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Fraternal Greetings:

As the history of our lodges evolves, year by year, our future is, so often, plotted.

An appreciation of where we have been leads us, inexorably, to our present with fascinating accuracy. The challenges faced and the solutions pursued in the ebb and flow of our lodges' histories, present us with a rich resource. Each year, unnoticed, we add to that saga which speaks to the future.

With gratitude, we await the fruits of the Masters', Past masters' and Wardens' Association decision to update the history of our lodges from the great work of V. W. Bro. William W. Mitchell, from our beginnings to 1980, to our present day.

Family members may see the names of their ancestors who worked for masonry; the brethren may be inspired by those still contributing, and the whole Craft will see another of the stones of our Masonic building set upon its walls.

I commend you for your efforts on behalf of the Association and trust that, as a result, the Craftsmen of the future will appreciate the contribution to their Masonic enjoyment and knowledge.

Yours Fraternally and Sincerely,

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## **BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT**

With such an honourable group of people being brought together into one District—The Brant Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario—it is only natural that we should look into the background of this District, and record some of its more noteworthy happenings, and give recognition to the brethren who have given leadership to the Craft in our District, and in our Grand Lodge.

IN THE BEGINNING Chief Joseph Brant, or Thayendanegea, was one of the first recorded Masons in this area. He was born on the banks of the Ohio River in 1742, and died in Burlington Ontario in 1807. Chief Brant was admitted to the third degree of Masonry in Falcon Lodge, a Lodge of the Moderns, on Princes Street, Leicester Fields, London, England, on April 26, 1776.

The Grand Lodge records of 1798 show that Joseph Brant was the Worshipful Master of the newly constituted Grand River Lodge No. 11 E.G., at Mohawk Castle.\* (This was a village situated where the present Mohawk Church is now located).

So influential was this Indian Chief that the City of Brantford, the County of Brant, and the Township of Brantford were named in his honour, as well as Brant Masonic District, and Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford.

With this as basic background we will look forward in time, to that period where the lodges in this area started to become permanently located, and received their Charters at those locations.

At the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada (1855), only three of the Lodges presently in Brant Masonic District were in existence:

1. St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario, which was instituted on May 15, 1845 as No. 12 P.R. (under the jurisdiction of the Third Provincial Grand Lodge), and No. 779 E.R. (under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England), and which, in 1851, changed its allegiance to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, where it was No. 286 I.R.

\*Lodges under the First Provincial Grand Lodge (with Most Worshipful Brother William Jarvis as its Provincial Grand Master, who was appointed to that high office on March 7, 1792) included:

No. 11, Mohawk Castle, Township of Brantford, County of Wentworth, which was first noted in returns of 1779, and was warranted on February 12, 1798, and was extinct before 1822).

2. Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, Ontario, which was instituted on June 6, 1853, as No. 323 I.R. (under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland).

3. St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, Ontario, which was instituted on August 18, 1853, as Unity Lodge No. 40 P.R. (under the jurisdiction of the Third Provincial Grand Lodge).

These lodges have a wonderful history behind them. They have been instrumental in the formation of other lodges. In fact, Brant Lodge No. 45 became a mother lodge when it provided members who formed Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford; then Brant Lodge became a grandmother lodge, when Doric Lodge No. 121 provided the nucleus of the members for the formation of Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford. Again, when Brant Lodge provided the nucleus for the formation of Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford, Ontario, Burford Lodge, in turn, provided the nucleus of members for the formation of Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, Ontario.

Also at the time that Grand Lodge of Canada was officially formed in 1855, its jurisdiction was divided into three Districts: (1) Western (that portion of Upper Canada lying west of Toronto); (2) Central (the remaining portion of Upper Canada); and (3) Eastern (the lodges in Lower Canada).

In 1855, St. John's Lodge No. 18, Cayuga, and Brant Lodge No. 22, Brantford, joined with the newly formed Grand Lodge of Canada.

On May 22, 1857, Unity Lodge No. 40, Paris, Ontario, relinquished its Charter which it had from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

On June 2, 1857, dispensation was received from the Grand Lodge of Canada for the formation of St. John's Lodge No. 44, G.R.C., Paris, having the same officers as when it was operating as Unity Lodge No. 40.

About this time, new lodges were being instituted with Canadian Charters, not because certain brethren were thirsting for office, but because there was a desire to spread the good work, for if there was anything good in Craft Masonry, the more lodges that were educating their members in deeds of

charity, benevolence and good will, the better. There was also a strong desire among Canadian masons, whose Charters came from the Motherland, to give up those Charters, and all work under a Canadian Grand Lodge. It was most inconvenient to hold allegiance to a Grand Lodge that was 3,000 miles away, and some of the older English and Irish lodges in this country hung on to their Charters only as a matter of sentiment; but in time, practically all lodges operated with their own Canadian Charter.

. In 1858, after practically all of the lodges had been brought under the one central Grand Lodge of Canada, the lodges were renumbered giving consideration to the dates of their formation or their seniority, and it resulted in the three lodges which were in the Grand Lodge from this District, having their numbers changed, as noted:

No. 18, St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ontario, became No. 35  
No. 22, Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ontario, became No. 45

Shortly after this, a new division within Grand Lodge provided for seven districts: four in Upper Canada, and three in Lower Canada. This was a great difference from the present division of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, which now shows a great increase numerically, to the point where in 1980 there were 43 Masonic Districts under its jurisdiction.

In most cases, lodges appear to have had difficulties in their first years after institution in obtaining officers. This can be noted by the number of Masters who remained in the Master's Chair for a number of years before some other brother was apparently trained sufficiently, or was willing to accept the responsibility of the office of Master of his lodge. With officers not advancing, and in a number of cases few initiations, it was difficult for the Masters to have and to hold their members actively. Once the lodges got through the first "growing" years, it was only an occasional time that a Worshipful Master stayed in the Master's Chair for a second term, and this occurred usually because of some unforeseen event that caused the promotion of brethren upward through the "Chairs" to be impossible.

Then, of course, we have had some of those Worshipful Masters who have been very conscientious towards the Craft, and have been advanced to become District Deputy Grand Masters, or District Secretaries, or have been appointed to an office in Grand Lodge, in recognition of their diligence and sacrifices in the promotion of Masonry. These brethren have been the ones who have guided our paths in the satisfactory progress of our Grand Lodge

activities.

In 1867, after Confederation, in order for the Grand Lodge to distinguish its territorial boundaries, it added "in the Province of Ontario" to its name, and in this way it let all know the extent of its jurisdiction.

After Brant Masonic District No. 23 was formed in 1916, the fraternity grew quite rapidly for a number of years, but then the membership became reasonably static. There have been no additional lodges instituted in this Brant Masonic District since the District was originated and of late, the lodge memberships have remained approximately the same. It was at the Grand Lodge of 1923 that the districts were redistributed. Brant District No. 23 had no changes in the number of lodges under its jurisdiction. But the numbers were dropped from the district names, and from that time on, the districts have been listed in alphabetical order.

In most cases, lodges have had their own individual trying times over the years, but the difficult periods that appear most common to all of the lodges, are the depression years of 1893 to 1899, and 1930 to 1939. At these times, there were very few, if any, new candidates, and the members were finding it very difficult to obtain sufficient money to even pay their dues, and many were therefore taking demits, or were even being suspended for non-payment of dues. It must have been hard for the remaining members to see brethren being dropped from the fraternity and not being in a position to help them out, as they themselves were also very short of finances. Another difficulty was from fires, which consumed Brant Lodge No. 45 in 1869, St. George Lodge No. 243 in 1886, Wilson Lodge in 1890, Onondaga Lodge No. 519 in 1919, and Hiram Lodge No. 319 in 1925.

