

HISTORY  
*of*  
THE GRAND LODGE  
*of*  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
A. F. & A. M.  
1971 *to* 1995





Freemasons' Hall — 1495 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC



*Location of the Office of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1974 to 1995.*

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## PREFACE

**GENERAL** — Some five years ago, the principal officers of Grand Lodge decided in their wisdom to have the Grand Historian prepare a history of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, from the beginning of the 101st year in January, 1971, to the end of the 125th year in December, 1995.

Preparations have proceeded for the past five years in order to have this publication completed and available for publication at the 126th annual communication of the Grand Lodge, at Kelowna, in June 1996.

Hopefully, this target will be reached, and the brethren will be able to see whether the work fulfills their requirements. That landmark publication — *The History of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1871 to 1970* — has been used as a guide in planning the present book, and the organization of data will be found to be parallel for ease in comparison of statistics. Readers hopefully will find some favourable comparison with the depth of research of the former work.

**LIMITATIONS** — This volume is designed to deal with the history of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia from its 101st to 125th years, and it is designed exclusively to record the changes to, work and development of that body. Little mention is made of the constituent lodges, except as they are established by Grand Lodge, or celebrate their 75th, 100th, or 125th anniversaries. Because of the need for brevity, very few names are mentioned except those of esteemed brethren who performed outstanding acts, or when they passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

**INTERPRETATION OF SYMBOLS** — “Quotations” have been given as written. As in the earlier book, extensive use has been made of symbols to shorten titles and save space. Meanings of symbols are as follows —

BCR	means British Columbia Registry
DDGM	means District Deputy Grand Master
EA	means Entered Apprentice Freemason
EC, ER	means English Constitution or Registry
FC	means Fellow Craft Freemason
GM	means Grand Master
GrDofC	means Grand Director of Ceremonies
GrH	means Grand Historian
GrS	means Grand Secretary
GrT	means Grand Treasurer
IPM	means Immediate Past Master
IPGM	means Immediate Past Grand Master
JGW	means Junior Grand Warden
JW	means Junior Warden
MM	means Master Mason
MW	means Most Worshipful
PGM	means Past Grand Master (similarly for other Past Officers)

RW	means Right Worshipful
SC, SR	means Scottish Constitution or Registry
SGW	means Senior Grand Warden
SW	means Senior Warden
UD	means Under Dispensation
VW	means Very Worshipful
W	means Worshipful
WM	means Worshipful Master

**British Columbia Names used** — All the cities, towns, villages and settlements named herein are located in British Columbia unless otherwise qualified by the additional name of a province, state, territory or country.

**Financial Amounts** — Financial amounts used throughout the History are expressed to the nearest whole dollar value.

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- Any errors or omissions remain the sole responsibility of the writer, who hopes there aren't too many of them.

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*Grand Historian*  
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## INTRODUCTION — The First 100 Years

We are most fortunate to have the excellent *History of The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1871 to 1970*, prepared by RW Bro. John T. Marshall. This sets out in exquisite detail the events from 1859, when Freemasonry was introduced into the Crown Colonies of Vancouver's Island and British Columbia, through the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in 1871, to the celebration of the centenary of that Grand Lodge in 1970. For those who do not have immediate access to that work, it may be of benefit to outline the main events leading up to the formation of the Grand Lodge, and the success of the first hundred years.

### The First Freemasons — 1858 to 1871

Many freemasons were among the miners flooding into British Columbia during 1858 as a result of the discovery of gold along the Fraser River. Victoria was the supply base for this area, and many miners doubtless stopped over or settled there. Freemasons among them held an organizing meeting on July 12, 1858, which resulted in a petition to the United Grand Lodge of England, and Victoria Lodge No. 1085, ER, was constituted in August 1860.

The first public mention of Freemasonry appeared at Victoria in the *British Colonist* of June 24, 1859, which mentioned that the Grand Lodge of Oregon, organized in 1851, had held its Annual Communication at Eugene on June 11. The Editor of the *British Colonist* was Amor de Cosmos (formerly William Alexander Smith), a freemason who was later Premier of British Columbia.

Most of the brethren coming from the United States were more familiar with the American Work, sometimes called the York Rite, and similar to the work practiced in Scotland.\* Dr. Israel Wood Powell, a member of Elgin Lodge No. 348, SC, at Montreal, arrived in Victoria at the appropriate time, and his efforts resulted in the constitution of Vancouver Lodge No. 421, SC, at Victoria in October 1862. Further Lodges were formed at Nanaimo (No. 1090, ER), and at Victoria (British Columbia Lodge No. 1187, ER; and Quadra Lodge No. 508, SC). In the separate Colony of British Columbia, on the mainland, Union Lodge No. 1201, ER, was constituted in June 1862, and Cariboo Lodge No. 469, SC, at Barkerville, was opened in September, 1867. Mount Hermon Lodge No. 491, SC, was formed at Moodyville, on the north shore of Burrard Inlet, in January 1869.

The opening of these lodges led to the formation of a District Grand Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England, with Robert Burnaby as District Grand Master; and a Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, with Dr. Israel W. Powell as Provincial GM. By October of 1871, there were four lodges in the District Grand Lodge of England, and five in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland.

### Confederation with Canada and formation of the Grand Lodge

The United Colony of British Columbia entered Confederation with the Dominion of Canada on July 1, 1871, and the freemasons there started to discuss the formation of their own Grand Lodge.

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\* This was the Thomas Webb or New York working, and is unknown in Scotland. — Ed.

The lodges held a convention in October 1871, at which they decided to form the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The first communication was held at Victoria on December 26, 1871, with Dr. Powell being installed as the first GM, and Robert Burnaby as IPGM.

Eight of the nine lodges joined immediately, but Union Lodge in New Westminster could not afford the initial fees, and was given the Number 9 instead of No. 2, which it deserved because of seniority. \*

### **The Coming of the Railway — 1885 to 1895**

The first new Lodge was Kamloops No. 10, formed in 1885 as a result of the commercial impetus of the Canadian Pacific Railway on the town. The next was Mountain No. 11, at Donald, a CPR Divisional Point on the Columbia River. This was the first Canadian Work Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, and later moved to Golden. Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7 had moved from Moodyville (North Vancouver) to the booming City of Vancouver, but many of the CPR men from Ontario wished to have a Canadian Work Lodge, so Cascade Lodge No. 12 was organized in 1888. Other Lodges were opened at Lansdowne in the North Okanagan (Spallumcheen No. 13), at Courtenay on Vancouver Island (Hiram No. 14), at Revelstoke, another CPR Divisional Point (Kootenay No. 15), at Mission Junction, east of Vancouver (Pacific No. 16), New Westminster (King Solomon No. 17), Nanaimo (Doric No. 18), Chilliwack (Ionic No. 19), Vernon (Miriam No. 20), Wellington on Vancouver Island (St. John's No. 21), and Acacia No. 22 at the rapidly growing Vancouver.

### **The Kootenay Mining Boom — 1895 to 1910**

Silver and base metals were discovered in quantity throughout the Kootenay region in the southeast of British Columbia late in the 19th century. Railways were extended, towns grew, and twelve new lodges (numbered 23 to 34) were chartered between 1894 and 1901. The period 1902 to 1910 was also a period of prosperity, and twenty-four new lodges were formed (numbered 35 to 58) in locations from Fernie, in the southeast corner of the province; to Prince Rupert and Dawson City in the northwest.

### **The First World War — 1911 to 1920**

Prosperity continued from 1911 to 1914, and nineteen more lodges (numbered 59 to 77) joined the Grand Lodge. Freemasonry was relatively stagnant during the war, with many freemasons overseas, but expansion started again in 1918, with fourteen more lodges (numbered 78 to 91) being placed on the register by 1920.

### **Semi-Centennial to Depression — 1921 to 1930**

The 50th Anniversary was celebrated in style on June 22, 1921, at Victoria. The remainder of this period was prosperous with thirty-one lodges added to the rolls (numbers 92 to 122). The Great Depression started to influence the economy in 1929, and soon worsened.

### **Depression, War and Declining Membership — 1931 to 1940**

This period was generally known as the “dirty thirties.” Only five new lodges (numbered 123 to 127) were chartered, there were closures and amalgamations, and the total membership declined.

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\* This overlooks the influence of Henry Holbrook's objection to the new Grand Lodge's formation. —ed.



## **World War and a Rising Economy — 1941 to 1950**

Between 1941 and 1950 membership rose from some 13,060 to 19,000, and twelve new lodges were warranted (numbered 128 to 139). Most of these were in urban areas, but they included lodges at Fort St. John in the Peace River block, and at Hope in the eastern Fraser Valley.

## **Industrial Progress and Changing Social Structure — 1951 to 1960**

The 100th Anniversary of Freemasonry in British Columbia was celebrated on June 17, 1959, during the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at Victoria. Membership stood at 27,000 by the end of the decade, and tremendous highway development improved motor traffic everywhere. This had a great effect on the pattern of masonic attendance. Thirty-four new lodges were formed (numbered 140 to 173), and Freemasonry appeared to be flourishing.

## **Active Economy, Inflation and Social Unrest — 1961 to 1970**

Although still strong and active, Freemasonry was beginning to feel the effects of the social changes sweeping the world. Membership declined somewhat to about 25,000. Six more lodges (numbered 174 to 179) were chartered in Vancouver suburbs, and at Prince George and Fort Nelson — reflecting the growth produced by the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and the improvement of highway access to the north country.

So, after 100 years of life, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia had grown from the eight founding lodges to 168 plus one under dispensation, and membership had grown from a few hundred to some 25,000 — by no means a poor performance.

## **CHAPTER 1 — 1971 to 1980 — Years of Prosperity**

The rising tide of inflation and of social unrest noted by RW Bro. John T. Marshall in his excellent *History of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1871 to 1970*, as characterising the decade from 1961 to 1970 continued and accelerated during the succeeding ten years. The trend to falling membership through deaths, demits, and suspensions resulting from the change in economic and social values which was noted between 1961 and 1970 increased considerably.

### **The Effect of World Affairs on Freemasonry**

In his address to the brethren on June 23, 1977, the GM, MW Bro. Thomas Y. McLachlan, commented, "In the changing world of today we are confronted with a changing nature in our careless attitude regarding speech, dress and the responsibility of accepting the better things of life. Let us endeavour as freemasons not to forget our own responsibility and always be careful to present the true image of our wonderful and beloved Order. "

During this period we saw internationally the Idi Amin coup in Uganda, the break-off of Bangladesh from Pakistan, the increase of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland, the withdrawal of USA troops from Viet Nam, the formation of the Republic of Afghanistan, the military coup in Chile, the Yom Kippur war (the 4th Arab-Israel war), a military coup in Greece, the Turkish invasion of northern Cyprus, the independence of Angola and Mozambique from Portugal, the start of the Lebanon civil war, a military coup in Argentina, a particularly nasty civil war in Ethiopia, the deposition of the Shah in Iran, virtual chaos throughout much of Africa, and the start of the Iran-Iraq war.

All these occurrences had deep effects on international Freemasonry.

In Canada we saw the effects of this upheaval in the shortages of supply and the vast increases in petroleum prices which limited the increase in prosperity occurring during most of this decade.

Rapid increase in interest rates and inflation limited disposable income and reduced the numbers of men with funds available to consider joining the Order. More women joined the work force, and double income families became much more common.

### **Centennial Celebrations**

The 100th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held at the University of Victoria on June 17 and 18, 1971. A special service of Thanksgiving and Rededication was conducted by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. E. Greenhaigh. This included the singing of a Centennial hymn composed by Bro. Leonard J. Humphrey of Nanaimo Lodge No. 110, and an inspiring sermon by MW Bro. the R Rev. Bro. G. R. Calvert, retired Bishop of Calgary, and PGM of Manitoba.

Congratulatory messages were received from most of the jurisdictions with whom this Grand Lodge was then in communication, and an exceptional number of distinguished visitors attended.

A centenary banquet was held, with the address of the evening being delivered by RW Bro. E. H. Rivers, PGS of Alberta. The main celebration centred on the monumental *History of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1871-1970*, lovingly prepared by the Grand Historian, RW Bro. John T. Marshall, and his assistants.

### **The Challenge to Freemasonry**

During the Centenary Banquet, the Toast to Grand Lodge was delivered by a Scotsman, Bro. Robert C. McHaffie, SD of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2. He likened the celebration to a "Gathering of the Clans, " and asked, "What brings men together in such a body — what compels them to unite, to follow chosen leaders with a devotion that is sometimes inexplicable? It is the knowledge of their individual weaknesses and their total dependence on their combined wisdom and charity of their fellow men. Today, more than at any time in history, when there are more people living than have ever before lived, when peoples of all colours and creeds are becoming more socially intermingled and interdependent, the more is the need for the masonic brand of brotherhood. "

### **The Decline of Membership**

The high point of membership was reached in 1962, when 27,708 members were recorded. On December 31, 1970, the total was 25,563, while this had been reduced to 22,747 by the end of 1980. About 500 brethren died each year during the period, over 300 demitted, and over 200 were suspended for non-payment of dues — a loss of some 1,000 members per year. On the credit side, an average of some 400 were initiated, passed and raised, and 300 affiliated — a gain of 700. The net loss per year thus averaged about 300 members.

## **The Numbers of Lodges**

At the end of December 1970, 169 warranted lodges were working on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, while this had increased to 173 through the constitution of five new lodges and the loss of one by the end of 1980.

### **Grand Masters 1971 to 1980**

The varied professions and employments of the Grand Masters were again notable during this decade. They were respectively a logging contractor, a building contractor, an income tax accountant, a plumbing and heating contractor, an automobile dealer, a school administrator, a teacher, a municipal solicitor, a lumber executive, and an insurance representative.

Various areas of the province were represented, including northern Vancouver Island, the lower mainland, the Kootenays, the north coast, southern Vancouver Island, the southern interior, and the Fraser valley.

The Grand Masters who presided over the Grand Lodge of Antient \* Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia during the period 1971 to 1980 were:

- 92nd - MW Brother Harper Piercey Baikie,  
from his installation on June 19, 1971 to June 23, 1972.
- 93rd — MW Brother Frederick Winfield Coffin,  
from his installation on June 23, 1972 to June 22, 1973.
- 94th — MW Brother Wilfred Henry Rogers,  
from his installation on June 22, 1973 to June 21, 1974.
- 95th — MW Brother Matthew Lyle Barr,  
from his installation on June 21, 1974 to June 20, 1975.
- 96th — MW Brother Thomas Younger McLachlan,  
from his installation on June 20, 1975 to June 18, 1976.
- 97th — MW Brother Alexander S. Mitchell,  
from his installation on June 18, 1976 to June 24, 1977.
- 98th — MW Brother Edwin James Lockhart,  
from his installation on June 24, 1977 to June 23, 1978.
- 99th — MW Brother William Lang Stirling,  
from his installation on June 23, 1978 to June 22, 1979.
- 100th - MW Brother William Joseph McCoid,  
from his installation on June 22, 1979 to June 20, 1980.
- 101st - MW Brother Edward Annetts Clarke,  
from his installation on June 20, 1980 to June 19, 1981.

Honorary Past Grand Masters —

MW Bro. William Tyre — June 24, 1977.

MW Bro. Walter S. Owen — June 22, 1978,

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\* The “Antient” spelling was inconsistently used throughout the twentieth century. —ed.

## **Communications of Grand Lodge**

Improvement in highway, ferry and air transportation allowed the use of more host cities, as follows: 1971 — Victoria, 1972 — Nanaimo, 1973 — Vancouver, 1974 — Victoria, 1975 — Penticton, 1976 — Vancouver, 1977 — Prince Rupert, 1978 — Nanaimo, 1979 — Vancouver, and 1980 — Kamloops.

The number of emergent communications again declined to a total of eight for the decade. There were none in 1973, 1974, and 1978. The dates, locations and reasons for those held were:

- June 3, 1971 — Chilliwack Laying of cornerstone, new temple.
- July 2, 1972 — Port Hardy Constitution, Rainbow Lodge No. 180.
- July 19, 1975 — Roberts Creek Constitution, Harbour Lodge No. 181.
- Sept. 18, 1976 — Vancouver Constitution, Blue Mountain Lodge No. 182.
- August 20, 1977 — 100 Mile Ho. Constitution, Mt. Begbie Lodge No. 183.
- August 18, 1979 — New Westminster Constitution, Langley Lodge No. 184.
- May 24, 1980 — Vancouver Laying of cornerstone, Royal Arch Masonic Home
- Sept. 13, 1980 — Maple Ridge Laying of cornerstone, new hall, Prince David No. 101.

In geographical distribution, three were held in the Lower Mainland for laying cornerstones, while the five for constitution of new lodges were held at northern Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, and at larger halls in Vancouver and New Westminster for lodges located at Coquitlam and Langley, in the Lower Fraser Valley.

### **Loss of a Lodge**

Mount Caro Marion Lodge at Ocean Falls was forced to surrender its warrant in 1972 because of massive changes in the economy. The large paper mill, which had been the basis of the town, closed because of obsolescence and inability to finance needed modernization. Most of the people left the area, and those few remaining could no longer continue the lodge.

### **The New Lodges**

During the decade 1971 to 1980, only five new lodges were established by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Two of these were in rural areas where other lodges were far away, while the remaining three were in bedroom communities of the expanding metropolitan Vancouver area.

#### **Rainbow No. 180**

This first Lodge near the north end of Vancouver Island [in Port Hardy] was instituted by RW Bro. William Sharp, DDGM of District 22, on August 14, 1971. It was constituted by MW Bro. Frederick W. Coffin and his officers on Saturday, July 22, 1972, on the recommendation of the 1972 Grand Lodge Communication. The lodge practises the Ancient ritual.

#### **Harbour No. 181**

Brethren at Pender Harbour, on the Sunshine Coast, petitioned Grand Master Coffin for a dispensation in 1972, This was refused on the recommendation of a special committee. The Lodge was finally Instituted by Grand Master Rogers on April 27, 1974. The ceremony was

held at the hall of Mount Elphinstone Lodge No. 130 at Roberts Creek. The ceremony of constitution was carried out by MW Bro. Thomas Y. McLachlan and his officers on July 19, 1975, at the same hall. This Lodge also practises the Ancient ritual.

#### **Blue Mountain No. 182**

Like their brethren at Pender Harbour, the petition of the Coquitlam members for a dispensation was refused in 1972. The lodge was finally instituted by MW Bro. M. Lyle Barr on April 15, 1975.

It was constituted on September 18, 1976 by MW Bro. A. S. Mitchell and his officers. The ceremony was held at the new Freemasons' Hall, 1495 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver. The lodge meets at the Port Coquitlam Hall, and works in the Canadian work.

#### **Mount Begbie No. 183**

MW Brother Thomas Y. McLachlan instituted this lodge at 100 Mile House, in the Cariboo, on March 13, 1976. It was constituted by MW Brother Edwin J. Lockhart and his officers at the 100 Mile House Community Hall on August 20, 1977. This Lodge also practises the Canadian work.

#### **Langley No. 184**

A Dispensation was issued by MW Bro. Edwin J. Lockhart, and this lodge was instituted by RW Bro. George Tyre, DDGM District 25, at Eureka Masonic Hall in Langley, on February 16, 1978. The ceremony of constitution was carried out in the New Westminster Masonic Hall on August 18, 1979, by MW Bro. William J. McCoid and his officers. The lodge works in the Emulation work.

### **HISTORIC OCCASIONS**

#### **A Centenary Birthday -**

On April 18, 1980, Br. George W. E. Alchin of Kilwinning Lodge No. 59 celebrated his 100th birthday by carrying the *Book of Constitutions* before the Grand Master at an emergent meeting of the Lodge. He was initiated March 7, 1924, and had been a faithful attender for the past 56 years. He was presented with an inscribed clock by the lodge, and with a wallet containing a one-hundred dollar bill by the DDGM, RW Bro. Donald H. Beale, on behalf of the lodges of District 15.

#### **A Cornerstone Laying -**

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on May 24, 1980, to lay the cornerstone for the Royal Arch Masonic Home at 7850 Champlain Drive, Vancouver. MW Bro. William J. McCoid officiated at the ceremony in the presence of some 350 members and visitors. This represents the first such ceremony in the second 100 years of this Grand Lodge, and only the third in the past 35 years.

#### **In Memoriam -**

We should note the passing of the following Past Grand Masters during this decade —

MW Bro. J. H. N. Morgan	- GM in 1950-51, died January 8, 1971,
MW Bro. Alex. Curran	- GM in 1953-54, died September 13, 1974,
MW Bro. Frederick W. Coffin	- GM in 1972-73, died Jan. 15, 1977,

MW Bro. J. Murray Mitchell - GM in 1951-52, died May 9, 1978,  
MW Bro. Nicholas Mussallem - GM in 1970-71, died Oct. 23, 1979.

### **Anniversary Celebrations -**

Three lodges celebrated the 100th anniversary of amalgamations —

#### ***Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1 is One Hundred -***

On April 5, 1877, Victoria Lodge No. 1 and British Columbia Lodge No. 5 amalgamated to form Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1. A centennial celebration was held April 15, 1977 by W Bro. Wallace H. McKay and his officers, in the presence of the GM, MW Bro. Alexander S. Mitchell, the DDGM, RW Bro. Donald W. Wakelyn, and many brethren. A well-documented history of the lodge was delivered by MW Bro. Kenneth Reid.

#### ***Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2 is One Hundred -***

This Lodge was formed May 16, 1877, by the amalgamation of Vancouver Lodge No. 2 and Quadra Lodge No. 8 in Victoria. W. Bro. Bert Storar and his officers held a special programme on May 18, 1977, to mark this auspicious occasion.

#### ***Ashlar Lodge No. 3 is One Hundred -***

On December 8, 1873, Nanaimo Lodge No. 3, BCR (formerly Nanaimo Lodge No. 1090, ER) and Caledonia Lodge No. 6, BCR (formerly Caledonian Lodge No. 478, SC) amalgamated under the name of Ashlar Lodge and took the number 3 on the register of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The DDGM visited the Lodge on December 8, 1973, and a talk on the history of Ashlar Lodge was presented by RW Bro. George J. Knight. A sixty-year pin was given to W Bro. Walter Baxter, WM in 1919.

There were no centennial celebrations of the formation of new lodges during this decade, as no new lodges were formed from 1871 until Kamloops No. 10 was instituted in 1886.

Seventy-fifth anniversaries were celebrated by numerous lodges, as follows —

#### ***Cumberland No. 26 is Seventy-five -***

MW Bro. Harper P. Baikie presided at this celebration on October 16, 1971. The RCMP flag team and a musical group led by W. Bro. Peter Godfrey contributed to the success of the evening, which was attended by over 100 brethren, MW Bro. J. Murray Mitchell and RW Brother E. T. Searle (age 96) were presented with 60 year recognitions.

#### ***Corinthian No. 27 is Seventy-five -***

There is no available report on this celebration. No report from the DDGM of District 7 is printed in the 1973 *Proceedings*, and no retiring DDGM was given the rank of RW — although Bro. John Sherbiko of Sentinel Lodge No. 146, Castlegar, is shown in the list of officers for 1972-73.

