

John W. Richland Esq. Past Grand King
1887.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

AT THE

Eighteenth Annual Convocation,

May 31st, A. D. 1887, A. I. 2417.

LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD, Grand High Priest.
BENJAMIN CURREN, D. C. L., Halifax, Grand Secretary.

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GRAND OFFICERS

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,

OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Elected and appointed at the Annual Convocation, Tuesday,
May 31st, 1887.

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- M.E. Luther B. Archibald *Grand H. P.*, Truro.
F.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.*, Char'town, P.E.I.
V.E. W. B. Alley *G. M. 3rd Veil*, Truro.
V.E. John Thomson *G.M. 2nd Veil*, Summerside, PEI.
V.E. Alex. D. 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.

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PROCEEDINGS
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ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

THE Eighteenth 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, May 31st, A. D. 1887, A. I. 2417, at Nine o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT :

<i>M. E. Comp.</i>	Rev. Henry D. DeBlois	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	“ Samuel Porter	<i>Grand King.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	“ Henry E. Jefferson	<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>
<i>R. E.</i>	“ Samuel J. Waddell	<i>Grand Capt. of the Host.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	“ Donald Darrach	<i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i>
<i>V. E.</i>	“ George Graydon	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
<i>V. E.</i>	“ J. J. McKeil,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

PAST GRAND OFFICERS, (Permanent Members.)

<i>M. E. Comp.</i>	Benjamin Curren	<i>P. G. H. P.</i>
“	“ William A. Hesson	<i>P. G. H. P.</i>
“	“ William Taylor,	<i>P. G. H. P.</i>
“	“ James Gossip	<i>P. G. H. P.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	“ Richard T. Roome	<i>P. G. K.</i>
“	“ John W. Ruhland	<i>P. G. K.</i>
“	“ Luther B. Archibald	<i>P. G. K.</i>
“	“ William Williams	<i>P. G. S.</i>
“	“ Theodore A. Cossmann	<i>P. G. S.</i>
“	“ James Dempster	<i>P. G. S.</i>
“	“ James Fortune	<i>P. G. S. (Hon.)</i>

Proceedings of the

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND CHAPTERS.

Alabama	R. E.	Comp. Samuel Porter.
Arkansas	R. E.	" Theodore A. Cossmann.
California	M. E.	" Rev. H. D. deBlois M. A.
Colorado	R. E.	" Richard T. Roome.
District of Columbia	M. E.	" James Gossip.
Delaware	R. E.	" James Dempster.
Illinois	M. E.	" James Gossip.
Indiana	R. E.	" John W. Ruhland.
Iowa	M. E.	" William A. Hesson.
Maine	R. E.	" Benjamin Curren, D. C. L.
Minnesota	M. E.	" Luther B. Archibald.
New Jersey	R. E.	" James Gossip.
Nebraska	M. E.	" William Taylor, B. A.
Ohio	R. E.	" William Williams,
South Carolina	M. E.	" James Gossip.
Washington Ter.	R. E.	" James G. Jamieson.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST HIGH PRIESTS IN ATTENDANCE.

Royal Union—No. 1	George Graydon, H. P.
	Israel S. Sanford, K.
	Thomas Smale, S.
	B. Curren, P. H. P.
	R. T. Roome, P. H. P.
	W. A. Hesson, P. H. P.
	J. Gossip, P. H. P.
	J. Dempster, P. H. P.
	J. W. Ruhland, P. H. P.
	J. G. Jamieson, P. H. P.
	William Williams, H. P.
	W. A. McKenzie, K.
	John Naylor, S.
	W. Taylor, P. H. P.
	W. Williams, P. H. P.
	T. A. Cossmann, P. H. P.
	S. Porter, P. H. P.
	Wm. Crowe, P. H. P.
Hiram—No. 3	J. Gossip, P. G. H. P., proxy for Chapter.
Keith—No. 4	S. J. Waddell, H. P., proxy for K. and S.
	L. B. Archibald, P. H. P.
	W. B. Alley, P. H. P.
Eureka—No. 5	Hugh E. Gillies, K. proxy for H. P. and S.
Rossignol—No. 6	Not represented.
Union—No. 7	Not represented.

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Shannon—No. 9
Prince of Wales—
Alexandra—No.
Prince Edward—

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St. Johns'—No. 8 ... William S. Macdonald, proxy for Chapter.
Shannon—No. 9 Not represented.
Prince of Wales—No. 10 Not represented.
Alexandra—No. 11 Not represented.
Prince Edward—No. 12 . . . D. Darrach, *P. H. P.*

ROLL CALLED.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when six 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. C. W. McCully, acting 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. T. A. Cossmann, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation were dispensed with, the same having been printed.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

On motion of R. E. Comp. John W. Ruhland, 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.,
May 31st, 1886.

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, Israel S. Sanford, Thomas Smale,	<i>M. E. High Priest,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	Royal Union, No. 1, Halifax. do do
W. Williams, Wm. A. McKenzie, John Naylor,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	St. Andrew's, No. 2, Halifax. do do
F. W. Dakin, J. W. Sharp, W. D. Reid,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	Hiram, No. 3, Windsor. do do
S. J. Waddell, C. F. W. Bell, H. W. Yuill,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	Keith, No. 4, Truro. do do
Jacob M. Owen, Hugh E. Gillies, James McDormand,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	Eureka, No. 5, Annapolis. do do
Gilbert A. Smith, M. G. Marshall, E. N. Mu'hall,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	Rossignol, No. 6, Liverpool. do do
A. Rogers, G. T. Grant, A. B. Crosby,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	Union, No. 7, Yarmouth. do do
T. Tanner, A. H. McKay, G. D. Ives,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	St. John's, No. 8, Pictou. do do
E. Rothwell, Geo. J. Carter, James Stott,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i> <i>E. King,</i> <i>E. Scribe,</i>	Shannon, No. 9, St. John's Nfd. do do

James Mackenzie,
Angus J. McDonald,
Edgar S. Sterling,

A. N. Large,
Simon W. Crabbe,
Arthur W. Holroyd

J. L. Thomson,
Leonard Morris,
W. T. Hunt,

Benjamin Curren,
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William A. Hesson
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Benj. H. Landis,
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Henry W. Dimock
Rev. W. A. Nichol
John R. Cowen,
Aubrey Blanchard
Anthony S. Sanfo
Edgar D. Shand,

Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

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James Mackenzie,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i>	Pr. of Wales, No. 10, Sydney, C.B.
Angus J. McDonald,	<i>E. King,</i>	do do
Edgar S. Sterling,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do do

A. N. Large,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i>	Alexandra, No. 11, Ch'town, P.E.I.
Simon W. Crabbe,	<i>E. King,</i>	do do
Arthur W. Holroyd,	<i>E. Scribe,</i>	do do

J. L. Thomson,	<i>M. E. H. P.,</i>	Pr. Edward, No. 12, Sum'side, P.E.I.
Leonard Morris,	<i>E. King,</i>	do do
W. T. Hunt,	<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
William A. Hesson,	do	do
James Gossip,	do	do
George T. Smithers,	do	do
James Dempster,	do	do
John W. Ruhland,	do	do
Wm. J. A. E. Rix,	do	do
James G. Jamieson,	do	do
Wm. Ross,	do	do

William Taylor,	do	St. Andrew's, No. 2, Halifax.
Chas. J. Macdonald,	do	do
William Williams,	do	do
James K. Munnis,	do	do
David Pottinger,	do	do
Theodore A. Cossmann,	do	do
Lorenzo F. Darling,	do	do
C. F. Vose,	do	do
H. N. Wright,	do	do
M. T. Foster,	do	do
Wm. V. Murray,	do	do
Saml. Porter,	do	do
Benj. H. Landis,	do	do
Wm. Crowe,	do	do

