In 1738 Erasmus James Philipps opened a lodge in Annapolis Royal under a warrant given to him by Henry Price, the Provincial Grand Master in Massachusetts, beginning 275 years of Freemasonry in Canada.

This year the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held in the Annapolis Valley to celebrate this historic event.

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The Grand Lodge Officers for 2012-13
THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 148th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Digby Ice Rink on May 31–June 1, 2013. To mark the celebrations of the 275th Anniversary of Masonry in Canada the Grand Lodge meeting had been moved to the nearest facility to Annapolis able to house the meeting.

It was a pleasure to see so many masons from across the Jurisdiction in attendance accompanied by their wives and partners. Over 120 ladies attended the Ladies Program which is the largest participation we can remember.

After the Opening of the Grand Lodge by MWTGM, MWBro. Reo Matthews and then going to refreshment, a meet and greet was held at the Digby Pines Resort. This Grand Master’s Reception was open to all masons and was an enjoyable event which allowed many old friends to mix and mingle and an opportunity to meet new friends from outside of the Jurisdiction.

The next day saw the reception of the visiting brethren representing Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and the USA. into the Grand Lodge.

We were pleased to see MWBro. Raymond S. Daniels, PGM GL Can ON; MWBro. Terrance Shand, GS GL Can ON, representing the Grand Master; M.W.Bro. Alison Cole, GM GL PEI; MWBro. Gerald Budden, GM GL NF&L; MWBro. Miles Graham, PGM GL NB; M.W.Bro. Steve Allen, GM GLNB from our sister Jurisdictions in Canada (see photo l to r bottom of page 5). This year MWBro. Terrance Shand was the recipient of the Erasmus James Philips Medallion.

His Worship the Mayor of Digby, Mr. Ben Cleveland, brought greetings from the town and the council and wished us well during our stay in the area.

The only motion under New Business put to the Grand Lodge was ruled out of order by the Grand Master due to an absence of supporting documentation.

For the first time this year a new Certificate of Merit has been introduced and is to be presented to masons or lodges on behalf of the Grand Lodge for exemplary work in the Craft. The recipients this year were RWBro. Dennis Kaiser for the years of support he has given through committee work and mentoring, and MWBro. Daniel Campbell for the many roles he has played in the furtherance of the Grand Lodge.

MWBro. Reo Matthews also presented RWBro. Rob Hillier with his past GDC Jewel. The jewel had been given to MWBro. Matthews when he was GDC for MWBro. Roy Lively.

The Grand Lodge was cognizant of the difficulties faced by the Grand Master during his year and was very appreciative of the work and effort he had put in during his tenure.

MWBro. Daniel Campbell conducted the Installation ceremony with the assistance of MWBro. Ian Robb who installed the new MWTGM with his regalia. It was a pleasure to see him in Grand Lodge again.

The Equitones sang for the newly installed MWTGM and the DGM.

A warm and sunny weekend was enjoyed by all in attendance and it was a pleasure to see the number of brothers and guests that stayed for the Installation. In past years we have seen an exodus of masons once the business of Grand Lodge has been conducted. This year MWBro. Owen Walton rose to address the Grand Lodge and admonished them to pay the respect owed to the newly elected officers who will represent them during the coming year.

After all the officers present were installed MWBro. George Grant closed the lodge in Ample Form.

That evening the Grand Master’s Banquet was held at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre. The excellent banquet was the largest attended in many years with over 300 present. After the meal the masons and their wives had the opportunity to dance to the Graham Bowser band. Unfortunately the banquet had run over time and so many couples did not have a great deal of time to appreciate the band.

The weather cooperated and all the attendees at the Annual Communication enjoyed a full weekend of masonic interaction and were pleased with the change of venue.
MWGM, Bro. Reo Matthews, presenting MWBro. Terrence Shand, GL of Can ON, with the Erasmus James Philipps Medallion.

RWBro. Dennis Kaiser receiving the Certificate of Merit from MWBro. Dan Campbell.

MWBro. Richard Stewart, GM of Massachusetts, presenting MWBro. Reo Matthews with a plaque commemorating the 275th Anniversary.

MWGM, Bro. Reo Matthews, presenting MWBro. Dan Campbell with the Certificate of Merit.

The MWTGM Elect conducting the Grand Worthy Matron to the East.

Past and present Grand Masters of Canada (see text for names - Ed)
The newly appointed DDGM’s being charged and installed.

