, until his name and appointment have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

17.—Companions of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Chapter, be constituted members of the Grand Chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

18.—The Most Excellent Grand High Priest may summon any Chapter or Companion to attend him and to produce the Warrant, Books, Papers, Accounts and property of the Chapter. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons shall be repeated as a peremptory summons, and if such last summons be not attended to, the offending Chapter or Companion may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Chapter.

19.—No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Chapter unless at least three Subordinate Chapters are represented by proxies or otherwise.

20.—Every Subordinate Chapter shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand High Priest, or by one or more members of the Grand Chapter duly authorized, who shall examine the Minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Chapter, and may require an exemplification of any any of the Capitular degrees, and report thereon to the Grand Chapter in writing at its next Annual Convocation. The officers of each Chapter visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Chapter.

21.—The Grand Chapter shall keep a book in which the members attending at each Convocation shall sign their names before entering the Grand Chapter; and a similar book, or portion of the same book for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of the Chapter from which they hail.

REGULATIONS,
For the government of the Grand Chapter during the
time of Business.

(TO BE READ AT EVERY CONVOCATION.)

- 1.—The Grand Chapter being opened, and the Regulations having been read, the minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and of any intervening Grand Chapter, are then to be put for confirmation; and any communication from the Grand High Priest, King or Scribe, shall be read and taken into consideration, after which the other business shall be regularly proceeded with.
- 2.—All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is enacted or demanded; each officer and member of the Grand Chapter (except the Grand Tyler) shall have one vote, and the presiding officer, in case of equality, a casting vote. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which hands the Grand Secretary is to count unless the presiding officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary. No visitor shall, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.
- 3.—No Companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply; and no visitor shall speak to any question unless requested or permitted to do so by the presiding officer.
- 4.—Every Companion who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding officer; and no Companion shall interrupt him, except to speak to order, or the presiding officer to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observes due order and decorum.
- 5.—If any member shall have been twice called to order by the presiding officer, and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding officer may command him forthwith to quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that Convocation.
- 6.—Any motion for the repeal or alteration of an existing law, or the introduction of a new one, may be made by notice being given in writing through the Committee of General Purposes, who shall submit the same to the members of Grand Chapter at least two months previous to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter; and no such repeal, alteration or addition shall be valid unless supported by two-thirds of the voters present in Grand Chapter. All such notices must be in the hands of the Secretary of this Committee at least three months previous to the Annual Convocation.
- 7.—No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

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OF GRAND OFFICERS.

1.—Should the Grand High Priest die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties, the Grand King, or in his absence the Grand Scribe, shall act until the next election takes place. Should they decline or be unable to act, the Grand Chapter shall be summoned by the Grand King, or in his absence by the Grand Scribe, to elect a new Grand High Priest.

2.—The Grand High Priest, under the sanction of the Grand Chapter, may, by warrant, appoint any Companion of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Chapter in a sister Grand Chapter; he may also constitute the representative of a sister Grand Chapter a member of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

3.—The Grand High Priest may preside in any Chapter he may visit.

4.—The Grand High Priest shall not be applied to officially concerning Royal Arch Companions or Masonry, except through the Grand Secretary.

OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

5.—The duties of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter are similar to those of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of a Grand Lodge.

The salary of the Grand Secretary shall be such as the Grand Chapter shall from time to time determine.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

6.—It is the duty of the Grand Chaplains to attend the Grand Chapter at all its Grand Convocations, there to offer up to the Great Architect of the Universe the prayers of the Companions, to invoke his blessing on their labors, and to assist in the necessary rites and ceremonies on all Masonic occasions.

- 7.—The Grand Captain of the Host,
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“ “ Royal Arch Captain,
“ “ Masters of the Veils,
“ “ Stewards,
“ “ Standard Bearer,
“ “ Organist,

shall perform the respective duties required of them by the regulations and customs of the Order.

GRAND MARSHAL.

