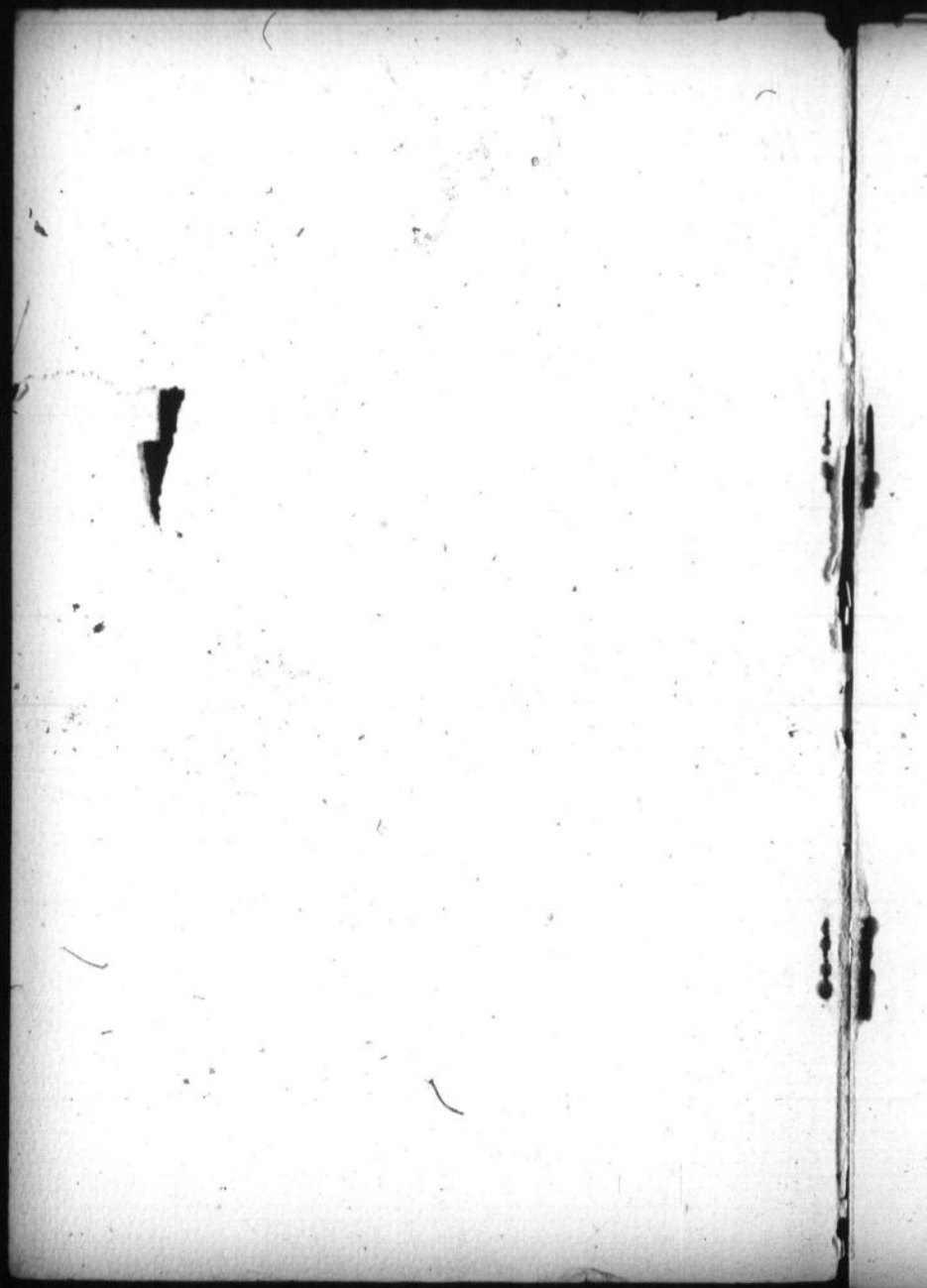


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THE NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was begun at Freemasons Hall, in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the 26th day of August, 1896, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when the following actual and acting officers were present:

M. E. JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand High Priest.  
R. E. ALEXANDER BURCHILL, as Deputy Grand High Priest.  
E. ROBERT MARSHALL, as Grand King.  
R. E. JOHN A. WATSON, Grand Scribe.  
R. E. J. HENRY LEONARD, Grand Treasurer.  
R. E. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Secretary.  
E. ALEXANDER McNICHOL, Grand Captain of the Host.  
E. J. E. MASTERS, Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
E. JOHN RUBINS, Grand Pursuivant.  
G. GORDON BOYNE, Grand Tyler.

