

AMONG THE SOCIETIES

A SKETCH OF THE MASONIC ORDER
IN ST. JOHN.

Men Who Were the Founders of Free Masonry in This City—What the Charters Read Like—Some Interesting Facts and Figures About the Order.

In the year 1865 some of the leading masons of this city conceived the idea of making the city the home of freemasonry for the Province of New Brunswick. One of them received the degrees of the Cryptic Rite in a council of Royal and Select Masters at Baltimore, U. S. A., and in 1867 the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for New Brunswick was organized, being materially aided in the good work by the Grand Council of the State of Maine. This is the pioneer Grand Council for Canada.

In 1867 the same brother received the degrees of the A. & A. S. rite, fourth to thirty-second, at the Masonic Temple in the city of Boston under special arrangement made with the respective bodies of the Scottish Rite in that city working under the authority of the Supreme Council of the northern jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The Moore Chapter of Sovereign Princes of Rose Croix. H. R. D. M. was organized and consecrated in the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, on the 4th of April, 1870, under the authority of the following charter:

Universi Terrarum Orbis architectoni ad Gloriam Ingeniis Deus Meumque Jus—Orbo ab Chao.

From the east of the Supreme Grand Council of the Sov. Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree of the ancient and accepted Rite of Free Masonry for England and Wales and the Dependencies of Great Britain, under the C. C. of the Zenith near the B. B. answering to 51° 30' N. Lat. and 6° W., Meridian of Greenwich.

To our Illustrious Princes and Knights Grand Ineffable and Sublime, Free and Accepted Masons of all degrees, Ancient and Modern, over the surface of the two hemispheres.

To all whom these presents may come—Greeting:

Health, Stability, Power,

Know Ye, That we, the Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, lawfully and constitutionally established as our Grand East, London, in Supreme Council of the 33rd and last degree of the ancient and accepted Rite of Free Masonry, and duly congregated this 14th day of Jiar, Anno Hebraicis 5628, Anno Lucis 5872, which corresponds to the 6th day of May, Anno Christi 1868, A. Ord. 750 and A. M. 554 at our Grand Council Chamber, a Sacred Asylum where reign

Union, Contentment, Wisdom.

Do by these Presents declare that we have duly considered and accepted a petition from the Ills. B. Robert Marshall, 32 degree, Christopher Bassant, 18 degree, Colin McKenzie, 18 degree; David G. Smith, 32 degree; W. J. B. McLeod Moore, 33 degree; and Thomas Douglas Harington 33 degrees, and have ordered the same to be deposited in the archives of our council.

Wherefore be it known, that we hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren Robert Marshall, Christopher Bassant, Colin McKenzie, David G. Smith, W. J. B. McLeod Moore, and Thomas Douglas Harington, to constitute and hold a Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix of Harodim, at St. John, New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, under the title of the "Moore Chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix, H. R. D. M." and in conjunction therewith, and in subordination thereto to hold a meeting or lodge in each of the several ineffable degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth inclusive, and to confer therein respectively the degrees thereto belonging viz:—

- 4th—Secret Master.
- 5th—Perfect Master.
- 6th—Intimate Secretary.
- 7th—Provost and Judge.
- 8th—Intendant of the Buildings.
- 9th—Elected Knight of nine.
- 10th—Illustrious Knight of Fifteen.
- 11th—Sublime Knight Elect.
- 12th—Grand Master Architect.
- 13th—Ancient Master of the Royal Arch.
- 14th—Grand Elect and Perfect Master and Sublime Mason.

Also power and authority to hold councils in the 15th and 16th and 17th degrees, and to confer therein the degrees thereto belonging, viz:

- 15th—Knight of the East and the Sword,
 - 16th—Prince of Jerusalem.
 - 17th—Knight of the East and West;
- and finally power and authority to hold a Royal Chapter Rose Croix of H. R. D. M., and to confer therein the degree of Perfect Prince Rose Croix H. R. D. M., or Knight of the White Eagle and Pelican. Provided always, and it is hereby en-

joined, in pain of expulsion and forfeiture of the powers hereby confirmed.—

That every candidate shall be a Master Mason, duly received and initiated into Masonry. That he shall have taken and signed the Obligation of Allegiance, to the Supreme Council; and that such Obligation of Allegiance, with particulars of residence, profession, etc., shall be duly forwarded to the Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Grand Council.