8.—The duty of the Grand Marshal is to form and regulate all processions of the Grand Chapter, make all necessary proclamations, and to see that the proper ceremonies be duly observed.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

9.—The Grand Pursuivant is to see that no one be admitted without his proper clothing, and is in all respects entitled to admission; he is also to execute the orders of the Grand High Priest in the business of the Grand Chapter.

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GRAND TYLER.

10.—The Grand Tyler shall attend every Convocation of the Grand Chapter, keep the regalia and furniture in good condition, and attend to the arrangement thereof. He shall deliver the notices for all Convocations of the Grand Chapter.

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OR COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1.—The Committee of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, (ex-officio members) and six other members of Grand Chapter, to be elected annually by ballot, immediately after the election of Grand Officers.

The Committee may elect its own presiding officer, and three members shall constitute a quorum for business. The Committee may appoint sub-committees from amongst its members.

2.—In the absence of the presiding officer, the chair shall be taken by the member highest in rank present.

3.—The Committee shall audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter, and report thereon at the Annual Convocation, and shall prepare a report of Foreign Correspondence.

4.—The Committee shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, and shall examine and report on all applications for Warrants, and generally on all matters referred to it by the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter, and shall have the right of summoning any Chapter or Companion to attend and produce all books, papers and accounts belonging to them, under penalty, on neglect or refusal, of being by said Committee reported to the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter.

5.—All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes; the presiding officer, in case of equality, having a casting vote.

6.—The Committee shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter referred to it by the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter, in preference to other general business.

7.—All transactions and resolutions of the Committee shall be entered in a Minute Book by the Grand Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

1.—The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Masons, within the Province, with authority to assign the limits of the several Chapters and settle controversies that may happen between them; and has power, under the Seal of the Grand Chapter, and the sign manual of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, attested by the Grand Secretary, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

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2.—The Grand High Priest has the power and authority whenever he shall deem it expedient during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant a Dispensation under his hand, and attested by the Grand Secretary, under the Seal of Grand Chapter, upon the petition of nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons, empowering them to hold Chapters of Royal Arch Masons to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, for a certain specified time, provided such does not extend beyond the next ensuing annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand Chapter may confirm the said Dispensation and grant the petitioners a warrant of Constitution.

3.—No Charter or Dispensation shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

4.—The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason cannot be conferred in any Chapter without the appropriate ceremonies in each degree; nothing ought to be abbreviated in any case, nor must anything be added to, for mere effect or otherwise.

5.—It is the special duty of every High Priest to see that all the ceremonies in his Chapter are performed with due order and solemnity, avoiding all trifling and levity, and should this be indulged in by any Companion, to call the offender strictly to an account.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

1.—All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least once in every three months, and should consist of High Priest, King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, and three Grand Masters of the Veils, and in addition to the above a Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler.

2.—Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand High Priest. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine regular and registered Royal Arch Masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden with the names of the intended High Priest, King and Scribe. No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall for the future be named after any living person.

3.—Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated according to ancient custom, by the Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, or by a Present or Past High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter, with the authority of the Grand High Priest.

4.—The elective officers of a Subordinate Chapter shall be a High Priest, a King, a Scribe, a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the officers appointed by the High Priest shall be a Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, a Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters of the Veils, and a Tyler.

