

OCCIDENT LODGE

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

1876

1976

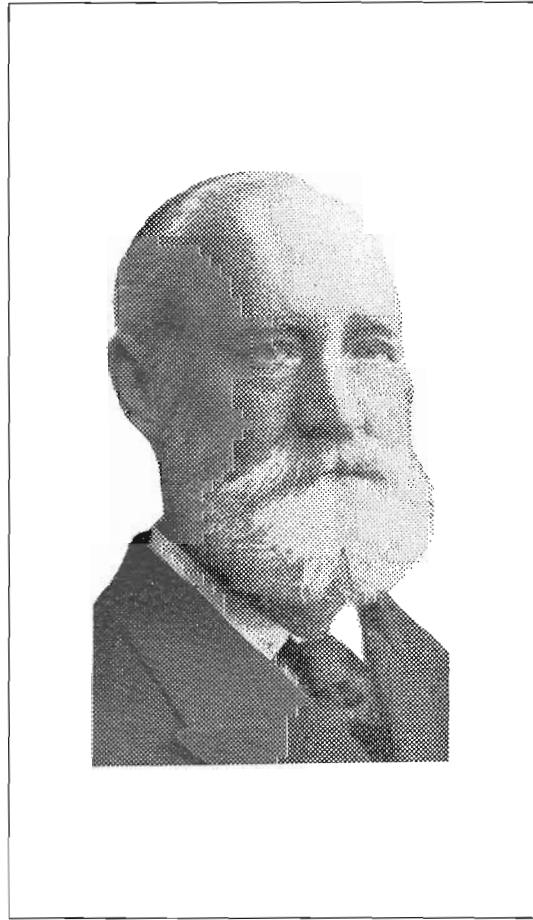
Tuesday, March 30th, 1976

The Masonic Temple
888 Yonge Street
Toronto

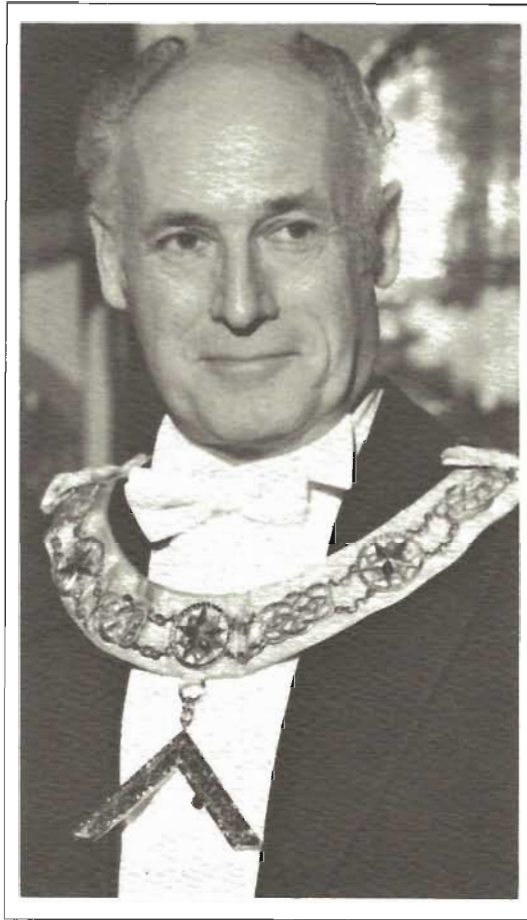
On the 23rd February 1876, eighty-nine masons signed a petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master which read as follows—

“We, the undersigned, being regularly registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavour to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the Art, and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named the “Occident”. In consequence of this desire, we pray for a Warrant of Constitution empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at the corner of Bathurst and Little Richmond Streets in the City of Toronto, in the County of York, on the first Wednesday of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge, and we have nominated and do recommend Bro. James Wilson to be the first Master, Bro. William Watson to be the first Senior Warden and Bro. Josiah Green to be the first Junior Warden of the said lodge.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.”