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

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

Nathan R. Freeman,	do	Rossignol, N. ,	Liverpool.
William Knaut,	do	do	do
James R. Tupper,	do	do	do
John W. Cobb,	do	do	do
Robie McLeod,	do	do	do

Sandford H. Pelton,	do	Union,	No. 7, Yarmouth.
James W. Bingay,	do	do	do
F. A. Bailey,	do	do	do
J. M. Lawson,	do	do	do
N. J. B. Tooker,	do	do	do

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

Moses Monroe,	do	Shannon, No. 9, St. John's, Nfd.
Jas. S. Hayward,	do	do
Chas. S. Pinsent,	do	do
Wm. S. Canning,	do	do
James L. Duchemin,	do	do
Edward Rothwell,	do	do

Murray Dodd,	do	Pr. of Wales, No. 10, Sydney, C.B.
Alex. D. McGillvary, M.D.	do	do
Lewis E. Tremain,	do	do
W. McKay,	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	Pr. Edward, No. 12, Summerside.
Neil McKelvie,	do	do
Donald Darrach,	do	do

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

M. E. Stephen R. Sircorn	.....	Boston.
M. E. Charles J. Macdonald	.....	Halifax.
M. E. Benjamin Curren	.....	do
M. E. William A. Hesson	.....	do
M. E. William Taylor	.....	do
M. E. Lorenzo F. Darling	.....	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.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

R. E. James Dempster	.....	Halifax.
R. E. William Williams	.....	do
R. E. Robert L. Hardwick	.....	Annapolis.
R. E. Augustus Robinson	.....	do
R. E. Sandford H. Pelton	.....	Yarmouth.
R. E. John B. Cowen	Windsor.
R. E. Theodore Cossmann	Halifax.
R. E. Alex. D. McGillvary	Sydney.
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- R. E. James Fortune.....Halifax.
- R. E. Moses MonroeRepresenting the G. H. P. in N. F. L.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M.E. Rev. Henry D. deBlois, M. A....*Grand High Priest*, Annapolis.
- R. E. Samuel Porter*Grand King*, Halifax.
- R. E. Henry E. Jefferson*Grand Scribe*, Berwick.
- 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*, Aylesford.
- R. E. Rev. David C. Moore "Stellarton.
- R. E. Rev. A. W. Nicholson..... "Windsor.
- R. E. Rev. Frederick R. Murray "Halifax.
- R. E. Rev. W. H. Sampson "Halifax.
- R. E. Rev. T. B. Reagh..... "New London, P. E. I.
- R. E. Samuel J. Waddell*G. Capt. of Host*, Truro.
- R. E. Thomas Tanner*G. Prin. Sojourner*, Pictou.
- R. E. Donald Darrach, M. D.....*G. R. A. Capt.*, Kensington, P.E.I.
- V. E. W. Walter Rickards.....*G. M. 3rd Veil*, Windsor.
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- V. E. George W. Wakeford*G. Steward*, Charl'town, P. E. I.
- V. E. John W. Bradshaw*G. Standard Bearer*, Halifax.
- V. E. Benj. H. Landis*G. Organist*, Halifax.
- V. E. George Graydon.....*G. Pursuivant*, Halifax.
- Comp. J. J. McKeil.....*Grand Tyler*, Halifax.

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

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ROSS.
JOHN W. RUHLAND. } *Committee.*
SAMUEL PORTER.

On motion of V. 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—

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COMPANIONS,—

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ANNUAL ADDRESS.

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

COMPANIONS,—

It is with feelings of much gratification that I again extend to you a cordial welcome on this our Eighteenth Grand Annual Convocation.

It is meet and right that, year by year, we should thus come together in order to see what progress has been made in the past, and what are the hopes for the future—to see each other face to face, and to receive the reports of our officials.

These regularly recurring Convocations can be made productive of much good, and should be, to all true Royal Arch Masons, "bright spots in memory's wastes." Here, round our sacred altar, should we continually renew those vows of friendship and brotherly love which bind us so closely together and show to the world at large that we are what we profess to be, "Brethren and Friends"—friendship and love which will outlast time itself, and grow brighter and stronger till we shall gain an abundant entrance to the Tabernacle above, that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

THE DEAD.

It is a matter of heartfelt congratulation, at least so far as has come to my knowledge, that death has not visited any Companion in our jurisdiction during the capitular year now drawing to its close. We know not, however, how soon some of us may be called to lay life's burdens down, therefore, as faithful servants, let us ever be ready, when the summons does come, to pass the veils into the upper sanctuary of our "Great High Priest"—"workmen, needing not to be ashamed." Since writing the above the knowledge of the death of certain Companions has come to my notice, viz. : Comps. Newton McKay, Prince of Wales Chapter, Sydney ; George C. Wiggins, Hiram, Windsor ; Charles Kaulback, Royal Union, Halifax ; Rev. J. H. Read, D. D., Alexandra, Charlottetown, and I recommend that these names be inserted in the "Annual Proceedings."

OFFICIAL ACTS.

These have been but few since our last "Annual Convocation," a striking contrast to the preceding years of my term of office ; but as the decrease has principally been in the matter of granting dispensations to remedy omissions of duty, it should rather be a

matter of congratulation than otherwise, since dispensations, save and except for strictly legitimate purposes, should be granted as sparingly as possible, especially in such instances as electing and installing officers "out of due time," etc. So prevalent indeed had the custom of granting "dispensations" obtained in some of the Grand Chapters of the United States, that they were forced to impose a high tax for the privilege of obtaining them, and the remedy proved to be effectual, since Chapters have become chary of using their funds to pay for things that were not absolutely necessary.

July 18th, 1886, approved of amendment of "First Clause, Section Nine, in By-Laws Union Chapter, No. 1, Halifax."

March 22nd, 1887, appointed M. E. P. H. Priests Comps. Ruhland and Porter to represent Grand Chapter on "Queen's Jubilee Committee," Halifax.

Dec. 22nd, 1886, granted Dispensation to Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth, to walk in procession St. John's day.

April 2nd, 1887, issued Dispensation to Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth.

April, 1887, issued the following Dispensations to the herein-after-named Companions to inspect their respective Chapters and report, viz.:

To M. E. Past High Priest Moses Monroe, for Shannon, No. 9, Newfoundland.

To M. E. Comp. A. D. McGillvary, for Prince of Wales, No. 10, Cape Breton.

To M. E. Comp. Adam Murray, for Alexandra Chapter, No. 11, Charlottetown.

To M. E. Past High Priest Thomas Reagh, for Prince Edward, No. 12, Summerside, P. E. I.

Issued Dispensation to Eureka Chapter, No. 3, to enable it to meet without a Charter.

May 30th, 1887, I inspected the books of Union Chapter, No. 1, and found every thing, as might have been expected from such a well-sustained Chapter, in a perfectly satisfactory condition—a large amount of work done, the expenses kept within due bounds, finances in a good, healthy condition, minutes properly signed, and nothing apparently left undone.

May 30th, 1887, I inspected the books of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2: amount of work done very creditable; books well kept; approved of the minutes, save those of January 13th, 1887, wherein the petition of Bro. George A. Evans was received, without having first gained the consent of the Grand Chapter of Washington, of which Jurisdiction he was a resident, constituting thereby an in-

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Most of the questions submitted me for decision during the year have already been before this Grand Chapter, fully decided upon; another decision, therefore, from me would have added nothing to their binding effect.

One question I decided as follows: "Can a Chapter meet and open at any other place than that named in the Charter?"
Ans. "Not without a Dispensation from the Grand High Priest."

