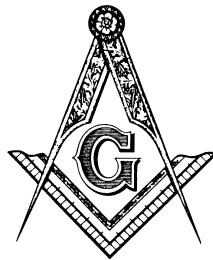


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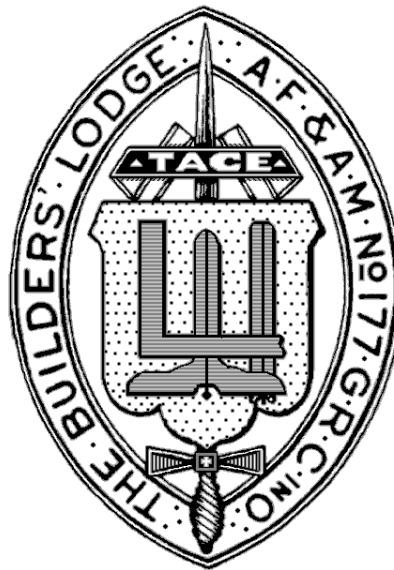
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FIRST WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF
THE BUILDERS LODGE, A.F. & A.M., No. 177
BORN: DECEMBER 22, 1832
DIED: JULY 10, 1875
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., U.S.A.



MOST WOR. BRO. J.A. DOBBIE
Grand Master 1939-1941



MOST WOR. BRO. J.N. ALLAN
Grand Master 1965

FOREWORD

A Lodge, young in spirit and vigorous in health, is celebrating its first hundred years, as this record testifies.

We have known for a long time, of course, that our centennial was approaching and have indeed prepared for it. Yet there is a pleasant feeling of surprise about it all, almost as though something delightful and unexpected had happened to us, like friends gathering on a Golden Wedding Anniversary to wish us well. We do not feel old, merely caught by surprise by the passage of time; but we are grateful for many blessings and many friends. The years have been kind and loyalties strong.

The pleasure and the quite understandable pride we now take in these ceremonies arise from a two-fold desire, to honour those who built this Lodge and to carry forward into our second century the fundamental tenets of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry means many things to many people. No man can know its full meaning by merely progressing through its three degrees. A Lodge is rather like a family. A member appreciates its full significance only when he has shared our life, our feast days, divine services, Masonic funerals, regular meetings and the committee called to relieve the needy, the ceremony of installation of the Worshipful Master and his officers, and the meeting of Grand Lodge. Tradition takes time. The process of appreciation is not one to be hurried. Once understanding comes, devotion becomes life-long.

We will recall - the first of our two great wishes - those brethren to whom this Lodge meant much and who gave much to it when we listen to that magnificent passage in the Installation Ceremony which gives the General Charge to the officers of the Lodge. In all the ritual of Freemasonry no more eloquent words can be found with which to describe the ideal Mason. The passage begins, "If you see a man who quietly fulfills his duties as a man, a subject, a husband and a father..." and concludes, "...and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, but then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude, because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good."

As the Preacher said, "Let us now praise famous men and our fathers that begat us, for these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten." A Lodge is a place of memories.

The General Charge also sets out for us our second great desire, as each year we renew our promise to observe the tenets of the Craft. "Our meetings are intended to cultivate the mind, to induce the habit of virtue and to strengthen the fundamental principles of our Order: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. And if these meetings are blended with social mirth and a mutual interchange of fraternal feelings, then Freemasonry will be shown in its true light, as an institution which fosters and improves the best affections of our nature."

We go forward into the next century aware of a great heritage, proud of our tradition, determined to demonstrate to the world at large the true import of Fraternity, Liberty and Equality. A Lodge is a place of friendship, mutual help and understanding.

The Lodge is well named. The Founding Fathers chose better than they knew. Symbolically, our members have always been builders. Over the years we have to answer a recurring question. We have given the same answer to the inquiry about a missing apostrophe in the name. There can be no apostrophe, denoting possession, for a Lodge does not belong to its members only. A Lodge belongs to all brethren of the Order, whatever their rank, faith, colour or creed, whatever their need. As one Lodge among many, owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario, we now enter officially our second century. We are conscious of our newly acquired dignity and aware of our age, but confident still that we can continue to serve the Craft worthily and cheerfully.

It only remains to express the appreciation of the members for the work of the committee in compiling the information and writing the account of our first century. The present committee pays tribute to the former Lodge Historian, Very Worshipful Brother Edward C. Wight. Like his, their work has also been a labour of love.

J. FRED SWAYZE, P.D.D.G.M.

THE BUILDERS LODGE, A.F. & A.M., No. 177, G.R.C. IN O.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PROGRESS

PART I THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS 1865-1890

During the early part of the year 1865, a group of Freemasons, who were then working on the construction of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, assembled and resolved to seek the formation of a new Lodge in the City of Ottawa. As the majority of those at that original meeting were builders, the name proposed for the new Lodge was "The Builders Lodge".

During the Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada held in Toronto in July A.L. 5865, (A.D. 1865), Right Worshipful Brother Robert Lyon, District Deputy Grand Master for the Central District, presented a petition to that body for a warrant of constitution empowering certain brethren to open a new lodge in the City of Ottawa to be named "The Builders Lodge". The prayer of that petition being granted instanter, a Warrant dated July 13, A.L. 5865 (A.D. 1865,) was issued naming Very Worshipful Brother Henry A. Sims the first Worshipful Master, Bro. John McRae, Senior Warden, and Bro. Samuel Rogers, Junior Warden.

Rt. Wor. Bro. R. Lyon, barrister, who sponsored the petition to the Grand Lodge of Canada, was born in Richmond, Ontario, July 6, 1829. In 1867, after serving as an Alderman in Ottawa City Council, he was elected Mayor of the City of Ottawa, and, in the same year, a member of the Legislature representing Carleton County. In 1872, he was appointed Judge of Carleton County and, later, Senior Judge of Carleton, Prescott, and Russell Counties. In 1866, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. Lyon became a member of The Builders Lodge by affiliation.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Alfio de Grassi, District Deputy Grand Master for the Toronto District, assisted by Wor. Bro. Horace Merrill and Wor. Bro. Sexton Washburn of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571 E.R.; Bro. John Leggo of Sussex Lodge, No. 5 C.R.; Bro. Christopher Leggo of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55 C.R.; Bro. Thomas Story of Doric Lodge, No. 58 C.R.; and Bro. John Monro of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122 C.R., installed the first officers of The Builders Lodge on August 22, 1865 who were:

Worshipful Master -

Wor. Bro. Henry A. Sims of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28 C.R.,
Kemptville, Ontario.

Senior Warden -

Bro. John McRae of Elgin Lodge, No. 348 S.R.

Junior Warden -

Bro. Samuel Rogers of Charity Lodge, No. 233 E.R.

Treasurer -

Bro. James Robertson of Doric Lodge, No. 58 C.R.

Secretary -

Bro. Thomas Painter of Doric Lodge, No. 58 C.R.

Senior Deacon -

Bro. William M. Beatty of St. Magdalene Lodge, No. 100 S.R.

Junior Deacon -

Bro. Thomas W. Currier of Doric Lodge, No. 58 C.R.

Director of Ceremonies -

Bro. George Clark of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 571 E.R.

Senior Steward -

Bro. James Salmon of St. John's Lodge, No. 4 C.R., Kingston, Ontario.

Junior Steward -

Bro. Rodney Eaton of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 C.R.

Inner Guard -

Bro. Thomas Ballantyne of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24 C.R.,
Smiths Falls, Ontario

Other Charter members were:

Bro. Robert Meikle of Doric Lodge, No. 58 C.R.

Bro. Samuel Braden of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28 C.R.

Bro. John Tomlinson of Doric Lodge, No. 58 C.R.

Bro. William Midford of Corinthian Lodge, No. 59 C.R.

Bro. James Strachan of Doric Lodge, No. 58 C.R.

The Builders Lodge faced many difficulties during its first twenty-five years. It was frequently plagued by financial difficulties and, indeed, at one stage, the brethren became so disheartened that there was talk of surrendering the Warrant. However, stout hearts prevailed.

Wor. Bro. Henry Augustus Sims, an architect, was installed as the first Worshipful Master on August 22, 1865 and served in that office for one year. Wor. Bro. Sims came to Ottawa from Kemptville to work on the planning and construction of the Parliament Buildings. He attended the meetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada regularly and, at the Annual Communication in July, 1866, was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works, the first member of The Builders Lodge to be appointed a Grand Lodge Officer. Very Wor. Bro. Sims died in 1875 at the age of 43. On March 30, 1866, the first By-Laws to govern The Builders Lodge were approved. Excerpts follow:

By-Law No. II. "The Regular Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the Friday on or before Full Moon of every month, and on the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, or should it fall on a Sunday, then on the following day, at such hour as the Master shall appoint, of which the brethren shall be duly notified".

By-Law No. IV. "The Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Tyler of this Lodge shall be annually elected at the Regular Communication immediately preceding the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, and on that Festival, or the following day, should it fall on a Sunday; the minutes of the Election being first confirmed, the Worshipful Master shall be installed in antient form, and the other elective officers, with the Senior and Junior Deacons, the Inner Guard, the Director of Ceremonies, and the two Stewards, who shall be appointed by the Master elect, shall be invested in the antient and prescribed form."

By-Law IX. "The Fees for initiation into the three Degrees of Antient Craft Masonry, including the Grand Lodge fees for Registration and Certificate, shall be Twenty Dollars. Five Dollars of this amount shall accompany the petition which shall be returned should the application be rejected."

"Any Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft joining this Lodge shall pay, in addition to the joining fee and the fee for a Grand Lodge Certificate, should he require one, the sum of Six Dollars for each Degree which may be conferred on him. This is not, however, intended to prevent the Lodge from passing or raising a Brother free of charge, at the request of the Lodge of which he is a member."

"In every instance, the above fees must be paid into the hands of the Secretary previous to the degree or degrees being conferred."

"The fee to be paid by every Brother joining this Lodge shall be Two Dollars. Should such joining Brother require a Grand Lodge Certificate he must pay an additional sum of Two Dollars. The proposer and seconder of a joining member shall be responsible to the Lodge for the specified fees."

