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Preface

I began compiling my notes on various lodges in 1999-2000 as a member of the "Y2KM" Masters group. As we accompanied R. W. Bro. Paul Todd, DDGM Ottawa District 1, throughout the year, I found a great wealth of history. But I also found it was so little known by lodge members or members of other lodges across districts. Accordingly I began to acquire copies of lodge histories, district histories where they existed, and other material. And to talk to ageing masons who could remember "way back when." The idea of a district history slowly percolated until I located a source of Annual Proceedings, the public record of our Grand Lodge, which contains such a quantity of information.

The result is this history. I make no apologies for its size as the membership data alone has never (to my knowledge) been assembled in this way. This, along with the written material on the district and on the 51 constituent lodges that have existed within "Ottawa District" at some point, can allow members to stand back from the day to day mundane work of the lodge and consider it in its broader context in the community. For that is where much (if not all) of our audience is located.

I did not wish to write only about the Ottawa District(s) as the story would have commenced in 1868. Instead I have chosen to begin at the beginning with the formation of our Grand Lodge on October 10, 1855. The district structure was created in 1856 when our area was part of the Central District. Allowing for that brief twelve year hiatus, we can say that in 140 years freemasonry in the area called the "Ottawa District" has grown from 18 Lodges and 476 members to 28 lodges and 2,550 members (Dec. 31, 2007).

In this 140-year period our members have contributed to development of the "Family of Freemasonry" as well as in our communities: seventeen Lodge members have served as Grand Master of Grand Lodges, seven members have served as Grand First Principal of Grand Chapters, six members have served as Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ontario and five members have served as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Lodge specific and joint-lodge activities have always been part of our masonic life. Many lodges meet annually or biannually to combine the social and fraternal aspects. Cross border visitations have for many years been a part of annual programs of lodges — east to Quebec and south to New York. In the former case, Quebec lodges participated actively in the formation of our Grand Lodge and our first Deputy Grand Master, Dr. Aldis Bernard, hailed from St. George's Lodge No. 13 GRC (now No. 11 GRQ), Montreal. It is also to be noted that the oldest lodge mentioned in this history, True Briton's at Perth (now No. 14 GRC), took its dispensation (December 14, 1818) from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada.

Activities in the community are also reflected in both the lodge histories and in the summaries of the reports of the DDGMs of the district of the day. Cornerstone laying ceremonies accompanied by parades and bands and the active public life of the Ottawa Masonic Choir in the city and in international festivals, have been replaced by fund raising for cancer research, assistance to hospitals, blood donations and a host of other activities which reflect our involvement with the community. And our lodges have more than done their duty in two world wars and countless police actions.

I have consulted with Lodges on the individual Lodge histories as I wrote them and I am grateful for all the assistance my brethren have provided. Any errors are mine alone.

I have chosen to release this history in April 2010 and October 2010. April 17, 2010 is the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew of Ottawa District 2. October 15-16, 2010, when the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels will hold a mini Grand Lodge in Ottawa, is the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, of Ottawa District 1. These occasions remind us of our proud heritage as we push forward into a challenging future.

Michael Jenkyns
February 2, 2010 and July 31, 2010

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Abbreviations and Acronyms Used

AGLC	Antient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada
EC	English Constitution
GLC	Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, now the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
GLQ	Grand Lodge of Quebec of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
GRC	Grand Registry of (the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of) Canada
GRQ	Grand Registry of (the Grand Lodge of) Quebec
IC	Irish Constitution
SC	Scottish Constitution
UGLE	United Grand Lodge of England

Map of the Ottawa Valley



Formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada

October 10, 1855. On this day, in Hamilton, Canada West, a convention of delegates from 41 Lodges in Canada West and Canada East (the old provinces of Upper and Lower Canada) met to consider the desirability and expediency of forming an independent Grand Lodge of Canada. The representatives agreed on the issue and Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The proceedings of these two days clearly demonstrate the basis for the formation of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada (now the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario) and defined its basic organization and management which has not changed in its fundamentals in the last 150 years. On Wednesday, Grand Lodge was formed. On Thursday the division of the jurisdiction into three Districts was clearly stated and District Deputy Grand Masters were elected although within one year there would be five Districts and the first reports of the DDGMs would not appear in the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge until 1857.

At a Convention of Delegates from the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 10th day of October, 1855, in conformity with a summons issued under the following resolutions passed at a meeting of Masons, held at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, the 19th day of July, 1855, when it was resolved:

That a Convention of Delegates be held at Hamilton, on the 2nd Wednesday in October next, for the purpose of considering the expediency of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge of Canada, and to proceed with such matters as may be deemed most desirable for the benefit of Masonry in the Province.

It was likewise resolved:

That the Secretary be instructed to address a communication, embodying the foregoing resolutions, to every Lodge in the Province, inviting and urging upon them to be properly represented at that Convention.

The following Lodges¹ were duly represented by their properly qualified officers:

Brockville Lodge	Brockville	[now Sussex No. 5 GRC]
Niagara “	Niagara	[now Niagara No. 2 GRC, Niagara-on-the-Lake]
Union “	Grimsby	[now Union No. 7 GRC]
Norfolk “	Simcoe	[now Norfolk No. 10 GRC]
Nelson “	Clarenceville	[now Nelson No. 9 GRQ, St. Armand]
St. Andrew's “	St. Andrews	[became No. 12 GRC, expired in 1856]
Golden Rule “	Stanstead	[now Golden Rule No. 5 GRQ]
St. George's “	Montreal	[now St. George's No. 10 GRQ]
Zetland “	Montreal	[became No. 13 GRQ, expired 1879]
Barton “	Hamilton	[now The Barton No. 6 GRC]
Dorchester “	St. Johns	[now Dorchester No. 4 GRQ, Chateauguay]
Prevost “	Dunham	[now Prevost No. 8 GRQ]
St. George's “	St. Catharines	[now St. George's No. 15 GRC]
Strict Observance “	Hamilton	[now Strict Observance No. 27 GRC]
Amity “	Dunnville	[now Amity No. 32 GRC]

¹ The current situation of each Lodge has been listed by the author in square brackets for clarity, it does not appear in the original Proceedings.

Composite “	Whitby	[now Composite No. 30 GRC]
St. George’s “	London	[now St. George’s No. 42 GRC]
King Solomon “	Woodstock	[now King Solomon’s No. 43 GRC]
St. Lawrence “	Montreal	[now St. Lawrence-Zetland No. 14 GRQ]
Great Western “	Windsor	[now Great Western No. 47 GRC]
Acacia “	Hamilton	[now Acacia No. 61 GRC]
Shefford “	Waterloo	[now Shefford No. 18 GRQ]
Hoyle “	Lacolle	[became Hoyle No. 14 GRQ, expired 1877]
St. John’s “	Hamilton	[now St. John’s No. 40 GRC]
Independent “	Quebec	[became Harington No. 17 GRQ, expired 1880]
Lodge of Social and Military Virtues	Montreal	[now Antiquity, No. 1 GRQ, Montreal]
Wellington “	Dunnville	[became Wellington No. 52 GRC, exp. 1865]
Hawkesbury “	Hawkesbury	[became Hawkesbury No. 210 GRC, exp. 1888]
St. John’s “	London	[now St. John’s No. 20 & St. John’s No. 209A]
King Hiram “	Ingersoll	[now King Hiram No. 37 GRC]
St. John’s “	Cayuga	[now St. John’s No. 35 GRC]
St. Thomas “	St. Thomas	[now St. Thomas No. 44 GRC]
Brant “	Brantford	[now Brant No. 45 GRC]
Vaughan “	Vaughan	[now Vaughan No. 54 GRC, Maple]
Wellington “	Stratford	[became Wellington, No. 28 GRC, exp. 1858]
Harmony “	Binbrook	[now Harmony No. 57 GRC]
Brighton “	Brighton	[now Brighton, No. 29 GRC]
St. Andrew’s “	Quebec	[became St. Andrew’s, No. 6 GRQ, expired]
King Solomon’s “	Toronto	[now King Solomon’s No. 22 GRC]
Prince Edward’s “	Picton	[now Prince Edward No. 18 GRC]
Thistle “	Amherstburgh	[now Thistle, No. 34 GRC]

The Convention was opened at half-past 4 o’clock, P.M., with solemn prayer.

V. W. Bro. C. Magill (Past provincial Grand Junior Warden) was called upon to reside.

V. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris was requested to act as Secretary.

On the recommendation of a Committee appointed to consider rules and regulations for the government of the Convention, — the rules and regulations for conducting public business, contained in the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, were *mutatis mutandis*, unanimously adopted.

On motion of V. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, seconded by W. Bro. Dr. Fenwick, and unanimously adopted:

That the following brethren be a Committee to prepare resolutions for the adoption of this Convention: — Bros. Thos. B. Harris, D. brown, D. Curtis, Wm. M. Wilson, A. Barnard, Dr. Lundy, W. C. Stephens, G. Railton, W. B. Simpson, Richard Bull and John Osborne.

The Convention adjourned till 7 o’clock, P.M.

The Convention resumed its sitting at half-past seven, P. M., V. W. Bro. C. Magill presiding.

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions for the adoption of the Convention, submitted the following preamble:

Whereas the existence of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this province, hailing from three several Grand Lodges, is a system productive of much evil to the Craft, creating a diversity

of interests and allegiance,— an absence of harmony in action and working, perpetuating local and national feelings, and thus estranging the affections of brethren, whose Order knows no country and is confined to no race; and,

Whereas the Benevolent funds of the Canadian Freemasons, small as they are, are constantly taxed to relieve needy brethren from Europe, while our resources are doubly drawn upon by contributions to the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and to the Provincial Grand Lodges of Canada, thus creating a constant drain upon those funds, from which but little return can ever be expected; and,

Whereas, the distance between Canada and the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland presents a very serious difficulty in regard to the necessary correspondence, as well as the prompt receipt of Warrants and Certificates, which have been delayed for months, and in some cases for years, greatly to the inconvenience of the fraternity in Canada: and,

Whereas, important communications, and even remittances of money, have been suffered to lie for years in the Grand Secretary's office of England, without the least acknowledgement of their having been received in due course, brethren being compelled to leave the Province before they could receive from England the Certificates for which they had long previously paid: and,

Whereas, the communications of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Canada to the Grand Lodge of England, — though respectfully and masonically expressed, especially when in the form of petitions or remonstrances, have been treated with silent contempt, their very receipt remaining unacknowledged: and,

Whereas, whilst the Provincial Grand Lodges are thus rendered irresponsible to and independent of the Craft in Canada, experience has shown that they are unable to secure from the parent Grand Lodges that attention and respect which are due to their position:

Therefore be it resolved:

That in order to apply a remedy to the evils, — to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, establish order, ensure *tranquility*, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of masonic privileges — It is expedient, right, and our bounden duty, to form a Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved in amendment, that the words be added to the resolution:

And that the same be now organized, but that the working thereof be held in abeyance until the action of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland be made known on the subject.

On a division, the amendment was negatived by 38 Lodges to 3. The original motion was then, after consideration, carried with one dissentient, — the dissenting brother desiring it to be understood that his dissent was caused from the absence of full instructions from his Lodge; he individually expressing his hearty concurrence in the original resolution.

It was then moved by W. Bro. G. L. Allen, seconded by W. Bro. Wm. Bellhouse, and unanimously adopted;

That we, the representatives of regularly warranted Lodges here in convention assembled, resolve:

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada be and is hereby formed upon the Ancient Charges and Constitution of Masonry.

On motion of W. Bro. J. Osborne, seconded by Bro. J. H. Isaacson, it was unanimously resolved:

That a Committee be appointed, consisting of W. Bros. W. M. Wilson, W. C. Stephens, R. Bull, Dr. Lundy, A. Bernard, T. B. Harris and Dr. Duggan — with power to add to their number, to prepare rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 11th Oct. 5855

The Convention resumed its sitting at half-past 10 o'clock, A.M., V. W. Bro. C. Magill presiding. The Committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations presented their report.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. S. Abbott, seconded by Bro. Taylor and unanimously resolved:

That the draft of Constitution, now read by the Secretary, be and is hereby adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

On motion of W. Bro. A. S. Abbott, seconded by Bro. J. B. Butler, it was unanimously adopted:

That rules and regulations having been adopted, the Convention proceed to the election of Grand Officers, to hold office until the 2nd Wednesday in July, A.L. 5856.

The following officers were declared duly elected:

M. W. Bro. Wm. Mercer Wilson	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. A. Bernard	Deputy Grand Master
W. C. Stephens	D. D. G. M. Western District
W. B. Simpson	" Central "
W. Eaden	" Eastern "
Richard Bull	Grand Senior Warden
James Daniel	" Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Lundy	" Chaplain
William Bellhouse	" Treasurer
Thos. B. Harris	" Secretary

The Grand Master elect was pleased to make the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Rev. G. Scott	Asst. Grand Chaplain
C. Magill	" Senior Deacon
George L. Allen	" Junior Deacon
J. H. Isaacson	Asst. Grand Secretary
Thomas Duggan	Grand Supt. Of Works
J. Osborne	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
G. E. Fenwick	Asst. Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies
J. W. Haldimand	Grand Organist
Geo. W. Powell	" Pursuivant
J. R. Holden)	" Stewards
J. C. Butler)	
Jno. Morrison	" Tyler

On motion of W. Bro. Taylor, seconded by W. Bro. James Daniel, it was unanimously adopted:

That every Lodge concurring in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, shall have authority granted them for the purpose of continuing their work, and that some reasonable time be mentioned therein to enable them to make out the returns to the parent Grand Lodges; and should they fail to fulfil this engagement, then all protection from the Grand Lodge of Canada shall cease.

On motion of W. Bro. Jas. Daniel, seconded by W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, it was resolved:

That a Committee be appointed to revise and amend the rules and regulations, and to report at the first Annual Communication.

The following were appointed the Committee, viz:

V. W. Bros. W. C. Stephens, R. Bull, Dr. Lundy, C. Magill, Thos. B. Harris, Wm. Bellhouse and Dr. Duggan.

Moved by W. Bro. Dr. Lundy, seconded by Bro. Taylor, and resolved:

That a Committee be appointed to assist the Grand Secretary on the Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and that the purchase of the Grand Lodge regalia, together with the books and all other necessities, be confided to such Committee.

The following Brethren were appointed:

V. W. Bros. W. C. Stephens, Dr. Lundy, R. Bull

On Motion of W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously adopted:

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and of the Craft in general, are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Hamilton, for the indefatigable zeal and perseverance which they have evinced in devising the best means of establishing the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as for their generous hospitality to the brethren from a distance.

It was, on motion of W. Bro. Dr. Lundy, seconded by W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, resolved:

That the Seal now produced be used for temporary purposes, and that a new one be procured by the Committee on Correspondence.

On Motion of W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by W. Bro. Wm. Bell house, it was unanimously resolved:

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to request all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada to forward to him, at an early day, the number of their Warrant and the date of their formation, duly authenticated.

The Convention was adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock on Friday morning.

FRIDAY, Oct. 12, 5855

The Convention resumed its sitting at ¼ past 5 o'clock, P.M.

In consequence of V. W. Bro. C. Magill having declined to accept the office of Grand Senior Deacon, the Grand Master elect appointed W. Bro. Geo. L. Allen to be Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Bro. Thos. Perkins to be Grand Junior Deacon.

On motion of W. Bro. Richard Bull, seconded by W. Bro. J. R. Holden, it was unanimously adopted:

That the Grand Master elect be requested to name three members of the Grand Lodge as a deputation to proceed, with as little delay as possible, to the residences of such Grand Masters or Past Grand Masters as may be most convenient for the purpose of inviting them to this Grand Lodge, to install the M. W. Grand Master elect.

The Grand Master appointed the following brethren such deputation:

W. Bros. A. Bernard, W. C. Stephens and Thos. B. Harris.

The Convention was adjourned with solemn prayer.

ATTEST.

Thos. B. Harris

Grand Secretary

[Source: *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada 5855-5860: Vol. 1*]

Of the 41 Lodges which formed the Convention, 28 were from Canada West and 13 from Canada East. Twenty-six Lodges were on the English Register (16 in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West and 10 in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal and William Henry); fourteen Lodges were under the Irish Constitution (12 in Canada West and 2 in Canada East); and one Lodge in Canada East was under the authority of Scotland. Of these forty-one Lodges which formed the new Grand Lodge, none were located in the Ottawa Valley.

At this time there were a total of 83 Lodges working in Canada West and Canada East in 1855—42 of them did not join the new Grand Lodge. A parallel organization called the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Canada, with R. W. Bro. Sir Alan Napier MacNab as Grand Master, was formed in September 1857 and existed until July 14, 1858 when the two Grand Lodges were united. But even this did not account for all Lodges in the jurisdiction and some (such as St. John's, No. 21A, Vankleek Hill, which was working under an Irish Warrant) did not join for many years. This accounts, in looking at Lodge histories, why many of our earliest Lodges possessed two numbers—one being issued by each of the Grand Lodges and one being issued by the single Grand Lodge of Canada after union in 1858. These numbers were generally allocated from "No.1" being issued for the oldest Lodge and numbered consecutively based on the date of formation of each Lodge. When Lodges closed the Warrants were usually surrendered and the number of the Warrant was struck from the roll of Lodges. There has never been an exercise in our jurisdiction to close up "gaps" in the roll and reissue numbers. In the case of numbers such as "21" and "21A", this has occurred because Lodges were not forced to join the Grand Lodge and several took a number of years to affiliate. When they did so, Grand Lodge tried to accommodate them by issuing a roll number which showed their seniority relative to all other Lodges on the roll.

The new Grand Lodge of Canada covered one of the largest areas in North America, stretching from about 100 miles east of Montreal to London and St. Thomas in the west and, within 35 years, would stretch to the western edge of Alberta². Such a vast area, at a time when travel and communications were severely limited and usually took advantage of the Province's rivers, streams and lakes, led quickly to maintaining a system of districts, headed by a District Deputy Grand Master, to strengthen contact between Lodges and Grand Lodge. The system has served well and the growth and spread of Freemasonry across the Province of Ontario has led to an evolution of the District structure which has culminated, in the Ottawa Valley, with Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2 Districts. An excellent overview of the evolution and use of Masonic management and administration through the district system, is provided in the report by R. W. Bro. Wallace McLeod, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in the *1994 Annual Proceedings*.

To complement the District organization our Grand Lodge held its Annual Communications in major centres from 1855 until 1891. By then an improved system of rail transport enabled the population of Ontario to move quickly from centre to centre and Grand Lodge ceased moving the annual meeting, adopting Toronto as the regular location for this important annual event. Districts, however, remained an important part of Freemasonry in Ontario.

This is the story of Ottawa District.

² With one exception our Grand Lodge confined itself to the landmass of Canada. The exception was the issue of Warrant No. 293 GRC, in 1873, to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, located in Jerusalem. The Warrant was withdrawn in 1902 and erased in 1907.

Part 1

Central District

1856 - 1867

Central District 1856-1867

This was a period of great upheaval and change around the world, as well as in British North America, in Canada West (the future Ontario) and in the new Central District of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada. Bytown became the incorporated City of Ottawa on December 18, 1854. The Crimean War had ended in 1856 after three years of fighting. The Indian Mutiny erupted at Meerut on May 10, 1857 and would not end until 1859. Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. The American Civil War began in 1861 (the same year in which the Kingdom of Italy was formed). President Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865. In 1866 there were raids into Canada by the Fenians (an Irish-American brotherhood). On July 1, 1867, the Dominion of Canada was formed.

On July 9, 1856, the first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held. The records do not show any delegates from the Ottawa Valley. The Grand Jurisdiction was organized into Districts at this time: Central District was designated to cover that portion of the Province between Lower Canada and the River Trent, including the County of Prince Edward. In 1856 there were seventeen Lodges holding their authority under the Grand Lodge of Canada in the District. A further ten Lodges existed in the Central District owning their allegiance to the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada until unification in 1858 and there was one Irish Lodge.

It is interesting to read in Lodge histories that there was some confusion, at the local Lodge level, regarding the name of the District. In the files of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 GRC, there is a letter "... from the District Secretary, by command of R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck, *D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District*, dated October 21st, 1859, acknowledging receipt of theirs of the 8th, which enclosed the petition, and the fee, \$30.00" It is even more interesting that R. W. Bro. Franck's name does not appear in the list of DDGM's for the period for Central District (he was DDGM of Prince Edward for 1859-60). Then, in 1861 Renfrew's minutes refer to R. W. Bro. James Wilson (of Doric Lodge, No. 58) as DDGM and, in 1868, to R. W. Bro. J. P. Featherstone (also of Doric) as DDGM. The Lodge History notes cryptically, "It is impossible to establish what District the Lodge was part of but in 1868 we find instructions being issued to our representative at Grand Lodge to advocate the annexation of Renfrew County to the Central District."

Central District existed from 1856 to 1867 when it was divided into several Districts to accommodate the large number of Lodges — twenty-six at the time.

(A) Lodges of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in Central District

Kingston Lodge (now Ancient St. John's Lodge), No. 3 GRC, Kingston
Sussex Lodge, No. 6 GRC (now No. 5 GRC), Brockville
Prince Edward Lodge, No. 10 GRC (now No. 18 GRC), Picton
St. James Lodge, No. 40 GRC, Maitland (now No. 74 GRC, at South Augusta)
Rising Sun Lodge, No. 47 GRC, Farmersville (now No. 85 GRC, at Athens)
Cataraqui Lodge, No. 51 GRC (now No. 92 GRC), Kingston
Albion Lodge, No. 109 GRC, Sydenham (now at Harrowsmith)
Central Lodge, UD (now No. 110, GRC), Spencerville
Hope Lodge, No. 114 GRC, Port Hope
Renfrew Lodge, UD (now No. 122 GRC), Renfrew
Cornwall Lodge, No. 125 GRC, Cornwall
Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke
Aylmer Lodge, No. 138 GRC (now No. 22 GRQ), Aylmer, Quebec
Excelsior Lodge, No. 142 GRC, Morrisburg [closed 2006]
Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143 GRC, Iroquois
Mississippi Lodge, No. 147 GRC, Almonte
Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Bytown (now Ottawa)
Peterborough Lodge, No. 155 GRC, Peterborough
Simpson Lodge, No. 157 GRC, Delta (now Newboro)
Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond
The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Bytown (now Ottawa)
Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 GRC, Plantagenet (now at Riceville)
Leeds Lodge, No. 201 GRC, Gananoque
North Gower Lodge, No. 206 GRC, North Gower [closed 1879]
Evergreen Lodge, No. 209 GRC, Lanark
Minden Lodge, No. 253 GRC, Kingston

(B) Lodges of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada located within the Central District and which eventually affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada between 1858 and 1872

Union Lodge, No. 6 AGLC (now No. 9 GRC), Napanee
Moirs No. 4 AGLC (now No. 11 GRC), Belleville
St. John's Lodge, No. 5 AGLC (now No. 17 GRC), Cobourg
True Briton's Lodge, No. 21 PRCW (now No. 14 GRC), Perth
Ontario Lodge, No. 20 AGLC (now No. 26 GRC), Port Hope
St. Francis Lodge, No. 17 PRCW (now No. 24 GRC), Smiths Falls
Kemptville Lodge, No. 25 PRCW (now Mount Zion, No. 28 GRC), Kemptville
United Lodge, No. 19 AGLC (now No. 29 GRC), Brighton
Jerusalem Lodge, No. 28 AGLC (now No. 31 GRC), Bowmanville
Trent Lodge, No. 32 AGLC (now No. 38 GRC), Trenton
Mount Zion Lodge, No. 33 AGLC (now No. 39 GRC), Brooklin
Madoc Lodge, No. 42 PRCW (now No. 48 GRC), Madoc
Consecon Lodge, No. 44 AGLC (now No. 50 GRC), Consecon
Merrickville Lodge, No. 46 PRCW (now No. 55 GRC), Merrickville
North Gower Lodge, No. 57 AGLC (unnumbered GRC) North Gower [closed 1859]
Doric Lodge, No. 49 AGLC (now No. 58 GRC, Ottawa), Bytown
Corinthian Lodge, No. 50 PRCW (later No. 59 GRC, Ottawa), Bytown [closed 1876]
St. John's Lodge, No. 16 AGLC (now No. 63 GRC), Carleton Place
Durham Lodge, No. 53 AGLC (now No. 66 GRC), Newcastle
Stirling Lodge, No. 54 AGLC (now No. 69 GRC)

(C) Irish Lodges in the area of Central District

St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC (now No. 21A GRC), Hawkesbury
[affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada on December 18, 1888]

(D) English Lodges in the area of Central District

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835/571 ER (now No. 52 GRC, Ottawa) Bytown
[affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1872]

	Grand Lodge	Central District
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1855 - 41 formed Grand Lodge 1856 - 30 new Warrants issued 1860 - 140 1866 - 180 ³	1855 - did not exist until 1857 1860 - 16 (DDGM's report) 1866 - not reported
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1855 - 1,179 (reported 1856) 1860 - 3,360 1866 - 6,263	1855 - not reported 1860 - not reported 1866 - not reported

The District Deputy Grand Masters of Central District during this 13 year period included:

1855-6	William Benjamin Simpson ⁴	Sussex Lodge, No. 6 (now No. 5)
1856-7	William Benjamin Simpson	Sussex Lodge, No. 6 (now No. 5)
1857-8	William Benjamin Simpson	Sussex Lodge, No. 6 (now No. 5)
1858-9	William Benjamin Simpson	Sussex Lodge, No. 6 (now No. 5)
1859-0	George F. La Seira (LaSerre)	St. John's Lodge, No. 3
1860-1	George F. La Seira (LaSerre)	St. John's Lodge, No. 3
1862-3	James Alexander Henderson ⁵	St. John's Lodge, No. 3
1863-4	Alexander G. MacDonnell	Excelsior Lodge, No. 142
1864-5	Robert Lyon	Goodwood Lodge, No. 159
1865-6	John V. Noel	Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92
1866-7	MacNeil (Macneil) Clarke	Central Lodge, No. 110
1867-8	John P. Featherstone	Doric Lodge, No. 58

The first reports of DDGMs for any District begin in 1857 and are listed in the Annual Proceedings. Those for the Central District are summarized hereunder by year:

1857 5 Lodges (#3, 5⁶, 9, 11, 18); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. William Benjamin Simpson.

The DDGM reported that he had supported the petition for dispensation and warrant for the proposed

³ Throughout, data on numbers of Lodges and members taken from p 116 of R. W. Bro. Herrington's *History*, 1930 and also from individual Annual Proceedings.

⁴ William Benjamin Simpson would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada for 1864-65 and 1865-66.

⁵ James Alexander Henderson, D.C.L., LL.B., Q.C. would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada for the 1879-80 and 1880-81 terms.

⁶ Warrant numbers shown are current (i.e. post 1858 unification) ones.

Cataraqui Lodge which had not been accepted by Grand Lodge as it did not conform to the standard outlined in the Constitution (failing to mention a place of meeting and failing to carry the recommendation of a sponsoring Lodge). On January 11, 1857 he had issued a dispensation to form St. James Lodge at Maitland (now No. 74 GRC, South Augusta) and now recommended a Warrant (issued on July 29, 1858). On June 24 he issued a dispensation to form Rising Sun Lodge at Farmersville (now No. 84 GRC, Athens). Sussex Lodge was reported in difficulties as a number of members had withdrawn with the formation of the Ancient Grand Lodge and held their allegiance to it. The DDGM noted that with some variations the work performed by Lodges in the District was " . . . formerly known as ancient York or Athol, but now better known as the United States work . . ." and he urged the adoption of a uniform ritual throughout the Province.

1858 5 Lodges (#3, 5, 9, 11, 18); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. William Benjamin Simpson.

All Lodges were visited and the five Lodges reported 51 initiations, four withdrawals, two suspensions for non-payment of dues and one death. One Lodge was censured twice during the year: once for balloting on an applicant who had just been rejected by another Lodge in the same District and again when, six months later, the same Lodge balloted the same applicant favourably and initiated him. It was remarked that at least one Lodge opened in the third degree, following American practice⁷ which was no longer permitted under the Constitution, and one Lodge permitted their candidates to pay their initiation fee by installments which was also no longer permitted under the Constitution. These matters had been brought to the attention of the Lodges concerned and were flagged for Grand Lodge as part of the normal adjustment process. With the union of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada on July 14, 1858 in Toronto, sixty-six Lodges would be added to the jurisdiction, some of which would be placed in the Central District.

1859 25 Lodges (#3, 5, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 24, 26, 29, 31, 38, 39, 48, 50, 55, 58, 59, 66, 69, 74, 85, 92, unnumbered North Gower); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. William Benjamin Simpson.

The DDGM reported that only ten of the 21 Lodges in the District had been visited — St. John's and Cataraqui, Kingston; True Briton's, Perth; St. Francis, Smiths Falls; St. James, Maitland; Sussex, Brockville; Rising Sun, Farmersville; Central, Prescott and Corinthian and Doric, Ottawa. While the work in Lodges was considered to be well done, only St. John's, Corinthian and Doric were working the correct ritual, Sussex "is gradually adopting to it . . ." and "the remainder are working according to the Ancient York or Athol system." This, he felt, "called for the immediate action of your Most Worshipful Body." Of five sets of By-Laws submitted for approval, only one had been approved, the others requiring amendment, and a model code of By-Laws was considered desirable for Lodges to copy. Jurisdictional problems between Sussex and St. Francis Lodges arose when St. Francis initiated and passed a person whose moral character was considered in doubt by Sussex Lodge, and the individual had resided in Brockville for some years. St. Francis had not known of the character flaws and was not in possession of either an English or a Canadian Constitution and it was felt that the matter could be left, all Lodges having been warned. The DDGM reported that he had issued dispensations permitting the formation of Union Lodge at Sydenham (now Albion No. 109 GRC, Harrowsmith) and Central Lodge at Prescott (now No. 110 GRC). A petition to form a Lodge at Beverley has held over as the DDGM did not consider the petitioners adequately qualified to "rule a Lodge." A petition from True Briton's to visit St. John's at Carleton Place was refused as the latter was "working unconstitutionally and irregularly" according to the Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge considered a proposed revision of District boundaries and, with respect to Central District, defined it as now including the counties of Frontenac, Leeds, Grenville, Stormont, Dundas,

⁷ Opening in the MM degree was also practiced by Lodges of the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions.

Glengarry, Lanark, Carleton and Russell, and that part of Lower Canada⁸ lying west of the eastern boundary of the County of Argenteuil. This would see the number of Lodges in Central District in 1859 reduced to twelve.

1860 12 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138); membership unknown). R. W. Bro. George F. LaSerre.

Dispensations to open two Lodges at Cornwall and Aylmer⁹ were issued during the year. The former was reported in a strong position and the latter had not, as of the date of the Annual Communication, been formed. The two newest warranted Lodges in the District, Albion 109 at Sydenham and Central 110 at Prescott, had been consecrated and the Masters-elect had been installed. The former was not progressing as quickly as the latter. All Lodges had been visited except Rising Sun due to travel difficulties. It was reported that there were still some teething problems with the "new" ritual. On one occasion, for installation, as there were not three Past Masters present, a number of RA Companions had convened a Lodge of Virtual Past Masters, installed the Lodge Master, and declared him duly installed! The DDGM instructed the Lodge on the correct ritual and, finding sufficient Past Masters present, properly installed the WM. It was also reported that the practice of permitting brethren to pass into and out of Lodge while it was a work, without the necessary formalities, was still ongoing (across the Province, not just the District) and that steps were being taken to redress this situation. Various local dispensations were granted for attendance in regalia at Church services and funerals of brethren. A dispensation was not granted to initiate a candidate who had lost the forefinger of his right hand — the Committee on Constitution and Regulations reported to Grand Lodge that "In such cases initiation should only be permitted by special dispensation from the Grand Master."

The Minutes of Doric Lodge for January 20, 1860, note that the DDGM had inspected both Corinthian and Doric Lodges, convened a "District Grand Lodge"¹⁰ using members of the two Lodges, and exemplified the three degrees to " . . . show the slight changes necessary from the working . . . under the United G. L. of England." Even at this time, though, the second and third degrees could be worked on the same candidate in the same evening. Doric Lodge Minutes for June 5, 1860, note that during the visit of " . . . R. W. Bro. Geo. F. La Seira (sic) . . . Bro. C. P. Thomas for (of) Corinthian Lodge was balloted for, examined in the Second degree and summarily raised to the Third degree." The Minutes of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 GRC, Renfrew, for July 9, 1860, note the calling of an Emergent Meeting on that evening to receive the DDGM, R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck, and the District Secretary, W. Bro. Elmer. It would appear from the Minutes that the visit was to permit R. W. Bro. Franck to read a Dispensation to pass and raise a candidate at the same meeting.

1861 18 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, three unidentified); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. George F. LaSerre.

R. W. Bro. LaSerre noted that the newest four Lodges (Aylmer Lodge, Aylmer, CE; Excelsior at Morrisburg; Friendly Brothers at Iroquois; and Mississippi, Almonte) were working very well¹¹, as was the newly consecrated Cornwall Lodge. He had visited Rising Sun Lodge (missed the year before) and found

⁸ The area was referred to as Lower Canada in the Annual Proceedings although it had been, since 1841, Canada East.

⁹ This was Aylmer, Quebec, as the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada covered the two constituent parts of Canada East and Canada West.

¹⁰ What we would call a District meeting today.

¹¹ The Committee on Warrants recommended (1861 *Annual Proceedings* p 227) that Warrants be issued for Aylmer, Excelsior, Friendly Brothers and Mississippi Lodges and they appear in the Returns of Subordinate Lodges (1861 *Annual Proceedings* Appendix p XCIV) as Nos. 138, 142, 143 and 147.

them meeting in the Town Hall rather than a dedicated Lodge room. St. Francis at Smiths Falls, St. John's at Kingston and the two Lodges at Ottawa (Corinthian and Doric) were doing well. The DDGM noted that Lodges of Instruction were essential for maintaining regularity in working and in providing essential support to isolated Lodges.

1862 18 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, three unidentified); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. George F. LaSerre.

Although the Annual Proceedings for 1861 show R. W. Bro. George F. LaSerre elected for the 1861-62 Masonic year there is no report of this DDGM in the 1862 Proceedings. Of all the other reports of DDGMs, only that of R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving of Huron District includes a table listing the Lodges of the District and their membership for that year (there were 11 Districts).

1863 18 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, 157, 159, one unidentified); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. James Alexander Henderson.

In his report the DDGM noted that the District was working well but does not provide any indication of the number of Lodges or their membership. It is assumed that as there is no reference to dispensations for new Lodges, the District probably remained at the level of 18 Lodges.

1864 18 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, 157, 159, one unidentified); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. Alexander G. MacDonnell.

In his report, the DDGM noted that business had prevented him from visiting all Lodges and that the sheer size of the District acted against the efforts of anyone to visit all of it in anyone year. Some minor challenges (such as initiating candidates who had not paid for their preferment) were dealt with. The DDGM noted that dispensation had been granted in September 1863 for the formation of Goodwood Lodge at Richmond and that with its successful startup, it was recommended that a Warrant be issued.

1865 18 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, 157, 159, 177); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. Robert Lyon.

The DDGM noted that he was unable to visit all Lodges in the District and that the sheer size of Central District worked against any effective management: he recommended a rearrangement of Lodges and Districts. He also recommended the development of standardized minute books which Lodges should acquire. An application to form "The Builders' Lodge" in Ottawa had been received and recommended to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Benjamin Simpson, although there is no reference to a dispensation being issued in the Grand Master's address at the 10th (1865) or 11th (1866) Annual Communications of Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding this development, the application was approved, Warrant No. 177 was issued bearing date July 13, 1865 and The Builder's Lodge was constituted on August 22, 1865 by R. W. Bro. Alfio de Grassi, DDGM of Toronto District.

1866 18 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, 157, 159, 177); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. John V. Noel.

R. W. Bro. Noel reported only that although he had been unable to visit all Lodges in the Central District harmony and good fellowship prevailed.

1867 20 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, 157, 159, 177, 186, 196); membership unknown. R. W. Bro. MacNeil Clarke.

Regrettably the DDGM was not present at the 12th Annual Communication in Kingston and no copy of his report was read out by the Grand Secretary nor was any report printed in the Annual Proceedings. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilson Mercer Wilson, noted in his address that he had issued dispensations for the formation of fourteen Lodges, including Plantagenet Lodge at Plantagenet.

1868 21 Lodges (#14, 24, 55, 58, 59, 74, 85, 92, 109, 110, 125, 138, 142, 143, 147, 157, 159, 177, 186, 196, 201, 206); 1,149 members. R. W. Bro. John P. Featherstone.

The DDGM noted that the vastness of the District and the wide dispersal of Lodges made it impossible to visit all Lodges during the year and he noted that three (unnamed) Lodges were not visited. Ritual continued to be a problem and Lodges like St. James No. 74 and Rising Sun No. 85 continued their "American work." Minute and Lodge books were considered unsatisfactory. The lack of Masonic libraries was deplored: it prevented members from gaining a sound understanding of their history. Simpson Lodge No. 157 petitioned in October 1867 to remove from Delta to Newboro and the DDGM had approved the transfer. Dispensations had been issued by the Grand Master to form new Lodges at Arnprior (Madawaska No. 196) and Gananoque (Leeds No. 201) and the Lodges were started. Plantagenet No. 186 was considered well-officered but without any sustainable potential membership to maintain it (contrary to this comment, Plantagenet is still working as of 2010 but had removed to Riceville in 1913). The Warrant and Minute Book of St. Francis No. 24 at Smiths Falls were surrendered to the DDGM (but would later be returned to the Lodge), True Britons No. 14 at Perth was still in difficulties, Cornwall No. 125 had held no meetings in 1866 and 1867 due to "politics in the Lodge" and Aylmer No. 138 had been working in an "unmasonic manner."

At the 13th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 8-10, 1868, London), it was moved by V. W. Bro. James Reynolds, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. G. MacDonnell, and resolved, "That the Central District be divided into two districts, to be called respectively the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Districts; the St. Lawrence District to comprise the counties of Frontenac, Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry, the city of Kingston and the towns of Brockville and Cornwall; and the Ottawa District to comprise the counties of Renfrew, Lanark, Carleton, Prescott and Russell, the city of Ottawa, and the village of Aylmer in the Province of Quebec" (1868 *Annual Proceedings*, p 593). The first time that the Proceedings contain a list of Lodges by District is in 1878 (ten years in the future). We can, however list the result of the split: 17 lodges to St. Lawrence District and 16 to Ottawa District.

St. Lawrence District (17 Lodges: 692 members)

Lodge	Town/City	County	Members
Ancient St. John's No.3	Kingston	Frontenac	129
Sussex No.5	Brockville	Leeds	64
Mount Zion No. 28	Kemptville	Grenville	39
Merrickville No. 55	Merrickville	Grenville	38
St. James No. 74	Maitland	Grenville	32
Rising Sun No. 85	Farmersville	Leeds	14
Cataraqui, No. 92	Kingston	Frontenac	66
Albion No. 109	Harrowsmith	Frontenac	21
Central No. 110	Prescott	Grenville	71

Cornwall No. 125	Cornwall	Stormont	13
Excelsior No. 142	Morrisburg	Dundas	60
Friendly Brothers No. 143	Iroquois	Dundas	42
Peterborough No. 155	Peterborough	Peterborough	35
Simpson No. 157	Newboro	Leeds	16
Leeds No. 201	Gananoque	Leeds	21
Lancaster No. 207	Lancaster	Glengarry	10
Elysian No. 212	Garden Island	Frontenac	21

Ottawa District (16 Lodges: 457 members)

Lodge	Town/City	County	Members
True Britons No. 14	Perth	Lanark	19
St. Francis No. 24	Smiths Falls	Lanark	<i>dormant</i>
Doric No. 58	Ottawa	Carleton	83
Corinthian No. 59	Ottawa	Carleton	56
Renfrew No. 122	Renfrew	Renfrew	19
Pembroke No. 128	Pembroke	Renfrew	15
Aylmer No. 138	Aylmer, PQ	Quebec	45
Mississippi No. 147	Almonte	Lanark	26
Civil Service No. 148	Ottawa	Carleton	49
Goodwood No 159	Richmond	Carleton	20
The Builders No. 177	Ottawa	Carleton	53
Plantagenet No. 186	Plantagenet	Prescott	19
Madawaska No. 196	Arnprior	Renfrew	15
North Gower No. 206	North Gower	Carleton	10
Evergreen No. 209	Lanark	Lanark	12
Hawkesbury No. 210	Hawkesbury	Prescott	16

Part 2

Ottawa District

1868 - 1970

Ottawa District
Unnumbered 1868-1877; No. 12 1878; No. 13 1879-1886

World and national change continued unabated. The Franco-Prussian War began in 1870. The rapid opening up of the Canadian West was laying the seeds of the Red River Rebellion and the formation of the North West Mounted Police. In 1866 the first words were transmitted by electric wire in Brantford by Alexander Graham Bell. The "last spike" was placed at Craigellachie by Lord Strathcona (Donald Smith) and Canadians could now travel from "Mare Usque Ad Mare."

At the Annual Communication of 1868, held in the city of London, it had been agreed that the Central District would be immediately divided into two new Districts — St. Lawrence and Ottawa. The new Ottawa District was composed of the Counties of Renfrew, Lanark, Carleton, Prescott and Russell, the city of Ottawa, and the village of Aylmer (in the newly formed Province of Quebec). A total of sixteen Lodges were located within Ottawa District in 1868, plus one under English Registry within the city of Ottawa (Dalhousie No. 571 EC, now No. 52 GRC), one under English Registry in Carleton Place (St. John's No. 16 AGLC and No. 796 EC, now No. 63 GRC), and one under Irish Registry at L'Orignal (now No. 20A GRC at Vankleek Hill). The sixteen Lodges were:

Winchester No. 12, Winchester
True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth
St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smiths Falls
Doric Lodge, No. 58, Bytown (now Ottawa)
Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, Bytown (now Ottawa) [closed by 1876]
Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew
Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke
Aylmer Lodge, No. 138, Aylmer
Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte
Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Bytown (now Ottawa)
Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond
The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Bytown (now Ottawa)
Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Riceville
Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior
North Gower Lodge, No. 206, North Gower [closed by 1879]
Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark
Eureka Lodge, No. 248 GRC, Pakenham [closed in 1884]

The District Deputy Grand Masters of Ottawa District from 1868 to 1886 included:

1868-9	Dr. William Mostyn, MD	Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte
1869-0	John J. Gemmill	Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa
1870-1	Edward C. Barber	Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa
1871-2	Edward C. Barber	Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa
1872-3	Edward C. Barber	Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa
1873-4	Dr. William Mostyn, MD	Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte
1874-5	Dr. John W. Pickup, MD	Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond and Eureka Lodge, No. 248, Belleville
1875-6	William Robert White, QC ¹²	Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke
1876-7	William Kerr	Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa

¹² William Robert White, QC would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario for 1894-95 and 1895-96..

1877-8	William Kerr	Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa
1878-9	Dr. John W. Pickup, MD	Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond and Eureka Lodge, No. 248, Belleville
1879-0	William Kerr	Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa
1880-1	Samuel Rogers	Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa
1881-2	Dr. James G. Cranston, MD	Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior
1882-3	Enoch Bruce Butterworth	The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa
1883-4	William Rea	Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa
1884-5	William Smith	Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte
1885-6	Dr. Clarence Ronald Church, MD	Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa

The Annual Proceedings for 1868 include the first "Returns of Subordinate Lodges" listing the membership of all Lodges.

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa 16 District
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1868 - 197 1875 - 288 1885 - 356	1868 - 18 1875 - 21 1885 - 21
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1868 - 8,022 1875 - 15,934 1885 - 18,983	1868 - 476 (1869) 1875 - 1,065 1885 - 1,015

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry reported at the 117th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 19, 1972) on the increase and decline in membership by decades from 1855 to 1972. There were periods of growth and of decline as reflected in the following table (taken from page 105):

Decade	Numerical Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
1890-1900	5423	26.5
1900-1910	20218	78
1910-1920	34780	75.4
1920-1930	35061	43.3
1930-1940	(22139)	(19.1)
1940-1950	22944	24.4
1950-1960	19480	16.6
1960-1970	(11529)	(8.5)

1869 16 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24 (dormant), 58, 59, 122, 128, 138, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210); total District membership 476. R. W. Bro. Dr. William Mostyn, MD.

The DDGM noted that due to the bad state of roads he had been unable to visit all Lodges in the District. Three dispensations were issued to form new Lodges: North Gower at North Gower (to become 206), Evergreen at Lanark (to become 209) and Hawkesbury at Hawkesbury (to become 210). He noted

that while he would recommend the issue of Warrants to the first two named, he left the issue of a Warrant for Hawkesbury Lodge "in the hands of Grand Lodge." True Britons Lodge was revived (it had been closed for four years) as was St. Francis Lodge (which had surrendered its Warrant one year previously). He noted a tendency to start up new Lodges in rural areas, often where there is insufficient population to support them, leading to a large number of weaker Lodges which are close together, rather than large and strong Lodges but with greater distances between them.

1870 16 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24 (dormant), 58, 59, 122, 128, 138, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210); total District membership 460. R. W. Bro. John J. Gemmill.

The DDGM noted that while operations in country Lodges was "a little loose" he felt that the Lodges within the city of Ottawa were flourishing and extremely competent. He noted that the five Canadian Lodges within the city limits were working very cordially and close with the English Lodge, Dalhousie No. 571 EC. His rounds to install the WMs and officers of several Lodges included installing/investing Dalhousie's officers. Although a dispensation had been issued to form Evergreen Lodge, the DDGM had been unable to travel there for the institution which had been performed by R. W. Bro. Thomas Wilkinson, DDGM of St. Lawrence District and R. W. Bro. William Mostyn had visited the Lodge on June 24, 1870 to perform the consecration. The DDGM reported very favourably on the newly formed Lodge of Fidelity within the city of Ottawa.

[At the Annual Communication, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alan Alexander Stevenson, a resident of Montreal, spoke against the moves by freemasons in the new province of Quebec (the province had been formed on July 1, 1867), and which had resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, on October 20, 1869¹³. A warning was issued by the Grand Master that the new Grand Lodge would not secure recognition from the Grand Lodge of Canada.]

1871 18 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 58, 59, 122, 128, 138, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248; total District membership 576) R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber.

The DDGM noted that the sixteen Lodges of one year earlier had been augmented by the revival of St. Francis Lodge at Smiths Falls and the formation of Eureka Lodge at Pakenham. Of particular note was the continuing close relationship which the District had established with Dalhousie No. 571 EC. A petition from Brethren at L'Original was received but could not be recommended as it lacked the support of the closest Lodge and also the DDGM was concerned that the area would not likely support another Lodge. Although noting that conditions in the District were excellent, the DDGM again recommended the institution of the office of Grand Lecturer to travel the jurisdiction and instruct Lodges and their officers in a uniform manner of work.

1872 22 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 59, 63, 122, 128, 138, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 275; total District membership 728). R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber.

The DDGM reported that the District had increased by four Lodges: two English Lodges (St. John's at Carleton Place and Dalhousie at Ottawa) having affiliated and two having been formed under dispensation (Chaudiere at Ottawa and Pontiac at Onslow; the village would eventually be renamed West Quyon, in Canada East, now Quebec). He noted that all the Lodges were in a satisfactory condition and, "... the work being conducted as closely to the established ritual of Grand Lodge; as can be expected from the limited opportunity that the Masters and Wardens have of becoming acquainted with the same. Nothing short of the appointment of Grand Lecturers will ever secure that great *desideratum* — *uniformity of work*." He recommended that Warrants be issued to the two Lodges under dispensation as the Worshipful Masters had proved themselves capable of carrying out the work. Against these positive

¹³ On July 1, 1867, there were 39 Lodges working in the province of Quebec: 32 holding Canadian Warrants, five under the United Grand of England and 2 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

developments, however, he deplored the removal of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, from Hawkesbury to L'Original. (The position of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the time of its formation was that Lodges holding authorities from other Grand Lodges could remain with them providing that there was no change in their situation, but the removal of St. John's was considered to be a breach of that original situation.) New Lodge rooms were in great demand as increasing numbers of members necessitated larger quarters. A successful Lodge of Instruction had been held in Almonte in April.

[The issue of the Grand Lodge of Quebec would dominate the affairs of Grand Lodge. Two matters from the Proceedings would indirectly affect the Ottawa District: first, a Motion to abandon the practice of having the reports of DDGM's read at the Annual Communication was lost and second, two lodges (one in Chatham and one in Toronto) said to hold their Warrants from the "Grand Lodge of New York (colored)" offered to surrender their Warrants and affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Secretary replied that as only one Grand Lodge of New York was recognized any application must be done by each individual member of the lodges according to the provisions of the Constitution." The report was adopted in the belief that the questions would end there¹⁴."]

1873 23 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 59, 63, 122, 128, 138, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 275, 298); total District membership 961. R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber.

The DDGM reported that twenty-two Lodges were working well (except for standardization of the ritual for which the services of a Grand Lecturer were still requested) although Aylmer 138 was in some difficulty (it would close in 1881). New Lodge rooms at Pembroke and Ottawa were dedicated by the Grand Master, the Lodge room at Lanark was dedicated by the DDGM and the cornerstone of the "Protestant Hospital" in Ottawa was laid by the Deputy Grand Master. Brethren from Ogdensburg visited The Builders Lodge and exemplified a portion of the American work. The unsatisfactory relations with St. John's No. 159 IC had led the DDGM to issue an edict to the District prohibiting Masonic intercourse with the Lodge although this was revoked by the Grand Master.

[The issue of the Irish St. John's Lodge (159 IC) would be placed squarely before Grand Lodge. It would take time to achieve a satisfactory conclusion. It would not actually occur until December 18, 1888 when the Lodge affiliated with the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada and was issued with Warrant No. 21A GRC. Secondly, our Grand Lodge *History* records that efforts to resolve the issue of the Grand Lodge of Quebec were unsuccessful. At this time the Grand Lodge of Vermont withdrew Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada until it should withdraw all claims to jurisdiction over the Grand Lodge of Quebec.]

1874 21 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 59, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 310); total District membership 991. R. W. Bro. Dr. William Mostyn, MD.

The DDGM noted that the majority of Lodges were in good working order. Eddy Lodge (shortly to be lost to the Grand Lodge of Quebec) and Lodge of Fidelity jointly entertained visiting Brethren from Ogdensburg, New York. A petition from Brethren in Beachburg and vicinity had for a Lodge to serve their needs had been prepared and the DDGM had recommended it to the Grand Master. A dispensation was quickly issued on February 14, 1874. A petition for a new Lodge within the limits of the city of Ottawa was refused on the grounds that there were a sufficient number of Lodges at the present time. The DDGM reported that a successful conclusion to the "Irish problem at Hawkesbury, Plantagenet and L'Original" had been achieved with the following mutual agreement "The Lodges at Hawkesbury and L'Original to surrender their warrants to their respective Grand Lodges; then this Grand Lodge to grant a warrant to the United Lodge; the place of holding the Lodge to be decided by a committee of equal numbers chosen

¹⁴ Herrington, *History*, 1930, P 144.

from each Lodge or by Grand Lodge(1874 *Annual Proceedings*, p 619)¹⁵." New Lodge rooms at Renfrew and Arnprior were dedicated. While the DDGM does not make any reference to the three Lodges in the District which were located within the Province of Quebec—Aylmer 138, Aylmer; Pontiac 275, Onslow and Eddy 298, Hull—they are missing from the List of Subordinate Lodges (1874 *Annual Proceedings* p 721-5). Agreement between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec would see all Lodges holding warrants of the former but located within the political territory of Quebec either surrender their warrants and close forever or affiliate with the latter.

[In 1874, a charter was issued to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem: the only case where a Warrant was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada to a Lodge outside the North American continent.]

1875 21 Lodges, Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 59, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248, 26, 310); total District membership 1,065. R. W. Bro. Dr. John W. Pickup, MD.

The Masonic year 1874-75 was filled with great challenges to the Craft in Ontario with the death of both the first Grand Secretary (R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, the first (and only) Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in its first 20-year existence, who died on August 18, 1874¹⁶) and first Grand Master (M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, who died on January 16, 1875). Lodge Warrants were draped and services were held in memory of the first Grand Master and as this was the first time that a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada had died, there was no written program to follow. R. W. Bro. Pickup reported to the Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. James K. Kerr, on a growing and expanding District: Enterprise Lodge had been instituted at Beachburg on November 18, 1874 and there were public appearances by the Craft for the cornerstone laying of the Pembroke Baptist Church on May 25, 1875 and Doric Lodge's "moonlight excursion down the Ottawa River" to raise funds for the new Protestant Hospital (later the Civic and now the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital).

1876 20 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 310); total District membership 1,002. R. W. Bro. William Robert White.

The DDGM reported that Corinthian Lodge 59 in Ottawa had surrendered its charter although some members had petitioned to retain it and keep the Lodge working. His investigation into the circumstances revealed the existence of bitter feelings between two leading members of the Lodge and their respective adherents " . . . that the constant clashing (caused) so much trouble and injury to the craft that it was deemed better by the more temperate members . . . (to) surrender the Charter" (1976 *Annual Proceedings*, p 117). The balance of the District appeared to be in good order.

1877 21 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 310, 355); total District membership 970. R. W. Bro. William Kerr.

The DDGM reported that he had visited every Lodge in the District and found them in an active and satisfactory condition. The work of Lodge officers on ritual was reported as satisfactory. Fire had destroyed the Lodge rooms of Eureka Lodge on August 26, 1876, and although most of their possessions were destroyed and they had allowed the insurance to lapse, the DDGM felt they were working things out and meeting in an approved manner. An instrumental concert in March 1877 had raised funds allocated to the Protestant Hospital, Protestant Orphan's Home and Temperance Home. In July 1877 the Ottawa city Lodges voted to raise funds to purchase a burial lot in Beechwood Cemetery. A dispensation had been issued by the Grand Master for the formation of Clandeboye Lodge at Perth and the Lodge had been

¹⁵ Amalgamation did not occur and St. John's 159 IC, would vote on November 25, 1887 to amalgamate with Grand Lodge and would become today's St. John's Lodge, No. 21A GRC, Vankleek Hill. Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, Hawkesbury would close and surrender its warrant in 1888.

¹⁶ R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris had just been elected for his twentieth one-year term as Grand Secretary.

instituted (no clear date is given).

[In early 1875 a dispensation had been issued by the Acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. James K. Kerr, to form Eden Lodge in London. At the Annual Communication in July, the Board did not sanction the issue of a Warrant but recommended the continuation of the dispensation and requested a report on the working of the Lodge. Eden's membership did not accept the report and refused to surrender the original dispensation in favor of a new one and, by February 9, 1876, had declared its incorporation as "The Grand Lodge of Ontario." An edict was issued by the Grand Master suspending all the rights and privileges of Eden Lodge and its members. Only the Grand Lodge of Texas had moved to recognize the new body, but had withdrawn the recognition on finding out the details of its irregular formation. Within a few years, other than the ringleaders, most of the members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario would be "healed" back into mainstream Masonry. By comparison with this event, around the same time, three Lodges in the Manitoba District, seeking to improve the welfare of the craft, formed the Grand Lodge of Manitoba which was recognized at the Annual Communication of 1877.]

1878 21 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 206, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 310, 355); total District membership 1,011. R. W. Bro. William Kerr.

The Annual Proceedings of 1878 are the first time that a "List of Lodges by District" is included: Ottawa District appears as "No. 12."

The DDGM noted that there had been good growth in new members during the past year but also a large increase in the number of "suspensions NPD." A District Lodge of Instruction had been held on July 10, 1878, attended by the Grand Master. The brethren of the Ottawa city Lodges had completed the purchase of a Burial plot in Beechwood cemetery and a suitable monument and ornamental fence was to be acquired and installed.

1879 21 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 310, 355, 371); total District membership 986. R. W. Bro. Dr. John W. Pickup, MD.

The DDGM noted that the ongoing business depression did not appear to affect the craft in any major way. The removal of Dr. Pickup to Brockville added to the challenges of overseeing the District, but in spite of that, Lodges were visited and two District Lodges of Instruction were held (at Ottawa and Carleton Place). New Lodge rooms for Mississippi Lodge were consecrated on January 3, 1879. R. W. Bro. Pickup forwarded a petition with his endorsement for the formation of a new Lodge in the city of Ottawa, to be called "Prince of Wales." The Lodge had been instituted and the DDGM, pleased with its work, recommended the issue of a Warrant. On the down side, the Grand Master had accepted the surrender of Warrant No. 206 from North Gower Lodge, no returns to Grand Lodge having been made since 1872.

[Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France was withdrawn by the Grand Lodge of Canada when it repealed a clause in its Constitution asserting a belief in God as a fundamental principle of Freemasonry.]

1880 21 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 310, 355, 371); total District membership 965. R. W. Bro. William Kerr.

The DDGM noted that the prosperity of the District was improving after several years of economic problems: increasing numbers of applicants and fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues. In October 1879 he had constituted Prince of Wales 371, Ottawa. He investigated problems with the ballot at St. John's Lodge and reported to the Grand Master that as the WM and several members had locked the Lodge room doors and refused to co-operate in the DDGM's investigation a solution had to be left to the Grand Master to decide.

1881 20 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 310, 355, 371); total District membership 965. R. W. Bro. Samuel Rogers.

The DDGM reported that Pembroke Lodge had lost all its possessions to fire on the night of December 24, 1880, but had immediately pooled their available resources and rented another hall immediately in order to continue working. Several Masters had requested copies of the ritual but this was denied by the Grand Secretary.

1882 21 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 371); total District membership 931) R. W. Bro. Dr. James G. Cranston, MD.

The DDGM reported the District was flourishing and he had held a "general Lodge of Instruction" in the Ottawa Masonic Hall on the evenings of March 28 (opening and closings in three degrees), March 29 (EA and FC degrees were exemplified and explained) and March 30, 1882 (MM degree exemplified and explained), attended by over 100 Masons. He recommended that a paid Lecturer be engaged to visit each Lodge in order to ensure a uniformity of working — ritual books still not being produced or made readily available. Although unstated in his report, two Lodges had closed during the year — Enterprise 310 at Beachburg after seven years of existence and Clandeboye 355 at Perth after nine years.

1883 20 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 248, 264, 355, 371); total District membership 960. R. W. Bro. Enoch Bruce Butterworth.

The DDGM reported that all Lodges were following the approved method of ritual work as instructed by Grand Lodge. The same could not be said for following rules and regulations and the DDGM had recommended all Lodges secure copies of Grand Lodge rulings and also R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson's book on Masonic jurisprudence.

1884 21 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 264, 355, 371, Mattawa UD); total District membership 1,012. R. W. Bro. William Rea.

In his nine-page report to Grand Lodge, the DDGM noted that although twenty Lodges were listed as being in the District, Eureka 248 at Pakenham had ceased to work sometime before July 1883 and the warrant, records and jewels had been secured and returned to Grand Lodge (he does not take into account the startup of Mattawa Lodge, bringing the total to 21). The work of Lodges was considered satisfactory and a Lodge of Instruction was not undertaken. Several charges and complaints between Masons and between Masons and Lodge officers continued to occupy the DDGM's time. Dispensations were issued to permit Lodges to attend local church services in regalia and to otherwise celebrate the festivals of the two Saints John. The Masonic Burial Plot at Beechwood Cemetery (see 1878 comments, p 29) had been improved and had a neat copestone surrounding the ground but "needs the erection of a suitable monument to render complete one of the most desirable spots where the remains of our departed brethren may rest until summoned to rejoin the Grand Lodge above." A Masonic Band had been formed by the Ottawa city Lodges. True Britons and St. John's Lodges had removed to more suitable facilities and the DDGM felt that all Lodges except Hawkesbury and Plantagenet were suitably housed. He reported the death of Bro. James Salmon, a one-time member of St. John's No.3, Kingston and Doric 58, The Builders and Prince of Wales Lodges in the city of Ottawa. At the time of death, though, he was an "unaffiliated Mason" and was not accorded a Masonic burial. Efforts to increase attendance at regular meetings were being considered but there was no indication as to the success of this. Amalgamation efforts between Hawkesbury Lodge and St. John's No. 159 IC had been underway since 1874 but had not been concluded.

1885 20 Lodges (Nos. 14, 24, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 264, 355, 371, Mattawa UD); total District membership 1,015. R. W. Bro. William Smith.

The DDGM reported that he had dedicated the new Masonic Hall in Perth and that True Britons Lodge

was in a much healthier state now that the second Lodge in the town (Clandeboy 355) had closed after nine years of struggle to keep alive. Within the district he report Lodges were working well and books were in good shape. In this regard he recommended a Warrant be issued to Mattawa Lodge which had been working under dispensation for fifteen months.

[During the year, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, noting the observations of other Grand Lodges that the Grand Lodge of Canada could amend its style and title to "The Grand Lodge of Ontario" noted that "it might be well to add as a sub-title to the name of the Grand Lodge, the words 'having jurisdiction over the Province of Ontario'." The Board of General Purposes noted that the style and title "The Grand Lodge of Canada" could mislead others and that perhaps an adjustment would be desirable *while retaining the distinctive name*. At this Annual Communication the lack of "control" in the ritual was noted (as was the lack of any written ritual) and the Grand Master appointed a committee to advise him on the ritual-what has become, today, the Custodian of the Work and the Lodge of Instruction committee.]

1886 17 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 264, 371, 405); total District membership 857. R. W. Bro. Dr. Clarence Ronald Church, MD.

With a redistribution of Lodges within the District, True Britons 14, Perth and St. Francis 24, Smiths Falls had been transferred to St. Lawrence District. The DDGM reported that he had constituted Mattawa 405 in October 1885. He remarked that the ritual was worked in a standard and acceptable manner. Lodges of Instruction were held on May 17, 18 and 19, 1876 for the benefit of WMs and officers of Lodges in the District.

[Difficult times with the Grand Lodge of Quebec again arose. On January 1, 1885, the Grand Lodge of Quebec declared as illegal any Lodge in its jurisdiction holding an authority other than from the Grand Lodge of Quebec. This was reportedly targeted at three Lodges in Montreal holding their authority from United Grand Lodge of England. Another interesting problem came before Grand Lodge (*History* p 203-4) in that a member suspended by his Lodge because he claimed not to believe in a personal God, the immortality of the soul or a future life of rewards and punishments, had appealed to Grand Lodge. In reviewing the case and interviewing the member, the Board of General Purposes recommended that he be reinstated. The Grand Master, after a review of the case and interviewing the member, ruled that "there were certain landmarks which cannot be changed, the most important being the belief in God and the immortality of the soul He therefore declined to interfere with the action of the Lodge which had suspended the brother, and Grand Lodge concurred in his finding." This situation had arisen at the same time as an attack on Freemasonry by a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church in Quebec. With regard to a new name, a Committee was struck (M. W. Bros. Daniel Spry and Otto Klotz and R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson) to propose a style and title for the Grand Lodge.]

**Ottawa District 16
1887-1905**

By 1886 the Riel Rebellion was over (Louis Riel had been hanged on November 16, 1885 at Regina) and economic growth and expansion was literally fuelled by railway construction. Women's suffrage was launched by Dr. Emily Stowe. In 1895 Canada's first hydro-electric plant opened at Niagara Falls. Sir Wilfred Laurier became Premier of the new Dominion in 1896. The Spanish-American War erupted in 1898 and the Boxer Rebellion (in China) in 1899. King Edward VII (who had been Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge) ascended the Throne in 1902 after the death of Queen Victoria. The Russo-Japanese War was ended in 1904.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at Windsor in 1886, a major redistribution of Districts within the Grand Jurisdiction was made. For Ottawa District this meant the transfer of Lodges in Smiths Falls (St. Francis Lodge, No. 24) and Perth (True Briton's Lodge, No. 14) to the new St. Lawrence District. However, it still meant that there were sixteen Lodges in Ottawa District:

St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, l'Orignal (now at Vankleek Hill)
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa
Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa
St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place
Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew
Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke
Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte
Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa
Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond
The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa
Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Riceville
Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior
Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark
Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa
Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa
Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa

The District Deputy Grand Masters of Ottawa District from 1886 to 1904 included:

1886-7	James Henry Burritt, KC ¹⁷	Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke
1887-8	David Taylor	The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa
1888-9	David Taylor	The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa
1889-0	David Barr	Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew
1890-1	John H. Bothwell	Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark
1891-2	Gavin S. MacFarlane	Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa
1892-3	Robert A. Klock	Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke
1893-4	R. W. Stephen	Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa
1894-5	E. Abbot Johnson	St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, Carleton Place
1895-6	M. Archibald Hood	Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior
1896-7	E. D. Parlow	Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa
1897-8	Dr. George E. Josephs	Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke

¹⁷ James Henry Burritt would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario for 1905-06 and 1906-07.

1898-9	George S. May	Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa
1899-0	William A. McKay	Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew
1900-1	Dr. John Robertson, MD	Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa
1901-2	William Thomas Franklin	Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet
1902-3	John Wilson	Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa
1903-4	Dr. N. W. Cleary	Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew
1904-5	Sidney Albert Luke	Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa

The transfer of St. Francis No. 24 at Smiths Falls and True Britons No. 14 at Perth to the new St. Lawrence District was not entirely supported by Ottawa District. The Minutes of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, for February 4, 1887, note that "... this Lodge approve of the efforts now being made by Rt. Wor. Bro. Burritt D.D.G.M. to induce Grand Lodge to restore to this District the Lodges in Perth and Smiths Falls removed last session."

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1886 - 357 1895 - 351 1899 - 361 1904 - 383	1886 - 17 1895 - 16 1899 - 18 1904 - 21
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1886 - 19,256 1895 - 22,705 1899 - 24,057 1904 - 32,708	1886 - 857 1895 - 1,262 1899 - 1,478 1904 - 1,985

1887 18 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 264, 371, 405, 420); total District membership 857. R. W. Bro. James Henry Burritt, KC.

Lodges were reminded that solicitation for members was a Masonic offence and that even comments in the Summons about seeking members was to be discouraged. In a series of amendments to the Constitution, the first article was revised to read: "The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be 'The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario'." The transfer of Lodges in Smiths Falls (St. Francis 24) and Perth (True Britons 14) to St. Lawrence District was not entirely supported by Ottawa District. The minutes of Mississippi 147 for February 4, 1887, note that "... this Lodge approve of the efforts now being made by Rt. Wor. Bro. Burritt D.D.G.M. to induce Grand Lodge to restore to this District the Lodges in Perth and Smiths Falls removed last session." Having received no response from London on the issue of English Lodges in the province of Quebec, the Grand Lodge of Quebec suspended masonic intercourse with the United Grand Lodge and all its subordinate Lodges.

1888 18 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 210, 231, 264, 371, 405, 420); total District membership unknown. R. W. Bro. David Taylor.

The style of title "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario" appears for the first time on the title pages of the Annual Proceedings of 1888. The DDGM reported that all Lodges had been visited and that "the condition of masonry in this District is, on the whole, most favorable" with one exception. This was Hawkesbury No. 210 which had lost many members by death and removal and few new members joined the Lodge. The result was that it had ceased meeting and the DDGM had "secured possession of the charter and forwarded it to the Grand Secretary." A petition to form Nipissing Lodge at North Bay had been recommended to the Grand Master and following issue of a dispensation, the Lodge had been instituted on November 20, 1887. Public ceremonies in the District included the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Carleton Place (St. John's

No. 63; October 26, 1887), consecration and dedication of the new Ottawa Masonic Hall (May 31, 1888) and, at Beechwood Cemetery, the unveiling of the monument on the Masonic burial plot. The DDGM noted that after several years of effort, St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, l'Orignal, had voted on November 25, 1887 to join the Grand Lodge of Canada. After successful negotiations by R. W. Bro. David Taylor, a petition was accepted and the officers and past officers of the Lodge were installed, invested and confirmed in their ranks. [Special notes: (1) The officers and members retained their Irish "past" ranks on being registered on the books of Grand Lodge and the number assigned (No. 21) was the nearest vacant number to correspond with the date of the original warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. (2) The number "21" had earlier been held by Zetland Lodge of Montreal which had surrendered its Canadian Warrant in 1874 when the Grand Lodge of Canada ceased working in the Province of Quebec.]

Of Importance for the present-day, R. W. Bro. Taylor reported on the formation of a permanent organization "of Past Masters, Masters and Wardens. Meetings (to) be held at stated intervals for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to the Craft . . . the DDGM if resident of the city is chairman, and when the District Deputy lives outside the city, his immediate predecessor domiciled in the capital becomes chairman." (1888 Annual Proceedings, p 138).

1889 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 420); total District membership 1,082. R. W. Bro. David Taylor.

The DDGM reported that he had visited all Lodges in the District and that ritual was improved from previous years although Lodges would benefit from practices. He noted particularly that Civil Service No. 148, had undertaken to hold a private "Lodge of Instruction" just prior to opening the Lodge and this was beneficial to all officers and participating members. A Masonic Library for the city of Ottawa was opened.

[Our (Grand Lodge) *History* notes that the Grand Master attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in January 1889 where that Grand Lodge accepted the offer of mediation in its dispute with United Grand Lodge of England. Later in 1889 the Grand Lodge of Quebec withdrew its edicts against United Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges¹⁸.]

1890 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 420); total District membership 1,356. R. W. Bro. David Barr.

The DDGM reported he had visited all 18 Lodges and that he had been received with courtesy and protocol. No Lodge of Instruction was held as all Lodges were considered to be working at a high degree of ability. All Lodges were in a healthy financial situation but non-payment of dues continued to be a problem. Plantagenet 186 and Madawaska 196 were not felt to be as strong as they could be: the first due to inadequate facilities and second due to a lack of involvement of the members. Dispensations were issued including two to open one Lodge at Cornwall and one at Aylmer. The former was reported in a strong position and the latter had not, as of the date of the Annual Communication, been formed. The two newest Lodges (Albion 109, Sydenham and Central 110, Prescott) were consecrated and the Worshipful Masters were installed. There were still problems with the "new" ritual.

[A dispensation was not granted to initiate a candidate who had lost the forefinger of his right hand — the Committee on Constitution and Regulations reported to Grand Lodge that "In such cases initiation should only be permitted by special dispensation from the Grand Master."]

¹⁸ The dispute over exclusive jurisdiction was never fully settled as hoped. By 1906 the Grand Lodge of Quebec re-established fraternal relations with the United Grand Lodge of England and one of the three English Lodges in Montreal—St. Lawrence—had affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. As of 2009, St. George's No. 440 EC (est. 1828) and St. Paul's No. 374 EC (est. 1770), still work under their English authority.

1891 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 420); total District membership 1,139. R. W. Bro. John H. Bothwell.

All Lodges were visited during the year and were found to be doing well with the exception of Madawaska 196 at Arnprior which had few new members but an optimistic view of the future. Ritual work was found satisfactory across the District with all officers striving for proficiency. Lodge finances were found adequate but arrears of dues continued to plague many. The DDGM noted that while membership was at an acceptable level, low attendance was a problem and Lodge intervisitation (as practiced in the city of Ottawa) was thought to be part of the solution.

1892 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 420); total District membership 1,152. R. W. Bro. Gavin S. MacFarlane.

Although this was a year to celebrate the Centennial of the formation of the first Masonic government in the area — the Antients Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada under R. W. William Jarvis in 1792 — Grand Lodge did not approve a motion to celebrate the event and a celebratory program was held by Toronto Lodges alone, which included the striking of a silver medal. The discovery of an unspecified "Masonic" inscription on a rock on a farm in Pakenham Township was visited by eight members of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, in April 1892. They reported their find to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson in a letter dated April 30, 1892, provided an impression of it, and invited him to visit the site. The inscription was not explained but it sounded as if it might have been similar to the one found on the Bay of Fundy — a square and compasses and the date 1602 — and which for some time encouraged many Masons to believe that the Craft significantly predated 1717. M. W. Bro. Robertson's reply noted that" . . . There was no Masonry, nor knowledge of Masonry any where in the Township of Pakenham prior to 1820 . . . (and) . . . marks have probably been placed . . . for the purpose of misleading "

R. W. Bro. MacFarlane reported that all Lodges were visited and all were progressing except for Plantagenet and Evergreen Lodges (Madawaska had successfully resuscitated itself). The Grand Master's visit to Civil Service Lodge was celebrated by all Ottawa city Lodges. On the question of transferring Nipissing 420 and Mattawa 405 to a new proposed District (Nipissing District No. 18), the DDGM reported that the "unanimous opinion is too strongly opposed to any such proposition" but the decision to form Nipissing District (seven Lodges, Nos. 352, 360, 376, 409, 420, 423, 427) had already been taken. The DDGM remarked that he felt that four Lodges in the city of Ottawa (vs the seven then working) would meet the needs of Freemasons.

1893 17 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405); total District membership 1,116. R. W. Bro. Robert A. Klock.

The DDGM reported a lack of charitable activities in the District and difficulties in interpersonal relations between some members detract from the harmonious state of Freemasonry in the District. He noted a falling in some standards — notably a tendency to come to Lodge in working clothes and a predilection to wear Lodge-supplied white aprons rather than acquiring and wearing proper regalia. He also encouraged Grand Lodge to require Lodges to elect in the month of June and to use this for year-end, making reporting more standard and easier to provide. He reported on the notice of motion (then before Grand Lodge) to transfer Maxville Lodge No. 418 to Ottawa District 16. Dispensations were granted to attend divine service in regalia and to instal in a different month than called for in by-laws. On the matter of dues arrears, the DDGM reported that an average of 25% of the membership of each Lodge was in arrears and at Pembroke Lodge, the number had reached 47%. In one case the DDGM noted that a member was still carried on the roll of his Lodge even though he was 12 years in arrears of dues.

1894 17 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405); total District membership 1,192. R. W. Bro. R. W. Stephen.

The DDGM reported that after visiting all Lodges, he felt WMs were generally not capable of working all three degrees and laid the blame for this with Lodge Examining Boards. A manual for WMs was felt essential if quality was to improve. The Ottawa Masonic Library was reported as working well and its committee included representatives of the seven city Lodges as well as Carleton RA Chapter and from Eddy Lodge, No. 40 GRQ, Hull. The city Lodges joined together in making a fraternal visit to the Masonic Temple in Ogdensburg, NY.

For the first time a statistical table on Ottawa District is included in the report (other Districts had been providing such details for several years) and notes that the seventeen Lodges worked 95 initiations, 91 second degrees and 79 third degrees in 256 meetings (208 regular and 48 emergent) attended by an average of 20 members/visitors per meeting (ranging from an average high of 34 attendees at St. John's 63 with a membership of 94 to a low of 9 at Evergreen 209 with a membership of 30). In answer to the question "can the WM work all degrees?" the answer was "yes" for all Lodges. (It is not intended to provide this type of statistical material for each year, and it is flagged because of the information which this report contains and which is reprinted in the Proceedings.)

[In August 1893, representatives of thirty-six Grand Lodges met during the World's Fair in Chicago. A number of papers concerning Masonic issues were presented and discussed and two major conclusions were reached: (1) that a Grand Lodge duly organized in a state or other autonomous territory is rightfully possessed of absolute masonic sovereignty therein¹⁹, and (2) that an unequivocal belief and trust in God is the fundamental principle upon which the institution of Masonry was founded and must forever rest.]

1895 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433); total District membership 1,262. R. W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnson.

The DDGM reported that all Lodges were visited and most were working very well, and officers and Masters were well skilled with degrees. The new Lodge facilities for Pembroke Lodge were dedicated by the Grand Master in November 1894 and Bonnechere Lodge had been instituted on November 20, 1894. The challenges imposed on the DDGM visiting his widely dispersed parish was demonstrated when a five-hour delay in the trains between Mattawa and Pembroke prevented his attendance at the dedication of the new facilities.

[It was noted by the Grand Master that from time to time, members hailing from the now-defunct Grand Lodge of Ontario, had applied to DDGM's to be healed into Masonry. As the supply of these "irregular Masons" appeared inexhaustible, a Committee of the Grand Master, Past Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master was formed to deal with the issue and find a way of healing all such Masons.]

1896 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433); total District membership 1,306. R. W. Bro. M. Archibald Hood.

The DDGM reported that all Lodges were visited and the new Hall of Renfrew 122 was dedicated on February 27, 1896. He reported the District was in fine shape and Lodge officers were doing a good job.

[The Grand Master reported that the seal and books of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, along with all Charters issued by it to its subordinate Lodges, had been surrendered to him and his Committee. The

¹⁹ See Herrington, *History* (1930), p 235-6. The first item, called "exclusive jurisdiction" had its genesis at the end of the American Revolution and was invoked with the formation of the first Grand Lodges in the American States. It was enacted to exclude the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland from issuing charters to subordinate Lodges therein. While it would support Quebec's position vis-a-vis the United Grand Lodge, the policy has generally remained a North American phenomenon and there are English, Irish and Scottish lodges around the world, working in jurisdictions for which there are independent Grand Lodges, including present-day Quebec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

"surrender" was reported as voluntary and complete. The issue of a provincial Masonic Asylum was again raised and the Board of General Purposes requested all contributing Lodges to the Asylum Fund (\$14,043.75) to agree to the funds being deposited to the General Fund so that the income derived could be used for benevolent purposes.]

1897 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433); total District membership 1,374. R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow.

The DDGM reported that Lodges had prospered during the year and relations across the District were harmonious. Ritual work was considered to have improved in recent years. Most Lodges owned or rented appropriate rooms and most were covered by adequate insurance: in December 1896 the Masonic Lodge rooms in Ottawa which were in a common facility were destroyed by fire the Lodges had shared in the rental of the Oddfellows Hall. Visitations between the District and Eddy Lodge in Hull were increasing.

1898 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433); total District membership 1,395. R. W. Bro. Dr. George E. Josephs.

All Lodges had been visited and most were considered prosperous. Ritual was well worked under the direction of capable Masters.

[The Grand Master reported on the laying of cornerstones to Grand Lodge and noted that in Canada (i.e. Ontario) it had become a common practice and that "the latest scheme, however, which has developed and is now in full working order — it may be patented for aught I know — is the quadruple cornerstones. Three of these stones are laid by members or adherents of the church, and the Craft is 'graciously permitted' to lay the fourth" (*History* p 246-7). He felt this cheapened the ceremony and lowered the dignity of Freemasonry and he cautioned against continuing the practice.]

1899 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433); total District membership 1,453. R. W. Bro. George S. May.

All Lodges were visited and found to be in a satisfactory condition. The highlight of the year was the visit of M. W. Bro. Elias Talbot Malone, Grand Master, on April 27, 1899.

[It was reported at Grand Lodge that the Masonic world was "startled" by the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington which recognized the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of the State of Washington. Under great pressure from all sister Grand Lodges the recognition was quickly withdrawn. This has been significantly altered in the late twentieth and twenty-first centuries and mutual recognition and visitations are held — almost two centuries after the founding of the first Prince Hall Grand Lodge.]

1900 18 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433); total District membership 1,519. R. W. Bro. William A. McKay.

All Lodges were visited and found to be in sound condition, ritual was well worked and general harmony prevailed. The need to improve the quality of ritual work was emphasized by the DDGM at all visits. Members were reminded of their duty to pay dues on time and Masters were reminded to start on time and finish at an early hour.

[The Grand Master reported that a National Patriotic Fund had been established for the benefit of widows, orphans and dependents of Canadians serving abroad who were killed or injured during their service and that Grand Lodge had provided a contribution of \$1,000. A list of forty brethren known to have fallen in South Africa is included in the *1900 Annual Proceedings* (p 69-70).]

1901 18 Lodges, Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433); total District membership 1,553. R. W. Bro. Dr. John Robertson, MD.

All Lodges were visited and found to be in good order. A Lodge of Instruction was held on November 29/30, 1900 in Ottawa for the seven city Lodges.

[The Grand Master reported that he had information indicating that Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem, whose charter had been issued in 1873 by M. W. Bro. Wilson, had "drifted into careless, slipshod and unconstitutional methods" and that the charter should be withdrawn. Letters to the Lodge demanding the minute books of the Lodge be produced were unanswered. The Board of General Purposes thereupon recommended the suspension of the Lodge.]

1902 20 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433; 450, 459); total District membership 1,722. R. W. Bro. William Thomas Franklin.

All Lodges were visited and some reported excellent large attendances, but some of the country lodges reported reduced attendances, particularly in bad weather, due to the condition of roads (usually unpaved) and some of the great distances to be covered by attendees (twenty miles being noted). In several Lodges one or two candidates were initiated, followed by a third degree, giving a full evening's program. He reported that all the Lodges were in good order, books well kept, officers well skilled and that the ritual was well performed.

[The Grand master reported that as no reply had been received from Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem, the warrant was withdrawn. (It would not be cancelled until 1907, when all Grand Lodges around the world were advised of the situation — author.)]

1903 20 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433; 450, 459); total District membership 1,868. R. W. Bro. John Wilson.

R. W. Bro. Wilson reported on "the admirable manner in which the work of the Craft (was) carried out within the 16th District." He noted that he had instituted Cobden Lodge (No. 459 GRC) on January 30, 1903 and constituted and dedicated Hawkesbury Lodge (No. 450 GRC) on January 9, 1903, which placed the extremities of the District a challenging 250 miles apart. The challenge of securing growth in a country are sufficient to maintain Bonnechere Lodge (No. 433) at Eganville was flagged — the Lodge is still a strong member of Ottawa District 2 in 2010.

The fire of May 1903, which destroyed a portion of Ottawa's city centre area was noted although there is no indication that this inhibited the Craft in any way.

[M. W. Bro. Maj. John James Mason, Honorary Past Grand Master, the second Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, died in office during the year. The Grand Master proposed that in celebration of the fiftieth Anniversary of Grand Lodge, a Semi-Centennial Fund be established with \$100,000 and that the interest be used for benevolence, although Grand Lodge did not take any action on the proposal.]

1904 21 Lodges (Nos. 21A, 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 186, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 405, 433 450, 459, 465); total District membership 1,985. R. W. Bro. Dr. N. W. Cleary.

All Lodges were visited and were reported in to be well managed, reports and documents were properly maintained and provided, and the officers were well skilled in the duties of their offices and in ritual. Carleton Lodge was instituted at Carp (now No. 465 GRC) on January 12 and was reported as having good prospects.

The DDGM reported that although train travel was a great assistance in getting around the District, his visit to Mattawa Lodge began three hours late as the train was pulling a heavy load and lost three hours between Renfrew and Mattawa. A wet May contributed to a small attendance at Plantagenet Lodge for the official visit as the condition of roads was "terrible."

For the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Districts, this Annual Communication would see the loss of several Lodges which would form a new Eastern District: St. John's 21A, Vankleek Hill; Plantagenet 186,

Plantagenet and Hawkesbury 450, Hawkesbury were transferred from Ottawa District and 11 Lodges transferred from St. Lawrence District (Cornwall 125, Cornwall; Excelsior 142, Morrisburg; Friendly Brothers 143, Iroquois; Lancaster 207, Lancaster; Farran's Point 256, Aultsville; Chesterville 320, Chesterville; Henderson 383, Winchester; Maxville 418, Maxville; Alexandria 439, Alexandria; Avonmore 452, Monkland and Wales 458, Wales). This would see the four Districts of Eastern Ontario relatively balanced with Lodges: Frontenac District No. 14 with 15 Lodges; St. Lawrence No. 15 with 14; Ottawa No. 16 with 16 and Eastern No. 21 with 14.

1905 17 Lodges; Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459 465); total District membership 1,846. R. W. Bro. Sidney Albert Luke.

All seventeen Lodges were visited and the DDGM rated them in four categories: 12 were well-officered and did good work, three do average work, one does below-average work and one where "the symptoms of death have set in" (Evergreen No. 209 for which the lack of quorums prevented meetings during the previous year but which is, in 2010, a strong, functioning Lodge). Carleton Lodge was consecrated on October 14, 1904 and was considered to be slowly gaining familiarity with the workings of a Lodge. R. W. Bro. Luke had recommended to most of the Lodges that the remuneration for Secretaries should be significantly increased, that the initiation fee should also be significantly raised and that in some Lodges the high number of applicants results in unsatisfactory work due to the speed with which degrees are worked.

**Ottawa District 16
1906-1970**

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Alberta were formed in 1905. King Edward VII died in 1910 and King George V ascended the British Throne. The Panama Canal was opened in 1914 and World War I erupted "in full fury" in August 1914. The Russian Revolution of 1917 broke out and although the Armistice of November 11, 1918 brought peace to Europe, the Red-White (Bolshevik-Menshevik) War in Russia would continue for another year. William Lyon McKenzie King would begin his long term in 1921. Insulin was discovered in 1923. The stock market crash of 1929 precipitated the Great Depression of the 1930's, saved only by the outbreak of World War II on September 3, 1939. King Edward VIII abdicated in 1938. Post-war economic growth and prosperity would be paralleled with the "cold war". Great increases in post World War II membership in Freemasonry show serious decline throughout the last half of the twentieth century and continue into the twenty-first.

At the Annual Communication of 1904, Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, was transferred to the newly established Nippissing District.

Ottawa District, as of the 1904 boundaries, would continue until the end of 1970 when the overly large District (by then totalling 32 Lodges) would be split into Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2 Districts. However the issue of redistribution of the Lodges in the District had been mooted as early as 1922 by the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association, although no change was made. The Lodges which comprised the District by the time of its split includes two Lodges which were later hived off to Eastern District and one which went to St. Lawrence District:

St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, L'Orignal
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa
Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa
St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place
Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew
Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke
Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte
Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa
Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond
The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa
Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Riceville
Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior
Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark
Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa
Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa
Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa
Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville
Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden
Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp
Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower
Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell
Enterprise Lodge, No. 516, Beachburg
Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517, Hazeldean
Ionic Lodge, No. 526, Westboro
Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, No. 558, Ottawa
St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 560, Ottawa
Acacia Lodge, No. 561, Westboro
Ashlar Lodge, No. 564, Ottawa
Defenders Lodge, No. 590, Ottawa

Rideau Lodge, No. 595, Ottawa
 Temple Lodge, No. 665, Westboro
 Atomic Daylight Lodge, No. 686, Pembroke
 Bytown Lodge, No. 721, Westboro
 Edinburgh Lodge, No. 736, Westboro
 Luxor Daylight Lodge, No. 741, Ottawa

The District Deputy Grand Masters of Ottawa District from 1905 to 1970 included:

1905-6	Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD ²⁰	St. John's No. 63
1906-7	William Northwood	Prince of Wales No. 371
1907-8	Dr. R. W. Kenning, MD	Pembroke No. 128
1908-9	S. B. Davidson	Lodge of Fidelity No. 231
1909-0	Duncan Haggert McIntosh, MD	St. John's No. 63
1910-1	Walter M. Ross	Chaudiere No. 264
1911-2	Alexander Morris	Pembroke No. 128
1912-3	John C. Scott	Dalhousie No. 52
1913-4	Dr. Milo H. Steele	St. John's No. 63
1914-5	Thomas Shanks	Civil Service No. 148
1915-6	Henry Cox	Renfrew No. 122
1916-7	Charles William Jeffrey	Doric No. 58
1917-8	Hon. Robert Henry Grant	Goodwood No. 159
1918-9	Dr. John Harold Putnam, LLD	The Builders No. 177
1919-0	Frederick Augusta Heeney (Heney)	Ionic No. 526
1920-1	Ewen Stuart McPhail	Doric No. 58
1921-2	Matthew Robert MacFarlane	Mississippi No. 147
1922-3	Alexander Hamilton McKee, MA	The Builders No. 177
1923-4	Thomas Stephen Church	Madawaska No. 196
1924-5	Edward Jenner McCleery	Dalhousie No. 52
1925-6	Dr. James Reeves	Bonnechere No. 433
1926-7	James Alexander Ross	Doric No. 58
1927-8	Arthur Collins	Cobden No. 459
1928-9	Dr. John Albert Dobbie ²¹	The Builders No. 177
1929-0	Major William Henry Vickers Hooper	St. John's No. 63
1930-1	Henry Francis Hardy	Sidney Albert Luke No. 558
1931-2	John Howard Carkner	Ionic No. 526
1932-3	Karl Bidwell Conger	Civil Service No. 148
1933-4	Melville J. Scobie	Corinthian No. 476
1934-5	William Clare Newell Marriott	Defenders No. 590
1935-6	L. Wilfred Latimer	Russell No. 479
1936-7	William Henry George Flay	Prince of Wales No. 371
1937-8	Dr. Alonzo B. Hyndman	Carleton No. 465
1938-9	Franklin W. Smith	Lodge of Fidelity No. 231
1939-0	James Edgar Gamble	Goodwood No. 159

²⁰ Lt.-Col. Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. for 1912-13 and also Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario for 1917-18 and 1918-19.

²¹ Dr. John Albert Dobbie, BA, MD, CM, would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the 1939-40 and 1940-41 terms.

1940-1	Clarence McLeod Pitts, BSc ²²	Dalhousie No. 52
1941-2	Arthur Peter McLennan	Acacia No. 561
1942-3	Richard D. Whitmore	Rideau No. 595
1943-4	Dr. Charles William McIntosh	Sidney Albert Luke No. 558
1944-5	Dr. Edgar Troy Wood	Enterprise No. 516
1945-6	Alexander Kerr Stewart	St. Andrew's No. 560
1946-8	John Arthur Heisler	The Builders No. 177
1947-8	William Percy Kennedy	Carleton No. 465
1948-9	H. Edwin Reaume	Ashlar No. 464
1949-0	Thomas Earl Walker	Doric No. 58
1950-1	Merrill J. Haggins	Corinthian No. 476
1951-2	Willis E. Leach	Ionic No. 526
1952-3	James Frederick Swayze	The Builders No. 177
1953-4	Arnold J. Illingsworth,	St. John's No. 63
1954-5	Hugh Moir Cairney	Doric No. 58
1955-6	Douglas Maxwell McQuitty	St. Andrew's No. 560
1956-7	Horace Herbert Dymond	Renfrew No. 122
1957-8	Cecil Francis Howard	Lodge of Fidelity No. 231
1958-9	Robert L. Darby	Defenders No. 590
1959-0	Percy (Percil) W. Collins	Cobden No. 459
1960-1	Effingham Deans Berry	Civil Service No. 148
1961-2	John O'Donovan	St. Andrew's No. 560
1962-3	Victor M. Poland	Bonnechere No. 433
1963-4	James H. McKinney	Prince of Wales No. 371
1964-5	William John Roe	The Builders No. 177
1965-6	Wendell M. Stanley	Russell No. 479
1966-7	Colin C. Lillico	Acacia No. 561
1967-8	Ernest James John Jackson	Sidney Albert Luke No. 558
1968-9	John R. MacCrimmon	Pembroke No. 128
1969-0	W. Robert Rowsome	St. Andrew's No. 560

After almost 18 months of discussion by representatives of all Lodges in the District a proposal was put to the Grand Master. In late 1969 a letter was sent to all Lodges by the then Grand Master, M. W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, "... explaining the division of Ottawa District into two, to take effect at Grand Lodge in July 1970. The letter also outlined which lodges belonged to which division, which essentially follows a vague north-south dissection (fifteen in Ottawa District No. 1 and fourteen in Ottawa District No. 2)" (Minutes of September 18, 1969, of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte).

1906 - 1910

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1904 - 363 1910 - 413	1904 - 21 1910 - 19
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1904 - 32,708 1910 - 46,140	1904 - 1,985 1910 - 2,531

1906 19 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459,

²² Clarence McLeod Pitts, BSc, would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario for 1959-60 and 1960-61 terms and also Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario for 1949-50 and 1950-51.

465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,018. R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD.

The DDGM reported that the district was generally in a prosperous and progressive condition: suspensions NPD were down, all Lodges (except for Goodwood No. 159) were well housed, attendance was much improved and files and records were well kept. Two new Lodges were promising: Corinthian at North Gower, instituted September 8, 1905 and Russell at Russell, instituted June 6, 1906.

1907 19 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,204. R. W. Bro. William Northwood.

The DDGM reported that "the affairs and standing of the lodges (were) quite satisfactory, and it (was) evident the Order (was) undergoing a season of great expansion, many gentlemen of standing and ability(were) joining the lodges, and the great usefulness of the Order (was) now fully recognized and its influence (was) being established, deep, wide and enduring."

Of the two new Lodges, the whole of the work and management of Corinthian was considered satisfactory and the books well kept and following recommendations to Grand Lodge, the Lodge was constituted on September 28, 1906. At Russell Lodge, the attendance was "slim" due to inclement weather and with the indisposition of the WM, the DDGM presided. In spite of this, the Lodge was considered well run and prosperous. Interestingly, a post-meeting banquet was held up as the DDGM insisted that the non-Masonic waiters provided by the caterers, be replaced, ruling that "... it is in the best interests of the Craft that (secrecy) be rigidly observed in order to preserve that impenetrable veil of secrecy which should surround all our proceedings"

[The Grand Master noted that there was a distinction between "urging the meritorious claim of any brother for a specified Office" in which he saw no harm "within bounds of reasonable solicitation" but that "personal canvass by any brother . . . for his own advancement, has always been and ought always to be severely censured."]

1908 19 Lodges; Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,287.. R. W. Bro. Dr. R. W. Kenning, MD.

All lodges were visited and considered well managed and working well. Russell Lodge was consecrated on September 30, 1907. The DDGM reported seven brethren having been suspended from their Lodges for non-payment of dues.

1909 19 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,394. R. W. Bro. S. B. Davidson.

All lodges were visited and found to be well managed and financially prosperous. In December 1908, the DDGM attended at Ottawa City Hall which the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and some of his officers, were visiting. The cornerstone of St. Mary's Anglican Church was laid on June 23, 1909 by Freemasons of the District.

The DDGM reported on the challenges facing Evergreen No. 209 whose members are spread over a large area and which is not served by rail, making travel and lodge attendance very problematic. Such was not the case of many other lodges, and within the city of Ottawa, attendances of between 150 and 200 at official visits were frequently noted.

1910 19 Lodges; Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,531. R. W. Bro. Duncan Haggart McIntosh, MD.

The DDGM visited all lodges and reported that work was uniform and of a high quality. He noted that knowledge of the rules and regulations in the Constitution was frequently lacking. Records and financial reports of Lodges were of a high quality. A dispersed membership continued to plague Evergreen Lodge while most of the other Lodges benefitted from the various railways in the region. Mississippi No. 147,

Almonte, suffered a disastrous fire in September 1909 and lost its furnishings and regalia but after using the I.O.O.F. Hall, they were in a new facility by the time of the official visit in May 1910.

1911 - 1920

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1911 - 413 1920 - 489	1911 - 19 1920 - 26
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1911 - 48,394 1920 - 80,920	1911 - 2,620 1920 - 4,400

1911 19 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,620. R. W. Bro. Walter M. Ross.

All lodges were visited and the DDGM reported that the District was in a very good position, there was a high standard and uniformity of ritual and more brethren were becoming "students" of Freemasonry.

[The Grand Master ruled that a Lodge room was dedicated to Masonry, was considered sacred and inviolate and was no place for dancing or card playing. He felt that these latter activities, normally associated with an "at Home" celebration should be held outside the Lodge rooms. He also noted that while he enjoyed a good festive board he was concerned at the late hours kept and suggested that Lodges should ensure that meetings were opened and closed on time and that toasts were short. He felt attendees should be well on their way home by midnight. The Grand Master He also reported on an Invasion of jurisdiction by a Lodge of Masons from Port Huron, Michigan who had crossed over to Sarnia in regalia to perform their funeral service over the remains of one of their members. Regardless of the purpose, the Grand Master requested an explanation from the Grand Master of Michigan who considered the event not worthy of comment or apology.]

1912 19 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,502. R. W. Bro. Alexander Morris.

All Lodges were visited and a District Lodge of Instruction was held on February 9, 1912, immediately following the dedication of the rooms and facilities of St. John's No. 63 by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Aubrey White. The Lodges were considered to be in good shape and ritual was well worked. Most visits were well attended The DDGM noted that Bonnechere No. 433 had made the least amount of progress during the year.

[On January 27, 1911, the Grand Master issued an edict of non-Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Michigan and its subordinate Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Michigan held its Annual Communication in May 1911 at Port Huron and on hearing of the situation, the Grand Lodge of Michigan did not approve of the course of action of its Grand Master and sent a deputation to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to apologize for the events at which point our Grand Master withdrew the edict of non intercourse.]

1913 19 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479); total District membership 2,859. R. W. Bro. John C. Scott.

A highlight of the Masonic year was the laying of the cornerstone of the new Ottawa Masonic Temple on October 12, 1912 by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David McPherson and a District Lodge of Instruction was held by Lodge of Fidelity on February 26, 1913. The Lodges of Instruction had been requested by the Grand Master because "accurate work, social intercourse and assembling in large numbers are among the strongest factors that give us character and standing in the community. "Official visits were made to all Lodges in the District and work was found to be well done, records well kept and

all were financially sound.

1914 21 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517); total District membership 3,072. R. W. Bro. Dr. Milo H. Steele.

The DDGM reported that all Lodges had been visited during the year and that the work throughout the District was performed in a uniform manner as set out by Grand Lodge. However he felt that the members were not learning about "the science" and he had requested all Lodges to establish Libraries. The new Masonic Temple had been occupied. Enterprise Lodge had been instituted on September 1, 1913 and Hazeldean on March 5, 1914. He also reported that he had received a Petition on June 27, 1914 from brethren in Westboro to form a new Lodge to be called "Ionic" and he had recommended it to the Grand Master.

[The Grand Master announced that after the close of Grand Lodge, a celebration of 100 years of peace between Great Britain and the Dominions and the United States would be held. Invitations had been issued to the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, sister Grand Lodges in the Canadian Provinces and all Grand Lodges in the United States and that they had been favourably responded to by the attendance of many distinguished visitors. Such a peaceful celebration would shortly be overpowered by the outbreak of what would become known as the First World War.]

1915 22 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526); total District membership 3,182. R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks.

All Lodges had been visited during the year and the DDGM reported that he felt there was need for more practice of floor work and that the experience of Past Masters should be used more in Lodge activities and programs. He also felt that some consideration might be given to working degrees on several candidates at one time as the number of new candidates was proving burdensome in some Lodges, particularly those in urban areas and large cities.

1916 22 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526); total District membership 3,296. R. W. Bro. Henry Cox.

Steady progress in the District was reported by the DDGM, harmony prevailed, and work was well performed. A District Lodge of Instruction was held at Pembroke with 150 brethren in attendance. All Lodges were visited and found to be working well and in good condition.

1917 22 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526); total District membership 3,514. R. W. Bro. Charles William Jeffrey.

The DDGM reported that the District was in an enviable condition "in its temporal, financial and ethical conditions while the work is uniformly excellent with the exception of one or two Lodges." Many brethren were serving in HM Forces, membership had materially increased and prospects for the District were considered "bright." Average attendance was about 20% of members but one reason for this limited turnout was the large number of degrees worked ("too much work, too little play" as the DDGM wrote).

1918 22 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526); total District membership 4,266. R. W. Bro. Hon. Robert Henry Grant.

All Lodges were visited and the DDGM reported that most Lodge rooms were comfortable and attractive and meetings were generally well attended. Ritual work was generally well done, but the attention paid to this level of ability had been at the expense of attention to terms and conditions of the Constitution. No Lodge of Instruction had been held due to "the stress of engagement and unusual conditions" as well as a very severe and prolonged winter.

1919 22 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526); total District membership 3,924. R. W. Bro. Dr. John Harold Putnam, LLD.

All Lodges were visited and the work was found generally suitable although the absence of officers in some Lodges was noticed. Degree work was acceptable and records were found in good condition.

1920 26 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564); total District membership 4,400. R. W. Bro. Frederick Augusta Heney.

All Lodges had been visited and the DDGM had instituted four new Lodges: three in Ottawa (Sidney Albert Luke 558 on October 22, 1919, St. Andrews 560 on January 10, 1920 and Ashlar 664 on February 7, 1920) and one in Westboro (Acacia No. 561 on January 23, 1920).

[In June 1919, one of the largest gatherings of Masons was held in London, to give thanks for the cessation of hostilities and the blessings of peace. A special thanksgiving was held in Kensington Hall, attended by 9,000 Masons.]

1921 - 1930

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1921 - 497 1930 - 567	1921 - 26 1930 - 27
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1920 - 84,285 1930 - 115,981	1921 - 4,737 1930 - 5,965

1921 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590); total District membership 5,109. R. W. Bro. Ewen Stuart McPhail.

The DDGM reported that uninterrupted progress and unusual prosperity had characterized the District. All Lodges were visited and there were few reported instances of sub-par ritual work. Encouragement of the formation and adequate funding of Lodge libraries was a cornerstone of the DDGM's comments along with the need for "classes of instruction" rather than the more formalized Lodges of Instruction to permit a broader range of discussion and instruction. The ongoing "grind" of constant degree work was again flagged and the DDGM suggested that large Lodge of a membership exceeding 250 should consider dividing.

[Grand Lodge reported an unprecedented increase in membership of almost 7,000 during the year, reaching 91,987 by December 31, 1921. The Grand Master noted many Lodge meetings continued after midnight because dignitaries were called on for speeches. He noted that "shorter meetings and reasonable hours should increase attendance." Grand Lodge acknowledged receipt of the John Ross Robertson collection of over one thousand volumes and placed these in the Toronto Temple, for use by all members of the craft. A motion to change the name of Grand Lodge to "The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario" was debated and not resolved and the then form and title has remained to the present: The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.]

1922 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 209, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,413. R. W. Bro. Matthew Robert MacFarlane.

The DDGM reported that all Lodges were visited and that while work was well done he felt that more attention could be paid to explaining to members the application of Masonic principles to everyday life. Two new Lodges had been instituted: Defenders (now No. 590) on October 13, 1921 and Rideau (now No. 595) on January 12, 1922.

1923 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,506. R. W. Bro. Alexander Hamilton McKee, MA.

The DDGM visited all Lodges except for Bonnechere at Eganville (visited by R. W. Bro. McPhail, in the absence of the DDGM from the District). The District recorded two highlights: the visit of the Grand Master for the consecration of the two newest Lodges and the opening of a second Lodge Room in the Masonic Temple. In addition to an extra "Lodge" the facilities included a lounge area and the start of a masonic Library. During the fall the Past Masters' Association offered a successful series of Sunday afternoon address on subjects "of interest to the Craft." Although no specific mention is made, the District had been reduced by one Lodge with the transfer of Evergreen No. 209 to the adjacent St. Lawrence District.

[A Special Committee of Grand Lodge reported on a quasi-Masonic order known as "The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm" which required Masonic affiliation as a prerequisite to admission. After discussion Grand Lodge ruled that it was "improper and unlawful for any Freemason under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to become a member of such an organization, lodge or society, if membership in the Craft is in any way or to any extent a pre-requisite to membership therein, unless . . . (the organization has) the express recognition and approval of Grand Lodge.]

1924 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,606. R. W. Bro. Thomas Stephen Church.

The DDGM reported the District in a prosperous condition and that harmony and good fellowship was enhanced with increased fraternal visits between urban and rural Lodges. A highlight was the ceremony to turn the sod for the new Westboro Temple building on June 7, 1924 (the new home for Ionic 526 and Acacia 561).

1925 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,659. R. W. Bro. Edward Jenner McCleery.

The DDGM reported that all Lodges had been visited and all were in very good shape with qualified officers. He suggested to Lodges that the practice of working initiations at regular meetings and third degrees at emergent meetings should be further thought out and efforts made to hold third degrees at regular meetings as well. The Ottawa Temple Choir was formed in 1924 and was providing music for Lodge meetings. The DDGM noted that the practice of buttoning a suit jacket **over** a member's apron should cease and that the correct dress should be followed.

[The Grand Lodge Special Committee on the proposed Masonic home reported that it did not consider it practical or advisable to build one and that more definitive arrangements be made with existing institutions, including provision of benevolent grants so that the needs of distressed Masons and their families might be better handled. This would lead to the creation of the office of Supervisor of Benevolence. A decline in membership, the first time in many years, was noted along with the observation that business depression and social unrest were major contributors.]

1926 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,659. R. W. Bro. Dr. James Reeves.

All twenty-seven Lodges were officially visited and the DDGM reported the work of the Lodges was conducted in a uniform manner. Lodge secretaries were noted for their good records and all lodges were considered financially sound. The Past Masters Association was reported to be working well.

[The Grand Master noted the resurgence of the Klu Klux Klan in the southern United States. He emphasized that there was no connection, direct or indirect, between the Klan and Freemasonry and he cautioned any members against contemplating membership in the Klan. The Grand Master also reported on his June visit to Dublin to attend the bi-centennial of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Long-service medals to Past Masters (50 years a Past Masters) were instituted.]

1927 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,698. R. W. Bro. James Alexander Ross.

All Lodges were officially visited and the DDGM noted that attendance at most meetings was usually high with variations resulting from weather conditions (winter snow in particular). Degree work was considered to be at a high level of efficiency. He noted, however, a high falling off in new memberships when compared with the immediate post-war years. The state of masonry in the District was considered to be highly satisfactory.

[The Grand Master noted that candidates who were not perfect in body could be initiated provided they were able to understand and explain (or exemplify) the secrets. But felt there was a lack of uniformity and too much latitude in application: a dispensation would be necessary for any member suffering a disability which prevented him from literally complying with the ritual and ceremonies. A decision was made that except for Lodge centennials and similar important events, a visit of a Grand Master to a District would involve all the Lodges in the District This was to ensure that there was close contact with all Lodges and members with the Grand Master during his term of office.]

1928 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,726. R. W. Bro. Arthur Collins.

The District received the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. The Hon. John S. Martin on April 27, 1928 with a formal reception in the Glebe High School Assembly Hall. All Lodges were visited during the year and conditions were found "quite satisfactory." From his report it is evident that he was accompanied by a large delegation of Masters on each official visit.

[The ongoing problem of organizations requiring Masonic membership as a prerequisite for admission continued — particularly in respect of the Eastern Star. The Grand Master restated the position that "membership in the Order of the Eastern Star was not permissible."]

1929 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,771. R. W. Bro. Dr. John Albert Dobbie.

The DDGM visited all lodges and reported that the District was in excellent condition. Ladies nights were becoming frequent occurrences as were inter-lodge visitations.

1930 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,825. R. W. Bro. Major William Henry Vickers Hooper.

All lodges were visited by the DDGM. He noted that the “Live Lodges” of the District held well attended Ladies Nights. Lodge ritual met the standard expected by the DDGM and the books and accounts were well kept. He felt that the District was again in a strong position and steadily advancing.

1931 - 1940

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1930 - 567 1940 - 569	1930 - 27 1940 - 27 (1938)
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1930 - 115,961 1940 - 92,387	1930 - 5,825 1940 - 5,241 (1938)

1931 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,965. R. W. Bro. Henry Francis Hardy.

All Lodges were officially visited by the DDGM who reported that ritual work throughout the District was of a uniform high standard. Visits between lodges was noted as being well attended and reflected a harmonious working across the area.

1932 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,828. R. W. Bro. John Howard Carkner.

All lodges were officially visited by the DDGM. The numbers of suspensions and requests for demits across the district (resulting in an overall decline in membership numbers) was noted. With continual urban expansion it was agreed in the District to recommend concurrent jurisdiction between Ottawa (city) and Westboro lodges. Lodge intervisitation and Ladies Nights were again noted as forming part of lodge activities.

[At the 77th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 20-21, 1932 at Kingston) a petition was read from the lodges in the municipalities of Ottawa and Westboro, requesting that they might have concurrent jurisdiction (*1932 Annual Proceedings* p 280). The Committee on Constitution and Laws reported that “the Ottawa City Lodges and Westboro Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction with the whole area now occupied by the masonic Lodges located in the city of Ottawa and Westboro” (*1932 Annual Proceedings* p 282).]

1933 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,689. R. W. Bro. Karl Bidwell Conger.

All lodges were officially visited and it was noted that many lodges had few candidates but that exemplified ritual work demonstrated the ongoing high standard expected across the District. In spite of the geographic size involved it was considered desirable to visit lodges more than once each year.

[The Grand Master noted the effect of the depression on Freemasonry — a decline in initiations and an increase in demits and suspensions NPD. The Committee on Masonic Education (chaired by R. W. Bro. William James Dunlop) proposed a program at district and lodge levels which was believed to encourage members to remain in the organization rather than leave it. The Grand Master cautioned against questionable actions to improve the financial situation of Lodges (e.g. lotteries, which were still

illegal in some respects) and he also deplored the departure from proper observance of the Sabbath occasioned by new technologies (particularly the motor car).]

1934 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,631. R. W. Bro. Melville J. Scobie.

All lodges were officially visited and the DDGM noted that the economic difficulties of the country and the area were being felt by all, including Freemasonry, but that real needs were being assisted whenever possible. Ritual work and the administration of lodges continued to be well done. Addresses on various topics were delivered over the year as the thrust of Masonic education was continued. The DDGM recommended that the District establish a formal system for intervisitations rather than the current *ad hoc* system.

1935 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,533. R. W. Bro. William Clare Newell Marriott.

All lodges had been visited — some several times depending on events. He noted a decline in lodge attendance but that there was a “general cheerfulness” in spite of the decline in members and increased requests for demits and suspensions NPD. There was some variation in ritual work between lodges but it was generally well done. Under encouragement from the District Committee on Education, several lodges had formed their own committees and were embarking on local programs.

[The Grand Master recommended the award of a suitable jewel to all brethren who had “completed 50 years of uninterrupted connection with the Craft.”]

1936 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,423. R. W. Bro. L. Wilfred Latimer.

All lodges were visited and the DDGM noted that Masonry was in a “vigorous and splendid condition.” Ritual work was considered to be well done in all lodges, administration was excellent, and harmony and cordial relations prevailed.

[At Grand Lodge, the design for the “Veteran Jubilee Medal” for “50-years membership in good standing in our jurisdiction” was approved — note the change from 50+ years in “the Craft” to “being in our jurisdiction.” The “lending library” portion of the Grand Lodge library was started as a support in the Masonic education program.]

1937 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,317. R. W. Bro. William Henry George Flay.

All lodges were visited and allowed the DDGM to note that Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers perform the “invisible work” of the lodge and are less liable to receive any accolades. Without their sterling work and regular attendance much would be lost. He noted that preparations had been underway for the hosting of the 82nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on July 21 and 22, 1937, in Ottawa.

[The Grand Master ruled on the proper wording of the first toast at a festive board: “The King (now Queen) and the Craft.” The Grand Lodge of Scotland celebrated its bi-centennial from November 28 to December 4, 1936.]

1938 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,281. R. W. Bro. Dr. Alonzo B. Hyndman.

The DDGM reported that all lodges had been visited and that the work throughout the District is "uniform (and) of a very high standard." Officers took their work seriously. Some arrears of dues were noted in respect of all lodges but at the same time, many were showing new candidates being initiated.

1939 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,235. R. W. Bro. Franklin W. Smith.

All lodges were visited. The DDGM found good fellowship, high attendance at official visits, Lodge records well kept and dues paid. Masonic education included instruction for each of the degrees. He recommended that more thought be given to the reception and treatment of visitors at lodges. Two events of significance were flagged: the visit of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William James Dunlop on January 30, 1939 and the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Acacia Lodge of Buckingham, Quebec, when the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. John Alfred Dobbie, was in attendance.

1940 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,168. R. W. Bro. James Edgar Gamble.

All lodges were visited and twenty-five conferred degrees while two (lacking candidates) exemplified opening and closing all degrees. Ritual work was excellent, officers knowledgeable about duties, lodge books well maintained. Overall the condition of masonry in the District was considered to be excellent.

1941 - 1950

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1940 - 569 1950 - 581	1940 - 27 1950 - 28
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1940 - 92,397 1950 - 120,136	1940 - 5,168 1950 - 6,592

1941 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 4,812. R. W. Bro. Clarence McLeod Pitts, BSc.

Official visits were made to all twenty-seven lodges and conditions across the District were considered excellent. He noted that "Masonry is in a healthy condition with a great period of expansion possible if it can meet the need of men who are seeking a measure of inner security" Assistance was provided to securing homes for British children but unfortunately none were sent from Britain.

[The Grand Master had sponsored the idea of opening the homes of Ontario Masons to the bombed out and evacuated British children of Masonic parentage and a Special War Service Committee was formed to move this into effect. The Committee was timely as wives of English and Scottish Masons who had come to Canada with their children found themselves unable to receive financial assistance from their husbands and grants were made out of Grand Lodge funds.]

1942 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,084. R. W. Bro. Arthur Peter McLennan.

All lodges were visited at least once and the work practiced was reported as "uniform and of a high standard." Conditions in the district were considered excellent and in spite of economic difficulties every effort was made to avoid unnecessary suspensions "NPD." Lodge books and records were reported well maintained. The PM's Association continued to meet regularly and took as its objective the promotion of Lodge attendance. It was also felt beneficial that Masonic education was increasingly presented in Lodge meetings.

[The Special War Grand Lodge Service Committee now directed its attention to the Grand Lodge War Relief Fund and \$130,000.00 was raised. One result of the war was the movement of people and an increasing number of unaffiliated Masons were carried "on the books" and another was the demand for war shift-work: both had the effect of reducing attendance at Lodge meetings.]

1943 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,090. R. W. Bro. Richard D. Whitmore.

All but three Lodges were personally visited by the DDGM due to wartime conditions (they were visited by Past DDGM's as his personal representatives). Lodge work was consistently high and books and records were considered well kept. Initiations were increasing. St. John's 63 celebrated its centennial in January 1943 and entertained the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Alexander McRae at the event. The Grand Master would return during the spring and visit Rideau 595. The Past Masters Association reported a successful year. Visitations between Ottawa District GRC and Ottawa District GRQ and their individual Lodges continued

[On June 14, 1942 Grand Master McRae unveiled a memorial stone over the grave of M. W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harington, our second Grand Master, who was buried in the Blue Church Cemetery, three miles west of Prescott. The Grand Lodge War Relief Fund reached a total of \$245,000.00 and although much of this was transferred to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, by September 1942, the former would report that contributions were no longer required.]

1944 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,167. R. W. Bro. Dr. Charles William McIntosh.

All Lodges were visited and on each official visit a degree was conferred showing that all Lodges conducted the ritual in an acceptable manner and books and records were well maintained. The Past Masters Association was working well.

[The Chairman of Masonic Education reported to Grand Lodge that 19 Districts had Supervisors of Masonic Education, 14 had District Committees of Masonic Education and 282 of 447 Lodges reporting to the Committee had Education Committees, although only 49 Lodges reported holding special education meetings. The Grand Master recommended that a Masonic Bulletin be developed and provided to all members and that it should carry articles of news and information of general interest to members of the Craft.]

1945 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,385. R. W. Bro. Dr. Edgar Troy Wood.

All twenty-seven Lodges were visited and twenty reported at least one initiation during the year. Books and records of all Lodges were well kept and there had been a steady decline in dues arrears. On May 1, 1945, the District had received the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Timothy Clark Wardley, in Ottawa and

on the following evening in Renfrew, enabling the members to meet him without having to travel long distances.

[With a large intake of new candidates into Lodges, the Grand Master remarked on the need for great care in candidate selection. The first issue of the Masonic Bulletin was issued in September 1944, followed by issues in January 1945 and June 1945 (the forerunner of *The Newsletter* of the Committee on Masonic Education). The Grand Master proposed a special medal be struck, to be awarded for distinguished Masonic service and a committee to review the matter was formed.]

1946 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595) total District membership 5,488. R. W. Bro. Alexander Kerr Stewart.

Twenty-seven Lodges were visited and all work was found to be well done and records and books were well maintained. Attendance was considered good at every Lodge visited. Masonic education and the welfare of returning veterans were made priorities for the year.

[The Grand Master again noted the need for care in candidate selection to avoid an "assembly-line" initiation operation. A focus on Masonic education was desirable and the Committee on Masonic Education recommended a new course of action. The British War Relief Committee brought its efforts to a close (\$215,000 had been remitted to England and Scotland out of \$248,00 raised) and Grand Lodge now focussed on returning Masonic veterans. Government limitation on hotel rooms to permit returning veterans to be properly housed on their return meant that the traditional Annual Communication would not be possible. For the first time, districts greater than 150 miles away from Toronto (where a special one day Communication was to be held) were authorized to call a District meeting for the purpose of electing their DDGMs. The committee for what became the "William Mercer Wilson Medal" brought in its report recommending that the medal be awarded to a member who would never be WM in his lodge and yet rendered service "above and beyond the call of duty." The Grand Master ruled that three quasi-Masonic organizations (DeMolay, the "Grotto" and the "High Twelve Club") were not Masonic and that members of the Craft were not to join these organizations.

1947 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 5,779. R. W. Bro. John Arthur Heisler.

All Lodges were visited in the District and the work was considered of a high quality and attendance was noted as "high" and Lodge premises were well maintained. Lodge books and records were well maintained. The Masters and Wardens Association continued to meet and perform a good service to all Lodges. A "District Rehabilitation Committee" was formed to assist returning veterans who were Masons, particularly in finding suitable employment and even housing. On April 20, 1947, the District received the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas Hamilton Simpson and dinner included H. E. Governor-General, Viscount Alexander of Tunis (a Past Grand Senior Warden of UGLE).

[The Grand Master noted that Freemasonry had much to offer in a period of bafflement and bewilderment when "inscrutable powers" were propelling the world towards the edge of a precipice. In the first year after the cessation of hostilities membership had increased by almost 5,000, most of which occurred in 150 lodges. The downside was a feeling that in these lodges, at least, Masonic education was taking a back seat. Yet the DDGM's collectively were reporting good work and high calibre candidates. The first eight awards of the William Mercer Wilson medal were made. The Grand Master's recommendation to hold a Dominion-wide conference of masons to "bring about a better understanding among the Provinces" was put to other Grand lodges and would result in a meeting in February 1947.]

1948 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 6,040. R. W. Bro. William Percy Kennedy.

All Lodges were visited and degrees were worked on every official visit. From this the DDGM reported that ritual and Lodge decorum was excellent, books and records were well kept and Lodge premises were well maintained. Many Lodges held their own Divine Services and there were two District Divine Services (one in Ottawa and one in Renfrew). Dalhousie Lodge celebrated its centennial. District efforts with Masonic education and Masonic veteran's rehabilitation were continued successfully.

[Grand Lodge reported that over one-third of lodges failed to report to DDGMs and that only 24 were known to devote some time to Masonic education. Three members received the William Mercer Wilson Medal, including Bro. Robert G. Douglas of Chaudiere No. 264, Ottawa. The Grand Master reported favourably on the preliminary meeting of Canadian Grand lodges at Montebello on February 25, 1947. A first formal meeting was scheduled for 1949. A decision was also made to provide food parcels to needy Scottish and English Masons and their families and by September 1 a target of 500 parcels a month was set.]

1949 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 6,241. R. W. Bro. H. Edwin Reaume.

All Lodges were officially visited and Lodge officers were reported conscientious and effective in their duties and the work. Lodge premises were considered well maintained. Lodge visitations between Ontario and Quebec sister lodges continued as did less frequent visits across the order to New York Lodges. The Past Masters and Wardens Association had a successful year as did the Central Masonic Bureau and the Masonic Choir. Two District Divine Services (Renfrew and Ottawa) were held in June 1949 to complement the many individual Lodge Divine Services. Individual Lodge social programs were noted as being well attended.

[The Grand Master noted his concern with the continuing large intake of new members and the apparent (and often-times real) lack of review of applications for initiation. The pressure to work degrees was leading to lack of emphasis on other areas of lodge work as well as contributing to sloppiness in degree work. High numbers of resignations and suspensions were noted. Six members were awarded the William Mercer Wilson Medal, including Bro. William James Taylor of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52 Ottawa. For the first time, District Chaplains were appointed from the clergy to strengthen relations with local churches. An edict from the Grand Master prohibited the consumption of alcohol at Masonic functions, including "at home" functions.]

1950 27 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595); total District membership 6,405. R. W. Bro. Thomas Earl Walker.

All Lodges were visited and the DDGM reported officers were well skilled, work was well done. Two District Divine Services were held at Renfrew and Ottawa and 23 of the 27 Lodges held individual services. On May 19, 1950 the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Patterson Maher, was received and feted with about 700 Masons in attendance. (Although outside the time line of R. W. Bro. Walker's responsibility, Temple Lodge would be instituted in October 1950.)

[The all-Canadian Conference was held from February 28-March 2, 1949 in Toronto, attended by representatives from the Grand Lodges of nine provinces plus two District Grand Lodges (English and Scottish) from Newfoundland. Among its lasting decisions was an agreement to meet biennially. Five members were awarded the William Mercer Wilson Medal, none of which came from the Ottawa District. \$5,000 was donated to assist with the Winnipeg flood relief.]

1951 - 1960

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
Number of Lodges (Dec. 31)	1950 - 581 1960 - 617	1950 - 28 1960 - 29
Number of Members (Dec. 31)	1950 - 120,136 1960 - 136,413	1950 - 6,592 1960 - 7,156 (1961)

1951 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 6,592. R. W. Bro. Merrill J. Haggins.

All twenty-eight Lodges were visited and were considered to be working very well with skilled officers. The Past Masters and Wardens Association was working well and a Blood Donor Committee had been formed. Masonic education continued to be well attended as were the District and Lodge Divine Services. Temple Lodge (to become No. 665) was instituted at Westboro on October 27, 1950 by the DDGM. Visitations with Quebec and New York Lodges continued to be an important part of District activities.

[The year was noted for a decrease in initiations and an increase in resignations and suspensions. Eight members were awarded the William Mercer Wilson Medal, including Bro. William Dougan of The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa. The Grand Master recommended that an additional bar or pin be awarded to the 50-year Past Master's jewel and the Veteran Jubilee Medal for an additional 10 years of service.]

1952 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 6,709. R. W. Bro. Willis E. Leach.

The first official visit was held on October 1, 1951 when the DDGM attended Enterprise 516, Beachburg. There was a record attendance of over two hundred brethren and "... as I was accepting the gavel from the WM a loud noise alerted everyone to the fact that the floor of the Lodge was giving away. With calmness most of the brethren retired. The damage was examined. A tie-rod had surrendered to the load and the floor had dropped several inches. The Lodge was closed and the brethren retired to the banquet hall rejoicing that a serious accident had not occurred. I returned to visit my brethren in Beachburg at their regular meeting in December and felt secure in the knowledge that the damage had been fully repaired. We enjoyed another splendid, though in some respects less eventful, meeting."

Temple Lodge No. 665 was constituted and consecrated on October 19, 1951, by R. W. Clarence McLeod Pitts.

While the year may have been less "eventful," the DDGM reported that all Lodges were working well and were led by skilled and interested officers. Some Lodges were looking for new facilities on the expiry of leases: most Lodges were experiencing membership increases and many had increased dues to cover increasing costs of the expanding economy. A special District Memorial Service was held in honor of King George VI who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above on February 15, 1952.

1953 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 6,868. R. W. Bro. James Frederick Swayze.

All Lodges were visited and each was rated as doing very well, led by skilled and interested officers who participated in interesting programs which encouraged high levels of attendance in well maintained facilities. The Past Masters and Wardens Committee worked during the year and twenty Lodges were reported as having contributed 450 transfusions in the last three years. Two District Divine Services were

held. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Nelson Collins Hart, was received on May 15, 1953, along with the M. W. Bro. C. L. Roman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and other distinguished guests and a dinner and reception were held at the Chateau Laurier.

1954 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 6,987. R. W. Bro. Arnold J. Illingsworth.

Twenty-eight Lodges were visited and found to be working very well. Membership continued to increase and the DDGM report that in one or two cases the Lodge sacrificed Masonic education because of the large number of degrees worked. Two District Divine Services were held as well as individual Lodge services. Lodge visitations continued. Blood donations continued to be made and 21 Lodges had contributed 784 donations.

1955 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,045. R. W. Bro. Hugh Moir Cairney.

All Lodges were officially visited and the performance of officers and members was described as at a "high standard." Financial matters were flagged and the DDGM indicated that some Lodges were increasing dues and life membership provisions and others were considering appropriate action. District and Lodge Divine Services, intervisitation, blood donations and the Masonic Choir, along with a visit of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph Alonzo Hearn, were components of a successful year's program

1956 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,128. R. W. Bro. Douglas Maxwell McQuitty.

All Lodges were visited and the DDGM was confident in advising the Grand Master that "... Ottawa District is in a thriving and happy condition. District and Lodge Divine Services, Lodge visitations, Masonic education, blood donations, were again components of the year's program. The DDGM, however, felt that the condition of Lodge finances was too low for needs in some of the Lodges "... (and that) the burden of life membership is beginning to present a real financial problem" He also felt that fire insurance should be carried on all Lodge buildings. The new building for Bonnechere Lodge at Eganville was dedicated during the year and Russell Lodge was preparing a special event to celebrate the Lodge's 50th anniversary.

1957 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,183. R. W. Bro. Horace Herbert Dymond.

The DDGM reported that the already large Ottawa District (15 city and 13 rural Lodges) had expanded with the institution of Atomic Lodge (to become 686 GRC) at Deep River on February 15, 1957. All Lodges were visited and found working very well. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Lockridge Wright, was received in Ottawa and feted at the Chateau Laurier for a reception and dinner. The year's program included District and Lodge Divine Services, 50th anniversary of Corinthian Lodge, North Gower and many Lodge "Ladies' Nights."

1958 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,257. R. W. Bro. Cecil Francis Howard.

The DDGM reported the condition of masonry was very high: meetings were well conducted and ritual

was well performed and District committees worked well and effectively. On December 10, 1957, R. W. Bro. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Deputy Grand Master, constituted and consecrated Atomic Lodge. On February 11, 1958, Cobden Lodge suffered a fire and lost its warrant Lodge furnishings: other Lodges in the District were responding with assistance.

1959 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,235. R. W. Bro. Robert L. Darby.

All Lodges were visited and found to be prospering and with most initiating members during the year. Officers were considered well skilled and the District program included Masonic education, blood donors program, Divine Services, Annual Masonic Ball, and a reception and dinner for the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harry Laishley Martyn. The unveiling of the corner stone and dedication of the new Temple at Cobden by R. W. Bro. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Deputy Grand Master was also well attended.

1960 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,266. R. W. Bro. Percy (Percil) W. Collins.

Official visits were carried out and the DDGM reported a well functioning District. Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew celebrated its centennial and the weekend events included a Divine Service and three degrees worked by Grand Lodge officers, one by RCMP degree team and one by the Lodge's Past Masters, and finished with a banquet for Masons and their wives. The annual Masonic Ball and individual Lodge Ladies' Nights were welcomed by the ladies, and the District committees continued their tireless work on Masonic education, blood donors etc.

1961 - 1970

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa District 16
# Lodges (Dec. 31)	1960 - 617 1970 - 635	1960 - 29 1970 - 30
# Members (Dec. 31)	1960 - 136,413 1970 - 122,639	1960 - 7,127 1970 - 6,545

1961 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,127 R. W. Bro. Effingham Deans Berry.

All Lodges were visited and the DDGM found the work to be of a high standard. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harry Laishley Martyn, visited Ottawa on November 5, 1960, and conducted a Lodge of Instruction on all three degrees and two further Lodges of Instruction were held by the DDGM. The District activities included two District Divine Services plus several individual Lodge ones, the annual Masonic Ball, twenty-seven Ladies' Nights and various lodge visitations within the District.

1962 28 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665); total District membership 7,246. R. W. Bro. John O'Donovan.

Visits to all Lodges enabled the DDGM to note that they were all working very well, ritual work was correct and of a high standard and books and records were well maintained. Divine Services at the District and Lodge levels were held. District committees were very active and activities included a school of

instruction for Lodge Deacons (Westboro and Cobden), a well working blood donors program, Lodge visitations and Ladies' Nights. The DDGM noted, however, that the success of many of these programs and activities was being impacted by the very large geographic area covered by the District and the active twenty-nine Lodges within the District.

1963 29 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686); total District membership 7,160. R. W. Bro. Victor M. Poland.

The DDGM noted that earlier comments about splitting the District be approached with caution but that additional Grand Lodge appointments might be made. A successful Lodge of Instruction was held for WMs and District officers. All Lodges were visited time and distance prevented many return visits: all Lodges were considered financially sound, records in good shape and the work was of a high standard. With changes being proposed in the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, the District recommended that bursaries be extended to include the Ottawa Music Festival. Key activities of the District included a visit by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Alfred Irvine, and two District Divine Services (Renfrew and Ottawa) although attendance at these was considered very low.

1964 29 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686); total District membership 6,478. R. W. Bro. James H. McKinney.

The DDGM visited each Lodge at least once and was generally received by 8 pm, work completed by 9:45, Lodge closed by 10:15 pm and at least one hour at the festive board. The quality of the ritual work was reported of a high calibre. Highlights of the year included: (1) two District Divine Services: at Beth Shalom Synagogue and the Bell Street United Church, both in Ottawa, and six Lodges held local services; (2) every Lodge held a Ladies Night during the year; (3) a District Masonic Ball was held in May 1964 at the Chateau Laurier; (4) Goodwood Lodge's centennial was held in May 1964 and (5) in June 1964 an emergent meeting of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, was held to receive the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Lord Bruce, DL, JP, MA; the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Alexander F. Buchan, MBE, BSc, PhD, FRSE and the Past Grand Junior Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, Lord Waleran. M. W. Bro. Clarence McLeod Pitts, PGM, was the host for the visitation.

1965 29 Lodges, Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686); total District membership 6,929. R. W. Bro. William John Roe.

All lodges were visited officially and the DDGM noted "a capacity turnout in nearly all lodges included many visitors from all over the district." Inter-lodge visitations were reported very well attended and frequently included visitors from Quebec. Officers' work was considered to be of a high standard and records were well maintained although a continuing high level of arrears of dues were noted. Fire hazards in country lodges were slowly being resolved and insurance provided. Hazeldean 517 and Ionic 526 celebrated their 50th anniversaries and Acacia 561 celebrated its 45th. Education and Blood Donors committees worked hard through the year and recorded success. The largest District Divine Service was held with on March 7, 1965, with over 800 Masons and family members in attendance. A large attendance was reported for the funeral of M. W. Bro. Clarence McLeod on April 10, 1965. A good turnout for the Grand Master's reception and an attendance of 650 at the Annual District Ball were considered highlights of the year.

1966 29 Lodges, Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686); total District membership 6,873. R. Bro. Wendell M. Stanley.

The DDGM reported WMs and officers were sincere in their ritual work but that the strong financial position of many Lodges was offset by the weak position of a few. Masonic Education was working well and there had been two Lodges of Instruction (January 5 and March 30) sponsored by Ionic Lodge, No. 526. Blood donors committee was working well. Two District Chaplains had held District Divine services in Ottawa (November 7, 1965) and Beachburg (April 24, 1966). The Builders Lodge, No. 177, had celebrated its centennial in 1965 and had hosted the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Noble Allan.

1967 29 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686); total District membership 6,848. R. W. Bro. Colin C. Lillico.

The DDGM reported that in each of the twenty-nine Lodges, degree work was done in an efficient manner and attendance by members and visitors was good. Masonic Education and Blood Donor committees worked well and the District Chaplain, Bro. Derek Allen performed his duties well although his health throughout the year was not good. The annual District Masonic Ball, at the Chateau Laurier, was well attended as were twenty-eight Ladies Nights held by Lodges. Thirty-two Masonic rinks participated in the District Curling Bonspiel at Carleton Place.

1968 29 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686); total District membership 6,631. R. W. Bro. Ernest James John Jackson.

All lodges were visited officially and the DDGM felt that the loyalty and support of the district for Grand Lodge was everywhere felt very strongly. He appointed two Chaplains and held two Divine Services for the country and city lodges. The strong work of the Blood Donors Committee was reflected in the Red Cross appointing W. Bro. Cliff Stone as "Cobden Chairman of the Red Cross Blood Donor Committee." The Annual Masonic Ball at the Chateau Laurier was again reported as a success of the year. Only one lodge did not hold a Ladies Night and all others were considered well attended and well organized.

The DDGM reported that he had received a number of enquiries through the Past masters', Masters' and Wardens' Association on splitting the district (p 49). This appears to be the start of a lengthy (two-year) discussion.

1969 29 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686); total District membership 6,626. R. W. Bro. John R. McCrimmon.

The DDGM reported that successful Masonic Education "schools of instruction" had been held at Westboro and Arnprior. The committee on blood donations was working well. Two meetings of the Past Masters' and Wardens' Association were successful as were three District Divine Services. A District Golf Tournament was well attended. It was noted that organization for a new Lodge at Westboro, to be called "Bytown," were proceeding quickly.

1970 30 Lodges (Nos. 52, 58, 63, 122, 128, 147, 148, 159, 177, 196, 231, 264, 371, 433, 459, 465, 476, 479, 516, 517, 526, 558, 560, 561, 564, 590, 595, 665, 686, 721); 6,545 members as at December 31, 1969) R. W. Bro. W. Robert Rowsome.

The DDGM noted this was the last year for Ottawa District and its 30 Lodges (Bytown No. 721, Ottawa, having been instituted on October 11, 1969): in future there would be two Ottawa Districts. Masonry in the Ottawa District was reported to be very good and with quality candidates being admitted. On the physical

side, it was noted that Madawaska Lodge, No. 196 GRC, Arnprior had dedicated a new Temple and four Lodges had celebrated their 50th anniversaries (Sidney Albert Luke 558, St. Andrew's 560, Acacia 561 and Ashlar 564), one District divine service was held and the Ottawa Masonic Choir participated and twenty-nine of the thirty Lodges held Ladies Nights. The only down side was the loss of the Masonic Hall at Deep River on May 16, 1971, under suspicious circumstances (no cause ever being established). Overall, however, it was considered an excellent way to close an era and begin a new one.

Part 3

Ottawa Districts 1 and 2

1970 onwards

Ottawa 1 and 2 Districts 1970 - present

By 1967/68 it had become clear that the size of the District was having negative impact on the efforts of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit each Lodge and provide the direction and guidance which was essential for the betterment of the Craft. After careful review of the situation at the District level a decision was taken to seek the approval of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge to split the District into two distinct parts along the lines of other overly large Districts such as Toronto, Niagara and Hamilton. In 1969 Grand Lodge agreed that, given the number of Lodges in Ottawa District 16, the District would be split into two — Ottawa District 1 and Ottawa District 2 — each with its own D.D.G.M. and District organization. The placing of Lodges within each District as approved by Grand Lodge did not conform with the recommendations of the Committee from Ottawa District and this led to certain arguments in the District. A letter in February 1970 sent by the then DDGM, R. W. Bro. Robert Rowsome to all Lodges put the matter to rest “. . . that majority of lodges in this District have agreed to accept the division of the District as laid down by Grand Lodge”.

Given the desire of potential applicants to want to join Lodges where friends or family members were already members the issue of overlapping Lodge jurisdiction was reviewed at Grand Lodge. This issue was particularly acute given the number of Lodges resident within the city of Ottawa (the Westboro Masonic Hall and the Metcalfe Street Masonic Temple). After review by the Committee on Constitution and Laws, Grand Lodge, in 1973, advised all Lodges in the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton that they had concurrent jurisdiction. By this decision any candidate could apply to any Lodge in the area.

As a cost saving measure the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge would no longer include the reports of the DDGMs beginning with 1971 (*1971 Annual Proceedings*, p 54). Thus the report of the Committee on the Condition has been used in the following sections until the *1995 Annual Proceedings* when a summary report of each DDGM is included. Given this situation the reports of the DDGMs of Ottawa District 1 and Ottawa District 2 are reproduced herein to the degree possible.