VISITATIONS.

I have not this year visited as many of the Subordinate Chapters as I had fully intended doing, or as many as I had hitherto been accustomed annually to inspect, but this omission must not be put down to any want of willingness on my part (since my past record abundantly disproves such an idea), but must rather be attributed to force of circumstances impossible for me to control. There are only two seasons of the year when it is at all convenient for me to make an extended visitation, taking the Chapters in regular rotation without having to retrace my steps, viz.: early Fall and Midwinter. I had made all my arrangements for last September to visit the respective Chapters in the Jurisdiction, when imperative intervening clerical duties unexpectedly intervened, and it seemed impossible afterwards to gain such another spare period of time. I fondly hoped, however, that when winter came I could remedy in part my former omissions and visit at least the Chapters on the mainland, but here I was again disappointed in being seized with a severe cold, superinducing bronchial difficulties, which rendered it imprudent for me to leave home for any extended period, much less use my voice for any other purposes than those absolutely necessary. I still kept hoping against hope that as the weather became warmer I might be able to make up some of the lee-way, but not until now have I deemed it prudent to use my voice beyond what was actually required in my more immediate profession. These facts must also be my apology for not having issued more Dispensations to esteemed Companions to inspect and report upon Chapters not visited by myself. This also goes to prove the force of my words when at our last Grand Convocation I deprecated the idea of again electing to the responsible office I now hold an individual

who could not spare sufficient time from his other duties to attend to it properly and effectively. I trust, therefore, it will not be a lesson taught in vain.

Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, Liverpool.—I inspected this Chapter Oct. 20th, 1886, and found everything in a fair and prosperous condition. Many new Companions had been added to the Chapter and an enthusiasm prevailed at the Convocation that augured well for the future. The work exemplified was done in a creditable manner and to my entire satisfaction. The books were well kept and the "Marks" regularly recorded. The finances were in a healthy condition, and I trust that the "Annual Returns" will bear me out in passing, what were then at least, these just encomiums.

Eureka Chapter, No. 5, Annapolis.—Inspected this Chapter May 16th, A. D. 1887. This Chapter had had no regular Convocations for some little time past, not because its Companions had become careless or indifferent, but simply because, since the disastrous fire in which their elegant Chapter-room and costly paraphernalia had been destroyed, they had no place in which to meet. An arrangement has now, however, been made with the "Blue Lodge" for the use of their new Hall, into which the Chapter has lately moved, and which will prove a very suitable place for its Convocations, and Eureka will again come to the front and occupy her pristine position. The Companions present expressed a strong determination to do all in their power to advance the interests of the Chapter, and I have no doubt that they will succeed. The books were a pattern of accuracy and neatness, and the only fault I could find was that the "Marks" had not been recorded before exalting to the "Sublime Degree." A committee was appointed to devise ways and means to procure new robes, jewels and furniture, and will be able, we trust, to accomplish such a laudable result. I duly installed the Officers elect for the ensuing year.

Hiram, No. 3, Windsor.—I inspected this Chapter May 28th, 1887. I found every thing in a satisfactory condition, finances healthy, some work done in the past year and more expected in the near future. One spirit seemed to animate all present, viz. : a determination to do all in their power to cause "Hiram" once again to occupy the proud position it once held in the annals of Capitular Masonry, and with such an effective High Priest as Companion Dakin at its head it can and must succeed.

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any other "Masonic Jurisdiction" outside our own without having first obtained the necessary and legal authority, otherwise shall we come to find ourselves embroiled in serious difficulties, from which it may be very hard and very unpleasant to extricate ourselves. Every day only tends more and more to confirm the idea that the course taken by England in this matter is unwarrantable and certainly unmasonic, both with regard to her action in this particular case, as also the manner in which she has treated the friendly interposition of other Masonic Bodies interceding on Quebec's behalf.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The latest intelligence we have from this quarter is that the several Chapters of that Province have formed themselves into a "Grand Chapter" of their own, preferring to be a small independent Body, rather than an important part of a "Grand Whole," embracing all the Maritime Provinces. Their action has been, I think, a mistake, which time will abundantly prove; but we wish our new "Sister Grand Chapter" all success and "God speed."

No other events of marked importance seem to have taken place in Jurisdictions outside of our own; but one fact I could not help noticing, as running through the entire mass of Masonic Literature and Jurisprudence, viz.: the prominence given to the vexed matters of the "non-payment of dues" and "the proper status of Unaffiliated Masons," subjects which are certainly the most important, as they have been most discussed in the several "Grand Convocations" held during the past year. I venture to assert, without much fear of contradiction, that nothing is tending more to destroy our usefulness, and sapping, as it were, our very life-blood, than these blots on our otherwise fair escutcheon—blots so constantly met with in the monetary and other transactions of our several Chapters. The "non-payment of dues" is only too prevalent, and closely allied to it is the sad fact that the number of "unaffiliated Masons" is becoming alarmingly great. It is all very well to deplore the evil and say that such things should not be so, but who will provide a certain, effectual remedy? We lay it down as a broad and incontrovertible fact that Masonry, in itself, is inherently good—its members enjoy certain privileges that cannot be obtained without its precincts. We assert, also, that no organization, no matter how good it may be within itself, can be maintained without some necessary expenses, and we, who are benefitted both morally and intellectually by our Masonic intercourse, should cheerfully bear our proportionate part of the liabilities incurred. No man enters the "Craft" without knowing

first what he undertakes to do, and he voluntarily assumes certain obligations, and should be man and *Mason* enough to stick to them to the end, unless indeed rendered unable to pay, either through illness or misfortune, when, I have yet to learn, that any "Masonic Body" would not cheerfully remit his dues and extend a helping hand to any "worthy Brother in distress." No! 'tis not of such we complain, nor do such work the injury complained of, but rather those who are able to pay and won't pay, and either through negligence or indifference allow their "dues" so to accumulate that rather than pay them they allow their names to be struck off the "rolls," a disgrace that no honest man, much less a conscientious Mason, should permit to be brought upon him; or they get in a pet when reminded of their indebtedness, pay up their dues and take their "Dimit," and ever afterwards avail themselves of the privileges of all Masonic Bodies coming within their reach, without contributing in any way to their support. Choose between them as you may, 'twill be "six of one and half-a-dozen of the other." One is "Scylla" and the other "Charybdis." Until we look the evil squarely in the face, and enact more stringent regulations in the future than we have done in the past, the outlook will be dim indeed. One writer says: "It is an offence to neglect and refuse to comply with that part of our laws and obligations which requires us to pay dues in order to maintain a "time-honored institution" from which we derive benefits and pleasures,—it is a Masonic offence, and he that is guilty of such an offence, deserves Masonic discipline or punishment, for withholding that which is justly due, and after proper notice and a reasonable time to appear and show cause for such an offence, and failing to comply, should at once be suspended from all the rights, privileges, benefits and membership of the Fraternity, as unworthy, until, at least, he does comply." A good, stringent law does not strike terror to the minds of good men, but it does to drones and black sheep such as are found in all societies, and it would be strange indeed if we did not have some such among ourselves, and the sooner we get rid of them the better. The "Good Ship" will ride easier and better when such dead ballast is thrown out and her load thereby lightened. I regret to find that important books are not yet in the possession of the Grand Secretary.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

I would be derelict in duty, as well as in inclination, were I to omit mention of the "Jubilee of our Beloved Queen," soon about to be celebrated, and sure am I that no heart beats here to-day that will not gladly re-echo to the cry "*God Save our Queen.*"

The many virtues of the proudest throne and pride, will surely cannot dim, nor Masons, we shall bind her so close illustrious Masons Good," and next, distinguished position trusty and well trustees appointed by listen to any further "Grand Convocation" event.