By-Law No. XIV. "The annual Subscription for Lodge Purposes of each Member, except the Secretary and Tyler, who shall be exempt, shall be Three Dollars, which shall be exacted whether he be absent or present and be payable monthly by equal proportions."

"For Grand Lodge Purposes each member shall pay Fifty Cents per annum, payable in equal installments at the regular meetings of May and November."

Bro. Samuel Rogers, a Charter member, was the second Worshipful Master of The Builders Lodge and held office for two periods of two years each, 1866-1868 and 1875-1877. Wor. Bro. S. Rogers was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the Ottawa Masonic District for the year 1880-1881. Wor. Bro. Rogers was born in Plymouth, England, and was a cabinet-maker by profession. Shortly after his arrival in Canada, he was employed as Mechanical Foreman by the James Hays Company in the construction of the furniture and the fittings for use in the Parliament Buildings. He died in 1895. During the first years of his rule, an interchange of fraternal visits was begun between The Builders Lodge and the Lodges at Ogdensburg, N.Y. and such visits kept up for many years.

The third Charter member to become Worshipful Master was Bro. Thomas Painter in 1868. Prior to his being elected Master, he had served as Secretary of the Lodge for two years. Wor. Bro. Painter was a stone-cutter by trade and worked on the construction of the Parliament Buildings. During his term of office ten new members were received into the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Thomas W. Currier was Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the year 1869-70 being the fourth Charter member to rule the Lodge. By trade, Wor. Bro. Currier was a joiner and established his own furniture business in Ottawa.

Wor. Bro. David Wilson served as Worshipful Master for two terms, 1870-1872. He, too, was a joiner and later appointed Mechanical Superintendent of the National Gallery. Wor. Bro. Wilson became a member of The Builders Lodge by affiliation on April 27, 1866. During his two years in office seventeen new members were received into the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Gustave Levin, a merchant, who became a member of the Lodge by affiliation on May 14, 1869, was the sixth Worshipful Master, serving for one year, 1872-1873.

Wor. Bro. Enoch Butterworth, a merchant, was the seventh Worshipful Master and held office for two years, 1873-1875. Wor. Bro. Butterworth was born at Port Hawkesbury, N.S., on May 14, 1846. He was initiated into The Builders Lodge by Wor. Bro. S. Rogers when he was twenty-one years of age and died April 28, 1928, after a brief illness. Wor. Bro. Butterworth was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the Ottawa Masonic District for the year 1882-1883. In 1925, he was presented with a Jubilee Medal in recognition of his services as Master and Ruler in the Craft for fifty years and later qualified for the Fifty Year Jewel and Bar. In addition to giving long service to The Builders Lodge, he was extremely active on other Masonic spheres. His passing left a wide gap in Masonry in Ottawa and District and his memory will be long cherished by all who knew him for his many virtues, exemplary conduct, and interest in Masonic matters.

Wor. Bro. John Orr, a gilder and picture framer by profession, was the eighth Worshipful Master. Wor. Bro. Orr was initiated in The Builders Lodge on December 8, 1871 and held office as Master for three years, 1877-1880.

The ninth Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. John C. Kearns who served for two years in that office, 1880-1882. At the time of his initiation August 14, 1874, Bro. Kearns was a bank messenger. For many years after serving as Master, Wor. Bro. Kearns was Treasurer of The Builders Lodge and was our representative to the Masonic Board of Relief for Ottawa, occupying both positions in a manner equalled by few.

Wor. Bro. Edwin Daubney, a printer by trade, was the tenth Worshipful Master of The Builders Lodge during the year 1882-1883. Initiated February 10, 1871, he was elected Secretary in 1879 replacing Wor. Bro. William Rea who had held office for the two previous years. At that time, the finances of The Builders Lodge were in a weakened condition; attendance was poor, and little Masonic work was being done. The prospects for the survival of the Lodge were at a low ebb. Under Bro. Daubney, conditions began to improve slowly. Good deeds are his pillars of remembrance. "The memory of noble actions is more enduring than monuments of marble."

Wor. Bro. David Taylor was the Worshipful Master for a two-year period, 1883-1885. Under him, progress continued.

*"Hold high the torch, we did not light its glow,
'Twas given us by other hands, you know;
'Tis ours to keep it burning bright;
Ours to pass on when we no more need light."*

Wor. Bro. Taylor, who was a shoemaker by trade, affiliated with The Builders Lodge, April, 1874 from St. John's Lodge, No. 159 I.R., L'Original, Ontario. At that time, and for some years to come, St. John's Lodge was the only Lodge in the Province of Ontario working under the jurisdiction of a foreign Grand Lodge. St. John's Lodge had many laws and usages peculiar to itself. When Wor. Bro. Taylor was elected District Deputy Grand Master in 1887, by the exercise of considerable tact and patience, he convinced the brethren of St. John's Lodge to cast in their lot with the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In 1888, the Grand Lodge of Canada consented to issue a Warrant to St. John's Lodge in exchange for the Warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in March, 1844. Harmony in the Ottawa Masonic District was furthered.

Wor. Bro. John Biehler, a German by birth and a well-skilled stone mason by trade, was the Worshipful Master of The Builders Lodge during the years, 1885-1887. He had been initiated January 14, 1870. Wor. Bro. Biehler carried on the rebuilding of the Lodge's affairs so well begun by his predecessors. During the Fenian Raids, Wor. Bro. Biehler served with the Ottawa Field Battery and was stationed at Fort Wellington, Prescott, Ontario.

Wor. Bro. Henry F. Webb, a printer by occupation, ruled The Builders Lodge as its Worshipful Master for the years 1887-1889. During his term of office, thirteen new members were received of whom three subsequently became Masters of the Lodge. Good men were attracted to Masonry by the manner in which its teachings were reflected in the lives of the brethren.

Wor. Bro. Hugh Cairns, initiated into The Builders Lodge May 11, 1877, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1889-1890. In 1880 Bro. Cairns was

elected Secretary of the Lodge. At the Grand Lodge Communication held in Toronto, July 1892, Wor. Bro. Cairns was appointed Grand Pursuivant. In 1895, Very Wor. Bro. Cairns was again elected Secretary of The Builders Lodge and continued to serve in that capacity until his death in 1927, a half century of consecrated effort.

While much is known of those brethren who served as Worshipful Masters during the formative years during the Victorian era, too little is known of the many difficulties encountered. John Ruskin once wrote, "When we build, let us think that we build for eternity. Let it not be present delight not for present alone, but let it be of such work as our descendants will thank us for; and let us think as we lay stone upon stone, that a time will come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them and men will say as they look upon the labour that wrought them, 'See! this our fathers did for us.' "

During the first twenty-five years fifteen Worshipful Masters ruled The Builders Lodge. There were 143 initiations and 74 affiliations, as recorded.

PART II THE SECOND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS 1890-1915

The second twenty-five years of the life of The Builders Lodge saw the end of the Victorian era, the South African War, the beginning of industrial expansion, and the commencement of the First Great War in August, 1914.

Wor. Bro. Hugh Cairns, Worshipful Master, 1889-1890, was elected for a second term and filled the position efficiently and well for the Masonic year 1890-1891. Wor. Bro. Cairns believed that our fraternity demands an adherence to the great universal principles of reverence for Deity, love for our fellow-man, universal benevolence, and respect for truth and wisdom.

For the years 1891-1894, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. Fred Cook, a well-known journalist and administrator. Bro. Cook affiliated with The Builders Lodge in September, 1887. His three years as Worshipful Master were bright and his services rendered, within and without the Lodge, outstanding. The fraternal visits to and from the Masonic Lodges in Ogdensburg, N.Y., were resumed; excursions to Toronto and Niagara Falls were arranged as well as moonlight trips by steamer down the Ottawa River. In 1901, Wor. Bro. Cook was elected Grand Senior Warden. In addition to his Masonic duties, he found time to serve as a member of the City of Ottawa Public School Board for four years and, in 1902, was elected Mayor of Ottawa. He practised outside the Lodge those great moral precepts taught within.

Wor. Bro. Alfred W. Huband was Worshipful Master during the years 1894-1896. Wor. Bro. Huband, a clerk, was initiated June 8, 1888. Five of the candidates initiated during his term of office were school teachers, three of whom subsequently became Masters of The Builders Lodge. Wor. Bro. Huband was the last Worshipful Master of the Century to serve as Master for more than one year. 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 two thousand volumes of Masonic and general literature, was purchased by a Committee appointed for that purpose. The Builders Lodge advanced a loan of \$200.00 for the procurement of this nucleus of a Masonic Library. On July 9, 1896, an excursion down the Ottawa River was sponsored to raise money for the repayment of the loan. At the time of its purchase, the library of John Moore, Esq., was considered to be one of the finest privately owned in the Dominion.

For the year 1896-1897, Wor. Bro. William Rea, a printer, was the Worshipful Master. Bro. Rea was initiated into The Builders Lodge on June 8, 1866, and from 1869 to 1879 served as Secretary. During his term of office, the rooms used by the City Lodges were destroyed by fire and new accommodations were procured on a temporary basis in the Oddfellows Hall, corner of Bank and Sparks Streets. Near the end of the year 1897, the City Lodges took possession of new quarters at 140 Albert Street and remained

at that location until 1913 when that building was likewise destroyed by fire. Wor. Bro. Rea served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ottawa Masonic Hall Committee from 1874 to 1908. He was also one of those responsible for the organization and development of the Masonic Burial Plot in Beechwood Cemetery.

The Worshipful Master for 1897-1898 was Wor. Bro. Ephriam Bradshaw, a carpenter. Bro. Bradshaw had been initiated September 14, 1888. He believed that "the genius of Masonry is that it has lived as an influence for good down through the years because it represents a method of living based on those principles of truth and right which we are assured will abide forever."

Wor. Bro. Samuel B. Sinclair, vice-principal of the Ottawa Normal School, was the Worshipful Master 1898-1899. Bro. Sinclair joined The Builders Lodge June 8, 1894 by affiliation and, four years later, became its Master. Wor. Bro. Sinclair was afterwards named Principal of MacDonal College, St. Anne de Bellevue, P.Q., an office he graced for years. Good results were obtained and much improvement achieved through sincere, consistent and intelligent effort on the part of the Master and his officers.