It is very fortunate that most of the records of these lodges were saved from these fires, and are still able to be deciphered and their contents noted.

An item of note happened near the end of the year 1914. The District Deputy Grand Master for Brant Masonic District, Right Worshipful Brother Sutherland was called to the Front in Europe with the First Canadian contingent; this was in the middle of his term of office. Right Worshipful Brother McQueen was then appointed by the Grand Master to be his representative for the remainder of that term.

"As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation, the Volume of the Sacred Law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard

of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains."

- and "By the doctrines contained in the Holy Book, we are taught to believe in the wise dispensation of Divine Providence, which belief strengthens our faith."

These are references to the Volume of the Sacred Law which rests open upon the Altar during all of the meetings of our Lodges. These Bibles are always in evidence, and for the most part, they have been presented to the lodge by members, or they have been donated to the lodge in memory of some former member.

Religion outside of the lodge room has played a significant part in the lives of most of the members. There has been a District Divine Service held almost every year, and it usually takes place in the church where the current District Deputy Grand Master attends regularly. These have been well attended by the members of the Craft from the various lodges in the district.

Also, a number of individual lodges have held their own annual church services.

Memorial services at cemeteries, on Decoration Days, are usually held in June each year in the respective areas.

Other memorial services of the past which are of particular note are: In 1940, an invitation was sent through the D.D.G.M.s to all Masons, to be present at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held at Woodhouse, south of Simcoe, on the twenty-third of June for the purpose of celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Initiation into Freemasonry of our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson. (Most Worshipful Brother Wilson died on January 16, 1875 and was buried in the Woodhouse Cemetery).

Then on Sunday, June 18, 1967, during Canada's Centennial Year, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother James N. Allan formed a Grand Lodge Pilgrimage to the grave of our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, at St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery, Woodhouse

There has been an annual pilgrimage to this same grave conducted by the members of Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, Ontario, since 1922, on the last Sunday in June. At the pilgrimage of 1973, Right Worshipful Brother Allan E.

Broadley (P.D.D.G.M. of Brant Masonic District), gave the tribute at the graveside on behalf of Grand Lodge, and in 1980, Right Worshipful Brother Alan N. Newell (Grand Senior Warden) gave the same tribute on behalf of Grand Lodge.

I would suggest to all members of the Craft that they attend the Divine Services and pilgrimages, and in this manner demonstrate to all concerned, that Masonry does support the church.

"Should you at any future period meet a Brother in circumstances of distress, who claims your assistance, you may recollect the peculiar moment in which you were received into Masonry."

Over the years, Grand Lodge has instigated drives to raise money for particularly worthy causes, and the brethren in Brant Masonic District have given freely in support of these. Four of the more noteworthy of these were:

1. In 1915-1917, Grand Lodge put forth a drive to assist in the Belgian Relief, which raised \$46,000 for this cause.

2. The British War Relief Fund was another cause that Grand Lodge subscribed to during 1942-1946, and this drive ended in the collection of \$193,000.

3. In October 1946, Grand Lodge put forth another drive for financial aid to support the "Food Parcels for Britain" program. The objective was \$55,000 and what was actually forwarded into this fund was over \$250,000; and there were being forwarded each month, some twelve hundred parcels, or twelve tons of food to this cause.

4. In 1978, Grand Lodge began a drive known as HELP (Hearing for Every Living Person). The objective in this instance was \$350,000 to be used to cover a pledge for \$30,000 per year starting in 1980 to deafness research. The total amount raised was over \$600,000.

A special and unique activity which Grand Lodge supported was in 1940, when it attempted to get homes in Canada for children who were to be evacuated from England and Scotland because of their nearness to the active hostilities during World War II.

Several members of the lodges in Brant Masonic District indicated that they were prepared to receive these children into their homes. However, only one hundred and twenty of these children were brought out and placed in the homes of relatives or family friends, and about five hundred more were taken care of otherwise. Hence, although over two thousand masonic homes were ready to receive and care for the children who might have to be evacuated, very few of the masonic families of our Grand Lodge received any of the overseas children, as the British Government had decided not to put their complete anticipated plan into effect.

The "spirit of benevolence" has, from the above, shown itself to be very strong within our district, and it is hoped that this will carry on in the future in a very positive masonic manner.

"You are to encourage industry and reward merit, supply the wants and relieve the necessities of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability."

A sizeable number of blood donors have been reported in Brant Masonic District, and it is encouraging to see this, as the demand for life-giving blood is ever increasing, and the gratitude of those receiving and benefiting from this service is beyond interpretation.

Masonic education, although not advanced to a great degree in a number of our lodges, has made progress in the district, and many brethren are becoming educated in the ways of masonry through workshops, Lodges of Instruction, Degrees being put on by senior officers in the lodges, and in the district, and by the visitations of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

There have been regional masonic workshops held by our district, or have been held in conjunction with bordering districts, such as:

On April 20 and May 4, 1973, a workshop called "Making Masonry Masonic" was held at the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario in conjunction with the Districts of Bruce, Grey, North Huron, South Huron, Waterloo, Wellington and Wilson.

In 1974, Brant and Wilson Districts combined to sponsor a workshop called "Participate in Making Masonry Interesting", which was held first on November 23, in the Masonic Temple, Woodstock, Ontario and then again

on November 30, in the Masonic Temple, Brantford, Ontario.

In 1976, Brant Masonic District held another workshop in conjunction with Bruce, Grey, North Huron, South Huron, Waterloo, Wellington and Wilson Districts. The first session was held on March 27 at the Pauline Johnson Collegiate, in Brantford, and the second session was held on April 3, at the John Diefenbaker Secondary School, Hanover, with the following topics being discussed:

Our Masonic Heritage  
The Evolution of Our Ritual  
Masonry in the Community  
Principles in Leadership  
Maintaining Masonic Interest  
Some Basic Questions  
in  
Masonry

The same districts that co-operated in 1973 and 1976 held another workshop at Guelph University, Guelph, Ontario, using as its theme "Beyond the Apron". This was held on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, 1979.

All of these workshops were attended by an enthusiastic group of masons, and a great deal of information and knowledge was taken back to the respective lodges.

"And to so High an eminence has its credits been advanced, that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the Art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the scepter for the gavel, have patronized our mysteries and have joined our assemblies."

We have recognized ruling monarchs, and have noted them particularly to the brethren at their passing to the Grand Lodge Above.

Our Grand Lodge, under the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother D. F. Macwatt, directed all lodges to observe a period of mourning after the death of Most Worshipful Brother, His Majesty the King, King Edward VII, in 1910, who was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

After the death of Most Worshipful Brother, His Majesty the King, King George VI, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, who passed to the Grand Lodge Above on February 6, 1952, our Grand Lodge, under the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Nelson C. Hart, directed all lodges to observe a period of mourning in his memory.

Other times that Grand Lodge has requested observance of mourning were:

In honour of our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, following his passing to the Grand Lodge Above on Jan. 16, 1875;

And again, in memory of a great man and a worthy mason, Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the late President of the United States, after he had passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 12, 1945;

V-E Day, May 8, 1945, was the day on which the allied powers made a declaration of victory over the Germans in Europe. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Wardley, directed all lodges to hold a "Service of Thanksgiving" within two weeks of the declaration in regard to the victory achieved in the war in Europe.