V. W. BRO. JAMES WILSON
First Master of Occident Lodge
1876



W. BRO. DENNIS J. ROSS
Master of Occident Lodge
in its one hundredth year
1976

Occident Lodge

A full history of the lodge in the one century of its existence would be a major undertaking. The lodge, first instituted in 1876, has a background of achievement and growth, and has gathered around it a tradition that comes with age. To tell the story in detail would take a book. We have only a few short paragraphs to record a hundred years of progress, a hundred years in which fine men have practised their craft and contributed to the art.

Occident Lodge was formed at a time when the city of Toronto had twelve lodges, all of them meeting east of Yonge Street. The new lodge was instituted west of that street when a group of masons, headed by W. Bro. James Wilson, a Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 75, called for a new lodge to be known as Occident Lodge. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, announced on March 15th, 1876 that the request had been granted.

On April 5th, 1876, the first regular meeting was held and the lodge instituted, with W. Bro. Wilson placed in the Chair of King Solomon.

For several months, the lodge used temporary quarters, until it moved to Occident Hall, Queen and Bathurst Streets on December 27th, 1876. That remained home for Occident Lodge for thirty-four eventful years until September 1911 when the lodge took up residence in the College Street Temple, where it remained for fifty-three years, experiencing two World Wars and, in this period, produced its most dedicated sons.

Occident moved to the new York Temple on September 16th, 1964 and, finally, to its present address at 888 Yonge Street on the 7th March, 1972.

During the hundred years of the existence of Occident Lodge, it has taken its place and fulfilled its purpose in the Order. Many of its brethren have distinguished themselves, not only in public and professional life, but in masonic undertakings. Over the years, Grand Lodge has elected or appointed many of these stalwart masons to serve the Craft with honour, dignity and skill.

Of these notable masons, V.W. Bro. Max Smeall could, in addition to these attributes, be truly epitomised as a skilled craftsman. The beautiful wood carvings in the Senate Chamber and the library in Canada's Houses of Parliament stands for all time as a memorial to cunning workmanship. This distinguished mason, until his death in 1967, carved individual setting mauls for each of Occident's Worshipful Masters. V.W. Bro. Max Smeall also formed and became first Master of Patricia Lodge #587.

Such has been the heritage of Occident Lodge to produce men who make their mark on society.

Much more could be written and accolades given to many fine men who have passed through Occident Lodge. Let it suffice by this short summary and example of our past to say that Occident's standards remain high, and in remembering those one hundred years, we look forward with high expectations to continue our work and our friendship based on those old pioneers who laid the foundation of Occident Lodge. During that time, 1,757 candidates have been initiated and the present membership stands at 308.

Banquet Programme

Invocation	R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Fairley
Toast	The Queen

Dinner

Welcome	W. Bro. D. J. Ross
Introduction Head Table Guests	R.W. Bro. J. D. Fraser
Centennial Chairman Remarks	W. Bro. D. Atkinson
Toast — The Grand Master and The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario	Bro. John Gilmour
Response	M.W. Bro. E. W. Nancekivell
Presentation	R.W. Bro. H. McBride
Toast to the Visitors	R.W. Bro. R. G. Loftus
Response	R.W. Bro. W. McLeod
Junior Warden's Toast	Bro. Joseph Binns

Lodge Room Programme

Opening –

Reception of all guests, except present and
past Grand Lodge officers

Reception of present and past Grand Lodge officers

Reception of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. W. Nancekivell

Regalia Dedication Ceremony

Presiding Grand Lodge officer R.W. Bro. J. McCrae, D.D.G.M.

Chaplain R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Fairley

Presentation of pins M.W. Bro. E. W. Nancekivell

Historical briefs R.W. Bro. J. D. Fraser

Closing



Past Masters of Occident Lodge 1976
and the District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 2
R.W. Bro. James McRae