The outgoing MWGM thanks his DDGM’s for all their hard work and support over the past year.

The MWGM and MWGM Elect greet the Mayor of Digby who brought greetings from the town and council.

MWBro. Gordon Conrod presenting MWBro. Reo Matthews, with his PGM’s Jewel.
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GEORGE A. GRANT
148TH GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA – JUNE 1ST, 2013

Distinguished East, Honoured Guests, Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Sisters, Brothers, family and friends. I stand here before you today, very humble and very proud. It is a privilege to have been elected and installed in this office as Grand Master. I thank all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for placing your trust in me and giving me the opportunity of being your personal representative within and throughout this jurisdiction. I give my pledge to you that I will perform all my duties and responsibilities of the office to the best of my skill and ability and maintain the dignity of the office.

I sincerely thank Most Worshipful Brother Past Grand Master Daniel Campbell for his excellent installation and conducting the investiture ceremony, as well as the Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers who have taken part in this moving ceremony. I congratulate the Grand Lodge Officers who have been elected to serve and wish you well in your future endeavours.

Thank you to the Appointed Grand Lodge Officers for your support. Our District Deputy Grand Masters play an important role in our Grand Lodge; they are our eyes and ears, seeing that wishes of the Grand Lodge are being properly adhered to and more important they are the communication between the Grand Lodge and the members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

You can be assured that I will look to my peers, the honourable Past Grand Masters who have served us with their high principles and standards. Their support and timely advice will be much appreciated.

To the Distinguished guests from away and the Concordant Bodies, thank you for attending, a special thank you to my family and friends, who will be properly introduced at the banquet this evening.

Serving as your Grand Master I do not intend to issue any Edict’s; surely our Constitution and Regulations will cover any issue that may come forward. In case of extreme emergency, should a situation arise when a request for change is required, we will attempt to accommodate you.

I will extend the courtesies of allowing our Concordant Bodies to visit our lodges either after the lodge has closed or disarranging the Great Lights, their intentions must be properly announced. We are one big Masonic Family and Masonic Unity is a must for any Grand Jurisdiction.

It is always a busy year for a Grand Master so I leave it with you that if you wish me to attend your Installation, I will do so, remembering many visitations will conflict with each other therefore you may want to make your intentions known well in advance.

It will be my great pleasure to attend any fifty year jewel presentations, Lodge Anniversaries, Rededication Services or any special event involving your lodge. It is always acceptable to have a banquet as this gives us an opportunity to invite the public as well as friends and family into our sphere to witness these memorable events. I would not be surprised if many of them have not had this opportunity. I will also accept fellowship nights. This would be an opportunity for me to meet with you one on one to discuss your concerns without a busy night of degree work, Installations or District Meetings.

Having said that, should I not be able to attend I will have a Grand Lodge Officer perform that duty, this of course giving them an opportunity of becoming familiar with the lodge brethren.

Brethren, this has been such a wonderful day, not only have we installed a new slate of Grand Lodge Officers; we are here to celebrate 275 years of Masonry. In the year 1738 the first Masonic Lodge in Canada was duly constituted in Annapolis Royal and this is the start of the festivities with more events to follow.

We have much to celebrate and much to prepare for; we must take advantage of every opportunity to inform the public of who we are and what we stand for. Our Public...
Relations Committee has done an excellent job in making the citizens of Nova Scotia aware of the Masonic order and we must take advantage of the news coverage that will be generated this weekend. With the assistance of all the lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction we must focus on Public Relations and Communications for this coming year. I ask that the lodges place their efforts on being visible by attending as many parades as possible in full regalia at the craft level. I would like to see a lodge or several lodges or even a district prepare a float for a parade. If this is not possible then rally the troops and have a marching contingent placed in the parade in full regalia.

We should set aside a day for an open house at our lodge, invite the public, friends and family, prepare information for them and maybe some light refreshments to draw their attention. Thinking out of the box, we may even set up information booths in local malls, ask to be invited to talk on Masonry to any group that would be interested, provide them with the information and see what happens. Anything a Brother may suggest will be much appreciated; we will work together toward this purpose.

Brethren, it has been a long day and I will finish by saying that copies of my Acceptance Speech are available to you as you leave this assembly, this is an insight of what we shall try to implement this year. I ask that you read this report in your lodge at the first available opportunity.