"As a citizen of the world, I enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties."

- and -

"By paying due obedience to the laws of the country, fulfill the duties of a good citizen."

A number of our district brethren (too numerous to note all of their names here) have taken office and have given time and expense to the operation of their municipal, provincial and federal governments, and in this way have carried out the teachings noted above.

It must not be assumed that lodges ignored the social side of life. There have been Ladies' Nights, At Homes, golf tournaments, picnics, and some of these have become annual events in the life of the individual lodges.

The nights for the holding of the regular meetings of the lodges were noted first on the Charter, or Warrant of Constitution of each lodge. In most cases, these nights were selected so that the full of the moon would be utilized by the members in getting to and returning home from lodge over very poor road conditions. These nights have, in more recent times, been changed in order to be more acceptable and accommodating the members who now live under vastly different living conditions.

Initiation fees and yearly dues, which are necessary for the support of the operation of the lodges, have been continually rising as the inflation of our country has risen, and it would appear that this condition will continue for some time into the future. It is the duty of every member to keep his dues paid, so that his lodge can operate efficiently.

Fraternal visits have been numerous between lodges within the district and between lodges of our district and lodges of other districts. Right Worshipful Brother Oliver Sayer, during his year as District Deputy Grand Master of Brant Masonic District, set out a chart whereby every lodge should make at least one visit to another designated lodge, as well as other visits whenever possible.

In Brant Masonic District, a Travelling Gavel was originated when Worshipful Brother Arthur Stewart made a gavel (handle approximately 30" long, and the head of the gavel approximately 6" in diameter), and Worshipful Brother Clyde Bowman encouraged its introduction into use at Scotland Lodge No. 193. From there it has travelled to almost every lodge in the district, and in this manner has been a means of assisting inter- visitations between lodges. Since its inception, the number of times that it has changed locations is proof enough that it has been the instigator of a great number of fraternal visitations and friendships.

A number of representatives from the various lodges in this district were in attendance at the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, at Toronto, in July 1955.

The Divine Service on Sunday, July 17, at the Grandstand of the Canadian National Exhibition attracted over thirty thousand masons with members of their families.

At the Official Opening of Grand Lodge on Monday, July 18, fifty- two delegations representative of Grand Lodges in Canada, U.S.A., Great Britain and Australia were introduced.

At the Grand Master's banquet more than three thousand masons were present.

All who were present at any or all of these sessions of Grand Lodge will long continue to benefit from the inspiration derived at that time.

It is anticipated and hoped that all sessions of every Grand Lodge will be of inspiration to the brethren who attend.

But in this One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary year, it is of foremost importance that as many as possible will attend the various sessions of our Grand Lodge. In this manner we can spread the benefits from the inspirations that may be derived from these communications just as well as, if not better than they were at the One Hundredth Anniversary.

There have been a few outstanding records set in Brant Masonic District that are too noteworthy to be overlooked. They are:

1. In Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, on May 21, 1924, eight Humble Brothers were initiated into Brant Lodge by special dispensation of Grand Lodge, and in the presence of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother W. J. Drope. On June 23 of that year, these brethren were passed to the Second Degree and on July 22, all eight were raised as Master Masons.

2. Very Worshipful Brother Orvil Carlton Dell, of Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, and King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, Ontario, set a record that will be difficult to surpass. He attended by 1976, 37 consecutive sessions of Grand Lodge.

3. Right Worshipful Brother Mudge, in 1867 was Worshipful Master of Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, Ontario. In 1868 he was the Worshipful Master of Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland; Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford and Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford. In 1869 he was the Worshipful Master of the same three lodges—for two consecutive years he was the Worshipful Master of three lodges.

4. Right Worshipful Brother Robert W. E. McFadden, Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford; D.D.G.M. of Brant Masonic District in 1946-1947, in 1970 belonged to over thirty masonic organizations.

5. In 1975, Worshipful Brother Arne J. Zabel was:
- (a) Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford;
  - (b) First Principal Mount Horeb Chapter No. 20, Royal Arch;
  - (c) Presiding Preceptory of Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, No. 17.

"As a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to become at once respectable in your rank of life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have admitted a member."

- and -

"You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable,

and induce others by your example to hold them in due veneration."

- and -

"It is thus, my Brother, that we are bound together in one indivisible chain of sincere affection, lawful support, relief, fidelity and truth."

—So Mote It Be.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE  
of events in the area covered by the Brant Masonic District

- 1845 The present St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario, was instituted on May 15th as No. 12 P.R. (under the jurisdiction of the Third Provincial Grand Lodge), and No. 779 E.R. (under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England), with meetings being held in the Freemasons' Hall, York, Ontario.
- 1849 St. John's Lodge No. 12 P.R. and No. 779 E.R. was removed to Caledonia, Ontario.
- 1850 St. John's Lodge No. 12 P.R. and No. 779 E.R. was removed back to its original location in the Freemasons' Hall, York, Ontario.
- 1851 St. John's Lodge No. 12 P.R. and No. 779 E.R., York, Ontario, relinquished its Charter from the Third Provincial Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England.
- 1851 St. John's Lodge No. 286 I.R., York, Ontario, received its Charter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
- 1853 Brant Lodge No. 323 I.R. (now Brant Lodge No. 45), Brantford, Ontario was instituted on June 6, and received its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
- 1853 Unity Lodge No. 40 P.R., Paris, Ontario (now St. John's Lodge No. 82),

was instituted on August 18, under the Third Provincial Grand Lodge.

- 1854 St. John's Lodge No. 286, I.R., Cayuga, Ontario, was removed to the Old Campbell House, on the north-east corner of Talbot and Ottawa Streets, Cayuga, Ontario.
- 1855 St. John's Lodge No. 286 I.R. Cayuga, Ontario, relinquished its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
- 1855 St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, received Lodge, Brantford received the number the new Grand Lodge of Canada. the number "18' and Brant '22" upon being instituted in The Grand Lodge of Canada
- 1856 The Grand Lodge of Canada at this time was divided into five districts; namely, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Central and Montreal.
- 1857 On May 22, Unity Lodge No. 40, Paris, relinquished its warrant from the Third Provincial Grand Lodge, and thus ended Unity Lodge No. 40, Paris, Canada West.
- 1857 On June 2, St. John's Lodge No. 44, Paris, Ontario, was instituted under the Grand Lodge of Canada, (replacing Unity Lodge No. 40, Paris, Canada West, and with the same lodge officers).
- 1858 Burford Lodge No. 61, Burford, Ontario, was instituted. Meetings were held in the Oddfellows' Hall at Bishopgate, Ontario (between Brantford and Burford). This request for Constitution was for a lodge in the Township of Burford.
- 1858 The Grand Lodge of Canada united with the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada (the successor to the Provincial Grand Lodge).
- 1858 On July 14, after the Union of the Third Provincial Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Canada, Grand Lodge renumbered the lodges according to seniority, and St. John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ontario received its present number "35"; Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ontario received its present number "45"; St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ontario received its present number "82", and Burford Lodge, Burford, Ontario received its present number "106".
- 1859 Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Ontario was instituted on March 7. This lodge was constituted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master William Mercer Wilson, after whom the lodge was named, and who was also a charter member of Wilson Lodge.

