

# Welcome to the Kerrisdale Masonic Hall

For over 100 years, the Kerrisdale Masonic Hall has been serving the local community. The history of the Kerrisdale Masonic Hall is intertwined with the history of Zion Lodge No. 77, of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia & Yukon.

In March 1924 Kerrisdale Masonic Hall Ltd. was founded by members of Zion Lodge. On April 1, 1924, Kerrisdale Masonic Hall Ltd. purchased these premises at 2146 West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue at a cost of \$9,000, comprising \$3,400 in cash, \$1,600 from the sale of an East Boulevard lot and a mortgage \$4,000.

The building was originally a dance hall and underwent extensive renovations before the first Lodge meeting was held here on September 2, 1924.

Originally there was just one retail store on the ground floor known as 2144 West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue. It was occupied from 1927 onwards by the Kerrisdale Post Office (Vancouver Postal Station "E"). In 1961, the lower floor was renovated to accommodate two stores (2142 and 2144 West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue).

In 1964, the building was expanded to the south to create a new Banquet Room for dining after the Lodge meetings. The lower area was also enclosed and some of the original exterior siding is still visible as part of the interior, rear, ground-level corridor.

In 1997, the Kerrisdale Masonic Hall underwent extensive exterior renovations to restore the original look of the building and in 1998 it was awarded a Class "B" Heritage Award by the City of Vancouver. The interior was renovated in 1999 to replicate some of the original 1920's and 1930's features.

The ground-level retail stores have been occupied by several long-term tenants, including the Post Office, Kerrisdale Pharmacy, Collins Jewelers, and Ed's Linens. The present tenants are Quilts Etc. and Vangead Financial Services.

As of 2021, approximately 18 Masonic Lodges and related organizations regularly meet at the Kerrisdale Masonic Hall.