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- 5.—No Companion shall be eligible for the High Priest's chair unless he be an installed Master or Past Master of a Regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the King's or Scribe's chair for twelve months; but this by-law is not intended to apply to new Chapters at the time of their original constitution.
- 6.—All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is especially enacted.
- 7.—A register shall be kept by each Chapter of all Companions who shall be installed as High Priest, King or Scribe; and every Chapter shall return to the Grand Secretary the name of every Companion so installed, with the date of his installation, and shall also notify the Grand Secretary whenever any Companion who has been installed as High Priest, King or Scribe, shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a member of the Chapter; and no Companion shall take his seat in the Grand Chapter as a Present or Past High Priest, King or Scribe, until his name shall have been so registered.
- 8.—The High Priest is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to Subordinate Chapters, and that all returns are made, and fees and dues paid to Grand Chapter. He shall see that a book or books be kept in which the Secretary shall enter the names of all candidates, with the dates of their proposals, and taking the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch, and their ages, residences and professions, together with all such other transactions of the Chapter as are proper to be written.
- 9.—The High Priest, King and Scribe of the Chapter for the time being, shall be the Master and Wardens respectively of the Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Masters, the other officers according to seniority.
- 10.—The Officers and Companions whilst in Chapter shall wear the insignia of the order according to rank.
- 11.—In the absence of the High Priest, the King, or in his absence the Scribe, shall assume the chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the High Priest's office, except conferring the Royal Arch degree. A High Priest or Past High Priest of any Chapter may be invited to officiate as High Priest by the presiding officer.
- 12.—If the High Priest should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the King, or in his absence the Scribe, shall summon the Chapter, and a new High Priest shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the High Priest *pro tempore*, until the annual convocation; but no officer can resign his office after he has been installed or invested, nor can he be removed except for cause which appears to the Chapter to be sufficient, to be ascertained by the votes of the majority of the members present, on the complaint being regularly laid before it, and due investigation into the same.
- 13.—A Chapter of Emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the High Priest by summons. The reason for calling it shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business, than that specified shall be entered upon at that meeting.

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Chapters may return as *missing* any member whose residence and address is not known for three successive years, and Chapters shall be exempted from dues from such members whilst missing,

15.—Every Mark Master must select and record his mark in the Lodge Book of Marks, previous to his exaltation to the Royal Arch degree; and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter for record by the Grand Secretary.

16.—No Chapter shall exalt a Mason to the Royal Arch degree, or admit a joining member, without strictly complying with the regulations enacted for those occasions. See "*Of proposing members.*"

17.—No Chapter shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch upon any brother for a less sum than twenty dollars, unless in cases of ordained ministers of the Gospel, which sum must be paid before any of the degrees are conferred, and may include the fees to the Grand Chapter, for registry and certificate. The Companion who proposes a candidate is responsible to the Chapter for all fees payable by him, payment of which must not on any pretence be deferred, nor any part of them.

18.—When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have liberty to and may confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions, who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

19.—Every Chapter has the power of forming by-laws for its own government provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the Grand Chapter. The by-laws must be submitted to the Grand High Priest, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every Companion when he becomes a member of a Chapter shall sign the by-laws as a token of submission to them. The regular day of meeting shall be specified,

20.—Every Chapter shall keep a book, or books, in which members shall sign their names, or have them recorded before entering the Chapter, and also for visitors, which shall contain their names, rank, and Chapter from which they hail. The Tyler shall see that these entries are properly made.

21.—The precedency of a Chapter is derived from the number of its warrant, as recorded in the books of the Grand Chapter. If a Chapter be dissolved, its warrants, records and property shall be delivered up to the Grand Chapter.

22.—If the majority of members quit a Chapter, the constitution or power of assembling exists with those remaining, provided their number be not less than nine, but if less than nine remain, their warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted and enjoyed reverts to the Grand Chapter.

23.—No Companion shall in any way make known or publish any proceedings of a Chapter without proper authority, nor violate the secrecy of the ballot under any circumstances, under penalty of severe censure for a first offence; and for a second offence, of suspension from his Royal Arch privileges.

24.—Every Chapter has the power of enquiring into offences, and of suspending or excluding a member, but no Companion shall be suspended or excluded under any circumstances, until he shall have had due notice of the charge or complaint preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, so that he may be present and afforded every opportunity of defending himself, before a decision is rendered as to his guilt or otherwise.

25.—The name of every Companion suspended, together with the cause thereof, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and also notice of his restoration.

26.—When a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, he shall be immediately restored by the Chapter, without ballot, on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Chapter dues for the period he was so suspended.

27.—The majority of members of a Chapter, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their representatives before the Convocation of Grand Chapter, because such Companions are supposed to speak their sentiments.

