

The History of the Organization
of
Harmony Lodge #438 A.F. & A.M. G.R.C.

Compiled by Rt.W.Bro. J.B. Nixon

In the year 1875, R.W.Bro. J.K. Kerr, Acting Grand Master, granted his dispensation to open a lodge in the City of London, to be called Eden Lodge, and on May 19th, the first meeting was held under the authority of the District Deputy Grand Master of the London District.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in London on July 14th, 1875, the Committee on Warrants recommended that a warrant be not granted to Eden Lodge, but that the M.W. the Grand Master be requested to issue his dispensation authorizing the officers and brethren named to pass and raise those already initiated therein, but to refrain from admitting any new material. This recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge. The officers and members of Eden Lodge evidently resented the action of the Grand Lodge in declining to grant a charter, as they refused to comply with the instructions given, and proceeded to initiate new members, although strictly enjoined not to do so.

Knowing that this action on their part would cause the Grand Master to suspend them from all the rights and privileges of the Order, they resolved not only to persist in their rebellion, but to endeavour to establish a Masonic authority of their own. Upon the advice and with the concurrence of certain ill-advised members of high standing, an Act of Incorporation was secured from the Government of the Province of Ontario for a body to be known as the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

This spurious organization was incorporated on February 10th, 1876, and called themselves the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Ontario. For twenty years this so-called Grand Lodge had a precarious existence: but finding that they were regarded by the Grand Lodge of the world as a spurious and clandestine body, several of the Lodges which had been established became defunct, and the number of members gradually diminished, until only a comparatively small remnant remained.

As many reputable persons had joined the organization, believing they were connecting themselves with a legitimate Masonic body, they naturally desired to be placed in the position which they supposed they occupied, and overtures were made from time to time to the Grand Lodge of Canada to try and come to some arrangement by which the members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario could be held and the unsatisfactory state of things which had existed for so long a time could be ended. It was finally arranged that a Lodge should be organized in the City of Toronto and the members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, who were at all acceptable, should be held, and admitted to membership in this Lodge. The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. W.R. White, requested V.W.Bro. Geo. C. Patterson, Past Master of the Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, to undertake the duty of organizing the lodge, and becoming its first Master. This he succeeded in accomplishing, with the assistance of R.W.Bro. Geo. J. Bennett, and R.W.Bro. J.B. Nixon.

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held in July, 1896, M.W.Bro. W.R. White, Grand Master, reported to Grand Lodge that the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario had ceased to exist, its Act of Incorporation had been annulled, and its corporate seal broken up. Thus by the organization of this Lodge the discord and trouble which

had been so annoying to the Craft for twenty years, was done away with, and amity and concord restored. The Lodge was therefore very appropriately named Harmony. The first meeting of Harmony Lodge was held on October 31, 1895, R.W.Bro. Richard Dinnis, D.D.G.M. of the Toronto District presiding. At this meeting 38 applications were received from held brethren, and three for initiation.

The Charter Members were:

- V.W.Bro. Geo.C. Patterson, Rehoboam Lodge No.65
- R.W.Bro. Geo.J. Bennett, Ionic Lodge No.25
- R.W.Bro. J.B. Nixon, Rehoboam Lodge No.65
- Bro. Warring Kennedy, Zetland Lodge No.326
- Bro. Jos. Oliver, Wilson Lodge No.86
- Bro. J.J. Cassidey, Alpha Lodge No.
- Bro. J.G. Gibson, Ionic Lodge No.25

assisted by Bros. T.R.Barton, John J. Ramsay, and J.Y. Egan, members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in July, 1896, a warrant was granted to the Lodge, which was numbered 438, and on September 28th, it was constituted and consecrated by M.W.Bro. William Gibson, Grand Master. The rank of Past Grand Registrar was conferred upon V.W.Bro. Geo. C. Patterson in recognition of his services.

* Officers, 1896 *		
V.W. Bro.	G. C. Patterson,	W.M.
R.W.	J. B. Nixon,	I.P.M.
	Warring Kennedy,	S.W.
	Jos. Oliver,	J.W.
W.	Jos. Keith,	Chaplain
	J. G. Gibson,	Secretary
W.	T. R. Barton,	Treasurer
	J. J. Cassidey,	S.D.
	J. C. Gardiner,	J.D.
	H. B. Hamilton,	D. of C.
	Thos. Riddell,	S.S.
	H. Meade,	J.S.
	A. B. Armstrong,	I.G.
	J. H. Pritchard,	Tyler
R.W.	J. B. Nixon,	Rep. to
W.	T. R. Barton,	Hall Trust.
W.	W. H. Cooper,	Rep. Gen. Board
R.W.	G. J. Bennett,	
R.W.	J. B. Nixon,	
V.W.	G. C. Patterson,	
W.	W. H. Cooper,	Committee
W.	T. R. Barton,	of General
W.	J. J. Ramsay,	Purposes
W.	J. Y. Egan,	
W.	R. T. Ramsay,	
	Warring Kennedy,	
	Jos. Oliver,	
	J. G. Gibson,	
	J. J. Cassidey,	