For 1899-1900, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. Wm. J. Sykes, a secondary school teacher who joined The Builders Lodge by affiliation in 1895. As was the case of Wor. Bro. Sinclair, his rise in the Lodge was rapid. The excellence of his work gave ample proof of the wisdom of the brethren of the Lodge in advancing him to the Master's chair. "Good works are seeds, that, after sowing, return us a continual harvest." There were seventeen new members received during the year, a record up to that time.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1900-1901 was Wor. Bro. Wm. H.V. Hooper, a stone cutter and building contractor who was initiated May 12, 1893. During the first part of his term, good progress was made. During the latter part, however, discontent among certain brethren marred the record and little Masonic work was performed. Wor. Bro. Hooper gave freely of his time to extend help to many of the younger brethren and junior officers by assisting them to realize the great depth and strength and beauty of our Masonic teachings. He received his 50 Year Past Masters Medal in 1951.

Wor. Bro. James S. MacCracken, a lumberman, was the Worshipful Master in 1901-1902. It was during his term that the Victorian era came to a close with the death of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, which cast a pall over the social activities of the Lodges.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1902-1903 was Wor. Bro. John Harold Putman. At the time of his installation Bro. Putman was Principal of the Ottawa Model School in Lisgar Street. In the Lodge as well as in the classroom, Wor. Bro. Putman tried to make better men out of good men. To him, Masonry united all men in common fellowship, in common purpose, and in common service. In 1901 Wor. Bro. Putman was appointed Public School

Inspector for the City of Ottawa. In 1918, he was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the Ottawa Masonic District and, for a number of years, was a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Following his retirement as Inspector, he interested himself in Municipal affairs. During his year as Worshipful Master, twenty new members were received, one being Bro. J.A. Dobbie who subsequently became Grand Master. It was at that time that The Builders Lodge became known as a Teacher's Lodge, an appellation it has held ever since.

Wor. Bro. John Bingham, Manager of the Ottawa Dairy, was the Worshipful Master in 1903-1904. At the meeting in June, 1903, the Lodge had the pleasure of a visit from a Lodge in Detroit. The brethren came to Ottawa by boat from Kingston by way of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers and returned to Kingston via the Rideau River and the Rideau Canals. The visiting brethren exemplified a degree in full ceremonial form. In October of the same year, the Public School Teachers of Toronto visited Ottawa and, as there were many Masons in the group, they were invited to the regular meeting and were entertained royally. In addition to his services to The Builders Lodge, Wor. Bro. Bingham was extremely active in other Masonic spheres. His death occurred on October 16, 1929.

Wor. Bro. William G. Esdale, a printer, initiated February 10, 1899, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1904-1905. Wor. Bro. Esdale was considered an exceptionally good ritualist, and laboured faithfully to develop the purely human qualities in man to the highest possible degree.

For the year 1905-1906, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. Frank E. Perney, Principal of Glashan Public School. He was the fifth teacher to become Worshipful Master of The Builders Lodge. Bro. Perney became a member of the Lodge by affiliation June 10, 1898. His rise in Masonic rank was rapid. Appointed Junior Deacon in 1902, he was elected Master in 1905. In addition to his educational and Masonic duties, Wor. Bro. Perney took an active interest in Municipal affairs and served as Alderman on City Council for several years.

Wor. Bro. Frank G. Wait, a civil servant, was the Worshipful Master in 1906-1907. Bro. Wait had affiliated with The Builders Lodge from Prince of Wales Lodge on October 12, 1900. It was at that time that the By-Laws were amended to provide for meetings to be held on the second Friday of each month, with the exception of July and August, instead of on the Friday on or before the full moon and on the festival of Saint John the Baptist as laid down in the By-Laws adopted in 1866. At the same time it was decided that elections would be held at the regular meeting in May each year and the installation of the Officers at the June assembly. In 1928 Wor. Bro. Wait was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

Wor. Bro. Edward C. Wight was the Worshipful Master for the year 1907-1908. A public school teacher, Bro. Wight was initiated in St. Francis

Lodge, No 26, Smiths Falls, on June 18, 1888, affiliated with Plantagenet Lodge in 1889 and, on December 14, 1894, affiliated with The Builders Lodge. The decision to build the present Ottawa Masonic Temple was made during his term when it was regularly moved and seconded that "the sum of \$750.00 be placed to the credit of the Masonic Hall Committee and that \$250.00 be paid as soon as possible, making \$1000.00 in all for the purpose of procuring a site and building thereon a Masonic Temple." In 1929 Wor. Bro. Wight was appointed Assistant Grand Organist. For several years prior to his death in 1942, Very Wor. Bro. Wight was Lodge Historian and, due to the great work which he was able to accomplish, made possible that portion of our booklet covering the first sixty years of The Builders Lodge. It was said of him that "In his everyday walk of life, he lived and practised his Masonry. His whole life was fashioned on the principles of the square, the level, and the plumb-rule." Like the Master Hiram "What he undertook to do, he did it faithfully, he did it zealously, he did it well."

The Worshipful Master for the year 1908-1909 was Wor. Bro. James N. Ferguson, a civil servant, who was initiated May 30, 1899. Wor. Bro. Ferguson was absent from the October meeting, 1908, being on his wedding trip, and, at the November meeting, was presented with a silver tea service to commemorate the happy event. During his term of office twenty new members were received.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1909-1910 was Wor. Bro. Edward A. Olver, a warehouseman, who was initiated into The Builders Lodge February 14, 1896. In May, 1910 the brethren attended a Masonic Service under the auspices of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, G.R.C. in memory of the late King Edward VII. By command of the Most Wor. the Grand Master, the Altar and Charter of the Lodge were draped for a period of three months. During Wor. Bro. Olver's term of office, the Ottawa Masonic Temple Company was incorporated and, at one of the regular meetings, the Lodge called off to give the brethren an opportunity to subscribe to the stock of the Temple Company so that the present Masonic Temple might be erected.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1910-1911 was Wor. Bro. John E. Craig. At the regular communication held June 10, 1910, a telegram was read from the Masonic Board of Relief, Chicago, announcing that a brother from The Builders Lodge had just died in indigent circumstances. It was moved by Wor. Bro. J.H. Putman, seconded by Wor. Bro. H. Cairns that the funeral expenses amounting to \$128.50 be paid forthwith.

For the year 1911-1912, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. Alexander Hamilton McKee, a civil servant who was initiated in The Builders Lodge November 14, 1902. Wor. Bro. McKee had a record year with 34 members being added to the roll. At the September meeting an interesting communication from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was read in which the edict issued February, 1911 severing relations with the Lodge of Michigan was reversed. A grant of \$25.00 was made to Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433,

Eganville, Ontario, to assist the brethren to rebuild the Lodge Room which had been destroyed by fire. At the October meeting, the initiation fee was raised to \$50.00 and the annual dues to \$5.00 or \$4.00 if paid in advance by June. A donation of \$15.00 was made to the Ottawa Masonic Band which for many years played an important part in funeral services as well as at the annual church parade held on St. John Baptist Day. At that time the brethren wore white gloves, Prince Albert coats and silk hats at funerals. The brethren, dressed in their regalia, made an imposing appearance as they marched through the streets. What a memory! On Friday, January 12, 1912 the brethren paid their last sad offices of respect to Wor. Bro. T.W. Currier, a member of the Charter group and the fourth Worshipful Master. Wor. Bro. Currier had been a regular attendant at meetings of the Lodge from August 22, 1865, until his death. Wor. Bro. McKee was elected District Deputy Grand Master in July 1922, received the Veteran Jubilee Jewel in 1952 and the Sixty Year Pin in 1962. In 1961, he was awarded the Long Service Medal in recognition of his services as Master and Ruler in the Craft for fifty years. At the March meeting, 1912, three sons of the late Bro. Geo. McNeill were initiated, a memorable event. Rt. Wor. Bro. McKee's unusual qualities of mind and heart, high integrity and lofty idealism command the full confidence and regard of his brethren.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1912-1913 was Wor. Bro. David A. Esdale, a cabinet maker who affiliated with The Builders Lodge on February 14, 1902. During the year \$500.00 was subscribed to purchase stock in the Masonic Temple Company. In 1926, Wor. Bro. Esdale was elected Grand Senior Warden. Outside the Lodge he was an active member of the City of Ottawa Public School Board and an elected Alderman for Rideau Ward on City Council. For many years he served on the Local Board of Masonic Relief as member, secretary, and president until his resignation in 1947 but held emeritus standing until his death in 1951. In 1943 he was presented with a pen and pencil set by friends in recognition of long and efficient service on the Board of Relief. Rt. Wor. Bro. Esdale endeared himself by his conduct in private life as an exemplary Mason.

Wor. Bro. David A. Whitton, a physician who affiliated with The Builders Lodge, March 11, 1904, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1913-1914. During the first week of July, 1913, the quarters where the Ottawa Masonic Lodges held their meetings at 140 Albert Street over Harmony Hall, were burned to the ground. The Warrant, regalia, and many records of The Builders Lodge were consumed in the conflagration. For the second time it was necessary to secure temporary quarters in the Scottish Rite quarters on Sparks Street. The Grand Lodge of Canada promptly provided a new Warrant to replace the one destroyed and, in January 1914, the new Charter was first displayed in the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Charles Caulfeild was the Worshipful Master for the year 1914-1915. Shortly after assuming office as Master, the First Great War broke out during which so many brother Masons laid down their lives in defence of

freedom. Bro. Caulfeild was initiated into The Builders Lodge on January 12, 1906. During his term of office the Ottawa Masonic Temple at 111 Metcalfe Street was completed and the dedication ceremonies were conducted by Most Wor. Bro. W. D. McPherson. Two distinguished Past Masters in the persons of Wor. Bro. H.F. Webb and Very Wor. Bro. J.C. Kearns died during the year and were buried with full Masonic honours. At the November meeting, 1914, a motion was passed exempting from the payment of fees all brethren, members of The Builders Lodge, who had gone or might later go on active service with the Canadian forces. A donation of \$287.00, being the equivalent of \$1.00 per member, was forwarded to Grand Lodge to be applied to the relief of distressed Belgians who bore the brunt during enemy occupation. Following his term of office as Master, Wor. Bro. Caulfeild was elected Treasurer of the Lodge and continued to discharge his duties with fervency and zeal.