28.—Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in either of the following cases:—

Omitting to hold a Convocation of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any returns required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased under any circumstances, until the High Priest, King and Scribe thereof, shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

1.—No Mason shall be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the Royal Arch degree,

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No Companion can become a member of a Chapter in this jurisdiction until he has produced satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues and demands against him in the Chapter of which he was last a member, and after presenting a petition as in the case of candidates for the degrees.

2.—All balloting for candidates as aforesaid must take place in the Royal Arch degree.

3.—No Chapter shall admit a candidate who resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the written consent of such Chapter, and signed by the High Priest and Secretary. The jurisdiction of every Chapter except in cities and towns where there are more than one Chapter, extends between them half way to the nearest Chapter. In such cities and towns Chapters have concurrent jurisdiction.

4.—No candidate shall be admitted, or Companion received as a joining member, if on the ballot one black ball appear against him.

5.—No rejected candidate can be again proposed and balloted for within six months of the time of his rejection. (See article 1.)

6.—No Mason shall be exalted to the Royal Arch degree until he has received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master. Lodges may be called and opened for the purpose of conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master, at emergent meetings called therefor, without assembling the Chapter, *provided* that no other work or business be done except that of conferring the degree or degrees for which the said Lodge or Lodges shall be specially summoned.

OF THE CHAPTER SEAL.

Every Chapter shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of it is to be sent to the Grand Secretary and if at any time it shall be changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1.—Every Chapter shall procure for each Companion exalted therein immediately upon his being registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, a diploma under Seal of the Grand Chapter, and signed by the Grand Secretary, of such exaltation and registry, the same to be paid for by the Chapter.

2.—Every Companion must sign his name in the margin of his diploma to make it valid, which should be done at the time of its delivery to him.

3.—Every return or document upon which a Grand Chapter diploma is to issue, must specify not only the date of exaltation, but also the dates when the Companion was advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master.

4.—All applications for Grand Chapter diplomas must be made to the Grand Secretary, and no diploma can be issued until payment is made of the fees for registry and diploma.

OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

1.—No public procession or festival shall be allowed without a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, or the officer discharging the duties of such office, except as to attending Masonic funerals, the urgency of which may not admit of the delay necessary for procuring a dispensation.

2.—If any Chapter or Companion shall attend any public procession, (except a funeral), or festival, in Royal Arch clothing, without a dispensation, such Chapter and Companion shall be suspended, until the Grand Chapter shall determine thereon. and such Companion shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Chapter. This includes Tylers of Chapters.

EMBLEMS.

No Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction shall exhibit any emblem of the fraternity in order to attract attention to his business.

ON APPEAL.

1.—The Grand Chapter, when congregated, necessarily possesses a supreme authority over, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry, with its intermediate degrees. Any Chapter or Companion, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other authority, may appeal to the Grand Chapter against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2.—No appeal will be received unless made in proper and respectful language, and it must be sent to the Grand Secretary at least one month before the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

3.—Notice of the intention to appeal against a decision must always be given at the time the decision is made known.

OF FEES.

For a Dispensation for a new Chapter.....	\$30 00
“ “ Warrant of Constitution	20 00
“ “ new do., to replace loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified..	10 00
“ every other Dispensation.....	1 00
“ a Grand Chapter Certificate	1 50
“ Registry of the name of every candidate exalted.....	1 00
“ “ “ a Companion joining a Chapter from another Grand Chapter Jurisdiction	50
For Registry and Certificate of the intermediate degrees conferred on Companions joining from other jurisdictions.....	2 00

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REGALIA.

1.—The following Clothing and Insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any Subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

2.—The apron is to be of white lamb-skin, or white kid-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the centre of the apron, the border of the flap, or lappet, to be only one inch wide; in the centre of the flap is to be a triangle of silk or satin, surrounded with gold border and within the triangle three taus, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by ribbons two inches wide and coming from under the flap. The aprons of the Present and Past Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, and High Priest, King, and Scribe, of Subordinate Chapters, are to be trimmed with gold lace.