During my long peace and harmony hearty thanks for wishes, and for the my official duties Grand Secretary getting out the "discharge of his grateful thanks for me by the Officers Chapters, which duty to visit and or arbitrary in my zeal for the cause ever look back to mixed feelings of truly say that during the happiest hours the duties incumbent more capable of performing

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The many virtues which adorn the life of her who sits upon the proudest throne of the world, herself its greatest ornament and pride, will shed a lustre over the English Nation that age cannot dim, nor time obscure; but when we think of her as Masons, we shall remember with gladness the intimate ties that bind her so closely to us—first, as the wife of one of the most illustrious Masons the Craft ever recognized, that is, “Albert the Good,” and next, as the mother of sons occupying high and distinguished positions in Masonic circles. I have appointed two trusty and well tried Companions to co-operate with the committees appointed by the City for this occasion, and am ready to listen to any further suggestions that may be offered by this “Grand Convocation” for the celebration of so auspicious an event.

FINAL REMARKS.

During my long and extended term of office, I have acted in peace and harmony with my Grand Officers; and return them hearty thanks for their ready compliance, at all times, with my wishes, and for their invaluable assistance to me in the discharge of my official duties. More especially are my thanks due to our Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. Curren, for his promptness in getting out the “Annual Proceedings,” and his ready and willing discharge of his many duties. I also beg leave to return my grateful thanks for the many acts of courtesy and kindness shown me by the Officers and Companions of the various Subordinate Chapters, which from time to time it has been my pleasure and duty to visit and inspect, and if in aught I have appeared harsh or arbitrary in my rulings, believe that it was owing rather to my zeal for the cause, than for any real fault I had to find. I shall ever look back to the period of my incumbency of office with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret—with pleasure, since I can truly say that during that time, and in so good a cause, some of the happiest hours of my life have been spent; with regret, that the duties incumbent upon me had not been entrusted to those more capable of performing them than myself.

With a deep sense of gratitude for the high honors conferred upon me, and wishing you and our noble Institution all success in the future, I now return to your keeping the power and authority so long and generously extended to myself.

HENRY D. DEBLOIS,
Grand High Priest.

Annapolis, May 21, 1887.

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 M. E. Comp. William Taylor, R. E. Comp. John W. Ruhland, and R. E. Comp. T. A. Cossmann.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

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

- R. E. Comp. Rev. D. C. Moore, of Stellarton, *G. Chaplain.*
- R. E. Comp. Rev. R. Avery, of Aylesford, *G. Chaplain.*
- R. E. Comp. T. Tanner, of Pictou, *G. Prin. Sojourner.*
- V. E. Comp. A. Rogers, of Yarmouth, *G. M. 1st Veil.*
- V. E. Comp. W. Rickards, of Windsor, *G. M. 3rd Veil.*

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,—

So far as I can judge from the returns received, Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction holds about the same position to-day, in point of numbers, that it held this day twelve months ago. About one-half of our Chapters have effected no exaltations during the year, and the other half but few. Yet, on calmly reviewing the situation there is no great cause for discouragement. You all know very well that the success of this branch of Ancient Craft Masonry depends largely, perhaps entirely upon the success of the Main Trunk. If a general financial depression, resting as a cloud over a Jurisdiction, operates, as it must, adversely to Blue Masonry, it necessarily operates to a greater degree adversely to the Royal Arch, for as it is only from the more active and more intelligent class of the Blue, from those who desire more light, that we can recruit, so the prospect of additional strength to our branch is lessened in proportion as Blue Masonry fails to increase its numbers.

Then again other attractions have come into existence which sometimes take up the material which would otherwise have followed the usual channel of advancement, and which is thereby diverted from this Ancient Body; so that, taking these outside forces into consideration, we must be content to move slowly if only we can hold what we have; but our motto in this respect should be *nulla vestigia retrorsum.*

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My official acts have been suspended on different occasions. The Committee on General Purposes of the last year had been customary, and our Chief Officer upon the improved appearance of the situation for unavoidable absence of any Companion who had been absent at the last Annual Convocation from memory and from throughout the Session into my possession.

At the last Annual Convocation, upon granting a renewal of the original, destroyed by fire at the Convocation I received, I prepared for them the original, not at all surprised at probably no superior, in preparing such an original from the Secretary the Secretary with them.

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OFFICIAL ACTS.

My official acts have not been very many. I have had to reply to correspondence on different points, and have attended a few meetings of the Committee on General Purposes. I succeeded in preparing and in issuing the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, and at a much earlier date than had been customary, and was pleased to receive a complimentary letter from our Chief Officer upon prompt attention to his request to publish, and upon the improved appearance of the little book. This was at least some compensation for unavoidable delay on my part. I must ask also the kind indulgence of any Companion whose name may have been omitted from those in attendance at the last Annual, as I had no means of telling who were present except from memory and from the recollection of a few others who were present throughout the Session, the Grand Chapter Attendance Book not having come into my possession.

EUREKA, NO. 5.

At the last Annual Convocation a resolution was unanimously adopted granting a renewal of Charter to Eureka Chapter free from cost, to replace the original, destroyed by fire. Almost immediately after the close of the Annual Convocation I received a request from Eureka to allow my predecessor to prepare for them the new Charter. This I complied with at once, and was not at all surprised at the request, inasmuch as our late Grand Secretary has probably no superior, if at all an equal here, in beauty of design or execution in preparing such an instrument as a Chapter Warrant. I therefore obtained from the Secretary the names of the petitioners and supplied the late Grand Secretary with them.

The Chapter not having received the new Charter referred to, by command of the G. H. P., I issued early in this month a dispensation under seal to "Eureka" to continue its labors. Under that dispensation, signed by the G. High Priest, the Annual Election and Installation of Officers have taken place, and Returns and Dues have been forwarded.

NEW DIPLOMAS.

On accepting office last year I found no diplomas on hand. It became necessary, therefore, to order a new supply of these certificates. On the 19th of March I supplied Companion Smithers with thirteen of the number ordered, to enable him to fill in those still due for his last year. These thirteen were immediately prepared by him and forwarded by me to their destination, the receipt of which has been acknowledged.

FORM OF ANNUAL RETURNS.

I have prepared and issued to the Chapters for immediate as well as future use, a form of Annual Return, similar in many respects to the Return prepared by me some years ago for Grand Lodge. This Return, in addition to

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the information given in the Form heretofore in use, will supply Grand Chapter with a complete list of all the officers and members of Subordinate Chapters from year to year—such information as a Supreme Body ought decidedly to possess.

The new Return is made so simple that Secretaries cannot possibly find any difficulty in understanding it.

I have opened also an account with the Subordinate Chapters, by which means Grand Chapter can see at a glance the exact financial position of each Chapter in its relation to Grand Chapter.