During the second twenty-five years of The Builders Lodge, a total of 335 new members were added to the roll.

"The genius of Masonry is that it has lived as an influence for good down through the years because it represents a method of living based on those principles of truth and right that we are assured will abide. Though we may be discouraged by the happenings of our time in the world scene, we should never abandon our faith in the eternal truth that the promises of God are true."

PART III THE THIRD TWENTY-FIVE YEARS 1915-1940

The third twenty-five years of the life of The Builders Lodge saw the termination of the First Great War in 1918, the terrible and distressing years of the depression during the early thirties and the Second World War which began in 1939.

The Worshipful Master for the years 1915-1916 was Wor. Bro. James S. MacAdam, a train dispatcher, initiated December 9, 1904. A Dinner Dance was held in the new Masonic Temple on November 30, 1915 to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the granting of the Warrant to The Builders Lodge.

On June 20, 1916, Most Wor. Bro. Sidney Albert Luke presided over a special meeting at which the Officers of The Builders Lodge, Dalhousie Lodge, and the Lodge of Fidelity were duly installed. The joint ceremony was the first of its kind at which The Builders Lodge participated.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1916-1917 was Wor. Bro. James A. Kendall, a millwright, initiated April 8, 1905. During the year Rt. Wor. Bro. J.P. Featherstone and Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Rea were presented with gold locketts by the brethren of The Builders Lodge to commemorate Fifty Years membership in the Craft. At an emergent meeting held February 17, 1917, attended by members of the various Lodges in Ottawa and District, Most Wor. Bro. S.A. Luke was presented with a gold watch and chain to mark his services as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

For the year 1917-1918, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. Robert S. Simpson, a teacher, who affiliated with The Builders Lodge February 13, 1903. During the year, casualties in the Canadian Army were heavy and the Secretary of the Lodge, Very Wor. Bro. H.H. Cairns, was required to write several letters of condolence including five members of The Builders Lodge who had lost sons in action on the battlefields of France. In October, 1917, Most Wor. Bro. W.H. Wardrope, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, visited the Lodge and was received with Grand Honours befitting his rank. The late Very Wor. Bro. E.C. Wight in his notes mentioned especially an emergent meeting of The Builders Lodge held March 23, 1917 when the distressing news was announced that a late bulletin received indicated that the German Army had broken through the Allied lines inflicting tremendous casualties and capturing some 35,000 prisoners. A bleak period indeed.

During the year 1918-1919, Wor. Bro. John J. McGill, a civil servant who had affiliated with The Builders Lodge on February 12, 1904, was the Worshipful Master. It was while Wor. Bro. McGill was in office that an Armistice was signed signifying the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, the actual termination of hostilities following the surrender of the German Army although it was many months later before all Canadian troops returned home. Wor. Bro. McGill had a heavy year with some thirty-three new

members being added to the roll. Due to the influenza epidemic in Ottawa as elsewhere, no meetings were held during the months of October and November. In 1927, Wor. Bro. J.J. McGill was elected Secretary of The Builders Lodge, an office which he filled with distinction until his retirement in 1952 due to ill health. In 1947, Wor. Bro. McGill was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works. Very Wor. Bro. McGill died June 26, 1954 and is remembered for his efficient and zealous service in addition to his genial character.

Wor. Bro. John Lockhart, a salesman who was initiated into The Builders Lodge May 23, 1907, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1919-1920. His year was perhaps the busiest in the history of the Lodge; forty-eight new members, a record number. At the November meeting 1919, a motion was adopted that members of The Builders Lodge who had served in the armed forces overseas after their initiation and who had been exempt from dues during their period of enlistment were to be returned to the list of dues paying members on January 1, 1920. At the February meeting, 1920, however, that motion was rescinded and a new motion passed to extend the period of exemption from payment of dues to May 31, 1925. At the March meeting, 1920, those brethren of The Builders Lodge who had served overseas were officially welcomed and presented with receipts for five years' dues. At the April meeting, 1920, Wor. Bro. J. Biehler, who was Worshipful Master for the years 1885-1887, was presented with a gold locket to commemorate his fiftieth year as a Mason. Wor. Bro. Lockhart was presented with a Veteran Jubilee Medal in the year 1957 and was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works in 1960. Very Wor. Bro. Lockhart never faltered in his loyalty and devotion to the great causes which the Craft espouses or in his labours to make effective its noble principles and to uphold its lofty ideals.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1920-1921 was Wor. Bro. W.T. Rollins, a civil servant who was initiated May 10, 1907. One of the most interesting meetings of the year was held December 10, 1920 when Wor. Bro. F.G. Wait, who was Worshipful Master 1906-1907, assisted by most of his officers for that year, presided at the initiation of his son, G.E. Wait. At the March meeting, 1920, the sum of \$20.00 was voted to Carleton Lodge, No. 465, G.R.C., Carp, Ontario, to assist the brethren in the purchase of a new regalia to replace that destroyed by fire.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1921-1922, was Wor. Bro. R. Edgar Cook, initiated in February 1909. During his term of office the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was held in Ottawa and several brethren from The Builders Lodge attended. The two large pillars and the four tassels which adorn the Lodge Room were installed there in November 1921.

For the year 1922-1923, Wor. Bro. D. P. Bateman, a civil servant attached to the Royal Canadian Mint, was the Worshipful Master. Annual dues were raised for resident members to \$9.00 or \$7.00 if paid in advance and for

non-resident members to \$6.00 or \$5.00 if paid in advance. A Masonic funeral was held for the late Wor. Bro. J. Biehler, Master 1885-1887, a trusted and highly esteemed brother.

Wor. Bro. Thomas R. Browne, a buyer, was Worshipful Master for the year 1923-1924. The Master and Officers of Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville, Ontario, accompanied by a distinguished company of brethren from that Lodge, paid a fraternal visit to the Lodge April 25, 1924. In 1929 Wor. Bro. T. R. Browne was appointed a Grand Steward.

For the year 1924-1925, Wor. Bro. James E. Dalton, a salesman, initiated January 13, 1911, was the Worshipful Master. During his term, a special committee on By-Laws reported to the Lodge recommending certain changes which were adopted after considerable discussion. A Masonic funeral service was conducted for Bro. E. J. Darby, a member of the Lodge since January 1887, and auditor for many years. A fraternal visit was paid to The Builders Lodge in April, 1925 by the Officers and brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371.

For 1925-1926, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. John A. Dobbie, a teacher at the Ottawa Normal School when initiated November 14, 1902, and medical practitioner at the time of his installation. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. J. McCleery, past District Deputy Grand Master of the Ottawa Masonic District, was the Installing Master. Always manifesting a keen interest in Masonry, Bro. Dobbie was soon appointed an Officer of The Builders Lodge but took his demit in order that he might study at Queens' University Medical School at Kingston, Ontario. Upon graduation, Bro. Dobbie returned to Ottawa and established a medical practice. Later he was appointed Administrator at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Shortly after his return to the Capital City, Bro. Dobbie was reinstated a member of The Builders Lodge and almost immediately was again appointed an Officer and became Worshipful Master in June, 1925. Wor. Bro. Dobbie was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Ottawa Masonic District in 1928. He was elected and installed as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on July 20, 1939. Most Wor. Bro. J.A. Dobbie died January 6, 1945 and was buried at Guelph, Ontario. By his Last Will and Testament, upon the death of the last survivor, his entire estate, a very substantial amount, is to be left to The Builders Lodge to be used as loans, interest free, for the education of promising sons and daughters of the brethren of his Mother Lodge. A Mason of profound scholarship, with great gift of intellect and capacity for imparting knowledge, with a steadfast faith in and love for his fellowmen, his influence is still felt in the cause of Masonry and his brethren, who were privileged to know him intimately, remember him with affection. In very truth it may be said of Most Wor. Bro. Dobbie that on him no honours were undeservedly bestowed. He was a giant in Freemasonry.

Most Wor. Bro. J.H. Rowland, Grand Master, paid an official visit to The Builders Lodge in April 1926 where he was warmly greeted and, afterwards, a

reception in his honour was held in the Glebe Collegiate Institute.

The Worshipful Master for 1926-1927 was Wor. Bro. Andrew C. Brown, manager, who was initiated February 22, 1912. In April 1926, Very Wor. Bro. H.H. Cairns, Worshipful Master 1889-1891, and Secretary for thirty-five years and more, died. In him high integrity and lofty idealism were joined with a keen mind and an understanding heart.

Wor. Bro. Thomas C. Miller, initiated April 22, 1915, was the Worshipful Master in 1927-1928. A Masonic funeral was conducted for Rt. Wor. Bro. E.B. Butterworth. Our lamented brother was a loyal and active Mason and Christian gentleman. In every duty assigned to him, Wor. Bro. Miller played well his part and therein achieved the honour and recognition which his fellowmen freely and gladly bestowed upon him.

Wor. Bro. J. Russell Howie, a teacher, initiated February 24, 1915, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1928-1929. During the year, a Master Mason's Degree was conferred upon a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville, Ontario, by request from his Mother Lodge. When the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Ottawa, July 29, 1929, each City Lodge was assessed a per capita charge of 20 cents to defray incidental expenses. Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Dobbie paid his official visit to The Builders Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master in December, 1928.

For the year 1929-1930, Wor. Bro. H. Reeves Munroe, a civil servant, initiated March 24, 1919, was the Worshipful Master. A Masonic funeral was held for Wor. Bro. J.A. Kendall, Worshipful Master 1916-1917. A presentation of regalia was made by Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Dobbie and Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Ross, on behalf of The Builders Lodge, to Very Wor. Bro. E.C. Wight and Very Wor. Bro. T.R. Browne, appointed Assistant Grand Organist and Grand Steward respectively in July 1929. Likewise a presentation of regalia was made to Very Wor. Bro. F.G. Wait previously appointed Assistant Grand Secretary in 1928.