With the decision in 1969, to become effective in 1970, the new Ottawa 1 District would consist of fifteen Lodges, which, by January 1, 2000, had become 16, and Ottawa 2 District would also have 16 Lodges, as follows:

Ottawa 1 District and location

Doric, No. 58, Ottawa
St. John's, No. 63, Carleton Place
Mississippi, No. 147, Almonte
Civil Service, No. 148, Ottawa
Goodwood, No. 159, Richmond
Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa
Prince of Wales, No. 371, Ottawa
Carleton, No. 465, Carp
Corinthian, No. 476, North Gower
Russell, No. 479, Russell
Hazeldean, No. 517, Hazeldean
Sidney Albert Luke, No. 558, Ottawa
St. Andrew's, No. 560, Ottawa
Acacia, No. 561, Westboro
Temple, No. 665, Westboro
Edinburgh, No. 736, Westboro

Ottawa 2 District and location

Dalhousie, No. 52, Ottawa
Renfrew, No. 122, Renfrew
Pembroke, No. 128, Pembroke
The Builders, No. 177, Ottawa
Madawaska, No. 196, Arnprior
Chaudiere, No. 264, Ottawa
Bonnechere, No. 433, Eganville
Cobden, No. 459, Cobden
Enterprise, No. 516, Beachburg
Ionic, No. 526, Ottawa
Ashlar, No. 564, Ottawa
Defenders, No. 590, Ottawa
Rideau, No. 595, Ottawa
Atomic Daylight, No. 686, Renfrew
Bytown, No. 721, Ottawa
Luxor Daylight, No. 741, Ottawa

Regrettably, on May 5, 2000, Corinthian No. 476 in North Gower closed its doors for ever and on May

27, 2003, Rideau No. 595 amalgamated with Chaudiere No. 264 and the amalgamated Lodge continues to meet at the Walkley Road Masonic Temple.

During this period, both Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2 Districts have been served by many excellent District Deputy Grand Masters. Because of the interconnectedness of the two Districts and the penchant to visit Lodges in either one, the list covers both Districts:

	Ottawa District 1	Ottawa District 2
1970-71	John Alfred Pell Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa	Kenneth N. Nesbitt Ionic No. 526, Ottawa
1971-72	Harold R. J. Gilbert Corinthian No. 476, North Gower	Mervyn S. Tripp Madawaska, No. 196, Arnprior
1972-73	Kenneth Grant Willing Prince of Wales No. 371, Ottawa	Fred F. Horton Chaudiere No. 264, Ottawa
1973-74	Preston W. Dell Goodwood No. 159, Richmond	William R. Leach Atomic No. 686, Renfrew
1974-75	Leonard W. Westwell Temple No. 665, Westboro	Lewis J. McAdam Rideau No. 595, Ottawa
1975-76	Raymond E. Shane St. John's No. 63, Carleton Place	Stanley G. Black Cobden No. 459, Cobden
1976-77	Gerald Edward MacDonald Acacia No. 561, Westboro	Harold R. Haywood Defenders No. 590, Ottawa
1977-78	Keith M. Boyd Russell No. 479, Russell	James Selkirk Renfrew No. 122, Renfrew
1978-79	C. Ross Thomson Civil Service No. 148, Ottawa	James A. Jones Chaudiere No. 264, Ottawa
1979-80	William B. Hodgins Carleton No. 465, Carp	Sidney Harbert Pembroke No. 128, Pembroke
1980-81	John G. Pell Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa	Thomas H. Hammell The Builders No. 177, Ottawa
1981-82	William D. Cook Goodwood No. 159, Richmond	Melville R. Curry Enterprise No. 516, Beachburg
1982-83	Ronald K. Campbell St. Andrew's No. 560, Ottawa	Allan E. C. Hewens Ashlar No. 564, Ottawa
1983-84	Owen J. Osborne Mississippi No. 147	Robert M. Taylor Pembroke No. 128

1984-85	Gordon E. Thomas Prince of Wales No. 371, Ottawa	Emil Albrecht Rideau No. 595 , Ottawa
1985-86	W. Ronald Falconer Hazeldean No. 517, Hazeldean	Meirion Griffiths Atomic No. 686, Renfrew
1986-87	Albert Baxter Bennett Sewell Acacia No. 561, Westboro	Robert J. Kirkpatrick Defenders No. 590, Ottawa
1987-88	Grant B. Bowman Russell No. 479 , Russell	Charles E. Clark Bytown No. 721, Westboro
1988-89	Edward J. Hare Doric No. 58, Ottawa	Walter H. Hightower Bonnechere No. 433, Eganville
1989-90	Carl U. Everson Corinthian No. 476, North Gower	Donald Herbert Mumby Dalhousie No. 52, Ottawa
1990-91	Ralph Melville Boone Sidney Albert Luke No. 558, Ottawa	Gordon A. Gross The Builders No. 177, Ottawa
1991-92	Ray W. Grant Carleton No. 465, Carp	Gordon Andrew Brown Madawaska No. 196, Arnprior
1992-93	William D. Burns St. Andrew's No. 560, Westboro	Gordon W. Weedmark Rideau No. 595, Ottawa
1993-94	Ernest T. Vos Hazeldean No. 517, Hazeldean	David A. Fraser Dalhousie No. 52, Ottawa
1994-95	Edward (Ted) B. Williams Edinburgh No. 736, Westboro	Ralph Douglas Morgan Pembroke No. 128, Pembroke
1995-96	H. Roy Hyland Goodwood No. 159, Richmond	Roy H. Gilchrist Ashlar No. 564, Ottawa
1996-97	D. Gary Gosling Civil Service No. 148, Ottawa	James Heffel Luxor Daylight No. 742, Ottawa
1997-98	George W. McKay Mississippi No. 147, Almonte	Darwin M. Lacelle Bonnechere No. 433, Eganville
1998-99	George R. Clauson Lodge of Fidelity No.231, Ottawa	Samuel Kalinowsky Defenders No. 590, Ottawa
1999-2000	Paul Edward Todd St. John's No. 63, Carleton Place	Glen H. Sage Bytown No. 721, Westboro
2000-01	Douglas Harold Good Temple Lodge, No. 665, Westboro	Donald A. Wallace Pembroke No. 128, Pembroke
2001-02	Bryan L. Dorling Hazeldean No. 517, Hazeldean	Dale W. C. Atkinson Ionic No. 526, Westboro

2002-03	Douglas Franklin St. Andrew's No. 560, Ottawa	Donald Wallace ²³ Pembroke No. 128, Pembroke
2003-04	Robert Bouchard Carleton No. 465, carp	Derek McEwan Pembroke No. 128, Pembroke
2004-05	Norman Allingham Prince of Wales No. 371, Ottawa	Howard Brockwell Dalhousie No. 52, Ottawa
2005-06	Kenneth Alan Sharp Russell No. 479, Russell	Brian Irvine Ashlar No. 564, Ottawa
2006-07	Barry Francis Burchill Acacia No. 561, Westboro	Norman E. Brooks Madawaska No. 196, Arnprior
2007-08	Donald Healey Goodwood No. 159, Richmond	John Saunders The Builders No. 177, Ottawa
2008-09	David A. Ganderton Edinburgh No. 736, Westboro	Peter Harbert Bytown No. 721, Westboro
2009-10	Ivor Bayley St. Johns No. 63, Carleton Place	John W. (Jack) Ledger Renfrew No. 122, Renfrew
2010-11	Leslie Ross Richardson Civil Service No. 148, Ottawa	John Matthew Forster Luxor Daylight No. 741, Ottawa

A number of key operational decisions were made at the District level which are still very evident today, including:

- Rotation for the DDGM nomination. In 1942 it was agreed that city lodges would have 2 DDGM's for every one from country Lodges in Ottawa District 16. On April 26, 1977 Ottawa 1 District voted to rotate "city lodges one year and country lodges next year." Ottawa 2 District voted in 1983 to alternate the DDGM selection on a three year basis: country, city, open.
- Ottawa Masonic Temple on Metcalfe Street. By 1974 plans were well underway for a new Temple at 2140 Walkley Road and it was open by September 1976. By 1979 the first of several appeals from the new Ottawa Masonic Corporation was issued to raise funds to meet climbing debts (outstanding debt as of Dec. 31/78 was \$106,329.80). No new information is available;
- The Travelling Gavel first appeared in 1978. It is used to encourage inter-visitation between Lodges and works very well. In 1995 a second Travelling Gavel, which was originated in western Canada, was received and passed around the District;
- As late as 1988 redistribution was still an active issue at Grand Lodge. In that year a proposal was mooted to transfer Russell Lodge, No. 479 GRC, Russell to a new Glengarry District. The response of Russell Lodge to remain in Ottawa 1 District was unanimously supported by all the Ottawa District Lodges, and Russell Lodge remains a proud and strong Lodge in the District.

²³ Jeffrey A. Noseworthy of Defenders Lodge, No. 590, was elected and installed but did not complete his term of office.

1971 - 1980

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa 1	Ottawa 2
# Lodges (Dec. 31)	1971 - 635 1980 - 647	1971 - 15 (2%) 1980 - 15 (2%)	1971 - 15 (2%) 1980 - 15 (2%)
# Members (Dec. 31)	1971 - 120,913 1980 - 107,235	1971 - 3,243 (2.6%) 1980 - 2,612 (2.4%)	1971 - 3,258 (2.6%) 1980 - 2,658 (2.5%)

1971 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 3,243 at December 31, 1970. R. W. Bro. John Alfred Pell.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership 3,258 at December 31, 1970. R. W. Bro. Kenneth N. Nesbitt.

Blood donations for 1970-71 totalled 271 from Ottawa 1 and 217 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted the decline in Lodge attendance across the jurisdiction and suggested creation of "attendance committees" in each Lodge as well as encouraging more interesting programs. Ladies Nights were encouraged to stimulate membership interest. The issue of Lodge finances and financial management was flagged as well as the need for more active membership committees at the Lodge level. Strengthening the local level was seen as the only way to reverse negative trends across the province.

1972 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 3,191 at December 31, 1971. R. W. Bro. Harold R. J. Gilbert.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721) total membership 3,258 at December 31, 1971. R. W. Bro. Mervyn S. Tripp.

Blood donations for 1971-72 totalled 242 from Ottawa 1 and 425 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted the decline in Lodge attendance across the jurisdiction and suggested creation of "attendance committees" in each Lodge as well as encouraging more interesting programs. Ladies Nights were encouraged to stimulate membership interest. The issue of Lodge finances and financial management was flagged as well as the need for more active membership committees at the Lodge level. Strengthening the local level was seen as the only way to reverse negative trends across the province.

1973 Ottawa 1— 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 3,141 at December 31, 1972. R. W. Bro. Kenneth Grant Willing.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership 3,206 at December 31, 1972. R. W. Bro. Fred F. Horton.

Blood donations for 1972-73 totalled 189 from Ottawa 1 and 329 from Ottawa 2. A highlight of the year occurred on January 19, 1973, when the two Ottawa Districts received the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Kirk Bailey at a reception. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted the overall shrinkage in membership but noted that the year over year reduction had been decreasing recently. In looking at the statistics the Committee remarked that the loss during the 1930's resulted from the great depression while the decline during the 1960's resulted from a period of great affluence. The Committee also noted the ageing of the Craft as evidenced with the number of Lodges celebrating their centennials while St. Andrew's No. 16 of Toronto celebrated its sesquicentennial. They also noted the increasing number of brethren eligible for their 50-year membership pins. The challenge for Lodges in the

period of a changing social environment fell on the shoulders of the Masters, officers and members of Lodges themselves.

1974 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 3,027 at December 31, 1973. R. W. Bro. Preston W. Dell.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership 3,064 at December 31, 1973. R. W. Bro. William R. Leach.

Blood donations for 1973-74 totalled 200 from Ottawa 1 and 268 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that with the ongoing social changes it was incumbent on Grand Lodge as well as the individual Lodges to revitalize and extend Masonic programs so that they become more meaningful for the membership. The number of members in arrears of dues was flagged as a major challenge at the local level.

1975 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,909 at December 31, 1974. R. W. Bro. Leonard W. Westwell.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,984 R. W. Bro. Lewis J. McAdam.

Blood donations for 1974-75 totalled 216 from Ottawa 1 and 170 from Ottawa 2. A highlight of the year occurred on January 17, 1975 when Ottawa Districts 1 and 2 hosted a joint reception for the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. George Edward Turner, MD. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that inventive and interesting meetings could produce great results. The May 3, 1975 official visit of the DDGM to Pelee Lodge, No. 627 on Point Pelee was attended by 245 Masons: 128 from Lodges in the District, 19 from other Districts in Ontario, 80 from Ohio and 18 from Michigan. The visitors travelled by ferry boat, chartered aircraft and yachts and private cruisers. Many Lodges were noted as having grappled strongly with improvements in their financial management, but challenges remained. In spite of large Districts, DDGMs were attending more than the customary "official visit" and one was reported to have made more than 150 visits of all kinds to Lodges in his District. The bottom line, however, was considered to be "a more open and faithful practice of (Masonic) principles."

1976 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 3,126 at December 31, 1974. R. W. Bro. Raymond E. Shane.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,967 R. W. Bro. Stanley G. Black.

Blood donations for 1975-76 totalled 242 from Ottawa 1 and 265 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted the important role played by the Custodian of the Work and the value which all members of the Craft received through District Lodges of Instruction. The value of ritual and protocol was also receiving support in encouraging effective leadership from Grand Lodge through Districts to individual Lodges. Improvements in financial conditions at the level of individual lodges was noted along with the observation that there would always be some lodges which could not, for many reasons, alter their difficult state.

1977 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,804 at December 31, 1976. R. W. Bro. Gerald Edward MacDonald.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,904 at December 31, 1976. R. W. Bro. Harold R. Haywood.

Blood donations for 1976-77 totalled 232 from Ottawa 1 and 302 from Ottawa 2. Several items of note occurred during the year: the two Districts hosted a joint reception for the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Eric W. Nancekivell, on January 15, 1977. Prince of Wales No. 371 of Ottawa celebrated its centennial on December 7, 1978. At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 20, 1977), Bro. Theodore Emil Gunderson of Rideau Lodge No. 595, was awarded the William Mercer Wilson Medal. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that District committees of Masonic Education were active as were a number of District Lodges of Instruction, contributing to the knowledge and information of many new members and sharpening the skills of older Lodge members. Damage caused by a fire in the East Toronto Masonic Temple had been overcome and the facility was now back to its usual level of usage. Growth in the jurisdiction was measured by the institution of three new Lodges (The Mount Moriah 727, Brampton; Cambridge 728, Cambridge and Friendship 729, Pickering) and formation meetings to establish a research Lodge to be called "The Heritage Lodge." The sesquicentennial celebrations of Moira 11, Belleville and St. John's 17, Cobourg were noted. Lodges were noted as having made greater effort to examine their finances, particularly in view of the new property assessment system which Ontario is scheduled to implement in 1980.

1978 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,790 at December 31, 1977. R. W. Bro. Keith M. Boyd.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,870 at December 31, 1977. R. W. Bro. James Selkirk.

Blood donations for 1977-78 totalled 193 from Ottawa 1 and 255 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert Edwin Davies, announced the presentation of a 70-year pin and a 60-years a Past Master pin to the same individual (W. Bro. W. B. Snow of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371) and the award of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. Robert Armitage of The Builders Lodge No. 177. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted the importance of practices and the consequent improvements in ritual work. Masonic education continued apace and many Lodge Summonses now carried short notes on "Masonic lore" or historical fact. Workshops and seminars in districts were also noted as playing an important part in the overall skills improvements of Lodge officers and members. Lodge finances continued to be noted as an area for ongoing improvements and the inadequacy of life membership funding was flagged "as this dues structure, if not properly amortized, will cause severe hardships for the brethren in future years" (1978 *Proceedings*, p 111). Six Lodges were noted as having reached their centennial.

1979 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,754 at December 31, 1978. R. W. Bro. C. Ross Thomson.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,827 at December 31, 1978. R. W. Bro. James A. Jones.

Blood donations for 1978-79 totalled 326 from Ottawa 1 and 263 from Ottawa 2. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that Lodges of Instruction continued their effective work and that the standards of ritual were at a high level. Eight Lodges celebrated their centennials. Efforts to improve the benevolence efforts of Districts and Lodges was flagged. Support for H.E.L.P. (Help for Every Living Person) was considered very beneficial, but more was desirable in terms of blood donations. It was noted that these efforts, and others which might be termed "Main Street Masonry" might encourage more men of good character to enquire about the Craft and perhaps to join.

1980 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,668 at December 31, 1979. R. W. Bro. William B. Hodgins.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,738 at December 31, 1979. R. W. Bro. Sidney Harbert.

Blood donations for 1979-80 totalled 217 from Ottawa 1 and 240 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that Grand Lodge was celebrating its 125th anniversary and that this provided opportunities for Districts and Lodges to undertake activities in their communities of mutual benefit. Eight Lodges celebrated their centennials, seven celebrated their 125th anniversaries and three Lodges were instituted during the year. The Committee recommended that charity and benevolence activities offered an opportunity for Lodges to reaffirm their involvement and position in their community and that blood donations, in particular, were of direct, immediate and lasting benefit.

1981 - 1990

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa 1	Ottawa 2
# Lodges (Dec. 31)	1981 - 647 1990 - 652	1981 - 15 (2%) 1990 - 16 (2.5%)	1981 - 15 (2%) 1990 - 15 (2.3%)
# Members (Dec. 31)	1981 - 105,397 1990 - 86,628	1981 - 2,612 (2.5%) 1990 - 2,158 (2.5%)	1981 - 2,317 (2.2%) 1990 - 2,081 (2.4%)

1981 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,612 at December 31, 1980. R. W. Bro. John G. Pell.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,317 at December 31, 1980. R. W. Bro. Thomas H. Hammell.

Blood donations for 1980-81 totalled 346 from Ottawa 1 and 201 from Ottawa 2. On January 17, 1981, Ottawa Districts 1 and 2 entertained the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Norval Richard Richards, at a District Reception. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that three new Lodges had been formed and four new Masonic Temples had been completed and opened for the benefit of Lodges. The committee recommended five actions to be taken by Lodges: revising initiation fees in accord with increases called for in the Constitution, Lodge buildings and furnishings to be covered by adequate amounts of insurance, payment of dues to be invoiced, each lodge establish a finance committees and that one of its responsibilities was to recommend changes in Lodge fees and dues required for effective management and an annual Lodge financial statement be provided to each member.

1982 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,540 at December 31, 1981. R. W. Bro. William D. Cook.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,629 at December 31, 1981. R. W. Bro. Melville R. Curry.

Blood donations for 1981-82 totalled 265 from Ottawa 1 and 225 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry again recommended that initiation fees be revised in accord with the Constitution, payment of dues to be invoices and that Districts ensure that conflicts in special events or evenings be minimized.

1983 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665), total membership of 2,495 at December 31, 1982. R. W. Bro. Ronald K. Campbell.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,569 at December 31, 1982. R. W. Bro. Allan E. C. Hewens.

Blood donations for 1982-83 totalled 210 from Ottawa 1 and 194 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry reported that many districts had reported declining membership and decreased Lodge attendance but noted that the greatest losses were attributable to resignation and suspension for non-payment of dues. The Committee felt, along with R. W. Bro. Ron Campbell (whose annual report they were citing), that Sponsors needed to understand their role better and beyond the first step of signing an application, and that there was a need to spend more time with the new Mason, informing him of the history and traditions of the Craft and its role in society. Other areas of concern of the physical premises used by Lodges was again noted: fire safety instructions, evacuation procedures, installation of fire alarms were needed and Masonic halls and Lodge buildings should be covered by adequate insurance.

1984 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736 UD), total membership of 2,481 at December 31, 1983. R. W. Bro. Owen J. Osborne.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,492 at December 31, 1983. R. W. Bro. Robert M. Taylor.

Blood donations for 1983-84 totalled 242 from Ottawa 1 and 195 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry again recommended the formation and operation of Lodge finance committees and the need for Lodges to become more proactive in collection of dues. Fire safety and insurance coverage were also raised. Declining membership was noted. But more Lodges were reported becoming involved in community activities, especially those involving benevolence and charitable works. District Divine Services appeared from the committee report to be on the increase.

1985 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 2,431 at December 31, 1984. R. W. Bro. Gordon E. Thomas.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,416 at December 31, 1984. R. W. Bro. Emil Albrecht.

Blood donations for 1984-85 totalled 238 from Ottawa 1 and 191 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry recommended a number of areas which could contribute to reversing the membership and attendance decline: (1) making programs more interesting and giving variety to meetings, (2) organize meetings, save time and keep to an agenda, (3) improve officer knowledge, (4) visit sick and shut-in brethren, (5) practice, practice, practice, (6) understand the ritual, (7) encourage social events involving families, (8) keep new members interested — always, and (9) innovate.

1986 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 2,387 at December 31, 1985. R. W. Bro. W. Ronald Falconer.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,341 at December 31, 1985. R. W. Bro. Meirion Griffiths.

Blood donations for 1985-86 totalled 206 from Ottawa 1 and 262 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that Moira No. 11 at Belleville, celebrated its 185th anniversary, Prince Edward No. 18 at Picton celebrated its 175th anniversary and ten Lodges celebrated their 125th anniversaries, indicating that in spite of challenges facing the Craft, it was alive and well. District Divine Services were felt to be increasing as was attendance and in many districts charity and benevolence activities was taking a more hands-on approach (car pooling cancer patients to medical appointments was an excellent example). The administration of Lodges seemed to be improving and the Committee continued to encourage Lodges to keep on with these changes.

1987 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 2,330 at December 31, 1986. R. W. Bro. Albert Baxter Bennett Sewell.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,280 at December 31, 1986. R. W. Bro. Robert J. Kirkpatrick.

Blood donations for 1986-87 totalled 137 from Ottawa 1 and 284 from Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry reported that it had drafted a standard report to be used by DDGMs when writing their annual assessment of their district. The concern about Lodge finances again assumed a predominant place in the report. A realistic annual budget was considered desirable, inadequate funding of life memberships was cited as a source of difficulty which was being met in some Lodges by soliciting donations from life members, and high initiation fees and dues were not considered deterrents to membership but a generator of "self-esteem, confidence and a sound financial base." The committee also flagged the ageing of members was producing a loss through death almost double the intake of new members.

1988 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 2,275 at December 31, 1987. R. W. Bro. Grant B. Bowman.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,213 at December 31, 1987. R. W. Bro. Charles E. Clark.

Blood donations for 1987-88 are unfortunately not reported in the Proceedings. The Blood Donor Committee did report on guidelines being recommended for both a District Chairman of Blood Donations and also a Lodge Chairman. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that improved lodge summonses, district/lodge newsletters, financial planning, officer training and involvement of family members in activities, was being noted as having a beneficial effect of the lodges involved which these types of activities and changes. Some of these have translated themselves into Grand Lodge programs (Mentorship, DDGM guidelines) or were being tested (road signs, standardized logo, changes to the Memorial Service, and a membership retention program). The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William R. Pellow, announced the award of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. Nicholas Samuel Mahara, of Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa.

1989 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 2,212 at December 31, 1988. R. W. Bro. Edward J. Hare.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,132 at December 31, 1988. R. W. Bro. Walter H. Hightower.

Details of blood donations for 1988-89 are not reported in the Proceedings. The Grand Lodge Committee did recommend that District Chairmen should be used for several years so that the regularity of the blood donor program could be established and maintained. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry reported that DDGM guidelines had been completed and issued and that a series of regional

seminars would be held in the fall. The Mentor's Program (now four years old) was well underway but not necessarily being implemented in all Lodges or Districts. Regional Workshops entitled "Membership Enhancement" were to be started. Forty-five Lodge signs at community entrances were approved and installed. All these initiatives were expected to contribute to membership growth and enhancement. In terms of Lodge enhancements, more Lodges were reported to have made strides in improving their financial management, improving accommodations and strengthening communications with members through the Summons and Newsletters. More Open Houses were being held then previously reported. The William R. Pellow Meritorious Award (for activities above and beyond the norm) was conferred on V. W. Bro. Raymond Francis Edward Kempster of Acacia No. 561 (Ottawa #1) and W. Bro. George A. Lee of Rideau No. 595 (Ottawa #2).

1990 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 2,158 at December 31, 1989. R. W. Bro. Carl U. Everson.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,081 at December 31, 1989. R. W. Bro. Donald Herbert Mumby.

Blood donations for 1989-90 totalled 315 from Ottawa 1 and 207 from Ottawa 2. It was noted that the Canadian Red Cross had reported that the "Masons of Ontario presently account for 7% of all blood collected" and also that V. W. Bro. Arthur T. Boden and Bro. Keith B. Foy of Ottawa District 2, had given 100 donations or more over the years. For the first time, the Grand Lodge Blood Donors' Committee included a section noted as "Of Interest Around the Jurisdiction" and reported that "for the second year in a row St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place is the undisputed winner of the district trophy with 113 donations."

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry reported that some Lodges were shifting their "recess" from the summer months to winter-time and that an increasing number of activities involving families and friends were being undertaken by Lodges. The Committee recommended that the Summons be confined to Craft Masonry only as there are other media for other matters. A District Association for Lodge Secretaries was considered desirable. Management of Lodge finances appeared to be improving. District Lodges of Instruction of varying types were on the increase and considered desirable.

On July 18, 1990, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David Crowe Bradley, announced the award of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. Wilfred Arthur Newbury, of Acacia Lodge, No. 561, Ottawa.

1991 - 2000

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa 1	Ottawa 2
# Lodges (Dec. 31)	1991 - 652 2000 - 630	1991 - 16 (2.5%) 2000 - 16 (5.3%)	1991 - 15 (2.3%) 2000 - 16 (5.3%)
# Members (Dec. 31)	1991 - 84,222 2000 - 63,602	1991 - 1,990 (2.4%) 2000 - 1,686 (2.7%)	1991 - 2,015 (2.4%) 2000 - 1,522 (2.4%)

1991 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,990 at December 31, 1990. R. W. Bro. Ralph Melville Boone.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 2,015 at December 31, 1990. R. W. Bro. Gordon A. Gross.

Blood donations for 1990-91 totalled 248 for Ottawa 1 and 181 for Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Blood Donors' Committee reported on improving and closer relations with the Canadian Red Cross. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry included summaries of some DDGM reports, unfortunately not including one for Ottawa 1. A summary of the report for Ottawa 2 (which is considered relatively

representative due to the interconnectedness of Lodges in the two Districts) shows that Lodges were taking on the challenge of Long Range Planning and had attended seminars on the subject, implementation of the Mentors' Program was slow, and that there was great enthusiasm for a Daylight Lodge in the area.

On November 10, 1990, the two Ottawa Districts hosted a reception for the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David Crowe Bradley.

1992 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 2,035 at December 31, 1991. R. W. Bro. Ray W. Grant.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721), total membership of 1,934 at December 31, 1991. R. W. Bro. Gordon A. Brown.

Blood donations for 1991-92 totalled 73 for Ottawa 1. No report had been received by the Committee in respect of Ottawa #2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry reported that they had reviewed developments in districts over a two year period and had undertaken a study of the issue of management of districts and found that in some districts the function of a "management committee" was fulfilled by a formal Management Committee, a Past Masters', Masters' and Wardens' Association, or a Masonic Association whose membership varied by district. Methods of financing also varied. The matter was to be examined over the course of the next year. The DDGM Communique (from the Grand master to the DDGM's) was found very useful and helpful. Districts with Newsletters found them useful. Use of the mentor Program was growing with positive comments. But membership continued to decline and Lodge finances continued to be problematic.

The previous years' report at Grand Lodge of "enthusiasm for a Daylight Lodge" in the Eastern Ontario Region became a reality on August 22, 1991 when the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Norman Edward Byrne, signed a Dispensation authorizing the new Lodge to meet. With the Institution of Luxor Daylight Lodge in Ottawa (to belong to Ottawa 2 District) on September 18, 1991, the needs of members in the Region for a Daylight Lodge were met and at the 137th Annual Communication (July 15, 1992) Warrant No. 741 was issued.

1993 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,958 at December 31, 1992. R. W. Bro. William D. Burns.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,870 at December 31, 1992. R. W. Bro. Gordon W. Weedmark.

Blood donations for 1992-93 totalled 210 for Ottawa 1 and 193 for Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry recommended that all districts form management committees to provide continuity and consistency in planning activities and projects, to promote good communication between Grand Lodge and lodges, and to provide assistance to lodges.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Norman Edward Byrne, noted with regret the death of a holder of the William Mercer Wilson Medal in Ottawa 1 — Bro. Wilfred Arthur Newbury of Acacia No. 561 — during the year. The two Ottawa Districts shared in the Constitution and Consecration of Luxor Lodge, No. 741, by the Grand Master, on November 28, 1992 and jointly held a reception in honour of the Grand Master's visit.

1994 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,958 at December 31, 1993. R. W. Bro. Ernest T. Vos.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,817 at December 31, 1993. R. W. Bro. David A. Fraser.

Blood donations for 1993-94 totalled 202 for Ottawa 1 and 257 for Ottawa 2. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry reported that improvements at the district level could result from ensuring District Committees had guidelines as well as annual goals and objectives and extending masonic education contacts to adjacent districts. Additionally, the Committee recommended assessing the need for alternative voting practices and procedures for Lodges and their members which are at an extreme distance from Grand Lodge (e.g. northern Ontario) so that they may have a better opportunity to participate.

Although membership was still declining, longevity in the Craft was recognized by Grand Lodge with the award of a "70 Years a Mason" pin to two members of Lodges within Ottawa 1 District: Bro. Thomas G. Slinn of The Builders No. 177 and W. Bro. Harold L. Lamble of St. Andrew's No. 560.

1995 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,783 at December 31, 1994. R. W. Bro. Edward (Ted) B. Williams.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,747 at December 31, 1994. R. W. Bro. Ralph Douglas Morgan.

Blood donations for 1994-95 totalled 232 for Ottawa 1, Ottawa 2 contributions were unreported in the Proceedings.

For the first time in fifteen years, condensed reports of the DDGM's were printed in the Annual Proceedings. For Ottawa 1, R. W. Bro. Williams noted the distribution of nine urban and seven rural Lodges and that, while membership had dropped slightly, only three Lodges had Past Masters in progressive chairs. The average age of members — 58 years — showed the fraternity to be ageing. Most Lodges were considered to be financially sound although some had little money in the bank or investments. The high rent cost of the Walkley Road Temple was flagged as being of concern to the Lodges meeting there. For Ottawa 2, R. W. Bro. Morgan reported a slight decline in membership and that unrestricted life memberships could not continue to be issued as the effect was to impact dues paying members. New, young, members were joining the Craft and were interested in lodge and community matters.

Several notable events occurred in which both Ottawa Districts could take pride. A reception for the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew was held in September 1994 and accompanied by a Charity Ball. On July 19, 1995, the Grand Master announced the award of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. Russell O. Dillabough of Atomic No. 686 (Ottawa 2). Certificates of Commendation for outstanding service were also awarded to brethren of the District: Bros. Philippe A. M. Bernard of The Builders No. 177 and Wallace D. Hall of Russell No. 479.

1996 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,876 at December 31, 1995. R. W. Bro. H. Roy Hyland.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,689 at December 31, 1995. R. W. Bro. Roy H. Gilchrist.

Blood donations for 1995-96 totalled 313 for Ottawa 1 and 85 for Ottawa 2. R. W. Bro. Hyland reported that one-quarter of the Ottawa 1 Lodges increased their membership during the year through a mix of using Grand Lodge facilities (newsletters, video etc) as well as improved programming. In the latter this included degrees on Saturday mornings which included breakfast and special speakers. R. W. Bro. Gilchrist reported that some lodges were providing evenings of Masonic education during the DDGM's official visit rather than working (or exemplifying) degrees. Lodges were still experiencing declines in membership.

1997 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,853 at December 31, 1996. R. W. Bro. D. Gary Gosling.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,659 at December 31, 1996. R. W. Bro. James Heffel.

Blood donations for 1996-97 totalled 247 for Ottawa 1 and 110 for Ottawa 2. R. W. Bro. Gosling reported that various Grand Lodge programs were being used to good effect in Ottawa 1. R. W. Bro. Heffel reported on three new initiatives in Ottawa 2: a traveling gavel to encourage intervisitation, the *Valley Craftsman* newsletter and the placing of the *Friend to Friend* video in the Ottawa and Valley libraries.

1998 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,801 at December 31, 1997. R. W. Bro. George W. McKay.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,606 at December 31, 1997. R. W. Bro. Darwin M. Lacelle.

Blood donations for 1997-98 totalled 276 for Ottawa 1 and 100 for Ottawa 2. A Grand Lodge "Lodge of Instruction" in the fall of 1997, held for Ottawa 1 and 2, Eastern and St. Lawrence Districts was well attended. R. W. Bro. McKay reported Masonry "alive and well" in Ottawa 1. Grand Lodge programs were being well used, the November 11 District Memorial Service, at the Perley Rideau veterans Centre in Ottawa was well attended as was the District Divine Service in Almonte. The great ice storm of 1998-99 was a major catastrophe in the district but everyone pulled together. Bro. Bill Black was injured while helping a neighbour and the District quickly raised \$20,000 to assist him and his family. R. W. Bro. Lacelle noted that Ottawa 2 was also doing well. A District Open House was well attended as were various social activities involving Masons and their families. The granddaughter of a Mason was involved in a car accident and both the District and Masonic Foundation were activated to assist "The Maria Douma Family Assistance Fund." Attendance by Lodge members at Lodges in Ottawa 2 was evaluated and revealed that about 25% are regular attendees.

1999 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,660 at December 31, 1998. R. W. Bro. George R. Clauson.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,566 at December 31, 1998. R. W. Bro. Samuel Kalinowsky.

Blood donations for 1998-99 totalled 279 for Ottawa 1 and 120 for Ottawa 2. R. W. Bro. Clauson reported that Ottawa 1 lodges that were previously thought to be in serious trouble had turned the corner. Ritual work was generally good although some improvements were always desirable. Weak lodges were also found to be those which participated very little in district activities and Lodges of Instruction. Remembrance Day and Divine services were well attended. District charity and benevolence was extended to two members of the community - a brother who had suffered a debilitating double brain aneurysm and the granddaughter of a Mason who became a paraplegic when she was involved in a car accident. R. W. Bro. Kalinowsky reported that Ottawa 2 experienced growth in several lodges and that new District initiatives were leading to renewed information flow and a renewal of Masonic vigour. Six bursaries were provided to students at Algonquin College and Ottawa University.

2000 Ottawa 1 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 476, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,686 at December 31, 1999. R. W. Bro. Paul Edward Todd.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,522 at December 31, 1999. R. W. Bro. Glen H. Sage.

Blood donations for 1999-2000 totalled 184 for Ottawa 1 and 173 for Ottawa 2. R. W. Bro. Todd reported on new initiatives in Ottawa 1 including a meeting of WMs in September to discuss Grand Lodge objectives for the year and a new District newsletter *Vox Masonica*. A number of Lodge and District activities focussed on raising funds for *Help-2-Hear* which included a best “Chili Cook-off” contest between the lodges of Ottawa 1 and 2. Regrettably Corinthian No. 476 of North Gower closed its doors after several years of difficulty in holding meetings. City growth in outlying areas was proving a challenge and the possibility of future lodge closures and/or amalgamations was probable. R. W. Bro. Sage reported that Masonry was well in Ottawa 2 and he had visited most lodges at least three times. Four District Divine Services were held and thirteen Memorial Services. Bursaries were distributed to needy and deserving students and support for DeMolay and Rainbow Girls was encouraged.

2001 - present

	Grand Lodge	Ottawa 1	Ottawa 2
# Lodges (Dec. 31)	2001 - 623 2007 - 578	2001 - 15 (2.4%) 2007 - 14	2001 - 16 (2.6%) 2007 - 14
# Members (Dec. 31)	2001 - 61,308 2007 - 52,152	2001 - 1,522 (2.7%) 2007 - 1,309	2001 - 1,464 (2.4%) 2007 - 1,241

2001 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,618 at December 31, 2000. R. W. Bro. Douglas Harold Good.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,486 at December 31, 2000. R. W. Bro. Donald A. Wallace.

Blood donations for 2000-01 totalled 117 for Ottawa 1 and 344 for Ottawa 2. No reports of the DDGMs are printed in the Proceedings. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Condition of Masonry noted that while many Lodges were using Grand Lodge programs, many were not, and recommended that Lodge masters and officers be encouraged to use them to the full. Ritual and protocol were considered deserving of improvement through inter-Lodge visitations. Long range planning at the Lodge level was considered desirable and all lodges were encouraged to develop, review occasionally and update, a five-year plan. Lodge finances were deserving of continued review and enhancement to ensure that adequate funds would be available for lodge programs.

2002 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,585 at December 31, 2001. R. W. Bro. Bryan L. Dorling.

R. W. Bro. Dorling reported that the general condition of lodges was “good.” With a few exceptions the quality of work and protocol was rated as “good”, all lodges were using the correct Book of Work, and lodges had “returned to Basics.” Lodge finances were adequate and no lodges were talking of amalgamation or closure. Not all Grand Lodge programs were being used by all Lodges and the application of programs was still “hit and miss.” Involvement in community activities and charitable efforts was raising the profile of Freemasonry. The only significant negative comment related to long rang planning and the “problem of convincing lodges of the need for a plan.”

The DDGM recommended continuing support to the weakest lodges and to promote Grand Lodge

programs, particularly Mentorship and Brother to Brother (both of which would likely have a positive benefit on membership retention).

Community activities of a charitable nature were continued although blood donations of 167 were considered low.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,464 at December 31, 2001. R. W. Bro. Dale W. C. Atkinson.

R. W. Bro. Atkinson reported that things were progressing well in Ottawa 2, R. W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby had been elected as Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Terence Shand, had participated in the Tenth Anniversary celebrations at Luxor Daylight Lodge 741. Masons were noticeably active in the community with the relaying of the cornerstone at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Renfrew and opening the Lodge to the public. Of the community charities, blood donations totalled 247 for Ottawa 2.

2003 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,536 at December 31, 2002. R. W. Bro. Douglas Franklin.

R. W. Bro. Douglas Franklin reported that the condition of masonry was strong and could be seen in high quality of work and proper protocol and decorum. A good participation was noted at the Lodge of Instruction (in Ingleside). Lodge finances were good. Membership was rated as "steady", intervisitation was good and there were no indications of needs for amalgamation or closure. Most lodges were using Grand Lodge programs and only two had requested assistance during the year.

Activities in the public domain, particularly Relay for Life, Juvenile Diabetes, and Blood Donations (311), and other activities including participation in the Remembrance Day services at the Perley-Rideau Veteran's Center, were giving the Craft a good profile in the community.

Ottawa 2 — 16 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 595, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,434 at December 31, 2002. R. W. Bro. Jeffrey A. Noseworthy (Donald Wallace).

The amalgamation of Rideau 595 into Chaudiere 264, both meeting at the Walkley Road Masonic Center, was conducted on May 27, 2003. Lodges were reported as "holding their own" in terms of membership although many had chairs filled with Past masters. Most were considered financially sound. Luxor continues to be a very strong lodge and its attendance records indicates 3/4 of affiliated members attend meetings regularly.

Community and charity activities continued to be strongly support and the four-fold increase in blood donations through the year (1,412) was considered a reflection of this community spirit. Enterprise Lodge's annual motorcycle ride continued to produce a charity revenue for CHEO.

2004 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,496 at December 31, 2003. R. W. Bro. Robert D. Bouchard.

The condition of Masonry was reported as strong with proper protocol and degrees worked in accordance with the Book of Work. Membership was increased with fifty-one initiations during the year. Lodge finances were considered adequate at the time but the DDGM noted that escalation building costs would have to be monitored. Lodges use Grand Lodge programs and facilitators are provided when needed and requested. The "Eastern Ontario" Lodge of Instruction was excellent and was complemented during the year with three further local lodges of instruction.

Lodges continued to be active in their communities and strongly supporting community charitable objectives: Relay for Life, Juvenile Diabetes, assistance for disabled adults, dialysis equipment purchase, school award programs and a particular effort to provide an education fund for a deceased brother's child. The only negative comment concerned the lack of commitment to the blood donor program which totalled

only 237.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,391 at December 31, 2003. R. W. Bro. Derek McEwan.

The election of R. W. (now M. W.) Bro. Donald H. Mumby as Grand Master was considered a momentous moment in the history of the District as it was first such for Ottawa District 2. The year also saw the centennial celebrations of Cobden 459 in October 2003 as well as a joint Dalhousie-Luxor reception for the new Grand master and Mrs. Mumby.

Lodges were considered to be holding their own and membership was relatively steady. Ageing lodge membership is becoming noticeable and some lodges function only with the assistance of a core of Past Masters in the chairs. However it was felt that an enthusiastic and upbeat attitude was permeating the district.

Strong community activities and charitable events dominated the district program along with a new District 2 sesqui-centennial project to support "The Parkinson's Society". Blood donations totalled 2,476 for Ottawa 2. *The Valley Craftsman* as the District newsletter was restarted in the district.

2005 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,465 at December 31, 2004. R. W. Bro. Norman Allingham.

The DDGM reported the district was strong with very good work, correct protocol and a fraternal atmosphere in all lodges both amongst the members and with all visitors. Membership was reported as steady. While lodge finances were considered good, a warning flag continued to wave regarding the costs of building operations. Grand Lodge programs were being used and four district lodges of instruction were held in support of lodge programs. However, improved training of sponsors, increasing the mentorship program and encouraging new members to participate more in lodge programs were considered essential to reduce the loss of members through withdrawals.

Community and charity activities were again flagged as very good and bringing benefits to the Craft. But the blood donor program continued to lag (356 donations) and did not appear to have the full support of members.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges ((Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,353 at December 31, 2004. R. W. Bro. Howard Brockwell.

The DDGM reported that special events for the sesquicentennial of Grand Lodge included a number of visitations by the Grand Master in his "home" district presenting two William Mercer Wilson medals as well as regalia to new officers of Grand Lodge. He noted that membership was slowly increasing through initiations [although this would be negated by the number of deaths and suspensions - author's comment] and three lodges had membership concerns.

The district continued its active involvement in the community and with strong support to charity activities: Parkinson's; medical research at the University of Ottawa; two blood donor clinics were supported (1,469 donations) and fourteen bursaries were made to Algonquin College.

2006 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,447 at December 31, 2005. R. W. Bro. Kenneth Sharp.

The condition of masonry was reported alive and well: degrees were performed in accordance with the Book of Work, proper protocol is followed and membership was increased over all. The need for long range plan for lodges who owned their building and facilities was felt necessary to manage increasing costs. Grand Lodge programs were increasingly being used and four district lodges of instruction were held. Sponsorship was felt in need of strengthening.

Although lodges were active in the community and with charitable activities, the response to active promotion of the blood donor program was poor (228 donations).

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges ((Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,330 at December 31, 2005. R. W. Bro. Brian Irvine.

The condition of masonry was variable. The DDGM noted that “Grand Lodge programs continue to be virtually ignored by the several lodges. Many appoint chairmen, but very little is ever done” Finances are reviewed by lodges on a regular basis. Membership remained a problem for all lodges but there was no effort put into long range planning. In spite of this, there was a good turnout for the Lodge of Instruction presented by Grand Lodge, as well as at a brother to brother seminar. In terms of programming, a notable event was Ashlar 564’s invitation to Solomon Lodge (PHFM) to visit and this was accepted.

The joint Charity Ball with Ottawa 1 continued to be a major fund-raising event and \$2500 was presented to “The Lung Association” and 1,715 blood donations were recorded. \$2800 in bursaries for Algonquin College students were granted.

2007 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,415 at December 31, 2006. R. W. Bro. Barry Francis Burchill.

The DDGM reported that all lodges had candidates for degrees and that degree work, floor work and protocol met requirements of the Book of Work and was rated highly. He felt that the long range plan had been a useful tool and would assist the next DDGM. Lodges should undertake a needs assessment so determine exactly where Grand Lodge programs can assist. A successful Lodge of Instruction presented by Grand Lodge was held.

Community participation programs, particularly of a charitable nature, were considered successful. The two Ottawa Districts completed raising the \$40,000 committed for the family room at Rogers House (pediatric palliative care facility). District blood donations only totalled 249.

Ottawa 2 — 15 Lodges ((Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 516, 526, 564, 590, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,284 at December 31, 2006. R. W. Bro. Norman E. Brooks.

The DDGM reported that work was well executed within lodges. He reported membership remained constant with intake equalling deaths and withdrawals: but suspensions would place the district in a declining position. Cobden 459 and Enterprise 516 were working towards a harmonious amalgamation. Lodges of Instruction (one by Grand Lodge and one within the district itself) were considered successful. A district website was working very well.

The district continued to be a force in the community and especially with charitable activities benefiting many: 1,752 blood donations, the ride program raising money for CHEO, bursaries to high schools, “Relay for Life” and support for Cystic Fibrosis. However the DDGM noted that country lodges were frequently a greater noticeable force in rural communities than city lodges within the large city of Ottawa.

2008 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership of 1,371 at December 31, 2007. R. W. Bro. Donald Healey.

The DDGM reported that degree work and protocol was very good and masonic education was encouraged at many meetings. The travelling gavel brought lodges together for evenings of fraternal friendship and cheer. Edinburgh 736 celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The district and its lodges were evident in the community: presenting masonry to the public at the International Plowing Match at Crosby, bursaries were presented to three Algonquin College students, and a contribution of 264 blood donations during the year.

Ottawa 2 — 14 Lodges ((Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 526, 564, 590, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,241 at December 31, 2007. R. W. Bro. John Saunders.

The DDGM reported that Cobden 459 and Enterprise 516 had amalgamated on September 11, 2007 which had “improved attendance at their regular meetings.” A Lodge of Instruction was presented by Grand Lodge and the district provided a Brother-to-Brother seminar: both were well attended by Ottawa

2. However, the DDGM noted that “Grand Lodge programs on the whole are still ignored by lodges, long range planning is not a priority for the lodges and young men are not willing to take an active part in the various District Committees.”

Ottawa 2 Lodges continued to be active in their communities and the successful joint Ottawa 1 and 2 Valentines Charity Ball raised funds which were used for bursaries for needy Algonquin College students. The MasoniChip program was initially ignored in the District but initial presentations put on by Ionic 526 and Bytown 721 were considered successful. Blood donations reached 3,615 which is an “all-time high” for the district.

2009 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership 1,288 at December 31, 2008. R. W. Bro. David Ganderton.

The DDGM reported that the District had had a good year with lodges supported by dedicated Masters, Past Masters and Wardens. Some lodges were challenged for new members and one lodge, having suspended members “NPD”, was now considered in a state of risk. Longevity was noted with one member receiving both a 70-year pin and a 60-year Past Master’s pin. The William Mercer Wilson medal was presented to Bro. Robbie David (Civil Service Lodge 148) by M. W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor. The night was well attended and included M. W. Bro. Welsford A. R. Daniels, Past Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario. District charities were a key part of the year’s program and Ottawa 1 and 2’s support for the Valentine’s Charity Ball was noted—the Starlight Starbright Children’s Foundation being the selected Ottawa 1 charity. A combined Ottawa 1 and 2 Divine Service heard Rabbi Reuven Bulka speak.

Ottawa 2 — 14 Lodges ((Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 526, 564, 590, 686, 721, 741), total membership of 1,124 at December 31, 2008. R. W. Bro. Peter G. Harbert.

The DDGM noted that the district is split between an urban setting (eight lodges being within the city of Ottawa) and rural areas (six lodges spread up the Bonnechere and Ottawa river valleys). Communications were a major focus during the year and encouraged greater attendance at lodge meetings, particularly on official visits. A Lodge Resources seminar was well attended, particularly by members under 40-years of age. Combined Ottawa 2 and Ottawa 1 events were described as very successful: Valentines Charity Ball, Divine Service and the Grand Master’s reception at Pembroke. An “Upper Valley Gala” in Pembroke was combined with a Robbie Burns night and was well attended. The major concern at present for the district is waning membership. Eleven of the fourteen lodges reported decreased membership but it was remarked that there were increasing initiations for men under 35 years of age.

2010 Ottawa 1 — 15 Lodges (Nos. 58, 63, 147, 148, 159, 231, 371, 465, 479, 517, 558, 560, 561, 665, 736), total membership unknown at December 31, 2009. R. W. Bro. Ivor Bayley.

The DDGM noted that the district was split between nine city lodges and six country lodges. The city lodge facilities (Walkley Road and Westboro) have been regularly refurbished, while country lodge facilities have fallen behind (e.g. access for handicapped persons) and bringing them up to code will be a challenge. A couple of lodges were reported as experiencing problems with the regular attendance and participation of officers who are all too frequently involved in shift work with service industries (Fire, Police, Ambulance) and this is being watched for resolution. District charity activities were highly successful: The Starlight Children’s Foundation received good support; arrangements were made by Bro. Frans Olberg (Temple 665, Ottawa) for special seating for Masons of Ottawa 1 and 2 at the presentation of Mozart’s Magic Flute and this generated \$3291 for Masonic Charity (including the Masonic Foundation top up); and a strong support for coffee cards for troops. Attendance by members and visitors to lodges on official visits was excellent and there was a strong district participation in the Divine Service and the November 11 service at the Perley Veterans Home.

Ottawa 2 — 14 Lodges ((Nos. 52, 122, 128, 177, 196, 264, 433, 459, 526, 564, 590, 686, 721,

741), total membership unknown at December 31, 2009. R. W. Bro. John W. (Jack) Ledger.

The DDGM reported a general resurgence of interest in the Craft across the district during the year. The newer members have encouraged the older members and officers to take a more active role in providing a positive influence to new members. The MasoniCh.I.P program has also been enhanced during the year and has demonstrated its value to the public. It was noted that District charity works had benefitted from the special arrangements for the presentation of the Magic Flute; the combined Districts Valentine's Charity Ball also generated funds for charities; as did the Renfrew Lodge 150th anniversary celebrations which were combined with Ottawa Valley Gala.

Part 4

Historical Sketches of the Lodges of Ottawa District and Ottawa Districts 1 and 2

Historical Sketches of the Lodges which have operated in Ottawa District

Many Lodges have prepared and published their histories, often on important occasions like a 25th, 50th, 100th or 150th anniversary. Many are still available although some have been “sold out” as “best sellers” in their Lodges for many years. Newer Lodges often have draft documents available. In preparing this review of the lodges that have existed in the various manifestations of “Ottawa District,” almost every Lodge has provided support — often a copy of their history, invariably access to members of the Lodge who can remember “. . . way back when . . .” — as have the District Historians of the two Ottawa Districts, Eastern and St. Lawrence Districts and the Grand Historian. Without their help and the interest of many, this work could not have been prepared.

Readers should note the following conventions used in the sketches of the constituent Lodges:

1. The “titles box” is a summary of the names, Warrant numbers and years these were used.
2. Abbreviations for the various authorities issuing Warrants have been used as follows

PRUC(A)	Provincial Registry of Upper Canada (Antients) 1792-1822
ER	English Registry (United Grand Lodge of England, post 1813)
ER(A)	Antients Registry (Antients Grand Lodge circa 1751 - 1813)
PRUC	Provincial Registry of Upper Canada (1822-1852)
PRUC(A)	Antients Provincial Registry of Upper Canada (1792-1822)
PRLC(A)	Antients Provincial Registry of Lower Canada (1792-1822)
PRCW	Provincial Registry of Canada West (1852-1855)
GRC	Grand Registry of Canada (Grand Lodge of Canada and, later, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
AGRC	Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada Registry (1855-1858)
PGRACUC	Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Upper Canada

3. Standard provincial abbreviations are used: LC = Lower Canada and CE = Canada East (present-day Quebec); UC = Upper Canada and CW = Canada West (present-day Ontario).

4. Lodge Membership data is taken directly from Annual Proceedings. On occasion, perhaps through a typesetting error, the total members is not always correct and in some early years data was omitted from the report altogether. On balance, however, the data is quite reasonably accurate and represents the fluctuations in Lodge membership over the years. This individual lodge data was aggregated by year to show the total district membership in Part 1.

True Briton's Lodge, No. 14 GRC, Perth 1858-present
 True Briton's Lodge, No. 21 GRC, Perth 1858-1859
 True Briton's Lodge, No. 21 AGLC, Perth 1857-1858
 True Briton's Lodge, No. 21 PRCW, Perth 1848-1857
 True Briton's Lodge, No. 507 ER, Perth 1832-1857
 True Briton's Lodge, No. 21 PRUC, Drummond Twp, Lanark Cty 1822-1848
 True Briton's Lodge, No. 774 ER, Perth, Drummond Twp 1818-1832
 True Briton's Lodge, UD PRLC(A), Perth, 1818-1822²⁴

[Central District 1858-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1886²⁵. St. Lawrence District 1886-present²⁶.]

Perth, Ontario was founded in 1816 and was the result of a proclamation made on February 22, 1815 and published at Edinburgh, setting forth the plan of His Majesty's Government "to encourage settlers to proceed to the British Provinces in North America." Land grants of 100 acres to male settlers, and a further 100 acres to each of their male children on reaching the age of 21 years, plus rations from government stores for the first 6 to 8 months, and tools furnished at cost were provided. The plan met with success if only because of the unsatisfactory state of affairs in Scotland and a reasonably good prospect for better conditions in Canada. HMS *Atlas*, Captain Joseph Thombill, previously used as a troopship, was commissioned to carry Scottish immigrants to Quebec who then gradually moved inland and settled on the "Scotch Line" as the 1st Concession of Bathurst and 10th Concession of Burgess were known and between March 1816 and December 1822, over four thousand men, women and children, settled in the area. A major portion of the male population in this group, estimated at 1,000, were half-pay officers and discharged NCO's and other ranks, of the British Army. The first native-born citizen of Perth, Ontario, James Bell, son of Reverend William Bell and his wife, was born in 1817.

During the early years up to and including 1818, five Masons — Bros. Alexander Matheson (a 36 year old clerk and a member of Lodge No. 661 IC in the 13th Regiment of Foot²⁷); Angus Cameron (a 50 year old Innkeeper and a member of Lodge No. 221 SC²⁸); John Parker (a 45 year old farmer and a member of Lodge No. 17 ER²⁹); John Adamson (a 42 year old Innkeeper and a member of Lodge No. 11 IC in the

²⁴ There are variations in the spelling of the Lodge name. John Lane refers to it as "True Briton". Lodge Summonses show it as "True Briton's" and other Lodge documents show "True Britons". For this summary the name "True Briton's" is used throughout unless a quotation is used and the name in the quotation appears. The Lodge's own explanation follows this history.

²⁵ Various entitled Ottawa District 1868-1870, Ottawa District #12 1870-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886.

²⁶ Originally entitled Fifteenth Masonic District (St. Lawrence) 1886-1888, St. Lawrence No. 15 1888-1923 when districts ceased being numbered unless several used the same name, e.g. Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

²⁷ Lodge No. 661 IC, in the 13th (1st Somersetshire) Regiment of Foot, was warranted in 1787. The Warrant was returned to the Grand Lodge of Ireland on May 18, 1819, as the commanding officer refused to allow the Lodge to meet. Records of True Britons' Lodge show that he was initiated on December 27, 1818.

²⁸ Although the Lodge History refers to Bro. Cameron as being a member of 221 SC and 121 SC in different places, the original Lodge Minutes show 121 SC and 221 is assumed to be a typographical error. Lodge No. 121 SC, was held in the 94th Regiment of Foot, under authority of a Warrant dated November 21, 1764. The Warrant was erased from Grand Lodge Rolls in 1809, but had probably ceased to work long before that time. During the life of this Lodge the 94th Regiment of Foot went through four incarnations as the 94th (Royal Welsh Volunteers) 1760-1763; 94th of 1779-1783, the 94th of 1793-1795; and The Scotch Brigade 1793/4-1803 when it became a 94th Regiment of Foot.

²⁹ Lodge No. 17 ER had been formed in 1780/81 in the 4th Battalion, Royal Artillery, and its original Warrant, No. 213, had been issued on July 3, 1781 by the Antients. The Lodge was able to purchase the vacant number, 9, on December 20, 1787 and with the union of the two Grand Lodges it became No. 17 on the Roll of

1st Battalion, 1st Regiment of Foot³⁰); and William Matheson (a 28 year old Blacksmith and a member of Lodge No. 20 ER³¹) met informally several times and decided to form a Lodge. On September 24, 1818 they met at the home of Bro. John Adamson and agreed to write to Lodges in Brockville and York to determine the procedure to petition for a Warrant.

The Antients Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada (William Jarvis) had died, and on the recommendation of the Lodges at Kingston and York, these five Masons, plus Bros. J. Adams and J. Parker, again met at the home of Bro. John Adamson and prepared a petition to the Antients Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada for a warrant on October 24, 1818³².

<p style="text-align: right;">Perth, Upper Canada 24th October 1818</p> <p>To The Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren composing the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Lower Canada</p> <p>The Petition of the undermentioned Free and Accepted Masons, Inhabitants of Perth, Upper Canada --- Humbly Sheweth</p> <p>That your Petitioners, impressed with a sincere Love for the Craft and wishing to obtain a Warrant for the purpose of uniting Masons from all parts of the Globe to-gether which is in this place. We humbly solicit you will grant us a Warrant for this great and good purpose.</p> <p>We beg leave to state for your information that we have made several applications to the Officers as we understood comprising the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada but owing to the decease of Mr. Jarvis and the premature death of Mr. McKay we have been informed by the Brothers at Kingston and York that our application should be made to your Right Worshipful Lodge. We likewise have a letter from Bro. Phillips Secretary to the Grand Convention and beg leave to enclose his last letter to us on this subject. We have the happiness to inform you that the best and most respectable of the Settlement, i.e. Masons, for the good of the Order dined last St. John's and met monthly since but of course could go no further without Lawful Authority, the many casualties that occur in this life among all and distress call for a regular Masters Lodge to be formed here,</p>

the United Grand Lodge of England. The 4th Battalion, RA, served in the garrison at Quebec from 1790 and became a civilian Lodge under the terms of a "Warrant of Renewal" dated January 27, 1829. [ref. John Lane, *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, second edition, 1896, p. 40].

³⁰ Lodge 11 IC, in the 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment of Foot (now The Royal Scots), was warranted in 1832 (the first Travelling or Military Warrant issued by any Grand Lodge). The Warrant was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Ireland in April 1847, by the order of the commanding officer, Col. Maunsell, following passage of the Unlawful Societies Act.

³¹ It is likely this was "Kentish Lodge of Antiquity" whose Warrant from the premier Grand Lodge was dated March 28, 1723, and which was numbered as 13 (1728/9), 12 (1740), 10 (1755) and became No. 20 of the new United Grand Lodge of England [ref. John Lane, *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, second edition, 1896, p. 42].

³² Robertson says that the Lodge originally wrote to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada and received no action (p. 1138) possibly as early as 1816 and that there was some question of a Dispensation having been issued by Ziba Marcus Phillips which is not reflected in the surviving records.

At the first meeting the Brethren mentioned in the margin, (Alex Matheson, Master; John Hughes, SW; David Bog, JW) was proposed to fill the stations annexed to their names when a warrant could be obtained.

We humbly and earnestly request you will be pleased to answer our prayer as soon as possible and take such steps prior to St. John's as in your Wisdom seems meet.

I am directed, Right Worshipful Sir,

To subscribe in the name
of the Freemasons of Perth.

"Signed"

Hy. Graham.

Alexander Matheson, Master
John Hughes, Senior Warden
David Hogg, Junior Warden

[Source: Robertson, *History*, Vol. 1, p. 1139.]

A Dispensation was subsequently granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada³³ on December 14, 1818. In spite of the reference to obtaining a "regular Warrant" from London, this was not done until 1822, after the arrival of R. W. Bro. Simon McGillivray as the new Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada.

By the Right Worshipful William Handfield Snelling,
Deputy Grand Master, &c., &c.

To Henry Graham, John Hughes and David Bog³⁴, Greeting:

By virtue of the Power in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower you to meet as a lodge within the district to be called: "True Briton's," until a regular warrant can be obtained from the United Grand Lodge of England, provided you strictly to adhere to the rules and regulations laid down in the book of Constitutions, entitled the Mason's Manual.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge at Quebec, this 14th Day of December, A.L. 5818.

W. H. Snelling,
D. G. M.

[Source: Robertson, *History*, Vol. 1, p. 1139; framed original on Lodge wall at Perth.]

³³ It may appear that the reference to Lower Canada was a typographical error in Robertson's History, but, R. W. Bro. William Handfield Snelling, Esq., Assistant Commissary General, Past Master of Lodge No. 77, was Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada (Antients) for 1817-18 and 1818-19 while R. W. Bro. Claude Dénéchau was (Provincial) Grand Master. It is interesting that there is no reference to the issue of this Dispensation in John H. Graham's *Outlines of the History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec*. With the split in the original Provincial Grand Lodge, the forming of the schismatic Grand Lodge at Niagara, Jarvis's death and general ennui among Masons in Upper Canada, the sole remaining Masonic authority was in Quebec.

³⁴ Although Robertson shows the name as "Hogg" the original Dispensation, hanging on the wall of True Britons' Lodge, reads "Bog". W. Bro. David Hogg had been initiated on March 9, 1819.

The first meeting of the Lodge U.D. was held on December 28, 1818 and was composed of W. Bro. A. Matheson as WM, Bro. John Hughes as SW (a 36 year old carpenter and a member of Lodge No. 6 ER³⁵), Bro. David Bog Jr. as JW (a farmer and a member of Lodge No. 68 SC) and Hugh Sprule (as Secretary (a 37 year old clerk and a member of Lodge No. 763 IC³⁶); and Bros. William Adams (a member of Lodge No. 29 "America"); John Adamson; Angus Cameron (of Lodge No. 121 SC); John Ebbs (a farmer and a member of Lodge No. 77 ER³⁷); Dan Fraser (a farmer and a member of Lodge No. 9 ER); Hy Graham (a 22 year old farmer and a member of Lodge No. 77 ER); David Hogg (a shoemaker and a member of Lodge No. 459 ER³⁸); WM. Matheson; James Miller (a 40 year old carpenter and a member of Lodge No. 50 ER³⁹); John Parker; James Powell (a 40 year old farmer and a member of Lodge No. 626 IC⁴⁰); William Reid (a farmer and a member of Lodge No. 11 ER⁴¹). The first business of the new Lodge was to pass several resolutions: thanking Bro. Graham for his interest in obtaining the Dispensation to

³⁵ It is likely this was "Lodge of Friendship" whose Warrant from the premier Grand Lodge was dated January 17, 1721, and which was numbered as 4 (1728/9), 3 (1755) and became No. 6 of the new United Grand Lodge of England [ref. John Lane, *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, second edition, 1896, p. 42].

³⁶ Brown's Square Lodge No. 763 IC was warranted on May 3, 1792 and located in Belfast. The Warrant was sent in to the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1838.

³⁷ Following the union of the two Grand Lodges the number "77" was used in 1814 for the issue of a Warrant to Merchants' Lodge in Quebec City. The Lodge was renumbered as No. 68 in 1832 and soon after expired. Lane notes that "The Union Number for this Lodge should have been No. 60. It seems however to have been placed lower down the list, as were several other Lodges, without any apparent reason" [ref. John Lane, *Masonic Records 1717-1694*, second edition, 1896, p. 66].

³⁸ This was originally an Ancient's Lodge held in Captain Adam's Company of the Royal Artillery under authority of Warrant No. 356 ER(A) dated July 13, 1856. The Lodge is interesting for three reasons (a) because of variations on definition of the Royal Artillery unit within which the Lodge was "housed" it is shown variously as being in Captain Adams' Company, or the 10th Company, or the 3rd Company or the 10th Battalion. At the time, though, the unit was under the command of Captain Adams; (b) a fairly complete set of Lodge minutes have survived and are housed in the Library/Museum of United Grand Lodge. They show that following the cessation of hostilities with the Americans in the War of 1812, Captain Adams' Company RA was one of the British units sent to strengthen the Province of Canada. The Company, and Lodge, were based at Kingston, UC, from November 17, 1814 to July 1, 1815, and at Montreal from July 1, 1815 to June 1817 when it embarked at Quebec for Woolwich, arriving in England on July 23, 1817. The Company mustered for the last time on August 1, 1817 and was disbanded on August 31, 1817; and (c) interestingly, Warrant No. 356 was the last one issued by the Antients before union with the Moderns. In 1814 the Lodge was renumbered and issued with a new Warrant of the United Grand Lodge of England as No. 459. The Lodge minutes show David Hogg as being initiated on October 12, 1815. While the minutes do not show when he was Passed, it was probably at the meeting of November 16 or 29, 1815. He was Raised on December 14, 1815 and elected as Lodge Secretary at the same meeting. He was given his Past Master's degree on February 27, 1816 and was elected as SW of the Lodge on June 13, 1816.

³⁹ This was Glamorgan Lodge, No. 33, meeting at the Cardiff Arms Hotel, Broad Street, Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales, holding authority under an Ancients Warrant dated August 20, 1808. Following the union of 1813, the Lodge received Warrant No. 50 from the United Grand Lodge of England. It was subsequently renumbered as "43" in 1832 and "36" in 1863 [ref. John Lane, *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, second edition, 1896, p. 62].

⁴⁰ Lodge 626 IC was warranted on May 4, 1784, and located in Sligo. Its membership reached 47 by February 12, 1802, when the last return was made to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Warrant was cancelled on July 1, 1815.

⁴¹ This was Enoch Lodge of London which held Ancients' Warrant No. 37 issued on August 19, 1754 and which was exchanged on June 18, 1755 for No. 6, which had become vacant. Following the union of 1813 the Lodge was issued with Warrant No. 11 by the United Grand Lodge of England [ref. John Lane, *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, second edition, 1896, p. 38].

meet; requesting Bro. Miller to make a Lodge box, columns, bible stand and "flow cloth"; establishing a fee of five shillings for affiliations; monthly dues of two shillings and sixpence, 1/3 being for the Lodge and 1/3 for the charity box; requiring members to deposit their Masonic certificates with the Lodge; and that meetings would be on the full moon unless that fell on Sunday, in which case the meeting would shift to the next evening (Monday). A Bible for the Lodge was procured in 1819 at a cost of £3-10-0.

The future activities of the Lodge (open and closed) were established in these beginning years: the first degrees were worked by the Lodge on March 19, 1819; the first attendance at a Church Service was on July 24, 1819; and the earliest reference to benevolence dates from April 1819 (when a cow was purchased for Bro. Motherwell's widow) and March 1820 (when a weekly allowance of fifteen shillings was voted to a sick brother). The first public procession of the Lodge occurred on June 24, 1822, with the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Perth Court House and Jail. In 1854, in a joint event with Masons in Brockville, True Briton's Lodge sent delegates to assist in laying the foundation stone for the tunnel in Brockville for the Brockville and Ottawa Railway.

The Lodge attended the (First) Grand Masonic Convention as True Briton's Lodge, UD. In January 1822 a Dispensation was issued by R. W. Bro. Ziba Marcus Phillips, President of the Grand Masonic Convention of Upper Canada, to form True Briton's Lodge, Perth, Drummond Township, Upper Canada, for 12 months, or at the pleasure of the Convention (note that this authority is from Upper Canada, not Lower Canada, which had issued the earlier Dispensation to meet and arranged for the Warrant to be issued by United Grand Lodge).

UPPER CANADA	
17' Jan.	
A. L.	To All Whom These Presents May Concern
5822	
This Lodge	GREETING
was installed	
by Z. M. Phillips,	Know Ye, That at the petition of our Trusty
Wr. G. M.	and well beloved brethren, David Hogg, John Ferguson and
The lodge to	Joshua Adams, Esquires, three of our Master Masons and a
meet on the	constitutional number of brethren, praying to be separated
First Monday of	and formed into a regular lodge in the Village of Perth in the
each month.	Township of Drummond in Upper Canada, by the
	Name, style and title of, No - -----
	I, Ziba M. Phillips, President of the Grand Masonic Convention of Upper Canada, Grand
	Master elect, and M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the said Province,
	Have thought fit to give and grant this, my dispensation to our said trusty brethren, David
	Hogg, John Ferguson and Joshua Adams, and a constitutional number of brethren, to hold a lodge
	in Perth, and therein make Freemasons according to the Royal Ancient York Craft.
	Ziba M. Phillips.
Augusta, 17 th Jan., 1822 - 5822.	

[Source: Robertson, *History*, Vol. 1, p. 1143.]

The blank section at the bottom of the left hand panel was deliberate: it would normally not be completed until the issue of the Grand Lodge Warrant from London when that date would become the date of the local (Provincial) Warrant and the Lodge name would also apply.

The first By-Laws of the Lodge were prepared at this time: Initiation Fee of £4-0-0; monthly dues 2/6 for the first six months and 1/3 for the last six months of the year; meetings to commence at 6 pm October-March and 7 pm April-October; late arrivals charged a fine of one shilling unless they could show good cause; members absent were fined 1/3.

True Briton's Lodge joined the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada and a further Dispensation was issued by R. W. Bro. Simon McGillivray on February 20, 1823, permitting the Lodge to continue to meet *until such time as a Warrant was received from United Grand Lodge* (italics added).

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving brethren

I, SIMON MCGILLIVRAY, Provincial Grand Master for the province of Upper Canada, acting under His Royal Highness, Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble order of the Garter, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

SEND GREETING

WHEREAS a dispensation, hereunto annexed has been transmitted to me, as the authority under which the lodge, No. ---, called True Britons' Lodge, held at Perth, therein designated has been held and has heretofore acted, and a humble petition has been presented to me by Bro. John Ferguson, as Worshipful Master; Bro. Joshua Adams, as Senior Warden; Bro. Andrew Dickson as Junior Warden, and Brothers David Hogg, Moses Ingals, James McMartin, William Matheson, Prince Shearman, and Samuel Wood, as members of the said lodge, praying for a warrant of Constitution, or such other authority as it may be competent to me to grant, empowering them to continue their meetings as a regular lodge.

NOW, KNOW YE, that having taken the same into serious consideration, do hereby authorize and empower our said brothers and the other regular members of the said lodge, and those who shall hereafter become such, and as such shall be regularly reported to and registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England to continue their meetings and proceedings as a regular lodge, and to enter, pass and raise Freemasons conformably to the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and not otherwise, and do all such other acts as may be lawfully done by a regularly warranted lodge, and I do accordingly approve the election of officers made by the said lodge, and do hereby appoint the said brother John Ferguson to be Worshipful Master, Bro. Joshua Adams to be Senior Warden, and Bro. Andrew Dickson to be Junior Warden thereof, and direct that they and their successors, duly elected and appointed, shall continue in said offices, until such time as a warrant shall be granted to such lodge, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of England, and for so doing this dispensation shall be their sufficient authority, to remain in force until such warrant shall have been granted, but subject always to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Given under my hand and seal at York, in the said Province, this 20th day of February, in the year of
our Lord 1823, and of Masonry 5823.

By command of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

James Fitzgibbon, D. P. G. M.

John Dean,
B. Turquand,

Prov. G. Sec'y's.

[Source: Robertson, *History*, Vol. 11, p. 416-417.]

Thus it was that between the Snelling Dispensation of December 14, 1818, the Phillips Dispensation of January 1822 and the McGillivray Dispensation of February 20, 1823, local Warrant No. 21 (PRUC) was issued. In some publications the date of the Warrant is given as September 23, 1822 and it may well have carried this date which is, in reality, the date on which Warrant No. 774 had been issued by United Grand Lodge in London, although it was not received by the Lodge until 1824.

In spite of the population growth in the Perth area difficulties were encountered in attracting and keeping members — in 1831 a new candidate, living in Ramsay Township, was given the three degrees in one night as the distance involved and the conditions of the roads made it impossible to confer the degrees in the normal manner.

In an 1832 renumbering of all Lodges by United Grand Lodge⁴², True Briton's became number 507.

In 1835 the Lodge decided to meet quarterly but was dormant from January 1836 to February 1838 when it reopened (Robertson suggests that this was likely a consequence of the abortive Rebellion of 1837).

Robertson notes that the surviving documents for 1837 are important as they contain a letter from Bro. John Auldjo requesting a report on the state of Masonry in the Lodge "in order to bring the ancient fraternity to its former glory and knowledge of the Craft." This is, according to Robertson, the only record in the minutes of any Lodge of the time, referring to the visit of Bro. Auldjo. He had been appointed by the absent Provincial Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, as his deputy and charged to report back to England on the state of Freemasonry in Upper Canada. This letter verifies that Bro. Auldjo visited the Province and had been in contact with Lodges. His report was written and filed in London, unfortunately becoming misfiled over time, and was not found until the 1990's by the then Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. Wallace McLeod.

True Briton's attended the (Second) Grand Masonic Convention (1840-1844) and in February 1842 supported the "Grand Lodge" of M. W. Bro. Ziba M. Phillips (1844-1847) even though a new Provincial Grand Master of Canada West (Sir Allan Napier Macnab) had been appointed from England.

It was from this time (August 17, 1842) that a "Master Masons' Certificate" has survived and it is transcribed here to demonstrate the nature of these early hand-written documents. The certificate is also interesting as this was issued by St. Francis Lodge (then No. 797 ER, now No. 24 GRC) to a Brother Glendinning, a member of True Briton's Lodge (then No. 21 Provincial Registry of Upper Canada, now No. 14 GRC) at a time when St. Francis Lodge was reported dormant.

The Bearer	Smiths Falls, Canada West, Aug ^t , A.L. 5842		
Brother			
Glendinning	In the name of GOD and Holy S ^t . John		
had not an	To all true and regular Freemasons Greeting		
opportunity	We the Master, Wardens and Brethren		
of being in	of the Lodge of S ^t . Francis, held at Smiths Falls,		
neighbourhood	District of Bathurst, Canada West, by Dispensation,		
of his Mother	under the Grand Lodge of England,		
Lodge.	hereby Certify that our trusty and Wellbeloved		
"True Britons"	Brother Thomas Glendinning ⁴³ , Esq., was regularly		
Perth, before	Entered, Passed and Raised to the Masters Degree,		
leaving	in "The True Britons' Lodge", Perth, Canada West,		
Canada.	to our certain knowledge, and all being regular		
J. Wilson	and correct in his case, we recommend him to the		
Secretary ⁴⁴	right hand of fellowship of all regular Freemasons		
	round the Globe.		
	SEAL	SEAL	James Watters, Master
	SEAL	SEAL	Ab ^m . Matheson, Sen ^r . Warden

⁴² This renumbering of Lodges by United Grand Lodge was only an intermediate step in the unification exercise which began in 1813 and would not be completed for 50 years because of difficulties in getting a proper count of all the Antients and Moderns Lodges around the globe.

⁴³ According to *Early Freemasonry in Richmond and Goodwood Lodge* (p 69) Glendinning held the rank of "Captain" although there is no identification as to military service or unit. Glendinning later became a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 63 GRC, Carleton Place.

⁴⁴ This note, on the left-hand side of the original certificate, is written in two lines from top to bottom facing from left to right.

SEAL	SEAL	Eb. Bell, Jun ^r . Warden
SEAL	SEAL	Johnston Neilson, Secretary ⁴⁵

[Source: *Early Freemasonry in Richmond and Goodwood Lodge*, p 69.]

True Briton's Lodge affiliated with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West in 1848—the Sixth Semi-Annual Communication. A review of the subordinate Lodges in the records in Robertson's History, does not show True Briton's Lodge at any point in any of the Lodge lists until November 1850 (although generally the records read "... The Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of several Lodges".) The Lodge did affiliate, however, as it did receive a new Provincial Warrant as No. 21 although given that the Communications of the Provincial Grand Lodge were held generally in Toronto, attendance by True Briton's Lodge would have been infrequent at best.

True Briton's Lodge did not join the new Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada on October 10, 1855, in Hamilton, and elected, instead, to remain with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. This PGL had, for several years, been seeking changes in its privileges under the United Grand Lodge of England and, when these had not been granted by 1857, it proclaimed itself as the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada and elected the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Allan Napier MacNab, as Grand Master. Its subordinate Lodges, including True Briton's affiliated with this new Grand Lodge and were numbered according to the new Grand Lodge register, becoming "No. 21." At this time the English Warrant, No. 507 was returned to London.

When these two Grand Lodges were united on July 14, 1858⁴⁶, True Briton's affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada. One consequence of the union was that all constituent Lodges had to be registered in accordance with their original authority: a new (Canadian) Warrant as True Briton's Lodge, No. 14 GRC, Perth, was issued.

The entry in John Lane's *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, page 257, reads: "True Briton Lodge. Perth (Lanark), Upper Canada, Ontario 1822. Date of Warrant or Constitution 23 Sept. 1822, No. 774; 1832 No. 507. *Erased in 1857.*"

At the 4th Annual Communication (July 13-15, 1859, Kingston) True Briton's Lodge was represented by the WM, W. Bro. D. Fraser and W. Bro. John Murray, PM. In his report on the District, R. W. Bro. Simpson reported he had visited 10 (of 21) Lodges in the District, including True Briton's and that Grand Lodge would have to increase its efforts to standardize the ritual (Sussex being cited as "gradually adopting it, but is not yet perfect"⁴⁷). This year also saw the reorganization of districts and although True Briton's Lodge remained within Central District, the overall area was much reduced by the creation of the new Prince Edward District. In the List of Subordinate Lodges, True Briton's appears as "No. 14" and with W. Bro. Donald Fraser as WM.

At the 5th Annual Communication (July 11, 1860, Ottawa), Sussex Lodge was represented by W. Bro. John Murray, WM. In his report on Central District, R. W. Bro. George F. LaSerre, DDGM, noted that the District had been reduced to thirteen Lodges with two new ones being issued with dispensations to open at Cornwall and Aylmer. He reported that True Briton's had requested authority to march in a church parade to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist and the DDGM had acceded to it.

In 1860 the Lodge recommended the Petition of Masons in Lanark to form a new Lodge there which

⁴⁵ According to *Early Freemasonry in Richmond and Goodwood Lodge* (p 69), Johnston Neilson (1798-1857) was an educator who had received his college education at Belfast and Glasgow before coming to Canada. He taught school at Brockville, Smiths Falls, Carleton Place and Pakenham before retiring to Perth. He was qualified to teach Hebrew, Greek, Latin and French.

⁴⁶ This meeting would be, in effect, the 3rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada and the 1st Annual Communication of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

⁴⁷ See *Proceedings*, 1859, p 307. The reference to Sussex is illustrative only as the DDGM said that only St. John's (Kingston) and Doric and Corinthian (Ottawa) were working the prescribed ritual.

was approved and which is now working as Evergreen Lodge, No. 209 GRC, Lanark, also a member of St. Lawrence District.

True Briton's was dormant from March 1865 to May 1869, probably due to a limited membership. In 1884 Clandeboye Lodge, in danger of closing, met with True Britons' Lodge and was assimilated into it. At the 30th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 8, 1885, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, reported (*1885 Proceedings*, p 53) that he "had approved of the amalgamation of True Britons Lodge, No. 14, and Clandeboye Lodge, No. 355, of Perth, the latter Lodge surrendering its warrant on the 7th January, 1885."

From its inception until 1950 True Briton's Lodge has rented a variety of premises in Perth—various members' homes, the Presbyterian Church, in an unidentified stone building on Gore Street, the Meighen Block, and, in 1950, it purchased the Stewart Block. Part of the building was damaged in a fire in 1951 and refurbished. In 1965 the building was completely renovated and the first floor leased to commercial establishments (currently the Bank of Nova Scotia), with the remaining space being used by True Briton's Lodge, Prince of Wales Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Royal Tay Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

True Briton's Lodge performed its patriotic duty during two world wars: six members of the Lodge served the colours during World War I and none were killed in action.

True Briton's Lodge celebrated its Centennial on February 24, 1919, its 150th Anniversary on November 3, 1968 and its 175th anniversary in 1994.

Although administered as part of the Central District until 1867, True Briton's Lodge was placed in the new Ottawa District for the period 1868-1886. With the reorganization of the District structure in 1886, True Briton's Lodge was placed in the St. Lawrence District. During its existence, eight members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. William J. Morris (St. Lawrence, 1888-89), William Thomas Hands (St. Lawrence, 1908-09), Robert Edwin Hicks (St. Lawrence, 1918-19), Henry A. Dunne (St. Lawrence, 1935-36), Thomas Arthur Thornbury (St. Lawrence, 1947-48), Clifford Edgar Butterill (St. Lawrence, 1964-65), Arthur Glenn Lewis Blanchard (St. Lawrence, 1983-84) and Ronald Cecil Watson (St. Lawrence, 1997-98). In addition, members of the Lodge have also served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bro. James R. Gilpin (1987-88);
- Grand Registrar - R. W. Bro. William Russell Carmen Bradford (1982-83);
- Grand Chaplain - R. W. Bro. Rev. William R. Alp (1958-59);
- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bros. Rev. Dr. Harold Hudson Bedford-Jones (1928-29),
- Grand Organist - V. W. Bros. Joseph F. Kennedy (1877-78), William J. Pink (1888-89), R. J. Devey (1936-37),
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. John Gray Campbell (1879-80), F. George Campbell (1909-10), Frank V. Buffam (1926-27), William Kinlock (1936-37), J. Clyde Emerson (1948-49), John Melville Caswell (1965-66), Raymond Ernest Hughes (1965-66), John E. Buchanan (1971-72), Murray Herbert Dowdall (1984-85) and Hugh F. McEwen (1998-99).

True Britons' Lodge meets on the first Monday of each month from September to May inclusive, at the Masonic Temple, 61 Forster Street, Perth.

A Special Note on the Lodge Name
(Published in *Highlights*, Newsletter of True Briton's Lodge No. 14, March 2003 edition)

Our summons form says "**Briton's**" but our letterhead says "**Britons**". Let's begin by examining the difference in meaning of these words. "**Briton**" means a native of the island of Britain. "**Britain**" means a place, and is derived from the Latin "**Britannia**" which was the Roman name for the island, derived in turn from the name of its ancient inhabitants, the "Brythons."

Collectively, England, Ireland and the smaller islands off their coasts are called "The British Isles." After the union of these islands under the House of Hanover, the official name became the "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," and, officially, its people were called "British" even though they still tended to think of themselves as English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Manx, etc. Poetically they were called Britons (as in "Britons never never shall be slaves" [from Rule Britannia]). The plural form of Briton is **Britons**, i.e. more than one Briton. The possessive forms are the singular, **Briton's**—something belonging to a Briton—and the plural, **Britons'**—something belonging to more than one Briton.

In applying for a Dispensation from the provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, to form this Lodge, our founding brethren said: "We beg leave to solicit that the Warrant be called "TRUE Britains"...being in general from the Army...." (October 24, 1818).

They gave no other rationale, and we assume that they meant that, although they had originated from several parts of the British Isles, they had in common their service to Britain's army. The word "**Britains**" thus applies to them. It was to be their Lodge, not Britain's. That there was no such word as "**Britains**" was well known by the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada. The only word applying to a person was "**Briton**", plural, "**Britons**." Thus when the Dispensation was issued for the Lodge (Dec. 14, 1818, W. H. Snelling, G.M.) it was named "**True Britons Lodge**."

Thereafter, each time the jurisdictional structure of Freemasonry in Ontario changed, True Briton's Lodge applied for a Dispensation or Warrant to continue working. The warrants and dispensations that were granted in response to these applications show a variation in the form of the Lodge name (see chart below). We do not know whether this was because our brethren themselves were inconsistent in their writing of the name or whether each subsequent Grand Lodge undertook to correct the name as had the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada in 1818.

Chart of Name Development 1822-1858

Grand Lodge & GM	Form of Name Given	Number
Grand Masonic Convention of Upper Canada (Ziba Phillips) January 17, 1822	True Briton Lodge	?
Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada (William McGillivray) February 20, 1823	True Briton Lodge	21
Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West (Allen Napier MacNab) April 7, 1849	True Briton's Lodge	14
Grand Lodge of Canada (William Mercer Wilson) July 14, 1858	True Briton's Lodge	14

The summons form that has been used for the past century has used "**True Britons**" or "True Briton's" depending on the editor's opinion. Various letterheads in recent years have said "**True Britons**".

Because it seems to reflect the intention of our founders, and because it appears on our current Warrant, we suggest that the proper form is "**True Briton's Lodge**" and that to save confusion, all other forms of the name be avoided henceforth. S.W.H.

Worshipful Masters of True Briton's Lodge, No. 14 GRC, Perth
(* = charter members)

1818	Alexander Matheson	1819	Alexander Matheson
1820	David Hogg	1821	David Hogg
1822	John Ferguson	1823	John Ferguson
1824	George H. Reade	1825	David Hogg
1826	Henry Graham	1827	David Hogg
1828	David Hogg	1829	Alexander Matheson
1830	Alexander Matheson	1831	William F. Murney
1832	William Matheson	1833	John Munroe
1834	David Hogg	1835	John Cox ⁴⁸
1836	John Munn (or Munns)	1837	William Matheson
1838	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>	1839	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>
1840	John Ellis	1841	Thomas Brooke
1842	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>	1843	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>
1844	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>	1845	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>
1846	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>	1847	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>
1848	Thomas Brooke	1849	John Ellis
1850	John Ellis	1851	Robert Douglas ⁴⁹
1852	John Murray ⁵⁰	1853	John Murray
1854	John Murray	1855	James Bell
1856	James Bell	1857	John Murray
1858	John Hart	1859	John Fraser Jr.
1860	John Murray	1861	William J. Morris
1862	John A. McLaren	1863	John Stewart
1864	William J. Morris	1865	Robert Miller
1866	Robert Miller	1867	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>
1868	<i>Lodge Dormant</i>	1869	Robert Miller
1870	Robert Miller	1871	John S. Coombes
1872	Joseph F. Kennedy ⁵¹	1873	John Howden
1874	Joseph F. Kennedy	1875	William Lawson
1876	John Gray Campbell	1877	John S. Coombes
1878	Harry Allan (Allen)	1879	George Findlay
1880	William J. Pink	1881	William J. Pink
1882	Robert Jamieson	1883	John Wilson
1884	William J. Pink	1885	William J. Pink
1886	William J. Pink	1887	Benjamin Warren
1888	Peter Hope	1889	Peter Hope
1890	James Wilson Motherwell	1891	James Wilson Motherwell
1892	Thomas Elliott	1893	Thomas Elliott

⁴⁸ Notes from the Lodge Secretary, W. Bro. Stuart W. Howard, during 2003, indicate that the Lodge was raising funds to repair John Cox's wife's tombstone.

⁴⁹ W. Bro. Robert Douglas represented True Britons' Lodge at the September 9, 1857 meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West when the articles of union of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Canada were agreed.

⁵⁰ V. W. Bro. John Murray, GS, represented True Britons' Lodge at the September 9, 1857 meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West when the articles of union of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Canada were agreed. He was appointed Grand Steward for the 1857-58 Masonic year.

⁵¹ Was WM of Clandeboye Lodge in 1877.

1894	D. George MacMartin	1895	D. George MacMartin
1896	William Henry T. Walker	1897	William Henry T. Walker
1898	Frank V. Buffam	1899	D. George MacMartin
1900	D. George MacMartin	1901	D. George MacMartin
1902	James Morris Balderson	1903	F. George Campbell
1904	F. George Campbell	1905	W. J. McKerracher
1906	William Thomas Hands	1907	William Thomas Hands
1908	William Thomas Hands (until July)	1908	Robert Edwin Hicks (Jul-Dec)
1909	Wellington Douglas	1910	Wellington Douglas
1911	Robert Edwin Hicks	1912	Robert Edwin Hicks
1913	Frederick Albert Girdwood	1914	Frank Hutchinson
1915	James V. Watson	1916	Wellington Douglas
1917	Arthur W. Monnery	1918	William Thomas Hands
1919	George C. Townshend	1920	Mervyn Code
1921	Mervyn Graham Hicks	1922	Stanley Johnston Kirkland
1923	Robert H. Gamble	1924	Peter Orville McLaren
1925	Lorne H. Thompson	1926	Henry A. Dunne
1927	Rev. Dr. Harold Hudson Bedford-Jones	1928	John Howard Hardy
1929	William Kinloch	1930	Edward B. Code
1931	James Russell Coutts	1932	Edgerton R. Stedman
1933	Wilbert J. Dunlop	1934	Thomas Arthur Thornbury
1935	Thomas C. Smith	1936	Peter Herbert Cuthbertson
1937	Wilbert A. Davidson	1938	John A. Watters
1939	James Sprague Girdwood	1940	James Sprague Girdwood
1941	George W. Thompson	1942	Murray Robert Wilson
1943	Gerald Richard Dulmage	1944	Rev. William R. Alp
1945	J. Clyde Emerson	1946	Alfred Earl Kirkham
1947	John Harvey Mather	1948	J. Alexander Gray
1949	Russell H. Griffith	1950	William Earl Kirkham
1951	Clifford Edgar Butterill	1952	John E. Buchanan
1953	Raymond A. Poole	1954	Charles D. Wallace
1955	Thomas Allen Poole	1956	Thomas Donovan
1957	John Melville Caswell	1958	James Burton Hands
1959	Robert Charles Braley	1960	Garnet Isaac Ritchie
1961	W. Harold Keays	1962	John David Gardiner
1963	Stuart Henry Bell	1964	Arthur Glenn Lewis Blanchard
1965	John Robert Jordan (until Aug)	1965	Arthur Glenn Lewis Blanchard (to Dec)
1966	Basil W. Patterson	1967	John Hauraney
1968	Frank K. Thompson	1969	John Alan Jordan
1970	Robert Earl Kirkham	1971	Raymond Ernest Hughes
1972	Murray Herbert Dowdall	1973	Kenneth M. Carter
1974	Donald Richard Doran	1975	Oliver John Moore
1976	John Ming Wong	1977	Lowell Chester Yorke
1978	Robert Charles McVeigh	1979	Robert Keith Livingstone
1980	Stuart William Howard	1981	William Russell Carmen Bradford
1982	Douglas James Cox	1983	James R. Gilpin
1984	Dennis Richard Marks	1985	Brian Samuel Parker
1986	George Brellisford Ashley	1987	Ronald Arthur Morrow
1988	Richard Wayne McGarvey	1989	James Alfred Graff
1990	Hugh Finley McEwen	1991	Stewart Murray Evans
1992	Ronald Cecil Watson	1993	Patrick Raymond Ansell
1994	Frederick Albert Dodd	1995	Gregory Allan Bulloch
1996	Gerald Arleigh Barry	1997	David Lawson Dickson
1998	James Alan Stuart Stiles	1999	John Bertrand Siemms

2000 William Robert Kirkham
 2002 Daniel Walter Joseph LePage
 2004 David L. Rogers
 2006 J. Cassibo
 2008 J. Cassibo

2001 John Franklin Gernmell
 2003 Charles Thomas Reid
 2005 R. Morrow
 2007 T. Bowes
 2009 Grant Machan

Membership of True Briton's Lodge, No. 14 GRC, Perth
 (Data from Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of
 Ontario)
 (from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	1818					
There	is no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	26
1867	2	1	1	1	5	5	2	8	19
1868	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	19
1869	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	19
1870	5	5	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	25
1871	13	12	6	1	nil	nil	1	nil	32
1872	24	23	20	1	nil	4	1	nil	45
1873	8	9	5	2	nil	1	nil	nil	56
1874	4	3	6	1	nil	1	2	2	55
1875	3	5	7	4	1	4	nil	nil	59
1876	3	3	2	nil	1	3	nil	5	55
1877	1	1	1	nil	nil	11	nil	nil	45
1878	2	2	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	43
1879	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	43
1880	3	4	2	nil	nil	3	nil	6	57
1881	4	4	2	nil	1	2	nil	nil	40
1882	5	5	5	nil	nil	1	nil	6	39
1883	5	5	5	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	44
1884	8	7	6	1	nil	1	1	nil	50
1885	7	7	6	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	85
1886	6	4	6	3	nil	nil	3	nil	97
1887	4	4	4	1	nil	4	2	5	91
1888	2	3	3	1	2	5	nil	4	85

1889	2	2	3	nil	nil	4	1	3	82
1890	7	5	5	1	nil	4	nil	nil	86
1891	2	4	4	nil	nil	3	2	nil	84
1892	1	1	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	84
1893	1	1	2	nil	1	3	1	nil	82
1894	9	8	7	1	nil	1	nil	2	89
1895	3	2	2	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	88
1896	3	4	5	nil	nil	4	nil	2	85
1897	7	7	5	2	nil	1	1	nil	92
1898	1	1	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	94
1899	2	2	2	1	1	7	1	3	87
1900	5	3	2	1	2	1	nil	4	90
1901	7	7	5	1	nil	nil	2	nil	96
1902	4	4	4	nil	1	2	7	nil	96
1903	6	5	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	96
1904	5	1	1	nil	3	2	2	9	91
1905	8	10	6	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	98
1906	4	7	6	1	nil	nil	1	nil	103
1907	8	7	6	2	1	5	1	5	102
1908	2	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	103
1909	12	6	2	1	nil	nil	2	nil	115
1910	6	11	13	nil	2	2	nil	nil	123
1911	nil	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	122
1912	9	6	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	131
1913	6	8	7	nil	1	nil	2	nil	136
1914	12	6	6	2	nil	nil	1	8	141
1915	4	10	12	nil	nil	3	3	nil	138
1916	1	2	1	nil	nil	4	2	9	126
1917	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	128
1918	3	4	4	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	128
1919	37	17	10	3	nil	3	2	nil	163
1920	7	21	20	1	nil	nil	2	8	161
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	8	9	10	1	2	3	3	3	160

1921	7	7	8	7	1	1	2	nil	172
1922	4	5	7	2	nil	5	3	nil	170
1923	10	10	11	4	nil	nil	4	nil	180
1924	13	11	10	2	2	2	1	7	188
1925	9	8	8	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	195
1926	4	6	6	nil	1	2	3	nil	195
1927	3	4	1	nil	nil	nil	2	2	194
1928	5	6	8	2	nil	nil	nil	14	187
1929	9	7	7	nil	nil	2	3	nil	191
1930	6	8	7	1	1	1	4	nil	194
1931	3	3	4	2	1	nil	4	nil	196
1932	2	2	2	1	nil	nil	3	nil	196
1933	1	1	1	1	nil	nil	3	21	174
1934	4	3	3	2	nil	3	1	nil	176
1935	2	3	3	nil	nil	1	3	nil	165
1936	5	4	4	nil	nil	nil	4	5	161
1937	6	4	4	1	nil	3	4	nil	161
1938	1	3	3	nil	nil	4	5	3	150
1939	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	6	nil	143
1940	2	1	1	1	nil	2	3	nil	141
1941	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	3	nil	135
1942	3	3	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	136
1943	9	9	7	1	nil	nil	6	nil	140
1944	12	10	9	4	1	nil	2	1	154
1945	11	10	12	1	1	2	1	2	162
1946	5	6	8	2	nil	1	2	1	165
1947	16	14	12	4	nil	nil	1	nil	184
1948	14	13	12	1	1	1	2	nil	197
1949	16	17	12	3	nil	nil	2	nil	215
1950	14	11	14	nil	1	1	1	nil	228
1951	7	11	14	1	nil	1	3	nil	232
1952	6	8	8	2	1	3	4	nil	234
1953	7	5	4	1	nil	nil	6	nil	236
1954	13	13	11	2	nil	nil	4	4	243

1955	7	4	7	3	nil	1	4	nil	246
1956	5	8	5	3	nil	nil	5	1	248
1957	5	3	4	2	nil	2	5	nil	248
1958	7	7	7	1	nil	1	2	nil	253
1959	6	5	4	3	nil	2	5	1	254
1960	8	10	11	nil	nil	1	5	nil	256
1961	13	12	13	nil	nil	1	4	8	256
1962	6	4	2	2	nil	nil	6	2	256
1963	5	6	8	1	nil	nil	7	nil	255
1964	8	7	6	nil	nil	nil	5	3	255
1965	4	5	7	nil	1	nil	5	nil	255
1966	4	3	3	2	nil	1	7	6	247
1967	3	3	2	4	nil	nil	2	nil	252
1968	5	1	2	1	nil	nil	10	2	246
1969	2	5	4	3	nil	4	3	2	242
1970	5	7	6	3	nil	4	5	nil	241
1971	4	4	6	2	nil	3	4	nil	240
1972	3	1	1	3	nil	2	3	nil	233
1973	2	4	2	3	nil	3	1	nil	234
1974	2	2	3	1	nil	1	5	1	228
1975	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	8	nil	219
1976	6	4	3	5	nil	2	5	2	221
1977	2	3	4	1	1	nil	6	2	217
1978	1	1	1	4	nil	nil	3	nil	219
1979	4	1	1	5	nil	nil	7	nil	221
1980	3	4	3	nil	2	1	5	1	219
1981	4	4	4	3	nil	nil	8	nil	218
1982	4	6	4	5	nil	1	4	nil	222
1983	5	5	5	5	nil	nil	4	1	227
1984	3	2	1	1	nil	2	4	2	223
1985	nil	1	2	nil	nil	4	3	nil	216
1986	1	1	nil	nil	nil	5	4	nil	208
1987	2	2	3	1	nil	nil	7	nil	204
1988	2	1	2	4	1	4	9	4	192

1989	2	2	2	3	nil	1	6	nil	190
1990	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	nil	191
1991	2	2	2	1	nil	1	3	nil	190
1992	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	12	1	178
1993	4	2	nil	2	nil	nil	4	nil	180
1994	1	2	3	2	1	nil	5	nil	179
1995	1	1	2	2	1	2	7	nil	174
1996	4	1	1	1	nil	nil	13	nil	166
1997	nil	3	3	2	nil	nil	6	nil	162
1998	2	1	1	3	nil	2	6	2	157
1999	nil	1	1	1	nil	4	6	1	147
2000	3	1	nil	nil	nil	3	3	nil	144
2001	1	2	1	2	nil	3	4	1	139
2002	1	1	3	5	nil	2	4	nil	139
2003	3	3	3	2	nil	nil	4	nil	140
2004	nil	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	139
2005	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	138
2006	2	2	1	nil	1	1	5	2	133
2007	1	1	2	4	1	1	7	1	130
2008	2	2	3	2	nil	2	5	nil	127
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

St. John's Lodge, No. 21A GRC, Vankleek Hill 1888-present
St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 159 IC, Hawkesbury 1872-1888
St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, Hawkesbury 1872-1888
St. John's Knight Templar Encampment, No. 159 IC, Hawkesbury 1858?-????
Royal Arch Chapter, No. 159 IC, Hawkesbury and l'Orignal pre 1848-1872
Lodge, No. 159 IC, Hawkesbury and l'Orignal 1844-1872

[Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1904. Eastern District 1904-present.]

St. John's Lodge, now numbered as "21A" and located at Vankleek Hill, Ontario, received Warrant No. 159, dated March 15, 1844, from the Grand Lodge of Ireland⁵². This Warrant was issued hold a Lodge at Hawksbury (*sic*), Upper Canada, naming William Robinson, Andrew McCready and Patrick McKee as Master and Wardens. According to R. W. Bro. L. Fourny's *History of Freemasonry in Eastern District*, the charter members of the new Lodge were: Bros. William Robinson (WM), C. Treadwell (SW), P. McKee (JW), R. Hamilton (Secretary), H. Lough (Treasurer), E. Cameron, G. Chrysler, A. Close, W. Dickinson, M. Irwin, A. McGillivray, A. McIlwain, A. McKenzie, G. Reid, J. Shaw, T. Smith.

By August 18, 1845, a further 12 members were Registered with Grand Lodge and, by December 27, 1859, a total of 104 brethren had been registered. The name "St. John's" did not begin appearing in Lodge or Chapter documents until about 1870. The original Warrant No. 159 IC marked "Cancelled" is framed and hangs on the wall of the present Lodge room in Vankleek Hill and shows no name for the Lodge (a standard matter for Ireland).

The name "Hawkesbury" had originally been chosen for Hawkesbury Township in Prescott County when it was defined in 1798 and was thought to have been named for either Charles Jenkinson, Baron Hawkesbury and 1st Earl of Liverpool (1727-1808) or for his son, Robert Banks Jenkinson (1770-1828) who held the title of Baron Hawkesbury after 1796, when his father became an earl. Robert Banks Jenkinson succeeded to the title of Earl of Liverpool and became Prime Minister of Britain (1812-27). The town became the site of one of the largest lumbering operations in North America, run by George and William Hamilton, and the area became known interchangeably as Hawkesbury Mills and Hamilton's Mills. Hawkesbury was chosen as the Post Office name in 1819.

According to the records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Lodge No. 159 IC met early on in Ouimet's Hotel, Hawkesbury, about six miles from l'Orignal which was the "county town" of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, near Ottawa. Fourny in his *History* notes that the Lodge met in the home of Bro. William Robinson at Pleasant Corners from 1846 to 1853. There is some disagreement in the records as to the date on which the Lodge removed to Vankleek Hill: John Ross Robertson gives the year as 1859 (*History*, Vol. II, p. 586) while Fourny indicate 1853, based on Lodge information.

Photocopies of Lodge letters and Annual Returns were obtained from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and show the 1844 version of the oval Lodge seal which appears on many of the documents up to 1878 (there is no correspondence held in Dublin postdating September 24, 1878). On one or two of the documents there is also a second (round) seal of a different sort, but also appearing to be a legitimate Lodge seal, which appears on documents also carrying the larger one. The reason for noting these is that they vary totally from the more traditional and normally used oval or circular seals which show a bent arm whose hand holds a trowel and which is also shown for comparison.

⁵² The first use of the number "159" on an Irish Warrant was made on either May 9, 1747 or July 1747 — the date is unknown with clarity due to the loss of Grand Lodge records before 1760. It is known that this issue was erased on November 5, 1801. On September 3, 1812, the number "159" once again graced a Warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland to hold a Lodge at Magheragall, Lisburn, Co. Antrim. There is virtually no information regarding this Lodge in Grand Lodge archives, the Warrant having been cancelled on February 4, 1836.

Earliest Seal dating from 1844



Seal dating from 1855



More usual Irish Seals



[Source: All seals were scanned from photocopies of letters provided by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.]

The correspondence retained on the files is very sketchy at best—for example there is one letter dated May 25, 1844 from Lodge No. 788 IC⁵³ at Carn Castle (Cairncastle, Co. Antrim) enquiring whether St. John's had yet received its Warrant and if so, what number had been allotted — possibly from a member who was by then back in Ireland. Then there is a gap until February 2, 1852 (St. John's Lodge to Grand Lodge) acknowledging receipt of the Knight Templar Warrant as well as Royal Arch Certificates, and providing a list of the Master and Officers of 1851 and 1852.

The Lodge was represented at the Second Grand Masonic Convention (1840-44), but did not join the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West (1845-55) and continued its somewhat solitary existence.

Sometime during its first four years the Lodge applied for authority to establish a Royal Arch Chapter and one was authorized under date February 27, 1847, to be worked under Lodge Warrant No. 159 IC. The earliest known minutes of the Chapter date from May 1, 1848. The authority to hold the Chapter is framed and hangs on the wall of the present Lodge/Chapter room.

The first meetings of the Chapter were at L'Original. The Chapter Officers were: First, Second and Third Principals, three Sojourners, two Scribes and a High Priest. Fees for degrees of the Chapter were set at £2.10.0 with the proviso that the Chapter would pay for the cost of registration and issue of a

⁵³ What is interesting about the number "788" is that it was used twice. The first time occurred on August 1, 1793, when Warrant No. 788 was issued to the 44th Regiment of Foot. Irish records tell us nothing about this Lodge but the Grand Lodge Register carries the following note "A. Seton issued a Warrant to Carncastle, 1 October, 1807, which was given up and a legal Warrant got 1 Sept. 1814." Lodge No. 788 IC is still working.

certificate from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Lodge attended the founding convention of the Grand Lodge of Canada on October 10, 1855 in Hamilton but did not immediately join.

On September 1, 1856, in an interesting reversal of what would become the “Canadian” Royal Arch ritual, the Chapter minutes indicate that a Mark Master Mason degree was worked and conferred on members who had just received their Royal Arch degree. The minutes of February 4, 1858, indicate that immediately after the Chapter was closed, an Encampment (Knights Templars) was opened and candidates raised to Knights Templars and Knights of the East and West (a total of five degrees was then practiced). [The practice of separating the Mark Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templar Commandery followed by the Lodge/Chapter conformed to the then practice of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.]

It is not clear really how large the Lodge was in these early years. A total number of 62 members can be detected from the correspondence with Grand Lodge spanning the years 1852 to 1857. In a letter to the Grand Lodge of Ireland dated January 9, 1857 the Secretary remarked that “in consequence of lumbering operations and the scattered state of the members the average number of Masons regularly attending does not exceed twenty in number.” Based on knowledge of many rural Lodges of this era, that is a good turnout.

Sometime during this period the Lodge had a tracing board prepared from leather and nicely painted — a scanned photograph of which is reproduced at the end of these history notes. What is interesting is that the symbols used refer to the three craft degrees, the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees, many of which are in use in various lectures today.

Irish records indicate the removal of the Lodge to Vankleek Hill in 1859, “... where the Lodge met with fair regularity until July 1870 in the home of Hiram Johnston, and then in R. W. Lendrum’s house. Removed to L’Orignal July 1870 and met temporarily in the house of T. O. Steele, removing in November to new quarters over T. F. McAvoy’s store where it continued to meet until a new Lodge room was erected on Court Street”⁵⁴. The town of L’Orignal derived its name from the seigneurie of Pointe-à-l’Orignal, granted to François Prévost in 1674. The name referred to that part of the Ottawa River which was usually used by moose for a crossing point. Chapter minutes from April 5, 1864 to June 2, 1873 indicate that the Chapter was in Hawkesbury so it is even possible that although the Chapter took its authority from the Lodge Warrant, they may have met in separate locations. Fournery notes that the Lodge purchased a building on St. John Street, Vankleek Hill, for its meetings in 1860 but that it sold this in 1870 and rented premises from James Stewart, Innkeeper, at the corner of Main and St. John’s Street, Vankleek Hill, relocated to the home of James O’Brien in L’Orignal in 1871 and in 1873, moved back to the “Lodge Hall” in L’Orignal.

In a letter to Grand Lodge dated January 23, 1871, providing a Return of Officers and registering members who had been raised, the Secretary, Bro. Robert W. Lendrum, noted that “There seems to be a growing tendency here of joining the Grand Lodge of Canada. I am requested by members to ask if you would have any objection to our doing so.” In the package of copies of correspondence from the Grand Lodge archives (March 2003) there is no copy of any reply from the Grand Secretary. Meanwhile, in a formal Petition dated June 24, 1871, the Lodge requested authority from the Grand Master to remove from Hawkesbury to Vankleek Hill, not on a permanent basis as might be assumed, but to alternate monthly between L’Orignal and Vankleek Hill.

TO

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Petition of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of St. John’s Lodge No. 159 respectfully
sheweth that a Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland numbered 159 on the
Fifteenth day of March 1844 to hold a Lodge in the Township of Hawkesbury in the County
of Prescott and such Lodge has been held in this said Township to the date

⁵⁴ From Notes on Irish Warrant No. 159, by R. W. Bro. Keith Cochrane, June 2002.

hereof.

That it is considered for the interests of Masonry that the place for holding said Lodge should be removed from Vankleek Hill when this aforesaid ----- to the town of L'Orignal the early ---- of the said County of Prescott distant from Vankleek Hill about seven miles ----- at a regular meeting of said Lodge held at ---- St. John's ----- a resolution was unanimously adopted by the brethren to return the Lodge to L'Orignal. That Notice of said Resolution --- given --- the brethren ----- and -- for the government of said Lodge ----- to --- meeting and said resolution was adopted and passed ---- the custom and approbation of the members meeting as aforesaid.

Your petitioners, therefore pray that the ----- be granted to hold the meetings of the said Lodge in the said town of L'Orignal and your ----- with -----, ----- a copy of said resolution is hereto -----.

Dated at Vankleek Hill this 24th day of June 1871

SEAL

James Hay, W.M.

Edward Abbott Johnson, S.W.

Norval Morrison, J.W.

Robert Hamilton

Secty.

[Source: Photocopy from Grand Lodge of Ireland archives.]

The hand writing is not the typical copperplate and the blanks arise where words cannot be deciphered. The copy of the motion reads: "The members of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 I.R. A. F. A. A. Masons being desirous of removing the Lodge from Vankleek Hill to the Town of L'Orignal which is distant from the former place about seven miles — whereas as at present constituted the principal officers and a large number of the active working members of the Lodge are residents of the Town of L'Orignal — It is therefore moved by Bro. Robert Hamilton and seconded by Bro. Edward Abbott Johnson Senior Warden that and resolved that the Warrant and furniture of the Lodge be removed at once to the Town of L'Orignal — where with the permission of the Grand Lodge of Ireland future communications of the Lodge shall be held and all business transacted in alternate years. Carried Unanimously." By letter dated June 27, 1871, the Lodge Master, W. Bro. James Hay, noted to the Grand Secretary that "As intimated to you by the late secretary in his letter of Jan. 23, 1871. There was a desire on a part of a few of our members to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Canada, but that desire no longer exists and we are all determined to adhere to the G. L. of I. that has hitherto conferred so many favours on No. 159. We now come humbly asking one further favour, viz: — that the Grand Lodge would ratify what we have already done, the removal of the Lodge to the town of L'Orignal which removal is for the particular advantage of St. John's Lodge and for the good of harmony generally. The most of the members are residents of the Town and its immediate vicinity and all the officers are here. We have made the removal under the strong impression that the Grand Lodge would readily ratify and confirm our act"

The actions of the Lodge, having already removed prior to any approval being received, quickly became a "cause celebre" between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The "presence" of St. John's Lodge, which appears to have been forgotten by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the heady days following formation in 1855, was forcefully brought to its attention when the then District Deputy Grand Master of the Ottawa District⁵⁵ referred to it as having "... for years past acted in a most

⁵⁵ R. W. Brother E. C. Barker, a member of The Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa, now a Lodge in Ottawa District 1, which is still working.

irregular manner⁵⁶ Action was first taken by Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 GRC, Plantagenet⁵⁷, in a letter to R. W. Bro. Barber, DDGM of the Ottawa District, dated August 1, 1871. In their letter the Lodge noted that it had been “by resolution appointed to act as a Committee to represent to you, the unmasonic proceedings (as we believe) or St. John’s Lodge No. 159 R.I. now meeting in the village of L’Original.” The letter then outlines a split in the membership of St. John’s Lodge regarding whether the recent removal from Vankleek Hill to L’Original and the intended monthly perambulation between the two towns had the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland or not. Plantagenet maintained that “that the removal ... from Vankleek Hill ... was without permission and that consequently all their work since ... is contrary to all masonic law and the Lodge has rendered itself liable to suspension” The letter concludes that even if Irish Lodges had been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, there had been no concession on the matter of unilateral removal or perambulation. A similar letter was sent to the DDGM by the Master and members of Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, perhaps the only difference being that Hawkesbury Lodge considered the actions of St. John’s post-Vankleek Hill to put them in a “clandestine Lodge” category.

<p style="text-align: right;">Plantagenet 1 August 1871</p> <p>R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber Esq. D.D.G.M. Ottawa District A.F. & A.M. G.R.C. Ottawa</p> <p>Dear Sir & R. Wor. Bro.</p> <p>At the Regular Communication of Plantagenet Lodge No. 186 C.R. held last evening 31st. Ulti, we were by resolution appointed to act as a Committee, to represent to you, the unmasonic proceedings, (as we believe) of St. John’s Lodge No. 159 R.I. now meeting in the Village of L’Original — In pursuance of this Resolution, we beg to submit the following statement, and request that you will take action thereon at as early a date as possible, or should it be our duty to do so, advise us how to proceed in this matter —</p> <p>St. John’s Lodge No. 159 works under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, authorizing them to initiate, pass and raise Free-Masons in Hawkesbury. The Lodge worked in the village of Vankleek Hill, Township of Hawkesbury until about two months ago, when by resolution of the Lodge, it removed to the Village of L’Original in the Township of Longueuil, distant about six miles from the former place of meeting. It is alleged by some of the Members of the Lodge that the removal was made by permission of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, while other Members state that it was impossible they could have had such permission, as the resolution to remove was only carried last 24th June and two meetings have already been held at L’Original since that date.</p>

⁵⁶ Robertson in his *History*, Vol. II, p. 587 notes that there is no mention of St. John’s Lodge No. 159 in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada before 1872.

⁵⁷ A curious situation as Plantagenet Lodge had been formed by ten Masons, eight hailing from St. John’s No. 159 IC and two from other Lodges. Yet this “semi-Irish” Lodge set about charging its “mother Lodge” with unmasonic conduct. However, relations between Plantagenet and St. John’s Lodges have been warm, friendly and supportive for almost a century and this fracas has been forgotten — it doesn’t receive any mention in the Plantagenet Lodge *History* and has only come to light through the copies of correspondence provided by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 2003.

that by the Removal of said Lodge from the Township of Hawkesbury to the Town of L'Orignal Township of Longueuil 9 miles from its former place, and there working without any other authority then [sic] that with which they worked in Hawkesbury is not only contrary to all Masonic Law but constitutes their Lodge clandestine and all Masons made there under their present Warrant are clandestine made Masons. Further, we submit that nothing short of a new Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland can enable them to work legally and according to the arrangement between the Grand Lodge of Canada and Foreign Lodges a new Warrant cannot be granted, and any other attempt to sanction their proceedings by the Grand Lodge of Ireland would be a mere evasion of the solemn compact made between the two Grand Lodges, which we are unwilling to believe will be attempted. We firmly believe they do not intend to seek any other authority as they to enable them to obtain the consent of the Majority of said Lodge, have promised to hold the Lodge one year at Vankleek Hill and one year at L'Orignal alternately, and threaten that if we Hawkesbury Lodge No. 210 dare move in the matter they will move to this Village one year also.

Such are the proceedings of the Brethren of St. John's Lodge. Again we complain that they have taken persons from this Village without enquiring of this Lodge their Standing, telling them (the candidates) that their Lodge is a branch of this Lodge, and that they are allowed to make them for less than half the price we can, and if they reside nearer this Lodge than theirs they can join our Lodge by paying 2 Dollars, and from facts brought to our knowledge they go round from place to place soliciting candidates.

R. W. Sir we could bring many other complaints to shew their unfriendliness to this Lodge in particular and their unmasonic conduct in general.

We think we have shown enough to put a stop to their unmasonic proceedings.

We therefore conclude by fully endorsing the conclusion come to be the Committee of Plantagenet Lodge. Hoping you will give this matter your earliest attention, also please advise us how to act towards said Brethren under present circumstances.

We Dear Sir beg to Remain
Yours most fraternally

J. W. Crate W.M.)
George Manson)
Robert McFarland) Committee
B. Wilkinson)
John M. Brown Sec)

[Source: Photocopy from Grand Lodge of Ireland archives.]

The matter was reported to the Grand Lodge of Canada. By letter dated August 24, 1871, the Grand Secretary, R. W. Thomas Bird Harris, wrote to the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, passing on the letter from Plantagenet Lodge, and advising that "the Grand Lodge of Canada considers the foregoing case a flagrant violation of the permission accorded to all Lodges, at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada . . . (and) the right to perambulate the country by removing from place to place was never contemplated nor can it now be acquiesced in." Consequently, R. W. Bro. Tully was asked to "bring this matter immediately to the notice of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and relying on its sense of justice to be informed that the action of St. John's Lodge No. 159 in this matter has been discontinued and disallowed." R. W. Bro. Tully sent the letters on to Dublin under cover of a letter of September 7, 1871. A short memorandum dated October 2, 1871 to the Grand Secretary

requested that the matter of the complaint against St. John's Lodge be placed before the Board of General Purposes as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, work continued "as usual" within St. John's Lodge and members continued to be registered with Dublin and their Certificates requested (and issued). In a registration letter dated October 16, 1871, Bro. Robert Hamilton, Lodge Secretary, extolled the virtues and strengths of the Lodge and also alluded to the growing problems with local Lodges with the comment: "It (St. John's) is also one of the best looked Lodges in Canada, and embodies more talent and ability than any country Lodge . . . I am, however, sorry to say that envy — the great disturber of social harmony — is, I fear, at work in some of our sister Canadian Lodges." In a letter dated October 7, 1872, the Secretary of St. John's Lodge wrote to Dublin advising that they were unable to attend the funeral of a departed Brother or to hold processions on St. John's days as the Constitution required specific Dispensations to be issued for each activity and that "time was not on the side of the Lodge for the former events", and requesting a blanket, or open, Dispensation to be granted. The same letter provided a list of the Officers installed on June 24, 1872 — "Edw. A. Johnson, WM."

The Irish Grand Secretary's note of October 30, 1871, either in preparation for the meeting of the Board of General Purposes or as a result of the Board meeting and intended for the Grand Master to assist in making a final decision follows. It is reproduced because it recommends that *if the Grand Lodge had given permission to remove* "it most probably has done so through want of accurate information as to the several localities — we would advise that such permission be withdrawn." On October 7, 1872, St. John's wrote to the Grand Secretary advising that "The permission granted by the Board of General Purposes on the 18th of August 1871 permitting the Lodge to work in the Town of L'Orignal pursuant to petition does not seem to have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge. Therefore if such permission has been so confirmed will you please forward us a copy of the same duly certified." The letter also confirmed a resolution of the Lodge to continue working in L'Orignal (implying that the movement back and forth to Vankleek Hill would not be attempted) and requested a confirmation of this resolution. The letter refers to the problems with the Grand Lodge of Canada "(which) has also threatened to withdraw its recognition from this Lodge because we are working in L'Orignal — the said Grand Lodge asserting that you had no power to grant us the dispensation or permission under which we work! The Grand Lodge of Canada has voluntarily offered to exchange our warrant and chapter free of charge which we have declined accepting providing your Grand Lodge had the power to grant the dispensation to work in L'Orignal. PS Is it proper for a Royal Arch Mason to wear his regalia in Blue Lodge?"

By January 1873, Plantagenet Lodge wrote again to R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, DDGM, Ottawa District regarding the continued "irregular" actions of St. John's Lodge. Subsequently the new DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Brother William Mostyn (a member of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147 GRC, Almonte, now a Lodge in Ottawa District 1, which is still working) issued an Edict to Lodges in the District that they were to refuse admission to brethren of St. John's 159 IC, until a settlement of a number of questions was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Ireland which ". . . had treated our most earnest remonstrance's with cool indifference." R. V. Harris notes that the Grand Master did not uphold the order of the DDGM which exceeded the DDGM's powers. On April 23, 1873 the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, wrote directly to Dublin laying the case before them regarding the removal to L'Orignal and "invading the jurisdiction of Lodges planted in that District," which removal and Ireland's approval being "in violation of the original understanding and compact (between the two Grand Lodges)" that Lodges existing before the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed should continue under their original Charters and *remain where they were*. He further notes that there had been no notice of the situation officially received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The letter concludes by noting that the Grand Lodge of Canada does not wish to take any action which should be the prerogative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to deal with its subordinate Lodges but that if nothing is done the (Canadian) Lodges of the District will be permitted to exercise their own discretion to accept or reject any relationship with St. John's Lodge and its members.

By October 1873 the Lodge, having been meeting in the upper floor of an unoccupied store (presumably Fourney's reference to the "Lodge Hall" in L'Orignal), advised the Grand Lodge of Ireland that they were about to lose this facility as the building had been rented out. Efforts to collect sufficient funds to acquire land and begin construction of a two storey brick building (lower for rental and upper for Lodge and Chapter) were proving difficult and financial support from Dublin was requested. By April 24,

1874, the Lodge reported to Grand Lodge that they had been able to construct a “good substantial brick building 40 by 28 feet and two stories high has been completed. The total outlay will be about \$2500 (over £500 Sterg.) A large portion of which is yet to be provided for.” Regrettably there is no indication of the precise location of this Masonic Hall.

In his letter of April 24, 1874 to Grand Lodge, the Secretary noted that over time the feelings of the Lodge toward affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Canada were changing and becoming “warmer.” That “for affiliation with the Grd Lodge of Canada is yearly becoming stronger amongst us. The desire arises chiefly from the great length of time that usually elapses before returns can be had from the Grd. Lodge and from the absence of an official from that Body, qualified to give instruction and advice. Discussion of this subject is now pending and will take place at our next meeting and although I do not think that the motion can be carried, yet it cannot be denied that there is a great deal of truth in the reasons above set forth.”

Cochrane notes that in 1874 an agreement was negotiated for the merger of St. John’s Lodge, No. 159 IC (then at l’Orignal) with Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, both to surrender their Warrants and a new one to be issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Lodge of Ireland did not confirm this agreement. Interestingly there is no correspondence on this subject in the package of photocopies sent from Dublin in 2003 which appeared to be the entire contents of the correspondence file with St. John’s Lodge. [Note: Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, had been established in 1869 and was not very strong at this time. It surrendered its Warrant in 1888.] The final letters from St. John’s Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland are dated September 21 and September 24, 1878 and discuss only the payment of fees owing by the Lodge and the need for members’ Certificates.

St. John’s Lodge continued its isolated existence and, in 1886, removed back to Vankleek Hill.

Negotiations were re-opened by R. W. Bro. David Taylor, D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District⁵⁸, to bring St. John’s Lodge into the Grand Lodge of Canada. On November 25, 1887, St. John’s No. 159 IC applied to the Grand Lodge of Canada to exchange its Irish Warrant for a Canadian one. In its application the Lodge requested that, in view of its age, it be granted “8”, “8A” or “7A”. The Grand Lodge agreed to give it an unused number relative to its date of establishment, and to convert all of its officers to the same rank in the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Lodge officially affiliated at the Annual Convocation of December 18, 1888 as St. John’s Lodge, No. 21A GRC, Vankleek Hill (and by 1891, according to Fourney, would be using the Orange Hall on Union Street). On August 8, 1890, St. John’s Lodge sent in their Irish Warrant No. 159 to the Grand Lodge of Ireland⁵⁹. Cochrane’s notes indicate this was the last of the twenty-four Irish Lodges “in Canada” to transfer its allegiance⁶⁰. At this time the Lodge had registered 278 members with Dublin.

⁵⁸ R. W. Brother David Taylor was a member of The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa, now a Lodge in Ottawa District 2, which is still working.

⁵⁹ The Grand Lodge of Ireland issued a new Warrant No. 159 on March 8, 1895, to hold Abercorn Lodge, Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa. A Dispensation to form this Lodge had apparently been issued by the Irish Grand Master on February 20, 1895, while he was visiting the area. In October 1930 it amalgamated with Munster Lodge, No. 576 IC, Bellevue, Johannesburg, to become Abercorn Munster Lodge, No. 159 IC. This Lodge is still working as of June 2003.

⁶⁰ This number of 24 includes the original 6 Irish Lodges in New Brunswick and 2 in Nova Scotia.

Report of M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson to Grand Lodge

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 159, I. R.

In April last I received a petition from the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 159, on the Grand registry of Ireland, located at Vankleek Hill, in the County of Prescott, asking to exchange their warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a new warrant to work in future under the Grand Lodge of Canada, but making a condition that they should receive as their number on the Register of this Grand Lodge, No. 8 or No. 8a, or No. 7a.

I replied, granting the prayer of the petition so far as I had the power to do so, but that the number would have to be determined by the Grand Lodge. I directed the Grand Secretary to issue a warrant to them engrossed on parchment, in the form heretofore used and given to other Lodges that have affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I recommend that the issue of this warrant should be confirmed by the Grand Lodge, that their officers and past officers should retain their rank on being registered in our books, and that the number to be assigned to this Lodge should be the nearest vacant number on our list of Lodges to correspond with the date of their original warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, being March 14, 1844.

This will remove the only remaining foreign Lodge in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. It affords me much satisfaction to make this announcement and also to state that great credit is due to R. W. Bro. David Taylor, D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District, for his valuable exertions in bringing this matter to so successful a conclusion.

[Source: 1888 Annual Proceedings, p 49.]

The Board on Warrants recommended that a warrant be issued, that the officers and past officers of the Lodge should retain their rank on being registered in the books of Grand Lodge, and that the nearest vacant number to the date of their original Irish Warrant, should be granted. The Lodge is not listed in the "Returns of Subordinate Lodges" until the Annual Proceedings of 1889, where it is listed as "No. 21a" and shows a membership of 29.

When the Lodge transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada the Chapter also undertook to transfer to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in 1888 according to Irish records which refer to a new Warrant, as St. John's Chapter, No. 148 GRC, Vankleek Hill, being issued. However, this is at least 18 years out of date according to the records of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada which shows that in 1906 a "Dispensation was issued for the formation of Chapters at Vankleek Hill" As John Ross Robertson noted in his draft *History of Capitular Masonry in Canada 1797-1911*, the minutes of St. John's Chapter are either missing for the years 1888 to 1906, or else the Chapter was dormant. This has given anguish to the present St. John's Chapter, No. 148 RAMO, Vankleek Hill, which considers its age from the date of formation of the Chapter in 1848.

The Knight Templar Encampment was allowed to pass into history and there is scant reference to it in the Proceedings of October 15, 1874 where it was among a list of Encampments which were assumed would join the newly formed Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. It did not make any effort to do so and was likely defunct before that time.

Fourney notes that in 1898, St. John's Lodge removed to McCallum Hall on St. John's Street, just one door from where it met in 1860. In 1910 the Lodge moved across the street to the Farmer's Block and, in 1930, removed to its present location. In 1984 the Lodge purchased the building and deeded it to the town of Vankleek Hill in return for a 99-year lease. The public library currently occupies the ground floor and the Lodge occupies the second floor.

When St. John's Lodge joined the new Grand Lodge of Canada it became a part of the Ottawa District

which had been formed in 1868. As that District grew too large to be managed successfully St. John's became a part of the new Eastern District when it was formed in 1904. During its existence --- members of St. John's No. 21A have served as District Deputy Grand Master - R. W. Bro. E. A. Johnson (Ottawa 16, 1894-95), H. C. Jones (Eastern, 1910-11), A. D. McRae (Eastern, 1922-23), W. R. Hall (Eastern, 1940-41), Dr. D. S. McPhee (Eastern, 1959-60), Donald L. Bond (Eastern, 1979-80) and Allan F. Dunsmore (Eastern, 1999-2000). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bro. H. C. Jones (1908-09); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. R. H. Marston (1891-92), S. N. Morrison (1911-12), C. H. Reasbeck (1923-24), Dr. D. S. McPhee (1941-42), J. A. Fraser (1956-57), D. J. MacIntosh (1960-61), S. Leroy (1971-72), D. G. Folkard (1980-81), F. Williams (1991-92), G. Barton (2000-01) and Charles Deacon (2010-11).

St. John's Lodge meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Masonic Hall, 94 Main Street, Vankleek Hill. St. John's Chapter is still operating and is located in District 13 and meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Masonic Hall, 94 Main Street, Vankleek Hill.

Worshipful Masters of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC and No. 21A GRC, Vankleek Hill
(* = charter members)

The earliest surviving Annual Return for St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is dated February 2, 1852, and lists the Masters and officers for 1851 and 1852 only. However, it also lists Past Masters and while it is not clear whether these were members of St. John's or affiliated Past Masters, they are listed hereunder: W. Bros. Robert Eastman, Patrick McKee (also shown as First Principal of Chapter no. 159 IC in 1851 and 1852). The blanks occur because there is no Annual Return of Officers which has survived. **Up to 1877 the years are duplicated because elections were held and the WM's and officers installed on each St. John's day (June 24 and December 27).** The *By-Laws and Regulations of St. John's Lodge*, Adopted October 13, 1959 and Approved October 28, 1959, have been used as the main source unless otherwise noted.

1844	William Robertson*	[Source: J. R. Robertson, <i>History</i> , Vol. II, p. 586 ⁶¹ .]		
1844-45	William Robinson*	[Source: <i>By-Laws and Regulations of St. John's Lodge</i>]		
1846	Andrew McReady			
1847-48-49	William Dickson*			
1850	Robert Eastman		1851	William Kenneth MacKenzie
1852	William Dickson*		1852	William Dickson*
1853	George Reid*		1853	George Reid*
1854	William Robinson*		1854	William Robinson*
1855	William Robinson*		1855	William Robinson*
1856	Hiram Johnson		1856	Hiram Johnson
1857	Hiram Johnson		1857	Hiram Johnson
1858	William Robinson*		1858	William Robinson*
1859	William Robinson*		1859	William Robinson*
1860	William Kenneth MacKenzie		1860	William Kenneth MacKenzie
1861	William Kenneth MacKenzie		1861	William Kenneth MacKenzie
1862	William Robinson*		1862	William Robinson*
1863	William Robinson*		1863	William Robinson*
1864	Andrew McReady		1864	Andrew McReady
1865	Hiram Johnson		1865	Hiram Johnson

⁶¹ It is likely Robertson simply misspelled "Robertson" for "Robinson." He also probably uses this name as the first Master as it is his name that is first mentioned in Warrant No. 159. There are known cases, though, where the actual first Master was not the one named in the Warrant for many reasons.

1866 Hiram Johnson
 1867 J. W. Crete
 1868 J. W. Crete
 1869 R. W. Lendrum
 1870 R. W. Lendrum
 1871 James Hay
 1872 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1873 James Hay
 1874 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1875 James Hay
 1876 R. H. Marston

1866 Hiram Johnson
 1867 J. W. Crete
 1868 J. W. Crete
 1869 R. W. Lendrum
 1870 R. W. Lendrum
 1871 James Hay
 1872 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1873 James Hay
 1874 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1875 James Hay
 1876 R. H. Marston

Annual Returns for 1877 and thereafter are for the full year

1877 James Hay
 1878 Thomas Hiram Wyman [Grand Lodge Returns]
 1878 Edward Abbot Johnson [*By-Laws and Regulations of St. John's Lodge*]

There is no further correspondence or Annual Returns to the Grand Lodge of Ireland after 1878 and it is unclear whether the Lodge continued to work or whether it became dormant. There is, however, a full list of WM's in the *By-Laws and Regulations of St. John's Lodge*.