With a number of other members of Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter was opened in *ample* form.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation being printed and in the hands of the Companions, their reading was dispensed with on motion unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Credentials, through their Chairman, E. Companion R. B. Humphrey, reported from time to time the following Companions in attendance and entitled to seats in Grand Chapter:

**Carlleton Chapter.**

F. WING WISDOM,.....P.Z.	JOHN RUBINS.....P.H.P.
EDWIN J. EVERETT, ....P.Z.	WILLIAM B. WALLACE, .P.H.P.
JOHN A. WATSON, .....P.Z.	R. B. HUMPHREY, .....H.P.
ALEXANDER W. MACRAE, .....K.	

**New Brunswick Chapter.**

ANDREW McNICHOL,.....P.Z.	ROBERT MARSHALL.....P.Z.
J. D. SHORT, .....P.Z.	LeB. WILSON,.....H.P.
A. R. CAMPBELL,.....P.Z.	D. S. STEWART,.....P.J.
O. C. DIAPER, ....S.	

**Union Chapter.**

JOHN V. ELLIS, .....P.Z.	J. HENRY LEONARD, ....P.Z.
W. J. CORNFIELD,.....S.	

**Frederickton Chapter.**

ALEXANDER BURCHILL, ..P.Z.	JOHN MOORE, .....P.H.P.
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**St. Stephen Chapter.**

JULIUS T. WHITLOCK,....P.H.P.
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**Gotsford Chapter.**

GEORGE ACKMAN, .....P.Z.	J. E. MASTERS, .....P.H.P.
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The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

COMPANIONS: We meet to-day in our Ninth Annual Communication. Those of us who were active in the organization of Grand Chapter, can scarcely realize that that number of years have passed since we first met for that purpose. To me, to many of you. It must seem but the work of yesterday, and yet of those who were present on that occasion and who were in our first list of office bearers, Companions B. Lester Peters, James McNichol, T. Nisbet Robertson, and Samuel McKean have passed away, while in the present year another Companion who was then with us, Companion Edwin J. Wetmore, is enrolled among the dead. Companion Wetmore was the seconder of the resolution which in the convention of 1887 declared the establishment of a Grand Chapter in this Province desirable. Although he had not filled any office in Grand Chapter, he was, as all know, one of the most active Masons in this jurisdiction. He was one of the original members of Union Chapter and served as its First Principal, and was a long time its Scribe E., and for many years worked earnestly in its interests. It was, however, in the work of our craft generally that Companion Wetmore was best known. He had served in Grand Lodge in several capacities, including those of Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and his Masonic life went back to the days of the old Provincial Grand Lodge under English registry. Esteemed by us all for his many virtues, his kindness of heart, his moderation of temper, and his lenient judgment of the motives of men, he will be long kindly remembered in this jurisdiction and in this community. He had well discharged important civic duties, and had won the respect of all who were associated with him. Another Royal Arch Companion who has gone from us in the past year, was Henry Duffell, who, although not active in the Grand Chapter, was one of the best known and most active Masons in the jurisdiction, and who had filled several offices of distinction in Craft Masonry, and whose counsel and judgment as a ruler, and whose skill as a ritualist, were ever available.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer fully exhibit the business of the year. It has not been less prosperous than the average of its predecessors. Speaking generally, our receipts are equal to our expenditures, but we will be wise to husband our resources. We have made a trifling gain in membership. Our reports, it will be recollected, are up to 31st December, 1895. In the current year there has been, I think, something more of activity than in the preceding year.

I have been a fairly constant visitor at the Chapters within the City of Saint John, and they all have had work to do, and in most cases it has

been done well. I do most sincerely hope, however, that all the office bearers of all our Chapters will use their power and their influence to prevent any innovations in the methods of conferring the degrees which will have the effect of lessening the moral influence of our symbolism upon the minds and hearts of the candidates. The appeal should be to his intellect and moral nature; not to his fear or to his sense of physical inconvenience.