#### ***King Edward Lodge No. 28 is Seventy-five -***

Originally Greenwood Lodge No. 28, it amalgamated with King Edward Lodge No. 36 when the mining town of Phoenix closed in 1920. The combined lodge took the Name of King Edward and the number 28.

GM, MW Bro. M. Lyle Barr attended combined 75th Anniversary celebrations of King Edward Lodge No. 28, Ymir Lodge No. 31, and Fidelity Lodge No. 32 at Trail on October 11, 12 and 13, 1974.

*Slocan Lodge No. 29 is Seventy-five -*

This was originally Alta Lodge No. 29, constituted August 3, 1899 at the mining town of Sandon. It was consolidated with Slocan Lodge No. 71 at New Denver under the name of Slocan and the number 29. No record exists of any special anniversary celebration.

*North Star Lodge No. 30 is Seventy-five -*

This lodge was established at Fort Steele, near Cranbrook, in 1899, and amalgamated with Cranbrook Lodge No. 34 on June 23, 1944. The local brethren have recently set up a restored lodge room in Fort Steele Provincial Park.

*Ymir Lodge No. 31 is Seventy-five -*

This lodge was constituted at Ymir on August 4, 1899, and moved to Salmo in 1935. Joint 75th Anniversary celebrations were held at Trail with King Edward Lodge No. 28 and Fidelity Lodge No. 32 on October 11, 12 and 13, 1974.

*Fidelity Lodge No. 32 is Seventy-five -*

This lodge was constituted at Trail on July 27, 1900, and celebrated its 75th Anniversary jointly with King Edward Lodge No. 28 and Ymir Lodge No. 31, at Trail on October 11, 12, and 13, 1974.

*Temple Lodge No. 33 is Seventy-five -*

On December 14, 1974, MW Bro. M. Lyle Barr and many of his officers attended the 75th Anniversary celebration of Temple Lodge No. 33, at Duncan. This lodge was constituted July 21, 1906. The history of the Lodge was presented by MW Bro. Claude Green.

*Cranbrook Lodge No. 34 is Seventy-five -*

There is no record of a special celebration for this lodge, which was constituted on July 27, 1900.

*Elk River Lodge No. 35 is Seventy-five -*

No record exists of any official celebration of the 75th Anniversary of this lodge, which was constituted at Fernie on August 23, 1901.

*King Edward Lodge No. 36 is Seventy-five -*

This lodge was instituted on July 23, 1901, at the mining town of Phoenix, and amalgamated with Greenwood Lodge No. 28 in 1920, taking the name of King Edward and the number 28.

*Harmony Lodge No. 37 is Seventy-five -*

On November 18 and 19, 1977, anniversary celebrations were held for this lodge, which was constituted at Grand Forks on August 5, 1903. The GM, MW Bro. Edwin D. Lockhart, and many of his officers attended this meeting, when the history of the Lodge was read by RW Bro. J. Acres, and a 50-year pin was presented to W Bro. D. C. Manly.

***Columbia Lodge No. 38 is Seventy-five -***

In November, 1978, this lodge was visited by RW Bro. William D. McCoid, DGM, and RW Bro. Wm. D. Quail, DDGM, to assist in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of its constitution in October, 1903.

***Tuscan Lodge No. 39 is Seventy-five -***

This lodge was instituted in the mining town of Trout Lake on April 13, 1903, and constituted on August 22, 1904. It amalgamated with Arrow Lodge No. 43 at Arrowhead in 1923, which lodge surrendered its warrant in 1941.

***Enderby Lodge No. 40 is Seventy-five -***

This lodge was instituted February 16, 1905, and constituted by the DDGM on August 9, 1905. Its 75th Anniversary was celebrated on February 15, 1980.

***St. George's Lodge No. 41 is Seventy-five -***

This lodge was constituted at Kelowna on August 9, 1905, and celebrated its 75th anniversary and installation on March 4, 1980, with the GM, MW Bro. William J. McCoid and an overflow crowd in attendance.

***Atlinto Lodge No. 42 is Seventy-five -***

A dispensation was issued for this lodge at Atlin in December 1904, and it was instituted December 30, 1904. The charter was issued June 21, 1906, and there is no record of the actual date of constitution which was carried out by MW Bro. Frederick McB. Young, PGM. Its work was Canadian for many years, but it changed to Ancient in 1980. Their 75th Anniversary celebration was held in Whitehorse, September 18, 1981.

***Whitehorse Lodge No. 46 is Seventy-five -***

This Lodge was Instituted in 1902 and Constituted in 1903 under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The events were commemorated during the visit of MW Bro. Edwin J. Lockhart to the Lodge on 23 August, 1978.

Many 60th, 50th, and other significant anniversaries occurred during this decade, which are too numerous to mention here.

***Grand Tyler's Twenty-fifth Anniversary -***

During the 1980 communication of Grand Lodge, it was noted that the Grand Tyler, RW Bro. Harry Phillips was celebrating his birthday, and that this was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election as Grand Tyler. He received suitable congratulations from the GM and members of Grand Lodge.

**MASONIC BUILDINGS -**

The following new masonic halls were completed and occupied during this decade

November 20, 1971 - Centre Lodge No. 113, Williams Lake,  
November, 1971 - Ionic Lodge No. 19, Mount Zion Lodge No. 120, Chilliwack,  
December 8, 1973 - Discovery Lodge No. 149, Campbell River,.



- August 24, 1974 - Freemasons' Hall, Vancouver, was opened by GM, MW Bro. M. Lyle Barr.
- 13 March 22, 1975 - Cranbrook Lodge No. 34, Cranbrook, was opened by DDGM RW Bro. John R. Scott.
- May 10, 1975 - Kamloops Lodge No. 10, Mount St. Paul Lodge No. 109, Kamloops. This includes Acacia Towers, a high rise seniors' residence.
- November 9, 1976 - Columbia Lodge No. 38, Invermere, was opened by DDGM RW Bro. Allan R. Speers,
- February 19, 1977 - St. George's Lodge No. 41, Kelowna.

Other important events were —

- November 5, 1976 - Grand Lodge Library was opened by GM, MW Bro. Alexander S. Mitchell.
- March 29, 1980 - Enoch Lodge No. 99 hall at Stewart was destroyed by fire.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS -**

GM, MW Bro. Wilfred Rogers presented a 50-year pin with 60 and 70-year bars to Bro. James N. Keener of Peace Lodge No. 126, 91 years of age, at the annual communication of Grand Lodge in Victoria, June 20, 1974. Bro. Keener was raised in Texhoma Lodge No. 382, Oklahoma, in 1904, and was an honorary member of Peace Lodge.

On June 24, 1977, two long-time stewards of Grand Lodge finances were awarded the rank of Right Worshipful in recognition of many years of service to the brethren. They were — RW Bro. A. Rout Harvey, of Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 64, North Vancouver, Grand Treasurer, 1967 to 1976, and RW Bro. C. James Copithorne, of Cascade Lodge No. 12, Vancouver, Chairman and member of the Finance Committee for many years. RW Bro. Harvey was in ill health, and passed to the Grand Lodge Above at Kelowna, on March 9, 1979,

On October 25, 1977, at Temple Lodge No. 33, Duncan, MW Bro. Claude A. Green was presented with a 50-year pin by his son, MW Bro. Claude R. A. Green, PGM of Alberta.

On January 8, 1978, MW Bro. Edwin J. Lockhart had the unique privilege of installing his son, W Bro. Ernest Lockhart, into the Oriental Chair of King Solomon, in Vancouver Lodge No. 68.

A father, son and grandson — all Robinsons — were initiated together April 8, 1978, passed May 13, and raised October 14, 1978, in Meridian Lodge No. 108, Vancouver. They were: Bro. James Paul Robinson, born May 20, 1911; Bro. Benjamin Alexander Robinson, born April 11, 1930; and Bro. Scott Edward Robinson, born March 26, 1955. The six brothers of James — all freemasons — George, Harley, Wilfred, Charles, Walter and Boyd, all participated in the initiation ceremony.

MW Bro. Edwin J. Lockhart presented a 50-year pin with 60 and 70-year bars to W. Bro. Edwin Parsons of Admiral Lodge No. 170, 92 years of age, at the annual communication of Grand Lodge in Nanaimo, June 22, 1978. MW Bro. Lockhart had also previously presented a 70-year bar to Bro. H. N. Menzies of Landmark Lodge No. 128. Bro. Menzies was present at Grand Lodge and received the congratulations of the brethren.

GM, MW Bro. William J. McCoid presented a 70-year pin to MW Bro. William Tyre at the annual communication of Grand Lodge in Kamloops, June 19, 1980.

## **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS -**

### ***Continuing Rank Approved -***

Following defeat of similar motions in 1963 and 1964, and after receipt of a favourable committee report in 1971, on June 22, 1972, it was CARRIED that —

“ The rank of Very Worshipful may be granted by Grand Lodge to Brethren who have served as Grand Lodge Officers and are recommended for the honour by the Committee appointed to review District Deputy Grand Masters’ reports, provided that in the case of those Brethren who served prior to 1972, application by the member’s Lodge shall also be required, and provided that holding the office of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist or Grand Tyler shall not qualify the holder for the rank of Very Worshipful unless he has held the office of Installed Master. ”

A further amendment, adding Section 122A, was proposed by RW Bro. H. A. D. Oliver of Western Gate Lodge No. 48, allowing the wearing of aprons edged with two-inches of royal blue ribbon, and three sets of two right angles and tassels in gilt by Very Worshipful Brethren — CARRIED.

### ***Grand Lodge Per Capita Dues -***

In 1972, the chairman of the Finance Committee, W Bro. C. J. Copithorne of Cascade Lodge No. 12, moved to increase these dues in Section 124, clause “o” from \$1. 75 to \$2. 75 per member per year. On amendment, this was reduced to \$2. 25 and CARRIED.

In 1974, Sections 93 and 124 were amended to require each lodge to pay annually for each member other than a life member, an amount determined by the Finance Committee, recommended to and passed by Grand Lodge with the annual estimates. This removed the need to amend the *Constitutions* each time a change in the *per capita* tax was needed.

### ***Resignation of Lodge Officers -***

On June 22, 1972, Section 190 was amended to allow the resignation of Lodge Officers during their term for reasons of health.

### ***Unanimity of the Ballot -***

A member of Ionic Lodge No. 19 moved to increase the number of adverse votes to reject an applicant from one to two. Abuse of the ballot by personal prejudice or plain ill-will was cited. This was DEFEATED on June 22, 1972. This was again advanced on June 21, 1973, and DEFEATED.

### ***Reinstatement of Suspended Members -***

Section 163 regarding the reinstatement of suspended members was amended in 1972 by adding a requirement that after two petitions for reinstatement have been refused, a committee of three shall make strict enquiry into his moral, mental and other qualifications, and report to the Lodge. If all three committee members report unfavourably, the petition shall

be declared rejected. Otherwise, the Lodge shall ballot and if three or more black balls are cast, the petition will be declared rejected.

#### ***District Meetings -***

Section 181A was added in 1972 outlining the forms, procedures and ceremonies to be followed by DDGMs in summoning two or more lodges to attend a meeting to receive the GM's advice and instruction,

#### ***Lodge Picnics -***

Section 247A providing for approval of Lodge picnics after 1:00 p. m. on a Sunday was APPROVED on June 21, 1973 after extensive debate.

#### ***Sitting in the Master's Chair -***

A requirement that no brother who is not an installed master could be seated in the master's chair was added to Section 185 in 1973.

#### ***Deadline for Nominations -***

In 1971, the deadline for Grand Lodge nominations in Section 31(2) was changed from May 1 to March 1 at the request of the Grand Secretary.

#### ***Age of the Grand Secretary -***

An amendment to Section 33 passed on June 17, 1971, provided for the extension of service of the Grand Secretary annually between the ages of 70 and 75 years, on the recommendation of a Committee and the approval of Grand Lodge.

#### ***Business in the First Degree -***

On June 20, 1974, a replacement was proposed for Section 178, which would allow business of the Lodge to be transacted in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Numerous Brethren spoke on both sides of the proposal, and it was DEFEATED. A proposal in 1980 to allow business to be conducted in the EA or FC Degree after opening in the MM Degree if members of those ranks were present was DEFEATED.

#### ***Physical Defects -***

A relaxation of the rules regarding acceptance of candidates with physical defects, proposed by RW Bro. W. D. Phillips of United Services Lodge No. 24, in 1974, was DEFEATED.

A motion to allow prosthetic devices was APPROVED as Section 222A on June 22, 1978.

#### ***Age of Candidates -***

An amendment to Section 219(a) lowering the age of candidates from 21 to 19 years, presented in 1975, was DEFEATED.

In 1980, a motion to admit the sons of Master Masons at the age of 18 years was DEFEATED.

### ***Committee Chairmanship -***

A new section was added to Section 90 on June 17, 1976, making a person who had served as the Chairman of the Constitution Committee for five consecutive years ineligible for reappointment for a period of one year.

### ***Grand Lodge Library and Archives -***

A new Section 110B establishing a Grand Lodge Library and Archives, and setting out the duties of a Board of Trustees, was adopted in 1976.

### ***Gold Edging on Regalia -***

On June 23, 1977, the matter of gold trimming on regalia for Lodges 100 years of age, or older, was again raised, and was DEFEATED.

### ***Admission of Master Masons to Opening of Grand Lodge -***

An amendment was moved in 1977 to the Book of Forms and Ceremonies to admit Master Masons during the opening ceremony of Grand Lodge, and was DEFEATED. This was raised in a slightly different form in 1979, and was again DEFEATED.

### ***Selection of District Deputy Grand Masters -***

A motion was introduced by RW Bro. H. A. D. Oliver of Western Gate Lodge No. 48 on June 22, 1978, requiring the DDGM to consult with Past DDGMs of his District by January 1 and submit to the Incoming GM a list of three or more names, from which, if he sees fit, the Incoming GM may select a nominee — CARRIED.

### ***Advisory Council -***

RW Bro. D. J. McLaurin of Mount Newton Lodge No. 89 moved on June 19, 1980, that an Advisory Council be established under a new Section 98B. This was DEFEATED.

## **RESOLUTIONS -**

### ***Masonic Homes -***

On June 17, 1971, W Bro. H. E. Johnson of Cascade Lodge No. 12 introduced a resolution to allow the Grand Master to authorize the formation of a 'Masonic Home Lodge' to operate a Society to assist needy Brethren and their families to maintain themselves within their own homes, to provide, maintain and operate homes for needy brethren and families, to receive charitable donations for such purposes, and to receive grants in aid. There was considerable discussion, and the resolution was DEFEATED. You will note that a Royal Arch Masonic Home was finally built, with the cornerstone being laid by the GM on May 24, 1980.

### ***Grand Master's Term of Office -***

On June 22, 1972, W Bro Frank L. Kendrick of Progress Lodge No. 87, moved to extend the term of office of the GM, with the DGM carrying out the official visitations, and the GM being responsible for long range planning, consistency and well-being within the order. The term of office, qualifications for GM, and administrative details were vague. The resolution was DEFEATED.

## Chapter 2 — 1981 to 1985 –

### *Recession and Inflation*

The early 1980s were marked by serious inflation, double digit interest rates, and the worst economic downturn since the depression of the 1930s. Many factories closed through lack of demand for their products, and many workers were laid off. The information explosion started, and the trend toward part-time workers and two-income families accelerated.

### *The Effect of World Affairs on Freemasonry -*

During this five-year period the world was in turmoil. Civil wars erupted in central America, President Sadat of Egypt was assassinated, Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, Lebanon was in a state of anarchy, the USA invaded Grenada, President Indira Ghandi of India was murdered, there was heavy fighting between Iran and Iraq, and Mikhail Gorbachev became leader of the Communist Party of the USSR. These, together with the several attacks on Freemasonry have combined to produce a most difficult period for the Craft.

### *The Challenge to Freemasonry -*

On April 25, 1984, the Duke of Kent, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England said:

“Brethren, you will be aware that the Craft has recently been the subject of another ‘exposure’, this time by an author who seems to make it a specialty to attack Freemasonry. Many of his arguments are on the basis that because some Freemasons may have misused the Craft, the Craft itself is corrupt, and that because we are staunchly private, our privacy is sinister. At the same time, fresh impetus seems to have been given to renewed expositions attempting to show why Freemasonry is incompatible with Christianity and it is even reported that local authorities are debating whether membership of the Craft is compatible with local Government.”

He concluded with this excellent advice:

“Our best defence for the future is in our own hands, Brethren — if we take care to conduct ourselves so that when anyone is said to be a member of our Ancient Institution the world may know that he is a dependable, sympathetic, fair and kindly person: a good citizen, in fact, and one concerned in a practical way for his fellow men. This ideal is not exclusively Masonic, but if we are determined to strive for it, and can find some way, as individuals, or as a Lodge or an Institution, of quietly demonstrating what we are doing, I am confident we shall find that the public view of the Craft improves, that attacks (other than by the willfully malevolent) may become fewer and that we ourselves get even more pride and satisfaction out of belonging. We may even persuade our detractors, in the churches, local government and elsewhere that we have something to offer them which they need not fear or mistrust.”

### *The Decline of Membership -*

The decline noted in the previous decade continued at about the same rate. We had over 27,000 members in 1962, which declined to 22,747 at the end of 1980, and to 21,074 in

December 1985 Initiations, passings and raisings continued to add over 400 per year, while an average of 300 per year continued to affiliate.

Annual losses averaged over 500 deaths per year, over 260 suspensions and 300 demits, leaving an annual loss of some 350 per year.

### *The Numbers of Lodges -*

At the end of December, 1980, 173 warranted lodges were working on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. This had decreased to 172 by 1985, through the Constitution of two new Lodges, the loss of one, and the amalgamation of four others into two.

### *Grand Masters 1981 to 1985*

Once again the universality of Freemasonry is shown by the employments of our Grand Masters during this period — a university professor, a civil servant, a lawyer, an automobile sales executive, and another lawyer.

The Grand Masters who presided over the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia during the period 1981 to 1985 were:

102nd - MW Bro. Donald J. MacLaurin, from his Installation on June 19, 1981, to June 18, 1982.

103rd - MW Bro. Douglas Philps, from his Installation on June 18, 1982, to June 24, 1983.

104th - MW Bro. Robert Alan Kitchen, from his Installation on June 24, 1983, to June 15, 1984.

105th - MW Bro. Viron Burnie Kyle, from his Installation on June 15, 1984, to June 28, 1985.

106th - MW Bro. George W. Baldwin, from his Installation on June 28, 1985 to June 20, 1986.

### *Communications of Grand Lodge -*

The host cities for the Annual Communications were as follows: 1981 — Vancouver, 1982 — Victoria, 1983 — Penticton, 1984 — Vancouver, and 1985 — again Vancouver.

The number of Emergent Communications increased to nine for the period. The dates, locations and reasons for those held were:

November 28, 1981	- Vancouver	Laying Corner Stone of Royal Arch Masonic Apartments.
June 5, 1982	- Ganges	Laying of Corner Stone, new Hall, Admiral Lodge No. 170.
June 6, 1982	- Victoria	Laying of Corner Stone, Emanu-El Synagogue.
March 13, 1983	- Nakusp	Laying Corner Stone of Hall, Star of the West Lodge No. 61.
July 16, 1983	- New Westminster	Constitution, Tsawwassen Lodge No. 185.
September 8, 1984	- Vancouver	Laying Cornerstone of Freemasons' Hall, 1495 West 8th.
April 11, 1985	- Vancouver	Setting new dates for 1985 Annual Communication.
August 10, 1985	- Barkerville	Laying Symbolic Corner Stone of Hall, Cariboo Lodge No. 4.
September 7, 1985	- MacKenzie	Constitution, MacKenzie Lodge No. 186.

Six Communications were held to lay cornerstones — in Vancouver, Victoria, the Gulf Islands, Arrow Lakes and the Cariboo.

Two — at New Westminster and Mackenzie — for Constitution of new lodges, and one to amend the mechanics of holding an Annual Communication.

### ***Loss of a Lodge -***

Northern Lights Lodge No. 157, at Mayo in the Yukon Territory had been suffering for some time. The large silver-lead mine on which the economy of the area depended was hit with a lengthy strike, and many members moved away. The WM tried to also act as Secretary, and the last meeting was held in May, 1980. The Lodge owned their building and finances were in good shape. With regret, the Grand Master asked the Lodge to return its Charter in 1981.

### ***Lodge Amalgamations -***

Fidelity Lodge No. 32 and Emulation Lodge No. 125 at Trail were amalgamated December 30, 1982, under the name and number of Fidelity Lodge No. 32.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 82 and Mount Moriah Lodge No. 102 at Vancouver, were amalgamated December 30, 1983, under the name of Mount Moriah and the number 82. Prince Arthur Lodge, founded in 1917, found it impossible to carry on separately.

### ***The New Lodges -***

#### ***Tsawwassen No. 185 -***

This Lodge was instituted June 2, 1982, by the DDGM of District 25, RW Bro. W. Harvey Fulton, and Constituted at a ceremony in the Masonic Hall, Agnes Street, New Westminster, on July 16, 1983, by MW Bro. Robert A. Kitchen and his Officers. The Lodge practises the Canadian Work.

#### ***Mackenzie No. 186 -***

The Lodge was instituted by the DDGM of District No. 4, RW Bro. Herbert J. Maxwell, at Prince George on June 9, 1984. It was constituted by MW Bro. George W. Baldwin and his officers in the lodge room at Mackenzie on September 7, 1985. The Lodge works in the Ancient Rite.

### ***HISTORIC OCCASIONS -***

#### ***A Centenary Birthday -***

On June 19, 1984, MW Bro. Robert A. Kitchen recognized the presence of Bro. Norton Dwight Robinson, Organist of Chemainus Lodge No. 114, who was 100 years old on June 6, 1984. He was raised in Assiniboine Lodge No. 114, GRM, in 1910, and affiliated with Chemainus Lodge in 1950. He gave a short talk, and was serenaded by the assembled Brethren with 'Happy Birthday'. Bro. Robinson also carried the Book of Constitutions before MW Bro. V. Burnie Kyle at the meeting of District No. 27 in Temple Lodge No. 33 on February 12, 1985,

#### ***In Memoriam -***

We should note the passing of the following Past Grand Masters during this period —

MW Bro. Walter S. Owen	- Honorary PGM 1978, died January 14, 1981
MW Bro. J. Herbert Nordan	- GM in 1965-6 & 1966-67, died March 23, 1981
MW Bro. Hamish C. MacNeill	- GM in 1967-68, died June 30, 1981

MW Bro. Wallace McRae        - GM in 1969-70, died November 30, 1981  
MW Bro. Kenneth Reid        - GM in 1958-59, died March 21, 1985

*Anniversary Celebrations -*

There were no Centennial celebrations during the period 1981 to 1985. The first of the new Lodges along the railway, Kamloops No. 10, received its dispensation December 31, 1885.

Union Lodge No. 9 celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Christ Church, Surrey, on September 23, 1984.

Seventy-fifth Anniversaries were celebrated by numerous lodges, as follows —

*Atlinto Lodge No. 42 is Seventy-five -*

Atlinto Lodge was instituted at Atlin, in northern B. C. , December 30, 1904. The Charter was ordered June 21, 1906, but there is no record of the date of Constitution. It later moved to Whitehorse. Anniversary celebrations of the Charter were held September 18, 1981, in the presence of the GM, MW Bro. Donald J. MacLaurin. This Lodge works in the Ancient Rite.