Occident Grand Lodge Officers 1976



R.W. Bro.
H. McBride



R.W. Bro.
R. Loftus



R.W. Bro.
J. Fraser



V.W. Bro.
J. Berry



V.W. Bro.
G. Sandford



V.W. Bro.
C. Emmett



V.W. Bro.
S. Haines



V.W. Bro.
H. B. Hutchins



V.W. Bro.
G. Bonney

Past Masters of Occident Lodge

V.W. Bro. James Wilson	1876/1877	W. Bro. Alf C. Knox	1927
W. Bro. Wm. Watson	1878	W. Bro. H. Gadsby	1928
W. Bro. Wm. Walker	1879	W. Bro. J. A. Gravely	1929
W. Bro. W. E. Bennett	1880	W. Bro. R. Powrie	1930
W. Bro. James Wilson	1881	V.W. Bro. J. Berry	1931
V.W. Bro. J. S. Williams	1882	W. Bro. R. W. Rowlinson	1932
V.W. Bro. J. R. Dunn	1883	W. Bro. J. E. Collict	1933
W. Bro. S. B. Pollard	1884	W. Bro. A. Greenwood	1934
W. Bro. W. H. Perry	1885	W. Bro. S. E. Solley	1935
V.W. Bro. A. Curran	1886	W. Bro. J. T. Dempster	1936
W. Bro. H. A. E. Kent	1887	V.W. Bro. T. W. Horn	1937
W. Bro. M. J. Meyerfev	1888	W. Bro. A. Mason	1938
W. Bro. G. M. Donovan	1889	W. Bro. J. D. Cooke	1939
V.W. Bro. Rbt. Charlton	1890	W. Bro. W. J. McCahon	1940
W. Bro. S. Reid	1891	W. Bro. J. W. Laing	1941
W. Bro. J. L. Bird	1892	W. Bro. R. J. Mills	1942
W. Bro. J. C. Jardine	1893	R.W. Bro. H. E. McBride	1943
W. Bro. E. M. Donovan	1894/1895	V.W. Bro. H. B. Hutchins	1944
W. Bro. Fred Prince	1896	V.W. Bro. G. Sanford	1945
V.W. Bro. T. W. Barber	1897	V.W. Bro. E. M. Rich	1946
R.W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan	1898	W. Bro. H. B. Stoneham	1947
V.W. Bro. W. J. A. Lake	1899	W. Bro. W. M. Glover	1948
V.W. Bro. John Muir	1900	W. Bro. A. S. Ashmore	1949
W. Bro. H. G. Brown	1901	W. Bro. C. S. Clayton	1950
R.W. Bro. Tim Barber	1902	V.W. Bro. C. W. Emmett	1951
W. Bro. Geo. V. Foster	1903	R.W. Bro. R. G. Loftus	1952
W. Bro. W. J. King	1904	W. Bro. W. G. Carter	1953
V.W. Bro. J. C. West	1905	R.W. Bro. H. E. Wilson	1954
W. Bro. J. M. Marks	1906	W. Bro. W. E. Powell	1955
V.W. Bro. Jos. Howlett	1907	V.W. Bro. S. C. Haines	1956
W. Bro. C. W. James	1908	W. Bro. K. C. E. Cates	1957
R.W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence	1909	W. Bro. J. A. Leslie	1958
W. Bro. J. H. Murray	1910	W. Bro. V. S. McGlynn	1959
W. Bro. W. R. Hardy	1911	W. Bro. D. A. Gerow	1960
W. Bro. W. S. Leach	1912	W. Bro. W. H. B. Avery	1961
V.W. Bro. H. B. Magill	1913	V.W. Bro. S. C. Haines	1962
W. Bro. C. W. Worth	1914	W. Bro. F. C. Aimer	1963
W. Bro. C. A. H. Clark	1915	R.W. Bro. J. D. Fraser	1964
W. Bro. T. J. Bennet	1916	W. Bro. T. K. Walters	1965
W. Bro. H. J. Burns	1917	W. Bro. T. Lloyd-Jones	1966
V.W. Bro. M. Smeall	1918	W. Bro. R. Wilkinson	1967
V.W. Bro. W. M. Williams	1919	V.W. Bro. G. Bonney	1968
W. Bro. R. L. K. Munroe	1920	W. Bro. D. E. Atkinson	1969
R.W. Bro. C. S. Hall	1921	W. Bro. Harley E. Morris	1970
V.W. Bro. T. C. Johnson	1922	W. Bro. James Read	1971
W. Bro. S. Chas Butler	1923	W. Bro. Dennis Pursall	1972
V.W. Bro. A. E. Powell	1924	W. Bro. Stan Smith	1973
W. Bro. I. Johnson	1925	W. Bro. A. H. Brooks-Dowsett	1974/1975
W. Bro. R. L. Secor	1926		