With all of our sister jurisdictions with whom we are on terms of intimacy our relations are most cordial. Since our last annual meeting I have had a letter from the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland in regard to a matter referred to in my address of last year. He says that nothing stands in the way of the existence of the most cordial friendship between the two Grand Chapters but failure on our part to admit the right of the Mount Lebanon Chapter at Chatham, which still holds of the Scottish authority, to exist within this jurisdiction. But I am quite sure that it would not be in the general interest of Royal Arch Masonry in this Province, as it would not be consistent with the dignity of this Grand Chapter, to admit in this Province of any outside jurisdiction. In order, if possible, to have the matter settled, I recently made a visit to the Mount Lebanon Chapter. The Companions called a special meeting in order to meet me, and received me in the true Masonic spirit, and we thoroughly discussed the whole situation. I think I was able to relieve some natural misapprehensions which existed upon their minds in regard to the general question, and we talked over the matter, and parted with expressions of good will. I will make no predictions, but I am confident that before this year expires we shall have the full assistance and co-operation of our Chatham Companions, and the attendance of their representatives at our next annual convocation.

I have no matter of special importance to bring before Grand Chapter, but in the performance of the simplest duties, if done faithfully and peacefully, there is pleasure.

On motion of E. Companion Marshall, it was

*Ordered*, That the address of the Grand High Priest be referred to a Committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the following Companions were appointed such Committee:

R. E. Companion W. B. Wallace.

R. E. Companion Alex. Burchill.

E. Companion Robert Marshall.

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The R. E. Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick:*

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports as follows.

The receipts during the past year were:

Carlton Chapter,.....	\$23 20
New Brunswick Chapter,.....	33 40
Union Chapter,.....	13 20
St. Stephen Chapter,.....	28 00
Botsford Chapter,.....	30 70
Frederickton Chapter,.....	9 20
	<u>\$137 70</u>

The number of Exaltations during the year were.....	21
Died,.....	3
Withdrawn,.....	3
Suspended,.....	12

F. W. WISDOM,  
Grand Secretary.

On motion, the report was received and ordered to lie upon the table.

The R. E. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report:

On the 21st August, 1895, I had a balance on hand of.....	\$156 40
Received from Grand Secretary up to 21st August, 1896,.....	<u>137 70</u>
Making a total of.....	\$294 10

And have paid the following bills:

W. A. Ewing, Grand Secretary, salary and postages,....	\$48 27
G. G. Boyne, Grand Treasurer,.....	5 00
Masonic Hall Company, Rent,.....	10 00
Ellis, Robertson & Co., Circulars, etc.,.....	6 75
Printing Proceedings of Grand Chapter,.....	37 50
Maritime Lithographing Co., for order H.P.,.....	35 00
Balance on hand August 21, 1896,.....	<u>151 58</u>
	294 10

August 21, 1896, to balance on hand, \$151.58.

J. H. LEONARD,  
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., August 21, 1896.

On motion, the report of the Grand Treasurer was ordered to lie upon the table.

R. E. Companion John A. Watson, Vice-President of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report:

Saint John, N. B., 26th August, 1896.

*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick:*

The Executive Committee herewith submit their annual report:

At a meeting of the Committee, R. E. Companion John A. Watson was elected Vice-President.

Nothing worthy of report has come before the Committee during the year.

A Committee consisting of E. Companions Robert Marshall and Peter Campbell were appointed to audit the books and accounts, and they have reported as follows:

*To the President and Members of the Executive Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick:*

The Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary beg to report:

Balance on hand 28th August, 1895.....	\$156 40
Receipts during the year.....	137 70
Total .....	\$294 10
Expenditure as per Vouchers.....	142 52
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer .....	\$151 58

We have carefully examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same kept in a methodical and satisfactory manner.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL }  
PETER CAMPBELL, } Audit Committee.

The Executive Committee have appointed Companions Robert B. Humphrey, James Byers and John Rubins a Committee on Credentials.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. WATSON,  
Vice-President.

On motion, the above report was unanimously accepted.

On motion, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were taken from the table and ordered to be filed.

E.. Companion Robert Marshall gave notice of the following resolution:

*Whereas*, The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, organized A. D. 1887, adopted the system of Capitular Ritual which obtains in the United States of America; and therefore in the year A. D. 1892, deemed it necessary to revive the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, which Order of High Priesthood was originally organized in the City of Saint John in the year A. D. 1864; and,

*Whereas*, The said Order is now an integral part of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, as will more fully appear, by reference to the proceedings of Grand Royal Arch Chapter; therefore

*Resolved*, That present and past Presidents, Senior Vice-Presidents and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the Province of New Brunswick hold the rank in Grand Chapter of "Right Excellent."

The Committee upon the address of the Grand High Priest reported as follows:

*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick:*

Your Committee on the M.. E.. Grand High Priest's Address submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the excellent Address of the Grand High Priest, and we most heartily join him in his tributes to our deceased Companions, Edwin J. Wetmore and Henry Duffell. How mighty is Death, since all who live must come under its domain, and yet the sweet remembrance of the many virtues of those who have so left us continually remain.