*Hedley Lodge No. 43 is Seventy-five -*

June 27, 1981 saw the celebration of this Anniversary of this Lodge which was Instituted November 25, 1905, and Constituted July 20, 1906, at the mining town of Hedley. The GM, MW Bro. Donald J. MacLaurin attended. The Lodge moved to Keremeos in 1964, and uses the Ancient Work.

*Southern Cross No. 44 is Seventy-five -*

Australian Brethren employed mainly in the shipping industry petitioned for a Lodge in Vancouver using their Work, and this Lodge was Instituted June 15, 1906, and Constituted July 17, 1907. There is no record of any special 75th Anniversary commemoration,

*Yukon No. 45 is Seventy-five — in the Grand Lodge of B. C. —*

The Lodge was Instituted under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at Dawson, Yukon, on December 27, 1900, and a Charter was issued for Yukon Lodge No. 79, GRM. The B. C. Charter was issued June 26, 1907 and it was Constituted December 20, 1908. No celebrations were recorded in 1975, and there are no indications of special ceremonies in this small Lodge during 1982 or 1983, although the District was visited by GM Douglas Philps in the fall of 1982, and GM Robert Kitchen in 1983. It uses the Canadian Work.

*Whitehorse No. 46 is Seventy-five — in the Grand Lodge of B. C. -*

Although this Lodge was constituted by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1903, and a celebration of its 75th birthday was held in 1978, it also marked the 75th Anniversary under the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in 1982, although no special ceremonies were recorded. It works in the Canadian Rite.



*Arrow No. 47 is Seventy-five -*

This Lodge was Instituted at Arrowhead, April 24, 1907, and Constituted July 22, 1908. When Tuscan Lodge No. 39 at Trout Lake died in 1922, the remnants amalgamated as Tuscan Lodge No. 47 at Arrowhead. After a prolonged struggle, it became dormant in 1940 surrendering the Charter in 1941. It practiced the Ancient Work.

*Western Gate No. 48 is Seventy-five -*

A roll-call dinner and 75th Anniversary meeting was held on November 28, 1983, with the DDGM, RW Bro. Graham Burnham, 41 members and five visitors in attendance. RW Bro. H. A. D. Oliver delighted all with a talk on LXXV — the Roman numeral 75 — where 'L' denotes Light, 'X' the unknown, and 'V' the Verities of Freemasonry. This Lodge was Instituted at Vancouver, December 39, 1907, Constituted July 6, 1908, and practiced in the Canadian Work.

*St. Andrew's No. 49 is Seventy-five -*

The seventy-fifth birthday of St. Andrew's Lodge was celebrated on Saturday, September 24, 1983 with the DGM, RW Bro. V. Burnie Kyle in attendance. This Lodge was Instituted at Victoria on February 14, 1908, and Constituted June 26, 1908. It uses the Emulation work.

*Burrard No. 50 is Seventy-five -*

This was the first Lodge established in North Vancouver. It was Instituted April 3, 1908, Constituted July 7, 1908, and celebrated the 75th Anniversary Friday, July 8, 1983, with a meeting attended by the GM, MW Bro. Robert A. Kitchen. A fine history of the Lodge was prepared and presented by RW Bro. Donat R. McMahon. The Canadian Work is practiced.

*Orion No. 51 is Seventy-five -*

Orion Lodge celebrated this Anniversary on June 9, 1984, with the DGM, RW Bro. V. Burnie Kyle, in attendance. A time capsule was buried in front of the Penticton Masonic Hall to remain undisturbed until the Lodge celebrates its Centennial in 2009. It was Instituted June 3, 1908, Constituted July 7, 1909, and uses the Canadian Work.

*Salmon Arm No. 52 is Seventy-five -*

This Lodge celebrated the 75th Anniversary in July, 1984. It was Constituted July 26, 1909, and uses the Canadian Work.

*Nicola No. 53 is Seventy-five -*

This Lodge was Constituted at Merritt on July 26, 1909, and celebrated this Anniversary on June 18, 1983, with the GM in attendance. It practices the Ancient Work.

*Creston No. 54 is Seventy-five -*

On April 28, 1984, the Brethren celebrated their seventy-fifth Anniversary with GM Kitchen and many visitors. This Lodge was Constituted August 26, 1909, and uses the Ancient Rite.

*Selkirk No. 55 is Seventy-five -*

This Lodge was Constituted at Moyie, August 25, 1909, and moved to Kimberley when the mines closed at Moyie. This Anniversary was celebrated with the GM attending on September 29, 1984. It works in the Canadian Rite.

*Summerland No. 56 is Seventy-five —*

On April 7, 1984, Summerland Lodge celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Institution on March 1, 1909, and Constitution on July 16, 1909, with GM, MW Bro. Robert A. Kitchen attending. The Lodge practises the Canadian Work.

*Lewis No. 57 is Seventy-five —*

Lewis Lodge observed the Anniversary on Saturday afternoon, May 25, 1985, with MW Bro. V. Burnie Kyle in attendance. Following the meeting a dinner and dance was held at the New Westminster Legion Hall. It was Instituted May 24, 1909 at New Westminster, Constituted August 8, 1910, and works in the Canadian Rite.

*Tsimpsean No. 58 is Seventy-five -*

On October 12, 1985, Tsimpsean Lodge hosted a District 12 meeting to celebrate this Anniversary, with the GM, MW Bro. George Baldwin, in attendance. The meeting was followed by a Fellowship Hour, Dinner and Dance for Brethren and their ladies. The Lodge was Instituted January 15, 1910, Constituted July 23, 1910, at Prince Rupert, and uses the Ancient Ritual.

*Kilwinning Lodge No. 59 is Seventy-five —*

This Lodge was instituted at Vancouver on March 31, 1910, and Constituted on July 13, 1911. It practices the Canadian Work. There is no record of a special 75th Anniversary celebration.

Many Lodges celebrated 70th, 60th, 50th and other Anniversaries during this period, but they are too numerous to mention here.

**MASONIC BUILDINGS —**

The following new Masonic halls were completed and occupied during this period —

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|-------------------------|---|
| Prince David No. 101    | - at 22272 — 116th Ave. , Maple Ridge, cornerstone laid by GM Clarke on September 13, 1980.   |
| Admiral Lodge No. 170   | - Ganges, cornerstone laid by GM MacLaurin on June 5, 1982.   |
| Star of the West No. 61 | - Nakusp, cornerstone laid by GM Philips on March 13, 1983,   |
| Freemasons' Hall        | - 1495 West 8th Ave. , Vancouver, cornerstone laid by GM Kyle on September 8, 1984. Although this building had been opened by GM Barr on August 24, 1974, no cornerstone was laid then. |

Other important events were —

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION —**

On June 17, 1984, MW Bro. Claude A. Green was presented with a certificate as an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta by his son, MW Bro. Claude R. A. Green, PGM of Alberta, to the hearty applause of the Brethren.

## **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS —**

### ***Business in the Entered Apprentice or Master Mason Degree —***

On June 18, 1981, VW Bro. David L. Gibson of Westminster Lodge No. 174 moved the deletion of Section 178 and the substitution of — “All the business of the Lodge except the conferring of degrees and the instruction examination thereafter may, at the option of the WM be conducted in either the Entered Apprentice Degree or the Master Mason Degree.” This was DEFEATED. A further similar resolution was submitted by VW Bro. Gibson in 1982. It also was DEFEATED. Another attempt was proposed by W Bro. T. O. Thomas of Adoniram Lodge No. 118 in 1983, and was also DEFEATED. W Bro. Jack D. Bibby of the same Lodge raised the matter in 1984, and it was again DEFEATED.

### ***Definition of “Good Standing ” —***

In 1981 a new Section 240A was suggested by RW Bro. T. A. B. Larson of Ionic Lodge No. 19, defining the true meaning of a demit, together with a definition of “Good Standing “. This was CARRIED.

### ***Recorded Music in Ceremonies —***

A new Section 243(b) was suggested in 1981 by VW Bro. S. J. Budge of Kilwinning Lodge No. 59 — prohibiting the use of sound recordings, photographic or play-back devices to record or play back the proceedings of any Constituent Lodge while at labour, but permitting such devices to provide music to enhance the ceremonies of the Lodge. This was CARRIED.

### ***Admission of Master Masons to Opening of Grand Lodge —***

This was raised in 1977 and 1979 and was defeated. In 1981, RW Bro. N. E. Vaux of Acacia Lodge No. 22 moved that Section 14 be amended to read “Master Masons in good standing, properly vouched for, may be admitted into Grand Lodge to observe its proceedings, including the opening and closing and be seated under the direction of the Grand Pursuivant.” This was CARRIED.

### ***Increase in Number of Grand Stewards —***

RW Bro. R. C. Lush of West Point Lodge No. 155, on June 19, 1981, moved that the number of Grand Stewards be increased from 6 to 12. This was CARRIED.

### ***Life Members to Pay Per Capita Tax —***

RW Bro. R. C. Lush, who had been Chairman of the Special Committee on Life Memberships, moved that Lodges should pay per capita tax for Life Members made subsequent to June 17, 1982. This was CARRIED.

### *Committee on Lodge Buildings —*

In 1982, RW Bro. G. A. Small of Capilano Lodge No. 164, moved that a new Standing Committee of Grand Lodge be established, called the Committee on Lodge Buildings and governed by a new Section 95A. This was CARRIED.

### *Unanimity of the Ballot —*

W Bro. D. W. Craig of Chemainus Lodge No. 114, in 1982, moved that Section 224 be amended to allow the presence of one black ball for election. Two black balls would require a second ballot. If two still appeared, the applicant would be declared rejected. This was DEFEATED. A similar proposal by W Bro. J. G. Boily of Whitehorse Lodge No. 46 was defeated in 1984. An amendment to Section 149 allowing two negative votes in ballots for Honorary Membership was CARRIED in 1985.

### *Chairmen of Standing Committees —*

MW Bro. W. L. Stirling of Composite Lodge No. 76 moved in 1984 that Section 90 be amended by deleting the last paragraph and adding — “A member who has served five consecutive years as Chairman of any Standing Committee shall be ineligible for reappointment as Chairman of that Committee for a period of one year.” This was CARRIED.

### *Re-introduction of Defeated Proposed Amendments —*

MW Bro. Stirling also moved that a new Section 258A be added — “A proposed amendment which has been defeated after 1984 at two consecutive Grand Lodge Communications may not again be placed before Grand Lodge in the same or substantially similar form embodying the same or substantially similar principles for a period of three years thereafter.” This was CARRIED.

### *Notice of New Business to Come Before Grand Lodge —*

RW Bro. W. R. Thompson of Park Lodge No. 63 moved in 1984 that a Section 16A be added requiring proposed items to be given 60 days notice to the Grand Secretary, and sent by him 30 days before the meeting to Constituent Lodges, and that only these, or items given Notice at the previous Communication, or items given unanimous consent of members present could be considered. This was CARRIED.

### *Addition of “The Yukon” to the Title of Grand Lodge —*

It was moved in 1985 by W Bro. H. W. Wray of Whitehorse Lodge No. 46, that Sections 1 and 43 be amended to add “The Yukon” to the title of Grand Lodge. After considerable discussion, this was DEFEATED.

### *Wearing of Regalia from Other Jurisdictions —*

MW Bro. James Hogg of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2 moved in 1985 that regalia from former jurisdictions could be worn except while holding office. This was CARRIED.

### *Reinstatement of Demitted Members —*

W Bro. C. Trudeau of Kamloops Lodge No. 10 introduced a requirement in 1985 that a favourable report of an investigating committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote be required for reinstatement of demitted members. This was CARRIED.



*Brethren on Parade, in Barkerville, returning from Church, at the conclusion of another successful reunion at Cariboo Lodge No. 4.*

Mention should be made of the celebration on August 7th to 9th, 1992, of the 125th Anniversary of the formation of Cariboo Lodge No. 469, Scottish Registry, at Williams Creek (Barkerville).

### Chapter 3 — 1986 to 1990 — EXPO 86 and Rebuilding

The late 1980s was a period of optimism generated by the world acceptance of the International Exposition held in Vancouver, and known as EXPO86. British Columbia was exposed to world tourist traffic as never before, and many of the resource and industrial organizations in the province felt a surge in demand leading to more employment. Many of the full-time jobs lost in the early 1980s did not return, though, and many part time positions replaced them.

Real estate prices in Vancouver continued to rise — driven by immigration from eastern Canada, the United States, and the Asian rim countries — especially from Hong Kong, scheduled to return to China in 1997. This accelerated the move of younger working families to the suburbs, and caused problems for the urban Lodges.

#### *The Effect of World Affairs on Freemasonry —*

The world was still in turmoil during this period. President Duvalier fled Haiti, President Marcos fled the Philippines, American planes attacked Libya, ethnic civil war started in Sri Lanka, the USSR withdrew from Afghanistan, and there was war in the Persian Gulf. Russia continued its policy of 'Glasnost' and tension lessened with the western nations. Attacks on Freemasonry continued in Great Britain and the southern United States.

#### *The Challenge to Freemasonry -*

On April 27, 1988, HRH MW Bro. the Duke of Kent addressed the United Grand Lodge of England, as follows:

"Almost enough has been said for the moment about the General Synod of the Church of England's investigation into, and debate on, the compatibility between Freemasonry and Christianity. I was, needless to say, saddened by the conclusions of the Working Party's report and disappointed at its lack of objectivity. As a member of the Craft, I reject the report's imputations of heresy and, as a member of the Royal Arch, I wholeheartedly support Grand Chapter's resentment at the suggestion that its ritual is blasphemous. I am, however, encouraged by the prospect of continuing discussions with the Church and hope that before long it will come to accept again that Freemasonry's contribution to religion should be welcomed and not spurned. "

In his June, 1989 address to the Grand Lodge annual communication at Vancouver, MW Bro. David L. Gibson said in part —

"We must ever remember that our primary task is not to make more members, not to save Lodges, but to make more of men. That can only be accomplished by demanding more of ourselves in what it means to be a Freemason. Brethren, it has been said that Freemasonry is action, not inertness. Let us never forget that Freemasonry is a progressive science in more ways than one. Recall, if you will, how much change has taken place since 1717. Where there is no change, there is no life, and where there is no life, there is but death. "

### *The Decline in Membership —*

Membership declined from 21,074 at the start of 1986, to 18,885 at the end of December, 1990. Raisings during the period averaged about 370 per year; there were about 50 reinstatements and over 300 affiliations per year. These were offset by about 400 demits, 250 suspensions for non-payment of dues, and 500 deaths per year. This leaves an annual loss of about 440 per year.

### *The Numbers of Lodges —*

In January, 1986, there were 172 warranted Lodges on the roll. By December, 1990, this had risen to 173 warranted Lodges and one under dispensation. New Lodges established were — Chetwynd No. 187, Comox No. 188, and Queen Charlotte Islands No. 189; while Light of the Rockies Lodge at Tumbler Ridge continued Under Dispensation. Western Gate Lodge No. 48 amalgamated with Cascade Lodge No. 12 in December, 1989; while King George Lodge No. 129 united with Centennial Lodge No. 171 to form Centennial-King George Lodge No. 171 in 1987, and Enoch Lodge No. 99 at Stewart closed in 1990.

### *Grand Masters 1986 to 1990 -*

These were respectively — a public health inspector, a lumberman, an agricultural executive, a Superintendent of Motive Power for the BC Hydro Railway, and a high school principal.

Geographically they represented the Lower Mainland (3), Vancouver Island, and the Okanagan.

107th — MW Bro. Donald W. Wakelyn, from his Installation on June 20, 1986 to June 19, 1987.

108th — MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh, from his Installation on June 19, 1987 to June 24, 1988.

109th — MW Bro. David Lachlan Gibson, from his Installation on June 24, 1988 to June 23, 1989.

110th — MW Bro. John James Lobban, from his Installation on June 23, 1989, to June 22, 1990.

111th — MW Bro. Douglas Robin Grant, from his Installation on June 22, 1990 to June 21, 1991.

### *Communications of Grand Lodge —*

The host cities for the Annual Communications were as follows: 1986 — Prince George, 1987 — Victoria, 1988 — Vernon, 1989 — Vancouver, and 1990 — also at Vancouver.

Emergent Communications were held as follows —

June 26, 1987            Courtenay Constitution, Comox Lodge No. 188,

August 12, 1987        Chetwynd Constitution, Chetwynd Lodge No. 187,

September 24, 1988    Queen Charlotte City Constitution, Queen Charlotte Island Lodge No. 189,

August 19, 1989        Tumbler Ridge Constitution, Light of the Rockies Lodge No. 190,

August 24, 1990        Burnaby Constitution, Dormer Lodge No. 191.

All these meetings were called to Constitute new lodges.

### *Lodge Amalgamations —*

In 1987, King George Lodge No. 129 united with Centennial Lodge No. 171 in Richmond to form Centennial-King George Lodge No. 171. In December, 1989, Western Gate

Lodge No. 48 decided to come home to its Mother Lodge, and amalgamated with Cascade Lodge No. 12.

**The New Lodges —**

***Chetwynd No. 187 —***

This Lodge was Instituted on March 1, 1986, and Constituted on August 12, 1987 at a ceremony in the Elks' Hall, Chetwynd, by MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh and his Officers. The Lodge works in the Canadian rite.

***Comox No. 188 —***

This Lodge was Instituted on August 16, 1986, by GM Donald W. Wakelyn, and Constituted by MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh and his Officers at the Masonic Hall, Courtenay, on June 26, 1987. It also uses the Canadian Work.

***Queen Charlotte Islands No. 189 —***

The Lodge was Instituted on April 19, 1986, and Constituted by MW Bro. David L. Gibson and his Officers on September 24, 1988, at the Queen Charlotte City High School. It practices the Ancient Work.

***Light of the Rockies Lodge No. 190 —***

The Lodge was Instituted by the then DGM, RW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh, on April 25, 1987. Issuance of the Charter was delayed for a year on the recommendation of the Committee on Warranted Lodges and Lodges UD, to allow the Lodge to demonstrate full conformance with British Columbia Constitutions. The ceremony of Constitution was performed by MW Bro. John J. Lobban and his Officers in the Tumbler Ridge Senior Secondary School on August 19, 1989. It uses the Emulation ritual.

***Dormer Lodge No. 191 —***

The Lodge was Instituted in 1988, and Constituted by MW Bro. Douglas R. Grant and his Officers at the Gizeh Shrine Temple in Burnaby on August 24, 1990. It is located in Surrey, and practices the Canadian Work.

**HISTORIC OCCASIONS —**

***Meritorious Service Medal —***

During the 1987 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, MW Bro. Richard Geddes Large was presented with this medal by the GM, MW Bro. Donald W. Wakelyn. MW Bro. Large had been a member of Grand Lodge since 1935, Grand Master in 1955-56, was a Freeman of the City of Prince Rupert, and an author of note. He had worked in the United Church Hospitals at Bella Bella, Hazelton and Port Simpson, and had served on the Prince Rupert City Council and School Board.

***Eighty Years of Membership —***

On November 18, 1989, MW Bro. John J. Lobban travelled to New Denver to recognize the 80th Anniversary in Masonry of W Bro. James Alexander Greer. He joined Mewbliss Lodge No. 794 in the Grand Lodge of Ireland on October 12, 1909, at the age of twenty-one, and came to Canada in 1911. He served overseas with the 50th Battalion C. E. F. , and then settled in



Sandon, affiliating with Alta Lodge No. 29. He has filled every office in Alta, Slocan No. 71, and Slocan No. 29 after their amalgamation — and is still active in the Office of Chaplain.

***RCMP Degree Team in the USA —***

On August 5, 1989, the RCMP Degree Team, under W Bro. Dennis Garrett of Lewis Lodge No. 57, demonstrated the opening and closing of a Lodge and the MM Degree in the Canadian Work. This was done at Granite Falls, Washington, under the auspices of Damascus Lodge No. 199, F & AM. The GM of Washington, MW Bro. William R. Miller, and our GM, MW Bro. John J. Lobban attended with many of their Officers.

***In Memoriam -***

The passing of the following Past Grand Masters is noted during this period —

MW Bro. William Tyre	- Honorary PGM 1977, died January 17, 1986,
MW Bro. Alexander S. Mitchell	- GM in 1976-77, died August 18, 1986,
MW Bro. George W. Baldwin	- GM in 1985-86, died tragically in an automobile accident at McBride, BC on September 30, 1987,
MW Bro. Richard Geddes Large	- GM in 1955-56, died April 26, 1988.

We also recognize the death of Edwina Marsh, wife of MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh in London, England, April 26, 1988, while they were in London to attend the Annual Investiture of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Among the highly esteemed Brethren who passed from our midst during this period was Bro. John McNicol of Dunbar Lodge No. 145, the Grand Lodge Librarian, who passed to the Grand Lodge Above October 10, 1988. Bro. McNicol was proud of his Scottish heritage, and enlivened many Burns Banquets with his rendition of "The Immortal Memory". Although he never passed through the chairs of his Lodge, he exerted a strong influence on many members of this Grand Lodge.

***Anniversary Celebrations —***

***One Hundred-twenty-fifth Anniversary — Union Lodge No. 9 —***

This was the first Lodge to be established in the Crown Colony of British Columbia. It was Instituted and Constituted June 24, 1862, as Union Lodge No. 1201, under the United Grand Lodge of England. On December 16, 1986, the Lodge met with MW Bro. Donald Wakelyn and his Officers to celebrate the 125th Anniversary. This was followed by a dinner and an evening of entertainment.

Centennials were celebrated by the following Lodges —

***Kamloops Lodge No. 10 —***

This Lodge was Instituted January 5, 1886, and constituted September 6, 1996. It celebrated the Centennial on January 11, 1986, with the Installation of Officers. MW Bro. George Baldwin and his Officers were in attendance, along with representatives of five daughter Lodges — Mountain No. 11, Spallumcheen No. 13, Nicola No. 53, Zarthan No. 105, and Mount St. Paul No. 109. A reception and banquet were followed by a dance.

*Mountain Lodge No. 11 —*

This Lodge was started by CPR employees from Eastern Canada. It was Instituted February 17, 1887, and Constituted June 19, 1887 at Donald, BC, later moving to Golden. The Anniversary was celebrated September 12, 1987, with GM, MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh and his Officers at an afternoon meeting, dinner and dance.

*Cascade Lodge No. 12 —*

Cascade Lodge was Instituted at Vancouver on May 11, 1888 by CPR employees, and Constituted November 19, 1888. It was the first Canadian Work Lodge chartered in Vancouver. In the absence of the Grand Master, who had just lost his wife, the DGM, RW Bro. David L. Gibson presided at a commemorative meeting on May 21, 1988. This was followed by a dinner and dance. Several Brethren attended from the Sister Lodge, Cascade No. 5, Banff, Alberta.

*Spallumcheen Lodge No. 13 —*

This Lodge was established at Lansdowne, in the North Okanagan area, and later moved to the town of Armstrong. A Dispensation was issued June 25, 1888, and the Lodge was Constituted by then RW Bro. Sibree Clarke on July 14, 1888. The Anniversary was celebrated on June 4, 1988 with GM MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh in attendance.