Past Masters of Harmony Lodge

* 1896	R.W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson	* 1946	V.W. Bro. Donald S. Cody
* 1897	R.W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson	* 1947	W. Bro. Horace N. Carr
* 1898	W. Bro. Warring Kennedy	* 1948	W. Bro. James Highet
* 1899	W. Bro. John C. Gardner	* 1949	W. Bro. George J. Dalgleish
* 1900	R.W. Bro. W.H. Shaw	* 1950	W. Bro. C. Morley Byam
* 1901	V.W. Bro. E.C. Davies	* 1951	W. Bro. A. Douglas Craig
* 1902	W. Bro. Thos. McQueen	* 1952	W. Bro. Donald MacGillivray
* 1903	V.W. Bro. L. K. Cameron	* 1953	V.W. Bro. Robert Hodgson
* 1904	W. Bro. Jas. R. Code	* 1954	W. Bro. George J. Spicer
* 1905	W. Bro. A.L.E. Davies	A 1955	W. Bro. Stanley Phillipson
* 1906	W. Bro. A.M. Kennedy	* 1956	W. Bro. Herbert E.D. Mitchell
* 1907	V.W. Bro. A.F. Sprott	* 1957	W. Bro. Murdoch Cameron
* 1908	V.W. Bro. A.H. Loughheed	A 1958	W. Bro. Edward Hanley
* 1909	W. Bro. E.J. Redpath	+ 1959	W. Bro. Gordon D. King
* 1910	M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland	* 1960	R.W. Bro. Edward Barbour
* 1911	W. Bro. T.M. Kinsman	A 1961	W. Bro. John R. Scott
* 1912	W. Bro. J.F. Foster	* 1962	W. Bro. Gilbert Murray
* 1913	W. Bro. W.F. Elliot	A 1963	W. Bro. Donald R. Shaw
* 1914	W. Bro. H.F.W. Funston	A 1964	V.W. Bro. Ronald W. Kay
* 1915	V.W. Bro. L.E. Bowerman	A 1965	W. Bro. Desmond Aitken
* 1916	W. Bro. F.R. Beatty	A 1966	W. Bro. John F.D. Sampson
* 1917	W. Bro. A.S. Elliot	D 1967	V.W. Bro. Ronald J. Jackson
* 1918	W. Bro. Jas. Gorrie	A 1968	W. Bro. Walter Knaap
* 1919	W. Bro. J.G. Parker	* 1969	W. Bro. Roy O. Bamrough
* 1920	V.W. Bro. W.B. Reveley	* 1970	W. Bro. George Ormesher
* 1921	R.W. Bro. Ernest W. arber	A 1971	W. Bro. William Clarkson
* 1922	W. Bro. G.P. Wilbur	A 1972	V.W. Bro. Ronald W. Kay
* 1923	W. Bro. E.C. Ironside	* 1973	V.W. Bro. Donald S. Cody
* 1924	W. Bro. W.J.A. Lyffe	* 1974	W. Bro. George Ormesher
* 1925	W. Bro. R.A. Pearce	+ 1975	W. Bro. Peter Wallace
* 1926	W. Bro. W.J. Robertson	A 1976	V.W. Bro. Kenneth Roorcroft
* 1927	W. Bro. David R. Leask	A 1977	V.W. Bro. Kenneth Roorcroft
* 1928	W. Bro. Harold W. Short	* 1978	W. Bro. George Ormesher
* 1929	W. Bro. Bumside Robinson	A 1979	W. Bro. Bruce Stewart
* 1930	V.W. Bro. W.R. Shaw	A 1980	W. Bro. Roger Farrell
* 1931	V.W. Bro. A.E. Lanning	D 1981	W. Bro. Stephen Phillips
* 1932	R.W. Bro. Ernest W. Barber	A 1982	W. Bro. John Tricker
* 1933	W. Bro. George H. Simmons	S 1983	W. Bro. John Knaap
* 1934	W. Bro. Ralph McCann	A 1984	W. Bro. Bruce Stewart
* 1935	W. Bro. Norman H. Taylor	A 1985	W. Bro. Walter Knaap
* 1936	W. Bro. Ralph T. Musson	A 1986	V.W. Bro. Kenneth Hughes
* 1937	W. Bro. J.E. McMullin	A 1987	W. Bro. John Knaap
+ 1938	V.W. Bro. Herbert J. Hunt	A 1988	W. Bro. Allan McCaffrey
* 1939	W. Bro. William H. King	A 1989	W. Bro. Thomas Lake
* 1940	W. Bro. Albert Carwithen	A 1990	W. Bro. Keith Mathieson
+ 1941	W. Bro. W.H.S. Robertson	A 1991	W. Bro. Wade Knaap
+ 1942	W. Bro. W.L. Linton	A 1992	W. Bro. Ray Wolf
* 1943	R.W. Bro. Henry Tough	A 1993	W. Bro. Robert Murdock
* 1944	V.W. Bro. Andrew Clarke	A 1994	W. Bro. Robert Murdock
* 1945	V.W. Bro. Cecil D. Cook	A 1995	W. Bro. Dave Brownell
* Deceased	D Demitted + Resigned	A Active	S Suspended

Officers for 1995 - 1996

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A.F. & A.M.