Wor. Bro. John A. Heisler was Worshipful Master for 1930-1931. A civil servant, initiated April 25, 1918, he was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the Ottawa Masonic District in 1946. In April 1931, Most Wor. Bro. R.B. Dargavel paid an official visit to the City of Ottawa Lodges and was entertained at a luncheon in the Chateau Laurier Hotel and later at a social event in the Glebe Collegiate Institute. Rt. Wor. Bro. Heisler, a quiet, sincere and undemonstrative Mason, can always be relied upon to serve the Craft and his advice on Masonic matters is frequently sought. His unremitting diligence in the discharge of his duties, his excellent judgment in assessing the true extent of human need, his broad and sympathetic understanding of the distressed - these qualities have marked the years of his membership and have brought their natural harvest of increased confidence in the hearts of those whose steward he is.

Wor. Bro. Arthur E.G. Mann, a civil servant, initiated January 8, 1909, was Worshipful Master for the year 1931-1932. For some time after his term of office as Master, he was the representative from The Builders Lodge to the local Masonic Board of Relief. "The work a good man does is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground fertile. Whether we realize it or not, each Mason exerts a very definite influence. Let us be sure that ours is one of which we need not be ashamed." Such an influence for good was Wor. Bro. Mann.

For the year 1932-1933, Wor. Bro. J. Delmar Graham, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, initiated April 25, 1918, was the Worshipful Master. During the year a Masonic funeral service was conducted for Wor. Bro. J.A. Kendall, Master for the year 1916-1917. Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented at the April meeting, 1933, to Wor. Bro. A.W. Huband and Very Wor. Bro. E.C. Wight. Wor. Bro. Graham was a great enthusiast in everything he undertook but withal, kindly, considerate, conscientious, and sincere.

Wor. Bro. Thomas H. Mansell, a civil servant, initiated October 13, 1922 was the Worshipful Master for the year 1933-1934. A team of Officers and members from Madawaska Lodge, No. 156, Arnprior, paid a fraternal visit to The Builders Lodge in April, 1934, and conferred the degree of the evening. Masonic funeral services were held during the year for the late Wor. Bro. A.W. Huband and Wor. Bro. W.J.V. Hooper. In July 1940, Wor. Bro. Mansell was appointed a Grand Steward. As mentor and guide, Very Wor. Bro. Mansell gave of his wisdom and knowledge unstintingly.

For the year 1934-1935, Wor. Bro. Laurence P.E. Christensen, a machinist, initiated January 24, 1915 was the Worshipful Master. During the year a Third Degree was conferred upon a brother from Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, Manitoba, at the request of his Mother Lodge due to his having taken up residence in Ottawa. At the April meeting 1935, it was announced that three of the brethren, Rt. Wor. Bro. D.A. Esdale, Wor. Bro. T.H. Mansell, and Bro. A.T. McKinnon had recently received the Imperial Service Order for long and efficient government service. In 1954 Wor. Bro. Christensen was appointed a Grand Steward. Efficient and untiring in his efforts to further the cause of Freemasonry, his many talents, wholesome influence and genial character have won deep affection for him in the hearts of his brethren whom he serves with such magnanimity. He represents The Builders Lodge on the Masonic Board of Relief and was appointed Chairman in 1963.

Wor. Bro. G. Edgar Lavalley, a pressman who was initiated May 16, 1912, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1935-1936. At the November meeting, 1935, a programme honouring the Seventieth Anniversary of the creation of The Builders Lodge was presented. Very Wor. Bro. E.C. Wight, Lodge historian, narrated several highlights gleaned from personal observation and intensive study and research. Wor. Bro. Lavalley is a brother who seeks neither glory nor acclaim but gives unreservedly and unstintingly of his time,

talents, and effort to assure the smooth working of all the three Degrees.

For the year 1936-1937, Wor. Bro. Ernest C. Tresidder, an electrician, initiated May 31, 1918, was Worshipful Master. Masonically, Wor. Bro. Tresidder enjoys a distinguished career in service and attainment in all branches of the Craft. His qualities of warm and stout friendship mark him as an unusual individual. No meeting of The Builders Lodge would be complete without his broad smile and hearty handshake which make the brethren feel that their presence is a source of delight to him. Wor. Bro. Tresidder gives himself enthusiastically and efficiently to the service of the Officers and brethren of The Builders Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Charles C. Bradly, a teacher who affiliated with The Builders Lodge, March 14, 1924, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1937-1938. At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held in Ottawa during July 1937, Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Dobbie was elected Deputy Grand Master and Wor. Bro. W.E. Gowling, Grand Senior Warden. These illustrious brethren attended the October meetings of the Lodge and were warmly congratulated on the occasion of their elevation. Wor. Bro. Bradly is remembered as a true gentleman, loved and respected by all who knew him and gentle in all his relations with the brethren. He was never too busy to give aid and counsel to the many with whom he came in contact, whether it was a pupil, a friend, or a brother Mason.

Wor. Bro. John S. Nicholson, a metal worker, initiated February 10, 1922, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1938-1939. He was blessed with a remarkable memory and his presentation of the ritual was unique. We, of The Builders Lodge, are the better for this brother's life and revere the memory of one who served his day with such devotion and goodness.

Initiated May 14, 1915, Wor. Bro. Reginald W. Lyon, an electrician by trade, was the Worshipful Master for 1939-1940. On September 29, 1939, Most Wor. Bro. J.A. Dobbie was welcomed and congratulated upon the occasion of his election to the rank of Grand Master. A fraternal visit was paid to Osiris Lodge, No. 489, Smiths Falls, Ontario on October 18, 1939, and a return visit was made to The Builders Lodge on November 30, 1939. These interchanges of annual visitations continued for many years and highlighted the years' activities. On December 27, 1939, the Officers and brethren journeyed to Smiths Falls to join the brethren of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, on the occasion of their One Hundredth Anniversary. Wor. Bro. Lyon was a man of great sincerity and integrity, possessing a sympathetic understanding; he was a staunch friend and loyal Mason. During his term as Master, the Second World War began. During those tumultuous times, many predicted that the old order of things would pass away and a new one be ushered in. This was not true of Masonry. Faith in God leads to love of humanity and the brotherhood of man. Our Order, founded upon lofty principles and treasured ideals, cannot be destroyed but will live forever in the hearts of free men everywhere.

It is recorded that 353 new members were received into The Builders Lodge during the third twenty-five years of its existence.

PART IV THE FOURTH TWENTY-FIVE YEARS 1940-1965

The last quarter of the first century in the history of The Builders Lodge saw the termination of World War II, the birth of the United Nations Organization, the commencement of the cold war, the Berlin air-lift, and the Cuban crisis. The enactment of Social Security legislation greatly relieved distress and reduced considerably the amounts spent for benevolence at the local as well as by Grand Lodge.

For the year 1940-1941, Wor. Bro. Alfred Pepper, a mechanic, initiated May 25, 1922 was the Worshipful Master. At the November meeting, 1940, Very Wor. Bro. T.H. Mansell, who had been appointed Grand Steward, was invested with his regalia by Most Wor. Bro. J.A. Dobbie. A Masonic funeral service was held for the late Rt. Wor. Bro. J.H. Putman. In April, 1941, it was approved that "The Builders Lodge exempt dues for the duration of World War II all members of the Lodge serving outside Canada." Grand Lodge established a special fund known as the British War Relief Fund and solicited contributions. At the May meeting, 1941, it was announced that donations from the brethren of The Builders Lodge had almost reached \$1,000.00. Wor. Bro. Pepper took a keen interest in his Masonic activities and helped promote the good work of the Order. His life was one of service as a man and a Mason.

Wor. Bro. Henry M. Herbst, a machinist, initiated January 22, 1920, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1941-1942. A Masonic funeral was held during the year for Very Wor. Bro. E.C. Wight. In March, 1942, notice of motion was given to raise the annual dues from \$9.00 or \$7.00 to \$9.00 or \$8.00 if paid in advance and to suspend, indefinitely, the By-Laws governing life memberships. The motion was approved at the April meeting, 1942. Wor. Bro. Herbst was a Christian gentleman and The Builders Lodge is grateful for one who served his day and generation with such devotion.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1942-1943 was Wor. Bro. Robert B. Day, a civil servant, initiated December 9, 1927. At the June meeting, 1942, Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred Cook who was Master of The Builders Lodge for the years 1891-1894 was presented with a Long Service Medal for Fifty Years service as a Past Master. Wor. Bro. Day's virtues included, above all else, goodness, kindness and strength. He had an abiding faith in the true worth of his fellowman and his life confirmed the ancient maxim that "To be gentle one must first be strong."

For the year 1943-1944, Wor. Bro. C. Edwin Cook, a teacher who affiliated with The Builders Lodge in March 1925, was the Worshipful Master. During the year a proposal was accepted for the formation of a Central Masonic Bureau in the City of Ottawa to serve the fourteen Lodges. Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Wor. Bro. Wm. H.V. Hooper, Wor. Bro. A.E. McCordick, and Wor. Bro. R.S. Simpson. Wor. Bro. Cook was a man of high ideals, a great humanitarian, a good citizen who was affectionately known by a host of friends who remember him as one who went about doing good and

finding time to give and counsel to the many with whom he came in contact professionally or fraternally.

Wor. Bro. George McCann, a civil servant and confidential printer to the Civil Service Commission, who was initiated January 14, 1921, was Worshipful Master for 1944-1945. At the September meeting, 1944, notice of motion was given to (a) raise the annual dues to \$10.00 or \$9.00 and \$6.00 or \$5.00; (b) to extend the time for discount from the end of June to the end of September; (c) to restore the By-Law permitting life memberships and (d) to make certain minor changes in the requirement for life memberships. At the October meeting, the motions were formally approved and subsequently sanctioned by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to become effective June 1, 1945. The first report by the newly formed Ottawa Central Masonic Bureau was read at the October meeting. A largely attended Masonic funeral service was conducted for the late Most Wor. Bro. J.A. Dobbie whose death occurred suddenly on January 6, 1945. The Worshipful Master and Wor. Bro. J.A. Heisler were named official representatives from The Builders Lodge to accompany the remains of our late illustrious Brother to Guelph where interment was made. A veteran of World War I, Wor. Bro. McCann has made many practical contributions to his community's progress as a good citizen. Active in the Canadian Legion, he participates in multiple activities and seeks to make life more enjoyable for his many friends and compatriots.