Seventy-fifth Anniversaries were celebrated by numerous Lodges, as follows —

*Camosun Lodge No. 60 is Seventy-five —*

Camosun Lodge was instituted September 5, 1911 and Constituted July 5, 1912, at Victoria. No special ceremony is recorded for this Anniversary.

*Star of the West Lodge No. 61 is Seventy-five —*

This Lodge was Instituted October 5, 1911, and Constituted July 31, 1912, at Nakusp. No special ceremony is recorded for this Anniversary.

*Park Lodge No. 63 is Seventy-five —*

Park Lodge was Instituted November 13, 1911, and Constituted July 11, 1912 at Central Park — on the boundary between Vancouver and Burnaby. This Anniversary was celebrated September 28, 1987, with the GM, MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh, in attendance.

*Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 64 is Seventy-five —*

This was the second Lodge in North Vancouver, Instituted November 28, 1911, and Constituted July 2, 1912. At a meeting on July 2, 1987, with the GM in attendance, RW Bro. P. E. Mussell gave a history of the formation of the Lodge and sketches of early members,

*Plantagenet Lodge No. 65 is Seventy-five —*

Plantagenet was Instituted at Vancouver February 14, 1912, and Constituted July 10, 1912. The 75th Anniversary was celebrated February 25, 1987, with the GM, MW Bro. Donald W. Wakelyn, in attendance. A history of the Lodge was presented by Bro. James G. Bennie, and a seventy-five year certificate was presented to RW Bro. John W. Robinson, the oldest living member of the Lodge.

*Tyee Lodge No. 66 is Seventy-five —*

The second Lodge at Prince Rupert was Instituted March 14, 1912, and Constituted July 31, 1912. This Anniversary was celebrated October 3, 1987, with the GM in attendance. The meeting was followed by a formal dinner and Ball.

*Melrose Lodge No. 67 is Seventy-five —*

This Lodge was Instituted March 29, 1912, and Constituted July 11, 1913, at Vancouver. The SGW, RW Bro. John J. Lobban attended an Anniversary meeting on May 25, 1988.

*Vancouver Lodge No. 68 is Seventy-five —*

Vancouver Lodge was Instituted May 31, 1912, and Constituted July 18, 1913. Their Anniversary was celebrated on May 26, 1988, with the DGM, RW Bro. David L. Gibson, in attendance.

*Quesnel Lodge No. 69 is Seventy-five —*

This Lodge was instituted October 1, 1912 and Constituted September 22, 1913. The GM, MW Bro. David L. Gibson attended an Anniversary meeting on September 24, 1988.

*Abbotsford Lodge No. 70 is Seventy-five —*

This Lodge was Instituted October 15, 1912, and Constituted July 12, 1913, at what is now the town of Abbotsford in the Fraser Valley, fifty miles east of Vancouver. The spelling was changed in 1920, but the Lodge maintains the older name. Their Anniversary was celebrated October 15, 1987, with the GM, MW Bro. Dennis G. J. Marsh in attendance with over 200 Brethren.

*Slocan Lodge No. 71 —*

The Lodge was Instituted March 20, 1913, and Constituted August 14, 1913, at New Denver, in the Slocan area. It amalgamated with Alta Lodge No. 29 of Sandon on June 23, 1939, under the name of "Slocan Lodge" and the number 29. The GM, MW Bro. John J. Lobban attended a special meeting on November 18, 1989.

*Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 72 is Seventy-five —*

Mount Lebanon was Instituted May 26, 1913, and Constituted June 25, 1914, at Eburne in Richmond Municipality. It moved across the Fraser River to Marpole, now part of the City of Vancouver, in 1918. The Anniversary was celebrated June 8, 1989, with the GM, MW Bro. David L. Gibson, attending.

*Britannia Lodge No. 73 is Seventy-five —*

This Lodge in Victoria, was Instituted September 11, 1913, and Constituted July 27, 1914. The Anniversary was celebrated on September 9, 1988 with the GM, MW Bro. David L. Gibson, in attendance.

*Maple Leaf Lodge No. 74 is Seventy-five —*

This Lodge in Vancouver was Instituted October 6, 1913, and Constituted July 6, 1914. The Anniversary was held on October 17, 1988 in the presence of the GM, MW Bro. David L.

Gibson. A history of the Lodge was presented, and Bro. Amos Buller played numerous selections on the organ.

***Perfection Lodge No. 75 is Seventy-five —***

The Seventy-fifth Lodge was Instituted December 11, 1913, and Constituted July 16, 1914, at New Westminster. The Anniversary was celebrated along with the Installation of Officers on December 1, 1988, The Grand Master and a large number of visitors were present for an entertaining evening.

***Composite Lodge No. 76 is Seventy-five —***

Composite Lodge was Instituted December 27, 1913 and Constituted July 7, 1914, in South Vancouver. The Anniversary was celebrated April 26, 1989, with the Grand Master in attendance.

***Zion Lodge No. 77 is Seventy-five —***

This Lodge was Instituted March 9, 1914, and Constituted July 20, 1914, in the Kerrisdale area of Point Grey Municipality — now part of the City of Vancouver. A roll call and history highlighted the celebration of the Anniversary on May 25, 1989, with the Grand Master in attendance.

***DeWolf Lodge No. 78 is Seventy-five —***

This Lodge, at Coquitlam, east of Vancouver, was named for the family of the then Grand Secretary, Dr. W. A. DeWolf-Smith. It was Instituted May 19, 1914, and Constituted July 12, 1915. The Anniversary was celebrated with a social evening on May 26, 1990.

***Concord Lodge No. 79 is Seventy-five —***

Concord Lodge was instituted at Parksville, on Vancouver Island, May 26, 1914, and Constituted July 5, 1915. The Anniversary was celebrated on May 23, 1990 with a dinner and special meeting. The GM, MW Bro. John J. Lobban gave an inspiring address on the significance of the occasion.

***St. James Lodge No. 80 is Seventy-five —***

St. James Lodge, in Vancouver, was Instituted March 9, 1915, and Constituted July 5, 1915. It moved to White Rock in 1991. A dinner and special evening were held on March 20, 1990, with the GM, MW Bro. John J. Lobban in attendance.

***Triune Lodge No. 81 is Seventy-five —***

This Lodge is at Powell River, a coastal pulp and paper town some seventy-five miles northwest of Vancouver. It was Instituted May 18, 1915, and Constituted July 16, 1916. The Grand Master, MW Bro. Edward B. Hearn attended a special meeting for this Anniversary on March 27-29, 1992.

Again, we have not tried to record the many 70th, 60th, 50th and other Anniversaries celebrated by Lodges during this period.

**MASONIC BUILDINGS —**

There are no records of new Masonic Halls being completed during this period.

The fourth floor of Freemasons' Hall, Vancouver, was completely remodelled, panelled and carpeted, and was dedicated to the memory of the late MW Bro. William Tyre, Honorary PGM.

Other important events were —

*A Centenarian Carries the Book of Constitutions —*

Bro. Norton Dwight Robinson, Organist of Chemainus Lodge No. 114 for the past 32 years, carried the Book for the GM, MW Bro. George W. Baldwin on his Official Visit to the Lodges of District 27 on March 10, 1986. Bro. Robinson, who was 101 years old on June 6, 1985, provided a musical interlude during the meeting.

*A Kilted Master Mason Degree —*

We have mentioned above the participation of the RCMP Degree Team in the 1989 Granite Falls, Washington weekend. In 1990 a similar presentation was made by the Degree Team of Discovery Lodge No. 149, Campbell River, in full highland dress.

**AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS —**

*Age of Candidates —*

In 1986, an amendment was moved to lower the age of Candidates from 21 to 19 years. This was DEFEATED.

*Business to be transacted in the MM Degree —*

Also in 1986, it was proposed to delete Section 178 requiring business to be transacted in the MM Degree. This was DEFEATED. This was again raised in 1988, and after extensive discussion was again DEFEATED.

*Trial Commission, and Expulsion of Brethren —*

A 1986 amendment proposed deletion of present requirements and initiation of new sections covering Expulsion for Conviction of Major offences, Charges of Immoral or Infamous Conduct, establishment of a Trial Commission and conditions for its work. This was CARRIED.

Minor amendments were made in 1989.

*Reports to Grand Lodge —*

A 1987 amendment proposed that all reports to Grand Lodge should be transmitted to each Lodge at least six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. This was DEFEATED.

*Selection of Nominees for DDGM —*

A tighter procedure for submitting names was proposed in 1987. This was DEFEATED. This was again raised in 1989, and new wording proposed for Section 74(g) — CARRIED.

*Masonic Building Fund —*

The Finance Committee proposed in 1987 that a fund of \$100,000 be established from which the Building Committee could make loans to constituent Lodges or Masonic Building Societies for building improvements, and setting out the conditions of such loans. This was CARRIED.

*Grand Master's Advisory Council —*

A 1987 amendment would establish such a council and set out its authority and procedures. This was DEFEATED.

*Masonic Community Charities Fund —*

In 1988, the Finance Committee proposed that a fund of \$25,000 be transferred from the Contingency Fund of Grand Lodge for the purpose of establishing the "Cancer Car " project. It also provided for an annual per capita assessment for operation, and was CARRIED.

*Reinstatement Procedures —*

The addition of a Section 159A proposing that if a Brother whose application for reinstatement had been rejected, and this decision was sustained on appeal to Grand Lodge, no further application should be received from the Brother for the next five years — CARRIED.

*Lodge Emblems on Aprons —*

A 1988 amendment to Sections 215 and 216 would permit Lodge emblems in the centre of Aprons — CARRIED.

*Lodge Historian's and Director of Masonic Education's Jewels —*

The Scroll was proposed to be added to Section 208 as the Historian's Jewel, and the Lamp of Learning for the Director of Masonic Education — CARRIED.

*Appointed Grand Lodge Officer's Aprons —*

A 1988 amendment to Section 122(a) would require the emblem of the Office to be embroidered in the centre of the apron, surrounded by a four-inch circle, all in blue — CARRIED.

*Long Service Recognition —*

These were formalised by a 1988 amendment to Section 115 — establishing Lodge recognition for 25 year members, and Grand Lodge lapel pins for fifty, sixty, seventy and seventy-five year members. This was CARRIED

*Grand Lodge Representatives —*

The method of appointment and duties of a Representative were set out in a revised Section 54 in 1988, which was CARRIED.

*Physical Defects of Candidates —*

A 1989 amendment proposed the repeal of Section 222, 222A, and all past rulings of Grand Masters on this subject, and adopting a more flexible approach with appeal to the Grand Master — CARRIED.

*Votes for Election of Members —*

This amendment would change the rejection requirement from one to two black balls in Sections 224 and 227 — CARRIED.

### ***Regalia for 100-Year Lodges –***

W Bro. Daniel Davis proposed in 1990 that Officers' jewels be of Gold, gauntlets be trimmed in gold braid, and aprons trimmed with gold braid for Lodges more than 100 years old. This was DEFEATED.

### ***Rituals Committee –***

RW Bro. Alan Hodgson recommended amendments to Section 97A regarding the duties of this Committee — which was CARRIED.

## **RESOLUTIONS OF GRAND LODGE –**

### ***More Frequent Communications of Grand Lodge –***

RW Bro. R. S. Fells of Rainbow Lodge No. 180 moved in 1987 that longer and/or more frequent communications be held so that business could be relieved of “present stricture “ due to the brief time allocated. This was DEFEATED.

### ***Life Memberships –***

MW Bro. E. A. Clarke brought in a Notice of Motion regarding these in 1988. GM Gibson established a special committee to study the problem, and it submitted a report in 1989, which was approved in principle. A further detailed report was submitted in 1990, and MW Bro. Clarke gave Notice of Motion to amend Section 151 of the Book of Constitutions accordingly in 1991.

### ***Ancient Charges to the Worshipful Master Elect –***

VW Bro. A. H. John Salmon of Mount Zion Lodge No. 120 moved to add to Charge No. 11 regarding alterations or innovations in the body of Masonry the words “without the consent first obtained of Grand Lodge.” This was CARRIED.

### ***Recognition of Supreme Council of Grottoes of North America –***

In 1987, MW Bro. W. H. Rogers moved that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia is in amity with the Supreme Council of the Grottoes of North America, and the Grottoes chartered and recognized as such by it. This was CARRIED.

### ***Recognition of Job's Daughters and DeMolay –***

MW Bro. W. L. Stirling moved in 1990 that “This Grand Lodge recognizes and supports the principles and objectives of the Supreme Grand Guardian Council of the International Order of Job's Daughters and the Supreme International Order of DeMolay of Canada.” This was CARRIED.

### ***Solicitation of Candidates –***

MW Bro. Stirling also moved that “there is no objection to a neutrally-worded approach being made to a man who is considered a suitable candidate for Freemasonry. There can be no objection to his being reminded, once, that the approach was made. The potential candidate should then be left to make his own decision, without further solicitation.” This was CARRIED.

## **CHAPTER 4 — 1991 to 1995 – The Boom to the Present**

Although eastern Canada suffered a considerable recession during this period, international demand continued high for BC's resource products, and the local economy was buoyed by immigration.

The lower mainland area remained the fastest growing region in Canada, and the increase in real estate prices accelerated. This accelerated the move of working families to the suburbs, and the loss of membership in the urban lodges. Real incomes did not increase despite the commercial activity, and the unemployment rate continued at about ten percent. The rates for younger workers were much higher than this.

### ***The effect of World Affairs on Freemasonry –***

The highlight of this period was the demolition of the Berlin Wall, with the reunification of Germany, the break-up of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and massive changes of government in Eastern Europe. Civil war broke out in Yugoslavia following the death of Marshal Tito, which massive intervention by a United Nations peacekeeping force failed to stop. Despite this, a Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia was formed and sought recognition.

### **The Challenge to Freemasonry –**

The 1994 report of the Grand Secretary, RW Bro. Gordon J. Phillips contains the observation —

“Throughout the centuries, Freemasonry has played a valuable role in keeping alive the values that make life worth living — the importance of education, remaining faithful to the voice of conscience, offering mutual support and respecting others. All this tells us in no uncertain terms that there is nothing wrong with Freemasonry. We do not have to change our principles, our rituals nor our ties to our Brotherhood. No, more emphatically, we should not. What we do need to change is how we apply these basic principles to our profession. If we truly believe that we take good men and make them better, then we need to spend more quality time with these good men to ensure that we understand their needs and their interests. Our meetings need to become something that we cannot afford to miss. Those we do attend must give us a sense of worthfulness for having been a participant.”

### ***The Decline in Membership –***

At the end of December, 1990, there were 18,885 members. Although there were about 350 raisings, 250 affiliations and 50 reinstatements per year, these were offset by some 400 demits, 200 suspensions for non-payment of dues, and over 400 deaths per year. These net losses of about 150 per year have reduced us to 16,797 members at the end of December, 1995.

### ***The Numbers of Lodges –***

In December, 1990 we had 172 warranted Lodges and one under Dispensation. During 1991 to 1995, Dogwood Lodge No. 192 was constituted at Aldergrove, and Alliance Lodge No. 193 was formed at Vancouver by the amalgamation of Kilwinning Lodge No. 59, Plantagenet Lodge No. 65, Empire Lodge No. 85, and Victory Lodge No. 94. Harbour Lodge No. 181 at Pender Harbour was closed. Mosaic Lodge No. 162 amalgamated with Crown Lodge No. 163



to form Mosaic & Crown Lodge No. 162, while Westpoint Lodge No. 155 joined Caledonia Lodge No. 136, Eastgate Lodge No. 176 joined Lynn Valley Lodge No. 122, and Crossroads Lodge No. 177 joined Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 72. This leaves 167 Lodges at December 31, 1995.

#### *Grand Masters 1991 to 1995 –*

These were respectively a lumberman, a forest executive, an educator, an accountant, and a labour relations mediator. Geographically they represented the Kootenays, Vancouver Island, and the Lower Mainland (3).

112th - MW Bro. Edward Butler Hearn, from his installation on June 21, 1991 to June 19, 1992.

113th - MW Bro. John Waldie Manion, from his installation on June 19, 1992, to June 18, 1993.

114th - MW Bro. Colin Grant Wardlaw, from his installation on June 18, 1993 to June 24, 1994.

115th - MW Bro. Douglas William Hargrove, from his installation on June 24, 1994, to June 24, 1995.

116th - MW Bro. Clark Murray Gilmour, from his installation on June 24, 1995.

#### *Communications of Grand Lodge –*

The host cities for the Annual Communications were as follows — 1991 — Penticton, 1992 — Vernon, 1993 — Nanaimo, 1994 — Penticton, and 1995 — Prince George. The 1995 Communication was originally planned for Prince Rupert, but satisfactory hotel arrangements could not be concluded, and the site was changed by an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge held at Vancouver on 26 November, 1994.

In addition to the above session, Emergent Communications were held as follows –

August 23, 1991 Burnaby Constitution. Dogwood Lodge No. 192,

April 3, 1993 Nanaimo Rededicating Monument, Ashlar No. 3,

April 8, 1994 Victoria Cornerstone, Ashlar Manor 42.

#### *Lodge Amalgamations –*

In 1991, Mosaic Lodge No. 162 merged with Crown Lodge No. 163 to form Mosaic & Crown Lodge No. 162; West Point Lodge No. 155 amalgamated with Caledonia Lodge No. 136 using that name and number. Eastgate Lodge No. 176 merged with Lynn Valley Lodge No. 122, while Crossroads Lodge No. 177 amalgamated with Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 72.

#### *Lodge Relocations –*

In 1991, St. James Lodge No. 80, using the Canadian Ritual, moved from Vancouver to White Rock. This complemented the existing White Rock Lodge, Joppa No. 112 which uses the Ancient Work. In addition, Vimy Lodge No. 97 moved from Vancouver to Port Coquitlam. In 1993, Landmark Lodge No. 128 moved from the Kerrisdale Masonic Hall in Vancouver to Maple Ridge, and became part of the North Fraser District.

#### *Lodge Closures –*

The Warrant of Enoch Lodge No. 99 at Stewart was revoked by Grand Lodge in 1991 following suspension in September 1990 by GM Douglas Grant. Numbers became too small to allow the Lodge to continue.

Harbour Lodge No. 181 on the Sunshine Coast found that it could not continue to operate, and closed in 1993.

### **THE NEW LODGES —**

#### ***Dogwood Lodge No. 192 —***

This Lodge is located in Aldergrove, some 40 miles east of Vancouver on the south shore of the Fraser River, and was Instituted in 1989. It was Constituted by MW Bro. Edward B. Hearn and his Officers at Gizeh Shrine Temple in Burnaby on 23 August 1991. It uses the Canadian Work.

#### ***Alliance Lodge No. 193 —***

This Lodge was formed by the amalgamation of — Kilwinning No. 59, Plantagenet No. 65, Empire No. 85, and Victory No. 94 at the 8th Avenue Freemasons' Hall in Vancouver, on April 25, 1992. The New Charter was presented by RW Bro. Gerald R. Hall, DDGM of Vancouver District No. 15, and the Officers were installed and invested by W Bro. James G. Bennie, the retiring WM of Plantagenet Lodge No. 65. It practices the Canadian Ritual.

#### ***The Loss of a District —***

On June 19, 1992, Grand Lodge voted to abolish District 15, and to place the remaining Lodges — Cascade No. 12, Southern Cross No. 44, and Alliance No. 193 in District 16.

#### ***New Districts —***

On June 21, 1991, the acceptance of the report of the Committee on Warranted Lodges, created three new Districts —

*South Fraser District No. 23* — St. James Lodge No. 80 (White Rock), Eureka Lodge No. 103 (Langley), Joppa Lodge No. 112 (White Rock), Cloverdale Lodge No. 168 (Langley), Langley Lodge No. 184 (Langley), and Dogwood Lodge No. 192 (Aldergrove).

*Richmond-Ladner-Marpole District No. 25* — Ancient Light No. 88 (Ladner), Emerald No. 134 (Marpole), Richmond No. 142 (Richmond), Mosaic & Crown No. 162 (Marpole), Centennial-King George No. 171 (Richmond), and Tsawwassen No. 185 (Ladner).

*North Fraser District No. 28* — DeWolf No. 78 (Port Coquitlam), Vimy No. 97 (Port Coquitlam), Prince David No. 101 (Maple Ridge), Tuscan No. 138 (Port Coquitlam), Blue Mountain No. 182 (Port Coquitlam) plus Dormer No. 191 (Surrey) for a few years. Dormer was transferred to New Westminster District No. 2 in 1993, while Landmark Lodge No. 128 moved from Vancouver to Maple Ridge and became part of District 28.

The Lodges in the former District 23 were dispersed — Caledonia No. 136 to District 14, Crossroads No. 177 to District 13, and North Star 167 (Surrey) to District 2.

In 1992, Vancouver District No. 15 was closed, and the remaining Lodges — Cascade No. 12, Southern Cross No. 44, and Alliance No. 193 were transferred to District 16.

## HISTORIC OCCASIONS —

### *Installation of a PGM as WM —*

On December 3, 1992, MW Bro. John J. Lobban was installed as WM of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 72, exactly 60 years after his father had served as WM of this Lodge. This is the third time in British Columbia that a PGM has been installed as WM — after MW Bro. Sibree Clarke's installation in Kamloops Lodge No. 10 in 1886 and MW Bro. Wm. Henderson as first WM of Henderson Lodge No. 84 in 1919.

### *Presentation of 50-Year Awards —*

Cascade Lodge No. 12 was the site of the presentation of fifty-year emblems to two PMs of Mountain Lodge No. 11, Golden, on March 1, 1993. These were to W Bro. W. J. Bell, WM 1941 to 1943, and W Bro. R. J. F. Henry, WM during 1947-48. Both were long service employees of CP Telegraphs at Field, 38 miles east of Golden through the Kicking Horse Canyon.

### *In Memoriam —*

The following Past Grand Masters died during this period —

MW Bro. Douglas Philps	- GM in 1982-83, died June 30, 1991.
MW Bro. David M. Taylor	- GM in 1962-63, died August 8, 1992.
MW Bro. M. Lyle Barr	- GM in 1974-75, died November 21, 1992.
MW Bro. Harper P. Baikie	- GM in 1971-72, died March 9, 1993.
MW Bro. Edwin D. Lockhart	- GM in 1977-78, died July 15, 1994.

The passing of several other distinguished Freemasons should be noted —

RW Bro. Hugh R. Horne	- Grand Treasurer — died December 14, 1994,
W Bro. Robert Swanson	- Lions Gate Lodge No. 115 — the poet laureate of the woods, and train whistle inventor — died October 4, 1994,
RW Bro. Robert J. Ferris	- PDDGM & PGrH — died May 16, 1995.

### *A Commemorative Church Parade -*

The Grand Master, MW Bro. Douglas W. Hargrove, his Officers and a considerable number of Brethren attended Christ Church Cathedral on August 21, 1994 to commemorate the Centennial of the placing of the cornerstone by the then DGM, RW Bro. Lacey R. Johnson, on July 29 1894.