- 1859 Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, Ontario was instituted. The meetings were first held in Roy's Hall on the south-west corner of Colborne and Market Streets, Brantford.
- 1861 Burford Lodge No. 106 was located in the Masonic Hall, Burford, Ontario.
- 1861 Grand Lodge of Canada at this time consisted of the following districts: London, Wilson, Huron, Hamilton, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central, Montreal, Eastern Townships and Quebec.
- 1867 The Grand Lodge of Canada added "in the Province of Ontario" to its name to show the extent of its territorial jurisdiction.
- 1867 Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, Ontario was instituted. Meetings were held in a room at the rear of the Scotland Public School, Scotland, Ontario.
- 1869 Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, was destroyed by fire. Records were saved when Bro. Alfred J. Bax, a member of Doric Lodge No. 121, entered the burning building at the risk of his own life, and hauled the columns out of the building—inside these columns were hidden the records of the lodge.
- 1869 Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, Ontario was removed to Tisdale's Hall, 74 Colborne Street, Brantford, Ontario.
- 1870 The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario made a redistribution of the masonic districts, and each district was then given a number:
- No. 3, Wilson District - contained 27 lodges in the Counties of Norfolk, Oxford, and Brant, and the Township of Bayham in the County of Elgin.
- No. 7, Niagara District - contained 23 lodges in the Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand, and Welland, except the Village of Caledonia in the County of Haldimand.

No. 8, Hamilton District - contained 21 lodges in the City of Hamilton and the Counties of Wentworth and Halton.

- 1871 St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario was instituted. Meetings were held in lodge rooms on the second floor of Joseph Reefer's Building.
- 1871 Grand Lodge members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, assembled under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother James Seymour, Deputy Grand Master, to lay the cornerstone for the new CNR bridge to be constructed across the Grand River at Cayuga, Ontario.
- 1874 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Cheapside, Ontario, was instituted. Meetings were first held in the Masonic Hall on the south-west corner of the Cheapside Road and Concession No. 2, of Walpole Township, and it was then known as the corner of Queen and Church Streets, Cheapside, Ontario.
- 1875 A period of mourning was declared at the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, on January 16.
- 1875 King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, Ontario, was instituted on May 14. Meetings were held in the Dochstader's Hotel, Jarvis, Ontario.
- 1878 St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario, was removed to the new Masonic Temple in the Cameron Hall, on the north-east corner of Talbot and Ottawa Streets, Cayuga, Ontario.
- 1879 Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Ontario, was removed to the Beemer Block, on the east side of Main Street, Waterford.
- 1883 Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford, Ontario, built a new lodge hall, on Maple Avenue S., Burford, Ontario, which it immediately occupied upon its completion.
- 1883 St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario, removed to larger quarters; the exact location is unknown.
- 1885 King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, Ontario, removed to the

Whittaker Block, Jarvis, Ontario.

1886 St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario, lost its Masonic Temple by fire.

1886 Grand Lodge members assembled in Jarvis, Ontario, to lay the cornerstone of the new Presbyterian Church, on June 18.

1886 Grand Lodge made another redistribution of its districts, with the following results being felt in the area of Brant Masonic District:

No. 6, Wilson District - was reduced in size from 27 to 23 lodges, by giving Thamesford to the London District, and Brantford (2) and St. George to the Hamilton District.

No. 8, Hamilton District - was increased by the addition of the lodges noted above.

No. 10, Niagara District - remained as before.

It was at this time that numbers were added to the district names, as noted above.

1887 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Cheapside, Ontario, was removed to Main Street N., Hagersville, Ontario.

1887 St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario, obtained rooms on the third floor of the Mechanic's Institute Hall for its lodge rooms.

1890 A levy of all lodges in the districts was made for the defraying of the expense of the purchasing of regalia for the District Deputy Grand Master.

1890 The Temple of Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Ontario, was destroyed by fire on April 7. Lodge meetings were held in the Opera House, Waterford, until December 31, 1900.

1890 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, was removed to the Bank of Hamilton Building on the north-east corner of Main and King Streets, Hagersville.

- 1893 Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, Ontario, was removed to the Stratford Building, on the south-west corner of King and Dalhousie Streets, Brantford, Ontario.
- 1895 St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario, was removed to its Temple in the Masonic Block in Cayuga, Ontario.
- 1900 Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Ontario, on December 31 moved into its new quarters in the Heward Block, which it occupied until 1979.
- 1908 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, was removed to rooms above the store owned by Charles J. Heaslip, Hagersville, Ontario.
- 1910 Brant Lodge No. 45 & Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, Ontario, moved to the Temple Building, 58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford, Ontario.
- 1910 After the death of His Majesty, King Edward VII, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario ordered a three-month period of mourning in his honour.
- 1911 In February, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario advised all lodges that all fraternal relations between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Michigan, U.S.A. from this time on, shall cease.
- 1911 In July, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario revoked the cessation of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Michigan, U.S.A., which came into effect in February 1911.
- 1912 Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden, Ontario, was instituted. Meetings were being held in lodge rooms over the General Store owned by J. B. Robertson.
- 1912 On December 11, Ozias Lodge No. 508 was instituted in Brantford, Ontario.
- 1913 Reba Lodge No. 515, was instituted in Brantford, Ontario. Ozias & Reba joined Brant and Doric in the new Lodge Hall in the Temple Building at 58 Dalhousie Street
- 1914 Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga, Ontario, was instituted. The meetings were held in a separate Lodge Hall Building, located near to

the site of the present Lodge Hall.

1915 Most Worshipful Brother Stephen Young Taylor, a member of St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, Ontario, was elected as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Alberta.

1916 On July 18, Brant Masonic District was formed, consisting of fourteen lodges. These lodges were removed from other districts; namely, four lodges from Wilson District No. 6 (St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris; Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford; Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, and Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland); seven lodges from Hamilton District No. 8 (Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford; Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford; St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George; Lynden Lodge No. 509, Lynden; Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford; Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, and Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga); and three lodges from Niagara District No. 10 (St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga; Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, and King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis).

1916 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, was removed to the Almas Block, on the west side of Main Street N, Hagersville, Ontario.

1917 Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, Ontario, was removed to its new Temple situated on the north side of the Oakland Road, and just east of the main corner in Scotland, Ontario.

1919 Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga, Ontario, had its Temple completely destroyed by fire.

1920 Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga, Ontario, moved into its newly rebuilt lodge room on Brantford St. in Onondaga.

1922 An annual pilgrimage to the grave of Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was started on the last Sunday in June, by the members of Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, and many from this district take part in this each year.

1923 The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario made another redistribution of a number of districts under its jurisdiction. The district numbers were dropped, and the districts began being noted in alphabetic order in Grand Lodge Communications. No changes were made in the number of lodges in Brant Masonic District.

- 1924 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, was removed to lodge rooms over the Regah (Hager spelled backwards) Theatre, on the east side of Main Street S., Hagersville, Ontario.
- 1925 The Semi-Centennial Anniversary was celebrated by King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, Ontario, on June 8.
- 1925 Fire destroyed the premises occupied by the Regah Theatre, and Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, on June 14.
- 1925 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, held its regular and meetings in the I.O.O.F. Equity Lodge No. 202 Hall, Almas Block, Hagersville, and 1926 in the Jarvis Masonic Temple, Jarvis, while the lodge rooms were being rebuilt.
- 1926 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, reoccupied the rebuilt lodge rooms above the Regah Theatre, Main Street S., Hagersville.
- 1935 A member of Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, was elected as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia—Most Worshipful Brother George Cleveland Derby.
- 1943 St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario, acquired the former Methodist Church, Cayuga, Ontario, which it renovated for its Masonic Temple, and which it still occupies.
- 1944 On October 17, a reception was held for the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother T. C. Wardley.
- 1945 Brother Franklin Roosevelt, the late President of the United States, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 12. The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario declared a period of mourning in his memory.
- 1945 On May 15, a reception was held for the Most Worshipful Brother, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother T. C. Wardley on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario.
- 1946 In October, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario put forth a

drive for financial aid to support the "Food Parcels for Britain" program. The objective was \$55,000 and what was received was almost double that amount.