We are glad to note that there has been more activity in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, and that our membership has increased during the year.

We thoroughly agree with the remarks of the Grand High Priest as to the office bearers of our Chapters using their power and influence to prevent any innovation in the methods of conferring Degrees, and we hope they will not allow the moral influence of our beautiful Degrees to be marred by any unpleasant and unnecessary display of zeal by Companions in endeavoring to create any fear or physical inconvenience to the candidates.

It is always a pleasure to know that our relations with sister jurisdictions are friendly, but we regret that any unpleasantness should arise between us and the Grand Council of Scotland because of the position taken by Mount Lebanon Chapter.

We fully agree with the Grand High Priest in his remarks as to this Chapter, and hope, with him, that ere the year closes our Chatham Companions will be with us and of us.

Fraternally submitted.

W. B. WALLACE.  
ROBERT MARSHALL.  
ALEXANDER BURCHILL.

Saint John, N. B., August 26, 1896.

Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M.: E.: JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand High Priest.  
R.: E.: JOHN A. WATSON, Deputy Grand High Priest.  
R.: E.: J. E. MASTERS, Grand King.  
R.: E.: ALEXANDER McNICHOL, Grand Scribe.  
R.: E.: J. HENRY LEONARD, Grand Treasurer.  
R.: E.: FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Secretary.  
G. GORDON BOYNE, Grand Tyler.

The elected and appointed officers were then installed, as follows:

M.: E.: JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand High Priest.  
R.: E.: JOHN A. WATSON, Deputy Grand High Priest.  
R.: E.: J. E. MASTERS, Grand King.  
R.: E.: ALEXANDER McNICHOL, Grand Scribe.  
R.: E.: J. HENRY LEONARD, Grand Treasurer.  
R.: E.: FREEMAN W. WISDOM, Grand Secretary.  
V.: E.: JOHN MOORE, Grand Captain of the Host.  
V.: E.: J. R. McCLURE, Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
V.: E.: FREDERICK SANDALL, Grand Organist.  
E.: JOHN RUBINS, Grand Pursuivant.  
G. GORDON BOYNE, Grand Tyler.

On motion, the sum of forty dollars was voted to M.: E.: Companion Wisdom for his services as Grand Secretary.

On motion of E.: Companion Robert Marshall, the sum of ten dollars was placed at the disposal of the Library Committee.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed a Library Committee as follows: E.: Companions Robert Marshall, Peter Campbell, and the Grand High Priest.

In accordance with a resolution of Grand Chapter, the following were appointed a Ritual Committee:

- M.: E.: Companion John V. Ellis.
- R.: E.: Companion William B. Wallace.
- R.: E.: Companion William A. Ewing.
- R.: E.: Companion Alexander Burchill.
- R.: E.: Companion J. Henry Leonard.
- R.: E.: Companion Hedley V. Cooper.
- R.: E.: Companion John A. Watson.
- E.: Companion Arthur H. Hiltz.
- E.: Companion Robert L. Smith.
- E.: Companion Donald Munro.

The Executive Committee was constituted as follows:

*Official Members.*

- M.: E.: Companion John V. Ellis.
- R.: E.: Companion John A. Watson.
- R.: E.: Companion J. E. Masters.
- R.: E.: Companion Andrew McNichol.
- R.: E.: Companion J. Henry Leonard.
- R.: E.: Companion Freeman W. Wisdom.

*Appointed by the Grand High Priest.*

- E.: Companion Edwin J. Everett.
- E.: Companion Robert Marshall.
- E.: Companion Thomas Walker.
- E.: Companion Peter Campbell.
- V.: E.: Companion William A. Ewing.

All business having been regularly disposed of, the Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was closed in *ample* form.

FREEMAN W. WISDOM,  
Grand Secretary.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK  
NEAR SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS.