No. 438 G.R.C.

Toronto District No. 5



Established 1895

Celebrating
our 100th Year

Regular Meeting
Third Wednesday

APRIL
1996

Thornhill Masonic Temple
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W.Bro. Roger Farrell

Dear Sir and Brother:
I am directed by the Worshipful Master to request your attendance at a REGULAR meeting of the Lodge to be held at the Thornhill Masonic Temple 30 Elgin Street, Thornhill, on:
Wednesday April 17, 1996 at 7:30 PM

AGENDA
Business: General business of the Lodge.
DRESS: Officers and members Business Suit
Fraternally: Bro. Robert A. King, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST:

Brethren:
Congratulations to our newest Fellow Craft, Bro.'s John Ridgwell and Robert Knapp who were passed to the Second Degree at our last meeting.

I would also like to thank the officers and members who participated in the degree work. A job well done.

We now have four Fellowcraft who are anxiously awaiting to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. We will need as much assistance as possible to raise these brethren in the same proficient manner that we have come to expect of ourselves by our demonstrated skills in the previous degree work.

We are currently looking to do this degree work at an emergent meeting prior to the visit of the Grand Master. If you would like to join our skilled Craftsmen and participate in this third degree work please contact me as soon as possible.

Although W. Bro. Nezam Soltanzadeh is familiar to us all for his support in many of our endeavours I would like to officially welcome him into Harmony Lodge as our newest Affiliated member.

The visit of our Grand Master, the M.W.Bro. Durward I. Greenwood, will soon be upon us (May 15), and ticket sales are booming. Unfortunately, we are limited to approximately 140 persons in total for the dinner and that includes members of Harmony Lodge.

Don't be disappointed.
Get you tickets soon!!!!

As always, I look forward to meeting you in Harmony Lodge or in our travels, my brethren.

Fraternally yours,
W.Bro. Michael J.E. Hamilton-Greener

FROM: THE LODGE SECRETARY

As previously stated, tickets for the dinner on May 15, 1996 are going fast. Harmony Lodge members too, will be required to purchase a ticket for this event. The cost of a ticket is \$25.00.

In the works is a plan to have bound copies of the summons' from our Centennial year made available after the September meeting. As the number of copies available will be limited, anyone who thinks that they might wish to purchase one please contact your secretary

DUES, DUES, DUES

There are still a few brethren who have failed to renew their financial support of Harmony Lodge. Please attend to this matter as soon as possible. Brethren in need of financial assistance, please contact your secretary. As always you will remain anonymous, but your desire to retain your membership in our fraternity must be known.

HARMONY'S LODGE TRESTLE BOARD

AWAITING MASTER MASONS DEGREE:

Bro. Mike Halajian
Bro. Colin Kay
Bro. John Ridgwell
Bro. Robert Knapp

HARMONY'S CENTENNIAL TIMETABLE

Plan to be at the May 15, 1996 meeting. We will be honoured by the presence of the **Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Durward I. Greenwood**

AROUND THE DISTRICT

APRIL

St. Clair..... 75th ANNIVERSARY.....Mon. April 1
SimcoeOFFICIAL VISIT.....Mon. April 8
Grenville.....INSTALLATION.....Fri. April 12

MAY

Corinthian..... OFFICIAL VISIT.....Wed. May 1
Rehoboam.....INSTALLATION.....Thur. May 2
Zetland.....INSTALLATION.....Tue. May 7
Harmony ..100th Anniversary Dinner...Wed. May 15
District Meeting.....Wed. May 29

ANNUAL DIVINE SERVICE

Toronto District No. 5 Annual Divine Service will be held at:
All Saints Anglican Church
2850 Bloor St. West
Sunday, April 28, 1996
10:30 A.M.
Family and friends are welcome
Regalia to be worn.

TORONTO DISTRICT 5 LADIES NIGHT

Saturday, April, 13, 1996
At the Carrying Place Golf and Country Club
16750 Weston Road, Kettleby, Ontario
Cocktails at 5:45 and dinner at 6:45 P.M.
\$89 per couple until April 6
\$99 per couple after April 6
Call Bob King at (905) 884-6343

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