I leave you with this thought on “Wisdom”
There’s wisdom in taking the time to care
There’s wisdom in giving and wanting to share
There’s wisdom in grace and making amends
There’s wisdom in having and keeping good friends.

Thank you and farewell for now.
ANAGPOLIS ROYAL PARADE AND DEDICATION

Following the closure of the Grand Communication many masons remained in the Annapolis Valley to celebrate the 275th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Canada by participating at the dedication of the replica of the 1606 Masonic Stone.

The Masons paraded to the grounds of Fort Anne where the Grand Chaplain, RWBro. Sandy Buchan and the Rev. Catherine Deloges held divine services. After the service the parade of masonic flags preceded by a pipe band led the Grand Master and masonic guests to the town hall where the stone was dedicated. Welcoming remarks were given by VWBro. Keith Saunders, DGC of Annapolis District. His Worship the Mayor of Annapolis Royal, Michael Tompkins, brought greetings from the town after which the Grand Chaplain dedicated the stone with the following prayer:

“Great Architect of the Universe, we gather here today and humbly crave your presence and blessing as we dedicate this stone as a memorial to the memory of the early builders and masons who laboured so diligently to carve out of the rough wilderness the foundations for the building of a great nation. Through the efforts of these early settlers we find our inspiration to conduct our work as Freemasons with the same fervency and zeal as we labour to build throughout the world a nation of Brotherly Love, Understanding and Happiness. We as speculative Masons have no less a duty to the future than did those operatives of former times who struggled to erect those great edifices of the past.

We ask that as we dedicate this stone which will stand to mark 275 years of Freemasonry in Canada, that our continued works may meet with Your approval. We ask also for Your guidance as we labour with the working tools of our Fraternity to transform those rough ashlars of human nature into perfect ashlars suitable to adorn and beautify that edifice we build within ourselves.

Almighty God, creator of all things, source of all light, humbly and reverently we come to you to dedicate this stone to your service. Pour down your mercies to Your servants engaged in this solemn ceremony of this day. Bless we pray all those engaged in the dedication of this edifice. May our present gathering awaken serious reflections and strengthen us with resolutions for the future. May we be bound together stronger by the bonds of Brotherly love and affection. May all we do and say here reflect to Thy honour and glory. May we ever be conscious of our closeness to You, and may our service be ever acceptable in Your sight, and when the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of our life is ended, and our work on earth is done, then of Your tender mercy grant us and all Masons wherever they may be, a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace in Your vast forever.”

Remarks were then heard from RWBro. Holger Mueller-Sparenburg, Master of Annapolis No.33 who was dressed in the costume of the 1700’s.

The MWTGM, MWBro. George Grant then spoke to the assembly, after which the Rev. Catherine Desloges gave the benediction.

The parade then followed the pipe band to the local Legion hall for a wonderful pig roast and a celebratory cake.
THE BEGINNINGS OF FREEMASONRY IN CANADA

Most of us know snippets of the history of the original colonies, their failures and successes, and of course the major event, which we Loyalists refer to as the American Rebellion.

Since 1775 there has been a divergence of development. There are cultural and political differences and each nation has taken its own path, but what is often forgotten is that we originally had a shared heritage, we were one people clustered along the north east coast of a new continent. But there were obviously other inhabitants; the French, Spanish and Dutch, not to forget the indigenous peoples.

Now for some dates and a quick history lesson:

In 1700 the area now known as Nova Scotia was called Acadia and was in possession of the French. Approximately 1,400 Acadians, mostly farmers, lived in widely dispersed farms stretching from Port Royal to Minas and across the Chignecto peninsula in Beaubassin. 1702 brought the War of the Spanish Succession to North America where it was known as “Queen Anne’s War”.

1707 saw two expeditions from Massachusetts to push the French from Port Royal but both failed. Finally in 1710 the English took Port Royal renaming it Annapolis Royal in honour of Queen Anne, the last of the Stuart monarchs. With the Treaty of Utrecht Acadia was ceded to Great Britain, which had come into existence by the Act of Union in 1707, as well as Newfoundland, Hudson Bay, and the country of the Iroquois, although I am unsure whether they had been informed. The French retained the islands of Cape Breton, Ile Royale, and Prince Edward Island, Ile St. Jean.