Most Worshipful Brother
ERIC W. NANCEKIVELL, M.D.
Grand Master
The Grand Lodge of Canada
In the Province of Ontario

Occident Past Masters elected and honoured by Grand Lodge

R.W. Bro. E. J. Duncan
R.W. Bro. Tim Barber
R.W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence
R.W. Bro. C. S. Hall
R.W. Bro. H. McBride
R.W. Bro. R. G. Loftus
R.W. Bro. H. E. Wilson
R.W. Bro. J. D. Fraser
V.W. Bro. James Wilson
V.W. Bro. J. S. Williams
V.W. Bro. J. R. Dunn
V.W. Bro. A. Curran
V.W. Bro. R. Charlton
V.W. Bro. W. J. A. Lake
V.W. Bro. J. Muir
V.W. Bro. J. C. West
V.W. Bro. J. Howlett
V.W. Bro. H. B. Magill
V.W. Bro. Max Smeall
V.W. Bro. W. M. Williams
V.W. Bro. T. C. Johnson
V.W. Bro. A. E. Powell
V.W. Bro. J. Berry
V.W. Bro. T. W. Horn
V.W. Bro. G. Sanford
V.W. Bro. C. W. Emmett
V.W. Bro. S. C. Haines
V.W. Bro. H. B. Hutchins
V.W. Bro. G. G. Bonney

Officers 1976

W. Bro. D. J. Ross	Worshipful Master
W. Bro. A. H. Brooks-Dowsett	Immediate Past Master
Bro. E. Rawling	Senior Warden
Bro. J. E. Binns	Junior Warden
Bro. J. P. Bennett	Chaplain
W. Bro. W. Glover	Treasurer
V.W. Bro. G. G. Bonney	Secretary
Bro. J. Gilmour	Senior Deacon
Bro. J. Boersma	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. R. Wilkinson	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. W. Munro	Inner Guard
Bro. K. Spence	Senior Steward
Bro. R. Binns	Junior Steward
Bro. J. Morrall	Organist
Bro. F. Wilson	Tyler

A. M. W. G. M.

All and every our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren,

We James H. Hysbick Herr Square N. E. & C.
Of the City of Toronto, Province of Canada.

Grand Master

Of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

Send Greeting,

Know Ye That We by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, vested in us for that purpose and at the honorable bidding of our Right Masters and well beloved Brethren James H. Hysbick, James H. Hysbick, Joseph Brown, Thomas Hysbick, No. 210, Edmondson, Thomas Hysbick, John Lyman, George S. Hysbick, James H. Hysbick, John Lyman, G. F. Hysbick, and others do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of the

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the said Lodge to meet at Toronto Ontario on the Sixth Wednesday of every Month commencing them in the said Lodge when duly convened to make, fix and raise Free Masons according to the ancient custom of the Craft in all ages and Nations throughout the known World and further at their said Lodges and in every of the above named Brethren We do hereby appoint the said James H. Hysbick to be the first Worshipful Master, the said James H. Hysbick to be the first Senior Warden, and the said James H. Hysbick to be the first Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, each charging that every Member who shall be elected to provide for the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Master in a Warranted Lodge shall be regularly elected and installed, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office, and we do require you the said James H. Hysbick to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, and we do require you to make such By Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall be to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to, or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose, and you are to be wise to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being in form and manner directed by the Book of Constitutions, at least once in every year, a List of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same, with their fees and moneys payable therein, to be signed, stamped and attested, and we do require you to be diligent in the execution of the said Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge, and you the said James H. Hysbick are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of those presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Toronto this 15th July A. D. 1870.

By Command of the M. W. Grand Master.

J. H. Hysbick G. S.

R. M. W. Hysbick

A. G. M.

Centennial Committee

Chairman: Wor. Bro. Don Atkinson

Vice Chairman: Bro. Dennis Ross

Secretary: Wor. Bro. T. Lloyd-Jones

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time.