1879 W. C. O'Brine
 1881 T. O. Steele
 1883 E. B. Robinson
 1885 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1887 Eber Crummey
 1889 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1891 William Eagleton
 1893 S. N. Morrison
 1895 G. A. Fitzpatrick
 1897 J. W. McCulloch
 1899 A. F. Robertson
 1901 S. N. Morrison
 1903 J. E. Robeson
 1905 C. S. Bennet
 1907 A. N. Cheney
 1909 S. A. Appleby
 1911 D. J. Chalmers
 1913 E. J. Howes
 1915 R. L. Downing
 1917 J. L. Mitchener
 1919 R. W. Linton
 1921 Archibald D. McRae
 1923 F. W. McAdam
 1925 John Harley (Hartley?)
 1927 William Robert Hall
 1929 J. N. McRae
 1931 Rev. William McMorine
 1933 Duncan D. McLeod
 1935 W. L. Durant
 1937 M. J. McRae
 1939 J. W. MacCaskill
 1941 Robert D. MacMillan

1880 J. A. Houston
 1882 J. A. Houston
 1884 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1886 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1888 Edward Abbot Johnson
 1890 S. D. Grough
 1892 Andrew R. Metcalfe
 1894 S. N. Morrison
 1896 S. N. Morrison
 1898 A. F. Robertson
 1900 H. Carl Jones
 1902 W. P. McAlpine
 1904 W. P. McAlpine
 1906 J. W. Robertson
 1908 J. A. MacInnes
 1910 F. B. Bowden
 1912 E. H. Elvidge
 1914 James A. Westgate
 1916 D. Adams
 1918 F. F. Downing
 1920 C. F. Proudfoot
 1922 C. H. Reasbeck
 1924 G. D. McIntyre
 1926 D. J. MacIntosh
 1928 William Robert Hall
 1930 Dr. D. S. McPhee
 1932 H. M. Mooney
 1934 D. K. McPhee
 1936 G. C. McFarlane
 1938 D. H. MacFarlane
 1940 G. E. Elvidge
 1942 J. A. Wilson

1943 W. R. Vogan
 1945 A. C. Renwick
 1947 K. M. MacKenzie
 1949 D. P. Hayes
 1951 A. T. Ashley
 1953 J. T. MacDonald
 1955 L. L. Mooney
 1957 Stanley. D. Leroy
 1959 I. M. Sproule
 1961 K. MacLennan
 1963 M. MacLaurin
 1965 R. Renwick
 1967 W. MacLeod
 1969 Allan F. Dunsmore
 1971 W. Mahon
 1973 Donald L. Bond
 1975 Garry J. Barton
 1977 F. Williams
 1979 G. Donald Folkard
 1981 G. Hardy
 1983 Ralph G. Hall
 1985 Roger A. Belanger
 1987 Ralph G. Hall
 1989 R. Bullock
 1991-2 D. Hinton
 1993-4 R. Bennett
 1995-6 Allan F. Dunsmore
 1997-8 N. Wade

1999-0 G. D. Folkard
 2001-2 Kenneth Brewin
 2003-4 Kenneth Breeson
 2005-6 Charles Deacon
 2007-8 Andrew Ciestek
 2009-0 Guy Laberge

1944 W. R. Vogan
 1946 W. C. Wood
 1948 William McCaskill
 1950 W. R. Willis
 1952 John A. Fraser
 1954 George Rutherford
 1956 D. S. Fraser
 1958 D. E. McNabb
 1960 L. Taylor
 1962 G. Watson
 1964 William Ewing
 1966 F. Williams
 1968 G. Donald Folkard
 1970 Shirley E. Howes
 1972 Donald L. Bond
 1974 W. Kothe
 1976 J. MacLaurin
 1978 W. MacRae
 1980 G. Hardy
 1982 E. Sproule
 1984 W. Kothe
 1986 Roger A. Belanger
 1988 Thomas I. Hall
 1990 Ross Barth
 1992-3 D. Hinton
 1994-5 R. Bennett
 1996-7 D. L. Bond
 1998-9 N. Wade

2000-1 Kenneth Brewin
 2002-3 Kenneth Breeson
 2004-5 David Peate
 2006-7 Charles Deacon
 2008-9 Andrew Ciestek
 2010-1 Nicolas Ouellet

Membership of St. John's Lodge, No. 21A GRC, Vankleek Hill
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1888 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Mar. 15,	1844	and	affiliated	Dec. 18,	1888
	Affiliated	Dec. 18,	1888	with the	Grand	Lodge of	Canada		
1888	no data	in Ann.	Procs.						
1889	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	29
1890	6	8	8	2	nil	8	1	nil	35
1891	1	nil	nil	1	nil	2	nil	nil	41
1892	4	1	1	3	1	3	nil	nil	44

1893	nil	2	2	3	nil	2	1	nil	44
1894	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	1	44
1895	3	3	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	43
1896	6	6	6	1	1	nil	nil	6	45
1897	5	5	5	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	43
1898	1	1	nil	1	nil	7	nil	9	35
1899	6	6	6	2	nil	1	nil	nil	43
1900	5	2	2	3	nil	2	nil	nil	51
1901	4	3	2	1	nil	nil	nil	14	42
1902	4	5	5	8	nil	13	nil	nil	46
1903	12	10	10	5	1	nil	nil	nil	65
1904	8	4	4	1	1	5	nil	nil	71
1905	5	5	4	1	nil	6	1	nil	66
1906	4	5	2	1	nil	5	nil	3	64
1907	4	4	7	1	nil	2	1	nil	66
1908	7	7	7	1	nil	1	1	nil	73
1909	3	3	3	nil	nil	8	2	nil	64
1910	7	4	4	nil	nil	nil	1	2	69
1911	7	7	6	2	nil	2	1	5	70
1912	2	3	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	73
1913	5	4	4	nil	1	4	2	3	71
1914	1	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	69
1915	1	1	2	nil	nil	5	nil	nil	63
1916	3	4	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	66
1917	1	2	1	nil	1	1	nil	nil	67
1918	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	1	nil	69
1919	13	7	7	nil	nil	1	1	nil	80
1920	4	1	1	1	nil	3	1	nil	82
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	15	14	9	4	nil	nil	2	nil	99
1921	8	11	13	5	nil	5	nil	6	101
1922	6	5	6	nil	2	nil	3	nil	106
1923	6	7	7	nil	1	1	1	nil	111
1924	2	3	5	nil	nil	1	2	nil	110

1925	5	5	4	2	nil	1	1	nil	115
1926	5	6	7	3	nil	12	1	nil	110
1927	2	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	112
1928	5	5	5	1	nil	nil	1	nil	117
1929	1	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	14	101
1930	1	2	2	nil	nil	1	2	4	95
1931	2	2	2	1	nil	1	1	nil	96
1932	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	3	9	83
1933	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	79
1934	2	2	2	nil	nil	3	1	nil	77
1935	1	1	nil	2	nil	nil	2	nil	78
1936	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	nil	80
1937	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	3	11	66
1938	4	4	3	2	nil	2	3	nil	67
1939	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	3	61
1940	1	1	1	2	2	1	nil	8	57
1941	1	1	1	nil	3	nil	1	nil	60
1942	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	63
1943	12	9	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	75
1944	4	7	7	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	78
1945	5	4	nil	1	2	nil	3	nil	83
1946	3	4	7	nil	1	nil	1	1	85
1947	13	12	13	1	1	2	3	2	94
1948	5	4	3	nil	1	1	3	2	94
1949	3	2	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	100
1950	6	6	5	1	nil	1	nil	4	98
1951	2	3	5	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	102
1952	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	1	nil	103
1953	3	2	2	1	nil	2	nil	nil	105
1954	3	3	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	105
1955	2	2	3	1	nil	1	nil	2	105
1956	1	2	2	2	nil	1	nil	1	106
1957	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	5	100
1958	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	101

1959	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	2	1	100
1960	4	3	2	nil	nil	1	3	nil	100
1961	1	1	3	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	100
1962	nil	1	1	nil	nil	3	3	2	92
1963	1	1	1	1	nil	3	1	nil	90
1964	4	1	nil	1	nil	2	2	nil	91
1965	1	2	4	1	nil	1	nil	nil	92
1966	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	92
1967	1	1	2	1	nil	2	3	nil	89
1968	2	2	1	nil	nil	1	2	nil	88
1969	1	nil	2	nil	nil	2	3	nil	84
1970	3	3	2	nil	nil	1	5	nil	81
1971	1	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	3	78
1972	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	78
1973	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	2	nil	75
1974	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	71
1975	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	3	nil	67
1976	2	2	3	nil	nil	nil	2	2	65
1977	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	65
1978	nil	nil	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	66
1979	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	1	3	61
1980	3	1	1	nil	nil	1	1	nil	62
1981	nil	2	2	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	57
1982	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	56
1983	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	2	nil	55
1984	2	1	nil	nil	nil	2	1	2	52
1985	nil	nil	1	4	nil	nil	1	nil	53
1986	1	1	1	1	nil	1	1	1	52
1987	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	3	47
1988	2	2	nil	1	nil	1	2	nil	47
1989	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	49
1990	1	nil	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	48
1991	nil	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	47
1992	1	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	1	47

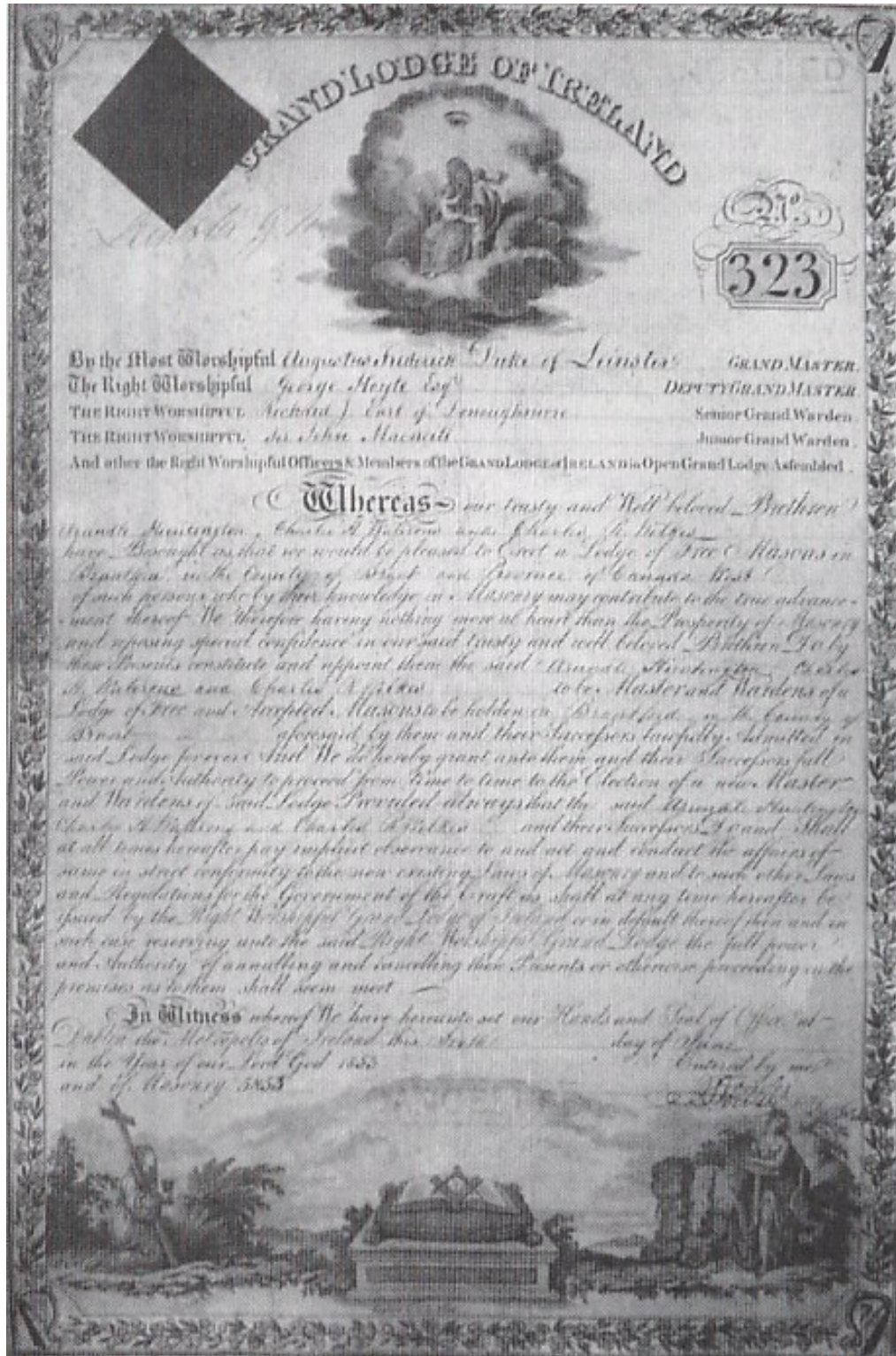
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1996	1	nil	nil	1	nil	2	1	nil	45
1997	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	44
1998	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	43
1999	2	nil	nil	2	nil	1	1	3	42
2000	nil	2	nil	2	nil	1	nil	nil	43
2001	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	42
2002	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	41
2003	2	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	43
2004	1	3	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	45
2005	2	1	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	50
2006	3	3	3	3	nil	1	2	1	52
2007	4	2	2	1	nil	2	nil	nil	55
2008	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	57
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Transcript of Warrant No. 159 issued March 15, 1844

SEAL		GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND		No.
LEINSTER G.M.				159
By the Most Worshipful	His Grace the Duke of Leinster	GRAND MASTER		
The Right Worshipful	George Hoyle Esq ^{re} .	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER		
The Right Worshipful	Sir Coghill Coghill Bar ^t .	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN		
The Right Worshipful	Sir James Stewart Bar ^t .	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN		
And other the Right Worshipful Officers & Members of the GRAND LODGE of IRELAND in Open Grand Lodge Assembled				
<p>Whereas our trusty and Well beloved Brethren William Robinson, Andrew McCready and Patrick McKee have Besought us that we would be pleased to Erect a Lodge of Free Masons at Hawkesbury U. C. of such persons who by their knowledge in Masonry may contribute to the true advancement thereof. We therefore having nothing more at heart than the Prosperity of Masonry and reposing special confidence in our said trusty and well beloved Brethren Do by these Presents constitute and appoint them the said William Robinson, Andrew McCready and Patrick McKee to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be holden at Hawkesbury U.C. aforesaid by them and their Successors lawfully Admitted in said Lodge forever. And We do hereby grant unto them and their Successors full Power and Authority to proceed from time to time to the Election of a new Master and Wardens in said Lodge Provided always that they said William Robinson, Andrew McCready and Patrick McKee and their Successors Do and Shall at all times hereafter pay implicit observance to and act and conduct the affairs of same in strict conformity to the now existing Laws of Masonry and to such other Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft as shall at any time hereafter be issued by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland or in default thereof then and in such case reserving unto the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge the full power and Authority of annulling and cancelling these Presents or otherwise proceeding in the premises as to them shall seem meet ~</p>				
In Witness whereof We have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office at Dublin the Metropolis of Ireland this Fifteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord God 1844				Entered by me
and of Masonry 5844				C Fowler
left figure	centre figure	right figure		
left figure	centre figure	right figure		

[Source: Framed original Warrant at St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, Vankleek Hill.]

As the original Warrant for St. John's Lodge is framed and hanging on the west wall of the Lodge room, it will not reproduce well. An example of a scanned Warrant of the same style follows.



[Source: Grand Lodge of Ireland.]

SEAL	GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IRELAND
SEAL	
SEAL	CIRCULAR DOUBLE TRIANGLE
LEINSTER	
	BY THE GRAND CHIEFS
	His Grace Augustus Frederick Duke of Leinster
	George Hoyle Esq
	The Most Noble the Marquis of Kildare
WHEREAS our trusty and well beloved Companions	
Patrick McKee, Andrew McReady, William Robinson, Hugh Lough, William Dickinson,	
Alexander McWilliam, -----, James McWaters, and Robert Hamilton	
having sought us to empower them to hold a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the	
Freemason Lodge No. 159 on the Registry of Ireland to be holden by them and their successors	
lawfully admitted	
WE duly considering the -----	
constitute the above named Companions and their successors the -----	
Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be attached to said Lodge No. 159, to be holden at Hawkesbury	
in (the county of ⁶²) Canada West ----- perform all acts befitting a lawful Chapter of Royal	
Arch Masons	
PROVIDED ALWAYS that such acts shall be in strict conformity with the Grand Chapter of Ireland	
reserving to us and our successors the right of deciding all differences and of annulling or	
cancelling these presents we shall -----	
Dated this 27 th day of February 1847.	
FOWLER, Gd. Scribe	

[Source: Transcribed from Original Warrant on the wall of St. John's Chapter, No. 148 GRC.]

The original Royal Arch Warrant "for a . . . Chapter to be attached to the Freemason Lodge No. 159 on the Registry of Ireland" hangs on the wall of the Chapter room of St. John's Chapter, No. 148 GRC, Vankleek Hill. It is approximately nine inches by fourteen inches in size but due to age and other factors some parts are so faded as to be illegible and in the above transcription "-----" has been used.

Six of the nine members named in the Chapter Warrant were known members of St. John's Lodge No. 159 IC, Vankleek Hill. They are listed below in the order in which they appear on the Warrant:

- Patrick McKee is shown as the third name (Junior Warden) on Lodge Warrant No. 159 of March 15, 1844. He is shown in Lodge letter, February 2, 1852 to Grand Lodge, as a Past Master and on page 2 is shown only as a member of the Lodge and is also listed as First Principal of the Chapter for 1851 and 1852.
- Andrew McReady is shown as the second name (Senior Warden) on Lodge Warrant No. 159 of March 15, 1844. He is shown in Lodge letter, February 2, 1852 to Grand Lodge, as being a member of St. John's, and on page 2 is listed a member of the Lodge and also as Second Principal of the Chapter for 1851 and 1852. Shown in Lodge letter of January 9, 1857 to Grand Lodge in Returns of Officers as Master of Ceremonies and name is spelled McEredy. In the

⁶² The words "in the county of" which appear to have been preprinted on the vellum Warrant have been struck out on the original.

Lodge's Return of Officers letter dated March 17, 1863, he is noted as being PM for the year and his name is spelled "McEredy". He is mentioned in Bro. Charles Treadmill's (#21) letter of August 6, 1872 to the Grand Lodge of Ireland as having died sometime prior to August 1872 and that he appears to have been Eminent Commander of the K. T. Encampment No. 159.

- William Robinson is shown as WM on Lodge Warrant No. 159 of March 15, 1844. He is referred to in an enquiry letter May 25, 1844 from St. John's Lodge, No. 188, Carn Castle (Cairncastle, Co. Antrim) asking for his membership number. He is shown in Lodge letter, February 2, 1852 to Grand Lodge, as being a member of St. John's (No. 159) in both 1851 and 1852, and on page 2 is listed as Third Principal of the Chapter for 1851 and 1852. He is noted in Lodge No. 159's letter of July 26, 1855 to Grand Lodge as the Master of the Lodge. Shown in Lodge letter of January 1856 to Grand Lodge as having been elected as "(late R.A.M. and P.M.)" although he signed the letter as Lodge Secretary. Shown in Lodge letter of January 9, 1857 to Grand Lodge in Returns of Officers as PM. In the Lodge's Return of Officers letter dated December 1, 1857, he is noted as having been elected WM for the ensuing year. In the Lodge's Return of Officers letter dated March 17, 1863, he is noted as having been elected WM for the year.
- Hugh Lough appears in St. John's No. 159 February 2, 1852 letter to Grand Lodge, as elected Treasurer for 1851, and on page 2 is listed as a member of the Lodge in 1852 and also as the second of three Sojourners of the Chapter for 1851 and 1852. In the Lodge's Return of Officers letter dated March 17, 1863, he is noted as having been elected Treasurer for the year.
- William Dickinson (also spelled Dickson) is shown in St. John's Lodge No. 159 letter dated February 2, 1852 to Grand Lodge, as having been elected W. M. for 1852. Page 2 of the letter lists him as "P.M." and also as the first of three Sojourners of the Chapter for 1851 and 1852.
- Robert Hamilton is shown in St. John's No. 159 letter dated February 2, 1852 to Grand Lodge, as having been elected Secretary for 1851, and on page 2 is shown again as being elected as Lodge Secretary and is also listed as "H.P." of the Chapter for 1851 and 1852. He may have been a government surveyor and was often called away from Hawkesbury as noted in Lodge letter of July 26, 1855 (signed by William MacKenzie as "Acting Lodge Secretary") which says, of Hamilton, "... as that officer (who is a land surveyor by profession) was at that time absent on Government Surveys ...". In the Lodge's Return of Officers letter dated March 17, 1863, he is noted as having been elected JW for the year.

Notes on St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter attached to St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC

A search of the files of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, undertaken in January/February 2003 by R. W. Bro. Keith Cochrane of Belfast and Ms. Rebecca Hayes of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum has revealed only three documents relating to the Chapter. These are all from St. John's Chapter to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland: April 28, 1856 and December 1, 1857 letters registering three new Companions in each and a letter dated January 29, 1874 advising that the Chapter had been requested to forward a Certificate to a member.

<p style="text-align: center;">Hawkesbury, Canada West The St. Johns Royal Arch Chapter No. 159 April 18th 1856 of Masonry 5856</p> <p>Lucius H. Deering D. A. S. Dear Sir and Companion, May I request you to register, in the degree of Royal Arch Masons the following</p>
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Companions, Viz--

Washington Johnson	7 th May 1855
James Douglas Wells	4 th July 1856
Charles Austin Johnson	11 th March 1856

Your attention to this Request will confer a great honour to this Chapter.

Yours fraternally

William Robinson G.H.P.

Royal Arch Chapter
St. Johns Lodge No. 159
Hawkesbury Canada West

1 December 1857

Dear Sir & Brother

I am commanded by the R. W. M. & High Priest William Robinson to request that you will be pleased to send to the R. W. M. & H. P. the Royal Arch certificates of the following Brethren who have been elevated to that Order in our said Lodge in due form of Masonry, viz --

Brother Horace Merrill
do John Chitty
do Alexander Dole

I am further directed to say that the above Brethren received their Mark and that they wish it in their said certificates.

I am, Sir & Brother
Faithfully & fraternally
Will: K. MacKenzie

SEAL
Lucius H. Deering, G. Secy., R. A. Chapter
Secy.
Fee Mason Hall
Dublin

11 Upper Park Fields,
Putney
England

Sir and Brother

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 28th Inst. and thank you for your kindness. I have sent to the Secretary of the Chapter for the Certificate.

Fraternally yours
W. Maddocks

Charles Walimster

January 29th 1874

The last document is written as page 2 and regrettably the first page is missing.

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was above a R. A. Mason. I have to thank you for the punctual manner you answered my former communication.

I remain
Yours Faithfully & Fraternally
Jno. Chitty

To
Frater Lucius H. Deering
Grand Secretary
Gnd Lodge of Ireland
Dublin

PS

When you forward Certificates please address
Mr. John Chitty
Merchant
Ottawa City
Canada West

Perhaps Companion John Chitty was advising of his exaltation as well as requesting his Royal Arch Certificate.

Notes on the K. T. Commandery attached to St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC

A search of the files of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, undertaken in January/February 2003 by R. W. Bro. Keith Cochrane of Belfast and Ms. Rebecca Hayes of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum has revealed only four documents specifically relating to the Commandery. Three of the four are letters from the Commandery: April 28, 1856, requesting K. T. Certificates for two members; September 19, 1856, requesting K. T. Certificates for three members; and an undated return for the installation/investiture of officers for the year 1864. The fourth letter is a personal request from John Chitty addressed to Grand Lodge, dated April 17, 1861, in which he requests his K. T. Certificate. Due to their interest and value, plus being the only copies known to prove the existence of the Commandery, they are reproduced here:

Hawkesbury Canada,
St. Johns Grand Encampment
April 28th 1856 of Masonry 1856

Lucius H. Deering D. A. S.
Sir Knight & Brothers.

The following Knights Companions desire their certificates from the Supreme Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of Ireland as soon as it may (meet) with your convenience.

Viz --

Andrew W. Readif
William Robinson Ancient
Hiram Johnson
Simeon Shearman September 6th 1856

Andrew McReady G. C.

Note the error in stating the "year of Masonry." Below the date "September 6th 1856", in differing

handwriting which might have been done in the Grand Secretary's office is the notation "must be error for 1855".

Hawkesbury Canada West
St. Johns Grand Encampment, No. 159
September 19th 1856 of Masonry 5836
Lucius H. Deering D. A. S.
Dear Sir & Knight
The following Knights Companions desire their Certificates from the Supreme
Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of Ireland as soon as convenient
Viz --
William Kenneth MacKenzie
James Douglas Wells
Angus Urquhart

Enclosed please find dft on Provincial Bank of Ireland for £ 6.00 sterling which please apply to the credit of
the Chapter and the Encampment.

Yours fraternally
Andrew McReady G. C.

In this letter the Masonic year is correct. Note that the funds sent to Ireland were to be applied to the credit of both the Chapter and the Encampment.

Ottawa City, Canada West
17th April 1861

Lucius H. Deering Esq.
Dy. Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Ireland,
Freemasons Hall, Dame Street,
Dublin, Ireland
My dear Frater,
On the 13th day of October 1859 A.D.
I was duly and regularly admitted and Initiated a member in the Field of Encampment, No. 159, held at West
Hawkesbury, CW.
The degrees I received are as follows. Viz --
Exalted Order of Knights of the Sword
Masonic Knights of Malta
Knights of the East
Knight of the East and West. (commonly called the Red Cross.)
Religious & Military orders of High Masonic Kt. Templars
Knights of St. John. Jerusalem. Palestine &c.
As I have failed to procure My Grd Encampment Certificate, tho I have written to Frater McCredy (sic),
Robinson A. McKenzie different times, receiving an answer that I should receive it shortly, I have at last
concluded to write you, as it is a serious matter to be without the means of joining another encampment (as
the By laws of some render it absolutely necessary). I also desired the Secretary to procure for me the latest
copy of the Constitutions for the different grades of the masonic order in Ireland as issued as they are very
scarce and rarely to be found in British North America, and are necessary to refer to at times.
If you can forward me on receipt of this, my certificates, a copy of the Constitution and the Masonic
Pocket Book & calendar, for 1861, (I will remit you - crossed out) either through the
encampment here, or direct to my address, I will remit you the amount by return of Post.
I have received a private certificate.

Awaiting your reply
 I remain Br. Frater
 Yours Faithfully & Fraternally
 Jno. Chitty.

It can be wondered if Sit Kt. Chitty received his Certificate (or certificates). He was Secretary of St. John's Lodge in April 1861 when he wrote to the Grand Encampment complaining that he was Lodge Secretary and should not be responsible for sending in returns of the Encampment.

St. Johns Lodge No. 159. Hawkesbury.
 Upper Canada

Yearly Return to the Grand Lodge of Ireland from the Field of Encampment of High Knights Templars attached to St. John's Lodge No. 159, Hawkesbury, Upper Canada, of the Officers elected for the said Field of Encampment for the year AD 1854 AL 5864

Grand Commander	Hugh Lough	H.P.
Captain General	William Robinson	H.P.
Knight Marshal	Andrew McCredy	H.P.
Master of Ceremonies	Angus Urquhart	K.T.
Standard bearer	Donald McGillivray	K.T.
Treasurer	Benjamin Chamberlain	K.T.
Grand Secretary	William K. MacKenzie	K.T.
Grand Sword bearer	Hiram Johnson	K.T.
Tyler	John Boyd	K.T.

SEAL

William K. MacKenzie
 G Secretary to the Field of
 Encampment attached
 to St. Johns Lodge No. 159
 Hawkesbury U Canada

The seal of the Encampment is reproduced below after scanning from the photocopy of the original document.



The copies of these documents have been passed on to St. John's Lodge, No. 21A GRC, Hawkesbury and St. John's Chapter, No. 148 RAMO, Hawkesbury to add to their memorabilia of the years when the Lodge, Chapter and Encampment, worked under the original Irish authority.

General correspondence with Grand Lodge contains information relating to both the Chapter and Knight Templar Encampment. The Lodge letter of February 2, 1852, responding to a Grand Lodge letter of March 10, 1851, refers to receipt of the K. T. Warrant — indicating that the encampment had been formally authorized early in 1851 although no copy of the Warrant is known to exist. This same letter

thanks Dublin for “Royal Arch certificates.” There is no further reference in the documents regarding the Encampment until October 16, 1871, when Bro. Robert Hamilton, Lodge Secretary, registers new members and notes that “With regard to the K. T. Warrant I regret to say that it has not been working for some time. Most of its young and active members have made their homes in other localities, and only two of the Charter Members — myself and Brother William Robinson — are now living. There are however enough of Sir Knights in this neighbourhood to resuscitate it — and we will. We have plenty of material, eager, active, intelligent, and trustworthy, who will infuse new life and vigour into it. We cannot — now — let the Warrant go. I have seen most of the Sir Knights here and each would rather pay double the fine out of his own private means than consent to its surrender. You must not therefore, dear Brother, press this matter further. We are aware that you have, on many occasions, overlooked shortcomings on account of our isolated position which would not — nay could not — be tolerated at home. On this occasion also, please grant us your forbearance, and add one more link to the chain that already links us so closely to the Mother land, and to our honoured and respected Mother Grand Lodge.”

Tracing Board of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, Vankleek Hill



[Digital photograph of Tracing Board courtesy of Bro. Charles Simpkin, Lodge Secretary.]

The St. John's Tracing Board is made of leather, about four-feet six-inches wide and six feet high, and hangs behind and slightly to the “west” of the Junior Warden's chair. It is estimated to have been fabricated sometime between 1856 (when the earliest document available refers to the KT Encampment)

and 1888 when the Lodge and Chapter joined the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada. This date is reliably assumed because the Tracing Board contains symbols of the three Craft degrees, the Royal Arch degree and the Knight Templar degree. Irish RA Chapters (like their English and Scottish counterparts) worked only the single Royal Arch degree and still do so and Irish (English and Scottish) Encampments of Knights Templars work only a single degree system. Ontario RA Chapters and KT Preceptories work a three degree system.

In spite of these differences, even today, the tracing board symbols are used in lectures of the degrees, although there are some variations with Irish ritual. With regard to the three degrees of the Craft (or the Lodge), we have, beginning across the bottom (under the bottom steps) a twenty-four inch gauge and common gavel on the bottom right hand corner (first degree Irish working tools—in Ontario we would add the chisel as the third working tool of the degree). Proceeding counter-clockwise are: the trowel (a general masonic symbol), plumb-rule (one of the working tools of the second degree), crossed keys (a reminder of secrecy), pitcher (more usually connected with the third degree), seven stars (first degree tracing board lecture), sun and moon (first degree tracing board lecture) bordering the all-seeing eye (a general Masonic symbol but figuring prominently in the second degree), scales of justice (second degree lecture), hourglass, skull, cross-bones and coffin from third degree lecture.

The two pillars with the arch (more properly referred to as a catenarian arch) belong with the Royal Arch degree and even in Ontario, it figures prominently in the symbolical lecture in the Royal Arch degree itself. The hanging square and compasses are not peculiar to the Royal Arch and may well have been placed suspended from the arch itself, to position them in the centre of the tracing board to give them prominence as the traditional masonic symbol.

Between the two pillars are a triangle with twelve candles, the Paschal Lamb with pennant and the Cock, traditional Christian (and Knights Templary) symbols. The Lamb represents innocence and is the symbol of Jesus Christ. The Cock was the symbol of the sun and of life and was an early Christian symbol of life and resurrection. The Triangle and candles, Cock and Lamb figure prominently, today, in the consecration of the Knight Templar—the culmination of the three Templar orders in Canada—and form a “sepulchre” in the ritual.

Not all of these symbols appear in present-day Masonic ritual in Ontario, but were clearly in Irish ritual in the eighteenth century.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52 GRC, Ottawa 1872-present
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571 ER, Ottawa 1863-1872
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835 ER, Ottawa 1850-1863
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 24 PRCW, Bytown 1850-1872
Dalhousie Lodge, UD, Bytown 1848-1850

[Ottawa District 1872-1970⁶³. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

The townsite, situated at the junction of the Ottawa and Rideau rivers, opposite the Gatineau river, had its beginnings with the construction of the Rideau Canal from the St. Lawrence River at Kingston to the Ottawa River, between 1828 and 1832. At the north end of the canal Colonel John By had laid out the town in 1827 on the instructions of Lord Dalhousie (whose name would be adopted by Dalhousie Lodge No. 571 ER and now No. 52 GRC), the Governor-in-Chief of British North America. The early townsite was named Bytown, in honour of Col. By and the name was retained when the town was incorporated on January 1, 1850. In 1855 the name "Ottawa" was adopted when it became a city. On the advice of Governor Sir Edmund Walker Head and British Colonial Secretary Henry Labouchere, Queen Victoria selected Ottawa as the capital of the Province of Canada in 1857. The name "Ottawa" was chosen to honour the 200th Anniversary of the first large flotilla of furs brought by the Outaouak (Ottawa) Indians in 1654 from the west side of Lake Michigan to be traded with the French in Montreal.

A Dispensation was issued by R. W. Bro. Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Provincial Grand Master of Canada West, on May 16, 1848, to a group of Masons to open a Lodge in Bytown, CW. The first meeting of the Lodge was held on June 22, 1848, in a hotel at the corner of Rideau and Little Sussex Streets. Thirteen brethren assembled. On December 13, 1848, the senior officers of Dalhousie Lodge travelled to Smiths Falls to participate in the Installation of St. Francis Lodge, No. 17 PRCW/797 ER (now No. 24 GRC), in St. Lawrence District. The officers of Dalhousie Lodge were then installed and invested, in turn, by the WM of St. Francis Lodge. The first officers of Dalhousie Lodge were: W. Bro. J. W. Chitty (of Pythagorean Lodge, No. 21, Chambly, Quebec and first WM) and Bros. James McCracken (first SW), Seth Thomas (first JW), James Fitzgibbon (first Treasurer), Charles Sumner (first Secretary), Lyman Perkins (first SD), John A. Cobb (first JD), John L. Campbell (first IG). Other Dalhousie members, who did not hold office, were Bros. James Thompson, Edward Malloch, Peter Christie, Frederick W. King and Hon. Thomas McKay.

The first candidate received by Dalhousie Lodge was Mr. George Byron who was initiated on January 2, 1849. On September 13, 1850 the Lodge initiated "Mr. Rogers" who was under the age of 21 years, under authority of a Dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master.

The Lodge name, Dalhousie, was chosen in honour of George Ramsay (1770-1838), 9th Earl of Dalhousie. He had served as a soldier and administrator and had been Governor of Nova Scotia (1816-20), being appointed as Governor-in-Chief of British North America on the death of the then Governor-in-Chief, the Duke of Richmond. The Earl of Dalhousie served as Governor-in-Chief until 1828 when he was recalled after having clashed with Louis-Joseph Papineau and the French Canadians in Lower Canada for some time. He was the founder of Dalhousie College (later Dalhousie University) in 1818. After his departure from Canada he was appointed commander in chief of British and local forces in India (1829-32).

The Lodge was registered with the United Grand Lodge in London and although its Warrant as No. 835 was issued and dated January 14, 1850, it was not received until May 1850. At the same time it received its Provincial Warrant as No. 24 PRCW, carrying the same date as its Grand Lodge Warrant.

⁶³ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12 — Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13 — Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923 when districts ceased being numbered except in cases where two or more districts used the same name e.g. Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

With the English renumbering of 1863, Dalhousie would become No. 571 ER⁶⁴.

On August 2, 1853, Charles J. Ford, printer (later V. W. Bro. Ford) and Captain William James Bury MacLeod Moore (Captain of Staff "B" Army in Bytown and later R. W. Bro. MacLeod Moore) joined Dalhousie Lodge. Col. James Fitzgibbon, RE, and one of the engineers involved on the design and construction of the Rideau Canal, affiliated with Dalhousie Lodge (he was a member of St. Francis Lodge, No. 17 PRCW, Smiths Falls).

After the cessation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West in September 1857, when the Provincial Grand Lodge declared itself as the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, Dalhousie Lodge continued working under its English Warrant. In 1863 the United Grand Lodge of England renumbered all Lodges under its authority and Dalhousie became "No. 571." Dalhousie Lodge did not affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Canada until 1872 and was then numbered as "No. 52" in recognition of its date of origin. (This number had earlier been assigned to Wellington Lodge of Dunnville whose Warrant had been cancelled in 1865.) At the time of its affiliation the Lodge was included in the jurisdiction of the new Ottawa District which had been formed in 1868, and to which it belonged until 1970 when the split of the District into two parts saw Dalhousie Lodge included in Ottawa 2 District.

The entry in John Lane's *Masonic Records 1717-1894* covering the Lodge's existence as an English Lodge, is on page 193, and reads as follows: "Dalhousie Lodge. Bytown [now Ottawa] (Carleton) *Canada West, Ontario* 1848. 16 May 1848 Prov. Warrant. 14 Jan. 1850 G. L. Warrant No. 835 ER. No. 571 ER 1863. *Erased, Warrant returned, 12 June 1872.* Now No. 52 on Reg. of G. L. of Canada in Ontario."

During its existence, Dalhousie Lodge has met at various locations including the Exchange Hotel on Wellington Street (December 1851).

The Lodge has always had an interesting program of benefit to both its members and the community at large. Dalhousie attended the laying of the cornerstone of the "Protestant Hospital" at Sandy Hill on September 19, 1850 and also for the new city Courthouse and Jail on September 28, 1850. The first "at home" involving ladies was scheduled for December 27, 1852 (St. John the Evangelist) but was deferred until January 1853. Lodge funds were first set aside in a Benevolent Fund in 1853.

Funds for a "Lodge Library" were first put in place at the meeting of July 5, 1853 and a committee was formed to purchase the first books..

Dalhousie has supported the growth and expansion of Freemasonry in the District. In 1854 the WM reported that he had received a request from seven Master Masons to form a new Lodge: Bros. J. Wilson of St. John's, No. 491 ER, Kingston; W. Tracy of Magherafelt No. 169 IC, Londonderry, Ireland; R. Dale of Carncastle No. 788 IC, Co. Antrim, Ireland; I. Peacock of Thistle No. 210 SC, Dundee, Scotland; J. Hetherington of Lundoses No. 103, Newburgh (jurisdiction not stated in the minutes), R. Hick of Zetland, No. 731 ER, Montreal and a member of Dalhousie Lodge whose name is not shown clearly enough to read. With the recommendation and support of Dalhousie, Doric Lodge, No. 49 PRCW/952 ER (now No. 58 GRC) was formed.

W. Bro. Harry Nash, one time Lodge Historian and who was living in Oakville in 2003, advised that in his personal notes he has a reference to Carleton Chapter taken from the Minutes of Dalhousie Lodge. At an Emergent Meeting of the Lodge, held on October 11, 1859, to discuss the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter, the Lodge moved to lend £40.00 for the formation of Carleton Chapter No. 16. According to the then Lodge Secretary, W. Bro. Gerry Bent, the tradition has always been that Dalhousie Lodge was key in the formation of Carleton Chapter. However, a review of the Carleton Chapter records of the early members does not show any members of Dalhousie Lodge having joined, or any members of Dalhousie Chapter having affiliated. Thus, as of January 2003, the sole source of information regarding Dalhousie

⁶⁴ The English renumbering of Warrants in 1814, 1832 and 1863 was the result of the unification of the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges in 1813. The rolls of Lodges of the two Grand Lodge were brought together and listed in accordance with their dates of origin from the oldest to youngest. A coin toss was used to determine whether an Ancient or a Modern Lodge would start the new roll of the United Grand Lodge — the Ancients won. Once this first list was numbered and the numbers were communicated to all Lodges, it became necessary to carry out a determination as to which Lodges still existed and were current. By 1832 the gaps in the roll were such that Grand Lodge deleted all names of expired Lodges and then reissued numbers to Lodges. A further, and last, renumbering of Lodges occurred in 1863. This accounts for the two numbers of Warrants issued to Dalhousie and also explains the "gap" between them.

Chapter is contained in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. The English tradition of refusing to recognize “exclusive masonic jurisdiction⁶⁵” came to the fore in Ontario Royal Arch Masonry in 1861 when the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, by charter, attached a Chapter to Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835 ER, Ottawa. The Chapter expired about 1872. In his CMRA Paper entitled *The Correspondence between the Supreme Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Chapter of Canada 1857-1862*, M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, presented the correspondence in full which contains, at the moment, the full information known about Dalhousie Chapter.

At the 17th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10-12, 1872, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported that he had issued twenty-one dispensations for new Lodges⁶⁶. He said: “It would be unnecessary to add anything . . . if numbers alone were a certain evidence of success; but since other elements are essential to real prosperity, I am happy to be able to state that after strict enquiry, I have found the applicants for dispensations to be zealous and earnest Masons, and that the fields of their operations promise to be productive of excellent material. I have, therefore, every reason to believe that, by the establishment of these several Lodges, the Craft will receive additional strength (1872 *Proceedings*, p. 39-40). The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, reported that the District had been increased by four Lodges during the year — two by affiliation (St. John’s No. 524 EC at Carleton Place and Dalhousie No. 571 EC at Ottawa) and two under dispensation (Chaudiere at Ottawa and Pontiac at Onslow, PQ). He noted that warm and friendly relations had existed for many years between the two English Lodges and the Lodges in the District (p 86). The Board of General Purposes reported that after examining the books of all Lodges they recommended Warrants be issued to only sixteen of the twenty-one⁶⁷ plus three additional Lodges⁶⁸ for which applications had been received at Grand Lodge (p 106). A supplementary report of the Board was submitted later at the Annual Communication (p 119) with the recommendation that Warrants be issued

⁶⁵ Exclusive Masonic jurisdiction was an American invention which arose at the end of the Revolution. It was known that in 1776 almost half of the then Provincial Grand Masters in the Thirteen Colonies were loyalists and supported the position of the Crown. Because of the “politicization” of Freemasonry, the first American Grand Lodges formed in the new United States were given exclusive jurisdiction over their geo-political state. By this act the old original Grand Lodges (England, Ireland and Scotland) were excluded from having any authority. England’s acceptance of exclusive jurisdiction is not absolute — there are English Lodges in Halifax and Montreal as of 2004 and a Grand Inspector who supervises the District.

⁶⁶ The twenty-one Lodges included: Oak Branch at Innerkip (No 261 GRC) dated September 13, 1871; Harriston at Harriston (No. 262 GRC) dated September 23, 1871; Forest at Forest (No. 263 GRC), dated October 18, 1871; Chaudiere at Ottawa (No. 264 GRC) dated November 25, 1871; Patterson at Concord (No. 265 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Northern Light at Stayner (No. 266 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Parthenon at Chatham (No. 267 GRC) dated January 19, 1872; Verulam at Bobcaygeon (No. 268 GRC) dated February 10, 18972; Brougham Union at Brougham (No. 269 GRC) dated February 14, 1872; Cedar at Oshawa (No. 270) dated March 6, 1872; Wellington at Erin (No. 271 GRC) dated March 13, 1872; Seymour at Ancaster (No. 272 GRC) dated April 2, 1872; Olive Branch at West Shefford, PQ (No. 273 GRC, later No. 50 GRQ, closed 1891) dated April 16, 1872; Kent at Blenheim (No. 274 GRC) dated April 25, 1872; Pontiac at Onslow, PQ (No. 275 GRC, now No. 40 GRQ, Shawville, PQ) dated May 4, 1872; Teeswater at Teeswater (No. 276 GRC) dated May 7, 1872; Seymour at Port Dalhousie (No. 277 GRC, now at St. Catharines) dated May 9, 1872; Mystic at Roslin (No. 278 GRC, closed 1898) dated May 14, 1872; New Hope at Hespeler (No. 279 GRC, now at Cambridge) dated May 15, 1872; Mount Sinai at Napanee (No. 280 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 5, 1872; and Thorne at Holland Landing (No. 281 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 25, 1872.

⁶⁷ Oak Branch; Forest; Chaudiere; Patterson; Northern Light; Seymour; Verulam; Brougham Union; Cedar; Kent; Teeswater; Mystic and Mount Sinai.

⁶⁸ Eureka at Belleville (No. 283 GRC); St. John’s at Ainleyville (No. 284 GRC, now at Brussels) and Seymour (Seven Star Lodge) at Alliston (No. 285 GRC).

for a further twelve Lodges⁶⁹. This would bring the total of new Lodges to thirty-six. The number 52, which had originally been allocated to Wellington Lodge at Dunnville (1854 to 1865), was reused for a new Warrant for Dalhousie Lodge.

During World War I, fifty-two members of the Lodge served the colours: Bros. W. P. Dillon and W. F. Salter paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Lodge celebrated its 100th Anniversary on May 16, 1948.

The Rt. Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada, was an Honorary Member of the Lodge at the time of his death in 1870. The fifty-first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1958-59 and 1959-60), M. W. Bro. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, B.Sc., was an affiliated member of this Lodge and had served as its WM in 1928-29 and 1939-40. The seventieth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (2003-04 and 2004-05), M. W. Bro. Donald Herbert Mumby, was a member of the Lodge and served as WM for 1984-85.

During its existence under the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, eight members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. R. W. Stephen (Ottawa 16, 1892-93), E. D. Parlow (Ottawa 16, 1895-96), George S. May (Ottawa 16, 1897-98), John C. Scott (Ottawa 16, 1911-12), Clarence McLeod Pitts, BSc (Ottawa, 1939-40), Donald Herbert Mumby (Ottawa 2, 1989-90), David A. Fraser (Ottawa 2, 1993-94) and Howard T. Brockwell (Ottawa 2, 2004-05). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various capacities, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bro. John R. Reid (1907-08);
- Grand Junior Warden - R. W. Bro. Horace Merrill (1872-73);
- Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bros. W. G. S. Reynolds (1893-94) and W. H. Sproule (1920-21);
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. Evan Jameson (2004-05);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - R. W. Bro. Keith Dale Ohm (2003-04);
- Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. Fergus A. McDiarmid (1941-42),
- Grand Pursuivant - V. W. Bro. Albert Hudson (1894-95),
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Robert G. Knox (1925-26), Charles Olmstead (1955-56), P. T. Mott (1990-91) and Gerald W. Bent (2005-06).

Dalhousie Lodge meets on the first Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Dalhousie Lodge 52 GRC, Ottawa (* = charter members)

1848-9 John Chitty*	1849-0 John Chitty*
1850-1 James McCracken*	1851-2 James Fitzgibbon*
1852-3 Lyman Perkins*	1853-4 Horace Merrill
1854-5 Hammett Hill	1855-6 Hammett Hill
1856-7 Horace Merrill	1857-8 Horace Merrill
1858-9 J. M. Currier	1859-0 J. Cunningham
1860-1 John Chitty*	1861-2 S. Washburn
1862-3 D. Scott	1863-4 Horace Merrill
1864-5 Horace Merrill	1865-6 F. D. Tims
1866-7 F. D. Tims	1867-8 Horace Merrill
1868-9 A. Parsons	1869-0 W. Hay
1870-1 W. Hay	1871-2 J. L. Radford
1872-3 S. S. Eastwood	1873-4 J. L. Radford

⁶⁹ Parthenon at Chatham; Wellington at Erin; Olive Branch at West Shefford; Pontiac at Onslow; Harriston at Harriston; Seymour at Port Dalhousie; New Hope at Hespeler; Thorne at Holland Landing; Lorne at Glencoe (No. 282 GRC); Ancient Landmark at Winnipeg (No. 288 GRC, now No. 3 GRM); Morrisburg at Morrisburg (no Warrant appears to have been granted) and L'Original at L'Original (no Warrant appears to have been granted).

1874-5 James Eagleson
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 1890-1 J. H. Salmon
 1892-3 B. F. Bolton
 1894-5 W. G. S. Reynolds
 1896-7 Miles Birkett
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 1900-1 James Parrington
 1902-3 S. C. Thompson
 1904-5 W. H. Sproule
 1906-7 J. R. Reid
 1908-9 E. J. McCleery
 1910-1 James D. Denny
 1912-3 John J. Walsh
 1914-5 J. Shearer
 1916-7 A. R. Tilley
 1918-9 D. H. Younghusband
 1920-1 J. T. Jackson
 1922-3 C. P. Tilley
 1924-5 Charles Olmstead
 1926-7 A. L. Boswell
 1928-9 Clarence MacLeod Pitts, BSc
 1930-1 A. D. Fleck
 1932-3 J. W. Rostetter
 1934-5 W. A. Kruger
 1936-7 J. P. Barnett
 1938-9 F. A. McDiarmid
 1940-1 J. W. Tuck
 1942-3 W. Hill
 1944-5 J. Baron
 1946-7 J. S. H. Taylor
 1948-9 William W. Wylie
 1950-1 John C. May
 1952-3 Birkett Lishman
 1954-5 Robert E. Reynolds
 1956-7 Albert J. Bawden
 1958-9 Frank J. McFadden
 1960-1 Hugh M. Johnston
 1962-3 A. R. D. McNeely
 1964-5 A. L. Clermont
 1966-7 S. R. Miller
 1968-9 F. Bowes
 1970-1 G. O. George
 1972-3 Noel I. M. McGill
 1974-5 W. W. Page
 1976-7 C. E. Gaines
 1978-9 L. J. Marcellus
 1980-1 G. W. Saunders

1875-6 Charles S. Scott
 1877-8 Horace Merrill*
 1879-0 E. D. Parlow
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 1887-8 C. A. Douglas
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 1903-4 W. H. Sproule
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 1907-8 J. W. G. Roberts
 1909-0 J. R. Hill
 1911-2 George Parker
 1913-4 H. C. Ellis
 1915-6 C. G. Keyes
 1917-8 F. A. Wright
 1919-0 Robert G. Knox
 1921-2 G. C. Morrison
 1923-4 P. H. Holmes
 1925-6 F. A. McDiarmid
 1927-8 E. H. Scammell
 1929-0 G. M. Taylor
 1931-2 John S. Ringrose
 1933-4 Miles J. Shiels
 1935-6 D. G. Charbonneau
 1937-8 T. S. Kershaw
 1939-0 Clarence MacLeod Pitts, BSc
 1941-2 K. M. Workman
 1943-4 J. MacLean
 1945-6 W. H. Taylor
 1947-8 Randolph Hartin
 1949-0 J. Raymond McFarland
 1951-2 Charles E. Compton
 1953-4 Frank Gursby
 1955-6 Edward N. McLellan
 1957-8 Ernest W. Janes
 1959-0 Gordon Earnshaw
 1961-2 Aubrey Fraser
 1963-4 J. D. C. Waller
 1965-6 M. E. Butler
 1967-8 W. H. Waters
 1969-0 T. H. Fletcher
 1971-2 H. Loewen
 1973-4 R. G. Harris
 1975-6 Gordon F. Clark
 1977-8 F. S. Lemon
 1979-0 W. F. Snell
 1981-2 P. T. Mott

1982-3 A. N. Roberts
 1984-5 Donald Herbert Mumby
 1986-7 A. R. Newman
 1988-9 G. F. Clark
 1990-1 J. R. McFarland
 1992-3 Richard C. Shaddick
 1994-5 J. K. Graham
 1996-7 K. Derek Ohm
 1998-9 B. Picknell
 2000-1 D. Zelmer
 2002-3 E. Jameson
 2004-5 D. D. Fraser
 2006-7 R. Wright
 2008-9 David Fraser
 2009-0 Nic Desson

1983-4 A. N. Roberts
 1985-6 D. C. Arrand
 1987-8 A. R. Newman
 1989-0 David A. Fraser
 1991-2 M. Kelso
 1993-4 Howard T. Brockwell
 1995-6 Andre McArdle
 1997-8 Gerald W. Bent
 1999-0 P. Easterman
 2001-2 T. Larson
 2003-4 M. St. Amour
 2005-6 M. Silas
 2007-8 Guy Hosson
 2009-0 Nic Desson
 2010-1 Wesley McLean

Clarence McLeod Pitts, BSc

Grand Master (1959-60 and 1960-61) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
 of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Grand First Principal (1949-50 and 1950-51) of the Grand Chapter
 of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario



(1894-1969)

Clarence Pitts was born at Fredericton, NB, on May 5, 1894, the second son of Herman Henry Pitts and Alexandrina MacLeod. He received his early education at the Fredericton Model School. The family moved to Ottawa in 1903 and he continued his education in the Ottawa Public Schools and Lisgar Collegiate Institute. He attended McGill University, Montreal, graduating in 1914 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

After graduation he pursued engineering assignments in Halifax, Hawkesbury, Montreal and Ottawa. With the outbreak of war in 1914 he enlisted in the Second Battery of the Canadian Field Artillery and spent the war years in the 10th Siege Battery CEF at Halifax with the rank of Lieutenant. In 1918 he joined his father and brother Gordon, in the Pitts Construction Co. He also joined the Canadian-American Exporters and the People's Gas Supply Company, becoming President and General manager of each. He was a life member of the Engineering Institute of Canada; Chairman of the Ottawa Branch in 1933; and Ottawa City Councillor in the years 1934 and 1935. He was a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario; Chairman of the Canadian section of the Compressed Gas Manufacturers Association 1942-45; President, Compressed Gas Manufacturers Association Inc., New York, 1946; President International Acetylene Association Inc., New York, 1945; Member National Fire Protection Association; Committee Member Canadian Standards Association and Member of The Chemists Club of New York.

In 1933, he married Elsie Georgina King of Ottawa who predeceased him on June 19, 1958. There were no children of the marriage.

His interest in young people induced him to take a leading part in the Boy Scouts Association in which he was an Executive member of the Ottawa District Council, Vice-President of the Ontario Council and an Executive member of the Canadian General Council. He also served for many years as Chairman of the Ottawa Charitable Foundation. He also enjoyed membership in The Seignory Club, Quebec, The Rivermead Golf Club and the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Hull, PQ.

He was dedicated to the work of the Presbyterian Church and was ordained and inducted as an Elder of the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa in 1926. He served as Superintendent of the church's Sunday School for twenty-three years. He was highly respected in the Presbyterian General Assembly and he served for many years as Chairman of the Pension Board.

On March 15, 1969, Clarence MacLeod Pitts suffered a heart attack and was confined to hospital where he died on April 10.

Masonic Career

Clarence MacLeod Pitts came from a Masonic family. His grandfather, Henry W. Pitts, affiliated with St. John Lodge, No. 2, St. John, NB, on May 1, 1821. His father, Henry Herman Pitts was also a Mason although no details are known. Clarence MacLeod Pitts was initiated in Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450 GRC, on November 22, 1917. On returning to Ottawa, he affiliated with Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, on November 2, 1920 where he served this lodge as WM for 1928-9 and also 1939-40. He was elected DDGM of the Ottawa District for 1940-41. For fourteen years, from 1943, he was regularly elected to the Board of General Purposes and during that time served on several major committees. In 1957 he was elected Deputy Grand Master and two years later, Grand Master. He was Grand Master for the years 1959-60 and 1960-61 and filled this office with distinction. While he was Grand Master, he gave a dispensation for the initiation of a blind man, Graham Stoodley. Stoodley was initiated in William Mercer Wilson Lodge, No. 678 GRC, Woodstock, Ontario. Bro. Stoodley became a successful barrister in Toronto and he and his wife, who was also blind, were workers in the cause of the blind. This dispensation is thought to be the first one of its kind in Ontario. Bro. Pitts served as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In *Capitular Masonry* Companion Pitts was exalted in Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, in 1929 and was elected First Principal in 1943. The following year he was installed as Grand Scribe N of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada. Then followed in order Grand Third Principal (1945-46 and 1946-47), Grand Second Principal (1947-48 and 1948-49) and Grand First Principal (1949-50 and 1950-51). He was named as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland). He presided over the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters of which he was a founder and first President. He held the Honorary rank of Grand First Principal of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and Honorary Past President of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario.

In *Knights Templary* he was a member of Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32, and was Presiding Preceptor in 1946. He held the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and became a Member of the Grand Council. His title, Knight Commander of the Temple, was received from the College of Honours of the Sovereign Great Priory on August 11, 1959.

In the *Cryptic Rite* he was a member of Ottawa Council, No. 16, Royal and Select Masters (now Gedaliah Council No. 16) and became its Thrice Illustrious Master. He also joined Bay of Quinte Lodge, No. 11, Royal Ark Mariners and held the rank of Commander Noah.

In the *Knight of York Cross of Honour* he was elected to the Ontario Priory, No. 49 and became the Warden. In *Constantinian Masonry* he was knighted in Holy Land Conclave, No. 3, Toronto, in 1948. Two years later, he was given the rank of Honorary Past Sovereign by his Conclave. In 1951, he was elected to the office of Very Illustrious Grand High Prelate of the Sovereign Grand Conclave, which office he held until 1961 when he was elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Sovereign and given the title of Knight Grand Cross of Constantine.

He was a member of Ottawa Lodge of Perfection and went on to the Murray Chapter of the Rose Croix, Ottawa, becoming the Most Wise Sovereign in 1930. To receive his degrees to the 32°, he went to Hamilton in May 1922. He was coroneted 33° Honorary Inspector General on October 1, 1940. Two years later, on October 7, he was made an Active member of the Supreme Council. On October 15, 1952,

he was installed Sovereign Grand Commander at Niagara Falls and served in this office for three years. He was named as an Emeritus Member of Honour of the Supreme Councils of both Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, USA, in 1953, and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Councils of England and Wales and of Scotland, Ireland, the Philippines and France. He was elected an Honorary Member of the subordinate bodies of Calgary, Vancouver, Moncton and Halifax.

One of his great accomplishments was in 1954, during his term as Sovereign Grand Commander. Recognizing the need for better understanding and closer fraternal relations between the English speaking Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he organized and was elected chairman of the first meeting of what was to be known as "The English Speaking Supreme Councils of the British Isles and North America in Amity." This meeting was convened at the Seignory Club and representatives came from the Southern and Northern Masonic Jurisdictions of the United States and from England, Ireland and Scotland. So much good was accomplished that it was agreed that further meetings should be held and the organization perpetuated.

On April 15, 1942, he became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario. The characteristic of "Intelligence" was bestowed on him by the Provincial Grand Master and he was known to the brethren as "Sir Clarence Intelligence."

Although Bro. Pitts did not himself engage in research writing, he encouraged others to do so. In 1949, when the Canadian Masonic Research Association was formed he became a member and remained very active until his death. He became the President in 1953, following M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop. He also became a member of the Philalethes Society, a group of research students in the United States of America.

He served as an active Director of the Ottawa Masonic Temple Association.

Donald Herbert Mumby

Grand Master (2003-04 and 2004-05) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M
of Canada in the Province of Ontario



Donald Herbert Mumby was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, to parents who were both educators. He was raised in Crossfield, Alberta and received his primary, elementary and high school education there.

He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Calgary, Alberta on April 28, 1958 and served for thirty-five continuous years, retiring in May 1993 with the rank of Chief Superintendent.

While serving with the RCMP he was seconded to the Department of External Affairs (now Foreign Affairs and International Trade) for a three year period. Upon returning to the RCMP he was a delegate to the NATO Security Working Group in Brussels, Belgium for two years and was later responsible for overseeing RCMP Foreign Liaison activity in all countries abroad. During his final years of service he was the Officer in Charge of the group which developed and maintained all communications and satellite services and programs used by the RCMP across Canada.

He is the recipient of the RCMP Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with Gold Clasp and Stars and the Canada 125 Medal which was awarded for community service and volunteer activity.

He is graduate of Carleton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (With Distinction), the National Defence College in Kingston and the Canadian Police College Executive Development in Ottawa.

The Orleans United Church counts him as a valued member of the congregation and he has served as a volunteer with the United Way of Ottawa-Carleton, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Kidney

Foundation, the Victims Services Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police and Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police. He is a long time volunteer with the Queenswood Public School in Orleans.

He is married to Marion (Anderson), a school teacher from Powassan, Ontario. They have two children: Ruth Ann Sullivan, who is a Certified Management Accountant and Dale, a Police Officer with the Peel Regional Police Force. Don and Marion are the proud grandparents of Mark and Kathleen Sullivan and Tyanna and Donald (Junior) Mumby.

Masonic Career

M. W. Bro. Mumby is a Life Member of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1984-85. He is a Charter Member of Luxor Daylight Lodge, No. 741, Ottawa and was Worshipful Master in 1994-95, and in 2000 he became a charter member of Millennium Lodge, No. 743, Toronto. He was accorded Honorary Life Membership in: Bonnechere Lodge, No. 443, Eganville; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens and the New Hampshire Police Lodge.

At Grand Lodge he was appointed Grand Steward (1987-88); elected as DDGM of Ottawa District 2 (1989-90); appointed to the Board of General Purposes (1993-94) and elected to the Board (1995-96, 1996-97 and 1999-2000). He was elected as Deputy Grand Master in July 2001 and as Grand Master in July 2003. He has served on several committees, including: Masonic Education, Condition of Masonry, Communications, Blood Donors, Friend to Friend, Mentorship and the Management Committee. He was appointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations.

He is a member and an Honorary Past First Principal of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.

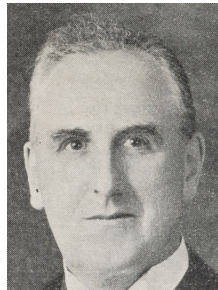
He is a member of Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, Murray Chapter of Rose Croix and Ottawa Consistory, of which is a Past Commander in Chief. He received his 33rd Degree in September 2002 in St. John's, NB.

He is a member of Tunis Temple of the Shrine in Ottawa.

Major Alexander George Noel Bradshaw, J.P.

Grand First Principal (1951-52 and 1952-53) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Grand Master (1941-42) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario (Cryptic Rite)



(1884-1984)

Alexander George Noel Bradshaw was born at Halifax on December 25, 1884, the son of Major John William Bradshaw, of Richmond, Surrey, England and Annie Martin of Halifax.

He was educated in London, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Malta; St. Mary Abbot's High School and Pitman's Business College, London, England. He began business life in the office of the National Cash Register Company, London, England. He served nine years in the R.A.S.C.; five years on the staff of HRH the Duke of Connaught as confidential military clerk; and twelve years in Canada's Permanent Force. Under the Director of Supplies and Transport he was Officer i/c Overseas Transportation 1914-1918; District Barrack Officer, Military District No. 11, Victoria, BC, Military District No. 2, Toronto and Military

District No. 1, London, Ontario. He retired as a Major in 1922.

After his retirement from the military, he became Deputy Judge and Chief Probation Officer of the London and Middlesex Juvenile Court and a Justice of the Peace in London, Ontario.

Alexander George Noel Bradshaw married Rose Beatrice (Bell) of London, England, on July 9, 1910. They had one son, Douglas A. R. Bradshaw, a graduate of the Royal Military College, and a Group Captain, RCAF, and Director of Staff at the Defence College, Kingston, Ontario in 1951.

Alexander George Noel Bradshaw was awarded the Bronze Medal of the Royal Canadian Humane Association and the Silver Medal of the Ottawa Humane Society for saving three people from drowning in the Ottawa River in August 1916.

He was a charter member and Past President of the London Optimist International Club and Past President of the St. George's Club of London. He was an active member of the Church of England and a Lay Reader at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ontario.

M. Ex. Companion Major Alexander George Noel Bradshaw, J.P., died on June 5, 1984, in London.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry* he was a member of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52 GRC, Ottawa. He affiliated with Acacia Lodge, No. 580 GRC, London and served as WM (year unknown). He was appointed as Grand Director of ceremonies at Grand Lodge.

In *Symbolic Masonry* he was a member and First Principal of London Chapter, No. 150 GRC, London. He was elected as Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He was elected as Grand Third Principal (1947-48 and 1948-49), Grand Second Principal (1949-50 and 1950-51) and Grand First Principal (1951-52 and 1952-53).

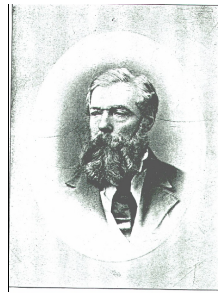
He was a member of the *Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario*. In *Constantinian Masonry* he was a member and Puissant Sovereign of Huron Conclave, No. 2. In *Knights Templary* he was a member of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4 KT, London and served as Presiding Preceptor. He was elected as Grand Constable of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and the Knight Commander of the Temple was conferred on him. He was a member of Past Prior of Ontario priory, No. 49, Toronto, of the *York Cross of Honour*. In the *York Rite Sovereign College* of North America he was a member and Past Governor of the Paulinus York Rite College, Toronto.

In the *Cryptic Rite* he was a member of Enoch Council, No. 10 RSMO and Cryptic Lodge, No. 1 RAM, London and served as TIM and WCN. He served Grand Council in various capacities and was elected as Grand PCW (1939) and Grand DM (1940). At the 41st Annual Assembly (1941) of the Grand Council he was elected and installed as Grand Master.

He was a member and Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the London Lodge of Perfection, and a member and Past Most Wise Sovereign of the London Chapter of Rose Croix, and a member of Moore Sovereign Consistory.

William James Bury MacLeod Moore, GCT

Supreme Grand Master (1854-90⁷⁰) of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, KT



(1810-1890)

William James Bury MacLeod Moore⁷¹ was born in Kildare, Ireland on January 4, 1810, the eldest son of Captain N. J. Moore of the 74th Regiment of Foot, of "Saleston", near Lucan and Leixlip, Co. Meath, Ireland. The family had originally moved to Meath from Dorsetshire about 1653 (during the time of Oliver Cromwell's "Commonwealth"). The Irish baronetcy, "Moore of Ross Carberry", in Cork, takes its origin from this migration. MacLeod Moore received his education at the Marischal College, Aberdeen, moving in 1825 to the Military College at Sandhurst. On graduation in 1831 he received an Ensign's commission in the 69th Regiment of Foot and remained with the Regiment for twenty years.

He left the 69th in 1852 when he was appointed Staff Officer of Out-Pensioners in Canada. His assignment was to organize and enroll the Chelsea and Greenwich out-pensioners and form the Bytown (Ottawa) and Kingston Pension Districts. His first place of residence was Kingston, Ontario where he remained until December 1856, when he moved to Ottawa. In 1872 he moved to Laprairie, Quebec and in 1882 he took up residence in St. John's East, Quebec. He lived at Prioral House, Prescott, Ontario from 1884 until his death on September 1, 1890.

Masonic Career

William James Bury MacLeod Moore was initiated, passed and raised at a special meeting of Glenkindel Lodge, No. 333 SC, Aberdeen on August 17, 1827, when he was seventeen years of age. The author, John Hill Burton, was also initiated, passed and raised at the same meeting. The Master at that time was Major-General Sir Alexander Keith, KCB.

In 1831, MacLeod Moore was exalted to the Royal Arch degree and made a Mark Master Mason in St. Macher's Chapter, No. 37 SC, Aberdeen. In 1843, when the 69th Foot was in Dublin, MacLeod Moore joined St. Patrick's Lodge and Chapter, No. 50 IC, and also Victoria Mark Lodge, No. 4 IC. On October 29, 1844, in Boyle, Co. Roscommon, he was installed as High Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in the Encampment attached to Lodge No. 242 IC (in the Roscommon Militia). He served as Senior Warden in the Lodge.

⁷⁰ To all intents and purposes MacLeod Moore was the head of Knights Templary in Canada (as defined under British Parliamentary Acts and referring to today's Quebec, Ontario and western provinces) from 1854 until his death.

⁷¹ Reginald Vanderbilt Harris, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and a well known masonic researcher and historian noted that the original family name was "MacLeod Moore" and that during the family's sojourn in Ireland it became "hyphenated". Beginning in about 1854, however, Col. MacLeod Moore dropped the "Moore" and many documents carry only "McLeod" (without the "a"). About 1868 he returned to the original spelling "MacLeod Moore" and used it until his death in 1889. The name "MacLeod" came to the family through Col. MacLeod Moore's great-grandmother - Amelia MacLeod, daughter of the Clan MacLeod of MacLeod of Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye.

In 1847, MacLeod Moore was transferred to Malta with the 69th Foot. He affiliated with the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349 ER, in Valletta and in 1849 was installed as Worshipful Master. (St. John and St. Paul Lodge was the oldest Lodge on Malta, and had been instituted by Judge Waller Rodwell Wright (a former Grand Master of the Masonic Templars of England) on April 12, 1815, at the Hope Tavern Strada, Medozzi, Lavaletta.)

MacLeod Moore also affiliated with Union of Malta Lodge, No. 588 ER, Valletta and became Third Principal of its Royal Arch Chapter. It was while he was here, on Malta, that he established Melita Encampment, No. 37, under a Warrant from the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales dated May 10, 1850. He was named in the Warrant as the first Eminent Commander and although he filled that office, it does not appear that he was Installed. (This Preceptory still exists and meets at the Masonic Hall, Valletta.) It is a tribute to Colonel MacLeod Moore that he obtained the Warrant: apparently the Supreme Grand Master, Col. Kemeys Kemeys Tynte, was at first doubtful whether he could exercise jurisdiction outside of England, the Supreme Grand Conclave having been only revived in 1846, after many years of inactivity.

By 1851 the 69th Foot was in the garrison at Chichester Barracks, Portsmouth. The Minutes of a meeting held on September 10, 1851, under the authority of Royal Naval Encampment, No. 2, show that Sir Kt. Major Robb, Provincial Grand Commander for Hampshire acting under the authority of a communication from the Grand Chancellor, Installed "Sir Kt. Captain W. J. B. Moore of the 63rd Regt." as Eminent Commander (note the use of "Moore" in the minutes and the error in the regimental designation of "63" rather than the correct "69"). In 1852, Colonel Kemeys Kemeys Tynte, Grand Master of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, installed Captain "Moore" as Second Grand Captain at the annual meeting, held in London.

In 1852, MacLeod Moore arrived in Canada and took up residence in Kingston. He joined Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 491 ER (now No. 2 GRC), and Ancient Frontenac Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, both in Kingston. In the Chapter he was elected to the chair of Second Principal. He learned from historic records of an old Encampment in Kingston which had earlier been attached to the Lodge and Chapter, and set about to revive it. The Warrant had apparently been issued in 1824 by the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry of Upper Canada, Ziba Marcus Philips. A Petition was subsequently prepared and sent to London, along with the "irregular" Warrant. On March 10, 1854, the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales issued a Warrant for Hugh de Payens Encampment, Kingston, designating MacLeod Moore as its first Eminent Commander. By resolution of the Supreme Grand Conclave on May 10, 1855, Hugh de Payens Encampment was permitted to rank in the Grand Conclave from September 24, 1824, the date of the original Warrant.

In 1854 MacLeod Moore was elected as Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. In the same year he founded Corinthian Lodge, No. 50 (Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada), Ottawa (this Lodge went into darkness in 1876). He remained active in the Ottawa area and worked hard for the formation of a new Royal Arch Chapter. Carleton Chapter, now No. 16 GRC, was established in 1863 and he was elected as First Principal. At the annual meeting of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada in 1863, he was elected to the Chair of Grand Second Principal.

During 1863 and 1864, MacLeod Moore travelled in the United States to observe the operations of the Northern Army during the Civil War. In New York he obtained all the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He also received a Patent from Illustrious Brother Edward Hays, Supreme Grand Council 33°, empowering MacLeod Moore to establish the Rite in Canada, conferring on him the rank of Deputy Inspector General 33°, and naming him the representative of the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. The Scottish Rite was apparently not regularly established in Canada until 1868 when the English Grand Council 33° affiliated him as a member and appointed him as their representative.

In 1869, following the revival of the "Red Cross Order of Rome and Constantine" in England, MacLeod Moore was appointed by the Grand Sovereign, Lord Kenlis, as representative and Chief Intendant General for the Dominion. He was also elected as a Past Grand Viceroy of the Grand Council in England.

In 1871, MacLeod Moore established the degree of "Royal Ark Mariner". In the same year he was elected as a Past Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick.

In May 1872 he introduced the "Swedenborgian Rite" after receiving a Warrant of Constitution from

the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Samuel Beswick, and the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the United States, constituting him Most Worshipful and Supreme Grand Master of the Lodge and Temple for Canada. It was from this American body that the Grand Lodge and Temple of the Rite in England derived its existence.

His other masonic activities were numerous and included: Royal Order of Scotland, for which he established a Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario in 1875; and the Rosicrucian Society, for which he founded a College in Canada, becoming IX^o and Superior Magus, deriving its authority directly from His Imperial Highness, the Prince of Rhodocariakis, IX, 33^o, of Athens.

Growth of Knights Templary in Canada 1854-1890

Between 1854 and 1867, Col. MacLeod Moore worked zealously to establish and expand Knights Templary in Canada and by 1867 there were seven Encampments. These had been grouped by the Supreme Grand Conclave into a Provincial Grand Conclave under the leadership of the Provincial Grand Prior, Colonel W. J. B. Moore. The jurisdiction of this body was limited to Quebec and Ontario as Alexander Keith had been Provincial Grand Prior under England and Wales for the Maritime Provinces (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and PEI). With the creation of the Dominion of Canada on July 1, 1867, the status of the Canadian (i.e. Ontario and Quebec) body was altered to that of a Grand Priory "holding under the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales" with Colonel Moore as Grand Prior, but still excluding the Provincial Grand Priory of the Maritimes. His title at this time was that of "Grand Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital for the Dominion of Canada."

On March 14, 1873, the Convent General (the Templar governing bodies of England, Scotland and Ireland) was formed, with HRH The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Order, and Queen Victoria as Patron of the Order. The growth of Templarism in Canada had reached a point, that, with the death of Alexander Keith (December 14, 1873 in Halifax), MacLeod Moore was given responsibility for the entire Dominion of Canada. On July 28, 1876, Grand Priory became the National Great Priory of Canada with MacLeod Moore as the first Great Prior. His Installation took place in Montreal on August 10, 1876.

From 1876 to 1884, Colonel MacLeod Moore continued his work for further autonomy for Canada. On July 8, 1884, the Grand Master of England, having absolved the Canadian body from its allegiance to him as Grand Master, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was inaugurated and Colonel William James Bury MacLeod Moore was elected as Supreme Grand Master *ad vitam*.

Sir John Alexander Macdonald



(1815-1891)

John Alexander Macdonald was born on January 11, 1815, in Glasgow, Scotland. The family emigrated to Canada in 1820 and settled, originally, at Glenora, Ontario, and later at Kingston where John received his education. He was admitted to the bar and established a lucrative practice at Kingston which enabled him to become active in politics and government.

During the 1840's and 50's the political leaders of both Upper and Lower Canada actively promoted improvements in transportation (canals and railways) to encourage settlement and growth. By 1849 most Upper Canada centres were connected by telegraph and the 1851 Mainline Railway Act saw the development of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway (est of Montreal), Great Western (through the Upper Canadian peninsula) and Ontario, Simcoe and Lake Huron (later the Northern Railway) north of

Toronto. Soon, too, the Grand Trunk was formed, ostensibly to connect eastern and western railway lines it ran into financial difficulties after absorbing the St. Lawrence and Atlantic and commenced direct competition with the Great Western. Financial aid and political support soon saw two groups—Grand Trunk and its supporters in the personae of John A. Macdonald and Georges-Etienne Cartier and the Great Western with George Brown and Sir Alan Napier MacNabb (then premier of the United Province of Canada). During this time Macdonald entered politics, quickly becoming Attorney-General for Canada West in 1854 and Premier of the Province of Canada 1857-58. He was a strong proponent of the formation of the Dominion of Canada and work hard to achieve this, becoming, in 1867, Canada's first Prime Minister. His vision of a larger country was based on the opening of western lands, particularly the Canadian Northwest Territory, with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and policing it with a Northwest Mounted Police Force (the forerunner of today's Royal Canadian Mounted Police).

He was created a Knight Commander of the Bath (1867) and Grand Commander of the Bath (1884).

Brother Sir John Alexander Macdonald, GCB, died in Ottawa on June 6, 1891, while still serving as Prime Minister.

Masonic Career

Mr. John Alexander Macdonald was initiated into St. John's Lodge, No. 758 ER (now The Ancient St. John's No. 3 GRC), Kingston, on March 14, 1844. He was passed on April 22, 1844 and raised on June 27, 1844. On July 23, 1875, listing himself on the Tyler's Register as "Gentleman", the Dominion of Canada's first Prime Minister, R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, affiliated with Zetland Lodge, No. 326, GRC, demitting from the Lodge in 1884. In Ottawa, to which he had moved in 1867, he affiliated with Dalhousie No. 835/571 ER (now No. 52 GRC).

He is noted as having affiliated with Ancient Frontenac Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, Kingston but no reference is made to his original Chapter. He was an affiliated member of Lafayette Chapter, No. 5 RAM, in Washington, DC.

In Knights Templary, he was consecrated in 1854 in Hugh de Payens Encampment (now Preceptory), Kingston, in 1854. He withdrew from the Preceptory in 1884.

Membership of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52 GRC, Ottawa

(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)

(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)

(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Affiliated	with	Grand	Lodge of	Canada	in 1872			
1872	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	44
1873	12	11	9	nil	nil	9	2	nil	96
1874	7	6	5	3	nil	4	2	nil	100
1875	5	6	8	4	nil	1	1	nil	107
1876	4	6	7	2	nil	10	nil	22	76
1877	1	nil	nil	3	3	6	nil	nil	77
1878	3	2	2	4	1	nil	1	nil	82
1879	8	8	6	nil	nil	5	1	12	73
1880	2	2	3	nil	nil	5	nil	nil	70
1881	1	nil	1	nil	2	1	1	7	62

1882	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	2	nil	63
1883	7	5	5	1	1	3	2	nil	67
1884	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	66
1885	5	6	5	nil	nil	2	nil	2	67
1886	5	6	7	1	nil	1	1	nil	71
1887	9	7	8	2	nil	2	2	nil	78
1888	1	3	3	nil	1	1	1	nil	78
1889	4	6	6	6	nil	5	1	nil	82
1890	1	1	1	5	nil	1	nil	nil	87
1891	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	87
1892	11	13	11	3	1	1	3	nil	98
1893	7	6	8	1	1	5	nil	3	99
1894	10	7	6	1	nil	3	1	nil	106
1895	12	13	11	1	1	2	1	nil	117
1896	3	4	5	1	nil	2	3	8	108
1897	6	7	5	1	nil	2	nil	2	110
1898	7	6	6	nil	1	1	3	nil	114
1899	6	3	4	2	nil	1	nil	nil	121
1900	10	14	14	7	nil	nil	nil	8	130
1901	11	6	7	nil	1	2	1	nil	139
1902	6	9	7	nil	1	2	1	3	130
1903	15	7	9	3	1	2	1	1	156
1904	18	25	23	3	1	7	nil	6	152
1905	18	14	11	2	nil	3	6	nil	164
1906	17	16	17	6	2	2	1	2	180
1907	30	26	24	3	1	nil	3	3	192
1908	23	25	22	2	1	nil	2	3	243
1909	22	15	24	3	1	5	nil	nil	264
1910	18	24	22	2	3	5	nil	2	280
1911	27	26	25	2	1	4	4	3	299
1912	17	19	22	1	nil	2	4	nil	311
1913	19	19	19	1	3	5	6	4	329
1914	27	20	18	6	2	2	5	nil	347
1915	13	17	20	8	3	5	5	11	350

1916	10	10	9	nil	2	6	4	8	344
1917	22	24	22	7	2	nil	1	nil	374
1918	23	21	22	2	2	2	8	7	384
1919	46	31	27	4	2	1	7	2	426
1920	72	79	82	7	2	5	15	4	484
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	15	15	15	2	nil	3	1	2	497
1921	36	42	40	4	nil	4	6	nil	527
1922	18	19	22	2	2	10	4	5	530
1923	18	12	12	2	nil	10	13	2	527
1924	6	11	11	nil	nil	12	6	10	505
1925	4	4	8	2	1	2	4	8	498
1926	12	13	12	nil	nil	8	9	5	488
1927	5	4	3	nil	3	3	5	7	481
1928	12	12	12	nil	nil	9	4	6	474
1929	7	7	6	1	1	4	2	6	471
1930	16	11	8	1	1	5	7	9	468
1931	6	9	13	5	1	3	9	nil	468
1932	7	8	8	3	nil	2	4	3	469
1933	14	11	11	5	1	nil	9	2	478
1934	1	4	4	2	nil	4	10	3	464
1935	12	11	9	nil	nil	2	5	4	465
1936	2	5	6	nil	nil	5	9	8	445
1937	4	3	3	nil	1	4	8	7	431
1938	4	4	5	1	1	5	12	11	409
1939	2	2	2	nil	1	2	5	3	402
1940	6	6	5	nil	1	4	9	nil	396
1941	9	9	6	nil	nil	3	9	1	392
1942	12	11	14	nil	nil	2	6	nil	396
1943	25	19	14	1	nil	1	9	nil	412
1944	9	16	18	nil	1	2	7	1	412
1945	12	11	7	1	4	1	10	2	416
1946	25	22	24	nil	3	nil	18	nil	426
1947	21	23	22	1	nil	nil	6	3	439

1948	19	15	16	2	nil	nil	14	1	446
1949	19	20	22	1	1	1	12	1	453
1950	21	16	14	2	1	nil	17	4	456
1951	23	22	16	1	2	2	24	nil	456
1952	13	17	23	nil	nil	2	7	6	455
1953	20	15	16	4	nil	1	14	5	459
1954	14	13	9	nil	1	1	11	5	456
1955	15	11	15	2	nil	1	11	5	456
1956	8	13	14	7	5	2	9	12	453
1957	12	13	10	1	2	2	13	6	447
1958	13	10	10	3	nil	nil	9	2	452
1959	18	19	17	2	1	nil	11	3	459
1960	9	6	8	4	1	3	12	1	457
1961	8	12	12	4	1	nil	8	5	457
1962	4	4	4	5	2	5	8	5	450
1963	10	8	8	7	1	4	16	7	441
1964	12	13	9	4	nil	3	8	3	443
1965	6	6	8	4	1	8	21	2	423
1966	7	7	7	3	1	3	16	4	411
1967	6	5	5	1	nil	2	9	nil	407
1968	4	4	4	3	nil	1	11	nil	402
1969	9	9	5	nil	1	3	7	8	394
1970	4	3	7	nil	1	2	9	2	386
1971	5	7	4	2	nil	nil	13	9	371
1972	4	4	4	2	nil	6	9	5	357
1973	5	7	6	2	nil	1	11	2	350
1974	6	6	3	2	2	1	13	4	342
1975	4	2	4	nil	nil	3	7	4	332
1976	4	4	4	2	1	1	15	1	322
1977	2	4	4	1	nil	5	8	1	311
1978	3	4	2	nil	nil	3	10	nil	301
1979	2	2	2	nil	nil	5	11	7	280
1980	2	1	2	nil	nil	5	6	10	261
1981	2	3	2	nil	nil	3	11	nil	249

1982	3	3	2	1	nil	6	17	nil	230
1983	1	nil	3	nil	nil	nil	4	1	226
1984	nil	1	nil	3	nil	2	8	5	211
1985	3	1	1	1	2	1	9	nil	207
1986	2	2	nil	2	nil	1	5	1	204
1987	3	nil	2	1	nil	2	9	1	196
1988	1	2	2	nil	nil	1	8	nil	188
1989	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	3	6	5	176
1990	3	1	nil	1	nil	3	11	2	164
1991	4	1	2	1	nil	nil	6	nil	163
1992	2	5	3	nil	nil	3	5	1	156
1993	1	nil	2	3	nil	2	3	nil	155
1994	3	1	1	2	nil	3	6	nil	150
1995	1	4	3	2	2	4	9	nil	142
1996	1	nil	1	1	nil	1	6	nil	137
1997	1	2	1	1	1	1	5	2	132
1998	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	132
1999	6	1	2	2	1	2	2	nil	137
2000	2	3	2	nil	nil	1	4	1	133
2001	3	2	3	nil	nil	2	4	nil	130
2002	7	3	1	1	1	2	2	nil	135
2003	4	3	3	nil	nil	2	7	2	128
2004	2	6	5	1	nil	nil	12	1	118
2005	7	nil	1	1	nil	1	6	nil	119
2006	4	5	2	1	nil	1	3	6	114
2007	3	1	3	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	115
2008	1	2	3	1	nil	2	9	1	105
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

North Gower Lodge, unnumbered GRC, North Gower 1858-1859
North Gower Lodge, No. 57 AGLC, North Gower 1855-1858
North Gower Lodge, No. 48 PRCW, North Gower 1855-1857
North Gower Lodge, No. 951 ER, North Gower 1855-1857
North Gower Lodge, UD PRCW, North Gower 1854-1855

[Central District 1858-1859.]

The original Gower Township was created in Grenville County in 1798 and divided in 1850. The name was given to honour John Levenson Gower (1740-92), First Lord of the Admiralty (1783-89). North Gower Township became part of the municipal township of Rideau in the regional municipality of Ottawa-Carleton in 1974. The community of North Gower had been settled in 1820 by Stephen Blanchard and called Stephenville. When the first post office was opened in 1847, it was named after the township.

From 1905 onwards the Masons of Ottawa District had known Corinthian Lodge, No. 476 GRC, North Gower. What few (if any) knew was that two earlier Lodges had existed in North Gower from 1854 to 1858 (North Gower No. 951 ER/48 PRCW/57 AGLC) and from 1868-1879 (North Gower No. 206 GRC). Attached to the Proceedings of the 19th Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, held in October 1854, in Kingston, is a listing of Lodges holding their authority from this Provincial Grand Lodge. Thirty-eight enrolled (i.e. warranted) Lodges and eleven under dispensation are shown in the list, the last of the Lodges, shown as "UD", is North Gower Lodge. The two immediately following meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West — May 10-11, 1855 in London, CW and July 19-20, 1855 in Niagara Falls, CW — were occupied with the gathering movement to seek independence from the United Grand Lodge of England. No list of representative Lodges is attached to the minutes according to Robertson and there is no reference to North Gower Lodge. However, the mechanics of registration with England had been followed and North Gower Lodge was registered with Grand Lodge, receiving Warrant No. 951 ER, dated August 20, 1855, in due course.

On October 10, 1855, in Hamilton, the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada was formed by 41 Lodges holding their authorities from Ireland and England. North Gower Lodge, along with 41 other Lodges of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West (Sir Alan Napier MacNab) chose to remain with the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of January 8, 1857 (held in Toronto) show the proposal to form the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada and attach a listing of the thirty Lodges holding their authority therefrom, including "No. 48, North Gower Lodge, North Gower." This is the only reference we have to the Lodge's Provincial number as "48" but it is reasonable that in keeping with past practice, when Warrant No. 951 was received by R. W. Bro. Sir Alan Napier MacNab to pass on to the Lodge, the Lodge would have been entered "on the books" with the next sequential number in the provincial register of lodges.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on September 9, 1857, in Toronto, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West was dissolved and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Canada was formed, the list of attendees includes "No. 48 North Gower Lodge, North Gower, Bro. H. Holden, J. W." When the edict was read forming the new Grand Lodge, "the warrants of the following lodges were handed to the R. W. Prov. Grand Master by the Masters or delegates of their respective Lodges: No. 48, North Gower, North Gower." In the attached listing of Lodges which "comprised the jurisdiction of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada", North Gower Lodge, No. 48 AGLC, is included.

On July 14, 1858, in Toronto, the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada were united. Following the union, North Gower Lodge, along with all other Lodges in the jurisdiction which came under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, were ordered to surrender their Charters and Credentials. The Lodge complied with the instruction and exchanged its English Warrant for a Canadian one, No. 57⁷². It is not clear whether the Lodge ever operated under the new Warrant as it appears to

⁷² The *Corinthian Lodge History* notes (p 6) that "It was reported that the Junior Warden of North Gower Lodge, Brother Holden, was appointed to carry the Charter to Toronto, and to receive a new one under the Grand Lodge of Canada. The history of Grand Lodge shows that North Gower Lodge was affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada with the number 48." This is the only entry which gives the name of any Lodge member

have gone into darkness almost immediately — certainly the *Proceedings* of 1858 show the Lodge as “no returns.” The *Corinthian Lodge History* notes that members who had not completed the three degrees at that time completed them in Goodwood Lodge, Richmond.

In the list of represented and non-represented Lodges attending a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (January 19, 1859, Toronto), there is no reference to North Gower Lodge and it does not appear in the List of Lodges attending the 4th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 13, 1859, Kingston). The DDGM of Central District, R. W. Bro. William Benjamin Simpson, makes no reference to North Gower Lodge in his District Report. The Committee on Warrants is mute on the demise of North Gower Lodge and by this time, too, the number “57” had been assigned to Mount Brydges Lodge.

John Ross Robertson provides no summary history of North Gower Lodge in his *History*.

In 1868 Freemasons in North Gower, perhaps the survivors of North Gower Lodge, approached Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond, with a request to re-establish a Masonic Lodge in the town. It does not appear that this was ever followed up.

The entry in John Lane's Masonic records 1717-1894, p 304, reads: North Gower Lodge, North Gower Comers (Carleton), *Canada West, Ontario*, 1854. 29 Aug. 1854 Prov. Warrant. 20 Aug. 1855, G. L. Warrant No. 951. *Erased Warrant returned 27 November 1857*. Became No. 57 on Reg. of G. L. of Canada, but is not now working."

No listing of Masters or members of the Lodge (except for the elusive “Bro. Holden” mentioned on the preceding page) has been located.

but it skips the interim step when the Lodge remained with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West and became a *de facto* member of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada. No new numbers for Warrants were given as this Grand Lodge existed for too short a time. Likewise, when the two Grand Lodges united in 1858, all Lodges retained their then-existing number until new Warrants, reflecting their seniority relative to each other, could be given. This exercise took several months.

Doric Lodge, No. 58 GRC, Ottawa 1858-present
Doric Lodge, No. 49 AGLC, Ottawa 1857-1858
Doric Lodge, No. 49 PRCW, Ottawa 1855-1857
Doric Lodge, No. 952 ER, Ottawa 1855-1857
Doric Lodge, UD PRCW, Ottawa 1855-1855

[Central District 1858-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1970⁷³. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

Doric Lodge was instituted on March 28, 1855, under dispensation issued on February 17, 1855, under the authority of R. W. Bro. Sir Allan MacNab, Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. The dispensation was actually signed by the "Rt. Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Thomas Gibbs Rideout" (a Past Master of St. Andrews Lodge, Toronto). This meeting would see Doric Lodge consecrated and the first officers (named in the Lodge's (English) Warrant) installed. The ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. William James Bury MacLeod Moore, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West and a member of Dalhousie Lodge.

The new Lodge had been registered with United Grand Lodge and received Warrant No. 952 bearing date August 20, 1855 at which time the original dispensation was confirmed by the Grand Master. Warrant No. 952 was read into the Minutes of Doric Lodge on October 4, 1855. It had been issued to: William Tracey, WM (woodworker, 48 years of age, member of an unspecified Irish Lodge); James Wilson, SW (millwright, 52 years of age, member of Dalhousie No. 835 ER, now No. 52 GRC); James Ashfield, JW (cabinet maker, 30 years of age, member of Dalhousie No. 835 ER, now No. 52 GRC); James Peacock, Treasurer (hatter, 57 years of age, unspecified Scottish Lodge); Robert Hick, Secretary (trade unknown, 55 years of age, member of Zetland Lodge No. 731 ER and 15 GRC, Montreal); John Fotheringham, SD (mason, 44 years of age, unspecified Scottish Lodge); Robert Dale, JD (trade unknown, age unknown, unspecified Scottish Lodge) and Joseph Watson, Tyler.

The name "Doric" had been chosen for the Lodge as it refers to one of the orders of architecture. A Doric column has no base and its height, including the capital, is four to six times the diameter at its base, has twenty flutes and is the strongest of all columns. It is located in the west of a Lodge and is a reminder of strength and equality as well as the uphill climb through Masonic progress.

The first meeting of Doric Lodge No. 952 ER/49 PRCW was held April 4, 1855 where three applications for initiation were read out; the location is noted only as ". . . in a Lodge Room on Wellington Street, Upper Town." On May 2, 1855, Bro. William Young (Ottawa Merchant) was initiated (he would become Lodge Secretary in 1856) and on June 6, 1855, Bro. Donald Mason Grant (clerk, 35 years, from New Edinburgh) was initiated (Lodge Secretary 1858 and WM 1860). On June 6, 1855, the Lodge voted and made R. W. Bro. James Bury MacLeod Moore an Honourary Member.

The Lodge History (*Doric Lodge and Masonry in Canada*, by W. Bro. D. S. Robertson, March 28, 1955), notes that the Lodge held the English Warrant until the formation of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada under the grandmastership of R. W. Bro. Sir Alan Napier MacNab in September 1857. A new Warrant, No. 49, was issued by that Grand Lodge. The English Warrant was returned to United Grand Lodge on November 27, 1857, and cancelled at that time.

The entry in John Lane's *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, page 304, reads: "Doric Lodge. Ottawa (Carleton), Canada West, Ontario 1855. (Prov. Warrant) 17 February 1855. (G. L. Warrant) 20 Aug. 1855 No. 952. Erased Warrant returned 27 November 1857. Now No. 58 on Reg. of G. L. of Canada in Ontario."

On July 14, 1858, in Toronto, the union of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada (for which this was the 3rd Annual Communication) and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada (its 1st Annual Communication) was accomplished. Doric Lodge was one of the many Lodges which affiliated with the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada. At the 4th Annual

⁷³ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 13, 1859, Kingston), Doric Lodge was represented by the WM, W. Bro. Donald M. Grant. The DDGM of Central District, R. W. Bro. William Benjamin Simpson, reported that there were twenty-one Lodges in the District and that he had been able to visit only ten, including the two Lodges in Ottawa (Doric and Corinthian). He also noted that of the ten Lodges visited, only three "work in accordance with the English ritual; St. John's⁷⁴ . . . Doric and Corinthian." In the List of Subordinate Lodges is the entry "No. 58, Doric. Ottawa. (WM) D. M. Grant." At the 5th Annual Communication (July 11, 1860, Ottawa), Corinthian Lodge was represented by the WM, W. Bro. William James Bury McLeod Moore; Bro. Thomas Story, SW; Bro. Charles Esplin, JW; and two PM's, W. Bros. James Wilson and Donald M. Grant. In his report on Central District, the DDGM, R. W. Bro. George LaSerre reported that the District had been reduced to thirteen Lodges with the recent reorganization, but that it was flourishing and dispensations had been issued to form two new Lodges at Cornwall and Aylmer, although the latter had not yet been formed.

During these early days of Doric Lodge, the cost of Initiation was £5.00 and dues were 2/6 monthly. In addition the By-Laws discouraged absenteeism by charging officers who failed to attend regular or emergent meetings 5/- per absence, which was deposited into Lodge funds. It is also evident from the Lodge *History* that the Lodge has commenced working with a minimal set of Lodge jewels and other furnishings. Bro. Esplin (formerly of Vaughan Lodge, now No. 26 GRC, Maple, Ontario and WM of Doric Lodge in 1874) affiliated with Doric Lodge on February 2, 1859 and presented "new Rough and Smooth Ashlar and Cube" on October 5, 1859. The WM for 1860, R. W. Bro. MacLeod Moore presented "an Italian fencing dagger" to the Lodge to be used by the Inner Guard (regrettably lost in a fire in 1913).

On November 16, 1859, the Lodge voted unanimously to request R. W. Bro. MacLeod Moore to become WM of the Lodge for the year. This was confirmed in the ballot taken on December 7, 1859 and he was installed as WM on December 27, 1859.

The first meeting of a Lodge Committee of General Purposes (originally called a "Board") was in March 1860. A first application to the Lodge Board of Relief was made on February 27, 1861. The first Masonic Funeral conducted by the Lodge was in May 1861. The first Masonic Trial was held in the Lodge on November 5, 1862. Management of the Lodge through a Committee of General Purposes has continued to the present, as has the provision of benevolence in support of brethren and their families, including Masonic Memorial and Funeral Services. The need for Masonic Trials has been very few.

As with all Lodges in the jurisdiction, Doric Lodge felt the effects of the South African War, World War I and World War II. Financial support to relief funds of Grand Lodge, remission of dues of serving members, provision of packages and assistance to families of serving brethren were all provided. At the end of the First World War, the Lodge received more applications for admission than it felt it could handle. A proposal to amend the By-Laws and limit the number of applications received in any one year to not more than twenty was not supported by Grand Lodge and the heaviest year for applications to join Doric Lodge was in 1920 when 47 candidates were initiated.

Doric Lodge has occupied a variety of Lodge premises during its existence. From the original premises on Wellington Street it had, by October 1855 moved to Sussex Street; Parks Street in December 1856 and to Little Sussex Street in December 1859. In December 1861, it shared Dalhousie Lodge's facilities on Elgin Street at a rent of \$15.00 per quarter year. In September 1878 Doric moved to Rideau Street; to 104 Sparks Street in May 1888; to I.O.O.F. Hall on the corner of Sparks and Bank Streets in December 1896; to Harmony Hall, 140 Albert Street, in December 1897 and to the Scottish Rite Chambers on Sparks Street in September 1913. Harmony Hall was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1913 and all the Lodge equipment and furnishings were lost although the Minute Books were saved. The Lodge meanwhile completed its planned move to the Masonic Temple, 111 Metcalfe Street in January 1914. During 1975-76, Doric Lodge removed to Goodwood Lodge on a temporary basis pending the completion of the Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, into which it moved in September 1976.

During its history, Doric Lodge has supported the establishment of other Lodges: in June 1863 when it assisted in the formation of Goodwood Lodge at Richmond and donated spare furniture. In 1994, Doric members became charter members of a new Lodge in Nassau, Bahamas — Lodge Claudius R. Walker, No. 1808 SC, of the District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas (Scottish), consecrated and erected on

⁷⁴ A reference to St. John's Lodge, No. 3 GRC, Kingston (now The Ancient St. John's).

September 3, 1994. The connection began in October 1989 with the affiliation of Idrus Reid, then Bahamian High Commissioner to Canada (he would return to Nassau in November 1993) to Doric Lodge. He served as Doric's WM May 1992-1993. In September 1990, Doric Lodge hosted a visit by members of Lodge St. Michael, No. 1634 SC, Nassau, Bahamas. Thus began a series of alternate visits of Doric to Nassau and Nassau Lodges to Doric Lodge which included, in March 1994, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, R. W. Bro. Durward Greenwood.

The twenty-ninth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1915-1916), M. W. Bro. Sydney Albert Luke, was a member of this Lodge. William James Bury MacLeod Moore, the first Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was made an honorary member in 1885 (biography on p. 139). Other members of the Lodge have served:

- (a) Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West
 - Senior Grand Warden - V. W. Bro. William James Bury MacLeod Moore (1854-55);
- (b) Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada and the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario
 - DDGM - R. W. Bros. John P. Featherstone (Central, 1867-68⁷⁵), John J. Gemmill (Ottawa 12, 1869-70), William Kerr (Ottawa 12, 1876-77, 1877-78 and 1879-80), R. W. Stephens (Ottawa 16, 1892-93), Dr. John Robertson (Ottawa 16, 1900-01), Sydney Albert Luke (Ottawa 16, 1904-05), C. W. Jeffrey (Ottawa 16, 1916-17), E. S. McPhail (Ottawa 16, 1920-21), R. W. Bro. E. J. Cleery (Ottawa, 1924-25), J. A. Ross (Ottawa, 1926-27), H. F. Hardy (Ottawa, 1930-31), T. Earl Walker (Ottawa, 1949-50), Hugh Moir Cairney (Ottawa, 1954-55) and Edward J. Hare (Ottawa 1, 1988-89);
 - Grand Junior Warden - R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram (1908-09);
 - Grand Chaplain - R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. C. D. Donald (1952-53);
 - Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bro. John Fisher Hambly (1934-35);
 - Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Dr. J. Fenton Argue, MD (1938-39);
 - Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. R. Frank Hare (2000-01) and
 - Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. John J. Gemmill (1868-69), J. J. Smyth (year unknown), John Leopold Culbert (1921-22), C. Bruce Bell (1950-51), J. J. Allen (1955-56), Grant H. MacCarthy (1970-71), Mahmood E. Wahab (1977-78), Whitley J. Eastwood (1985-86), Ray Plumptre (1989-90), and G. S. Stott (year unknown).

R. W. Bro. Idrus Reid was installed as the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas (Scottish) in May 2001.

Doric Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1930 as part of the celebrations the Lodge contributed \$750.00 (\$10.00 per year of its existence) to the Protestant Home for the Aged. Doric celebrated its Centennial on March 28, 1955 and its 125th anniversary on March 28, 1980. On the weekend of April 16, 2005, Doric Lodge celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Doric Lodge No. 58 meets on the third Thursday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Doric Lodge 58, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1855	William Tracey*	1856	William Tracey*
1857	James Wilson*	1858	James Wilson*
1859	Donald M. Grant	1860	William James Bury MacLeod Moore

⁷⁵ He was the last DDGM of Central District. By 1869 the District had ceased to exist and had been replaced by St. Lawrence and Ottawa Districts.

1861	Thomas Storey	1862	Thomas Storey (Story)
1863	John P. Featherstone	1864	John P. Featherstone
1865	John P. Featherstone	1866	John P. Featherstone
1867	Thomas H. Kirby	1868	John J. Gemmill
1869	John Sweetland	1870	John Sweetland
1871	Thomas Birkett	1872	Emmanuel Lievers
1873	Amos Rowe	1874	Charles Esplin
1875	William Kerr	1876	William Kerr
1877	W. M. Somerville	1878	J. J. Smyth
1879	J. J. Smyth	1880	W. H. Baldwin
1881	W. H. Baldwin	1882	Archibald Smirle
1883	Archibald Smirle	1884	William M. Smith
1885	John Smith	1886	John Smith
1887	Abraham Pratt	1888	Abraham Pratt
1889	R. W. Stephens	1890	Dr. John Robertson
1891	James Smeaton	1892	R. W. Stephens
1893	Sydney Albert Luke	1894	Sydney Albert Luke
1895	George W. Shouldis	1896	W. H. Martin
1897	Charles A. Abbott	1898	W. J. Kidd
1899	J. A. Armstrong	1900	John Leopold Culbert
1901	John Storr	1902	A. G. Greenfield
1903	J. Fenton Argue	1904	J. C. Bartram
1905	H. O. E. Pratt	1906	J. A. Hocking
1907	Milton Armstrong	1908	W. H. Graham
1909	C. W. Jeffrey	1910	C. K. Lough
1911	G. H. Clark	1912	C. M. Bartram
1913	J. M. Hurcomb	1914	E. S. McPhail
1915	J. A. Ross	1916	W. A. Oliver
1917	J. B. Spencer	1918	L. E. Stanley
1919	Whiteley Eastwood	1920	W. C. Macartney
1921	E. L. Taylor	1922	Joseph W. McNabb
1923	W. A. Armstrong	1924	H. R. Cram
1925	R. W. Warwick	1926	W. M. McLean
1927	C. A. G. Conley	1928	John Fisher Hambly
1929	Charles Robertson	1930	H. A. McCallum
1931	E. A. Hall	1932	Walter R. White
1933	W. A. Blue	1934	J. M. Caldwell
1935	A. H. Stirling	1936	A. G. Taylor
1937	O. G. Armstrong	1938	J. Carl G. Fraser
1939	J. D. McNee	1940	F. B. Dunn
1941	W. J. F. Pratt	1942	C. Bruce Bell
1943	Hugh Moir Cairney	1944	T. Earl Walker
1945	Wallace Troop	1946	A. S. Kenney
1947	Vernon L. Lawson	1948	Rev. C. D. Donald
1949	A. V. Walte	1950-1	Hugh A. McIntyre
1951-2	W. J. Eastwood	1952-3	J. J. Allan
1953-4	R. J. D. Brown	1954-5	D. S. Robertson
1955-6	H. Clarke Green	1956-7	George R. Berry
1957-8	W. Lester Hare	1958-9	W. C. Gordon Collins
1959-0	J. Eldon Green	1960-1	Allan C. Stinsonn
1961-2	John James Allan	1962-3	John Shoosmith
1963-4	James W. Dewhirst	1964-5	Grant H. MacCarthy
1965-6	Mahmood E. Wahab,	1966-7	Robert W. Patterson
1967-8	Noel Risk	1968-9	Kenneth D. Brading

1969-0 L. F. Jackson
 1971-2 Clifford W. Crompton
 1973-4 R. James Withey
 1975-6 W. Hostettler
 1977-8 Garry J. Hyde
 1979-0 Ray Plumpton
 1981-2 Albon M. Hickman
 1983-4 Garry J. Hyde
 1985-6 Edward J. Hare
 1987-8 F. George Bellamy
 1989-0 Alexander H. Darling
 1991-2 R. Frank Hare
 1993-4 Ronald H. Ashworth
 1995-6 R. Christopher Hare
 1997-8 Henry L. Moore
 1999-0 Ruurd (Rudy) Douma
 2001-2 Bruce Sanderson
 2003-4 Brian Griffin
 2005-6 Jason Calverley
 2007-8 G. J. Hagenaars
 2009-0 Douglas Robar

1970-1 K. R. L. Evan
 1972-3 James W. Evans
 1974-5 W. R. Evans
 1976-7 John A. D. Charlton
 1978-9 Clifford W. Crompton
 1980-1 Ray Plumpton
 1982-3 Frank van Duffelin
 1984-5 J. F. Loveless
 1986-7 Alexander H. Darling
 1988-9 F. George Bellamy
 1990-1 Ronald H. Ashworth
 1992-3 Idrus G. Reid
 1994-5 Rupert V. Patterson
 1996-7 William R. Edwards
 1998-9 Henry L. Moore
 2000-1 Rupert V. Patterson
 2002-3 Daniel Richardson
 2004-5 Daniel Richardson
 2006-7 Jason Calverley
 2008-9 Alan Simpson
 2010-1 Bruce Sanderson

Sydney Albert Luke

Grand Master (1914-15 and 1915-16) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
of Canada in the Province of Ontario



M.W. Bro. Sidney A. Luke

(1862-1918)

The Luke family came from Cornwall, England in 1854 and settled in Oshawa, Ontario, where Sydney Albert Luke, the eldest of six sons, was born on December 15, 1862. It is not clear when he removed to Ottawa, but for thirty-five years he conducted a successful furniture business on Rideau Street where the old Freiman Store stood (now part of the Rideau Centre). He died on November 23, 1918, at the age of 56 and was buried in a Cemetery in Sandy Hill on November 26, 1918, with full Masonic honours.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry*, Mr. Sydney Albert Luke was initiated into Doric Lodge, No. 58 GRC, Ottawa, on October 4, 1889, on the recommendation of Bros. G. M. Ryerson and John Robertson (who would later be DDGM of Ottawa District for 1900-01). He was passed on November 1, 1889 and raised on December 6, 1889. He served as WM of the Lodge for 1892-93 and 1893-94. He served as DDGM of the Ottawa District in 1904-05 and 1913-15, a member of the Board of General Purposes (1905-06) and Deputy Grand Master 1912-13 and 1913-14. He was elected as Grand Master and served for the 1914-15 and 1915-16 terms. During his term he dedicated the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 111 Metcalfe Street.

In *Capitular Masonry*, he was exalted in Carleton Chapter, No. 16 GRC, Ottawa and served as First

Principal (1895). He was elected as Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District 13 (1900-01⁷⁶) and appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter. In *Knights Templary*, he was a member of Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32 and served as Presiding Preceptor (1903-04). He was elected as Grand Councillor of Sovereign Great Priory for the 1912-13 term.

He was a member of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection and served as Puissant Grand Master (1896-97 and 1897-98); Murray Chapter of Rose Croix where he served as Most Wise Sovereign (1900). He was appointed an Honorary Inspector-General 33° (1903) and as an Active Inspector-General 33° (1908) and Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Council (1913).

He was a member of Karnak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Membership of Doric Lodge, No. 58 GRC, Ottawa

(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)

(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)

(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Feb. 17,	1855				
There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	5	4	9	1	nil	13	nil	3	82
1867	14	14	12	2	2	8	2	10	80
1868	14	6	1	2	1	14	nil	nil	83
1869	13	9	4	2	4	4	1	2	89
1870	6	3	nil	4	3	14	1	3	84
1871	5	4	2	3	nil	9	1	nil	82
1872	7	7	5	1	nil	6	1	7	75
1873	4	2	1	2	nil	1	1	nil	78
1874	10	8	8	6	1	7	1	nil	87
1875	2	1	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	89
1876	6	4	4	3	nil	5	nil	2	84
1877	1	1	1	2	1	6	nil	nil	82
1878	2	1	1	2	nil	2	1	nil	84
1879	1	1	1	nil	nil	4	nil	16	65
1880	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	1	nil	62
1881	1	1	2	nil	4	5	1	7	52
1882	2	1	2	1	6	2	nil	nil	58
1883	6	4	3	2	nil	5	nil	nil	61

⁷⁶ He was appointed as Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District in May 1900 on the death of the incumbent, R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Munro on May 9, 1900, at his home in Almonte. R. Ex. Comp. Luke was elected for the 1901-02 term.

1884	7	6	6	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	68
1885	1	1	1	1	1	2	nil	4	65
1886	6	6	9	nil	nil	5	2	1	63
1887	7	6	5	2	1	2	nil	nil	72
1888	5	4	4	nil	2	4	2	nil	73
1889	6	5	3	1	2	6	nil	2	73
1890	9	8	8	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	83
1891	2	2	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	82
1892	7	5	1	nil	1	2	2	nil	86
1893	8	9	10	1	nil	2	1	7	85
1894	10	9	8	2	nil	1	2	nil	94
1895	8	5	6	2	nil	1	1	nil	102
1896	8	9	8	nil	nil	1	2	8	96
1897	4	5	6	1	nil	2	nil	2	97
1898	6	5	4	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	104
1899	3	4	4	nil	nil	1	2	8	96
1900	5	5	5	nil	nil	2	1	2	98
1901	22	17	16	3	3	5	1	3	127
1902	5	8	7	2	nil	1	2	nil	112
1903	7	3	5	1	nil	4	nil	nil	119
1904	7	11	11	1	nil	3	2	3	116
1905	24	21	19	7	nil	4	nil	nil	127
1906	11	13	13	3	1	2	1	nil	154
1907	17	12	8	2	nil	nil	3	1	169
1908	9	11	18	2	2	3	nil	5	172
1909	9	8	6	3	2	3	4	nil	178
1910	9	6	8	1	nil	5	nil	nil	183
1911	15	18	11	4	nil	2	2	10	188
1912	3	6	12	4	nil	3	nil	nil	192
1913	9	7	6	3	1	2	1	3	199
1914	17	17	15	3	2	5	3	2	232
1915	12	14	15	8	1	3	2	1	224
1916	12	11	8	7	nil	1	4	1	237
1917	19	17	20	7	1	2	6	nil	256

1918	17	15	16	4	1	nil	1	1	276
1919	189	18	14	13	nil	2	8	nil	297
1920	53	49	52	6	1	5	2	3	347
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	8	15	13	1	nil	5	3	nil	348
1921	28	27	27	6	1	5	2	2	374
1922	20	18	21	5	nil	4	4	3	388
1923	19	20	20	1	nil	7	8	nil	393
1924	20	19	20	6	1	4	4	8	404
1925	9	9	11	2	nil	2	3	3	407
1926	9	12	11	1	nil	3	4	5	405
1927	17	14	13	5	2	4	8	3	414
1928	17	18	15	2	nil	3	2	nil	428
1929	10	9	12	1	1	2	7	2	429
1930	7	6	6	1	1	2	4	nil	432
1931	10	13	12	3	1	8	8	3	427
1932	2	2	2	1	nil	3	6	7	416
1933	4	8	7	2	nil	4	5	5	410
1934	5	2	3	2	1	3	5	4	406
1935	2	4	4	2	nil	4	7	5	394
1936	3	5	4	2	nil	3	11	4	381
1937	4	2	2	1	nil	4	5	4	373
1938	4	6	6	2	1	4	3	3	370
1939	6	4	4	1	1	1	5	2	370
1940	2	3	3	3	1	2	4	2	368
1941	3	3	2	nil	1	4	4	1	363
1942	4	4	2	1	1	3	7	1	358
1943	9	6	7	1	1	nil	12	nil	357
1944	8	11	7	4	nil	2	7	1	359
1945	11	14	14	1	nil	2	7	1	361
1946	13	11	11	1	nil	2	4	nil	370
1947	14	16	11	2	nil	2	13	nil	371
1948	11	11	12	1	2	4	5	2	374
1949	9	9	8	nil	1	2	7	4	371

1950	6	8	8	4	nil	3	7	nil	371
1951	11	9	8	2	1	1	9	3	372
1952	11	10	8	nil	nil	5	11	nil	367
1953	12	12	12	8	1	1	7	nil	380
1954	9	8	11	2	nil	3	12	nil	376
1955	7	10	8	6	nil	1	9	2	377
1956	3	3	5	3	nil	5	5	nil	373
1957	8	7	6	7	nil	1	16	nil	371
1958	6	8	7	1	nil	3	2	nil	373
1959	6	5	7	2	1	8	8	1	365
1960	3	3	2	nil	nil	6	11	1	350
1961	6	7	6	2	nil	3	4	1	350
1962	5	3	6	2	nil	4	12	nil	341
1963	5	4	2	4	nil	7	8	3	332
1964	4	6	5	nil	nil	3	15	nil	318
1965	2	2	1	1	nil	4	6	nil	311
1966	2	1	1	7	nil	2	5	1	312
1967	4	5	2	1	nil	2	13	1	301
1968	5	4	4	3	nil	2	9	nil	298
1969	3	3	4	nil	nil	2	15	2	282
1970	2	3	3	2	nil	3	6	1	276
1971	4	4	2	1	nil	7	6	1	267
1972	3	3	3	nil	nil	nil	10	2	258
1973	4	4	4	1	nil	2	4	nil	257
1974	3	2	4	1	nil	2	16	nil	243
1975	4	3	3	1	nil	2	16	3	237
1976	1	3	3	nil	nil	3	9	1	225
1977	2	1	3	1	nil	1	7	nil	220
1978	2	1	2	nil	nil	4	8	nil	210
1979	2	nil	nil	2	nil	6	6	4	198
1980	2	1	2	nil	nil	5	9	3	183
1981	nil	nil	1	1	nil	3	9	2	170
1982	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	5	3	159
1983	3	1	nil	nil	nil	5	4	3	148

1984	2	3	2	nil	nil	1	6	nil	143
1985	3	2	3	nil	nil	nil	3	2	141
1986	3	3	4	1	1	nil	7	5	134
1987	nil	1	1	1	nil	2	8	nil	125
1988	2	2	2	1	nil	2	4	nil	122
1989	3	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	3	124
1990	4	3	1	nil	nil	2	5	nil	121
1991	5	2	nil	1	nil	nil	6	2	119
1992	1	2	4	3	nil	2	5	nil	116
1993	3	3	3	3	nil	3	3	nil	116
1994	3	1	1	1	1	4	4	nil	113
1995	2	1	1	1	nil	3	6	nil	107
1996	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	2	nil	106
1997	3	4	2	2	nil	3	3	1	104
1998	nil	nil	nil	1	1	3	3	1	99
1999	2	1	nil	1	nil	2	2	2	96
2000	1	2	3	nil	nil	6	8	nil	83
2001	7	5	1	1	nil	2	4	nil	85
2002	5	3	5	1	1	3	3	nil	86
2003	5	3	4	1	1	4	5	2	82
2004	1	2	5	1	nil	3	1	nil	80
2005	7	2	1	1	nil	1	4	1	82
2006	3	5	3	1	nil	3	1	nil	82
2007	nil	1	2	1	nil	10	1	nil	72
2008	3	1	1	nil	nil	6	2	1	66
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa 1859-1876
Corinthian Lodge, No. 50 GRC, Ottawa 1858-1859
Corinthian Lodge, No. 50 AGLC, Ottawa 1857-1858
Corinthian Lodge, No. 953 ER, Ottawa 1855-1857
Corinthian Lodge, No. 50 PRCW, Bytown 1855-1857
Corinthian Lodge, UD PRCW, Bytown 1854-1855

[Central District 1858-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1876.]

Corinthian Lodge was established in Bytown by R. W. Bro. William James Bury MacLeod Moore (a member of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835 ER, Bytown, now No. 52 GRC, Ottawa) in 1854. The Lodge was Instituted on July 14, 1854 and eventually received its Provincial Warrant, No. 49, from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West bearing the date of May 1, 1855. The Lodge was named after an order of architecture. The Lodge was registered with United Grand Lodge and received Warrant No. 953 bearing date August 20, 1855.

Corinthian Lodge did not join the new Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada when it was formed on October 10, 1855, at Hamilton, electing instead to remain with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. The PGL had, for several years, been seeking changes in its privileges under the United Grand Lodge of England and, when these had not been granted by July 1857, it proclaimed itself as the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada and elected the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Allan Napier McNab, as Grand Master. Its subordinate Lodges, including Corinthian were numbered according to the new Grand Lodge register and the Lodge became "No. 50." At this time the English Warrant, No. 953 was returned to London.

The entry in John Lane's *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, page 304, reads: "Corinthian Lodge. Ottawa (Carleton) Canada West, Ontario 1855. Prov. Warrant 17 Feb. 1855. G. L. Warrant 20 Aug. 1855. No. 953. Erased, Warrant returned, 27 Nov. 1857. Became No. 59 on Reg. of G. L. of Canada, but is not now working."

On July 14, 1858, in Toronto, the union of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada and the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was accomplished. Corinthian Lodge was one of the many Lodges which affiliated with the Grand Lodge. At the 4th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 13, 1859, Kingston), Corinthian Lodge was not represented although it appears in the List of Subordinate Lodges with W. Bro. George Heuback as WM. The DDGM of Central District, R. W. Bro. William Benjamin Simpson, reported that there were twenty-one Lodges in the District and that he had been able to visit only ten, including the two Lodges in Ottawa (Doric and Corinthian). He also noted that of the ten Lodges visited, only three "work in accordance with the English ritual; St. John's⁷⁷ . . . Doric and Corinthian." At the 5th Annual Communication (July 11, 1860, Ottawa), Corinthian Lodge was represented by the WM, W. Bro. Fred Marett; SW, Bro. W. B. Gallway; JW, Bro. Robert Lyon; and Past Masters, W. Bros. P. P. Harris, James FitzGibbon⁷⁸ and George Heuback. In his report on Central District, the DDGM, R. W. Bro. George LaSerre reported that the District had been reduced to thirteen Lodges with the recent reorganization, but that it was flourishing and dispensations had been issued to form two new Lodges at Cornwall and Aylmer, although the latter had not yet been formed.

The Lodge was attached to the Central District until 1868 when it became a member of the new Ottawa District until its closure and surrender of the Warrant. During 1863-64, R. W. Bro. Robert Lyon of the Lodge served as DDGM of Central District. During the 1868-1876 period the Lodge did not provide any

⁷⁷ A reference to St. John's Lodge, No. 3 GRC, Kingston (now The Ancient St. John's).

⁷⁸ It is not known at this time whether this refers to Colonel James FitzGibbon, who is remembered for taking the surrender of American forces at the Battle of the Beaver Dams during the War of 1812 and who led the militia forces against the rebels at Montgomery's Tavern on Yonge Street, during the Rebellion of 1837. He had removed to Windsor Castle by 1853 and remained there until his death. The reference could also refer to his youngest son, James, an officer in the 24th Foot who later sold his commission, travelled to Canada where he studied law and set himself up as a lawyer in Belleville, and had died by 1852.

District Deputy Grand Masters for Ottawa District.

According to the *Diamond Jubilee 1879-1939 Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371 A.F. & A.M.*, early Masters of Corinthian Lodge included H. V. Noel, E. P. Remon, E. B. Eddy, Dr. Logan, George Orme, A. H. Taylor, W. Gardner and William Northwood. This listing is at variance with the names listed in Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Lodge's last meeting was held on August 14, 1875 and the Lodge warrant was surrendered in 1876. An unsuccessful attempt to recover the Charter from Grand Lodge and resurrect Corinthian Lodge resulted in a number of these ex-Corinthian members combining their resources with some dissatisfied members of The Builders' Lodge No. 177 and establishing a new Lodge—Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371 GRC, Ottawa, in 1878. The extent of the bitterness between two groups of members within the Lodge is perhaps best illustrated by the report of the DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. William R. White, to Grand Lodge at the 21st Annual Communication (July 12, 1876, Ottawa). "In the month of August last, Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, by resolution surrendered its Charter and shortly afterwards a number of the brethren petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master, to be allowed to retain the Charter. This petition, together with a counter petition from certain other members of the Lodge, were referred to me by the Grand Master to investigate the cause of the surrender of the Charter and the circumstances connected therewith. In carrying out this direction I discovered that a very bitter state of feeling had for some years existed between the two leading members of the Lodge, and that the constant clashing between these two brethren and their respective adherents had been productive of so much trouble and injury to the craft that it was deemed better by the more temperate members of the Lodge they should take the action which resulted in the surrender of the Charter. This course was not adopted until strenuous efforts had been made to adjust the difficulty between the members at variance. I also endeavored to effect a compromise between the conflicting parties, but failing in every such endeavor, I was forced so to report to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in whose hands the matter now rests" (1876 *Proceedings* p 117). No returns of the Lodge being listed at the end of the 1876 Proceedings or thereafter, it would appear that the Grand Master did not release the Charter.

A membership data set was developed from Annual Proceedings for the years 1866 to 1875 inclusive. It reveals that the Lodge had grown to 56 members by 1868, declined to 49 by 1870 and had grown to 51 at the time the Lodge closed. There is no information to indicate attendance. It is likely that the depth of bad feeling between the two groups referred to above could not be contained within the small membership of this rural Lodge.

Reference to the final disposal of the property and furnishings of the Lodge appears in the 1882 *Annual Proceedings* (27th Annual Communication, July 12, 1882, London). The Board of General Purposes reported (p 114) that "At the last session of the Grand Lodge, a petition was received from the Ottawa Masonic Hall Committee, praying that the assets of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, whose Warrant had been surrendered to Grand Lodge, be handed over to them to liquidate some of the debts of said the Lodge. The Board at that time reported that the assets of the Lodge were not in the possession of Grand Lodge, and recommended that the consideration of the petition be deferred. Application is again made. The property having since been placed in the possession of Grand Lodge, the Board recommend that the petition be granted, and that all the property of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59, in the possession of Grand Lodge, with the exception of the warrant, jewels and books, be handed over to the Ottawa Masonic Hall Committee, on account of that Committee having been forced to liquidate some of the debts of the said Lodge."

William James Bury MacLeod Moore (first Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada) was a founder of Corinthian Lodge in 1885 (for his biography refer to page 139). During its brief twenty-two year existence, only one member of the Lodge served as DDGM: R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber (Ottawa 12, 1870-71, 1871-72 and 1872-73). He had also served as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies (1868-69).

Worshipful Masters of Corinthian Lodge 59, Ottawa
(* = charter member)

1854 unknown
1856 P. P. Harris?

1855 unknown
1857 James FitzGibbon?

1858 A. C. Kelly
 1860 Frederick Marett
 1862 Robert Lyon⁷⁹
 1864 Robert Lyon
 1866 W. R. Thistle
 1868 Edward C. Barber
 1870 Edward C. Barber
 1872 George Logan
 1874 Robert Watson
 1876 *no entry in Proceedings*

1859 George Heuback
 1861 W. B. Gallway
 1863 Isaac B. Taylor
 1865 Isaac B. Taylor
 1867 Edward C. Barber
 1869 Isaac B. Taylor
 1871 George Logan
 1873 George L. Orme
 1875 Robert Watson

Membership of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa
 (Data from Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of
 Ontario)
 (TOTAL as at June 24 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	July 14,	1854				
1866	8	3	1	16	nil	5	nil	4	43
1867	6	8	4	4	2	1	nil	nil	52
1868	10	10	9	3	nil	6	1	nil	56
1869	4	5	2	1	nil	8	1	1	52
1870	3	3	5	nil	nil	5	1	nil	49
1871	7	8	7	nil	nil	4	1	4	50
1872	7	8	6	2	nil	4	1	nil	53
1873	3	4	7	nil	nil	2	nil	1	53
1874	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	1	nil	50
1875	2	2	2	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	51
1876	no data	listed in	Ann.	Procs.					
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

⁷⁹ W. Bro. Lyon became a charter member of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond in 1861 and was an affiliated member of The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa. He served as DDGM of Ottawa District, 1863-64.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63 GRC, Carleton Place 1872-present
St. John's Lodge, No. 16 AGLC, Carleton Place 1857-1858
St. John's Lodge, No. 544 ER, Carleton Place 1863-1872
St. John's Lodge, No. 796 ER, Carleton Place 1849-1863
St. John's Lodge, No. 16 PRCW, Carleton Place 1847-1857
St. John's Lodge, UD, Carleton Place 1843-1847

Morning Star Lodge, UD, PRUC, Carleton Place, Beckwith Twp, Lanark County 1822-.1822

[Central District 1862-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1970⁸⁰. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

The town of Carleton Place, situated on the Mississippi River in Lanark County, was first known as Morphy's Falls after Edmund Morphy, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, who settled in the area in 1819 with three sons, William, John and James. It was also known as Boulton's Mills after Hugh Boulton, who built the first grist mill at the falls in 1823. As early as 1822 Masons in the area attempted to form a Masonic lodge at Morphy's Falls/Boulton's Mills. John Ross Robertson, in his *History of Freemasonry in Canada*, 1899, Vol. 2, p. 216, notes that "At the regular meeting of 6th December a petition was read as having been presented to R. W. Bro. Z. M. Phillips as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the second Provincial Grand Lodge of 1822 praying for a dispensation for a warrant at Carleton Place. The Petition was signed by Bros. Bryce McNeeley⁸¹, Wm. Rea, James Robinson, John Moore, Peter Carmichael, James Neeley, Andrew Paul and John McIntyre. The Lodge endorsed the petition and it was signed the W. M. and secretary. This lodge was to be known as 'Morning Star'. Its records have not been preserved." The *History* of St. John's Lodge indicates that the Morning Star Lodge was never formed and probably never worked.

The formation of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith Falls, under dispensation in 1839, appears to have sparked renewed interest in the formation of a lodge at what had become Carleton Place (in 1829 Alexander Morris, a young innkeeper, suggested the name Carlton Place after a street in central Glasgow, but the new Post Office, in 1830, officially adopted the name Carleton Place from the spelling used for the adjacent Carleton County). With the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter in Smith Falls, the Masons of Carleton Place again moved for the formation of a lodge and Bro. Bryce McNeeley sought the support of Smith Falls Masons. A Petition dated December 6, 1842, was made by St. Francis Lodge, No. 797 ER, to R. W. Bro. Z. M. Phillips endorsing a request for a Dispensation for a warrant to form a new Lodge, again to be called "Morning Star," at Carleton Place. The Request for Dispensation carried the signatures of Bros. Peter Carmichael; James Meely; John McIntyre; Brice McNeely; John Moore; Andrew Paul; Wm. Rea (who had been given his three degrees, at home, in one night in 1831 by members of True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth, because of difficulties of travel); and James Robinson. The Petition proposed Bro. Bryce McNeeley as Master; Bro. William Rea, SW and Bro. James Robinson, JW. Approval was given by R. W. Bro. Z. M. Phillips and the first installation took place on Friday, January 20, 1843.

Up to 1858 there were 21 regular meetings of the Lodge, but no set meeting time appears to have been stated. On October 6, 1858 a motion was passed "to meet on the Wednesday on or before the next full moon" to ensure that there would be sufficient visibility for members and their horses to see their way home following the lodge meeting." Three functions which were important to the Lodge were: the holding of meetings to settle quarrels between brethren, Masonic funeral services and the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of important buildings. The first constitution for the Lodge was a hand-copied version of that held by True Briton's Lodge.

The new Lodge joined the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West in 1847 and received its Provincial

⁸⁰ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

⁸¹ W. Bro. Bryce McNeely was a tanner and his tannery was located on the banks of the Mississippi River at Carleton Place. It is now a well-known pub and restaurant known as the "Leather Works."

Warrant, dated August 31, 1847, as St. John's Lodge, No. 16, Carleton Place. The Lodge was registered with United Grand Lodge and received a Warrant on September 26, 1849 as St. John's Lodge, No. 796 ER, Carleton Place, being renumbered in 1863 as No. 544 ER (this renumbering was the result of a general across-the-board renumbering by United Grand Lodge to "close up" following the closure of many lodges for many reasons and had been undertaken at the Union of 1813 and then in 1832).

Although the records indicate that the lodge joined the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada and was renumbered as St. John's Lodge, No. 16, Carleton Place, the Lodge history notes that a Committee was appointed in August 1859 to investigate whether the lodge should join the new Grand Lodge of Canada. Heated discussion and debate in 1861 led to the deferral of any decision until March 1872 when St. John's Lodge, No. 544 ER, made application to affiliate with the new Grand Lodge of Canada. During this time of turmoil in the governance of the Craft in Ontario (with a Grand Lodge of Canada, an Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, and Irish and English lodges) St. John's found time, in 1861, to sponsor the formation of Mississippi Lodge, Almonte (now No. 147 GRC). What is interesting is that at the union of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, on July 14, 1858, in Toronto, the "List of Affiliating Lodges at the Union" shows an entry as "16. St. John's (Lodge). Carleton Place. No Returns" indicating that at least one Grand Lodge believed it had affiliated at that time. Yet the Lodge is not listed as participating in the 4th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada (July 13, 1859, Kingston), and the number it would eventually receive, "63", was assigned to Simcoe Lodge at Simcoe.

At the 17th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10-12, 1872, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported that he had issued 21 dispensations⁸². He said: "It would be unnecessary to add anything . . . if numbers alone were a certain evidence of success; but since other elements are essential to real prosperity, I am happy to be able to state that after strict enquiry, I have found the applicants for dispensations to be zealous and earnest Masons, and that the fields of their operations promise to be productive of excellent material. I have, therefore, every reason to believe that, by the establishment of these several Lodges, the Craft will receive additional strength (1872 *Annual Proceedings*, p. 39-40). R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, DDGM, reported the District grew by four Lodges in the year: two by affiliation (St. John's 524 ER at Carleton Place and Dalhousie 571 ER at Ottawa) and two under dispensation (Chaudiere at Ottawa and Pontiac at Onslow, PQ). He noted that warm and friendly relations had existed for many years between the two English Lodges and the Lodges in the District (p 86). The Board of General Purposes reported that after examining the books of all Lodges they recommended Warrants be issued to only sixteen of the twenty-one⁸³ plus three additional Lodges⁸⁴ for which applications had been received at Grand Lodge (p 106). A supplementary report of the Board was submitted later at the Annual Communication (p 119) with the recommendation that

⁸² The twenty-one Lodges included: Oak Branch at Innerkip (No 261 GRC) dated September 13, 1871; Harriston at Harriston (No. 262 GRC) dated September 23, 1871; Forest at Forest (No. 263 GRC), dated October 18, 1871; Chaudiere at Ottawa (No. 264 GRC) dated November 25, 1871; Patterson at Concord (No. 265 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Northern Light at Stayner (No. 266 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Parthenon at Chatham (No. 267 GRC) dated January 19, 1872; Verulam at Bobcaygeon (No. 268 GRC) dated February 10, 1897; Brougham Union at Brougham (No. 269 GRC) dated February 14, 1872; Cedar at Oshawa (No. 270) dated March 6, 1872; Wellington at Erin (No. 271 GRC) dated March 13, 1872; Seymour at Ancaster (No. 272 GRC) dated April 2, 1872; Olive Branch at West Shefford, PQ (No. 273 GRC, later No. 50 GRQ, closed 1891) dated April 16, 1872; Kent at Blenheim (No. 274 GRC) dated April 25, 1872; Pontiac at Onslow, PQ (No. 275 GRC, now No. 40 GRQ, Shawville, PQ) dated May 4, 1872; Teeswater at Teeswater (No. 276 GRC) dated May 7, 1872; Seymour at Port Dalhousie (No. 277 GRC, now at St. Catharines) dated May 9, 1872; Mystic at Roslin (No. 278 GRC, closed 1898) dated May 14, 1872; New Hope at Hespeler (No. 279 GRC, now at Cambridge) dated May 15, 1872; Mount Sinai at Napanee (No. 280 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 5, 1872; and Thorne at Holland Landing (No. 281 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 25, 1872.

⁸³ Oak Branch; Forest; Chaudiere; Patterson; Northern Light; Seymour; Verulam; Brougham Union; Cedar; Kent; Teeswater; Mystic and Mount Sinai.

⁸⁴ Eureka at Belleville (No. 283 GRC); St. John's at Ainleyville (No. 284 GRC, now at Brussels) and Seymour (Seven Star Lodge) at Alliston (No. 285 GRC).

Warrants be issued for a further twelve Lodges⁸⁵. This would bring the total of new Lodges to thirty-six. The number 63, which had originally been allocated to Simcoe Lodge at Simcoe (1857 to 1863), was reused for a new Warrant for St. John's Lodge⁸⁶.

The entry in John Lane's *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, page 289, reads: "St. John's Lodge. Carleton Place (Lanark), *Canada West, Ontario* 1847. (G. L. Warrant) 31 Aug. 1847. No. 796. 1863 No. 544. *Erased 12 June 1872*. Now No. 63 on Reg. of G. L. of Canada in Ontario."

On June 13, 1872, the Lodge received the visit of the DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber (of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa), opening and closing the Lodge in all three degrees and working the third degree, probably to demonstrate that there were no variations exercised by the Lodge as it had taken some years for Grand Lodge to secure conformity in working across the jurisdiction.

First meetings of the Lodge were held in various locations: Bro. Manny Nowlan's Tavern (1842), Carleton House on bridge Street (1842-58), Hurd's Hall (1858-65), the Masonic Hall on bridge Street (1865-70) and Dr. Cornell's Hall (1870-87). The Lodge participated in the erection of the Masonic Hall on Albert Street, Carleton Place, whose cornerstone was laid on September 28, 1887, and called it "home" until 1910 when it was burned down in a disastrous fire. A new Masonic Hall at 55 Bridge Street was constructed and occupied in 1911.

St. John's Lodge has always enjoyed close relations and visits with neighbouring Lodges. Visits to St. Francis No. 24 to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist began in 1843 (very soon after the formation of St. John's) and were often celebrated by a sleigh and cutter "run" to Smiths Falls and back. In 1869, St. John's was the sponsor for Evergreen Lodge, No. 209 GRC, Lanark.

St. John's Lodge has always realized that it had a role to play in the local community and the first Lodge Divine Service was held in the Baptist Church on St. John the Baptist day in 1844. Local benevolence, presence at Masonic funerals (now Memorial Service) and cornerstone laying ceremonies (such as St. Paul's Anglican Church, in Almonte, in 1863; Free Church in Almonte in 1865; and St. James Anglican Church, Carleton Place, in 1881) have always been well attended. Benevolence was never confined to the town of Carleton Place and the minutes of the Lodge often reflect the Lodge's contributions to distressed brethren and their families as far away as Oil Springs and Petrolia.

Lodge members performed their patriotic duty. In the South African (Boer) War, William Hooper (later Major) joined the 43rd Regiment as a Bugler. Many members of the Lodge joined Canada's armed forces during World War I, including Captain William Hooper of the 42nd Regiment and Lt.-Col. Arthur Stirling Gorrell. Bro. Arthur Roy Brown was initiated on October 29, 1915 and then sent to the front as a pilot in the fledgling Royal Flying Corps. He returned to Canada for leave and received his second and third degrees on December 17, 1917, and returned to the Front shortly thereafter. On April 21, 1918, Bro. Brown shot down the famous German ace Baron Manfred von Richthofen. Another member of the Lodge, Bro. Lloyd Samuel Breadner also joined the RNAS/RFC in 1915 and after a long service career became Chief of the (Canadian) Air Staff (1939-43) and Commander of the RCAF (1943-44). After the WWII he helped organize the RCAF Association. A total of thirteen Lodge members served overseas 1914-1919. A total of 286 names are recorded on the town's Honor Roll for World War I and it is believed that this is the largest proportion of citizenry for a town the size of Carleton Place. The laying of a Wreath at the Carleton Place Cenotaph was started in 1939 and has been continued to the present: A Lodge's way to remember those who offered their services for King and country in times of war and of peace. Although there are no statistics in the *History*, there are clear indications that St. John's Lodge not only supported efforts on the home front during World War II, but that many members of the Lodge joined the various services. The Lodge supplied support for food parcels to Britain both during World War II and for the

⁸⁵ Parthenon at Chatham; Wellington at Erin; Olive Branch at West Shefford; Pontiac at Onslow; Harriston at Harriston; Seymour at Port Dalhousie; New Hope at Hespeler; Thorne at Holland Landing; Lorne at Glencoe (No. 282 GRC); Ancient Landmark at Winnipeg (No. 288 GRC, now No. 3 GRM); Morrisburg at Morrisburg (no Warrant appears to have been granted) and L'Original at L'Original (no Warrant appears to have been granted).

⁸⁶ It was this delay in affiliating with the new Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada that resulted in St. John's receiving Warrant No. 63 GRC while Dalhousie Lodge, which was a younger Lodge, had a lower number as No. 52.

years afterwards as the mother-country struggled with the immediate post-war years.

In the inter-war years the Lodge membership changed drastically — from growth in the immediate post-war years it later suffered from the effects of global depression. The period 1919-1932 saw tremendous growth with a highlight of 9 applications received and read out at one meeting (March 14, 1919). The 1932-36 period saw a drastic reduction in membership, the December 9, 1936 meeting reading out an application for membership for the first time in three and one-half years.

The Lodge celebrated its Centennial on January 20, 1943, its 150th Anniversary on April 10, 1993 and its 160th anniversary on April 13, 2005.

When St. John's Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1872, it was entered as a Lodge in the Ottawa District which had been created in 1868. In the reorganization of 1970 which saw the overly large Ottawa District split into Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2 Districts, St. John's was placed in Ottawa 1 District. During its existence nine members have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Dr. J. W. Pickup, MD⁸⁷ (Ottawa 12, 1874-75 and 1878-79), Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD (Ottawa 16, 1905-06⁸⁸), Duncan Haggert McIntosh (Ottawa 16, 1909-10), Dr. Milo H. Steele (Ottawa 16, 1913-14), Major William H. Hooper (Ottawa, 1929-30), Arnold J. Illingsworth (Ottawa, 1953-54), Raymond E. Shane (Ottawa 1, 1975-76), Paul Edward Todd (Ottawa 1, 1999-2000) and Ivor Bayley (Ottawa 1, 2009-10). Other members have served Grand Lodge as Grand Steward, including: V. W. Bros. George Hamilton Findlay (1914-15), Harvey E. Menzies (1930-31), Thomas J. Steele (1954-55), Fred A. McTavish (1962-63), Cecil R. Ruttle (1972-73), G. A. Docker (1976-77), Clarence E. Cassibo (1983-84), Harry L. Morris (1990-91), Dieter Jeschor (1997-98), Roy T. Coker (2000-01), Harry Baker (2004-05) and Robin Michael Rogers (2010-11). V. W. Bro. Harry Purdy was appointed as Grand Standard Bearer (Canadian) for (1992-93) of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge, Germany within the United Grand Lodges of Germany, Brotherhood of Freemasons.

St. John's Lodge meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, 55 Bridge Street, Carleton Place.

Worshipful Masters of St. John's Lodge 63, Carleton Place

(* = charter members)

1843	Brice McNeely, Sr	1844	Brice McNeely, Sr
1845	Brice McNeely, Sr	1846	Brice McNeely, Sr
1847	Brice McNeely, Sr	1848	Brice McNeely, Sr
1849	Brice McNeely, Sr	1850	William Houston
1851	William Houston	1852	William Houston
1853	William Houston	1854	William Houston
1855	William Houston	1856	William Houston
1857	William Houston	1858	William Houston
1859	William Houston	1860	David McNabb
1861	Brice McNeely, Sr	1862	James Condie Poole
1863	James Condie Poole	1864	James Dunlop
1865	James Dunlop	1866	David McNabb
1867	David McNabb	1868	David McNabb

⁸⁷ The *St. John's History* notes (p 51) that Dr. J. W. Pickup was initiated, passed and raised in St. John's Lodge. He affiliated with several Lodges in the District. As the District chose their DDGM on a rotational basis, when it came time for one Lodge to put forward a candidate it could have been an affiliated member. In this way Dr. J. W. Pickup was twice nominated and elected as DDGM from Eureka 248, Pakenham. Although he was not a Past Master of St. John's No. 63. His son, W. Bro. E. G. P. Pickup was WM of St. John's No. 63 in 1897.

⁸⁸ Dr. Gorrell would later become Grand Master (1912-13) of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. as well as Grand First Principal (1917-18 and 1918-19) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario whose authority included Saskatchewan at the time.