Jumping to 1717 we see a new governor appointed for the colony of Nova Scotia, Col. Richard Philipps, born in South Wales. He organised the first proper council to govern the colony’s affairs including military and mercantile interests, many of the council hailing from Boston. In 1717 the independent companies of soldiers stationed in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were merged by Nova Scotia’s Governor Richard Philipps to create Philipps’ Regiment. The royal warrant stated:

“Our Will and Pleasure is, that this our establishment of our Regiment of Foot, commanded by our trusty and well-beloved Colonel, Richard Phillips, and for the garrison of Annapolis Royal and Placentia, do commence and take place from the 25th day of August last inclusive, from which time all former establishments for our eight Independent Companies and Garrisons at Annapolis Royal and Placentia are to cease and determine.”

It was the custom at the time to take the name of the Colonel in Chief. It was later to become known as the 40th Foot and nicknamed “The Fighting Fortieth”.

For the next two years Philipps had to deal with hit and run raids on Canso which was an important fishing port, as well as Micmac harassment of the garrison of Annapolis Royal. Col.Philipps organised a force to put a stop to these infractions and then like many colonial governors of the time went back to England where he carried out his mandate in absentia for seven years. As one text put it - “Apparently Nova Scotia was a nice place to visit but one did not want to live there.”

Returning to Nova Scotia in 1729 Philipps had a number of issues to deal with including persuading the Acadians to take the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown. In 1731 he was recalled to England to answer charges of malfeasance which he successfully did as he was promoted to Lieutenant General in 1743 and he retained his governorship until 88 years of age in 1749. He never returned to Nova Scotia.

It was this man whose nephew played such a large role in the foundation of Canadian Freemasonry.

From 1717 until 1743 the 40th Foot was to garrison Placentia, Annapolis Royal as well as Canso. And it was into this regiment that Erasmus James Phillips, nephew of Richard Phillips, was gazetted as an Ensign in 1726 at the age of 21 years. Most officer ranks were purchased at the time and by August 1737 Erasmus had achieved the rank of Major.

In 1730 Erasmus had been made by the governor a member of the governing council and
in 1737 with Dr. William Shene, Col. Otho Hamilton and four others from Rhode Island, he was commissioned to mark out and settle the boundaries between the province of Massachusetts Bay and the colony of Rhode Island. Philipps was in Boston from August 1737 to June 1738.

It is recorded in the minutes of “The First Lodge” in Boston that on November 14, 1737, Major Philips was made a mason. With him was Bro. William Sheriff who affiliated with the lodge at that time. The fact Sherriff was already a freemason and had been a continual residence of Annapolis Royal from 1716 until 1737 has given rise to some speculation that he might have been made a mason in Annapolis Royal prior to this date. However there is no documentary evidence to support this claim.

In the Boston Gazette of March 13, 1738, was the following paragraph:

“We are inform’d, That Major Philipps is Appointed Provincial Grand Master over the Free and Accepted Masons, in the Province of Nova Scotia, and that a Deputation is getting ready for that purpose.”

Erasmus Philipps had received a deputation from Henry Price to form a lodge in Annapolis with himself as its master.

But who was this man who had the authority to give Philipps the authority to form a lodge.

London-born Henry Price apprenticed as a tailor. He arrived in Boston in 1723 to pursue this trade and soon met with success, opening multiple shops. He had become a Freemason in England prior to 1723. In 1733, while in England on business, he approached the Grand Lodge of England with a petition signed by 18 Boston men seeking to form a Masonic lodge. This petition was granted. Price returned home to Massachusetts, where he constituted both the Grand Lodge and St. John’s Lodge, the oldest local lodge in the state.

In the early 1760s, Henry Price retired to Townsend, Massachusetts, where he served as representative to the Provincial Legislature in 1764 and 1765. His several-hundred-acre estate, which included farms, mills and mechanical shops, reflected his prosperity. On May 14, 1780, while splitting rails on his estate, Price’s axe slipped, wounding him in the abdomen. He died six days later, at the age of 83.

The record reads that Mr. Price “granted a Deputation at Ye Petition of sundry Brethren at Annapolis in Nova Scotia” to hold a Lodge there. This Petition was undoubtedly signed not only by Philipps and Shirreff, but by Col. Otho Hamilton and Dr. Wm. Skene both Masons and residents of Annapolis Royal for many years. The lodge established in 1738 was the first lodge established in what is now Canada, and was the fifth in order of precedence of lodges charted from Massachusetts.