For the year 1945-1946, Wor. Bro. J. Fred Swayze, a secondary school teacher, initiated May 11, 1934, was the Worshipful Master. At the October meeting, 1945, a committee report recommended that the brethren from The Builders Lodge who had served overseas in any branch of the armed services be absolved from payment of dues until May 31, 1947. The recommendation was approved. In February, 1946, notice of motion was presented to advance the time of opening Lodge to 7:30 p.m. from 8:00 p.m. The motion was subsequently endorsed and received the approval of the Grand Master. A Masonic funeral service was held for Wor. Bro. C.E. Cook, Master during 1943-1944. Wor. Bro. J.F. Swayze was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Ottawa Masonic District for the year 1952-1953. Quiet in manner, reserved, conscientious, and sincere in all his thinking and activity, he lives to practise the tenets of Freemasonry. Reliable to the utmost, he undertook many duties in Masonry and in his profession with a strength of purpose and assurance that meant successful conclusions.

Wor. Bro. Wm. G. Strong, a public school principal, initiated January 14, 1927, was installed as Worshipful Master for 1946-1947. Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Heisler, elected District Deputy Grand Master in July, 1946, paid his official visit to The Builders Lodge at the regular meeting in January, 1947, when a Third Degree or Master Mason's Degree was conferred in the presence of some three hundred brethren including six Past District Deputy Grand Masters, twenty-one Past Masters of The Builders Lodge, thirteen Worshipful Masters and seventeen other Past Masters. The Ottawa Temple Choir was in attendance to provide musical selections to augment the ritual. At the April meeting,

1947, the sum of \$100.00 was voted to the Salvation Army Grace Hospital to assist in the equipping of new rooms. At the same meeting, Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Heisler acting as Worshipful Master and Past District Deputy Grand Masters occupying the various chairs, conferred a First Degree.

For the year 1947-1948, Wor. Bro. M.A. Atkinson, a Bank Note worker, initiated October 11, 1911, was the Worshipful Master. During the year a Masonic funeral was held for the late Very Wor. Bro. T.H. Mansell, Worshipful Master, 1933-1934. Very Wor. Bro. J.J. McGill, Grand Superintendent of Works, was invested with his regalia at the November meeting, 1947. At the February meeting, 1948, it was announced by the chairman of the Committee, Wor. Bro. W.G. Strong, that a sum in excess of \$700.00 has been subscribed by the brethren of The Builders Lodge for the "Food Parcels for Britain" Fund sponsored by Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Atkinson continues to be held in high esteem by Masons and his fellowmen. Kind in manner and ever solicitous of the feelings of others he carries the respect of all who know him.

Wor. Bro. R. Ross Forbes, a public school principal, initiated December 9, 1932, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1948-1949. A fraternal visit was paid to Catarauqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston, Ontario when a Third Degree was conferred. A loyal friend and co-worker, Wor. Bro. Forbes practised honour, integrity and duty in all the transactions of life.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1949-1950 was Wor. Bro. Percy Moulds, a Bank Note employee, initiated March 10, 1916. During the year, Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Bro. J. Lumsden, Bro. E. Brownlee, and Bro. D. Peddie in recognition of fifty years' service in the Craft. At the January meeting, 1950, a special committee was appointed to raise funds for the purchase of a Memorial organ to be installed in the Lodge room at an estimated cost of \$8,000.00. The Builders Lodge share was \$750.00 and this amount was fully subscribed in the course of the following six months. On October 1, 1949, Catarauqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston paid a friendly visit to The Builders Lodge and conferred a First Degree. Wor. Bro. Moulds, although of unassuming disposition, took an active part in affairs outside the Lodge. A faithful and devoted member, he performed every duty assigned to him with fidelity. An ardent sportsman, Wor. Bro. Moulds engaged in softball and bowling as a member of the teams entered in the Temple Athletic League, bringing championship trophies to his Mother Lodge. He lives in the memory of his friends who liked him for himself.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1950-1951 was Wor. Bro. Reginald F. Blandford, a Bank Note employee, initiated March 9, 1934. During the year Masonic funerals were held for the late Wor. Bro. C.H. Caulfeild and Rt. Wor. Bro. D.A. Esdale. Wor. Bro. Caulfeild was the efficient Treasurer of The Builders Lodge for many years and was succeeded by Bro. R. Armitage. Rt. Wor. Bro. Esdale was the Lodge's representative on the Masonic Board of Relief. At the June meeting, 1950, the sum of \$100.00 was voted as a

contribution to the Manitoba Relief Fund. The New Memorial Organ, following its installation, was officially dedicated at a ceremony held September 8, 1950. His genius for friendship endears Wor. Bro. Blandford to his business associates and brethren. He derives enormous pleasure from these contacts and is noted for his gentle humour and unfailing consideration for others.

For the year 1951-1952, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. J. Seager Allan, a civil servant, initiated February 13, 1914. Due to the illness of Very Wor. Bro. J.J. McGill, Secretary of The Builders Lodge, Wor. Bro. J.F. Swayze was appointed Assistant Secretary. During the year, Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Very Wor. Bro. J.J. McGill and Bro. W.B. Walby. The widow of the late Rt. Wor. Bro. D.A. Esdale presented a set of four gavels to The Builders Lodge. At the March meeting, 1952, Very Wor. Bro. D.S. Noad, Secretary of Osiris Lodge, No. 489, Smiths Falls, was elected an honorary member of The Builders Lodge. In June, 1952, Bro. William Dougan was presented with the William Mercer Wilson Medal by Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Heisler on behalf of Grand Lodge. This medal is awarded sparingly for outstanding meritorious service to those whose services cannot be suitably and fittingly recognized in other ways. Wor. Bro. Allan moved to Smiths Falls and was elected Secretary of Osiris Lodge. He continues to give unselfish and progressive leadership expressive of his Masonic philosophy of service and brotherhood.

Wor. Bro. Donald G. Hewer, a secondary school teacher, initiated April 8, 1938, was the Worshipful Master for 1952-1953. At the November meeting, 1952, a Degree team headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. A.H. McKee, initiated November 1902, conferred a Second Degree. At this meeting, Rt. Wor. Bro. A.H. McKee was presented with an illuminated scroll and a Veteran Jubilee Medal. During the year two more Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Bro. R. Law and Bro. G. Law respectively. At the January meeting, 1953, Rt. Wor. Bro. J.F. Swayze, District Deputy Grand Master, paid his official visit to The Builders Lodge when a Second Degree was conferred. The special committee on finances set up in 1952 recommended that the initiation fee be increased to \$75.00; the annual dues be set at \$12.00 or \$10.00 if paid in advance and, for non-residents, at \$8.00 and \$7.00; and that any member having paid dues for thirty years be eligible for life membership. These recommendations were adopted and subsequently approved by the Grand Master. At the May meeting, 1953, a committee was appointed to explore the possibility of making arrangements for a fraternal visit to and from a Lodge in the United States. A Masonic funeral was conducted for the late Wor. Bro. R.W. Lyon. In 1954, Wor. Bro. D.G. Hewer was elected Secretary of The Builders Lodge and in 1964, was appointed District Secretary by Rt. Wor. Bro. W.J. Roe, D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. Hewer has always shown interest and concern for the brethren ever maintaining a great capacity for making and keeping friends knowing well that to make friends one has to be one.

Wor. Bro. H. Nelson Corbett, a secondary school teacher, initiated

January 10, 1941, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1953-1954. At the September meeting, 1953, Very Wor. Bro. L.P.E. Christensen, who had been appointed a Grand Steward at Grand Lodge in July was invested with his regalia. Bro. T.N. Lewis was presented with his Veteran Jubilee Medal at the same meeting. At the November meeting, 1953, Rt. Wor. Bro. A.K. Stewart, Past District Deputy Grand Master, was elected an honorary member of The Builders Lodge. On May 15, 1954, one hundred and twelve brethren from Binghamton Lodge, No. 177, Binghamton, N.Y., paid a fraternal visit to The Builders Lodge. Under the direction of the Worshipful Master of Binghamton Lodge, the five acts of the Third Degree were exemplified in full ceremonial form. At the dinner prior to the Degree, Wor. Bro. Gordon F. Bradley, a member of the Canadian Senate, extended a sincere welcome on behalf of the Government of Canada. Wor. Bro. Corbett remains a quiet and unassuming brother who by his kindly interest in others and his friendly manner continues to endear himself to all who know him in the classroom, the community, and the Lodge.

For the year 1954-1955, Wor. Bro. Harold N. Utman, a business secretary, initiated March 11, 1938, was the Worshipful Master. At the June meeting, a special committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of a Life Membership Fund. At the same meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. J.F. Swayze informed the Lodge that he was leaving Ottawa to accept a position with the Ontario Department of Education as inspector. The best wishes of the brethren were extended to him in his important undertaking. An invitation having been received from Binghamton Lodge to pay them a fraternal return visit, the Worshipful Master appointed a committee to make all the arrangements. At the September meeting, 1954, a committee was appointed to review the By-Laws of the Lodge. The committee on Life Membership reported at the November meeting, 1954, the amount of money which would be required to set up a Life Membership Fund on an actuarial basis. The report of the committee was adopted and the amended By-Laws subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master. Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Bro. J.H. Hughes, Bro. G.R. Mikel, and Bro. W.H. Iveson. A fraternal visit was paid by the officers and brethren of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, Ontario, on December 10, 1954 and the return visit was made on March 8, 1955. On Saturday morning, May 14, 1955, some fifty members of The Builders Lodge travelled to Binghamton Lodge, No. 177. Lunch was served in the Masonic Temple, Watertown, N.Y. In the evening, following dinner, a First Degree was exemplified before a large gathering of brethren. On Sunday, May 15, the group was taken on a city tour and, following lunch, returned to Ottawa. Wor. Bro. Utman moved to Pembroke in 1962. Active in boys' work, countless boys and young men have reason to be thankful to Harold Utman, thankful for his counsel and example.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1955-1956 was Wor. Bro. J. Alan Call, a civil servant, initiated January 22, 1932. During the year Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Rt. Wor. Bro. W.E. Gowling and to Bro. Matthew Hall. Visits were paid to The Builders Lodge by Osiris Lodge,

Smiths Falls, Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, and Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell, and return visits carried out. At the April meeting, 1956, it was announced that Wor. Bro. E.A. Olver had donated \$75.00 to be applied against the purchase of a portable typewriter for the use of the Secretary. At the May meeting, the sum of \$200.00 was transferred from the General Account to a Centennial Fund. A special bank account was established to handle Centennial Funds. In every undertaking in the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Call performs his several duties with quiet dignity thereby gaining the affection and loyalty of all with whom he comes in contact.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1956-1957 was Wor. Bro. Wm. J. Christie, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, initiated May 8, 1922. Three Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented during the year; to Wor. Bro. J.M. Somerville, Wor. Bro. F. Thompson and Bro. W. Dougan. Wor. Bro. Christie is a man of high ideals, a good citizen, who goes about doing good, finding time to aid and counsel the many with whom he comes in contact. He will be remembered as an exemplary ritualist who carried out the duties of his respective offices with dignity, sincerity and perfection.