1869	David McNabb	1870	David McNabb
1871	David McNabb	1872	John McArten
1873	M. Nelson S. Lee	1874	David McNabb
1875	David McNabb	1876	William Weir
1877	David McNabb	1878	C. G. Stackhouse
1879	James Shilson	1880	C. G. Stackhouse
1881	David McNabb	1882	George Douglas
1883	Dr. Richard Franklin Preston, MD	1884	Dr. Richard Franklin Preston, MD
1885	Dr. Richard Franklin Preston, MD	1886	William F. Latimer
1887	William F. Latimer	1888	William Sutherland
1889	William Shanks	1890	Frank Donald
1891	Frank Donald	1892	W. M. Dunham
1893	W. M. Dunham	1894	J. D. Taylor
1895	William Robert Williamson	1896	E. G. P. Pickup ⁸⁹
1897	R. J. Morgan	1898	Dr. Duncan Haggert McIntosh, MD
1899	Lt.-Col. Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD	1900	Thomas Fraser
1901	Thomas Barrie	1902	T. C. Hudson
1903	P. A. Garvin	1904	J. C. Switzer
1905	William John Muirhead	1906	George Hamilton Findlay
1907	J. R. Hamilton	1908	Major William H. Hooper
1909	J. R. Moore	1910	N. C. McAllister
1911	Alexander H. Edwards	1912	J. A. McLaren
1913	J. W. Patterson	1914	Robert Caldwell Patterson
1915	H. W. Dummert	1916	Frank. C. McDiarmid
1917	W. J. Porterfield	1918	John Strachan Lewis McNeely
1919	A. Omar Fleming	1920	Dr. John A. McEwen, MD
1921	Dr. John A. McEwen, MD	1922	J. H. Bond
1923	William Preston Pattie	1924	Hiram A. McFadden
1925	Herbert E. Sinclair	1926	F. C. McDiarmid
1927	Harvey E. Menzies	1928	W. J. Hughes
1929	H. N. Steet	1930	C. G. Dowdall
1931	Leo J. McDiarmid	1932	William W. Pollock
1933	Thomas E. Nichols	1934	J. C. Spence
1935	J. W. Morphy	1936	W. Forbes Baird
1937	W. Forbes Baird	1938	Morton W. Rogers
1939	J. S. Stark	1940	J. Gordon Patterson
1941	Wilfred S. Bellamy	1942	James G. Simpson
1943	W. R. McIlquham	1944	E. Roy Fee
1945	J. D. McAdam	1946	Thomas J. Steele
1947	Mervyn P. Morris	1948	Harold C. Skinner
1949-0	Arnold J. Illingworth	1950-1	Arnold J. Illingworth
1951-2	Floyd J. Vout	1952-3	Robert Caldwell Wilson
1953-4	Austin A. Wright	1954-5	Fred A. McTavish
1955-6	W. W. Whyte	1956-7	G. Max Gladish
1957-8	Reginald Isaac Cross	1958-9	Howard McNeely Morris
1959-0	Donald H. Menzies	1960-1	W. E. S. Root
1961-2	G. C. Crampton ⁹⁰	1962-3	W. J. Armstrong
1963-4	Finlay Kirney McEwen	1964-5	J. Arthur Hobbs

⁸⁹ W. Bro. E. G. P. Pickup died in 1897, at the age of 29 years, during his term as WM and W. Bro. W. R. Williamson completed the year.

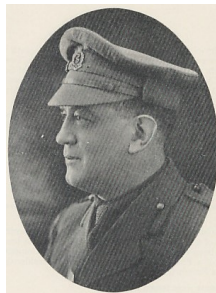
⁹⁰ W. Bro. G. C. Crampton died in office and his year was completed by W. Bro. W. E. S. Root.

1965-6 Cecil R. Ruttle
 1967-8 Thomas Harold James
 1969-0 W. Howard Edwards
 1971-2 Raymond E. Shane
 1973-4 Andrew J. Dickie
 1975-6 Clarence E. Cassibo
 1977-8 John O. Tennant
 1979-0 Victor Gilmour
 1981-2 Harry L. Morris
 1983-4 Ian Doig
 1985-6 Fraser Ellis
 1987-8 Ian Bowen
 1989-0 Albert Lackey
 1991-2 Robin Rogers
 1993-4 Paul Edward Todd
 1995-6 Steven Rothwell
 1997-8 James Birtch
 1999-0 James R. McIsaac
 2001-2 Eric Morgan
 2003-4 Blaine Mercier
 2005-6 Philip G. Pilon
 2007-8 Bernard C. Duffen
 2009-0 Harry Baker

1966-7 George M. Nobes
 1968-9 Clarence E. Cassibo
 1970-1 G. A. Docker
 1972-3 M. Ward Crampton
 1974-5 Dieter Ralf Jeschor
 1976-7 Clarence E. Cassibo
 1978-9 J. E. Douglas Gibson
 1980-1 G. A. Docker
 1982-3 Garry Murphy
 1984-5 Mervin Bonney
 1986-7 Roy T. Coker
 1988-9 Brent Reid
 1990-1 Harry Baker
 1992-3 J. Gary Nicholson
 1994-5 Arthur Nash
 1996-7 Miles Kirkendall
 1998-9 Ronald Hodgins
 2000-1 Philip G. Pilon
 2002-3 Robertson Gracie⁹¹
 2004-5 Ivor Bayley
 2006-7 Philip G. Pilon
 2008-9 Philip G. Pilon
 2010-1 Shawn Todd

Lt.-Col. Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD

Grand Master (1912-13) of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.
 and
 Grand First Principal (1917-18 and 1918-19) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada
 in the Province of Ontario



(1869-1940)

Arthur Stirling Gorrell was born at Farran's Point, Stormont County, Ontario, on November 18, 1869. He enrolled in medicine at McGill University and graduated in 1890 with the degree of M.D.C.M. In 1906 he pursued his studies in London, Vienna, Heidelberg and Paris and on return to Canada took up a medical practice in Regina. He removed to Regina in August 1908, where he joined the Canadian Militia and was commissioned as a Captain in the same year. During World War I he joined the Canadian Army and retired in 1918 as Assistant Director of Medical Services, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

In 1898 he married Ethyl Jean Cherry and they had three sons and one daughter.

M. W. Bro. Arthur Stirling Gorrell died at his home in Regina on Monday, June 3, 1940, at the age of 70.

⁹¹ W. Bro. Gracie died in office and his year was completed by W. Bro. James R. McIsaac.

Masonic Career

Before leaving Carleton Place, Ontario, for his medical training, he joined St. John's Lodge, No. 63 and served as WM (1899-1900). He was elected as DDGM of the Ottawa District for 1905-06. In Regina he affiliated with NWMP Lodge in 1908. He was an active member of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. and was elected as Grand Senior Warden (1910-11) and DDGM (1911-12). He was elected as Grand Master and served for the 1912-13 term.

He had been exalted in Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place before his medical studies took him to Montreal and Europe. He was elected as First Principal of Maple Chapter, No. 116, for 1903 and as Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District 13 for 1906-07. He was active in the Grand Chapter, even when living in Regina (the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan would not be formed until 1923) and filled various including Grand Third and Grand Second Principal. He was elected as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the 1917-18 and 1918-19 terms.

He was an active member 33° in the Scottish Rite.

Membership of St. John's Lodge, No. 63 GRC, Carleton Place
(from Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1872 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted and
from 1920, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	1843	but	affiliated	in 1872	with	G.L.C.
1872	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	15
1873	12	14	15	4	nil	2	1	nil	38
1874	4	4	4	1	nil	1	1	nil	40
1875	7	7	6	2	nil	3	1	nil	45
1876	3	3	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	49
1877	4	4	4	nil	nil	7	1	5	40
1878	7	7	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	47
1879	2	3	7	1	nil	2	nil	8	44
1880	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	43
1881	3	3	3	nil	1	3	nil	nil	45
1882	3	3	3	nil	2	1	2	4	45
1883	4	4	4	2	1	7	1	7	36
1884	5	3	1	5	1	1	nil	7	37
1885	2	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	35
1886	9	9	11	3	2	6	1	nil	43
1887	7	6	3	5	nil	2	1	nil	53
1888	7	8	10	nil	2	1	2	nil	63
1889	5	5	5	1	nil	nil	1	nil	65
1890	6	4	5	1	2	nil	nil	nil	70

1891	13	14	9	3	nil	2	1	1	82
1892	4	5	9	1	nil	3	nil	6	78
1893	13	13	12	3	1	nil	2	2	91
1894	5	5	4	2	nil	4	2	nil	92
1895	6	5	6	1	nil	4	1	nil	94
1896	10	11	7	nil	nil	3	3	nil	98
1897	6	5	9	1	nil	3	nil	3	99
1898	2	2	3	1	nil	1	1	3	95
1899	9	8	4	1	nil	1	4	nil	100
1900	10	9	11	1	nil	1	nil	2	109
1901	22	21	17	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	127
1902	10	11	16	1	nil	1	1	nil	136
1903	7	8	7	2	nil	2	2	nil	142
1904	9	8	8	2	nil	5	nil	2	150
1905	16	13	13	1	2	4	2	nil	161
1906	8	10	10	nil	nil	5	3	nil	162
1907	6	6	5	1	nil	2	1	6	159
1908	7	8	6	nil	nil	6	2	nil	158
1909	4	4	3	2	nil	1	3	nil	157
1910	4	4	5	nil	1	4	nil	nil	159
1911	6	4	3	2	nil	2	1	nil	164
1912	14	14	13	2	nil	2	3	nil	175
1913	13	10	10	1	nil	1	3	nil	182
1914	13	17	18	2	nil	4	nil	nil	193
1915	7	7	5	3	nil	nil	2	nil	200
1916	7	2	4	2	1	2	2	2	202
1917	10	5	5	1	nil	3	1	2	207
1918	2	9	9	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	209
1919	26	24	11	nil	nil	nil	7	2	226
1920	18	15	20	3	nil	4	4	nil	239
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	nil	3	6	2	nil	1	1	nil	239
1921	7	4	5	nil	nil	5	3	2	236
1922	8	8	9	1	1	5	3	nil	238

1923	6	6	7	nil	1	4	3	2	236
1924	8	7	7	3	nil	1	3	4	239
1925	4	6	6	2	nil	1	nil	2	242
1926	1	3	3	2	nil	2	2	nil	241
1927	3	3	3	1	nil	1	nil	4	240
1928	5	4	1	1	nil	nil	5	2	239
1929	4	2	3	2	nil	1	6	nil	238
1930	9	10	11	3	nil	nil	6	5	239
1931	13	11	11	1	nil	3	5	1	244
1932	2	6	5	3	nil	nil	5	6	238
1933	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	6	nil	233
1934	nil	2	2	nil	nil	nil	4	8	221
1935	nil	1	2	nil	1	3	5	nil	214
1936	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	2	11	203
1937	1	2	1	nil	nil	2	5	nil	198
1938	1	1	2	nil	1	1	5	nil	194
1939	3	2	2	nil	2	1	3	12	183
1940	1	2	2	nil	nil	2	11	nil	171
1941	5	4	3	1	nil	nil	3	nil	174
1942	2	3	4	nil	1	nil	5	6	166
1943	3	3	2	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	165
1944	8	7	6	nil	2	3	2	nil	170
1945	3	4	6	1	nil	nil	9	nil	165
1946	27	18	16	1	3	1	5	1	189
1947	13	19	20	3	nil	nil	6	nil	199
1948	8	7	7	nil	1	nil	2	nil	206
1949	8	9	8	3	nil	nil	4	nil	213
1950	5	5	7	nil	nil	1	3	1	213
1951	17	16	14	3	nil	nil	5	nil	228
1952	13	10	10	2	nil	1	10	nil	232
1953	10	12	13	1	nil	2	4	nil	237
1954	4	5	6	1	nil	2	4	nil	236
1955	6	6	5	2	nil	1	4	3	236
1956	10	10	10	nil	nil	3	3	1	239

1957	5	4	4	2	nil	nil	3	1	242
1958	4	3	4	1	nil	1	2	nil	244
1959	3	5	4	nil	1	1	7	nil	240
1960	6	4	5	3	nil	4	7	1	237
1961	4	6	6	3	1	2	6	nil	237
1962	6	4	2	2	nil	3	5	1	236
1963	2	3	4	1	nil	3	10	nil	226
1964	4	4	4	1	nil	nil	3	nil	228
1965	4	4	5	nil	nil	2	6	nil	224
1966	3	4	4	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	221
1967	5	5	3	1	nil	nil	7	nil	220
1968	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	216
1969	2	3	3	1	nil	nil	6	1	212
1970	1	1	2	1	nil	1	5	2	206
1971	4	2	1	1	nil	nil	4	nil	207
1972	2	2	3	5	nil	nil	3	nil	211
1973	1	2	2	1	nil	nil	5	nil	208
1974	4	3	2	2	nil	nil	6	nil	208
1975	1	1	2	nil	nil	1	4	nil	204
1976	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	201
1977	12	7	5	4	nil	nil	10	nil	196
1978	7	8	7	5	nil	nil	2	3	203
1979	5	3	7	2	nil	1	4	nil	205
1980	3	4	3	5	nil	1	5	nil	207
1981	5	1	2	nil	nil	1	9	nil	202
1982	10	10	8	1	nil	1	4	nil	208
1983	6	7	7	nil	nil	nil	8	nil	207
1984	4	2	5	3	nil	2	10	nil	202
1985	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	8	198
1986	4	5	4	1	nil	nil	2	1	200
1987	3	6	7	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	198
1988	6	5	4	nil	nil	1	2	nil	206
1989	5	3	5	nil	nil	nil	7	1	203
1990	1	2	1	2	nil	2	8	3	182

1991	4	1	1	1	2	1	8	1	179
1992	1	4	3	1	nil	nil	6	3	171
1993	2	1	nil	1	nil	1	nil	3	170
1994	5	4	3	1	nil	1	5	nil	170
1995	5	3	2	2	nil	3	2	3	169
1996	6	6	4	1	nil	1	2	nil	173
1997	1	2	5	nil	nil	2	7	nil	165
1998	3	4	3	1	nil	2	6	7	154
1999	9	6	2	2	1	nil	6	3	157
2000	2	1	4	3	1	1	6	1	155
2001	nil	nil	nil	1	1	3	5	5	144
2002	2	nil	nil	2	nil	2	14	1	131
2003	2	1	nil	nil	nil	2	6	1	124
2004	2	nil	nil	1	nil	5	1	2	119
2005	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	8	2	nil	110
2006	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5	3	105
2007	3	5	3	2	1	3	1	4	103
2008	2	2	2	nil	1	3	4	1	98
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 GRC, Renfrew 1860-present
Renfrew Lodge, UD GRC, Renfrew 1859-1860

[Prince Edward District 1859-1872⁹². Ottawa District 1872-1970⁹³. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

Renfrew County was named in 1825 for the Scottish county and, as is the case in Scotland, the Ontario county is adjacent to Lanark county. The town of Renfrew was first called Second Chute in the 1820's after a series of rapids on the Bonnechere river. The place was also known as Renfrewville, but the first post office, in 1848, carried the shortened name Renfrew.

On August 17, 1859, six Freemasons of the area met in the Munro Hotel and, after electing Abel H. Dowswell as secretary, agreed to move forward to establish a Masonic Lodge. They met again on August 31, 1859, "for the purpose of establishing a Lodge at Renfrew", confirmed Abel Dowswell as Secretary-Treasurer and responsible for collecting sufficient funds for the dispensation and warrant and other necessary start-up expenses. In early October (the date is not clear) seven Masons signed a petition to the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada requesting a Dispensation to establish a Masonic Lodge in the town of Renfrew: Abel H. Dowswell of Arnprior (a member of Friendly Lodge, Jamaica⁹⁴); John Munro of Renfrew (of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 584⁹⁵); Archibald Patterson of Admaston (of St. John's Lodge, No. 171⁹⁶); Matthew Patterson of Douglas (Wegton St. John's Lodge, No. 409⁹⁷); Alexander Moore of Renfrew (Perth Lodge, No. 14, now True Briton's No. 14 GRC, Perth); John Paris of McNab (Stow Lodge, No. 215⁹⁸); and George MacDonald of White Lake (St. Munro Lodge, Glasgow, Scotland). On October 21, 1859, R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck, DDGM of Prince Edward District, confirmed receipt of the Petition and the fee of \$30.00, and advised that while he could not assume the date when authority would be issued, the officers of the proposed Lodge might wish to attend to a Masonic meeting in Belleville, planned for December 27, 1859, when the Grand Master would be in attendance and would install all the officers of Lodges in the District.

M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master, signed a Dispensation on October 27, 1859 and Renfrew Lodge was Instituted on December 19, 1859 at Renfrew. It is not clear which brethren occupied which chairs at this first, formal, meeting other than that of WM (W. Bro. Peter McIntyre) and JW (Bro. Archibald Patterson) as both these Charter Members resigned for identical reasons—"incapacity due to age." The first formally recorded officers of Renfrew Lodge were W. Bro. Abel H. Dowswell*, Master; Bro. John Munro, SW; Bro. Dr. Collar M. Church, JW; Bro. Alexander Moore, Treasurer; Bro. Alfred Wheeler, Secretary; Bro. Archibald Patterson, Chaplain; Bro. John Paris, SD; Bro. Andrew Bell, JD and Bro. Alexander Moore, IG. In addition, the attendees included Peter McIntyre of Horton, (resigned as Master

⁹² Originally entitled Prince Edward District #9 1859-1870 and Prince Edward District # 10 1870-1878.

⁹³ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

⁹⁴ W. Bro. Dowswell was a Sergeant in the British Army in Jamaica and joined Friendly Lodge there, After his service was finished he returned to Scotland where he married Elizabeth Anderson, at Law, Carlisle.

⁹⁵ Probably Scottish Constitution.

⁹⁶ Location and Constitution unclear. There was a St. John's Lodge at Admaston, Shropshire, formed in 1852 and numbered 875 ER. The Lodge was renumbered to 601 in 1863.

⁹⁷ This was Wigton St. John's Lodge, at Wigton, Cumberland, formed in 1807 and numbered successively No. 607 ER(M) (1807-1814); No. 614 ER (1814-1832); No. 409 ER (1832-1863) and No. 327 ER (1863 until 1894/5 when John Lane published *Masonic Records 1717-1894*).

⁹⁸ Probably from Vermont.

of the Lodge and not heard of afterwards); William Morris of McNab, (only ever a visitor and a member of Dalhousie Lodge Ottawa); Thomas B. Muir (of Renfrew); Samuel Hills (not mentioned in Lodge minutes after the December 19 meeting); Matthew Patterson; and George McDonald (a Petitioner whose name is on the Warrant but who never attended any meetings of the Lodge).

Prince Edward District had been formed at the 4th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada (July 13, 1859, Kingston). At the 5th Communication (July 11-13, 1860, Ottawa) the DDGM of Prince Edward District, R. W. Bro. John Charles Franck, reported (p 462) that "During the year five petitions for new Lodges have been presented, and being properly recommended, dispensations were granted thereupon by the M. W. the Grand Master. The five new Lodges are named respectively, the Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath⁹⁹; the Belleville Lodge, Belleville; the Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew¹⁰⁰; the Franck Lodge, Frankford¹⁰¹; and the Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke¹⁰². They have all been opened during the last masonic year, and are now working successfully under dispensation. They will, I trust, receive their warrants of confirmation from your Worshipful Body during the present session." The Committee on Warrants (p 491) recommended the issue of Warrants to twenty-one Lodges¹⁰³, including "No. 122. Renfrew (Lodge), Renfrew."

The first By-Laws were approved by the Lodge in March 1860. At this time, the Lodge opened at 8 pm or even 9 pm and worked until the early hours of the morning, depending on the work of the evening.

Lodge membership was slow in growing. Lodge records indicate that by 1861 there were only twenty-one members, 5 of which lived in Renfrew, and there were difficulties in finding members willing to become officers. In addition to this, the issue of Lodge jurisdiction arose in 1862 when the newly established Mississippi Lodge (No. 147 GRC, Almonte, instituted March 19, 1861) complained that Renfrew Lodge had initiated a member from Pakenham which was now in their jurisdiction and their minutes note that the Lodge was required to "hand over the brother to Mississippi Lodge together with the amount of his Initiation Fee." By 1869 the lack of active members reduced the number of Lodge meetings to two in the year and there was serious discussion about closing the Lodge and surrendering the Warrant. Only one meeting was held in 1870 (on December 27). The minutes regularly record the censure of members not in attendance at meetings. During 1871 the Lodge was rejuvenated and, in 1872, 18 meetings were held. By 1894 there were 88 members on the Lodge roll. The *Lodge History* notes the beginning of a major membership problem in 1922 which had become a financial issue by 1923 and, by 1925, necessitated the borrowing of funds to continue to meet the costs of operations.

On May 31, 1888, Renfrew Lodge members attended the Consecration and Dedication ceremonies of the new Ottawa Masonic Temple, 102 Sparks Street, Ottawa. On April 11, 1892, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Ross Robertson, visited Renfrew Lodge and spoke eloquently on the history of the Craft in Canada. On August 4, 1905, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother J. H. Burritt, KC, of Pembroke, made an official visit to Renfrew Lodge.

⁹⁹ No. 119 GRC, still working in Bath, but located in Frontenac District.

¹⁰⁰ Now No. 122 GRC, still working in Renfrew, but transferred to the Ottawa District in 1872 and with the division of that District into two in 1970, has been in Ottawa 2 District since then.

¹⁰¹ Now No. 127 GRC, still working in Frankford in Prince Edward District.

¹⁰² Now No. 128 GRC, still working in Pembroke, but transferred to the Ottawa District in 1872 and with the division of that District into two in 1970, has been in Ottawa 2 District since then.

¹⁰³ The twenty-one Lodges were: No. 116 Cassia Lodge, Sylvan; 117 Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge; No. 118 Union Lodge, Lloydstown; No. 119 Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath; No. 120 Warren Lodge, Fingal; No. 121, Doric Lodge, Brantford; No. 122 Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew; No. 123 The Belleville Lodge, Belleville; 124 Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal; 125 Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall; No. 126 Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellsford (sic); 127 Franck Lodge, Franktown; 128 Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke; 129 The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora; 130 Yamaska, Granby; 131 St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton; 132 Sweet Home Lodge, New Hamburg; 133 Lebanon Forest Lodge, Fraceston; 134 Shawenegan Lodge, Three Rivers; 135 St. Clair Lodge, Milton; 136 Richardson Lodge, Cashel.

Renfrew Lodge actively supported the establishment of new Lodges in the area — at Eganville in 1894, at Cobden in 1902 and at Deep River in 1956.

The *Lodge History* makes no mention of the impact of World War I on the Lodge or the town of Renfrew. There is a reference to an investment of Lodge funds in Victory Bonds, but no names or numbers of Lodge members serving in the forces, or of any deaths, although the *History* refers to an unveiling, in 1920, of a Memorial Plaque, to the members who served in the forces and died in action. The “disastrous” influenza epidemic of 1918 necessitated an increase of three in the Committee for Sick and Visiting in order to discharge its duties and report to the Lodge.

Renfrew Lodge’s first meetings were held on the Tuesday nearest the full moon to permit members to travel by moonlight to and from the meetings — this was changed in 1872 to the first Friday of each month. Facilities were originally obtained in the upper part of Munro’s Hotel. In September 1866 new facilities were obtained at the Temperance Hall in the town until October 1872 when the Lodge moved into Muir’s Hall. In September 1896 the Lodge moved into facilities in the Barnet Block at the corner of Raglan and Prince Streets, in Renfrew and the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother W. R. White, QC, dedicated the new Lodge rooms on April 27, 1897. In 1924 these facilities were expanded by renting the adjacent hall to be used for social activities although even this was curtailed in 1925 due to straightened finances. By late 1929 the Lodge agreed to raise funds and to move to design a single-use Masonic Hall in Renfrew, to be constructed in facilities leased from the M. J. O’Brien Company for a ten year period, beginning in 1930. The economics of the Lodge Hall were improved by renting space to the local Royal Arch Chapter and the Eastern Star. This lasted until 1984 when the Temple Corporation purchased the O’Brien Apartments and converted these into a functional Masonic Hall and Temple facilities.

The Lodge was placed initially in Prince Edward District and the District Deputy Grand Master was R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck, who held this position until 1861. In 1861, R. W. Bro. James Wilson (Doric Lodge, No. 58 GRC, Ottawa) was made DDGM, a position which he appears to have held until 1868 and his name appears in Lodge minutes. At the same time it is unclear from Lodge records as to which district the Lodge believed it was attached. For the 1868 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, instructions were given to the Lodge’s Representative “... to advocate the annexation of Renfrew County to the Central District.” However the province-wide District reorganization would split the old Central District into St. Lawrence and Ottawa and Renfrew Lodge would be attached to Ottawa District. It remained thus until the 1970 reorganization which saw the creation of Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2 Districts, at which time Renfrew Lodge was placed in Ottawa 2 District.

Most Worshipful Brother James Henry Burritt, Grand Master (1905-06 and 1906-07) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was a member of the Lodge. Six members of Renfrew Lodge served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. David A. Barr (Ottawa 16, 1889-90), W. A. McKay (Ottawa 16, 1899-1900), Dr. N. W. Cleary (Ottawa 16, 1903-04), H. Cox (Ottawa 16, 1915-16), Horace Herbert Dymond (Ottawa, 1956-57), James Selkirk (Ottawa 2, 1977-78) and Jack W. Ledger (Ottawa 2, 2009-10). In addition, members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Chaplain - R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Campbell, DD (1899-1900);
- Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. Rev. William Matthew Henry Quartermain (1921-22);
- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. Gordon E. Cross (2002-03);
- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bros. David A. Barr (1887-88), N. W. Cleary, MD (1899-1900) and J. P. Morrison (1952-53);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. John Conley (1916-17), James B. Ferguson (1920-21), Milton A. McKay (1957-58), Harold W. Mayhew (1966-67), Philip N. Howard (1972-73), William Byers (1978-79) and Keith Patrick Richard (2010-11); and
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. David A. Barr (1887-88).

The Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary commencing on January 4, 1909. The 75th Anniversary was noted but no special activities were arranged due to the tight financial condition of the Lodge. It celebrated its Centennial on December 19, 1959. Renfrew 122 will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at which time this District history is being released.

Renfrew Lodge meets on the first Monday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, 340 Raglan Street, South, Renfrew.

Worshipful Masters of Renfrew Lodge 122, Renfrew
(* = charter members)

1860	Abel H. Dowsell*	1861	John Munro Sr*
1862	John Parks	1863	Rev. S. Huntingdon
1864	John Munro Jr	1865	Robert R. Smith
1866	Benjamin Freer	1867	Benjamin Freer
1868	Charles Hudson	1869	T. B. Muir
1870	T. B. Muir	1871	T. B. Muir
1872	T. B. Muir	1873	T. B. Muir
1874	John C. Wright	1875	A. J. McIntyre
1876	T. B. Muir	1877	Rev. R. Campbell
1878	Donald Stewart	1879	John Bannerman
1880	David A. Barr	1881	E. Mayhew
1882	D. C. McDougall	1883	James Mann, MD
1884	Adam Inglis	1885	David A. Barr
1886	James Craig	1887	James Craig
1888	Thomas Henderson	1889	James Ward
1890	W. H. Tait	1891	W. M. Dickson
1892	W. M. Dickson	1893	Edward Mackay
1894	M. McKinnon	1895	D. Brownlee
1896	W. A. Mackay	1897	N. W. Cleary, MD
1898	Thomas R. Brownlee	1899	D. A. Ward
1900	D. H. McArthur	1901	R. C. Timmins
1902	H. J. Airth	1903	Donald S. Stewart
1904	Rev. John Hay	1905	H. Coolican
1906	H. Cox	1907	W. J. Acton
1908	John Conley	1909	David A. Barr
1910	A. S. Wade, MD	1911	William Usher
1912	William H. Harris	1913	Hugh Macdonald
1914	James F. Mayhew	1915	James B. Ferguson
1916	R. F. Fraser	1917	H. J. Smith
1918	James A. McArthur	1919	R. F. Fraser
1920	W. Quartermaine	1921	James McN. Austin
1922	M. H. Winter	1923	James K. Rochester
1924	Hugh Macdonald	1925	H. Young
1926	C. Loken	1927	J. C. Simpson
1928	James P. Morrison	1929	D. E. Stone
1930	L. J. Fraser	1931	R. T. Thacker
1932	Harold W. Mayhew	1933	S. H. Murphy
1934	S. M. Chown	1935	R. C. Telfer
1936	F. A. Wade	1937	G. R. Munroe
1939	C. R. McArthur	1939	D. F. Adams
1940	Paul Loken	1941	Harry R. Hinchley
1942	G. N. Richardson	1943	R. L. Kennedy
1944	W. H. Pointon	1945	H. B. Neal
1946	H. Bolingbroke	1947	George Reid
1948	Philip N. Howard	1949	T. H. Burgess
1960	J. Shergold	1951	I. Hawthorne
1952	M. A. McKay	1953	Horace Herbert Dymond
1954	E. F. Lyon	1955	W. K. Donaldson
1956-7	R. S. Taggart	1957-8	R. N. Eady
1958-9	G. A. Tweedy	1959-0	W. K. Thur
1960-1	C. H. S. Baker	1961-2	J. Slingerland

1962-3 I. J. Wood
 1964-5 D. R. Preston
 1966-7 A. R. Headrick
 1968-9 J. Currie-Mills
 1970-1 W. J. Gilhooly
 1972-3 James Selkirk
 1974-5 Heinz Blass
 1976-7 R. D. Tyler
 1978-9 D. G. Brydges
 1980-1 D. H. Stringer
 1982-3 Gordon E. Cross
 1984-5 R. Goodfellow
 1986-7 K. P. R. Richard
 1988-9 R. C. Barber
 1990-1 G. F. Cockwell
 1992-3 G. F. Cockwell
 1994-5 M. J. Nagrodski
 1996-7 Barry James Brush
 1998-9 R. D. Tytler
 2000-1 K. P. R. Richard
 2002-3 G. M. Roberts
 2004-5 Gordon E. Cross
 2006-7 Jack W. Ledger
 2008-9 Michael J. Nagrodski
 2010-1 John A. Baird

1963-4 W. L. Byers
 1965-6 M. Paton
 1967-8 A. B. Poole
 1969-0 C. A. Oates
 1971-2 G. R. McGrogan
 1973-4 John R. New
 1975-6 H. L. Headrick
 1977-8 G. C. McKay
 1979-0 C. S. Russell
 1981-2 J. Hayes
 1983-4 H. L. Headrick
 1985-6 G. F. Sills
 1987-8 C. R. Wilkins
 1989-0 J. H. New
 1991-2 K. P. R. Richard
 1993-4 Barry James Brush
 1995-6 G. R. Jamieson
 1997-8 Barry James Brush
 1999-0 K. P. R. Richard
 2001-2 Michael J. Nagrodski
 2003-4 G. M. Roberts
 2005-6 G. R. Jamieson
 2007-8 J. A. Bell
 2009-0 John A. Baird

James Henry Burritt, KC

Grand Master (1905-06 and 1906-07) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
of Canada in the Province of Ontario



M.W. Bro. James H. Burritt

(1846-1926)

James Henry Burritt was born at Smiths Falls on September 14, 1846, the second son of Walter H. Burritt. Little is known about his personal life. He was educated in local schools and graduated from Smiths Falls High School. He entered Osgoode Law School and was called to the bar in 1867. He removed to Pembroke in 1871 to practice law, entering into partnership with H. H. Loucks who was at that time the County Crown Attorney. He had a successful practice up to the time of his death. He served as Crown Attorney for Pembroke and solicitor for the County of Renfrew, and was appointed as a Queen's Counsel. He believed in a high standard in schools and was a member of the Board of Education for 28 years and served as Chairman for several terms.

In 1873, in Pembroke, he married Cecilia Jane Irving (b. 1853, daughter of Andrew T. Irving, Registrar of Renfrew County) and they had five daughters : Mary H., Jessie I., Maria G., Annie E., and Marion, born 1886-87. Cecilia Jane died on May 20, 1923.

He was a strong advocate of "clean sports" and was a well-known cricketer, an award winning

oarsman and skipped a prize-winning curling rink in Pembroke for many years. He enjoyed fishing and was a charter member of two local fishing clubs in the Ottawa Valley.

M. W. Bro. Burritt died at his Pembroke home on Maple Avenue, on April 16, 1926. Both Grand Master Burritt and Mrs. Burritt are buried in Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery, Pembroke.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry*, Mr. James Henry Burritt was initiated into Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 GRC, but did not serve as WM of the Lodge. He affiliated with Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke and served the Lodge as WM (1882). He was elected as DDGM of the Ottawa District (1886-87) and was appointed as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee of Grievances and Appeals. He remained as an appointed member of the Committee for eighteen years and served as Chairman (1892-1904). He was appointed as a member of the Committee to revise the Constitution (1904). During this time he was elected as Deputy Grand Master (1903-04 and 1904-05 terms). In July 1905 he was elected as Grand Master and served two terms (1905-06 and 1906-07). In 1910 he was appointed as Chairman of Constitution and Laws.

Membership of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 GRC, Renfrew
(Data from Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of
Ontario)
(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Dec. 19,	1859				
There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	1	1	2	nil	1	5	nil	3	17
1867	1	1	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	19
1868	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	19
1869	1	1	1	nil	nil	3	2	1	14
1870	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	14
1871	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	12
1872	8	6	4	nil	2	3	nil	nil	18
1873	14	10	7	2	1	3	1	nil	31
1874	9	11	11	1	nil	1	1	1	40
1875	6	6	6	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	47
1876	5	4	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	53
1877	4	4	3	1	nil	4	nil	1	52
1878	9	9	8	2	nil	nil	1	nil	62
1879	1	1	3	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	63
1880	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	3	nil	12	50
1881	1	1	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	nil	48

1882	4	2	2	nil	2	3	1	nil	42
1883	2	4	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	44
1884	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	nil	43
1885	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	43
1886	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	3	40
1887	3	2	1	nil	1	2	nil	nil	42
1888	2	3	4	nil	1	2	nil	nil	45
1889	7	5	4	3	nil	nil	2	nil	54
1890	7	5	4	3	nil	nil	nil	2	54
1891	7	8	9	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	59
1892	5	4	2	1	nil	1	1	nil	63
1893	3	4	4	2	nil	1	2	nil	66
1894	8	8	6	3	nil	nil	1	nil	74
1895	3	3	5	2	1	1	nil	nil	80
1896	8	8	4	nil	nil	1	2	nil	84
1897	14	13	12	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	100
1898	4	6	8	nil	nil	1	2	1	100
1899	1	1	2	1	nil	nil	1	1	100
1900	9	7	7	nil	nil	3	2	nil	104
1901	5	7	7	nil	1	2	3	3	102
1902	3	3	2	3	nil	2	nil	nil	106
1903	7	7	7	2	nil	2	nil	nil	112
1904	5	4	4	1	nil	1	nil	nil	117
1905	6	7	6	2	nil	1	4	1	118
1906	4	3	2	nil	nil	1	2	2	117
1907	5	5	5	1	nil	4	2	nil	117
1908	2	4	4	nil	nil	3	3	1	112
1909	10	7	6	1	nil	1	3	nil	119
1910	6	7	7	5	nil	nil	nil	5	122
1911	3	3	4	1	1	3	3	nil	123
1912	10	11	11	nil	3	1	2	2	131
1913	4	3	3	nil	nil	2	3	4	126
1914	10	12	13	2	1	1	nil	nil	137
1915	3	2	1	nil	nil	2	2	nil	135

1916	5	4	1	nil	nil	3	3	5	122
1917	11	10	5	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	137
1918	12	6	2	1	nil	3	2	nil	145
1919	4	3	3	2	2	1	2	5	145
1920	9	3	1	4	1	3	1	2	153
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	6	6	4	2	nil	nil	1	nil	159
1921	16	17	16	2	1	6	1	nil	171
1922	5	6	8	1	nil	1	6	3	167
1923	7	7	8	2	2	3	2	nil	173
1924	5	6	8	3	nil	2	3	3	173
1925	10	5	2	nil	nil	2	4	2	175
1926	7	10	13	3	nil	1	4	1	179
1927	6	5	4	6	nil	6	3	2	179
1928	6	6	6	nil	nil	1	3	4	179
1929	4	5	4	nil	nil	nil	4	5	172
1930	3	4	5	nil	nil	2	nil	5	168
1931	11	10	5	2	2	nil	5	6	172
1932	4	3	7	1	1	4	5	4	164
1933	3	4	5	3	2	6	nil	nil	166
1934	1	2	1	2	nil	3	4	2	160
1935	4	4	5	3	1	3	4	7	154
1936	5	4	4	2	nil	3	5	8	145
1937	3	3	3	nil	1	4	1	2	142
1938	nil	1	1	nil	1	3	6	3	131
1939	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	2	4	124
1940	nil	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123
1941	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	3	1	10	110
1942	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	nil	111
1943	4	4	3	2	nil	1	1	nil	115
1944	5	4	5	6	nil	nil	1	2	128
1945	10	11	8	5	3	1	2	nil	138
1946	9	8	9	2	nil	5	1	nil	143
1947	5	4	5	2	nil	1	2	2	144

1948	15	18	15	nil	1	nil	2	nil	158
1949	6	4	5	3	nil	2	5	nil	160
1950	10	10	10	5	1	nil	2	nil	174
1951	13	12	13	2	nil	1	3	7	178
1952	9	11	9	1	nil	3	2	nil	183
1953	8	8	7	1	nil	2	4	nil	186
1954	14	11	12	7	1	3	2	5	198
1955	6	7	9	4	nil	2	3	nil	203
1956	7	10	10	1	nil	2	2	nil	207
1957	10	10	7	nil	1	1	2	3	207
1958	5	4	5	2	nil	6	8	2	198
1959	10	10	7	1	1	nil	2	nil	208
1960	5	5	7	1	1	1	3	1	210
1961	4	5	6	2	nil	3	4	1	208
1962	8	7	5	2	nil	3	8	nil	207
1963	4	6	5	1	nil	1	5	nil	206
1964	3	2	3	nil	nil	nil	1	2	206
1965	4	4	4	nil	1	4	8	nil	199
1966	3	2	1	3	nil	3	5	nil	197
1967	3	2	2	1	nil	1	2	nil	198
1968	4	6	6	nil	nil	3	1	3	195
1969	2	1	1	nil	nil	4	2	2	189
1970	6	5	3	1	nil	1	4	1	190
1971	nil	1	4	nil	nil	2	2	2	184
1972	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	1	7	nil	178
1973	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	2	173
1974	1	1	3	4	nil	nil	3	nil	174
1975	3	2	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	168
1976	4	3	4	nil	1	4	3	2	164
1977	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	3	8	nil	153
1978	4	1	1	nil	nil	3	4	1	149
1979	1	2	2	1	nil	5	6	2	138
1980	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	135
1981	nil	4	1	2	nil	nil	nil	2	135

1982	2	2	nil	1	1	1	6	nil	132
1983	2	1	5	nil	nil	2	6	nil	126
1984	5	6	4	3	nil	1	3	2	128
1985	5	4	4	2	nil	1	4	nil	130
1986	4	2	3	3	nil	nil	4	nil	133
1987	2	1	1	1	nil	2	8	2	124
1988	2	2	3	3	1	1	5	2	122
1989	3	3	3	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	120
1990	3	2	2	4	nil	2	4	nil	121
1991	2	3	3	nil	nil	3	3	1	116
1992	3	2	2	3	nil	nil	5	1	116
1993	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	113
1994	3	1	1	nil	1	2	4	nil	111
1995	nil	1	1	nil	nil	2	4	1	104
1996	3	2	2	1	nil	1	3	nil	104
1997	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	3	nil	99
1998	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	6	nil	92
1999	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	1	nil	90
2000	nil	nil	1	1	1	2	8	1	81
2001	4	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	1	nil	86
2002	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	84
2003	1	nil	nil	nil	1	3	3	1	79
2004	nil	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	77
2005	3	2	2	1	nil	3	4	nil	74
2006	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	74
2007	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	2	2	71
2008	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	5	nil	66
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke 1860-present
Pembroke Lodge, UD GRC, Pembroke 1859-1860

[Prince Edward District #9 1859-68. Ottawa District 1868-1970¹⁰⁴. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

Pembroke Township, the smallest municipal township in Ontario, was named in 1835 in honor of George Augustus Herbert, 11th Earl of Pembroke (1759-1827). The city was founded in 1828 and first called Miramichi by lumberman Peter White — as a reminder of early lumbering days in New Brunswick on the Miramichi river. The town was subsequently called Campbelltown (1846), Lowertown, Moffat and Sydenham, before being name Pembroke in 1857.

Prince Edward District had been formed at the 4th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada (July 13, 1859, Kingston). Pembroke Lodge is shown as “under dispensation” and was represented at the 5th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada (July 11-13, 1860, Ottawa) by W. Bro. A H. Dowsell as proxy. The DDGM of Prince Edward District, R. W. Bro. John Charles Franck, reported (*Proceedings* p 462) that “During the year five petitions for new Lodges have been presented, and being properly recommended, dispensations were granted thereupon by the M. W. the Grand Master. The five new Lodges are named respectively, the Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath¹⁰⁵; the Belleville Lodge, Belleville; the Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew¹⁰⁶; the Franck Lodge, Frankford¹⁰⁷; and the Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke¹⁰⁸. They have all been opened during the last masonic year, and are now working successfully under dispensation. They will, I trust, receive their warrants of confirmation from your Worshipful Body during the present session. The Lodge *Centennial Booklet* indicates that Pembroke Lodge was instituted by the DDGM, R. W. Bro. Franck, on July 9, 1860 — although it is more likely the year should have been 1859 as the minute and financial books of the Lodge would have to have been completed properly and then submitted to the Committee on Warrants of the Board of General Purposes. The Committee on Warrants recommended the issue of Warrants to twenty-one Lodges¹⁰⁹, including “No. 128. Pembroke (Lodge), Pembroke.” In the returns of Subordinate Lodges (*Proceedings* p 513) Pembroke Lodge is shown with its new number as “128” and the WM as James P. Moffat. The warrant carries the date of July 12, 1860.

The Charter members listed in the *Centennial Booklet* include: James P. Moffat (first WM), Bro. Francis Reynolds (first SW), Bro. James Wright (first JW), and Bros. J. Grieve, Emery Cushing, David Beach and William Moffat.

¹⁰⁴ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹⁰⁵ No. 119 GRC, still working in Bath, but now located in Frontenac District.

¹⁰⁶ Now No. 122 GRC, still working in Renfrew, but transferred to the Ottawa District in 1872 and with the division of that District into two in 1970, has since been in Ottawa 2 District.

¹⁰⁷ Now No. 127 GRC, still working in Frankford in Prince Edward District.

¹⁰⁸ Now No. 128 GRC, still working in Pembroke, but transferred to the Ottawa District in 1872 and with the division of that District into two in 1970, has been in Ottawa 2 District since then.

¹⁰⁹ The twenty-one Lodges were: No. 116 Cassia Lodge, Sylvan; 117 Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge; No. 118 Union Lodge, Lloydtown; No. 119 Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath; No. 120 Warren Lodge, Fingal; No. 121, Doric Lodge, Brantford; No. 122 Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew; No. 123 The Belleville Lodge, Belleville; 124 Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal; 125 Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall; No. 126 Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellford; 127 Franck Lodge, Franktown; 128 Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke; 129 The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora; 130 Yamaska, Granby; 131 St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton; 132 Sweet Home Lodge, New Hamburg; 133 Lebanon Forest Lodge, Franceston; 134 Shawenegan Lodge, Three Rivers; 135 St. Clair Lodge, Milton; 136 Richardson Lodge, Cashel.

Pembroke Lodge did not attend the 6th Annual Communication (July 10, 1861, London) and the DDGM, R. W. Bro. Alfred A. Campbell indicated that he had not been able to visit all Lodges which appears to include Pembroke as here is no comment in respect of the Lodge. Pembroke appears in the Returns of Subordinate Lodges with James P. Moffat as WM. The Lodge is again not listed as in attendance or represented at the 7th Annual Communication (July 9, 1862, St. Catharines) and there is again no reference to the Lodge in the report of R. W. Bro. Alfred A. Campbell, DDGM. At the 8th Annual Communication (July 8, 1863, Montreal), the Lodge was represented by W. Bro. John W. Murton as proxy. There is no report in the Proceedings for Prince Edward District. At the 9th Annual Communication (July 13, 1864, Kingston) the Lodge was represented by W. Bro. Robert Lyon as proxy. The DDGM of Prince Edward District, R. W. Bro. Lawrence H. Henderson advised that two Lodges were at too great a distance from his residence to have been visited during the year and that "the two Lodges referred to, namely — the "Renfrew" and "Pembroke" Lodges, ought of right, at any rate for the sake of convenience, to belong to the Central District" (*1864 Annual Proceedings* p 478). Change was effected with the Annual Communication of 1868. None of Pembroke's members attended Grand Lodge until the 27th Annual Communication (July 12, 1882, London), when Bros. W. J. Douglas, SW and R. C. Miller, JW are listed as representatives of the Lodge.

The first lodge rooms used by the Lodge were located in a building close to the main street bridge which crosses the Muskrat River and close to the present-day Municipal Offices. The second location was on the third floor of the Moffat Block. It is not clear which of these two locations was destroyed by fire, but the Lodge history records the loss of records and the saving of the Warrant in a major fire which destroyed the lodge rooms. During the 1980's, the Lodge moved into its present quarters at 222 Dickson Street in Pembroke. A cornerstone laying ceremony and reception for the then Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Howard Olin Polk, was held in September 1982. The facility was the original Cottage Hospital, opened in 1902 and for which the Lodge had participated in the cornerstone laying ceremonies in 1922. A second cornerstone was also laid at the same time by members of the Pembroke Horticultural Society.

Pembroke has always supported efforts to expand Freemasonry in the area. On June 24, 1902, the Lodge voted to support the formation of a new Lodge at Cobden (No. 459). In 1912, it voted funds for furnishings for the new Bonnechere 433 at Eganville. In December 1956, the Lodge voted to support the formation of Atomic Lodge (No. 686, now a daylight Lodge).

The close proximity of Pembroke Lodge to the Canadian Forces Base at Petawawa has resulted in a great number of foreign and Commonwealth visitors attending Lodge and participating in many activities, including the sharing of different ritual and Masonic "manners." On several occasions degree teams from Petawawa, composed of military personnel have presented and worked degrees.

Pembroke Lodge celebrated its centennial on October 1, 1960 and its 125th anniversary in September 1985.

The eighteenth and twenty-fourth Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M. W. Bro. William Robert White, QC (1894-95 and 1895-96) and M. W. Bro. James Henry Burritt, KC (1905-06 and 1906-07)¹¹⁰, were members and Past Masters of this Lodge as was James MacDonald, who served as Grand Master (1893-94 and 1894-95) of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota; Reginald Wilfred Duff, who served as Grand Master (1924-25) of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.; and Sylvester Mansfield Snedden, who served as Grand Master (1930-31) of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Another member of the Lodge, Dr. Charles William Haentschel, MD, served as Grand First Principal (1932-33 and 1933-34) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada and as Supreme Grand Master (1933-34 and 1934-35) of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, KT, although he did not serve as WM of the Lodge.

The Lodge had been placed in Prince Edward District until the reorganization of 1868 which saw the Lodge listed as part of the newly formed Ottawa District. It remained a part of the Ottawa District until the 1970 reorganization which saw the creation of Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2 Districts, at which time Pembroke Lodge was placed in Ottawa 2 District. During its existence, eleven members of Pembroke Lodge have

¹¹⁰ For the biography of M. W. Bro. Burritt, refer to page 177.

served as DDGM¹¹¹: R. W. Bros. William Robert White (Ottawa 12, 1875-76), James Henry Burritt (Ottawa 16, 1886-87), Robert A. Klock (Ottawa 16, 1892-93), Dr. G. E. Josephs (Ottawa 16, 1897-98), Dr. R. W. Kenning, VS (Ottawa 16, 1907-08), Alex Morris (Ottawa 16, 1911-12), J. R. McCrimmon (Ottawa, 1968-69), Sidney Harbert (Ottawa 2, 1979-80), Robert M. Taylor (Ottawa 2, 1983-84), Ralph Douglas Morgan (Ottawa 2, 1994-95) and Derek McEwen (Ottawa 2, 2003-04). In addition, members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Registrar - R. W. Bros. C. A. Bailey (1925-26) and Dr. G. V. Tario (1954-55);
- Grand Senior Deacon - V. W. Bro. William Henry Supple (1873-74), John Graham Forgie (1905-06) and James H. Leach (1906-07);
- Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bro. Dr. R. W. Kenning, VS (1892-93),
- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. James E. Cooper (1984-85);
- Grand Pursuivant - V. W. Bros. Robert C. Miller (1895-96) and
- Grand Steward¹¹² - V. W. Bros. John Graham Forgie (1894-95), John C. Stewart (1896-97), James H. Leach (1897-98), Oliver G. Copeland (1908-09), John P. Millar (1910-11), J. R. McCrimmon (1960-61), C. M. Purcell (1963-64), H. Thomas Hale (1969-70), Moodie H. Doering (1976-77), Cliff Thomas (1980-81), J. G. MacDonald (1990-91), Wayne I. Woods (1995-96), William Bunke (2003-04) and Earl Russel Curry (2004-05).

Pembroke Lodge meets on the first Thursday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Pembroke Masonic Building, 222 Dickson Street, Pembroke.

Worshipful Masters of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke
(* = charter members)

1860	James P. Moffat*	1861	James P. Moffat*
1862	James Wright*	1863	T. H. Johnson
1864	James P. Moffat*	1865	Henry Sinton
1866	J. G. Cormack	1867	John Supple
1868	J. B. Coleman	1869	A. Forbes
1870	S. E. Mitchell	1871	S. E. Mitchell
1872	William Robert White	1873	W. H. Supple
1874	Andrew Irving Jr.	1875	Asher Ansell
1876	Alexander Moffatt Jr.	1877	Alexander Moffatt Jr.
1878	William Robert White	1879	E. B. Read
1880	George W. Street	1881	Alexander H. Horn
1882	James H. Burritt	1883	W. J. Douglas
1884	Robert C. Miller	1885	Andrew Johnston
1886	J. P. Millar	1887	George E. Josephs
1888	Dr. R. W. Kenning, VS	1889	Robert Russell
1890	James Henry Burritt	1891	P. McGagherty
1892	R. W. Kenning	1893	W. J. Douglas
1894	J. G. Forgie	1895	J. C. Stewart
1896	J. C. Stewart	1897	J. H. Leach
1898	Rev. G. D. Bayne	1899	John Bodell

¹¹¹ In addition, other members or affiliated members served as DDGM including: R. W. Bros. Arthur Collins (Ottawa, 1927-28, elected from Cobden No. 459, Cobden), Dr. E. T. Wood (Ottawa, 1944-45, elected from Enterprise No. 516, Beachburg), Donald Wallace (Ottawa 2, 2001-02, a member of Atomic Daylight No. 686 and an affiliate of Pembroke Lodge), Robert C. Millar (WM 1884) removed to Yukon and became a DDGM there (year unknown) and R. W. Bro. T. Hale who removed to Nova Scotia where he became a DDGM in 1993-94.

¹¹² Clarence Findlay of the Lodge was appointed as Grand Steward for 2001-02 although this was given for his work as a member of Atomic Daylight Lodge No. 686,

1900	John H. Reeves	1901	Archie Foster, Jr.
1902	Ralph Ross	1903	Alex Morris
1904	E. A. Dunlop	1905	D. W. Campbell
1906	R. W. Gordon	1907	O. G. Copeland
1908	O. G. Copeland	1909	R. B. Harrison
1910	John. P. Millar	1911	S. M. Snedden
1912	J. C. Hunter	1913	J. R. Robinson
1914	W. D. Dewar	1915	D. E. Burns
1916	W. F. Garrow	1917	J. S. Fraser
1918	Dr. Sparling	1919	W. Markus
1920	F. C. Delahey	1921	Charles Fraser
1922	A. M. McLean	1923	F. P. Wilson
1924	A. J. Millar	1925	C. A. Bailey
1926	D. W. Blakely	1927	W. L. Smyth
1928	E. L. Smith	1929	C. M. Purcell
1930	M. J. Blakely	1931	W. J. Moore
1932	S. J. McLelland	1933	H. B. Smith
1934	W. K. McGregor	1935	R. L. Worley
1936	G. W. Stevens	1937	G. V. Tario
1938	C. K. Kellett	1939	V. E. Ives
1940	E. A. Hunt	1941	E. J. Markus
1942	E. J. Schultz	1943	E. J. Schultz
1944	L. S. Jones	1945	S. J. Hunt
1946	W. J. Fiebig	1947	E. R. Molson
1948	W. C. McLaughlin	1949	E. V. Berggren
1950	J. R. McCrimmon	1951	Reginald Wilfred Duff
1952	A. A. Leach	1953	J. E. Houston
1954	Moodie H. Doering	1955	E. Fiebig
1956	C. G. Palmer	1957	R. Tennant
1958	J. Charles	1959	A. C. Reid
1960	Allan C. Levoy	1961	Thomas Hale
1962	George Abdallah	1963	Frank R. Mercer ¹¹³
1964	Donald Brumm	1965	H. Mills
1966	C. E. Thomas	1967	J. R. McWade
1968	J. Cooper	1969	D. J. Robinson
1970	William Cobham	1971	F. A. Simpson
1972	Robert H. McClary	1973	Melvin Pilatzke
1974	Elson Wilson	1975	Aubrey McKenzie
1976	Sidney Harbert	1977	C. J. Lloyd
1978	West Spicer	1979	Lloyd Baycroft
1980	Robert M. Taylor	1981	Jack MacDonald
1982	J. MacDonald	1983	David Steele
1984	Derek McEwen	1985	Gary C. Pearson
1986	Donald G. Willis	1987	Ronald Easton
1988	Keith Hansbury	1989	Ralph Douglas Morgan
1990	Wayne I. Woods	1991	R. McLaughlin
1992	Earl Russel Curry	1993	J. Carter
1994	G. Barron	1995	D. Barber
1996	J. Ewart	1997	William Bunke
1998	D. Barber	1999	Earl Russel Curry
2000	Derek McEwen	2001	B. Pepper

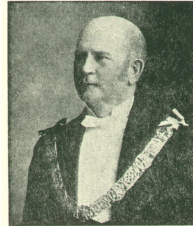
¹¹³ The great-great-grand-nephew of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson.

2002 J. Farquharson
2004 Romeo Krause
2006 Roy Yandt
2008 C. Smith
2010 Derek McEwen

2003 W. Post
2005 Romeo Krause
2007 J. Ewart
2009 Robert Taylor

William Robert White, QC

Grand Master (1894-95 and 1895-96) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
of Canada in the Province of Ontario



M.W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C.

(1843-1925)

William Robert White was born in Pembroke, Ontario on September 16, 1843, the younger brother of the Hon. Peter White (b. August 30, 1838, Pembroke). William Robert was the youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel Peter White of Edinburgh (who came to Canada and, in 1828, founded the settlement that would become the town of Pembroke and was for many years a principal lumber merchant in the Ottawa Valley) and Cecilia (daughter of John Thompson of Nepean, Ontario).

William Robert White was educated in Pembroke. He was called to the Bar in 1868 and for over forty years acted as a Legal Counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was created a QC by the Earl of Derby in 1889. He practiced law at Pembroke and was the head of the firm of White and Williams. He was Mayor of Pembroke and Warden of Renfrew County. He was a member of the Liberal Party.

In October 1871 he married Jennie (daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel M. Wilson of Onondaga, Ontario).

M. W. Bro. Wright died in Pembroke, Ontario, on March 23, 1925. Both Grand Master White and Mrs. White are buried in Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery, Pembroke. His gravestone is the only one in Ontario known to display the jewel of a Grand Master and not the more normal square and compasses.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry*, Mr. William Robert White was initiated into Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke and served as WM (1878). He was elected as DDGM of Ottawa District and served for the 1875-76 term. After working for several years on various Grand Lodge committees, he was elected as Deputy Grand Master for the 1892-93 and 1893-94 terms. He was elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the 1894-95 and 1895-96 terms.

James MacDonald

Grand Master (1893-94 and 1894-95) of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota



(1847-1937)

James McDonald was born on February 14, 1847, in Westmeath Township, Renfrew County, Ontario, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His schooling is unknown but his early years are described as being involved in farming and lumbering. For seventeen years he was actively engaged in lumbering, especially that of raftsmen when logs were floated down the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers.

In 1882 he decided to accompany a friend, William Tierney, who was taking horses to Manitoba. After delivering and selling their herd, they moved on to Grafton, North Dakota where James McDonald purchased the "Ottawa House" which he conducted very successfully for a decade. He engaged in farming and was quite successful, later leasing his land to the State. He served as Sheriff of Walsh County and was a member of the Grafton City Council. For a number of years he served as a commissioner of Walsh County — during his term of office the present jail was erected and the Agricultural School at Park River was built. He was active in the North Dakota Democratic Party.

He married Mary Elizabeth Kennedy on September 15, 1883, at Pembroke, Ontario. They had two sons (Murray and Boyd) and three daughters (Cecil, Garda and Blanche).

His ninetieth birthday, on February 14 1937, was celebrated in a special Assembly of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota held at Grafton. He died on March 3, 1937, at Grafton, ND.

Masonic Career

Mr. James MacDonald was initiated into Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke, Ontario, on May 6, 1880, passed November 4, 1880 and raised May 5, 1881. After his removal to Grafton, N. D., he affiliated with Crescent Lodge, No. 11, Grafton, on February 9, 1884. He served as WM in 1890, 1908 and 1909. At Grand Lodge he served as Grand JW (1891), Grand SW (1892) and as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota (1893 and 1894). He was made a Life Member on January 28, 1922.

At the time of his death, M. W. Bro. MacDonald was the senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. He had presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge in 1894, when the Order of the Eastern Star was instituted. He was present as an official delegate when the lodges of North and South Dakota separated and at their reunion in 1934.

He was exalted in Corinthian Chapter RAM, No. 3, at Grand Forks, ND (February 17, 1891). He was a charter member of Grafton Chapter (June 29, 1892) and served as High Priest (First Principal) in 1892, 1893, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1916. He was knighted in Grand Forks Commandery, No. 3 (now St. Aldemar, No. 3) on April 16, 1932. He was a charter member of St. Omer Commandery, No. 6 (June 9, 1893) and served as Eminent Commander (Presiding Preceptor) for 1899 and 1900.

In the Scottish Rite, he was a member of Dakota Consistory, No. 1, Fargo, ND (joined 1892, demitted 1921). He was a member of El Zagal Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Fargo (1892) and Kem Temple, Grand Forks. He was a member of Mispah Chapter, OES, Grafton (1894).

[The Editor's appreciation is extended to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota A.F. & A.M. for the biography and photograph.]

Reginald Wilfred Duff

Grand Master (1974-75) of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.



(1907-1977)

Reginald Wilfred Duff was born at Wimbleton, England, on December 9, 1907. At the age of three he emigrated to Winnipeg with his parents where he received his early education. He joined Lord Strathcona's Horse, RCA, in 1923 and retired from the Regiment in 1926. He worked as a welder for the CNR until 1931 when he joined the RCMP. During World War II he served overseas with the Provost Corps but returned to the RCMP. He retired in 1965 as the Officer Commanding the Prince Albert Subdivision.

In 1952 he married Barbara Pilot in Pembroke, Ontario. They had two sons.

M. W. Bro. Reginald Wilfred Duff died at his home in Prince Albert on Saturday, May 4, 1977, at the age of 70 years.

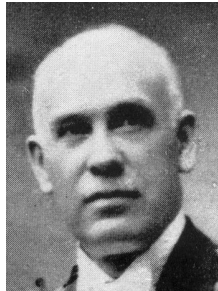
Masonic Career

Mr. Reginald Wilfred Duff was initiated into Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke, and served as WM (1950-51). After his removal to Saskatchewan he became a charter member and the first WM of Northern Star Lodge, No. 216 GRS. He was elected as DDGM of District No. 1 (1970-71). He was elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. for the 1974-75 term.

No information is available concerning his other Masonic activities.

Sylvester Mansfield Snedden

Grand Master (1930-31) of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.



(1874 - 1949)

Sylvester Mansfield Snedden was born on July 24, 1874, at Pakenham, Ontario, the son of William Snedden and Eliza Ann (nee Dixon). He trained as a dentist and was admitted to the Royal College of Dental Surgeons in 1899 (Dominion Dental Journal, 1899). He married Miss Jessie Rattray of Pembroke on January 15, 1902. He appears in Pembroke directories for 1902 and 1911 but not later. No personal

information of his life and time in Edmonton is known. M. W. Bro. Sneddon¹¹⁴ died in May 1949 at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Masonic Career

Mr. Sylvester M. Sneddon was initiated into Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke. After he removed to Edmonton, Alberta, he affiliated with Patricia Lodge, No. 91 GRA, Edmonton (date unknown). He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta (1930-31). On November 1, 1930, Grand Master Sneddon laid the cornerstone of what would become Freemasons' Hall in Edmonton (10318 - 100th Avenue). He appears in the 1932 Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York as a "distinguished guest" at their Annual Communication. No further details of his life or times are known.

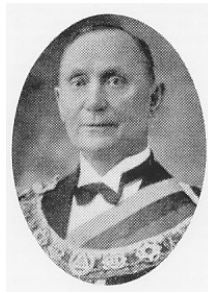
[The Editor's appreciation is extended to R. W. Bro. John Wallsteadt, 33°, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Michigan Library for the biography.]

Charles William Haentschel, MD

Grand First Principal (1932-33 and 1933-34) of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
and
Supreme Grand Master (1933-34 and 1934-35) of the
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, KT



(Ottawa District 1924)



(Grand Chapter 1932)



(SGP 1933)

Charles William Haentschel was born in Germany on July 27, 1860 and came to Canada in 1867 with his parents, arriving in Ottawa on July 1, 1867. His father settled eight miles from Pembroke where Charles attended public schools and, later, schools at Pembroke and Renfrew.

After teaching school from 1879 to 1883 he entered McGill Medical College, graduating in 1888. He practiced at Mattawa and became Mayor of the town from 1904-06 and moved to Haileybury where he again set up medical practice and also became mayor of that town in 1909.

His Grand Lodge biography notes that he was active as a lacrosse player in his younger days and took up golf, curling and hunting in his later years.

He had not been in good health throughout much of 1938 and had an appendectomy on December 12, 1938. He died on December 15, 1938 and is buried in the Haileybury Anglican Church Cemetery.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry*, Mr. Charles William Haentschel was initiated into Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke, in April 1887 and later affiliated with Mattawa Lodge, Mattawa, of which he was WM in 1895 and 1896, remaining a member until his death. It is possible that he was also a member of

¹¹⁴ His name is spelled variously as "Snedden" and "Sneddon" in documents.

Haileybury Lodge which is now in darkness and whose records were removed some years ago (location unknown). A photograph is held by Eddy Lodge, No. 41 GRQ, Hull, which shows R. W. Bro. Haentschel in the regalia of a DDGM of the Ottawa District, Grand Lodge of Quebec. The reverse of the photograph is marked "C. W. Haentschel, DDGM 1924."

In *Capitular Masonry* he joined the Pembroke Royal Arch Chapter, No. 58 GRC, on March 27, 1894. He appears to have affiliated with the Chapter at Mattawa and became its First Principal in 1900. He held a number of offices in Grand Chapter: appointed member of the Grand Executive (1910-14, 1915-17, 1922-28), elected member of the Grand Executive (1918-20), Grand J (1928-30), Grand H (1930-32) and was elected as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ontario for the 1932-33 and 1933-34 terms.

In *Knights Templary* he was Installed in Temiskaming Preceptory No. 60 on April 10, 1914. Temiskaming Preceptory have advised that his roll number in the Preceptory was the same as the roll number of the Preceptory — 60. He was Presiding Preceptor (May 1918 to December 1919) and Registrar (1915-16; 1919-20 and 1920-21). He was elected as Provincial Grand Prior of the Algoma District (1922-23). In Sovereign Great Priory he was appointed as Grand Guard (1921-22), appointed to the Grand Council (1927-28) and elected to the Grand Council (1926-27, 1928-29, 1929-30 and 1930-31). He was elected as Deputy Grand Master (1931-32 and 1932-33) and as Supreme Grand Master for the 1933-34 and 1934-35 terms.

He was a 32° Scottish Rite Mason.

Membership of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Lodge	did not	exist	before	late 1859				
	There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann Procs	before	1866	
1866	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	18
1867	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	17
1868	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	15
1869	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	14
1870	11	7	6	4	nil	2	nil	1	27
1871	10	11	9	1	nil	3	2	1	32
1872	15	15	15	2	nil	1	nil	nil	48
1873	18	20	16	2	nil	2	nil	2	66
1874	12	10	14	2	nil	2	1	nil	77
1875	8	7	5	3	nil	7	2	3	76
1876	10	8	5	3	nil	3	1	nil	81
1877	6	7	7	1	nil	3	nil	nil	85
1878	1	nil	1	nil	nil	2	nil	6	79
1879	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	79
1880	15	12	8	3	nil	21	nil	9	62

1881	3	7	8	4	nil	2	nil	nil	66
1882	4	3	1	10	nil	6	nil	nil	74
1883	5	5	6	2	nil	1	1	nil	79
1884	9	8	7	2	nil	6	nil	nil	83
1885	5	5	4	4	nil	2	1	nil	89
1886	11	7	7	2	1	5	2	nil	96
1887	8	6	8	nil	1	9	nil	5	91
1888	6	6	5	2	nil	3	1	nil	95
1889	3	4	5	nil	nil	6	2	nil	90
1890	8	7	6	nil	nil	5	2	nil	91
1891	6	8	9	nil	nil	6	nil	nil	91
1892	5	3	4	nil	nil	1	nil	12	83
1893	10	11	11	1	nil	1	nil	nil	91
1894	4	3	3	1	nil	1	nil	nil	95
1895	10	8	7	4	nil	2	1	nil	107
1896	8	9	10	nil	nil	4	nil	4	107
1897	9	10	8	2	nil	2	nil	nil	116
1898	11	11	11	1	nil	2	1	nil	126
1899	11	10	13	1	nil	1	1	nil	135
1900	3	3	3	2	nil	4	3	8	124
1901	5	5	4	nil	nil	1	2	2	123
1902	9	8	7	2	nil	2	nil	nil	132
1903	5	5	5	1	nil	2	1	nil	135
1904	12	5	5	1	nil	5	1	nil	142
1905	4	5	6	nil	nil	2	3	nil	140
1906	7	10	10	1	nil	3	2	nil	144
1907	10	9	6	1	nil	2	6	2	142
1908	7	7	9	2	nil	2	1	2	152
1909	4	3	3	nil	nil	3	2	nil	145
1910	6	7	6	nil	nil	1	1	nil	149
1911	9	8	10	2	nil	1	5	nil	157
1912	12	10	9	3	2	3	1	8	162
1913	13	14	14	3	1	1	4	nil	174
1914	5	6	6	nil	nil	1	1	nil	175

1915	4	5	5	1	2	1	4	nil	174
1916	11	7	8	1	1	4	1	nil	185
1917	7	7	9	1	nil	2	4	nil	184
1918	14	16	15	4	nil	2	1	nil	199
1919	14	10	7	3	nil	4	4	nil	208
1920	19	13	12	2	nil	4	2	5	218
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	nil	1	5	3	1	1	1	nil	220
1921	4	5	6	1	1	3	2	nil	221
1922	9	10	8	1	nil	6	2	nil	223
1923	9	12	5	3	nil	4	1	1	229
1924	6	6	13	3	2	2	5	8	225
1925	5	4	2	nil	nil	7	2	12	203
1926	8	6	7	2	nil	nil	1	nil	212
1927	2	4	5	3	2	1	4	nl	214
1928	3	4	3	nil	nil	2	4	nil	210
1929	6	4	4	nil	1	3	8	5	201
1930	9	7	8	2	1	1	3	3	206
1931	2	3	4	nil	nil	2	4	nil	202
1932	1	1	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	200
1933	2	2	2	1	nil	3	3	1	195
1934	2	2	2	1	nil	nil	6	nil	192
1935	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	27	162
1936	7	6	5	nil	2	5	4	4	158
1937	6	7	7	nil	nil	nil	3	1	160
1938	12	11	9	1	nil	1	1	1	171
1939	1	1	4	nil	nil	3	5	nil	164
1940	4	4	4	nil	1	1	1	1	166
1941	5	4	4	nil	nil	nil	4	1	166
1942	2	2	2	nil	1	nil	5	nil	164
1943	4	4	5	1	nil	1	3	nil	165
1944	8	10	6	3	1	3	3	5	166
1945	7	9	5	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	171
1946	12	8	6	6	nil	4	4	nil	181

1947	14	15	16	2	nil	5	nil	nil	192
1948	5	6	8	7	nil	3	2	nil	199
1949	18	18	15	1	1	nil	2	1	216
1950	26	21	14	1	nil	1	3	nil	239
1951	6	12	16	2	1	1	4	nil	232
1952	17	14	15	1	nil	1	10	nil	239
1953	10	10	8	3	nil	3	3	nil	246
1954	6	7	8	2	nil	4	3	3	245
1955	10	8	4	5	1	2	1	nil	258
1956	14	15	14	6	nil	3	3	nil	273
1957	3	5	13	12	2	1	2	6	281
1958	8	4	3	1	nil	6	2	nil	282
1959	9	10	7	5	nil	3	3	nil	287
1960	10	5	6	7	nil	5	4	nil	295
1961	10	9	3	7	nil	4	3	1	304
1962	7	9	11	nil	1	7	5	11	289
1963	10	6	9	1	nil	5	5	3	287
1964	10	11	8	3	nil	3	2	nil	295
1965	10	10	19	3	nil	2	7	10	289
1966	10	12	5	nil	2	7	4	10	280
1967	7	7	11	1	nil	5	6	1	276
1968	11	9	8	1	2	9	9	6	266
1969	13	12	11	2	nil	5	6	1	269
1970	3	7	12	4	nil	4	2	nil	270
1971	10	5	3	1	3	7	7	nil	270
1972	7	7	6	nil	nil	5	4	4	264
1973	6	6	5	1	2	5	5	3	260
1974	6	6	8	2	nil	4	3	1	260
1975	3	5	5	3	nil	2	8	7	249
1976	5	3	nil	6	nil	5	3	1	251
1977	7	7	6	5	1	5	4	3	252
1978	10	9	9	3	nil	1	8	nil	256
1979	3	5	6	3	nil	6	5	1	250
1980	6	4	3	nil	1	5	3	10	239

1981	4	6	8	1	4	7	4	1	236
1982	13	6	4	1	2	5	9	7	231
1983	6	8	7	1	1	2	7	nil	220
1984	7	10	8	1	2	3	7	5	213
1985	3	5	6	4	1	4	8	4	205
1986	4	5	5	3	nil	5	4	1	202
1987	7	3	1	1	nil	2	2	nil	206
1988	3	5	7	1	nil	2	6	nil	202
1989	2	4	2	nil	nil	1	4	2	197
1990	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	2	4	3	188
1991	3	1	nil	1	1	4	5	1	182
1992	3	5	6	2	nil	3	1	1	182
1993	3	2	1	1	nil	5	3	1	177
1994	4	3	4	nil	nil	3	5	2	172
1995	3	4	3	3	nil	4	4	nil	170
1996	4	3	2	nil	1	4	nil	1	170
1997	2	3	3	1	nil	2	1	2	168
1998	2	3	3	1	nil	6	9	1	155
1999	5	2	3	1	nil	3	4	2	152
2000	3	5	3	2	nil	4	4	nil	149
2001	4	1	2	nil	1	4	6	nil	144
2002	5	5	4	nil	nil	1	3	nil	145
2003	5	6	3	1	nil	1	4	nil	146
2004	2	1	2	nil	nil	2	3	nil	143
2005	2	1	1	4	nil	1	1	nil	147
2006	2	2	1	nil	nil	2	2	6	139
2007	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	4	6	134
2008	2	1	nil	3	nil	2	4	nil	133
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Aylmer Lodge, No. 22 GRQ, Aylmer, PQ 1877-1881
 Aylmer Lodge, no number GRQ, Aylmer, PQ 1874-1877
 Aylmer Lodge, No. 138 GRC, Aylmer, PQ 1860-1874
 Aylmer Lodge, UD GRC, Aylmer, CE 1860-1860

[GLC: Central District 1860-1868 and Ottawa District No. 12 1868-1877.]
 [GLQ: Ottawa District, 1877-1881.]

Aylmer is a small rural agricultural community north of Hull, on the Ottawa river.

This Lodge was instituted before July 1860 by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada as Aylmer Lodge and Warrant No. 138 GRC was issued in late 1860 or early 1861. The Lodge first appears in the Annual Proceedings of the 5th Annual Communication (July 11, 1860, Ottawa) as under dispensation¹¹⁵ and was represented by W. Bro. Levi Ruggles Church. Although the Grand Secretary had recommended that a Warrant be issued (1860 *Annual Proceedings*, p 484), the Grand Lodge Committee on Warrants recommended that the dispensation be extended (1860 *Annual Proceedings*, p 491). At the 6th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 10, 1861, London), the DDGM of Central District, R. W. Bro. George F. LaSerre, recommended the issue of a Warrant and "No. 138" was subsequently issued.

Aylmer Lodge was initially placed in the new Central District and, in 1868, transferred to the newly formed Ottawa District where it remained until it transferred its allegiance to the new Grand Lodge of Quebec on September 23, 1874. During this entire period under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, no member of the Lodge served as DDGM for the Central or Ottawa Districts.

By 1873, after three years of failing to provide returns to Grand Lodge, the DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, reported that Aylmer Lodge was "not working well." The available membership data from Grand Lodge Proceedings show that the Lodge reported 43 members as of December 31, 1866 and peaked at 45 (1867 and 1868). Membership fell to 41 in 1869 and to 31 in 1870. For the four years 1870, '71, '72 and '73, there is no data reported and the Proceedings simply repeat the previous "31" members. It is very likely that the Lodge was virtually moribund at that time and the 1874 transfer to Quebec was a "paper exercise" covering the transfer as the Grand Lodge of Canada had ceased to work in Quebec by then. This view is reflected in the short time the Lodge existed under a Quebec authority.

Aylmer Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Quebec on September 23, 1874 when the Grand Lodge of Canada ceased operating in the Province. The Lodge did not receive a new number until September 26, 1877, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec numbered it as Aylmer Lodge, No. 22, Aylmer.

At the 11th Annual Communication (September 22, 1880) the Grand Lodge of Quebec voted to recall the warrant of Aylmer Lodge although the reasons for doing so were not made clear. The Lodge lapsed in 1881.

Worshipful Masters of Aylmer Lodge 138, Aylmer, Quebec
 (* = charter members)

1860	Levi Ruggles Church*	1861	Levi Ruggles Church*
1862	Levi Ruggles Church*	1863	D. M. Rattray
1864	Levi Ruggles Church*	1865	C. H. Church
1866	W. C. Clarke	1867	C. H. Church
1868	C. H. Church	1869	C. H. Church
1870	C. H. Church	1871	C. H. Church
1872	C. H. Church	1873	C. H. Church
1874	<i>no entry for Lodge in Proceedings</i>	1875	<i>no entry for Lodge in Proceedings</i>

¹¹⁵ Milburne lists the date of Dispensation or Institution as January 16, 1860.

Membership of Aylmer Lodge, No. 138 GRC, Aylmer, Quebec
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada)
(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	1860					
There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	6	6	5	nil	nil	2	1	nil	43
1867	3	1	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	45
1868	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	45
1869	1	1	nil	nil	nil	6	2	nil	41
1870	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1871	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1872	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1873	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	31
1874	not listed	in Ann.	Procs.	of G. L.	Canada				
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147 GRC, Almonte 1862-present
Mississippi Lodge, UD GRC, Almonte 1861-1862

[Central District 1861-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1970¹¹⁶. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

The town of Almonte was originally founded in 1819 by David Shepherd at a mill site on the Mississippi river. First called Shepherd's Falls, it became Shipman's Mills after Daniel Shipman bought the site in 1823 and built grist and saw mills. In 1837 the first Post Office was called Ramsay after the township and this gave rise to naming Ramsayville on the east side of the river and Victoriaville on the west side, both being united as the police village of Waterford in 1853. As Waterford was a name already in use in Norfolk County, the name was changed to honor General Juan Nepomuceno Almonte (1804-69), Mexican Ambassador to the United States (1841-45). It is generally accepted that Almonte was selected because he was a great diplomat and military leader who had fought against the aggression of the United States.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place sponsored the formation of Mississippi Lodge in 1861. Mississippi Lodge was instituted by the Grand Lodge of Canada on March 19, 1861 and held its first Regular Communication on May 24, 1861. The Charter Master was Dr. William Mostyn M.D.¹¹⁷ (raised in St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, on May 11, 1859) and the Charter officers included: M. Anderson (SW), I. Menzies (JW), W. McIntosh (Treasurer), W. Tennant (Secretary), W. A. Bagsley (SD), I. Lang (JD), I. B. Shipman (IG) and Thos. Coulter (T). St. John's Lodge presented their old jewels to Mississippi Lodge in April 1861. At the 6th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10, 1861, London), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harington reported that he had issued dispensations for thirteen new Lodges, including Mississippi at Almonte¹¹⁸, since the previous Annual Communication. The DDGM of Central District, R. W. Bro. George F. LaSerre, recommended the issue of a Warrant and No. 147 was subsequently issued. Mississippi Lodge was constituted on February 5, 1862 at Almonte.

The Lodge originally met on the first Friday of the month; this was changed to the current "third Thursday" in 1961. The Initiation Fee in 1861 was \$20.00 (\$40.00 in 1924; \$60.00 in 1961). In 1862 annual dues were \$5.00 and these have increased over the years to \$6.00 in 1949 and \$10.00 in 1964.

During its lifetime, Mississippi Lodge has always been active in the community life of Almonte and the surrounding area. Many members of the Lodge were prominent in local affairs, the charter WM, W. Bro. Dr. William Mostyn, MP, was the first Reeve of Almonte (1871-74), a President of the North Lanark Agricultural Society and Liberal MP for North Lanark (1875-79). The Lodge participated in laying the corner-stone of St. Paul's (Anglican) Church, Almonte (June 15, 1863)¹¹⁹; St. Paul's (Presbyterian)

¹¹⁶ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹¹⁷ William Mostyn was born in Elphin, County Roscommon, Ireland on June 15, 1836. The Mostyn family is noted in the Canadian Parliamentary Companion and Annual Register, 1877 as "Of Welsh descent. Family moved to Ireland, at time of Cromwell, and became large land owners in Connaught." William came to Canada with his family as an infant. He graduated with an M.D. from Queen's University in 1858; setting up practice in Almonte immediately afterwards. Dr. Mostyn was Master of Mississippi Lodge four times and also served as District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District.

¹¹⁸ The other twelve were: Lebanon at Oshawa, CW; Malahide at Aylmer; Tudor at Mitchell; Excelsior at Morrisburg; Tecumseh at Stratford; J. B. Hall at Millbrook; Friendly Brothers at Iroquois; Friendly Brothers at Iroquois; Civil Service at "Seat of Government"; Erie at Port Dover; Hastings at Hastings; and The Grand River at Berlin.

¹¹⁹ St. John's Lodge, No. 63, GRC, Carleton Place also participated in the ceremony.

Church, Almonte (June 24, 1865)¹²⁰. The Minutes show that “charity” was first taken up as a Lodge activity in 1861 in respect of a “Masonic Asylum” proposed by Grand Lodge and a fund in support of the initiative was started. In addition, the Lodge was also known for its sympathy and support to non-Masons who had lost family in tragic circumstances. Grants to widows were regularly made and often local activities such as donations to the Community Centre and Rink. A blood donor program has been regularly supported by the Lodge. Flowers and fruit baskets to sick and shut-ins was also a regular past of Lodge activities.

The Lodge *History* notes that there is no mention of the Great War in the minutes but there are references to contributions to a Canadian patriotic Fund and also to “boxes for overseas brethren” (care packages). During World War II the Lodge was regular in its support of serving brethren and provision of donations in support of the War Relief Fund and “British war guests in Canada” (likely a reference to British children who had been brought “out of harm’s way” during the London blitz). Support for serving brethren extended as late as 1951 when parcels were sent to two brethren serving in Korea. The *Lodge History* notes that four WMs served overseas during World War I and nine during World War II.

The premises used by the Lodge in its early days are unknown and there is no clear indication in the Minutes. It is possible that the Lodge met in some part of the “Forge Section” shown on the Town Plan along Ottawa Street, east of Main Street. By January 3, 1879, the Minutes allude to the “... Masonic Hall situated on Mill Street in this Village” In the Minutes for December 7, 1883, the Lodge sublet the rented Hall facilities to “. . . the Royal Arch Chapter and Egyptian Rite . . . (for) . . . \$37.50 per annum.” The Chapter referred to was Granite Chapter No. 61 (now Maple-Granite No. 61 at Carleton Place). By mid-1895 the Lodge was provided with electricity although it continued to be heated with wood. Apparently the rented Masonic Hall was burned in September 1909 and a Dispensation was obtained for a three month period to permit the Lodge to meet in the Oddfellows Hall. By June 1910 the Lodge was meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall. For several decades the Lodge lived a peripatetic life and several attempts to develop a building fund and purchase a suitable facility failed. By 1953 the current facilities on Mill Street were acquired, renovated and made into a suitable Masonic Hall, with the lower (street level) being rented out for commercial use.

The discovery of an unspecified “masonic” inscription on a rock on a farm in Pakenham Township was visited by eight members of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, in April 1892. They reported their find to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson in a letter dated April 30, 1892, provided an impression of it, and invited him to visit the site. The inscription was not explained but it sounded as if it might have been similar to the one found on the Bay of Fundy — a square and compasses and the date 1602 — and which for some time encouraged many Masons to believe that the Craft significantly predated 1717. M. W. Bro. Robertson’s reply noted that “. . . There was no Masonry, nor knowledge of Masonry any where in the Township of Pakenham prior to 1820 . . . (and) . . . marks have probably been placed . . . for the purpose of misleading”.

The members of Mississippi Lodge have been very supportive of the spread of Freemasonry and have been instrumental in the establishment of Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark and Eureka Lodge, No. 248, Pakenham. The Charter Members of Evergreen Lodge included Bros. Charles E. Field (Master), Robert Pollock (S. W.) and Thomas Watchorn (J. W.), and Bros. William C. Caldwell; Alexander G. Dobbie; David Munroe; and Rev. James Wilson; all of whom were members of Mississippi Lodge. The Minutes of Mississippi Lodge for March 26, 1869, state: “It was moved by W. Bro. Mostyn seconded by Bro. Cram that all the Brethren of Ever Green (sic) Lodge Lanark who are Members of this Lodge get their demit on payment of dues. Carried.” The Minutes of December 2, 1870, of Mississippi Lodge note: “Moved by Bro. Bagsley and Seconded by Bro. J. G. Northrup that the W.M. and Sec have the authority to recommend a petition to the Brethren at Packinham (sic) for to form a Lodge at that place. Carried.”. Regrettably Eureka Lodge went into darkness in 1883/84, but Evergreen is still working, albeit in a different District. In spite of the difficulties of travel, visitation with other Lodges in the surrounding area was regular and constant and reflected in minutes over the years. District Divine Service was held each year in a different Lodge and Mississippi Lodge was always in attendance, or even hosting the service.

In spite of these friendly relations across district boundaries, there were occasional problems with adjacent Lodges concerning their jurisdiction in terms of accepting candidates. The first such case flared

¹²⁰ This ceremony again involved St. John’s Lodge, No. 63, GRC, Carleton Place.

up in 1864 and there were several others over the next 105 years — most were accidental and resolved by having the candidate referred to the proper Lodge and the initiation fee transferred. Most were achieved with understanding. In 1950, True Briton's Lodge, No. 14 GRC, Perth, waived its rights and Grand Lodge issued a dispensation, to permit Mr. Richard Donaldson Kelly of Perth to apply for initiation in Mississippi Lodge. Mr. (now Bro.) Kelly was the second of the Kelly family to be the fourth generation to be initiated into Mississippi Lodge. Many of these problems disappeared in 1974 with concurrent jurisdiction amongst the Lodges of Ottawa Districts 1 and 2.

At the time of its formation in 1861, Mississippi Lodge was administered in the Central District. With the District reorganization in 1868, Mississippi Lodge was placed in the newly formed Ottawa District and in Ottawa District 1 after the 1970 reorganization. Five members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Dr. William Mostyn, MD (Ottawa 12, 1868-69 and 1873-74)¹²¹, William Smith (Ottawa 13, 1884-85), Matthew Robert MacFarlane (Ottawa 16, 1921-22), R. W. Bros. Owen Joseph Osborne (Ottawa 1, 1983-84) and George Welland MacKay (Ottawa 1, 1997-98). In addition, seven members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge as Grand Steward: V. W. Bros. Stanley Hirst Morton (1960-61), Alfred M. Hudson (1966-67), John Carson Smithson (1982-83), Delmar Robert Millar (1996-97), David John McMullen (1984-85), Anthony St. Dennis (1998-99), Stuart Graham Hudson (2004-05) and Gordon Allan Giles (2010-11).

Mississippi Lodge meets on the third Thursday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Mill Street, Almonte (across from the new town Post Office).

Worshipful Masters of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147 GRC, Almonte
(* = charter members)

1861	William Mostyn*, MD	1862	William Mostyn*, MD
1863	William Mostyn*, MD	1864	John Menzies*
1865	Dugald McEwen	1866	William Mostyn*, MD
1867	William Mostyn*, MD	1868	Peter McDougall
1869	Peter McDougall	1870	R. Watson
1871	William Mostyn*, MD	1872	William Mostyn*, MD
1873	Jason H. Thrall	1874	Jason H. Thrall
1875	William Mostyn*, MD	1876	William Mostyn*, MD
1877	William Smith	1878	William Smith
1879	John M. Munro	1880	John M. Munro
1881	John M. Munro	1882	John M. Munro
1883	John Elliott	1884	John Elliott
1885	Andrew Dunlop	1886	William Smith
1887	C. B. Miller & Ralph Hill	1888	Ralph Hill
1889	W. Berry	1890	W. P. McEwen
1891	R. Campbell	1892	R. Campbell
1893	S. L. Ramsay	1894	David Williams
1895	J. Lewis Coulter	1896	J. Lewis Coulter
1897	W. C. Pollock	1898	W. C. Pollock
1899	John Argue	1900	R. S. Dodds
1901	R. S. Dodds	1902	N. H. Washburn
1903	N. H. Washburn	1904	M. N. Steele
1905	J. K. Kelly	1906	J. K. Kelly
1907	W. H. McCarthy	1908	Tom Lawton
1909	N. Washburn	1910	N. Washburn
1911	J. T. Kirkland	1912	N. Washburn

¹²¹ At the 26th Annual Communication (July 13, 1881, Hamilton) the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Alexander Henderson, QC, DCL, reported (1881 *Proceedings*, p 72) that R. W. Bro. Mostyn had met an accidental death by drowning on March 29, 1881, while on "an errand of mercy."

1913 S. Davis

1913-4 John Aspinall

1915-6 Tom Dean

1917-8 H. W. Lundy

1919-0 Thomas Hamilton

1921-2 B. K. Gunn

1923-4 W. E. Scott

1925-6 Dr. W. M. Johnson

1927-8 Clifford Robinson

1929-0 Alfred M. Hudson

1931-2 N. Washburn

1933-4 D. B. Taylor

1935-6 E. Adams

1937-8 M. B. Cochran

1939-0 Edgar J. Lee

1941-2 Grant W. Dunlop

1943-4 Dr. C. R. MacDowall

1945-6 Stanley Hirst Morton

1947-8 Robert John France

1949-0 J. B. Watson

1951-2 John Thorpe Kelly

1953-4 Stewart E. Lee

1955-6 Robert Harold McMullan

1957-8 Robert A. Young

1959-0 Gordon H. Duncan

1961-2 W. Y. Wood

1963-4 Robert L. Hill

1965-6 Robert L. Hill

1967-8 Russell Turner

1969-0 R. W. Mohr

1971-2 Owen Joseph Osborne

1973-4 Allan McIntosh

1975-6 G. Elmer Goodfellow

1977-8 Peter Cochran

1979-0 Gordon Allan Giles

1981-2 Wayne R. Guthrie

1983-4 L. G. William Chapman

1985-6 George Welland McKay

1987-8 Anthony C. St. Dennis

1989-0 Ronald K. Mills

1991-2 Gary R. Way

1993-4 George Welland McKay

1995-6 Larry Edward Caven

1997-8 Carl Lakins

1999-0 Gordon Allan Giles

2001-2 W. Lowe

2003-4 Gary Humenuk

2005-6 Thomas John Edward Levi

2007-8 Gordon Allan Giles

2009-0 Lyle Cavanagh

1914-5 M. R. McFarlane

1916-7 E. W. Oliver

1918-9 James H. France

1920-1 W. S. MacDowall

1922-3 John Lindsay

1924-5 Joseph Lodge

1926-7 Jack Gerrard

1928-9 R. A. Jamieson

1930-1 D. B. Taylor

1932-3 A. McDonald

1934-5 T. L. Morton

1936-7 T. Barclay

1938-9 John R. McDonald

1940-1 John L. Joss

1942-3 L. B. Edmonds

1944-5 E. H. Farnham

1946-7 W. Frank Thom

1948-9 George E. Gomme

1950-1 W. Watson MacDowall

1952-3 John Carson Smithson

1954-5 J. S. McGregor

1956-7 W. J. Sutherland

1958-9 Harry Walker

1960-1 James Ingram

1962-3 Delmar Robert Millar

1964-5 Stuart Graham Hudson

1966-7 Stuart Graham Hudson

1968-9 J. R. McMullan

1970-1 David John McMullan

1972-3 John R. Cameron

1974-5 Lannie R. Phillips

1976-7 Peter Cochran

1978-9 Elford Giles

1980-1 David L. Dillabough

1982-3 Robert Smithson

1984-5 Douglas Sonnenburg

1986-7 John Levi

1988-9 Donald W. Downey

1990-1 John Corkum

1992-3 Donald W. Downey

1994-5 Kenneth Draper

1996-7 Lyle Cavanagh

1998-9 Brent Reid¹²²

2000-1 Scott Downey

2002-3 Gary Humenuk

2004-5 Carl Lakins

2006-7 L. Deugo

2008-9 Lyle Cavanagh

2010-1 Douglas Sonnenburg

¹²² Affiliated with Mississippi in April 1989 from St. John's No. 63, Carleton Place.

Membership of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147 GRC, Almonte
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Mar. 19,	1861				
There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	22
1867	5	4	2	3	nil	2	1	1	24
1868	1	1	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	26
1869	8	8	7	nil	nil	6	nil	nil	24
1870	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	24
1871	5	5	5	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	26
1872	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	26
1873	9	8	6	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	38
1874	7	7	9	3	nil	7	1	nil	38
1875	2	2	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	49
1876	7	6	5	2	nil	3	nil	3	43
1877	3	4	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	45
1878	3	3	3	3	nil	2	nil	nil	44
1879	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	45
1880	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	45
1881	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	45
1882	3	3	3	1	nil	17	3	5	31
1883	8	8	8	nil	1	3	nil	2	35
1884	8	8	8	13	1	3	3	2	49
1885	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	49
1886	9	8	5	nil	nil	1	1	3	53
1887	4	3	6	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	56
1888	nil	1	2	3	nil	4	nil	nil	55
1889	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	3	nil	51
1890	8	7	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	57
1891	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	58
1892	2	2	2	nil	nil	2	nil	3	55
1893	9	10	10	nil	nil	5	nil	nil	59

1894	7	7	7	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	65
1895	1	1	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	66
1896	3	3	3	nil	nil	2	1	nil	66
1897	2	2	2	1	nil	3	nil	1	65
1898	2	2	2	1	nil	1	nil	2	65
1899	4	4	4	1	nil	2	nil	nil	68
1900	3	3	3	2	nil	2	2	nil	69
1901	17	18	17	nil	nil	nil	1	7	79
1902	6	6	7	nil	nil	2	1	7	82
1903	9	8	7	2	nil	4	nil	nil	90
1904	4	4	3	nil	nil	11	1	nil	82
1905	6	6	5	1	nil	nil	1	nil	86
1906	3	3	3	1	nil	3	nil	nil	88
1907	2	3	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	88
1908	5	4	3	2	1	2	2	nil	88
1909	2	3	4	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	86
1910	4	4	3	1	nil	1	1	nil	89
1911	6	4	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	94
1912	3	4	4	2	nil	nil	nil	1	98
1913	1	2	2	nil	nil	3	1	2	93
1914	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	99
1915	4	11	9	nil	nil	1	1	nil	107
1916	4	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	105
1917	2	4	4	nil	nil	1	2	nil	103
1918	6	5	5	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	106
1919	9	10	10	1	nil	1	1	1	113
1920	5	4	4	1	1	2	nil	nil	118
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	119
1921	12	8	8	4	nil	3	2	nil	130
1922	14	17	10	1	nil	nil	1	nil	144
1923	6	8	12	1	nil	1	4	nil	146
1924	7	5	6	1	nil	nil	2	nil	152
1925	3	5	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	156

1926	4	4	4	2	nil	3	2	nil	157
1927	7	4	4	nil	nil	2	3	nil	159
1928	3	5	3	nil	nil	1	2	nil	159
1929	4	5	4	1	nil	1	3	nil	160
1930	2	2	3	1	nil	3	2	1	151
1931	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	4	1	148
1932	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	2	nil	145
1933	3	3	3	nil	nil	2	2	2	142
1934	2	1	1	2	nil	1	3	5	137
1935	2	3	3	1	nil	1	1	nil	138
1936	2	nil	nil	nil	1	2	2	3	134
1937	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	135
1938	2	1	1	2	nil	2	2	nil	134
1939	3	4	4	2	nil	1	2	4	132
1940	4	5	4	1	nil	2	nil	nil	136
1941	8	6	7	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	140
1942	2	4	4	2	nil	1	4	3	136
1943	5	4	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	138
1944	1	2	3	nil	1	3	2	1	135
1945	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	134
1946	5	7	6	1	nil	nil	2	nil	138
1947	5	4	4	2	nil	1	2	nil	142
1948	7	9	5	1	nil	1	4	nil	145
1949	10	9	10	1	nil	nil	1	nil	155
1950	7	7	7	3	nil	2	3	nil	160
1951	6	4	4	1	nil	nil	1	nil	166
1952	17	13	12	nil	nil	1	4	nil	178
1953	7	8	9	2	nil	1	2	nil	184
1954	8	6	4	nil	1	2	2	nil	189
1955	11	13	12	6	nil	nil	6	nil	200
1956	8	5	8	2	nil	2	6	nil	202
1957	2	4	4	3	nil	nil	3	2	202
1958	3	3	1	nil	nil	1	8	nil	196
1959	5	4	5	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	198

1960	6	6	2	1	nil	1	5	nil	199
1961	6	6	7	2	nil	nil	4	nil	203
1962	2	3	5	1	nil	nil	1	3	202
1963	3	4	3	nil	2	1	2	nil	204
1964	3	2	2	1	nil	1	4	nil	203
1965	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	2	nil	203
1966	nil	1	3	nil	nil	2	3	nil	198
1967	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	5	nil	195
1968	3	4	3	1	nil	2	2	8	187
1969	2	2	3	nil	nil	2	5	nil	182
1970	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	1	nil	181
1971	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	5	nil	176
1972	2	1	2	2	nil	1	5	nil	174
1973	4	3	4	3	nil	1	8	nil	172
1974	1	3	3	2	nil	nil	5	nil	170
1975	4	3	2	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	168
1976	2	2	2	1	nil	nil	3	6	162
1977	nil	1	2	2	nil	nil	5	nil	159
1978	3	3	2	3	nil	nil	2	1	163
1979	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	7	nil	158
1980	2	1	1	2	1	3	4	nil	156
1981	3	4	3	1	nil	nil	6	nil	154
1982	2	nil	1	2	nil	nil	2	nil	156
1983	nil	2	2	nil	1	nil	3	nil	154
1984	1	1	nil	2	nil	2	1	1	153
1985	4	2	1	1	nil	1	3	nil	154
1986	1	3	3	2	nil	nil	3	nil	154
1987	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	155
1988	2	1	1	nil	nil	1	5	2	139
1989	2	3	2	4	nil	1	2	nil	132
1990	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	nil	4	124
1991	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	3	1	119
1992	2	2	1	nil	nil	1	5	1	114
1993	5	4	3	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	117

1994	2	2	2	1	nil	3	6	nil	111
1995	nil	1	3	nil	nil	1	3	n	107
1996	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	103
1997	3	4	1	1	nil	1	2	nil	104
1998	4	2	4	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	109
1999	3	5	6	nil	nil	nil	7	nil	105
2000	6	3	2	1	nil	nil	5	nil	107
2001	1	3	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	106
2002	4	5	1	nil	nil	nil	2	1	107
2003	3	2	3	nil	nil	nil	1	2	107
2004	3	1	3	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	112
2005	2	2	4	2	nil	nil	3	nil	113
2006	3	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	113
2007	nil	1	1	2	nil	3	2	nil	110
2008	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	112
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa 1867-present
Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, "Seat of Government" 1861-1867¹²³
Civil Service Lodge, UD GRC, "Seat of Government" 1861-1861

[Quebec District 1861-1865. Ottawa District 1865-1970¹²⁴. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

Between 1860 and 1870, Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65 GRC, Toronto, was not in active operation because most of its members were associated with the Government of Canada whose seat alternated every four years between Toronto and Quebec City (1849-1858) but which, in 1859, had moved permanently to Quebec leaving the Lodge virtually without members. The needs of freemasons in Government and who had been removed to Quebec City were met when Grand Master, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington issued a dispensation which authorized Civil Service Lodge to operate "... as in the nature of a Military Lodge; that is, a travelling lodge." Until the Lodge was settled permanently in Ottawa its location, shown in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, was stated as "Seat of Government."

In 1867 the capital of Canada was chosen by Queen Victoria to be located at the newly named city of Ottawa, around the junction of the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers, and where the Rideau Canal connected with the Ottawa. Prior to 1855 the town had been called Bytown, in honour of Colonel John By (1779-1836) of the Royal Engineers, who had been made responsible in 1825 for the construction of the 140-mile Rideau Canal to link Montreal and Kingston while avoiding the St. Lawrence. The route was chosen to provide an essential and useable route in the event of another war between Britain and the United States, as had been fought in 1812-15. The name Bytown had been changed to Ottawa when the city was incorporated in 1855. One of the problems resulting from the selection of Ottawa as the capital was that those bureaucrats who were Masons and who wished to return to Toronto would be returning to their mother Lodge, Rehoboam, while those who went to Ottawa would have need of a Lodge.

Civil Service Lodge was instituted by the Grand Lodge of Canada on May 14, 1861 in the Lodge rooms in Quebec City by R. W. Bro. Richard Pope, DDGM of the Quebec District¹²⁵. The charter members and first officers of the new Lodge included: W. Bro. James Hill Rowan (WM of St. John's Lodge, No. 3 GRC, Kingston in 1857), Bro. E. C. Hayden (who was number one of the roll of the new Lodge, SW and WM in 1862), H. S. Weatherly (JW), J. V. Gale (Treasurer), Henry Jackson (Secretary), De Verd Fisher (SD), T. I. Hollaway (JD), J. Gamble Jr. (IG), Bro J. Innes (Tyler) and Bros. G. Smith and W. G. Sheppard. A second meeting of Civil Service Lodge was held on June 11, 1861. At the 6th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10, 1861, London), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harington had reported that he had issued dispensations for thirteen new Lodges, including Civil Service at "Seat of Government"¹²⁶, since the previous Annual Communication. Warrant No. 148 was issued on July 20, 1861 and shortly afterwards the DDGM proceeded to constitute and consecrate the new Lodge. At the third meeting, September 10, 1861, Bylaws were approved of which one would circumscribe members in that "All officers of this lodge with the exception of the Tyler, must be employees of the Civil

¹²³ The Lodge is shown in Annual Proceedings as being located at "Seat of Government" from 1861-67, at Ottawa in 1868 and "Seat of Government" for 1869 and 1870. The expression "Seat of Government" is used until 1867 when Ottawa was made the capital of the new Dominion of Canada.

¹²⁴ Variousy entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹²⁵ R. W. Bro. Pope's report on the Lodge, appearing in the 1861 Proceedings (p 189) notes that while access to membership is open to all members of the fraternity, the offices of the Lodge are confined solely to members of the civil service and legislative branches.

¹²⁶ The other twelve were: Lebanon at Oshawa, CW; Malahide at Aylmer; Tudor at Mitchell; Excelsior at Morrisburg; Tecumseh at Stratford; J. B. Hall at Millbrook; Prince of Wales at Newburg; Friendly Brothers at Iroquois; Mississippi at Almonte; Erie at Port Dover; Hastings at Hastings; and The Grand River at Berlin.

Service of Canada or either branches of the Legislature.” Until January 1864, when Bro. E. T. Green, Esquire, brought out Civil Service Lodge jewels from the UK, the Lodge had borrowed those of Harington Lodge¹²⁷, No. 49 GRC.

When the seat of Canada’s Government was confirmed as Ottawa in 1865, the Lodge minutes of October 10, 1865 note that “In consequence of the removal of the seat of government from Quebec to Ottawa at the above mentioned date and the impossibility of securing the requisite number of officers and brethren of the Lodge *at either city* [italics by the author], no regular communication was held on the evening of that date” (*Lodge Centennial History* p 12). The first meeting of Civil Service Lodge in Ottawa was held on November 14, 1865 in the rooms of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571 ER (now No. 52 GRC). Although much material had not been unpacked, including the Warrant, the Grand Master concurred that the Lodge could legitimately conduct its business. When it was unpacked, the original Warrant, to hold the Lodge at “Seat of Government,” was used until lost in a fire in 1886.

The first “permanent” meeting place of Civil Service Lodge in Ottawa was at 18 Rideau Street, where it rented the use of Doric Lodge’s facilities (this space is approximately under the present Elephant and Castle pub in the Rideau Centre). The meeting night chosen was the second Tuesday of the month and Lodge usually opened at 8 o’clock; Lodge dues were \$3.00 annually and the cost of Initiation was \$20.00 (about 20% of the average annual salary of a civil servant of \$100.00). Installations were always held on December 27 (the festival of St. John the Evangelist), usually in the afternoon, and followed by a dinner and dance. Minutes frequently reveal joint Installations with other Lodges.

Lodge Minutes indicate that as early as 1876 the concept of a new single purpose Masonic Temple was being discussed. This would not occur until 1914 when the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 113 Metcalfe Street, was officially opened. In 1886 the building in which the Lodge met was destroyed by fire and much of the materiel of the Lodge was lost, including the original Warrant. Grand Lodge’s response to the situation was to advise the Lodge that a new Warrant was being prepared and that in the meantime the Lodge was to continue to meet in whatever location was found suitable. Regrettably, Grand Lodge in reissuing the Warrant declined to provide another Travelling Warrant and instead issued a fixed Warrant. The facilities of the Oddfellows Hall on Sparks Street was used for about one year. Then the Lodge rented facilities at 140 Albert Street until October 1913 when the meetings were transferred to the Scottish Rite Chambers at 106½ Sparks Street. On February 10, 1914, the Lodge moved into the new Masonic Temple at 113 Metcalfe Street (described as three floors with a basement hall and a huge kitchen, and which could accommodate over 400 at dinner). At nine o’clock on a Thursday evening in February 1916, the alarm bells were rung and those who were in the city centre rushed to view the burning and destruction of the first Parliament buildings. These facilities were sold and a new Masonic Temple was constructed at 2140 Walkley Road.

On January 10, 1871, Right Worshipful Brother Sir John Alexander MacDonald, KCB, PGSW and Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, attended Lodge and signed the Tyler’s Book (Sir John was then a member of Ancient St. John’s Lodge, No. 3 GRC, Kingston). Not everyone was permitted to enter and attend Lodge. On instructions from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, entry was to be refused, in 1872, to any brethren hailing from Vermont — in response to that Grand Lodge’s recognition of the self proclaimed Grand Lodge of Quebec (resolved in 1874).

Membership does not appear to have been a problem for the Lodge, located as it was in the centre of a growing city. During the latter part of the nineteenth century a meeting was normally attended by about 20 members and 9 visitors. One meeting, to receive the DDGM, was attended by 44 members and 70 visitors. The Lodge took advantage, whenever requested, to perform good works in public: on October 25, 1866 Civil Service Lodge joined in the laying of the cornerstone of the new St. James’ Church, Hull.

The Lodge has always contributed to a Benevolent Fund and has made good use of the monies for the relief of distressed brethren and their families. A brother responsible for the sick and visiting, reporting directly to the Lodge at its meetings, was implemented in about 1915-16.

¹²⁷ Harington Lodge had been formed in 1854 and proudly carried an Irish Warrant, No. 237 until 1859 when it affiliated with the new Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada and was issued with Warrant No. 49 GRC. It supported the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec A.F. & A.M. in 1869 when it became No. 9 and ending life as No. 17 GRQ, when it closed in 1880.

One aspect of the Lodge program was to contribute members to, and receive in due form, various degree teams whose members shared a common element. Such degree teams became common in Lodge minutes commencing immediately after World War I: Russell Lodge, Topographical Survey, "Medical Fraternity", Eddy Lodge¹²⁸, RCMP¹²⁹, Bank of Canada, Carleton Chapter, Kiwanis and Kinsmen, RCAF and the Department of Public Works degree teams, to mention a few of them, most of which are no longer working.

In 1900 a motion was passed to remit the dues of all members of the Lodge on duty in South Africa until their return to Canada at the close of war. During World War I the Lodge contributed to the war effort, including the purchase of a "moving picture machine" for the entertainment of the troops and donations to the Overseas Christmas Fund (for servicemen) and the Belgian Relief Fund. A Motion in the Lodge was approved to remit the dues of a serving brother. The Minutes bear testimony to the creation of the "temporary" Income Tax in 1917 — 4% on incomes above \$1,500 for unmarried men and \$3,000 for married men. With the advent of World War II, the Lodge also provided many members for service at home and abroad, and dues of brethren serving abroad were again remitted "for the duration".

A Lodge Committee was formed to consider the proposal of rural Masons to construct a new Masonic Hall in Westboro. Civil Service Lodge agreed that this may well be required, but that if constructed the Lodges located there should not be permitted to Initiate candidates who lived within the city limits.

The Lodge did not celebrate its 50th anniversary in May 1911 in any particular manner but commemorated it with a Past Masters night in November. The Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary on May 12, 1936, by entertaining the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander James Anderson, who presented the Veterans Jubilee Medal to two members. The Lodge celebrated its centennial during the week of May 14, 1961. The Lodge will begin its sesquicentennial celebrations on the weekend of October 15-17, 2010 during which time the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels will hold a "mini" Grand Lodge at the Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road. The celebration will include a banquet and dance.

Albert Matthews (1873-1949), Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario (1937-1946) was initiated into Civil Service Lodge in 1927. M. W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harington (Grand Master 1860-61-62-63-64) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada affiliated with the Lodge in June 1863. On April 13, 1869 an application for affiliation was received from Sir John Alexander Macdonald, KCB, Minister of Justice and Grand Representative of England in the Grand Lodge of Canada (for biography see p 141-2). After due notice at the May meeting, it was voted and approved on July 8, 1869 that "R. W. Bro. J. A. Macdonald, P.G.S.W., be admitted as an honorary member of this lodge with all the privileges of an ordinary member" (*Lodge Centennial History* p 14). M. W. Bro. William Carswell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec A.F. & A.M. was also a member of the Lodge. W. Bro. Dr. Norman Francis Henry Bright (WM 1961-62) served as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario for the 1960-61 term and W. Bro. Michael Rossiter Hughson (WM 1969) served as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario for the 1980-81 term.

In 1861, Civil Service Lodge was placed in the Quebec District. When it removed to Ottawa with "the seat of government" it became a part of the Central District and later a part of the new Ottawa District and Ottawa District 1. Six members have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. James Hill Rowan (Quebec, 1865-66), Thomas W. Shanks (Ottawa 16, 1914-15), Karl Bidwell Conger (Ottawa, 1932-33), Effingham Deans Berry (Ottawa, 1960-61), C. Ross Thomson (Ottawa 1, 1978-79), D. Gary Gosling (Ottawa 1, 1996-97) and Leslie Ross Richardson (Ottawa 1, 2010-11). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bros. H. P. Macdonnell¹³⁰ (1899-1900);

¹²⁸ To exemplify the first degree according to the Quebec ritual.

¹²⁹ In 1944, the RCMP degree team initiated Mr. Thomas W. Clark into the Lodge.

¹³⁰ Died during October 1922.

- Grand Junior Warden - R. W. Bros. John Walsh¹³¹ (1879-80) A. J. Cambie (1875-76) and Le Feuvre Anstruther Maingy¹³² (1891-92);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - R. W. Bro. Walter Rowan (1907-08);
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. H. W. Lothrop (1926-27);
- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Thomas W. Munro (1869-70);
- Grand Organist - V. W. Bros. J. W. Bearder (1927-28), Louis W. P. Coulter (1911-12), J. G. Metz (1933-34), D. Roy Kennedy (1936-37) and David Bertram Nugent (1951-52);
- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. J. G. Metz (1933-34); and
- Grand Steward¹³³ - V. W. Bros. James H. Rowan (1865-66), William Livingston Blair¹³⁴ (1895-96), A. W. Grant (year unknown), Frederick G. Smith (1958-59), Robert A. Kearney (1980-81) and Ronald G. Dixon (1997-98).

Brother Arthur M. Hill of the Lodge was presented with the William Mercer William meritorious service medal on May 16, 1961.

Civil Service Lodge meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Civil Service Lodge 148, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1861	James Hill Rowan ^{135*}	1862	James Hill Rowan*
1863	Edward C. Hayden*	1864	Edward C. Hayden*
1865	William Spink ¹³⁶	1866	James Hill Rowan*
1867	Thomas W. Munro	1868	Thomas W. Munro
1869	Edward P. Remon	1870	Edward P. Remon
1871	A. J. Cambie	1872	A. J. Cambie
1873	N. W. McLean	1874	N. W. McLean
1875	John Walsh	1876	John Walsh
1877	Neil W. McLean	1878	W. G. Blyth
1879	W. G. Blyth	1880	L. W. P. Coulter
1881	L. W. P. Coulter	1882	A. F. Rogers
1883	Robert Cassels	1884	Robert Cassels
1885	Le Feuvre Anstruther Maingy	1886	Colin Campbell
1887	W. F. Boardman	1888	W. L. Blair ¹³⁷
1889	Sidney C. D. Roper	1890	Sidney C. D. Roper

¹³¹ In January 1894 he was made an honorary member of the Lodge and 1919 when he died, "he had served faithfully as Treasurer for 35 years" (*Lodge Centennial History* p 19).

¹³² Elected pre April 1898 when he was made an honorary member of the Lodge

¹³³ One further member, David F. Smith, was appointed a Grand Steward for 2003-04 for his work with Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517 GRC, Hazeldean.

¹³⁴ The *Lodge Centennial History* (p 21) refers to congratulations being offered to V. W. Bro. W. L. Blair, PGS, for completing 50 years as a Mason. At that time he was also the oldest living Past Master.

¹³⁵ W. Bro. James Hill Rowan served as WM of St. John's Lodge, No. 3 PRCW, Kingston, for 1857.

¹³⁶ He was originally elected as WM at the December 1862 meeting but had declined the honour as he was then the WM of Albion Lodge, No. 14.

¹³⁷ Received his 50 year pin as a Past master in 1941. He died in late 1943.

1891	Sidney C. D. Roper	1892	William Campbell
1893	William Campbell	1894	H. P. Macdonnell
1895	J. C. Saunders	1896	A. W. Harris
1897	E. L. Learoyd	1898	E. L. Learoyd
1899	Lockburn B. Scott	1900	Rev. Thomas Garrett
1901	E. L. Horwood	1902	E. B. Echlin
1903	C. H. Beddoe	1904	Brigadier-General Charles Francis Winter ¹³⁸
1905	Walter Rowan	1906	A. T. Phillips ¹³⁹
1907	A. T. Phillips	1908	Thomas Shanks
1909	H. W. Camberlain	1910	L. H. Sitwell
1911	T. E. Clendinnen	1912	Rev. A. W. MacKay
1913	Samuel Short	1914	H. W. Lothrop
1915	Joseph Kent	1916	A. W. Grant
1917	J. Fred Davey	1918	Karl B. Conger
1919	J. G. Metz	1920	W. M. Tobey
1921	Frederick D. Burpee	1922	J. P. Cordukes
1923	D. J. Fraser	1924	D. B. Nugent
1925	Robert S. Holmes	1926	Fred G. Smith
1927	Percy D. Wilson	1928	Thomas H. Parker
1929	N. T. Allan	1930	H. E. A. Hawken
1931	C. Elmer Campbell	1932	Percy C. Stephenson
1933	W. E. Perrin/Percy C. Stephenson ¹⁴⁰	1934	A. W. Buckman
1935	W. S. McClenahan	1936	Arthur S. Mackey
1937	W. J. Peaker	1938	R. J. Edmunds
1939	H. P. Moulton	1940	J. C. Browne
1941	B. R. McKay	1942	E. C. Arbogast
1943	Arthur S. Thomas	1944	G. Francis Rowe
1945	Russell G. Madill	1946	J. Fred Gardiner
1947	Henry Garland	1948	John A. Macdonald
1949	Charles M. Sternberg	1950	John D. Beaton
1951	Gordon J. Little	1952	E. Deans Berry
1953	Thomas W. Clark	1954	A. Milne Floyd
1955	Stanley F. Conquer	1956	Milton L. Sinclair
1957	Garnet A. Wood	1958	Rutherford J. Parlee
1959	W. Mervyn Creighton	1960	James Sim
1961	Dr. Norman Francis Henry Bright	1962	Philip S. Conquer
1963	C. B. Bassett	1964	E. C. Scott
1965	K. S. Moores	1966	A. McDowall
1967	R. H. McDowell	1968	E. S. Hornby

¹³⁸ Brigadier-General Winter was born in Montreal in 1863 but served a goodly portion of his 66-year military career with British regiments, seeing action at Kassassier, Tel-el-Kebir and the occupation of Cairo (Egypt 1882), at Cut Knife Creek and Hill in the North-West Rebellion (1885) and South Africa (1899-1902). During World War I he served as Military secretary to the then Minister of Militia, Sir Sam Hughes. He was initiated into Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa and served as WM in 1904. He was the Charter WM of Rideau Lodge (1922).

¹³⁹ The *Lodge Centennial History* shows both "A. T." and "A. J." for his initials.

¹⁴⁰ W. Bro. W. E. Perrin was elected WM in December 1932, installed in January 1933 and died on February 22, 1933. W. Bro. Percy Stephenson was re-elected as WM at the March meeting and installed at the April 1933 meeting (*Lodge Centennial History*, p 21).

1969 Michael Rossiter Hughson¹⁴¹
 1971 R. M. Watt
 1973 R. A. Kearney
 1975 S. S. Alward
 1977 J. V. Brown
 1979 S. G. Fockner
 1981 D. H. Jenkins
 1983-4 M. W. A. Bright
 1985-6 S. W. Bright
 1987-8 W. S. Stewart
 1989-0 N. Hokayem
 1991-2 Gordon E. Lewis
 1993-4 C. S. L. Lund
 1995-6 David F. Smith
 1997-8 L. R. Morris
 1999-0 John Khoury
 2001-2 Gordon E. Lewis
 2003-4 Kamil J. Abou Kheir
 2005-6 George Chaiban
 2007-8 C. Aysan
 2009-0 Ron Cooke

1970 Gerald Elmer Wade
 1972 David R. Taggart
 1974 C. Ross Thomson
 1976 K. D. Cunningham
 1978 R. Y. Chaar
 1980 M. H. Dell
 1982 J. H. P. Laporte
 1984-5 M. H. Dell
 1986-7 George Whitehead
 1988-9 Andrew B. Klymchuk
 1990-1 D. Gary Gossling
 1992-3 Ronald G. Dixon
 1994-5 M. R. Whitehead
 1996-7 John W. Lambie¹⁴²
 1998-9 Leslie R. Richardson
 2000-1 Charles Jenkins
 2002-3 Christopher A. Assad
 2004-5 Patrick Desrosiers
 2006-7 D. Beaudoin
 2008-9 A. Ibrahim
 2010-1 Mathieu Ravignat

Thomas Douglas Harington

Grand Master (1860-1-2-3-4) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada

Grand First Principal (1859-1871) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada

Grand Master (1871-72) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario (Cryptic Rite)

Sovereign Grand Commander (1874-1882) of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada



M.W. Bro. T. D. Harington

(1808-1882)

Thomas Douglas Harington was born at Windsor, England, on June 7th, 1808. His early life was spent in the service of the Royal Navy, and the Honorable East India Company's navy. In July 1832, he came to Canada, landing at Quebec, and, after a short residence there he moved inland to see the "great west country". On November 1, 1832, he accepted the office of Extra Clerk to the Provincial Secretary of Lower

¹⁴¹ W. Bro. Hughson served as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario (Cryptic Rite) for the 1980-81 term.

¹⁴² Presently serving (July 2010 - July 2011) as District Secretary to R. W. Bro. Leslie Ross Richardson.

Canada and rose to the rank of Chief Clerk. In May, 1858, he was promoted to Deputy Receiver-General for the united provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and, in 1868, was reappointed to the same office under the Dominion of Canada, holding the office until his retirement in 1878.

Through the period of rebellion in Upper Canada (1837-38) he served with "The Queen's Rangers" and rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (unattached) of Militia.

After a short illness he died at his home in Prescott, Ontario, on January 13, 1882. His remains were laid to rest in the "Blue Church Burying Ground" in Augusta, near the town of Prescott. His grave remained unmarked until 1942. In 1904, a suggestion was made by the late John Ross Robertson, (in which the Grand Lodge of Canada concurred) that a monument should be placed to mark the last resting place of this distinguished Mason but was not implemented. The proposal was reconsidered by Grand Lodge in July 1939 and the authority was again renewed. The freemasons of Belleville, Ontario, and District have erected a suitable memorial, which was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, June 14, 1942.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry* Mr. Thomas Douglas Harington was initiated on December 13, 1843, in Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 283 IC, Kingston. He affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 758 ER, Kingston, on March 28, 1844. In July 1844 he was in Montreal and affiliated with St. George's Lodge, No. 642 ER and No. 10 PRMWH, where he was elected as WM 1845-1849. He also affiliated with the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, No. 227 IC, Montreal, in May 1848, and was elected WM for 1849. He withdrew from the Lodge in 1851 on taking up an assignment in Quebec City where he affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 214 ER, on December 10, 1851. The same evening he was elected WM and was re-elected for each of the next four years. On December 27, 1854, he was elected to Honorary membership. He was appointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Montreal and William Henry in 1849, followed by appointments as Provincial Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers in 1852; Provincial Grand Master in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada in 1853; Provincial Grand Master of Canada East of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1853. His duties in the Civil Service necessitated a change of residence to Toronto, where he affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16 PRCW (now No. 16 GRC) on June 10, 1856. In 1857 he resigned as Provincial Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers, and as Provincial Grand Master of Canada East (Scotland) in 1858. In June 1859, he became a charter member of Harington Lodge, No. 49, Quebec.

When the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada was established in October 1855, he was opposed to its formation but he assisted in bringing about a peaceful solution through the union, in Toronto, of The Ancient Grand Lodge (formerly The Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West) with the Grand Lodge of Canada in July 1858. In 1859 he was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada. He was elected to the rank of Grand Master in 1860, which office he held for 1860-1-2-3-4.

In *Capitular Masonry* he became a charter member of St. John's Chapter, No. 214 SGCE (attached to St. John's Lodge, No. 214 ER), Quebec. In 1852, he was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for the City and District of Quebec and Dependencies. With his move to Toronto he resigned his Quebec offices. He took an active part in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in 1857, and was elected Grand First Principal in 1859, an office he held to the end of 1871, except for the years 1861 and 1862. On September 21, 1880, the Grand Chapter of Quebec elected him an Honorary Member.

In *Cryptic Rite Masonry*, Bro. Harington received the degrees soon after the Rite's introduction to Canada, at St. John, NB, under a charter from the Grand Council of Maine, USA, dated May 18th, 1867. Three Councils of the Rite had been established in St. John as a nucleus for the formation of a Grand Council there and on August 15, 1867, representatives of these Councils formed the Grand Council. Considerable progress was made, many Companions were admitted, and other Councils organized in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario. Some time between the Annual Conventions, in St. John, of 1869 and 1870, Illustrious Companion Harington was appointed Inspector-General of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. When the Grand Council for Ontario was formed on August 8th, 1871, Ill. Comp. Harington presided over the deliberations of the Convention as Inspector-General for Ontario and Quebec. In consideration of services rendered to Cryptic Masonry in assisting to organize the Grand Council, the honorary rank of past Thrice Illustrious Master was conferred upon him by the newly formed Grand

Council on August 8th, 1871. As a sequel to this event, he surrendered to the Convention the authority which he held as Inspector-General, accepting in place of it the office of Most Puissant Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite for Ontario, August 8th, 1871 which office he held for one year.

In *Knights Templary*, Companion Harington received his Orders in Hugh de Payens Encampment (Preceptory), No. 1, Kingston, on April 10, 1854. He was immediately appointed as Almoner. He became Eminent Commander of an Encampment established in Quebec City, on July 28th, 1855, under the name of "William de la More, the Martyr" (after a difficult existence over twenty years, its warrant was surrendered). Shortly after becoming Eminent Commander of the Quebec Encampment, he was transferred to Toronto and affiliated with Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Encampment, being elected Eminent Commander in 1858. In 1855 he was appointed Very Eminent Provincial Grand Captain in command of the Column of Quebec. In 1856, he was promoted to Right Eminent Provincial Grand Prior of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada and, in 1859, elected as Deputy Provincial Grand Commander. He held this office until 1871 (except 1861 and 1862) when ill-health forced him to relinquish the office.

In *Constantinian Masonry* he served as Inspector-General for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in London, Ontario, on July 10, 1868, W. J. B. MacLeod Moore brought together a group of interested Masons and formally instituted Chapters of Rose Croix to be located in the Cities of Hamilton and London, as well as a Consistory of the 32nd degree in Hamilton. Among those who received these degrees was Thomas Douglas Harington who, at the inaugural meeting of the Consistory was elected their first Commander in Chief. On July 14, 1868 he was created an Inspector-General, 33°, along with John W. Murton, 32° and Thompson Wilson, 18° of London. On December 10, 1868, he was appointed as the Representative of the Rite in Canada. The Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada was formed in Ottawa on October 16, 1874, with Ill. Bro. Harington as the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Council "Ad Vitam".

He was the first to receive the degrees of the Royal Order of Scotland, when it was introduced into Ontario in 1874.

William Carswell

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec A.F. & A.M. (1940-42)



(1884 - 1949)

William Carswell was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, in 1884. His father was a Presbyterian Minister born in Glasgow, who earned his MA at the University of Glasgow before taking up a position at Byker Church, Newcastle in 1878, where he married a local girl. They had two children, William, and a daughter. The family removed to the Isle of Aldernay for their father's health and later to the Isle of Bute.

William Carswell graduated from Rothesay Academy and entered Edinburgh University. He left without graduating when he decided to change careers and entered accountancy. Gaining his professional papers he left for Canada in 1908 and began working for a large firm in Lachine. Auditing work took him to Ottawa where he met and married Edna Mary McKinley (daughter of William McKinley of Ottawa, partner in McKinley and Northwood, plumbers and steamfitters. The first of this McKinley family had arrived from Scotland in 1822).

Securing his CA designation in Ontario, William joined the staff of Northern Electric where he became

Vice President of Accounts. William and Edna had four children: James Kirkwood (b. 1914, RCAF Squadron Leader, employee of Northern Electric, Montreal, retired to Charlottetown, PEI where he died in 1994), John McKinley (b 1919, RCAF Flight Lieutenant and Lancaster bomber pilot, director of Henry Birks, died at the age of 88 in 2007 in Kingston), William Donald (Lieutenant, RCA (Armoured), still living in Bermuda) and Lois Carswell (McGill University graduate, living in retirement in Vancouver).

Edna Mary (McKinley) Carswell died in 1946 at the age of 54 years. In 1947, William Carswell married again. His marriage was short-lived and he died on May 15, 1949 in Montreal.

Masonic Career

Mr. William Carswell was initiated into Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa, in 1915 (when he was likely employed by Northern Electric Company). Bro. William Carswell moved to the Westmount area of Montreal where he joined Westmount Lodge, No. 76 GRQ, Westmount. In 1928 he served as WM of Westmount Lodge. He was elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec for the 1940-41 and 1941-1942 terms. At the regular meeting of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, on December 8, 1942, M. W. Bro. William Carswell, accompanied by M. W. Bro. John Albert Dobbie, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was present for the initiation of his son, Flight-Lieutenant James Kirkwood Carswell, RCAF. The obligation was given by M. W. Bro. Carswell.

Dr. Norman Francis Henry Bright

Grand Master (1960-61) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario (Cryptic Rite)



(1913-1974)

Norman Francis Henry Bright was born in Dorset, England, in 1913. He attended school in England and graduated from the University of Bristol in 1934 with first class honours in Chemistry and was awarded a Ph.D. for research in Physical Chemistry in 1937. He was a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry in London, England; a Member of the Chemical Institute of Canada; American Ceramic Society; Mineralogical Association of Canada; American Crystallographic Association; and the Professional Institute of the Professional Service of Canada.

He was a Research Chemist with Imperial Chemical Industries involved with explosives (1937-51); Post Doctoral Research Fellow at the National Research Council of Canada (1951-53); and a Senior Scientific Officer with the Mines Branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys (1953-60).

He married Marion Ferguson Laidlaw in 1940 and they had one son, Michael.

At the seventy-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council (May 23-24, 1975), it was reported that M. Ill. Comp. Dr. Norman F. H. Bright (GM 1960-61) and Mrs Marion Bright had died on November 26, 1974, in a violent and untimely death at their retirement home on the island of Dominica. This seemed too brief a statement of their death. The *Ottawa Citizen* for Monday, January 13, 1975, carried a full page coverage. In summary, upon retirement Dr. and Mrs Bright acquired land at the base of the 3,000' Morne Trois Pitons on the Caribbean island of Dominica and built their retirement home. On November 26, 1975, Norman and Marion were brutally murdered and bodies partially destroyed when their home was burned to the ground by a group of militant, discontented black youths calling themselves "the Dreads." This group was committed to the overthrow of the government and it has always been believed that the Brights' deaths was intended only as a warning and disincentive to other retirees who were contemplating similar

moves to Dominica.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry* he was a member of Lodge Royal Arch, No. 314 SC, West Kilbride, Ayrshire, Scotland (1944) and served as a Junior Officer. He affiliated with Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa in April 1952. He served as Senior Warden (1960) and WM (1961).

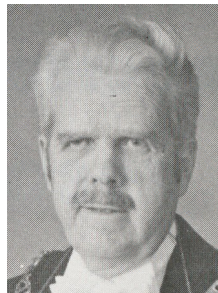
In *Capitular Masonry* he was exalted in Neptune Kilwinning Chapter, No. 111 SC, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland. He was an affiliated member of Stevenston Thistle and Rose Chapter, No. 436 SC, Stevenston, Ayrshire, Scotland and served as First Principal in 1949. He served as a member of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ayrshire. He affiliated with Carleton Chapter, No. 16 GRC, Ottawa in 1952 and acted as Secretary to the Grand Superintendent in 1955, being appointed as Grand Junior Sojourner in 1956. He was a member of the *Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario*. In *Knights Templary* he was a member of Springvale Preceptory and Priory, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland. He affiliated with Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32 KT, Ottawa in 1952 and served as Presiding Preceptor (1957). In *Constantinian Masonry* he was a member of Cunninghame Conclave, No. 39, Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland and served as Prelate (1950) and Senior General (1951). He was an affiliated member of Holy Land Conclave, No. 3, Toronto.

In the *Cryptic Rite* he was a member of St. Columba's Council, No. 481 SC, Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland and was a founder member of Stevenston Thistle and Rose Council, No. 436 SC, Stevenston, Ayrshire, where he served as TIM (1950). He was a member of Ayr Lodge, No. 250 Royal Ark Mariners (SC), Ayrshire, Scotland and was made an Honorary WCN in 1949. He was a charter member of Gedeliah Council, No. 16 RSMO, Ottawa in 1955 and served as the charter Recorder until 1959. At Grand Council he was appointed as Grand Steward (1956), elected as Grand Inspector General - Eastern District (1957-58), Grand PCW (1958-59) and Grand DM (1959-60). At the 60th Annual Assembly (37th since rehabilitation: May 28, 1960) of the Grand Council R.&S.M. of Ontario he was elected as Grand Master and Grand Commander Noah for the 1960-61 term.

He was a member of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection (1953) and Murray Chapter of Rose Croix (1954).

Michael Rossiter Hughson

Grand Master (1980-81) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario (Cryptic Rite)



(1927-2007)

Michael Rossiter Hughson was born on August 29, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Thomas Hughson and Catherine Rossiter. His family moved to the Niagara area and Michael attended local primary and secondary schools, graduating in 1945 from the London Collegiate Institute. He enlisted with the USAAF for a six month period and then enrolled in the University of Western Ontario, graduating in 1951 with a B.Sc. (Geology).

He worked for a short time with Eldorado Mining and Refining and then took employment for 36 years as a mineralogist with Canada's Department of Mines (later EMR and now Environment Canada), retiring in 1988.

His first wife, Nancy (Pascoe) died in 1977. He married Marguerete Elizabeth (Karney) in 1988.

M. III. Companion Hughson branched out from radio-controlled model aircraft into Ham radio (gaining

his Advanced Licence in 1974).

M. III. Companion Michael Rossiter Hughson died in Ottawa on March 17, 2007.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry*, he was initiated into Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa in 1961 and was Worshipful Master in 1969. In *Capitular Masonry* he was exalted in Carleton Chapter, No. 16 GRC, Ottawa in 1962 and was elected as First Principal in 1971 and 1972. He was appointed as Grand Steward in 1975. He held the degree of Virtual Past Master in Mexico City Chapter, No. 135, Mexico, NY (1974). In *Knights Templary* he was Consecrated in Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32, Ottawa (1963) and was elected as Presiding Preceptor (1969). He was a *Knight York Cross of Honour* (1972). In *Constantinian Masonry* he was a member of St. Justin's Conclave, Ottawa (1978). In the *York Rite Sovereign College of North America*, he was a member of Athelstan College, Toronto (1977) and was Governor of St. Aidan's College, Ottawa at the time of its formation in 1979. In the *Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada* he was a member of Medwayosh Council, No. 62 (1977) and was Sovereign Master of Capital City Council, Ottawa, at its formation in 1980. In the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, he was a member of Toronto College (1977). He was been a member of the Philalethes Society USA.

In the *Cryptic Rite* he was a member of Gedaliah Council, No. 16, Ottawa (1963) and served as T. I. M. (1972). He was a member of the Grand Council of New York Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master (1976-77). At the Grand Council of Royal and Select masters of Ontario he was elected to the Grand Executive (1975-76 and 1976-77), Grand PCW (1978-79) and Grand DM (1979-80). At the 80th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council he was elected as Grand Master and served the 1980-81 term.

He was a member of Ottawa Lodge of Perfection (1978), Murray Chapter Rose Croix, Ottawa (1978) and Ottawa Consistory (1978).

He was created a Noble of Rameses Temple, Toronto (1963) and of Tunis Temple, Ottawa (1975), and was a member of the "1st 1000 Club".

Membership of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	May 14,	1861				
There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	32
1867	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	38
1868	1	1	1	3	nil	2	nil	2	49
1869	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	42
1870	2	1	1	1	nil	3	2	1	37
1871	1	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	40
1872	12	8	5	5	nil	5	1	nil	50
1873	5	7	11	2	1	3	5	nil	50
1874	6	8	5	4	nil	1	nil	nil	60
1875	7	7	9	5	nil	1	1	1	69
1876	2	2	2	7	nil	1	2	nil	63

1877	3	4	3	6	nil	6	nil	2	63
1878	1	1	3	5	nil	1	nil	nil	68
1879	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	68
1880	nil	nil	nil	1	1	5	nil	nil	65
1881	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	5	nil	nil	61
1882	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	59
1883	2	2	2	3	nil	3	2	nil	59
1884	7	6	6	1	nil	1	1	nil	65
1885	nil	1	1	1	2	1	2	7	56
1886	2	2	2	1	nil	3	nil	nil	56
1887	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	2	1	4	56
1888	4	4	4	4	nil	5	2	nil	53
1889	2	2	2	2	nil	1	2	nil	54
1890	4	4	2	4	nil	1	1	nil	60
1891	1	1	2	3	nil	2	1	nil	61
1892	1	1	2	3	nil	1	4	2	58
1893	4	2	2	nil	nil	3	1	2	56
1894	4	5	4	4	nil	1	2	nil	61
1895	7	4	5	3	nil	2	2	nil	67
1896	2	4	4	6	nil	2	nil	nil	73
1897	5	5	4	1	2	1	nil	4	76
1898	1	3	3	3	nil	5	nil	nil	75
1899	5	5	6	2	nil	4	1	2	75
1900	3	2	2	9	nil	2	2	nil	83
1901	nil	1	1	2	1	7	1	2	76
1902	7	7	4	2	2	3	1	1	82
1903	4	1	4	5	nil	2	nil	nil	86
1904	10	13	11	2	1	3	nil	nil	98
1905	9	6	8	2	nil	6	2	2	99
1906	34	30	28	13	2	3	1	nil	134
1907	2	5	4	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	135
1908	16	17	12	3	nil	4	2	nil	149
1909	8	5	7	1	nil	1	2	nil	155
1910	10	11	8	8	nil	1	2	nil	170

1911	21	22	22	7	nil	7	2	nil	189
1912	10	6	8	4	nil	2	2	nil	199
1913	18	14	19	2	nil	6	8	nil	210
1914	15	10	11	2	nil	nil	1	nil	223
1915	16	16	12	4	nil	4	3	nil	236
1916	14	17	20	5	nil	2	nil	nil	253
1917	8	8	6	4	nil	3	5	nil	257
1918	17	12	13	7	nil	2	2	nil	277
1919	20	22	20	7	nil	3	2	2	297
1920	32	30	31	10	nil	3	3	nil	333
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	5	9	4	2	nil	nil	3	1	336
1921	17	17	22	7	nil	4	3	1	352
1922	16	18	18	6	nil	11	7	3	353
1923	9	11	13	4	nil	8	5	1	352
1924	9	9	7	2	nil	11	2	2	348
1925	6	7	9	5	nil	6	2	nil	351
1926	4	4	4	1	nil	7	3	1	345
1927	6	5	6	8	1	2	3	3	352
1928	5	6	4	3	1	5	nil	4	352
1929	6	5	7	4	1	3	4	nil	356
1930	4	5	5	2	nil	2	5	2	353
1931	2	2	2	2	nil	3	9	3	342
1932	7	5	4	1	nil	3	1	1	345
1933	2	4	5	2	nil	13	2	3	331
1934	2	2	2	4	nil	5	6	1	325
1935	3	2	2	1	1	5	7	2	316
1936	4	3	3	1	nil	3	2	1	315
1937	2	4	4	3	nil	4	4	nil	312
1938	1	1	2	1	nil	nil	5	1	308
1939	1	1	1	2	nil	1	4	nil	306
1940	5	4	4	1	nil	5	6	1	300
1941	2	3	3	1	nil	1	5	nil	297
1942	4	3	3	1	nil	3	12	nil	287

1943	6	5	4	nil	nil	nil	9	nil	284
1944	6	8	6	2	nil	nil	5	1	286
1945	8	6	6	2	nil	nil	4	nil	292
1946	18	13	11	2	nil	1	12	nil	299
1947	27	26	26	2	nil	1	7	1	319
1948	15	17	15	3	nil	3	8	nil	326
1949	16	17	18	1	nil	2	7	nil	334
1950	7	8	12	2	1	nil	11	2	331
1951	8	10	8	5	nil	nil	6	nil	338
1952	12	12	9	5	nil	11	3	2	339
1953	9	9	12	1	1	1	5	1	343
1954	6	6	6	3	nil	4	7	1	340
1955	8	7	4	3	nil	1	8	3	339
1956	6	8	11	nil	nil	2	5	3	335
1957	2	1	2	nil	nil	3	11	nil	323
1958	4	3	2	nil	nil	1	11	1	314
1959	8	5	3	7	nil	5	9	3	312
1960	4	7	8	2	nil	nil	13	nil	305
1961	9	8	10	nil	nil	4	10	nil	300
1962	3	3	1	2	nil	2	4	3	296
1963	6	5	5	4	1	1	7	1	298
1964	3	3	1	2	nil	2	4	3	296
1965	4	7	6	nil	1	4	14	1	282
1966	4	3	5	2	nil	1	4	4	279
1967	2	4	5	3	nil	4	13	2	265
1968	5	4	4	1	nil	4	5	nil	262
1969	3	2	4	3	nil	1	8	1	255
1970	2	3	3	2	nil	2	6	nil	251
1971	4	4	4	1	nil	2	7	5	242
1972	4	3	2	1	nil	3	10	1	233
1973	7	5	5	1	nil	3	7	5	226
1974	3	6	7	1	1	1	12	2	216
1975	7	7	4	1	1	2	7	4	212
1976	5	5	4	1	nil	3	9	7	199

1977	3	5	4	1	nil	2	2	nil	199
1978	9	6	3	nil	nil	3	4	5	196
1979	4	9	6	nil	nil	4	7	7	182
1980	4	3	3	1	nil	2	6	1	178
1981	5	6	3	1	nil	6	4	3	171
1982	2	3	4	2	2	2	nil	6	169
1983	6	4	4	nil	nil	3	7	3	162
1984	6	3	3	nil	nil	1	4	nil	163
1985	1	2	2	nil	1	2	4	1	158
1986	3	2	1	nil	nil	3	5	5	148
1987	3	2	3	1	nil	nil	5	nil	147
1988	3	3	2	nil	nil	3	6	3	138
1989	6	5	6	1	2	1	11	4	124
1990	4	2	5	nil	nil	2	3	2	121
1991	6	4	3	1	2	1	8	3	117
1992	3	4	5	1	1	2	6	4	110
1993	5	5	4	nil	nil	nil	4	1	110
1994	2	3	3	1	nil	2	2	1	108
1995	4	5	5	nil	nil	1	1	nil	110
1996	7	3	2	1	nil	4	2	1	111
1997	3	4	5	nil	nil	2	3	nil	109
1998	3	3	3	nil	1	1	2	4	106
1999	4	2	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	109
2000	2	2	1	1	nil	nil	4	nil	108
2001	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	2	4	104
2002	1	1	3	1	nil	1	5	1	99
2003	5	5	1	nil	nil	nil	1	2	101
2004	5	3	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	105
2005	3	3	4	1	1	1	2	4	103
2006	3	2	3	nil	nil	1	3	2	100
2007	3	4	3	nil	1	2	2	nil	100
2008	5	3	2	nil	nil	1	4	nil	100
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond 1864-present
Goodwood Lodge, UD GRC, Richmond 1863-1864

[Central District 1863-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1970¹⁴³. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

Richmond had been named in 1818 after the 4th Duke of Richmond¹⁴⁴, Charles Lennox, who had been appointed as governor-in-chief of Canada that same year. While on a tour of settlements in Lower and Upper Canada in 1818, he was bitten by a rabid fox at William Henry (now Sorel, Quebec) and after visiting Richmond, he died of rabies on August 28, 1819 in a barn-cum-tavern believed to have been at present-day Fallowfield.