### *A Massive Church Parade -*

Over twelve hundred Masons and Ladies attended a Church Parade at St. Andrews-Wesley United Church on Sunday, October 29, 1995, to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. All branches of the Masonic family were represented, including the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and constituent Lodges, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Cryptic Rite, the Knights Templar, the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Gizeh Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, The Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, the White Shrine, and VanZor Grotto. Traffic was stopped along a six-block parade route while the marchers, led by two Cancer Cars, proceeded to the church. Lessons were read by the Grand Master, MW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour, and by Laura Burgh, Honoured Queen of Bethel

21, Job's Daughters. Rev. Dr. G. B. Turner gave a strong sermon on "Religion Outside the Church," and many Brethren and Ladies attended a Brunch at the Century Plaza Hotel following the service.

### **Anniversary Celebrations –**

#### ***One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary, Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7 –***

Mount Hermon Lodge No. 491, SC, was Instituted at Moodyville, on the north shore of Burrard Inlet, by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. Israel W. Powell, on January 15, 1869. It moved to the City of Vancouver in 1886. A special meeting and dinner were held on May 3, 1994, to commemorate the 125th Anniversary, with the GM, MW Bro. C. Grant Wardlaw, and his Officers attending. A short history of the Lodge was presented by MW Bro. V. Burnie Kyle, and a recent colour photograph of Mount Hermon was given to the Lodge by RW Bro. William G. Robinson, the Grand Historian. A pictorial history of the Lodge was written by VW Bro. James Harrison in 1995.

Centennials were celebrated by the following Lodges –

#### ***Hiram Lodge No. 14 –***

Hiram Lodge was opened on July 22, 1891 by the GM at Comox, and later moved to Courtenay, a few miles away on the east coast of Vancouver Island. Their Centennial was celebrated on September 27 to 29, 1991. There was a reception on the 27th, meeting, dinner and dance attended by the GM, MW Bro. Edward B. Hearn and his Officers on the 28th, and a worship service of celebration on the 29th.

#### ***Kootenay Lodge No. 15 –***

Kootenay Lodge was Instituted by the DDGM on October 16, 1891, at Revelstoke, on the main line of the CPR. The Centennial was celebrated with a meeting, dinner and dance on October 5, 1991, and a commemorative church service on the 6th. The service was celebrated by the rector of St. Peter's Church, V Wor. Bro. Lloyd Northcott, Grand Chaplain, and IPM of the Lodge.

#### ***Pacific Lodge No. 16 –***

Pacific Lodge was constituted at Mission City, fifty miles east of Vancouver on the north bank of the Fraser River, in April, 1892. The Centennial was celebrated on February 22, 1992, by a meeting in the afternoon, and a dinner and dance that evening, attended by the GM, MW Bro. Edward B. Hearn, twenty of his Officers and 125 other Masons.

#### ***King Solomon Lodge No. 17 –***

This Lodge was Constituted by the GM at New Westminster on August 9, 1892. Their Centennial was celebrated quietly with a dinner on October 24, 1992, with the JGW, RW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour attending.

#### ***Doric Lodge No. 18 –***

Doric Lodge was Instituted on July 26, 1892, and Constituted by the GM at Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island, July 17, 1893. A reception was held on May 1, 1992, and the Centennial was celebrated with a meeting on the afternoon of May 2, 1992, at Branch 256 of the Canadian Legion, on Bowen Road, Nanaimo, which the GM, MW Bro. Edward B. Hearn attended. A fine

buffet dinner and dance completed the day. A buffet breakfast was served on the Sunday morning.

*Ionic Lodge No. 19 –*

Ionic Lodge was Instituted at Chilliwack, sixty-five miles east of Vancouver in the Fraser Valley on April 27, 1892. It was Constituted by the DDGM on August 17, 1893. The Anniversary was celebrated by some 175 brethren at the Lodge Hall on April 24, 1993. The GM, MW Bro. J. Waldie Manion and his Officers attended the meeting and a fine dinner which followed. A seventy-year pin was presented to RW Bro. John D. Murie during the festivities, and a lodge history written by him was read by MW Bro. E. A. Clarke.

*Miriam Lodge No. 20 –*

This Lodge was Instituted June 2, 1893, and Constituted July 27, 1893, at Priest's Valley (later the City of Vernon) in the north Okanagan Valley. The Anniversary was celebrated on September 11, 1993, in the Vernon Lodge Hall, with 159 signatures on the porch book, including the GM and most of his Officers. An excellent buffet dinner was enjoyed by 250 Masons and Ladies that evening.

*St. John's Lodge No. 21 –*

St. John's Lodge was Constituted at Wellington, five miles south of Nanaimo, on July 7, 1894, and moved to Ladysmith in 1901. The Centennial was celebrated on June 18, 1994, by a meeting and dinner which was attended by the GM, MW Bro. C. Grant Wardlaw, and many of his Officers.

*Acacia Lodge No. 22 –*

On July 26, 1894, Acacia Lodge was Instituted at Mount Pleasant, a suburb of Vancouver. The formation was stormy, as the previous GM thought that the formation of the Lodge on the outskirts of the City "would have had a depressing effect on the Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple." The Anniversary was celebrated with a meeting on July 30, 1994, followed by a dinner. The occasion was also marked by the publication of a fine illustrated history of the Lodge written by W Bro. James Harrison.

*Nelson Lodge No. 23 –*

This Lodge, in the Kootenay mining city of Nelson, was formed in 1893, with the Charter being issued on June 22, 1894. A joint meeting was held at Nelson with Kaslo Lodge No. 25 on April 29, 1995, to celebrate both Centennials. The DGM, RW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour attended. Roll calls were held, and histories of both Lodges were presented. The meeting was followed by a banquet.

*United Service Lodge No. 24 –*

United Service Lodge was formed by members of the Royal Navy, stationed at the Esquimalt naval base near Victoria. It was Constituted by the GM on July 18, 1894, and has had numerous homes over the years. It now meets in the Masonic Hall at Langford, north of Victoria. The Centennial celebration was held on the weekend of July 15 to 17, 1994, at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. A reception was held on Friday evening, a meeting with the GM, MW Bro. Douglas W. Hargrove in attendance on Saturday afternoon, a fine dinner on

Saturday evening, and a church service on Sunday morning at St. Paul's Anglican Church, the old Naval garrison church.

*Kaslo Lodge No. 25 –*

The Lodge was Instituted October 1, 1894, and Constituted November 4, 1895 at the town of Kaslo, on the west shore of Kootenay Lake. Joint Centennial celebrations with Nelson Lodge No. 23 were held on April 29, 1995, as outlined above.

*Cumberland Lodge No. 26 –*

This Lodge was Instituted at Cumberland, near Courtenay on Vancouver Island, December 18, 1895, and Constituted July 9, 1896. Celebrations are planned for the fall of 1996,

Seventy-fifth Anniversaries were celebrated by several Lodges, as follows –

*Mount Moriah Lodge No. 82 is seventy-five –*

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 82 was Instituted by the DDGM on May 9, 1916, and Constituted by PGM, MW Bro. F. J. Burd, on July 10, 1917. It amalgamated with Mount Moriah Lodge No. 102 in 1983, and the amalgamated Lodge became Mount Moriah Lodge No. 82. No special ceremony is noted for this Anniversary.

*Trepanier Lodge No. 83 is seventy-five –*

This Lodge was Instituted at Peachland, south of Kelowna, on the west side of Okanagan Lake, August 12, 1913. After many trials, the Lodge was Constituted by W Bro. H. B. Morley (later GM) on August 10, 1920. It uses the Canadian Work. No special ceremony was reported for the 75th Anniversary.

*Henderson Lodge No. 84 is seventy-five –*

Henderson Lodge was Instituted at Oak Bay, a suburb of Victoria, on June 6, 1919, using the Emulation Work. MW Bro. William Henderson, a distinguished Architect, and GM in 1913-14, gave his name to the Lodge and served as the first WM. The ceremony of Constitution was held on July 16, 1920, with MW Bro. E. B. Paul, PGM, presiding. An Anniversary meeting was held in the Henderson Hall, 1632 Yale Street, Victoria, on September 23, 1995, with the GM, MW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour and his Officers attending. An outline of the Lodge's history was presented, and a social evening was held with the Ladies.

*Empire Lodge No. 85 –*

Empire Lodge was Constituted at Vancouver on October 15, 1920, and amalgamated with three other Lodges to form Alliance Lodge No. 193 on April 25, 1992. The name is perpetuated in the annual "Empire Night", still held on or about May 24 each year by the combined Lodge.

*Nechako Lodge No. 86 is seventy-five –*

Nechako Lodge was Constituted at Prince George on July 23, 1920, using the Canadian Work. A special meeting was held in May 1995, but no details are available.

*Progress Lodge No. 87 is seventy-five –*

This Lodge was Instituted at Vancouver on February 24, 1920, and Constituted by MW Bro. W. C. Ditmars on July 27, 1920. The Anniversary was commemorated by a special meeting on 13 June, 1995, with the GM, MW Bro. Douglas W. Hargrove, in attendance. A short history of the Lodge, which practices the Ancient Work, was presented by RW Bro. Donald T. Brown.

*Ancient Light Lodge No. 88 is seventy-five –*

Ancient Light Lodge was Instituted at Ladner, in the Fraser River Delta, south of Vancouver, on March 1, 1920, and Constituted July 14, 1920, by MW Bro. Francis J. Burd. It uses the Canadian Work. A dinner and dance was held by the Brethren and Ladies on October 14, 1995, to celebrate the Anniversary, with the GM, MW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour and his wife Sonya in attendance.

*Mount Newton Lodge No. 89 is seventy-five –*

Mount Newton Lodge was Instituted at Saanichton on March 25, 1920, and Constituted on July 22, 1920. No special ceremony of commemoration is noted. The Lodge practices the Ancient Work.

*Barclay Lodge No. 90 is seventy-five –*

Barclay Lodge, at Port Alberni, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, was Instituted March 8, 1920, and Constituted by MW Bro. J. M. Rudd on July 17, 1920, using the Ancient ritual. No Anniversary celebration is reported.

*University Lodge No. 91 is seventy-five –*

This Lodge was Instituted at West Point Grey, near the University of BC, on March 9, 1920, using the American ritual. It was constituted by MW Bro. S. J. Willis on August 4, 1920. The 75th Anniversary was celebrated on September 25, 1995 with a special meeting at which VW Bro. N. Malcolm MacLean presented a short history of the Lodge. The GM, MW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour, and many of his Officers attended.

*Omineca Lodge No. 92 is seventy-five –*

Omineca Lodge was established at Smithers, on the Canadian National Railway, east of Prince Rupert. The name derives from the Land District and mining area of northern British Columbia. A dispensation was issued September 9, 1920, and the Lodge was Instituted October 9, 1920, and Constituted September 24, 1921, by the DDGM of District 11. It uses the Canadian Work. No special commemoration ceremony has been noted.

Many 70th, 60th, 50th, and other Anniversaries were celebrated during this period, but are not reported here because of lack of space.

**MASONIC BUILDINGS –**

A \$25,000 loan was granted to the Ashlar Lodge No. 3 Temple Association at Nanaimo for extensive renovations in 1991. Similar loans were granted to the Discovery Masonic Temple Association at Campbell River in 1993, and to Henderson Masonic Temple, Oak Bay, and the Masonic Temple Association of Chilliwack in 1994.

In 1995, \$25,000 was advanced to the Comox 188 Building Association, and Kaslo Lodge No. 25 received a \$14,000 loan for new windows, siding and painting. No new buildings are reported during the period, but the Committee continued to press for clearer signage on Lodge Halls, and better exterior painting and maintenance.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS —

Section 3 was amended in 1991 to remove the requirement that Past Masters affiliating from another Grand Lodge should only become members of the Grand Lodge after being members of a constituent Lodge for three years or more.

The matter of gold-coloured apron trimmings for Lodges over 100 years old was again raised in 1991, and defeated. A centenary jewel for such lodges was proposed in 1992, and defeated.

The transaction of business in the E. A. Degree was again raised in 1991 and 1994, and defeated.

MW Bro. E. A. Clarke presented a report in 1991 proposing the establishment of a Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund. After minor amendments, the plan was approved, effective 1 January, 1992. This was amended in 1994 to allow amalgamating Lodges to continue use of existing Lodge plans.

In 1992, it was proposed that “Lewis Masons” be permitted to join at the age of 18 years. This was defeated.

Constituent Lodges were authorized in 1992 to sponsor amateur athletic sports teams for minor children.

A Grand Lodge Committee on Public Relations was established in 1993,\* and constituent Lodges were authorized to sponsor Bethels of the International Order of Job’s Daughters, or Chapters of the Order of DeMolay of Canada.

The Deputy Grand Master proposed in 1993 that a Grand Lodge Office of Grand Piper should be established. After much good-natured argument, the proposal was defeated.

Several minor amendments were passed in 1994 allowing the Grand Secretary to approve alternative forms of submitting Lodge annual returns.

In 1995, the IPGM was finally included in the list of Grand Lodge Officers contained in Article 3 of the Constitution.

A Board of General Purposes was established in 1995, following a favourable report by a Grand Lodge Committee.

Another Committee reported on the division of the Book of Constitutions into two sections — one containing the actual Constitution, and the other containing Regulations. This report was accepted, and we may look forward to this work proceeding in the near future.

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\* The motion to amend the Constitution was withdrawn by the mover, and the incoming Grand Master was asked to consider appointing a committee, which led to the appointment of a Community Relations Committee. —ed.



## Chapter 5 — The DISTRICTS — 1971 to 1995 —

### *Existing Districts in 1970 —*

The Districts which existed in 1970 had last been changed in 1967, and consisted of -

Victoria District No. 1	Vancouver District No. 14
New Westminster District No. 2	Vancouver District No. 15
Kamloops District No. 3	Vancouver District No. 16
Cariboo District No. 4	North Vancouver District No. 17
Nanaimo District no. 5	Fraser Valley District No. 18
West Kootenay District No. 6	Peace River District No. 19
Boundary District No. 7	Vancouver District No. 20
East Kootenay District No. 8	Vancouver Island District No. 21
Okanagan-Revelstoke District No. 9	North Vancouver Island District No. 22
South Okanagan District No. 10	Vancouver District No. 23
Atlin-Yukon District No. 11	North Vancouver District No. 24
Prince Rupert District No. 12	New Westminster District No. 25
Vancouver District No. 13	Vancouver District No. 26

### *Renaming —*

In order to continue the logical geographical naming of Districts, changes were made in 1971, as follows —

District No. 18 — to Upper Fraser Valley District No. 18

District No. 25 — to Lower Fraser Valley District No. 25.

In 1972, District No. 22 became Comox-Alberni District No. 22, while in 1985 the name reverted to Vancouver Island North District No. 22.

### *Concurrent Jurisdiction —*

Concurrent jurisdiction was granted in various Districts, as follows —

1972 — Atlin-Yukon District 11 — Lodges 42, 45, 46 and 157.

The Lower Mainland Districts — 2, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, and 26.

1976 — The Vancouver Island Districts — 1, 5, 21 and 22.

1977 — Cariboo District No. 4 — Lodges 4, 69, 86, 113, 119, 152, 178, 183.

1981 — West Kootenay District No. 6 and Boundary District No. 7 — Lodges 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 37, 61, 125, 144, 146, and 154.

1984 — South Okanagan District No. 10 — Lodges 43, 51, 56, 83, 95, 124 and 147.

1990 — Okanagan-Revelstoke District No. 9 — Lodges 13, 15, 20, 40, 41, 52, 153, and 160.

### *District No. Twenty-Seven —*

The Committee on Warranted Lodges recommended the formation of Cowichan District No. 27 on Vancouver Island in 1978. The new District, containing Lodges No. 21, 33, 114, 151 and 170, came into existence in June, 1979.

### *The Splitting of Cariboo District No. 4 –*

In 1986, the Committee on Warranted Lodges recommended that the Grand Master appoint two DDGMs for 1986-87 in this District, but that he defer consideration of a formal splitting of the District until 1987. Lodges 4, 69, 86, 113 and 183 were then placed in Cariboo District 4 South; while Lodges 119, 152, 178 and 186 became Cariboo District 4 North.

### *Peace River District No. 19 –*

This District was established in 1937 with only one Lodge. In some years the District was administered by a DDGM from Alberta, while in one year a PGM acted as the personal representative of the GM. This changed with the improvement of communication between the Peace River District and the remainder of BC, and the increase in economic activity and population. For a number of years the DDGM was appointed for two years because of the light work load. By 1987, with the Institution of Light of the Rockies Lodge at Tumbler Ridge, this appointment was reduced to one year.

### *Vancouver District No. 20 –*

Vimy Lodge No. 97 moved from Vancouver to Port Coquitlam in 1990, and, accordingly, was moved from Vancouver District No. 20 to New Westminster District No. 2. Similarly, Landmark Lodge No. 128 moved to Maple Ridge in 1993, and was transferred to North Fraser District No. 28.

### *Re-alignment of Lower Mainland Lodges, 1991 –*

The Committee on Warranted Lodges recommended in 1991 that the following allotments be made –

Caledonia No. 136 be placed in District 14  
Crossroads No. 177 be placed in District 13  
North Star No. 167 be placed in District 2

District 25 –	Ancient Light No. 88,	Ladner
	Emerald No. 134,	South Granville
	Richmond No. 142,	Richmond
	Mosaic & Crown No. 162,	South Granville
	Centennial-King Geo. No. 171	Richmond
	Tsawwassen No. 185	Ladner

District No. 28 (Temporary) – Later North Fraser No. 28 –	
	Dewolf No. 78,
	Vimy No. 97,
	Prince David No. 101,
	Tuscan No. 138,
	Blue Mountain No. 182,
	Dormer No. 191,
	Port Coquitlam
	Port Coquitlam
	Maple Ridge
	Port Coquitlam
	Port Coquitlam
	Surrey (for 1 or 2 years).

District No. 29 (Temporary) – Later South Fraser No. 23 –	
	St. James No. 80,
	Eureka No. 103,
	Joppa No. 112,
	White Rock
	Langley
	White Rock

Cloverdale No. 168,	Langley
Langley No. 184,	Langley
Dogwood UD, (now 192)	Aldergrove.

***Vancouver District No. 15 — abolished.***

In 1989, Western Gate Lodge No. 48, merged with its Mother Lodge Cascade Lodge No. 12; while in 1992 Kilwinning Lodge No. 59, Plantagenet Lodge No. 65, Empire Lodge No. 85, and Victory Lodge No. 94 amalgamated to form Alliance Lodge No. 193. This left only three Lodges in District 15 — Cascade No. 12, Southern Cross No. 44, and Alliance No. 193. These Lodges were transferred to District 16 on June 18, 1992, and District 15 ceased to exist.

***Districts at December 31, 1995 —***

After these changes, the Districts at December 31, 1995, were —

Victoria District No. 1	Lodges 1, 2, 24, 49, 89, 143, 165.
New Westminster District No. 2	9, 17, 57, 75, 167, 174, 191.
Kamloops District No. 3	10, 53, 105, 109, 173.
Cariboo District No. 4N	119, 152, 178, 186.
Cariboo District No. 4S	4, 69, 86, 113, 183.
Nanaimo District No. 5	3, 18, 90, 110, 141, 158.
West Kootenay District No. 6	23, 25, 29, 61, 146, 154.
Boundary District No. 7	27, 28, 31, 32, 37, 144.
East Kootenay District No.	8 11, 34, 35, 38, 54, 55.
Okanagan-Revelstoke District No. 9	13, 15, 20, 40, 41, 52, 153, 160.
South Okanagan District No.	10 43, 51, 56, 83, 95, 124, 147.
Atlin-Yukon District No. 11	42, 45, 46.
Prince Rupert District No. 12	58, 66, 92, 123, 169, 189.
Vancouver District No. 13	7, 22, 63, 67, 68, 72, 74.
Vancouver District No. 14	82, 87, 91, 104, 115, 121, 136.
Vancouver District No. 16	12, 44, 76, 96, 98, 106, 175, 193.
North Vancouver District No. 17	50, 64, 93, 122, 127, 172.
Upper Fraser Valley District No.	18 16, 19, 70, 120, 132, 139.
Peace River District No. 19	126, 131, 179, 187, 190.
Vancouver District No. 20	77, 100, 108, 117, 118.
Victoria District No. 21	60, 73, 84, 107, 116, 159, 161, 166.
North Vancouver Island District No. 22	14, 26, 79, 149, 180, 188.
South Fraser District No. 23	80, 103, 112, 168, 184, 192, 54.
North Vancouver-Coast District No. 24	81, 130, 133, 135, 164.
Lower Fraser Valley District No. 25	88, 134, 142, 162, 171, 185.
Vancouver District No. 26	137, 145, 148, 150, 156.
Cowichan District No. 27	21, 33, 114, 151, 170.
North Fraser District No. 28	78, 97, 101, 128, 138, 182.



*Margaret Kennedy-Shaw (b. 1947) of Ann Arbor, Michigan, visiting the city of Burnaby in 1994, looking on at a picture of her Great Great Uncle, Robert Burnaby who the city was named after and who was also the first Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia.*

## CHAPTER 6 — The Public Ceremonies of Freemasonry, 1971 to 1995

Two types of public ceremony are performed by Freemasons in the open presence of all persons who wish to attend them. They are — the laying of corner stones for certain types of buildings, and the Masonic funeral service for a deceased Brother, at his request, or that of his family.

Both types of ceremony have not been nearly so prevalent in recent years as they were in the distant past. Those ceremonies for the laying of Foundation or Corner Stones, or for the commemoration of such events held in the past were —

June 3, 1971	The laying of a cornerstone for a new Temple at Chilliwack.
May 24, 1980	The laying of a cornerstone for the Royal Arch Masonic Home at Vancouver.
September 13, 1980	The laying of a cornerstone for a new hall for Prince David Lodge No. 101 at Maple Ridge.
November 28, 1981	The laying of a cornerstone for the Royal Arch Masonic Apartments at Vancouver.
June 5, 1982	The laying of a cornerstone for a new hall for Admiral Lodge No. 170 at Ganges.
June 6, 1982	The laying of a cornerstone for Emanu-El Synagogue, Victoria.
March 13, 1983	The laying of a cornerstone for a new hall for Star of the West Lodge No. 61, Nakusp.
September 8, 1984	Laying of a cornerstone for Freemasons' Hall, 1495 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver.
August 10, 1985	Laying a symbolic cornerstone for the hall of Cariboo Lodge No. 4, Barkerville.
April 3, 1993	Rededication of a monument, Ashlar Lodge No. 3, Nanaimo.
April 8, 1994	Laying of a cornerstone for Ashlar Manor, Victoria.
August 21, 1994	A church parade commemorating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Christ Church, Vancouver, July 29, 1894.

There have thus been a total of twelve such ceremonies in the twenty-five years covered by this history — nearly all for Masonic buildings. In the previous forty years from 1931 to 1970, RW Bro. Marshall records only six such ceremonies, and makes the comment —

“Others claim that there is a lack of interest on the part of the public; while still others claim that it is just another sign of the change that is taking place in human values and public responsibility. Whatever the cause, there appears a deep feeling of regret among most people that this colourful public ceremonial of Freemasonry has been allowed to die out in the Jurisdiction of British Columbia.”

Thankfully, this trend appears to have been at least partially reversed during the past twenty-five years.

The second type of public ceremony — that for Masonic Funerals and Burial Services has also fallen into disuse in recent years.