Alabama, .....	Lawrence H. Lee, .....	Clayton.
Arizona, .....	Daniel Francis Mitchell, .....	Prescott.
California, .....	Charles Ray Gritman, .....	Napa.
Canada, .....	Hugh A. Mackay, .....	Berlin.
Colorado, .....	Alphonse A. Burnand, .....	Leadville.
Connecticut, .....	Henry H. Green, .....	Danielsonville.
Delaware, .....	Joseph L. Cahall, .....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia, .....	Samuel R. Bond, .....	Washington.
Florida, .....	Edgar A. Richards, .....	Orlando.
Illinois, .....	John M. Pearson, .....	Godfrey.
Indian Territory, .....	Uultus Hass, .....	Atoka.
Indiana, .....	Walter R. Godfrey, .....	Michigan City.
Iowa, .....	Louis Elseffer, .....	Hampton.
Kentucky, .....	Henry B. Grant, .....	Louisville.
Louisiana, .....	A. C. Allen, .....	Franklin.
Maine, .....	Thomas P. Shaw, .....	Portland.
Maryland, .....	Adolphus Fearhake, .....	Frederick.
Massachusetts, .....	Orthello K. Merrill, .....	Springfield.
Minnesota, .....	Frank B. Fobes, .....	Albert Lea.
Mississippi, .....	W. J. Lacey, .....	Okolona.
Montana, .....	Anthony H. Barret, .....	Butte.
Nebraska, .....	James Dinsmore, .....	Hebron.
Nevada, .....	Rufus H. Kinney, .....	Reno.
New Hampshire, .....	Frank Webster Russell, .....	Plymouth.
New Jersey, .....	Isaac D. Eilenberg, .....	Vineland.
New York, .....	A. Winniett Peters, .....	Brooklyn.
North Carolina, .....	Eugene S. Martin, .....	Wilmington.
North Dakota, .....	Thomas A. Boyden, .....	Lisbon.
Nova Scotia, .....	Robie McLeod, .....	Liverpool.
Ohio, .....	Simeon G. Smith, .....	Wilmington.
Oregon, .....	John Russell Wyatt, .....	Albany.
Pennsylvania, .....	Samuel W. Latta, .....	Philadelphia.
Quebec, .....	Archibald R. Fraser, .....	Montreal.
South Carolina, .....	E. H. Casque, .....	Marion.
South Dakota, .....	John C. Knapp, .....	Milbank.
Tennessee, .....	J. H. McClister, .....	Morristown.
Texas, .....	Thomas B. Cochran, .....	Georgetown.
Vermont, .....	Clark J. Walte, .....	Hyde Park.
Washington, .....	Albert L. Spencer, .....	Seattle.
West Virginia, .....	William H. Rose, .....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin, .....	George Smith, .....	Kilbourn.
England and Wales, .....	The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, ..London.	
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REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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Alabama, .....	Allison B. Connell, .....	Woodstock.
Arizona, .....	Andrew McNichol, .....	St. John.
California, .....	Henry B. Fleming, .....	Moncton.
Colorado, .....	Alfred F. Street, .....	Fredericton.
Connecticut, .....	George Todd, .....	Fredericton.
Delaware, .....	William A. Ewing, .....	St. John.
District of Columbia, .....	James E. Masters, .....	Moncton.
Florida, .....	William H. B. Sadleir, .....	St. John.
Illinois, .....	J. Henry Leonard, .....	St. John.
Indian Territory, .....	Alexander R. Campbell, .....	St. John.
Indiana, .....	James Frederick Lawton, .....	St. John.
Iowa, .....	Donald Munro, .....	Woodstock.
Kansas, .....	Frederick Sandall, .....	St. John.
Kentucky, .....	Hedley V. Cooper, .....	St. John.
Maine, .....	Robert Marshall, .....	St. John.
Maryland, .....	Charles Masters, .....	St. John.
Massachusetts, .....	Alexander Burchill, .....	Fredericton.
Minnesota, .....	Freeman W. Wisdom, .....	St. John.
Mississippi, .....	Harry Beckwith, .....	Fredericton.
Montana, .....	Edward Tweedie, .....	Moncton.
Nebraska, .....	Nelson Campbell, .....	Fredericton.
Nevada, .....	Edwin J. Everett, .....	St. John.
New Hampshire, .....	Joseph C. Hatheway, .....	Westfield.
New Jersey, .....	Augustus W. Reed, .....	St. John.
New South Wales, .....	Rev. O. S. Newnham, .....	St. Stephen.
North Carolina, .....	James Byers, .....	St. John.
North Dakota, .....	Edwin G. Vroom, .....	St. Stephen.
Nova Scotia, .....	John V. Ellis, .....	St. John.
Ohio, .....	George Ackman, .....	Moncton.
Oregon, .....	George B. Hegan, .....	St. John.
Pennsylvania, .....	Thomas A. Godsoe, .....	St. John.
Quebec, .....	George M. Jarvis, .....	Moncton.
Rhode Island, .....	John D. Short, .....	St. John.
South Carolina, .....	James Mitchell, .....	St. Stephen.
South Dakota, .....	Andrew F. Andrews, .....	St. John.
Tennessee, .....	William B. Wallace, .....	St. John.
Texas, .....	John A. Watson, .....	St. John.
Vermont, .....	David F. Merritt, .....	Woodstock.
Washington, .....	Julius T. Whitlock, .....	St. Stephen.
West Virginia, .....	George F. Pinder, .....	St. Stephen.
Wisconsin, .....	James Mitchell, .....	St. Stephen.
England and Wales .....	John V. Ellis, .....	St. John.
(G. L. of Mark Master Masons) }		

## OFFICERS

OF THE

### Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick 1896—1897.