Philipps returned to his duties as boundary commissioner in the spring of 1739, and we find him present at a meeting of the First Lodge in Boston on April 11, 1739, when he appears as "Rt. Wpfull. Bror. Erasmus Jas. Philipps, G.M. De Nov. Scot." He was again present on May 9th, Nov. 28, and Dec. 26, 1739.

A second boundary commission issued to Philipps and others in 1740, convened at Providence in April 1741 and the records of the First Lodge for August 12th, 1741, show the following entry;

"Bro. E. Philipps pd 20 Quarterage
Bro. Sheriff pd. 20 as memrs."

When war broke out between France and England in 1744, Philipps looked after providing accommodation and supplies for the troops in the Grand Pré area. He returned to Annapolis Royal after the French attack. When the provincial legislature was reorganized in 1749, Philipps was named to the new Council. He was elected to the provincial assembly in 1759 but died in office of apoplexy in Halifax the following year at the age of 55.

The British colonies experienced enormous population growth: the mainland colonies had about 400,000 residents in 1720 and nearly 2 million by 1765. And with that growth of population came a growth in Freemasonry.

M.W.Bro. R.V.Harris, PGM of the GLNS, wrote extensively on the history of freemasonry in Canada and he was convinced that there had been masonic activity in Annapolis Royal prior to 1738. He references the number of Bostonians who were “associated” with King’s Chapel as being an
indication of such. As with many things concerning the Craft, this is just another unsubstantiated story. Whether or not that is true we do know the facts surrounding Erasmus James Philips and his lodge. Although it went into darkness and was by any other name a military lodge, it formed a connection between Massachusetts and Nova Scotia which is alive and well. In 1938 the then Grand Master of Massachusetts with a large and distinguished entourage came to Halifax to dedicate a memorial to Erasmus James Philips and 250 years of Canadian Masonry. And it was with great pleasure that we hosted the current Grand Master of Massachusetts at our 275th celebrations as well as many other dignitaries from across Canada and the USA.

Barry Imber
PGM

**Proclamation**

On behalf of the Town of Annapolis Royal Council hereby proclaims June 2nd, 2013

ANAPOLIS ROYAL FREEMASONS DAY

in the Town of Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia and encourages all citizens to recognize Freemasons for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare, help to community projects designed to aid disadvantaged citizens and education.

Michael Tompkins, Mayor
Photographs clockwise: the current lodge hall of Annapolis Royal No.33; interior views of the east; view to the west; view to the south; the marble plaque on the north wall of the lodge commemorating the gifting of the building to the lodge.

THIS BUILDING WAS PRESENTED TO ANnapolis Royal Lodge, No.33. A.F. & A.M. N.S.
BY WOR. BRO. GEORGE B. HARRIS,
WILLIAM MEDFORD CHRISTIE,
GRAND MASTER OF MASONs OF NOVA SCOTIA, ON THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D.1912. A.I. 5912.
THIS TABLET WAS PLACED HERE BY THE BRETHREN OF ANnapolis Royal Lodge, No.33, AS A MEMORIAL OF THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE GENEROSITY OF BRO. HARRIS TO HIS MOTHER LODGE.
ANDERSON'S CONSTITUTION FIRST EDITION

On March 13th, 1738, Henry Price of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts appointed Major Erasmus J. Phillips as Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia. In late Spring as head of the Annapolis Garrison, known as the Fighting 40th, he arrived in Annapolis Royal with the Warrant, constitution, and Regalia. The very first Masonic Lodge in Nova Scotia and in all of Canada was constituted on June the 22nd, 1738 at the local inn. Major Phillips was the first Master. In 1755, the lodge was registered under the Grand Lodge of England, Warrant # 42 and in 1767 the lodge was still meeting. The 40th Regiment had moved on taking part in the second siege of Louisburg in 1758 and Quebec in 1759 under Wolfe. The Constitution however, remained in Annapolis Royal. In February 9, 1842, it was presented to the Honourable Alexander Keith and on becoming Provincial Grand Master and it became part of his personal Masonic Library. His signature bears witness to the presentation as do Grand Lodge records. Upon his death, in December 1873, it was not part of the presentation made by the family to the Masons of Nova Scotia of Masonic artifacts in 1878. However, on the death of his daughter, Margaret Louise Keith Wickwire (Dr. Nathan Wickwire) a further presentation was made by the family at the opening of the Masonic Temple on Barrington Street in Halifax in 1928. W. A. K. Wickwire, now deceased, was 14 years at the time and attended the ceremony and had gone through all the artifacts and books and recalled everything vividly. Included in this presentation was the signed 1st edition of 1738 of Anderson's Constitutions. It included pencil notes and markings made by Keith. In January of 1984 at an open Lodge presentation to Keith No. 17, W.A.K. Wickwire recalled the events of 1928 and along with the presentation of a Keith artifact to the Lodge, forms part of the official written record.