I have received during the year and paid over to the Grand Treasurer the sum of one hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-five cents, as will appear from his receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

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

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May 28.	To cash paid W. A. Hesson, Grand Treasurer.....	\$137 00	
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May.	By cash received from Royal Union, No. 1	\$ 22 00	
	do St. Andrew's, No. 2	24 75	
	do Hiram, No. 3	11 75	
	do Keith, No. 4	16 00	
	do Eureka, No. 5	5 75	
	do Rossignol, No. 6	6 25	
	do Union, No. 7	9 50	
	do Shannon, No. 9	45 25	
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GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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

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June 1.	To paid balance of interest to date, to St. Andrews' Chap.		
	on Loan	\$ 17 58	
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19.	do Late Grand Secretary Smithers.....	25 00	
Sept. 18.	do Messrs. Bowes & Sons, on acct. as per order....	50 00	
Aug. 18.	do Late Grand Secretary Smithers.....	7 50	
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Feb. 5.	do James Bowes & Sons, balance of account.....	44 30	
16.	do C. Blackadar & Brothers.....	7 50	
16.	do Grand Secretary for postages, &c., &c	5 00	
22.	do Express Company	1 35	
23.	do James Bowes & Sons.....	40 00	
Mar. 14.	do Intercolonial Express Freights	1 75	
Apl. 9.	do Rolph Smith & Co., Toronto	45 30	
14.	do Wm. McNab, account	7 00	
May 25.	do James Bowes & Sons	3 50	
21.	do Royal Union Chapter, 3 years interest to May 31st, 1886	17 52	
	do A. & W. Mackinlay's account	1 25	
	do Morning Herald	1 75	
	do Charles Annand	1 75	
28.	do Balance to credit of Grand Chapter	175 27	
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1886.		
June 1.	By balance to credit of Grand Chapter.....	\$314 07
May 28.	By cash from Grand Secretary	161 75
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W. A. HESSON,
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

M. E. Companion William Taylor, from the Committee of General Purposes, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted :—

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 \$161.75, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts.

The balance in hands of Grand Treasurer June 2nd, 1886, was	\$314 07
Received from the Grand Secretary the sum of	161 75
Of which he has paid out.....	\$475 82
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Leaving in his hands at present, May 31st, 1887	\$175 27

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Amount in Grand Treasurer's hands	\$175 27
Amount due by late Grand Secretary Smithers	39 25
St. John's dues to May, 1887.....	7 25
Prince Edward's dues to May, 1887	13 50
Amount overpaid St. Andrew's, one year, to May, 1888	5 84
	\$241 11

CURRENT LIABILITIES.

Amount due to Grand Secretary Smithers, balance of salary..	\$ 30 00
Amount due present Grand Secretary, salary say.....	75 00
Interest due Union Chapter on loan to May, 1887.....	5 84
Probable cost of New Charter for Eureka	10 00
Amount for G. Tyler, for May 31st, 1887	5 00
	\$125 84
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Your Committee have had before them a request from St. Andrew's, No. 2, for a return of the amount of loan to G. Chapter, but have not decided on this application, on account of the small amount available. They therefore refer this request to action of Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, }
 T. A. COSSMANN, } Committee.
 J. W. RUHLAND, }

Official Visitation

BENJAMIN CURREN
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REPORTS ON VISITATIONS.

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

OFFICE OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF R. A. M.
Saint John's, Newfoundland, May 14th, 1887.

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 favour of 20th ult., conveying to me the instruction from M. E. Grand High Priest to officially visit and inspect Shannon Chapter, No. 9, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

I accordingly visited Shannon Chapter on the second instant, the same being the Annual Convocation, and I was present at the election of officers and afterwards installed the Companions who hold office for present year. Companion Rothwell was unanimously re-elected High Priest, and Companion Johnson having expressed a desire to retire from the office of Secretary, which he has filled with much acceptance for a number of years, Companion F. C. Cornick was elected Secretary. I am sure you will find Companion Cornick a most active and painstaking Secretary. I found the Chapter in excellent condition and the Ritual and general working in many respects greatly improved, and I think Shannon Chapter, as to Ritual, would not suffer by comparison with any Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

The number of members on the roll in good standing is 89. There were 82 per last return. Nine members have been exalted and one affiliated during the year, while three Companions have declared off on leaving the Colony. I am pleased to say that the financial position of the Chapter is sound, notwithstanding the fact that considerable additions have been made to the furniture. The Chapter is now comfortably located in their own new rooms, which are entirely devoted to Capitular Masonry. It is a very great pleasure indeed to me to be able to report so favourably of this distant member of the family, which, from its isolation, labours under very great disadvantages; but the members are all most zealous and anxious to have the Chapter, if possible, second to none in the Jurisdiction. The Chapter has made rapid strides under High Priest Rothwell's direction, and I look forward to another prosperous year. We purpose uniting with the various Lodges in the Colony in commemorating the Jubilee year of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen; but the exact form this will take has not been decided as yet. The usual Papers and Returns will be sent you by the Secretary, probably by this mail. I thank you for the Blank Annual Return forms, which I have no doubt will be found of great service.

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Before receipt of your letter Companion Rothwell had already secured the valuable aid of Rev. Companion F. R. Murray to represent this Chapter at the Annual Convocation. I regret exceedingly that I will not be able to attend the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. This is a season when it is impossible for me, to leave St. John's. Trusting that the Annual Meeting will result with increased advantage to the Craft, I am,

Yours fraternally,

M. MONROE,

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

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

REV. HENRY D. DEBLOIS, M. A.,

Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia:

Dear Sir and R. E. Companion,—

In accordance with the instructions contained in a commission dated April 26th, 1887, forwarded to me, I visited Prince of Wales, Chapter No. 10, officially. As the result of my inspection, I beg to report as follows:—

During the year there has been no capitular work done. The depressing condition of trade exerted its baneful influence upon the Chapter. The prospects for the coming year are more hopeful, as there are three or four applications for degrees in the Secretary's hands.

The membership for present year is	46
The number of Demissions	4
The number missing	3
Deaths	1

The financial condition is fairly good, and would be very good only for the arrears.

The arrears at present are	\$140 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	205 00

The attendance during the year has been good. The books of the Chapter are very well kept, and I think I may safely report this Chapter in a very healthy condition. I would like here to draw attention to the inconvenience of any member of this Chapter attending the meetings of the Grand Chapter. To do so it is necessary to leave the preceding Thursday, whereas if the first session was held in the evening of Tuesday, we could leave home on Monday evening and get to Halifax Tuesday evening.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours Fraternally,

A. D. MACGILLVARY.

SYDNEY, May 14th, 1887.

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Official Visitation of Alexandra Chapter, No. 11, Charlottetown.

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
Grand R. A. Chapter of Nova Scotia :

M. E. Companion,—

Having received a Commission to visit Alexandra Chapter, No. 11, Charlottetown, as your Representative, I have much pleasure in reporting that I attended the Annual Convocation held on Wednesday, the 11th of May, instant, when I was duly received by them.

At the request of the M. E. High Priest I installed the officers for the ensuing year, and although a member of the Chapter I may be permitted to say that a good selection has been made. All that they now require is work to perform. Companion MacLennan was installed Secretary for the tenth time. This is good evidence that the business of that office is well performed.

During the year they have held six Convocations, with a good average attendance. Present membership 36, having lost three during the year, one by death (venerable Archdeacon Read), and two transferred their membership to Prince Edward Chapter Summerside.

Yours fraternally,

ADAM MURRAY, P. H. P.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., 16th May, 1887.

Official Visitation of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 12, Summerside.

KENSINGTON, May 23rd, 1887.

BENJAMIN CURREN, Esq.,

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

Dear Sir and R. E. Companion,—

According to the request of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, conveyed to me by you, I visited Prince Edward Chapter, No. 12, of R. A. Masons, on the 18th inst., and was received "in due and ancient form."

I examined the books, etc., of the Secretary and found them correct in all things essential, and the Chapter generally prosperous and working well and harmoniously.

Up to the present time, owing to various reasons, a complete supply of Chapter furniture, &c., has not been obtained, but committees have the matter in hand, and it is expected that all defects will soon be remedied in this respect.

The Chapter has a bright prospect before it, and I believe the coming year will be one of marked progress and success.

I have the honor to be,

Most Excellent Sir and Companion,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. REAGH,

Grand Chaplain of G. C. of N. S.