M.: E.: JOHN V. ELLIS, St. John, Grand High Priest.  
R.: E.: JOHN A. WATSON, St. John, Deputy Grand High Priest.  
R.: E.: J. E. MASTERS, Moncton, Grand King.  
R.: E.: ALEXANDER McNICHOL, St. John, Grand Scribe.  
R.: E.: J. HENRY LEONARD, St. John, Grand Treasurer.  
R.: E.: FREEMAN W. WISDOM, St. John, Grand Secretary.  
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G. GORDON BOYNE, St. John Grand Tyler.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

M.: E.: JOHN V. ELLIS.  
R.: E.: JOHN A. WATSON.  
R.: E.: J. E. MASTERS.  
R.: E.: ANDREW McNICHOL.  
R.: E.: J. HENRY LEONARD.  
R.: E.: FREEMAN W. WISDOM.  
E.: EDWIN J. EVERETT.  
E.: ROBERT MARSHALL.  
E.: THOMAS WALKER.  
E.: PETER CAMPBELL.  
V.: E.: WILLIAM A. EWING.

#### RITUAL COMMITTEE.

M.: E.: JOHN V. ELLIS.	R.: E.: HEDLEY V. COOPER.
R.: E.: WILLIAM B. WALLACE.	R.: E.: JOHN A. WATSON.
R.: E.: WILLIAM A. EWING.	E.: ARTHUR H. HILTZ.
R.: E.: ALEXANDER BURCHILL.	E.: ROBERT L. SMITH.
R.: E.: J. HENRY LEONARD.	E.: DONALD MUNRO.



**In Memory**  
of  
**Excellent Companion**  
**Edwin Jesse Wetmore**

**P. Z. Union Chapter**

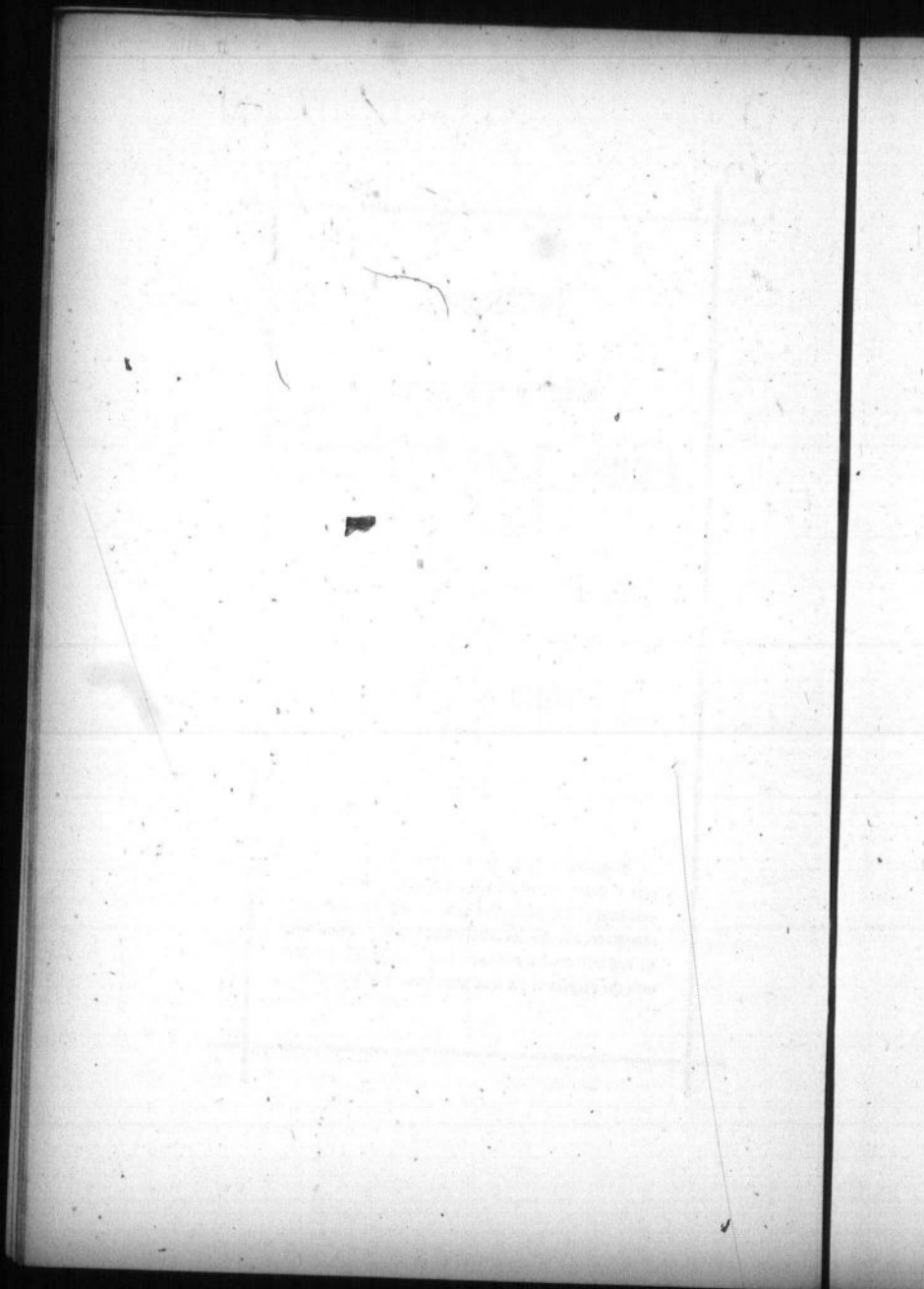
**Who died the 18th day of June**  
**A.D. 1896**