- 1950 King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, Ontario, held its meetings in and the I.O.O.F. Hall, Jarvis, and in the Masonic Temple, Port Dover, 1953 while the Building Committee was attempting to acquire new quarters for their lodge.
- 1952 Most Worshipful Brother, His Majesty the King, King George VI, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on February 6. Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Nelson C. Hart directed all lodges to observe a period of mourning in his memory.
- 1953 Members of Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, were charged as being anti-Christian by Rev. Mr. Bauer, of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fisherville, and some difficulties between the members of Hiram Lodge and that Church ensued.
- 1953 June 13 saw a reception for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Nelson C. Hart, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, Ontario.
- 1953 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, was removed to its new lodge rooms at 23 Main Street S., Hagersville, Ontario. Where it still is today.
- 1953 King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis, Ontario, was removed to the new Masonic Temple at 17 Main Street N., Jarvis.
- 1955 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario celebrated its 100th Anniversary.
- 1955 The four masonic lodges in the City of Brantford (Brant No. 45, Doric No. 121, Ozias No. 508, and Reba No. 515) moved into their combined new Masonic Lodge Hall, at 192 Greenwich Street, Brantford.

- 1955 St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario, moved into its newly built Masonic Temple at the Corner of Thompson and Brantford Streets, St. George.
- 1956 Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden, Ontario, removed to its new Masonic Temple, situated just north of the Lynden Memorial Park, Lynden.
- 1958 On October 29, a reception was held in honour of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry L. Martyn, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford.
- 1959 A reception was held on December 9, for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother C. M. Pitts, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford.
- 1960 On October 22, a reception was held for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother C. M. Pitts, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford.
- 1963 On May 11, a reception was held for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother R. W. Treleaven, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Lynden Lodge No. 505, Ozias Lodge No. 508 and Reba Lodge No. 515 combined.
- 1966 On January 28, a reception was held in the Brantford Masonic Temple at 192 Greenwich Street in honour of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother James N. Allan.
- 1967 The Six Nations Indian Degree Team was formed with members from Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland; Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville; Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga; and Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford. The team operated under the jurisdiction of Scotland Lodge No. 193 and under the direction of Very Worshipful Brother Arthur Anderson.

- 1967 Brant Masonic District Wardens "28" Club was organized and composed of the Senior and Junior Wardens of the fourteen Masonic Lodges in the Brant Masonic District.
- 1967 A Lodge of Instruction was held in the Brantford Masonic Temple, under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Harry L. Martyn.
- 1968 A reception was held for the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Bruce B. Foster.
- 1969 On January 13, Brother Andrew J. Borgar, of Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, was awarded the "William Mercer Wilson Medal" (the highest award in Masonry that can be given to a brother who has not been a Master of a lodge).
- 1969 A member of St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, was appointed to the high position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in July – Most Worshipful Brother Bruce B. Foster.
- 1970 On May 22, a reception was held for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Bruce B. Foster, on the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga.
- 1972 On April 28, a reception was held for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William Kirk Bailey on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George. The location of this reception was the Agriculture Building at the Fair Grounds, Paris, Ontario.
- 1973 On April 20 and May 4, regional Masonic workshops (encompassing the Districts of Brant, Bruce, Grey, North Huron, South Huron, Waterloo, Wellington and Wilson) were held at the University of Guelph. The topic for this occasion was "Making Masonry Masonic".
- 1974 "Participate in Making Masonry Interesting" was the topic of a workshop held co-operatively between Brant and Wilson Districts.

it was held on November 23 in the Masonic Temple, Woodstock, and on November 30 in the Masonic Temple in Brantford.

- 1977 On October 24, a Lodge of Instruction was held in the Brantford Masonic Temple, Brantford, under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother William Kirk Bailey, the Custodian of the Work for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1978 Project HELP (Hearing for Every Living Person) was introduced in July at Grand Lodge, with an objective of \$350,000. All lodges in Brant Masonic District took part in this project, and the whole campaign realized a total of almost \$600,000.
- 1979 During the summer months, Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, was completely renovated on the inside of the lodge hall located at 23 Main Street S., Hagersville, by many hours of voluntary labour by members of the lodge.
- 1979 On August 7, a hurricane struck in this area. Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, was destroyed. Lodge meetings were held in Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, until the rebuilding was completed. Lodge meetings were not resumed in the rebuilt Temple until the fall of 1980.
- 1979 On May 11 and 12, the same district that co-operated with the workshops in 1973 and 1976, held another workshop at Guelph University, Guelph, using as the theme "Beyond the Apron".
- 1979 In December 1979, the Masonic Lodge Hall, owned by the Scotland and Lodge No. 193, was sold to the Royal Bank of Canada, who demolished it, and on the site will be erecting a new bank building. Scotland Lodge No. 193 held its regular meetings at the Burford Lodge No. 106 until the new quarters were ready for occupancy. The new facilities are in the Oakland Public School, which had been abandoned by the Brant County Board of Education because of declining enrolment. It is expected the new premises were occupied in the fall of 1980 and dedicated on April 13, 1982.
- 1979 The 28 Club was disbanded. There has been many attempts to revive it but little success.
- 1979 R. W. Bro. Allan N. Newell was elected Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario at its annual meeting in July.

- 1979 The Masters, Past Masters and Wardens Association term of office was changed to coincide with the end of the calendar year.
- 1980 On February 29, under the auspices of the Masters', Past Masters' and Wardens' Association of Brant Masonic District, a dinner and reception was held at the Brantford Masonic Temple to honour three distinguished masons from our Masonic District; namely, Right Worshipful Brother Alan N. Newell, Grand Senior Warden; Right Worshipful Brother Allen A. Broadley, a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge from 1972 to 1980; and Right Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Greenaway, who was a member of the Board of General Purposes from 1965 to 1971.
- 1980 On April 28, Right Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Greenaway, at a reception held in his honour at Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, held in the Brantford Masonic Temple, 192 Greenwich Street, received his 60-year pin from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother N. Richard Richards, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1980 Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford, renovated the inside of its lodge room, using volunteer labour of its members.
- 1980 On June 13, Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, hosted the Wellington District Historical Degree Team who, in the costumes of 125 years ago, conferred a Degree as it would have been conferred at that time.
- 1980 On October 29, a reception for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother N. Richard Richards, was held in the Agricultural Hall, in the Burford Fair Grounds, Burford.
- 1980 The Grand Masters Reception was held at the Burford Fairgrounds with Most Worshipful Brother N. Richard Richards, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario as our guest speaker.
- 1980 A Reception was held at Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, Ontario for R. W. Bro. Allan Newell, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; R. W. Bro. Thomas Greenaway and R. W. Bro. Edward Broadley.
- 1980 The Life Member structure of the Masters, Past Masters & Wardens Association was approved by the membership.