Funeral Lodges still exist at Victoria and Vancouver for assistance with the burial of sojourning Brethren, but they are not over-worked. Many last rites now take the form of memorial services sponsored by a church, a Lodge, or other fraternal organization.

The writer is not aware of any public celebration of the Masonic Funeral Service or procession under the auspices of the Grand Lodge during the past twenty-five years. Constituent Lodges do still perform both the Masonic funeral and burial services on request of a Brother or his family — although such requests are now infrequent.



*Part of Masonic Display at the Royal Provincial Museum, Victoria, BC.*

## CHAPTER 7 — The Bookkeepers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1971 to 1995

### *Part A — The Grand Secretaries —*

Section 33 of the 1991 Book of Constitutions reads –

“How the Grand Secretary Appointed.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary shall be appointed by a committee consisting of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the standing Committees on Finance, Jurisprudence and Constitution. Any appointment made by this Committee shall be reported by the Grand Master to Grand Lodge at the next ensuing Annual Communication and Grand Lodge may thereupon confirm the appointment made by the Committee or direct the matter of the appointment to be returned to the Committee for further consideration. Such appointment shall continue from year to year until a new appointment is made in a similar manner, or until the Grand Secretary shall attain seventy years of age at which time he shall retire from office provided that the said Committee may recommend that his appointment be extended for one more year and Grand Lodge may, at its next Annual Communication, confirm that extension and such recommendation and confirmation may be made from year to year, provided that in no event shall any person hold office as Grand Secretary after he has attained seventy-five years of age. “

At the Grand Lodge Communication in June, 1970, MW Bro. J. H. N. Morgan was again confirmed as Grand Secretary. Unfortunately, he passed away on January 8th, 1971, and MW Bro. David M. Taylor was appointed as Acting Grand Secretary. This appointment was confirmed by Grand Lodge in June, 1971, and MW Bro. Taylor served until June, 1975, and again from June 1976 to June 1978.

#### *David Monteith Taylor*

MW Bro. Taylor was born at Glasgow, Scotland, August 28, 1908, and died at Vancouver August 8, 1992. He was a member and Past Master of Empire Lodge No. 85, and a Past DDGM of District No. 15. By profession he was Managing Director of the Eastman Kodak Co. in British Columbia.

He served as Grand Master in 1962-63, and was extremely active in concordant bodies, being Most Puissant Sovereign of Conclave No. 25, Scottish Constitution of the Red Cross of Constantine, in 1973; Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland from 1975 to 1980, and long-time Deputy for British Columbia of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

#### *Thomas George Ellison*

RW Bro. Ellison, of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 100 served as Grand Secretary for the year 1975-76. He affiliated from Semper Idem Lodge No. 4630, on the English Grand Register in 1957.

#### *Charles Lorimer*

Charles Lorimer served as Grand Secretary from June 1978 to June 1983. RW Bro. Lorimer was born at Winnipeg on June 4, 1914, and died at Richmond, BC on February 6, 1994,

after a long illness. He attended the Manitoba Provincial Normal School and taught at several rural schools before joining the Fort Garry Horse [10th Canadian Armoured Regiment] during World War II. He married his wife, Mary, in 1941, served as a District Education Officer and taught with the Khaki University [Federal Vocational Schools Assistance] before his release from the Forces in 1946. He was initiated April 1, 1946, in Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg, and raised there September 30, 1946. The Lorimers moved to Vancouver in 1946, and Charles was employed by the Vancouver School Board as a Teacher and Principal until his retirement in 1979. During this employment he took courses at UBC, and qualified for his BA, B Ed. and M Ed. degrees.

He affiliated with Cascade Lodge No. 12 in 1947, and was WM in 1956-57. He was active with the Order of the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite, the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

### *William Lang Stirling*

William Stirling served as Grand Secretary from June 1983 to June 1993. His ten years of service in this Office were 40% of the years covered in this history and only exceeded by three other GS's over the last 125 years — W. J. Quinlan, W. A. DeWolf-Smith and J. H. N. Morgan.

He was born at Vancouver in 1918, obtained a BA degree from UBC, and taught for a few years. He served overseas as an infantry subaltern, and after the war he obtained a law degree and served as Municipal Solicitor for Burnaby Municipality for many years.

MW Bro. Stirling was initiated in Composite Lodge No. 76 in 1951, served as WM in 1961, and is a PDDGM of District 16. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1975 in Penticton and was installed as Grand Master in 1978 when the Annual Communication was held in Nanaimo. He also served the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as Commander-in-Chief during 1985 and 1986 subsequently receiving the 33° of that Order.

### *Gordon James Phillips*

Gordon Phillips has served as Grand Secretary from June 1993 until the present. He was employed 34 years by the BC Telephone Co., was initiated in Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7 in 1973 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1980. He has been Secretary of that Lodge for the last ten years, was Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1987-88, and is active in the Scottish Rite bodies, having served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1994. He was the Deputy Secretary of the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau for one year, served five years on the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance and two on the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. He is the Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Arizona near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

## *PART B — The Grand Treasurers —*

### *Alexander Rout Harvey*

RW Bro. Harvey was elected as Grand Treasurer in June, 1967, and served until June, 1976. He was initiated in Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 64, North Vancouver, in 1951, was WM in 1960, and Secretary from 1961 to 1966. He was granted the permanent rank of RW in June, 1976, and died at Kelowna on March 9, 1979.



### *Hugh Ranken Horne*

Hugh Horne was elected Grand Treasurer in June, 1976, and served until his death on December 14, 1994. He was born in 1915, Initiated in Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 64 in November, 1949, and was WM in 1965. He was a Fellow of the Chartered Accountants Society, and was employed for many years by the Canadian forestry company, MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.

### *John Gray Teleske*

John Teleske was appointed to serve as Acting GrT on the death of RW Bro. Horne, and was elected to the position in June, 1995.

He was born in 1947, initiated in Capilano Lodge No. 164 in 1978, served as WM in 1988, and was DDGM of District 24 during 1994-95. He is a Chartered Accountant, and partner in his own firm.

He is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Iran (in Exile) near this Grand Lodge, and prior to becoming GrT served nine years on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee, five years as its Chairman.

### *PART C — The Grand Historians —*

During the period 1971 to 1995 there were six Grand Historians.

### *John Thornton Marshall*

A full biography of Bro. Marshall appears in pages 452 to 455 of his monumental *History of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1871 to 1970*. He was appointed to the position in June, 1964, and served until June of 1973. In June, 1972, the honorary rank of RW was given to him by Grand Lodge in appreciation of the completion of the exhaustive history of the first 100 years of this Grand Lodge. He passed to the Grand Lodge Above after a lengthy illness on October 22, 1975.

### *Thomas George Ellison*

VW Bro. Thomas Ellison was appointed Grand Historian in June, 1973, and served one year until becoming Grand Secretary in June, 1974. Further information is shown above. The position was vacant from June, 1974 to June, 1975.

### *Robert John Ferris*

RW Bro. Ferris served as Grand Historian from June, 1975, until June, 1988, with a year out in 1977-78 as DDGM of Vancouver District No. 20. He was born in Holland, Manitoba, came to Vancouver at an early age, attended King Edward High School, and the University of BC — graduating with a BA in 1932. He then began a life-long teaching career in the Vancouver school system.

He was Initiated in Adoniram Lodge No. 118 in 1952, and served as WM. He suffered a severe stroke and moved to Victoria following retirement, and died there May 16, 1995.

### *Tresyhair Ross Jeffree*

W Bro. Jeffree, another PM of Adoniram Lodge, was born in Victoria on November 6, 1894, and died at Vancouver July 4, 1993.

He filled the position of Grand Historian during 1977-78 while RW Bro. Ferris served as DDGM of District No. 20. He was active in the AASR and was a member of Conclaves 25 and 27 of the Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Constitution. He was Initiated November 9, 1944 in Adoniram Lodge No. 118, and was a Merchant in the Kerrisdale area of Vancouver. \*

### *Colin Grant Wardlaw*

Bro. Wardlaw was Grand Historian from June, 1988 to June, 1991. He was born in Vancouver in 1925, attended Lord Byng High School, and joined the RCAF — graduating as a Flight Engineer in 1945. On discharge, he apprenticed as a carpenter with his father, and later became a teacher at various Vocational schools — retiring in 1984 as Assistant to the Principal of the Provincial Vocational School in Burnaby.

He was Initiated in Landmark Lodge No. 128 in 1948, was WM in 1962, Grand Pursuivant in 1973, DDGM of Vancouver District No. 20 in 1985, and was a Trustee of the Masonic Bursary Fund from 1985 to 1990. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1990, and was GM in 1993-94. He is the Grand Representative of South Carolina.

### *William George Robinson*

Bro. Robinson has been GrH since June 1991. He was born in Winnipeg, February 19, 1926, moved to Vancouver, attended Magee High School, and graduated from the University of BC in Civil Engineering (with honours), May, 1947.

He was employed by the National Parks of Canada at Banff, Alberta, from 1947 to 1961, joined Cascade Lodge No. 5, GRA, in 1943, and was WM in 1960. He moved to Vancouver in 1961 as Regional Director of Engineering & Architecture for the Indian Affairs Branch in BC and the Yukon, and served there until December, 1978, when he took early retirement, and then worked as an Engineering Consultant until 1989.

He affiliated with Western Gate Lodge No. 48 in 1984, and was Secretary until 1989. When that Lodge amalgamated with Cascade Lodge No. 12, he became Secretary of the combined Lodge. He was DDGM of Vancouver District No. 15 in 1988-89, and chaired the Grand Lodge Buildings Committee 1989 to 1991. He is the Grand Representative of Vermont, and has been active in York and Scottish Rite bodies, the Shrine, the Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Bro. Robinson has been President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada since 1993, and has served with the Armed Forces of Canada since 1942. Since 1992 he has served as Honorary Colonel of 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion.

### *DUTIES OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN —*

Section 75 of the Book of Constitutions states — “It shall be the duty of the Grand Historian to collect, record and report on all data relative to the formation and progress of Grand Lodge, and its Constituent Lodges. “ We hope that these incumbents have carried out this mandate, and left a better record than they found.

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\* Cf. Fort Victoria Brick Project: “After studying law, and service during the First World War, he went to work with his father in the firm Jeffree & Jeffree.”

## CHAPTER 8 — *The Rituals*

British Columbia is unique among jurisdictions in practicing four rituals among its Lodges. These are — the Canadian, the Ancient, the Emulation, and the Australian. They are fully described and explained in Chapter 21 of the *History of the first Hundred Years of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia*.

This Chapter is confined to a description of the work done by the Grand Lodge Committee on Rituals, and the changes adopted by Grand Lodge in the period 1971 to 1995.

### *1971 to 1980 —*

The Committee was chaired by RW Bro. F. W. Coffin of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7 during 1971 and 1972. He was succeeded as Chairman by RW Bro. Robert A. Gilley. Work continued on a revised burial service, a memorial service, and on additions to the *Book of Forms and Ceremonies*, which was reprinted in 1972.

In 1973 the Ancient (American) Work booklet was reprinted with some revisions, and in 1975 the Canadian Work booklet was similarly treated. The *Book of Forms and Ceremonies* was again revised and reprinted in 1976.

Work started on a study of the Obligations and Penalties in 1977, and continued for some years. Drafts were prepared in 1977 for a revised Board of Installed Masters ceremony, and the final version was approved by Grand Lodge in 1979.

### *1981 to 1990 —*

In 1981, the Committee, still chaired by RW Bro. R. A. Gilley, studied the reduction in the length of Candidates examinations, and recommended against any change. A Special Committee on Penalties, also chaired by RW Bro. Gilley, recommended against any change because of the diversity of replies received from Lodges.

The Chairmanship of the Committee passed to RW Bro. Donald G. Pearce in 1982, and a revised *Book of Ceremonies* was produced.

The list of Forms was removed, and made available from the Grand Secretary's Office. The Rules for Masonic Trials were similarly treated. In 1983 a short form of examination was produced for the Ancient Work, and made available as an alternative; and a new printing of the Canadian Work was produced. In 1985-86 a revised *Lodge Officers' Guide* was produced, and the forms for Petition for Initiation, Sponsors' Declaration, and Report of Committee of Investigation were revised.

VW Bro. Stanley J. Beards assumed the Chair in 1986, and served until 1988. The Committee spent much time reviewing the physical penalties in the Obligations during 1986 and 1987. MW Bro. Donald W. Wakelyn became Chairman in 1988, and forms were devised for the investiture of Lodge Historians and Directors of Masonic Education.

### *1991 to 1995 —*

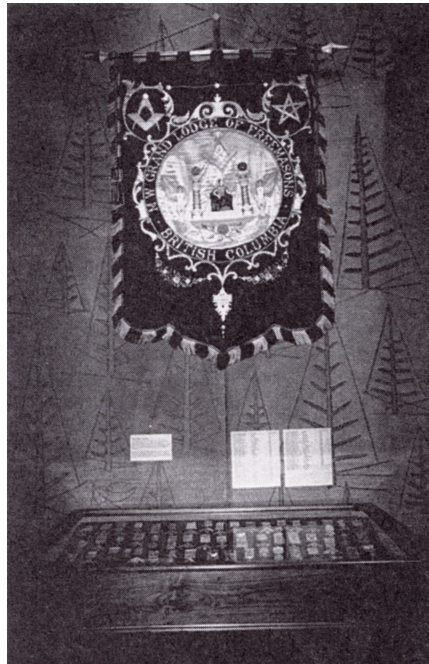
A ritual booklet for the Board of Installed Masters was printed, and much effort was again expended in consideration of the physical penalties. Numerous requests from Lodges for changes to their rituals were reviewed and recommendations made to Grand Lodge. RW Bro.

George B. Phillipson assumed the Chair in 1993, and a modified form of ritual for dedication of a foundation stone for a public building was developed.

In October 1995, the Committee presented an exemplification of a Board of Installed Masters at the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day. This was well received.

Requests were also received for the development of an optional form of OPEN Installation or Investiture of Officers. This is proceeding and should be placed before Grand Lodge in 1996.

It is again emphasized that the Committee on Rituals does not have the power to change rituals — but only to make recommendations regarding such changes to Grand Lodge.



*The Grand Standard of the Grand Lodge, on display at the Royal Provincial Museum, Victoria, BC as part of 125th Anniversary Celebrations.*

## **CHAPTER 9 — Masonic Education & Research — “The Masonic Bulletin ”**

The Committee on Masonic Education and Research was established by the Grand Master in 1937, and they commenced publication of *The Masonic Bulletin* in September, 1937, as a four page brochure with a circulation of 1,000 copies. Since then it has appeared regularly, grown in size to eight pages, and in circulation so that every member receives a copy with his Lodge notice.

RW Bro. N. Gordon McQuarrie of Caledonia Lodge No. 136 edited the *Bulletin* from June 1970 until June, 1977. He was succeeded by RW Bro. A. R. Eddie, who served until January, 1979. RW Bro. Frank C. Boshard commenced his term in February, 1979, and served until his death, February, 1988. At that time, the Grand Secretary, MW Bro. William L. Stirling, assumed the Editorship — assisted by an Editorial Board consisting of RW Bro. Douglas R. Grant, VW Bro. Andrew T. Law, and W Bro. James A. M. Addie. In July 1990, Bro. Grant retired (he was by then GM), and W. Bro. Addie was replaced by RW Bro. William G. Robinson. In June 1993, VW Bro. Law was replaced by RW Bro. James C. Gordon, and the Grand Secretary, RW Bro. Gordon J. Phillips became Editor, with RW Bros. Gordon and Robinson assisting as an Editorial Board.

MW Bro. William L. Stirling, PG Secretary, again assumed the helm in September, 1995,

### ***The Vancouver Lodge of Instruction, Education and Research —***

This Lodge was licensed by the Grand Master in 1947, and has been continued each year since then. Similar Lodges were licensed later in Victoria and Nanaimo (Mid-Island), and continue excellent programs.

Typically, these Lodges will be opened and closed by the WM and Officers of a visiting Lodge, and there will be a guest speaker. In some cases these may be local, but occasionally they have hosted the Prestonian Lecturers of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, England, or other eminent lecturers. These have included W Bro. Michael Brodsky of the Grand Lodge of Belgium (Regular), W Bro. Neville Cryer of the United Grand Lodge of England, and RW Bro. Wallace McLeod of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

### ***Vancouver Grand Masonic Day —***

This function was started in 1982 by the Vancouver Lodge of Instruction, and has been held in October each year since then.

The Fourteenth annual session was held in the Vancouver Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, October 21, 1995, with the Grand Master and several hundred Brethren attending. The program included talks on — *Our Masonic Apron*, by VW Bro. John Salmon; *The Morgan Affair*, by RW Bro. Edward Cotton; *Freemasonry — Are we a Religion?*, by VW Bro. Andrew Law; *Freemasonry — Fact or Fiction*, by MW Bro. Edward A. Clarke; *The Board of Installed Masters*, by the GL Committee on Rituals; *Floorwork for Deacons & Stewards*, by VW Bro. Steve McVitte, GDofC; and *History, Background and Origin of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. , State of Washington and Jurisdiction*, by their GM — MW Bro. William C. Rheubottom. This program is typical of the high quality we have come to expect, and Chairman VW Bro. Ross Daniels of Alliance Lodge No. 193 and his Committee, consisting of — W Bros. Philip Hayes, Joppa Lodge No. 112; Gordon Brisdon of Evergreen Lodge No. 148; and Arvid Kautz of Commonwealth Lodge No. 156 are to be sincerely commended for the success of their work.

Similar day-long sessions have been held at several places in the Province — including Victoria (eight years), Vernon and Kamloops.

#### *The Committee on Education and Leadership —*

The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research was renamed the Committee on Education and Leadership in 1993 to emphasize the need for emphasis on Leadership.

They have been active in promoting Wardens' Workshops — one in Courtenay in 1994 and the other at Chilliwack on the weekend of January 27-29, 1995; and have provided Lodges with numerous papers for the use of their Directors of Masonic Education.

They have been instrumental in the establishment of electronic Masonic Bulletin Boards at Victoria and Nanaimo. Through this technology, brethren can network via computer and modem, with other such bulletin boards about the continent.

#### *The Craft Review Committee —*

This Committee was established by MW Bro. Waldie Manion in September, 1992. Their mandate was to —

- (a) Improve the attendance and participation within lodges,
- (b) Enhance the public image of Freemasonry, and
- (c) Improve communications within our jurisdiction.

They presented an interim report at the 1993 Annual communication of Grand Lodge, and were continued in office by GM Grant Wardlaw for the 1993-94 year. During these two years they were instrumental in the renaming of the Committee on Education and Leadership, promoting the preparation of a membership kit, organizing and conducting a "Wardens' Retreat", preparing a new pamphlet aimed at prospective Freemasons, preparing a video on the Cancer Cars, promoting formal sponsorship of Chapters of DeMolay and Bethels of Job's Daughters by Lodges, and promoting full investigation of all demit requests.

This Committee deserves high praise for the content and quality of the recommendations on all phases of their terms of reference.

These appeared in the 1994 Proceedings over the signatures of RW Bro. G. Murray Webster as Chairman, MW Bro. David L. Gibson, VW Bro. Stephen Godfrey, VW Bro. Charles H. Oxley, and W. Bro. Philip Hayes as members.

#### *The Masonic Advancement Committee —*

In June, 1995, GM Clark Gilmour appointed this Committee to consider the formulation and implementation of a strategic plan for Freemasonry in British Columbia. Their terms of reference state —

"The key to survival and growth in Freemasonry lies in building an organization which recognizes the fundamental basis of the Craft lies within each Lodge, and seeks to support them. The entire organization must be relevant to today's community, having an outward focus, and whose purpose is dedicated to meeting the needs of its members, their families and the community. The strategic plan for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia must be predicated at this belief." A full report of this Committee is expected at the 1996 Communication of

the Grand Lodge. The Committee consisted of RW Bro. R. William Headen as Chairman and the following members; MW Bro. William L. Stirling, RW Bro. Don T. Brown, RW Bro. William H. Carter, RW Bro. John T. Harper, W. Bro. William MacDonald, W Bro. Brian Tuckey and Bro. Robert Prince.

### ***CHAPTER 10 — Fraternal Visitations with Other Grand Lodges***

Chapter 23 of the History of this Grand Lodge from 1871 to 1970 sets out in detail the visitations made by Constituent Lodges and by the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge delegations. This listing will try to bring this up to date.

#### ***The Right of Visitation —***

This right is of great antiquity and is too well known to require any amplification. At refreshment, there must be a toast to the visitors, if any are present, and a reply on their behalf. If visitors from the United States are present, it is customary to toast their President as well as the Queen, and for visits between Grand Lodges the National Anthems are usually sung.

#### ***Constituent Lodges Fraternal Visits —***

Many of these were listed by Marshall, and most of these long- standing visits are still in effect. Examples of current visitations are between — Daylight Lodge No. 232, Seattle, and Meridian Lodge No. 108; Research Lodge No. 108, Portland, Oregon and the Vancouver Lodge of Education and Research; Ferndale Lodge and Progress Lodge No. 87; George Washington Lodge No. 251, Seattle, and Lodge Southern Cross No. 44; King Solomon Lodge No. 60, Auburn, and King Solomon Lodge No. 17; Doric Lodge No. 92, Ballard, and Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7; Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44, and Adoniram Lodge No. 118; Kelso Lodge and Unity Lodge No. 106; Whidby Island Lodge No. 15 and Trinity Lodge No. 98.

#### ***Victoria-Columbia No. 1, BCR — Installation —***

For many years it has been customary for the Grand Master and his Officers to install the WM and Officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, early in January. There is always a strong contingent of visitors from Washington present.

#### ***Cascade Lodge No. 12, BCR — Centennial —***

In May, 1988 Cascade Lodge No. 12 and Cascade Lodge No. 5, GRA, Banff Alberta both celebrated their Centennials, These were celebrated by a mutual interchange of visits between the two Lodges.

#### ***275th Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England —***

This Anniversary was celebrated in June, 1992, and the GM, MW Bro. Edward B. Hearn and his wife, Dorothy, attended along with MW Bro. James S. Hogg.

#### ***Lafayette Lodge No. 241, Seattle — International Night —***

This event has been celebrated in November each year since 1921, and our Grand Masters have consistently attended — usually with considerable support from Grand Lodge Officers and others. It is a truly International meeting, including representatives from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, and British Columbia.

### *The Banff Conference —*

Each year, since 1941, the senior Officers of the four western Grand Jurisdictions of Canada, with visitors from the USA, eastern Canada, and many other distinguished Brethren attend this Conference.

The 55th Conference was held at the Banff Rocky Mountain Resort from September 28 to 30, 1995, under the chairmanship of MW Bro. W. Bruce Porter, IPGM of Manitoba. Twenty-eight delegates and observers participated, and twenty-two ladies were also present.

BC Delegates were GM Clark Gilmour and Sonia, DGM Alex Reid and Muriel, SGW Alan Tomlins and Gin, JGW Harold Nordan and Doreen, and GS Gordon Phillips and Ginny. Observers were GDofC Steve McVittie and Lillian, and GrH Bill Robinson and Megan.