**Aged 67 Years.**



"Esteemed by us all for his many virtues, his kindness of heart, his moderation of temper, and his lenient judgment of the motives of men, he will be long kindly remembered in this jurisdiction and in this community. He had well discharged important civic duties, and had won the respect of all who were associated with him."

*—Grand High Priest's Address.*



**In Memory**  
of  
**Excellent Companion**

**Henry Duffell**

**P. H. P. New Brunswick Chapter**

**Who died the 21st day of March**  
**A.D. 1896**

**Aged 80 Years.**



**"Although not active in the Grand Chapter, he was  
one of the best known and most active Masons in the  
jurisdiction, whose council and judgment as a ruler,  
and whose skill as a ritualist were ever available."**

**— Grand High Priest's Address.**



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS  
OF THE  
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,  
DOMINION OF CANADA.

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MASONIC TEMPLE,  
City of St. John, N. B., August 26, 1896.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF HIGH PRIESTS for the Province of New Brunswick convened in Annual Convocation in the Apartments of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and was opened in *ample* form at 2.30 p.m.

Companion ROBERT MARSHALL, ... President.  
Companion JOHN V. ELLIS, ..... First Vice-President.  
Companion E. J. EVERETT, ..... Acting Second Vice-President.  
Companion JOHN DAVIS SHORT, .. Grand Treasurer.  
Companion F. W. WISDOM, ..... Grand Recorder.  
Companion JOHN A. WATSON, ..... Grand Master of Ceremonies.  
Companion WILLIAM B. WALLACE, Grand Conductor.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the minutes of the last Annual Convocation be taken as read and adopted.

The M..E.. President, Robert Marshall, then briefly addressed Grand Council, and remarked that the excellent membership of Grand Council gave promise that much good would result from the reorganization of Grand Council as an integral part of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

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He referred to the excellent certificates, which had been so well lithographed by the Maritime Steam Lithograph Company, and suggested that certificates be as speedily as possible furnished to High Priests who had already received the degree, and that a proper register book be procured by the Grand Recorder, so that a full and complete entry may be made regarding each Companion who had reached the position of an Anointed High Priest in Grand Council.

The following Companions were duly elected, appointed and installed Officers for the year, viz.:

Companion ROBERT MARSHALL, .... M. E., President.  
Companion JOHN V. ELLIS, ..... M. E., Senior Vice-President.  
Companion ALEXANDER BURCHILL, M. E., Junior Vice-President.  
Companion JOHN DAVIS SHORT, ... E., Treasurer.  
Companion JOHN A. WATSON, ..... E., Recorder.  
Companion ANDREW McNICHOL, .... E., Master of Ceremonies.  
Companion W. B. WALLACE, ..... E., Conductor.  
Companion FRED. SANDALL, ..... E., Warder.  
Companion F. WING WISDOM, ..... E., Steward.