Proceedings of the

REPORTS REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion 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>	Luther B. Archibald,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	“ William Crowe,	<i>Grand King.</i>
<i>R. E.</i>	“ James G. Jamieson,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
<i>M. E.</i>	“ William A. Hesson,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
<i>M. E.</i>	“ Benjamin Curren, D.C.L.	<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:

<i>M. E. Comp.</i>	W. Taylor, B. A.
<i>R. E.</i>	“ J. W. Ruhland.
<i>R. E.</i>	“ T. A. Cossmann.
<i>R. E.</i>	“ W. Ross.
<i>R. E.</i>	“ W. V. Murray.
<i>R. E.</i>	“ W. Williams.

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

M. E. Comp. William Taylor, from the Special Committee on the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, submitted the following report:

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

We have carefully considered the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and have much pleasure in observing therein many evidences of careful work and attention throughout the past year.

We fully endorse his opening fraternal remarks.

We heartily endorse and approve of the action of the Grand High Priest in the dispensations issued for important and necessary objects throughout the year.

Your Committee regret to hear that the health of the M. E. Grand High Priest prevented his visiting as generally as in past years. Several Chapters however are reported upon quite favorably, evincing the desire on his part to perform the duties of Chief Officer of this Grand Body.

We approve of the recommendation that a record of departed Companions be inserted in the next published Proceedings.

We regret equally with the G. H. Priest that the difficulties between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Bodies of England have not yet been amicably arranged.

We fully endorse the remarks of the M. E. G. H. Priest touching non-payment of dues by members of Subordinate Chapters. That subject is quite deserving of all the censure that he heaps upon it.

The fact of important books of this Body being still withheld from the proper officer is a subject of much regret, as this board requested the late Grand Secretary to hand them over in the early part of the year.

Your Committee heartily endorse the warm sentiment of loyalty and attachment to the person of the Queen and Empress of the British Empire—a friend of Masonry, well tried, true and trusty.

We recommend that the reports on the Visitations of the several Chapters be received and inserted in the next report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. TAYLOR.

J. W. RUHLAND.

T. A. COSSMANN.

On motion of M. E. Comp. W. A. Hesson, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. B. Archibald, it was

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

CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

The revision of the Constitution deferred at the last Annual Convocation was then taken up, and the various amendments

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proposed by the Committee of General Purposes fully discussed and disposed of, when it was moved by M. E. Comp. W. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jamieson, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Constitution as now amended be adopted by Grand Chapter, and included in the next published Proceedings.

Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, May 31st., 1887.

At 2½ o'clock P. M. the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. M. E. Comp. Rev. H. D. deBlois, presiding. Officers and members as in the morning session.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVED.

R. E. Companion W. B. Alley, having presented Credentials from the M. E. Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, and R. E. Comp. James Fortune, having presented Credentials from M. E. Grand Chapter of West Virginia, accrediting them as Representatives from their respective Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, were received as such Representatives with the customary grand honors.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion the Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of officers, when M. E. Comp. Rev. H. D. deBlois, Grand High Priest, installed the following as Grand Officers for the ensuing year :—

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| <i>M. E. Comp.</i> | Luther B. Archibald, | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| <i>R. E.</i> | " William Crowe, | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| <i>R. E.</i> | " James E. Jamieson, | <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> |

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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,	" "
" "	*T. R. Harris,	<i>G. Capt. of Host.</i>
" "	William S. Macdonald,	<i>G. Prin. Soj.</i>
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<i>V. E.</i>	W. B. Alley,	<i>G. M. 3rd Veil.</i>
" "	*John Thomson,	<i>G. M. 2nd Veil.</i>
" "	*A. D. McGillvary,	<i>G. M. 1st Veil.</i>
" "	*Edgar Shand,	<i>G. Steward.</i>
" "	*Robie McLeod,	<i>G. St. Bearer.</i>
" "	Samuel Porter,	<i>G. Organist.</i>
" "	*J. W. Bingay,	<i>G. Pursuivant.</i>
<i>Companion</i>	J. J. McKeil,	<i>G. Tyler.</i>

On motion of M. E. Comp. James Gossip, a vote of thanks was unanimously and most heartily passed to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Rev. Henry Despard deBlois, M. A., for the very great interest manifested by him in the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia, during his four years' incumbency of the office of Grand High Priest.

On motion, the sum of seventy-five dollars was voted to the Grand Secretary, as salary for the past year, ending May, 1887.

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 the R. E. 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, on Tuesday, June 5th, 1888.

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, *High Priest.*
Israel S. Sandford, *King.*
T. Smale, *Scribe.*
W. A. Hesson, *Treasurer.*

James G. Jamieson, *Secretary.*
J. W. Rhuland, *Capt. of the Host.*
G. T. Smithers, *Prin. Sojourner.*
Joseph Monteith, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

Benjamin Curren,
Richard T. Roome,
William A. Hesson,
James Gossip,
George T. Smithers,

James Dempster,
John W. Ruhland,
Wm. J. A. E. Rix,
James G. Jamieson,
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 Williams, *High Priest.*
W. A. McKenzie, *King.*
John Naylor, *Scribe.*
William Taylor, *Treasurer.*

Alex. Waddell, *Secretary.*
W. V. Murray, *Capt. of the Host.*
Samuel Porter, *Prin. Sojourner.*
William Crowe, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

William Taylor,
Chas. J. McDonald,
William Williams,
James K. Munnis,
C. F. Vose,
David Pottinger,
Theodore A. Cossmann,

Lorenzo F. Darling,
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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>	E. D. Shand, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
W. D. Reid, <i>Scribe.</i>	W. W. Rickards, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
G. W. Pattison, <i>Treasurer.</i>	S. K. Bennett, <i>R. A. Captain.</i>

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

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

KEITH, No. 4,

TRURO.

(Chartered June 6, 1871.)

MEETS ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF FEB., MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER.

OFFICERS :

S. J. Waddell, <i>High Priest.</i>	J. H. Davis, <i>Secretary.</i>
C. F. W. Bell, <i>King.</i>	J. E. Atkins, <i>Capt. of the Host.</i>
H. W. Yuill, <i>Scribe.</i>	E. Archibald, <i>Prin. Sojourner.</i>
W. E. Logan, <i>Treasurer.</i>	John Hay, <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.

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

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ROSSIGNOL, No. 6,
LIVERPOOL.

(Chartered June 3, 1873.)

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

OFFICERS :

G. A. Smith, *High Priest.*
M. G. Marshall, *King.*
E. R. Mulhall, *Scribe.*
Robie S. Sterns, *Treasurer.*

James L. Hemmeon, *Secretary.*
Robie McLeod, *Capt. of the Host.*
J. H. Fraser, *Princ Sojourner.*
J. W. Cobb, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Nathan R. Freeman,
William Knaut,

Jas. R. Tupper,
John W. Cobb,

Robie McLeod.

UNION, No. 7,
YARMOUTH.

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

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

OFFICERS :

Arthur Rogers, *High Priest.*
G. T. Grant, *King.*
A. B. Crosby, *Scribe.*
G. S. Taylor, *Treasurer.*

C. E. Trask, *Secretary.*
Henry Churchill, *Capt. of the Host.*
W. W. Reid, *Prin. Sojourner.*
Lyman Rogers, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Sandford H. Pelton.
James W. Bingay,

J. M. Lawson,
N. J. B. Tooker,

F. A. Bailey.

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 MAY, AUG., NOV. AND FEB.