That the time and place of meeting of the Lodges and Councils in the several degrees be likewise forwarded for registry to the said illustrious grand secretary and that all fees for registry and certificates be faithfully paid.

That a copy of all Bye-Laws be similarly forwarded for approval and registration and that no Bye-Laws shall be valid until a copy of the same shall have been so sent for the sanction of the Supreme Grand Council.

That the ancient laws and constitutions of the order, and the decrees of the supreme grand council, be duly practiced and enforced, and that any member or members offending against the same be expelled, unless, upon appeal to the supreme council, such decision be reversed or altered.

And we hereby proclaim such chapter to be registered under the title of the Moore Chapter Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of H. R. D. M., and we proclaim our illustrious brother Robert Marshall 32 degree, to be the most wise sovereign thereof, deputing to him in conjunction with the aforesaid trusty and well beloved brethren, to establish the same in conformity with the ancient laws and constitutions of the order.

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned sovereigns, grand inspectors-general, members of the supreme council of the 32nd degree for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British crown, have hereunto subscribed our names, and have affixed hereto the grand seal of the illustrious order.

Henry A. Boyer, 33°,
Sovereign Grand Commander.

H. C. Vernon, 33°,

Grand Treasurer.

Nathl. Geo. Philips, 33°,

Grand Secretary General.

W. J. B. McLeod Moore, 33°,

S. G. I. G., Past Rep'v'e. &c.

T. Douglas Harington,

[seal.] Sovereign Grand Inspector General Representative of S. G. Council of Canada.

In the year 1870 the before-mentioned illustrious Brother Robert Marshall was crowned of the 33° and an active member of the Supreme Council of England, and the Harington Sovereign Consistory of S. P. R. S. 19 to 32 was organized and consecrated in the Masonic Hall, Princess street under charter from the Supreme General Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty third degree, Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Colonial Dependencies of Great Britain.

This charter authorizes Mr. Marshall to open a Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret and a Sovereign Tribunal of Grand Inspectors Inquisitors Commanders; and to open a Chapter of Grand Elected Knights, K. H., and to confer the degrees thereto belonging, viz. A Grand Pontiff, Venerable Grand Master, Patriarch Noachite Prince of Libanus, Chief of the Tabernacle, Prince of the Tabernacle, Knight of the Brazen Serpent, Prince of Mercy, Commander of the Temple, Knight of the Sun, Knight of St. Andrew, and Illustrious and Sublime Grand Elected Knight, K. H.

On the 9th October, 1872, Brother Marshall was appointed Representative for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, under the authority of patent from the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General.

On April 12th, 1873, the Supreme Council of England and Wales, and the Dependencies of Great Britain confirmed the organization of the Grand Council of the Thirty-third degree for the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

Robert Marshall, 33°, Representative Supreme Council of England, etc.
James Domville, 33°, S. G. I. G.
David Ransom Muoro, 33°, S. S. I. S.
H. Williams Chisholm, 33°, S. G. I. G.
Registrar to Grand Council
Alfred D. Goolwin, 32°, S. P. R. S.

In October, 1874, the Supreme Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada was organized and consecrated at Ottawa under a special warrant of authority granted to illustrious brethren T. D. Harington, Robert Marshall and J. W. Murton by the Supreme Council of England and

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In 1876 the formal union of the chapter of Kadosh 4 degrees to 32 degrees of the obedience of the Supreme Council of Scotland working under the city of St. John under such authority until the year 1874 took place and the united bodies formed the Saint John Lodge of Perfection 4 degrees to 14 degrees, the Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix 15 degrees to 18 degrees and the New Brunswick Consistory 19 degrees to 32 degrees, Nova Scotia consenting to take out a separate warrant for the Nova Scotia Consistory S. P. R. S. 4 degrees to 32 degrees.

The surviving members of the Thirty-Third degree of New Brunswick today are illustrious brethren Robert Marshall, John V. Ellis, James Domville, Francis Partridge, W. H. Thorne, and John D. Chipman. There are in the whole of Canada about 34 thirty-third degree masons.

