



## FAREWELL TO ZENITH LODGE NO. 104

*Look not back on what you have done, but forward as to what you can do.*

With these words, Zenith's Worshipful Master, W Bro. John Osborne, closed his address to the brethren and the ceremony for the cessation of masonic labour at Zenith Lodge began. The date, 2 December 1999, will be long remembered by the brethren in attendance who were greatly pleased that our Grand Master, MW Bro. William Carter, Past Grand Master, MW Bro. Clark Gilmore and District Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro. George Lamont had joined them for this, the final meeting of Zenith Lodge.

The business of the lodge centered on the recommendations for the disbursement of Zenith's financial assets. During its seventy-six years of labour, Zenith had acquired considerable holdings. Property sales and reserves amounted to over \$430,000—all of which has now been designated to masonic charities and general charities.

Zenith's sizable legacy will certainly help many deserving brethren and others in need in the Greater Vancouver area. The gifts will be a fitting tribute to the many distinguished brethren who helped to build Zenith—and such will forever carry their names in the new lives and new hopes that will spring from the seeds they planted.

The work of this, Zenith's Closing Ceremony dwelt on the theme of completion. The lodge was now completed and it was time for the brethren to go forward and seek other areas to apply their talents and skills. Every brother was privately presented with a copy of the lodge's *Instrument of the Cessation of Masonic Labour and Fond Farewell*. This document showed the names of the remaining officers and members of the lodge.

It carried the official seal of the lodge and was signed by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary. The document served as a memento and reminder to the brethren to continue to uphold the honorable masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which they had so dutifully upheld as members of Zenith Lodge No. 104.

The spirit of Zenith Lodge will certainly go forward in each brother and enrich the labours of other lodges. A little strand, however, of each brother's cable-tow was neatly anchored in the formation of a table lodge, appropriately named Spirit of Zenith No. 104. The table lodge will meet annually to renew fraternal relationships.

While it is always sad to see lodges disband, there can be no doubt that such action, when deemed necessary, can and does serve for the betterment of the Craft. The key ingredient is to look forward. Past experiences and fond memories are stepping-stones that can serve to help us attain heights beyond our wildest dreams.

Farewell Zenith; greetings our new masonic dawn.

*Written on behalf of all members of Zenith Lodge No. 104*