OFFICERS :

Thomas Tanner, *High Priest.*
A. H. McKay, *King.*
George D. Ives, *Scribe.*
M. Harper, *Treasurer.*

F. Wyatt Fraser, *Secretary.*
J. A. Gordon, *Capt. of the Host.*
J. R. Davies, *Prin. Sojourner.*
W. S. Macdonald, *R. A. Captain.*

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T. V. Cook,

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Angus J. McDonald.
Edgar S. Stirling, *S*
James A. Campbell,

Murray Dodd
A. D. McGill

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 :

Edward Rothwell, *High Priest.*
Geo. J. Carter, *King.*
James Stott, *Scribe.*
C. S. Pinsent, *Treasurer.*

Frederick C. Cornick, *Secretary.*
A. U. Simms, *Capt. of the Host.*
Rev. A. Currie, *Prin. Sojourner.*
F. H. Axford, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Moses Monroe,
Jas. S. Hayward,
Chas. S. Pinsent,

Wm. S. Canning,
Jas. L. Duchemin,
Edward Rothwell.

PRINCE OF WALES, No. 10,

SYDNEY, C. B.

(Chartered June 5, 1877.)

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

OFFICERS :

James McKenzie, *High Priest.*
Angus J. McDonald, *King.*
Edgar S. Stirling, *Scribe.*
James A. Campbell, *Treasurer.*

E. T. Mackeen, *Secretary.*
Burgess McKittrick, *Capt. of the Host.*
William McKay, *Prin. Sojourner.*
C. A. Farquharson, *R. A. Captain.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Murray Dodd,
A. D. McGillvary, M. D.

Lewis E. Tremaine,
Wm. McKay, M. D.

Abstract of Returns to Grand Chapter for year ended May 20, 1887.

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	85	0	2	0	6	0	0	1	80	\$20 00	\$ 0 00	\$2 00	\$22 00	\$22 00
2	St. Andrew's, Halifax	58	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	59	14 75	10 00	0 00	24 75	24 75
3	Hiram, Windsor	29	2	1	0	1	0	3	1	27	6 75	5 00	0 00	11 75	11 75
4	Keith, Truro	32	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	34	8 50	7 50	0 00	16 00	16 00
5	Eureka, Annapolis	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	5 75	0 00	0 00	5 75	5 75
6	Rosignol, Liverpool	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	25	6 25	0 00	0 00	6 25	6 25
7	Union, Yarmouth	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	9 50	0 00	0 00	9 50	9 50
8	St. John's, Pictou	29	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	29	7 25	0 00	0 00	7 25	.....
9	Shannon, St. John's, N. F. L.	82	9	1	0	3	0	0	0	89	22 25	22 50	0 50	45 25	45 25
10	Pr. of Wales, Sydney, C. B.	53	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	46	11 50	0 00	0 00	11 50	11 50
11	Alexandra, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	39	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	36	9 00	0 00	0 00	9 00	9 00
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Secretary, under title of Chapter of Nova Scotia.

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At Rest.

- Charles H. H. Kaulback....Royal Union, No. 1....Died July, 1886.
- George C. WigginsHiram, No. 3.....Died Aug. 12, 1886.
- Arthur ParkerRossignol, No. 6.....Died _____
- Samuel J. Cameron.....St. John's, No. 8.....Died Apl. 15, 1887.
- Newton L. McKay.....Pr. of Wales, No. 10....Died May 20, 1886.
- Rev. J. H. Read, D.D.....Alexandra No. 11.....Died Dec., 1886.

Representatives

GRAND CHAPTERS.

- Alabama
 - Arkansas.....
 - Canada
 - California
 - Connecticut
 - Colorado
 - District of Columbia
 - Dakota
 - Delaware
 - Georgia
 - Illinois.....
 - Indiana
 - Iowa.....
 - Kansas.....
 - Kentucky
 - Louisiana
 - Maine
 - Maryland
 - Minnesota
 - Missouri
 - North Carolina
 - New Hampshire.....
 - New Jersey
 - Nebraska.....
 - Nevada
 - New York
 - Ohio.....
 - Oregon.....
 - Pennsylvania
 - Quebec
 - Rhode Island
 - Scotland
 - South Carolina
 - Tennessee
 - Texas
 - Washington Ter.....
 - West Virginia.
 - Wisconsin
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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	L. F. Darling	Do
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	Do
New Jersey	James Gossip	Halifax
Nebraska	William Taylor, B. A.	Do
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	Halifax
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	
California	J. H. Neff	Little Rock
Canada	Robert Hendry, Jr	Dutch Flat, Placer Co
Colorado	J. J. A. Bigler	Kingston, Ont
Connecticut	Luke A. Lockwood	
Dakota	C. O. Van Duzen	Stamford
Delaware	C. S. Rambo	Jameston
District of Columbia	Richard Ball	Edgmoor
Florida	W. M. Mackintosh	Washington
Georgia	J. J. Wright	Tallahassee
Illinois	James H. Miles	
Indiana	Rees J. Chestnutwood	Chicago
Iowa	T. S. Parvin	South Bend
Kansas	G. W. Port	Iowa City
Kentucky	William Ryan	Beloit
Louisiana	Michael Eloi Girard	Louisville
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond, L. L. D.	Vermillionville
Maryland	Charles H. Ohr	Portland
Massachusetts	Rev. John W. Dadmun	Cumberland, All. Co.
Minnesota	J. H. Brown	Winthrop
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Wilmur
Missouri	R. F. Stevenson	Jackson
Nebraska	E. A. Allen	Jefferson City
Nevada	Frank Bell	Omaha
New Hampshire	H. P. Gooderich	Reno
New Jersey	George Scott	Lebanon
New York	George Van Vliet	Paterson
North Carolina	William Simpson	New York
Ohio	James Nisbet	Raleigh
Oregon	James R. Baylèy	Troy
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Corvallis, Breton Co.
Quebec	Miles B. Scholfield	Philadelphia
Rhode Island	Geo. H. Burnham	Sherbrooke, Q.
South Carolina	Augustine T. Smythe	Providence
Scotland	Alex. Hay	Charleston
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Edinburgh
Washington	W. A. Fairweather	Nashville
West Virginia	J. W. Doll	Sponake Falls
Wisconsin	William T. Palmer	Harper's Ferry
		Milwaukee

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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 Taylor	James Gossip.
1878	William A. Hesson	Thomas V. Cooke	Robert L. Hardwick	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1879	William Taylor	George T. Smithers	Augustus Robinson	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1880	Lorenzo F. Darling	Rev. Richard Avery	Sandford H. Pelton	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1881	James Gossip	*Charles Cewe-Read	John R. Cowen	William A. Hesson	James Gossip.
1882	James Gossip	Richard T. Roome	Theodore A. Cossmann	William A. Hesson	George T. Smithers.
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	Benjamin Curren.
1887	Luther B. Archibald	William Crowe	James G. Jamieson	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.

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	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Macon
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis
Iowa	John C. Parrish	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. C. Pierson	Saint Paul
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	William H. Mayo	Saint Louis
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha
Nevada	John D. Hammond	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 Frizzel	Nashville
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston
Vermont	William H. S. Whitcomb ..	Burlington
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond
Washington Territory ..	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	John W. Morris	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee
General Grand Chapter ..	Christopher C. Fox	Buffalo, New York

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(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.
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- Grand Chaplains.
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- 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.
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- Past Grand Organist.
- Grand Pursuivant.
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- 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.
- The Very Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain.
- “ “ 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 the Grand Chapter, the officers installed shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

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5.—The Grand High Priest, King and Scribe must be Past 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 and 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.

The 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.

12.—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.

13.—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 the

power of erasing Chapters and expelling Companions from this order of Freemasonry.

- 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 expulsion 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 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.

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**REGULATIONS,
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(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.

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.