3.—The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon suspending the tassels, for Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, purple; for Present and Past High Priests, Kings and Scribes of Subordinate Chapters, crimson; and for all other Companions, white.

4.—The jewel of office worn by the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, is to be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz: purple, crimson, and pale blue, four inches wide.

5.—The jewels of office worn by the Present High Priest, King and Scribe, and also by Past High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, of Subordinate Chapters, are to be suspended by a crimson collar, four inches wide.

6.—Grand and Past Grand Officers wear a tricolor sash, with gold fringe or bullion at the ends; all other Companions are to wear the usual sash of the order with silk fringe at the ends; but High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, and Past High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, of Subordinate Chapters, may wear gold fringe or bullion, instead of silk.

7.—The medal of the order is to be worn on the left breast, suspended by a narrow ribbon according to the rank of the Companion.

The following are recognized degrees, as defined by Grand Chapter, viz: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch, Royal and Select Masters, and Masonic Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta.

ROBES, &c.

Grand High Priest and High Priest.—The robe of blue, purple, scarlet, and white, decorated with the breast plate and mitre. On the front of the mitre, on a golden plate, is inscribed in Hebrew characters, "Holiness to the Lord."

Grand King and King.—A scarlet robe, with a crown on his head, and a sceptre in his hand.

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Grand Scribe and Scribe.—A purple robe, and a turban of the same color.

The Captain of the Host.—A white robe and helmet, and armed with a sword.

The Principal Sojourner.—A black robe, with a rose colored border, and a slouched hat and pilgrim's staff.

The Royal Arch Captain.—A white robe, and cap or helmet, and armed with a sword.

The Grand Master of the Third Veil.—A scarlet robe and turban.

The Grand Master of the Second Veil.—A purple robe and turban.

The Grand Master of the First Veil.—A blue robe and turban.

The Treasurer, Secretary, and Tyler of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, will occupy their respective stations as in previous degrees, and wear their appropriate Jewels.

JEWELS.

Grand High Priest.—Two interlacing triangles, surrounded by a pair of open compasses, with a mitre placed on the top of the angle of a square, surrounded by a wreath, touching the legs of the compasses, and the side of the triangle.

Grand King.—The same, but with emblem consisting of a Level, surmounted by a Crown inside a wreath.

Grand Scribe.—Same, but with emblem consisting of a Plumb, surmounted by a turban inside a wreath.

Grand Treasurer	.....	<i>Crossed Keys.</i>
“ Secretary	.....	<i>Crossed Pens.</i>
“ Chaplains	.....	<i>The Bible.</i>
“ Captain of the Host	.....	<i>Soldier with drawn Sword.</i>
“ Principal Sojourner	.....	<i>Pilgrim with Staff.</i>
“ Royal Arch Captain	.....	<i>Cross-hilted Swords crossed.</i>
“ Masters of the Veils	.....	<i>Cross-hilted Sword.</i>
“ Marshal	.....	<i>Crossed Batons.</i>
“ Stewards	.....	<i>Triangle.</i>
“ Standard Bearer	.....	<i>Standard with a triple tau in centre.</i>
“ Organist	.....	<i>Harp.</i>
“ Pursuivant	.....	<i>Sabre crossed with Trumpet.</i>
“ Tyler	.....	<i>Crossed Sabres.</i>

Each of the above named insignia shall be attached to an Equilateral Triangle, (except that for the Grand Stewards) placed on a circle.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

High Priest, King and Scribe.—Same emblems as the Grand Chapter, within a triangle. Other officers the same, but without the circle.



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Three copies of these Proceedings containing the Constitution as amended to June 1888, are to be sent to each Grand Chapter, and to each Subordinate Chapter in the Jurisdiction, and are intended exclusively for the use of the Chapter, and not as the personal property of any officer or member.

The next Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, will be held at Freemasons Hall, Perth, on Tuesday, June 11th, 1889.

The Election and Installation of Officers of Subordinate Chapters must take place in the month of April and secretaries must have their Returns made up and forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least twenty days before the Annual meeting of Grand Chapter.