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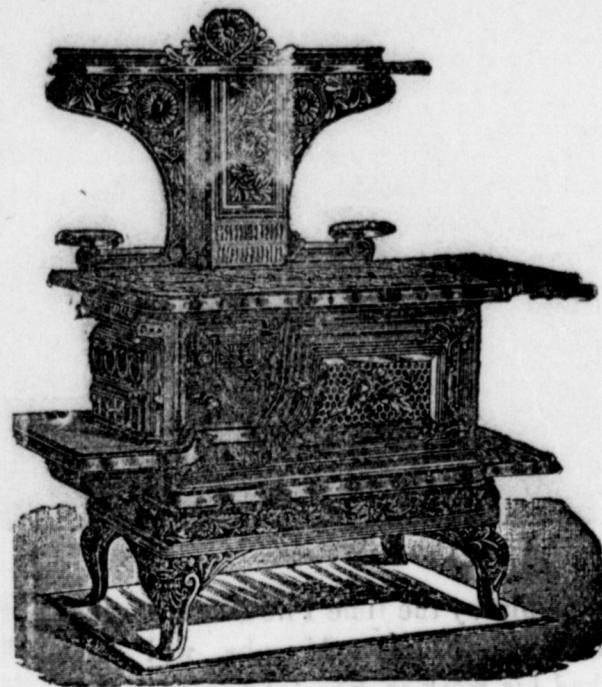
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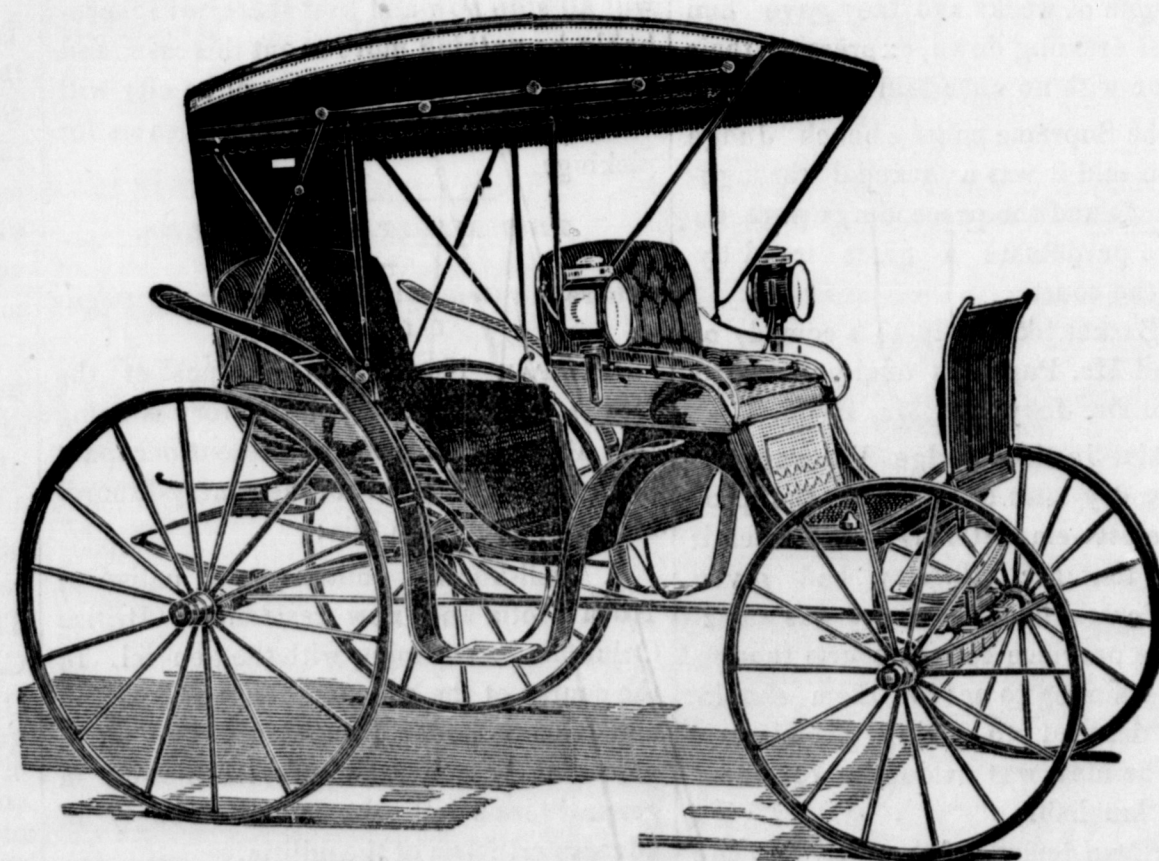
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