The Conference was opened in Cascade Lodge No. 5, GRA, with the GM of Alberta, MW Bro. Gordon Macaulay and his Officers being received by W Bro. H. E. Whitbread and the members of Cascade Lodge. The distinguished visitors were then received by MW Bro. Macaulay. The theme paper, entitled — “Renewal, Change and Secrets Dispelled “ was then delivered by MW Bro. Macaulay. The Conference papers, delivered by the SGW of each jurisdiction, included “The Assault from Within “ by RW Bro. Alan Tomlins.

It should be mentioned that a 50-year history of this Conference was prepared by RW Bro. W. G. Robinson in 1990, and is available in the printed Proceedings of the 1990 Conference.

### *Other International Meetings —*

The above listing has barely scratched the surface of the many international meetings which our Grand Masters, their Officers, and members of Constituent Lodges have attended in recent years. For reasons of space, it is not intended to be exhaustive, but merely to convey the flavour of these happy occasions. Reference to the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge will provide such details.



*CHAPTER 11 — Foreign Recognition and Relations with Other Grand Lodges —  
Committee on Fraternal Relations —*

A Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations was established in 1962 to recommend on the recognition of Grand Lodges by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Up to 1970, twenty-one Grand Lodges had been recommended for and received such recognition.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Lodge may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Fraternal Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in Annual communication.

*Rules for Recognition —*

That the Grand Lodge seeking recognition :

1. Shall have been established lawfully by a duly recognized Grand Lodge or by three or more regularly constituted Lodges.
2. Shall have no debarment from membership because of nationality of race; of colour; or of sectarian or political belief; that a belief in the GAOTU and his Revealed Will shall be an essential qualification for membership.
3. Shall ensure that all Initiates take their obligation on or in full view of the open Volume of the Sacred Law, by which is meant the revelation from above which is binding on the conscience of the particular individual who is being initiated.
4. Shall ensure that the membership of the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges shall be composed exclusively of men; and that each Grand Lodge shall have no Masonic intercourse of any kind with mixed Lodges or bodies which admit women to membership.
5. Shall have sovereign jurisdiction over the Lodges under its control; ie, that it shall be responsible, independent, self-governing organizations, with sole and undisputed authority over the Craft or Symbolic Degrees (Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason) within its jurisdiction; and shall not in any way be subject to, or divide such authority with a Supreme Council or other power claiming any control or supervision over those degrees.
6. Shall ensure that the three Great Lights of Freemasonry, (namely the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square, and the Compasses) shall always be exhibited when the Grand Lodge or its constituent Lodges are at work, the chief of these being the Volume of the Sacred Law.
7. Shall ensure that the discussion of religion or politics within the Lodge shall be strictly prohibited.
8. Shall ensure that the principles of the Antient Charges, customs and usages of the Craft shall be strictly observed.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations has recommended, and the Grand Lodge Annual Communication has approved the following actions —

1971 — The Grand Lodge of Iran was recognized.

1972 — The Grand Lodges of Turkey and Luxembourg were recognized.

- 1973 — The Grand Lodge of Austria and the Grand Orient of Italy were recognized.
- 1974 — The Grand Orient of Brazil and the Grand Lodge of the State of Goias, Brazil, were recognized.
- 1975 — The Grand Lodge of Greece was recognized.
- 1976 — No report.
- 1977 — The Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic was recognized.
- 1978 — The Grand Lodges of the Brazilian states of Para, Guanabara, and Espirito Santo were recognized.
- 1979 — The Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico was recognized. A request from the Gran Logia de Honduras was held in abeyance. The situation of the Grand Lodge of Belgium was reviewed and recognition was withdrawn as this Grand Lodge does not consider a Belief in God a prerequisite for membership.
- 1980 — The Grand Lodges of the states of Baja California Sur (Mexico) and Ceara (Brazil) were recognized, along with the Grand Lodge of Ecuador.
- 1981 — The new Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium, the Grand Lodge of the State of Santa Catarina (Brazil), the Grand Lodge of Colombia in Bogota, and the Grand Lodge of Alaska were recognized.
- 1982 — The Grand Lodge of Honduras was recognized.
- 1983 — The Grand Lodge of the State of Pernambuco (Brazil), and the Grand Lodge of Bolivia were recognized.
- 1984 — The Grand Lodges of Spain and Gabon were recognized.
- 1985 — The Grand Lodge of the State of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) was recognized, and the passing of MW Bro. K. Reid, the original Chairman of this Committee, and a member until his death, was noted.
- 1986 — No recommendations.
- 1987 — The following state Grand Lodges in Brazil were recognized — Mato Grosso, South Mato Grosso, South Rio Grande, Brazilia, Sao Paulo, and Minas Gerais. The State Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon (Mexico) was also recognized.
- 1988 — The Grand Lodge of the state of Tamaulipas (Mexico) was recognized.
- 1989 — No recommendations.
- 1990 — The Grand Lodges of Hawaii and the Ivory Coast were recognized.
- 1991 — Three State Grand Lodges in Brazil — Amazonas-Gloman, Pernambuco and Sergipe were recognized; along with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary, and the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia.
- 1992 — Two more State Grand Lodges of Brazil were recognized — Tocantins, and Rio Grande do Norte, along with the Grand Lodge Occidental of Colombia, the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia, and the Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal.
- 1993 — Status of the Grand Lodges of Togo, Bulgaria, and Romania were reviewed, and recognition not granted. Recognition of the Grand Lodge of India was continued despite withdrawal of recognition by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland.
- 1994 — The Grand Lodges of Senegal, and Romania were recognized; while the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy, The National Grand Lodge of Greece, and the Grand Lodge of Honduras were not.

1995 — Action was deferred on recognition of the Grand Lodge of Upper India, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Connecticut, the Grand Lodge of Bulgaria, the National Grand Lodge of Greece, and the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy, pending receipt of further information.

#### *Grand Representatives —*

When Grand Lodges mutually recognize each other, it is normal for each to appoint Grand Representatives near the other. A list of the 1995 Representatives will be found in Part “G ” of Chapter 15.

#### *Reviews of Foreign Correspondence —*

These reviews were printed in the annual Proceedings each year up to 1972, but were removed for reasons of economy. They were available to Brethren in separate form on payment of a nominal fee for several years thereafter. Interesting comments could be gleaned from the experiences of the fifty or more jurisdictions whose Proceedings were reviewed by the Committee.

In 1984, the Committee reported that — “Unfortunately, there is no demand for the Reviews produced by the Committee. At present, the members of the Committee feel that the time they are spending preparing Reviews is wasted and could be put to better use.” They noted that in 1983 the Reviews were not published at all, and recommended that the incoming Grand Master determine “whether or not the work of this Committee is serving any useful purpose. “

A Committee was appointed for 1984-85, and 1985-86, but they submitted no further reports. No Committee has been appointed since 1986.

## *CHAPTER 12 — Masonic Clothing and Regalia*

### *Wearing Regalia in Public —*

Section 247A of the Constitution states — “Without dispensation from the Grand Master, Masonic regalia shall be worn only in or in the vicinity of a Lodge that is, or is about to be, or has recently been open, or at a Masonic funeral or memorial service, or when attending a Divine Service organized by the Worshipful Master of a Constituent Lodge.”

### *Wearing of Regalia from Former Jurisdictions —*

In 1985, Grand Lodge approved the wearing of regalia from former jurisdictions except while holding office.

### *Lodge Emblems on Aprons —*

A 1988 amendment to Sections 215 and 216 of the Book of Constitutions permitted Lodge emblems in the center of aprons.

### *Appointed Grand Lodge Officers' Aprons —*

Section 122(a) of the Book of Constitutions was amended in 1988 to require the emblem of the Office to be embroidered in the centre of the apron, surrounded by a four-inch circle, all in blue.

### *Regalia for 100-year Lodges —*

It was again proposed in 1990 that Officers' jewels be of gold, gauntlets be trimmed in gold braid, and aprons be trimmed with gold braid for Lodges more than 100 years old. This was defeated.

This was raised again and defeated in 1991, and the proposal for a centennial jewel for such Lodges was defeated in 1992.

### *The Immediate Past Grand Master —*

In 1995, the IPGM was finally included in the list of Grand Lodge Officers shown in Section 3 of the Constitution. He wears the chain of office, jewel and apron of a PGM, as shown in Sections 117 and 120 of the Constitution.

### *Grand Piper —*

A 1993 proposal to establish this Office, and define proper clothing, was defeated after much good-natured argument.

### *Clothing of Grand Lodge and Lodge Officers —*

Other than the changes outlined above, the clothing and insignia of these Officers have not changed since 1970. Details are shown in Chapter 26 of the Centennial History, and in Sections 111 to 123, and 211 to 217 of the Constitution.

## ***CHAPTER 13 — The Funds of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia***

### **Part A**

#### ***The Benevolent Fund***

The establishment of a Benevolent Fund was approved in principle by Grand Lodge in 1871, and Regulations were written in 1873. Since then, the Fund has existed in various forms.

#### ***The Capital Account —***

This was set up in 1873, with a balance of \$936. By 19706 this had increased to \$819,236. It is under the joint control of the GrS and GrT, with the advice of the Finance Committee. The funds are invested, and no amount in excess of \$5,000 can be expended except by resolution of Grand Lodge, after due Notice of Motion.

#### ***Board of Trustees —***

The revenue of the fund is administered by a five-member Board of Trustees. One member shall be appointed by the Grand Master each year. Most expenditures are for permanent relief, continuing assistance, temporary assistance, and for funerals. At the end of each year, the Board of Trustees shall recommend, and Grand Lodge shall determine what portion of the unexpended income shall be transferred to the Masonic Bursary Fund.

#### ***Application Through Lodges —***

All applications for assistance must be made through the Lodge of which the applicant or a male relative is or was a member. These applications show the financial circumstances, the need and reasons for assistance, and the recommendations of the Lodge.

#### ***Financial Condition — at year ended April 30 —***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Balance Capital Acct</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Excess</b>	<b>Balance Income Acct.</b>
1971	783,550	73,218	33,351	39,867	39,867
1972	792,015	58,127	36,264	25,863	61,729
1973	806,905	62,594	39,390	23,204	84,934
1974	820,169	66,098	38,152	27,946	112,880
1975	823,414	70,583	61,893	8,690	121,571
1976	826,044	73,871	56,092	17,779	139,350
1977	833,217	71,980	59,755	12,225	151,575
1978	834,678	78,622	66,391	12,231	163,806
1979	837,169	81,829	75,315	6,514	170,320
1980	839,267	96,639	69,425	27,214	197,534
1981	842,960	93,995	62,590	31,405	228,939
1982	845,525	95,977	72,355	23,622	252,561
1983	847,230	90,432	100,179	(9,747)	242,814
1984	848,903	84,443	109,632	(25,189)	217,625
1985	850,444	86,921	104,030	(17,109)	200,516
1986	854,251	83,947	109,884	(25,937)	174,579
1987	859,560	82,155	96,977	(14,822)	159,757
1988	888,941	80,812	104,655	(23,843)	135,914

<i>Cont'd.</i> Year	Balance Capital Acct	Revenue	Expense	Excess	Balance Income Acct.
1989	894,687	89,791	80,009	9,782	145,696
1990	897,975	118,162	75,111	43,051	188,747
1991	973,000	108,960	83,377	25,583	214,330
1992	956,417	105,803	71,642	34,161	258,491
1993	949,288	149,981	74,931	78,050	333,541
1994	943,386	65,657	107,106	(41,449)	292,092
1995	935,015	83,773	82,934	6,839	298,931

## Part B

### *The Bursary Fund*

A Grand Lodge decision was made on June 22, 1961 to establish a Masonic Bursary Fund, with a Capital Fund, initially of \$30,000, to provide income, and an Income Fund to provide the actual Bursaries. This provided only about \$3,400 per year, and many deserving applicants could not be helped.

#### *Fifty Cents per Member Contribution —*

In 1964, the Trustees pointed out that a Capital Fund capable of providing at least \$10,000 per annum was required, and a request was made to Constituent Lodges that they provide at least fifty cents per member for the next five years.

#### *Benevolent Fund Contributions —*

For many years the Board of Benevolence has transferred surplus funds from their Income Account to the Bursary Fund. These, together with bequests, have provided the bulk of the capital funds.

#### *Financial Condition — at year ended April 30 —*

Year	Balance Capital Acct	Revenue	Expense	Excess	Balance Income Acct.
1971	191,502	14,683	14,462	(1,779)	12,951
1972	191,074	13,057	16,938	(3,881)	8,170
1973	191,811	17,848	15,072	2,776	10,946
1974	193,348	18,152	18,412	(260)	10,686
1975	208,742	23,888	26,650	(2,762)	7,924
1976	209,134	26,606	22,864	3,742	11,666
1977	203,585	26,842	16,473	10,369	22,035
1978	214,719	23,195	30,056	(6,861)	15,174
1979	225,270	28,544	34,292	(3,748)	9,426
1980	235,446	39,344	26,240	13,104	22,530
1981	247,624	31,388	30,944	444	22,974
1982	258,989	32,712	32,906	(194)	22,780
1983	271,014	33,867	35,385	(1,518)	21,161
1984	282,680	37,384	37,130	254	21,516
1985	296,080	43,045	35,554	6,491	28,007

<b>Year</b>	<b>Balance Capital Acct</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Excess</b>	<b>Balance Income Acct.</b>
1986	319,384	32,174	28,919	3,255	31,262
1987	342,838	35,069	34,430	639	31,901
1988	367,061	31,976	35,827	(3,851)	28,050
1989	372,161	33,129	31,737	1,392	29,442
1990	373,056	43,837	32,300	41,537	40,979
1991	458,726	40,805	37,450	3,355	44,334
1992	489,049	56,364	38,625	17,739	62,073
1993	501,198	47,583	46,583	2,000	63,073
1994	536,142	42,592	43,586	(994)	62,079
1995	654,039	31,158	37,640	(6,482)	55,597

### **Part C**

#### ***Services for the Sojourning Brother and his Family***

Masonic Service Bureaus are operated in Victoria, Vancouver New Westminster. These form part of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Their funds are completely separate from those of Grand Lodge, and are not included here.

### **Part D**

#### ***The British Columbia Masonic Foundation***

This Foundation was established in 1958 as a charitable organization for general and charitable work, not necessarily of a Masonic nature. At April 30, 1995, the Capital Fund stood at \$533,996, and donations totalling \$50,000 had been made to the Hope Cancer Health Centre, the Prince George Regional Hospital, and the Burnaby Hospital Foundation during the year.

### **Part E**

#### ***The Masonic Community Charities Fund***

This fund was established in 1988 with a transfer of \$25,000 from the Contingency Fund. The intent is to provide cars for conveyance of cancer patients to and from treatment centres. Each member has been assessed a capital contribution of \$10.00 to cover the purchase cost of the vehicles, and \$2.00 per year (later raised to \$3.00) to provide for the operating costs. All driving and other labour is provided by members at no cost. Thousands of rides have been provided in the Vancouver/New Westminster and Vancouver Island areas, and these will be extended to the Fraser Valley and Interior as other Cancer Treatment Centres are opened.

#### ***Financial Condition — At Year Ending April 30 —***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Excess</b>	<b>Balance</b>
1989	255,939	64,186	191,753	191,753
1990	144,985	46,975	98,010	289,763
1991	153,768	89,349	64,419	354,182
1992	131,062	86,324	44,738	398,920
1993	209,232	143,926	65,308	464,226
1994	206,299	110,004	96,295	560,521
1995	173,495	155,184	18,311	578,832



*Dedication of First Cancer Car, 1989*

#### ***CHAPTER 14 — Membership and the Revenue from Constituent Lodges Membership —***

The membership figures show the total numbers, including Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices, at December 31 in each year. They show the numbers raised, restored, affiliated, demitted, suspended or expelled, died; the net loss in membership, the revenue from the Lodges, and the number of Lodges on the roll.

#### ***Grand Lodge Per Capita Fees —***

In 1971 the fee was set at \$1.75 per member. Changes were made in

1976 — to \$2.35	1983 — to \$7.00	1988 — to \$10.00
1977 — to \$3.78	1984 — to \$8.00	1989 — to \$10.50
1979 — to \$4.25	1985 — to \$8.50	1990 — to \$11.25
1980 — to \$5.75	1986 — to \$8.75	1992 — to \$11.40
1982 — to \$6.00	1987 — to \$9.00	1993 — to \$13.50
		1994 — to \$14.00

#### ***Statistics of Freemasonry in British Columbia —***

<b>Year End</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Rest.</b>	<b>Affil.</b>	<b>Demit</b>	<b>Susp.</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Lodges</b>
1970	25,557	473	38	274	353	259	544	371	48,215	170
1971	25,186	461	37	372	415	283	534	362	59,556	169
1972	24,669	492	42	349	355	227	521	220	59,260	170
1973	24,449	462	28	327	333	235	492	243	59,342	171
1974	24,217	420	37	394	298	188	578	213	58,760	171
1975	24,004	477	40	421	394	246	\$28	230	98,012	172
1976	23,774	469	34	371	388	162	521	200	102,395	173
1977	23,574	420	70	304	371	194	515	286	98,939	173
1978	23,288	423	33	360	330	179	\$92	285	109,137	173
1979	23,003	442	30	316	326	185	536	259	146,765	173
1980	22,717	446	22	338	328	180	935	237	144,400	173
1981	22,480	436	47	309	391	221	558	378	147,880	173



Year	End Members	Raised	Rest.	Affil.	Demit	Susp.	Died	Loss	Revenue	Lodges
1982	22,154	450	33	341	343	229	567	315	168,148	173
1983	21,839	437	28	304	339	249	602	421	186,149	173
1984	21,418	439	39	278	355	236	557	344	197,514	174
1985	21,074	395	41	583	394	243	524	142	196,602	175
1986	20,932	388	47	310	434	253	538	488	197,224	175
1987	20,455	349	59	263	450	279	575	633	210,721	176
1988	19,832	391	51	292	382	213	535	359	236,564	177
1989	19,473	357	61	310	418	241	531	462	225,641	174
1990	18,885	368	55	323	398	261	574	487	233,517	173
1991	18,396	354	40	253	388	250	531	522	239,976	169
1992	17,940	337	59	252	394	205	416	367	264,123	167
1993	17,573	351	55	244	384	224	515	473	259,575	167
1994	17,100	355	58	249	379	227	525	469	255,777	167
1995	16,797									

## CHAPTER 15 — The Organization of Grand Lodge, 1971 to 1995

### *The Declaration —*

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia was Constituted by a Declaration made on the 26th Day of December, 1871, at the City of Victoria. The Grand Master elect and the Grand Officers elect and appointed, were invested, installed and proclaimed, and the Grand Lodge was declared to be installed. Thereupon the MW the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia was opened in ample form and duly consecrated, dedicated and proclaimed.

The full wording of this Declaration forms a preamble to the Book of Constitutions and is also printed in Part A of Chapter 30 of the History of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, 1871 to 1970.

### *The Officers of Grand Lodge —*

At December 31, 1995, these are the Officers of Grand Lodge —

- \* The Most Worshipful Grand Master
- The Most Worshipful Immediate Past Grand Master
- \* The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
- \* The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden
- \* The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
- \* The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer
- The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
- + The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters
- + The Very Worshipful Grand Historian
- + The Very Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon
- + The Very Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon
- + The Very Worshipful Grand Superintendent of Works
- + The Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies
- + The Very Worshipful Grand Marshal

- + The Very Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer
- + The Very Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer
- + The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant
- + The Very Worshipful Grand Stewards
- + The Grand Chaplain
- + The Grand Organist
- \* The Grand Tyler

The Offices shown with an \* are elective and the incumbents each year are chosen by ballot. Those with an + are appointive Offices by the Grand Master each year. The Office of Grand Secretary is appointive each year by a Committee consisting of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees on Finance, Jurisprudence and Constitution.

#### ***Worshipful Masters —***

No one is eligible for any elective Office except that of Grand Tyler, or for any appointment as District Deputy Grand Master unless he shall have been regularly installed as the Worshipful Master of a Constituent Lodge, but a Worshipful Master (in the chair) is not eligible for the three top elective offices or for any appointment as a District Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler need not necessarily be members of Grand Lodge.

#### ***Past Grand Rank —***

Section 4 of the Book of Constitutions provides that Past elected Grand Officers, Past Grand Secretaries, Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Past Masters shall rank and take precedence according to their seniority in the order of precedence shown above for the actual occupants of such Offices respectively but immediately after such occupants.

#### ***Honorary Members —***

Worshipful Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may be constituted members of Grand Lodge with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper. A unanimous vote of the Annual Communication is required.

#### ***Jurisdiction —***

The Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge shall extend to and includes all Masonic Lodges and Freemasons within the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory and also Masonic Lodges and Freemasons acting under its authority outside the Province and the Territory.

#### ***The Book of Constitutions —***

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia has had seven Constitutions — those of 1871, 1878, 1887, 1894, 1903, 1910, and 1941. That of 1941, as reprinted in 1991, with subsequent amendments, is in force as of December 31, 1995.

The powers of the Grand Master and the other Senior Officers are clearly set out in the *Constitution*, and in token of this, the *Book of Constitutions* is always carried before the Grand Master in procession by a senior Mason.

## **THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE —**

### ***Constitutions —***

To examine all proposed amendments to the *Constitution*; to see that they are in accordance with strict Masonic usage, and to supervise all revisions of the *Constitutions* and also to make recommendations from time to time, on such matters as they deem advisable.

### ***Education and Leadership —***

To develop and promote instructional material in printed and electronic form in support of mentor, lodge management and leadership training programs, to publicise and recommend the circulation of this and other Masonic literature through District as well as Lodge Education Officers.

### ***Finance —***

To recommend the appointment of Auditors and to advise and make recommendations arising out of their report, to examine all accounts and financial arrangements, to advise upon and direct the safekeeping of the financial assets of Grand Lodge; to prepare and present annually an estimate of the probable expenses of the ensuing year; to recommend annually the per capita fee and the Community Charities Fund fee to be charged; to recommend the amount to be credited annually to the Bursary Fund from the General Fund; and to determine, in consultation with the Grand Secretary, the fees payable by Constituent Lodges for other goods and services.

### ***Fraternal Relations —***

To recommend on recognition or otherwise of sister Grand Jurisdictions in accordance with the Aims and Relationships of the Craft.

### ***Jurisprudence —***

To consider and report to Grand Lodge on such questions, documents, papers and decisions relating to Masonic law and usage.

### ***Petitions and Grievances —***

To report on all petitions and appeals; upon all papers and documents relating to any matter of complaint or grievance pertaining to Masonic discipline; including appeals from the proceedings or decisions of any Constituent Lodge; and to make such recommendations as they deem proper.

### ***Printing —***

To receive and open all tenders for printing and award the same to the lowest RESPONSIBLE tenderer.

### *Rituals —*

To supervise all amendments to and revisions of the Rituals and Forms and Ceremonies as approved by Grand Lodge. To recommend amendments to correct anomalies or defects, to report on such matters relating to the same that may be brought to their attention and to make recommendations to Grand Lodge.

### *Warranted Lodges and Lodges under Dispensation —*

To examine the returns of the proceedings and work of all Warranted Lodges and Lodges under Dispensation, and to report its findings to Grand Lodge. To recommend to Grand Lodge the boundaries of the respective Districts, and the Lodges to be included in each, and to recommend the jurisdiction, concurrent or otherwise, to be held by each Constituent Lodge.