The Lennox family was linked with Freemasonry from the time of King Charles II. Charles Lennox, the natural son of Charles II and the Duchess of Portsmouth was born in 1672 and, in 1675, was created Duke of Richmond, Earl of March and Baron of Settringham in the peerage of England and Duke of Lennox, Earl of Darnley and Baron Methuen of Torbolton in the peerage of Scotland. He also inherited the Dukedom of Aubigny in France from his mother, Louise de Keroualle. This first Duke of Richmond was the Master of a Working Lodge in Chichester¹⁴⁵, Sussex in 1692. His son, Charles, the 2nd Duke of Richmond, was Master of the Lodge which met at the Rummer and Grapes Tavern¹⁴⁶ and which was one of the four founding Lodges of the (premier) Grand Lodge of England on June 24, 1717, and he was the eighth Grand Master of that Grand Lodge in 1724. The 3rd Duke of Richmond was the eldest surviving son of the Charles, 2nd Duke of Richmond and his wife, Sarah. The 3rd Duke has no linkage with Freemasonry and died without issue. The title reverted to the family line of the 2nd Duke of Richmond and was settled on Charles Lennox as the 4th Duke of Richmond. R. W. Bro. Charles Lennox held the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex from 1814 until his death in 1819.

The three Dukes of Richmond



1st Duke of Richmond



2nd Duke of Richmond



4th Duke of Richmond

In an interesting and little-known parallel relationship between two well-known Masons, the future Duke of Wellington served on the staff of the 4th Duke of Richmond early in his career and at Waterloo, the 4th Duke served on the staff of the Duke of Wellington. It was the 4th Duke of Richmond's wife who arranged

¹⁴³ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹⁴⁴ The original line of the Dukes of Richmond had ceased to exist in 1672 with the death of James Stuart, the last Duke of Richmond and Lennox of the Stuart Line.

¹⁴⁵ "Goodwood" the ancestral home of the Dukes of Richmond, is in Chichester.

¹⁴⁶ The "Rummer and Grapes" Lodge is now the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4 ER.

for the ball in Brussels on the eve of Waterloo.

The area in and around Richmond has benefitted from Masons since about 1808. Early Lodges operated under a variety of Warrants, both military (No. 683 IC/863 ER, in the 89th Regiment of Foot) and civilian (Lodge on the Rideau, No. 25 PRUC(A), Burritt's Rapids 1814-1846; Lodge at Morphy's Falls¹⁴⁷, no known number, 1821-1825; Richmond Lodge, No. 24 PRUC, Richmond, 1821-1845; Kemptville Lodge, No. 25 PRCW, Kemptville 1845-1858 and now Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28 GRC, Kemptville; Lodge at North Gower Corners, No. 48 PRCW, North Gower 1854-1858; and Doric Lodge, now No. 58 GRC, Ottawa 1855-present) and the present Goodwood Lodge.

Goodwood Lodge was founded by six Richmond Masons who belonged to Doric Lodge — Bros. Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit¹⁴⁸, John McElroy, Edward Reilly (owner and operator of the livery stable and hotel at Richmond), John Torney, Johnson Fenton and James Salmon. When Bro. John McElroy died, Doric Lodge held an emergent meeting on May 28, 1861, to conduct a Masonic burial service in the Anglican Church Cemetery at Richmond. This event precipitated the other Richmond Masons to agree to form a new Lodge and on June 3, 1863, the minutes of Doric Lodge indicate that "A request from Rev. Bro. C.B. Pettit asking the officers of this lodge to assist in establishing a lodge at Richmond and to forward a petition to Grand Lodge was sanctioned immediately." A Dispensation to form a Masonic Lodge in Richmond, to be named Goodwood, was issued on September 29, 1863 by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The name of the Lodge is derived from the Duke of Richmond's estates in Chichester, Sussex, England.

The Lodge was represented at the 9th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 13, 1864, Hamilton) by W. Bro. John P. Featherstone as proxy. For the Masonic year 1864, R. W. Bro. Robert Lyon of Goodwood Lodge was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Central District. In his address, Grand Master M. W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harington, noted that he had granted eight dispensations during the year¹⁴⁹, one of which was issued to form "Goodwood Lodge at Richmond C.W.", and that "The petitions in each case, were strongly and regularly recommended, and I trust Grand Lodge will confirm them by Warrants." In its report, the Board of General Purposes recommended Warrants be issued to all eight Lodges and Warrant No. 159 was issued bearing date July 14, 1864.

The founder (charter) members of Goodwood Lodge were: Bro. Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit (rector of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Richmond) who became first WM; R. W. Bro. Robert Lyon (a founder member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa and WM in 1862, and DDGM of Ottawa District in 1863-64; he was elected as Mayor of Ottawa in 1867; died 1887 in a fatal duel in Perth on the banks of the river Tay); Bro. George Keating (initiated Sussex Lodge No. 5 GRC, Brockville, and affiliated with Doric No. 50 GRC, in 1857. Gave his profession as clerk); Johnson E. Fenton (member of North Gower No. 48 and one-time Reeve of Huntley Township; he demitted in 1865 and had never held office in the Lodge); Bro. William Cowan (member of North Gower No. 48; member of North Gower Council and Reeve from 1865 to 1869; County Clerk of the Division Court of North Gower and Marlborough and Carleton County Treasurer; died 1899); Dr. Collar Munson Church (charter member of Renfrew No. 122 and was jail surgeon in Ottawa; died 1889); and Edward Reilly (innkeeper of Reilly's Hotel and stable owner in Richmond).

At the beginning, Doric Lodge agreed to provide Goodwood Lodge with their surplus furniture, much of which had originally been given to Doric from earlier lodges in the Richmond area which had ceased working. The jewels of the original Richmond Lodge, No. 24 PRUC, which had been made by Solomon Marion (1782-1832), a French-Canadian silversmith, were inherited by Goodwood Lodge.

¹⁴⁷ Morphy's Falls became Carleton Place in 1831.

¹⁴⁸ Rev. Pettit had already served as WM of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125 GRC, Cornwall for 1884 and 1889, but he had never served as WM of Doric 58.

¹⁴⁹ The eight Lodges were: Alexandra at Oil Springs, County of Lambton (now No. 158 GRC); Goodwood at Richmond, C.W. (now No. 159 GRC); Quebec Garrison at Quebec (later No. 160 GRC, then St. George, No. 23 GRQ, Quebec, closed 1880); Percy at Warkworth, Co. Northumberland (now No. 161 GRC); Forest at Wroxeter C.W. (now No. 162); Browne at Adamsville, C.E. (later No. 163 GRC, now No. 24 GRQ, West Farnham); Star in the East at Wellington, Co. Prince Edward (now No. 164 GRC) and Burlington at Wellington Square (now No. 165 GRC, Burlington)

Goodwood Lodge originally voted to meet on the Tuesday on or before the full moon. In 1891 this was amended to the Wednesday on or before the full moon but was changed to the original Tuesday night in December 1904. The first Tuesday in the month was adopted as the meeting night effective January 1965.

From 1863 to 1912 Goodwood Lodge met in several locations including Reilly's Hotel, above McElroy's store, and in a wooden building on Murray Street. The Murray Street building was sold off in 1897 although the Lodge must have remained there as a tenant as there is no indication in the *Lodge History* that it went elsewhere before settling into its present location. In 1912 the Lodge purchased the present land which had earlier held a Methodist Church from 1877-1900 when it burned to the ground and the lot remained unused. The cornerstone for the present Lodge building was laid on June 29, 1918 and the Lodge Rooms occupied in 1919.

Goodwood Lodge has always supported masonic activities and assisted in the formation of new Lodges. In 1904, nine members of Goodwood Lodge were charter members of Carleton Lodge, No. 465 GRC, Carp (Bros. George H. Groves, James Argue, Robert Richardson, George Armstrong, Humphries Gow, Howard Graham, William Richardson, Frederick S. Richardson and Rev. J. D. McCallum). The following year, 1905, the Lodge voted to support the formation of Corinthian Lodge, No. 476 GRC, North Gower and most of Corinthian's charter members were from Goodwood Lodge (W. Bros. Clarke Craig, Dr. Albert E. McCordick, John H. Cryderman and Bros. Edward Mills, Robert Pratt, Rupert Dumbrell, William Bell, Austen W. McCordick, James E. Armstrong, George Ferguson, James Craig and John H. Wallace). In 1914, Goodwood Lodge supported the formation of Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517 GRC, Hazeldean and again provided a core (18) of the charter members (W. Bros. Robert Richardson, J. A. Cummings and Robert Henry Grant (who would serve as DDGM in 1917) and Bros. Albert Bradley, George Green, W. P. Hand, Armour Gracey, Albert Fleming, Albert Argue, A. McCormick, W. H. McGuire, T. H. Mattingly, R. E. Williams, T. A. Hand, T. W. Bice, John Wall, J. E. Steele and George Bradley). Goodwood supported the formation of Bytown Lodge, No. 721 GRC, Ottawa in 1966 and provided one charter member to the new Lodge (V. W. Bro. Alfred Harrington).

In keeping with one of the underlying principles of Freemasonry, benevolence has always been a key element of the Lodge's activities. In 1892 the members were requested to pay the following year's dues in advance, if possible, so that the Lodge could provide benevolence to the orphaned children of deceased members.

Goodwood Lodge performed its patriotic duty in two world wars. Dues of members who had enlisted for overseas service were exempted from payment "so long as the member continues in active service." And adjustments in the working of the Lodge were occasionally required and approved under dispensation, as on August 20, 1918 when Bro. Edward R. Good was initiated, passed and raised in the same evening and then left a few days later for overseas. During World War II the Lodge established a committee to oversee assistance to British children who had been sent to Canada for safety. Serving brethren were again granted a remission of dues while on active service. Funds for food parcels were collected and forwarded and parcels were sent to Britain on a regular basis as late as 1947.

The *Lodge History* notes the existence, in Richmond, of a curious cornerstone bearing a square and compasses and the date 5823 across the top and AD 1823 across the bottom. The stone had apparently belonged to the first Anglican Church in Richmond which had been destroyed by fire sometime prior to 1860. From 1860 to 1904 the stone formed part of the walk leading to the manse. It was incorporated in the present St. John's Anglican Church and can be seen by going through the vestibule and entering the Church proper where it has been set into the wall immediately on the left.

Some items of interest regarding Goodwood Lodge include: (1) dues were raised to \$6.00 in 1920 and to \$30.00 in 1980; (2) electrifying the Masonic hall occurred in 1927; (3) the summer recess of July and August was adopted in June 1930; (4) the depression forced a reduction in the initiation fee from \$40.00 to \$25.00 in order to attract new members and by 1980 this had been increased to \$100.00; (5) an oil space heater was added to the Lodge room in 1956 as a supplement to the "old wood-burning furnace"; (6) "modern" plumbing based on a drill well for water and a septic tank for discharge dates from 1964; and (7) Kitchener Chapter, No. 210 GRC, originally meeting in the facilities of Russell Lodge, began discussions with Goodwood Lodge and the Temple Board regarding the Chapter's possible move to new quarters in Richmond.

Goodwood Lodge celebrated its Centennial on October 15, 1963

W. Bro. Joseph Richard Marshall of the Lodge served as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Eight members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Robert Lyon (Central District, 1864-65), Dr. John W. Pickup (Ottawa 12, 1874-75 and 1877-78), Hon. Robert Henry Grant (Ottawa 16, 1917-18), James Edgar Gamble (Ottawa, 1940-41), Preston W. Dell (Ottawa 1, 1973-74), William D. Cook (Ottawa 1, 1981-82), H. Roy Hyland (Ottawa 1, 1995-96) and Donald Healey (Ottawa 1, 2007-08). One affiliated member of Goodwood Lodge, R. W. Bro. Arthur Lyon held the office of DDGM on four separate terms in the Ottawa District of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bro. James R. Gilpin (1987-88);
- Grand Chaplain - R. W. Bros. Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit (1890-91) and Rev. Charles Saddington (*Lodge History* notes that he “acted as Grand Chaplain for a period of time between 1917-1918.”);
- Grand Registrar - R. W. Bro. John Satchell¹⁵⁰ (1884-5);
- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bros. John Hemphill (1939-40) and John H. Channonhouse (1953-54);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit (1865-66), John Satchell (year unknown), Samuel B. Gordon (1941-42), Archibald McWade (1964-65), Alfred E. Harrington (1974-75), Earle Milne (1975-76), Lewis Barker (1996-97), Robert Ledingham (2008-09); and
- Grand Pursuivant - V. W. Bro. Joseph Stirling (1982-83).

Goodwood Lodge meets on the first Tuesday of each month from September to June inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Richmond.

Worshipful Masters of Goodwood Lodge 159, Richmond
(* = charter members)

1863	Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit*	1864	Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit*
1865	Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit*	1866	George Keating*
1867	Edward Reilly*	1868	Dr. Daniel Beatty
1869	Rev. Charles Biggar Pettit*	1870	Dr. Daniel Beatty
1871	Henry McDougall	1872	Thomas Valentine Lyon
1873	Duncan McDougall	1874	John McLaren
1875	John McLaren ¹⁵¹	1876	Hugh Reilly
1877	Albert Bradley	1878	John Satchell
1879	John Satchell	1880	Thomas W. Hill
1881	John Satchell	1882	John Satchell
1883	John Satchell	1884	John Satchell
1885	John Satchell	1886	John Satchell
1887	John Satchell	1888	John Satchell
1889	Robert Hill	1890	F. McCaffery
1891	James McElroy	1892	L. P. Manhard
1893	Dr. J. C. Richardson	1894	Dr. Jamieson
1895	Dr. Bell	1896	Robert Henry Grant ¹⁵²
1897	Robert Henry Grant	1898	Clarke Craig
1899	Dr. Albert E. McCordick	1900	John H. Cryderman
1901	F. H. Pratt	1902	F. H. Pratt

¹⁵⁰ Initiated in Central Lodge, No. 110 GRC, Prescott where he served as WM for three years.

¹⁵¹ W. Bro. J. McLaren died in office and his term was completed by W. Bro. Dr. Daniel Beatty.

¹⁵² A charter member of Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517 GRC, in 1914. Elected as an Ontario MLA in 1919 and was made Minister of Education.

1903 Dr. R. C. Channonhouse
 1905 Rev. Charles Saddington
 1907 Henry Hutton
 1909 J. A. Cummings
 1911 H. S. Mann
 1913 W. G. Beddoe
 1915 Rev. T. J. Vickery
 1917 Benjamin H. Conley
 1919 John Hemphill
 1921 J. R. Mills
 1923 L. W. Nixon
 1925 A. L. Tubman
 1927 D. A. Brownlee
 1929 F. F. Kemp
 1931 W. C. Mills
 1933 George J. Argue

1935-6 F. H. McCaffery
 1937-8 J. P. McCaffery
 1939-0 Rev. J. J. Bennell
 1941-2 J. H. Featherstone
 1943-4 Ken E. Hicks
 1945-6 T. A. Brown
 1947-8 William C. Dunbar
 1949-0 M. G. Paynter
 1951-2 Johnston Scollan
 1953-4 Henry Cassidy
 1955-6 John C. Foster
 1957-8 James R. Gilpin
 1959-0 A. Kenneth Beaton
 1961-2 Bruce Wilson
 1963-4 Herbert Lytle
 1965-6 Gordon Hill
 1967-8 Kenneth McCurdy
 1969-0 Hilliard Ebbs
 1971-2 Earle Milne
 1973-4 William D. Cook
 1975-6 J. Young
 1976-7 Joseph Stirling
 1979-0 Robert Abbott
 1981-2 W. M. Horricks
 1983-4 Bruce Moffitt
 1985-6 Bernie McMullen
 1987-8 Lewis Barker
 1989-0 Steve Greene
 1991-2 William D. Cook
 1993-4 Joseph Stirling
 1995-6 Trevor Shogilev
 1997-8 Donald Healey

1904 Dr. J. J. Danby
 1906 Robert Richardson
 1908 Harry L. Langdon
 1910 Dr. S. W. Bradley
 1912 Dr. J. J. Danby
 1914 W. G. Beddoe
 1916 Samuel B. Gordon
 1918 John Hemphill
 1920 Albert Phillips
 1922 William J. Anderson
 1924 A. L. Tubman
 1926 James Edgar Gamble
 1928 F. F. Kemp
 1930 John P. Morton
 1932 E. S. McLaren
 1934 Edward R. Good

1936-7 Collis B. Lewis
 1938-9 John H. Channonhouse
 1940-1 Leonard H. Brown
 1942-3 Collis B. Lewis
 1944-5 R. Borden Mackey
 1946-7 George G. Argue
 1948-9 M. G. Paynter
 1950-1 W. Elwin Vaughan
 1952-3 Everett Seabrooke
 1954-5 Robert Neill
 1956-7 J. Arnold Smith
 1958-9 Rev. E. B. Bugden
 1960-1 Archibald McWade
 1962-3 Lorne Brown
 1964-5 Lorne Wilson
 1966-7 Alfred E. Harrington
 1968-9 Preston W. Dell
 1970-1 William Craig
 1972-3 George McCallum
 1974-5 Ebert Cassidy
 1976-7 Russell Neill
 1978-9 Joseph Richard Marshall¹⁵³
 1980-1 H. Roy Hyland
 1982-3 Gordon Crowe
 1984-5 Rodney McGibbon
 1986-7 Arthur Gosling
 1988-9 Gerald Cassidy
 1990-1 Ted Burton
 1992-3 Bruce Moffitt
 1994-5 Trevor Shogilev
 1996-7 Milt Summers
 1998-9 William Perry

¹⁵³ W. Bro. Joseph Richard Marshall moved to Vancouver BC and later became Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon and Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

1999-0 Ken Tuckwood
2001-2 Henry Harrison
2003-4 Ken Tuckwood
2005-6 Donald Healey
2007-8 Michael MacGregor
2009-0 Roger Cook

2000-1 Ian Gregory
2002-3 H. Roy Hyland
2004-5 Henry Harrison
2006-7 Robert Ledingham
2008-9 Christopher Hogg
2010-1 Peter Rourke

Joseph Richard Marshall

Grand First Principal (1998-99) of the Grand Chapter
of British Columbia and Yukon

Supreme Grand Master (2005-06 and 2006-07) of the
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada



Joseph Richard Marshall was born and educated in Hamilton and left the city in 1943 when he joined the Canadian Army. He married his late wife, Margaret, in 1945 and they had one daughter and one son. He was demobilized in 1946 but returned to the Army in 1948 and served in Korea, with the Canadian Joint Staff in Washington, Assistant Military Advisor to the Canada Mission to the United Nations in New York city, and with the Deputy Judge Advocate General at the Canadian Embassy, Bonn, FRG. He retired from the Army as a Warrant Officer in 1970 and served sixteen years with the Immigration Appeal Board as a Court Reporter in Ottawa (1970-79) and in Vancouver (1979-86) until his retirement.

Masonic Career

Mr. Joseph Richard Marshall was initiated, passed and raised in Advance Lodge, No. 635 GRNY, at Astoria, Long Island, NY, in 1962. On returning to Ottawa he affiliated with Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond and served as Master (1978-79). He is a charter member of Dormer Lodge, No. 191 GRBC&Y, Surrey, BC, and served as Lodge Secretary from its formation in 1979 until 1999 when he was elected Junior Warden of the Lodge. He served as Master in 2001-02. He was appointed Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon (1999-2000) and was elected as DDGM of District No. 2 (2003-04).

In Capitular Masonry he was exalted in Ottawa Chapter, No. 222 GRC, Ottawa in 1971 and served as First Principal (1976-77). He affiliated with Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 34 RAMBC&Y in 1980 and served as First Principal in 1984-85. In 1990-91 he was elected as First Principal of a new Chapter created with the amalgamation of Mount Horeb Chapter into Joppa Chapter, No. 31. He was elected as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon for 1998-99. He is presently serving as Grand Scribe Ezra. He is an honorary member of Ottawa Chapter, No. 222 and Joppa Chapter, No. 31, and is a charter members of Discovery Chapter, No. 45 RAMBC&Y, Campbell River. He is Past President of the Order of the High Priesthood of British Columbia and Yukon.

In the Cryptic Rite he was honoured as a Royal Master in Zabud Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada, Vancouver in 1993, and served as TIM (1997-98 and 1998-99) and as WCN of Pacific Ocean Lodge, No. 1 (Western Jurisdiction), Vancouver (1999-2000). He served as Grand Marshal of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada (2003-04).

In the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, he was consecrated in Columbia Preceptory, No. 24 KT, Vancouver, in 1992 and served as Registrar (1992-93 and 1993-94). He was elected as Presiding Preceptor (1995-96, celebrating the centennial of the Preceptory) and again as Registrar (1996-97 to 2003-04). At Sovereign Great Priory he was elected Grand Constable for 2000-01, Deputy Grand Master for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 terms and Supreme Grand Master, GCT, for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 terms.

In Constantinian Masonry, he is a Knight Companion of Royal City Conclave, No. 22, Langley, BC. He was admitted into the Knights of York Cross of Honour, Priory No. 67, Vancouver, in 1996.

Membership of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Sept. 29,	1863				
There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	16
1867	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	20
1868	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	20
1869	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	20
1870	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	20
1871	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	1	4	15
1872	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	1	16
1873	2	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	17
1874	2	1	2	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	17
1875	1	1	4	1	nil	1	nil	nil	20
1876	3	3	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	24
1877	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	23
1878	21	20	20	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	44
1879	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	44
1880	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	44
1881	1	1	1	nil	nil	3	1	nil	43
1882	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	43
1883	10	5	5	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	51
1884	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	51
1885	5	7	6	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	54
1886	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	54
1887	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	54

1888	9	7	6	1	nil	1	1	nil	60
1889	4	4	6	nil	5	nil	nil	nil	59
1890	7	6	6	1	6	2	8	nil	54
1891	9	6	6	1	nil	3	nil	2	60
1892	5	7	4	5	nil	3	3	1	63
1893	2	2	3	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	62
1894	3	3	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	64
1895	3	nil	1	1	nil	2	2	2	61
1896	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	61
1897	2	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	66
1898	8	8	7	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	64
1899	1	3	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	64
1900	4	4	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	67
1901	5	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	70
1902	7	5	4	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	82
1903	3	5	5	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	82
1904	18	16	14	nil	nil	5	2	19	66
1905	4	5	6	nil	10	9	nil	nil	70
1906	4	5	5	2	2	2	2	1	75
1907	8	5	5	nil	nil	5	nil	nil	75
1908	6	10	7	nil	1	3	nil	nil	79
1909	10	9	8	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	88
1910	4	4	6	1	nil	2	1	2	87
1911	4	5	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	88
1912	8	6	3	1	nil	2	2	nil	93
1913	11	10	6	nil	nil	1	2	nil	102
1914	4	6	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	105
1915	7	9	10	nil	nil	32	nil	10	69
1916	6	6	6	nil	1	2	nil	4	71
1917	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	3	66
1918	5	5	4	nil	2	2	1	nil	70
1919	13	9	9	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	79
1920	4	4	5	1	nil	1	nil	nil	86
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				

1920	nil	4	4	nil	nil	1	1	3	81
1921	2	2	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	83
1922	3	1	1	nil	nil	1	1	nil	84
1923	1	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	85
1924	3	3	2	nil	nil	1	nil	1	86
1925	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	87
1926	2	2	2	nil	1	1	3	nil	82
1927	1	1	1	1	nil	1	2	nil	81
1928	3	3	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	82
1929	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	81
1930	3	4	4	1	nil	nil	2	5	78
1931	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	80
1932	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	5	77
1933	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	76
1934	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	76
1935	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	74
1936	nil	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	73
1937	2	2	1	2	1	nil	1	nil	76
1938	4	1	1	2	nil	1	1	nil	80
1939	3	6	7	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	81
1940	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	1	1	68
1941	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	68
1942	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	65
1943	8	8	4	nil	nil	1	2	nil	69
1944	4	1	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	73
1945	10	8	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	83
1946	7	7	7	1	nil	nil	2	nil	89
194 7	2	4	6	nil	nil	1	1	nil	89
1948	4	3	2	nil	1	nil	2	nil	92
1949	1	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	93
1950	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	nil	1	1	91
1951	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	3	nil	92
1952	4	2	3	2	nil	1	1	nil	96
1953	1	2	4	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	96

1954	4	4	3	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	98
1955	5	4	5	3	nil	1	4	nil	101
1956	2	6	3	nil	nil	2	1	3	97
1957	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	97
1958	5	4	2	2	nil	nil	4	nil	100
1959	4	2	4	2	1	1	2	nil	104
1960	5	4	4	1	nil	nil	5	nil	105
1961	3	5	5	1	nil	nil	nil	3	106
1962	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	2	1	104
1963	6	4	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	110
1964	nil	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	110
1965	3	4	4	1	nil	1	3	nil	110
1966	4	3	2	2	nil	nil	4	2	110
1967	1	1	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	110
1968	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	2	nil	110
1969	3	2	2	3	nil	1	2	nil	113
1970	3	2	2	3	nil	nil	2	nil	114
1971	2	2	3	1	nil	2	2	4	112
1972	1	3	3	nil	nil	1	2	nil	110
1973	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	107
1974	5	4	2	1	nil	nil	2	nil	111
1975	2	1	1	4	nil	1	4	nil	112
1976	7	4	4	2	nil	2	4	nil	115
1977	6	6	5	nil	nil	1	1	2	117
1978	9	8	4	1	nil	1	2	nil	124
1979	5	8	9	3	nil	nil	1	1	130
1980	5	5	5	nil	nil	1	3	nil	131
1981	3	2	2	2	nuil	1	1	nil	134
1982	1	2	3	1	nil	nil	1	1	134
1983	1	1	1	1	nil	5	2	4	125
1984	1	2	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	124
1985	4	2	nil	nil	nil	5	7	2	104
1986	3	2	3	1	nil	2	2	nil	104
1987	4	nil	1	nil	nil	1	1	nil	106

1988	2	2	2	nil	nl	1	6	1	100
1989	2	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	7	96
1990	3	2	1	nil	nil	nil	2	5	92
1991	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	95
1992	nil	nil	2	1	nil	nil	4	nil	97
1993	3	1	nil	2	nil	2	1	nil	99
1994	1	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	8	92
1995	4	3	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	95
1996	2	4	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	97
1997	2	nil	3	2	nil	nil	1	8	92
1998	1	3	2	1	nil	1	3	nil	90
1999	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	3	nil	87
2000	1	1	1	1	nil	2	3	2	82
2001	2	2	1	3	nil	nil	1	1	85
2002	4	2	2	6	nil	1	6	nil	88
2003	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	4	85
2004	3	3	3	nil	nil	3	3	1	81
2005	1	3	1	3	nil	1	nil	3	81
2006	4	3	1	1	nil	3	1	nil	82
2007	1	1	2	1	nil	3	nil	nil	81
2008	4	1	1	1	1	5	1	8	73
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa 1865-present
The Builders Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1865-1865

[Central District 1865-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1970¹⁵⁴. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

During the early part of 1865, a group of Freemasons who were then working on the construction of the first Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, assembled and resolved to establish a new Lodge in the new City of Ottawa. As the majority of the attendees at the meeting were builders, the name proposed for the new Lodge was "The Builders Lodge." Accordingly a petition was prepared and signed by sixteen Masons: W. Bro. Henry A. Sims (of Central Lodge, No. 110 GRC, Prescott and Mount Zion, No. 28 GRC, Kemptville) and Bros. John McRae (Elgin No. 348 SC), Samuel Rogers (Charity No. 233 EC¹⁵⁵), James Robertson (Doric, No. 58 GRC, Bytown), Thomas Painter (Doric, No. 58 GRC, Bytown), William M. Beattie (St. Magdalene No. 100 SC), Thomas W. Currier (Doric, No. 58 GRC, Bytown), George Clark (Dalhousie, No. 571 ER, Bytown and now No. 52 GRC, Ottawa), James Salmon (St. John's, No. 4 GRC, Kingston), Rodney Eaton (Corinthian, No. 59 GRC, Bytown and now defunct), Thomas Ballantyne (St. Francis, No. 24 GRC, Smiths Falls), Robert Meikle (Doric, No. 58 GRC, Bytown), Samuel Braden (Mount Zion, No. 28 GRC, Kemptville), John Tomlinson (Doric, No. 58 GRC, Bytown), William Midford (Corinthian, No. 59 GRC, Bytown and now defunct) and James Strachan (Doric, No. 58 GRC, Bytown).

The petition was passed to R. W. Bro. Robert Lyon, DDGM of Central District (a member of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond), who in turn presented to the Grand Lodge of Canada at its 10th Annual Communication (July 12, 1865, Toronto). Although the Grand Master makes no reference to the issue a dispensation to form the new Lodge and although the Board of General Purposes makes no reference to the petition¹⁵⁶, dispensation or the Lodge at all, it appears in the List of Subordinate Lodges as No. 177. In fact, Warrant No. 177 was issued on July 13, 1865, for The Builders Lodge, Ottawa and named W. Bro. Henry A. Sims as Master, Bro. John McRae, Senior Warden and Bro. Samuel Rogers, Junior Warden.

The Builders Lodge was constituted on August 22, 1865 by R. W. Bro. Alfio de Grassi, DDGM of the Toronto District, assisted by W. Bros. Horace Merrill and Sexton Washburn of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571 ER, Bytown; Bro. John Leggo of Sussex Lodge, No. 5 GRC, Brockville; Bro. Christopher Leggo of Merrickville Lodge No. 55 GRC, Merrickville (now at Burritt's Rapids); Bro. Thomas Story of Doric Lodge, No. 58 GRC, Ottawa and Bro. John Monro of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 GRC, Renfrew. The first Officers, who were installed on the same day, were: W. Bro. Henry a Sims, WM; Bro. John McRae, SW; Bro. Samuel Rogers, JW; Bro. James Robertson as Treasurer; Bro. Thomas Painter as Secretary; Bro. William M. Beatty as SD; Bro. Thomas W. Currier as JD; Bro. George Clark as DC; Bro. James Salmon

¹⁵⁴ Variousy entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹⁵⁵ Although this is as stated in the Lodge History, it is either a typographic error or an error on the part of Bro. Rogers. The correct number would be 223 EC, for "Lodge of Charity" which took this name in 1809. Originally warranted as Ancients No. 306B on December 27, 1799, the Lodge had no name until 1801 when it took the name "Royal Invalids' Lodge." [Source: John Lane, *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, second edition, 1795, London.]

¹⁵⁶ The Grand Master and the Board refer only to ten Lodges. These were: Royal Albert, Montreal, dispensation dated October 26, 1864 (later No. 167 GRC, now No. 25 GRQ); Merritt at Welland, dispensation dated November 14, 1864 (now No. 168 GRC); Macnab at Port Colborne, dispensation dated December 6, 1864 (now No. 169); Britannia at Seaforth, dispensation dated December 6, 1865 (now No. 170); Prince of Wales at Iona, dispensation dated February 14, 1865 (now No. 171); Ayr at Ayr, dispensation dated March 4, 1865 (now No. 172); Victoria at Montreal, dispensation dated March 27, 1865 (later No. 173 GRC, then No. 26 GRQ, closed 1883); Walsingham at Port Rowan, dispensation dated April 25, 1865 (now No. 174 GRC); Saint John's at South Potton, CE, dispensation dated May 26, 1865 (later No. 175 GRC, now No. 27 GRQ at Mansonville) and Spartan at Sparta, dispensation dated June 26, 1865 (later No. 176 GRC, closed 1896).

as SS; Bro. Rodney Eaton as JS; and Bro. Thomas Ballantyne as IG.

The first By-Laws of the Lodge indicate that it was to meet on the Friday night on or before the full moon of every month and an extra meeting to be held on the Festival of St. John the Baptist (if this fell on a Sunday the meeting would change to the day after). Elections were to be held in the month prior to the Festival of St. John and on that day the Installation would take place. Initiation fees were \$20.00 and \$6.00 for the second and third degrees, plus the costs of a Masonic Certificate "if required by the member." Annual dues were \$3.00 plus fifty cents per month "for Grand Lodge purposes." The meeting date was amended in 1900 to the second Friday of every month except July and August, the elections were changed to May and Installation to June. By late 1911 the initiation fee was raised to \$50.00 and the annual dues were raised to \$5.00 (\$4.00 if paid in advance by June). Dues were increased in 1922 to \$9.00 (\$7.00 if paid in advance) for resident members of the Lodge and to \$6.00 (\$5.00) for non-resident members. In 1942 the dues were increased to \$9.00 for resident and non-resident members (\$8.00 and \$7.00 respectively if paid in advance) and Life Memberships were suspended. Dues were again raised effective June 1945 to \$10.00/\$9.00 or \$6.00/\$5.00 and Life Membership was again instituted.

During the first twenty-five years of its existence, The Builders Lodge had fifteen Masters and worked 143 Initiations. Seventy-four members joined by affiliation. During the second quarter century, the Lodge added a total of 335 new members to its roll. In its third 25 year period the Lodge received 353 new members.

On December 3, 1895 the contents of the Ottawa Masonic Library were destroyed by fire. In April 1896, the library of John Moore, consisting of some 2,000 volumes of Masonic and general literature, was purchased. To aid in this acquisition, The Builders Lodge advanced a loan of \$200.00.

Benevolence was a high priority with the Lodge. In 1911 financial support was provided to Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433 GRC, Eganville, whose Lodge Room had been destroyed by fire. Donations to the Ottawa Masonic Band were regularly made. In March 1920 funds were given to Carleton Lodge, No. 465 GRC, Carp, to assist that Lodge in the purchase of regalia to replace that which had been destroyed by fire. In June 1950 the Lodge subscribed \$100.00 to the Manitoba Relief Fund, occasioned by the worst flooding in that Province's history.

Like so many Lodges in Ontario, The Builders performed its patriotic duty during World War I. In 1914 the Lodge exempted the fees of all its members who had gone, or were shortly to, go on active service and also levied a \$1.00 per capita fee to raise monies for the relief of distressed Belgians. Serving brethren whose dues had been remitted were not required to being paying dues again until May 31, 1925, to give them time to adjust and return to their normal vocations. During World War II, the Lodge again voted to exempt from dues those members serving outside Canada and payment was not instituted until May 31, 1947. In 1947 \$700.00 was subscribed by members of the Lodge for "Food Parcels for Britain".

On June 20, 1916 the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Sidney Albert Luke, presided over the Installation of the officers of the three City Lodges—The Builders, Dalhousie and The Lodge of Fidelity. At the meeting of October 1917, the then Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother W. H. Wardrope, was received by the Lodge.

In 1896 the rooms used by the City Lodges were destroyed by fire and new accommodations were procured temporarily in the Oddfellows Hall, at the corner of Bank and Sparks Streets. By the end of 1897 the City Lodges took possession of new quarters at 140 Albert Street where they remained until its destruction by fire in July 1913. This fire resulted in the loss of the Warrant, regalia and records of The Builders Lodge — the new Warrant which now hangs in the Lodge room was first displayed in January 1914. Temporary arrangements were made by the City Lodges to obtain space in the Scottish Rite quarters on Sparks Street. However, it had been during 1907-08 that the Lodges in Ottawa had met and agreed to construct a single purpose Masonic facility (eventually the Ottawa Masonic Temple, Metcalfe Street) and The Builders Lodge voted the appropriation of \$1,000.00 in support. By 1910 the Ottawa Masonic Temple Company was incorporated and shares were sold to raise money for the venture. The Lodge purchased \$500.00 worth of shares during 1912. The Builders Lodge subscribed \$750.00 towards the \$8,000.00 cost of a Memorial organ for the Lodge room.

In 1943 a proposal to form a Central Masonic Bureau in the City of Ottawa was accepted by The Builders Lodge. The Bureau was to serve the needs of fourteen City Lodges then in existence. The change in District organization and the rapid expansion of the City of Ottawa during the 1960's saw The Builders Lodge accepting concurrent jurisdiction with rural Lodges in the District, commencing with

Goodwood Lodge.

Over the years, a number of members of the Lodge have received recognition from Grand Lodge for their service to the Craft and their community. At the 123rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 17, 1978), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert Edwin Davies, announced the award of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. Robert Armitage of the Lodge. At the 140th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 19, 1995) the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew announced the award a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding service Bro. Philippe A. M. Bernard of the Lodge. Longevity in the Lodge was recognized by Grand Lodge with the award of a "70 Years a Mason" pin to Bro. Thomas G. Slinn (139th Annual Communication - July 20, 1994).

The forty-first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1939-1940), M. W. Bro. John Albert Dobbie, BA, MD, CM, had been initiated into The Builders Lodge on November 14, 1902. In addition, 13 members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Masters: R. W. Bros. Samuel Rogers (Ottawa 13, 1880-81), Enoch Bruce Butterworth (Ottawa 13, 1882-83), David Taylor¹⁵⁷ (Ottawa 16, 1887-88 and 1888-89), Dr. John Harold Putman, LLD (Ottawa 16, 1918-19), Alexander Hamilton McKee, MA (Ottawa 16, 1922-23), Dr. John Albert Dobbie, BD, MD, CM (Ottawa, 1928-29), John A. Heisler (Ottawa, 1946-47), James Frederick Swayze (Ottawa, 1952-53), William John Roe (Ottawa, 1964-65), Thomas N. Hammell (Ottawa 2, 1980-81), Gordon A. Gross (Ottawa 2, 1990-91) and John Saunders (2007-08). In addition, various members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bros. David Askwith Esdale¹⁵⁸ (1926-27) and W. E. Gowling (1937-38);
- Grand Junior Warden - R. W. Bro. Fred Cook¹⁵⁹ (1901-02);
- Grand Chaplain - R. W. Bro. J. Gordon Roberts (2002-03);
- Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bro. John C. Kearns (1890-91);
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bros. Henry Augustus Sims (1866-67), John James McGill (1931-32) and John Lockhart (1960-61);
- Assistant Grand Secretary - V. W. Bro. Frank G. Wait (1928-29);
- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. Edward C. Wright (1929-30);
- Grand Pursuivant - V. W. Bro. Hugh H. Cairns (1892-93) and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Thomas Robert Browne (1929-30), Thomas H. Mansell (1940-41), Laurence P. E. Christensen (1954-55) and Winston W. MacDonald (2008-09).

The Builders Lodge meets on the second Friday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of The Builders Lodge 177, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1865-6 Henry Augustus Sims*	1866-7 Samuel Rogers*
1867-8 Samuel Rogers*	1868-9 W. Bro. Thomas Painter*
1869-0 Thomas W. Currier*	1870-1 David Wilson
1871-2 David Wilson	1872-3 Gustav Levin
1873-4 Enoch Bruce Butterworth	1874-5 Enoch Bruce Butterworth
1875-6 Samuel Rogers*	1876-7 Samuel Rogers*

¹⁵⁷ R. W. Bro. Taylor had been initiated, passed and raised in St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, Vankleek Hill, and had affiliated with The Builders Lodge, Ottawa, in April 1874. The *History of The Builders Lodge* notes that by patience and tact he convinced his mother Lodge to exchange its Irish Warrant for a Canadian one and this is certainly borne out by the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario..

¹⁵⁸ He served as Charter WM of Ashlar Lodge, No. 564, Ottawa for 1920-21 and 1921-22.

¹⁵⁹ W. Bro. Cook served as Mayor of Ottawa for 1902-1903.

1877-8 John Orr
 1879-0 John Orr
 1881-2 John C. Kearns
 1883-4 David Taylor
 1885-6 John Biehler
 1887-8 Henry F. Webb
 1889-0 Hugh H. Cairns
 1891-2 Fred Cook
 1893-4 Fred Cook
 1895-6 Alfred W. Huband
 1897-8 Ephriam A. Bradshaw
 1899-0 William J. Sykes, MA
 1901-2 James S. MacCracken
 1903-4 John Bingham
 1905-6 Frank E. Perney
 1907-8 Edward C. Wight
 1909-0 Edward A. Oliver
 1911-2 Alexander Hamilton McKee, MA
 1913-4 Dr. David A. Whitton, MD
 1915-6 James S. McAdam
 1917-8 Robert S. Simpson, BA
 1919-0 John Lockhart
 1921-2 R. Edgar Cook
 1923-4 Thomas R. Browne
 1925-6 Dr. John Albert Dobbie, BD, MD, CM
 1927-8 Thomas C. Miller
 1929-0 H. Reeves Munroe
 1931-2 Arthur E. G. Mann
 1933-4 Thomas H. Mansell, GS
 1935-6 G. Edgar Lavalley
 1937-8 Charles C. Bradley
 1939-0 Reginald W. Lyon
 1941-2 Henry M. Herbst
 1943-4 C. Edwin Cook
 1945-6 J. Fred Swayze
 1947-8 M. Archibald Atkinson
 1949-0 Percy Moulds
 1951-2 J. Seager Allan
 1953-4 H. Nelson Corbett
 1955-6 J. Alan Call
 1957-8 Lewis A. St. Dennis
 1959-0 William J. Roe
 1961-2 William J. Paterson
 1963-4 William J. May
 1965-6 Lorne N. Hooper
 1967-8 J. F. Dickie/Leonard Potechin
 1969-0 M. J. Bennett
 1971-2 Thomas H. Hammell
 1973-4 William J. Gervin
 1975-6 S. Sullivan
 1977-8 Peter Ochitwa
 1979-0 A. Chesnick
 1981-2 G. A. Thompson
 1983-4 Wayne A. Keech

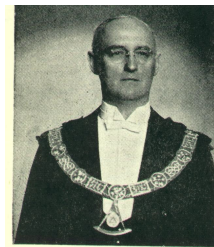
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 1880-1 John C. Kearns
 1882-3 Edwin Daubney
 1884-5 David Taylor
 1886-7 John Biehler
 1888-9 Henry F. Webb
 1890-1 Hugh H. Cairns
 1892-3 Fred Cook
 1894-5 Alfred W. Huband
 1896-7 William Rea
 1898-9 Samuel B. Sinclair
 1900-1 William H. V. Hooper
 1902-3 John Harold Putnam, LLD
 1904-5 William G. Esdale
 1906-7 Frank G. Wait, MA
 1908-9 James N. Ferguson
 1910-1 Dr. John E. Craig, MD
 1912-3 David Askwith Esdale
 1914-5 Charles H. Caulfield
 1916-7 James A. Kendall
 1918-9 John J. McGill
 1920-1 W. T. Rollins
 1922-3 D. P. Bateman
 1924-5 James E. Dalton
 1926-7 Andrew C. Brown
 1928-9 J. Russell Howie, MA
 1930-1 John A. Heisler
 1932-3 J. Delmar Graham
 1934-5 Laurence P. E. Christensen
 1936-7 Ernest C. Tresidder
 1938-9 John S. Nicholson
 1940-1 Alfred Pepper
 1942-3 Robert B. Day
 1944-5 George McCann
 1946-7 William G. Strong
 1948-9 R. Ross Forbes
 1950-1 Reginald F. Blandford
 1952-3 Donald G. Hewer
 1954-5 Harold N. Utman
 1956-7 William J. Christie
 1958-9 John R. Fisher
 1960-1 Harold B. Hayes
 1962-3 A. Kay Cuthbertson
 1964-5 Cecil C. Goold
 1966-7 Harry Georganas
 1968-9 R. J. Hunter
 1970-1 Fred J. Carter
 1972-3 T. E. Yeomans
 1974-5 George Ashworth
 1976-7 R. A. Drew
 1978-9 J. D. Hall
 1980-1 G. A. Gross
 1982-3 R. W. Carroll
 1984-5 A. C. Grierson

1985-6 B. Butler
 1987-8 J. Haram
 1989-0 J. Haram
 1991-2 R. McCarthy
 1993-4 N. Warman
 1995-6 J. Gordon Roberts
 1997-8 John Saunders
 1999-0 J. Gordon Roberts
 2001-2 Noel Gondek
 2003-4 John Saunders
 2005-6 J. Roberts
 2007-8 J. Gordon Roberts
 2009-0 Richard Loomes

1986-7 Winston W. MacDonald
 1988-9 John Saunders
 1990-1 J. Williamson
 1992-3 G. MacManus
 1994-5 R. Loomes
 1996-7 T. Ofori
 1998-9 John Saunders
 2000-1 M. Valdes
 2002-3 J. Haram
 2004-5 R. Kruseman
 2006-7 Richard Loomes
 2008-9 Richard Loomes
 2010-1 James White

Dr. John Albert Dobbie, BA, MD, CM

Grand Master (1939-40 and 1940-41) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario



M.W. Bro. J. A. Dobbie

(1874-1945)

Mr. John Albert Dobbie was born in Guelph on December 19, 1874. He began his career as a teacher in Central Ontario, came to Ottawa in 1900 to be an Art Instructor in the Model School. He entered Queen's University, Kingston where he graduated in Arts and Medicine in 1914. He spent some time practicing medicine in Montreal before returning to Ottawa. He served as Assistant Superintendent of the Ottawa Civic Hospital (1927-39) and as Superintendent (1939-42). He was secretary of the Ottawa Medico-Chirurgical Council. During 1941 he suffered a prolonged illness and died suddenly in Ottawa on January 6, 1945.

Masonic Career

Mr. John Albert Dobbie was initiated into The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa and served as WM (1925-26) and was elected as DDGM of the Ottawa District (1928-29). He was a Member of the Board of General Purposes (1926-32) and a member of the Committee on Masonic Education (1926-32), for three years of which he was Chairman. He was elected as Deputy Grand Master for the 1937-38 and 1938-39 terms and as Grand Master for the 1939-40 and 1940-41 terms. In his local Masonic activities in Ottawa he devoted himself to the formation of the Masonic Bureau of the City of Ottawa and Westboro.

He was an active member of the Scottish Rite (1933 onwards).

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland (1935).

Membership of The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	1865					
There is	no	member-	ship	data in	Ann	Procs	before	1866	
1866	9	9	7	22	nil	4	nil	nil	27
1867	7	9	9	3	nil	5	1	nil	33
1868	17	12	9	5	nil	2	nil	nil	53
1869	6	11	12	3	nil	6	1	1	55
1870	6	6	4	2	nil	1	nil	nil	63
1871	10	11	7	1	nil	6	nil	2	67
1872	5	4	8	3	1	4	nil	nil	66
1873	12	12	12	4	nil	7	1	2	72
1874	13	14	11	1	nil	2	2	nil	82
1875	7	8	11	5	nil	2	1	nil	91
1876	5	6	6	7	2	3	2	6	92
1877	3	2	2	3	nil	8	nil	5	85
1878	4	4	3	2	nil	4	1	6	81
1879	1	1	1	1	3	14	1	7	63
1880	3	2	1	nil	3	5	1	3	60
1881	nil	nil	nil	3	2	11	nil	1	54
1882	3	2	1	1	3	4	nil	2	51
1883	nil	1	1	nil	1	2	2	nil	49
1884	5	5	4	2	1	2	nil	nil	55
1885	10	9	9	1	nil	1	nil	nil	65
1886	5	5	4	4	3	4	2	3	68
1887	3	4	7	5	nil	1	1	2	72
1888	2	1	1	5	1	nil	5	1	74
1889	3	2	1	5	1	2	nil	nil	81
1890	1	2	1	nil	nil	2	1	3	71
1891	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	nil	81
1892	8	7	6	3	nil	3	nil	4	76
1893	3	3	3	2	nil	nil	1	nil	86

1894	8	3	3	6	nil	nil	2	nil	98
1895	6	7	6	3	1	4	1	4	99
1896	7	4	6	5	nil	1	nil	1	109
1897	4	9	9	1	nil	3	nil	nil	111
1898	5	6	6	2	nil	2	1	nil	115
1899	10	8	9	4	nil	1	nil	nil	128
1900	7	7	6	6	1	4	3	5	130
1901	3	5	7	1	3	6	nil	1	130
1902	9	6	4	3	1	6	4	2	131
1903	14	13	12	7	nil	2	nil	2	148
1904	12	14	8	3	nil	1	1	nil	161
1905	17	13	12	5	nil	3	nil	3	179
1906	14	17	18	1	nil	5	1	1	185
1907	16	10	12	3	nil	1	3	4	196
1908	6	10	7	2	1	1	1	nil	203
1909	17	14	12	3	nil	2	1	nil	211
1910	11	13	16	4	1	2	6	nil	219
1911	12	12	10	nil	3	5	2	nil	227
1912	29	25	27	5	2	3	1	7	258
1913	20	24	20	3	nil	nil	5	nil	271
1914	17	17	20	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	283
1915	16	13	14	5	nil	4	4	1	295
1916	16	13	14	4	1	1	2	6	302
1917	17	19	19	6	1	1	8	5	312
1918	24	20	18	3	1	1	8	1	326
1919	29	17	12	5	1	3	7	nil	351
1920	42	37	37	6	nil	6	3	5	386
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	4	9	10	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	387
1921	27	28	27	2	1	3	6	nil	408
1922	16	13	19	4	nil	4	2	nil	422
1923	13	19	15	1	nil	6	1	5	424
1924	9	8	11	3	1	4	nil	1	432
1925	6	7	9	3	nil	8	3	3	427

1926	3	4	3	3	nil	5	4	1	423
1927	6	6	6	5	nil	nil	6	7	421
1928	11	7	5	2	2	6	6	7	417
1929	10	14	10	nil	1	2	5	4	417
1930	7	3	4	2	1	1	5	8	413
1931	4	6	6	1	1	3	6	3	407
1932	8	9	11	1	nil	5	2	13	396
1933	2	3	3	nil	4	2	11	6	383
1934	6	5	5	1	nil	6	5	4	375
1935	4	4	4	2	1	6	5	5	366
1936	5	2	2	1	2	8	10	8	348
1937	7	9	5	1	nil	2	6	6	341
1938	8	10	9	3	nil	2	4	3	343
1939	6	6	8	1	nil	5	10	4	331
1940	4	2	3	1	1	2	4	nil	331
1941	3	5	4	1	nil	2	7	5	321
1942	8	4	4	3	nil	2	7	1	321
1943	6	7	3	4	nil	nil	6	nil	325
1944	16	11	10	nil	nil	2	9	1	329
1945	14	17	17	nil	nil	1	10	1	331
1946	17	18	15	8	nil	1	8	nil	346
1947	15	14	15	4	2	1	10	2	354
1948	18	23	18	3	1	nil	6	2	368
1949	11	8	11	2	1	5	4	2	371
1950	10	14	10	2	nil	2	6	nil	375
1951	13	6	9	2	1	1	13	2	374
1952	7	10	12	2	nil	nil	6	nil	377
1953	11	12	10	1	nil	1	9	2	377
1954	6	5	7	1	nil	1	11	2	370
1955	12	9	6	1	nil	2	12	1	368
1956	16	19	13	1	nil	5	8	3	369
1957	7	9	13	3	1	3	8	nil	368
1958	5	7	9	1	1	1	12	2	360
1959	9	5	5	nil	nil	nil	13	1	355

1960	4	7	8	nil	nil	4	9	3	343
1961	11	8	4	1	1	1	6	1	348
1962	7	8	9	1	nil	nil	7	4	345
1963	6	5	7	3	2	1	4	nil	351
1964	5	6	7	2	nil	3	4	4	347
1965	3	4	3	nil	nil	3	4	nil	343
1966	3	2	4	nil	nil	2	10	nil	334
1967	4	6	5	nil	nil	2	14	nil	322
1968	5	3	3	3	nil	5	11	6	308
1969	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	13	nil	299
1970	10	8	4	3	1	6	6	4	297
1971	2	5	10	nil	nil	1	8	nil	290
1972	3	3	1	1	nil	1	12	3	278
1973	4	4	5	2	1	2	3	2	278
1974	3	4	4	2	nil	1	3	2	277
1975	6	5	5	4	1	4	11	2	271
1976	3	4	3	1	nil	5	7	nil	263
1977	4	2	3	2	nil	2	9	2	256
1978	7	7	3	1	4	7	9	11	240
1979	2	3	6	nil	nil	11	9	nil	222
1980	6	3	2	nil	nil	2	9	nil	217
1981	5	5	6	4	nil	1	3	2	220
1982	7	4	2	3	nil	1	5	4	220
1983	4	4	3	nil	nil	6	4	nil	214
1984	1	3	3	2	nil	5	7	6	199
1985	4	3	3	nil	nil	3	9	4	187
1986	2	2	2	1	nil	2	7	1	180
1987	2	1	2	1	1	5	6	1	172
1988	2	3	1	nil	nil	5	8	1	160
1989	3	2	1	1	nil	3	5	1	155
1990	1	2	3	nil	nil	1	6	2	147
1991	1	1	2	2	nil	nil	5	1	144
1992	2	nil	nil	1	nil	5	7	3	132
1993	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	3	3	128

1994	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	2	6	1	121
1995	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	118
1996	2	2	2	nil	1	3	nil	4	114
1997	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	5	1	109
1998	2	3	4	1	nil	1	6	2	103
1999	1	1	1	nil	nil	3	6	nil	95
2000	2	nil	nil	2	nil	1	3	1	94
2001	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	93
2002	1	1	2	1	1	4	3	nil	89
2003	4	2	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	90
2004	3	2	2	nil	nil	3	3	nil	87
2005	nil	1	3	nil	2	2	3	1	83
2006	nil	1	nil	1	nil	1	8	nil	75
2007	3	2	nil	1	nil	1	4	nil	74
2008	2	1	1	1	nil	1	1	3	72
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 GRC, Riceville 1913-present
Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, GRC, Plantagenet 1867-1913
Plantagenet Lodge, UD GRC, Plantagenet 1867-1867

[Central District 1867-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1904¹⁶⁰. Eastern District 1904-present.]

Plantagenet, in North Plantagenet Township of the united counties of Prescott and Russell, was originally known as "Hattville" in the 1820's after an early miller named Hatt, who settled in the area. The name was changed to "Plantagenet" when the first post office was opened in 1838.

In early 1866, ten or eleven members of St. John's 159 IC at L'Orignal, began meeting and discussing the formation of a new Lodge at Plantagenet, Canada West — an area soon to become the province of Ontario in the new Dominion of Canada which was to officially come into being on July 1, 1867.

At the 12th Annual Communication (July 10-12, 1867, Kingston), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, advised that he had issued dispensations to form fourteen Lodges¹⁶¹, including one dated February 19, 1867, to form Plantagenet Lodge, at Plantagenet. The Grand Master noted that "As each of these applications were accompanied by the necessary certificates and vouchers required by our regulations, I have now much pleasure in recommending that a regular Warrant of constitutions be issued to them respectively, in lieu of the temporary authority granted by my Dispensations." (1867 *Proceedings*, p 253). Plantagenet Lodge was represented by its three senior officers: W. Bro. William N. Barrie, WM; Bro. J. M. G. Deles Derniers, SW and Bro. Henry Smith, JW. The DDGM of Central District, R. W. Bro. Macneil Clarke was not present at the Communication and there is no report on the District contained in the *Proceedings*. Notwithstanding, the Board of General Purposes recommended Warrants be issued to thirteen of the Lodges (noting that the Board "does not feel justified in recommending Grand Lodge to grant a Warrant to Petrolia Lodge" 1867 *Annual Proceedings* p 349). In the "Returns of Subordinate Lodges," Plantagenet Lodge appears as "No. 186."

The petitioners received the dispensation to form the Lodge and became, in most cases, the first officers at the institution of the Lodge on February 19, 1867: W. Bro. William N. Barrie (merchant¹⁶²), WM; Bro. John Mark Grant Delis Dernier, SW (postmaster, of St. John's 159 IC, then in Vankleek Hill); Bro. Henry Smith, JW (gentleman, Municipal Clerk and postmaster); W. Bro. Robert Eastman, Chaplain (tanner, of St. John's Lodge and Chapter, No. 159 IC); Bro. Abner Hagar (83 years old, gentleman and sawmill owner, of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 12 ER, Montreal, CE), Treasurer; Bro. Wyman A. Chamberlain (merchant), Secretary; Bro. James Van Bridger (bookkeeper for the counties of Prescott and Russell), SD; Bro. Joseph W. Hughes (bookkeeper, Central Lodge, No. 110 GRC, Sorel, CE), JD; Bro. James Faulkner (millwright), IG and Bro. William Cheeseman (shoemaker), Tyler.

The decision of the Lodge members was to meet on the Monday on or before the full moon of every month and on the festivals of St. John the Baptist (June 24) and St. John the Evangelist (December 27).

¹⁶⁰ Variousy entitled Ottawa District 1868-1870, Ottawa District #12 1870-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888, Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1904, when Plantagenet joined the new Eastern District.

¹⁶¹ The fourteen dispensations included: Oriental at Port Burwell, dated July 26, 1866 (now No. 181 GRC); Petrolia at Petrolia, dated August 9, 1866 (now No. 194 GRC); Tuscan at levis, dated October 1, 1866 (later No. 182 GRC, now 28 GRQ); Prince Albert at Prince Albert, dated December 4, 1866 (later No. 183 GRC, closed 1891); Old Light at Lucknow, dated January 19, 1867 (now No. 184 GRC); Enniskillen at York, dated January 21, 1867 (now No. 185 GRC); Plantagenet at Plantagenet, dated February 19, 1867 (now No. 186 GRC); Royal Canadian at Sweetsburg, dated February 20, 1867 (later No. 187 GRC, No. 29 GRQ, closed 1904); Ascot at Lennoxville, dated March 6, 1867 (later No. 188 GRC, now No. 30 GRQ); Filius Viduæ at Adolphustown, dated March 6, 1867 (later No. 189 GRC, closed 1890); Belmont at Belmont, dated April 8, 1867 (now No. 190 GRC); Ashlar at Coaticook, dated May 21, 1867 (later No. 191 GRC, now No. 31 GRQ); Orillia at Orillia, dated June 12, 1867 (now No. 192 GRC) and Scotland at Scotland, dated June 27, 1867 (now No. 193 GRC, Oakland).

¹⁶² Occupations of the charter members are taken from R. W. Bro. Leonard M. Fourney's *History of Freemasonry in Eastern District*, 1995.

The first regular meeting was held on April 14, 1867 when three applications for Initiation were received and balloted, one new member was Initiated and one was Passed. Meetings often began after work had finished for the day and continued until well past midnight due to the number of people joining the Lodge in this expanding town. The fee for Initiation was \$22.00 and annual dues were \$3.00. Elections were held on the regular meeting in December with Installation on December 27 at "high noon."

The first By-Laws were approved by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, on January 2, 1868. The *Lodge History* notes that it was not until February 5, 1906 that the Secretary was authorized to have the By-Laws printed in book form "as soon as the funds of the Lodge would permit."

One of the more interesting historical actions of Plantagenet Lodge does not appear in its *Lodge History* but does arise in the history of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, at Vankleek Hill: that Plantagenet Lodge, having been formed by ten Masons, eight of whom hailed from St. John's No. 159 IC, charged St. John's Lodge with unmasonic conduct for their "illegal" move from Vankleek Hill to L'Original. The move, which did take place, resulted in draining potential new members away from Plantagenet and to St. John's (which by 1857 had about 62 members).

In a letter to the Grand Lodge of Ireland dated January 23, 1871, providing a Return of Officers and registering members who had been raised, the Secretary of St. John's, Bro. Robert W. Lendrum, noted that "There seems to be a growing tendency here of joining the Grand Lodge of Canada. I am requested by members to ask if you would have any objection to our doing so." In the package of copies of correspondence from the Grand Lodge archives (March 2003) there is no copy of any reply from the Grand Secretary. Meanwhile, in a formal Petition dated June 24, 1871, the Lodge requested authority from the Grand Master to remove from Hawkesbury to Vankleek Hill, not on a permanent basis as might be assumed, but to alternate monthly between L'Original and Vankleek Hill.

TO
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
The Petition of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of St. John's Lodge No. 159 respectfully sheweth that a Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland numbered 159 on the Fifteenth day of March 1844 to hold a Lodge in the Township of Hawkesbury in the County of Prescott and such Lodge has been held in this said Township to the date hereof.
That it is considered for the interests of Masonry that the place for holding said Lodge should be removed from Vankleek Hill when this aforesaid ----- to the town of L'Original the early ---- of the said County of Prescott distant from Vankleek Hill about seven miles ----- at a regular meeting of said Lodge held at ---- St. J o h n's ----- a resolution was unanimously adopted by the brethren to return the Lodge to L'Original. That Notice of said Resolution --- given --- the brethren ----- and -- for the government of said Lodge ----- to --- meeting and said resolution was adopted and passed ---- the custom and approbation of the members meeting as aforesaid.
Your petitioners, therefore pray that the ----- be granted to hold the meetings of the said Lodge in the said town of L'Original and your ----- with ----- a copy of said resolution is hereto -----.
Dated at Vankleek Hill this 24 th day of June
1871 SEAL James Hay, W.M. Edward Abbott Johnson, S.W. Norval Morrison, J.W. Robert Hamilton Secty.

[Source: Grand Lodge of Ireland archives.]

The hand writing is not the typical copperplate and the blanks arise as words cannot be deciphered. The copy of the motion reads: "The members of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 I.R. A. F. A. A. Masons being

desirous of removing the Lodge from Vankleek Hill to the Town of L'Orignal which is distant from the former place about seven miles — whereas as at present constituted the principal officers and a large number of the active working members of the Lodge are residents of the Town of L'Orignal — It is therefore moved by Bro. Robert Hamilton and seconded by Bro. Edward Abbott Johnson Senior Warden that and resolved that the Warrant and furniture of the Lodge be removed at once to the Town of L'Orignal — where with the permission of the Grand Lodge of Ireland future communications of the Lodge shall be held and all business transacted in alternate years. Carried Unanimously." By letter dated June 27, 1871, the Lodge Master, W. Bro. James Hay, noted to the Grand Secretary that "As intimated to you by the late secretary in his letter of Jan. 23, 1871. There was a desire on a part of a few of our members to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Canada, but that desire no longer exists and we are all determined to adhere to the G. L. of I. that has hitherto conferred so many favours on No. 159. We now come humbly asking one further favour, viz: - that the Grand Lodge would ratify what we have already done, the removal of the Lodge to the town of L'Orignal which removal is for the particular advantage of St. John's Lodge and for the good of harmony generally. The most of the members are residents of the Town and its immediate vicinity and all the officers are here. We have made the removal under the strong impression that the Grand Lodge would readily ratify and confirm our act...."

The actions of the Lodge, having already removed prior to any approval being received, quickly became a "cause celebre" between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The "presence" of St. John's Lodge, which appears to have been forgotten by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the heady days following formation in 1855, was forcefully brought to its attention when the then District Deputy Grand Master of the Ottawa District¹⁶³ referred to it as having "... for years past acted in a most irregular manner"¹⁶⁴ Action was first taken by Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 GRC, Plantagenet, in a letter to R. W. Bro. Barber, DDGM of the Ottawa District, dated August 1, 1871. In their letter the Lodge noted that it had been "by resolution appointed to act as a Committee to represent to you, the unmasonic proceedings (as we believe) or St. John's Lodge No. 159 R.I. now meeting in the village of L'Orignal." The letter then outlines a split in the membership of St. John's Lodge regarding whether the recent removal from Vankleek Hill to L'Orignal and the intended monthly perambulation between the two towns had the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland or not. Plantagenet maintained that "that the removal ... from Vankleek Hill ... was without permission and that consequently all their work since ... is contrary to all masonic law and the Lodge has rendered itself liable to suspension ..." The letter concludes that even if Irish Lodges had been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, there had been no concession on the matter of unilateral removal or perambulation. A similar letter was sent to the DDGM by the Master and members of Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, perhaps the only difference being that Hawkesbury Lodge considered the actions of St. John's post-Vankleek Hill to put them in a "clandestine Lodge" category.

Transcript of Plantagenet Lodge's letter of August 1, 1871

Plantagenet 1 August 1871
R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber Esq. D.D.G.M. Ottawa District A.F. & A.M. G.R.C. Ottawa
Dear Sir & R. Wor. Bro.

¹⁶³ R. W. Brother E. C. Barker, a member of The Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa, now a Lodge in Ottawa District 1, which is still working.

¹⁶⁴ Robertson in his *History*, Vol. II, p. 587 notes that there is no mention of St. John's Lodge No. 159 in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada before 1872.

At the Regular Communication of Plantagenet Lodge No. 186 C.R. held last evening 31st. Ulti, we were by resolution appointed to act as a Committee, to represent to you, the unmasonic proceedings, (as we believe) of St. John's Lodge No. 159 R.I. now meeting in the Village of L'Original — in pursuance of this Resolution, we beg to submit the following statement, and request that you will take action thereon at as early a date as possible, or should it be our duty to do so, advise us how to proceed in this matter —

St. John's Lodge No. 159 works under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, authorizing them to initiate, pass and raise Free-Masons in Hawkesbury. The Lodge worked in the village of Vankleek Hill, Township of Hawkesbury until about two months ago, when by resolution of the Lodge, it removed to the Village of L'Original in the Township of Longueuil, distant about six miles from the former place of meeting. It is alleged by some of the Members of the Lodge that the removal was made by permission of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, while other Members state that it was impossible they could have had such permission, as the resolution to remove was only carried last 24th June and two meetings have already been held at L'Original since that date.

Now what we maintain is this: — that the removal of the said Lodge from Vankleek Hill to L'Original was without permission and that consequently all their work since said removal is contrary to all Masonic Law, and the Lodge has thereby rendered itself liable to suspension. And we further maintain, that even if at the time of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, all Lodges retaining and working under their Warrants from the said Grand Lodge of Ireland, were to be recognized by the said Grand Lodge of Canada, as being properly constituted Lodges, still the right to permit the said Lodges to remove from place to place was never conceded.

Relying upon your promptness, and trusting that you will in the interest of Free-Masonry in this part of the District see this matter settled in a manner suitable to the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We beg to remain

Yours most fraternally

Hy Smith)
James Van Bridger) Committee
W. A. Chamberlain)

[Source: Photocopy from Grand Lodge of Ireland. Archives]

Transcript of Hawkesbury Lodge Letter of August 7, 1871

C O P Y

Hawkesbury Mills

7 August 1871

R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber Esq.
D.D.G.M. Ottawa District
A.F. & A.M. G.R.C.

Dear Sir and R. Wor. Brother

At the Regular Communication of Hawkesbury Lodge held on Wednesday evening 2nd Inst. the unmasonic proceedings of the brethren of St. John's Lodge 159 I.R. was brought before the Lodge. After the reading of the Communication from Plantagenet Lodge 186 R.C. and the action taken by that Lodge, by Resolution the undersigned brethren were appointed a Committee to represent to you, knowing as we do that we have only to show you that we have a just grievance to complain of, to insure your hearty co-operation in behalf of the order at large, and this district in particular. We therefore beg to submit the statements, compiled from such facts as have come before the undersigned committee and which we consider unmasonic.

We the Committee beg to state that the brethren of St. John's Lodge 159 I.R. is working contrary to all Masonic Law for the following reasons. When the Warrant was granted them it authorised them to Initiate pass & Raise Free-masons in the Village of Hawkesbury, after working in said Village for some time it was by a majority of the Lodge removed to Vankleek Hill, but greatly against the wishes of the Minority who contended that it was unconstitutional, but did not apply to their Grand Lodge in the matter, and as the Majority contended that the Lodge would still be in the Township of Hawkesbury they were allowed to take it to the Hill where it remained up to the 24th June last. This removal took place before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada and as no action had been taken in the matter was excepted [sic] by said Grand Lodge of Canada, as with other Lodges working Canada but owing their allegiance to other Grand Lodges. Now we contend that by the Removal of said Lodge from the Township of Hawkesbury to the Town of L'Orignal Township of Longueuil 9 miles from its former place, and there working without any other authority then [sic] that with which they worked in Hawkesbury is not only contrary to all Masonic Law but constitutes their Lodge clandestine and all Masons made there under their present Warrant are clandestine made Masons. Further, we submit that nothing short of a new Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland can enable them to work legally and according to the arrangement between the Grand Lodge of Canada and Foreign Lodges a new Warrant cannot be granted, and any other attempt to sanction their proceedings by the Grand Lodge of Ireland would be a mere evasion of the solemn compact made between the two Grand Lodges, which we are unwilling to believe will be attempted. We firmly believe they do not intend to seek any other authority as they to enable them to obtain the consent of the Majority of said Lodge, have promised to hold the Lodge one year at Vankleek Hill and one year at L'Orignal alternately, and threaten that if we Hawkesbury Lodge No. 210 dare move in the matter they will move to this Village one year also.

Such are the proceedings of the Brethren of St. John's Lodge. Again we complain that they have taken persons from this Village without enquiring of this Lodge their Standing, telling them (the candidates) that their Lodge is a branch of this Lodge, and that they are allowed to make them for less than half the price we can, and if they reside nearer this Lodge than theirs they can join our Lodge by paying 2 Dollars, and from facts brought to our knowledge they go round from place to place soliciting candidates.

R. W. Sir we could bring many other complaints to shew their unfriendliness to this Lodge in particular and their unmasonic conduct in general.

We think we have shown enough to put a stop to their unmasonic proceedings.

We therefore conclude by fully endorsing the conclusion come to be the Committee of Plantagenet Lodge. Hoping you will give this matter your earliest attention, also please advise us how to act towards said Brethren under present circumstances.

We Dear Sir beg to Remain
Yours most fraternally

J. W. Crate	W.M.)
George Manson)
Robert McFarland) Committee
B. Wilkinson)
John M. Brown	Sec)

[Source: Photocopy from Grand Lodge of Ireland archives.]

The matter was reported to the Grand Lodge of Canada. By letter dated August 24, 1871, the Grand Secretary, R. W. Thomas Bird Harris, wrote to the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, passing on the letter from Plantagenet Lodge, and advising that “the Grand Lodge of Canada considers the foregoing case a flagrant violation of the permission accorded to all Lodges, at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada...(and) the right to perambulate the country by removing from place to place was never contemplated nor can it now be acquiesced in.” Consequently, R. W. Bro. Tully was asked to “bring this matter immediately to the notice of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and relying on its sense of justice to be informed that the action of St. John’s Lodge No. 159 in this matter has been discontinued and disallowed.” R. W. Bro. Tully sent the letters on to Dublin under cover of a letter of September 7, 1871. A short memorandum dated October 2, 1871 to the Grand Secretary requested that the matter of the complaint against St. John’s Lodge be placed before the Board of General Purposes as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, work continued “as usual” within St. John’s Lodge and members continued to be registered with Dublin and their Certificates requested (and issued). In a registration letter dated October 16, 1871, Bro. Robert Hamilton, Lodge Secretary, extolled the virtues and strengths of the Lodge and also alluded to the growing problems with local Lodges with the comment: “It (St. John’s) is also one of the best looked Lodges in Canada, and embodies more talent and ability than any country Lodge...I am, however, sorry to say that envy — the great disturber of social harmony — is, I fear, at work in some of our sister Canadian Lodges.” In a letter dated October 7, 1872, the Secretary of St. John’s Lodge wrote to Dublin advising that they were unable to attend the funeral of a departed Brother or to hold processions on St. John’s days as the Constitution required specific Dispensations to be issued for each activity and that “time was not on the side of the Lodge for the former events”, and requesting a blanket, or open, Dispensation to be granted. The same letter provided a list of the Officers installed on June 24, 1872 — “Edw. A. Johnson, WM.”

The Irish Grand Secretary’s note of October 30, 1871, either in preparation for the meeting of the Board of General Purposes or as a result of the Board meeting and intended for the Grand Master to assist in making a final decision follows. It is reproduced because it recommends that *if the Grand Lodge had given permission to remove* “it most probably has done so through want of accurate information as to the several localities—we would advise that such permission be withdrawn.” On October 7, 1872, St. John’s wrote to the Grand Secretary advising that “The permission granted by the Board of General Purposes on the 18th of August 1871 permitting the Lodge to work in the Town of L’Orignal pursuant to petition does not seem to have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge. Therefore if such permission has been so confirmed will you please forward us a copy of the same duly certified.” The letter also confirmed a resolution of the Lodge to continue working in L’Orignal (implying that the movement back and forth to Vankleek Hill would not be attempted) and requested a confirmation of this resolution. The letter refers to the problems with the Grand Lodge of Canada “(which) has also threatened to withdraw its recognition from this Lodge because we are working in L’Orignal — the said Grand Lodge asserting that you had no power to grant us the dispensation or permission under which we work! The Grand Lodge of Canada has voluntarily offered to exchange our warrant and chapter free of charge which we have declined accepting providing your Grand Lodge had the power to grant the dispensation to work in L’Orignal. PS Is it proper for a Royal Arch Mason to wear his regalia in Blue Lodge?”

By January 1873, Plantagenet Lodge wrote again to R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, DDGM, Ottawa District regarding the continued “irregular” actions of St. John’s Lodge. Subsequently the new DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Brother William Mostyn (a member of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147 GRC, Almonte, now a Lodge in Ottawa District 1, which is still working) issued an Edict to Lodges in the District that they

were to refuse admission to brethren of St. John's 159 IC, until a settlement of a number of questions was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Ireland which "...had treated our most earnest remonstrance's with cool indifference." R. V. Harris notes that the Grand Master did not uphold the order of the DDGM which exceeded the DDGM's powers. On April 23, 1873 the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, wrote directly to Dublin laying the case before them regarding the removal to L'Original and "invading the jurisdiction of Lodges planted in that District," which removal and Ireland's approval being "in violation of the original understanding and compact (between the two Grand Lodges)" that Lodges existing before the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed should continue under their original Charters and *remain where they were*. He further notes that there had been no notice of the situation officially received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The letter concludes by noting that the Grand Lodge of Canada does not wish to take any action which should be the prerogative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to deal with its subordinate Lodges but that if nothing is done the (Canadian) Lodges of the District will be permitted to exercise their own discretion to accept or reject any relationship with St. John's Lodge and its members.

By October 1873 the Lodge, having been meeting in the upper floor of an unoccupied store rented from Sheriff Hagar of Plantagenet since 1867, advised the Grand Lodge of Ireland that they were about to lose this facility as the building had been rented out. Efforts to collect sufficient funds to acquire land and begin construction of a two storey brick building (lower for rental and upper for Lodge and Chapter) were proving difficult and financial support from Dublin was requested. By April 24, 1874, the Lodge reported to Grand Lodge that they had been able to construct a "good substantial brick building 40 by 28 feet and two stories high has been completed. The total outlay will be about \$2500 (over £500 Sterg.) A large portion of which is yet to be provided for." Regrettably there is no indication of the precise location of this Masonic Hall.

In his letter of April 24, 1874 to Grand Lodge, the Secretary noted that over time the feelings of the Lodge toward affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Canada were changing and becoming "warmer." That "for affiliation with the Grd Lodge of Canada is yearly becoming stronger amongst us. The desire arises chiefly from the great length of time that usually elapses before returns can be had from the Grd. Lodge and from the absence of an official from that Body, qualified to give instruction and advice. Discussion of this subject is now pending and will take place at our next meeting and although I do not think that the motion can be carried, yet it cannot be denied that there is a great deal of truth in the reasons above set forth."

R. W. Bro. Keith Cochrane notes that in 1874 an agreement was negotiated for the merger of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC (then at l'Original) with Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, both to surrender their Warrants and a new one to be issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Lodge of Ireland did not confirm this agreement. Interestingly there is no correspondence on this subject in the package of photocopies sent from Dublin in 2003 which appeared to be the entire contents of the correspondence file with St. John's Lodge. [Note: Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, had been established in 1869 and was not very strong at this time. It surrendered its Warrant in 1888.] The final letters from St. John's Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland are dated September 21 and September 24, 1878 and discuss only the payment of fees owing by the Lodge and the need for members' Certificates.

St. John's Lodge continued its isolated existence and, in 1886, removed back to Vankleek Hill.

Negotiations were re-opened by R. W. Bro. David Taylor, D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District¹⁶⁵, to bring St. John's Lodge into the Grand Lodge of Canada. On November 25, 1887, St. John's No. 159 IC applied to the Grand Lodge of Canada to exchange its Irish Warrant for a Canadian one. In its application the Lodge requested that, in view of its age, it be granted "8", "8A" or "7A". The Grand Lodge agreed to give it an unused number relative to its date of establishment, and to convert all of its officers to the same rank in the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Lodge officially affiliated at the Annual Convocation of December 18, 1888 as St. John's Lodge, No. 21A GRC, Vankleek Hill. On August 8, 1890, St. John's Lodge sent in their Irish Warrant No. 159 to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Cochrane's notes indicate this was the last of the

¹⁶⁵ R. W. Brother David Taylor was a member of The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa, now a Lodge in Ottawa District 2, which is still working.

twenty-four Irish Lodges “in Canada” to transfer its allegiance¹⁶⁶. At this time the Lodge had registered 278 members with Dublin.

Perhaps with the foregoing events still in their minds, at the September 10, 1894 meeting of Plantagenet Lodge, discussions were held regarding the move of the Lodge to Riceville¹⁶⁷ and a Notice of Motion was given. The Motion was made and confirmed on November 12, 1894 subject to arranging suitable facilities. Arrangements do not appear to have been successful and by 1899 the Lodge had rented new facilities in Plantagenet—never having moved out of the town. It was not until early 1912 that the idea of the move to Riceville was again raised, moved and carried. As this would appear to disadvantage the members living in the Rockland area, there was discussion about beginning a Lodge there but this never materialized. By June 1912 the motion for the move was again considered and declared lost although it was again put and declared carried in June 1913, provided approval of Grand Lodge would be given. The last meeting in Plantagenet was held on October 13, 1913 and the first meeting in Riceville was held on November 10, 1913, in the Baptist Church. A lot for a Lodge Hall was procured and Grand Lodge confirmed the arrangements for Riceville on August 3, 1914. The first meeting in the new Hall was held on November 2, 1914. Improvements to the Lodge were achieved over long periods of time — electricity in 1933 and insulation in 1953 — and often plans for improvements were not implemented (a well in 1953 and a kitchen in 1954). During the 1980's a building fund was begun and has raised funds for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the Hall which included raising the building and installing new foundations, running water and central heating.

Lodge efforts during World War I and II and its support for members serving at home and abroad are not recorded in the History. However, charity for brethren and their families and benevolence for others have always been a mainstay of the Lodge program. The largest single benevolence effort was the donation of \$1,000 to the Canadian Relief Fund for Chernobyl victims. Other support of a regular and ongoing nature includes donations to the Shrine Hospital, Riceville Agricultural Society and the Plantagenet Public School. In addition, millennium marker stones were purchased for the Chesser Cemetery and for the front of the Lodge building including placement of a time capsule.

The effect of the Depression was felt in Plantagenet Lodge and members were not suspended for arrears of dues until the amount owing exceeded \$6.00. A Committee was formed to deal with each case and determine whether partial payment could be made. Growth in membership was good until the beginnings of the 1960's and for twenty years the Lodge's ability to remain open was based on support from Ottawa Masons. By 1985 the Lodge was again recording good attendance with 30 members and 56 visitors attending the DDGM's visit.

Ladies' nights appear to have been started during the early 1980's and the first Lodge open house was held in 1991.

The Lodge celebrated its Centennial on July 8, 1967 and noted that in 1907 membership had been 55 and an average of 12 attended each meeting (22%). The 11 5th Anniversary was celebrated on March 8, 1982 and the 125th on February 19, 1992. During the 11 5th Anniversary, M. W. Bro. Howard Olin Polk (GM 1981-82 and 1982-83) affiliated with the Lodge.

Plantagenet Lodge was grouped in the original Central District of the Grand Lodge of Canada until the 1868 District reorganization when it was placed in the newly formed Ottawa District where it remained until the creation of Eastern District to which it now belongs. During its existence seven members have served as DDGM: R. W. Bro. William M. Franklin (Ottawa 16, 1901-02), John O. Smith (Eastern, 1907-08), Martin Ward Shepherd (Eastern, 1915-16), George Albert Ryan (Eastern, 1935-36), Bert Fawcett (Eastern, 1952-53), James H. Fawcett (Eastern, 1972-73), Lowell Johnston Blaney (Eastern, 1992-93) and J. Robert Cleary (Eastern, 2008-09). In addition, other members have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden: R. W. Bro. Hunter Reid (Honourary, 1982-83);
- Grand Registrar: R. W. Bro. Donald L. Green (2004-05); and

¹⁶⁶ This number of 24 includes the original 6 Irish Lodges in New Brunswick and 2 in Nova Scotia.

¹⁶⁷ A thriving community with a population of 200, three churches, sawmill, shingle-mill and several fulling mills. The latter may have referred to small cloth making industries.

- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. Rev. Harry Hunter Hills (1952-53);
- Grand Steward: V. W. Bros. John Smith (1898-99), Wyman A. Chamberlain (1902-03), Henry Smith (1908-09), George Albert Ryan (1916-17), Dr. John Hampden MacIntosh, MD (1936-37), Clifford Ryan (1953-54), Alvin Brownell (1969-70), Hunter Reid (1969-70), Lawrence A. Ryan (1973-74), Frank Williams (1991-92), John Dale Clemens (1993-94) and David G. Lingley (2009-10); and
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. Wyman A Chamberlain (1896-97).

Plantagenet Lodge meets on the second Monday of the month¹⁶⁸ at the Masonic Hall in Riceville.

Worshipful Masters of Plantagenet Lodge 186, Plantagenet and Riceville
(* = charter members)

1867	William N. Barrie*	1868	Henry Smith*
1869	Henry Smith*	1870	Wyman A. Chamberlain*
1871	John Ryan	1872	Henry Smith*
1873	James Van Bridger*	1874	James Van Bridger*
1875	James Faulkner*	1876	Henry Smith*
1877	Henry Smith*	1878	Henry Smith*
1879	Henry Smith*	1880	Henry Smith*
1881	Wyman A. Chamberlain	1882	Chauncy E. Johnson
1883	Chauncy E. Johnson	1884	Chauncy E. Johnson
1885	Chauncy E. Johnson	1886	Chauncy E. Johnson
1887	Richard P. Pattee	1888	E. G. P. Sanderson
1889	Henry Conroy	1890	John Smith
1891	John Smith	1892	John Smith
1893	William Thomas Franklin	1894	William Thomas Franklin
1895	George Albert Ryan	1896	George Albert Ryan
1897	John Smith	1898	Frank Leslie Switzer
1899	Frank Leslie Switzer	1900	Derbyshire C. Winning
1901	Martin Ward Shepherd	1902	Martin Ward Shepherd
1903	John McLaren	1904	Herbert Denis Dwyer
1905	Herbert Denis Dwyer	1906	William H. McEwen
1907	Arthur Alex Fraser	1908	John Sargenson
1909	George A. Dixon	1910	David Newton Dwyer
1911	Frederick C. Argue	1912	William Thomas Franklin
1913	William Thomas Franklin	1914	William Wilson
1915	Dr. John Hampden MacIntosh, MD	1916	Harry Hunter Hills
1917	William Wilson	1918	William Wilson
1919	George Howard Kelly	1920	William A. Peresian
1921	William A. Peresian	1922	Colin Abner Bradley
1923	Clifford Ryan	1924	Clifford Ryan
1925	Dr. John Hampden MacIntosh, MD	1926	William A. Peresian
1927	William Wilson	1928	George Howard Kelly
1929	Elswood Derby	1930	Roy Dixon
1931	Clement Gaukrodger	1932	Clement Gaukrodger
1933	Dr. C. M. Dent	1934	E. L. Young
1935	Wilber Johnston	1936	Bert Fawcett
1937	Albert Portras	1938	Wilmer Cutt
1939	Bert Fawcett	1940	Murray Scott
1941	Herbert Derby	1942	Herbert Derby

¹⁶⁸ Until 1956 the Lodge met on the Monday on, or before, the full moon.

1943 Herbert Derby
 1945 Borden Clemens
 1947 Alvin Brownell
 1949 Ernest Bradley
 1951 Donald Kelly
 1953 Lawrence A. Ryan
 1955 John Wilson McIntosh
 1957 William Proudfoot
 1959 Edward Tucker
 1961 Orville Wilkes
 1963 Lodge E. Clemens
 1965 James H. Fawcett
 1967 Hunter Reid
 1969 James H. Fawcett
 1971 Earl Bowes
 1973 Lawrence A. Ryan
 1975 Garrett Ryan
 1977 Donald James Kinnear
 1979 Dwight Proudfoot
 1981 Dalton Caldwell
 1983 Donald James Kinnear
 1985 George Arthur Frankland
 1987 Lowell Johnston Blaney
 1989 John Dale Clemens
 1991 Grant Fletcher
 1993 Wayne Smith
 1995 Garnet Unrau
 1997 Lowell Johnston Blaney
 1999 Alan Jonah
 2001 J. Robert Cleary
 2003 John Ricker
 2005 David Lingley
 2007 J. Robert Cleary
 2009 Donald L. Green

1944 Irvine Derby
 1946 Borden Clemens
 1948 Garrett Ryan
 1950 Ernest Bradley
 1952 Dean Kelly
 1954 Hunter Reid
 1956 Orville Wilkes
 1958 Ray Reid
 1960 Lyal Campbell
 1962 Carl Downing
 1964 Dell Gates
 1966 Ray Reid
 1968 Lawrence A. Ryan
 1970 Gordon Perry
 1972 Roy Dixon
 1974 Lawrence A. Ryan
 1976 Donald James Kinnear
 1978 Orville Wilkes
 1980 Dalton Caldwell
 1982 Dean Kelly
 1984 Donald James Kinnear
 1986 Lowell Johnston Blaney
 1988 Lowell Johnston Blaney
 1990 John Dale Clemens
 1992 Grant Fletcher
 1994 Wayne Smith
 1996 Garnet Unrau
 1998 Donald L. Green
 2000 J. Robert Cleary
 2002 John Ricker
 2004 David G. Lingley
 2006 G. Fletcher
 2008 Donald L. Green

Membership of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 GRC, Plantagenet and Riceville
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Feb. 19,	1867				
1867	4	3	2	10	nil	nil	nil	nil	14
1868	3	3	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	19
1869	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	21
1870	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	20
1871	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	21
1872	2	2	3	1	nil	1	nil	nil	23
1873	3	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	26
1874	6	6	4	nil	nil	1	1	nil	26
1875	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	26
1876	4	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	31
1877	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1878	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1879	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1880	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1881	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	31
1882	10	7	3	1	nil	9	2	nil	27
1883	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	27
1884	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	27
1885	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	27
1886	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	27
1887	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	27
1888	5	6	3	1	nil	7	5	nil	23
1889	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	23
1890	1	2	2	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	23
1891	3	2	3	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	25
1892	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	27
1893	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	27
1894	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	27
1895	3	3	3	nil	nil	3	nil	7	29

1896	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	19?
1897	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	21
1898	6	5	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	27
1899	3	4	6	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	29
1900	3	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	33
1901	1	1	1	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	28
1902	3	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	4	28
1903	4	5	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	34
1904	4	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	39
1905	2	3	2	nil	nil	2	2	nil	37
1906	7	6	5	2	1	2	nil	nil	44
1907	2	2	4	1	nil	1	nil	nil	46
1908	2	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	49
1909	5	4	4	1	1	nil	nil	nil	55
1910	4	3	3	nil	1	3	2	6	52
1911	3	4	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	52
1912	12	9	7	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	63
1913	2	3	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	63
1914	4	5	3	1	nil	3	2	6	57
1915	9	9	9	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	59
1916	3	3	3	2	nil	1	nil	2	63
1917	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	5	59
1918	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	5	52
1919	3	3	3	nil	1	nil	1	2	53
1920	7	12	6	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	60
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	1	nil	2	nil	nil	2	nil	4	55
1921	1	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	55
1922	2	2	3	nil	3	1	nil	2	57
1923	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	57
1924	3	3	3	nil	3	1	nil	4	58
1925	4	4	3	nil	2	3	nil	1	60
1926	1	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	61
1927	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	59

1928	2	2	2	nil	1	nil	2	nil	60
1929	1	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	62
1930	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	62
1931	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	62
1932	1	1	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	60
1933	3	3	4	nil	nil	1	nil	6	56
1934	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	56
1935	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	2	52
1936	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	50
1937	2	2	2	nil	2	nil	2	nil	52
1938	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	52
1939	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	3	1	50
1940	3	3	2	nil	1	nil	2	1	51
1941	1	1	3	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	51
1942	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	50
1943	5	5	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	54
1944	4	5	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	55
1945	7	3	4	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	61
1946	5	6	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	65
1947	3	3	6	nil	1	1	4	nil	64
1948	1	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	65
1949	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	64
1950	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	2	61
1951	7	7	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	67
1952	1	1	5	nil	1	nil	1	nil	68
1953	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	70
1954	2	2	3	1	nil	1	1	1	70
1955	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	6	62
1956	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	62
1957	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	61
1958	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	63
1959	5	4	2	nil	1	nil	1	nil	68
1960	nil	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	66
1961	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	61

1962	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	60
1963	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	58
1964	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	57
1965	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	1	nil	54
1966	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	53
1967	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	52
1968	2	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	54
1969	nil	nil	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	56
1970	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	54
1971	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	53
1972	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	51
1973	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	51
1974	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	3	48
1975	nil	1	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	47
1976	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	47
1977	1	2	1	4	nil	nil	2	nil	50
1978	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	50
1979	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	49
1980	2	nil	nil	nil	1	2	1	nil	49
1981	2	5	2	3	1	1	1	nil	51
1982	2	1	2	4	nil	nil	1	nil	57
1983	1	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	58
1984	3	3	2	1	1	1	nil	nil	62
1985	2	2	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	64
1986	1	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	64
1987	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	64
1988	nil	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	64
1989	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	60
1990	nil	1	1	2	nil	1	3	nil	58
1991	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	56
1992	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	53
1993	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	52
1994	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	50
1995	1	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	51

1996	nil	nil	1	1	nil	3	1	nil	48
1997	1	1	nil	2	nil	1	nil	nil	50
1998	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	51
1999	2	nil	nil	nil	1	1	3	nil	50
2000	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	48
2001	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	nil	44
2002	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	44
2003	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	1	1	42
2004	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	1	42
2005	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	41
2006	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	42
2007	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	1	39
2008	nil	nil	nil	2	1	1	3	nil	38
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196 GRC, Arnprior 1868-present
Madawaska Lodge, UD GRC, Arnprior 1867-1868

[Prince Edward District #9 1867-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1970¹⁶⁹. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

Arnprior was named in 1892 by early settlers George and Andrew Buchanan after their birthplace in Stirlingshire. Archibald MacNab, Laird of MacNab Township and a cousin, had met them on arrival in Montreal and convinced them to build saw and grist mills at the mouth of the Madawaska river.

At the 10th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada (July 12, 1865, Toronto), the DDGM of Prince Edward District, R. W. Bro. Lawrence H. Henderson, reported that in February 1865 he had "... forwarded a petition together with the requisite fee of \$20, for the formation of a new Lodge at Arnprior, and I am informed that a Dispensation has not yet been granted. Not being able to comply with the requirements of the Grand Master, or to certify that the Master therein nominated was able to conduct the ceremonies in accordance with the ritual of Grand Lodge, the petition was forwarded to the Grand Master for consideration without such recommendation, for him to take such action in the matter as to him should seem proper. I have since learned and have reason for believing that the Brother so nominated is in every way well qualified for the position, and would therefore recommend that Grand Lodge order a Warrant to be issued" (*1865 Annual Proceedings*, p 45). In the same report he recommended that Renfrew County be attached to the Central District and Northumberland County be attached to Prince Edward District as this would ease the problems of travel across such a large District. No action was taken by the end of the Annual Communication of 1865 as there is no listing for a Lodge at Arnprior in the List of Subordinate Lodges.

In his address to the 13th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 8-10, 1868, London), Grand Master William Mercer Wilson reported (*1868 Annual Proceedings*, p 468) that he had issued twelve dispensations for the opening of new Lodges¹⁷⁰. This included a dispensation dated December 18, 1867, for the formation of Madawaska Lodge at Arnprior, Ontario. In his report on the Central District, R. W. Bro. John P. Featherston, DDGM, noted that dispensations had been issued to hold a Lodge at Arnprior (Madawaska) and Gananoque (Leeds) and that he had "... visited the brethren in both of these villages, and can, with confidence in their ability to conduct a masonic Lodge recommend that Warrants be granted them" (*1868 Annual Proceedings*, p 510). The Board of General Purposes recommended the issue of warrants to the twelve Lodges even though it observed that the minute books of the Lodges were generally not kept in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Constitution (*1868 Annual Proceedings*, p 592) and the Lodge appears in the "Returns of Subordinate Lodges" (*1868 Annual Proceedings*, p 632) as "No. 196."

Madawaska Lodge was instituted on January 9, 1868. The Charter members were: Bros. Robert Meikle, WM; J. G. Cranston, SW; T. L. Leitch, JW; A. Garrioch, Secretary; and J. Munro, J. Harvey, G. E. Neilson, W. H. McKay and H. F. McLachlin. The Lodge has been housed in several of facilities. In 1967 the cornerstone of the present building in Arnprior was laid and the Masonic Hall was eventually completed and dedicated on May 9, 1970. Up to March 26, 2001, the Lodge initiated 748 members and

¹⁶⁹ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888 until 1923 when districts ceased being numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹⁷⁰ The twelve Lodges and dates of dispensations are as follows: Petrolia at Petrolia on August 9, 1867 (now No. 194 GRC); Tuscan at London on December 18, 1867 (now No. 195 GRC); Madawaska at Arnprior on December 18, 1867 (now No. 196 GRC); Saugeen at Walkerton on December 24, 1867 (now No. 197 GRC); White Oak at Oakville on January 1, 1868 (later No. 198 GRC, closed 1881) Frelighsburg at Frelighsburg, PQ on February 25, 1868 (later No. 199 GRC, now No. 33 GRQ); St. Alban's at Mount Forest on February 29, 1868 (now No. 200 GRC); Leeds at Gananoque on March 7, 1868 (now No. 201 GRC); Mount Royal at Montreal on April 8, 1868 (later No. 202 GRC, now No. 32 GRQ); Irvine at Elora on May 13, 1868 (now No. 203 GRC); Doric at Danville, PQ, on June 5, 1868 (later No. 204 GRC, now No. 34 GRQ); and New Dominion at New Hamburg on June 24, 1868 (now No. 205 GRC, Baden).

accepted 147 members by affiliation.

During its existence six members have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Dr. James G. Cranston (Ottawa 13, 1880-81), M. Archibald Hood (Ottawa 16, 1894-95), Thomas S. Church (Ottawa, 1928-29), Mervyn S. Tripp (Ottawa 2, 1971-72), Gordon Andrew Brown¹⁷¹ (Ottawa 2, 1991-92) and Norman Brooks (Ottawa 2, 2006-07). Other members of the Lodge have served as Grand Stewards: V. W. Bros. A. S. McLaren (1928-29), George E. Poole (1972-73), Harold E. Brittle (1985-86), R. Graham Brown (1992-93), Arthur W. Morphy (2001-02) and R. William Thompson (2007-08).

Madawaska Lodge meets on the second Monday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, James Street, Arnprior.

Worshipful Masters of Madawaska Lodge 196, Arnprior
(* = charter members)

1868	Robert Meikle*	1869	Archibald Garrioch*
1870	Dr. James G. Cranston*	1871	William Carss
1872	William Carss	1873	Archibald Garrioch*
1874	Dr. James G. Cranston*	1875	Dr. James G. Cranston*
1876	J. E. Maynard	1877	Dr. James G. Cranston*
1878	Dr. James G. Cranston*	1879	R. George Moles
1880	George E. Neilson*	1881	George E. Neilson*
1882	R. George Moles	1883	Dr. James G. Cranston*
1884	James Stevens	1885	James Stevens
1886	W. W. Stirling	1887	A. C. Pye
1888	M. Archibald Hood	1889	M. Archibald Hood
1890	Louis C. Corbett	1891	Louis C. Corbett
1892	M. Archibald Hood	1893	Armand Burwash
1894	Armand Burwash	1895	James E. Thompson
1896	James E. Thompson	1897	Robert A. Jamieson
1898	Robert B. McCreary	1899	George Richman
1900	Fred Monteforte	1901	M. Archibald Hood
1902	John L. Whyte	1903	H. W. W. Gardner
1904	Neil Campbell	1905	George H. Larivie
1906	J. Arthur Simpson	1907	W. Howard Steele
1908	W. Howard Steele		
1908-9	W. F. MacKay	1909-0	Thomas E. Lloyd
1910-1	A. E. deRenzy	1911-2	A. E. deRenzy
1912-3	Archibald MacNab	1913-4	James C. Williams
1914-5	Alexander Reid	1915-6	Thomas S. Church
1916-7	James McPherson	1917-8	Lindsay A. Whyte
1918-9	G. W. A. Gillies	1919-0	A. W. McGregor
1920-1	H. W. Cliff	1921-2	C. N. Thompson
1922-3	Thomas S. Church	1923-4	Alexander Bremner
1924-5	R. H. Laughlin	1925-6	J. Lorne Whyte
1926-7	Gilbert W. Moir	1927-8	W. J. S. Cardiff
1928-9	P. H. Gardner	1929-0	A. G. Burwash
1930-1	H. N. Osborne	1931-2	E. J. Davies
1932-3	Earl J. Hobbs	1933-4	A. G. Burwash
1934-5	H. C. Gardner	1935-6	D. L. McKerracher
1936-7	H. D. McCord	1937-8	James Hart

¹⁷¹ R. W. Bro. Brown was serving as WM of Moira Lodge, No. 11 GRC, Belleville for 2006 when he died in office on June 19, 2006.

1938-9 E. Malloch
 1940-1 R. A. Sereney
 1942-3 W. A. McBride
 1944-5 A. E. Wilson
 1946-7 W. H. Loucks
 1948-9 A. D. Claman
 1950-1 Mervyn S. Tripp
 1952-3 George E. Poole
 1954-5 R. Levi
 1956-7 W. C. Ward
 1958-9 George Shepherd
 1960-1 D. J. Macklem
 1962-3 Harold E. Brittle
 1964-5 A. F. Lampole
 1966-7 F. H. Bruce
 1968-9 George Butler
 1970-1 George Barrie
 1972-3 Arthur W. Morphy
 1974-5 Harry Barr
 1976-7 William A. Carss
 1978-9 James F. Francis
 1980-1 N. Russ
 1982-3 H. Leeman
 1984-5 F. Theaker
 1986-7 Glen Melanson
 1988-9 Gordon A. Brown
 1990-1 N. Jump
 1992-3 J. Smith
 1994-5 E. McKay
 1996-7 Brian Malloch
 1998-9 Robin Jones
 2000-1 Brent Cavanagh
 2002-3 Michael van t'Slot
 2004-5 Brian Dickenson
 2006-7 Patrick E. Brooks
 2008-9 Michael van t'Slot
 2010-1 Robert Smith

1939-0 F. H. Weldon
 1941-2 G. R. Clarke
 1943-4 J. C. MacDonald
 1945-6 S. G. Wilson
 1947-8 I. D. Stewart
 1949-0 W. A. Whyte
 1951-2 Dalton J. Caldwell
 1953-4 H. E. Hobbs
 1955-6 S. M. Duff
 1957-8 J. L. Fulford
 1959-0 W. G. Thomas
 1961-2 James Geddes
 1963-4 W. C. Wilson
 1965-6 J. E. Brown
 1967-8 John Hanson
 1969-0 C. J. Dazé
 1971-2 Denis Jump
 1973-4 Walter Reed
 1975-6 W. Thompson
 1977-8 William A. Carss
 1979-0 K. Holthusen
 1981-2 D. McConnell
 1983-4 A. Jordan
 1985-6 D. Rath
 1987-8 Douglas Staye
 1989-0 R. Graham Brown
 1991-2 T. Shier
 1993-4 R. G. Brown
 1995-6 Al Gallon
 1997-8 A. J. Barrie
 1999-0 Norman Brooks
 2001-2 William Holmes
 2003-4 Rick T. Malloch
 2005-6 Peter Stanton
 2007-8 G. Richardson
 2009-0 Robert Smith

William Stanley Wright, GCT

Supreme Grand Master (1971-72 and 1972-73) of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, KT



No information on the personal life and career of M. Em. Kt. William Stanley Wright is available.

Masonic Career

Mr. William Stanley Wright began his Masonic career in Madawaska Lodge, No. 196 GRC, Arnprior, Ontario, where he was Initiated on April 8, 1940, Passed on May 21, 1940 and Raised on June 23, 1940. He was an affiliated member of St. John's Lodge, No. 82 GRC, Paris, Ontario (March 11, 1947) and Delta Lodge, No. 634 GRC, Toronto, Ontario (January 10, 1956). No Grand Lodge appointments are shown in the Annual Proceedings.

In *Capitular Masonry*, he was a member of Scarborough Chapter, No. 263 GRC, Toronto, Ontario, and served as First Principal. He was appointed as a Grand Steward of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ontario (1972). He was a member of the *Order of High Priesthood* (1966). In the *Cryptic Rite* he was Greeted in Adoniram Council, Royal and Select Masters, Toronto, Ontario on November 19, 1969. In the *Red Cross of Constantine*, he was a member of Holy Land Conclave, No. 3, Toronto, Ontario (April 5, 1969).

In *Knights Templary*, he was a member of Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, No. 17, Toronto, and served as and Presiding Preceptor for 1950. He was appointed as Grand Sub-Marshal (1959-1960) and elected as Deputy Grand Master (1969-70 and 1970-71). He was elected as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada for the 1971-72 and 1972-73 terms. The Honour of the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple was conferred on Most Eminent Knight William Stanley Wright at the 91st Annual Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory, on August 13, 1974.

He was a member of the Toronto Lodge of Perfection (14°) and the Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (18°).

He was Potentate of Rameses Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Toronto (1967) and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 83, Toronto.

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(from 1868 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Jan. 9,	1868				
1868	3	3	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	15
1869	7	3	4	1	nil	2	1	nil	18
1870	3	2	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	21
1871	3	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	52?
1872	9	12	15	2	nil	4	1	1	58
1873	10	10	6	3	nil	5	1	nil	43
1874	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	44
1875	10	9	7	5	nil	3	1	nil	55
1876	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	56
1877	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	5	1	nil	51
1878	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	53
1879	6	5	6	1	nil	4	nil	8	49
1880	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	49
1881	1	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	4	49

1882	6	4	3	2	nil	5	2	nil	48
1883	4	5	5	1	nil	1	nil	1	41
1884	10	7	4	nil	nil	4	1	nil	46
1885	4	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	46
1886	6	6	2	2	nil	nil	nil	5	49
1887	nil	nil	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	50
1888	4	5	4	nil	1	2	nil	nil	51
1889	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5	51
1890	4	4	3	4	1	nil	nil	2	47
1891	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	1	3	35
1892	4	nil	2	2	nil	4	nil	nil	37
1893	8	10	9	6	1	1	nil	3	47
1894	6	7	8	2	3	4	1	1	52
1895	4	4	3	3	nil	1	1	nil	57
1896	7	7	6	2	nil	3	nil	nil	62
1897	14	16	15	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	77
1898	4	1	4	3	nil	4	1	nil	77
1899	7	7	5	2	nil	3	nil	nil	83
1900	10	8	6	nil	nil	1	1	nil	86
1901	6	4	7	2	2	3	1	nil	90
1902	8	8	7	4	1	3	nil	6	92
1903	3	2	5	2	nil	8	2	nil	86
1904	11	11	9	4	1	4	nil	1	97
1905	11	9	12	nil	nil	5	2	2	99
1906	4	5	3	2	1	3	nil	nil	103
1907	4	4	6	3	nil	1	nil	1	108
1908	4	4	3	1	nil	4	1	nil	106
1909	4	5	3	nil	1	nil	1	2	109
1910	8	2	2	3	2	nil	4	3	115
1911	4	6	4	2	nil	2	3	4	112
1912	4	3	5	nil	2	2	2	1	113
1913	3	5	6	1	nil	10	1	4	102
1914	3	3	4	nil	1	3	nil	nil	96
1915	6	6	6	2	nil	2	nil	2	106

1916	9	8	6	nil	2	4	1	1	111
1917	6	7	6	nil	1	2	1	nil	115
1918	7	6	5	2	1	1	2	4	118
1919	7	5	6	2	2	3	2	nil	124
1920	13	7	4	1	nil	5	3	nil	130
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	5	7	8	2	nil	2	nil	nil	135
1921	13	17	19	1	nil	nil	1	nil	148
1922	6	6	3	1	nil	3	2	1	149
1923	9	9	4	1	nil	1	2	nil	156
1924	5	7	12	nil	1	1	4	1	156
1925	9	10	7	nil	nil	nil	1	2	162
1926	7	5	9	nil	nil	1	2	nil	166
1927	6	6	4	4	nil	1	7	3	165
1928	5	6	4	nil	nil	1	5	2	162
1929	4	6	9	1	nil	nil	1	nil	166
1930	6	6	7	1	nil	nil	1	3	169
1931	5	3	4	nil	2	nil	3	6	167
1932	3	5	5	2	nil	9	1	16	146
1933	10	5	3	1	2	3	1	nil	155
1934	2	4	5	2	nil	nil	4	nil	155
1935	3	5	4	1	nil	nil	1	nil	158
1936	2	3	4	nil	1	2	4	3	151
1937	1	nil	1	1	nil	2	5	nil	146
1938	1	2	2	2	nil	2	nil	nil	147
1939	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	2	143
1940	6	6	2	1	nil	1	2	nil	148
1941	5	4	7	2	nil	nil	4	6	145
1942	7	6	3	2	1	1	4	nil	151
1943	7	9	9	1	nil	nil	1	nil	158
1944	7	3	4	1	nil	3	1	4	151
1945	7	7	5	1	2	nil	3	nil	158
1946	12	10	12	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	172
1947	14	11	8	4	nil	nil	2	nil	190

1948	12	13	11	1	nil	nil	1	4	198
1949	11	8	7	4	nil	1	3	nil	209
1950	8	8	8	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	214
1951	11	9	10	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	224
1952	14	13	12	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	238
1953	9	14	10	1	1	nil	5	7	237
1954	8	8	9	5	nil	1	nil	nil	249
1955	9	7	8	5	2	nil	4	nil	261
1956	5	7	7	1	nil	6	4	nil	257
1957	3	3	3	nil	1	nil	3	8	223
1958	7	4	4	nil	nil	3	5	nil	222
1959	6	2	2	3	1	2	3	nil	227
1960	8	12	9	2	nil	2	6	6	223
1961	5	7	7	2	nil	1	3	nil	226
1962	4	1	4	1	1	1	3	2	226
1963	3	6	5	nil	nil	nil	4	2	223
1964	3	3	4	2	nil	nil	4	7	217
1965	6	4	4	1	nil	1	4	nil	219
1966	4	6	4	nil	nil	6	4	4	209
1967	5	2	2	1	1	1	8	1	206
1968	6	7	4	nil	nil	3	7	nil	202
1969	7	6	8	nil	1	4	4	4	198
1970	5	7	7	nil	3	6	7	2	191
1971	7	6	7	2	1	3	3	6	189
1972	6	6	6	nil	nil	1	4	2	188
1973	4	4	3	1	nil	2	2	2	187
1974	1	1	2	2	nil	1	1	nil	188
1975	6	6	2	2	nil	3	6	nil	187
1976	2	nil	4	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	187
1977	2	2	1	4	nil	2	6	nil	186
1978	1	1	nil	3	nil	1	2	2	185
1979	4	2	1	1	nil	3	2	2	183
1980	7	5	3	2	nil	1	1	nil	190
1981	1	3	4	2	nil	nil	1	3	189

1982	3	2	2	nil	1	nil	6	3	184
1983	1	3	3	2	2	2	1	nil	186
1984	4	4	1	3	1	nil	2	nil	192
1985	7	4	3	1	nil	nil	7	nil	193
1986	2	3	6	1	nil	nil	8	nil	188
1987	5	2	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	185
1988	3	4	5	1	nil	nil	6	nil	183
1989	2	3	3	1	nil	nil	5	2	179
1990	2	1	1	3	nil	2	2	1	179
1991	3	2	1	2	nil	nil	4	1	179
1992	2	2	3	nil	nil	2	7	1	171
1993	3	2	2	nil	nil	2	4	1	167
1994	1	1	2	1	nil	1	4	1	163
1995	1	1	1	2	nil	nil	4	nil	162
1996	4	4	nil	2	nil	nil	1	nil	167
1997	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	165
1998	3	3	2	nil	nil	2	5	2	159
1999	2	3	3	1	nil	4	5	2	151
2000	nil	1	2	nil	nil	5	6	1	138
2001	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	4	nil	135
2002	1	1	nil	2	nil	1	2	nil	135
2003	3	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	133
2004	4	1	3	nil	1	nil	4	nil	134
2005	6	3	1	nil	nil	2	8	nil	130
2006	5	2	4	nil	nil	2	6	1	126
2007	nil	3	1	1	1	2	9	1	116
2008	2	1	3	1	nil	2	2	5	110
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

North Gower Lodge, No. 206 GRC, North Gower 1869-1879
North Gower Lodge, UD GRC, North Gower 1868-1869

[Central District 1868-1868. Ottawa District 1868-1879.]

Gower Township had been created in Grenville County in 1798 and divided in 1850. The name honoured John Levenson Gower (1740-92), First Lord of the Admiralty (1783-89). North Gower Township became part of the municipal township of Rideau in the regional municipality of Ottawa-Carleton in 1974. North Gower community had been settled in 1820 by Stephen Blanchard and called Stephenville. The first post office (1847) was named after the township.

An earlier Lodge, North Gower Lodge, No. 951 ER/48 PRCW/57 AGLC (see p. 147), had existed in North Gower from about 1854 to 1858, it, along with all many other Lodges in the Province had remained with the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada when it was formed in October 1857, out of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West of Sir Alan Napier MacNab. In July 1858, at the time of the union of that Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, the Lodge was listed on the roll and instructed to surrender its old Warrant which it appears to have done. However, the 1858 Proceedings show the Lodge as “no returns.” It appears to have gone into darkness almost immediately although it was likely it was never a very large Lodge and may not have been working on a regular basis even while remaining with the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lodge does not appear in the 1859 Proceedings. The Corinthian Lodge *History* notes that members who had not completed the three degrees at that time completed them in Goodwood Lodge, Richmond.

In 1868 some Masons in North Gower, perhaps members of the earlier Lodge, approached Goodwood Lodge with a request to re-establish a Masonic Lodge in North Gower and a petition was forwarded to the Grand Master. At the 14th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 14-16, 1869, Montreal), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported (1869 *Annual Proceedings*, p 43-4) that he had issued dispensations to authorize the formation of twelve Lodges¹⁷², one of which was for the formation of North Gower Lodge. No dates of the dispensations are listed. The Lodge was not represented at the Annual Communication. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Dr. William Mostyn, MD, noted the issue of dispensations for three new Lodges in the District — North Gower, Evergreen and Hawkesbury Lodges — and that while he “cheerfully recommended the first two named to favorable consideration, as worthy of receiving charters, having been well governed by experienced Masters, who are well posted in their work; the last (i.e. Hawkesbury) he left in the hands of Grand Lodge” (1869 *Annual Proceedings*, p 71). The Board of General Purposes reported that after having examined the books and being satisfied with the working of the twelve Lodges under dispensation, Warrants be issued to all of them (1869 *Annual Proceedings*, p 111). Warrant No. 206 was issued to North Gower Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, DDGM of Ottawa District for 1870-71, 1871-72 and 1872-73, reported that all Lodges in the District were working well, although he notes he was not able to visit all of the Lodges each year. At no time in his reports are there any references to North Gower No. 206. The reports of the DDGMs of Ottawa District for 1873-74, 1874-75, 1875-76, 1876-77 and 1877-78 make no mention of the condition of North Gower Lodge. From the fact that the name, “W. Bro. Thomas Conley,” appears constantly in the “Returns of Subordinate Lodges” and that there is no change in the membership data, it would appear that the Lodge probably expired or at least ceased working effectively about 1872 the last year for which “proper” returns were made. In that year total membership had reached sixteen.

At the 24th Annual Communication (September 10, 1879, Kingston), the Grand Master, M. W. William Henry Weller reported (1879 *Annual Proceedings* p 36) that “North Gower, 206, which was chartered in July, 1869, has surrendered its Warrant. It had made no returns since June, 1872.” There is no reference

¹⁷² The twelve Lodges included: North Gower at North Gower (No. 206 GRC, closed 1879); Lancaster at Lancaster (No. 207 GRC); Chateauguay at Huntingdon, PQ (No. 208 GRC, now No. 36 GRQ); Evergreen at Lanark (now No. 209 GRC); Hawkesbury at Hawkesbury (No. 210 GRC, closed 1888); Brome Lake at Knowlton (No. 211 GRC, now No. 35 GRQ); Elysian at Garden Island (No. 212 GRC, closed 1916); Dominion at Ridgeway (No. 213 GRC, closed 1886); Craig at Ailsa Craig (No. 214 GRC, closed 1892); Lake at Roblin's Mills (No. 215 GRC, Ameliasburg); Harris at Orangeville (No. 216 GRC) and Frederick at Fredericksburg (No. 217 GRC, at Delphi).

to this development in the report of the DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. John W. Pickup.

North Gower No. 206 had been originally placed in the Central District for administrative purposes but was almost immediately overtaken by the District reorganization which saw the establishment of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Districts. North Gower No. 206 was then listed as part of the Ottawa District where it remained until the Lodge was closed in 1879. During its short existence no member of the Lodge served as District Deputy Grand Master or in any other Grand Lodge office.

Worshipful Masters of North Gower Lodge 206, North Gower
(* = charter members)

1869-0 Rev. D. P. Merritt
1871-2 W. P. Roche
1873-4 Thomas Conley
1875-6 Thomas Conley
1877-8 Thomas Conley
1879-0 Thomas Conley

1870-1 Rev. D. P. Merritt
1872-3 Thomas Conley
1874-5 Thomas Conley
1876-7 Thomas Conley
1878-9 Thomas Conley
1880-1 *no entry in Proceedings*

Membership of North Gower Lodge, No. 206 GRC, North Gower
(Data from Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of
Ontario)
(from 1868 to 1880, TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	1868					
1869	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	10
1870	3	3	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	12
1871	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	12
1872	4	2	2	1	nil	2	nil	nil	16
1873	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1874	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1875	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1876	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1877	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1878	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1879	<i>no data</i>	<i>in Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>						
1880	<i>no data</i>	<i>in Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>						

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, Hawkesbury 1869-1888
Hawkesbury Lodge, UD GRC, Hawkesbury 1869-1869

[Ottawa District 1869-1888¹⁷³.]

The original Hawkesbury Township in Prescott County was created in 1798. Opinion is almost equally divided about whether it was named in honor of Charles Jenkinson, Baron Hawkesbury and 1st Earl of Liverpool (1727-1808) or for his son, Robert Banks Jenkinson (1770-1828) who held the title of Baron Hawkesbury after 1796 when his father had become an earl. The son, who succeeded to the title as the 2nd Earl of Liverpool was Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1812 to 1827. The site of the town of Hawkesbury (the settlement became a town in 1796) was originally known as Le Chenal in French and The Snye in English (from Chenail Écarté or “lost channel”). After being settled after the American Revolution, the area became the site of one of the largest lumbering operations in North America, run by George and William Hamilton. The place became variously known as Hawkesbury Mills and Hamilton's Mills. The Hawkesbury post office was named in 1819.

By 1868 there was a split in the membership of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, then meeting in Vankleek Hill. The reason for the split is not known but what is known is that Bros. James William Crate, Charles Ledword, George Manson, Angus Urquhart, Edward F. Roberts, William Earl Hayes, James Munro, Alexander Rory Samuel Cunan Sr., James Biggs and David Fairbairn, of St. John's 159 petitioned the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada for authority to form a new Lodge in Hawkesbury to be called “Hawkesbury Lodge.” A dispensation was issued on February 15, 1869. It is very likely that the Grand Lodge of Canada saw this split as another step in weakening St. John's 159 and encouraging it to join the new Grand Lodge, an event that would not occur for another twenty years (December 18, 1888) at about the same time that Hawkesbury Lodge would go into darkness.

At the 14th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 14-16, 1869, Montreal), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Alan Stevenson, reported (1869 *Annual Proceedings*, p 43-4) that he had issued dispensations to authorize the formation of twelve Lodges¹⁷⁴, one of which was for the formation of Hawkesbury Lodge. No dates of the dispensations are listed. The Lodge was represented at the Annual Communication by W. Bro. Henry Smith as proxy. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Dr. William Mostyn, MD, noted that the Grand Master had issued dispensations to form three new Lodges in the District — North Gower, Evergreen and Hawkesbury Lodges — and that while he “cheerfully recommended the first two named to favorable consideration, as worthy of receiving charters, having been well governed by experienced Masters, who are well posted in their work; the last (i.e. Hawkesbury) he left in the hands of Grand Lodge” (1869 *Annual Proceedings*, p 71). The Board of General Purposes, however, reported that after having examined the books and being satisfied with the working of the twelve Lodges under dispensation, Warrants be issued to all of them (1869 *Annual Proceedings*, p 111). Warrant No. 210 was issued to Hawkesbury Lodge.

The newly formed Hawkesbury Lodge was located in the new Ottawa District but did not provide any DDGMs for the District.

Perhaps one, if not the main, reason for the demise of Hawkesbury No. 210 was the lack of potential members in this rural community and the large number of Lodges competing for those who could become eligible. Certainly this issue of competition for members and encroachment on Lodge “territory” became

¹⁷³ Originally entitled Ottawa District 1868-1870, Ottawa District #12 1870-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886 and the Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888.

¹⁷⁴ The twelve Lodges included: North Gower at North Gower (No. 206 GRC, closed 1879); Lancaster at Lancaster (No. 207 GRC); Chateauguay at Huntingdon, PQ (No. 208 GRC, now No. 36 GRQ); Evergreen at Lanark (now No. 209 GRC); Hawkesbury at Hawkesbury (No. 210 GRC, closed 1888); Brome Lake at Knowlton (No. 211 GRC, now No. 35 GRQ); Elysian at Garden Island (No. 212 GRC, closed 1916); Dominion at Ridgeway (No. 213 GRC, closed 1886); Craig at Ailsa Craig (No. 214 GRC, closed 1892); Lake at Roblin's Mills (No. 215 GRC, Ameliasburg); Harris at Orangeville (No. 216 GRC) and Frederick at Fredericksburg (No. 217 GRC, at Delphi).

a *cause célèbre* between St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, of l'Orignal, Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill, Plantagenet No. 196 GRC of Plantagenet and Hawkesbury No. 210 GRC. What is interesting is that Plantagenet Lodge, having been formed by ten Masons, eight of who hailed from St. John's No. 159 IC, charged St. John's Lodge with unmasonic conduct for their "illegal" move from Vankleek Hill to l'Orignal. The move, which did take place, resulted in draining potential new members away from Plantagenet and to St. John's (which by 1857 had about 62 members). This position was supported by Hawkesbury No. 210, a Lodge which was also formed by members of St. John's No. 159. (For details of the dispute refer to notes on Plantagenet 186, p 244-250.)

By 1874 an agreement was negotiated for the merger of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC (then at l'Orignal) with Hawkesbury 210, both to surrender their Warrants and a new one to be issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Lodge of Ireland did not confirm this agreement. Lethargy may have set in for a while as the final letters from St. John's Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland are dated September 21 and September 24, 1878 and discuss only the payment of fees owing by the Lodge and the need for members' Certificates. St. John's Lodge continued its isolated existence and, in 1886, removed back to Vankleek Hill.

Negotiations were re-opened by R. W. Bro. David Taylor, D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District¹⁷⁵, to bring St. John's Lodge into the Grand Lodge of Canada. On November 25, 1887, St. John's No. 159 IC applied to the Grand Lodge of Canada to exchange its Irish Warrant for a Canadian one. In its application the Lodge requested that, in view of its age, it be granted "8", "8A" or "7A". The Grand Lodge agreed to give it an unused number relative to its date of establishment, and to convert all of its officers to the same rank in the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Lodge officially affiliated at the Annual Convocation of December 18, 1888 as St. John's Lodge, No. 21A GRC, Vankleek Hill. On August 8, 1890, St. John's Lodge sent in their Irish Warrant No. 159 to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Cochrane's notes indicate this was the last of the twenty-four Irish Lodges "in Canada" to transfer its allegiance¹⁷⁶. At this time the Lodge had registered 278 members with Dublin.

Hawkesbury Lodge's fears about too many Lodges competing for few members in the area became a reality. At the 33rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 18, 1888, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, LLB, noted (1888 *Proceedings*, p 46) that "Hastings Lodge, No. 150 (of Hastings, in Ontario District), and Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210, have surrendered their Warrants." At the time, Hawkesbury Lodge had a membership of twenty-two although its had peaked at 36 members in 1874.

Worshipful Masters of Hawkesbury Lodge 210, Hawkesbury
(* = charter members)

1869	James William Crate*	1870	James William Crate*
1871	James William Crate*	1872	John R. Leggett
1873	John R. Leggett	1874	John R. Leggett
1875	Robert McFadden	1876	George Manson*
1877	John R. Leggett	1878	John R. Leggett
1879	John Rigby	1880	John Rigby
1881	James Ryan	1882	James Ryan
1883	Robert McFarlane	1884	Robert McFarlane
1885	Robert McFarlane	1886	Robert McFarlane
1887	<i>no entry in Proceedings</i>	1888	<i>no entry in Proceedings</i>
1889	<i>no entry in Proceedings</i>		

Membership of Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, Hawkesbury

¹⁷⁵ R. W. Brother David Taylor was a member of The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa, now a Lodge in Ottawa District 2, which is still working.

¹⁷⁶ This number of 24 includes the original 6 Irish Lodges in New Brunswick and 2 in Nova Scotia.

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(TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Feb. 15,	1869				
1869	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1870	3	5	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	18
1871	2	2	6	2	nil	2	nil	nil	28
1872	6	2	1	nil	nil	7	nil	nil	17
1873	9	13	11	nil	1	1	3	1	29
1874	9	9	8	nil	nil	2	1	nil	36
1875	1	1	2	nil	nil	3	nil	1	33
1876	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	33
1877	8	7	5	nil	nil	16	nil	nil	23
1878	10	9	9	nil	1	8	nil	nil	26
1879	1	4	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	35
1880	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	6	35
1881	1	1	2	nil	1	5	nil	12	21
1882	2	2	1	nil	2	3	nil	nil	23
1883	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	22
1884	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	22
1885	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	22
1886	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	22
1887	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	22
1888	<i>no data</i>	<i>in Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>						
1889	<i>no data</i>	<i>in Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>						
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa 1870-present
Lodge of Fidelity, UD GRC, Ottawa 1870-1870

[Ottawa District 1870-1970¹⁷⁷. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

A petition to form a new Lodge at Ottawa was made by Bros. Daniel S. Eastwood, Henry Michaels, George L. Orme, Gustav Levin, Henry Gough, A. H. Matthewman, George Crain, Chester A. Crosby, James Egleson, William Young, George M. Rose, J. H. P. Gibson. Edmund Miles, D. P. Williams and William Rea.

At the 15th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 13-15, 1870, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported (*1870 Annual Proceedings*, p 361) that he had issued dispensations to authorize the formation of fifteen Lodges¹⁷⁸, one, dated April 29, 1870, being for the formation of Lodge of Fidelity at Ottawa. The Lodge was represented at the Annual Communication by the SW, Bro. R. H. Matthewman. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. John J. Gemmell reported that Freemasonry was prospering within the city of Ottawa and that the Lodge of Fidelity had been formed under dispensation. He said "I have visited the Lodge since its institution, and, from my own observation and from personal acquaintance with its Worshipful Master and officers, I can feel no doubt but that it will prove an ornament to masonry in this city, and have no hesitation in recommending that a Warrant should be granted to it by your Grand Body (*1870 Annual Proceedings*, p 406). The Board of General Purposes reported that it was satisfied with the working of the fifteen Lodges under dispensation and recommended that Warrants be issued to all of them, noting in particular that unlike previous years, the books of these Lodges had been kept in "perfect condition"¹⁷⁹ (*1869 Annual Proceedings*, p 432-3). Warrant No. 231 was issued on July 14, 1870 and the Grand Master constituted and consecrated Lodge of Fidelity on September 22, 1870. On September 23, 1870 the Grand Master then laid the foundation stone of the new Court House and the Carleton County offices.

The location of the first meetings of the Lodge are not stated in the *Lodge History*, but it notes that on May 31, 1888, "the new Masonic Hall on Sparks Street was dedicated by R. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Deputy Grand Master, acting for the Grand Master. A disastrous fire on December 3, 1896, destroyed the Masonic Hall, the Lodge rooms, records, furniture and regalia and the Lodge assumed temporary quarters in the Oddfellows Hall at the corner of Bank and Sparks Streets. New Lodge rooms at 140 Albert Street were dedicated by the Grand Master on May 19, 1898. For a number of years discussions had been held by the Lodges in Ottawa with a view to securing a suitable Masonic Temple. By 1911 the Masonic Temple was incorporated with a capitalization of \$100,000 and the cornerstone was laid on October 12, 1912 by

¹⁷⁷ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹⁷⁸ The fifteen Lodges included: Credit at Georgetown on September 27, 1869 (now No. 219 GRC); Zeredatha at Uxbridge on October 11, 1869 (now No. 220 GRC); Mountain at Thorold on October 12, 1869 (now No. 221 GRC); Marmora at Marmora on October 16, 1869 (No. 222 GRC, now part of Madoc-Marmora-Tweed Lodge, No. 48 GRC, Madoc); Norwood at Norwood on November 16, 1869 (now No. 223 GRC); Zurich at Zurich on December 13, 1869 (now Huron No. 224 GRC, Hensall); Barnard at Listowel on December 14, 1869 (now No. 225 GRC at Palmerston); Mount Moriah at Montreal, PQ on March 3, 1870 (No. 226 GRC later No. 38 GRQ, now closed); Sutton at Sutton Flats, PQ on March 4, 1870 (No. 227 GRC, later No. 39 GRQ, now closed); Prince Arthur at Odessa on March 18, 1870 (No. 228 GRC now at Bath); Ionic at Brampton on April 14, 1870 (now No. 229 GRC); Kerr at Bell Ewart on April 14, 1870 (now No. 230 GRC at Barrie); Lodge of Fidelity at Ottawa on April 29, 1870 (now No. 231 GRC); Cameron at Walkerton on April 28, 1870 (now No. 232 at Dutton) and Doric at Park Hill on July 4, 1870 (now No. 233 GRC at Ailsa Craig). In addition to these fifteen Lodges, Goderich Union Lodge, No. 720 EC transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada and took the name "Union" and was issued Warrant No. 33 GRC, and is now Maitland Lodge, No. 33 GRC at Goderich.

¹⁷⁹ In fact the Board gave a special commendation to Mountain Lodge at Thorold, Ionic Lodge at Brampton and Lodge of Fidelity at Ottawa, for the condition of their books.

the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Aubrey White. During the construction of the new Temple, disaster again struck and the temporary facilities on Albert Street were destroyed by fire on July 17, 1913 (all Lodge records prior to 1913 were irreplaceably lost). Temporary accommodation was made available at the Scottish Rite facilities on Sparks Street. On January 14, 1914, Lodge of Fidelity held the first Masonic meeting in the new Masonic Temple at 111 Metcalfe Street.

Originally the Lodge held the annual Installation of Officers on St. John's Day (December) but this was changed in 1891 to the regular meeting in June. In September 1897 the Lodge voted to change the Installation to the regular meeting in May, which continues to the present.

Financial matters were very important to the Lodge and the first twenty-three years were stressful enough that in 1893 a motion to surrender the Charter was made. This was not carried.

While Lodge of Fidelity did not suffer any loss of interest by applicants for initiation, a major influx occurred in 1919-20 when forty-one candidates were initiated and four members affiliated.

Benevolence and social activities have played a key role in the life of the Lodge. A benevolence fund was started in 1934 and is now supported by a mix of voluntary contributions and a portion of the dues. The Fidelity Education and Fellowship Club was organized in 1935 and provides opportunities for members to provide music, speakers and entertainment for Lodge activities. The Lodge newsletter "Fidelity Highlights" was started at this time.

Bro. Gilbert Swain who had been initiated into Lodge of Fidelity on October 19, 1909, later moved to Saskatchewan where he was elected and installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. for the 1925-26 term. Robert W. McSween affiliated with Lodge of Fidelity during a term in Ottawa and later returned to his home province of British Columbia where he served as Grand Master (2005-06) of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. Bro. Heman Humphrey Henry Lang, also a member of the Lodge of Fidelity (initiated in 1896) became Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario for the 1936-37 (term).

During its existence, nine members have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Edward C. Barber (Ottawa 12, 1870-71, 1871-72 and 1872-73), William Rea (Ottawa 13, 1883-84), Dr. Clarence Ronald Church, MD (Ottawa 13, 1885-86), S. B. Davidson (Ottawa 16, 1908-09), Franklin W. Smith (Ottawa 16, 1938-39), Cecil F. Howard (Ottawa 16, 1957-58), John Alfred Pell (Ottawa 1, 1970-71), John Gerald Pell (Ottawa 1, 1980-81)¹⁸⁰, and George R. Clauson (Ottawa 1, 1998-99).

In addition, other members of the Lodge of Fidelity have also served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bros. Edwin Plant (1883-84) and H. V. Wilson (1913-14);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. J. A. Devitt (1901-02);
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. John A. Campbell (1885-86);
- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. Duncan Brown 1912-13);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. F. C. Lightfoot (year unknown), Robert Wilson (1939-40), R. Howard Lang (1952-53), Edward Earle Jenkins (1958-59), John Munro (1923-24), Charles R. Sharp (1971-72), E. Ted Harvey (1981-82), James A. Ham Jr (1987-88), A. Lyle Francis (1998-99) and Lorne King (1999-2000); and
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bros. Harold I. Morgan (1939-40) and Lloyd Moar (1994);

Other affiliated members of the Lodge who have served in Grand office include - R. W. Bros. John Walsh (Grand Junior Warden, 1879-80, elected from Civil Service 148, Ottawa), C. W. Powers (Grand Registrar, 1949-50, elected from Ashlar 564, Ottawa), and V. W. Bros. J. A. Campbell and M. Cobban were appointed as Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba (years unknown).

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William R. Pellow, announced at the 133rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 20, 1988) the award of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. Nicholas Samuel Mahara, of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa.

¹⁸⁰ R. W. Bro. John Alfred Pell and R. W. Bro. John Gerald Pell represent one of the few father-son DDGM pairs in the Province of Ontario,

The Lodge of Fidelity celebrated its Centennial on September 29, 1970, at which time it could boast a membership of 1175, of which 9 had celebrated 60 years in Masonry and 45 had received 50 year pins.

The Lodge of Fidelity meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive, at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Lodge of Fidelity 231, Ottawa

(* = charter members)

1870 D. S. Eastwood*	1871 William Rea*
1872 R. H. Matthewman*	1873 Henry Michaels
1874 Henry Michaels	1875 William Rea*
1876 Edward C. Barber	1877 William Rea*
1878 William Rea*	1879 E. Plant
1880 W. Price	1881 F. H. Leggatt
1882 F. H. Leggatt	1883 J. A. Campbell
1884 Clarence Ronald Church, MD	1885 Clarence Ronald Church, MD
1886 F. C. Lightfoot	1887 F. C. Lightfoot
1888 W. Rice	1889 W. H. Jessop
1890 W. H. Jessop	1891 B. W. Granger
1891-2 B. W. Granger	1892-3 B. W. Granger
1893-4 B. W. Granger	1894-5 H. W. Wilson
1895-6 H. W. Wilson	1896-7 S. P. Hempill and H. Burgess
1897-8 H. W. Wilson	1898-9 J. A. Devitt
1899-0 J. A. Devitt	1900-1 A. L. Frood
1901-2 W. A. Halliday	1902-3 James Hill
1903-4 S. B. Davidson	1904-5 A. P. Herbert
1905-6 J. G. Scott	1906-7 Duncan Brown
1907-8 J. L. Joyner	1908-9 A. S. McElroy
1909-0 M. Cobban	1910-1 F. D. Crowe
1911-2 John Munro	1912-3 R. R. Farrow
1913-4 C. B. Patten	1914-5 George Powers
1915-6 W. H. Rice ¹⁸¹	1916-7 Robert Shaw
1917-8 R. B. Lang	1918-9 D. Beaton
1919-0 B. S. Binks	1920-1 H. V. Rorke
1921-2 H. M. Butler	1922-3 Stanley Canniff
1923-4 A. A. MacDonald	1924-5 J. R. Binks
1925-6 H. F. Bode	1926-7 R. J. Elliott
1927-8 Franklin W. Smith	1928-9 Robert McElroy
1929-0 G. H. Rogers	1930-1 A. G. McDougall
1931-2 W. A. Perry	1932-3 G. A. Garland
1933-4 B. A. Morgan	1934-5 Robert Wilson
1935-6 G. H. Murray	1936-7 E. A. Devitt
1937-8 Carl Bradford	1938-9 Fred C. Horton
1939-0 J. Elder Fraser	1940-1 J. Elder Fraser
1941-2 Harold Beaton	1942-3 Herb Pearce
1943-4 Frederick A. Switzer	1944-5 A. Perley Carruthers
1945-6 James A. Ham Sr.	1946-7 Leroy A. Strader
1947-8 Cecil F. Howard	1948-9 Norman Campbell

¹⁸¹ W. Bro. Rice served overseas during World War II and was WM of Canada Lodge in London, UK, in 1944.

