

THE ATHOLL CHARTER

The following is an exact copy of the ORIGINAL CHARTER of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

No. 219

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ATHOLL, Grand Master
WM. DICKEY, D. G. M.
JAMES JONES, S. G. W.
JAS. READ, J. G. W.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WE THE GRAND LODGE, of the Most Ancient and Honourable FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, (according to the old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini. Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the year of Masonry, Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six), in ample Form assembled, viz: The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince JOHN the Third, Duke, Marquis and Earl of ATHOLL, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveney and Gask, Heretable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinclaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, one of Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS; the Right Worshipful WILLIAM DICKEY, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master; the Right Worshipful JAMES JONES, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden; the Right Worshipful JAMES READ, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden; with the approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster, do, by these Presents, authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, who at the time of this present Writing, are or hereafter shall become Inhabitants of the Province of New York, in North America, to congregate, form and hold a Provincial Grand Lodge in the City of New York and Province of New York, aforesaid, independent of any former Dispensation, Warrant or Constitution, ordered, given or granted by US, or any of our Predecessors, Grand Masters of England, to any Mason or Masons residing within the Masonical Jurisdiction, aforesaid; such Provincial Grand Lodge, when duly constituted, to be held Annually, Half-yearly, Quarterly, Monthly, or at any seasonable Time or Times as occasion shall require. And We do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother the Reverend WILLIAM WALTER, Master of Arts, to be our Provincial GRAND MASTER; our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Brother JOHN STUDHOLME BROWNING, Esquire, to be our Provincial SENIOR GRAND WARDEN; and our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Brother the Reverend JOHN BEARDSLEY, Master of Arts, to be our Provincial JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, with the Masonical Jurisdiction aforesaid; who together with the aforesaid Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, when

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appointed and installed, and Provincial Grand Wardens, shall be addressed by the Stile and Title of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Grand Warden, &c. And We do hereby further authorize and empower our said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, William Walter, his Deputy, and Grand Wardens, John Studholme Browning, Esq., and John Beardsley, with the Approbation and Advice of their GRAND LODGE, to grant Dispensations, Warrants and Constitutions, for the congregating and making FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, forming and holding of Lodges within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, according to the most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do, by these Presents, further authorize and empower our said Trusty and Right Worshipful Brethren, the Provincial Grand Master, Grand Wardens and their legal Successors, when in regular Grand Lodge formed, to hear, adjust, and impartially determine all and singular Matters of Complaint, Dispute, Debate or Controversy, relative to the CRAFT within the Jurisdiction aforesaid; strictly requiring all and every of our Worthy and Loving Brethren within the Jurisdiction aforesaid to be conformable to all and every of the Good Rules, Orders, Issues and Decrees, which shall from Time to Time be ordered, issued or decreed by the said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge; – herein reserving to ourselves our ancient Prerogative of Hearing Appeals, and Administration of such Things as shall (*bona fide*) appear absolutely necessary for the Honor and Benefit of the Craft in General. And lastly, We do hereby authorize and empower our said Trusty and Right Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Wardens, together with their lawful Associates, being the installed Masters, Wardens, and PAST MASTERS of the Regular Lodges, within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, in GRAND LODGE assembled, to nominate, chuse and install, their Successors to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT, and invest them with their particular Jewels and Masonic Powers and Dignities as Provincial GRAND OFFICERS, &c., &c., &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse, and install, &c., their Successors, &c., &c., such Installation to be upon or near every SAINT JOHN'S DAY the Twenty-fourth of June, during the Continuance of the Provincial Grand Lodge for ever. Providing the said Right Worshipful William Walter, John Studholme Browning, Esqr., John Beardsley, and all the Successors, Grand Officers of the said Provincial Grand Lodge, do continually pay due Respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, by whom this Warrant is granted, otherwise this Warrant and Constitution to be of no Force nor Virtue. Given under our Hands and Seal of the GRAND LODGE in LONDON, the Fifth day of September, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and One, in the year of Masonry, Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and One, and in the Seventh Year of the GRAND MASTERSHIP of His Grace the Duke ATHOLL, &c., &c., &c.

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CILAR'S BEARBLOCK, *Grand Secretary*

NOTE: This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.