### *District Deputy Grand Masters' Reports —*

To examine the reports of the District Deputy Grand Master of each District and report on matters of membership, dues, returns to the Grand Secretary, Lodges under Dispensation, and other matters relating to the affairs of the Constituent Lodges and the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

### *Place of Meeting —*

To examine and consider the suitability of places suggested for each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, including the adequacy of facilities for meeting and accommodation, and report to the Grand Secretary before the place of meeting is considered by Grand Lodge.

### *Lodge Buildings —*

To provide advice, consultation and assistance to all Lodges on such matters as design and construction of new and existing Lodge Buildings and on taxation and insurance.

The Masonic Building Fund is administered by five Trustees — The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the Constitution, Finance and Lodge Buildings Committees. They assess the merits of applications, determine terms of loans, promote interest in the Fund, devise methods of increasing its support by the Brethren, and report annually to Grand Lodge.

### *The Benevolent Fund —*

The Fund is administered by a five-member Board of Trustees, three forming a quorum. One Trustee is appointed by the Grand Master annually, to hold office for five years. The Board examines and reports on all documents and matters relating to relief, reports on all applications for relief, makes rules and regulations governing procedure, and reports the transactions of the Board.

### *The Masonic Bursary Fund —*

The Fund is administered by a five-member Board of Trustees as for the Benevolent Fund. They shall apportion the revenue available each year into a number of Bursaries, determine the conditions for award of such Bursaries, promote interest in the Fund and devise methods of increasing support, and to report annually to Grand Lodge.

### *The Grand Lodge Library and Archives —*

A four member Board of Trustees shall administer the Library and Archives, and a Grand Lodge Library Trust Fund. The Grand Master appoints one Trustee annually for a term of four years. They are responsible for the administration, operation and growth of the Library and Archives within the funds available, make rules and regulations governing procedure, provide for acquisition, preservation, cataloguing and display of suitable historical and archival material, promote and encourage the growth of a Library Trust Fund, and report annually to Grand Lodge.

### *The Masonic Community Charities Fund —*

This Fund was established July 1, 1988 to fund, identify, and approved community charitable projects of this Grand Lodge. The first such project is the purchase and operation of vehicles to transport cancer patients to and from treatment.

It is administered by a nine-man Board of Trustees, consisting of: The Grand Master, The Immediate Past Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the Benevolent Fund Trustees and the Finance Committee — five being a quorum, The Trustees identify and recommend community charitable projects, promote interest throughout the Jurisdiction, devise methods of increasing support, and report annually to Grand Lodge.

### *The Trial Commission —*

A Trial Commission is authorized by Section 164 of the *Constitution* — consisting of not more than twelve Master Masons who shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Communication. One member shall be appointed as Chairman. A quorum shall be three members, and the Chairman shall determine which of the members shall sit on any hearing.

The Commission shall hear appeals from decisions of Lodges under Sections 162 and 163 of the Constitution.

### *The Board of General Purposes*

This Board was established at the June, 1995, Communication of Grand Lodge. It consists of fifteen members — The Grand Master, Immediate Past Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the Chairmen of the Committees on Finance, Jurisprudence, Constitution and Benevolence, and four Worshipful Brethren to be appointed by each incoming Grand Master for the term of his office.

It acts in an advisory capacity to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge in all matters deemed to be in the best interests of, and for the better administration of the Craft. Meetings are at the call of the Grand Master, and are chaired by the Deputy Grand Master.

### **OTHER COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE**

At the June, 1995, meeting of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master appointed the following Committees for specific purposes — The 125th Anniversary Committee — This committee, chaired by W Bro. Jack P. Delf of Alliance Lodge No. 193, consists of MW Bros. Donald Wakelyn and Grant Wardlaw, RW Bros. D'Arcy Cavanaugh, William Ferguson, Alex. Reid,

and William Robinson, VW Bro. James Harrison, and Bro. Robert Beaulac. It will make preparations over the next two years for celebrations commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the formation of this Grand Lodge.

#### ***Community Relations Committee —***

This Committee, chaired by VW Bro. Norman Stanley, consists of RW Bro. T. Wiltshire, VW Bro. James Harrison, W Bros. John Keirstead, and Stan Crossley, and Bros. John Parks, Trevor W. McKeown, and Douglas Miller. It will work to provide the maximum publicity and visibility to our cause, with the use of modern technology and all its resources.

#### ***Masonic Advancement Committee —***

This Committee, chaired by RW Bro. R. William Headen, consists of MW Bro. William Stirling, RW Bros. Donald Brown, William Carter and J. T “Jack” Harper, W Bros. William MacDonald and Brian Tuckey and Bro. Robert Prince. Their duties will be to:

1. Develop a Mission Statement as we move forward.
2. Develop a Strategic Plan, including the four 1988 Goals.
3. Prepare plans for increasing the Bursary Capital Fund.
4. Study procedures for appointment of Grand Lodge Officers.
5. Prepare a statement on Freemasonry and Religion.
6. Receive submissions on the transaction of business in the EA Degree.

#### ***The Four Principal Officers of Grand Lodge Since 1971***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand Master</b>	<b>Dep. Grand Master</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Junior Warden</b>
1971	H. P. Baikie	F. W. Coffin	W. H. Rogers	H. C. MacNeill
1972	F. W. Coffin	W. H. Rogers	M. Lyle Barr	T. Y. McLachlan
1973	W. H. Rogers	M. Lyle Barr	T. Y. McLachlan	A. S. Mitchell
1974	M. Lyle Barr	T. Y. McLachlan	A. S. Mitchell	E. J. Lockhart
1975	T. Y. McLachlan	A. S. Mitchell	E. D. Lockhart	W. L. Stirling
1976	A. S. Mitchell	E. D. Lockhart	W. L. Stirling	W. J. McCoid
1977	E. D. Lockhart	W. L. Stirling	W. J. McCoid	E. A. Clarke
1978	W. L. Stirling	W. J. McCoid	E. A. Clarke	D. J. MacLaurin
1979	W. J. McCoid	E. A. Clarke	D. D. MacLaurin	D. Philps
1980	E. A. Clarke	D. J. MacLaurin	D. Philps	R. A. Kitchen
1981	D. D. MacLaurin	D. Philps	R. A. Kitchen	V. Burnie Kyle
1982	D. Philps	R. A. Kitchen	V. Burnie Kyle	G.W. Baldwin
1983	R. A. Kitchen	V. Burnie Kyle	G. W. Baldwin	D. W. Wakelyn
1984	V. Burnie Kyle	G. W. Baldwin	D. W. Wakelyn	D. G. J. Marsh
1985	G. W. Baldwin	D. W. Wakelyn	D. G. J. Marsh	D. L. Gibson
1986	D. W. Wakelyn	D. G. J. Marsh	D. L. Gibson	J. J. Lobban
1987	D. G. J. Marsh	D. L. Gibson	J. J. Lobban	D. R. Grant
1988	D. L. Gibson	J. J. Lobban	D. R. Grant	E. B. Hearn
1989	J. J. Lobban	D. R. Grant	E. B. Hearn	J. W. Manion
1990	D. R. Grant	E. B. Hearn	J. W. Manion	C. G. Wardlaw
1991	E. B. Hearn	J. W. Manion	C. G. Wardlaw	D. W. Hargrove
1992	J. W. Manion	C. G. Wardlaw	D. W. Hargrove	C. M. Gilmour

Year	Grand Master	Dep. Grand Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden
1993	C. G. Wardlaw	D. W. Hargrove	C. M. Gilmour	Alex. Reid
1994	D. W. Hargrove	C. M. Gilmour	Alex. Reid	A. R. Tomlins
1995	C. M. Gilmour	Alex. Reid	A. R. Tomlins	H. C. Nordan

*The Record Keepers of Grand Lodge Since 1971*

Grand Treasurers —	1971-75	A. Rout Harvey
	1975-94	Hugh R. Horne
	1994-96	John G. Teleske, PDDGM
Grand Secretaries —	1971-74	David M. Taylor, PGM
	1974-75	Thomas G. Ellison, PGrH
	1975-78	David M. Taylor, PGM
	1978-82	Charles Lorimer
	1982-93	William L. Stirling, PGM
	1993-96	Gordon J. Phillips, PGrDofC
Grand Historians —	1971-73	John T. Marshall, PDDGM (Hon)
	1973-74	Thomas G. Ellison
	1974-75	Vacant
	1975-77	Robert J. Ferris
	1977-78	Tresyhair R. Jeffree
	1978-88	Robert J. Ferris, PDDGM
	1988-91	C. Grant Wardlaw, PDDGM
	1991-96	William G. Robinson, PDDGM

[Duplication of Statistics of Freemasonry in British Columbia Since 1971 omitted.]



*Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7 makes a benevolent donation to the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, BC Division. Photo taken on the patio of the Freemasons Hall, 1495 West 8th, Vancouver.*

*Representatives Near Other Grand Lodges and Near The Grand Lodge of British Columbia*

<b>Grand Lodge</b>	<b>Near Other Grand Lodge</b>	<b>Near British Columbia</b>
Alabama	R.P. Emmett	RW W.R. Fowler
Alaska	J.H. Williams	R.R. Bexfield
Alberta	G.D. Thompson	MW D.J. MacLaurin
Argentina	R.V. Triulzi	RW A.S. Mallam
Arizona	W. Hargreaves	RW G.J. Phillips
Arkansas	J.T. Carter	VW T.G. McKirdy
Austria	E. Schonmann	W. De La Mare
Belgium (Regular)	J. Haesendonck	RW F.L. Kendrick
Benito Juarez	De la Fuente Chapoy	RW G. Pearce
Bolivia	R. Miranda	W R. Miranda
Brazil (Amazonas-Glomam)	I. de Oliveira Nunes	VW T.O. Thomas
Brazil (Brazilia)	A. Porta	VW D.Maitland
Brazil (Ceara)	M.J. de Melo	W. S.M. Symes
Brazil (Goias)	RW C.F. Pacheco	R.H. Irving
Brazil (Grand Orient)	J.M. Hali	W H.L DaCosta
Brazil (Guanabara)	W. Amendola	RW D.H. Poole
Brazil (Mato Grosso)	G.C. Boscolo	
Brazil (South Mato Grosso)	A. de Matos Osorio	RW W. Coull
Brazil (Minas Gerais)	N.F. Neves	
Brazil (Pernambuco)		
Brazil (Rio Grande do Norte)	W.C. Coelho de Araujo	VW T. Foster
Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul)	R.L. Baumhardt	E.G. Porter
Brazil (Santa Catarina)	E. Bini	M.C. McDougall
Brazil (Sao Paulo)	C.D. Muskat	VW M. Raynor
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Brazil (Tocantins)		RW J. S. Wilson
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Dist. of Columbia	D. L. Benn	VW J.A. Bourne
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Ecuador		
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Florida	T. K. Johnson	VW R.H. Benzies
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Gabon	G. Rawiri	RW W.K. McDonald
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Germany	B. P. Jackson	VW E. Reutters
Greece		RW G.G. Holmes
Hawaii	R.T.S. Chang	RW R.E. Barr
Honduras	J.M.D. Castellanos	
Hungary		RW J. Banyay
Iceland	J.B. Jonsson	R.M. Fields
Idaho	M.J. Ware	RW R.A. Gilley
Illinois	J.K. Wayne	RW G.M. Webster
India	W.G. Ramanujam	Y.K. Adatia
Indiana	D.C. Lanman	VW A.J.R. Fuller
Iowa	D.A. Nicholson	
Iran	E.D. Borbor	RW J.G. Teleske
Ireland	R.G. McGuckin	MW W.J. McCoid
Israel	A. Shapiro	W D.J. Braverman
Italy	F. Pollicino	RW J.E. Blackmore
Ivory Coast		RW O. Cornett
Japan	A. Washikita	RW J.A. Carr
Kansas	R.W. Kimmel	RW J.L. Floyd
Kentucky	C.R. Woodward	RW W. Dallas
Louisiana	L.A. Hebert	RW J. Hooge
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Maine	H.K. McIntosh	RW M.A. Lundeen
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Maryland	H.T. Hopkins	R.D. Harrison
Massachusetts	R.F. Lucas	MW D.G.J. Marsh
Mexico (Nuevo Leon)		
Mexico (Tamaulipas)	MW A.L. Zuniga	RW A.E. Nunns
Mexico (Valle de Mexico)		RW A.W. Hearn
Mexico (York G.L.)	P.L. Baay	VW N.M. MacLean
Michigan	D.P. Heming	RW C.E. Jones
Minnesota	J.A. Benson	RW G. Kickbush
Mississippi		VW G.M. Martin
Missouri	E.K. Dille	RW H.C. Nordan
Montana	E.T. Jensen	VW A.H. Forbes
Nebraska	T.J. Aron	RW B.R. Peatt
Netherlands	G.H. van Leeuwen	MW D.W. Hargrove
Nevada	D.W. Casteel	W R.I. Comrie
New Brunswick	M.J. Linkletter	MW J.W. Manion
New Hampshire	R.A. Gilbert	RW C.R. Brown
New Jersey	W.R. Forrester	MW J.J. Lobban

New Mexico	L. Howe	MW C.M. Gilmour
New South Wales	J.O. Bennett	MW W.H. Rogers
New York	W.T. Carlin	RW D.R.McMahon
New Zealand	C.N. Bartlett	W G.S. Wright
North Carolina	G.D. Pierce	RW S. Kitching
North Dakota	L.W. Jones	L.F. Harmsworth
Norway	M. Nygaard	RW W.H. Carter
Nova Scotia	C.H. Sarson	RW R.C. Clerke
Ohio	R.A. Hinshaw	W. Irvine
Oklahoma	R.T. Shipe	MW V.B. Kyle
Oregon	O.M. Russell	F.D. S. MacKay
Peru	J.D. Galliani	W J. Caturay
Philippines	R.E. Wilmarth	RW A. Reid
Portugal (Regular)	P.G.A. Nogue	RW W.B. Ronald
Prince Edward Island	J.R. Murphy	S. Redgrave
Puerto Rico	E. Larnbert	VW D. Campbell
Quebec	R. Godber	RW A.H. Perry
Queensland	J.N. Stevens	VW J. Bottomley
Rhode Island	F.J. Chmura	
Romania		
Saskatchewan	H.M. Allen	MW E.B. Hearn
Scotland	J.H.G. Herrick	MW D.R. Grant
Senegal		
South Africa	E. Gilbert	RW W.R. Thompson
South Australia	E.B. Russell	RW W.J. Phillips
South Carolina	H.F. Collins	MW C.G. Wardlaw
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COMOX	Comox	188
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CRESTON	Creston	54
CUMBERLAND	Cumberland	26
DAWSON	Yukon	45
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GANGES	Admiral	170
GOLDEN	Mountain	11
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HOPE	Mount Hope	139
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KAMLOOPS	Kamloops	10
	Mount St. Paul	109
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Officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia Elected and Appointed to Office on  
June 23, 1995, at the 124th Annual Communication held at Prince George

MW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour	Lodge No. 96	Grand Master
RW Bro. Alexander Reid	149	Deputy Grand Master
RW Bro. Alan R. Tomlins	25	Senior Grand Warden
RW Bro. Harold C. Nordan	128	Junior Grand Warden
RW Bro. John G. Teleske	164	Grand Treasurer
RW Bro. Gordon J. Phillips	7	Grand Secretary
RW Bro. Stanley Horner	2	DDGM — District No. 1
RW Bro. Stanley Kitching	57	DDGM — District No. 2
RW Bro. John T. Harper	10	DDGM — District No. 3
RW Bro. Robert C. Saul	152	DDGM — District No. 4N
RW Bro. Trevor C. Guldbransen	69	DDGM — District No. 4S
RW Bro. E. Bruce Watson	90	DDGM — District No. 5
RW Bro. Stanley R. G. Hahn	146	DDGM — District No. 6
RW Bro. Wilfred N. Woodhouse	27	DDGM — District No. 7
RW Bro. John B. Gierl	34	DPGM — District No. 8
RW Bro. A. T. (Sigh) Kobayashi	153	DDGM — District No. 9
RW Bro. Robert A. Christofferson	56	DDGM — District No. 10
RW Bro. Donald P. Frizzell	45	DDGM — District No. 11
RW Bro. Alexander D. Marshall	123	DDGM — District No. 12
RW Bro. Ernest Crawford	67	DDGM — District No. 13
RW Bro. Arthur L. Yeates	136	DDGM — District No. 14
RW Bro. Llewelyn B. Davies	12	DDGM — District No. 16
RW Bro. Gordon M. Wilson	127	DDGM — District No. 17
RW Bro. Ian S. Newbigging	139	DDGM — District No. 18
RW Bro. Louis D. Surerus	187	DDGM — District No. 19
RW Bro. Colin Chew	108	DDGM — District No. 20
RW Bro. Robert G. Gillespie	84	DDGM — District No. 21
RW Bro. Daniel J. Davis	14	DDGM — District No. 22
RW Bro. Donald E. Wrightman	103	DDGM — District No. 23
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RW Bro. Robert M. Crawford	133	DDGM — District No. 27
RW Bro. Norman B. Perlstrom	97	DDGM — District No. 28
RW Bro. William G. Robinson	12	Grand Historian
VW Bro. Milton P. Fairs	96	Senior Grand Deacon
VW Bro. James Harrison	82	Junior Grand Deacon
VW Bro. Robert D. Gillon	142	Grand Supt. of Works
VW Bro. Stephen E. McVittie	63	Director of Ceremonies
VW Bro. Hugh E. Ferster	52	Grand Marshal
VW Bro. Rob Roy Birce	74	Grand Sword Bearer
VW Bro. Neil G. Blyth	98	Grand Standard Bearer
VW Bro. Arthur R. H. Scott	166	Grand Pursuivant

VW Bro. Humphrey Alexander	172	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Walter Bishop	77	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Donald W. Craig	151	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Vernon M. Fraser	86	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Paul Gauci	130	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Daniel P. Haigh	154	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Harold Harresson	49	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Alexander W. Lindsay	184	Grand Steward
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VW Bro. Allan D. Southall	78	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Henry T. Stavast	31	Grand Steward
VW Bro. Kenneth M. Collison	116	Grand Chaplain
VW Bro. William O. Walls	76	Grand Organist
RW Bro. Robert C. Clerke	20	Grand Tyler

Note: RW Bro. Robert C. Clerke passed to the Grand Lodge Above on August 30, 1995. He was born in Vernon on June 14, 1914, joined Miriam Lodge No. 20 in April, 1946, was WM in 1953 and 1958, DDGM of District No. 3 in 1956, and Grand Tyler from 1982 until his death.

The Grand Master appointed VW Bro. J. D. Nelson of St. George's Lodge No. 41 as Interim Grand Tyler until an election is held at the Grand Lodge Communication in June 1996.

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1971-72



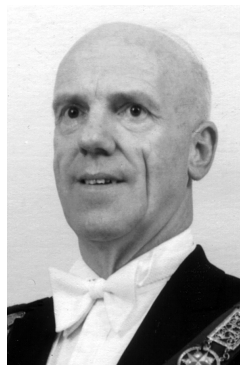
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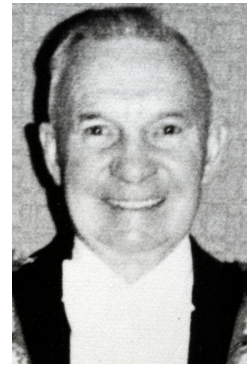
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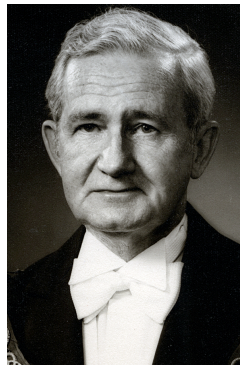
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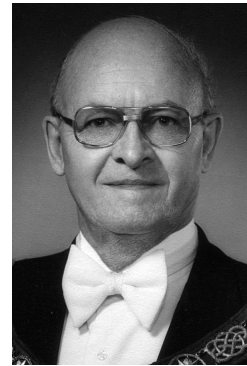
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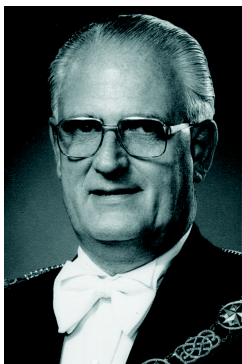
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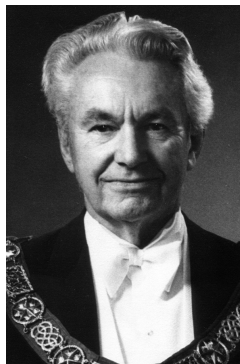
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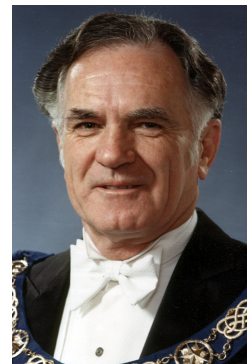
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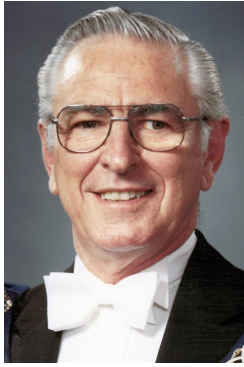


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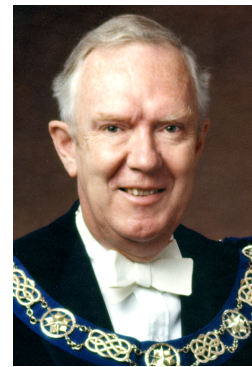
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1984-85



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1986-87



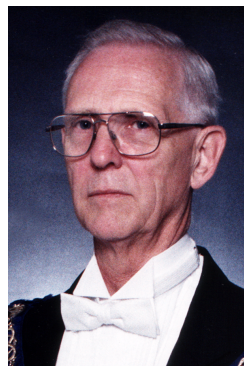
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1987-88



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## Colophon

This history was compiled by William G. Robinson, whose biography is found on the frontispiece and on page 60.

The original book was 113 typewritten pages, reduced to 6" x 9", with a gold foil hardcover binding. There were seven halftone photographs plus photographs of the twenty-five Grand Masters for the period. As noted in the preface, the seven photographs were the work of Vancouver news photographer, Jim Harrison. Unfortunately, the originals were unavailable when this PDF version was made and the resulting rescreened halftones are not of the highest quality. As is the case with John T. Marshall's *History* and Robie L. Reid's *Historical Notes*, no record of its production and printing has survived, although it is known that the original book was printed with the help of a government grant. It is unknown if the terms of the grant required a large press run but apparently the choice was made not to pay for typesetting and publication design but rather to print an estimated 4,000 copies. This far exceeded demand and fifteen years later, in a 2009 house cleaning, some 20 cartons of books were disposed of by recycling.

This edition has corrected a few minor typographic errors and added a few updates. In producing this book it is hoped that no new errors were introduced. In 2018, Nic Desson—wintering in the Yukon and with far too much free time—arranged for a scan of the original to create a text file, and spent considerable effort cleaning up the inevitable optical character recognition artifacts. Both he, and John K. R. Keirstead of New Westminster who proofread the final galleys, have my thanks.

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*Grand Historian*