1949-0 Frank Bowman
 1951-2 Ellsworth Wood
 1953-4 Herb Caves
 1955-6 W. Jack Bradley
 1957-8 A. Lyle Francis
 1959-0 Edgar W. Burke
 1961-2 Lloyd G. Moar
 1963-4 Robert A. Russell
 1965-6 William A. Greene
 1967-8 C. J. (Dib) Welby
 1969-0 Cameron F. Weagant
 1971-2 William Kirby Bangs
 1973-4 John Gerald Pell
 1975-6 Robert Templeton
 1977-8 George Clauson
 1979-0 Gordon Chamberlain
 1981-2 John Hogg
 1983-4 Earl Holtzman
 1985-6 Walter L. Webb
 1987-8 Robert Gordon
 1989-0 Norman Allingham
 1991-2 Harold S. Miller
 1993-4 Lorne King
 1995-6 Glenn Melling
 1997-8 Layton Peck
 1999-0 James J. Mouland
 2001-2 W. Bro. Wayne Wozny
 2003-4 Ronald Taylor
 2005-6 Larry Harvey
 2007-8 Kenneth Bickley
 2009-0 John Gerald Pell

1950-1 Edward E. Jenkins
 1952-3 William Neville
 1954-5 William G. Pell
 1956-7 J. Alfred Pell
 1958-9 Emerson Lillico
 1960-1 Leslie C. Hipkins
 1962-3 Charles R. Sharp
 1964-5 George A. Byers
 1966-7 Tom Taylor
 1968-9 O. Edward Andrew
 1970-1 Howard L. Clauson
 1972-3 James A. Ham Jr.
 1974-5 Gordon W. Harrison
 1976-7 Edward T. Harvey
 1978-9 Robert Glen Gordon
 1980-1 James Hatch
 1982-3 Barrie Chamberlin
 1984-5 Brian Richard Chamberlin
 1986-7 Robert Gordon
 1988-9 Larry Harvey
 1990-1 David John Pell
 1992-3 Maurice Broverman
 1994-5 Lorne King
 1996-7 Graham Oldford
 1998-9 Layton Peck
 2000-1 David Armstrong
 2002-3 Peter U. Rippstein
 2004-5 Larry Harvey
 2006-7 Layton Peck
 2008-9 David Peate
 2010-1 Al Wright

Gilbert Swain

Grand Master (1925-26) of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.



(1884-1951)

Gilbert Swain was born at Hyde, Cheshire, England on February 2, 1884. Little is known about his personal life or his Masonic career. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan reports that he died on June 12, 1951, at Vancouver, BC at the age of 67.

Masonic Career

Mr. Gilbert Swain was initiated into The Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa, on October 19, 1909. Shortly after he moved to Saskatchewan where he affiliated with Imperial Lodge, No. 60 GRS, Saskatoon on December 13, 1911 and served as Lodge Secretary from 1917-25. He was elected as DDGM of District No. 5 (1916-17). He was elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. for the 1925-26 term. He was suspended on February 8, 1933 but restored on June 14, 1933. He later became an affiliated member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 104 GRS, Regina on August 10, 1926.

No information is available concerning his other Masonic activities.

Robert W. McSween

Grand Master (2005-06) of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon
of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons



Robert W. McSween was born in St. Catharines, Ontario, in 1943. He was educated in that area until he left, at the age of 18, to join the Canadian Army. He became a member of the Royal Canadian Engineers and received his basic training as a Field Engineer at Camp Chilliwack, BC. He spent the next 36 years in the Army and had postings in Canada and around the world: Petawawa (Ontario), Germany, Alert (NWT), Cyprus, Egypt and Ottawa.

He retired in 1997 with the rank of Master Warrant Officer and returned to Chilliwack, BC, where he lives with his wife, Eileen. Their son David is married and lives in Powell River.

Masonic Career

He was initiated into Mount Zion Lodge, No. 120, Chilliwack, BC, in 1983 and served as WM for 1994-95. During his tour in Ottawa he affiliated with Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC. On his return to BC he was appointed as Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of BC and Yukon (1998-99). He was elected as Junior Grand Warden (2002-03). At Grand Lodge he served as Chairman of the Leadership Committee, Rituals Committee and Board of General Purposes. He was elected as Deputy Grand Master (2004-05) and Grand Master (2005-06).

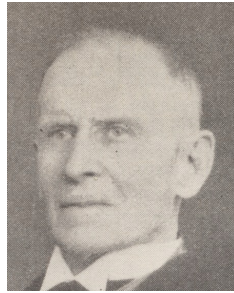
He is a member of the Fraser Valley Scottish Rite and was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General 32° in 2005.

He is a member of the Gizeh Shrine Club and the Fraser Valley Shrine Club.

He is a member and Past Worthy Patron of the Chilliwack Chapter, No. 49, of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Heman Humphrey Henry Lang

Grand Master (1937-38) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario (Cryptic Rite)



(1865-1937)

Heman Humphrey Henry Lang was born in Nepean Township, Carleton County, Ontario on June 16, 1865 and was educated in local public and secondary schools. By the time he was 16 years old he had had a thorough training in agriculture and decided to expand his education with further training to equip him for business in lumber, mining and manufacturing. In June 1885 he began as an apprentice with H. McElroy & Son in Richmond, Ontario, one of the largest general stores of its kind. After three years he joined Bryson, Graham and Company, the largest department store in Ottawa. After 1½ years he and another salesman, Thomas Lindsay, formed a partnership and entered the department store business themselves. After almost 2½ years they dissolved their successful partnership and Henry Lang moved on to Winnipeg.

In February 1891, he purchased the Cheapside Department Store Business and after three successful years, sold the business and returned to Ottawa where he worked for five years. In 1900 he became the Halifax manager for a Chicago firm but found that the practices of his new employers were unsatisfactory and returned to Ottawa where he entered the rubber foot-ware business, selling out in 1905 to acquire interests in silver mining in the Cobalt District of Ontario. He turned this success into new mining ventures in the Elk Lake and Gowganda areas as well as acquiring a Navigation Company between Elk Lake and Latchford. When the Porcupine mining area opened up he established a Transportation Company to serve the Kelso-Timmins area. He also acquired the LePalme Porcupine Mine and turned it from a 160 acre site to one of 1200 acres.

He was active in local municipal affairs and was elected as Alderman of Cobalt (1906) and Mayor (1907-08-09).

He married Florence Edith Beckett, daughter of Thomas Beckett of Oxford Mills on July 10, 1893. They had three sons and two daughters.

Most Illustrious Companion Heman Humphrey Henry Lang died on July 10, 1937 in an automobile accident on the highway between Toronto and London when he was enroute to attend a meeting of Enoch Council, No. 10. R. III. Comp. Edward J. Luttrell, Past Grand Inspector General for Ontario was with him in the automobile at the time and also died in the accident.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry* he was initiated in the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa in 1896. He served as Junior Warden in 1900 and left for Halifax on completion of his term. He demitted from the Lodge in 1908 and began to organize a new Lodge for Cobalt for which would become a charter member of Silver Lodge, No. 486 GRC, Cobalt. In 1914 he affiliated with Richmond Lodge, No. 23 GRC, Richmond Hill, Ontario. He served in several offices, being elected as WM (1923). He was a charter member of Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 607 GRC, Toronto in 1922.

In *Capitular Masonry* he was exalted in Victoria Chapter, No. 205 GRC, Thornhill, Ontario and served as First Principal for 1921 and later affiliated with Doric No. 60, Newmarket. He was elected as Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District No. 8 (1924). He was a member of the *Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario* (1928). He joined *Constantinian Masonry* in 1936 and was appointed as Intendant

General of the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba.

In *Cryptic Masonry* he was greeted in Adoniram Council, No. 2 RSMO, Toronto in 1927 and became a member of Lake Ontario Lodge, No. 5 RAM, Toronto in 1927. He was active in Grand Council and was elected as Grand PCW on February 2, 1935 and Grand DM on February 15, 1936. On February 6, 1937 he was elected as Grand Master for the 1937-38 term.

Membership of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa

(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)

(from 1868 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)

(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	April 29,	1870				
1870	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1871	3	3	3	5	3	nil	nil	nil	22
1872	5	5	4	5	nil	3	nil	nil	29
1873	3	4	5	5	nil	2	1	nil	34
1874	9	7	7	4	nil	1	nil	nil	45
1875	7	9	8	3	nil	2	nil	4	49
1876	10	10	9	9	nil	1	nil	4	55
1877	4	4	5	nil	1	4	nil	6	51
1878	1	2	2	2	1	7	2	5	41
1879	3	2	3	1	1	7	nil	4	35
1880	1	2	2	2	nil	2	1	2	33
1881	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	nil	36
1882	4	3	2	1	1	1	nil	nil	41
1883	2	3	4	2	2	4	nil	2	41
1884	10	8	7	5	nil	1	nil	2	52
1885	7	9	9	1	nil	nil	2	4	54
1886	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	4	51
1887	1	1	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	nil	46
1888	1	1	2	nil	nil	4	nil	1	42
1889	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	3	38
1890	7	4	4	2	nil	nil	1	2	44
1891	1	4	5	4	nil	1	1	2	44
1892	8	8	8	2	1	3	1	3	48
1893	5	3	3	2	nil	2	1	1	52
1894	5	7	3	nil	1	2	nil	4	53

1895	10	7	8	2	nil	2	nil	nil	63
1896	9	10	8	2	3	1	nil	1	76
1897	7	5	9	4	nil	2	nil	nil	81
1898	4	4	6	nil	nil	1	2	nil	82
1899	12	14	10	5	nil	3	nil	nil	96
1900	13	8	6	nil	nil	2	3	3	99
1901	9	11	13	1	3	1	nil	7	101
1902	12	13	16	1	1	nil	1	nil	119
1903	17	14	12	nil	nil	3	nil	7	126
1904	9	11	10	1	1	2	nil	1	133
1905	12	14	13	3	nil	1	2	2	133
1906	18	12	11	3	1	5	1	nil	160
1907	11	11	13	1	nil	1	1	nil	170
1908	21	22	19	6	nil	4	3	2	188
1909	17	20	21	1	1	1	5	2	199
1910	27	28	22	3	1	2	1	2	225
1911	21	21	23	1	nil	6	4	5	236
1912	7	4	7	1	2	3	2	3	240
1913	14	12	11	3	1	nil	5	nil	253
1914	22	22	18	1	2	2	nil	5	270
1915	13	15	15	5	nil	3	2	2	281
1916	7	10	10	3	1	3	3	3	283
1917	25	24	24	4	nil	1	3	5	303
1918	20	19	19	4	nil	2	2	4	319
1919	25	19	16	6	4	1	4	1	348
1920	41	39	47	6	1	3	5	nil	388
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	9	12	7	nil	nil	1	1	2	395
1921	32	32	25	4	1	4	2	1	425
1922	17	14	26	3	1	6	6	18	416
1923	17	18	24	2	2	5	3	5	424
1924	11	12	9	nil	1	2	5	2	427
1925	10	10	12	4	1	4	1	11	426
1926	10	11	8	1	1	3	7	7	421

1927	5	7	6	nil	2	1	6	5	416
1928	7	8	8	1	1	4	3	4	416
1929	10	8	6	2	3	6	3	5	416
1930	6	9	11	nil	nil	nil	6	10	406
1931	6	4	4	2	1	5	8	10	392
1932	2	3	4	nil	nil	4	8	4	372
1933	8	6	4	2	1	3	6	6	368
1934	9	9	9	1	1	6	8	1	364
1935	4	7	6	3	nil	8	8	2	353
1936	8	5	3	2	2	6	2	2	355
1937	6	7	10	3	nil	4	7	1	352
1938	2	3	3	4	nil	1	5	1	351
1939	6	6	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	352
1940	1	2	6	2	nil	4	6	1	344
1941	5	3	3	5	nil	5	9	1	339
1942	7	7	5	1	nil	nil	10	nil	337
1943	5	6	7	4	1	2	3	nil	342
1944	13	11	10	5	nil	nil	7	2	351
1945	17	15	10	2	1	6	8	2	353
1946	12	14	17	3	2	1	5	1	363
1947	8	8	11	nil	nil	1	13	1	356
1948	12	9	8	4	2	3	14	nil	357
1949	8	12	10	1	nil	2	9	2	353
1950	11	11	13	nil	1	2	6	nil	357
1951	7	7	6	nil	1	2	4	1	358
1952	18	16	18	3	nil	nil	5	nil	374
1953	14	16	16	1	nil	1	6	nil	382
1954	18	14	13	1	nil	1	12	nil	388
1955	9	12	10	3	1	3	8	nil	390
1956	11	11	13	1	nil	3	15	nil	384
1957	8	8	7	1	nil	3	12	1	377
1958	5	8	7	1	1	2	9	nil	373
1959	7	5	6	2	nil	1	11	nil	371
1960	11	10	12	1	nil	5	11	3	363

1961	7	9	7	2	nil	2	9	2	359
1962	6	7	8	nil	nil	1	9	nil	355
1963	6	6	5	2	1	2	10	2	350
1964	4	2	4	4	nil	1	7	2	348
1965	6	8	6	nil	1	5	8	2	340
1966	5	2	4	2	nil	nil	8	1	338
1967	1	4	3	1	nil	3	8	nil	329
1968	6	3	3	3	1	3	15	4	317
1969	8	8	8	4	nil	1	11	3	314
1970	6	7	6	nil	nil	5	12	nil	303
1971	2	2	4	1	1	3	11	7	286
1972	3	5	4	2	nil	1	6	nil	284
1973	8	6	7	1	nil	3	8	2	280
1974	6	6	5	1	nil	3	8	nil	276
1975	5	5	6	3	1	4	3	3	273
1976	3	2	3	2	nil	2	7	nil	269
1977	4	4	3	1	nil	2	7	nil	265
1978	5	2	2	1	nil	5	9	1	256
1979	3	4	4	4	1	5	5	1	253
1980	2	2	2	1	nil	4	9	2	241
1981	2	3	3	nil	nil	6	10	1	226
1982	3	2	3	1	nil	nil	9	1	220
1983	1	1	1	2	nil	3	6	2	212
1984	4	2	2	1	1	3	10	nil	205
1985	3	6	5	1	nil	1	3	nil	205
1986	2	1	2	1	nil	4	7	nil	197
1987	4	3	3	3	nil	1	6	1	196
1988	4	2	2	nil	nil	1	9	2	188
1989	nil	1	1	2	nil	3	9	nil	178
1990	2	1	1	2	nil	2	8	nil	172
1991	3	4	3	1	nil	1	6	4	166
1992	3	1	2	nil	nil	1	4	2	161
1993	4	4	3	1	nil	1	6	1	158
1994	4	5	4	nil	nil	3	5	nil	154

1995	3	3	4	nil	nil	nil	4	1	152
1996	6	4	3	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	154
1997	6	6	5	2	1	6	4	1	152
1998	5	3	4	nil	nil	4	10	nil	143
1999	nil	nil	1	1	1	2	7	nil	136
2000	2	nil	nil	3	nil	1	2	4	134
2001	2	3	3	nil	nil	4	10	nil	122
2002	3	1	1	nil	nil	3	7	2	113
2003	3	3	3	1	nil	nil	3	1	113
2004	1	3	3	nil	1	1	nil	2	112
2005	1	nil	nil	1	nil	2	1	2	109
2006	nil	1	1	nil	1	nil	2	3	105
2007	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	3	3	101
2008	7	3	3	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	102
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Eureka Lodge, No. 248 GRC, Pakenham 1871-1884
Eureka Lodge, UD GRC, Pakenham 1871-1871

[Ottawa District 1871-1884.]

Pakenham Township, Lanark County, was named in 1823 in honor of General Sir Edward Pakenham (1778-1815) of the British army who died during the Battle of New Orleans. Pakenham, the township's main centre at a series of rapids on the Mississippi River, was first known as "Harvey's Mills" after Robert Harvey, an early settler. By 1826 the name had been changed to "Pakenham Mills" and was shortened to "Pakenham" in 1832 when the first post office opened. In 1831 Andrew Dickson had tried to have the place named "Dickson's Mills" after he had bought a grist mill and built a sawmill and although this was used for the town, with Pakenham for the post office, by 1856 Dickson had registered his survey of village lots as Pakenham.

Eureka Lodge was supported in its formation by the members of Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte. The Minutes of December 2, 1870, of Mississippi Lodge note: "Moved by Bro. Bagsley and Seconded by Bro. J. G. Northrup that the W.M. and Sec have the authority to recommend a petition to the Brethren at Packinham (sic) for to form a Lodge at that place. Carried." At formation Pakenham Lodge was placed in the Ottawa District.

At the 16th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 12-14, 1871, Ottawa), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported (*1871 Annual Proceedings*, p 652) that he had issued dispensations to authorize the formation of eighteen Lodges¹⁸², one of which was for the formation of Eureka Lodge at Pakenham which was instituted on January 30, 1871. The Lodge was represented at the Annual Communication by the WM, W. Bro. John W. Pickup and the JW, Bro. J. B. Boyce. R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, DDGM, reported that he had visited the Lodge and examined the WM designate and recommended that a charter be issued (*1871 Annual Proceedings*, p 699). The Board of General Purposes reported that after examining the books of the Lodges and making investigation into the condition of each of the Lodges, recommended the issue of Warrants to all eighteen Lodges referred to by the Grand Master, plus a Warrant for Galt Lodge at Galt¹⁸³ and Washington Lodge at Petrolia (*1871 Annual Proceedings*, p. 718-9). Warrant No. 248 was issued to Eureka Lodge.

Eureka Lodge held its last meeting on January 23, 1883. The warrant, records and jewels of the Lodge were secured by W. Bros. A. Church and Thomas Prentice and returned to Grand Lodge on November 16, 1883 according to the report of the DDGM, R. W. Bro. William Rea (*1884 Annual Proceedings*, p 100).

¹⁸² The twenty-one Lodges included: Prevost No. 1 GRC (now No. 8 GRQ), Dunham (returned to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada); Rehoboam No. 65 GRC, Toronto (resuscitated November 18, 1871) and St. Francis No. 24 GRC, Smiths Falls (resuscitated March 22, 1871) and Tweed (No. 239 GRC, closed 2002) at Tweed, instituted October 3, 1870; Prince Rupert's (No. 240 GRC, now Northern Light Prince Rupert's, No. 1 GRM, Winnipeg) at Fort Garry, Manitoba, instituted November 21, 1870; Quinte (No. 241 GRC, closed 1892) at Shannonville, instituted December 16, 1870; Macoy (No. 242 GRC) at Mallorytown, instituted December 17, 1870; St. George (No. 243 GRC) at St. George, instituted December 21, 1870; Manitoban (renamed Lisgar, No. 244 GRC, now No. 2 GRM at Selkirk) at Lower Fort Garry, Manitoba, instituted January 4, 1871; Tecumseh (No. 245 GRC) at Thamesville, instituted January 26, 1871; Union of Strict Observance No. 246 GRC, closed 1874) at Montreal, PQ, instituted January 27, 1871; Ashlar (No. 247 GRC) at Yorkville, instituted January 28, 1871; Eureka (No. 248 GRC, closed 1884) at Pakenham, instituted January 30, 1871; Caledonia (Caledonian, No. 249 GRC, at Midland from 1883) at Angus, instituted February 27, 1871; Thistle (No. 250 GRC) at Embro, instituted March 8, 1871; Assiniboine (No. 251 GRC, closed 1871) at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, instituted April 18, 1871; The International (No. 252 GRC, closed 1871) at North Pembina, Manitoba, instituted April 19, 1871; Minden (No. 253 GRC) at Kingston, instituted April 20, 1871; Clifton (No. 254 GRC) at Clifton, instituted May 16, 1871; Sydenham (No. 255 GRC) at Dresden, instituted June 14, 1871 and Farran's Point (No. 256 GRC, later Farran-Ault, No. 256 GRC, Ingleside) at Farran's Point, instituted June 15, 1871, now closed.

¹⁸³ In this particular case the Board noted that the application was received late but carried the support of the existing Lodge, Alma, and although the Grand Master had approved a dispensation orally, one had not been physically issued, but the Board recommended a Warrant be issued.

At the time of its demise the Lodge had suspended 25 members (membership report dated June 30, 1883) and its remaining seven members could not support the Lodge. It had never exceed a total membership of 41 (membership report dated June 30, 1876).

During its short existence of thirteen years, one member of the Lodge served as DDGM of the Ottawa District: Dr. John W. Pickup, MD (1874-75 and 1878-79). No other members served in any Grand Lodge office.

Worshipful Masters of Eureka Lodge 248, Pakenham
(* = charter members)

1871-2 Dr. John W. Pickup, MD*	1872-3 Dr. John W. Pickup, MD*
1873-4 Dr. John W. Pickup, MD*	1874-5 John Riddell
1875-6 William Cunningham	1876-7 William Cunningham
1877-8 Robert Shilson	1878-9 Dr. John W. Pickup, MD*
1879-0 Thomas Prentice	1880-1 Thomas Prentice
1881-2 Robert Burns	1882-3 Robert Burns
1883-4 A. Church	1884-5 <i>not listed in Proceedings</i>

Membership of Eureka Lodge, No. 248 GRC, Pakenham
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as at June 24 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Jan. 30,	1871				
1871	5	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	16
1872	9	12	9	2	nil	2	nil	nil	25
1873	10	7	6	nil	nil	2	1	nil	32
1874	3	1	1	1	nil	2	2	nil	32
1875	10	11	9	nil	nil	nil	1	1	40
1876	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	42
1877	2	3	3	nil	1	6	nil	1	39
1878	4	4	3	nil	nil	2	nil	1	41
1879	1	1	1	nil	nil	3	1	3	35
1880	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	36
1881	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	2	2	31
1882	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	32
1883	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	25	7
1884	<i>no data</i>	<i>listed in</i>	<i>Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>					
	Warrant	returned	Nov. 16,	1883 &	Lodge	closed			
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264 GRC, Ottawa 1872-present
Chaudiere Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1871-1872

[Ottawa District 1870-1970¹⁸⁴. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

By 1870 the need for an additional Lodge in Ottawa led to a meeting of Brethren to discuss needs and to prepare and sign a petition.

At the 17th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10-12, 1872, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported that he had issued twenty-one dispensations for new Lodges¹⁸⁵. He said: "It would be unnecessary to add anything . . . if numbers alone were a certain evidence of success; but since other elements are essential to real prosperity, I am happy to be able to state that after strict enquiry, I have found the applicants for dispensations to be zealous and earnest Masons, and that the fields of their operations promise to be productive of excellent material. I have, therefore, every reason to believe that, by the establishment of these several Lodges, the Craft will receive additional strength (*1872 Annual Proceedings*, p. 39-40). Dispensation dated November 25, 1871, was issued for the formation of Chaudiere Lodge. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, reported that the District had been increased by four Lodges during the year — two by affiliation (St. John's No. 524 EC at Carleton Place and Dalhousie No. 571 EC at Ottawa) and two under dispensation (Chaudiere at Ottawa and Pontiac at Onslow, PQ). He went on to state that "With regard to the Lodges under dispensation, I have the honor to recommend that charters be granted them, the W.M.'s having proved themselves competent to carry on the work" (p 86). The Board of General Purposes reported that after examining the books of all Lodges they recommended Warrants be issued to only sixteen of the twenty-one¹⁸⁶ plus three additional Lodges¹⁸⁷ for which applications had been received at Grand Lodge (p 106). A supplementary report of the Board was submitted later at the Annual

¹⁸⁴ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

¹⁸⁵ The twenty-one Lodges included: Oak Branch at Innerkip (No 261 GRC) dated September 13, 1871; Harriston at Harriston (No. 262 GRC) dated September 23, 1871; Forest at Forest (No. 263 GRC), dated October 18, 1871; Chaudiere at Ottawa (No. 264 GRC) dated November 25, 1871; Patterson at Concord (No. 265 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Northern Light at Stayner (No. 266 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Parthenon at Chatham (No. 267 GRC) dated January 19, 1872; Verulam at Bobcaygeon (No. 268 GRC) dated February 10, 1872; Brougham Union at Brougham (No. 269 GRC) dated February 14, 1872; Cedar at Oshawa (No. 270) dated March 6, 1872; Wellington at Erin (No. 271 GRC) dated March 13, 1872; Seymour at Ancaster (No. 272 GRC) dated April 2, 1872; Olive Branch at West Shefford, PQ (No. 273 GRC, later No. 50 GRQ, closed 1891) dated April 16, 1872; Kent at Blenheim (No. 274 GRC) dated April 25, 1872; Pontiac at Onslow, PQ (No. 275 GRC, now No. 40 GRQ, Shawville, PQ) dated May 4, 1872; Teeswater at Teeswater (No. 276 GRC) dated May 7, 1872; Seymour at Port Dalhousie (No. 277 GRC, now at St. Catharines) dated May 9, 1872; Mystic at Roslin (No. 278 GRC, closed 1898) dated May 14, 1872; New Hope at Hespeler (No. 279 GRC, now at Cambridge) dated May 15, 1872; Mount Sinai at Napanee (No. 280 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 5, 1872; and Thorne at Holland Landing (No. 281 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 25, 1872.

¹⁸⁶ Oak Branch; Forest; Chaudiere; Patterson; Northern Light; Seymour; Verulam; Brougham Union; Cedar; Kent; Teeswater; Mystic and Mount Sinai.

¹⁸⁷ Eureka at Belleville (No. 283 GRC); St. John's at Ainleyville (No. 284 GRC, now at Brussels) and Seymour (Seven Star Lodge) at Alliston (No. 285 GRC).

Communication (p 119) with the recommendation that Warrants be issued for a further twelve Lodges¹⁸⁸. This would bring the total of new Lodges to thirty-six. Warrant No. 264 was issued at the Annual Communication for Chaudiere Lodge.

The charter members of Chaudiere Lodge were: W. Bro. H. Merrill (first WM) and Bros. W. H. Timbers (SW), A. A. Henderson (JW), S. Mix (Treasurer), H. B. Merrill (Secretary), J. C. Merrill (SD), P. N. Mason (JD), W. Annable (IG) and John McCarthy (Tyler) and Bros. W. Schofield, E. Leivers, H. Walters, T. Walker, M. Malone, R. P. Young, W. Morrison, E. B. Gallup, G. Newell and A. D. Fraser. Chaudiere Lodge was instituted by the Grand Lodge of Canada on December 11, 1871.

The Lodge celebrated its Centennial on December 11, 1971.

With a steady decline in membership coupled with declining attendance, circumstances forced a decision on the members of Rideau Lodge, No. 595 GRC, that resulted in its amalgamation with Chaudiere No. 264 on May 27, 2003. This was advantageous as both Lodges had been sharing the Lodge rooms at the Walkley Road Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa, since its construction and dedication.

At its formation, Chaudiere Lodge was included in the Ottawa District until the reorganization of 1970 which saw it placed in Ottawa 2 District. During its existence, three members of Chaudiere Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Walter M. Ross (Ottawa 16, 1910-11), Frederick F. Horton (Ottawa 2, 1972-73) and James A. Jones (Ottawa 2, 1978-79). In addition, members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bro. Joseph McCulloch (1929-30);
- Grand Registrar - R. W. Bro. J. A. Clark (1900-01),
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. Donald J. McCuaig (1909-10); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. James A. Reid (1919-20), William Short (1929-30), William Gray (1935-36), Maynard Henry Chapman (1950-51) and A. T. Boden (1973-74).

Chaudiere Lodge meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Chaudiere Lodge 264, Ottawa

(* = charter members)

1871-2 Horace Merrill*	1872-3 Horace Merrill*
1873-4 W. H. Timbers*	1874-5 W. H. Timbers*
1875-6 P. N. Mason*	1876-7 P. N. Mason*
1877-8 Thomas Walker*	1878-9 Thomas Kennedy
1879-0 A. A. Henderson*	1880-1 A. A. Henderson*
1881-2 P. N. Mason*	1882-3 Levi Booth
1883-4 Levi Booth	1884-5 W. A. Jamieson
1885-6 W. A. Jamieson	1886-7 William Hill
1887-8 T. T. Stoddart	1888-9 T. T. Stoddart
1889-0 T. T. Stoddart	1890-1 Robert Stewart
1891-2 W. D. Jones	1892-3 W. D. Jones
1893-4 W. A. Bangs	1894-6 W. A. Bangs
1895-6 J. A. Clark	1896-7 J. A. Clark
1897-8 R. Fair	1898-9 Donald J. McCuaig
1899-0 Donald J. McCuaig	1900-1 Donald J. McCuaig
1901-2 Walter M. Ross	1902-3 Walter M. Ross
1903-4 T. E. Burnside	1904-5 W. C. Wilson

¹⁸⁸ Parthenon at Chatham; Wellington at Erin; Olive Branch at West Shefford; Pontiac at Onslow; Harriston at Harriston; Seymour at Port Dalhousie; New Hope at Hespeler; Thorne at Holland Landing; Lorne at Glencoe (No. 282 GRC); Ancient Landmark at Winnipeg (No. 288 GRC, now No. 3 GRM); Morrisburg at Morrisburg (no Warrant appears to have been granted) and L'Original at L'Original (no Warrant appears to have been granted).

1905-6 W. G. Wilson
 1907-8 Robert McCracken
 1909-0 Thomas Saunders
 1911-2 C. H. B. Sievers
 1913-4 Thomas H. Hoare
 1915-6 R. P. Taylor
 1917-8 William Short
 1919-0 Joseph McCulloch
 1921-2 G. B. Peterkin
 1923-4 William Gray
 1925-6 George Patrick Jr.
 1927-8 R. Golding
 1929-0 Robert Henderson
 1931-2 W. O. Graburn
 1933-4 H. W. Nichol
 1935-6 J. A. McLean
 1937-8 C. W. Argue
 1939-0 R. L. Blois
 1941-2 J. C. Nelson
 1943-4 E. Birnie
 1945-6 N. Rivers
 1947-8 H. Brady
 1949-0 T. C. Lovell
 1951-2 K. G. Wells
 1953-4 G. R. Phillips
 1955-6 T. A. Clark
 1957-8 C. A. McRory
 1959-0 J. L. Thomson
 1961-2 W. J. Ayres Jr.
 1963-4 S. A. Kettles
 1965-6 A. G. Emerson
 1967-8 Leonard Mousseau
 1969-0 A. T. Boden
 1971-2 G. A. Routledge
 1973-4 James A. Jones
 1975-6 R. G. MacIntosh
 1977-8 Norman B. Richardson
 1979-0 R. A. Corry
 1981-2 Earl E. Wilson
 1983-4 Glenon Trevelyn Jones
 1985-6 C. A. Breakey
 1987-8 T. Henderson
 1989-0 R. MacIntosh
 1991-2 A. Gemmell
 1993-4 Murray W. Thompson
 1995-6 T. Davies
 1997-8 R. Schumacher
 1999-0 F. Meacoe
 2001-2 J. Gauvin
 2003-4 F. Meacoe
 2005-6 M. Walker
 2007-8 K. Harley
 2009-0 Shawn Woods

1906-7 Robert McCracken
 1908-9 Thomas Saunders
 1910-1 John W. Park
 1912-3 John Gray
 1914-5 W. E. Hayes Jr.
 1916-7 James A. Reid
 1918-9 J. M. Barclay
 1920-1 Robert Henham
 1922-3 John Barlow
 1924-5 H. D. Dempsey
 1926-7 S. R. Banning
 1928-9 George A. Aiken
 1930-1 A. M. Woods
 1932-3 George C. Bennett
 1934-5 T. H. Wood
 1936-7 J. D. McLeod
 1938-9 Maynard Henry Chapman
 1940-1 J. G. Stewart
 1942-3 Lyle J. Burney
 1944-5 C. E. Steele
 1946-7 G. A. Dempsey
 1948-9 H. Brady
 1950-1 W. S. Beveridge
 1952-3 D. H. Moodie
 1954-5 E. M. Haggins
 1956-7 Garnet Statton
 1958-9 A. E. Jinkinson
 1960-1 F. F. Horton
 1962-3 J. R. Gibson
 1964-5 H. E. Stidworthy
 1966-7 D. T. Beaton
 1968-9 R. R. J. Fleming
 1970-1 A. D. Bamford
 1972-3 R. L. Jackson
 1974-5 W. H. Van Sickle
 1976-7 S. A. McGuirl
 1978-9 R. L. Lodge
 1980-1 Robert F. Gordon
 1982-3 Norman B. Richardson
 1984-5 J. J. McDougall
 1986-7 R. J. Corry
 1988-9 C. A. Breakey
 1990-1 M. Hopkins
 1992-3 Earl E. Wilson
 1994-5 K. Brinston
 1996-7 A. Lear
 1998-9 J. Gibson
 2000-1 M. Clamen
 2002-3 T. Davies
 2004-5 P. Nonkoh
 2006-7 J. Nolan
 2008-9 K. Brinston
 2010-1 James Gibson

Membership of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264 GRC, Ottawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1871 to 1920, TOTAL as of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Nov. 25,	1871				
1871	no data	in Ann.	Procs.						
1872	10	5	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	36
1873	16	24	18	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	54
1874	13	10	14	1	nil	10	nil	nil	64
1875	7	9	11	1	nil	4	1	nil	60
1876	3	3	4	1	1	3	nil	3	57
1877	5	4	4	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	60
1878	6	6	6	4	1	6	2	8	57
1879	4	2	2	2	nil	2	nil	nil	61
1880	3	5	4	3	nil	1	nil	nil	63
1881	2	2	3	3	nil	3	nil	nil	64
1882	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	64
1883	4	4	3	nil	nil	2	1	nil	65
1884	5	4	5	nil	nil	1	1	nil	69
1885	1	2	2	nil	1	2	nil	1	63
1886	4	4	4	nil	nil	5	2	1	63
1887	4	4	4	1	nil	3	nil	nil	65
1888	7	6	5	1	1	nil	nil	nil	74
1889	6	7	6	3	nil	2	1	nil	80
1890	2	2	3	nil	1	4	1	2	76
1891	3	3	3	nil	nil	3	nil	5	70
1892	3	2	3	nil	2	1	1	nil	74
1893	6	6	6	nil	1	3	1	1	73
1894	5	3	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	78
1895	11	4	6	3	nil	1	2	nil	89
1896	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	89
1897	19	24	24	nil	nil	4	4	1	99
1898	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	101
1899	2	4	5	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	104

1900	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	104
1901	25	23	20	2	1	2	5	5	120
1902	12	12	17	nil	nil	5	1	8	118
1903	9	10	7	nil	nil	1	nil	4	122
1904	1	2	4	nil	1	1	3	1	119
1905	12	8	7	2	2	nil	nil	4	123
1906	10	11	10	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	138
1907	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	138
1908	<i>data</i>	<i>missing</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>				
1909	21	19	22	3	nil	3	3	3	203
1910	19	19	16	1	1	1	3	nil	219
1911	21	18	17	2	nil	1	6	7	239
1912	11	19	21	3	1	1	nil	5	230
1913	18	21	18	2	nil	4	1	nil	247
1914	18	15	15	3	3	2	2	7	260
1915	9	10	13	2	1	3	2	4	263
1916	6	5	7	2	nil	3	1	nil	265
1917	19	16	11	2	3	2	6	6	275
1918	15	16	19	1	1	2	4	5	281
1919	33	31	25	3	1	1	1	2	314
1920	40	41	37	7	nil	2	3	nil	357
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	13	10	13	nil	3	1	2	nil	370
1921	14	19	17	2	nil	1	3	3	379
1922	25	24	28	5	3	8	4	10	390
1923	29	30	23	4	nil	4	6	nil	413
1924	8	9	19	2	nil	4	6	5	408
1925	14	13	7	3	5	3	6	3	418
1926	14	10	14	nil	3	3	8	7	417
1927	10	16	16	4	4	3	8	9	415
1928	8	10	10	3	2	7	5	2	414
1929	9	7	7	1	nil	2	7	9	406
1930	16	15	14	3	1	nil	6	3	417
1931	9	11	14	1	1	3	6	3	416

1932	3	4	2	2	nil	4	6	4	407
1933	9	7	7	3	nil	3	5	10	401
1934	2	3	4	nil	1	3	12	3	386
1935	6	3	4	1	nil	2	9	nil	382
1936	1	3	3	1	nil	2	6	nil	376
1937	3	4	4	nil	nil	1	5	nil	373
1938	5	3	3	1	nil	3	9	7	360
1939	2	4	3	nil	nil	nil	8	nil	354
1940	7	5	6	nil	nil	1	8	3	349
1941	11	9	8	nil	nil	nil	7	11	342
1942	6	8	8	1	2	nil	11	2	338
1943	8	8	8	nil	nil	1	4	3	338
1944	13	12	6	nil	2	nil	7	4	342
1945	9	10	12	3	1	3	7	nil	345
1946	27	19	21	1	1	1	5	2	366
1947	18	12	13	2	nil	1	10	1	374
1948	14	12	19	2	2	2	5	nil	385
1949	14	19	20	2	nil	1	11	nil	389
1950	13	12	10	1	1	3	12	5	384
1951	15	8	7	nil	1	4	12	1	383
1952	8	12	15	1	nil	1	12	nil	379
1953	13	13	9	nil	nil	1	9	nil	382
1954	8	7	11	1	nil	nil	8	4	379
1955	7	10	8	1	nil	1	8	nil	378
1956	9	10	9	2	1	1	10	2	377
1957	7	7	4	3	nil	nil	15	nil	372
1958	7	7	10	1	nil	3	12	1	364
1959	12	10	8	2	nil	1	12	2	363
1960	3	5	7	3	nil	1	11	nil	357
1961	7	5	6	nil	nil	4	9	2	349
1962	7	8	8	1	nil	1	3	3	350
1963	5	6	4	2	1	2	17	3	336
1964	7	6	5	3	nil	3	10	4	329
1965	6	5	8	nil	nil	nil	10	nil	325

1966	8	8	5	2	nil	3	9	6	317
1967	5	5	5	nil	nil	nil	6	3	313
1968	6	5	6	nil	nil	2	10	3	304
1969	3	5	6	1	2	nil	10	2	298
1970	3	1	2	4	nil	nil	10	3	292
1971	3	3	nil	nil	1	4	5	8	279
1972	3	3	4	nil	nil	2	10	3	267
1973	2	2	1	2	nil	4	11	1	255
1974	5	3	4	2	nil	2	11	6	243
1975	2	3	4	1	1	4	4	1	238
1976	5	4	2	4	1	2	9	nil	237
1977	2	4	5	nil	nil	4	5	nil	230
1978	3	2	1	2	nil	9	7	1	218
1979	1	nil	1	nil	nil	2	6	nil	211
1980	3	3	2	1	nil	9	5	2	199
1981	2	3	3	1	nil	6	9	5	182
1982	5	5	4	1	2	10	9	1	170
1983	2	2	3	2	nil	6	8	nil	160
1984	1	nil	1	nil	nil	6	5	5	145
1985	2	1	1	nil	nil	7	6	1	131
1986	2	2	1	nil	nil	1	5	1	126
1987	1	2	2	1	1	1	5	1	122
1988	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	nil	117
1989	5	2	3	4	nil	nil	7	nil	119
1990	3	5	4	nil	nil	3	2	nil	117
1991	4	3	4	nil	nil	4	4	1	112
1992	1	2	2	nil	1	3	5	2	104
1993	5	3	1	nil	1	3	6	nil	101
1994	3	1	2	nil	nil	1	4	nil	99
1995	3	6	3	nil	nil	1	7	2	92
1996	2	1	3	nil	1	1	5	2	87
1997	nil	1	2	1	nil	2	3	nil	83
1998	1	1	nil	1	nil	2	2	2	79
1999	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	76

2000	2	1	1	nil	nil	2	2	1	73
2001	2	1	1	nil	nil	1	5	nil	69
2002	2	1	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	68
2003	1	1	1	59 ¹⁸⁹	nil	4	2	5	117
2004	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	3	2	114
2005	1	2	1	nil	nil	2	10	nil	103
2006	5	nil	nil	nil	1	3	7	nil	99
2007	4	3	2	1	nil	1	3	nil	100
2008	4	4	2	nil	nil	2	6	1	95
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

¹⁸⁹ These 59 members affiliated from Rideau Lodge, No. 595 GRC, Ottawa when it closed.

Pontiac Lodge, No. 40 GRQ, Shawville, PQ 1877-present
Pontiac Lodge, no number GRQ, Shawville, PQ 1874-1877
Pontiac Lodge, No. 275 GRC, Shawville, PQ 1872-1874
Pontiac Lodge, UD GRC, Onslow, PQ 1872-1872

[GLC - Ottawa District 1872-1874. GLQ - Ottawa District 1874-present]

The earliest settlers in the area were Irish settlers from County Tipperary who came to Canada at the end of the Napoleonic Wars (1815) and settled both in the Carp Valley of Carleton County, Canada West and the Shawville area of Canada East. The area was named Clarendon County and was thriving by the 1840's. Growth continued and Shawville was named as a municipality on January 12, 1873. The main activity of the area was farming. Today, Shawville is a town within the Pontiac Regional County Municipality in Western Quebec. Its population is about 1,587 people (2006). The area was served by the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway (aka Push, Pull and Jerk RR) which was incorporated in 1880 and ran from Aylmer through Quyon, Shawville, Fort Coulonge and Waltham to Pembroke. By 1903 the railway amalgamated with the Ottawa Northern and Western Railway. By the 1950's rail service was discontinued and in 1984 the rail line was removed.

At the 17th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10-12, 1872, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported that he had issued twenty-one dispensations for new Lodges¹⁹⁰. He said: "It would be unnecessary to add anything . . . if numbers alone were a certain evidence of success; but since other elements are essential to real prosperity, I am happy to be able to state that after strict enquiry, I have found the applicants for dispensations to be zealous and earnest Masons, and that the fields of their operations promise to be productive of excellent material. I have, therefore, every reason to believe that, by the establishment of these several Lodges, the Craft will receive additional strength (1872 *Annual Proceedings*, p. 39-40). Dispensation dated May 4, 1872, was issued for the formation of Pontiac Lodge. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, reported that the District had been increased by four Lodges during the year — two by affiliation (St. John's No. 524 EC at Carleton Place and Dalhousie No. 571 EC at Ottawa) and two under dispensation (Chaudiere at Ottawa and Pontiac at Onslow, PQ). He went on to state that "With regard to the Lodges under dispensation, I have the honor to recommend that charters be granted them, the W.M.'s having proved themselves competent to carry on the work" (p 86). The Board of General Purposes reported that after examining the books of all Lodges they recommended Warrants be issued to only sixteen of the twenty-one¹⁹¹ plus three additional Lodges¹⁹² for which applications had been received at Grand Lodge (p 106). A supplementary report of the Board was submitted later at the Annual Communication (p 119)

¹⁹⁰ The twenty-one Lodges included: Oak Branch at Innerkip (No 261 GRC) dated September 13, 1871; Harriston at Harriston (No. 262 GRC) dated September 23, 1871; Forest at Forest (No. 263 GRC), dated October 18, 1871; Chaudiere at Ottawa (No. 264 GRC) dated November 25, 1871; Patterson at Concord (No. 265 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Northern Light at Stayner (No. 266 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Parthenon at Chatham (No. 267 GRC) dated January 19, 1872; Verulam at Bobcaygeon (No. 268 GRC) dated February 10, 1872; Brougham Union at Brougham (No. 269 GRC) dated February 14, 1872; Cedar at Oshawa (No. 270) dated March 6, 1872; Wellington at Erin (No. 271 GRC) dated March 13, 1872; Seymour at Ancaster (No. 272 GRC) dated April 2, 1872; Olive Branch at West Shefford, PQ (No. 273 GRC, later No. 50 GRQ, closed 1891) dated April 16, 1872; Kent at Blenheim (No. 274 GRC) dated April 25, 1872; Pontiac at Onslow, PQ (No. 275 GRC, now No. 40 GRQ, Shawville, PQ) dated May 4, 1872; Teeswater at Teeswater (No. 276 GRC) dated May 7, 1872; Seymour at Port Dalhousie (No. 277 GRC, now at St. Catharines) dated May 9, 1872; Mystic at Roslin (No. 278 GRC, closed 1898) dated May 14, 1872; New Hope at Hespeler (No. 279 GRC, now at Cambridge) dated May 15, 1872; Mount Sinai at Napanee (No. 280 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 5, 1872; and Thorne at Holland Landing (No. 281 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 25, 1872.

¹⁹¹ Oak Branch; Forest; Chaudiere; Patterson; Northern Light; Seymour; Verulam; Brougham Union; Cedar; Kent; Teeswater; Mystic and Mount Sinai.

¹⁹² Eureka at Belleville (No. 283 GRC); St. John's at Ainleyville (No. 284 GRC, now at Brussels) and Seymour (Seven Star Lodge) at Alliston (No. 285 GRC).

with the recommendation that Warrants be issued for a further twelve Lodges¹⁹³. This would bring the total of new Lodges to thirty-six. Warrant No. 264 was issued on July 11, 1872 for Pontiac Lodge.

The Lodge affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Quebec on September 23, 1874 when the Grand Lodge of Canada ceased working in the Province. It did not receive a new number until September 26, 1877, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec numbered it as Pontiac Lodge, No. 40, GRC, Shawville.

Pontiac Lodge No. 40 GRQ presently meets at the Masonic Hall in Shawville. It has a concurrent jurisdiction with Ottawa Districts No. 1 and No. 2, GRC.

Worshipful Masters of Pontiac Lodge 275 GRC, Onslow and Shawville, PQ
(* = charter members)

1872 Arthur Lyon	1873 Arthur Lyon
1874 <i>no entry in Proceedings</i>	

Membership of Pontiac Lodge, No. 275 GRC, Onslow and Shawville, PQ
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	May 4,	1872				
1872	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	7
1873	11	8	5	4	nil	1	nil	nil	20
1874	no data	in G.L.C.	Ann.	Procs					
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

¹⁹³ Parthenon at Chatham; Wellington at Erin; Olive Branch at West Shefford; Pontiac at Onslow; Harriston at Harriston; Seymour at Port Dalhousie; New Hope at Hespeler; Thorne at Holland Landing; Lorne at Glencoe (No. 282 GRC); Ancient Landmark at Winnipeg (No. 288 GRC, now No. 3 GRM); Morrisburg at Morrisburg (no Warrant appears to have been granted) and L'Original at L'Original (no Warrant appears to have been granted).

L'Original Lodge, UD GRC, L'Original 1872-1873?

[Ottawa 1872-1873.]

The town of L'Original in the united counties of Prescott and Russell derived its name from the seigneurie of Pointe-à-l'Original, granted to François Prévost in 1674. The name referred to that part of the Ottawa River which was usually used by moose for a crossing point. L'Original was chosen in 1817 as the site of the Ottawa District Courthouse and is Ontario's oldest surviving courthouse. The L'Original post office was opened in 1829 and the town was incorporated in 1876.

At the 17th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10-12, 1872, Hamilton), M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported that he had issued twenty-one dispensations for new Lodges¹⁹⁴ (1872 *Annual Proceedings*, p. 39-40) which might include L'Original but there is no information about such a petition in the report of R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, DDGM of Ottawa District (1872 *Annual Proceedings*, p. 86-8). The Board of General Purposes reported that after examining the books of all Lodges they recommended Warrants be issued to only sixteen of the twenty-one¹⁹⁵ plus three additional Lodges¹⁹⁶ for which applications had been received at Grand Lodge (1872 *Annual Proceedings*, p. 106). A supplementary report of the Board was submitted later at the Annual Communication (1872 *Annual Proceedings*, p. 119) with the recommendation that Warrants be issued for a further twelve Lodges¹⁹⁷, including L'Original. This would bring the total of new Lodges to thirty-six.

This is the second reference to the formation of such a Lodge at L'Original at this time in the history of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada. R. W. Bro. Barber noted that St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, at Hawkesbury, had removed to L'Original in spite of the complaints delivered to Dublin by the Grand Lodge of Canada about the actions of that Lodge. It is possible that this move to form a "Canadian" Lodge at the town was simply a reaction to St. John's movements. No information regarding the names of WM or Secretary and no data on membership are given in the Returns of Subordinate Lodges for 1872 or 1873. Had this Lodge become a reality it might have become warranted as "No. 290" but it did not materialize and the number was used for Leamington Lodge at Leamington.

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¹⁹⁶ Eureka at Belleville (No. 283 GRC); St. John's at Ainleyville (No. 284 GRC, now at Brussels) and Seymour (Seven Star Lodge) at Alliston (No. 285 GRC).

¹⁹⁷ Parthenon at Chatham; Wellington at Erin; Olive Branch at West Shefford; Pontiac at Onslow; Harriston at Harriston; Seymour at Port Dalhousie; New Hope at Hespeler; Thorne at Holland Landing; Lorne at Glencoe (No. 282 GRC); Ancient Landmark at Winnipeg (No. 288 GRC, now No. 3 GRM); Morrisburg at Morrisburg (no Warrant appears to have been granted) and L'Original at L'Original (no Warrant appears to have been granted).

Eddy Lodge, No. 41 GRQ, Aylmer (now Gatineau), Quebec 1959-present
Eddy Lodge, No. 41 GRQ, Hull, Quebec 1877-1959
Eddy Lodge, No. 56 GRQ, Hull, Quebec 1876-77
Eddy Lodge, No. Unnumbered GRQ, Hull, Quebec 1874-
Eddy Lodge, No. 298 GRC, Hull, Quebec 1873-1874
Eddy Lodge, UD GRC, Hull, Quebec 1873-1873

[GLC: Ottawa District 1873-1874. GLQ Ottawa District 1874-present.]

Prior to the arrival of Philemon Wright from Woburn, Massachusetts, in 1800, Hull shared a common history with other areas along the Ottawa River. After the Indians it was the explorers, missionaries, fur traders and military of the French and English regimes which used the portage paths that crossed Hull. One of these, the Second Chaudière Portage, situated in Brébeuf Park, still shows the roughly hewn stone steps built there by the voyageurs. Hull was the first permanent town established on the Ottawa River. Philemon Wright and his associates were given large tracts of land in Hull and Templeton Townships and the small agricultural community of "Wrightstown" quickly turned to the production of squared timber for the British market. The first lumber raft from the area reached Quebec in 1806. In 1851, Ezra Butler Eddy of Vermont, arrived and built up his equity by manufacturing handmade matches, washboards and clothespins. By 1870 he was one of the leading sawmill operators at the Chaudière Falls and by 1890 was well into pulp and paper manufacturing. By 1871 the population of the town had reached about 8,500 people.

According to the Lodge's *75th Anniversary* pamphlet (1948), the needs of Freemasons in Hull had originally been met by Columbia Lodge, No. 25, of the Antient Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada (HRH Duke of Kent) whose Provincial Warrant had been issued on June 4, 1818. It doesn't appear that the Lodge was originally registered with London which was still going through the throes of the unification process which resulted in the United Grand Lodge of England. In 1822, United Grand Lodge had divided the jurisdiction of Lower Canada into two districts: Quebec and Three Rivers in the east and Montreal and William Henry in the west. Accordingly a Provincial Warrant, No. 8, was issued in 1823. The Lodge was then registered with Grand Lodge in London and Warrant No. 787 was issued on March 29, 1824. In the English renumbering of 1832 a new number of the Warrant, No. 519, was issued¹⁹⁸. John Lane, in his *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, p 258, lists the location of the Lodge as "Hull, Valley of R. Ottawa (Ottawa), Lower Canada, Quebec 1818." Based on his thorough review of the surviving Lodge records in the archives of the United Grand Lodge of England in London, he also notes: "Lapsed in 1826, but not erased until 4 June 1862."

Eddy Lodge's *75th Anniversary* pamphlet, however, reports that several of the members of Columbia Lodge affiliated with Chaudière Lodge, No. 264 GRC, Ottawa in 1862, when Eddy Lodge believed the original Columbia Lodge to have expired. This variation in perception of the Lodge as working or as lapsed was often common. John Hamilton Graham reports in his *Freemasonry in Quebec* that after its formal establishment, the roll of Lodges of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal and William Henry for

¹⁹⁸ Efforts to register all Antient and Modern Lodges under the new numbering system of the United Grand Lodge of England would take in excess of 50 years because of the difficulties of communications. All known Lodges at the time of union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 were listed and numbered in accordance with the known dates of their formation. This included many Lodges which had passed into darkness but which had been retained on the rolls because their closing was unknown. As the system "shook down" a renumbering was undertaken and completed for 1832 when new numbers were issued to the then existing Lodges. As more knowledge of the Lodges continued to arrive in London a third process of renumbering, completed in 1863, necessitated Lodges receiving new numbers for a possible third time. This situation was paralleled in the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada: the forming Lodges, in 1855, were ranked according to their dates of formation and numbered consecutively. When the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada A.F. & A.M. (formed in 1857) was united with the Grand Lodge of Canada a re-ranking was required of all Lodges: this resulted in new numbers being issued in 1859. For the original Lodges holding Warrants of the Grand Lodge of Canada, this was often accomplished by putting a pen-stroke through the original number and writing the new number beside it. For Lodges of the Ancient Grand Lodge, it meant an entirely new Warrant.

1824-25 list their eighth Lodge as "Columbia, (location) Hull, (PRLC number) 25, (PRMWH number) 8, (UGLE number) 787 (Graham, *Freemasonry*, p 169). Graham reports only one further reference to Columbia in the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge: November 8, 1826, when brothers J. S. McCord and William Badgley, Inspectors of Country Lodges, visited the Lodge "and were pleased with the respectability of the Lodge" and instructed the Lodge in the Initiation and Raising and also in opening and closing the three degrees.

We are, thus, left with the conundrum: did Columbia Lodge generally die out in 1826 as reported by John Lane, or did it possibly continue a quiet and isolated existence for a longer period. If the latter: when might it have expired?

A formation meeting for a new Lodge in Hull was held on March 22, 1873. The minutes show that the following decisions were made: (1) it was agreed to form a new Lodge to meet growing needs; (2) to request approval of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada for authority to form a new Lodge; (3) the name chosen to be "Eddy Lodge" in recognition of Ezra Butler Eddy who was MPP for the County "and in large part through his generosity, the Lodge was formed"; (4) that dues would be fifty cents per month and the initiation fee to be \$20.00; and (5) that the By-Laws of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264 GRC, Ottawa, be adopted *pro tem*.

At the 18th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 9-10, 1873, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, reported (*1873 Annual Proceedings*, p. 342) that he had issued dispensations for the formation of fifteen new Lodges¹⁹⁹, including one issued on April 26, 1873, for Eddy Lodge at Hull, Quebec. The Lodge was instituted on May 8, 1873. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, reported (*1873 Annual Proceedings*, p 374-6) on the condition of Masonry in the District, but made no reference to the formation of the new Eddy Lodge. Notwithstanding, the Board of General Purposes reported they had examined the books and records of the Lodges under dispensation and recommended Warrants be issued to thirteen of them including No. 298 for Eddy Lodge. The Warrant was signed by the Grand Master on July 10, 1873. The new Lodge was then included in the Ottawa District.

The charter members of the new Eddy Lodge included (with occupation and name and number of Mother Lodge as taken from the Member Register): W. Bro. Ezra Butler Eddy as WM (Member #1, the owner of the E. B. Eddy paper mill and a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa); George H. Millen (#2, Sawyer, Glens Falls No. 121, GRNY) as SW; Joseph Heneway²⁰⁰ (#3, Mill Wright, Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa) as JW; R. J. Elliott (#4, Handy Man, Amity Lodge, no number or jurisdiction); S. S. Cushman (#5, Book Keeper, Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa); Thomas G. Buck (#6, Agent, Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa); William Lough Jr (#7, Accountant, Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa); Nathan Butler (#8, Machinist, Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa); John L. McCullough (#9, Shipper, membership not identified); J. W. McRae (#10, Forwarder, Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa); Andrew Grant (#11, Painter, Montreal Kilwinning No. 124 GRC, Montreal); E. C. Graham (#12, Physician, membership not identified); Denis Casey (#13, Foreman, Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa) and William Feeley (#14, Foreman, Dalhousie No. 591 ER, now No. 52 GRC, Ottawa).

The foregoing list indicates that seven charter members hailed from Chaudiere No. 264 GRC, Ottawa and one each from Corinthian No. 59 of Ottawa, Montreal Kilwinning No. 124, Montreal, Dalhousie No. 591 ER (now No. 52 GRC), Ottawa, Glens Falls No. 121, New York, Amity Lodge (jurisdiction unidentified) and three whose mother Lodge is unidentified.

Eddy Lodge affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in 1874 when the Grand Lodge of Canada

¹⁹⁹ The fifteen Lodges were: Wingham at Wingham (No. 286 GRC); Shuniah at Prince Arthur's Landing (No. 287 GRC); Ancient Landmark at Winnipeg, Manitoba (No. 288 GRC, now No. 3 GRM); Doric at Lobo (No. 289 GRC); Leamington at Leamington (No. 290 GRC); Dufferin at West Flamboro (No. 291 GRC); Robertson at Nobleton (No. 292 GRC now at King City); The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem, Palestine (No. 293 GRC, closed 1902); Moore at Mooretown (No. 294 GRC, now at Corunna); Conestoga at Drayton (No. 295 GRC); Temple at St. Catharines (No. 296 GRC); Preston at Preston (No. 297 GRC, now at Cambridge); Eddy at Hull, PQ (No. 298 GRC, now No. 40 GRQ); Victoria at Centreville (No. 299 GRC); and Mount Olivet at Thorndale (No. 300 GRC).

²⁰⁰ In the actual register it appears to be written as "Himinway."

ceased operating in the Province. During its time within Ottawa District, no members served as DDGM. The original Warrant of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, hanging in the Lodge Room at least until the fire of 1973, carried an inscription in one bottom corner, signed by John Helder Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that Eddy Lodge had affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Quebec on December 10, 1874. The records of the Lodge indicate clearly that the "Canadian" Warrant with inscription remained as the Lodge's authority until October 12, 1876, when a Quebec Warrant as "No. 56" was issued. On April 12, 1877, the Grand Lodge of Quebec issued Warrant No. 41.

Eddy Lodge first met on the second floor of the Fire Hall in Hull, owned and operated by Ezra Butler Eddy. On April 26, 1900 fire destroyed most of the city of Hull and spread to the Lower Town area of Ottawa. The Lodge's next meeting, May 10, 1900, was held at the home of the WM, W. Bro. S. S. Cushman. Although the Ottawa Masonic Hall Committee offered Eddy Lodge the use of their facilities, for the next year the Lodge met in Sabbath School Room of Zion Presbyterian Church. Beginning in December 1900, Eddy Lodge shared the Lodge rooms of King Solomon Lodge, No. 69 GRQ, Aylmer. From July 1901-July 1905, Eddy Lodge occupied rooms in the Marston Chambers (corner of Eddy and Main Streets, Hull). In September 1905 the Lodge had removed to rooms in the Graham Block²⁰¹ at 63 Main Street. The Graham Block provided a home for the Lodge until October 12, 1959, when the Lodge removed to its present location, King Solomon Temple, Aylmer Road.

Charity has always been a cornerstone of the Lodge program: and significant numbers of donations were made in the aftermath of the 1900 fire. But long-term support to the Children's Hospital, Ottawa Masonic Building Fund and the Ottawa Masonic Band were also major projects of support. A room was furnished at the Institute for the Blind and a room at the Wakefield Memorial Hospital. Benevolence has also been very important: the Minutes of the meeting of January 13, 1876, record the decision that half of the initiation fee be remitted to clergymen who join the Lodge.

One member of Eddy Lodge has served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec: M. W. Bro. Canon L. F. Crothers (GM 1948-49 and 1949-50) and two members have served as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec: M. Ex. Companions Alan J. Seabright (2003-04) and Bertrand Poirier (2005-06). During its existence, twenty-two members²⁰² of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Edwin Clarke (1917-18), James M. Patterson (1930-31), Canon L. F. Crothers (1939-40 and 1940-41), G. A. Anderson (year unknown), W. G. Moore (year unknown), E. O. Benedict (year unknown), Frank Park (year unknown), R. Park (year unknown), G. F. Garrioch (1979-80), Orval Arthur William Smith (1987-88), Bertrand Poirier (1994-95), N. El-Chakieh (year unknown) and Khalil Ibrahim (2006-07). In addition, other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Deputy Grand Master - R. W. Bro. Canon L. F. Crothers (1946-47 and 1947-48);
- Senior Grand Warden - R. W. Bro. E. O. Benedict (year unknown);
- Junior Grand Warden - R. W. Bros. George C. Wright (1901-02), J. F. Rochester (year unknown), B. Patterson (year unknown) [2 more names and years needed];
- Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bro. David R. Macfarlane (1891-92) [1 more name and year needed];
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. [names and years needed] J. M. Shouldice (year unknown), E. A. Cowden (year unknown), Gordon Hall (year unknown), Pierre Gaudreau (year unknown), H. Jarawan (year unknown), Mounir Samaha (year unknown) and Alan J. Seabright (2003-04);
- District Grand Chaplains - V. W. Bros. Canon L. F. Crothers (1928-29, 1937-38 and 1938-39) and Rev. A. B. Casselman (year unknown) [4 more names and years needed]; and
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Walter E. Scott (year unknown).

Unfortunately the Lodge has lost records even after the fire of 1900 so that a complete listing of Past

²⁰¹ Built and owned by C. E. Graham, a charter member of Eddy Lodge.

²⁰² The 1948 (75th Anniversary) pamphlet notes that thirteen Lodge members had served as DDGM up to that year. Since then, at least 7 more members have served as DDGM (F. Park who was WM in 1948, R. Park, Grant Garrioch, Orval Smith, Bert Poirier, N. El-Chakieh and Khalil Ibrahim). Unfortunately Lodge records are incomplete and specific information is lacking.

Masters who held Grand office is not possible beyond what has been listed here. It is hoped that this summary history of the Lodge may assist other lodge members complete a more comprehensive one.

The Lodge is a member of Ottawa District No. 6, GRQ and has a concurrent jurisdiction with Ottawa Districts No. 1 and No. 2, GRC.

Eddy Lodge No. 40 GRQ, is still working under the same name and number.

Worshipful Masters of Eddy Lodge 298 GRC, Hull, Quebec
(* = charter members)

1873 Ezra Butler Eddy*

1874 Ezra Butler Eddy*

Worshipful Masters of Eddy Lodge 41 GRQ, Hull, Quebec
(based on surviving records of the Lodge)

1875 *unknown*

1876 *unknown*

1877 S. S. Cushman

1878 *unknown*

1879 George H. Millen

1880 R. G. Nesbitt

1881 *unknown*

1882 *unknown*

1883 Thomas Darling

1884 Thomas Darling

1885 William H. G. Garrioch

1886 William H. G. Garrioch

1887 William H. G. Garrioch

1888 Antoine Perroton

1889 David R. Macfarlane

1890 David R. Macfarlane

1891 George H. Millen

1892 George C. Wright

1892 George C. Wright

1894 George C. Wright

1895 George Anderson

1896 John Kinmond

1897 John Kinmond

1898 George H. Millen

1899 Thomas Harvey Jr.

1900 Thomas Harvey Jr.

1901 John R. McKay

1902 J. F. Rochester

1903 John F. Taylor

1904 John F. Taylor

1905 J. W. Kelly

1906 A. W. Stanley

1907 A. W. Stanley

1908 T. E. J. Kelly

1909 T. E. J. Kelly

1910 Edwin Clarke

1911 Edwin Clarke

1912 A. W. Bayman

1913 A. W. Bayman

1914 R. A. Little

1915 Frederick Palen

1916 William Louttit

1917 William Louttit

1918 A. O. Bowness

1919 A. O. Bowness

1920 Walter E. Scott

1921 T. J. Nankin

1922 H. Catterill

1923 C. P. Ludington

1924 G. A. Anderson

1925 J. H. Patterson

1926 J. H. Patterson

1927 W. C. Moore

1928 J. D. Porter

1929 D. Robertson

1930 C. L. Murphy

1931 J. F. Hedger

1932 J. Hilton

1933 C. V. Hacker

1934 Canon L. F. Crothers

1935 F. C. MacDonald

1936 J. H. Wallingford

1937 J. H. Kelly

1938 J. R. Kelly

1939 W. Walker

1940 G. G. McNicoll

1941 J. M. Shouldice

1942 B. Patterson

1943 E. O. Benedict

1944 S. B. Merrifield

1945 E. L. McElroy

1946 B. Patterson

1947 J. A. Atchie

1948 Frank Park

1949 S. C. Cushman

1950 Rev. A. B. Casselman

1951 H. S. Young
 1953 W. Wingett
 1955 K. M. Davidson

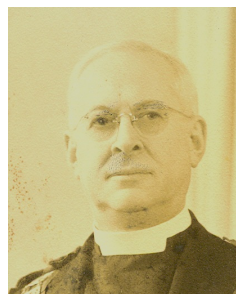
1952 R. Park
 1954 E. A. Fitzpatrick

1956-7 G. F. Garrioch
 1958-9 E. E. Gates
 1960-1 A. F. Brown
 1962-3 S. E. Cross
 1964-5 *unknown*
 1966-7 P. M. Jones
 1968-9 Alan J. Seabright
 1970-1 Orval Arthur William Smith
 1972-3 Gordon Hall
 1974-5 O. Benedict
 1976-7 M. Veilleux
 1978-9 Lloyd Childs
 1980-1 R. Aubin
 1982-3 Pierre Gaudreau
 1984-5 John Carey
 1986-7 P. Hall
 1988-9 F. Jarawan
 1990-1 K. Daaboul
 1992-3 N. El-Chakieh
 1994-5 S. Abi-Ghanem
 1996-7 N. Khoury
 1998-9 Robert C. Meunier
 2000-1 Nabih Eldebs
 2002-3 Samer Forzley
 2004-5 Ralph Hadaya
 2006-7 Joe Abou Abdou
 2008-9 Riad El-Ghazal

1957-8 S. L. Gow
 1959-0 H. Barnes
 1961-2 *unknown*
 1963-4 Clifford J. Meunier
 1965-6 D. W. Atkinson
 1967-8 E. A. Cowden
 1969-0 H. Hampel
 1971-2 Robert C. Meunier
 1973-4 J. Morrison
 1975-6 Lloyd Childs
 1977-8 B. Barber
 1979-0 L. Fillion
 1981-2 J. Cowden
 1983-4 Bertrand Poirier
 1985-6 R. F. York
 1987-8 Leo Poirier
 1989-0 *unknown*
 1991-2 F. Jarawan
 1993-4 S. Abi-Ghanem
 1995-6 H. Jarawan
 1997-8 Nabih Debs
 1999-0 J. Nicholas
 2001-2 Mounir Samaha
 2003-4 Khalil Ibrahim
 2005-6 Peter Badr
 2007-8 Victor Karkaji
 2009-0 George Assi

M. W. Bro. Canon L. F. Crothers

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Quebec (1948-49 and 1949-50)



No information about his personal and professional life is known in any detail. Canon Crothers served as Rector of St. James Anglican Church, Hull for 25 years and was Rector-Emeritus in 1973.

Masonic Career

Brother Crothers served as WM of Eddy Lodge for 1934-35. After serving as District Chaplain (1928-29, 1937-38 and 1938-39) he was elected as DDGM of the Ottawa District of Quebec (1939-40) and as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Quebec (1946-47 and 1947-48). On October

13, 1948, he was elected as Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Quebec and served for 1948-49 and 1949-50.

Alan John Seabright

Grand First Principal (2003-04) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec



(1925-2008)

Alan J. Seabright was born in Mursley, Buckinghamshire, England on February 11, 1925, the second son of rank and Florence Seabright, who owned a bakery in the rural Chilterns. In 1935 the family moved to Watford, Hertfordshire. At the beginning of World War II he was apprenticed to an electrical instrument company and attended Watford technical College. In 1946 he was conscripted into the British Army and served three years in the middle east. On demobilization he resumed his technical studies and graduated from the engineering department of the London Institute of City and Guilds.

In 1950 he married Dorothy Smith and both the Seabright and Smith families were active in the Boy Scouts. For his years of service to the movement Alan was awarded a Long-Service medal.

Alan and Dorothy immigrated to Canada in 1957 where he was employed by the Sperry Company in Montreal. The family moved to Hull in 1985 when he took up employment with Computing Devices of Canada. During his latter years with CDC he participated on the International Standards Committee for Electronic Circuits and Components and retired after 32 years the company.

Alan and Dorothy had four children and Alan now proudly talks about his nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. Dorothy passed away in 1991 and in December 2005, Alan married Violet Newbury. Alan John Seabright died in October 2008, in Peterborough, Ontario.

Masonic Career

Mr. Alan J. Seabright was initiated, passed and raised in Eddy Lodge, No. 41 GRQ, Hull in 1960. He served as WM (1966-67). He was appointed as a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Quebec A.F. & A.M. in 2004. He affiliated with Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, Ottawa (Westboro).

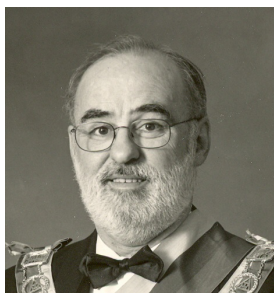
He joined Coronation Chapter, No. 27 GRQ, Hull in 1968 and he served two years as First Principal. He was appointed as Grand Steward of the Grand Chapter of Quebec in 1990 and elected as Grand Superintendent of District #2 (2000-01). He was subsequently elected as Grand Third Principal (2001-02), Grand Second Principal (2002-03) and Grand First Principal (2003-04).

He was a founder of the Order of Demolay in Ottawa-Hull; of Colonel-By Council, No. 217, AMD, Ottawa; and of the Ottawa Conclave No. 1, Order of the Secret Monitor, Ottawa. He is a member of the Order of the High Priesthood in Quebec and Ontario; Ottawa Preceptory No. 32, KT; and St. Justin's Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Alan and Violet held the offices of Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron (2003-04) of Shawville Chapter, No. 50 (Quebec), Shawville, of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Bertrand Poirier

Grand First Principal (2005-06) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec



Bertrand Poirier was born in 1944.

Masonic Career

Mr. Bertrand Poirier was initiated into Eddy Lodge, No. 41 GRQ, Hull, in 1975 and served as WM (1983-84). He was a charter member of Loge Lorraine, No. 141 GRQ, Aylmer, and served as WM (1988-90). He was elected as DDGM of the Ottawa District of the Grand Lodge of Quebec (1994-95).

He was exalted into Coronation Chapter, No. 27 GRQ, Hull in 1978 and served as First Principal. He was a charter member of Melchisedech Chapter, No. 31 GRQ, Aylmer, in 1996. He was elected as Grand Third Principal (2001-02 and 2002-03), Grand Second Principal (2003-04 and 2004-05) and Grand First Principal (2005-06 and 2006-07) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

He has been a member of Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32 KT, since 1979. He is a member of Colonel By Council, No. 217 AMD, Ottawa and a founder member of Mozart Council, AMD, Aylmer (1993). He was elected as DDGM of District 5, AMD Canada (1997-98).

He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Membership of Eddy Lodge, No. 298 GRC, Hull, Quebec

(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)

(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	1873					
1873	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	13
1874	no data	listed	in G.L.C.	Ann.	Procs.				
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Due to the difficulty of accessing information, no membership data for the Lodge as a subordinate body of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has been obtained.

Unnamed Lodge, Ottawa 1874-1874

[Ottawa District 1874-1881.]

At the 19th Annual Communication (July 8, 1874, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, reported that he had issued dispensations for the formation of nineteen new Lodges²⁰³, but he makes no reference to a proposal for a new Lodge in Ottawa. R. W. Bro. William Mostyn, DDGM of Ottawa District, reported that he had recommended one dispensation for a new Lodge and had not recommended a second. "The required number of brethren having petitioned for a Dispensation to hold a Lodge at Beachburg, in the County of Renfrew, I had no hesitation in recommending it, as I had examined Bro. Forbes, the W.M. elect, and found him fully informed in the work laid down by the Grand Lodge; and as it was a section of country without any Lodge. The Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation to the Lodge, under the name of "Enterprise." I trust a warrant will in due time be granted to this Lodge. A petition was also presented by a large number of brethren to open a new Lodge at Ottawa City. This one I could not recommend as I thought the number of Lodges in Ottawa City and its immediate vicinity are at present too great, and that, as a rule, if there were fewer Lodges we would have better ones, for I believe the multiplying of Lodges hurts Masonry, as improper material may then be taken in for the purpose of keeping the Lodge up; however, it remains for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge to grant the petition or not" (P 617-8). There is no further reference to the abortive effort to form the new Lodge in Ottawa.

It is possible that this petition for a "Lodge in Ottawa which was not approved" could have been developed by brethren of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa, which was in the process of closing (it closed in 1875) and a dissenting group from The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa. This may be the petition, approved on August 20, 1878, for the formation of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371 GRC, Ottawa, which is still working.

²⁰³ St. David's 302, St. Thomas; Blyth 303, Blyth; Minerva 304, Victoria (now at Stroud); Humber 305, Weston; Durham 306, Durham; Arkona 307, Arkona; Grafton 308, Grafton (closed 1890); Morning Star 309, Smith's Hill (now at Goderich); Enterprise 310, Beachburg (closed 1881); Blackwood 311, Woodbridge; Pnyx 312, Wallaceburg; Clementi 313, Lakefield (now at Peterborough); Hiram 319, Cheapside (now at Hagersville); Blair 314, Palmerston; Clifford 315, Clifford; Doric 316, Toronto (now at Thornhill); The Hiram Lodge 317, Dundas (closed 1882); Chesterville 320, Chesterville; and Wilmot 318, Baden.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 310 GRC, Beachburg 1874-1881
Enterprise Lodge, UD GRC, Beachburg 1874-1874

[Ottawa District 1874-1881²⁰⁴.]

In 1835, the first settler in the new Westmead Township, David Beach, built a “caboose-style” cabin on the trail that led to the small settlement of Miramichi (now Pembroke). He then acquired 1000 acres on which he built a hotel, post office, tannery and a grist and sawmill, as well as farming on his land. By 1850, a sizeable settlement was emerging but, in 1851, a forest fire wiped out the entire area except for one house. The result of the fire was to encourage a greater clearing of land and, by 1855, when the Ottawa-Pembroke road was built (which went through Beachburg), the town settlement included several stores, a hotel, blacksmith, new mills, churches and schools. By 1880 the growing town had two hotels, two sawmills, a dancing school and four general stores. In 1906 the first telephone was installed in Beachburg in Bennie’s Store, and in 1911 the North Renfrew Telephone Company was established, providing services to Beachburg.

With the growth of the town, a number of Masons had moved into the area and petitioned the Grand Master for authority to form a new Lodge. At the 19th Annual Communication (July 8, 1874, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, reported that he had issued dispensations for the formation of nineteen new Lodges²⁰⁵, including one dated February 14, 1874, for Enterprise Lodge at Beachburg, for which the WM was W. Bro. George Forbes. R. W. Bro. William Mostyn, DDGM of Ottawa District, reported that he had recommended one dispensation for a new Lodge and had not recommended a second. “The required number of brethren having petitioned for a Dispensation to hold a Lodge at Beachburg, in the County of Renfrew, I had no hesitation in recommending it, as I had examined Bro. Forbes, the W.M. elect, and found him fully informed in the work laid down by the Grand Lodge; and as it was a section of country without any Lodge. The Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation to the Lodge, under the name of “Enterprise.” I trust a warrant will in due time be granted to this Lodge. A petition was also presented by a large number of brethren to open a new Lodge at Ottawa City. This one I could not recommend as I thought the number of Lodges in Ottawa City and its immediate vicinity are at present too great, and that, as a rule, if there were fewer Lodges we would have better ones, for I believe the multiplying of Lodges hurts Masonry, as improper material may then be taken in for the purpose of keeping the Lodge up; however, it remains for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge to grant the petition or not” (1874 *Annual Proceedings*, p 617-8)²⁰⁶. The Board of General Purposes, having reviewed the situation of all Lodges under dispensation, recommended the issue of a warrant to Beachburg Lodge (1874 *Annual Proceedings*, p.652) and No. 310 was issued. There is no reference to the abortive effort to form the new Lodge in Ottawa.

The Lodge was constituted as Enterprise Lodge, No. 310, on November 18, 1874 by the DDGM of

²⁰⁴ Various entitled Ottawa District #12 1870-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879 and District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886.

²⁰⁵ The nineteen were: St. David’s No. 302 GRC, St. Thomas; Blyth No. 303 GRC, Blyth; Minerva No. 304 GRC at Victoria (now at Stroud); Humber No. 305 GRC at Weston; Durham No. 306 GRC at Durham; Arkona No. 307 GRC at Arkona; Grafton No. 308 GRC at Grafton (closed 1890); Morning Star No. 309 GRC at Smith’s Hill (now at Goderich); Enterprise No. 310 GRC at Beachburg (closed 1881); Blackwood No. 311 GRC at Woodbridge; Pnyx No. 312 GRC at Wallaceburg; Clementi No. 313 GRC at Lakefield (now at Peterborough); Hiram No. 319 GRC at Cheapside (now at Hagersville); Blair No. 314 GRC at Palmerston; Clifford No. 315 GRC at Clifford; Doric No. 316 GRC at Toronto (now at Thornhill); The Hiram Lodge, No. 317 GRC at Dundas (closed 1882); Chesterville No. 320 GRC at Chesterville; and Wilmot No. 318 GRC at Baden.

²⁰⁶ It is possible that the petition for a “Lodge in Ottawa which was not approved” could have been developed by brethren of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa, which was in the process of closing (it closed in 1875) and a dissenting group from The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa. This may be the petition, approved on August 20, 1878, for the formation of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371 GRC, Ottawa, which is still working (see page 305 *et seq*).

Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Dr. John W. Pickup, MD. The new Lodge was included in the Ottawa District until 1881 when the Lodge ceased working and Warrant No. 310 was surrendered. No members of the Lodge are recorded as having served as DDGM of the District. There is no specific reference to the Lodge in the reports of the DDGMs during the short seven-year existence of the Lodge and the only closure in the district referred to is that of Corinthian Lodge No.206 at North Gower. It's only epitaph from Grand Lodge is the comment by M. W. Bro. James A. Henderson in his address (*1881 Annual Proceedings* p 74) that "... Enterprise Lodge, No. 310, Beachburg ... (has) surrendered (its) warrant ... owing to the removal of a number of its members, and other causes, found it impossible to continue in active working." Membership statistics printed in various Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge indicate that Lodge never exceeded nineteen members which it achieved by 1877.

The Lodge was resurrected in 1913 as Enterprise Lodge, No. 516 GRC, Beachburg (p. 372) and was again included in Ottawa District. With the reorganization of Ottawa District in 1970, the second Enterprise Lodge was transferred to the newly established Ottawa District No. 2 and it presently meets on the first Monday of every month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall in Beachburg.

Worshipful Masters of Enterprise Lodge 310, Beachburg
(* = charter members)

1874 George Forbes	1875 George Forbes
1876 Robert Allen	1877 Robert Allen
1878 Robert Allen	1879 Robert Allen
1880 Tomas E. Thwaites	1881 <i>no name listed in Proceedings</i>
1882 <i>no name listed in Proceedings</i>	

Membership of Enterprise Lodge, No. 310 GRC, Beachburg
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as at June 24 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Feb. 14,	1874				
1874	1	1	nil	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	12
1875	2	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	14
1876	1	1	1	3	nil	1	nil	nil	16
1877	3	3	3	2	nil	2	nil	nil	19
1878	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	19
1879	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	19
1880	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	19
1881	nil	nil	1	1	nil	2	nil	nil	18
1882	no data	listed in	Procs.						
	Closed	during	1880-81	period					
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371 GRC, Ottawa 1879-present
Prince of Wales Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1878-1879

[Ottawa District 1878-1970²⁰⁷. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371 GRC, Ottawa has twice lost their records and other valuable furniture in fires which destroyed their Lodge Halls. One of the key historical summaries is a presentation made on the occasion of the Lodge's 25th Anniversary by R. W. Bro. William Northwood and a Lodge history was written and published in 1939, on the occasion of the Lodge's 60th Anniversary.

Prince of Wales Lodge was established by members of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa (when Corinthian ceased working in 1875) and a dissenting group of Freemasons from The Builders Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa. A meeting was held on July 16, 1878 attended by sixteen brethren anxious to begin a new Lodge, the first officers were elected and the name "The Prince of Wales" was chosen in honour of Queen Victoria's eldest son (who would later become King Edward VII in 1901). A second meeting was held (date unrecorded) and an Application for Dispensation to meet was prepared and signed. At a third meeting on August 20, 1878, it was agreed to petition Lodges in Ottawa for support, which was undertaken and the necessary Application, recommendations and recommendation of the then DDGM, R. W. Bro. Dr. John W. Pickup MD, were forwarded to Grand Lodge. A Dispensation was issued and the Lodge was Instituted on December 12, 1878.

At the 24th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (September 10, 1879, Kingston), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Henry Weller, noted in his address (*1879 Annual Proceedings*, p 85-6) that he had continued the dispensation for Harmony Lodge and had also issued dispensations for the formation of eleven new Lodges²⁰⁸, including one for Prince of Wales Lodge in Ottawa, Ottawa District. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Dr. John W. Pickup MD, noted (*1879 Annual Proceedings*, p 64-6) that "In November last, I had the pleasure of forwarding to the M. W. the Grand Master a Petition, signed by 28 prominent brethren, praying for a Dispensation for a new Lodge in the City of Ottawa, to be called the "Prince of Wales Lodge." The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to issue his Dispensation, and the new Lodge is now in a most flourishing condition under the able Mastership of V. W. Bro. S. Rogers, P. G. S. I have much pleasure in recommending that a Warrant be granted Prince of Wales Lodge." The Board of General Purposes recommended (*1879 Annual Proceedings*, p 98-9) that warrants be issued to all the Lodges referred to by the Grand Master with the exception of Kinistino in respect of which it recommended the dispensation be held over for a second year "in consequence of the absence of the books of that Lodge, and of the short time it has been working."

Warrant No. 371, dated September 10, 1879, was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Warrant was read and the new Lodge was Constituted and Dedicated on October 9, 1879. The Charter officers were: Samuel Rogers, WM (a member of Charity Lodge, No. 233 ER, and a charter member of The Builders' Lodge, No. 177 GRC, Ottawa); Alexander Taylor, SW; J. W. Whiteford, JW; L. K. Clisby, SD; P. A. MacDougall, JD; Tom Porter, IG; William Borthwick, DC; Harry G. Letch and R. I. Cook (Stewards); John Stewart, Treasurer; James Carruthers, Secretary; and William Mills, Chaplain. The other Charter Members included: Mills K. Church, Daniel Beatty, I. B. Taylor, Alexander Mills, David Cockburn, George A. Harris, William Northwood (a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa which closed in 1876), T. Sterne Stethem, Duncan A. Carmichael, James Lavory, William Gardner, Leonard Winters, David A.

²⁰⁷ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

²⁰⁸ The eleven were: Prince of Wales at Ottawa (now No. 371) Palmer at Victoria (now No. 372 at Fort Erie); Copestone at Welland (now No. 373); Keene at Keene (now No. 374); Lorne at Omemee (now No. 375); Unity at Huntsville (now No. 376); Lorne at Shelburne (now No. 377 GRC); King Solomon's at Petersville (now No. 378 at London); Middlesex at Bryanston (now No. 379 at Ilderton); Union at London (now No. 380) and Kinistino at Prince Albert NWT (No. 381 GRC until 1882, No. 16 Manitoba until 1906 and now No. 1 Saskatchewan at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan).

Welch, John Cowan and James W. Turley.

By the end of its first year the Lodge had 40 members, 47 by June 1880, 45 in June 1882, 49 in December 1882, 64 in December 1885, 67 in November 1892. In some cases membership may have been influenced by the cost of Initiations and Dues. In 1907 the cost of Initiation was raised from \$30 to \$40 and in March 1911 to \$50.

All Lodges have an occasional memorable meeting. At the regular meeting on September 8, 1881, no Master or Past Masters were present and a brother assumed the Chair. After "an animated discussion" it was agreed that the members were qualified to confer the "4th degree"²⁰⁹ which was "immediately acted upon." In January 1889, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. S. Walkem, visited the Lodge. The shortest recorded meeting of the Lodge was on December 22, 1911, it lasted one-half hour with nine members present.

The *Lodge History* notes that May 26, 1905 "marked the advent of Life Membership, and the discount for prepayment of dues."

It is not clear where Prince of Wales Lodge held its first regular meetings, but the Lodge rooms burned to the ground prior to 1896. On October 23, 1896, the Lodge reviewed plans for a new facility, and moved into temporary accommodation at the Odd Fellows Hall on Bank Street in the same month. The new facilities were soon ready and the first meeting in them was held on December 24, 1897. In May 1908 the Lodge was requested to contribute \$1,000 towards a fund to provide for the building of a Masonic Temple on Metcalfe Street. Sometime between June 27 and September 26, 1913, the property housing the Masonic Temple was destroyed by fire and all tenant Lodges, including Prince of Wales, were without a home. Temporary quarters were arranged in the Scottish Rite quarters on Sparks Street until the Metcalfe Street Temple became available. The new Metcalfe Street Temple was first occupied in January 1914 and the official Dedication, as recorded in the minutes of Prince of Wales, took place on October 4, 1914, under the auspices of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa.

Following the "great fire" in Hull and Ottawa in April, 1900, which destroyed much of the area against the Ottawa River, the Lodge voted \$25 for a fire relief fund and "\$50 to members of the craft who lost by the fire." Considerably more than \$75 was required and a report on April 26, 1901, showed an expenditure of \$740 for the relief of sufferers of the fire.

As an active Lodge in Ottawa, Prince of Wales supported the growth of Freemasonry in the area. The *Lodge History* notes that on March 27, 1914, the Lodge was asked to give permission for the formation of a Lodge in Westboro (most likely Ionic Lodge, No. 546). Growth in the district by April 1922 led to the proposal to split the District into two parts, and this was "vigorously opposed" by Prince of Wales and other Lodges and the proposal died.

In 1900, Prince of Wales Lodge held a reception to honour all members of the Craft who had served in South Africa during the Boer War. As part of its "war service" during World War I, the Lodge moved on November 27, 1914, to remit the dues of all brethren serving King and country and later the same year provided Christmas parcels to fourteen brethren who were serving overseas.

Prince of Wales Lodge celebrated its 25th Anniversary on September 23, 1904 with a "gala affair ... (which included) all the dignitaries of the Craft in or near Ottawa" The Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 10, 1929, with the Past Masters working a third degree. Its Centennial was celebrated on December 7, 1978.

Lodge members have been recognized for their longevity over the years. At the 123rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 17, 1978), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert Edwin Davies, announced that W. Bro. W. B. Snow had been presented with a 70-year button as well as 60-years a Past Master.

The newly established Prince of Wales Lodge formed part of Ottawa District 16 until the District reorganization of 1970 when it was placed in Ottawa District 1. During its existence, nine members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Samuel Rogers (Ottawa 13, 1880-81), Gavin S. MacFarlane (Ottawa 16, 1891-92), John Wilson (Ottawa 16, 1902-03), William Northwood (Ottawa 16, 1906-07), William Henry George Flay (Ottawa, 1936-37), James Henry McKinney (Ottawa, 1963-64), Kenneth Grant Willing (Ottawa 1, 1972-73), G. E. Thomas (Ottawa 1, 1984-85) and Norman G. Allingham (Ottawa 1,

²⁰⁹ This reference to a "4th degree" refers to the "Knife and Fork degree" of refreshment.

2004-05). Other members of Prince of Wales Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bro. William Borthwick (1898-99);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Herbert James Sykes (1940-41);
- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. Canon Robert James Whitaker Turley (1935-36);
- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Canon Robert James Whitaker Turley (1900-01);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Herbert Hugh Wright Nesbitt (1930-31), Alfred E. Cowan (1931-32), William J. McCoy (1937-38), G. W. Griffith (1963-64) and Frederick T. Gordon (year unknown); and Brian R. Edey (2005-06).
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. Charles Leonard Wood (1933-34);

To this distinguished group should be added V. W. Bro. G. S. L. Retallach who served as Grand Organist (year unknown) of the Grand Lodge of Quebec A.F. & A.M.

Prince of Wales Lodge meets on the fourth Friday of each month from September to May inclusive in the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Prince of Wales Lodge 371, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1878-9 <i>none listed</i>	1879-0 Samuel Rogers*
1880-1 Alexander H. Taylor*	1881-2 Dr. J. W. Whiteford, MD
1882-3 Samuel Rogers*	1883-4 Gavin S. McFarlane
1884-5 Gavin S. McFarlane	1885-6 William Northwood* ²¹⁰
1886-7 William Northwood*	1887-8 William Northwood*
1888-9 James W. Turley	1889-0 James W. Turley
1890-1 J. B. Wright	1891-2 Gavin S. McFarlane
1892-3 Charles W. Close	1893-4 Charles W. Close
1894-5 S. Simms	1895-6 William Borthwick*
1896-7 William Borthwick*	1897-8 J. J. Mulligan
1898-9 J. J. Mulligan	1899-0 E. J. L. Gallagher
1900-1 John Wilson	1901-2 William J. McCoy
1902-3 William J. McCoy	1903-4 H. V. Pain
1904-5 Alfred E. Cowan	1907-8 D. M. Jones
1908-9 M. Rosenthal	1909-0 J. McK. Skead
1910-1 Alfred E. Cowan	1911-2 F. W. Day
1912-3 Thomas Jones	1913-4 D. K. McIntosh
1914-5 Charles Leonard Wood	1915-6 J. S. Virtue
1916-7 W. B. Snow	1917-8 John W. M. Wilson
1918-9 Arthur E. Revell	1919-0 Charles L. Wood
1920-1 Frederick T. Gordon	1921-2 F. T. Burgess
1922-3 Herbert Hugh Wright Nesbitt	1923-4 Herbert S. Low
1924-5 William Macdonald	1925-6 George H. Baker
1926-7 Herbert James Sykes	1927-8 C. R. Hickman
1928-9 J. M. Jackson	1929-0 F. Bruce Nelson
1930-1 Canon Robert James Whitaker Turley	1931-2 Joe McAnoy
1932-3 James A. Jervis	1933-4 William H. G. Flay
1934-5 William H. Scrivens	1935-6 John B. Barr
1936-7 Harold Paget	1937-8 W. Allan Armstrong

²¹⁰ R. W. Bro. William Northwood was initiated in Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Ottawa which closed in 1876.

1938-9 Walter Fryer
 1940-1 F. H. Connett
 1942-3 William G. Blair
 1944-5 H. E. Morgan
 1946-7 R. S. Edey
 1948-9 W. B. Kelly
 1950-1 J. W. Goodman
 1952-3 A. Hallam
 1954-5 F. E. Hunter
 1956-7 James Henry McKinney
 1958-9 Charles Tapley
 1960-1 C. R. Kinder
 1962-3 K. G. Willing
 1964-5 K. G. Willing
 1966-7 F. W. McVeigh
 1968-9 J. S. McVey
 1970-1 R. J. Mayhew
 1972-3 Arthur L. Danks
 1974-5 W. Benjamin Bolton
 1976-7 William John Wilson
 1978-9 G. E. Thomas
 1980-1 T. A. Matweow
 1982-3 G. E. Thomas
 1984-5 D. R. Edey
 1986-7 George Frederick Graves
 1988-9 Larry Nadon
 1990-1 Linus Jones
 1992-3 Norman G. Allingham
 1994-5 Norman G. Allingham
 1996-7 Geoffrey Sheppard
 1998-9 Robert F. Stein
 2000-1 E. Clarke
 2002-3 Al Wright
 2004-5 Al Wright
 2006-7 G. Blain
 2008-9 T. Bourizk
 2010-1 Douglas George

1939-0 John A. Cameron
 1941-2 Robert Cunningham
 1943-4 A. Roche
 1945-6 R. H. Presser
 1947-8 E. C. Jones
 1949-0 W. A. Nieghorn
 1951-2 A. L. Hodgkinson
 1953-4 G. C. Thompson
 1955-6 G. G. Jackman
 1957-8 C. Tapley
 1959-0 W. E. Service
 1961-2 R. H. Sloan
 1963-4 L. B. Craig
 1965-6 G. D. Ironmonger
 1967-8 W. H. Wilson
 1969-0 J. R. Matthews
 1971-2 D. R. Edey
 1973-4 W. K. Hamilton
 1975-6 Norman D. Kincaid
 1977-8 J. T. Lewis
 1979-0 B. Edwards
 1981-2 J. McDilda
 1983-4 G. E. Thomas
 1985-6 George Frederick Graves
 1987-8 Brian Edey
 1989-0 Linus Jones
 1991-2 G. McFarlane
 1993-4 Norman G. Allingham
 1995-6 Geoffrey Sheppard
 1997-8 Rolf Baumann
 1999-0 Dennis Cole
 2001-2 T. Zeton
 2003-4 Al Wright
 2005-6 Michel Moujaes
 2007-8 Dieter Kujawski
 2009-0 Al Wright

Membership of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371 GRC, Ottawa
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1866 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Dec. 12,	1878				
1878	no data	shown in	Ann.	Procs.					
1879	3	2	1	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	36
1880	12	11	6	1	nil	nil	nil	1	46
1881	4	4	9	nil	nil	1	nil	5	44
1882	5	4	3	1	nil	4	1	nil	45

1883	6	7	5	4	nil	2	1	2	50
1884	5	6	9	1	nil	1	1	nil	54
1885	6	5	5	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	62
1886	3	4	4	3	1	nil	nil	nil	66
1887	6	6	5	2	nil	1	nil	1	72
1888	1	2	3	1	nil	2	3	4	64
1889	5	5	4	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	67
1890	4	4	5	1	1	1	1	3	67
1891	5	5	4	nil	3	2	nil	nil	68
1892	2	2	3	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	66
1893	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	67
1894	7	7	7	nil	nil	4	1	3	66
1895	4	4	1	2	nil	1	2	nil	69
1896	2	1	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	69
1897	5	4	3	nil	nil	1	2	6	65
1898	4	4	4	nil	1	nil	nil	1	68
1899	6	6	4	nil	4	4	nil	5	67
1900	8	7	7	3	nil	nil	1	3	74
1901	9	6	4	nil	nil	2	nil	2	76
1902	7	8	9	1	nil	nil	1	3	80
1903	16	12	11	nil	3	3	nil	4	86
1904	5	4	3	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	89
1905	18	16	13	4	nil	nil	nil	1	109
1906	14	11	17	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	120
1907	7	8	7	1	nil	nil	2	nil	127
1908	<i>data</i>	<i>missing</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>				
1909	8	6	8	2	nil	nil	2	4	136
1910	11	9	8	2	nil	2	1	3	154
1911	1	5	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	146
1912	18	17	12	1	nil	1	2	nil	159
1913	25	26	27	4	1	2	4	nil	182
1914	21	14	14	2	nil	nil	nil	19	186
1915	16	18	19	18	2	1	1	4	193
1916	8	7	10	nil	1	1	2	1	197

1917	8	10	8	nil	nil	2	5	nil	198
1918	14	9	9	nil	1	1	1	3	208
1919	29	16	11	1	1	1	2	nil	236
1920	27	35	40	4	1	nil	3	nil	265
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	9	8	6	1	1	nil	nil	nil	272
1921	22	29	30	4	nil	3	2	3	290
1922	26	25	21	1	3	9	3	2	306
1923	20	24	25	6	2	2	2	1	329
1924	19	18	18	2	nil	1	7	3	339
1925	13	13	9	1	nil	4	3	nil	346
1926	9	10	15	6	nil	3	5	2	351
1927	10	4	6	2	nil	3	3	5	352
1928	4	9	7	nil	nil	3	6	nil	347
1929	12	9	7	2	nil	5	1	9	346
1930	15	10	12	1	nil	1	3	6	352
1931	8	11	15	1	nil	nil	7	2	352
1932	8	9	7	3	nil	2	1	nil	360
1933	9	5	8	1	nil	4	5	4	357
1934	5	9	7	2	nil	nil	2	nil	362
1935	5	4	5	1	1	4	3	4	358
1936	7	8	6	nil	nil	2	3	9	351
1937	6	5	8	nil	1	4	11	nil	343
1938	4	2	1	3	nil	nil	4	nil	346
1939	10	9	10	2	1	14	5	nil	340
1940	9	10	8	1	nil	nil	6	nil	344
1941	7	5	6	2	nil	5	4	nil	344
1942	4	5	6	nil	nil	2	4	nil	342
1943	10	7	7	6	nil	1	4	6	347
1944	23	22	18	3	nil	nil	8	nil	365
1945	16	13	16	3	nil	1	8	4	371
1946	25	28	24	1	1	3	7	nil	388
1947	18	14	16	5	nil	1	2	nil	408
1948	22	18	19	1	nil	nil	8	nil	423

1949	16	24	24	7	nil	5	9	3	429
1950	16	8	9	3	nil	5	9	nil	434
1951	7	13	11	1	1	2	11	8	422
1952	23	18	15	5	1	2	9	nil	440
1953	9	15	15	1	nil	3	5	4	438
1954	4	4	7	4	nil	5	5	nil	436
1955	17	18	16	3	nil	nil	8	6	442
1956	12	10	10	7	nil	8	6	nil	447
1957	6	7	11	1	nil	3	5	nil	446
1958	8	8	8	2	nil	1	15	5	435
1959	6	8	7	nil	nil	1	10	nil	430
1960	8	6	7	1	2	2	15	8	416
1961	12	12	9	nil	nil	1	5	nil	422
1962	10	9	12	nil	nil	2	13	nil	417
1963	3	6	6	nil	nil	3	16	5	396
1964	6	4	2	2	nil	2	9	nil	393
1965	6	5	7	1	1	2	8	nil	391
1966	5	7	6	1	nil	2	12	3	380
1967	4	3	3	1	nil	5	9	nil	371
1968	4	4	4	3	nil	2	12	3	361
1969	1	2	3	2	nil	1	15	5	343
1970	1	1	1	1	nil	3	19	nil	323
1971	3	1	nil	2	nil	2	8	1	317
1972	3	5	4	nil	nil	5	14	4	297
1973	2	2	3	1	nil	3	9	1	287
1974	3	2	1	3	nil	4	13	4	272
1975	3	3	4	3	1	1	3	9	266
1976	1	2	1	1	2	6	11	7	246
1977	2	1	1	nil	nil	11	4	1	232
1978	1	1	2	nil	nil	6	9	6	212
1979	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	9	7	199
1980	1	1	2	1	nil	5	9	4	183
1981	2	3	2	nil	nil	9	9	2	158
1982	1	1	2	nil	1	5	3	2	150

1983	4	3	4	nil	nil	6	8	5	135
1984	nil	nil	nil	2	1	2	7	nil	129
1985	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	6	4	120
1986	nil	1	1	1	nil	1	6	1	113
1987	2	1	nil	1	1	3	9	nil	105
1988	1	2	2	2	1	nil	7	nil	102
1989	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	3	nil	99
1990	2	1	nil	2	2	3	6	1	95
1991	1	1	2	1	nil	1	3	4	89
1992	nil	1	1	2	nil	nil	5	2	84
1993	3	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	84
1994	2	2	1	1	nil	1	7	2	77
1995	2	3	4	nil	1	nil	4	nil	77
1996	3	1	1	2	nil	nil	nil	1	81
1997	3	4	3	nil	1	nil	3	nil	82
1998	2	3	3	nil	nil	nil	3	1	80
1999	1	nil	1	nil	nil	2	3	3	73
2000	3	2	1	1	1	5	5	nil	68
2001	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	63
2002	1	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	63
2003	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	60
2004	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	2	59
2005	5	nil	2	2	nil	nil	2	nil	64
2006	4	3	1	nil	nil	2	3	nil	63
2007	2	2	3	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	62
2008	3	2	1	1	nil	1	nil	1	64
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405 GRC, Sudbury 2005-present
Mattawa Lodge, No. 405 GRC, Mattawa 1885-2005
Mattawa Lodge, UD GRC, Mattawa 1884-1885

[Ottawa District 1884-1904²¹¹. Nipissing District #18 1904-1934. Nipissing East District 1934-present.]

The townsite is located at the confluence of the Ottawa and Mattawa Rivers, in the Nipissing District. It was the site of the North West Company's *Mattawa House* in 1784, which continued as a Hudson's Bay Company post from 1821 to 1915. The word "Mattawa" is derived from an Ojibwa word meaning "meeting of the waters". Mattawan Township is located north and west of the town whose status was granted in 1892.

At the 29th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 9, 1884, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, reported (*1884 Annual Proceedings*, p 45) that he had issued a dispensation dated August 1, 1884, to form Mattawa Lodge at Mattawa, Nipissing County. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. William Rea, reported (*1884 Annual Proceedings*, p 103) that "In March last an application was forwarded to the Grand Master from Rev. Bro. Forster Bliss and others, for a Dispensation to open a new lodge at Mattawa, which Dispensation was granted. I am not in a position to be able to recommend a Warrant being issued for said lodge at the ensuing communication of Grand Lodge, owing to the short time since the Dispensation was granted, but would refer the matter for the careful consideration of the Committee on Warrants. The Board of General Purposes reported (*1884 Annual Proceedings*, p 109) that "... the Dispensations granted to ... Lorne Lodge (at) Tamworth and Mattawa Lodge (at) Mattawa be continued for another year. Mattawa Lodge was formed by members of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke on June 11, 1884, in a room over an old bakery, in the rear of McDougal and Cuzner's old Hardware Store.

At the 30th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 8, 1885, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, reported (*1885 Annual Proceedings*, p 52-3) that he had continued the dispensations issued for three Lodges including that for Mattawa Lodge, and had also issued dispensations for the formation of six new Lodges²¹². The DDGM of the Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. William Smith, reported (*1885 Annual Proceedings*, p 100) that Mattawa Lodge had been working for the past fifteen months under dispensation. He had visited the Lodge on May 29 and was pleased to report that "... under the mastership of the Rev. C. V. Bliss, the Lodge is progressing very favorably and the work very well done, and I have great pleasure in recommending that a warrant be granted ...". The Board of General Purposes (*1885 Annual Proceedings*, p 105) recommended the issue of warrants to seven new Lodges, including one to Mattawa Lodge. In 1885, Mattawa Lodge received Warrant No. 405 GRC and the Lodge room was dedicated and consecrated on November 3, 1885.

Mattawa Lodge has provided support for the expansion of Freemasonry on both sides of the Ontario-Quebec border. On November 21, 1887, Nipissing Lodge (eventually No. 420 GRC) was formed in North Bay with the assistance of twelve brethren of Mattawa Lodge. In 1920 Mattawa Lodge formed Kipawa Lodge, No. 93 GRQ, Temiskaming, PQ.

By 1890/1 it became apparent that new quarters were required and a Joint Stock Company was formed, and new facilities were built on Main Street at the site of the present Caisse Populaire. The new facilities were contained in three floors — ground floor for McDougal and Cuzner Hardware, second floor rented as offices and apartments, and the third floor for Mattawa Lodge and Pembroke Royal Arch Chapter (No. 35). A decline in membership between 1895 and 1901 resulted in the building being sold

²¹¹ Various entitled Ottawa District # 12 1872-1878, District No. 12—Ottawa 1878-1879, District No. 13—Ottawa 1879-1886, Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1923. In 1923 districts were no longer numbered and were referred to by name only except where a large district (e.g. Ottawa) was split into two or more parts and the parts became Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

²¹² The six Lodges were: Manitoulin at Gore Bay, Algoma Co. (on September 23, 1884); Murray at Beaverton, Ontario Co. (January 27, 1885); Golden Rule at Gravenhurst, Muskoka Co. (May 21, 1885); Antiquity at Parkdale, York Co. (May 23, 1885); Rodney at Rodney, Elgin Co. (June 19, 1885) and Keystone at Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma Co. (June 19, 1885).

but the new owner rented the facilities back to the Lodge and Chapter. Soon a growth in membership coupled with problems in renting the facilities led to the formation of a Temple Corporation and construction of a new facility on Pine Street.

In 1883, Mattawa Lodge was attached to what was then Ottawa District No. 16, bringing that District's total to 17 Lodges²¹³. With a reorganization of Districts in 1916, Mattawa Lodge, No. 405 was placed in Nipissing District 18. With a further reorganization in 1933 which saw the division of the Nipissing District into two parts with effect from 1934, Mattawa Lodge was attached to Nipissing East District.

Mattawa Lodge celebrated its Centennial on May 26, 1984.

W. Bro. Charles William Haentschel, MD (WM 1895) served as Grand First Principal (1932-33 and 1933-34) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada and as Supreme Grand Master (1933-34 and 1934-35) of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, KT (biography p 190-191). Six members of Mattawa Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Charles William Haentschel, MD (Nipissing, 1907-08), A. F. Hurdman Jr. (Nipissing East, 1941-42), George Stewart Davidson (Nipissing East, 1949-50), Sidney L. Brown (Nipissing East, 1957-58), Malcolm M. Macdonald Nipissing East, 1965-66) and Gary L. Maxwell (Nipissing East, 1980-81). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. W. K. Gunn (1950-51), Robert Campbell Ross (1952-53), Herman Maxwell (1966-67), Gary L. Maxwell (1973-74) and K. B. Bender (1981-82); and
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. A. N. Grasswell (1908-09) and Arthur M. Wright (1958-59),.

Finding it difficult to continue in Mattawa area, the Lodge removed to North Bay in 2004-05 where it joined Nipissing 420 and North Bay 617 Lodges in the Masonic Hall. Mattawa Lodge now meets on the first Tuesday of the month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, 183 First Avenue, North Bay.

Worshipful Masters of Mattawa Lodge 405, Mattawa (* = charter members)

1884-5 Rev. C. V. S. Bliss*	1885-6 Rev. C. V. S. Bliss*
1886-7 W. Hogarth	1887-8 John McCracken
1888-9 John McCracken	1889-0 John McCracken
1890-1 R. A. Klock	1891-2 R. A. Klock
1892-3 John de Sousa	1893-4 John de Sousa
1894-5 John McKay	1895-6 Charles William Haentschel, MD
1896-7 Charles William Haentschel, MD	1897-8 D. A. Dunlop
1898-9 D. A. Dunlop	1899-0 R. Shanks
1900-1 R. Shanks	1901-2 John H. Bell
1902-3 A. N. Grasswell	1903-4 T. G. Horwood
1904-5 T. G. Horwood	1905-6 T. G. Horwood
1906-7 W. G. Dinwoodie	1907-8 W. G. Dinwoodie
1908-9 <i>no entry in Ann. Procs.</i>	1909-0 J. G. McDonald
1910-1 E. R. Legg	1911-2 A. Borrowman
1912-3 A. Borrowman	1913-4 J. D. Christie
1914-5 S. G. Richardson	1915-6 J. E. Fraser
1916-7 J. E. Fraser	1917-8 J. H. Bell
1918-9 J. H. Spec	1919-0 Charles William Haentschel, MD
1920-1 J. E. Coburn	1921-2 H. H. Betts
1922-3 H. T. Lloyd	1923-4 H. T. Lloyd

²¹³ R. W. Bro. Goodfellow notes that in 1885 the Ottawa District consisted of about 22 Lodges in the counties of Lanark, Carleton, Renfrew, Prescott, Russell and the Nipissing District. The Annual Proceedings for 1885 lists 20 Lodges in four counties only: Lanark Co. #14, 24, 63, 147, 209 and 355; Carleton Co. #52, 58, 148, 159, 177, 231, 264 and 371; Renfrew Co. #122, 128 and 196; and Prescott Co. #186, 210 and 405.

1924-5 Samuel Tongue
 1926-7 A. I. Tongue
 1928-9 J. H. Spec
 1930-1 J. H. Spec
 1932-3 H. H. Betts
 1934-5 H. H. Betts
 1936-7 Walter Connelly
 1938-9 Walter Connelly
 1940-1 Herman Maxwell
 1942-3 S. Berard
 1944-5 Robert Campbell Ross
 1946-7 O. K. McCluskey
 1948-9 W. R. Connelly
 1950-1 L. R. McElroy
 1952-3 A. E. Leach
 1954-5 Grant Weaver
 1956-7 Arthur M. Wright
 1958-9 L. M. Neddow
 1960-1 John Banish
 1962-3 Stanley Bowes
 1964-5 W. D. Wall
 1966-7 W. D. Wall
 1968-9 W. J. Charlesworth
 1970-1 G. L. Maxwell
 1972-3 William C. Calberry
 1974-5 William MacBrien
 1976-7 K. B. Bender
 1978-9 William MacBrien
 1980-1 E. H. Pellerin
 1982-3 S. G. Barrer
 1984-5 J. E. Mitchell
 1986-7 L. Hewitt
 1988-9 Kenneth Haggart
 1990-1 L. Hewitt
 1992-3 John Royce Wall
 1994-5 A. Harris
 1996-7 L. Humphreys
 1998-9 Stanley. Mason
 2000-1 Stephen Kitul
 2002-3 R. Emrick
 2004-5 D. Humphreys
 2006-7 R. Campbell
 2008-9 Michael Thomas

1925-6 A. I. Tongue
 1927-8 J. H. Spec
 1929-0 J. H. Spec
 1931-2 J. H. Spec
 1933-4 H. H. Betts
 1935-6 Walter Connelly
 1937-8 Walter Connelly
 1939-0 A. F. Hurdman Jr.
 1941-2 George Stewart Davidson
 1943-4 G. A. Rigler
 1945-6 O. K. McCluskey
 1947-8 M. K. Kolvisto
 1949-0 W. K. Gunn
 1951-2 L. Ritter
 1953-4 C. Ritter
 1955-6 Sidney L. Brown
 1957-8 R. L. Cox
 1959-0 Roy Parizeau
 1961-2 James Desaulniers
 1963-4 M. M. MacDonald
 1965-6 Ronald Campbell
 1967-8 W. D. Wall
 1969-0 G. E. McLaren
 1971-2 John Royce Wall
 1973-4 William MacBrien
 1975-6 Merle Parks
 1977-8 R. C. Parizeau
 1979-0 E. H. Pellerin
 1981-2 S. G. Barrer
 1983-4 Gary L. Maxwell
 1985-6 L. E. Hewitt
 1987-8 F. Maxwell
 1989-0 C. Glandfield
 1991-2 F. Maxwell
 1993-4 B. Parks
 1995-6 L. Humphreys
 1997-8 M. Laing
 1999-0 Stanley Mason
 2001-2 B. Parks
 2003-4 R. Emrick
 2005-6 J. Ray
 2007-8 R. Campbell
 2009-0 Michael Howse

Membership of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405 GRC, Mattawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1884 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	June 11,	1884				
1884	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	10
1885	3	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	15
1886	9	7	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	24
1887	26	15	9	2	nil	1	nil	nil	53
1888	5	11	12	4	nil	11	nil	nil	52
1889	1	2	6	1	nil	3	1	nil	49
1890	17	12	11	1	nil	4	1	nil	65
1891	6	5	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	72
1892	17	20	19	4	nil	9	nil	7	76
1893	3	5	6	2	nil	3	1	nil	77
1894	6	6	4	1	nil	1	nil	nil	83
1895	5	2	3	1	1	1	1	11	76
1896	10	12	10	nil	3	5	nil	nil	84
1897	4	2	1	nil	nil	1	1	1	35
1898	1	nil	1	1	nil	4	1	nil	80
1899	nil	nil	nil	2	2	6	nil	nil	78
1900	7	4	7	nil	nil	3	nil	5	76
1901	9	7	7	1	nil	7	2	nil	77
1902	6	5	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	81
1903	2	2	3	1	nil	1	nil	nil	83
1904	9	9	5	1	nil	2	2	nil	89
1905	2	2	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	91
1906	4	5	4	1	2	6	nil	5	87
1907	3	5	5	1	nil	4	1	nil	86
1908	<i>no data</i>	<i>in Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>						
1909	7	6	7	1	1	nil	2	nil	92
1910	6	5	6	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	90
1911	9	6	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	106
1912	12	15	10	1	nil	3	nil	nil	117

1913	8	7	8	nil	nil	4	3	nil	111
1914	5	7	12	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	117
1915	5	7	7	7	nil	nil	3	1	119
1916	4	4	3	nil	nil	4	5	nil	114
1917	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	116
1918	nil	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	115
1919	9	7	8	nil	nil	6	2	nil	116
1920	3	4	4	nil	nil	3	4	nil	113
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	7	6	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	120
1921	7	6	8	1	nil	nil	1	4	123
1922	3	1	1	nil	1	nil	2	4	121
1923	1	2	nil	nil	nil	3	2	3	114
1924	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	3	1	nil	110
1925	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	111
1926	3	3	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	113
1927	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	10	104
1928	3	1	1	nil	3	3	2	2	103
1929	3	3	3	nil	1	nil	2	5	100
1930	4	2	1	nil	nil	2	1	nil	101
1931	3	4	3	1	nil	1	1	2	101
1932	1	2	1	nil	nil	nil	3	3	96
1933	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	1	2	95
1934	nil	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	5	90
1935	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	88
1936	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	4	82
1937	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	82
1938	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	nil	81
1939	1	1	1	1	4	nil	5	nil	82
1940	11	10	8	2	2	nil	1	7	89
1941	5	6	8	nil	nil	nil	4	5	85
1942	3	2	nil	nil	1	nil	5	1	79
1943	5	4	6	nil	nil	nil	1	1	82
1944	2	3	3	nil	2	nil	3	1	82

1945	4	5	3	1	nil	nil	2	nil	85
1946	7	6	7	1	1	1	3	1	89
1947	6	3	3	nil	nil	5	1	nil	89
1948	10	7	5	nil	nil	2	1	nil	96
1949	5	5	4	nil	nil	nil	2	1	98
1950	10	9	4	6	1	nil	1	3	109
1951	13	16	19	1	nil	1	4	1	117
1952	17	16	12	nil	1	2	nil	1	132
1953	12	15	16	nil	nil	2	1	4	137
1954	6	6	7	nil	1	1	1	nil	142
1955	4	5	3	2	1	2	2	2	143
1956	2	1	4	nil	nil	2	2	7	133
1957	2	2	1	nil	2	2	1	nil	134
1958	1	nil	1	1	nil	nil	5	3	128
1959	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	5	nil	122
1960	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	2	4	115
1961	6	5	3	nil	nil	2	3	nil	116
1962	2	3	3	nil	nil	3	3	nil	112
1963	1	1	3	nil	1	1	1	1	111
1964	1	nil	nil	3	nil	1	1	nil	113
1965	2	2	2	1	nil	2	2	1	111
1966	1	1	1	3	nil	4	2	3	106
1967	3	4	4	nil	nil	nil	2	1	106
1968	3	3	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	108
1969	3	3	3	nil	nil	2	2	4	103
1970	3	2	4	nil	nil	nil	1	1	104
1971	nil	1	2	nil	nil	nil	3	2	99
1972	2	1	nil	2	nil	1	4	nil	98
1973	1	2	3	nil	1	2	8	1	89
1974	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	1	85
1975	3	2	1	nil	1	nil	5	nil	84
1976	2	3	2	1	2	nil	3	nil	86
1977	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	2	84
1978	3	nil	1	1	nil	nil	3	nil	85

1979	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	nil	82
1980	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	1	nil	80
1981	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	78
1982	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	2	nil	73
1983	1	1	1	6	nil	nil	nil	nil	80
1984	2	1	1	4	nil	2	2	1	81
1985	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	3	nil	80
1986	2	1	1	1	nil	2	nil	nil	81
1987	nil	1	1	1	nil	4	2	nil	76
1988	1	nil	nil	nil	1	2	5	1	70
1989	2	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	7	66
1990	3	nil	nil	nil	1	1	1	3	65
1991	1	1	1	2	1	1	nil	nil	68
1992	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	nil	1	66
1993	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	2	1	62
1994	2	1	2	1	nil	3	3	nil	59
1995	3	3	2	1	nil	1	2	nil	59
1996	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	57
1997	2	3	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	57
1998	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	3	nil	54
1999	nil	1	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	52
2000	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	1	49
2001	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	2	nil	46
2002	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	45
2003	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	43
2004	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	43
2005	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	1	41
2006	1	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	1	nil	43
2007	1	1	1	nil	nil	4	1	2	37
2008	4	1	1	1	nil	nil	5	1	36
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420 GRC, North Bay 1888-present
Nipissing Lodge, UD GRC, North Bay 1887-1888

[Ottawa District No. 16 1887-1892²¹⁴. Nipissing District²¹⁵ 1892-1934. Nipissing East District 1934-present.]

The city of North Bay is located on the eastern side of what the Canadian Pacific railway called “the great north bay” of Lake Nipissing. The settlement became a CPR divisional point in 1881. John McIntyre Ferguson had settled here in that year and ensured the choice of name by directing a Pembroke building supply firm to send supplies to “north bay”. Ferguson also became the first post master in 1884. North Bay became a city in 1925.

At the 33rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 18, 1888, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, LLB, reported (*1888 Annual Proceedings*, p 46) that he had issued dispensations for the formation of three Lodges²¹⁶, including one for Nipissing Lodge at North Bay, Nipissing District. The DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16, R. W. Bro. David Taylor, reported (*1888 Annual Proceedings*, p 135-9) that the dispensation to form Nipissing Lodge had been received from the Grand Master and the Lodge was instituted on November 20, 1887. He had visited the Lodge again in June 1888 and reported that “the temporary officers proved themselves well qualified (and) the field of labour is a most promising one, and accordingly I have pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted to the Lodge.” The Board on Warrants recommended (*1888 Annual Proceedings*, p 142) that warrants be issued for five Lodges²¹⁷, including one for Nipissing Lodge at North Bay.

Nipissing Lodge was formed with the assistance of twelve brethren of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405 GRC, Mattawa. The Rev. Silas Huntington was named as the first Master. The inauguration meeting was held on November 29, 1887 and presided over by R. W. Bro. W. R. Whyte, DDGM, Ottawa District 16. The first degree worked by the new Lodge was an initiation on January 12, 1888. In July 1888 the Lodge received Warrant No. 420, GRC.

The new Lodge was originally incorporated into what was then Ottawa District No. 16²¹⁸. In 1892, Georgian District No. 9 became Nipissing District No. 18²¹⁹ and Nipissing Lodge was attached to the new

²¹⁴ Various entitled Sixteenth Masonic District (Ottawa) 1886-1888 and Ottawa District No. 16 1888-1892.

²¹⁵ Various entitled Nipissing District No. 18 from formation until 1923 when it became Nipissing District, numbers being dropped from the title unless two or more districts used the same name e.g. Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2.

²¹⁶ The other two Lodges were Scott Lodge at Grand Valley, Dufferin County and Star of the East Lodge at Bothwell in Kent County. Two dispensations from 1887 had been continued for the year for Maxville Lodge at Maxville and Bismarck Lodge at Point Edward. The Grand Master reported that he had refused to issue dispensations for a Lodge at Bridgetown, Barbados (too far away to be administered and supervised adequately) and one at West Toronto Junction (other Lodges were close by).

²¹⁷ The five were: Maxville Lodge at Maxville (No. 418); Point Edward at Point Edward (renamed as Bismarck, No. 419); Nipissing (No. 420); Scott at Grand Valley (No. 421) and Star of the East at Bothwell (No. 422).

²¹⁸ The distance between Ottawa and North Bay was 265 miles and required the use of the inter-city steam train. This necessitated an overnight stop in North Bay, returning the next day—a major argument for reorganization of Districts.

²¹⁹ In 1892 the new Nipissing District was composed of seven Lodges: Granite, No. 352, Parry Sound; Muskoka, No. 360, Bracebridge; Vanity No. 376, Huntsville (now defunct); Golden Rule, No. 409, Gravenhurst; Nipissing, No. 420, North Bay; Strong, No. 423, Sundridge; and Nickel, No. 427, Sudbury.

Nipissing District. A further reorganization of Nipissing District²²⁰ would see nine Lodges therein in 1905. In 1903, the older southern part was hived off to become Muskoka District No. 19. Muskoka 19 was merged with Parry Sound District. A further reorganization of Nipissing District in 1916 (which saw the loss of seven Lodges from that District into the new Temiskaming District) saw Nipissing Lodge remaining in Nipissing District.

M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson visited Nipissing Lodge on March 10, 1890 in his capacity as Deputy Grand Master and later, on February 18, 1892, as Grand Master.

On January 2, 1890, the brethren of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420 GRC, North Bay, put forth a recommendation on a petition for brethren of Sudbury to form a second Lodge in the city (eventually Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury).

Nipissing Lodge celebrated its Centennial on November 21, 1987.

During its existence seventeen members have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. William H. Burgess (Nipissing 18, 1893-94), George Washington Liddell (Nipissing 18, 1900-01), Albert J. Young (Nipissing 18, 1902-03), A. C. Rorabeck (Nipissing 18, 1908-09), Norman John McCubbin (Nipissing 18, 1915-16), James Asahel Smith (Nipissing 18, 1922-23), George Bertram Alford (Nipissing, 1927-28), Benjamin Foss Nott (Nipissing, 1931-32), Digory G. Stevens (Nipissing East, 1937-38), Archibald Freeman (Nipissing East, 1945-46), Percy Adams Huntingdon (Nipissing East, 1953-54), Harry A. Marshall (Nipissing East, 1969-70), Hartley H. Perkins (Nipissing East, 1976-77), Leslie Tate (Nipissing East, 1984-85), K. W. Haggart (Nipissing East, 1988-89), Fred C. Beattie (Nipissing East, 1992-93) and Henry A. MacMullin (Nipissing East, 2005-06). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various capacities, including:

- Grand Chaplain - R. W. Bro. Rev. A. J. F. Cobb (1903-04);
- Grand Senior Deacon - V. W. Bro. John A. Cullis (1993-94);
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck (1906-07);
- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. P. A. Huntingdon (1946-47), and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. A. J. Young (1900-01), Sylvanus Weegar (1909-10), James B. Willis (1916-17), B. F. Nott (1923-24), R. S. Fulcher (1928-29), D. T. Millard (1932-33), Archibald Freeman (1938-39), R. P. C. McLeod (1954-55), R. J. Sayer (1970-71), John MacNeill (1977-78), J. R. Kilgour (1985-86), unknown (1989-90) and Gary L. Gilchrist (2006-07).

Nipissing Lodge meets on the second Monday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, 183 First Avenue, West, North Bay.

Worshipful Masters of Nipissing Lodge 420, North Bay
(* = charter members)

1887-8 Rev. Silas Huntington*	1888-9 E. W. Cross
1889-0 W. H. Port	1890-1 William H. Burgess
1891-2 H. A. Washburn	1892-3 <i>no name in Ann. Procs.</i>
1893-4 A. R. Morris	1894-5 John T. Lovell
1895-6 W. B. Way	1896-7 R. McKnight, MD
1897-8 A. McMurphy	1898-9 W. G. Liddle
1899-0 A. J. Young	1900-1 Henry D. Leask
1901-2 A. C. Rorabeck	1902-3 Rev. A. J. F. Cobb
1903-4 Sylvanus Weegar	1904-5 E. S. Senkler
1905-6 George W. Lee	1906-7 Henry Atchisen
1907-8 N. J. McCubbin	1908-9 <i>no entry in Ann. Procs.</i>
1909-0 R. L. Dudley	1910-1 A. H. McMullen

²²⁰ In 1905, the Nipissing District would consist of nine Lodges: Mattawa No. 405, Mattawa; Keystone No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie; Nipissing No. 420 GRC, North Bay; Nickel No. 427 GRC, Sudbury; Dymont No. 442 GRC, Thessalon; Sturgeon Falls No. 447, Sturgeon Falls; Temiskaming No. 462 GRC, New Liskeard (later at Haileybury and now defunct) and Algoma UD, (later No. 469), Sault Ste. Marie.

1911-2 Fred Milne
 1913-4 F. A. York
 1915-6 James A. Smith
 1917-8 John C. Ross
 1919-0 B. F. Nott
 1921-2 D. G. Stevens
 1923-4 R. S. Fulcher
 1925-6 Archibald Freeman
 1927-8 E. G. Tilt
 1929-0 George W. Deegan
 1931-2 J. H. Wright
 1933-4 R. P. C. McLeod
 1935-6 W. K. P. Kennedy
 1937-8 A. S. Shields
 1939-0 E. L. Moore
 1941-2 F. D. Wallace
 1943-4 E. A. Tilley
 1945-6 R. H. Wyatt
 1947-8 H. W. Williams
 1949-0 A. M. Casselman
 1951-2 A. B. Reed
 1953-4 E. H. M. Daly
 1955-6 W. L. Hamilton
 1957-8 J. E. Morin
 1959-0 R. C. Dales
 1961-2 G. R. Kelly
 1963-4 H. A. Marshall
 1965-6 R. A. Gardner
 1967-8 C. K. Beaton
 1969-0 J. C. Patterson
 1971-2 Leslie Tate
 1973-4 Bruce Marshall
 1975-6 Gerald Frederick
 1977-8 Fred C. Beattie
 1979-0 J. H. Williams
 1981-2 K. W. Haggart
 1983-4 D. Anthony
 1985-6 L. A. Harper
 1987-8 S. Brouse
 1989-0 M. Copeland
 1991-2 S. Elzinga
 1993-4 J. Brien
 1995-6 N. Higgins
 1997-8 R. Spofford
 1999-0 Gary L. Gilchrist
 2001-2 R. Inglis
 2003-4 J. Bradford
 2005-6 R. Davis
 2007-8 Ben Moulton
 2009-0 S. Binkley

1912-3 A. O. Laing
 1914-5 J. B. Willis
 1916-7 H. G. Thorpe
 1918-9 Thomas E. McKee
 1920-1 George B. Alford
 1922-3 H. L. McNally
 1924-5 Thomas M. Sale
 1926-7 Archibald Freeman
 1928-9 D. T. Millard
 1930-1 George Earl
 1932-3 E. J. Young
 1934-5 F. C. J. Foster
 1936-7 H. W. Teskey
 1938-9 H. C. Pilley
 1940-1 A. W. Struthers
 1942-3 P. A. Huntingdon
 1944-5 M. G. Gould
 1946-7 H. J. McAuslan
 1948-9 J. Graham
 1950-1 H. C. Nixon
 1952-3 G. S. R. Robinson
 1954-5 R. W. Dudley
 1956-7 L. J. Gordon
 1958-9 W. J. Lawson
 1960-1 Hartley H. Perkins
 1962-3 R. A. Robertson
 1964-5 F. J. Tayler
 1966-7 Jack Medig
 1968-9 John MacNeill
 1970-1 L. McClenaghan
 1972-3 John Cullis
 1974-5 Tom Bennett
 1976-7 Douglas J. Finlayson
 1978-9 E. K. Weber
 1980-1 J. R. Kilgour
 1982-3 G. McCourt
 1984-5 M. O. Carr
 1986-7 T. J. Hodgins
 1988-9 B. Manson
 1990-1 B. Hopkins
 1992-3 H. Frennsen
 1994-5 Henry A. MacMullin
 1996-7 R. Saudino
 1998-9 P. Forbes
 2000-1 R. Stewart
 2002-3 S. Standen
 2004-5 C. Tucker
 2006-7 J. Ray
 2008-9 J. Pronovost

Membership of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420 GRC, North Bay
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1887 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Nov. 20,	1887				
1888	15	8	7	2	nil	1	nil	nil	47
1889	27	28	26	1	nil	4	nil	nil	72
1890	8	10	12	1	nil	5	nil	nil	77
1891	11	11	8	3	nil	6	1	nil	83
1892	8	6	4	1	nil	2	1	nil	89
1893	4	5	7	1	1	2	1	6	85
1894	4	6	8	2	1	4	nil	10	80
1895	1	nil	nil	1	4	5	nil	1	80
1896	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	4	81
1897	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	nil	81
1898	8	6	2	3	nil	6	nil	nil	85
1899	4	6	5	1	nil	3	nil	nil	86
1900	8	7	9	2	nil	3	1	16	77
1901	3	3	2	1	2	3	1	nil	81
1902	10	7	9	nil	2	4	nil	nil	89
1903	10	13	12	3	1	5	1	1	98
1904	13	14	16	1	nil	2	1	nil	110
1905	8	8	7	1	nil	2	nil	nil	116
1906	11	9	8	nil	2	3	1	6	118
1907	14	12	11	3	nil	1	2	nil	133
1908	20	9	7	9	3	4	2	2	148
1909	14	21	24	2	nil	5	nil	nil	163
1910	21	22	16	6	2	nil	3	nil	189
1911	13	14	15	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	209
1912	8	7	12	11	nil	1	4	nil	223
1913	15	10	8	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	237
1914	11	11	12	5	1	5	2	5	242
1915	10	13	14	3	nil	4	2	nil	250
1916	9	6	6	6	nil	nil	nil	nil	264

1917	3	4	5	1	nil	1	nil	nil	261
1918	5	6	7	nil	nil	5	3	6	253
1919	8	6	4	1	2	3	5	4	251
1920	25	25	20	8	1	4	2	4	276
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	2	2	6	nil	2	nil	1	nil	280
1921	25	20	20	6	4	5	4	3	305
1922	20	25	28	2	nil	5	3	2	317
1923	9	10	13	1	1	6	2	3	317
1924	4	6	7	1	2	2	2	6	314
1925	7	7	5	6	nil	2	3	8	314
1926	9	10	12	2	nil	2	3	6	310
1927	15	9	6	2	1	nil	6	nil	322
1928	7	8	10	9	nil	1	2	5	332
1929	10	16	16	15	nil	2	5	6	344
1930	12	10	8	5	1	1	1	6	354
1931	10	9	12	5	3	3	4	5	360
1932	4	5	5	2	nil	4	5	6	351
1933	1	2	2	6	nil	6	4	nil	348
1934	7	6	6	2	2	1	4	21	333
1935	1	1	nil	nil	4	5	7	3	323
1936	6	3	2	1	nil	2	4	nil	324
1937	1	2	1	nil	nil	3	8	nil	314
1938	3	3	2	nil	2	3	3	6	307
1939	4	1	2	1	nil	1	5	nil	306
1940	4	3	3	nil	1	nil	8	6	297
1941	1	3	4	nil	nil	1	2	nil	295
1942	3	1	1	1	1	nil	7	1	292
1943	7	8	8	2	5	1	8	4	291
1944	9	7	3	4	1	1	6	nil	298
1945	6	5	4	nil	2	2	8	3	293
1946	11	13	14	4	nil	1	5	nil	302
1947	11	11	10	6	1	8	8	6	298
1948	9	7	11	3	4	5	8	2	299

1949	7	7	7	1	nil	2	8	4	293
1950	13	13	9	5	1	1	9	1	301
1951	18	12	11	2	nil	1	12	4	304
1952	21	17	19	1	nil	nil	12	4	310
1953	21	31	31	7	2	nil	6	nil	334
1954	11	12	12	2	1	6	7	3	332
1955	13	9	10	2	nil	3	11	2	331
1956	19	18	10	4	1	2	12	nil	341
1957	20	10	12	6	nil	nil	11	nil	355
1958	3	10	12	1	1	1	11	2	346
1959	8	6	7	1	nil	1	11	1	342
1960	15	5	6	7	1	2	9	2	352
1961	17	17	13	4	1	3	11	2	358
1962	14	18	14	1	1	3	11	2	358
1963	13	14	20	5	nil	3	9	6	358
1964	13	12	3	4	nil	4	6	1	364
1965	11	9	12	1	2	3	10	3	362
1966	12	9	11	2	1	4	10	3	360
1967	9	5	7	2	nil	1	13	3	354
1968	7	10	11	1	nil	3	11	6	342
1969	9	6	7	3	1	6	5	2	342
1970	13	9	7	3	1	3	9	2	345
1971	10	11	11	5	1	5	5	2	349
1972	10	8	7	1	nil	5	8	7	340
1973	8	7	5	2	1	5	5	1	340
1974	9	4	2	nil	3	3	12	2	335
1975	7	6	7	2	nil	2	9	6	327
1976	14	7	4	2	1	2	11	nil	331
1977	17	23	14	5	1	6	8	5	335
1978	12	8	17	5	nil	1	7	5	339
1979	13	6	9	4	nil	3	12	3	342
1980	11	6	6	3	nil	4	8	nil	344
1981	12	12	9	9	nil	4	5	1	355
1982	10	13	10	2	nil	12	3	6	346

1983	8	10	12	5	nil	nil	4	3	352
1984	10	4	8	4	1	3	4	7	353
1985	6	13	8	nil	nil	2	4	8	345
1986	8	4	7	4	1	3	8	2	345
1987	6	8	6	7	1	1	6	3	349
1988	8	8	7	4	1	6	7	nil	349
1989	11	7	8	6	1	3	7	nil	357
1990	9	9	8	2	2	3	7	2	358
1991	5	5	8	1	1	4	18	4	343
1992	4	2	3	1	nil	3	8	nil	337
1993	1	4	4	nil	1	2	5	7	325
1994	5	2	1	1	1	2	13	6	311
1995	5	6	6	nil	2	5	9	3	302
1996	4	7	4	1	3	6	7	12	282
1997	3	1	4	1	1	2	10	6	269
1998	4	4	2	2	3	5	5	1	267
1999	3	2	3	1	nil	6	10	3	252
2000	4	2	2	1	1	4	3	4	247
2001	5	2	1	1	2	4	7	3	241
2002	4	2	3	1	nil	4	5	nil	237
2003	2	3	3	1	nil	1	6	1	232
2004	1	1	1	4	1	2	7	2	227
2005	5	3	1	2	0	5	6	1	222
2006	4	5	6	1	1	1	14	nil	213
2007	4	3	3	1	nil	1	9	1	207
2008	8	6	5	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	209
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433 GRC, Eganville 1895-present
Bonnechere Lodge, UD GRC, Eganville 1894-1895

[Ottawa District No. 16 1894-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

Eganville, on the Ottawa River, was named after John Egan, “the Napoleon of the Ottawa River.” He came to Canada in the 1830's and began working for an established lumber company in Clarendon Township. In 1837 he purchased a farm on the Bonnechere River that was a good source of red pine — scarcer and more profitable than white pine. The farm was expanded and became the town of Eganville. By the late 1840's Egan was diversifying with a sawmill at Quyon and smaller mills on the Little Bonnechere and Bonnechere Rivers and a gristmill at Eganville. He also became a partner in the steamboat *The Emerald* which ran between Aylmer and Chats Falls. He was the first Mayor of Aylmer in 1847 and sat for several years in the Quebec Legislative Assembly. In the early 1850's he employed 3,500 men and did about \$2 million worth of business annually. But by 1854 he was bankrupt from bad overseas investments and the collapse of the red pine market. He was dead by the age of 47.

By 1894 the freemasons in Eganville and the surrounding area decided to establish a Lodge in the village and sought the support of Pembroke Lodge for their efforts. A petition was prepared and submitted to the Grand Master. At the 40th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 17, 1895, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William R. White, QC, reported (1895 *Annual Proceedings*, p 30) that he had issued a dispensation dated October 23, 1894, for the formation of Bonnechere Lodge at Eganville. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. E. Abbott Johnson reported (1895 *Annual Proceedings*, p 217) that he had instituted the Lodge on November 20, 1894 although illness of the WM prevented his attendance at the ceremony. The Board on Warrants recommended (1895 *Annual Proceedings*, p 231) “that a warrant be issued to Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville, Ottawa District 16, to be numbered 433” and the warrant was issued bearing the date July 19, 1895. The charter members were: Frank Purvis (charter WM), William F. Fraser (charter SW), William F. Timm (charter JW), James Gourlay, David Atkinson, W. F. Grubb and C. Foster Bliss.

Lodge members not only came from the village itself, but a large number were employees of the railway and came from as far away as Whitney, Madawaska, Barrys Bay, Golden Lake, Killaloe and Douglas. These members were able to attend Lodge meetings by using the trains, attending meetings and resting overnight with resident members, and then leaving on the early morning trains. Over time the reduction of railway services led to a decline in membership which would pick up with the ready availability of the motor car and improvement in the provincial road system.

It is believed that the first few meetings were held in the homes of members but rooms were acquired on a rental basis in the Mills Block (now owned by Freshmart). Unfortunately a tragic fire on July 9, 1911, resulted in the loss of the facilities along with Lodge furnishings and many of the original records. The original Warrant was among the records destroyed but it was replaced with a new one dated February 25, 1913. By the early 1950's the need for new facilities for the Lodge led to the decision to acquire land and build a Masonic Hall. The new Hall was completed and dedicated on November 10, 1955.