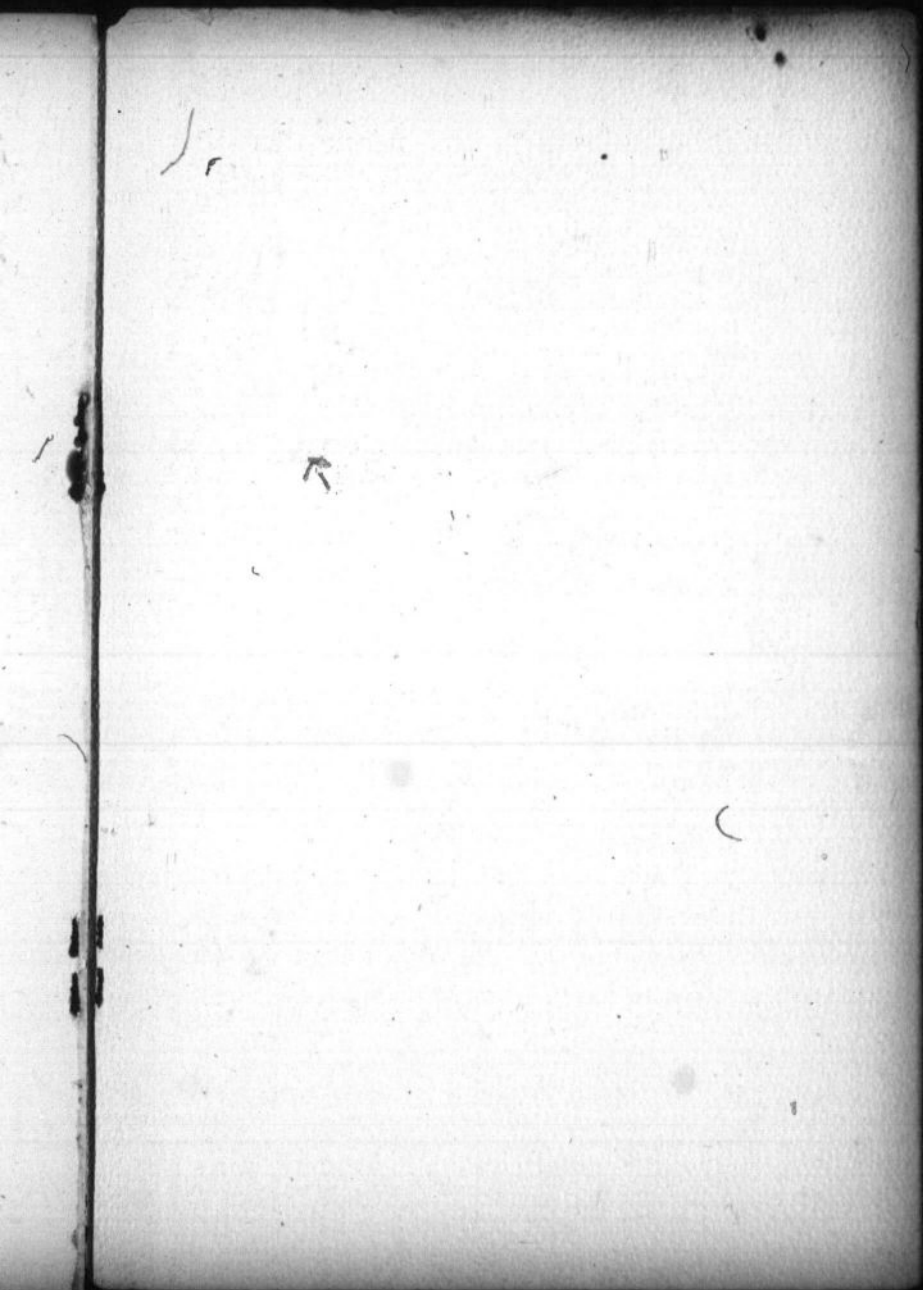
On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That all outstanding bills due by Grand Council be paid.

The business of Grand Council having been accomplished, it was closed in *ample* form.

F. W. WISDOM,  
*Grand Recorder.*

ROBERT MARSHALL,  
*President.*



Address of the Grand High Priest:

M.: E.: JOHN V. ELLIS,  
143 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.

Address of the Grand Secretary:

R.: E.: FREEMAN W. WISDOM,  
Freemasons Hall, St. John, N. B.



The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal  
Arch Chapter of New Brunswick will be held at  
Freemasons Hall, in the City of St. John, on  
Wednesday, the Twenty-Fifth day of August,  
A. D. 1897.