- 1981 The First Brant Masonic District history compiled by Bro. William Mitchell was printed. (200 copies).
- 1981 The Association sponsored the First Brant Masonic District's Ladies Night.  
At its Annual Meeting in December a vote was taken on each Lodge taking an equal turn in electing the DDGM from Brant District Lodges. 52% in favour.
- 1982 The Association sponsored its First Blood Donor Clinic in February 1982.
- 1982 Scotland Lodge No. 193, Oakland, Ontario, new Lodge facilities were dedicated by Most Worshipful Brother Howard O. Polk on April 3, 1982 . A District Reception for the Grand Master was also held. At this time The Grand Master invested W. Bro. Clyde Bowman as a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1982 Junior Wardens of the District were granted a one year complimentary membership in the Association at the annual meeting in 1982.
- 1982 Brant District Masonic Workshop held October 30, 1982.
- 1983 Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford, Ontario, celebrated her 125th Anniversary with a District Reception at the Burford Fairgrounds. The guest of honour was Most Worshipful Brother Ronald Groshaw, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1984 Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Ontario celebrated her 125th Anniversary with a Reception on May 5, 1984 at the Ukrainian Hall in Waterford. The guest of honour representing Grand Lodge was R. W. Bro. A. Lou Copeland, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1984 Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford, Ontario celebrated her 125th Anniversary.
- 1986 St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario, changed her meeting night to the first Thursday of each month in February 1986.
- 1986 A Grand Master Reception was held at the Brant Masonic Temple on October 20, 1986 to honour Most Worshipful Brother A. Lou Copeland,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

- 1987 Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden, Ontario celebrated her 75th Anniversary with a dinner and dance at Rockton Agricultural Hall, Rockton, Ontario. Brant District Historian W. Bro. Thomas Gray was the guest speaker.
- 1987 The Brant District Divine Service was held at Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks on May 31, 1987. At this service the organ donated by the Masons of Brant District and the Masonic Foundation of Ontario was dedicated.
- 1988 Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford, Ontario celebrated her 75th Anniversary with a banquet and the guest speaker was R. W. Bro. Norman E. Byrne, Member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1988 Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, Ontario celebrated her 75th Anniversary with a dinner and dance on Nov. 5, 1988. Most W. Bro. Dr. William E. Pellow, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was a guest.
- 1988 Brant Masonic District held a Lodge of Instruction with the Custodian of the Work, Most Worshipful Brother N. Richard Richards, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1989 Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga, Ontario celebrated her 75th Anniversary on April 7, 1989 at the Dunsdon Legion in Brantford, Ontario, the guest of honour was Most Worshipful Brother Dr. William R. Pellow, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario .
- 1990 A Grand Master's Reception was held on April 6, 1990 at the Dunsdon Legion in Brantford, to honour Most Worshipful Brother Donald C. Bradley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1992 Scotland Lodge No. 193, Oakland, Ontario celebrated her 125th Anniversary with a District Reception held at the Dunsdon Legion Hall, Brantford, Ontario on Friday October 23, 1992. The reception and dinner was held in honour of Most Worshipful Brother Norman E. Byrne, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of

Ontario.

- 1993 A night was held at Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, Ontario to present R. W. Bro. Albert A. Barker with his Senior Grand Warden's Regalia. He was elected Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in July 1993. R. W. Bro. R. William L. Clarke, DDGM of Brant District led the procession into Lodge.
- 1993 At the annual meeting of the Association on December 29, 1993, a motion was passed for each Lodge in the District to have a DDGM every 14 years. A new rotation was set up.
- 1994 Brant Masonic District held a Lodge of Instruction on May 31, 1994 on the First Degree. Brant Lodge No. 45 exemplified the Degree. R. W. Bro. Robert Wands was the facilitator for this workshop. Bro. Wands is a member of the Board of Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1995 St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario celebrated her 150th Anniversary on May 19, 1995 at a Brant Masonic District reception held in Cayuga to honour Most Worshipful Brother C. Edwin Drew, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 1996 St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario celebrated her 125th Anniversary on October 25, 1996 at the Paris Fairgrounds. Most Worshipful Brother Durward I. Greenwood, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was the guest speaker.
- 1996 The Lodges of Brant District made a donation to the Brantford Library to assist in the purchase of equipment for the blind. This committee was chaired by W. Bro. Brent Boyce.
- 1997 The first edition of the Brant District Newsletter was published. R. W. Bro. Gerald E. Postill was the first editor.
- 1997 The Historical record of Brant Masonic District was compiled by R. W. Bro. R. William L. Clarke for the years 1981-1997.
- 1998 The First W. Bro. Alan James Sayer Blood Donor Memorial award was presented to St. John's No. 82, Paris. This award was presented to the Worshipful Master Gord Simmons by DDGM, R. W. Bro. Gerald E. Postill and District Blood Donor Chairman W. Bro. Clayton Oliver. This award was constructed by V. W. Bro. Emil Fritscher (cabinet work) and

Stephen Smith, of Talking Earth Pottery.

- 1998 A District reception was held at Camp Trillium, Rainbow Lake, Waterford to honour Most W. Bro. William T. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on Tuesday June 9, 1998. This reception was arranged by R. W. Bro. Gerald E. Postill, District Deputy Grand Master of Brant District and co sponsored by the following Districts, Hamilton A, B, and C, Wilson North and South, Waterloo and Wellington. The Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Robert J. McKibbon was also in attendance accompanied by many Grand Lodge officers and masons. The above Districts are raising funds to erect a building at Camp Trillium through the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. Camp Trillium is a very special Camp: A it is a childhood cancer support centre incorporating a number of programs for children and teens affected by cancer. In January 1999 a cheque in the amount of \$35,000 was presented to Camp Trillium by M. W. Bro. William T. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to construct a building.
- 1999 Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville celebrated her 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Mar. 13/99 at the Hagersville Legion. The special guest of the evening was Most W. Bro. William Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. At this reception cheques in the amount of \$35,000 was presented to Camp Trillium, Rainbow Lake to help in the erection of a Nature Centre at the Camp. These funds were contributed by seven districts and the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. Special plaques were presented to the contributing districts and foundation by a representative of the Camp.
- 1999 On November 26, 1999 Doric Lodge No. 121 surrendered her charter to M. W. Bro. Robert J. McKibbon in a ceremony closing the Lodge that was constituted on October 3, 1859 and has been in existence for 140 years. The main reason the Lodge's closure was because they couldn't find members to hold the Offices of the Lodge and secondly the lack of new candidates. It was a sorry time for the active members. The Grand Master took part in the Ceremony of the Extinguishing of the Lights.
- 1999 At the annual meeting of the Association in December, a revised constitution was adopted by those present. This constitution has a mandate to plan four regular meetings a year for the membership and it reduces the executive to a smaller group. This executive consists of President, two vice presidents, secretary, treasurer and some executive

members at large.