The Lodge program includes an annual Ladies Night and small social events with families and friends. Small pre-Christmas parties have also been started.

The Lodge celebrated its Centennial on October 23, 1994.

During its existence four members of Bonnechere Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Dr. James Reeves (Ottawa, 1925-26), Victor M. Poland (Ottawa, 1962-63), Walter H. Hightower (Ottawa 2, 1988-89) and Darwin M. Lacelle (Ottawa 2, 1997-1998). In addition, other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bro. R. Gordon Boland (year unknown);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Samuel Neil Milligan (1926-27), Gordon W. Griffith (1963-64), Emett Drefke (1971-72), Albert A. Thur (1984-85), Robert Dick (1989-90), Edwin J. Gillingham (1994-95) and Merrill A. Warren (1998-99); and
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. Harold Green (1956-57).

Bonnechere Lodge meets on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Eganville.

Worshipful Masters of Bonnechere Lodge 433, Eganville
(* = charter members)

1895	Frank Purvis*	1896	William F. Fraser*
1897	William F. Timm*	1898	Albert Sparling
1899	H. J. Beatty	1900	Edward Wood
1901	A. Luloff	1902	J. G. Morlock
1903	J. D. Leitch	1904	George Elliott
1905	J. D. Leitch	1906	Dr. James Reeves
1907	J. Gourlay	1908	J. Gourlay
1909	S. P. James	1910	A. E. Neeham
1911	J. G. Morlock	1912	William M. Senn
1913	J. McMillan	1914	J. McMillan
1915	J. C. McIntyre	1916	Henry Weber
1917	J. C. McIntyre	1918	W. W. Watson
1919	Ross Weeks	1920	R. Gordon Boland
1921	R. Gordon Boland	1922	Samuel Neil Milligan
1923	C. W. Whyte	1924	George Reeves
1925	John Shane	1926	I. Thompson
1927	J. M. Joynt	1928	J. M. Joynt
1929	Charles R. Lett	1930	Thomas H. Mills
1931	George R. Shane	1932	W. L. Davis
1933	W. J. Hugli	1934	W. J. Hugli
1935	R. N. Sparling	1936	Thomas Martin
1937	James Moore	1938	H. A. E. Clarke
1939	R. P. Mills	1940	Stanley Leach
1941	William Pilatzke	1942	Harold Green
1943	L. B. Smith	1944	J. A. Haw
1945	Ray McTiernan	1946	H. E. Gulick
1947	Lloyd Deagle	1948	Emett Drefke
1949	J. G. Mills	1950	D. R. Shane
1951	C. L. Derraugh	1952	J. McQuitty
1953	Victor M. Poland	1954	Victor M. Poland
1955	H. A. Thomas	1956	E. R. Burton
1957	Albert A. Thur	1958	E. A. Boland
1959	W. J. M. Warren	1960	Gordon W. Griffith
1961	W. J. Kilby	1962	S. L. Davis
1963	Stuart Ross	1964	Merrill A. Warren
1965	B. H. Barrington	1966	Edward Luloff
1967	C. Hinsperger	1968	W. L. Gurlitz
1969	B. McArthur	1970	Edwin J. Gillingham
1971	C. Hinsperger	1972	Gordon W. Griffith
1973	Oskar Munk	1974	Harold G. Koch
1975	Douglas C. Cunningham	1976	Thomas Ward
1977	Oskar Munk	1978	Edwin J. Gillingham
1979	Edwin J. Gillingham	1980	W. L. Gurlitz
1981	W. L. Gurlitz	1982	W. L. Gurlitz
1983	Sidney Harbert ²²¹	1984	T. E. Marion
1985	George Payette	1986	Walter H. Hightower
1987	Robert Dick	1988	Randy Thur

²²¹ R. W. Bro. Harbert is an affiliated member of Bonnechere. He is a member of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128 GRC, Pembroke and served as DDGM for the District while a member of Pembroke.

1989 Horst Guilhauman
 1991 David Hurteau
 1993 Robert Dick
 1995 Robert Dick
 1997 James Hemlin
 1999 Claude Jeannotte
 2001 Ellard Peever
 2003 Brent Frederick
 2005 J. Almassy
 2007 R. Taylor
 2009 Russell Staye

1990 Darwin M. Lacelle
 1992 James Fraser
 1994 Darwin M. Lacelle
 1996 Melvin Pilatzke
 1998 James Hemlin
 2000 Ellard Peever
 2002 Jachym Vanek
 2004 Richard Barnett
 2006 J. Almassy
 2008 A. Jones
 2010 Mart Rolf Munk

Membership of Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433 GRC, Eganville
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1895 to 1920, TOTAL as of May 31 of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Nov. 20,	1894				
1895	8	7	6	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	18
1896	7	7	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	25
1897	6	6	6	2	nil	1	nil	nil	32
1898	5	3	3	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	34
1899	3	3	2	nil	nil	3	nil	1	33
1900	7	7	6	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	38
1901	6	6	8	nil	nil	1	nil	3	40
1902	8	6	5	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	47
1903	4	3	2	nil	nil	2	nil	1	45
1904	4	6	5	nil	nil	4	nil	1	44
1905	4	3	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	48
1906	9	12	13	1	nil	6	nil	2	50
1907	4	5	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	55
1908	9	8	5	nil	nil	7	1	nil	57
1909	8	7	9	1	nil	5	nil	nil	61
1910	4	7	6	nil	nil	2	nil	1	62
1911	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	61
1912	3	2	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	61
1913	8	6	4	nil	2	3	1	9	58
1914	4	6	8	3	4	4	nil	1	64
1915	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	66

1916	4	5	5	nil	1	1	nil	6	64
1917	7	6	5	2	1	1	nil	nil	73
1918	9	9	9	1	1	4	nil	6	73
1919	8	5	4	1	1	2	nil	nil	81
1920	12	10	6	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	90
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	9	12	15	nil	nil	1	1	nil	97
1921	10	9	7	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	106
1922	6	7	9	nil	nil	3	nil	1	108
1923	2	2	3	nil	nil	4	nil	3	103
1924	2	3	3	nil	1	nil	nil	1	105
1925	4	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	5	105
1926	4	4	4	nil	1	nil	1	nil	109
1927	6	4	3	nil	nil	nil	2	2	111
1928	1	3	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	111
1929	6	5	3	nil	nil	1	nil	1	115
1930	4	3	3	1	1	1	nil	2	118
1931	nil	nil	2	1	nil	1	1	4	113
1932	1	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	1	112
1933	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	4	107
1934	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	5	101
1935	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	100
1936	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	99
1937	2	2	2	1	2	nil	1	5	98
1938	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	3	2	93
1939	3	4	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	96
1940	1	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	96
1941	nil	2	3	nil	nil	2	2	4	90
1942	1	1	nil	2	nil	1	2	2	88
1943	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	2	1	83
1944	10	10	5	nil	2	3	3	nil	89
1945	7	4	8	1	1	1	1	nil	96
1946	4	8	6	nil	nil	1	1	2	96
1947	5	5	3	nil	nil	1	1	nil	99

1948	7	5	8	1	nil	nil	nil	2	105
1949	5	5	4	nil	1	2	2	nil	107
1950	3	5	6	nil	nil	1	1	1	107
1951	3	1	1	nil	1	nil	2	nil	109
1952	8	7	8	3	nil	nil	1	nil	119
1953	5	5	4	nil	1	nil	2	nil	123
1954	7	6	4	nil	1	nil	1	2	128
1955	6	6	5	nil	nil	nil	2	6	126
1956	5	7	5	1	nil	nil	2	nil	130
1957	5	3	3	1	nil	nil	4	nil	132
1958	2	2	2	1	nil	2	2	3	128
1959	3	3	3	nil	nil	nil	1	1	129
1960	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	5	126
1961	4	4	4	nil	nil	1	8	1	120
1962	nil	1	1	nil	1	2	3	2	114
1963	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	110
1964	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	6	nil	103
1965	2	1	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	104
1966	3	2	1	4	nil	nil	2	nil	109
1967	3	1	1	2	nil	nil	2	2	110
1968	2	4	4	1	nil	1	2	nil	110
1969	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	5	1	104
1970	2	2	2	3	nil	1	3	4	101
1971	3	1	nil	2	nil	nil	2	nil	104
1972	5	2	3	nil	nil	nil	3	1	105
1973	3	4	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	107
1974	nil	1	1	nil	nil	2	5	nil	94
1975	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	2	nil	90
1976	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	2	nil	89
1977	nil	1	1	nil	nil	4	3	2	80
1978	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	80
1979	nil	1	nil	2	nil	nil	3	nil	79
1980	nil	nil	1	3	nil	2	nil	nil	80
1981	2	1	1	6	nil	2	nil	nil	86

1982	2	2	1	2	nil	2	1	nil	87
1983	2	3	3	2	nil	1	2	nil	88
1984	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	87
1985	1	3	1	3	nil	1	7	3	80
1986	2	2	3	1	nil	1	2	4	76
1987	4	2	2	nil	nil	4	3	nil	73
1988	4	3	3	4	nil	2	3	1	75
1989	1	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	1	75
1990	1	1	2	nil	1	2	1	1	73
1991	3	3	2	2	nil	2	2	nil	74
1992	1	nil	nil	1	nil	2	7	1	66
1993	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	65
1994	1	nil	1	1	nil	2	nil	1	64
1995	5	3	nil	1	1	4	5	3	59
1996	nil	nil	3	2	nil	2	1	3	55
1997	1	1	1	2	nil	1	nil	nil	57
1998	3	2	1	2	nil	1	2	nil	59
1999	nil	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	2	56
2000	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	55
2001	nil	nil	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	54
2002	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	1	51
2003	nil	nil	nil	2	1	nil	1	nil	53
2004	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	52
2005	1	3	3	1	1	2	nil	nil	53
2006	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	53
2007	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	52
2008	2	2	1	1	nil	1	2	nil	52
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450 GRC, Vankleek Hill 1965-present
Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450 GRC, Hawkesbury 1901-1965
Hawkesbury Lodge, UD GRC, Hawkesbury 1901-1901

[Ottawa District No. 16 1901-1904. Eastern District 1904-present.]

The original Hawkesbury Township in Prescott County was created in 1798. Opinion is almost equally divided about whether it was named in honor of Charles Jenkinson, Baron Hawkesbury and 1st Earl of Liverpool (1727-1808) or for his son, Robert Banks Jenkinson (1770-1828) who held the title of Baron Hawkesbury after 1796 when his father had become an earl. The son, who succeeded to the title as the 2nd Earl of Liverpool was Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1812 to 1827. The site of the town of Hawkesbury (the settlement became a town in 1796) was originally known as Le Chenal in French and The Snye in English (from Chenail Écarté or “lost channel”). After being settled after the American Revolution, the area became the site of one of the largest lumbering operations in North America, run by George and William Hamilton. The place became variously known as Hawkesbury Mills and Hamilton's Mills. The Hawkesbury post office was named in 1819.

A split in the membership of St. John's Lodge, No. 159 IC, Vankleek Hill, led a number of them to separate and form, first Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 GRC, Plantagenet in 1867 and then Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 210 GRC, Hawkesbury in 1868/9. In July 1869, Warrant No. 210 GRC was issued for Hawkesbury Lodge. The newly formed Lodge was located in the new Ottawa District but did not provide any DDGMs for the District. By 1888 the Lodge had died out for lack of members, possibly because there were too many Lodges in a rural area which provided too few members to sustain them all. The three Lodges were: Hawkesbury No. 210, Plantagenet No. 196 at Plantagenet and St. John's No. 159 IC of l'Original, Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill.

Twelve years would pass before there were again a sufficient number of Freemasons in Hawkesbury and the surrounding area to petition for a Lodge.

At the 46th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 17-18, 1901, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Richard Beecher Hungerford made no reference to having issued any dispensations to form new Lodges, but the Grand Secretary reported (1901 *Annual Proceedings*, p 54-5) that four had been issued, including one dated May 2, 1901, to hold Hawkesbury Lodge at Hawkesbury, Ottawa District No. 16²²². The Board on Warrants recommended issue of a warrant to Zenophon Lodge and that the other dispensations be continued for another year. The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. John Robertson, reported (p 177) that he had instituted the new Hawkesbury Lodge on May 16, 1901 and the three senior officers were elected and installed.

Thus a second Hawkesbury Lodge was established. Warrant No. 450 was issued by Grand Lodge in July 1902 and the Lodge was constituted later the same year. The charter members of the Lodge were: Bros. Thomas Tweed McWaters (WM), William Samuel Hall (SW), Peter W. Tomkins (JW), William George Wright (Treasurer), James Arthur Ferguson (Secretary), W. R. Montgomery (SD), Robert M. Rutherford (JD), J. C. Murray (SS), F. Adams (JS), John Beckham, Robert S. Hall, Abbott Johnson, William Courtney, Joseph M. McCulloch, Colier G. Robertson and Rev. Arthur Phillips of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Hawkesbury.

During the first year, the Lodge opened twice a month to handle the large number of applications for initiation. At the first visit of the DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. William Franklin, there were 20 members at the banquet. Many of the brethren donated or made parts of the lodge furniture. During the first two years the location of the Lodge Hall is unknown. The Lodge's first charitable activity was to donate funds to the new Hospital for Crippled Children. The costs of funeral expenses to bury a destitute Brother of Hawkesbury Lodge at Hillside Cemetery, Montreal were paid for in October 1926. Social events were frequent although the first “At Home”, Ladies Nights and Halloween Dances are not recorded before 1927.

²²² The other three dispensations were (1) February 19, 1901, to hold Zenophon Lodge at Wheatley, in Erie District No. 1; (2) April 2, 1901, to hold Dundalk Lodge at Dundalk, Georgian District No. 9 and (3) June 25, 1901, to hold Somerville Lodge at Kinmount, Ontario District No. 12.

Growth in Lodge membership necessitated new and larger quarters and in 1903 the Lodge moved into the second storey of the hall rented by the Catholic Order of Foresters on Regent Street, Hawkesbury. It is known that this facility was the Lodge's home until after 1913 but the loss of all records covering the period 1913-1923 inclusive does not prove how long the Lodge was actually here. In 1923 the next surviving Minute Book notes that the Lodge was meeting in rented rooms above Lighthall's Garage on McGill Street, Hawkesbury. The depression brought about discussions between Grenville²²³ and Hawkesbury lodges regarding the sharing of the rooms over Lighthall's Garage in Hawkesbury but it is not clear that this was put into effect. On June 17, 1965, Hawkesbury Lodge held its last meeting over Lighthall's Garage and removed to the new facilities constructed in Vankleek Hill and now shares the Lodge room with St. John's No. 21A. It is interesting to read that Grand Lodge did not grant concurrent jurisdiction between the two Lodges until November 16, 1972.

Although it is not clear what contributions the Lodge made to the Patriotic Fund during World War I, it contributed \$25.00 towards the erection of the Hawkesbury War Memorial. During World War II the Lodge remitted the dues of serving brethren and also took an active part in all Grand Lodge War Service activities.

Hawkesbury Lodge supported the spread of Freemasonry within and without the District and in the formation of new Lodges. It attended the consecration of the new Grenville Lodge, No. 101 GRC, on May 7, 1925. On May 18, 1944, Hawkesbury Lodge joined St. John's No. 21A in their centennial celebrations. In November 1945, Grenville No. 101 GRQ presented the bible originally used by Hawkesbury No. 210 to Hawkesbury No. 450. It had been in the possession of a member of No. 210 at the time of its closing and had been held safe until it could be passed on.

Hawkesbury Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary on May 18, 1951 and its centennial in 2001.

The fifty-first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1959-1960), M. W. Bro. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, B.Sc., was initiated into Hawkesbury Lodge on November 22, 1917 (for his biography refer to Dalhousie Lodge 52, p. 134-136).

During its existence, six members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Eden Abbot Johnston (Ottawa 16, 1894-95), Dr. Hiram Horton Kirby (Eastern 21, 1919-20), George Avery Cass (Eastern, 1936-37), Alexander Seay (Eastern, 1954-55), W. T. R. Russell Hay (Eastern, 1974-75) and P. Michael Whetstone (Eastern, 1994-95). R. W. Bro. C. MacRae of the Lodge served as DDGM of North Bay District (1951-52) and R. W. Bro. Lowell Blaney of the Lodge served as DDGM of the Eastern District for 1992-93 but was elected from Plantagenet Lodge. Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. Arthur Peter Rutherford (1959-60);
- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. Rev. Canon W. P. Garrett (1938-39);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. J. W. Holtby (1920-21), Alexander Seay (1937-38), R. A. Chambers (1955-56), Philip E. Wall (1972-73), J. Donaldson (1975-76), A. F. MacLeod (1989-90) and L. Higginson (1995-96); and
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. Edwin T. Kelly (2003-04).

Hawkesbury Lodge meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, over the Library on Main Street, Vankleek Hill.

Worshipful Masters of Hawkesbury Lodge 450,
Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill
(* = charter members)

1900	T. T. McWatters*	1901	T. T. McWatters*
1902	T. T. McWatters*	1903	T. T. McWatters*
1904	W. S. Hall*	1905	P. W. Tomkins*
1906	W. R. Montgomery*	1907	William Courtney
1908	A. P. Rutherford	1909	A. P. Rutherford

²²³ This was Grenville No. 101 GRQ, now defunct.

1910 S. E. McGibbon
 1912 H. H. Kirby
 1914 K. M. Robertson
 1916 R. M. Rutherford*
 1918 S. H. Rutherford
 1920 A. Samberg

1920-1 W. P. Garrett
 1922-3 George A. Cass
 1924-5 E. A. Gourley
 1926-7 A. C. Douglas
 1928-9 Alex Seay
 1930-1 C. S. MacRae
 1932-3 I. R. Johnson
 1934-5 G. Puddifoot
 1936-7 William A. Jacob
 1938-9 C. E. Cotton
 1940-1 W. T. R. Hay
 1942-3 C. L. Lighthall
 1944-5 R. A. Chambers
 1946-7 W. W. Steele
 1948-9 G. P. Carmody
 1950-1 N. G. Cohen
 1952-3 R. J. Pattee
 1954-5 Murray J. McLeod
 1956-7 H. O. Higginson
 1958-9 W. L. McKechnie
 1960-1 Leon G. Harcourt
 1962-3 R. J. Elliot
 1964-5 W. J. M. Greenspon
 1966-7 S. R. Patridge
 1968-9 Edwin T. Kelly
 1970-1 W. J. Atchison
 1972-3 William L. Barnes
 1974-5 P. Michael Whetstone
 1976-7 P. Michael Whetstone
 1978-9 Jack B. Russell
 1980-1 Kenneth A. Yuill
 1982-3 George Seay
 1984-5 Jack B. Russell
 1986-7 Jack B. Russell
 1988-9 P. Michael Whetstone
 1990-1 D. MacKay
 1992-3 Donald Wachenschwanz
 1994-5 Lowell Blaney
 1996-7 Barney Bangs
 1998-9 P. Michael Whetstone
 2000-1 Thomas Hall
 2002-3 Douglas Cameron
 2004-5 Douglas Cameron
 2006-7 Barney Bangs
 2008-9 Charles Simpkin

1911 H. H. Kirby
 1913 E. C. Lighthall
 1915 R. M. Rutherford*
 1917 Alex Hunter
 1919 J. W. Holtby

1921-2 E. D. Campbell
 1923-4 A. G. MacIntosh
 1925-6 D. W. Johns
 1927-8 C. M. McAllister
 1929-0 C. S. MacRae
 1931-2 R. Greenspon
 1933-4 R. H. Cratchley
 1935-6 W. F. McVetty
 1937-8 William Fisher
 1939-0 A. C. Price
 1941-2 D. A. Hunter
 1943-4 A. Cameron
 1945-6 R. S. Graham
 1947-8 G. P. Carmody
 1949-0 G. P. Carmody
 1951-2 Charles Fogel
 1953-4 A. Fraser McLeod
 1955-6 R. J. Unsworth
 1957-8 J. L. Scovil
 1959-0 W. L. Barnes
 1961-2 Phil E. Wall
 1963-4 Gerry W. H. Boone
 1965-6 R. H. Nield
 1967-8 Edwin T. Kelly
 1969-0 Leslie P. Higginson
 1971-2 James R. Donaldson
 1973-4 A. Fraser MacLeod
 1975-6 P. Michael Whetstone
 1977-8 P. Michael Whetstone
 1979-0 Ray P. Burgess
 1981-2 Ronald Mallet
 1983-4 George Seay
 1985-6 Nick Krasnochokow
 1987-8 Jack B. Russell
 1989-0 D. MacKay
 1991-2 D. MacKay
 1993-4 Lowell Blaney
 1995-6 Barney Bangs
 1997-8 P. Michael Whetstone
 1999-0 Thomas Hall
 2001-2 Thomas Hall
 2003-4 Douglas Cameron
 2005-6 Barney Bangs
 2007-8 J. Thomas
 2009-0 Charles Simpkin

Membership of Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450 GRC, Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1868 to 1920, TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	May 2,	1901				
1901	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	12
1902	15	9	8	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	39
1903	7	8	10	2	nil	2	nil	nil	45
1904	8	6	7	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	49
1905	9	10	9	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	56
1906	2	3	1	1	nil	3	nil	nil	56
1907	5	4	6	nil	nil	1	nil	6	54
1908	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	54
1909	3	6	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	59
1910	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	57
1911	6	5	3	2	nil	2	nil	10	56
1912	12	12	10	nil	1	2	1	nil	62
1913	6	8	4	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	65
1914	4	3	5	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	68
1915	2	3	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	68
1916	4	3	4	2	nil	nil	nil	2	72
1917	4	5	5	1	1	nil	3	nil	76
1918	4	4	4	nil	1	3	nil	4	73
1919	8	7	5	1	nil	3	4	nil	75
1920	12	11	10	3	1	2	2	1	86
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	5	4	7	1	2	1	nil	nil	93
1921	10	12	11	nil	nil	1	nil	1	101
1922	7	7	4	1	nil	5	nil	5	99
1923	5	2	5	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	103
1924	3	1	2	1	nil	nil	2	5	100
1925	1	2	1	2	nil	1	1	2	99
1926	4	3	3	1	nil	nil	4	nil	100
1927	4	5	5	nil	nil	nil	1	3	100

1928	2	3	3	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	101
1929	3	1	2	1	nil	nil	1	2	102
1930	7	8	7	1	nil	nil	1	2	107
1931	9	8	8	nil	nil	1	2	6	107
1932	4	6	6	nil	nil	1	1	1	108
1933	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	105
1934	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	1	nil	101
1935	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	101
1936	4	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	4	102
1937	7	10	9	nil	nil	1	3	nil	105
1938	2	2	4	nil	nil	2	1	nil	104
1939	7	3	1	nil	nil	1	1	2	107
1940	1	5	7	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	105
1941	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	3	5	99
1942	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	99
1943	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	2	nil	97
1944	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	95
1945	1	2	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	93
1946	15	8	4	nil	1	nil	1	nil	108
1947	8	14	17	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	114
1948	7	4	4	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	120
1949	1	5	5	nil	nil	1	3	nil	117
1950	2	2	3	2	nil	1	1	nil	119
1951	7	5	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	124
1952	7	5	8	4	nil	nil	1	nil	134
1953	nil	3	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	130
1954	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	1	127
1955	6	2	1	nil	1	nil	2	2	130
1956	6	6	5	nil	1	nil	nil	2	135
1957	3	5	5	nil	nil	1	1	nil	136
1958	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	134
1959	3	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	138
1960	nil	nil	2	1	nil	2	1	2	134
1961	4	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	136

1962	3	4	3	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	137
1963	2	3	4	nil	1	nil	1	5	134
1964	2	1	1	nil	nil	1	3	nil	132
1965	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	127
1966	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	125
1967	2	2	1	2	nil	2	nil	5	122
1968	7	4	3	1	nil	1	2	nil	127
1969	2	2	4	nil	nil	nil	1	1	127
1970	2	3	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	127
1971	1	2	3	1	nil	2	1	1	125
1972	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	127
1973	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	4	3	120
1974	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	116
1975	1	1	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	114
1976	3	nil	1	2	nil	nil	5	nil	114
1977	1	2	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	115
1978	nil	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	114
1979	1	1	1	1	nil	nil	3	nil	113
1980	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	114
1981	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	111
1982	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	80?
1983	nil	nil	1	1	nil	1	nil	2	78
1984	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	3	7	68
1985	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	67
1986	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5	2	60
1987	3	1	nil	nil	1	1	2	1	60
1988	nil	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	55
1989	1	1	1	nil	2	nil	3	nil	55
1990	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	2	51
1991	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	49
1992	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	48
1993	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	2	nil	49
1994	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	2	nil	47
1995	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	2	5	39

1996	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	39
1997	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	40
1998	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	1	2	nil	40
1999	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	38
2000	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	1	35
2001	nil	nil	nil	2	1	3	1	nil	34
2002	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	31
2003	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	32
2004	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	0	31
2005	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	29
2006	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	30
2007	1	1	nil	3	nil	nil	1	nil	33
2008	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	31
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Cobden Lodge, No. 459 GRC, Cobden 1903-2007
Cobden Lodge, UD GRC, Cobden 1903-1903

[Ottawa District No. 16 1903-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

The original settlement was established in 1849 by Jason Gould, who wanted to establish a water route from the Ottawa river (Lac des Chats) to Pembroke, via the Muskrat River. In 1851 he named the place Cobden, in honour of Richard Cobden (1804-65), a British peacemaker and free-trader.

At the 48th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 15-16, 1903, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Elly Harding, KC, reported (1903 *Annual Proceedings*, p 54) that he had issued dispensations to form five new Lodges²²⁴, including one dated August 19, 1902 for Cobden Lodge at Cobden, Ottawa District No. 16. John Wilson, DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16, reported (1903 *Annual Proceedings* p 297-309) that he had presided at the institution of Cobden Lodge on January 30, 1903, a Lodge with 21 charter members and good prospects in a pleasant meeting place. The Committee on Warrants recommended (1903 *Annual Proceedings* p 339) the issue of five warrants, including No. 459 for Cobden Lodge, and that the dispensations issued to three Lodges be continued for another year²²⁵.

Cobden Lodge was placed in the Ottawa District and with the reorganization of 1970, it was placed in Ottawa 2 District. During its existence, three members of the Lodge served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Arthur Collins (Ottawa, 1927-28), Percy W. Collins (Ottawa, 1959-60) and Stanley B. Black (Ottawa 2, 1975-76). Other members of Cobden Lodge have served as Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Robert Delahey (1906-07), William J. Oates (1928-29), W. J. Gemmill (1954-55), John Eckford (1959-60), Roy Lester (1960-61) Russell Childerhose (1969-70) and Clifford Stone (1976-77).

During the latter half of the twentieth century, Enterprise Lodge No. 516 met on the first Monday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Beachburg. During 2001, Enterprise Lodge removed to Cobden and shared accommodation with Cobden 459. Discussions were held during 2006 and 2007 to amalgamate the two Lodges and on September 11, 2007, the amalgamation was accomplished under the direction of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor and a group of Grand Lodge officers. The new Lodge is to be known as "Cobden Lodge No. 459 perpetuating Enterprise Lodge No. 516" and meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Cobden.

Worshipful Masters of Cobden Lodge 459, Cobden
(* = charter members)

1902	Rev. Matthew H. Wilson*	1903	Rev. Matthew H. Wilson*
1904	Rev. Matthew H. Wilson*	1905	Robert Delahey
1906	William N. Murdock	1907	W. H. Cramm
1908	<i>data missing from Proceedings</i>	1909	T. W. Goodwill
1910	A. S. McLaren	1911	H. M. Shields
1912	W. N. Murdock	1913	J. F. Moffat
1914	J. H. Reynolds	1915	I. D. Cotnam

²²⁴ The five dispensations were: for Wales Lodge at Wales, St. Lawrence District No. 15, on July 31, 1902 (now No. 458 GRC); Cobden Lodge at Cobden, Ottawa District No. 16, on August 19, 1902 (now No. 459); Rideau Lodge at Seeley's Bay, Frontenac District No. 14, on April 4, 1903 (now No. 460); Ionic Lodge at Rainy River, Algoma District No. 17, on May 29, 1903 (now No. 461) and Temiskaming Lodge at New Liskeard, in Nipissing District No. 18, on June 9, 1903 (now No. 462).

²²⁵ The five Warrants were No. 4555 for Doric Lodge at Little Current, No. 456 for Elma Lodge at Moncton, No. 457 for Century Lodge at Merlin, No. 458 for Wales Lodge at Wales and No. 459 for Cobden Lodge at Cobden. The three dispensations held over were issued to Rideau Lodge at Seeley's Bay, Ionic Lodge at Rainy River and Temiskaming Lodge at New Liskeard.

1916	Frank R. Taylor	1917	William J. Oates
1918	Archibald S. McLaren	1919	W. J. Gemmill
1920	Wallace Olmstead	1921	Alexander McBride
1922	Thomas Smith	1923	Arthur Collins
1924	Samuel McLaren	1925	John Ireton
1926	S. Gilmour	1927	John Eckford
1928	H. C. Morris	1929	Rev. A. S. Cleland
1930	Hilliard Guest	1931	Arthur Spence
1932	A. F. Yates	1933	Robert Drynan
1934	A. Ireton	1935	A. Oates
1936	J. C. Hudson	1937	Percil Collins
1938	J. E. Ritchie	1939	R. Wallace
1940	F. C. Marshall	1941	C. Hayes
1942	D. Burns	1943	F. W. Truelove
1944	Cecil McBride	1945	Milton Burwell
1946	D. Burns	1947	Roy Lester
1948	H. Eady	1949	A. Johnston
1950	A. Coughlin	1951	Russell Childerhose
1952	E. Johnston	1953	R. Hamilton
1954	J. V. McGinn	1955	K. Bulmer
1956	K. Eckford	1957	L. J. Oates
1958	H. W. Hawkins	1959	Leslie Collins
1960	Ray Forrest	1961	Raymond Childerhose
1962	Lloyd Sparling	1963	Clifford Stone
1964-5	Stanley Black	1965-6	Alva Collins
1966-7	Basil Bulmer	1967-8	Gordon Prange
1968-9	Alton Childerhose	1969-0	Leslie Buttle
1970-1	T. Boyle	1971-2	Orland Hawkins
1972-3	D. Costello	1973-4	Ronald Peever
1974-5	Robert Cameron	1975-6	Clayton Valliant
1976-7	Basil Bulmer	1977-8	George Wallace
1978-9	A. Collins	1979-0	R. Peever
1980-1	R. Millar	1981-2	Dale Black
1982-3	I. Bulmer	1983-4	Howard Ullrich
1984-5	K. Clifford	1985-6	Douglas Steeves
1986-7	Dalton Stone	1987-8	S. D. Sutton
1988-9	B. Caldwell	1989-0	K. Leach
1990-1	R. Sutton	1991-2	Calvin Wilson
1992-3	B. Black	1993-4	Douglas Steeves
1994-5	Dalton Stone	1995-6	Dalton Stone
1996-7	John Hanna	1997-8	William Leach
1998-9	Douglas Schauer	1999-0	Douglas Schauer
2000-1	Allan Valliant	2001-2	Allan Valliant
2002-3	Dale Black	2003-4	Dale Black
2004-5	John Hanna	2005-6	John Hanna
2006-7	R. Roloff/John Hannah ²²⁶ (until amalgamation with Enterprise 516 on September 11, 2007)		

²²⁶ The 2007 *Annual Proceedings* show the WM as "R. Roloff" but W. Bro. Hannah held the office through to amalgamation.

Membership of Cobden Lodge, No. 459 GRC, Cobden
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1903 to 1920, TOTAL as of the end of May or June of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Jan. 30,	1903				
1902	nil	nil	nil	21	nil	nil	nil	nil	21
1903	8	4	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	29
1904	7	6	6	2	nil	nil	nil	1	37
1905	10	7	5	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	49
1906	5	7	8	nil	nil	1	1	nil	52
1907	3	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	56
1908	2	nil	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	55
1909	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	56
1910	12	9	7	nil	nil	1	1	3	62
1911	12	10	12	nil	nil	3	1	nil	70
1912	10	7	6	1	nil	1	nil	nil	78
1913	15	15	15	nil	1	7	2	nil	83
1914	7	8	9	2	nil	2	nil	2	90
1915	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	91
1916	2	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	93
1917	5	4	2	nil	nil	3	1	nil	98
1918	11	10	11	nil	nil	3	1	2	99
1919	5	2	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	101
1920	18	21	16	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	118
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	2	9	7	1	nil	2	nil	nil	118
1921	6	5	7	1	nil	7	nil	nil	188
1922	8	6	4	nil	nil	2	1	5	118
1923	5	4	9	3	nil	2	2	nil	122
1924	4	4	4	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	127
1925	2	1	1	1	nil	1	1	4	124
1926	5	6	5	nil	nil	2	2	3	122
1927	9	7	3	nil	1	1	3	nil	128
1928	11	12	12	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	137

1929	10	11	4	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	145
1930	6	5	11	1	nil	3	nil	nil	149
1931	3	4	4	nil	nil	1	2	nil	149
1932	3	4	4	1	1	nil	1	16	137
1933	4	2	2	2	nil	2	nil	nil	141
1934	nil	2	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	142
1935	2	2	2	nil	nil	3	3	nil	138
1936	1	1	nil	2	3	5	6	22	112
1937	7	8	4	nil	2	1	2	2	116
1938	3	2	6	1	2	1	1	3	117
1939	1	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	3	114
1940	3	2	1	1	nil	4	2	1	111
1941	5	3	4	nil	nil	nil	1	2	113
1942	nil	3	3	2	nil	3	nil	nil	112
1943	6	5	4	2	nil	1	1	1	117
1944	7	5	4	nil	2	nil	3	nil	123
1945	4	4	4	3	nil	1	1	nil	128
1946	1	3	5	nil	nil	3	2	1	123
1947	3	3	3	2	2	nil	2	nil	128
1948	3	3	2	1	nil	2	2	nil	128
1949	6	5	5	nil	nil	3	3	nil	128
1950	9	9	9	2	nil	nil	1	nil	138
1951	11	12	10	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	146
1952	4	3	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	150
1953	3	4	6	nil	2	nil	2	nil	153
1954	6	5	3	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	156
1955	4	4	4	nil	1	1	3	nil	149
1956	2	3	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	149
1957	5	2	3	nil	nil	2	2	nil	150
1958	nil	2	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	147
1959	3	3	2	1	nil	nil	2	nil	149
1960	2	2	3	3	nil	nil	4	nil	150
1961	4	3	2	1	nil	1	6	2	146
1962	6	2	3	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	149

1963	nil	3	3	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	145
1964	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	144
1965	2	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	146
1966	3	3	3	1	nil	nil	5	nil	145
1967	nil	nil	1	2	nil	3	3	nil	141
1968	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	6	nil	132
1969	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	128
1970	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	3	126
1971	4	3	3	2	nil	1	1	nil	130
1972	1	3	2	1	nil	2	1	nil	129
1973	1	1	2	1	nil	2	3	1	125
1974	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	124
1975	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	2	nil	124
1976	2	1	3	nil	nil	1	4	nil	121
1977	2	2	1	nil	nil	2	3	nil	118
1978	4	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	121
1979	1	4	5	1	nil	nil	2	nil	121
1980	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	120
1981	1	nil	nil	2	nil	3	1	1	118
1982	5	3	2	2	nil	3	3	nil	119
1983	2	3	2	nil	nil	1	6	nil	114
1984	2	3	2	nil	nil	2	3	nil	111
1985	2	1	3	nil	1	1	7	2	104
1986	2	2	2	1	nil	nil	7	nil	100
1987	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	96
1988	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	96
1989	1	2	1	1	nil	nil	4	nil	94
1990	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	1	nil	91
1991	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	89
1992	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	7	nil	84
1993	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	80
1994	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	1	78
1995	1	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	79
1996	nil	nil	1	1	nil	nil	3	nil	77

1997	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	76
1998	nil	2	2	2	nil	nil	4	nil	74
1999	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	70
2000	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	5	nil	64
2001	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	61
2002	1	1	nil	1	nil	2	2	nil	59
2003	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	60
2004	nil	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	58
2005	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	57
2006	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	3	54
2007	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	4	nil	91
	amal-	gamated	with	Enter-	prise 516	on Sep 11	2007 to	become	
	"Cobden	#459	perpet-	uating	Enter-	prise	#516"		
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Cobden Lodge No. 459 perpetuating Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Cobden 2007-present

[Ottawa District 2 2007-present.]

During the latter half of the twentieth century, Enterprise Lodge No. 516 met on the first Monday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Beachburg. During 2001, Enterprise Lodge removed to Cobden and shared accommodation with Cobden 459. Discussions were held during 2006 and 2007 to amalgamate the two Lodges and on September 11, 2007, the amalgamation was accomplished under the direction of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor and a group of Grand Lodge officers. The new Lodge is to be known as "Cobden Lodge No. 459 perpetuating Enterprise Lodge No. 516" and meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Cobden.

Worshipful Masters of
Cobden Lodge No. 459 perpetuating Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Cobden

2007-8 R. Roloff

2008-9 R. Roloff

2009-0 Rudy Douma

2010-1 Douglas Steeves

Summary Membership Data of Cobden Lodge No. 459
perpetuating Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Cobden
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Sept. 11,	2007				
2007	nil	nil	nil	42 (516)	nil	1	4		91
2008	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	6	5	nil	80
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Carleton Lodge, No. 465 GRC, Carp 1904-present
Carleton Lodge, UD GRC, Carp 1904-1904

[Ottawa District No. 16 1904-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

The local river in this area just west of what would become Bytown and, later, Ottawa, was found to possess suckers (*carpes á cochon*) in abundance by the French voyageurs who gave it the name "Carp". One of the first settlers into the area, William Hodgins, arrived in 1845 and his son-in-law, Richard Kidd, named the growing community "Newtown" after Newtown, Co. Tipperary, Ireland. The name "Carp" was conferred in 1854 with the coming of the post office.

At the 49th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 20-21, 1904, Brockville), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Elly Harding, reported (1904 *Annual Proceedings*, p 36) that he had issued dispensations to form eight Lodges. The details of the eight²²⁷ were provided in the report of the Grand Secretary (1904 *Annual Proceedings*, p 49), including one to form Carleton Lodge at Carp, in Ottawa District No. 16, dated October 24, 1903. R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary of Ottawa District No. 16, reported (1904 *Annual Proceedings*, p 248) that the petition for a new Lodge at Carp had been supported by Mississippi Lodge, No. 147 GRC, Almonte and forwarded to the Grand master, who had issued a dispensation. Carleton Lodge was instituted on January 12, 1904 with twenty-three charter members and with "good prospects, is beautifully furnished, and everything of the very best." The Committee on Warrants recommended (1904 *Annual Proceedings*, p 278) the issue of seven warrants²²⁸, including No. 465 for Carleton Lodge, Carp, signed and dated July 20, 1904.

The Charter members of the new Lodge included: G. N. Kidd, G. H. Groves, John Argue, T. A. Brown, Robert Richardson, R. J. Gordon, R. H. McElroy, Henry F. Johnston, Adam Green, James Argue, Revillow Elliot and G. M. McKay. R. W. Bro. Dr. N. W. Cleary, DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16 (a member of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 GRC, Renfrew), assisted by three members of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond, installed the officers of Carleton Lodge. The first applications for Initiation (3) and for Affiliation (2) were received and balloted for on January 28, 1904. On October 4, 1904, the Lodge was Consecrated by the then DDGM, R. W. Bro. Sidney Albert Luke (of Doric Lodge, No. 58 GRC, Ottawa and Grand Master 1915-16 and 1916-17).

The original Lodge Rooms, over the Drug Store in the Kidd Block, were destroyed by fire on July 20, 1920 which also destroyed the business district of Carp. The fire apparently started in the Tin Shop of Joe Rishaur and spread rapidly through adjacent buildings and the entire Kidd Block, which contained the Bank of Nova Scotia, Carp Review Printing Office, Huntley Public Library and the Carp Drug Store. The fire then jumped the main street and burned out Austin Younghusband's Dry Goods. The Orange Lodge in Carp put their Lodge at the disposal of Carleton Lodge which was accepted and became its temporary home. By May 1921 a stock company was formed, intended to raise sufficient funds to finance the construction of a memorial hall with the Lodge in the upper storey. Although sufficient funds were raised for a single story Hall, there was insufficient for the second story facility. By May 1923 the Lodge was

²²⁷ The eight dispensations were: September 18, 1903, to form North Entrance Lodge at Haliburton in Ontario District No. 12 (No. 463); October 19, 1903, to form King Edward Lodge at Sunderland in Toronto East District 11a (No. 464); October 24, 1903, to form Carleton Lodge at Carp, in Ottawa District No. 16 (No. 465); November 23, 1903, to form Coronation Lodge at Elmvale, in Georgian District No. 9 (No. 466); April 18, 1904, to form Peel Lodge at Caledon East in Toronto West District No. 11 (No. 467); April 29, 1904 to form Tottenham Lodge at Tottenham in Georgian District No. 9 (No. 468); May 27, 1904, to form Algoma Lodge at Sault Ste. Marie in Nipissing District No. 18 (No. 469); and June 22, 1904, to form Victoria Lodge at Victoria Harbor in Georgian District No. 9 (No. 470).

²²⁸ The seven warrants were: Rideau Lodge No. 460 at Seeley's Bay, Ionic No. 461 at Rainy River, Temiskaming No. 462 at New Liskeard, North Entrance No. 463 at Haliburton, King Edward No. 464 at Sunderland, Carleton No. 465 at Carp and Coronation No. 466 at Elmvale. In addition the Committee had recommended the continuance of dispensations to Peel at Caledon East (now No. 468), Tottenham at Tottenham (now No. 467), Victoria at Victoria Harbor (now No. 470), Algoma at Sault Ste. Marie (now No. 469) and Gore Bay at Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island (now No. 472).

housed temporarily in the upper portion of Bro. F. C. Russell's store.

During 1925 church union faced the Presbyterian Congregation of Carp and, following a vote and some unsettled times, they joined the Methodists under the United Church of Canada. The Presbyterian manse was sold and proceeds used to put a new belfry on the former Methodist Church. Members of the (former) Presbyterian congregation considered a number of alternatives for the use of their church but were apparently unhappy with the commercial uses to which it might be put. Members of Carleton Lodge, still without a permanent lodge home approached the congregation who agreed to deed the Church building and land to the Freemasons, who would convert it to a Masonic Temple, for a cost of \$250.00 plus legal transfer fees. Funds were raised and the refurbishing of the old Church (which included raising it to provide for a refreshment facility in the basement) was undertaken.

On February 26, 1926, Bro. Wm. Stuart, then an affiliated member of the Lodge offered to pay all expenses to acquire "historic furniture" then stored in London, England. The offer was accepted. On April 15, 1927, Carleton Lodge held its first meeting in the new Masonic Temple in the present Lodge Hall on Church Street.

The furniture for the Lodge (carved by English craftsmen from English golden oak) was originally purchased by British, Dominion and American servicemen who established La Loge Le Havre de Grace, No. 4, GLNIR (France), at Le Havre in 1916. The Lodge was Consecrated on October 31, 1916 and closed forever on January 7, 1919. During its short span La Loge Le Havre de Grace had 71 founding members and 49 affiliates, held 24 regular and 14 emergent meetings, and worked 89 initiations, 76 fellowcraft degrees and 60 third degrees. About two weeks after the last meeting of the Lodge in January 1919, only two members of the Lodge were left in France — both were Canadians from Montreal, the Treasurer, Bro. Stuart, being one of them. He arranged for the furniture and documents to be packed in sixteen wooden crates and shipped to London on the *Perseverance*, where they were stored with Taylor & Son, Pimlico, at a cost of \$7.50 per month. By about 1924/5, the storage costs not having been paid and efforts to use the furniture elsewhere having failed, Taylor & Son advised all interested parties that the furniture would be sold at auction. At the sale Carleton Lodge purchased the furniture and documents with a clear title. In spite of this acquisition, the furniture did not include an altar, and Carleton Lodge acquired one from A. F. Campbell & Son, Arnprior. In addition to the French furniture, Carleton Lodge possesses a wooden setting maul made from a piece of timber made out of the rib of a warship, which had been subsequently in the frame of a Masonic Hall for over a hundred years, and which was presented by Captain Firebrace, the first master of La Loge Le Havre de Grace.

To commemorate the official opening of Carleton Lodge in its new Masonic home, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Dedicated the Masonic Temple at Carp on October 18, 1930.

During two World Wars, the Lodge has always performed its patriotic duty. During World War I, letters of appreciation were provided to members who were serving in His Majesty's forces and dues of serving brethren were remitted. On May 19, 1919, a memorial tablet was unveiled in the Lodge by Bro. Lieutenant-General Sir Sam Hughes²²⁹, who had served from October 1911 to October 1914 as Canada's Minister of Militia and Defence.

Carleton Lodge celebrated its centennial on September 24, 2005.

At the time of its formation, Carleton Lodge was placed in the Ottawa District, and, in 1970, in the newly formed Ottawa 1 District. During its existence, five members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Dr. Alonzo B. Hyndman (Ottawa, 1936-37), William Percy Kennedy (Ottawa, 1946-47), William B. Hodgins (Ottawa 1, 1979-80), Ray W. Grant (Ottawa 1, 1991-92) and Robert Bouchard (Ottawa 1, 2003-04). In addition, other members have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

²²⁹ Lieutenant-General Sir Sam Hughes was born in Bowmanville in 1852 and died at Lindsay in August 1921. At the age of 16 he began teaching in Belleville, Lifford and Toronto, but quietly resigned in favor of a life in the Militia. He was Adjutant of the 45th Battalion and was also elected as an MP to the federal government. In 1898 he served in the Boer War and by 1911 had been called to Ottawa by Prime Minister Borden as Minister of Militia and Defence. His three years as Minister were marred with several scandals, the greatest (and the one which ultimately cost him his job) was that of the Ross Rifle — first used in South Africa. It was heavier and longer than the Lee-Enfield and unsuited to trench warfare where rapid firing and dismal conditions prevailed. Sir Sam Hughes had been initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16 GRC, Toronto on October 9, 1883.

- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. R. C. Eakin (1938-39);
- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Grant Stonehouse (2004-05, although this was conferred on him as a PM of Luxor Daylight Lodge, No. 741 GRC, Ottawa);
- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bros. Everett Armstrong (1969-70);
- Grand Pursuivant - V. W. Bro. George N. Kidd (1906-07);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Frank H. Morrison (1938-39), Mackie D. Anderson (1948-49), James William Birch (1958-59), Henry William Mayhew (1966-67), Gerald R. Turner (1984-85) and George Halford Wilson (2004-05).

M. W. Bro. Donald Herbert Mumby, Grand Master (2003-04 and 2004-05) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario was made an Honorary Member of the Lodge (for his biography see Dalhousie Lodge 52, p 136-7).

Carleton Lodge meets on the fourth Thursday of each month except July, August and December, at the Masonic Building, 3704 Carp Road, Carp, Ontario.

Worshipful Masters of Carleton Lodge 465, Carleton Place
(* = charter members)

1904	George N. Kidd*	1905	George N. Kidd*
1906	Robert Richardson*	1907	George H. Groves*
1908	Thomas A. Brown*	1909	William Richardson*
1910	George H. Groves*	1911	Robert H. McElroy*
1912	Revillow Elliott*	1913	Howard Graham
1914	W. Lowry Gourlay	1915	A. H. Acre
1916	O. M. Groves	1917	James M. Argue
1918	Frank H. Morrison	1919	Chester B. Moses
1920	Howard Richardson	1921	Walter D. Jackson
1921	Nathaniel Mulligan	1923	Joseph S. Ragsdale
1924	Dr. A. B. Hyndman	1925	John D. Callan
1926	Horace Downey	1927	Benson Avery
1928	Perley J. Morris	1929	F. R. Poyser
1930	James W. Birch	1931	William G. Robertson
1932	Merit O. Morris	1933	Earnest T. Younghusband
1934	Forrest S. Caldwell	1935	Forrest S. Caldwell
1936-7	Lyman Johnston	1937-8	Robert Lucas
1938-9	Alvin E. Cavanagh	1939-0	G. Percival Gamble
1940-1	Guy Styles	1941-2	Henry S. Kennedy
1942-3	John P. Younghusband	1943-4	Henry W. Mayhew
1944-5	W. Percy Kennedy	1945-6	Charles E. Daykin
1946-7	Mackie D. Anderson	1947-8	J. Stuart Thompson
1948-9	Alfred Amm	1949-0	George F. Bishop
1950-1	Borden H. Falls	1951-2	Leslie Armstrong
1952-3	Earnest F. Johnston	1953-4	Gerald Tripp
1954-5	Delmer Tripp	1955-6	A. B. Cosmo Downey
1956-7	Horace Armstrong	1957-8	Dalton Baird
1958-9	Ivan Baird	1959-0	Maurice McCallum
1960-1	Allan L. Mooney	1961-2	Robert W. Moore
1962-3	J. Lester Storey	1963-4	Lorne F. Davis
1964-5	H. Gordon Caldwell	1965-6	John B. Langford
1966-7	David J. M. Ross	1967-8	Kenneth D. McGee
1968-9	Dalton Carry	1969-0	William B. Hodgins
1970-1	Ralph A. Bidgood	1971-2	Robin G. Armitage

1972-3 Donald Munro
 1974-5 Robert E. Rowland
 1976-7 Walter Wyatt
 1978-9 Gerald R. Turner
 1980-1 Nabeel Hanafi
 1982-3 William Vallentyne
 1984-5 Alfred Slack
 1986-7 David Andrews
 1988-9 George Halford Wilson
 1990-1 Norman Fraser
 1992-3 Donald Skinner
 1994-5 Wendell Gourlay
 1996-7 Glenn Falls
 1998-9 Gerald James Bonney
 2000-1 Richard Coker
 2002-3 Ray Toner
 2004-5 John Owens
 2006-7 Peter Pate
 2008-9 K. Farmer
 2010-1 Brian Adams

1973-4 Gerald R. Vallentyne
 1975-6 A. R. John MacSteven
 1977-8 Lee Wainwright
 1979-0 George Kennedy
 1981-2 Philip B. Downey
 1983-4 Alexander Birkett
 1985-6 Ray W. Grant
 1987-8 Donald Roper
 1989-0 Richard Neitzel
 1991-2 Grant Stonehouse
 1993-4 Ronald Bidgood
 1995-6 Robert Bouchard
 1997-8 Mark Downey
 1999-0 Wilbert Paul
 2001-2 Glendon Moore
 2003-4 Ray Toner
 2005-6 Joseph Michel Vigeant
 2007-8 Jace Baart
 2009-0 Chester Booth

Membership of Carleton Lodge, No. 465 GRC, Carp
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1904 to 1920, TOTAL as of the end of May or June of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Jan. 12	1904				
1904	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	21
1905	15	12	14	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	42
1906	4	8	7	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	43
1907	11	10	8	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	53
1908	3	4	3	1	nil	1	nil	nil	60
1909	3	1	3	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	56
1910	nil	2	3	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	52
1911	6	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	58
1912	4	6	6	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	59
1913	7	8	8	nil	nil	3	2	nil	61
1914	2	2	2	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	60
1915	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5	1	nil	54
1916	3	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	56
1917	7	4	4	nil	nil	1	nil	2	60
1918	8	11	10	3	nil	1	nil	nil	69

1919	1	2	2	1	nil	1	2	nil	69
1920	5	2	3	1	nil	1	2	nil	72
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	72
1921	6	7	8	nil	nil	1	nil	4	72
1922	1	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	74
1923	4	3	2	nil	nil	1	2	3	72
1924	2	3	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	76
1925	4	2	5	nil	nil	1	2	nil	77
1926	1	2	1	2	nil	3	1	3	73
1927	2	2	2	nil	1	2	nil	nil	74
1928	1	2	1	nil	1	5	nil	nil	71
1929	6	2	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	78
1930	7	6	4	1	nil	nil	1	nil	85
1931	nil	3	6	nil	nil	1	nil	8	76
1932	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	75
1933	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	73
1934	nil	2	2	nil	nil	6	1	3	63
1935	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	nil	60
1936	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	1	nil	59
1937	4	4	1	1	nil	2	2	4	56
1938	4	2	5	nil	nil	nil	2	2	56
1939	1	3	3	nil	nil	1	1	nil	55
1940	2	1	1	1	nil	1	1	2	54
1941	5	4	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	59
1942	1	3	4	nil	nil	2	3	nil	55
1943	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	56
1944	6	6	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	62
1945	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	63
1946	6	4	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	70
1947	6	6	6	1	1	nil	nil	nil	78
1948	4	5	4	nil	nil	2	1	nil	79
1949	3	2	6	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	82
1950	3	5	3	nil	nil	1	3	nil	81

1951	2	1	3	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	81
1952	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	1	79
1953	6	4	6	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	86
1954	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	87
1955	2	4	3	1	nil	nil	4	nil	86
1956	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	88
1957	3	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	nil	93
1958	4	6	6	1	nil	nil	2	nil	96
1959	5	3	2	3	nil	nil	3	nil	101
1960	1	3	3	2	nil	2	2	nil	102
1961	2	1	2	1	nil	nil	3	nil	102
1962	2	3	3	nil	nil	1	6	nil	97
1963	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	98
1964	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	97
1965	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	95
1966	3	3	nil	1	nil	nil	2	1	96
1967	1	nil	4	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	95
1968	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	95
1969	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	1	94
1970	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	95
1971	3	2	2	2	nil	1	3	nil	96
1972	2	3	4	1	nil	nil	2	nil	97
1973	2	3	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	99
1974	1	1	2	3	nil	1	1	nil	101
1975	3	1	1	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	107
1976	2	3	3	2	nil	nil	5	nil	106
1977	1	2	1	nil	nil	1	3	nil	103
1978	2	2	3	2	nil	2	nil	nil	105
1979	4	4	1	nil	nil	1	4	3	101
1980	2	1	4	nil	nil	1	3	nil	99
1981	3	2	1	1	nil	3	1	nil	99
1982	3	2	3	5	nil	1	2	nil	104
1983	4	3	2	3	nil	1	2	nil	108
1984	3	4	3	1	nil	nil	3	1	108

1985	5	5	6	3	nil	3	1	nil	112
1986	3	5	5	nil	nil	2	4	1	108
1987	3	3	4	nil	1	1	3	nil	108
1988	2	1	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	109
1989	3	4	nil	3	1	nil	4	nil	112
1990	2	1	3	2	nil	2	1	1	112
1991	2	2	3	1	nil	1	2	nil	112
1992	4	2	nil	nil	1	4	2	1	110
1993	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	2	nil	110
1994	nil	3	2	3	nil	5	3	nil	105
1995	3	2	1	2	nil	3	4	nil	102
1996	1	1	3	1	nil	6	3	1	94
1997	3	2	1	1	nil	1	3	1	93
1998	3	2	3	1	1	2	2	nil	94
1999	2	2	3	nil	nil	2	2	1	91
2000	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	3	2	1	85
2001	4	4	1	2	nil	3	2	nil	86
2002	1	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	87
2003	2	nil	1	1	nil	nil	2	1	87
2004	2	4	nil	2	nil	2	nil	nil	89
2005	4	1	4	1	nil	1	5	nil	88
2006	3	5	2	nil	nil	3	3	nil	85
2007	1	1	2	1	nil	2	1	nil	84
2008	1	1	3	nil	nil	2	nil	1	82
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476 GRC, North Gower 1906-2000
Corinthian Lodge, UD GRC, North Gower 1905-1906

[Ottawa District No. 16 1905-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-2000.]

The original Gower Township was created in Grenville County in 1798 and divided in 1850. The name was given to honour John Levenson Gower (1740-92), First Lord of the Admiralty (1783-89). North Gower Township became part of the municipal township of Rideau in the regional municipality of Ottawa-Carleton in 1974. The community of North Gower had been settled in 1820 by Stephen Blanchard and called Stephenville. When the first post office was opened in 1847, it was named after the township.

While most Freemasons in Ottawa Districts 1 and 2 knew of Corinthian Lodge, No. 476 GRC, North Gower, which closed its doors in darkness on April 6, 2000, few knew that this was the third Lodge to have been formed in the village.

The earliest known Lodge in the village — North Gower Lodge, No. 951 ER/No. 48 PRCW/No. 57 AGLC — had existed from about 1854 to 1858 (notes p 47-48). It, along with many other Lodges in the Province, had remained with Sir Alan Napier MacNab when he declared the formation of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the fall 1857. In July 1858, at the time of the union of that Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, the Lodge was listed on the roll and instructed to surrender its old Warrant which it appears to have done. However, the *1858 Annual Proceedings* show the Lodge as “no returns.” It appears to have gone into darkness almost immediately although it was likely it was never a very large Lodge and may not have been working on a regular basis even while remaining with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. The Lodge does not appear in the *1859 Annual Proceedings*. The *Corinthian Lodge History* notes that members who had not completed the three degrees at that time completed them in Goodwood Lodge, Richmond.

In 1868 some Masons in North Gower, perhaps members of the earlier Lodge, approached Goodwood Lodge with a request to re-establish a Masonic Lodge in the town. The *1869 Annual Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge of Canada show that Warrant No. 206 was issued to North Gower Lodge. By 1879 the Lodge was defunct and the Warrant had supposedly been returned (notes p 266-67).

Almost thirty years would pass before a Masonic Lodge would again call North Gower home. A meeting to discuss the establishment of a new Lodge was held on May 17, 1905, in the Temperance Hall, where it was decided to apply for authority and to recommend W. Bro. Clarke Craig as WM, Bro. Barton S. Sheldon as SW, Bro. Austin W. McCordick as JW and Bro. John H. Cryderman as Secretary. It was agreed to call the new Lodge “Corinthian” in honor of “Corinthian Lodge²³⁰” which had operated in Ottawa but gone into darkness . . .” (*Corinthian Lodge History*, p 7).

At the 50th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 19-20, 1905, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, reported (*1905 Annual Proceedings*, p 62) that he had issued five dispensations for new Lodges, including one dated June 28, 1905, for Corinthian Lodge at North Gower²³¹. The Lodge was instituted on July 18, 1905, and due to this late date of formation, it is not mentioned in the report of R. W. Bro. Sidney Albert Luke, DDGM of Ottawa District. The Committee on Warrants recommended (*1905 Annual Proceedings*, p 376) that five warrants be issued and that five dispensations be continued for another year²³², including that for

²³⁰ This was Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 GRC, Bytown, formed in 1854 and closed in 1876.

²³¹ The five dispensations were issued: on October 22, 1904, to hold King Edward VII Lodge at Chippewa (now No. 71), April 14, 1905, for The Beaches Lodge at Balmy Beach (now No. 473 at Scarborough), on May 1, 1905, for Victoria Lodge at Toronto Junction (now No. 474 at Toronto), on June 1, 1905 for Dundurn Lodge at Hamilton (now No. 475) and on June 28, 1905, for Corinthian Lodge at North Gower (No. 476, now closed).

²³² The new Warrants were: No. 467 for Tottenham Lodge at Tottenham, No. 468 for Peel Lodge at Caledon East, No. 469 for Algoma Lodge at Sault Ste. Marie, No. 470 for Victoria Lodge at Victoria Harbor and No. 471 for King Edward Lodge VII at Chippewa. The continued dispensations were for: Gore Lodge, The Beaches Lodge, Victoria Lodge, Dundurn Lodge and Corinthian Lodge.

Corinthian Lodge.

The petition was signed by fourteen Masons: Bros. Clarke Craig, Barton S. Sheldon, Austin W. McCordick, John H. Cryderman, Albert E. McCordick, Edward Mills, James E. Armstrong, Robert Pratt, George Ferguson, H. Guest, Rupert J. Dumbrell, James Craig, John H. Wallace and Fred N. Dilworth.

The first formal meeting of the Lodge was held on September 8, 1905, in the Temperance Hall, and the WM and Officers were installed and invested. The second meeting of the Lodge was held on October 13, 1905, in the present Masonic Hall which is still standing. On July 18, 1906, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt signed Warrant No. 476 for the Lodge.

The Lodge meetings were held monthly and set to coincide with a full moon to provide lighting for the horse-drawn vehicles used by members who travelled from Manotick, Osgoode, Kars, Malakoff and Pierce's Corners. Early Lodge meetings regularly continued until one or two o'clock in the morning.

The original Hall which is still standing at the corner of Roger Stevens Road and Highway 16, measures 22 by 40 feet and is of clapboard on the outside and V-joint on the inside. Two wood-burning stoves were used for heating in the cold weather. The total cost of construction was \$500 and is believed to have covered the cost of materials only, with labour being provided by the members. The furnishings in the Lodge room included Deacon's chairs which were donated by Malakoff United Church; two swords donated by members who had served as officers under the command of Sir Sam Hughes²³³; and ornaments, furniture, jewels and working tools of the degrees, donated at various times by members of the Lodge, as well as photographs and paintings.

From 1905 until the district reorganization of 1970, Corinthian Lodge was part of the Ottawa District, becoming part of the new Ottawa 1 District. During its existence, five members have served as DDGM: R.W. Bros. Melville J. Scobie (Ottawa, 1932-33), Merrill Joshua Haggins (Ottawa, 1949-50), Harold R. J. Gilbert (Ottawa 1, 1971-2), Carl U. Everson (Ottawa 1, 1989-90) and Bryan I. Dorling (Ottawa 1, 2001-02), although by the time of his election R. W. Bro. Dorling had affiliated with Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517 GRC, Hazeldean and Corinthian Lodge had closed. Seven members of Corinthian Lodge have been appointed as Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Dr. Herbert G. F. Blair, MD (1934-35), James Lawson Greer (1947-48), Frederick H. Graham (1951-52), Howard L. Greer (1964-65), William Gary Montgomery (1972-73), William A. Hamilton (1990-91) and Robert D. Thomson (1997-98).

On November 30, 1973 R. W. Bro. Melville J. Scobie celebrated his 60th year as a Mason, his 50th year as a Past Master and his 40th year as a Past D.D.G.M. Bro. Dr. J. Leach received his 60 year pin in 1973. Not just a reflection on longevity in the Craft, but Corinthian Lodge could boast a father and his sons as members of the Lodge: V. W. Bro. J. Lawson Greer, PGS, who had served as WM in 1929, was joined in Lodge membership by his six sons — V. W. Bro. Howard L. Greer, PGS, who served as WM for 1937-38, 1946-47 and 1961-62; W. Bro. Stanley L. Greer, WM for 1942-43; Bro. Milton Greer who later moved to Burlington, Ontario; W. Bro. George A. Greer, WM for 1948-49; Bro. Melville Greer, who later moved to Orillia, Ontario; and W. Bro. Eldon Greer, who served as WM of Kempenfeldt Lodge, No. 673 GRC, Barrie, Ontario.

During the 1990's, declining membership and nonparticipation of remaining members in the working and administration of the Lodge led to its closure on May 5, 2000. On April 6, 2000, 18 members of the Lodge, attended by the DDGM, R. W. Bro. Paul E. Todd and PDDGM's R. W. Bro. George Clauson and William Burns, opened the Lodge. The single item of business was to vote on a Motion to surrender the Warrant and close the Lodge. Eleven members voted to do so. The Minute Book, Register of Members and other important documents, including the Lodge Warrant, were surrendered and are held in Grand Lodge archives in Hamilton, Ontario. Mementoes were given to members and the remaining furnishings

²³³ Lieutenant-General Sir Sam Hughes was born in Bowmanville in 1852 and died at Lindsay in August 1921. At the age of 16 he began teaching in Belleville, Lifford and Toronto, but quietly resigned in favor of a life in the Militia. He was Adjutant of the 45th Battalion and was also elected as an MP to the federal government. In 1898 he served in the Boer War and by 1911 had been called to Ottawa by Prime Minister Borden as Minister of Militia and Defence. His three years as Minister were marred with several scandals, the greatest (and the one which ultimately cost him his job) was that of the Ross Rifle—first used in South Africa. It was heavier and longer than the Lee-Enfield and unsuited to trench warfare where rapid firing and dismal conditions prevailed. Sir Sam Hughes had been initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16 GRC, Toronto on October 9, 1883.

were sold, as was the Lodge building. At the time of closing the Lodge, the members voting to close also voted to contribute all funds (slightly in excess of \$60,000) to the Help-to-Hear project. Thus only the Lodge Warrant and books were transferred to Grand Lodge where they were held "in trust" for a two year period, in the event that the Lodge was reopened.

Worshipful Masters of Corinthian Lodge 476, North Gower
(* = charter members)

1905	Clarke Craig*	1906	Clarke Craig*
1907	Clarke Craig*	1908	John H. Cryderman*
1909	James E. Armstrong*	1910	Thomas J. Hicks
1911	W. W. Pettapiece	1912	Rev. E. A. Johnston
1913	Dr. Herbert G. F. Blair, MD	1914	J. C. McNiece
1915	John Kerr	1916	A. J. Craig
1917	W. E. Stratton	1918	F. S. Richardson
1919	William Cryderman	1920	N. R. Craig
1921	R. A. Craig Jr	1922	R. A. Craig Jr
1923	Dr. W. H. Leach, MD	1924	Melville J. Scobie
1925	F. L. Brownlee	1926	W. M. Leach
1927	Frederick H. Graham	1928	Merrill J. Haggins
1929	James Lawson Greer	1930	E. S. Fennell
1931	W. G. McCulla	1932	H. C. Graham
1933	L. C. Craig	1934	A. D. Wallace
1935	Alex McLeod	1936	A. W. Ferguson
1937-8	Howard L. Greer	1938-9	W. B. Moses
1939-0	E. M. Moses	1940-1	Merrill J. Haggins
1941-2	F. C. Pratt	1942-3	Stanley L. Greer
1943-4	H. O. Balkwill	1944-5	W. A. Argue
1945-6	W. John Craig	1946-7	Howard L. Greer
1947-8	M. J. Haggins	1948-9	George A. Greer
1949-0	Rev. A. Y. Robertson	1950-1	H. S. Scobie
1951-2	A. E. Taylor	1952-3	N. F. Sherman
1953-4	C. F. Nickerson	1954-5	D. K. McLeod
1955-6	M. J. Wallace	1956-7	W. A. Taylor
1957-8	C. E. McCord	1958-9	J. F. J. Thomas
1959-0	E. S. McEwan	1960-1	W. A. Armstrong
1961-2	Howard L. Greer	1962-3	J. O. Driscoll
1963-4	B. H. Pratt	1964-5	W. T. Hyland
1965-6	R. K. Logan	1966-7	William Gary Montgomery
1967-8	Harold R. J. Gilbert	1968-9	A. J. Scobie
1969-0	J. A. Chalmers	1970-1	G. N. Bond
1971-2	John E. Brown	1972-3	Leslie Wallace
1973-4	John Scobie	1974-5	Charles Hamilton
1975-6	Chad Bennett	1976-7	Geoffrey Cameron
1977-8	Donald I. Wyse	1978-9	Cameron D. Minor
1979-0	Hans Coert	1980-1	Reginald J. Boyles
1981-2	William A. Hamilton	1982-3	William A. Hamilton
1983-4	Carl U. Everson	1984-5	Thomas W. Steward
1985-6	Robert D. Thomson	1986-7	Brian I. Dorling
1987-8	Mohammed Tallim	1988-9	Charles Powell
1989-0	Brian I. Dorling	1990-1	Sidney Smith
1991-2	Thomas W. Steward	1992-3	E. Donaldson
1993-4	Brent J. Reid	1994-5	Gerald V. Palmer

1995-6 Gerald V. Palmer
 1997-8 Ronald Phillips
 1999-0 Sheldon Rice

1996-7 David Hunter
 1998-9 Robert D. Thomson

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 (from 1905 to 1920, TOTAL as of the end of May or June of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	July 18,	1905				
1905	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	14
1906	20	19	15	11	nil	nil	nil	nil	45
1907	16	15	17	1	nil	4	nil	nil	54
1908	8	9	8	1	nil	nil	4	nil	59
1909	1	2	3	2	nil	4	1	nil	57
1910	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	3	53
1911	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	55
1912	2	1	2	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	55
1913	5	2	7	5	nil	1	nil	1	60
1914	5	4	3	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	63
1915	6	5	8	ni;	1	1	nil	nil	69
1916	4	4	4	1	nil	4	nil	nil	70
1917	nil	2	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	70
1918	6	3	1	nil	nil	3	1	nil	72
1919	6	3	3	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	76
1920	5	4	6	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	79
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	2	3	nil	1	nil	3	1	nil	78
1921	6	4	5	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	85
1922	4	5	4	1	nil	1	1	nil	88
1923	3	2	5	1	nil	3	1	nil	88
1924	5	7	7	1	nil	1	1	nil	92
1925	4	4	2	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	93
1926	3	2	4	nil	nil	2	1	nil	93
1927	2	2	1	nil	nil	3	2	nil	90
1928	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	6	1	nil	83

1929	5	4	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	85
1930	5	3	3	nil	nil	2	3	1	84
1931	2	5	5	nil	nil	4	1	nil	81
1932	2	2	4	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	82
1933	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	2	4	78
1934	1	2	2	nil	nil	2	nil	1	76
1935	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	2	73
1936	3	2	2	2	nil	1	nil	nil	78
1937	5	6	5	1	nil	2	nil	nil	82
1938	5	6	4	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	85
1939	5	4	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	88
1940	2	2	5	nil	nil	1	2	nil	87
1941	2	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	1	nil	90
1942	2	3	3	nil	nil	nil	2	1	89
1943	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	89
1944	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	91
1945	3	3	4	2	nil	1	nil	nil	95
1946	5	3	1	nil	nil	1	2	nil	97
1947	6	8	7	1	nil	1	1	nil	102
1948	3	2	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	104
1949	1	3	3	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	101
1950	3	3	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	102
1951	9	7	5	1	nil	nil	1	1	110
1952	6	6	4	1	nil	1	2	nil	114
1953	1	2	6	3	nil	nil	3	1	114
1954	4	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	117
1955	2	4	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	118
1956	4	3	2	2	nil	1	6	nil	116
1957	2	3	4	nil	nil	3	6	nil	110
1958	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	109
1959	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	4	nil	105
1960	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	101
1961	3	3	2	1	nil	nil	2	nil	103
1962	8	6	2	nil	1	1	1	nil	110

1963	3	5	6	nil	nil	2	2	2	107
1964	2	1	4	2	nil	2	2	nil	107
1965	nil	1	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	106
1966	3	2	1	4	nil	4	1	nil	108
1967	2	3	3	nil	nil	1	1	1	105
1968	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	2	104
1969	nil	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	101
1970	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	2	nil	100
1971	1	1	nil	2	nil	2	nil	nil	101
1972	nil	nil	1	2	nil	nil	6	nil	97
1973	4	3	nil	4	nil	1	1	1	102
1974	2	2	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	104
1975	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	1	104
1976	3	3	4	1	nil	nil	2	1	105
1977	1	nil	1	2	nil	nil	3	nil	104
1978	3	1	1	nil	nil	1	5	nil	101
1979	1	2	2	1	nil	2	2	nil	99
1980	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	98
1981	1	1	2	3	nil	2	3	nil	97
1982	1	2	1	1	nil	nil	3	2	94
1983	1	nil	1	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	93
1984	2	2	1	1	nil	2	4	1	88
1985	3	2	2	2	nil	1	2	nil	90
1986	nil	nil	1	1	nil	2	4	nil	85
1987	3	1	nil	nil	1	4	4	1	80
1988	1	nil	1	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	78
1989	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	6	nil	71
1990	2	nil	nil	1	nil	2	1	nil	71
1991	4	4	2	1	nil	2	1	2	71
1992	1	3	3	2	nil	2	1	1	70
1993	1	1	nil	nil	nil	6	3	nil	62
1994	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	4	3	nil	54
1995	1	1	1	3	nil	nil	nil	2	56
1996	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	2	nil	55

1997	nil	1	1	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	52
1998	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	3	nil	49
1999	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	48
2000	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	46	1	1	NIL
	Lodge	closed	May 5,	2000	and	Warrant	surrend	ered	
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Russell Lodge, No. 479 GRC, Russell 1906-present
Russell Lodge, UD GRC, Russell 1906-1906

[Ottawa District No. 16 1906-23. Ottawa District 1923-70. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

The township of Russell, in the united counties of Prescott and Russell, was named in 1798 after Peter Russell, administrator of Upper Canada between the departure of Lieutenant-Governor Lt.-Col. John Graves Simcoe in 1796 and the appointment of Peter Hunter as the new Lieutenant-Governor in 1799. It had first been called Elmsley while the present-day Elmsley township (west of Smiths Falls) had been called Russell, but the names were exchanged. The community of Russell was first called "Castor" (beaver in French) after the nearby river, but the name "Russell" was given to the post office when it opened in 1848, with William Duncan, a developer, as first post master. His son and successor as postmaster, John Duncan, had the community name changed to Duncanville in 1852, but the government would not change the name of the post office. In 1898 "Russell" was restored as the community name when the united counties made it into a police village.

At the 46th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 17-18, 1901, Hamilton), the Board on Warrants recommended (*1901 Annual Proceedings*, p 296) that petitions to form four lodges should be rejected, including one for Russell Lodge at Russell, Russell County, St. Lawrence District No. 15²³⁴. Interestingly there is no reference to this premature attempt at startup in the Lodge history.

During the winter of 1905-06, several members of Henderson Lodge, No. 383 GRC, Winchester who were residents of Russell and its surrounding district decided that they wished to form a new Lodge close to their homes. A petition was prepared and signed by fourteen Masons and, with the sponsorship of Henderson Lodge, was submitted to the Grand Master.

At the 51st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 18-19, 1906, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Henry Burritt, KC, reported (*1905 Annual Proceedings*, p 48-9) that he had issued five warrants and five dispensations²³⁵, in the latter category he had issued a dispensation on March 16, 1906, to form Russell Lodge at Russell. R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD, DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16 reported (*1905 Annual Proceedings*, p 300) that he had instituted Russell Lodge at Russell on June 6, 1906. He reported that the Lodge had acquired a good hall with "proper ornaments, furniture and jewels, and the future of the lodge seems bright." The Committee on Warrants recommended (*1905 Annual Proceedings*, p 336) the issue of six warrants and that three dispensations should be continued²³⁶, including that just recently issued for Russell Lodge.

The Charter officers were: WM, W. Bro. David Wishart (a carpenter from Russell); SW, W. Bro. Philip Proudfoot (PM of Henderson Lodge); JW, W. Bro. William McKeown (PM of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 GRC, Riceville (instituted 1867) and a merchant of Russell); Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Robinson; Treasurer, Bro. James A. Fielding (member of Chesterville Lodge, No. 320 GRC, Chesterville, Instituted 1874); Secretary, Bro. William H. Lowrie; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. William T. Faulkner (member of Chesterville Lodge, No. 320) and Tyler, Bro. Charles F. McArthur (a foundry operator). The other Charter

²³⁴ The other three petitions were for: Russell Lodge at Century Lodge, Merlin, Kent County, Erie District No. 1 (now No. 457); Stormont Lodge, Finch, Stormont County, St. Lawrence District No. 15 (never established); and Royal Lodge, Fort William, Algoma District No. 17 (now No. 453).

²³⁵ These Warrants were all issued on July 20, 1906: No. 467 for Tottenham Lodge, No. 468 for Peel Lodge, No. 469 for Algoma Lodge, No. 470 for Victoria Lodge and No. 471 for King Edward VII. The dispensations were issued: on July 18, 1905 for Corinthian Lodge (No. 476), on October 3, 1905 for Harding Lodge (No. 477), on November 13, 1905 for Bancroft Lodge (No. 482), on January 10, 1906 for Milverton Lodge (No. 478) and on March 16, 1906, for Russell Lodge (No. 479).

²³⁶ The seven warrants were: No. 472 for Gore Bay, No. 473 for The Beaches, No. 474 for Victoria, No. 475 for Dundurn, No. 476 for Corinthian and No. 477 for Harding. The three continued dispensations had been issue to Bancroft Lodge, Milverton Lodge and Russell Lodge.

Members were Bros. Rev. Thomas A. Sadler (clergyman); Duncan McArthur (brother of Charles F. and also a foundry operator); John I. Rankin (bank manager); Dr. Dougald S. McDougall (physician); William Kippen and William Hanshaw (from Houston).

Russell Lodge was dedicated and consecrated on September 30, 1906 by the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning, who presented Charter No. 479 to the Lodge. As no Lodge By-Laws had been written, the Lodge adopted those of Henderson Lodge. From the time of formation until June 24, 1925, Installation was held on St. John the Evangelist Day (December 29), except when this fell on a Sunday. Effective June 24, 1925, the installation was changed to St. John the Baptist Day (June 24), except when this was a Sunday. In 1960 the installation was moved to the regular meeting in June (third Monday).

It is not clear from the Lodge Minutes where meetings were held in the early years although rents for Lodge rooms were paid by the Lodge (W. R. Cherry, \$60.00 per year until 1912 when Stanley Stephenson was paid \$80.00). A disastrous fire in Russell village in 1915 destroyed the central part of the village, including the Hall then used for Lodge meetings. It was then agreed to acquire the necessary land and build a suitable Hall. Land was acquired from J. B. McVey for \$400 and a building program costing \$3,000 was undertaken. The new Lodge facility was Dedicated on July 3, 1916.

The building program attracted attention to the Fraternity and by 1924 Lodge membership had reached 124. As with the Craft across the province, Russell Lodge has seen decreases and increases in membership over the years — 99 members in the mid 1930's; 91 by 1944; 122 by 1958; 127 in 1963 and 82 in 1999.

Over the years, members of the Lodge have been recognized by Grand Lodge for their Service to the Craft and their community. At the 140th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 19, 1995) the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew announced the award of a Certificate of Commendation for outstanding service to Bro. Wallace D. Hall of Russell Lodge.

The Lodge was administered in Ottawa District 16 until the reorganization of 1970 which saw it placed in Ottawa District 1. During its existence, five members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. L. Wilfred Latimer (Ottawa, 1935-36), Wendell M. Stanley (Ottawa, 1965-66), Keith M. Boyd (Ottawa 1, 1977-78), Grant B. Bowman (Ottawa 1, 1987-88) and Kenneth Alan Sharp (Ottawa 1, 2005-06). Other members have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Walter Rowan (1907-08, but received for his work as a member and WM of Civil Service 148, Ottawa),
- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bro. J. Lorne MacRae (2003-04); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Philip B. Proudfoot (1915-16), E. Ernest Sutherland (1936-37), John Mills Boland (1955-56), Sydney W. Cotton (1966-67), J. Edgar Young (1976-77), William C. McVey (1978-79), Hjalmar O. J. Hansen (1988-89), Kenneth Alan Sharp (1996-97) and Kenneth Berquist (2006-07).

On Saturday, June 10, 2006, Russell Lodge celebrated its centennial with an afternoon ceremony of remembrance, rededication and recommitment at the Lodge rooms and a Ladies Night Dinner and Dance at the Russell Community Center.

Russell Lodge meets on the third Monday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Russell.

Worshipful Masters of Russell Lodge 479, Russell
(* = charter members)

1906	David Wishart*	1907	Walter Rowan*
1908	Philip B. Proudfoot*	1909	Charles Boyd ²³⁷
1910	William H. Lowrie*	1911	George Sutherland

²³⁷ The Lodge minutes show the actual date of installation as January 13, 1910 due to bad weather in December 1909 which prevented the installation.

1912	Nelson Ronan	1913	William T. Fielding
1914	John Harrington	1915	Andrew Fraser
1916	John Wallace Wishart	1917	Peter J. McLaren
1918	John M. Boland	1919	Arthur A. Fraser
1920	James Masson	1921	Henry H. Shepherd
1922	John A. Gamble	1923	Henry H. Shepherd ²³⁸
1924	Henry H. Shepherd	1925	Ernest Sutherland
1926-7	J. Franklin Stonness	1927-8	Albert E. Sparks
1928-9	James A. Mitchell	1929-0	Robert M. McRuer
1930-1	Robert W. Atkinson	1931-2	L. Wilfred Latimer
1932-3	George E. Young	1933-4	Alexander J. Stewart
1934-5	Charles Hall	1935-6	Charles Fader
1936-7	J. Alexander R. Dillabough	1937-8	Alexander Brunton
1938-9	Robert E. Kinkade	1939-0	William P. Cherry
1940-1	Daniel Peter Dewar	1941-2	J. C. Byers
1942-3	Robert Little	1943-4	Robert Little
1944-5	Lawrence Martin Shanks	1945-6	William Wallace Comrie
1946-7	Alexander G. Little	1947-8	John Twiname
1948-9	Morgan W. Park	1949-0	Vince R. Loney
1950-1	N. Douglas Warner	1951-2	Wendell M. Stanley
1952-3	Orman C. Savage	1953-4	William J. Campbell
1954-5	Henry J. Scott	1955-6	Robert W. Gamble
1956-7	Sydney W. Cotton	1957-8	George A. Young
1958-9	Donald K. Campbell	1959-0	James A. Sullivan
1960-1	Walter W. Shadbolt	1961-2	Kenneth J. Campbell
1962-3	William C. McVey	1963-4	Keith M. Boyd
1964-5	James B. Eadie	1965-6	Kenneth Alan Sharp
1966-7	Lyn Prophet	1967-8	Stewart James
1968-9	Garnet W. Robertson	1969-0	Barry W. McVey
1970-1	Arthur Harrison	1971-2	John Patterson
1972-3	William G. Hartley	1973-4	George Stanley
1974-5	George Stanley	1975-6	John Patterson
1976-7	Kenneth G. Beck	1977-8	Kenneth Alan Sharp
1978-9	G. M. Eastman ²³⁹	1979-0	Robert G. Wright
1980-1	Samuel J. Collins	1981-2	Grant B. Bowman
1982-3	J. Lorne MacRae	1983-4	Hjalmar Hansen
1984-5	David W. Roberts	1985-6	Emory Mead
1986-7	Murray Smith	1987-8	William E. Buckland
1988-9	Gerald W. Wyman	1989-0	Philip L. McVey
1990-1	Kenneth Alan Berquist	1991-2	Douglas Woods
1992-3	Thomas D. Murray	1993-4	J. Michael Bonnar
1994-5	Gary W. Bruder	1995-6	Robert F. Stein
1996-7	J. Nicholas Gaudry	1997-8	Richard Reynolds
1998-9	Kenneth Alan Sharp	1999-0	John Dennis Moore
2000-1	David H. Moore	2001-2	David H. Moore

²³⁸ W. Bro. R. S. Page was elected and installed in June as WM but moved away from the area without having served his term. W. Bro. Henry H. Shepherd was elected and installed in July for the balance of the year.

²³⁹ W. Bro. Eastman was elected and installed on June 19, 1978 but moved outside the jurisdiction during the summer. V. W. (now R. W.) Bro. Kenneth Alan Sharp complete the term.

2002-3 J. Nicholas Gaudry
 2004-5 James G. Bowman
 2006-7 D. Studor
 2008-0 G. Smith
 2010-1 James Inch

2003-4 Eduard Vanek
 2005-6 Robert Martin Thompson
 2007-8 John Barber
 2009-0 Malcolm Gutfriend

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Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	June 6,	1906				
1906	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	11
1907	21	15	14	2	nil	nil	1	nil	36
1908	5	8	5	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	43
1909	4	5	4	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	45
1910	13	12	8	1	nil	2	nil	nil	58
1911	6	6	4	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	64
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1914	3	6	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	87
1915	10	9	9	1	nil	1	nil	nil	96
1916	12	9	10	1	nil	nil	1	nil	106
1917	5	6	6	2	nil	2	2	10	99
1918	5	4	5	1	nil	nil	nil	1	107
1919	14	8	8	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	119
1920	17	16	8	1	1	1	1	nil	136
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	9	11	7	3	nil	2	nil	nil	146
1921	6	9	13	nil	1	4	nil	nil	148
1922	2	2	7	4	nil	6	2	nil	147
1923	14	13	7	2	1	1	nil	1	161
1924	3	3	10	2	nil	9	2	nil	156
1925	5	7	8	1	3	6	2	9	148
1926	6	5	5	nil	nil	1	nil	4	149
1927	4	4	2	nil	1	1	nil	nil	153
1928	2	2	2	nil	6	3	1	11	146

1929	3	3	2	nil	nil	2	1	2	144
1930	3	1	1	1	1	nil	2	4	141
1931	nil	2	2	1	nil	2	nil	11	129
1932	2	2	2	nil	2	5	2	3	122
1933	2	2	1	nil	nil	2	2	nil	120
1934	nil	nil	1	nil	3	1	nil	13	109
1935	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	1	nil	106
1936	6	3	1	2	1	1	nil	4	110
1937	4	5	5	2	nil	1	2	nil	113
1938	1	2	4	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	111
1939	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	6	103
1940	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	103
1941	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	2	103
1942	1	1	2	2	nil	1	nil	nil	105
1943	1	nil	nil	nil	2	2	2	nil	104
1944	3	nil	nil	nil	1	2	3	nil	103
1945	2	3	2	nil	1	nil	2	nil	104
1946	2	2	2	nil	1	nil	4	nil	103
1947	5	3	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	106
1948	6	6	7	nil	4	nil	nil	nil	116
1949	2	4	4	nil	nil	3	2	nil	113
1950	3	3	3	nil	1	1	2	nil	114
1951	4	3	3	nil	nil	1	3	nil	114
1952	4	5	5	1	nil	1	4	nil	114
1953	6	4	2	nil	nil	1	5	nil	114
1954	7	9	7	nil	nil	2	4	3	112
1955	4	3	4	1	1	1	2	nil	115
1956	10	9	6	1	nil	nil	4	nil	122
1957	6	7	10	1	nil	1	1	nil	127
1958	4	3	2	2	nil	nil	7	3	123
1959	6	1	2	1	nil	2	2	nil	126
1960	6	10	9	nil	nil	1	1	nil	130
1961	4	3	3	nil	nil	2	1	2	129
1962	4	6	5	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	127

1963	6	4	2	nil	nil	1	4	nil	128
1964	2	4	5	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	124
1965	2	2	3	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	123
1966	3	2	nil	1	nil	3	3	nil	121
1967	2	3	6	2	nil	2	nil	6	117
1968	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	116
1969	1	nil	1	nil	1	1	2	nil	115
1970	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	3	nil	111
1971	3	4	2	1	nil	2	2	nil	111
1972	3	2	3	2	nil	1	1	nil	114
1973	2	3	4	nil	nil	2	2	1	111
1974	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	108
1975	2	nil	nil	2	nil	1	7	nil	104
1976	4	1	3	2	nil	nil	2	nil	108
1977	2	4	3	nil	nil	1	1	nil	108
1978	3	2	nil	3	nil	1	2	3	108
1979	3	2	3	1	nil	2	nil	nil	110
1980	4	6	3	1	nil	nil	3	2	110
1981	2	1	4	2	1	2	nil	nil	113
1982	4	2	2	nil	nil	1	5	4	107
1983	4	4	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	111
1984	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	3	nil	110
1985	4	1	3	nil	nil	2	1	1	110
1986	2	4	4	nil	nil	2	3	nil	107
1987	3	2	1	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	102
1988	5	3	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	104
1989	3	6	3	nil	nil	1	5	2	99
1990	2	1	3	nil	1	2	2	2	96
1991	2	2	2	1	nil	3	2	nil	94
1992	1	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	3	90
1993	1	nil	nil	1	nil	3	1	nil	88
1994	2	2	2	2	nil	1	1	2	88
1995	2	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	91
1996	3	2	2	nil	1	4	1	3	87

1997	3	4	2	nil	1	4	2	2	83
1998	1	1	4	1	2	nil	1	2	84
1999	3	1	1	nil	nil	1	4	2	80
2000	1	2	2	1	nil	2	1	2	77
2001	2	2	2	1	nil	1	2	nil	77
2002	2	3	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	77
2003	5	1	1	2	nil	5	2	2	75
2004	3	3	nil	1	nil	2	1	1	75
2005	nil	1	3	1	1	1	nil	1	75
2006	4	1	nil	nil	2	1	1	1	78
2007	1	4	4	4	3	3	1	7	75
2008	3	2	nil	2	nil	nil	6	nil	74
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Enterprise Lodge, No. 516 GRC, Beachburg 1913-2007
Enterprise Lodge, UD GRC, Beachburg 1913-1913

[Ottawa District No. 16 1913-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

In 1835, the first settler in the new Westmead Township, David Beach, built a “caboose-style” cabin on the trail that led to the small settlement of Miramichi (now Pembroke). He had acquired 1000 acres on which he built a hotel, post office, tannery and a grist and sawmill, while farming the land. By 1850, a sizeable settlement was emerging but, in 1851, a forest fire wiped out the entire area except for one house. The result encouraged greater land clearing and, by 1855, when the Ottawa-Pembroke road was built (which went through Beachburg), the town settlement included several stores, a hotel, blacksmith, new mills, churches and schools. By 1880 the town had two hotels, two sawmills, a dancing school and four general stores. In 1906 the first telephone was installed in Beachburg in Bennie’s Store, and in 1911 the North Renfrew Telephone Company was established, providing services to Beachburg.

The original Enterprise Lodge, No. 310 GRC, at Beachburg had existed from 1874 to 1881 when it went into darkness (notes p. 303-4). After 32 years a new Lodge was started at Beachburg and the name “Enterprise” was chosen in remembrance of the original Lodge.

At the 58th Annual Communication (July 16-17, 1913, Ottawa), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William David McPherson, KC, reported (*1913 Annual Proceedings*, p 43) that he had issued dispensations to form eleven new Lodges²⁴⁰, including one for Enterprise Lodge at Beachburg but that it had not been instituted. R. W. Bro. John C. Scott, DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16 does not refer to the new Lodge in his District Report. At the 59th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 15-16, 1914, Niagara Falls), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William David McPherson, KC, reported (*1914 Annual Proceedings*, p 28) that he had issued ten dispensations for the formation of Lodges²⁴¹ but without specifying dates, including one for Enterprise at Beachburg. The DDGM of Ottawa District 16, R. W. Bro. M. H. Steele, reported (*1914 Annual Proceedings*, p 247-8) that he had instituted Enterprise Lodge on September 1, 1913. The Committee on Warrants recommended (*1914 Annual Proceedings*, p 296) that Warrant No. 516 be issued for Enterprise Lodge.

During its existence, two members of Enterprise Lodge served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Dr. Edgar Troy Wood (Ottawa 16, 1943-44) and Melville R. Curry (Ottawa 2, 1981-82). Other members have served as Assistant Grand Chaplain: V. W. Bro. Lawrence Bradley Smith (1950-51) and Grand Steward: V. W. Bro. Murray Anderson (1991-92), Allan Rea Singleton (1945-46) and C. B. Schultz (1966-67).

Enterprise Lodge met on the first Monday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Beachburg. During 2001, Enterprise Lodge, No. 516, Beachburg, removed to Cobden and shared accommodation with Cobden Lodge, No. 459. Discussions were held during 2006 and 2007 to amalgamate the two Lodges and on September 11, 2007, the amalgamation was accomplished under the direction of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor and a group of Grand Lodge officers. The new Lodge is to be known as “Cobden Lodge No. 459 perpetuating Enterprise Lodge No. 516” and meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, Cobden (notes p.346).

²⁴⁰ Elk Lake (No. 507) at Elk Lake, Ozias (No. 508) at Brantford, Twin City (No. 509) at Berlin, Parkdale (No. 510) at Toronto, Connaught (No. 511) at West Fort William, Malone (No. 512) at Sutton West, Corinthian (No. 513) at Hamilton, St. Albans (No. 514) at Toronto, Reba (No. 515) Brantford, Enterprise (No. 516) at Beachburg and Hazeldean (No. 517) at Hazeldean.

²⁴¹ The ten Lodges were Sioux Lookout (No. 518) at Sioux Lookout in Algoma District No. 17, Onondaga (No. 519) at Onondaga in Hamilton District No. 8, Coronati (No. 520) at Toronto in Toronto East District No. 11a, Ontario (No. 521) at Windsor in Erie District No. 1, Sable at Massey in Nipissing District No. 18 (for which the Lodge would be stillborn and no Warrant issued), Mount Sinai (No. 522) at Toronto in Toronto West District No. 11, Royal Arthur (No. 523) at Peterborough in Otonabee District No. 20, Mississauga (No. 524) at Port Credit in Toronto West District No. 11, Temple (No. 525) at Toronto in Toronto West District No. 11, and Ionic (No. 526) at Westboro in Ottawa District No. 16.

Worshipful Masters of Enterprise Lodge 516, Beachburg
(* = charter members)

1913	Albert Munro*	1914	Albert Munro*
1915	Albert Munro*	1916	John E. Cameron
1917	W. F. Weedmark	1918	A. M. McLean
1919	William Headrick	1920	James A. Barr
1921	William G. Fisher	1922	T. H. Collins
1923	J. B. Craymez	1924	John T. Collins
1925	James T. Valliant	1926	John Cowie
1927	Allan Rea Singleton	1928	James C. Headrick
1929	S. S. Robinson	1930	Robert S. Graham
1931	Dr. Edgar Troy Wood	1932	Walter Boyes
1933	T. A. Brown	1934	J. A. Fraser
1935	W. J. Wilson	1936	A. J. Griesse
1937	J. A. Johnson	1938	W. F. Davidson
1939	Garnet Dougherty	1940	W. R. Reynolds
1941	A. Davidson	1942	J. C. Wright
1943	J. D. Ferguson	1944	Ralph Jervis
1945	J. W. Beach	1946	L. Brown
1947	L. A. Schultz	1948	E. K. Brown
1949	S. J. Holmes	1950	G. B. Schultz
1951	C. C. Condle	1952	K. W. Collins
1953	L. H. Metcalfe	1954	L. H. Jack
1955	H. A. Timm	1956	J. A. Johnson
1957	R. E. Beach	1958	B. C. Lytle
1959	J. G. Fletcher	1960	R. B. Dittburner
1961	Maurice Bulmer	1962	J. E. Brown
1963	W. K. Stone	1964	H. L. Burgess
1965	V. K. McLaughlin	1966	Eric Stevenson
1967	Eric Stevenson	1968	Orlin Werle
1969	G. B. Schultz	1970	Murray Anderson
1971	A. K. Stone	1972	M. Curry
1973	Murray Brown	1974	G. Fletcher
1975	Murray Anderson	1976	Melville Curry
1977	C. Desjardins	1978	A. Anderson
1979	W. Thomas	1980	G. C. Greer
1981	L. Stitt	1982	N. Briscoe
1983	R. Johnson	1984	R. Johnson
1985	R. Lowe	1986	B. Stephen
1987	B. Stephen	1988	Fred Smithers
1999	A. Groves	1990	G. Desjardins
1991	G. Desjardins	1992	R. Weaver
1993	Gilbert Wilcox	1994	A. Anderson
1995	S. Moore	1996	E. Stevenson
1997	Fred Smithers	1998	R. Roloff
1999	R. Weaver	2000	R. Weaver
2001	R. Weaver	2002	A. Groves
2003	D. Groves	2004	A. Kehoe
2005	A. Kehoe	2006	A. Kehoe
2007	A. Kehoe (until amalgamation with Cobden 459 on September 11, 2007)		

Membership of Enterprise Lodge, No. 516 GRC, Beachburg
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1913 to 1920, TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)
(from 1920 to 2007, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Sept. 1,	1913				
1914	16	13	11	1	nil	nil	1	nil	38
1915	11	12	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	41
1916	7	6	5	2	nil	nil	nil	1	46
1917	12	8	5	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	59
1918	2	4	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	60
1919	8	8	10	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	68
1920	4	4	2	nil	nil	nil	2	1	69
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	8	10	11	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	77
1921	4	6	3	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	82
1922	4	4	4	2	nil	nil	nil	4	84
1923	3	3	6	1	nil	1	1	nil	84
1924	8	6	4	1	4	1	nil	nil	96
1925	4	4	4	1	nil	1	1	nil	99
1926	1	2	3	1	nil	2	nil	nil	99
1927	3	4	4	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	99
1928	3	3	4	nil	1	1	2	nil	100
1929	7	4	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	108
1930	5	8	9	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	113
1931	4	3	3	nil	nil	nil	1	10	106
1932	3	4	3	nil	nil	1	1	7	101
1933	1	1	1	nil	nil	5	nil	8	89
1934	5	4	4	nil	nil	1	1	2	91
1935	4	5	5	nil	nil	2	2	8	83
1936	3	3	2	1	nil	1	2	5	79
1937	2	1	2	nil	2	nil	1	nil	82
1938	1	3	3	nil	nil	2	1	2	78
1939	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	nil	81
1940	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	1	80

1941	7	4	1	nil	1	2	2	nil	82
1942	5	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	1	85
1943	3	5	5	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	87
1944	7	6	6	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	95
1945	2	4	8	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	93
1946	13	5	5	1	nil	nil	1	nil	106
1947	3	4	4	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	106
1948	3	5	5	nil	1	nil	2	5	103
1949	2	2	2	nil	1	nil	1	nil	105
1950	4	3	3	nil	nil	1	1	8	99
1951	5	6	6	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	103
1952	6	5	4	nil	5	nil	1	nil	113
1953	2	3	3	nil	nil	nil	2	2	111
1954	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	3	3	107
1955	2	3	1	nil	2	1	1	nil	109
1956	3	2	3	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	111
1957	1	2	3	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	110
1958	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	6	103
1959	4	3	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	106
1960	1	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	105
1961	3	1	1	nil	nil	2	7	nil	99
1962	nil	2	2	nil	1	nil	2	2	96
1963	1	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	nil	96
1964	2	1	1	nil	2	2	3	2	92
1965	3	2	3	2	2	nil	5	nil	94
1966	1	2	2	2	nil	nil	4	nil	93
1967	1	1	1	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	92
1968	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	89
1969	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	2	1	88
1970	nil	nil	1	1	nil	1	3	nil	85
1971	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	86
1972	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	84
1973	1	1	nil	nil	nil	5	3	nil	77
1974	nil	nil	1	1	nil	nil	4	1	73

1975	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	70
1976	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	67
1977	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	68
1978	5	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	73
1979	nil	4	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	74
1980	nil	1	1	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	70
1981	2	1	1	nil	nil	1	2	nil	69
1982	4	4	2	3	nil	1	nil	nil	75
1983	3	3	4	1	nil	nil	1	nil	78
1984	5	2	3	2	nil	2	1	nil	82
1985	2	5	5	1	nil	1	2	1	81
1986	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	83
1987	1	1	3	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	83
1988	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	81
1989	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	3	nil	78
1990	1	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	77
1991	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	77
1992	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	66
1993	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	5	nil	nil	63
1994	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	4	59
1995	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	56
1996	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	nil	52
1997	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	3	nil	50
1998	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	50
1999	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	2	47
2000	1	nil	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	49
2001	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	51
2002	5	5	4	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	54
2003	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	55
2004	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	55
2005	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	1	nil	54
2006	2	1	1	nil	nil	1	2	nil	53
Closed	Sept. 11,	2007	with	amalgamation	with	Cobden	Lodge		459

Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517 GRC, Hazeldean/Kanata 1914-present
Hazeldean Lodge, UD GRC, Hazeldean/Kanata 1913-1914

[Ottawa District No. 16 1913-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

At the 58th Annual Communication (July 16-17, 1913, Ottawa), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William David McPherson, KC, reported (*1913 Annual Proceedings*, p 43) that he had issued a dispensation to form eleven new Lodges²⁴², including one for Hazeldean Lodge at Hazeldean but that it had not been instituted. R. W. Bro. John C. Scott, DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16 does not refer to the dispensation for the new Lodge in his District Report.

The establishment of this new Lodge was estimated to save at least ten miles for a return trip from this area, west of Ottawa, to Richmond. Hazeldean Lodge was instituted by the R. W. Bro. Dr. M. H. Steele, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District, on March 5, 1914. All eighteen Charter Members belonged to Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond: W. Bros. Robert Richardson, J. A. Cummings and Robert Henry Grant (who would serve as DDGM in 1917) and Bros. Albert Bradley, George Green, W. P. Hand, Armour Gracey, Albert Fleming, Albert Argue, Dr. A. M. McCormick, W. H. McGuire, T. H. Mattingly, R. E. Williams, T. A. Hand, T. W. Bice, John Wall, J. E. Steele and George Bradley.

The Lodge was subsequently constituted, consecrated and dedicated by R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, DDGM, Ottawa District as Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517, at which time the first Officers were installed and invested. The first candidates were initiated on June 3, 1914 and by December 1914 there were 34 members. By 1942 the roll of the Lodge numbered 60 members (14 Life and 46 Regular Members).

Being a rural lodge (in its day) Hazeldean's meetings were originally held on the Wednesday on or before the full moon from September to June. Elections were held in December, followed by installation in January. Over the years there were many discussions about closing the Lodge during the bad weather months of January/February/March and remaining open throughout the summer. In July 1936 the By-Laws were amended so that the Lodge would call off in February and March when the roads were bad. In 1944 the meeting date was changed to the third Wednesday of every month, election in May and Installation in June. In 1948 approval was given to amend the By-Laws to permit the Lodge to call off in July and August and remain open from September to June (the present practice).

The first meetings of Hazeldean Lodge were held in the local Orange Hall until more permanent facilities were available. The Lodge building, which is still in use, was erected during 1914 at a cost of \$3,180 — of which \$1,060 was for furniture and \$150 for lot and legal fees. The Lodge was heated by a wood burning stove and lit by oil lamps for many years as electricity was not installed until 1928 (at a cost of \$136), and the installation of an oil furnace waited until 1964. The electrical service was replaced and the building rewired in 1964. When the Metcalfe Street Temple was razed to the ground in 1975, almost two years before the new facility at 2140 Walkley Road was to become available, various Lodges were required to seek a temporary home at Hazeldean: Dalhousie No. 52, Civil Service No. 148, Sidney Albert Luke No. 558 and St. Andrew's No. 560.

During World War I, Dispensations were obtained at various times to permit the second and third degrees to be given in the same night for Lodge members proceeding on active service overseas. In May 1918, all three degrees were conferred on the same candidate in the same evening by Hazeldean, Carleton and Ionic Lodges (each Lodge doing a full degree). By Motion the dues of Lodge members serving on active duty were exempted from payment for the duration of the war. Eight members of the Lodge served the colours during World War I and all survived their service. A similar situation to remit dues of service brethren was passed in 1940 with effect for the duration of World War II.

The depression years took their toll on the Lodge and there were often no candidates for initiation. During the 1930's this led the Lodge to work degrees at other Lodges in the city — Acacia 561 at Westboro, Sydney Albert Luke 558 at the Metcalfe Street Temple, and E. B. Eddy No. 41 GRQ, Hull. In

²⁴² Elk Lake (No. 507) at Elk Lake, Ozias (No. 508) at Brantford, Twin City (No. 509) at Berlin, Parkdale (No. 510) at Toronto, Connaught (No. 511) at West Fort William, Malone (No. 512) at Sutton West, Corinthian (No. 513) at Hamilton, St. Albans (No. 514) at Toronto, Reba (No. 515) Brantford, Enterprise (No. 516) at Beachburg and Hazeldean (No. 517) at Hazeldean.

1931 a Committee was formed to collect arrears of dues and by November 1934, the minutes show that the Lodge moved to carry members in arrears indefinitely. In good years the Lodge welcomed degree work for its members put on by various groups including the RCMP , Bell Telephone and RCAF Degree Teams.

Picnics were an early form of Lodge social activity and began as early as 1920 as a way to raise funds to pay off the Lodge mortgage. The first reference to a social evening in the Lodge *History* is shown for November 14, 1928. The first reference to attendance at a District Divine Service (held in South march) appears in 1931. The first reference to a Ladies' Night (an "At Home and ladies' Night") appears in the February 1959 minutes. A Benevolent Fund and a Building Fund were started in 1961.

Honourary Life Membership was granted on occasion until 1958 when the Lodge agreed that any member who had paid dues for 15 years to the Lodge could become a Life Member on the payment of any fees required by Grand Lodge.

From 1913 until 1970, Hazeldean Lodge was a member of the Ottawa District and in the 1970 reorganization it was placed in Ottawa 1 District. During its existence, four members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bro. Hon. Robert Henry Grant²⁴³ (Ottawa 16, 1917-18), W. Ronald Falconer (Ottawa 1, 1985-86), Ernest T. Vos (Ottawa 1, 1993-94) and Bryan I. Dorling (Ottawa 1, 2001-02). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. Bruce Lytle (1968-69); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Eldon Bradley (1949-50), John Henry Nesbit (1953-54), Archibald McWade (1963-64), Dr. A. M. McCormick (year unknown²⁴⁴), William G. Oliver (1974-75), John Percy Lofthouse (1986-87), David Wilson (1994-95), Graham I. F. Turnbull (1990-91), and David F. Smith (2002-03).

Hazeldean Lodge meets on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, 21 Young Road, Kanata.

Worshipful Masters of Hazeldean Lodge 517, Hazeldean (now Ottawa)
(* = charter members)

1914	J. A. Cummings*	1915	J. A. Cummings*
1916	T. W. Boyes	1917	A. O. Logan
1918	Armer Gracey	1919	W. P. Hand
1920	John Wall	1921	Bert G. Grant*
1922	Dr. A. M. McCormick*	1923	George P. McCaffrey
1924	J. G. McGuire	1925	Claude Riddell
1926	Harry G. Allen	1927	John Henry Nesbitt
1928	J. R. McGuire	1929	John C. Wall
1930	Fred J. Bradley	1931	Russell Gow
1932	G. Eldon Bradley	1933	Herbert N. Boucher
1934	William H. Johnston	1935	Harold O. Boucher
1936	Harry K. Cummings	1937	G. B. Acres
1938	Howard E. Richardson	1939	Arthur W. Grant
1940-1	Arthur W. Grant	1941-2	R. Howard Davidson
1942-3	Harold May	1943-4	Wilford B. Bradley
1944-5	Orville Clark	1945-6	Orville Clark

²⁴³ R. W. Bro. R. H. Grant was a Past Master of Goodwood Lodge, No. 157 GRC, Richmond in 1896 and 1897, and was a charter member of Hazeldean Lodge.

²⁴⁴ The *60th Anniversary Lodge History*, published by the Lodge for the celebrations on March 5, 1974, notes on page 18 that "V. W. bro. Albert M. McCormick, Hazeldean's only surviving charter member, attended the 50th Anniversary meeting held in October (1964)" There is no information available as to the date of appointment.

1946-7 John H. Nesbitt
 1948-9 J. A. Hope
 1950-1 Gordon Black
 1952-3 William P. Bradley
 1954-5 Gordon Young
 1956-7 S. C. Bradley
 1958-9 Bruce Lytle
 1960-1 Fred Drake
 1962-3 Louis MacDonald
 1964-5 T. Herbert Scott
 1966-7 Donald E. Morris
 1968-9 William McGarvie
 1970-1 Fred Spearman
 1972-3 Ross F. Jackman
 1974-5 Graham I. F. Turnbull
 1976-7 Donald R. Moorcombe
 1978-9 John Percy Lofthouse
 1980-1 W. J. Tod
 1982-3 John Percy Lofthouse
 1984-5 D. A. Carmichael
 1986-7 R. Lowe
 1988-9 W. A. McKenzie
 1890-1 F. Farrell
 1992-3 J. Charbonneau
 1994-5 N. Marsden
 1996-7 William C. Bradshaw
 1998-9 Glyndwr L. Davies
 2000-1 Edward C. Denbeigh
 2002-3 Anthony Kopf-Johnson
 2004-5 Daniel Glenney
 2006-7 Harold McIlquham
 2008-9 David Kemp
 2010-1 Scott Howie

1947-8 George Gracey
 1949-0 Everet Armstrong
 1951-2 Everet Armstrong
 1953-4 R. A. (Gus) Bradley
 1955-6 Bert Riddell
 1957-8 Ernest LaSalle
 1959-0 Harold Craig
 1961-2 Glen Scott
 1963-4 Clifton Neill
 1965-6 William G. Oliver
 1967-8 Gordon Burgess Rombough
 1969-0 David J. Wilson
 1971-2 Edward J. Oliver
 1973-4 Derek G. Woodward
 1975-6 Ronald N. Falconer
 1977-8 James C. Clarke
 1979-0 R. Copeland
 1981-2 W. J. Tod
 1983-4 R. Miller
 1985-6 R. Johnson
 1987-8 J. Hallada
 1989-0 J. Seguin
 1991-2 K. Foran
 1993-4 William C. Bradshaw
 1995-6 G. Shaw
 1997-8 Raymond Terkuc
 1999-0 Lorin S. Fitz-Gerald
 2001-2 Ivan Harris
 2003-4 James DeVries
 2005-6 Bhojnarine Shivkumar
 2007-8 Dario Mancuso
 2009-0 Dale Wooden

Membership of Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517 GRC, Hazeldean (now Ottawa)
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1914 to 1920, TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	March 5,	1914				
1914	3	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	23
1915	10	10	9	8	nil	nil	1	nil	40
1916	5	4	3	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	47
1917	12	4	6	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	57
1918	4	13	13	1	nil	nil	1	nil	61
1919	3	4	4	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	61
1920	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	61

	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	1	1	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	62
1921	2	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	64
1922	1	2	1	1	nil	nil	1	nil	66
1923	2	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	67
1924	5	5	3	nil	nil	nil	1	3	68
1925	nil	1	2	1	nil	2	1	nil	66
1926	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	68
1927	3	2	3	nil	3	nil	2	nil	66
1928	2	4	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	67
1929	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	65
1930	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	nil	67
1931	2	2	1	nil	nil	2	1	3	63
1932	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	4	58
1933	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	2	56
1934	1	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	1	55
1935	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	56
1936	3	3	3	1	nil	nil	nil	2	58
1937	nil	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	57
1938	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	58
1939	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	58
1940	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	55
1941	3	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	57
1942	4	6	4	nil	1	nil	nil	1	60
1943	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	59
1944	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	62
1945	2	4	1	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	60
1946	5	6	3	nil	nil	1	2	nil	62
1947	2	3	5	1	nil	1	1	nil	64
1948	1	1	1	2	nil	nil	nil	1	66
1949	3	1	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	69
1950	4	6	2	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	68
1951	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	68
1952	1	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	1	69

1953	5	3	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	73
1954	3	3	4	1	nil	nil	3	nil	74
1955	1	2	3	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	73
1956	5	3	3	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	75
1957	7	7	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	82
1958	2	4	8	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	82
1959	2	1	1	nil	1	nil	3	nil	82
1960	7	7	3	nil	nil	1	1	nil	87
1961	7	7	9	2	nil	1	nil	nil	95
1962	5	5	3	1	nil	1	4	1	95
1963	1	2	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	96
1964	2	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	3	1	96
1965	2	4	3	nil	nil	1	4	3	90
1966	6	5	5	nil	nil	2	nil	4	90
1967	3	4	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	93
1968	5	3	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	101
1969	4	6	8	5	1	nil	4	nil	107
1970	4	5	4	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	112
1971	5	3	2	1	1	nil	2	3	114
1972	2	3	5	2	nil	1	1	2	114
1973	6	4	2	nil	nil	2	nil	1	117
1974	2	3	4	1	nil	4	3	2	111
1975	3	2	3	1	nil	nil	5	nil	110
1976	3	4	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	113
1977	3	2	1	1	nil	2	nil	1	114
1978	3	nil	2	nil	nil	2	2	nil	111
1979	2	4	2	1	nil	2	2	3	107
1980	4	nil	2	1	nil	2	1	nil	109
1981	2	nil	nil	1	nil	1	3	1	107
1982	3	3	2	1	nil	2	nil	1	108
1983	6	2	3	nil	nil	3	2	1	108
1984	8	7	6	nil	nil	6	1	5	104
1985	7	6	4	2	nil	2	6	1	104
1986	5	6	4	1	nil	nil	6	nil	104

1987	3	2	4	1	nil	2	1	nil	105
1988	3	2	4	nil	nil	5	1	1	101
1989	3	2	3	1	nil	1	2	nil	102
1990	5	4	2	1	1	3	5	nil	101
1991	nil	1	3	1	nil	2	4	nil	96
1992	2	2	1	1	nil	1	1	nil	97
1993	4	3	2	2	nil	2	3	1	97
1994	4	1	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	99
1995	4	5	3	nil	nil	1	1	nil	102
1996	3	3	5	4	2	3	2	3	101
1997	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	1	101
1998	3	3	3	1	1	4	2	nil	100
1999	nil	1	2	3	nil	3	4	nil	96
2000	4	2	2	4	nil	1	nil	nil	103
2001	6	3	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	106
2002	4	3	3	2	nil	3	2	nil	107
2003	1	5	3	1	1	7	nil	1	102
2004	2	3	3	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	107
2005	4	3	4	3	nil	3	nil	nil	111
2006	3	3	4	1	nil	5	3	2	105
2007	5	3	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	107
2008	2	3	5	nil	nil	1	2	1	105
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Ionic Lodge, No. 526 GRC, Westboro (Ottawa) 1915-present
Ionic Lodge, UD GRC, Westboro (Ottawa) 1913-1915

[Ottawa District 1914-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

By the first decade of the twentieth century, electric trams allowed residents of Ottawa to spread beyond the central core and new “suburban towns” like Nepean, Westboro and Britannia, located along the shore of the Ottawa river, sprang up. The formation of a new Lodge, to be called “Ionic” was the vision and desire of a number of brethren “on the Britannia Line.” This vision led to several meetings, the first of which was held in the home of Bro. H. A. Crain. A key meeting was held in the former Presbyterian Church at the corner of Richmond Road and the present-day Roosevelt Avenue, when the three principal officers and secretary were chosen. A petition was prepared and submitted to the then DDGM and the city Lodges. Through a misunderstanding a second page of the petition was omitted and only about half of the intended petitioners were named and subsequently placed on the charter.

At the 59th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 15-16, 1914, Niagara Falls), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William David McPherson, KC, reported (*1914 Annual Proceedings*, p 28) that he had issued ten dispensations for the formation of new Lodges²⁴⁵ including one for Ionic Lodge at Westboro (Ottawa) in Ottawa District No. 16 (no date of the dispensation was specified). The DDGM, R. W. Bro. M. H. Steel, reported (*1914 Annual Proceedings*, p 109) that he had received a petition for a new Lodge at Westboro, to be called “Ionic” and that he had forwarded it to the Grand Master with his recommendation. The Committee on Warrants recommended (*1914 Annual Proceedings*, p 296) that five dispensations be continued for a further year, including that for Ionic Lodge.

Ionic Lodge at Westboro (now a part of Ottawa) was instituted by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario on December 9, 1913 in the third floor facilities of Beatty's Hall, corner of Richmond Road and Birch Street. Warrant No. 526 was issued in July 1915 and Ionic Lodge, No. 526 GRC, Westboro was constituted, consecrated and dedicated on October 13, 1915. The Lodge was named after one of the orders of architecture.

The charter members of the new Lodge were: W. Bro. T. Saunders (first WM), and Bros. Frederick A. Heney (first SW), W. J. Cairns (first JW), R. T. Richardson (first Treasurer), A. H. Holloway (first Secretary), H. A. Crain (first SD), J. H. Halpenny (first JD), F. W. Pooler (first SS), Rev. R. H. Steacy, W. F. Garland, D. Beatty, W. Smith, J. M. Peaker, A. B. Ullett, J. E. Cole, James Fitzsimmons, L. Henderson, W. D. Kendall, A. I. Stirling, and C. A. Ross. The first Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Cramm; first DC, Bro. G. O. Kemp; first JS, Bro. P. E. Watters; first IG, Bro. E. R. Eastman and the first Tyler, W. Bro. W. T. King, were not named on the warrant but had been original petitioners whose names had been omitted on the warrant when the second page of the petition had been lost.

The first By-Laws of the Lodge were approved by the Grand Master on February 2, 1917. The first amendment — to increase the initiation fee from \$45 to \$60 — was approved on June 11, 1920.

From 1913 until 1932, Lodge jurisdiction was a jealously guarded prerogative. In the case of Ionic Lodge, The centre line of Spadina Avenue, projected north and south was agreed as the midway point between Westboro's Main Street (now Churchill Street) and the Ottawa City Temple. The western boundary was loosely defined as “half the distance to the next Lodge.” Concurrent jurisdiction of all Lodges in and around Ottawa became a reality in 1932 with the formal approval of Grand Lodge. Compartmentalization there may have been, but the rapid growth in Ionic's membership by 1919 led the Lodge to support the formation of a new Lodge which would become Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, Westboro. Acacia Lodge was instituted on January 23, 1920. During the spring of 1949, growth in

²⁴⁵ The ten Lodges were Sioux Lookout (No. 518) at Sioux Lookout in Algoma District No. 17, Onondaga (No. 519) at Onondaga in Hamilton District No. 8, Coronati (No. 520) at Toronto in Toronto East District No. 11a, Ontario (No. 521) at Windsor in Erie District No. 1, Sable at Massey in Nipissing District No. 18 (for which the Lodge would be stillborn and no Warrant issued), Mount Sinai (No. 522) at Toronto in Toronto West District No. 11, Royal Arthur (No. 523) at Peterborough in Otonabee District No. 20, Mississauga (No. 524) at Port Credit in Toronto West District No. 11, Temple (No. 525) at Toronto in Toronto West District No. 11, and Ionic (No. 526) at Westboro in Ottawa District No. 16.

membership of both Ionic and Acacia Lodges (partly as a result of the cessation of hostilities and the return to peace) led to a move to form a third Lodge at Westboro—and Temple (eventually to be numbered as “665”) was instituted on October 27, 1950. Following the split of the Ottawa District into two in 1970, Ionic supported the expansion of Freemasonry in the Westboro area with the formation of Bytown Lodge (instituted October 11, 1969, eventually No. 721, and a member of Ottawa 2 District) and Edinburgh Lodge (instituted June 11, 1983, eventually No. 736, and a member of Ottawa 1 District).

The rented facilities at Beatty’s Hall eventually proved unsuitable over time for Ionic and Acacia Lodges. Meetings were being deferred or cancelled due to a lack of heat as early as 1916 and by 1918 discussions had started on the need for a Masonic Hall in Westboro. The first indications of clear movement appear in Ionic’s minutes of May 14, 1919 when a proposal to form a joint stock company from among the members was approved. On May 10, 1922, there is a reference to the purchase of stock by members “and friends.” But movement was slow, occasioned in part by the move from a war economy to a peacetime one and the first sod for the \$25,000 Masonic Temple was not turned until June 7, 1924, when R. W. Bro. T. S. Church of Arnprior, DDGM of the Ottawa District, wielded the shovel. The new facility was dedicated on December 13, 1924. The first rent paid by Ionic Lodge was \$325.00 per annum, but by January 1, 1928 this had increased to \$400 and to \$500 one year later. The trend has, of course, been steadily upwards ever since.

Ionic Lodge was formed during World War I and on April 12, 1916, a motion was approved whereby the dues of serving members were remitted for their period between enlistment and discharge. Christmas parcels were sent overseas to members during 1917. Eleven members of the Lodge served the colours during World War I and all survived their service. During World War II the Lodge remitted dues of brethren serving outside Canada — Grand Lodge had also waived the annual per capita fee payable by Lodges in respect of members serving overseas. Financial contributions were made by the Lodge to the Medical Aid to Russia Fund, British War Relief Fund and to the Canadian Red Cross. Christmas parcels were also sent to members serving abroad. A Thanksgiving Service for Peace in Europe was jointly held by Ionic and Acacia Lodges. A committee was struck in 1945 to provide rehabilitation for members discharged from the armed forces and was disbanded in 1947.

Support for benevolence activities has always been a cornerstone of Ionic Lodge’s activities: assistance being provided to the Protestant Hospital (now the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital), Salvation Army Grace Hospital, Union Mission and Protestant Childrens’ Home. Outside the immediate area, assistance was provided for the Manitoba Flood relief fund of 1950. Ionic Lodge joined the Ottawa Masonic Board of Relief in 1952 to provide a further outlet for benevolence efforts. In 1927, Ionic collaborated with Acacia Lodge in the purchase of four burial plots in the Pinecrest Cemetery which are located in Block “A”, on the entrance driveway near First Avenue.

In terms of Lodge program, the first Members’ Night was held on April 27, 1921. A first Lodge Picnic was held at Constance Bay in June 1926. The first of many “Father and Son” nights was held in November 1930. Lodge committees from Ionic and Acacia were struck in 1934 to work on the formation of a club room/recreation room in the basement of the Temple.

Ionic Lodge celebrated its 60th Anniversary on February 2, 1974.

During its existence five members have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Frederick Augusta Heney (Ottawa 16, 1919-20), John Howard Carkner (Ottawa, 1931-32), Willis E. Leach (Ottawa, 1951-52), Kenneth N. Nesbitt (Ottawa 2, 1970-71) and Dale W. C. Atkinson (Ottawa 2, 2001-02). Other members have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Junior Warden - R. W. Bro. David R. Mackey (2008-09);
- Grand Registrar - R. W. Bro. Mohammed Nazeral Hassan Mohamdee (2004-05);
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. Thomas Wilson O’Neil 952-53);
- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. Rev. W. H. Cramm (1937-38);
- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bro. Charles A. Derry²⁴⁶ (1961-62);
- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. W. Charles Farley (1954-55); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Thomas Saunders (1918-19), T. H. Gordon Kenyon (1964-65), C.

²⁴⁶ V. W. Bro. Charles A. Derry earned this award as a member of Temple Lodge, No. 665 GRC, Westboro, of which he had been the charter WM.

J. Mackenzie (1967-68), C. Douglas McLean²⁴⁷ (1971-72), Robert Comrie Taylor (1974-75), James Howard Young (1982-83), W. D. Hughes (1987-88), G. Murray McIlveen (1995-96), David R. Mackey (2002-03) and Armin P. Braslins (2004-05).

V. W. Bro. I. E. A. Fallis, who had been initiated into Ionic Lodge and had served as the charter WM of Polaris Lodge, No. 114 GRNS, Goose Bay, Labrador, was appointed as a Grand Steward for 1950-51 by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Bro. Charles W. Ross of the Lodge was presented with the William Mercer Wilson Medal on October 13, 1954. The presentation was made by then DDGM, R. W. Bro. Clarence McLeod Pitts

Ionic Lodge meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Ionic Lodge 526, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1913	Thomas Saunders*	1914	Thomas Saunders*
1915	Thomas Saunders*	1916	Thomas Saunders*
1917	Frederick A. Heney*	1918	W. J. Cairns*
1919	H. A. Crain*	1920	E. R. Eastman
1921	F. W. Pooler*	1922	P. E. Watters
1923	J. H. Carkner	1924	W. J. Abra
1925-6	F. E. Bird	1926-7	A. J. Mason
1927-8	J. M. Richmond	1928-9	Percy Daniels
1929-0	J. Arthur Glen	1930-1	K. F. Richardson
1931-2	F. Daubney	1932-3	W. J. Roy
1933-4	T. W. O'Neil	1934-5	H. L. Carson
1935-6	G. C. Ritchie	1936-7	J. M. Douglas
1937-8	W. C. Farley	1938-9	T. H. G. Kenyon
1939-0	E. H. LaChance	1940-1	P. H. Campbell
1941-2	W. E. Leach	1942-3	G. M. Ritchie
1943-4	C. A. O'Neil	1954-5	W. J. Watling
1955-6	L. J. Rodger	1956-7	E. R. Beddoe
1957-8	W. E. Hay	1958-9	R. C. Taylor
1960	A. J. Imrie	1961	G. T. Cole
1962	C. D. McLean	1963	C. F. Devine
1964	W. J. Virtue	1965	Kenneth N. Nesbitt
1966	Larry O. Nadon	1967	James Howard Young
1968	H. F. Ditchfield	1969	W. D. Hughes
1970	G. Murray McIlveen	1971	D. H. Wymark
1972	A. C. Duncan	1973	G. Ernest Sanders
1974	Kenneth E. Nadon	1975	E. Morley Ross
1976	R. E. Perkins	1977	R. G. Cousens
1978	J. Frank Chambers	1979	M. W. Harrison
1980	S. R. Bradshaw	1981	Edward P. Sally
1982	J. W. Larose	1983	Armin P. Braslins
1984	F. D. Grant	1985	P. Murphy

²⁴⁷ W. Bro. C. D. McLean was later elected as DDGM of the Ottawa District of the Grand Lodge of Quebec (1988-89) and was later elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

1986	Mohammed Nazeral Hassan Mohamdee	1987	Malcolm Walter Watling
1988	David R. Mackey	1989	B. Hepworth
1990-1	Brian T. Dunn	1991-2	Dale W. C. Atkinson
1992-3	William H. Woods	1993-4	Mark F. Pogue
1994-5	Daniel McCormick	1995-6	Dale W. C. Atkinson
1996-7	W. A. McCloy	1997-8	Dale W. C. Atkinson
1998-9	M. F. Pogue	1999-0	Armin P. Braslins
2000-1	Armin P. Braslins	2001-2	D. T. Stocks
2002-3	Barry Corrigan	2003-4	William H. Woods
2004-5	Dale W. C. Atkinson	2005-6	Robert Drew
2006-7	A. J. Pendragon	2007-8	Charles Singh
2008-9	Barry Corrigan	2009-0	Dale W. C. Atkinson
2010-1	Kenneth Goudie		

Membership of Ionic Lodge, No. 526 GRC, Ottawa
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (from 1913 to 1920, TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)
 (from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Dec. 9,	1913				
1914	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
1915	14	8	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	54
1916	16	15	16	26	nil	3	1	nil	74
1917	7	11	12	2	nil	1	nil	nil	82
1918	17	9	10	2	nil	1	nil	1	99
1919	33	29	17	3	nil	1	nil	nil	134
1920	25	20	35	nil	nil	3	2	nil	153
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	4	3	6	1	nil	nil	2	nil	157
1921	17	19	18	1	nil	4	1	nil	170
1922	18	15	12	nil	nil	2	2	4	180
1923	10	11	13	1	nil	nil	1	nil	190
1924	12	7	7	nil	nil	2	2	2	194
1925	12	15	12	4	nil	2	2	nil	206
1926	10	9	12	3	nil	6	nil	5	208
1927	9	10	8	2	nil	1	3	3	212
1928	15	10	11	3	1	1	1	2	227
1929	14	17	14	1	nil	4	4	3	231
1930	19	15	17	1	nil	nil	3	2	247

1931	8	11	9	2	nil	1	3	nil	253
1932	10	10	13	3	nil	2	nil	9	255
1933	8	10	11	nil	nil	4	2	1	256
1934	5	6	3	5	nil	2	nil	8	256
1935	14	13	15	4	nil	5	nil	5	264
1936	12	13	11	4	nil	3	3	nil	274
1937	11	11	11	3	nil	1	2	nil	285
1938	18	11	10	nil	nil	2	4	3	294
1939	5	11	13	1	nil	2	3	nil	295
1940	4	4	4	nil	nil	1	7	1	290
1941	6	5	5	2	nil	1	4	nil	293
1942	16	12	8	5	1	1	2	1	311
1943	11	14	15	4	nil	1	4	nil	321
1944	24	19	16	1	nil	1	2	nil	337
1945	34	29	29	2	nil	1	5	4	363
1946	36	35	30	4	nil	1	5	1	396
1947	21	33	36	5	4	1	3	nil	422
1948	20	17	19	3	2	1	9	3	434
1949	21	18	19	10	nil	2	6	nil	457
1950	37	29	28	2	2	3	8	4	483
1951	16	21	17	1	nil	7	6	nil	487
1952	14	16	19	2	1	7	7	3	487
1953	8	13	14	3	1	4	8	4	483
1954	12	10	9	2	1	1	8	5	484
1955	9	9	12	1	nil	2	6	1	485
1956	13	13	9	1	nil	4	6	6	483
1957	11	10	12	1	1	3	9	4	480
1958	13	13	12	nil	nil	2	3	1	487
1959	7	10	12	2	nil	2	11	nil	483
1960	11	7	4	3	1	1	10	1	486
1961	9	8	9	2	1	4	9	2	483
1962	4	6	10	5	nil	3	15	3	471
1963	11	13	13	8	nil	1	14	7	468
1964	10	7	3	4	1	2	10	2	468

1965	10	10	12	2	nil	4	15	5	456
1966	4	5	7	5	nil	4	9	4	448
1967	15	9	4	4	nil	5	16	nil	444
1968	2	7	10	3	nil	2	5	3	439
1969	8	4	4	nil	1	4	8	nil	436
1970	6	5	5	1	nil	5	15	4	419
1971	5	6	4	2	1	5	10	nil	412
1972	4	4	6	2	2	4	14	3	399
1973	8	7	6	4	nil	1	15	3	392
1974	8	6	6	1	nil	4	9	nil	388
1975	4	5	7	4	nil	1	8	3	384
1976	5	4	5	nil	nil	nil	14	4	371
1977	9	12	3	1	nil	1	8	4	368
1978	13	6	9	3	1	4	9	3	369
1979	8	9	11	1	nil	4	10	4	360
1980	6	6	5	1	nil	4	7	2	354
1981	2	2	6	1	nil	1	6	1	349
1982	9	5	3	2	nil	2	5	9	344
1983	6	4	5	4	nil	2	12	7	333
1984	5	7	6	2	nil	4	6	4	326
1985	7	5	4	1	1	1	8	4	322
1986	5	5	6	3	2	5	12	5	310
1987	3	4	5	4	1	5	9	2	302
1988	nil	1	2	1	nil	nil	11	nil	292
1989	5	3	1	nil	nil	2	7	2	286
1990	4	4	3	3	1	5	12	1	276
1991	4	3	3	nil	nil	3	12	8	257
1992	4	3	4	1	3	6	14	3	243
1993	3	2	2	1	nil	6	8	3	230
1994	4	4	5	2	nil	4	8	4	220
1995	2	3	1	nil	2	3	6	2	213
1996	1	2	3	nil	1	2	12	1	199
1997	1	1	2	1	nil	9	9	3	180
1998	1	1	1	2	nil	3	5	2	173

1999	2	1	nil	1	1	nil	5	1	171
2000	3	4	2	nil	1	2	6	nil	167
2001	1	nil	3	nil	4	3	9	nil	160
2002	1	1	1	nil	2	2	8	5	148
2003	2	3	1	nil	1	4	7	1	139
2004	2	1	2	nil	1	4	7	1	130
2005	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	2	127
2006	3	1	nil	nil	nil	2	6	2	121
2007	nil	1	2	nil	1	2	6	2	112
2008	2	1	nil	1	nil	2	4	nil	109
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, No. 558 GRC, Ottawa 1920-present
Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1919-1920

[Ottawa District No. 16 1919-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

Early discussions on the need for a new Masonic Lodge in Ottawa in late 1918 occurred in parallel with the untimely death of Most Worshipful Brother Sidney Albert Luke, 29th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1915-1916), a member of Doric Lodge, No. 58 GRC, Ottawa, who died in November 1918.

On June 5, 1919, V. W. Bro. James A. Reid convened a meeting at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 111 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa (diagonally across Metcalfe Street from the Ottawa Public Library) attended by 15 interested Masons, representing the seven Lodges then working in Ottawa²⁴⁸. Three decisions were made: that a petition for a new Lodge would be made to the Grand Master if the seven Lodges then working in the city agreed to support the petition, that the name of the new Lodge would be Sidney Albert Luke, and that the number of charter members of the new Lodge would be limited to no more than five from each of the seven Lodges. Due to the By-Laws of Dalhousie and Lodge of Fidelity which prohibited dual memberships, one member from each of those Lodges and six from the other five city Lodges provided the charter members.

The charter members of the new Lodge were: Bro. L. Fraser (SW) of Dalhousie 52; R. W. Bro. H. W. Wilson (Lodge of Fidelity 231); R. W. Bro. C. W. Jeffrey (IPM), W. Bro. J. Alex Ross, and Bros. Harry F. Hardy (SS), I. E. Munger (JW), C. Robertson and R. W. Warwick (Auditor) (Doric 58); W. Bros. J. W. Bearder (Organist) and H. W. Lothrop and Bros. E. Grand (SD), George Higman (JS) and D. Roy Kennedy (JD) (Civil Service 148); R. W. Bro. J. H. Putman, W. Bros. J. Lockhart (DC) and C. W. Carson (Hon Treasurer) and Bros. H. G. Austin (Auditor), M. A. Atkinson and Robert M. Stanton (The Builders 177); R. W. Bro. W. M. Ross, V. W. Bro. J. A. Reid (WM), W. Bros. W. E. Hayes (Secretary) and J. McCulloch and Bro. Rev. J. W. Megaw (Chaplain, originally from Chaudiere 264) and R. W. Bro. W. Northwood, W. Bros. A. E. Cowan, W. B. Snow (Treasurer) and F. T. Gordon and Bros. Burton E. Gamble (IG) and J. Southwell (Prince of Wales 271).

At the 65th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 21-22, 1920, Niagara Falls), M. W. Bro. Frederick W. Harcourt, reported (1920 *Annual Proceedings*, p 39) that he had issued dispensations for the formation of seventeen new Lodges²⁴⁹, including one for Sidney Albert Luke Lodge at Ottawa. The DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16, R. W. Bro. F. A. Heney, reported (1920 *Annual Proceedings*, p 204) that the Lodge had been instituted on October 22, 1919. The Committee on Warrants recommended (1920 *Annual Proceedings*, p 250-1) that nineteen warrants be issued²⁵⁰ No. 558" for Sidney Albert Luke Lodge and the Lodge was constituted and consecrated on October 6, 1920 by the then Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Frederick Weir Harcourt, KC.

²⁴⁸ The seven Lodges were: Dalhousie No. 52, Doric No. 58, Civil Service No. 148, The Builders No. 177, Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Chaudiere No. 264 and Prince of Wales No. 271.

²⁴⁹ Dispensations had been issued for seventeen new Lodges: Wardrope (to become 555) at Toronto, Nation (556) at Spencerville, Finch (557) at Finch, Sidney Albert Luke (558) at Ottawa, Palestine (559) at Toronto (now Mosaic 559 at Thornhill), St. Andrew's (560) at Ottawa, Acacia (561) at Westboro (now part of Ottawa), Hamilton (562) at Hamilton, Victory (563) at Chatham, Ashlar (564) at Ottawa, Kilwinning (565) at Toronto, Doric (569) at Lakeside, King Hiram (566) at Toronto, St. Aidan's (567) at Toronto, Dufferin (570) at Toronto (now Dufferin Daylight), Antiquity (571) at Toronto and Mizpah (572) at Toronto.

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From the time of its formation, Sidney Albert Luke Lodge has occupied premises at the main Ottawa Masonic Temple — 111 Metcalfe Street, from 1919 until 1975 and 2140 Walkley Road, from October 13, 1976.

The Lodge's *Monthly Bulletin* was started in 1927 as a means of keeping members up-to-date on Masonic developments and Masonic education. It has changed format several times during its life and still continues to be an essential communications tool of the Lodge although it has been called *The Newsletter* since about 1960.

Maintaining a high interest by members in the activities of the Lodge has always been a challenge. In the case of Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, this took expression in various forms. Visitations to other Lodges within the city and the District: the minutes of 1922 record the first visit to Evergreen Lodge, No. 209 GRC, Lanark. This was soon followed by Russell No. 479, Russell, in 1923. Visitations to the Lodge are noted in the Minutes from 1925 onwards (when Nation No. 556, Spencerville, is recorded as visiting). Degree teams both visiting the Lodge and being formed by the Lodge for outside use (Kiwanis) are reflected in the minutes with Past Masters nights becoming an annual event from about 1927. Masonic Education figured prominently in the Lodge program. The first "At Home" (what would more commonly be called a Ladies Night) is recorded in the minutes of 1926. The first Lodge Golf Tournament was held in 1935. While it may be noted that many Lodges held a father and son night, Sidney Albert Luke Lodge held a father-son-daughter night in 1946 which is referred to in the *Lodge History* until the mid-1950's. Sidney Albert Luke and Lodge of Fidelity joined forces in December 1958 to sponsor a children's Christmas Party.