5.—No Companion be an installed Master served in the King's not intended to apply for a Dispensation.

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7.—A Register shall be installed as High Priest to the Grand Secretary the date of his installation any Companion who from any cause whatsoever shall take his office from a High Priest, King or Scribe.

8.—The High Priest relating to Subordinate Chapters dues paid to Grand Chapters which the Secretary and their proposals, and the Most Excellent Master, and their professions, together with the names of the officers to be written.

9.—The High Priest shall be the Master and Past Master, and Most Excellent Master in seniority.

10.—The Officers of the order according to the

11.—In the absence of the High Priest, the Scribe shall assume the duties of the High Priest's office, or Past High Priest of the order by the presiding officer.

12.—If the High Priest charging the duties of the order shall summon the Chapter to a regular meeting. In the absence of the High Priest *pro tempore* the High Priest shall resign his office after the meeting, except for cause which shall be obtained by the votes of the members being regularly laid before the Chapter.

13.—A Chapter of the order shall be summoned by the High Priest by the High Priest in the summons, and shall be held upon at that meeting.

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 offices 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.

- 14.—Every Chapter shall at least once in each year make a Return to the Grand Secretary, of the number of its members and of the Companions exalted, specifying the names, ages, professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master, and shall, at the same time, remit the registering fees, and fees for Grand Chapter Certificates, that may be due. Any Companion exalted in foreign parts, whose name is not previously registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a member, his name, age, profession, and Chapter shall be returned, and the same fee shall be paid as if he had been exalted in the Chapter which he may so join. The names also, of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned, and the Chapter in which they were exalted specified. 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 sign their names, or have them signed, for visitors, which shall be returned to their hail. The Tyler

21.—The precedence of warrants, as recorded in the books, shall be according to the date of their issue, its warrants, recorded in the Grand Chapter.

22.—If the majority of assembling exists within a Chapter, more than nine, but if less than nine, the Chapter is extinct, and all the members of the Grand Chapter.

23.—No Companion shall be elected into the ranks of a Chapter without having been put to ballot under any circumstances, and for a second offence; and for a second

24.—Every Chapter shall be responsible for the conduct of its members pending or excluding them from the Chapter, or excluded under any circumstances, on charge or complaint presented to the Grand Chapter for consideration, so that they shall be defending themselves, before the Grand Chapter.

25.—The name of the Chapter, and the date thereof, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

26.—When a member of a Chapter shall be immediately expelled, he shall be liable for all arrears owing at the time of his expulsion, and for the dues for the period he was a member.

27.—The majority of a Chapter shall have the privilege of giving instructions to the Grand Chapter, but not to the Grand Sentiments.

28.—Every Chapter shall be responsible for the conduct of its members of Constitution in either of the following cases:
Omitting to hold a regular meeting.
Neglecting to make a return to the Grand Secretary of those who have joined the Chapter.
But no Chapter shall be expelled from the Grand Chapter, by the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, unless it be proved to the contrary to the satisfaction of the Grand Chapter.

1.—No Mason shall be admitted into the ranks of a Chapter, unless he be a Master, and Most Excellent Master.

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,

until he has presented a petition recommended by two Companions, being members of the Chapter, and been regularly proposed at one Convocation of the Chapter, and his name, age, profession, residence, date of raising, and Lodge, shall have been sent to all the members of the Chapter in the summons for the next Convocation—whether regular or emergent—when he shall be balloted for, and if approved, be admitted.

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.

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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 or 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

ANNUAL DUES, ON MEMBERS.

For each member of a Chapter 25 cents.

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 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 tri-color 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, upon 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>

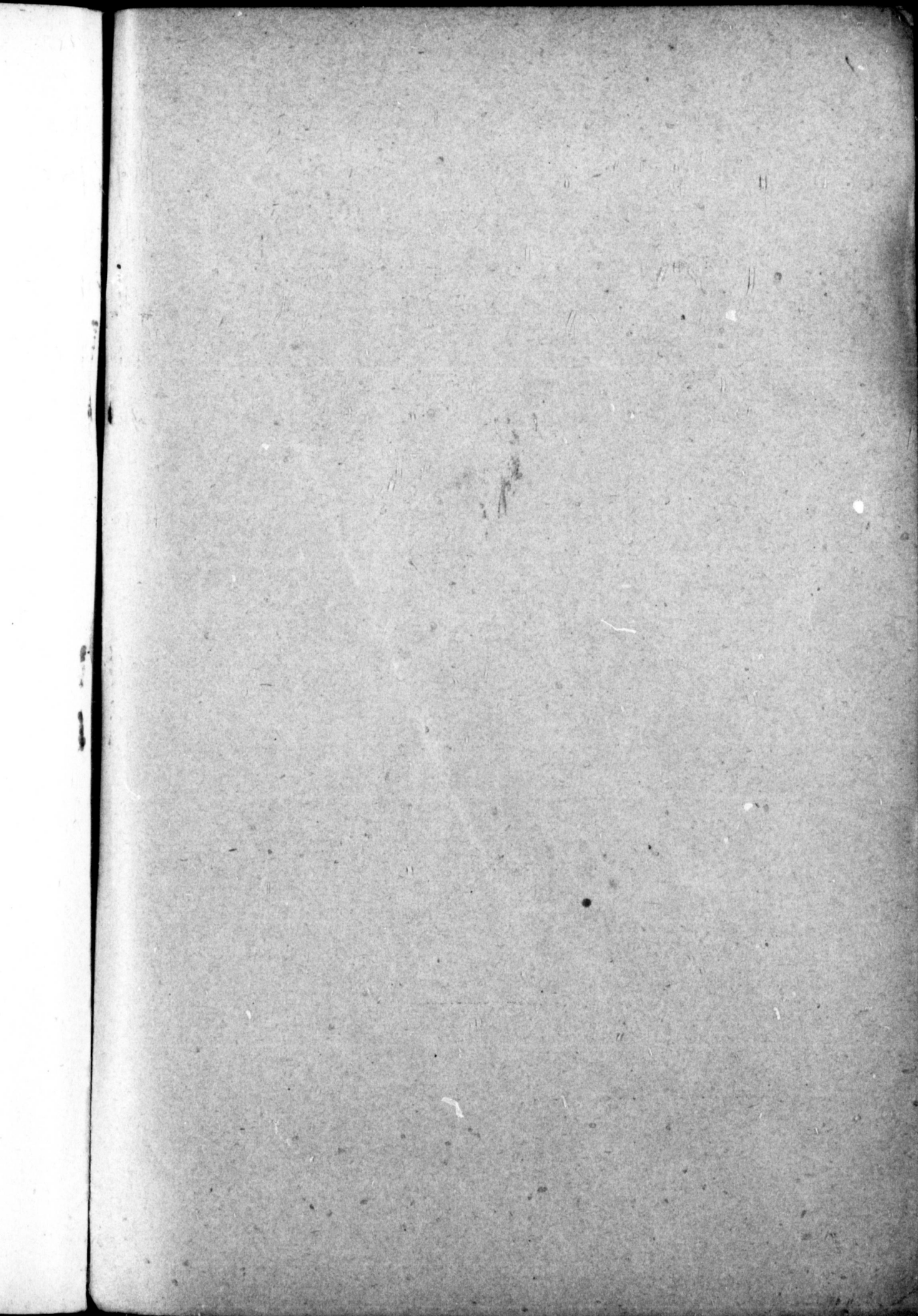
Each of the above named insignia shall be attached to an Equilateral Triangle, (except that for the Grand Stewards) placed on a circle.

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, 1887, are, by order of Grand Chapter, sent 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 Nova Scotia, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, June 5th, 1888.

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

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