- 2000 St. John=s No. 82, Paris new Lodge room was dedicated by M. W. Bro. Robert J. McKibbon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Following the dedication a reception was held in his honour at the Paris Fairgrounds. Many past and present Grand Lodge Officers and district masons and their wives were present at this reception.
- 2000 The DDGM=S Accompanying Lodge Plaque was first presented to Wilson Lodge No. 113 for having the highest percentage as the visiting lodge at a DDGM=S Official visit. Wilson Lodge had a 76.9% attendance percentage based on number present at DDGM=S Official visit divided by average Lodge Member Attendance for the year.
- 2000 King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis celebrated her 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 21, 2000 at the Jarvis Community Centre Legion. The special guest of the evening was R. W. Bro. Terry Shand, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- 2001 R. W. Bro. Dr. Jack E. Shaver sponsored a gala night at the Sanderson Centre with performer Donald O=Connor and the Geritol Follies dancers. The proceeds were directed to the Help-2-Hear Masonic Foundation Millennium Project. Over \$37,000 was raised and a cheque was presented to R. W. Bro. R. Campbell, President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario by W. Bro. Gord Frew, Chairman Help-2-Hear, Brant District and R. W. Bro. Jack E. Shaver DDGM Brant District
- 2001 The DDGM=S Accompanying Lodge Plaque was presented to King Solomon Lodge No. 329 for having the highest percentage as the visiting lodge at a DDGM=S Official visit.
- 2001 The annual Brant District Wardens night was held in October at the Masonic Temple with dinner first. St. John=s Lodge No. 35 was the host Lodge. A large number of District Masons attended. We were pleased to have the Grand Junior Warden R. W. Bro. Murray A. Dow and Grand Senior Warden R. W. Bro. Ronald T. Stinson (Past Master of Reba Lodge No. 515) present.
- 2002 The annual Brant District Warden=s night was held in October at the Masonic Temple in Burford with a dinner being served first. Ozias Lodge No. 508 was the host Lodge. A great number of District

members as well as many visitors attended. We were extremely pleased to have( the three amigos present) R. W. Bro. Pat McGrenere, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Bro. Robert James, Grand Senior Warden and R. W. Bro. David Bell, Grand Registrar.

- 2002 The Blood donor plaque was presented to Wilson Lodge No. 113 Waterford for having the most blood donated from their Lodge
- 2003 The Grand Master M. W. Bro. Terence Shand was honoured at a reception at the Brantford Golf and Country Club on May 24, 2003 and he came to visit Brant District and also congratulate Brant Lodge No. 45 on her 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 2003 District Masters= Day was sponsored by St. John=s No. 82 Paris on Saturday May 31, 2003. The District Masters passed Bro. Jacob Hayward of St. John's No. 82 to the Fellowcraft Degree. A steak barbeque followed.
- 2003 The DDGM=S Accompanying Lodge Plaque was presented to King Solomon Lodge No. 329 for having the highest percentage as the visiting lodge at a DDGM=S Official visit. This percentage based on number present at DDGM=S Official visit divided by average Lodge Member Attendance for the year.
- 2003 The Blood donor plaque was presented to St. John=s Lodge No. 82 for having the most blood donated from their Lodge.
- 2003 The annual Warden's Night held in St. George Lodge No. 243, on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> with GSW Doug West and GJW Fred Collins sitting in their respective chairs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.
- 2003 Remembrance Day Service was held at the Brantford Cenotaph. This was the first occasion that Brant District did this on a district-wide basis. The Mayor of Brantford was very pleased with our attendance and personally thanked the Masons for taking part.
- 2003 On Wednesday November 12, 2003 Bro. Albert Taylor at the regular meeting of Wilson Lodge No. 113 in Waterford was presented with the William Mercer Wilson Medal by M. W. Bro. Donald Mumby, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This award is presented to a Mason for dedication to Lodge, Church and Community and a man who will never be a Worshipful Master. There

were only four presented this year. According to the Grand Master each applicant must have been honoured by their Lodge and an application must be sent to the committee consisting of 3 Past Grand Masters. Each decides independently whether the Medal will be granted and it must be unanimous. This decision is sent to the present Grand Master who announces the recipients at Grand Lodge in July.

2004 To celebrate The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario's sesquicentennial we raised \$20,000 to build a small Masonic building at the Children's Safety Village in Brantford. In November M. W. Bro. Donald Mumby, Grand Master visited the site. This is the only Masonic building in any Children's Safety Village.

2004 On May 11<sup>th</sup> the first ever PDDGM's night in Brant District was held in Brant Lodge No. 45 with 13 of the 19 living PDDGM's taking part in a second degree for Bro. Steven Frotten a member of Brant Lodge No. 45.

2004 This was the official launch of the Brant District project for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Grand Lodge on May 27<sup>th</sup>. This project is in conjunction with the Children's Safety Village of Brantford, for the continuing safety education of children in the district.

2005 Onondaga Lodge No. 519 moved into its new home on Tuscarora Street in Onondaga, Ontario and M. W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario dedicated this new lodge room on April 25, 2006.

2005 In May the Brantford Masonic Temple was sold. Brant Lodge and Reba Lodge found other accommodations. Reba Lodge held the last Masonic meeting in the building in May 13, 2005.

2005 The Wardens degree team passed Bro. William Jones of Brant Lodge No. 45 on Tuesday October 27 at Onondaga Lodge on Tuscarora St. where Brant Lodge No. 45 was residing until their new home at the Brantford Shrine Club was renovated.

2006 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PDDGMs Degree team passed Bro. Bruce Dunstall on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lodge No. 35 in Cayuga.

2006 The annual Masters degree team passed a brother to the fellowcraft degree on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at Ozias Lodge No. 508 Burford.

2006 The Warden's degree team passed a brother to the fellowcraft degree at Hiram Lodge No. 319 in Hagersville on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>.

2006 On Thursday October 26, 2006 M. W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson and large number of Grand Lodge Officers past & present dedicated the Lodge Room at the Brantford Shrine Club 525 Colborne Street Brantford, Ontario for Brant Lodge No. 45 a reception was held at the Sherwood Restaurant following the dedication. The Grand Master presented R. W. Bro. R. William Clarke with his Lewis Jewel and R. W. Bro. Clarke presented his son Bro. Stephen W. Clarke with his Lewis Jewel.

2006 At an emergent meeting of Brant Lodge No. 45 held in the Lodge Room of the Brantford Shrine Club in November, R. W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor was made an honorary life member of the Lodge, a reception followed at the Sherwood Restaurant on east Colborne St. Brantford.

2007 The Annual Master's night was held at King Solomon Lodge No. 329 in Jarvis on April 17 when Bro. Richard Waller of Brant Lodge No. 45 was passed to the fellowcraft degree.

2007 The annual Warden's night was held at Burford Lodge No. 106 Burford on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

2008 Master's night was held at Reba Lodge No. 515 in Brantford on March 14<sup>th</sup> where Bro. Michel Maurice Hodgson (a Reba member) was passed to the fellowcraft degree. 12 of the 13 current Masters were present and took part in this degree.

2008 The 5<sup>th</sup> annual PDDGMs Degree Team visited Scotland Lodge No. 193 on Monday May 12 and Bro. Rob Pond from King Solomon Lodge No. 329 was passed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree by Brant District's PDDGMs. (14)

2008 On Friday May 23, 2008 M. W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor and number of Grand Lodge Officers past & present dedicated the Lodge Room at the IOOF Hall on Johnson Road Brantford for Reba Lodge No. 515 in the AM and in the afternoon the Grandmaster and large number of Grand Lodge Officers past & present dedicated the Lodge Room at the IOOF Hall in Jarvis Ontario for King Solomon Lodge No. 329. A reception followed this dedication.

#### **GRAND MASTERS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF LODGES IN BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT**

From St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario: MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BRUCE B. FOSTER

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in 1969-1971 Initiated into Masonry in St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga, Ontario, on April 21, 1927

From Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, Ontario: MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER AUGUSTUS T. FREED

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in 1907-1908 Made an Honorary Member of Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, Ontario on October 13, 1908

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ALLAN JOHN PETRISOR Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in 2007-2009. Made an Honorary Life Member of Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford, Ontario on November 14, 2006.