Gregory King
PGH (Hon)

This volume is now in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia through the generosity of the King family.
THE 40TH REGIMENT OF FOOT

The 40th Regiment of Foot was an infantry regiment of the British Army formed in 1717 in Nova Scotia and 164 years later amalgamated into The Prince of Wales Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment) in 1881. Following further amalgamations of British Army infantry regiments, today’s direct linear descendant regiment is The Duke of Lancaster’s Regiment. According to historian Harry Piers, the regiment was raised in Nova Scotia by General Richard Philipps in August 1717 out of independent companies stationed in North America and the West Indies. The Regiment was first known as Philipp's regiment (1717-1749), Cornwallis' Regiment (1749-1752). In 1751, the regiment was numbered the 40th Regiment of Foot and became known as 40th Hopson's Regiment (1752-1759). The 40th fought through Father Rale's War, King George's War, Father Le Loutre's War and then the French and Indian War. During the latter war the regiment fought in the Siege of Louisbourg (1758), Quebec (1759) and Montreal (1760) and Havannah (1761). The regiment also fought throughout the American Revolution.

Prior to Father Rale's War the Mi'kmaq resisted the establishment of a British fort at Canso, Nova Scotia, by raiding the fishing station in 1720. Phillips sent a company of the 40th, under the command Major Lawrence Armstrong, to take up garrison of a small fort in Canso built by the New England fishermen.[2] The Mi'kmaq continued preying on shipping, forcing the garrison to take action in 1722. Serving as marines, the troops and local fishermen were able to disperse the marauding Indians. The next engagement came in July 1724 when a party of sixty Indians attacked Annapolis Royal. The garrison responded with a poorly calculated sortie from the town’s dilapidated fort, resulting in the death of a sergeant and private, the wounding of an officer and three privates, and the repulse of the troops. After some pillaging, the Mi'kmaq departed with a number of civilian prisoners.[3]

From 1717 to 1743, Phillips’ Regiment, garrisoning Annapolis, Placentia, and Canso, was successful in protecting settlers from Indian attacks, checking French influence in the area, and preserving the British foothold in Atlantic Canada.
OLDEST MASONIC DOCUMENT IN CANADA

 Probably the oldest bit of “documentary” evidence of the Masonic Order in Canada is an iron backing for a fireplace now reposing in the Museum of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at Halifax, among many other prized relics of the past.

 This iron backing bears the arms of the Freemasons as granted by King Edward IV to the Company of Masons in 1472 and now preserved in the British Museum in London. These arms show a shield divided by a chevron or square, with the right angle pointing upwards. Superimposed on the square are two towers and a third below the square. Above the shield are the words “The Freemasons Arms” and below this inscription the dove of Peace holding an olive branch in its beak. Below the shield is the motto “Follow Reason.”

 These ancient arms are to be found incorporated in the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland and Ireland and of others descended from the British Grand Lodges.

 John Easson was commissioned in 1737 by the Board of Ordnance in London as a Master Artificer and came to Annapolis Royal in 1738, bringing the Iron backing with him. In 1741 he married Avis Stewart to whom he had become engaged while in Scotland, and who came to Annapolis to marry him in 1740. Two of their children married and there are many descendants in Nova Scotia and throughout Canada.

 Easson was a member of the first Lodge on Canadian soil formed at Annapolis in 1738. He built his house at LaQuille and incorporated the backing into his fireplace, where it remained until about 1925 when it was turned over to Bro. Fred W. Harris, Town Clerk of Annapolis and Secretary of Annapolis Royal Lodge No.33 for many years. Despite its age and the crack made by the heat of many fires, the arms and other ornamentation can be easily traced.

 Easson was taken prisoner December 6th, 1757 while at the head of a small party of soldiers and artificers sent out from the farm to collect firewood. One of the party, a grenadier, was killed and the others including Easson, were taken to Quebec, and not released until after that fortress was captured in 1759. On returning home he received a grant of 520 acres.