In addition, the Lodge choir, formed in 1927, quickly became the Ottawa Temple Choir and became very active in the District. In 1929 it travelled to New York city and compete in a Music Festival in which it placed second — having missed first place by one point!

During its existence four members have served as District Deputy Grand Master²⁵¹: R. W. Bros. Henry Francis Hardy (Ottawa, 1929-30), Dr. Charles William McIntosh (Ottawa, 1942-43), Ernest James John Jackson (Ottawa, 1967-68) and Ralph Melville Boone (Ottawa 1, 1990-91). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bro. J. McCulloch (1929-30);
- Grand Superintendent of Works - V. W. Bro. John Lockhart (1960-61) and B. R. Panke (1990-91);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Sidney Fader Smith (1939-40);
- Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. D. Roy Kennedy (1938-39);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. James A. Reid (1919-20), Alfred E. Cowan (1932-33), Robert M. Stanton (1944-45), Robert Officer (1964-65), Blaine C. Phillips (1968-69), S. Hipkins (1978-79), W. A. Gregory (1984-85) and Kenneth Snider (2003-04);
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. Donald I. Wyse (2004-05, who had served as WM of Corinthian 476, North Gower, for 1977-78) and
- Grand Pursuivant - V. W. Bro. D. Elgin Morrison (1991-92).

Sidney Albert Luke Lodge meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Sidney Albert Luke Lodge 558, Ottawa

(* = charter members)

1919 James A. Reid*
1921 W. M. Ross*²⁵²

1920 James A. Reid*
1922 D. Roy Kennedy*

²⁵¹ The following affiliated members of Sidney Albert Luke Lodge served as DDGMs of the Ottawa District: R. W. Bros. Walter M. Ross, a member of Chaudiere Lodge by initiation (1910-11), C. W. Jeffrey, a member of Doric 58 (1916-17) and J. Alex Ross, a member of Doric 58 (1927-28). In addition,

²⁵² W. Bro. Ross was elected as WM due to the untimely resignation of the SW and the untimely death of the JW.

1923 Burton E. Gamble*
 1925 George Higman*
 1927 Howard J. Hardy
 1929 Sidney Smith
 1931 T. W. Bullock
 1933 Frank D. Boomer
 1935 Zina M. Niblock
 1937 Walter A. Cunningham
 1939 George Ferguson
 1941 A. H. White
 1943 A. W. MacDonald
 1945 J. R. West
 1947 Percy J. Moulds
 1949 W. A. Stewart
 1951 John Ferguson

1952-3 Robert Officer
 1954-5 Fred Van Veen
 1956-7 E. F. May
 1958-9 Blaine C. Phillips
 1960-1 William H. Knight
 1962-3 John S. Forrest
 1964-5 Harold E. Robinson
 1966-7 Vaughan T. B. Simmons
 1968-9 Ronald C. G. Moffatt
 1970-1 Frederick K. Goldie
 1972-3 Alan Taylor
 1974-5 R. Jack K. Robertson
 1976-7 Bill Poulton
 1978-9 Ross E. Sawyer
 1980-1 Kenneth Snider
 1982-3 Ralph Melville Boone
 1984-5 John T. Drummond
 1986-7 Ralph Melville Boone
 1988-9 Jeff A. Christie
 1990-1 Erwin J. Shouldice
 1992-3 John Guinn
 1994-5 Jim Salvin
 1996-7 Kevin Leonard Waitman
 1998-9 John Guinn
 2000-1 Don Milks
 2002-3 John Ruffo
 2004-5 Kevin Leonard Waitman
 2006-7 Donald I. Wyse
 2008-9 Ronald Kellison
 2010-1 Andrew Hale

1924 Harry F. Hardy*
 1926 Robert M. Stanton*
 1928 Hall H. Popham
 1920 C. H. Storey
 1932 Frank W. Hewitt
 1934 C. W. McIntosh
 1936 A. J. Hazelgrove
 1938 T. H. Weatherdon
 1930 C. G. Coburn
 1942 G. C. M. King
 1944 T. D. C. Hamilton
 1946 T. Foulkes
 1948 G. W. Richardson
 1940 Ralph A. Hollebhone

1953-4 J. E. Belanger
 1955-6 John B. Desjardins
 1957-8 R. Simpson Wright
 1959-0 Cecil W. Carson
 1961-2 W. Allan Gregory
 1963-4 Ernest James John Jackson
 1965-6 William H. Boon
 1967-8 Geoff F. Farrow
 1969-0 Leonard B. Edwards
 1972-2 Paul Naish
 1973-4 Burton R. Panke
 1975-6 Sid Hipkins
 1977-8 Ernest James John Jackson
 1979-0 Robert M. Ellis
 1981-2 D. Graham C. Donaldson
 1983-4 Philip A. Carter
 1985-6 D. Elgin Morrison
 1987-8 Ralph Melville Boone
 1989-0 Philip H. Hauraney
 1991-2 W. Hartley
 1993-4 Ray Gauthier
 1995-6 Kenneth McRae
 1997-8 Jeff Christie
 1999-0 Dennis Toth
 2001-2 Ron Kellison
 2003-4 Jeff Christie
 2005-6 Kevin Leonard Waitman
 2007-8 Jeff A. Christie
 2009-0 Donald Colfe

Membership of Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, No. 558 GRC, Ottawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(up to 1920, TOTAL as of June 24 of the year noted)
(from 1920 to present, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Oct. 22,	1919				
1919	<i>no data</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>in Ann.</i>	<i>Procs.</i>					nil
1920	23	13	13	39	nil	nil	1	nil	61
	Data	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
1920	11	14	9	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	74
1921	17	17	22	5	nil	1	nil	nil	95
1922	11	18	16	1	nil	2	nil	nil	105
1923	16	24	13	1	nil	2	nil	nil	120
1924	18	16	13	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	145
1925	10	12	13	3	nil	2	3	2	151
1926	11	10	12	4	nil	4	nil	nil	166
1927	5	5	7	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	163
1928	9	9	7	2	nil	1	2	3	168
1929	6	6	5	2	nil	1	nil	nil	175
1930	9	8	9	1	nil	nil	2	3	180
1931	9	10	8	2	nil	3	3	nil	185
1932	2	3	6	nil	nil	2	2	5	178
1933	2	3	2	nil	nil	4	2	nil	174
1934	3	3	4	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	176
1935	5	5	4	1	nil	1	1	3	177
1936	2	1	1	nil	nil	4	2	nil	173
1937	4	5	4	nil	nil	1	1	1	174
1938	2	2	3	1	nil	1	2	4	170
1939	2	3	3	3	nil	3	3	1	168
1940	2	2	2	nil	nil	2	3	nil	165
1941	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	162
1942	3	3	4	2	nil	2	1	1	163
1943	3	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	167
1944	5	4	2	nil	nil	1	4	1	166
1945	8	9	9	1	nil	1	2	nil	172

1946	7	7	8	1	nil	1	1	nil	177
1947	13	12	9	2	nil	2	2	nil	188
1948	13	14	17	nil	nil	nil	2	1	198
1949	10	8	7	1	nil	1	4	nil	204
1950	6	7	8	1	nil	nil	1	nil	210
1951	2	3	4	nil	nil	2	2	nil	208
1952	7	7	5	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	214
1953	4	4	3	2	nil	3	5	nil	212
1954	6	4	7	1	nil	1	2	1	215
1955	7	7	4	nil	nil	2	6	2	212
1956	1	2	5	1	nil	1	1	nil	212
1957	5	5	5	1	nil	nil	7	1	210
1958	4	3	3	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	211
1959	4	2	2	1	nil	1	13	nil	202
1960	9	7	6	3	nil	3	3	nil	208
1961	6	7	8	nil	nil	2	5	nil	207
1962	7	8	3	nil	nil	nil	2	1	211
1963	2	4	5	1	nil	1	8	nil	205
1964	1	1	3	1	nil	1	2	2	202
1965	4	4	2	2	nil	2	5	3	198
1966	8	6	4	3	nil	4	7	2	196
1967	4	4	8	1	nil	nil	7	nil	194
1968	3	2	2	nil	nil	2	4	3	188
1969	4	2	1	nil	nil	2	4	2	184
1970	4	5	4	nil	nil	nil	4	4	180
1971	5	5	5	1	nil	5	5	2	174
1972	1	3	3	1	nil	3	1	5	167
1973	2	1	nil	1	1	3	2	nil	166
1974	5	3	2	nil	1	1	10	nil	161
1975	2	3	4	1	1	nil	5	nil	160
1976	3	2	2	nil	nil	2	4	nil	157
1977	3	2	2	2	nil	1	8	nil	153
1978	1	3	3	2	nil	1	2	nil	153
1979	5	5	4	2	nil	7	5	6	142

1980	6	3	4	nil	nil	1	3	nil	144
1981	1	3	2	nil	nil	1	5	nil	139
1982	2	1	2	nil	nil	1	3	nil	137
1983	2	3	1	nil	nil	2	4	5	128
1984	1	nil	1	nil	nil	5	4	nil	120
1985	2	2	1	nil	nil	5	3	2	112
1986	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	4	4	100
1987	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	5	2	94
1988	3	2	3	nil	nil	2	2	1	92
1989	2	2	3	nil	nil	nil	6	1	87
1990	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	7	nil	86
1991	3	3	3	nil	nil	1	6	nil	82
1992	nil	2	2	2	nil	2	3	nil	79
1993	2	1	nil	1	nil	2	3	nil	77
1994	1	2	2	1	nil	4	1	1	73
1995	4	2	1	nil	nil	nil	3	1	73
1996	2	1	3	1	nil	2	2	2	70
1997	3	3	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	70
1998	nil	1	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	67
1999	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	64
2000	1	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	3	1	65
2001	nil	1	1	2	nil	nil	2	1	64
2002	1	1	nil	1	nil	nil	4	nil	62
2003	2	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	63
2004	3	4	3	nil	nil	nil	2	4	60
2005	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	59
2006	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	61
2007	1	3	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	62
2008	2	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	6	1	57
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St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 560 GRC, Ottawa 1920-present
St. Andrew's Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1920-1920

[Ottawa District No. 16 1920-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

With the end of World War I many veterans returned to the Ottawa area and sought to ease their minds through organizations like Freemasonry. In 1919 a group of Masons in Ottawa organized for the sole purpose of forming a new Lodge to meet the growing demand and later the same year a petition was presented to the Grand Master requesting formation of a new Lodge. As the majority of the fifty-three Charter Members belonged to Lodges in Scotland the name "St. Andrew's" was quickly chosen and agreed.

The charter members were: R. W. Bros. Frederick Augusta Heney; W. Bros. W. Bro. C. A. Hodgetts, W. R. Williamson and J. Gray; and Bros. K. Aird, F. C. Baker, J. Davidson, R. B. Davidson, E. E. Dawson, W. G. Dewar, A. Donnell, A. Dunlop, G. H. Ferguson, James B. Ferguson, Gordon H. Forde, G. Gibson, J. A. Gibson, J. Grant, J. Greenhalgh, A. Henderson, A. G. Heughen, J. E. Knox, F. B. Lishman, H. J. Logan, G. Lyon, J. A. MacDonald, H. P. MacDougall, H. W. MacLean, R. Maharry, F. McCallum, J. McCruden, G. M. McGill, J. H. McNeill, J. Milne, J. J. Moffatt, Hugh Wright Nesbitt (Prince of Wales 371, Ottawa), E. P. Noble, F. C. Nunnick, E. E. Pallister, J. W. Pallister, J. Parrington, J. Patterson, E. F. R. Rooney, A. M. Ross, A. C. Rutherford, J. N. Salter, J. Scott, Alexander Kerr Stewart, R. M. Stewart, W. Stewart, W. Stuart, F. Stunnell, W. S. Taylor, and A. E. Young.

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At the first regular meeting on February 2, 1920, three Candidates were Initiated, and were followed by 29 more during 1920.

During its existence St. Andrew's has had a number of highlights of interest: on April 3, 1941, St. Andrew's hosted the largest recorded "Railroad Night" when approximately 100 members of various railroads from 14 Lodges assumed the Chairs; on January 6, 1944 St. Andrew's welcomed a Degree Team of Naval personnel representing 12 Canadian, 3 Scottish and 1 Maltese Lodges; and on April 16, 1967 the Lodge held a recital of Masonic music for 500 brethren and their families as their Centennial Project.

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St. Andrew's Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on January 10, 1970 and on February 7, 1980, the Lodge celebrated both the 125th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and its own 60th Anniversary.

Longevity in the Lodge was recognized by Grand Lodge with the award of a "70 Years a Mason" pin to W. Bro. Harold L. Lamble (139th Annual Communication of July 20, 1994).

During its existence seven members have served as DDGM: R.W. Bros. Alexander Kerr Stewart (Ottawa, 1945-46), Douglas Maxwell McQuitty (Ottawa, 1955-56), John O'Donovan (Ottawa, 1961-62), W. Robert Rowsome (Ottawa, 1969-70), Ronald K. Campbell (Ottawa 1, 1982-83), William D. Burns (Ottawa 1, 1992-93) and Douglas Franklin (Ottawa 1, 2002-03). Other members have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Junior Warden - R. W. Bros. John Norman Salter (1957-58) and Kenneth Bartlett (1982-83);
- Grand Chaplain - R. W. Bro. Rev. M. John Moor (2003-04);
- Grand Senior Deacon - V. W. Bro. Dr. John M. Forster (1982-83);
- Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bro. Dr. John M. Forster (1981-82);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - R. W. Bro. Robert C. Tate (2004-05);
- Assistant Grand Secretary - V. W. Bro. William J. Guige (1970-71);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Herbert Hugh Wright Nesbitt (1930-31), John Norman Salter (1946-47), Donald Kemp (1951-52), Alfred Montagu Merritt (1956-57), Cedric C. Dale (1962-63), Lawrence A. Nadon (1983-84), Robert Eldon Holmes Cutler (1992-93), C. Dwayne Johnston (1993-94), John R. Coghill (1995-96), Clifford Alexander Churchill (2003-04), Glen A. Simpson (2003-04) and Devon L. L. Fermoye (2008-09).

Other Past Masters of the Lodge who held the office of Grand Steward although the appointing Grand Lodge and year of appointment are unknown include: V. W. Bros. Gilbert M. McGill, James S. Abernathy, Henry Thomas Cuthbert Humphries and C. Keith Bisset.

Bro. Gary Lawson Shaver of the Lodge was a recipient of the William Mercer Wilson Medal in 2005.

Other affiliated members of the Lodge who held Grand rank from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario for work in other Lodges include: R. W. Bros. Frederick Augusta Heney (Ionic 526, Westboro and DDGM of Ottawa 16 in 1919-20), V. W. Bros. James B. Ferguson (Renfrew 122, Renfrew, Grand Steward 1920-21) and James Howard Young (Ionic 526, Ottawa, Grand Steward, 1982-83). Bro. Nicholas Samuel Mahara of Lodge of Fidelity 231, Ottawa received the William Mercer Wilson Medal in 2008.

In addition, several members of St. Andrew's Lodge have served other Grand Lodges in various offices, including: R. W. Bros. D. Alan Thompson as DDGM, District 23, Grand Lodge of British Columbia (1992-93), Dudley Archibald Fraser as DDGM, Waterloo District, Grand Lodge of Quebec (1997-98), Roger S. Frank, DDGM Second Oneida District, Grand Lodge of the State of New York (1998-2000), Joseph Zurek of the Grand Lodge of New York (office and year unknown), and William Mower, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York (year unknown). Rev. M. John Moor had previously served as V. W. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan (1973-74);

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Worshipful Masters of St. Andrew's Lodge 560, Ottawa

(* = charter members)

1920-1 J. Parrington*

1922-3 A. Donnell*

1924-5 Gilbert M. McGill

1926-7 Alexander Kerr Stewart*

1921-2 James B. Ferguson

1923-4 F. C. Nunnick*

1925-6 John Norman Salter*

1927-8 J. W. Pallister*

1928-9 G. R. Blow	1929-0 J. M. Montgomery
1930-1 James S. Abernathy	1931-2 Henry Thomas Cuthbert Humphries
1932-3 J. G. Livie	1933-4 A. Henderson
1934-5 T. A. Hunt	1935-6 Donald Kemp
1936-7 R. D. Coleman	1937-8 E. K. Fallis
1938-9 F. King	1939-0 H. Lamble
1940-1 R. Steele	1941-2 T. W. Pragnell
1942-3 J. A. Callaghan	1943-4 John O'Donovan
1944-5 W. McKee	1945-6 J. A. Browne
1946-7 R. Brayne	1947-8 Douglas Maxwell McQuitty
1948-9 Alfred Montagu Merritt	1949-0 I. R. Henderson
1950-1 P. M. Adams	1951-2 A. Cameron
1952-3 R. A. Barbor	1953-4 Cedric C. Dale
1954-5 W. C. Salter	1955-6 G. Mitchell
1956-7 G. C. Sutcliffe	1957-8 A. E. Mulligan
1958-9 D. B. Higginson	1959-0 William J. Tate
1960-1 W. Robert Rowsome	1961-2 W. T. Stewart
1962-3 W. John McMullen	1963-4 J. Dewhirst
1964-5 Leslie J. C. Rule	1965-6 P. O'Donovan
1966-7 William J. Guiges	1967-8 Leslie H. Frier
1968-9 John C. Hilson	1969-0 H. R. Lauder
1970-1 T. P. Flint	1971-2 Mervin A. McCaul
1972-3 Dudley Archibald Fraser	1973-4 E. Gus Wersch
1974-5 Daniel E. A. Roberts	1975-6 Ernest G. W. Jacobs
1976-7 Ronald K. Campbell	1977-8 Lawrence A. Nadon
1978-9 C. Keith Bisset	1979-0 Dr. John M. Forster
1980-1 Robert Eldon Holmes Cutler	1981-2 Arthur Gower Humphries
1982-3 J. Gaston Lacroix	1983-4 James W. Dowd
1984-5 C. Dwayne Johnston	1985-6 William D. Burns
1986-7 David L. White	1987-8 Robert Eldon Holmes Cutler
1988-9 William W. Ward	1989-0 W. R. Turnbull
1990-1 Robert C. Tate	1991-2 John R. Coghill
1992-3 Donald A. Godding	1993-4 Douglas Franklin
1994-5 A. Bruce Craig	1995-6 R. George McFarlane
1996-7 William Cornet	1997-8 Glen A. Simpson
1998-9 Donald A. Godding	1999-0 Ronald Lamont
2000-1 Devon L. L. Fermoyle	2001-2 Glen A. Simpson
2002-3 Roger Ghantous	2003-4 Mohamed Allaf
2004-5 Christopher G. Skuce	2005-6 John Richard Thomas
2006-7 Dr. John M. Forster	2007-8 Fouad Matta
2008-9 Chris Evans	2009-0 Tony Bourizk
2010-1 Adam Nesrallah	

Membership of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 560 GRC, Ottawa
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Jan. 10,	1920				
1920	12	22	15	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	105
1921	20	19	25	9	nil	4	nil	nil	130

1922	30	28	27	5	nil	3	1	2	159
1923	13	18	17	1	nil	6	nil	1	166
1924	9	8	10	4	1	8	1	2	169
1925	11	12	13	3	nil	3	1	1	178
1926	18	17	16	3	1	3	2	2	193
1927	8	7	8	1	1	4	2	4	198
1928	12	13	12	1	1	1	2	nil	203
1929	11	11	8	2	nil	2	nil	nil	214
1930	15	12	13	3	nil	1	3	nil	228
1931	10	13	16	1	nil	2	3	7	227
1932	5	3	4	1	2	nil	nil	16	219
1933	7	6	6	nil	nil	1	2	3	220
1934	6	5	7	nil	nil	nil	4	4	218
1935	7	6	4	2	nil	1	nil	5	221
1936	14	14	12	2	nil	2	3	nil	232
1937	8	9	12	2	nil	3	2	5	232
1938	5	4	3	1	nil	1	4	8	225
1939	5	5	6	1	nil	2	nil	13	216
1940	4	4	5	1	nil	nil	nil	5	216
1941	6	5	4	1	2	4	2	6	213
1942	11	11	9	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	226
1943	13	13	13	2	nil	nil	1	2	238
1944	31	33	24	3	nil	1	4	1	266
1945	33	29	30	3	1	nil	3	nil	300
1946	42	40	42	4	nil	1	1	nil	344
1947	37	35	30	3	1	nil	4	5	376
1948	24	28	35	4	nil	2	5	nil	397
1949	24	20	18	5	nil	7	3	4	412
1948	19	19	17	3	nil	1	nil	8	425
1951	23	23	24	3	2	3	4	nil	446
1952	18	19	17	4	1	3	5	4	457
1953	29	26	19	nil	3	3	6	1	479
1954	22	19	27	2	1	2	8	2	492
1955	20	22	24	3	nil	4	8	5	498

1956	17	16	16	5	1	1	1	3	516
1957	25	24	24	nil	nil	7	6	5	523
1958	19	17	19	1	nil	4	7	6	526
1959	11	9	6	7	2	4	8	1	533
1960	14	17	18	nil	1	1	6	7	534
1961	11	11	10	2	4	4	9	16	522
1962	13	14	17	1	1	6	16	7	508
1963	24	19	18	3	nil	3	8	nil	524
1964	14	13	12	2	3	7	9	3	524
1965	7	7	8	3	nil	7	6	6	515
1966	6	7	7	2	nil	7	10	2	504
1967	7	5	6	6	nil	5	6	9	497
1968	6	8	7	2	2	6	8	6	487
1969	5	6	6	2	nil	5	12	5	473
1970	2	2	2	nil	3	4	11	1	462
1971	4	3	3	nil	1	4	2	5	456
1972	3	3	4	2	nil	3	10	nil	448
1973	4	3	2	1	2	7	6	8	411
1974	3	2	3	1	4	5	14	9	391
1975	5	5	4	2	nil	2	10	2	384
1976	2	2	2	nil	nil	3	7	1	375
1977	4	3	3	1	1	2	7	3	369
1978	7	7	6	8	2	1	11	9	365
1979	4	6	7	2	3	15	7	14	338
1980	5	4	3	1	1	6	4	6	329
1981	8	6	5	2	1	3	7	1	329
1982	5	6	6	nil	nil	2	10	3	319
1983	3	1	2	1	2	4	4	4	313
1984	5	6	3	nil	nil	3	9	2	304
1985	6	3	6	nil	3	4	6	9	294
1986	6	8	6	2	nil	nil	7	1	294
1987	3	4	3	nil	nil	3	10	nil	284
1988	1	1	2	3	1	5	7	7	270
1989	3	3	3	1	nil	1	10	nil	263

1990	2	1	1	1	nil	4	15	6	242
1991	3	4	4	nil	nil	7	9	3	224
1992	3	nil	1	4	1	1	6	1	224
1993	5	7	4	2	nil	7	8	5	212
1994	2	2	3	1	nil	1	1	1	208
1995	5	2	1	2	nil	3	8	2	202
1996	1	2	3	2	1	2	9	nil	195
1997	3	4	3	1	nil	11	5	5	178
1998	5	2	4	2	nil	3	7	6	169
1999	3	4	4	1	nil	1	13	4	155
2000	1	4	3	1	1	1	3	2	152
2001	7	nil	2	2	nil	4	6	1	150
2002	5	8	3	3	nil	nil	9	nil	149
2003	4	1	5	nil	nil	3	7	1	142
2004	4	4	5	nil	1	3	8	4	132
2005	2	3	3	nil	1	nil	5	4	126
2006	6	5	3	nil	2	2	8	4	120
2007	4	3	4	1	2	2	6	3	116
2008	3	3	3	nil	1	5	10	2	103
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, Westboro (Ottawa) 1920-present
Acacia Lodge, UD GRC, Westboro 1920-1920

[Ottawa District No. 16 1920-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

Ionic Lodge, No. 526 GRC, Westboro, saw a steady growth from its Institution in 1914. With the end of the First World War more men were interested in joining Masonry and by 1919 the number of Applications became so great that the members of Ionic Lodge felt it was opportune to establish another Lodge in Westboro. The District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. F. A. Heney (a member of Ionic Lodge, No. 526 GRC, Ottawa), discussed the question with Ionic members and with R. W. Bro. Donald A. MacEachern (PM of Acacia Lodge, No. 71 GRQ, Buckingham, and DDGM of Quebec's Ottawa District No. 6) was commissioned to gather support for the new Lodge.

Thirty-three Masons from both the Ontario and Quebec jurisdictions signed a petition for the formation of Acacia Lodge: R. W. Bros F. A. Heney (Ottawa West), Charles McBurney (Lachute, Que.), C. J. Staniforth (Arundel, Que.), Edwin Clarke (Ottawa) and Donald A. MacEachern (Westboro); W. Bros. William Louttit (Ottawa), W. J. Cairns (Westboro), H. A. Crain (Westboro), D. N. Dwyer (Ottawa), Thomas Shore (Shawville, Que.), F. McNaughton (Montreal, Que.), Malcolm McNaughton (Huntingdon, Que.), A. H. Taylor (Beamsville) and J. Howard Halpenny (Westboro) and Bros. Mortimer N. Cummings (Westboro), G. Keith Stewart (Ottawa), P. M. Hastey (Westboro), A. P. McLennan (Westboro), C. A. Roy (Woodroffe), G. Jamieson (Ottawa), George T. Wild (Ottawa), A. E. Kemp (Westboro), J. G. Murray (Ottawa), John Gamble (Westboro), W. F. Bell (Britannia), W. L. Graham (Britannia), A. J. Holloway (Westboro), Wallace A. Dier (Westboro), L. L. Derby (Westboro), J. H. Pratt (Buckingham, Que.), Percy May (Westboro), H. J. Mullan (Hudson Heights, Que.) and M. Farquharson (Montreal, Que.).

At the 65th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 21-22, 1920, Niagara Falls), M. W. Bro. Frederick W. Harcourt, reported (*1920 Annual Proceedings*, p 39) that he had issued dispensations for the formation of seventeen new Lodges²⁵⁵, including one for Acacia Lodge at Ottawa. The DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16, R. W. Bro. F. A. Heney, reported (*1920 Annual Proceedings*, p 204) that the Lodge had been instituted on January 23, 1920. The Committee on Warrants recommended (*1920 Annual Proceedings*, p 250-1) that nineteen warrants be issued²⁵⁶, including 561 for Acacia. The Lodge was constituted and consecrated on October 2, 1920.

The name of the new Lodge — Acacia — refers to the tree used to mark the temporary grave of Grand Master Hiram Abiff; was one of the woods used in the construction of the furniture of King Solomon's Temple; and is the Masonic symbol of immortality.

The first Master of the new Lodge, R. W. Bro. Donald A. MacEachern, invited both the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M. W. Bro. Frederick Weir Harcourt, and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec A.F. & A.M., M. W. Bro. Charles McBurney, to a regular meeting of Acacia Lodge because of the support that Masons of both jurisdictions had provided in establishing Acacia Lodge. The meeting took place and is the only known instance of the

²⁵⁵ Dispensations had been issued for seventeen new Lodges: Wardrope (to become 555) at Toronto, Nation (556) at Spencerville, Finch (557) at Finch, Sidney Albert Luke (558) at Ottawa, Palestine (559) at Toronto (now Mosaic 559 at Thornhill), St. Andrew's (560) at Ottawa, Acacia (561) at Westboro (now part of Ottawa), Hamilton (562) at Hamilton, Victory (563) at Chatham, Ashlar (564) at Ottawa, Kilwinning (565) at Toronto, Doric (569) at Lakeside, King Hiram (566) at Toronto, St. Aidan's (567) at Toronto, Dufferin (570) at Toronto (now Dufferin Daylight), Antiquity (571) at Toronto and Mizpah (572) at Toronto.

²⁵⁶ The nineteen Warrants were: 549 for Ionic Lodge at Hamilton, 550 for Buchanan at Hamilton, 551 for Tuscan at Hamilton, 552 for Queen City at Toronto, 553 for Oakwood at Toronto, 554 for Border Cities at Windsor, 555 for Wardrope at Hamilton, 556 for Nation at Spencerville, 557 for Finch at Finch, 558 for Sidney Albert Luke at Ottawa, 559 for Palestine at Toronto, 560 for St. Andrew's at Ottawa, 561 for Acacia at Westboro (Ottawa), 562 for Hamilton at Hamilton, 563 for Victory at Chatham, 564 for Ashlar at Ottawa, 565 for Kilwinning at Toronto, 566 for King Hiram at Toronto, 567 for St. Aidan's at Toronto. This meant that five dispensations for new Lodges would be continued for the following year: Hullett at Londesboro, Doric at Lakeside, Dufferin at Toronto, Antiquity at Toronto and Mizpah at Toronto.

Grand Masters of both jurisdictions meeting in a subordinate Lodge.

The first meetings of the new Acacia Lodge were held in Beatty's Hall on Richmond Road, Westboro, and were subject to extremes of temperature and noise. Plans were agreed to in 1924 for the construction of a new Temple facility on Churchill Avenue which was completed in 1925 and the premises occupied by Ionic Lodge, No. 526, and Acacia Lodge, No. 561.

During the 1938 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Masters and Past Masters of Acacia Lodges 61 Hamilton (W. Bros. Bruce Peane and Bruce Beasley), 430 Toronto (W. Bro. Jim Pickard), 561 Westboro (W. Bro. Earl Roy), and 580 London (W. Bro. Frank Lawson) met and conceived the "All Acacia Reunion." The reunions have been held every year (except for 1941-1945 inclusive because of the War and 1999) since the first one in 1939 which was hosted by Acacia No. 61 GRC, Hamilton. Acacia No. 71 GRQ, Buckingham, joined the Reunion in 1951, and Acacia Lodge, No. 477 F&AM, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, joined in 1955 (although they have had to drop out due to membership problems).

In 1950, Acacia No. 561 collaborated in the formation of another new Lodge in Westboro (Temple Lodge, No. 665) and in 1968, collaborated in the formation of a fifth Westboro Lodge (Bytown Lodge, No. 721).

During its 75 years, two of Acacia's members have been 50 years a Past Master — W. Bro. C. Vibert Craig (WM 1932) and W. Bro. George Wild (WM 1940). The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. David Crowe Bradley, announced at the 135th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (July 18, 1990) the award of the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. Wilfred Alfred Newbury, of Acacia Lodge No. 561.

During its history, Acacia Lodge has been both a member of Ottawa District and, after the 1970 District reorganization, has been in Ottawa 1 District. Five members of Acacia Lodge have served as District Deputy Grand Master: R.W. Bros. Arthur Peter McLennan (Ottawa, 1941-42), Colin C. Lillico (Ottawa, 1966-67), Gerald E. MacDonald (Ottawa 1, 1976-77), Albert Baxter Bennett Sewell (Ottawa 1, 1986-87) and Barry Francis Burchill (Ottawa 1, 2006-07). In addition, members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Tyler - V. W. Bro. George T. Wild (1941-42);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Wallace Ambrose Dier (1942-43), Henry Alan Hyde-Clarke (1951-52), Percy R. Halpenny (1959-60), Clifford W. Carson (1967-68), Earle P. Roy (1971-72), Stanley C. Gratto (1977-78), Gordon A. Forde (1987-88), Raymond Francis Edward Kempster (1987-88), William D. Archambault (1998-99) and Michael John Jackson (2007-08).

Two members of Acacia have received Grand Office while serving with other Lodges: Ronald S. Hobson (Grand Steward 1997-98) earned for his work as District Secretary in Ottawa District 2 and Harold A. Macmillan (Grand Steward 1999-2000) although this was also earned for his work in Ottawa District 2.

Acacia Lodge meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive, at the Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Acacia Lodge 561, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1920	Donald A. MacEachern ^{*257}	1921	Donald A. MacEachern*
1922	Mortimer N. Cummings*	1923	A. J. Holloway*
1924	Wallace Ambrose Dier*	1925	G. Keith Stewart*
1926	Arthur Peter McLennan*	1927	P. Miller Hastey*
1928	William Joynt	1929	George T. Wild*
1930	J. W. Gilchrist	1931	F. J. A. Old
1932	C. Vilbert Craig	1933	S. Grandmaison
1934	J. W. Arnott	1935	Earle P. Roy

²⁵⁷ DDGM of Ottawa District, Grand Lodge of Quebec, 1914-15.

1936 C. W. Crockett
 1938 J. H. Johnson
 1939 J. M. M. Spicer
 1941 Henry A. Hyde-Clarke
 1943 W. Craig Hobbs

1937 Henry Alan Hyde-Clarke
 1938 Frederick L. Thompson
 1940 G. A. Wild
 1942 Percy R. Halpenny
 1944 W. C. Hopper

1944-5 W. C. Hopper
 1946-7 R. E. Isbister
 1948-9 G. R. Shouldice
 1950-1 Dr. Malcolm M. Thomson
 1952-3 Ken Campbell
 1954-5 W. J. Taylor
 1956-7 J. J. W. Darwin
 1958-9 W. L. Moffat
 1960-1 Aubrey Peacock
 1962-3 Gordon A. Forde
 1964-5 L. H. Harrow
 1966-7 Joseph H. Johnston
 1968-9 William D. Archambault
 1970-1 Stanley C. Gratto
 1972-3 Frank Novak
 1974-5 A. Victor Williams
 1976-7 G. Williams
 1978-9 D. M. Zwicker
 1980-1 James A. Statham
 1982-3 William T. Gordon
 1984-5 Neil B. Lillico
 1986-7 L. W. Casey
 1988-9 Harold A. Macmillan
 1990-1 Douglas M. Campbell
 1992-3 G. W. Bent/B. B. Quinney
 1994-5 William T. Gordon
 1996-7 Barry Francis Burchill
 1998-9 Glenn Fleck
 2000-1 H. John Skynner
 2002-3 Barry Francis Burchill
 2004-5 H. John Skynner
 2006-7 Mark Paine
 2008-9 Christopher Statham
 2010-1 Robb Uhrig

1945-6 William F. Davis
 1947-8 E. V. Lackey
 1949-0 J. M. Proudman
 1951-2 George Clarkson
 1953-4 Roy A. Mason
 1955-6 R. C. A. Thurston
 1957-8 Clifford W. Carson
 1959-0 Colin C. Lillico
 1961-2 Garry A. Fee
 1963-4 Walter M. Dicks
 1965-6 Gordon E. Halliday
 1967-8 Donald Wood
 1969-0 James Statham
 1971-2 Gerald E. MacDonald
 1973-4 Albert Baxter Bennett Sewell
 1975-6 Ronald Spencer Hobson
 1977-8 W. Malcolm Inglis
 1979-0 Ronald Siwicky
 1981-2 Raymond Francis Edward Kempster
 1983-4 Michael John Jackson
 1985-6 Bruce B. Quinney
 1987-8 Stuart. V Campbell
 1989-0 Robert W. Price
 1991-2 David Archambault
 1993-4 Michael John Jackson
 1995-6 Donald Williams
 1997-8 Terry Briggs
 1999-0 Stanley Michael Jenkyns
 2001-2 Jeffrey Campbell
 2003-4 Jack Earnshaw
 2005-6 Stanley Michael Jenkyns
 2007-8 Robb Uhrig
 2009-0 Richard C. Morrison

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 (as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Jan. 23,	1920				
1920	3	4	4	1	nil	nil	1	nil	48
1921	22	22	13	9	nil	nil	1	nil	78
1922	7	7	16	2	nil	1	nil	nil	86
1923	17	17	11	5	nil	2	nil	nil	106

1924	16	13	17	2	nil	2	nil	nil	122
1925	9	10	11	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	131
1926	7	8	8	1	nil	3	1	1	134
1927	10	8	6	nil	nil	5	2	3	134
1928	14	13	9	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	148
1929	5	8	9	nil	nil	6	nil	1	146
1930	5	4	5	1	2	1	5	5	143
1931	4	4	5	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	146
1932	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	3	142
1933	9	10	7	2	nil	1	1	3	148
1934	2	2	2	1	nil	nil	2	1	148
1935	4	4	4	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	150
1936	3	3	3	nil	nil	3	1	nil	149
1937	4	4	5	3	nil	2	1	3	150
1938	4	3	2	1	nil	1	2	1	151
1939	6	7	8	3	nil	nil	1	3	156
1940	4	3	3	1	nil	1	2	1	156
1941	10	9	7	2	1	nil	2	2	165
1942	9	7	5	2	nil	1	2	1	174
1943	9	8	10	2	nil	1	2	1	181
1944	10	11	10	1	nil	1	1	nil	190
1945	14	11	7	1	nil	2	4	nil	199
1946	9	14	16	3	nil	1	5	nil	205
1947	20	15	13	5	nil	3	7	nil	220
1948	15	16	16	4	nil	2	3	1	233
1949	16	18	17	2	nil	nil	3	1	246
1950	17	17	20	1	nil	2	3	nil	258
1951	21	13	12	1	1	3	4	nil	274
1952	9	17	18	2	nil	4	3	1	277
1953	7	6	10	3	nil	3	3	1	280
1954	11	11	9	3	1	2	5	1	287
1955	15	11	11	4	nil	1	4	1	300
1956	8	9	6	3	nil	4	5	nil	302
1957	7	8	8	1	nil	1	4	1	304

1958	8	8	12	2	nil	1	8	3	302
1959	8	7	8	2	nil	nil	7	3	302
1960	8	10	7	5	1	2	5	nil	309
1961	12	11	9	4	nil	2	2	3	318
1962	8	10	11	3	nil	4	7	1	317
1963	4	3	5	nil	nil	2	8	3	308
1964	6	7	4	1	nil	1	7	2	305
1965	6	5	5	4	nil	4	3	nil	308
1966	7	6	4	2	nil	5	4	1	307
1967	10	8	8	nil	nil	3	8	3	303
1968	8	8	7	3	nil	4	5	2	303
1969	8	10	10	2	nil	4	7	4	298
1970	5	5	7	1	nil	6	4	1	293
1971	8	6	5	4	nil	2	4	nil	299
1972	3	5	5	nil	1	8	4	1	290
1973	4	4	5	3	1	3	8	nil	287
1974	nil	1	2	1	nil	2	8	2	276
1975	2	1	1	1	nil	nil	6	nil	273
1976	nil	1	1	2	1	2	5	3	266
1977	4	4	3	1	nil	2	9	3	257
1978	3	1	1	1	nil	4	3	5	249
1979	4	5	4	1	1	6	3	1	245
1980	1	3	2	1	nil	4	9	nil	234
1981	1	1	3	1	nil	2	4	1	229
1982	5	1	1	nil	nil	5	5	1	223
1983	nil	3	3	2	nil	3	6	3	213
1984	3	3	3	2	1	3	6	nil	210
1985	7	6	3	2	nil	3	7	1	208
1986	4	1	5	nil	nil	nil	5	4	203
1987	2	6	3	1	nil	2	6	2	196
1988	1	nil	3	1	nil	nil	6	nil	192
1989	3	1	nil	nil	1	2	5	3	186
1990	5	6	3	3	nil	nil	8	1	185
1991	2	2	4	1	nil	nil	6	3	179

1992	2	1	3	nil	nil	nil	7	1	173
1993	2	3	3	1	nil	3	4	3	166
1994	2	2	1	1	nil	1	9	2	157
1995	2	1	1	nil	1	1	5	nil	154
1996	2	2	1	nil	nil	nil	7	1	150
1997	5	2	2	3	nil	3	2	2	149
1998	nil	3	2	nil	nil	2	9	3	135
1999	1	nil	1	nil	nil	2	2	2	130
2000	3	2	1	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	132
2001	1	1	2	1	nil	3	3	1	127
2002	nil	1	1	1	nil	1	4	5	118
2003	3	nil	1	1	nil	2	11	nil	109
2004	3	3	2	1	nil	nil	7	nil	106
2005	2	nil	2	1	nil	1	3	2	103
2006	2	1	1	1	nil	2	5	nil	99
2007	2	2	1	nil	nil	7	4	nil	90
2008	1	nil	1	2	nil	4	nil	5	84
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Ashlar Lodge, No. 564 GRC, Ottawa 1921-present
Ashlar Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1920-1921

[Ottawa District No. 16 1920-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

With the end of the First World War more men were interested in joining Masonry and by 1919 the number of applications being received by the nine Ottawa Lodges²⁵⁸ became so large that new Lodges were proposed to be formed within the city. A petition for the formation of a new Lodge to be called Ashlar was signed by 42 Masons and sent to the Grand Master. At the 65th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 21-22, 1920, Niagara Falls), M. W. Bro. Frederick W. Harcourt, reported (1920 *Annual Proceedings*, p 39) that he had issued dispensations for the formation of seventeen new Lodges²⁵⁹, including one for Ashlar Lodge at Ottawa. The DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16, R. W. Bro. F. A. Heney, reported (1920 *Annual Proceedings*, p 204) that the Lodge had been instituted on February 7, 1920. The Committee on Warrants recommended (1920 *Annual Proceedings*, p 250-1) that nineteen warrants be issued²⁶⁰, including 564 for Ashlar and the Lodge was constituted and consecrated on October 9, 1920.

The charter members were: W. Bros. W. G. Esdale, David Askwith Esdale, George Powers, J. R. Hill, J. A. Kendall, R. P. Taylor and William Short, and Bros. John E. Askwith, D. H. MacDonald, J. T. McElroy, W. L. Moore, R. C. Roe, J. A. Ellis, Gordon Law, George J. Harbour, John Lumsden, H. S. Britton, George B. Burney, P. G. Clegg, Robert Ingram, W. J. Webber, W. E. Gowling, William Esdale, S. R. Broadfoot, Arthur Ellis, J. E. Lowe, Henry Rogers, J. H. Cattroll, Cecil Duncan, H. Williams, W. A. Smith, A. M. MacAleese, W. G. Davis, G. J. Smith, W. D. Taylor, M. D. Short, C. W. Powers, John Powers, C. V. Putman, W. R. Tubman, R. E. Sproule and C. Erskine.

During its existence four members of Ashlar Lodge have served as District Deputy Grand Master: R. W. Bros. H. Edward (Edwin) Reaume (Ottawa, 1948-49), Allan E. C. Hewens (Ottawa 2, 1982-83), Roy H. Gilchrist (Ottawa 2, 1995-96), Donald A. Wallace (Ottawa 2, 2000-01, but elected from Atomic Daylight 686, Deep River) and J. Brian Irvine (Ottawa 2, 2005-06). In addition, members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bros. David Askwith Esdale²⁶¹ (1921-22) and William E. Gowling (1937-38);
- Grand Registrar - R. W. Bro. Charles William Powers (1949-50) and Donald L. Green (2004-05);
- Grand Junior Deacon - V. W. Bro. Lawson B. Nichols (1996-97);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - R. W. Bro. William E. Meldrum (1960-61);

²⁵⁸ Dalhousie 52, Doric 58, Civil Service 148, The Builders 177, Lodge of Fidelity 231, Chaudiere 264, Prince of Wales 371, Ionic 526 and Sidney Albert Luke 558.

²⁵⁹ Dispensations had been issued for seventeen new Lodges: Wardrobe (to become 555) at Toronto, Nation (556) at Spencerville, Finch (557) at Finch, Sidney Albert Luke (558) at Ottawa, Palestine (559) at Toronto (now Mosaic 559 at Thornhill), St. Andrew's (560) at Ottawa, Acacia (561) at Westboro (now part of Ottawa), Hamilton (562) at Hamilton, Victory (563) at Chatham, Ashlar (564) at Ottawa, Kilwinning (565) at Toronto, Doric (569) at Lakeside, King Hiram (566) at Toronto, St. Aidan's (567) at Toronto, Dufferin (570) at Toronto (now Dufferin Daylight), Antiquity (571) at Toronto and Mizpah (572) at Toronto.

²⁶⁰ The nineteen Warrants were: 549 for Ionic Lodge at Hamilton, 550 for Buchanan at Hamilton, 551 for Tuscan at Hamilton, 552 for Queen City at Toronto, 553 for Oakwood at Toronto, 554 for Border Cities at Windsor, 555 for Wardrobe at Hamilton, 556 for Nation at Spencerville, 557 for Finch at Finch, 558 for Sidney Albert Luke at Ottawa, 559 for Palestine at Toronto, 560 for St. Andrew's at Ottawa, 561 for Acacia at Westboro (Ottawa), 562 for Hamilton at Hamilton, 563 for Victory at Chatham, 564 for Ashlar at Ottawa, 565 for Kilwinning at Toronto, 566 for King Hiram at Toronto, 567 for St. Aidan's at Toronto. This meant that five dispensations for new Lodges would be continued for the following year: Hullett at Londesboro, Doric at Lakeside, Dufferin at Toronto, Antiquity at Toronto and Mizpah at Toronto.

²⁶¹ Elected as Grand Senior Warden from The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa of which he was WM in 1912-13.

- Assistant Grand secretary - V. W. Bro. George W. Green (1959-60); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Edward Burns (1949-50), Lawrence L. Connor (1970-71), John P. McLean (1979-80), Eldon B. Craig (1983-84), Donald A. Lewis (1996-97), J. Brian Irvine (2003-04) and Bertram John (Jack) Penney (2006-07).

Ashlar Lodge meets on the first Friday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Ashlar Lodge 564, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1920-1 David Askwith Esdale*	1921-2 David Askwith Esdale*
1922-3 W. G. Esdale*	1923-4 William E. Gowling*
1924-5 W. A. Smith	1925-6 W. D. Taylor
1926-7 W. J. Webber*	1927-8 J. F. Gillespie
1928-9 R. B. Pritchard	1929-0 Charles W. Powers
1930-1 H. J. Davidson	1931-2 Charles C. Duncan
1932-3 R. H. Ingram	1933-4 G. A. McLeod
1934-5 G. Whelen	1935-6 J. Stotesbury
1936-7 Edward Burns	1937-8 H. Edward (Edwin) Reaume
1938-9 V. E. Raymond	1939-0 J. S. Craig
1940-1 George W. Green	1941-2 Clifford Earl
1942-3 E. C. May	1943-4 C. C. Gibson
1944-5 T. H. Green	1945-6 C. H. Ackland
1946-7 H. S. Jevons	1947-8 A. S. Kennard
1948-9 R. L. Reaume	1949-0 G. E. Aust
1950-1 G. W. Geddes	1951-2 D. Parkes
1952-3 J. H. Grills	1953-4 C. Vickers
1954-5 William E. Meldrum	1955-6 R. C. Berndt
1956-7 R. E. Christopher	1957-8 Lawrence L. Connor
1958-9 G. E. Mair	1959-0 G. J. Martin
1960-1 N. H. Thomas	1961-2 James McKie
1962-3 W. A. Plummer	1963-4 Roy H. Gilchrist
1964-5 H. E. Warren	1965-6 John P. McLean
1966-7 J. P. McLean	1967-8 G. M. Carkner
1968-9 Donald A. Lewis	1969-0 D. R. MacIvor
1970-1 J. J. Reid	1971-2 William Agar
1972-3 Lawson B. Nichols	1973-4 David E. Eardley
1974-5 R. J. Eglinton	1975-6 Charles E. Day
1976-7 P. J. Buckminister	1977-8 Allan E. C. Hewens
1978-9 Eldon B. Craig	1979-0 A. H. Skinner
1980-1 D. G. Lovell	1981-2 E. L. Chaffey
1982-3 W. A. Speck	1983-4 D. B. Russell
1984-5 Donald A. Wallace	1985-6 J. Brian Irvine
1986-7 H. N. McFetridge	1987-8 R. M. Doak
1988-9 D. F. Cooper	1989-0 S. G. Davis
1990-1 S. G. Davis	1991-2 Bertram John (Jack) Penney
1992-3 P. L. Carr	1993-4 Terence W. Patrick
1994-5 A. R. Rice	1995-6 Philip L. Carr
1996-7 G. Shad Prashad	1997-8 Donald L. Green
1998-9 R. M. Doak	1999-0 Timothy Denton
2000-1 Bertram John (Jack) Penney	2001-2 Paul Canniff
2002-3 Gordon Hutchison	2003-4 Gordon Hutchison
2004-5 Robert Birks	2005-6 Robert Birks

2006-7 B. Robb
 2008-9 Bryan Caswell
 2010-1 Gavin Doak

2007-8 S. Neil
 2009-0 Colin Doak

Membership of Ashlar Lodge, No. 564 GRC, Ottawa
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Feb. 7,	1920				
1920	13	16	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	75
1921	23	23	30	nil	nil	4	nil	2	93
1922	22	23	26	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	115
1923	16	20	23	nil	nil	3	nil	1	127
1924	18	18	15	nil	nil	3	1	nil	140
1925	14	9	11	nil	nil	2	2	nil	150
1926	11	13	10	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	159
1927	14	15	16	nil	nil	8	nil	1	164
1928	11	11	11	1	nil	1	nil	nil	175
1929	13	16	15	nil	nil	1	1	nil	186
1930	8	7	10	nil	nil	3	2	nil	189
1931	4	3	3	1	nil	2	nil	3	189
1932	2	3	3	1	nil	1	4	nil	187
1933	6	4	4	nil	nil	3	2	2	186
1934	9	9	7	1	1	4	1	2	190
1935	4	6	5	1	nil	4	4	nil	187
1936	4	4	5	nil	1	2	2	nil	188
1937	5	2	3	nil	nil	3	1	1	188
1938	4	5	6	nil	nil	2	2	2	186
1939	2	2	2	1	nil	2	2	1	184
1940	6	8	7	nil	nil	1	1	4	184
1941	2	2	2	nil	nil	nil	1	6	179
1942	3	3	4	nil	nil	1	1	3	177
1943	1	1	1	1	nil	nil	3	nil	176
1944	10	7	7	1	nil	1	2	2	182
1945	13	13	10	nil	nil	2	2	nil	193
1946	7	9	10	nil	nil	1	4	2	198

1947	14	12	9	2	nil	5	nil	1	203
1948	8	9	10	nil	nil	3	4	1	203
1949	10	9	10	nil	nil	2	2	1	208
1950	4	5	5	2	1	1	4	nil	208
1951	10	10	10	1	nil	1	2	2	214
1952	7	7	7	2	nil	nil	2	nil	221
1953	6	7	5	1	nil	nil	4	1	226
1954	11	9	10	1	nil	2	6	nil	230
1955	9	10	10	1	nil	2	2	1	235
1956	4	9	3	1	nil	nil	4	nil	236
1957	5	2	7	1	nil	1	6	2	233
1958	4	4	3	1	nil	2	3	nil	233
1959	5	6	5	3	nil	nil	4	1	236
1960	5	6	3	3	1	1	3	1	240
1961	6	6	8	1	nil	1	5	1	240
1962	3	4	5	nil	1	4	3	4	233
1963	9	7	6	nil	1	3	6	3	231
1964	7	6	5	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	232
1965	4	4	5	2	nil	2	4	4	228
1966	4	4	6	nil	nil	nil	7	nil	225
1967	7	4	2	1	nil	4	4	5	220
1968	5	3	5	1	nil	1	7	2	216
1969	3	6	4	2	nil	nil	5	1	215
1970	5	3	5	2	1	3	4	5	211
1971	6	7	4	1	nil	1	4	nil	213
1972	5	5	6	3	nil	nil	10	2	209
1973	3	2	2	1	nil	nil	3	nil	210
1974	2	3	2	1	nil	1	5	2	205
1975	1	3	5	1	nil	3	2	nil	202
1976	7	3	2	nil	nil	4	11	2	192
1977	4	4	6	3	nil	1	7	nil	191
1978	4	5	3	3	nil	2	1	1	194
1979	5	2	4	1	nil	3	6	5	186
1980	5	5	4	1	nil	2	6	1	183

1981	3	3	5	2	nil	9	2	1	176
1982	4	3	2	3	nil	1	4	5	173
1983	1	1	2	2	1	3	8	nil	166
1984	4	2	nil	2	1	nil	6	1	166
1985	1	2	3	nil	nil	5	4	3	155
1986	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	4	150
1987	2	2	3	1	nil	3	1	2	147
1988	3	3	2	nil	nil	5	7	4	130
1989	2	2	4	nil	2	6	4	1	123
1990	nil	1	1	nil	nil	1	6	nil	116
1991	2	1	1	nil	1	1	4	nil	103
1992	2	1	nil	nil	1	5	2	1	98
1993	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	5	nil	95
1994	nil	2	2	1	nil	1	1	nil	94
1995	2	1	1	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	90
1996	2	2	2	nil	nil	2	5	nil	85
1997	3	2	1	1	nil	nil	2	2	85
1998	8	2	3	nil	1	nil	6	nil	88
1999	2	5	4	nil	nil	nil	3	1	86
2000	2	1	2	nil	nil	nil	3	3	82
2001	3	3	2	nil	nil	3	4	nil	78
2002	3	1	2	nil	nil	1	1	2	77
2003	3	3	2	2	nil	1	1	1	79
2004	4	3	2	nil	nil	1	1	nil	81
2005	4	4	3	1	nil	1	nil	nil	85
2006	7	1	1	nil	nil	4	3	nil	85
2007	4	7	2	1	1	2	2	nil	87
2008	2	3	9	nil	nil	1	4	3	87
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Defenders Lodge, No. 590 GRC, Ottawa 1922-present
Defenders Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1921-1922

[Ottawa District No. 16 1922-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

The Lodge was started by Masons who served in the Navy, Army and Air Force during World War I and who, on returning to Ottawa because of a change in occupation, found themselves far from their mother-lodges. At the same time servicemen returning to Ottawa who were not Masons were busily applying for initiation in existing Lodges and several new Lodges were consequently instituted between 1919 and 1923 (Sidney Albert Luke No. 558 in 1919, St. Andrew's No. 560 and Acacia No. 561 in 1920 and Ashlar 564 in 1921). A group of Freemasons, many of whom were employed in the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, finding that they had a common interest in forming a new Lodge in Ottawa, agreed to work towards the establishment of what would become Defenders Lodge: recognizing those Canadians who fought in the War.

There were 48 petitioners although only 45 became charter members (the first officers shown in brackets): W. Bro. William C. N. Marriott (WM), W. Bro. E. A. Oliver (IPM), Robert M. Stewart (SW), Ronald O. Wheatly (JW), P. W. Watt (Treasurer), Dr. Albert Mowat McCormick (Secretary), Bro. R. Shipley (Assistant Secretary), H. J. Coghill (SD), C. A. Snowden (JD), H. Loring (DC), A. C. Rutherford (Organist), G. F. Armstrong (IG), Bro. C. B. Farrar (SS), Bro. C. R. Scott (JS), Bro. W. P. Grant (Tyler), W. Bro. H. V. Rorke (PM), W. Bro. F. D. Burpee (PM), W. Bro. W. L. Germain (PM), and Bros. H. F. Rorke, J. M. Margeson, F. W. Blakeman, G. S. MacFarlane, R. B. O'Sullivan, W. H. Ballentyne, J. D. Gardner, E. B. Nelson, R. Shipley, H. Gates, P. W. K. Robertson, E. G. McFait, J. T. Pratt, H. W. Nichol, W. P. Grant, R. H. Pringle, J. McConnell, C. R. Scott, H. Sloman, O. G. Whelan, N. Loring, W. A. Burgess, A. T. Bond, D. R. Kirby, C. K. Wallace, D. H. Kennedy, S. McP. Duncan, W. S. Germaine, P. A. Holmes, J. T. Gibout, H. A. S. Bennett, W. S. Wood, T. J. Thompson, H. B. Burney, J. P. Russell and P. Woolcombe.

Defenders Lodge was instituted by R. W. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane, DDGM, Ottawa District, on October 13, 1921 and constituted on October 23, 1922 by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Nesbit Ponton.

Defenders Lodge has always been active in the District and exchange visitations with local Lodges, as well as those from farther afield are recorded in the minutes. As a Lodge formed by military personnel, the Lodge holds a Remembrance Service at the November regular meeting. At one note-worthy initiation, held in October 1935, the candidate was initiated by a team of officers consisting of his father (from Civil Service No. 148), his three brothers (members of Defenders Lodge), and his paternal uncle with his four sons (all being members of Madawaska No. 196)²⁶². A similar event transpired in 1965 when W. Bro. L. Calvin Stewart, assisted by his son W. Bro. J. M. Stewart, and members of the Stewart clan residing in the area, conducted the work of the evening.

Charity is a characteristic of Defenders Lodge: not only support for members and their families in times of need, but also throughout the community, such as providing support for the outfitting a room at the Grace Hospital. In honour of the Lodge's 50th anniversary a room at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) was furnished by members of the Lodge. A substantial financial gift to CHEO was made on the occasion of the Lodge's 60th anniversary.

Defenders Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary in October 1972 and its 75th anniversary in October 1997.

One member of Defenders Lodge, Bro. Frederick Douglas Draker, has served as Supreme Grand Master (2004-05 and 2005-06) of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and is presently serving as Grand Master (2009-01 and 2010-11) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario. During its existence, seven members of Defenders Lodge have served as District Deputy Grand Master: R.W. Bros. William Clare Newell Marriott (Ottawa, 1934-35), Robert L. Darby (Ottawa, 1958-59), Harold R. Haywood (Ottawa 2, 1976-77), L. G. Eyamie (Eastern, 1980-81), R. J. Kirkpatrick (Ottawa 2, 1986-87), C. Rees (Eastern, 1987-88) and Samuel Kalinowsky (Ottawa 2, 1998-99). Jeffrey A. Noseworthy of the Lodge was elected and installed for 2002-03 but did not complete his term of office. Other members of the Lodge

²⁶² This was the Gardner family and all three brothers served as WM of Defenders Lodge.

have served Grand Lodge as Grand Steward: V. W. Bros. Dr. Albert Mowat McCormick (year unknown), J. D. Gardner (1955-56), John Balchin (1959-60), J. R. Wainwright (1968-69), L. Ramkerrysingh (1977-78), E. A. Gardner (1977-78), W. R. Brown (1986-87), Gerard A. E. Styles (1996-97), Gerard (Gerry) Glenn (1999-2000) and A. D. Arbuckle (2003-04). Two members of the Lodge were honoured as Very Worshipful Grand Stewards by the Grand Loge Nationale de France: V. W. Bros. G. G. W. Lewis and J. A. Burnett.

Defenders Lodge meets on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Defenders Lodge 590, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1921-2 William Clare Newell Marriott*	1922-3 William Clare Newell Marriott*
1923-4 Robert M. Stewart*	1924-5 Ronald O. Wheatley*
1925-6 C. A. Snowden*	1926-7 C. F. Armstrong*
1927-8 J. D. Gardner*	1928-9 G. W. F. Hodgins
1929-0 D. L. McKeand	1930-1 H. Sloman
1931-2 A. T. Bond	1932-3 B. L. Lemlin
1933-4 A. P. Sprauge	1934-5 E. Keith Davidson
1935-6 J. R. Hearnden	1936-7 C. H. Hagan
1937-8 E. A. Gardner	1938-9 E. E. Williams
1939-0 A. W. Chambers	1940-1 F. Watson
1941-2 F. W. Stremes	1942-3 J. McLeod Stuart
1943-4 H. R. Fox	1944-5 George C. Gardner
1945-6 S. G. McFarlane	1946-7 Robert Darby
1947-8 G. D. Paterson	1948-9 W. S. MacKenzie
1949-0 J. M. Bloodsworth	1950-1 S. G. McFarlane
1951-2 W. M. Myles	1952-3 J. A. Humphreys
1953-4 R. M. Turner	1954-5 R. V. L. Walker
1955-6 John Balchin	1956-7 Harold R. Haywood
1957-8 L. Calvin Stewart	1958-9 D. V. Paterson
1959-0 A. E. Styles	1960-1 S. C. McLean
1961-2 J. J. Balchin	1962-3 Robert McLean Stewart
1963-4 J. R. Wainwright	1964-5 W. S. T. Turpie
1965-6 J. M. Stewart	1966-7 R. C. Wilson
1967-8 J. R. Wainwright	1968-9 L. G. Eyamie
1969-0 T. Fronais	1970-1 J. S. Lamont
1971-2 Robert Henry Alfred Bulbrook	1972-3 R. J. Kirkpatrick
1973-4 W. H. Heatherington	1974-5 J. A. Burnett
1975-6 Lionel Ramkerrysingh	1976-7 C. W. Rees
1977-8 E. J. Morrison	1978-9 Walter R. Brown
1979-0 G. Strange	1980-1 L. R. Kelly
1981-2 D. F. Harrison	1982-3 D. G. Hodgins
1983-4 L. R. Kelly	1984-5 W. Tenhaaf
1985-6 G. M. Bryant	1986-7 D. F. Harrison
1987-8 L. E. Miller	1988-9 A. D. Arbuckle
1989-0 R. G. Hammell	1990-1 A. Ramsay
1991-2 Samuel Kalinowsky	1992-3 L. White
1993-4 Gerard Burton Glenn	1994-5 Jeffrey A. Noseworthy
1995-6 Jeffrey A. Noseworthy	1996-7 B. J. Jones
1997-8 D. E. Patrick	1998-9 R. A. Cosh
1999-0 K. Noble	2000-1 A. D. Arbuckle
2001-2 R. H. Clarke	2002-3 R. H. Clarke

2003-4 Rick D. Beaupre
2005-6 Brian Francis
2007-8 G. Noble
2009-0 David Hamilton

2004-5 Les Peate
2006-7 G. Noble
2008-9 Keith Noble
2010-1 Robert Sullivan

Fredrick Douglas Draker

Supreme Grand Master (2004-05 and 2005-06) of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
and
Grand Master (2009-10 and 2010-11) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario
(Cryptic Rite)



Fredrick Douglas Draker was born, raised and educated in Hamilton, Ontario. He was employed as a firefighter with the Hamilton Fire Department from 1956 to 1958 and then settled into a career with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from 1958 to 1988. He was posted to numerous locations in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and then in Toronto and Ottawa. He ended his career as the Manager of Telecommunications Services for Ontario. Upon retirement he was employed in the sales, marketing management and consulting of specialized telecommunications equipment for the public safety field, primarily with Bell Canada and Dylex Systems.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry*, Mr. Fredrick Douglas Draker was initiated in Defenders Lodge, No. 590 GRC, Ottawa in 1975. He affiliated with Brant Lodge, No. 663 GRC, Brantford, in 1981 and served as WM (1985). He affiliated with Heritage Lodge, No. 730 GRC, Cambridge in 1986 and with Centennial Daylight Lodge, No. 679 GRC, Hamilton, in 1990. He is an active Masonic researcher and a member of the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076 EC, London (1984); the Southern California Research Lodge (1986); the Victoria Lodge of Research (1988); the Manchester Lodge of Research (1989) and the Lodge of Research, No. CC IC, Dublin.

York Rite

In *Capitular Masonry*, he was exalted in The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton (1981) and served as First Principal (1986). He was elected as Grand Scribe "N" of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1988) and is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of India (2002). He is a life member of the *Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario*.

In *Knights Templary*, he was consecrated in Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3, Hamilton (1982) and served as Presiding Preceptor (1993). At Sovereign Great Priory he was elected as Grand Marshal (1998), and appointed as Grand Representative to the Great Priory of Togo (2001) and as Chairman of the Condition of the Order (2002). He was elected as Deputy Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 term and as Supreme Grand Master and Grand Cross of the Temple for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 term.

In the *Cryptic Rite*, he was greeted in Conestoga Council, No. 17 RSMO, Kitchener (1982) and initiated as a Royal Ark Mariner in Lake Victoria Lodge, No. 14 RAM, Kitchener (1982). He is an affiliated member

of Salem Council, No. 9 RSMO, Hamilton (1987) and Macassa Bay Lodge, No. 9 RAM, Hamilton (1987). He is also an affiliated member of Keystone Council, No. 20 RSMO, Streetsville (1992) and served as TIM (2000). He was elected to the Grand Council (2002-03 and 2003-04) and appointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Council RSMO of the State of Nebraska (2003). He was elected and installed as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 terms. He was also elected and installed as Grand Commander Noah of the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Ontario for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

He is a member (2001) of Trent Priory No. 74, *Knight York Cross of Honour*. In *Constantinian Masonry*, he is a member of Harington Conclave, No. 17, Hamilton (1987), a charter member of Holy Trinity Conclave, No. 34 (1996) and served as Sovereign (1996). He was elected to the Grand Executive of the Grand Imperial Conclave (1999-2004) and served as Chairman of the Credentials Committee (2000-2004). In the *York Rite Sovereign College of North America*, he is member of Sir William College, No. 57 (1983) and served as Governor (1988) and Secretary (1989). He was honoured with the Order of the Purple Cross and rank of Associate Regent (1990). He was a charter member of Seymour College No. 185 (1997). He was elected as Deputy Grand Governor of Ontario (1995-2000) and Grand Governor (2000-04).

In the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, he is a Frater of Toronto College, No. 20 (1983) and Celebrant (1996). He is an affiliated member of Mount Abiegnos College, No. 47 (2002) and Michael Maier College, No. 17 (2002). In the *Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada* he is a member of Burlington Council, No. 70 (1983) and served as Sovereign Master (1988) and Secretary (1989). He is a Knight of the Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri (1989). In the *Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests*, he is a member of York Tabernacle, No. 93 (1985) and served as High Priest (1995). At Grand College he served as Grand 6th Pillar (2001) and Grand 7th Pillar (2002). He was Honoured as a Knight of Holy Wisdom (2003) and elected and installed as Grand President of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests of Ontario (2005-06). He is an honorary member of Pax Tabernacle, No. 214, Widnes, UK (2002) and Beaumont Hamel Tabernacle No. 219, of St. Johns, NF (2003).

He is a member of the Murton Lodge of Perfection (1980), Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (1980) and Moore Consistory (1980), all located in Hamilton. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (1996-98) and was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° (2000).

He is a Noble of Rameses Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Toronto (1980) and served as First Vice President of the Shriners Club of Hamilton (1986).

He was a member of Lakeview Chapter, No. 79, *Order of the Eastern Star of Ontario*. In the *Universal Council Craftsmen of Engineers*, he is a past member of Canada Council, No. 27 (1985), a founding past member of Brant Council No. 78 (1988), Worthy Chief (1988) and District Deputy Grand Worthy Chief (1990). In the *Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America*, he is a member of Garden City Forest, No. 173 (1985) and served as Grand Tall Cedar (1988). He was elected as District Deputy Supreme Tall cedar for District #24 (1988-2001) and as District trustee for District #24 (1995-2001).

Membership of Defenders Lodge, No. 590 GRC, Ottawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Oct. 13,	1921				
1921	1	nil	nil	50	nil	nil	nil	nil	51
1922	17	17	13	14	nil	1	nil	nil	81
1923	15	10	13	13	nil	4	2	nil	103
1924	9	11	10	5	nil	6	1	nil	110
1925	7	5	6	7	nil	9	nil	nil	115

1926	6	6	6	2	nil	6	3	5	109
1927	10	9	8	4	nil	5	1	1	116
1928	5	4	6	3	nil	3	1	4	116
1929	4	6	5	8	nil	3	1	nil	124
1930	6	7	5	5	nil	3	nil	3	129
1931	4	4	5	6	nil	6	1	2	130
1932	2	2	2	3	nil	5	2	4	124
1933	2	1	2	nil	nil	4	3	nil	119
1934	4	5	4	2	nil	3	1	3	118
1935	3	3	4	1	nil	4	nil	6	112
1936	4	3	3	5	nil	4	1	nil	115
1937	7	8	7	2	1	4	nil	3	118
1938	2	3	4	3	nil	2	1	2	118
1939	5	3	3	2	nil	5	nil	2	118
1940	2	3	3	3	nil	2	1	nil	120
1941	2	2	1	1	nil	2	nil	4	116
1942	3	4	3	2	nil	1	2	nil	118
1943	5	4	4	2	nil	3	3	1	118
1944	8	7	8	nil	nil	1	2	nil	123
1945	8	8	5	nil	nil	2	2	nil	127
1946	22	16	18	3	nil	6	nil	nil	146
1947	17	10	18	4	nil	1	nil	nil	166
1948	24	22	24	3	2	3	4	3	184
1949	14	16	17	4	nil	4	nil	nil	198
1950	9	10	3	2	nil	3	1	3	202
1951	5	5	12	3	nil	2	3	3	202
1952	12	9	6	4	1	nil	1	2	216
1953	13	12	12	2	nil	3	1	1	226
1954	4	4	8	nil	nil	5	2	5	218
1955	5	6	6	1	nil	nil	1	4	219
1956	13	8	4	4	1	nil	6	4	227
1957	8	10	11	3	nil	1	nil	2	235
1958	4	7	8	2	nil	1	2	1	237
1959	9	9	10	1	nil	1	3	nil	244

1960	6	6	5	nil	nil	6	5	5	234
1961	6	5	2	nil	nil	1	3	nil	236
1962	1	2	5	1	1	2	3	4	230
1963	4	3	2	1	nil	5	2	nil	228
1964	4	4	5	nil	nil	2	1	1	228
1965	4	4	4	2	1	1	5	2	227
1966	8	8	8	1	nil	1	5	nil	230
1967	4	3	2	2	nil	1	6	nil	229
1968	2	3	3	2	nil	2	2	4	225
1969	8	7	7	2	1	4	4	4	224
1970	13	8	8	2	1	5	2	2	231
1971	3	8	8	1	nil	5	7	2	221
1972	3	2	1	5	nil	1	6	1	221
1973	3	2	2	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	221
1974	2	3	3	1	nil	11	4	2	207
1975	2	1	nil	nil	nil	4	6	9	190
1976	5	4	3	1	1	2	4	nil	183
1977	6	5	4	1	nil	nil	6	3	181
1978	3	4	6	2	nil	4	6	5	171
1979	3	3	3	4	nil	nil	5	2	171
1980	6	3	4	nil	nil	3	6	6	162
1981	6	4	3	2	1	3	2	2	164
1982	4	2	2	3	nil	3	3	8	157
1983	4	6	4	3	nil	1	3	nil	160
1984	3	6	6	1	nil	2	3	2	157
1985	3	1	4	3	nil	1	5	2	155
1986	1	3	3	1	nil	2	4	3	148
1987	3	2	1	1	1	4	3	4	142
1988	1	2	2	2	nil	3	2	nil	140
1989	2	1	1	1	nil	2	2	nil	139
1990	1	1	nil	nil	nil	2	2	1	135
1991	2	nil	nil	1	2	2	3	2	133
1992	nil	2	2	nil	nil	3	2	2	126
1993	5	2	1	nil	nil	2	5	3	122

1994	1	3	3	nil	nil	3	6	nil	113
1995	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	3	107
1996	4	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	5	nil	104
1997	3	4	3	2	nil	nil	4	2	103
1998	5	3	1	2	nil	1	1	1	107
1999	1	2	4	nil	nil	1	5	2	100
2000	5	3	2	1	1	nil	1	nil	106
2001	5	5	4	nil	nil	3	nil	5	103
2002	3	4	1	1	nil	4	4	2	97
2003	2	nil	1	nil	nil	2	4	nil	93
2004	1	1	1	nil	nil	1	3	1	89
2005	3	1	2	nil	2	1	4	2	87
2006	6	4	nil	1	nil	2	1	nil	91
2007	2	1	6	nil	nil	1	2	3	87
2008	6	2	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	93
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Rideau Lodge, No. 595 GRC, Ottawa 1922-2003
Rideau Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1922-1922

[Ottawa District No. 16 1922-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970; Ottawa 2 District 1970-2003.]

In the autumn of 1921, several Masons met at the home of Bro. Rev. Robert Jefferson to discuss the need for another new Lodge in Ottawa due to the large size of the several Lodges then meeting in the city. Bro. N. Eric Beach presided at this first meeting. A formal meeting was called for November 21, 1921, attended by 75 brethren, and a petition was prepared and signed by 67 Masons for submission to the Grand Master through the then DDGM, R. W. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane.

At the 67th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 19, 1922, Fort William and Port Arthur), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Nisbett Ponton, reported that he had issued dispensations for the formation of 25 lodges²⁶³, including one for Rideau Lodge to meet in Ottawa (1922 *Annual Proceedings*, p 38). The DDGM of Ottawa District No. 16, R. W. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane, reported (1922 *Annual Proceedings*, p 227) that he had instituted Rideau Lodge on January 12, 1922 under favourable conditions (beginning with 68 petitioners and 15 applications for membership read out at the first meeting). He officially visited the Lodge on April 20, 1922 and reported (1922 *Annual Proceedings*, p 235) that the Lodge had made excellent progress in the short time of three months (particularly in its ritual work). The Committee on Warrants recommended (1921 *Annual Proceedings* p 281) the issue of 25 warrants²⁶⁴ to Lodges — including No. 595 for Rideau Lodge — and that four dispensations should be continued for one year²⁶⁵. Rideau Lodge was subsequently constituted and consecrated on October 24, 1922.

At the institution of January 12, 1922 the first officers were installed: W. Bro. Brigadier-General Charles Francis Winter, WM²⁶⁶; Bro. Rev. Robert Jefferson, SW; Bro. F. W. Utton, JW; V. W. Bro. L. Ellis-Ingram, IPM; Bro. H. M. V. Adams, Chaplain; W. Bro. A. G. Turner, Treasurer; Bro. Albert C. Wiltshire, Secretary; Bro. N. Eric Beach, SD; Bro. H. M. Garrison, JD; W. Bro. A. V. Chase, DC; Bro. L. S. Virr, Organist; Bro.

²⁶³ The twenty-five Lodges were: National at Capreol (now No. 588), Grey at Toronto (No. 589), Defenders at Ottawa (No. 590), North Gate at Toronto (No. 591), Fairbank at Toronto (No. 592), St. Andrew's at Hamilton (No. 593), Hillcrest at Hamilton (No. 594), Rideau at Ottawa (No. 595, closed 2003), Martintown at Martintown (No. 596), Temple at London (No. 597), Dominion at Windsor (No. 598), Mount Dennis at Toronto (No. 599), Maple Leaf at Toronto (No. 600), St. Paul at Sarnia (No. 601), Hugh Murray at Hamilton (No. 602), Palace at Windsor (No. 604), Gothic at Lindsay (No. 608), Frontenac at Sharbot Lake (No. 621), Campbell at Campbellville (No. 603), Melita at Toronto (No. 605), Unity at Toronto (No. 606), Golden Fleece at Toronto (No. 607), Tavistock at Tavistock (No. 609), Ashlar at Byron (No. 610), and Huron-Bruce at Toronto (No. 611).

²⁶⁴ The twenty-five warrants included: No. 584 for Kaministiquia at Fort William, No. 585 for Royal Edward at Kingston, No. 586 for War Veterans at Toronto, No. 587 for Patricia at Toronto, No. 588 for National at Capreol, No. 589 for Grey at Toronto, No. 590 for Defenders at Ottawa, No. 591 for North gate at Toronto, No. 592 for Fairbank at Toronto, No. 593 for St. Andrew's at Hamilton, No. 594 for Hillcrest at Hamilton, No. 595 for Rideau at Ottawa (closed 2003), No. 596 for Martintown at Martintown, No. 597 for Temple at London, No. 598 for Dominion at Windsor, No. 599 for Mount Dennis at Toronto, No. 600 for Maple Leaf at Toronto, No. 601 for St. Paul at Sarnia, No. 602 for Hugh Murray at Hamilton, No. 603 for Campbell at Campbellville, No. 604 for Palace at Windsor, No. 605 for Melita at Toronto, No. 606 for Unity at Toronto, No. 607 for Golden Fleece at Toronto and No. 608 for Gothic at Lindsay.

²⁶⁵ The four were: Tavistock at Tavistock (later No. 609), Frontenac at Sharbot Lake (later No. 621), Ashlar at Byron (later No. 610) and Huron-Bruce at Toronto (later No. 611).

²⁶⁶ Brigadier-General Winter was born in Montreal in 1863 but served a goodly portion of his 66-year military career with British regiments, seeing action at Kassassier, Tel-el-Kebir and the occupation of Cairo (Egypt 1882), at Cut Knife Creek and Hill in the North-West Rebellion (1885) and South Africa (1899-1902). During World War I he served as Military secretary to the then Minister of Militia, Sir Sam Hughes (also a Mason). He was initiated into Civil Service Lodge, No. 148 GRC, Ottawa and served as WM in 1904. He was the Charter WM of Rideau Lodge.

James McConnell, IG; Bro. G. F. Millward, SS; Bro. J. P. Melvin, JS; Bro. J. Way, Tyler and Bro. R. F. Gosh, Honorary Tyler.

From 1922 to 1976, Rideau Lodge occupied facilities in the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 111 Metcalfe Street and then moved, with all other Masonic tenants, to the new Temple, 2140 Walkley Road.

As it was the aim of officers and members that the ritual work of the Lodge be done as well as possible, a number of Lodges of Instruction were held. Members were drilled so as to be able to substitute for officers on a regular basis. The work was well performed according to reports of DDGMs and many new members were initiated, passed and raised.

All Lodges develop traditions and Rideau Lodge always presented the IPM with a Past master's jewel on being placed in that office at installation. An interesting tradition dating almost from the first year of its existence, was the purchase and presentation of a silver spoon to every new baby born to a member. Regrettably this custom ceased in 1937 and was never revived. Other traditions (falling under the By-Laws) included the presentation of an apron to each Master Mason raised in the Lodge (stopped in 1938 given the need to reduce financial demands on members and reactivated in 1970) and presentation of the candidate's Bible (from 1949 to 1970 when an apron was given instead). Ladies nights, or "at home" banquets and dances always proved pleasing to members and their wives.

But Rideau Lodge has always been active in responding to the social and benevolent needs of the society within it exists. The children of the local Protestant Orphans Home were always entertained and Christmas grants were extended to a number of benevolent institutions. Widows were regularly visited, particularly at Christmas. In 1965 the Lodge adopted a Korean orphan.

Visitations, particularly to Lodges in the surrounding area, were always an important part of the Lodge program. By the early 1970's Rideau No. 595 began a more formal program of intervisitation with Rideau Lodge, No. 460 GRC, Sealey's Bay. Interchange visits with Fort Brewerton Lodge, No. 256, or Brewerton, New York began in 1973 and continued on a biannual until 1992. In addition there have been inter-Lodge social activities and sports events in which Rideau Lodge was always an active participant.

Following the outbreak of World War II on September 3, 1939, many members of the Lodge enlisted in HM Forces. One member, W. Bro. William Alderson Winter (WM 1937) who served abroad had been the first candidate initiated into Rideau Lodge (February 9, 1922), a ceremony for which his father, W. Bro. Charles F. Winter, the charter WM, was the Master. In addition, Rideau supported the Grand Lodge British War Relief Fund following its creation in 1941. Parcels to Britain were also a regular activity of the Lodge.

Rideau Lodge celebrated its 25th Anniversary on October 23, 1947, its Silver Jubilee in 1972 and its 75th Anniversary on October 24, 1977.

During its existence four members have served as District Deputy Grand Master: R.W. Bros. Richard D. Whitmore²⁶⁷ (Ottawa, 1942-43), Lewis J. McAdam (Ottawa 2, 1974-75), Emil Albrecht (Ottawa 2, 1984-85) and Gordon H. Weedmark (Ottawa 2, 1992-93). In addition, members have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. Bishop Robert Jefferson (1934-35);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Sidney Clarke Bateman (1943-44), Rupert Carleton Seabrooke (1965-66), Gilbert D. W. Beckett (1983-84), William J. Robinson (1975-76), Norman J. Pound (1985), Allan H. Silcox (1991-92), Stephen P. Carr (1993-94) and Robert J. Rooney (2001-02).

Other recognition was earned by members of the Lodge: the William Mercer Wilson medal was awarded to Bro. Samuel Thompson in 1949 and to Bro. Theodore Emil Gunderson in 1977. W. Bro. George A. Lee received the Grand Master's Award for Meritorious Service in 1989. Fourteen members of the Lodge have received the Grand Lodge Veteran's Jubilee Medal as a 50-year Mason.

With a steady decline in membership coupled with declining attendance, circumstances forced a decision on the members of Rideau No. 595 that resulted in its amalgamation with Chaudiere Lodge, No.

²⁶⁷ R. W. Bro. Richard D. Whitmore had been initiated into Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360 EC, London on January 23, 1918. On his moving to Ottawa he affiliated with St. Andrew's No. 560 GRC, and had been a Charter Member of Rideau No. 595.

264 GRC, Ottawa on May 27, 2003. This was advantageous as both Lodges had been sharing the Lodge rooms at the Walkley Road Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa, since its construction and dedication.

Worshipful Masters of Rideau Lodge 595, Ottawa
(* = charter member)

1922	Charles F. Winter*	1923	Charles F. Winter*
1924	Bishop Robert Jefferson*	1925	N. Eric Beach*
1926	James McConnell*	1927	John P. Melvin
1928	Stewart Witten*	1929	P. Lorne Young*
1930	Albert C. Wiltshire*	1931	Richard D. Whitmore*
1932	Leslie R. McKenna*	1933	George E. Grattan*
1934	Sidney C. Bateman	1935	Frederick W. Plet
1936	Allan B. Coulter*	1937	William Alderson Winter
1938	Bernard J. Cunliffe*	1939	Alfred E. Masterman

May installation

1940-1	Keith D. Petepiece	1941-2	William R. Allen
1942-3	Garnet W. Casselman	1943-4	Stanley J. Markell
1944-5	Charles V. Marshall	1945-6	Donald R. Butt
1946-7	Rupert C. Seabrooke	1947-8	Ferguson E. Clifford
1948-9	Eustace S. Wilson	1949-0	Thomas H. Mills
1950-1	Alfred T. Hastey	1951-2	Earl D. Woods
1952-3	Frederick D. Dawson	1953-4	Nelson A. Hill
1954-5	Gilbert D. W. Beckett	1955-6	Sidney P. L. Carr
1956-7	Michael Elichuk	1957-8	Harry F. Hill
1958-9	Weldon D. Carson	1959-0	H. Douglas MacDermid
1960-1	Nicholas Salomone	1961-2	William G. Dalzell
1962-3	N. Campbell Malloch	1963-4	Murray T. Keam (May-Nov.)
1963-4	Sidney P. L. Carr (Nov-May)	1964-5	Lewis J. McAdam
1965-6	Bruce K. Coulson	1966-7	Donald G. Murray
1967-8	Thomas J. Frith	1968-9	L. Allan Wood
1969-0	Gordon W. Bristow	1970-1	Thomas K. McMullen
1971-2	William J. Robinson	1972-3	Hugh D. McCree
1973-4	James E. Bruce	1974-5	Henry A. Lyons
1975-6	J. Norman Dobbins	1976-7	Emil Albrecht
1977-8	Lorne R. Nelson	1978-9	Charles E. Lees
1979-0	Robert D. Evans	180-1	Walter R. Tysick
1981-2	Norman J. Pound	1982-3	Francis K. Foster
1983-4	George A. Lee	1984-5	Lloyd H. Greenough
1985-6	Allan H. Silcox	1986-7	Stephen P. Carr
1987-8	Gordon H. Weedmark	1988-9	Thomas B. Millar
1989-0	Ronald S. Hodge	1990-1	E. William McCarthy
1991-2	Robert A. Game	1992-3	John S. Warner
1993-4	Ivan E. Warner	1994-5	Robert J. Rooney
1995-6	Kenneth J. Amesbury	1996-7	Andrew J. Black
1997-8	George Spiliopoulos	1998-9	Ivan E. Warner
1999-0	Dale G. Banks	2000-1	James D. McConnell
2001-2	James D. McConnell	2002-3	James D. McConnell until amalgamation with Chaudiere 264 on May 27, 2003

Membership of Rideau Lodge, No. 595 GRC, Ottawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Jan. 12,	1922				
1922	30	23	21	78	nil	nil	nil	nil	108
1923	7	12	14	2	nil	7	nil	nil	110
1924	7	7	7	2	nil	6	nil	1	112
1925	10	9	6	1	nil	2	2	1	118
1926	15	17	13	2	nil	5	nil	1	129
1927	6	6	9	3	nil	3	nil	1	134
1928	8	8	7	2	nil	2	nil	2	140
1929	11	8	8	1	nil	2	nil	nil	150
1930	13	13	12	1	nil	3	nil	1	160
1931	5	8	6	1	nil	1	1	nil	164
1932	6	3	8	1	nil	6	nil	3	162
1933	9	8	7	nil	nil	1	1	nil	169
1934	3	6	6	nil	4	2	3	4	167
1935	2	2	2	3	nil	4	3	3	162
1936	4	3	2	nil	nil	3	4	3	156
1937	2	4	3	nil	1	7	4	nil	148
1938	2	2	2	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	149
1939	9	9	3	nil	nil	1	2	1	154
1940	3	2	7	1	nil	2	2	2	151
1941	6	7	4	1	nil	1	1	3	153
1942	3	3	6	nil	1	nil	2	nil	155
1943	4	5	3	1	nil	nil	3	1	156
1944	12	10	8	1	nil	1	nil	nil	168
1945	10	7	6	nil	1	nil	2	nil	177
1946	14	10	11	1	nil	nil	1	nil	191
1947	14	19	17	3	nil	2	3	nil	205
1948	12	13	12	nil	nil	2	1	nil	214
1949	15	9	10	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	229
1950	17	17	10	2	nil	1	1	1	245

1951	14	13	8	2	1	3	1	1	257
1952	9	11	14	1	nil	2	7	1	257
1953	10	13	12	1	nil	nil	2	1	265
1954	10	9	8	1	nil	1	4	nil	271
1955	8	9	9	4	1	nil	4	2	278
1956	7	6	7	4	nil	nil	7	1	281
1957	16	15	8	1	nil	1	6	1	290
1958	17	14	19	2	nil	3	2	nil	304
1959	7	11	11	2	nil	1	6	nil	306
1960	11	10	11	1	nil	1	6	nil	311
1961	4	4	4	2	nil	3	11	nil	303
1962	8	6	7	1	nil	5	2	2	303
1963	2	4	3	4	nil	1	3	4	301
1964	7	5	4	3	nil	7	1	nil	303
1965	4	6	6	2	nil	6	9	4	290
1966	3	2	3	3	1	3	6	nil	288
1967	5	6	4	3	nil	1	8	nil	287
1968	6	6	7	1	nil	2	4	3	284
1969	4	4	3	2	nil	6	5	2	277
1970	3	3	4	1	1	4	8	1	269
1971	3	4	3	3	nil	5	8	1	261
1972	1	1	1	2	nil	3	9	1	251
1973	5	5	2	2	nil	8	4	5	241
1974	1	1	4	nil	nil	4	5	1	232
1975	5	2	2	nil	nil	4	4	nil	229
1976	2	3	4	1	1	2	7	6	218
1977	7	7	5	3	1	2	3	nil	224
1978	2	3	2	2	nil	6	4	nil	218
1979	2	4	2	1	nil	4	3	3	211
1980	2	2	1	nil	nil	3	3	nil	207
1981	5	3	3	3	nil	4	4	nil	207
1982	1	3	4	1	1	9	5	3	193
1983	3	3	2	2	nil	6	6	nil	186
1984	2	3	2	nil	nil	5	7	2	174

1985	4	1	1	1	nil	3	4	nil	172
1986	2	5	2	nil	1	2	5	2	166
1987	4	nil	4	nil	1	4	5	nil	162
1988	nil	4	3	nil	nil	3	14	nil	145
1989	3	3	2	nil	nil	2	3	nil	143
1990	6	1	2	nil	nil	1	6	nil	142
1991	1	5	4	nil	nil	10	7	nil	126
1992	2	1	nil	1	nil	6	3	4	116
1993	2	nil	2	nil	nil	2	5	nil	111
1994	3	3	2	1	nil	1	4	nil	110
1995	1	3	2	nil	1	2	4	3	103
1996	8	5	6	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	106
1997	2	5	4	1	nil	4	2	3	100
1998	4	3	2	1	nil	4	6	nil	95
1999	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	91
2000	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	89
2001	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	2	nil	86
2002	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	8	6	8	64
2003	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	59	2	3	nil
	Rideau	595	amalgamated	into	Chaudiere	264 on	May 27,	2003	
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Temple Lodge, No. 665 GRC, Westboro (Ottawa) 1951-present
Temple Lodge, UD GRC, Westboro (Ottawa) 1950-1951

[Ottawa District 1950-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

Within four years of the ending of the Second World War growth of Freemasonry in the Westboro Temple had reached a point where Ionic Lodge No. 526 felt that a third Lodge would be desirable (Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, had been formed by Ionic Lodge in 1920). A Lodge Committee was appointed on April 13, 1949, discussions were held, and a questionnaire sent to members of Ionic Lodge which, when assessed on May 18, 1949, showed a majority of the members of Ionic Lodge were in favour of supporting the establishment of a new Lodge. At the Committee of General Purposes held on October 17, 1949 it was agreed to recommend the move to form the new Lodge to Ionic Lodge which was done, and the recommendation was approved by Ionic on November 9, 1949.

The first organization meeting of the new Lodge was held on April 24, 1950 and at the second meeting on May 12, W. Bro. Charles Derry was unanimously selected to be the WM. On May 5, 1950 letters had been sent to the Lodges in Ottawa District 16 to ascertain if each would support the formation of a new Lodge — replies were unanimously in favour. On May 26, W. Bro. H. L. Carson had agreed to act as Secretary, W. Bro. George M. Ritchie had agreed to act as Treasurer and W. Bro. Claude E. Saunders (PM, Arrowsmith Lodge No. 109, Harrowsmith) had agreed to act as Charter IPM. The name "Temple" was selected as the name of the new Lodge and it was agreed that meetings would be held on the third Friday of each month except July and August; and that each of the fifty-two Charter member would contribute \$10.00 to cover costs to the end of 1950. After discussion with the DDGM, R. W. Bro. Merrill J. Haggins, the petition to form the new Lodge was sent to the Grand Secretary on August 14, 1950. Dispensation was granted on September 18, 1950 and Temple Lodge was instituted on October 27, 1950, with the first regular meeting being held on November 17, 1950. On October 19, 1951, Temple Lodge, No. 556, was constituted and consecrated by R. W. Bro. Clarence McLeod Pitts as acting Grand Master. (This was prophetic as R. W. Bro. Pitts would serve as Grand Master for 1958-59 and 1959-60.)

There were 52 petitioners for the new Lodge including: R. W. Bros. J. Howard Carkner, A. P. McLennan; V. W. Bros. Charles A. Derry and W. Charles Farley; W. Bros. Holford L. Carson, Willis E. Leach²⁶⁸, G. C. Ritchie, A. M. Mason, C. H. Sands, C. E. Saunders, G. M. Ritchie, P. A. Brown, J. M. Douglas and G. Maxwell Hopper (of Acacia 561); and Bros. R. L. Bond, J. W. Stiles, T. Hilliard Birtch (of Ionic No. 526), G. H. Easton, J. E. McGregor, A. C. Nicols, W. J. Quigg, B. A. McKendry, W. H. Hawkins, A. J. Arlen, J. G. Kempster, F. Adams, C. F. Montgomery, F. E. Arlett, G. W. Wilson, J. J. Duff, R. J. W. Phillips, F. Beauchamp, D. J. Henderson, R. L. Tape, Albert E. Leigh, W. J. Smiley, J. W. Pushman, A. Bull, H. C. Henry, H. E. Drown, C. H. Pratt, Alexander J. Finseth (of Ionic No. 526), J. W. Hughes, C. C. Simpson, L. H. Burgess, Ven. Arch. J. A. Anderson²⁶⁹, W. Lane, J. C. Joynt, G. L. Scott, A. Sprio, E. A. Henwood and F. Spain.

Draft By-Laws were presented and approved by Temple Lodge on November 17, 1950. Initial fees approved by the Lodge were: Initiation — \$60.00; Affiliation — \$5.00; and Annual Dues — \$11.00. The first Candidate was Initiated on December 15, 1950. The first Ladies Night was held on April 13, 1951.

Temple Lodge has been a strong supporter of the "All Temple" reunions since it attended the first meeting of Temple Lodges in the Jurisdiction on May 13, 1952, held at Hamilton²⁷⁰. Temple has since hosted the All Temple Reunion in May 1971 and May 2000. In addition, Temple Lodge has a very close relation with Waddington Lodge, No. 393, New York since 1955 and there are exchange visits every year.

²⁶⁸ R. W. Bro. Willis E. Leach was a member of Ionic Lodge, No. 526 GRC, Westboro, and was elected as DDGM of Ottawa District 16 for the 1951-52 term.

²⁶⁹ Ven. Arch. J. C. Anderson, the Lodge's charter Chaplain was appointed District Chaplain in September 1959.

²⁷⁰ As noted in Temple Lodge's 50th anniversary history, the first meeting of Ontario Temple Lodges was held in Hamilton on May 12, 1931.

Commencing in 1994, Temple has had a close relationship with Loge La Bien Aimée, No. 2 GRNetherlands, Amsterdam which includes intervisitations. Visitations with Goodwood Lodge, No. 159 GRC, Richmond were started in 1974 in order that the two Lodges could meet as they have the same meeting night. This has proven successful in bringing together two Lodges which otherwise would have remained as strangers. "Roast Beef Dinner" night has traditionally been held on the evening of the regular communication of the Lodge in December. By 1991 the need was felt to change the date and these dinners were changed to the first Friday in December are know for their guest speakers. Ladies nights, have been regularly held since April 13, 1951.

Ever mindful of the need for new Lodges to meet continued growth in the Ottawa area, on September 3, 1968, Temple Lodge approved the formation of a fourth Lodge for the Westboro Temple — Bytown Lodge (now No. 721) and, in 1985²⁷¹, the formation of the fifth Lodge in the Westboro Temple — Edinburgh (now No. 736).

The sixty-second Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1981-82), M. W. Bro. Harold O. Polk, a member of Otter Lodge, No. 504 GRC, Lombardy, affiliated with Temple Lodge in 1956 and was Lodge Treasurer for many years.

During its existence, two members of Temple Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Leonard William Westwell (Ottawa, 1974-75) and Douglas Harold Good (Ottawa 1, 2000-01). Other members of Temple Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Grand Senior Warden - R. W. Bros. Robert S. Throop (1973-74) and Hunter Reid (1981-82);
- Grand Director of Ceremonies - R. W. Bro. William Hall (1981-82);
- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. Donald Steele (1987-88);
- Grand Sword Bearer - V. W. Bro. Robert Borrowdale (1991-92);
- Assistant Grand Organist - V. W. Bro. William Charles Farley (1954-55, received as a Past Master of Ionic 526, Ottawa) and Joseph Edward Martin (2006-07);
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Edgar Dods (Quebec, 1996-97), T. Hilliard Birtch (1973-74), Claude E. Saunders (1975-76), Lawrence (Larry) J. Craig (1982-83), Gerald Tripp (1991-92), Larry Hajjar (1996-97) and Ralph Finlayson (2001-02);
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bros. Charles A. Derry (1961-62); and
- Grand Historian - V. W. Bro. Stanley Michael Jenkins²⁷² (2009-10 and 2010-11).

On April 25, 2005, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby, attended Temple Lodge for the purposes of presenting the William Mercer Wilson Medal to Bro. J. Frans Olberg, for his ongoing efforts in support to his community, his church and his Lodge.

The Lodge is still operating as Temple Lodge, No. 665, GRC, Ottawa (Ottawa District No. 1) and meets on the first Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Temple Lodge 665, Ottawa (* = charter members)

1950-1 Charles Albert Derry*	1951-2 Charles Albert Derry*
1952-3 James Ward Stiles*	1953-4 John Edward McGregor*
1954-5 Ernest Alfred Henwood*	1955-6 John Edward Hughes*
1956-7 Claude E. Saunders*	1957-8 George Maxwell Hopper*
1958-9 George Maxwell Hopper* (served until December 31, 1959)	

²⁷¹ Actually, on September 7, 1962, R. W. Bro. Leonard Westwell of the Lodge, moved that "Temple support a petition to sponsor a new Lodge that would meet in the Westboro Masonic Temple building . . . to be called Edinburgh."

²⁷² WM of Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, Ottawa for 1999-2000 and 2005-06.

1959	Joseph A. Enstone	1960	Thomas Hilliard Birtch*
1961	Gordon W. Wilson	1962	Donald Sharpe Cummings
1963	Robert S. Throop	1964	W. Kemmis Allen
1965	W. Angus Saunders (served until June 1966)		
1966-7	G. Allan Bond	1967-8	H. Grant Chalmers
1968-9	William L. Lytle	1969-0	Leonard William Westwell
1970-1	Donald Parke-Taylor	1971-2	Lawrence (Larry) J. Craig
1972-3	William J. Hall	1973-4	Gordon E. White
1974-5	I. Thomas Wilson	1975-6	Donald I. Steele
1976-7	Harold D. Comba	1977-8	John K. Murphy
1978-9	Peter D. Livingstone	1979-0	Phillip H. Holvey
1980-1	Robert Borrowdale	1981-2	Robert Borrowdale
1982-3	Garth W. McElree	1983-4	Dalton Caldwell
1984-5	Ronald Thompson	1985-6	John Hardy
1986-7	Douglas Good	1987-8	Geoffrey D. Ford
1988-9	Loutfi (Larry) Hajjar	1989-0	Juan Fuentes
1990-1	Al VanStrepen	1991-2	Joseph Theodore (Ted) Martin
1992-3	Harold G. Chalker	1993-4	Joseph Theodore (Ted) Martin
1994-5	Frederick C. Crouch	1995-6	John McMunagle
1996-7	Ralph N. Finlayson	1997-8	Thomas H. Birtch
1998-9	Robert O. McLeod	1999-0	Joseph Bampton
2000-1	Russell Edgar Williams Jr.	2001-2	David Gravelle
2002-3	Ralston Edwards	2003-4	Ralston Edwards
2004-5	Nizar Shureih	2005-6	Herbert Sainthill
2006-7	Chris Heney	2007-8	Dennis Saikaley
2008-9	Kenneth Roy	2009-0	Kenneth Roy
2010-1	Gerry O'Neil		

Howard Olin Polk

Grand Master (1981-82 and 1982-83) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario



(1915-2003)

Howard Olin Polk, of Irish and Loyalist descent, was born in Lombardy, Leeds County, on October 22, 1915, the youngest son of a family of three, where his father, Henry Edwin Polk (married to the former Annie Mable Bums) operated a General Store and a Post Office.

After completing his primary education in the one room brick school, S.S. No. 6, Township of South Elmsley, he graduated with Ontario Honours Matriculation from the Smith Falls Collegiate Institute, where he starred on the Track and Football Teams. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1940 and served with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps until 1945. The last two years of his service involved the disposal of mechanized equipment in Canada, Britain and Continental Europe, through the War Assets Disposal Corporation.

He became a sales representative for a national manufacturer of Paint and Protective Coatings throughout Eastern Ontario for 18 years and completed a wide range of extension courses. In 1960 he was appointed as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Carleton. In 1963 he was appointed as Clerk of the County Court and Registrar of the Surrogate Court for the Judicial District of Ottawa-Carleton; and later as Local Registrar of the Supreme Court of Ontario, after having served as President of the Sheriffs' and Court Registrars' Association for the province of Ontario, in 1976,

Following his military discharge in 1945, he married Doris Ullet, a dental nurse and they had two daughters Pamela Lea (Hoffman) and Penny Heather. M. W. Bro. Polk and his family have been life-long members of the Anglican Church.

His interest in the welfare of the National Capital was translated into an active civic life, including membership on the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa-Carleton, Men's Canadian Club of Ottawa and the Central Canada Exhibition.

M. W. Bro. Howard Olin Polk, Grand Master, died on October 19, 2003, in Ottawa.

Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry*, Mr. Howard Olin Polk was initiated in Otter Lodge, No. 504 GRC, Lombardy in 1938 and served as Master in 1959. After his move to Ottawa he affiliated with Temple Lodge, No. 665 GRC, Ottawa where he was Treasurer for 18 years. He was a charter member of Bytown Lodge, No. 721 GRC, Ottawa. He was elected as Grand Registrar (1962) and to the Board of General Purposes (1964-65, 1966-67, 1968-69, 1970-71, 1972-73, 1974-75 and 1976-77). In these latter terms he served on various Committees, including: Audit and Finance, Masonic Education, Warrants and Printing and Supplies. He was elected as Deputy Grand Master (1979-80 and 1980-81) and Grand Master (1981-82 and 1982-83). He was a charter member of West Gate Lodge, No. 734 GRC, Streetsville.

In *Capitular Masonry* he was a member of Carleton Chapter, No. 16 GRC, Ottawa and an Honourary Past First Principal. In Knights Templary he was a member of Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32, Ottawa.

He was Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection 14°; a member of Murray Chapter of Rose Croix 18°; a member of Moore Sovereign Consistory 32°, Hamilton; and was an Honourary Inspector General 33°.

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Membership of Temple Lodge, No. 665 GRC, Ottawa

(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Oct. 27,	1950				
1950	1	nil	nil	52	nil	nil	nil	nil	53
1951	14	11	11	7	nil	nil	2	nil	72
1952	12	12	10	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	85
1953	10	10	6	1	nil	1	nil	nil	95
1954	7	5	7	8	nil	1	2	nil	107
1955	7	4	5	2	nil	nil	nil	nil	116
1956	4	6	6	3	nil	nil	1	nil	122
1957	8	9	5	4	nil	3	2	nil	129
1958	6	5	7	2	nil	1	nil	1	135

1959	8	9	8	1	nil	6	1	1	136
1960	4	5	5	1	nil	2	nil	1	138
1961	15	12	8	7	nil	3	nil	1	156
1962	5	6	9	3	nil	1	nil	nil	163
1963	6	5	8	1	nil	6	4	nil	160
1964	7	8	6	3	nil	5	nil	1	164
1965	2	2	3	1	nil	2	nil	1	164
1966	7	3	2	nil	nil	2	1	nil	168
1967	8	8	6	2	nil	2	1	2	173
1968	4	7	7	3	nil	1	3	nil	176
1969	7	7	5	3	nil	2	1	3	180
1970	3	4	6	2	nil	3	1	nil	181
1971	5	3	4	2	nil	3	2	nil	183
1972	3	5	3	2	nil	4	2	nil	182
1973	6	5	7	4	nil	3	2	nil	187
1974	12	12	9	5	nil	nil	2	nil	202
1975	5	6	7	nil	nil	3	4	nil	200
1976	4	3	5	2	nil	3	5	nil	197
1977	3	5	2	nil	nil	3	6	nil	194
1978	6	7	4	3	nil	nil	5	nil	198
1979	8	4	2	1	nil	2	4	nil	201
1980	10	9	10	2	nil	1	2	nil	210
1981	6	3	6	2	nil	1	4	1	212
1982	6	9	7	1	nil	1	3	8	207
1983	6	6	5	1	1	2	2	nil	211
1984	9	7	6	3	nil	2	5	4	212
1985	6	5	5	3	1	1	4	5	212
1986	4	5	5	nil	nil	3	nil	2	211
1987	2	5	6	1	1	1	5	nil	209
1988	6	2	2	1	nil	1	1	1	213
1989	7	3	7	3	nil	5	3	3	212
1990	6	2	2	1	nil	1	2	nil	216
1991	8	11	6	1	nil	nil	3	nil	222
1992	5	5	7	2	2	2	6	7	215

1993	6	5	6	1	1	nil	3	1	219
1994	2	5	3	nil	nil	2	6	2	208
1995	6	4	2	2	nil	4	1	4	207
1996	1	nil	3	5	nil	1	3	4	205
1997	2	2	1	1	nil	1	8	4	195
1998	6	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	4	195
1999	2	2	3	nil	1	3	3	4	188
2000	5	2	3	1	nil	2	5	nil	187
2001	5	2	1	1	nil	6	3	5	179
2002	nil	2	1	1	1	4	9	1	167
2003	2	1	2	2	nil	2	5	nil	164
2004	1	1	1	nil	nil	8	5	6	146
2005	1	2	3	3	3	7	3	0	137
2006	2	nil	1	nil	1	2	5	4	129
2007	3	2	1	nil	nil	1	3	4	124
2008	nil	2	2	1	nil	5	3	3	114
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Atomic Lodge, No. 686 GRC, Deep River 1957-1996
Atomic Lodge, UD GRC, Deep River 1957-1957

[Ottawa District 1957-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

In a 1686 visit to this stretch of the Ottawa River by the Chevalier de Troyes, he named it “rivière-creuse.” Alexander Henry translated the name as “deep-river” in his journal compiled after 1799 after he had visited the area. The town of Deep River, in Renfrew County, was established by the Canadian government in 1944 as a community for the families of scientists and other staff engaged at the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories.

At the 102nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (July 17-18, 1957, Toronto), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Lockridge Wright, reported that Atomic Lodge had been instituted on February 1, 1957 at Deep River by the DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Horace Herbert Dymond (1957 *Annual Proceedings*, p 50). The name was adopted in honour of the Charter Members' work with Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. The Committee on Warrants recommended (1957 *Annual Proceedings* p 152) that Warrant No. 686 be issued to Atomic Lodge and it was constituted and consecrated on December 10, 1957 (1958 *Annual Proceedings*, p 48).

At the time the Lodge was established it had 67 members and met in a former school building. On May 16, 1971 the Lodge hall burned to the ground under mysterious circumstances — the cause was never determined.

A new Lodge Temple building was constructed in Deep River by the members: it was dedicated on May 5, 1973 by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Kirk Bailey. Due to declining membership and high operating costs the building was subsequently sold in 1995. The Lodge went into temporary darkness from November 1995 until March 19, 1996 when it reopened in the Pembroke Masonic Hall as a Daylight Lodge.

During its history, two members of Atomic Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. William R. Leach (Ottawa 2, 1973-74) and Meirion Griffith (Ottawa 2, 1985-86). Other members of the Lodge have served as:

- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Lester Law (1968-69), Gordon Condie (1974-75) and C. H. McAlister (1986-87); and
- Grand Standard Bearer - V. W. Bro. Eric Charles Trapp (1961-62).

Atomic Lodge closed in November 1995 but reopened in March 1996 as a Daylight Lodge..

Worshipful Masters of Atomic Lodge, No. 686 GRC, Deep River
(* = charter members)

1957-8 C. Ritter	1958-9 Eric Charles Trapp*
1959-0 Walter Cowan	1960-1 A. G. W. Hewitt
1961-2 J. M. Putnam	1962-3 A. G. MacDonald
1963-4 W. G. Fletcher	1964-5 H. R. O'Regan
1965-6 R. L. Smith	1966-7 S. B. Hodge
1967-8 G. K. Shultz	1968-9 William R. Leach
1969-0 J. Muff	1970-1 F. A. S. Mulcahy
1971-2 Gordon Condie	1972-3 L. E. Goulding
1973-4 Merion Griffith	1974-5 J. E. LeSurr
1975-6 William E. Fairfield	1976-7 G. K. Smith
1977-8 R. R. Meadowcroft	1978-9 Arthur Hesketh
1979-0 K. E. Hagen	1980-1 Elliott Martin
1981-2 C. H. McAllister	1982-3 R. G. Rabishaw
1983-4 D. A. MacLeod	1984-5 C. A. Findlay
1985-6 P. Shee	1986-7 J. Muff/G. Condie
1987-8 E. Martin	1988-9 K. Hagen
1989-0 M. Griffiths	1990-1 A. Valade

1991-2 K. Meteer
 1993-4 M. Taylor
 1995-6 R. Barnett

1992-3 K. Meteer
 1994-5 R. Barnett
 1996-7 R. Barnett

Membership of Atomic Lodge, No. 686 GRC, Deep River
 (From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
 (TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Feb. 1,	1957				
1957	20	8	5	73	nil	nil	nil	nil	93
1958	10	18	17	2	nil	6	nil	nil	99
1959	6	5	8	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	101
1960	7	10	8	1	nil	1	2	nil	106
1961	9	4	6	3	nil	nil	1	nil	118
1962	4	8	9	1	nil	nil	nil	3	119
1963	1	1	2	nil	1	2	nil	1	117
1964	3	2	2	3	nil	2	nil	nil	121
1965	6	4	3	4	nil	4	nil	1	126
1966	8	7	7	3	nil	nil	1	2	134
1967	4	7	5	1	nil	4	2	1	132
1968	6	7	8	nil	nil	2	3	nil	133
1969	5	1	2	2	nil	4	3	nil	133
1970	8	11	11	1	nil	1	1	nil	140
1971	2	2	1	1	nil	2	nil	nil	141
1972	3	3	3	4	nil	2	3	nil	143
1973	1	1	1	2	nil	nil	nil	1	145
1974	4	2	2	2	nil	3	2	1	145
1975	5	5	3	nil	nil	3	1	1	145
1976	4	3	4	1	nil	nil	4	nil	142
1977	4	5	5	2	nil	4	2	1	141
1978	2	2	2	2	nil	3	3	nil	139
1979	3	2	2	nil	nil	2	2	nil	138
1980	5	4	1	nil	nil	2	1	nil	140
1981	nil	2	5	2	1	1	5	nil	137
1982	3	1	2	1	nil	3	2	nil	136
1983	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	10	4	nil	122

1984	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	4	2	nil	117
1985	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	2	nil	113
1986	3	2	2	nil	nil	3	3	2	108
1987	2	2	2	nil	nil	6	3	2	99
1988	nil	2	1	nil	nil	1	1	nil	97
1989	1	1	1	1	1	4	nil	2	94
1990	nil	nil	1	1	nil	2	2	1	90
1991	1	nil	nil	nil	1	8	4	1	79
1992	nil	1	nil	1	nil	2	4	nil	74
1993	nil	nil	1	1	nil	1	3	nil	72
1994	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	4	4	nil	64
1995	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	2	nil	59
Closed	Nov. '95	and re-	opened	as a	Daylight	Lodge on	Mar. 19,	1996	
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Atomic Daylight Lodge, No. 686 GRC, Pembroke 1996-present

[Ottawa 2 District 1996-present.]

Atomic Lodge at Deep River had been instituted by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario in February 1 1957 and Warrant No. 686 was issued later the same year.

At the time the Lodge was established it had 67 members and met in a former school building. On May 16, 1971 the Lodge hall burned to the ground under mysterious circumstances — the cause was never determined. A new Lodge Temple building was constructed in Deep River by the members: and served well until 1994/95. Due to declining membership and high operating costs the building was sold in 1995. The Lodge went into temporary darkness from November 1995 until March 19, 1996 when it reopened in the Pembroke Masonic Hall as a Daylight Lodge.

These two Lodges — Atomic 686 and Atomic Daylight 686 — are listed separately.

During its existence as Atomic Daylight Lodge, one member has served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Donald Wallace (Ottawa 2, 2000-01). V. W. Bro. Clarence A. Findlay served as Grand Steward (2001-02).

Atomic Daylight Lodge meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, 222 Dickson Street, Pembroke.

Worshipful Masters of Atomic and Atomic Daylight Lodge 686, Deep River
(* = charter members)

1996-7 R. Barnett	1997-8 M. Taylor
1998-9 James Carter	1999-0 R. Easton
2000-1 J. Sneddon	2001-2 W. Mohns
2002-3 M. Gutzman	2003-4 J. White
2004-5 Samuel Kalinowsky ²⁷³	2005-6 W. Dinwoodie
2006-7 M. Taylor	2007-8 P. Easterman
2008-9 Howard Brockwell	2009-0 George Barron
2010-1 Norman Brooks	

Membership of Atomic Daylight Lodge, No. 686 GRC, Deep River
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Mar. 19,	1996				
1996	nil	nil	nil	12	nil	4	nil	nil	67
1997	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	5	nil	61
1998	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	4	1	nil	57
1999	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	1	nil	57
2000	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	1	2	nil	55
2001	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	2	nil	53
2002	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	54
2003	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	1	2	nil	53

²⁷³ A member of Defenders Lodge, No. 590 GRC, Ottawa and PDDGM of Ottawa 2 District (1998-99).

2004	nil	nil	nil	4	nil	1	3	nil	53
2005	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	3	nil	52
2006	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	1	nil	53
2007	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	2	nil	52
2008	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	1	51
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Bytown Lodge, No. 721 GRC, Ottawa 1970-present
Bytown Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1969-1970

[Ottawa District 1969-1970. Ottawa 2 District 1970-present.]

According to W. Bro. Robert S. Arbuckle, the first steps to organize Bytown Lodge began in 1967 as a project of the "Master's Group of 1969-70." The target was to have the Lodge formed and instituted by 1969 and Bytown Lodge was instituted under dispensation on October 11, 1969 by R. W. Bro. W. Robert Rowsome, DDGM²⁷⁴. The name was adopted in honour of the original name of Ottawa. The Lodge was constituted and consecrated on October 2, 1970 as Bytown Lodge, No. 721 GRC, Ottawa, by R. W. bro. William Kirk Bailey, Deputy Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Howard Olin Polk, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario (1981-82 and 1982-83) was a charter member of Bytown Lodge (for biography refer to notes on Temple 665, p 424-5). During its existence two members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bros. Charles E. Clark (Ottawa 2, 1987-88) and Glen H. Sage (Ottawa 2, 1999-2000). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Assistant Grand Chaplain - V. W. Bro. Winston Edward Davis (2004-05); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Walter M. Hamilton (1981-82), James H. Young (1982-83), George E. Gourlay (1988-89), John G. Hawkins (1995-96) and Glenson Trevelyn Jones (1999-2000)

Bytown Lodge meets on the third Thursday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Bytown Lodge 721, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1969	Colin C. Lillico	1969-0	D. G. Murray
1970-1	Vaughan T. B. Simmons	1971-2	Walter M. Hamilton
1972-3	Ian Alleslev	1973-4	Cal E. Bellamy
1974-5	Charles E. Clarke	1975-6	Robert S. Arbuckle
1976-7	Donald E. Belfry	1977-8	C. S. Anderson
1978-9	Winston Edward Davis	1979-0	J. W. Earle
1980-1	Michel Jean Sebastien Sastre	1981-2	J. D. Glennie
1982-3	Robert T. Moffatt	1983-4	George E. Gourlay
1984-5	John G. Hawkins	1985-6	Donald Osborne
1986-7	Donald Orr	1987-8	G. Cleary
1988-9	Ronald Heinbuch	1989-0	Frank Harvey
1990-1	Peter Harbert	1991-2	Glenson Trevelyn Jones
1992-3	Keith Kemp	1993-4	Glenn Sage
1994-5	Derek Duermeyer	1995-6	Kevin Schock
1996-7	George Ingraham	1997-8	Robert Farrell
1998-9	Robert S. Arbuckle	1999-0	Cal E. Bellamy
2000-1	Keith Kemp	2001-2	Norman Schroeder
2002-3	Keith Kemp	2003-4	Norman Schroeder
2004-5	Brian Van Sickle	2005-6	N. Montero
2006-7	Donald Osborne	2007-8	Peter Harbert
2008-9	Keith Kemp	2009-0	D. Scott MacDonald
2010-1	Brian Pepper		

²⁷⁴ This would be the last official function of a DDGM of Ottawa District. Hereafter there would be two Districts — Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2. Bytown Lodge would be a subordinate Lodge within Ottawa 2 District.

Membership of Bytown Lodge, No. 721 GRC, Ottawa
(From Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Oct. 11,	1969				
1969	nil	nil	nil	40	nil	nil	nil	nil	40
1970	7	7	5	4	nil	nil	1	nil	50
1971	3	2	3	3	nil	1	nil	nil	55
1972	6	6	6	5	nil	nil	1	nil	65
1973	3	4	1	5	nil	1	2	nil	70
1974	6	4	5	4	nil	2	nil	1	77
1975	7	4	3	5	nil	1	nil	nil	88
1976	6	10	10	5	nil	2	nil	nil	97
1977	8	5	3	7	nil	1	nil	nil	111
1978	6	5	7	2	nil	4	2	nil	113
1979	2	5	4	2	nil	1	1	1	114
1980	2	2	2	3	1	4	2	nil	114
1981	2	2	3	4	1	8	nil	1	112
1982	8	4	3	4	nil	3	1	2	118
1983	3	4	4	nil	nil	3	nil	5	113
1984	4	3	4	nil	nil	8	1	nil	108
1985	2	3	1	1	nil	2	2	1	106
1986	4	2	2	nil	1	2	2	1	106
1987	1	3	5	3	nil	3	2	1	104
1988	1	1	1	1	nil	1	nil	1	104
1989	4	2	nil	1	nil	2	2	2	103
1990	nil	1	3	1	1	3	nil	3	99
1991	4	3	3	nil	nil	2	1	nil	100
1992	2	3	1	nil	nil	2	1	3	96
1993	1	1	2	nil	1	2	1	1	94
1994	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	5	3	3	84
1995	5	4	2	nil	nil	1	2	nil	86
1996	1	2	3	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	86
1997	2	nil	1	nil	nil	3	nil	1	84

1998	2	2	nil	1	nil	3	4	2	78
1999	4	2	2	nil	1	4	2	1	76
2000	7	4	4	nil	1	1	3	nil	80
2001	5	4	4	1	1	5	nil	1	81
2002	2	1	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	84
2003	3	2	nil	1	1	nil	2	6	81
2004	1	nil	nil	1	nil	nil	2	4	77
2005	1	nil	2	nil	2	1	2	nil	77
2006	4	2	1	1	nil	6	3	2	71
2007	6	5	2	nil	nil	3	nil	2	72
2008	1	nil	5	nil	nil	1	4	1	67
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Edinburgh Lodge, No. 736 GRC, Ottawa 1985-present
Edinburgh Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1983-1985

[Ottawa 1 District 1985-present.]

During the latter part of 1981 a number of Masons in Ottawa, all serving members of the Forces or Militia and, with two exceptions, not members of a Lodge in Ottawa, felt that there was a need for a “new” kind of Lodge. After several discussions held in the mess of the Cameron Highlanders, this group decided that what was needed was a “military Lodge.” In January 1982, W. Bro. Paul Naish, as the only Past Master in the group, was requested to determine the requirements for the formation of a new Lodge while the group made contact with Masons who were serving in the military in order to determine whether they would support such a venture. In April 1982, R. W. Bro. Gerald MacDonald, not an ex-serviceman (PDDGM, Ottawa District 1, 1976-77, and a member of Acacia 561) was contacted for assistance in the mechanics of actually forming a lodge. He put the group in contact with W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnston (a PM of Acacia 561, who had worked on the formation of Bytown 721). The “group” consisted of: Bro. D. S. C. Mackay (Cameron Highlanders), Bro. R. R. Shearman (Royal Canadian Regiment), W. Bro. Paul F. Naish (ex RAF and a member of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa), V. W. Bro. Gilbert G. Fowlow (ex Newfoundland Artillery and Past Provincial GJW of Newfoundland District, UGLE), England), W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnston (ex Royal Navy) and Bro. D. G. Jones (an invited guest). A series of decisions were reached, including: requesting Temple Lodge to sponsor the new Lodge, to name the new Lodge “The Duke of Edinburgh Lodge”²⁷⁵ and to meet on a Wednesday evening. Letters were prepared and dispatched: as no Wednesday evening was available at Walkley Road, the Westboro Temple Corporation was approached and agreed with the first Wednesday.

A petition to form the Lodge was prepared and signed by forty-three brethren: W. Bro. Paul F. Naish (Golden Fleece No. 4739 EC), W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnston (Acacia 561 GRC), W. Bro. James Heffel (Bytown 721 GRC), Bro. Daniel Mackay (Sidney Albert Luke 558 GRC), V. W. Bro. Gilbert G. Fowlow (Avalon 776 EC, Newfoundland), Bro. Douglas Richardson (King Solomon 8 GRM, Winnipeg), Bro. Richard Shearman (Sidney Albert Luke 558 GRC), Bro. Clifford Churchill (St. Andrew’s 560 GRC), V. W. Bro. Thomas Bourret (Crystal Fountain 389, North Augusta), Bro. W. Henry Hooper (Ancient St. John’s, 3 GRC, Kingston), Bro. Charles Alexander (True Briton’s 14 GRC, Perth), W. Bro. Malcolm Inglis (Acacia 561 GRC), Bro. James Laking (Swift Current 26 GRSask., Swift Current), Bro. Cyril Brayne (Corinthian, 657 GRC, Kirkland Lake), Bro. Dennis Mole (Acacia 561 GRC), Bro. Harry Madden (St. Andrew’s 560 GRC), W. Bro. William Tod (Hazeldean 517 GRC), Bro. Lyall Gow (Ionic 526 GRC), V. W. Bro. Walter D. Hughes (Ionic 526 GRC), Bro. Edward Williams (Stability 29, GLNF), V. W. Bro. Barry Kensall (Lafayette 51, GLNF), Bro. Donald Armstrong (St. Andrew’s 560 GRC), Bro. Steve Stadler (Lafayette 51, GLNF), Bro. Stan Martinelli (Antiquity 1 GRQ, Montreal), Bro. Kenneth Hatch (Speed 180 GRC, Guelph), V. W. Bro. Walter Hamilton (Bytown 721 GRC), W. Bro. Charles Anderson (Bytown 721 GRC), W. Bro. Lorne Nelson (Rideau 595 GRC), W. Bro. Ronald Cousens (Ionic 560 GRC), Bro. John Scott (Osisko 107 GRQ), Bro. William Eckley (Trent 38 GRC, Trenton), Bro. Colin Campbell (Caledonia 637 GRC, Toronto), Bro. Donald Metheral (Royal Arthur 523 GRC, Peterborough), R. W. Bro. Thomas Rimmer (The Lakeshore 105 GRQ), W. Bro. Michel Sastre (St. Andrews 6 GRQ, Quebec), V. W. Bro. James Keith (Lafayette 51, GLNF), W. Bro. Ian Alleslev (Bytown 721 GRC), Bro. Donald Clark (Royal Edward 585 GRC, Kingston), Bro. Joseph Edward (Ted) Martin (Temple 665 GRC), Bro. Ronald Hawkins (Patterson 265 GRC, Thornhill), W. Bro. William Page (Dalhousie 52 GRC), Bro. William E. Taylor (Ionic 560 GRC) and Bro. Robert Maxwell (Nitetis 444 GRC, Creemore).

During the early formation period, a set of founding principles for the new Lodge were developed, approved by the membership and put into written form. This was undertaken to provide an environment for a Lodge whose membership were military personnel (active and retired) and with a clear linkage to

²⁷⁵ The Duke is Colonel in Chief of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, as well as other regiments, and had served in the Royal Navy. In addition, the name “Edinburgh” has clear Scottish connections and emphasized the relationship with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, which had supported the early efforts in meeting facilities etc, used during the formation meetings.

Scotland. Such items as the use of a Lodge Piper, a Colour Party to present and retire the colours at all Lodge meetings, the wearing of white gloves by officers, were accepted. By-Laws were drafted.

By September the meetings became concerned with the number of Lodges in the Ottawa area which were not in favour of the formation of a new Lodge. In spite of this concern, Temple 665 voted to sponsor the new Lodge. At a subsequent meeting of the "charter members" the first officers were elected, with W. Bro. Paul Naish declining to be nominated as the first WM due to his involvement and commitment as Commanding Officer of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Cadet Corps.

By the time the petition was forwarded to the DDGM, R. W. Bro. Ronald Campbell, in December 1982, the petitioners received notice that the name "The Duke of Edinburgh's Lodge" could not be used, but the Duke's equerry suggested the name "Edinburgh" and this was adopted by the Lodge.

Edinburgh Lodge was instituted under dispensation by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario on June 11, 1983. The first officers were installed and invested — W. Bro. Walter D. Hughes, WM; V. W. Bro. Gilbert G. Fowlow, IPM; W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnston, SW; Bro. Clifford Churchill, JW; V. W. Bro. James Heffel, Chaplain; W. Bro. Paul F. Naish, Treasurer; Bro. William E. Taylor, Secretary; V. W. Bro. B. G. Kensall, DC; V. W. Bro. Thomas Bourret, ADC; V. W. Bro. Walter Hamilton, Superintendent of Work; Bro. C. M. Alexander, SD; Bro. James Laking, JD; W. Bro. Malcolm Inglis, Organist; Bro. Harry Madden, Piper; Bro. Donald Metherral, A/Secretary; Bro. W. Henry Hooper, IG; Bro. Edward Williams, SS; Bro. Cyril Brayne, JS and Bro. W. Bell, Tyler. After-Lodge festivities were held at the Sergeant's Mess of the Cameron Highlanders. One of the traditions of Edinburgh Lodge was born at this time — the annual Founder's Luncheon, held on a Saturday in June closest to the date on which the founding group formally met for the first time (June 24, 1982). At the first regular meeting of Edinburgh Lodge, on July 25, 1983, eight applications for initiation were received. At the meeting of September 7, 1983, the eight applications were balloted for and found favourable.

As already noted, the members wished Edinburgh Lodge to have a different type of program to reflect its military heritage and its Scottish linkages. The first Memorial Service for fallen comrades was held in November 1984. The first Father and Son night was held in March 1984 when W. Bro. Paul F. Naish initiated his son, Andrew.

The year 1984 also saw the design of a blazer crest using a stylized front elevation of the Cartier Square Drill Hall (the home of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa) with the word "Ubique" (Everywhere), underneath, the results of the hand of Bro. (Now V. W. Bro.) Clifford Churchill with artwork by W. Bro. Naish.

An annual Ceilidh has been held since 1984 and blends military and Scottish traditions with a social evening which gives the ladies prominence.

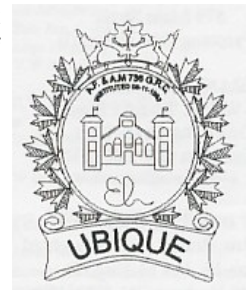
Edinburgh Lodge, No. 736 GRC, was constituted and consecrated on January 26, 1985 by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. Ronald E. Groshaw.

Edinburgh Lodge has an active and friendly relationship with Lodges in the two Ottawa Districts as well as across the province of Ontario. During 1985 the members of Edinburgh visited True Briton's Lodge, No. 14 GRC, Perth and Mount Zion, No. 28 GRC, Kemptville, where they performed the second degree for the first time as a "degree team." Such work has been continued by participation of members in the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa degree team which traditionally works the second degree.

During its existence two members of the Lodge have served as DDGM: R. W. Bro. Edward (Ted) B. Williams (1994-95) and David A. Ganderton (2008-09). In addition, members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. Walter D. Hughes (1987-88), John A. Coghill (1995-96), Clifford Alexander Churchill (2003-04) and Allan J. Quinn (2009-10); and
- Grand Piper - V. W. Bro. Duncan Carroll (2004-05).

As a "young" Lodge, it is to be expected that a number of the Lodge members have held Grand offices in different jurisdictions, for their work elsewhere, such as: R. W. Bros. William D. Burns (DDGM Ottawa District 1, 1992-93, affiliated from St. Andrew's 560), James Heffel (DDGM, Ottawa District 2, 1996-97, affiliated from Bytown 721) and Rev. M. John Moor (Grand Chaplain, 2003-04, affiliated from St. Andrew's 560) and V. W. Bros. Gilbert G. Fowlow (Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden (Newfoundland) England appointed while a member of Avalon No. 778 EC), James Keith (Grand Deacon, 1977-78, GLNF affiliated



from Lafayette No. 51, GLNF), Thomas Bourret (Grand Pursuivant, 1978-79, affiliated from Crystal Fountain, No. 389 GRC, North Augusta) and Walter Hamilton (Grand Steward, 1981-82, affiliated from Bytown No. 721)

Edinburgh Lodge meets on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Edinburgh Lodge 736, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1983-4 Walter D. Hughes*	1984-5 Walter D. Hughes*
1985-6 Clifford Alexander Churchill*	1986-7 Charles M. Alexander*
1987-8 Charles M. Alexander*	1988-9 Donald G. Armstrong*
1989-0 Lawrence R. Crooks	1990-1 Edward (Ted) B. Williams*
1991-2 Steven Stadler*	1992-3 S. Douglas Stevenson
1993-4 Norman T. Cromeey	1994-5 Frank B. McGregor
1995-6 Duncan Carroll	1996-7 Michel Jean Sebastien Sastre*
1997-8 Douglas Traynor	1998-9 Thomas Orr Baker
1999-0 David A. Ganderton	2000-1 V. Joseph Pelisek
2001-2 Allan J. Quinn	2002-3 Alexander M. Lewis
2003-4 Duncan Carroll	2004-5 Allan J. Quinn
2005-6 Steven Stadler	2006-7 Douglas Traynor
2007-8 Brian E. Ham	2008-9 William H. Eastwood
2009-0 Pierre Naud	2010-1 Rejean Paquette

Membership of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 736 GRC, Ottawa
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(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	June 11,	1983				
1983	8	nil	nil	45	nil	nil	nil	nil	53
1984	4	8	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	56
1985	9	5	2	3	nil	1	2	nil	65
1986	1	3	4	3	nil	1	nil	nil	68
1987	4	2	1	1	nil	4	3	nil	65
1988	1	3	nil	5	nil	3	nil	nil	68
1989	5	1	4	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	70
1990	1	5	2	nil	1	1	1	nil	70
1991	2	1	3	1	nil	1	1	nil	71
1992	2	1	1	2	nil	1	2	nil	72
1993	2	2	1	3	nil	4	nil	nil	73
1994	1	1	2	nil	nil	1	nil	3	70
1995	4	2	nil	2	nil	2	nil	2	72
1996	2	4	4	nil	nil	2	1	nil	71

1997	1	nil	3	2	nil	2	nil	nil	72
1998	4	4	1	3	nil	2	2	5	70
1999	2	3	4	1	nil	1	1	nil	71
2000	7	1	3	6	nil	3	nil	1	80
2001	5	4	3	4	nil	2	nil	nil	87
2002	2	3	5	3	1	3	4	4	82
2003	1	3	2	3	1	2	3	nil	82
2004	1	nil	1	2	nil	1	1	1	82
2005	2	nil	nil	5	nil	3	nil	nil	86
2006	8	4	1	1	nil	2	3	2	88
2007	2	4	5	nil	1	2	5	nil	84
2008	4	3	2	1	1	3	1	nil	86
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

Luxor Daylight Lodge, No. 741 GRC, Ottawa 1992-present
Luxor Daylight Lodge, UD GRC, Ottawa 1991-1992

[Ottawa 2 District 1991-present.]

By the late 1980's a daytime Lodge meeting throughout the year and being closed during the winter months of January, February and March was becoming very urgent. Canada's population was aging as were the Masons in and around the city Ottawa. Daylight Lodges had evolved in Ontario to meet these types of needs and had proven successful in the past. A series of discussions and organization meetings were held in 1990 and 1991. Consequently a petition to the Grand Master, supported by Ottawa Districts 1 and 2 was sent to Grand Lodge. The forty-two charter members of the new Luxor Daylight Lodge were: James Alfred Jones (charter WM), John Gerald Pell (charter IPM), James Heffel (charter SW), James Gordon Salvin (charter JW), Arthur Victor Humphries (charter Chaplain), Emil Albrecht (charter Treasurer), Ronald Spencer Hobson (charter Secretary), Arthur Victor Williams (charter Assistant Secretary), Donald Herbert Mumby (charter SD), Howard Wesley Baugh (charter JD), Bruce Beresford Quinney (charter DC), Gerald Arthur Tripp (charter SS), John Robert Coghill (charter JS), Malcolm Walton Inglis (charter Organist), Arthur Charles Nash (charter IG), Robert Alfred Game (charter T), Harold Archibald MacMillan (charter Historian), John Jones Laing, William Benjamin Bolton, Ernest James John Jackson, Edward John Hare, James Allan Ham, William Allan Gregory, Homer Murdoch Brady, Norman Burt Richardson, Robert Eldon Holmes Cutler, Norman Lawrence Hill, Donald Gibson Armstrong, Gerald Everett MacDonald, Gordon Andrew Brown, William Grant Stonehouse, John Matthew Forster, Joseph Theodore Martin, Gordon Arnold Gross, Thomas Anderson Balfour Millar, John James McDougall, Earl Everson Wilson, William Bernard Sims, Dalton Dewhurst Caldwell, Richard Joseph Nelson, Gordon Hebron Weedmark and Raymond Trevor Gauthier.

Dispensation was issued on August 22, 1991 and Luxor Daylight Lodge was instituted on September 18, 1991. Warrant No. 741 was authorized by Grand Lodge on July 15, 1992 and the Lodge was formally constituted on November 28, 1992. The Lodge name — a play on one of a number of Egyptian Temples which were once located within the precincts of Thebes during its greatest period 1570-1075 BC — was chosen to indicate the "golden light" of its members. The Lodge was consecrated on November 28, 1992. As Luxor Lodge is composed of Master Masons, a number of whom have been (and continue to be) active in Grand Lodge, it accepts members by affiliation only.

M. W. Bro. Donald Herbert Mumby, Grand Master (2003-04 and 2004-05) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was charter Senior Deacon of the lodge at its formation (for his biography refer to Dalhousie Lodge notes, p 136-37). One member of the Lodge has served as DDGM of Ottawa District 2: R. W. James Heffel (1996-97). In addition, members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in various offices, including:

- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies - V. W. Bro. William Grant Stonehouse (2004-05, a Past Master of Carleton Lodge, No. 465 GRC, Carp); and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bro. Ronald Spencer Hobson (1967-68, a Past Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, Ottawa).

Other members of Luxor Lodge have held Grand Rank to which they were elected or appointed from Lodges other than Luxor. Three members served as DDGM of Ottawa District 2: R. W. Bros. James Alfred Jones (Chaudiere No. 264), Donald Herbert Mumby (Dalhousie No. 52) and Roy H. Gilchrist (Ashlar No. 564) and R. W. Bro. Ziggy Loos was elected as Grand Registrar (Royal Arthur No. 128 GRQ, Pierrefonds and Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster). Past Masters of Luxor, who held the rank of Grand Stewards, include: V. W. Bros. Howard Wesley Baugh (GRQ), Gerald Arthur Tripp (Carleton No. 465), John Robert Coghill (Edinburgh No. 736), Earl Everson Wilson and Murray W. Thompson (both of Chaudiere No. 264) and Robert Eldon Holmes Cutler (St. Andrew's No. 560). Bro. Gary Lawson Shaver of St. Andrew's 560 was the recipient of the William Mercer Wilson Medal in 2006.

Luxor Daylight Lodge meets at 10:00 a.m. on third Wednesday of each month from April to December inclusive at the Ottawa Masonic Temple, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.

Worshipful Masters of Luxor Daylight Lodge 741, Ottawa
(* = charter members)

1990-1 James Alfred Jones*	1991-2 James Alfred Jones*
1992-3 James Alfred Jones*	1993-4 James Heffel*
1994-5 Donald Herbert Mumby*	1995-6 Howard Wesley Baugh*
1996-7 Gerald Arthur Tripp*	1997-8 Arthur Charles Nash*
1998-9 John Robert Coghill*	1999-0 Earl Everson Wilson*
2000-1 Murray Thompson	2001-2 Arthur Buss
2002-3 Robert Eldon Holmes Cutler*	2003-4 Roy H. Gilchrist
2004-5 Ronald Spencer Hobson*	2005-6 Ziggy M. Loos
2006-7 James Carter	2007-8 Samuel Kalinowsky
2008-9 Joseph Edward (Ted) Martin	2009-0 Paul Edward Todd
2010-1 Peter Wilkins	

Membership of Luxor Daylight Lodge, No. 741 GRC, Ottawa
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(TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	Aug. 22,	1991				
1991	nil	nil	nil	42	nil	nil	nil	nil	42
1992	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	nil	nil	40
1993	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	nil	2	nil	44
1994	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	nil	2	nil	45
1995	nil	nil	nil	6	nil	nil	2	nil	49
1996	nil	nil	nil	1	nil	1	nil	nil	49
1997	nil	nil	nil	8	nil	1	2	nil	54
1998	nil	nil	nil	9	nil	1	2	nil	60
1999	nil	nil	nil	8	nil	1	nil	nil	67
2000	nil	nil	nil	9	nil	nil	5	nil	71
2001	nil	nil	nil	9	nil	nil	nil	nil	80
2002	nil	nil	nil	10	2	nil	2	nil	90
2003	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	1	7	nil	85
2004	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	2	3	nil	85
2005	nil	nil	nil	5	nil	4	4	nil	82
2006	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	1	8	nil	76
2007	nil	nil	nil	2	1	1	nil	nil	78
2008	nil	nil	nil	3	nil	5	5	nil	70
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL

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