Wor. Bro. Lewis A. St.Dennis, a civil employee, initiated May 27, 1932, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1957-1958. During the year a Veteran Jubilee Medal was presented to Wor. Bro. John Lockhart. A Masonic funeral was conducted for the late Wor. Bro. J.S. Nicholson, Master in the year 1938-1939. On November 25, 1957, a fraternal visit was made to St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta, Ontario, where a special meeting of the Lodge was held and the Officers and Past Masters of The Builders Lodge conferred a Third Degree. On May 10, 1958, the brethren of Binghamton Lodge, No. 177, visited us and exemplified a First Degree. At this meeting the annual dues were raised to \$15.00 or \$14.00 if paid in advance to take effect June 1, 1958. Wor. Bro. St.Dennis' genius for friendship wins him many friends and he derives enormous pleasure from the contacts which he makes in the office, the community, and sporting circles.

For the year 1958-1959, Wor. Bro. John R. Fisher, an electrician initiated April 11, 1924, was the Worshipful Master. During the year Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown, Bro. H. Cavers and Bro. O. Gesche. The first was presented at the request of Acacia Lodge, No. 13, Pugwash, Nova Scotia; the second at the request of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay. Wor. Bro. Fisher is a modest, unassuming, kind man with a gift for warm friendship.

Wor. Bro. William J. Roe, a merchant, who was initiated April 12, 1946, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1959-1960. During the year a Veteran Jubilee Medal was presented to Bro. A. Gamble by Rt. Wor. Bro. A.H. McKee who was Junior Warden of The Builders Lodge on the occasion of his initiation. On February 17, 1960, a fraternal visit was made to Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517, Hazeldean, Ontario, to confer a First Degree. Another such visit was made to Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville, on April 8, 1960, where a

Second Degree was conferred. At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Toronto, July, 1964, Wor. Bro. W.J. Roe was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Ottawa Masonic District being the eighth member and Past Master of The Builders Lodge to attain that high honour. It is not by accident that an individual comes to command so conspicuously the trust and confidence of his fellows. It is because of certain unmistakable qualities of heart and soul. Personal integrity, excellence of judgment, broad and deep sympathy, and devotion to duty are the essence of Rt. Wor. Bro. Roe's Masonic success.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1960-1961 was Wor. Bro. Harold B. Hayes, a civil servant, initiated April 29, 1948. During the year Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Bro. D.D. Gray, Bro. R. Barnes, Bro. A. Crowson and Bro. F.J. Wells. A Long Service Medal was presented to Rt. Wor. Bro. A.H. McKee in recognition of fifty years' service as a Past Master. Very Wor. Bro. John Lockhart was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works in July, 1960. On April 14, 1961, a fraternal visit was paid to Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston, Ontario, when a First Degree was conferred. His kindly mien and faithfulness to duty mark Wor. Bro. Hayes as an exemplary Mason.

For the year 1961-1962, the Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. William J. Paterson, a telephone employee, initiated October 14, 1949. Veteran Jubilee Medals were presented to Wor. Bro. G.E. Lavalley, Wor. Bro. M.A. Atkinson, Bro. J.H. Hayes and Bro. C.A. Ramsay by Rt. Wor. Bro. A.H. McKee who had initiated each of them fifty years prior to the presentation. On October 21, 1961 a fraternal visit to The Builders Lodge was made by the Officers and brethren of Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston, when a First Degree was conferred. At the May meeting, 1962, it was decided that The Builders Lodge would raise no objections to the proposal that Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, Ontario, be granted concurrent jurisdiction with the City of Ottawa. Wor. Bro. Paterson practises outside the Lodge the great truths of Freemasonry taught within its tiled recesses.

Wor. Bro. A.Kay Cuthbertson, a lithographer, initiated April 30, 1951, was the Worshipful Master for the year 1962-1963. At the November meeting, 1962, The Builders Lodge concurred in a request for waiver of territorial jurisdiction in order that an Ottawa resident might be considered for membership in St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta. At the December meeting, 1962, a team of Past Grand Lodge officers headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. V.M. Poland, District Deputy Grand Master, conferred a First Degree. At this meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. A.H. McKee was presented with a Sixty Year Jewel by Very Wor. Bro. J. Lockhart. A Masonic funeral service was conducted for Wor. Bro. T.C. Miller. Wor. Bro. Cuthbertson is a Mason of quiet and reserved disposition, faithful and true in all his undertakings, firm in conviction, and untiring in his devotion to service on behalf of his brethren.

The Worshipful Master for the year 1963-1964 was Wor. Bro. William J. May, an electrician, initiated May 26, 1950. Veteran Jubilee Medals were

presented to Bro. L.H. Cole and Bro. S.E. Denison. At the December meeting, 1963, the Officers and brethren from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa, visited the Lodge and conferred a First Degree. At the February meeting, 1964, Wor. Bro. W.G. Strong and a team of public school teachers, inspectors, supervisors and administrators conferred a First degree on a fellow teacher. Following the withdrawal of a notice of motion to amend certain By-Laws of The Builders Lodge, the Worshipful Master appointed a special committee to review the By-Laws of the Lodge and instructed them to submit a report as soon as possible. Wor. Bro. May has the constant desire to serve in any way he can and his cheerful and ready response to this desire is evident.

Wor. Bro. Cecil C. Goold, a telephone employee, initiated October 10, 1952, is the Worshipful Master for the closing year of the First Century of The Builders Lodge, 1964-1965. At the December meeting, 1964, the Masonic Education Committee of Eddy Lodge, No. 41, G.R.Q., headed by Wor. Bro. Robert Parks, visited the Lodge and conducted an interesting discussion on matters of particular importance to Freemasons. New By-Laws were approved during the months of November and December. The principal changes follow: 1) changing hour of meeting from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.; 2) canceling the June meeting, elections to be in April and installation in May; 3) providing Life Membership to any member having paid dues continuously for 35 years; 4) raising Initiation fee to \$100.00. Rt. Wor. Bro. W.J. Roe, District Deputy Grand Master, paid his official visit to his Mother Lodge January 8, 1965. Very Wor. Bro. L.P.E. Christensen and Wor. Bro. J.R. Howie qualified for Veteran Jubilee Lapel Pins, January 24, 1965.

Great tasks and great problems lie ahead for Freemasons of the world. To enable us to solve these, may the Great Architect of the Universe take us under His protection to shield us from those who would compromise our beloved fraternity. May we be bound together with the three-fold cord of brotherly love to enable us, by the memories of our glorious past, to respond to the call of the present, and face the future with courage and determination and devotion to our ancient and honourable institution. As we have entered into the labours of others may we so live and serve that others may enjoy the fruits of our labour. By the clarity of our thoughts, by the charity of our judgments, by the breadth of our sympathies, and by the patience of our spirits may we show forth God's will and fill our days with useful service. May it be said of each brother of The Builders Lodge;

*"The work he did enriched all human kind,
And we shall miss him as the days go by.
He gave unto the body, soul, and mind,
Those things that life alone can satisfy.
And in his passing, he has left behind
An honoured name and deeds that will not die."*

And so ends the history of the First One Hundred Years of The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa, a century in which over 1200 brethren were admitted to its membership, of whom 345 are presently members.

**LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE BUILDERS LODGE, No. 177,
WHO SERVED AS WORSHIPFUL MASTERS
DURING THE CENTURY**

1865-1866	H. Augustus Sims	1922-1923	David P. Bateman
1866-1868	Samuel Rogers	1923-1924	Thomas R. Browne
1868-1869	Thomas W. Painter	1924-1925	James E. Dalton
1869-1870	Thomas W. Currier	1925-1926	John A. Dobbie
1870-1872	David Wilson	1926-1927	Andrew C. Brown
1872-1873	Gustave Levin	1927-1928	Thomas C. Miller
1873-1875	Enoch B. Butterworth	1928-1929	J. Russell Howie
1875-1877	Samuel Rogers	1929-1930	H. Reeves Munroe
1877-1880	John Orr	1930-1931	John A. Heisler
1880-1882	John C. Kearns	1931-1932	Arthur E.G. Mann
1882-1883	Edwin Daubney	1932-1933	J. Delmar Graham
1883-1885	David Taylor	1933-1934	Thomas H. Mansell
1885-1887	John Biehler	1934-1935	Laurence P.E. Christensen
1887-1888	Henry F. Webb	1935-1936	Edgar G. Lavalley
1888-1891	Hugh Cairns	1936-1937	Ernest C. Tresidder
1891-1894	Fred Cook	1937-1938	Charles C. Bradly
1894-1896	Alfred W. Huband	1938-1939	John S. Nicholson
1896-1897	William Rea	1939-1940	Reginald W. Lyon
1897-1898	Ephriam Bradshaw	1940-1941	Alfred Pepper
1898-1899	Samuel B. Sinclair	1941-1942	Henry M. Herbst
1899-1900	William J. Sykes	1942-1943	Robert B. Day
1900-1901	William J.V. Hooper	1943-1944	C. Edwin Cook
1901-1902	James S. MacCracken	1944-1945	George McCann
1902-1903	John H. Putman	1945-1946	J. Fred Swayze
1903-1904	John Bingham	1946-1947	William G. Strong
1904-1905	William G. Esdale	1947-1948	M. Archibald Atkinson
1905-1906	Frank E. Perney	1948-1949	R. Ross Forbes
1906-1907	Frank G. Wait	1949-1950	Percy Moulds
1907-1908	Edward C. Wight	1950-1951	Reginald F. Blandford
1908-1909	James N. Ferguson	1951-1952	J. Seager Allan
1909-1910	Edward A. Olver	1952-1953	Donald G. Hewer
1910-1911	John E. Craig	1953-1954	H. Nelson Corbett
1911-1912	A. Hamilton McKee	1954-1955	Harold N. Utman
1912-1913	David A. Esdale	1955-1956	J. Alan Call
1913-1914	David A. Whitton	1956-1957	William J. Christie
1914-1915	Charles Caulfeild	1957-1958	Lewis A. St.Dennis
1915-1916	James S. McAdam	1958-1959	John R. Fisher
1916-1917	James A. Kendall	1959-1960	William J. Roe
1917-1918	Robert S. Simpson	1960-1961	Harold B. Hayes
1918-1919	John J. McGill	1961-1962	William J. Paterson
1919-1920	John Lockhart	1962-1963	A. Kay Cuthbertson
1920-1921	William Rollins	1963-1964	William J. May
1921-1922	R. Edgar Cook	1964-1965	Cecil C. Goold

**LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE BUILDERS LODGE, No. 177,
WHO SERVED AS GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
DURING THE CENTURY**

1866-1867	H. Augustus Sims	Grand Superintendent of Works
1880-1881	S. Rogers	District Deputy Grand Master
1882-1883	E.B. Butterworth	District Deputy Grand Master
1887-1888	D. Taylor	District Deputy Grand Master
1892-1893	H.H. Cairns	Grand Pursuivant
1901-1902	F. Cook	Grand Senior Warden
1918-1919	J.H. Putman	District Deputy Grand Master
1922-1923	A.H. McKee	District Deputy Grand Master
1926-1927	D.A. Esdale	Grand Senior Warden
1928-1929	F.G. Wait	Grand Assistant Secretary
1928-1929	J.A. Dobbie	District Deputy Grand Master
1929-1930	T.R. Browne	Grand Steward
1929-1930	E.C. Wight	Assistant Grand Organist
1937-1938	W.E. Gowling	Grand Senior Warden
1939-1940	J.A. Dobbie	Grand Master
1940-1941	T.H. Mansell	Grand Steward
1946-1947	J.A. Heisler	District Deputy Grand Master
1947-1948	J.J. McGill	Grand Superintendent of Works
1952-1953	J.F. Swayze	District Deputy Grand Master
1953-1954	L.E. Christensen	Grand Steward
1960-1961	J. Lockhart	Grand Superintendent of Works
1964-1965	W.J. Roe	District Deputy Grand Master

**LIST OF
LODGE SECRETARIES OF THE BUILDERS LODGE, No. 177,
FOR THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS**

1865-1867 T. Painter	1889-1895 G. McNeill
1867-1868 J. Stewart	1895-1927 H.H. Cairns
1868-1869 G. Cram	1927-1952 J.J. McGill
1869-1879 W. Rea	1953-1954 J.F. Swayze
1879-1880 E. Daubney	1954-1965 D.G. Hewer
1880-1889 H.H. Cairns	

**LIST OF
LODGE TREASURERS OF THE BUILDERS LODGE, No. 177,
FOR THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS**

1865-1866 J. Robertson	1876-1877 W. Cherry
1866-1867 W. Midford	1877-1885 E.B. Butterworth
1867-1868 J. Strachan	1885-1914 J.C. Kearns
1868-1872 J. Salmon	1914-1950 C. Caulfeild
1872-1876 D. Wilson	1950-1965 R. Armitage

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

<i>Chairman</i>	-	R.F. Blandford
<i>Co-Chairman</i>	-	J.A. Call
<i>Historical</i>	-	H.W. Warner, A.H. McKee, J. Lockhart, D.G. Hewer, C.D. Wight, H. Modley Jones
<i>Finance</i>	-	W.G. Strong, R. Armitage
<i>Printing</i>	-	G. McCann, G.K. Love, K. Currie, A.K. Cuthbertson
<i>Grand Lodge</i>	-	J.A. Heisler, J.F. Swayze, W.J. Roe
<i>Divine Services</i>	-	L. Christensen, J.R. Howie
<i>Lodge Banquet</i>	-	H. Hayes, H.R. Munroe, H.N. Corbett, R. McHugh
<i>Regalia & Memorials</i>	-	G.E. Lavalley, M.A. Atkinson, W.J. Christie
<i>Ladies Night Dinner & Dance</i>	-	L.A. St.Dennis, W. Paterson, C.W. Briggs, E. Tresidder, L. Potechin, M.T. Bennett, W.J. May, R.J. Hunter, B. Harris

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS

I wish to extend my thanks to those brethren who have so graciously given of their time and knowledge in the preparation of our 100 Years Lodge History. To Bro. H.W. Warner and Bro. H. Modley Jones goes my grateful appreciation for their excellent research work, with a special thanks to Wor. Bro. W.G. Strong, Very Wor. Bro. J. Lockhart, Rt. Wor. Bro. J.A. Heisler, Wor. Bro. D.G. Hewer and Wor. Bro. McCann for the editing of the History.

The early records of the Lodge were destroyed by fire in 1913. Fortunately a history of the first 60 Years written by Very Wor. Bro. E.C. Wight was available, for which we are greatly indebted.

Also I would like to say how grateful we are to those brethren who have donated so generously through our Regalia & Memorials Committee in helping to supply the new furnishings for our Lodge Room.

To the Chairman and brethren of each Centennial Committee I say thank you for a job well done.

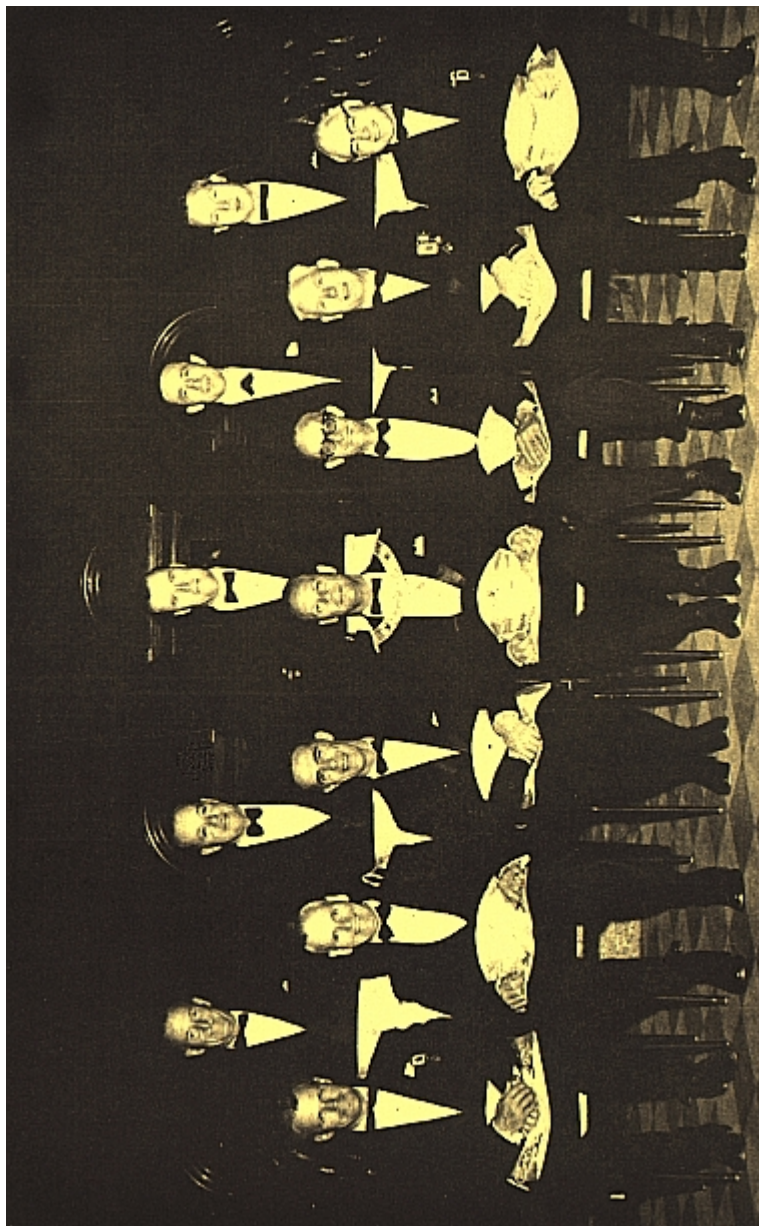
WOR. BRO. R.F. BLANDFORD,

Chairman, Centennial Committee.

LODGE OFFICERS - 1965-1966

Wor. Bro. Lorne N. Hooper	W.M.
Wor. Bro. Cecil C. Goold	I.P.M.
Bro. Harry Georganas	S.W.
Bro. John F. Dickey	J.W.
Wor. Bro. A.K. Cuthbertson	Chaplain
Bro. Robert Armitage	Treasurer
V. Wor. Bro. Donald G. Hewer	Secretary
Wor. Bro. William J. May	D. of C.
Bro. Chauncey W. Briggs	S.D.
Bro. William T. McKay	J.D.
Bro. Leonard Potechin	I.G.
Bro. Roger J. Hunter	S.S.
Bro. Morrison T. Bennett	J.S.
Bro. Howard W. Warner	Organist
Bro. Charles St.Dennis	Tyler

LODGE OFFICERS -- 1965-1966



Back Row - W.T. McKay, C.W. Briggs, M.T. Bennett, L. Potechin, R.J. Hunter

Front Row - W.J. May, R. Armitage, J.F. Dickey, L.N. Hooper, H. Georganas, D.G. Hewer, A.K. Cuthbertson.

(Missing when picture taken - C.C. Gould, H.W. Warner and Chas. St. Dennis)

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