 Unfortunately this artifact has gone missing from the Grand Lodge Archive. Anyone know where it is? - Ed

 There are great Truths at the foundation of Freemasonry —truths which it is its mission to teach — and which as constituting the very essence of that sublime system which gives to the venerable institution its peculiar identity as a science of morality, and it behooves every disciple diligently to ponder and inwardly digest.

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Perry, Joseph Earl - PGM, GL MA
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Young, J.K. - PGM, GL PA.

The obverse and reverse sides of the Medallion.
AROUND THE JURISDICTION

Daryl Rozon and Robert Wells Presented a check worth $2250.00 to the breakfast program at the masonic hall from St Johns No.2.

The Grand Master was present for the presentation of a $250.00 check to send 2 children to the Tim Horton day camp by the members of the lodge in Hantsport. The staff and owner of the Tim Hortons in Hantsport, Joan Langille where the vignette was made, are representing the vignette that was produced for Tim Horton a prominent mason.

Outgoing DDGM for Kings District, RWBro. Jim Luddington, and Masons from local lodges were on hand to receive a certificate of appreciation for their donation of over $5000.00 towards the Annapolis Valley Regional School Boards breakfast program.
The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was present at the 138th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of PEI on June 8th. There he received, with MWBro. Steve Allen, GM NB, and MWBro. Jean. Reid, GM PQ honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of PEI.

The MWTGM, MWBro. George Grant attended Westmoreland No.44 in Port Elgin, NB, to support the first official visit of MWBro. Steve Allen to his home lodge as Grand Master, on June 12th. The MWGM was accompanied by a number of masons from Nova Scotia who enjoyed a lobster stew and a silent auction at refreshment.
Come join the fun with our Brothers and family from John Albro Lodge # 122.

They will be arriving on July 25th, and John Albro Lodge # 122 on Sat the 27 will exemplify the 3rd degree with their ritual

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

• Meet & Greet -Thursday at 6pm, Hospitality Room
• Friday Tour of Scottish Rite Museum or Golf
• Friday night bar-b-cue at the Gullett residence
• Saturday exemplify the 3 degree, 9:30 am
• Saturday night, Prime Rib Dinner and entertainment Social at the Lodge Hall. 5pm dinner at 6pm

Costs:
• $10.00 Friday Night BBQ
• $5.00 Saturday Lunch for the guys at Lodge
• $25.00 for Saturday night banquet & social.

Accommodations:
Most of the Brothers will be staying at one of the two locations:
Breakfast is included and they have a pool
Mention John Albro Lodge when you make reservations
The Comfort Inn, Merrimack is $79.00 per night. 1-603-429-4600
There is a block of 15 rooms with 1 King Bed and 15 rooms with 2 Queen beds.
Each room has a mini fridge and microwave.
Continental breakfast included, no pool
Ask for Vinnie when you call. Registered under John Albro Lodge
Most people leave early Thursday morning. It’s a 12 hour drive.
There are Brothers traveling alone interested in sharing a room and car pooling.
Any questions, contact Rob Hillier at 449-7225 or lrh@accesswave.ca
John Albro Lodge - 6th Annual
Ray Gray Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 22nd, 2013 Brookfield Golf & Country Club Brookfield, Nova Scotia

Format
Individual Stroke Play - Callaway Handicap System

8:00 a.m. Shot Gun start
Trophies awarded for Overall Low Gross & Net and Low Gross & Net for a Mason.

Specialty Holes, Putting Contest, Door Prizes, Fun and prizes for one and all.

Cost $55.00 (Brookfield Members $25.00)

Please fill out Pre-registration form below and send with payment to:

John Albro Lodge
C/O Robert Hillier
101 Symonds Street Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, B3A 3M1

Masonic Poem

Brotherly love, relief and truth,
Golden rules to square my life.
From the Northeast angle to the centre,
In Darkness, raised up to the light.

Virtue, Honour, and Mercy, guide me through my years,
When death shall meet me on the level, I will have no fear.

V.W.Bro. David Payne
The Lodge of Fellowship # 702
York District, GLCO

God's love is timeless, it lies between the breasts of man.
On the volume of the sacred law, I will be all that I can.
TO ALL THOSE WHO JOINED US
WE ALL HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED
OUR CELEBRATIONS AND YOUR
VISIT TO ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, THE
BIRTHPLACE OF CANADIAN
FREEMASONRY