From St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, Ontario: MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER STEPHEN YOUNG TAYLOR Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in 1915-1916

Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in 1916-1917

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in 1917-1927 Affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris, Ontario, on October 5, 1898

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROBERT MCKIBBON Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1999-2000. Made an honorary member of St. John's Lodge No. 82 on June 22, 2002.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GARY L. ATKINSON Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2005-2007. Made an honorary member of St. John's Lodge No. 82 on June 2, 2007.

From Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Ontario: MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859 and 1866. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1867, 1872, 1873 and 1874 Charter Member of Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Ontario, in 1859. MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DONALD MUMBY, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2003-2005. Made an honorary member of Wilson Lodge No. 113 on June 9, 2005.

From St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario: MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER HARRY LAISHLEY MARTYN

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in 1957-1959 Made an Honorary Member of St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George, Ontario, on February 7, 1956

From Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario: MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GEORGE CLEVELAND DERBY  
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in 1935-1936 Initiated into Masonry in Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, Ontario, on February 21, 1918.

From Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, Ontario MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER N. RICHARD RICHARDS  
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1979-1981 Made an Honorary Member of Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, Ontario, on April 28, 1980

In the pages that follow, you will note that the formation of Brant Masonic District was completed by removing lodges from other districts (Wilson District No. 6, Hamilton District No. 8, and Niagara District No. 10), and forming them into this one Brant Masonic District No. 23.

It is therefore necessary to record first some of the particulars of those districts from which the lodges were removed, in order to give complete background material.

Following are the data regarding Brant Masonic District;

Next is the information regarding the individual lodges in the order in which they were instituted;

And finally, information on other organizations that have been in operation within Brant Masonic District.

#### DISTRICTS OF GRAND LODGE OF CANADA - 1855, 1856, 1862

The jurisdiction had originally been divided into three districts in 1855:

1. Western: that portion of Upper Canada lying west of Toronto;
2. Central: the remaining portion of the province; and
3. Eastern: the lodges in Lower Canada.

In 1856, the districts that made up the Grand Lodge of Canada, were as noted below, with the names of their District Deputy Grand Masters:

London	R. W. Bro.	James Daniell
Hamilton	R. W. Bro.	W. C. Stephens

Toronto R. W. Bro. G. L. Allen  
 Central R. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson  
 Montreal R. W. Bro. P. D. Brown

The districts that made up the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1862 were:

London Prince Edward  
 Huron Central  
 Toronto \*Wilson  
 Hamilton \*Quebec  
 Ontario \*Eastern Townships  
 Montreal

\* designates the districts that came into existence at the Grand Lodge Assembly in 1862.

At the time that Wilson District came into existence, it included all of the lodges located in the Counties of Oxford, Norfolk and Brant.

At the same time, 1862, Hamilton District included all lodges located in the Niagara Peninsula.

WILSON MASONIC DISTRICT - Came into existence in 1862  
 District Deputy Grand Masters

1861-62	W. Bro. George W. Whitehead	King Solomon Lodge No. 43, Woodstock
1862-63	W. Bro. C. W. Mathewson	Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe
1863-64	W. Bro. David Curtis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1864-65	W. Bro. David Curtis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1865-66	W. Bro. David Curtis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1866-67	W. Bro. David Curtis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1867-68	W. Bro. David Curtis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1868-69	W. Bro. David Curtis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1869-70	W. Bro. David Curtis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford

DISTRICTS OF GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF  
 ONTARIO - 1870

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1869:

Worshipful Brother A. J. Donly gave Notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move that the Wilson District be divided as follows; viz: The County of Norfolk and the Townships of Burford

and Norwich to form a district to be named the "Wilson District", and the remaining portion of the present Wilson District to be called "Brantford District".

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1870, Pages 449 and 450, re Division of Masonic Districts:

No. 3 Wilson District, the same as before, including the Township of Bayham in the County of Elgin.

No. 6 Hamilton District, to consist of the City of Hamilton and the Counties of Wentworth and Halton.

No. 7 Niagara District, to consist of the Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland, except for the Village of Caledonia in the County of Haldimand.

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1870, Page 460:

It was moved by Right Worshipful Brother W. H. Weller, seconded by Right Worshipful Brother Otto Klotz; and

RESOLVED that the Report on the Board on Redivision of the Masonic Districts be adopted.

#### WILSON MASONIC DISTRICT No. 3

From 1870 to 1886, Wilson Masonic District No. 3 consisted of 27 lodges in the Counties of Norfolk, Oxford, Brant, and the Township of Bayham in the County of Elgin.

Lodge No.	Lodge Name	Location	County
45	Brant	Brantford	Brant
82	St. John's	Paris	Brant
106	Burford	Burford	Brant
121	Doric	Brantford	Brant
193	Scotland	Scotland	Brant
243	St. George	St. George	Brant
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	Elgin
237	Vienna	Vienna	Elgin
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	Norfolk
113	Wilson	Waterford	Norfolk
149	Erie	Port Dover	Norfolk
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	Norfolk

217	Frederick	Delhi	Norfolk
335	Langton	Langton	Norfolk
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	Norfolk
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	Oxford
43	King Solomon	Woodstock	Oxford
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	Oxford
76	Oxford	Woodstock	Oxford
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg	Oxford
95	Ridout	Otterville	Oxford
104	St. John's	Norwichville	Oxford
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Oxford
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	Oxford
250	Thistle	Embro	Oxford
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Oxford
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	Oxford

### District Deputy Grand Masters

1870-71	R. W. Bro. Peter J. Brown Ingersoll	King Hiram Lodge No. 37
1871-72	R. W. Bro. Peter J. Brown Ingersoll	King Hiram Lodge No. 37
1872-73	R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Wilson Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1873-74	R. W. Bro. W. S. Martin Paris	St. John's Lodge No. 82
1874-75	R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett Rowan	Walsingham Lodge No. 174 Pt.
1875-76	R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett Rowan	Walsingham Lodge No. 174 Pt
1876-77	R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett Pt. Rowan	Walsingham Lodge No. 174
1877-78	R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett Rowan	Walsingham Lodge No. 174 Pt
1878-79	R. W. Bro. T. B. Bain 78 Tillsonburg	King Hiram Lodge No.
1879-80	R. W. Bro. T. B. Bain Tillsonburg	King Hiram Lodge No. 78
1880-81	R. W. Bro. George C. Eden Woodstock	King Solomon Lodge No. 43
1881-82	R. W. Bro. George C. Eden Woodstock	King Solomon Lodge No. 43
1882-83	R. W. Bro. William Kennedy Vittoria	Vittoria Lodge No. 359

1883-84	R. W. Bro. William McKay Woodstock	Oxford Lodge No. 76
1884-85	R. W. Bro. Robert Ashton Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1885-86	R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler Ingersoll	St. John's Lodge No. 68

#### NIAGARA MASONIC DISTRICT No. 7

From 1870 to 1886, Niagara Masonic District No. 7 consisted of 23 lodges, in the Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland, except the Village of Caledonia, in the County of Haldimand.

Lodge No.	Lodge Name	Location	County
32	Amity	Dunnville	Haldimand
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Haldimand
185	Enniskillen	York	Haldimand
319	Hiram	Cheapside	Haldimand
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	Haldimand
2	Niagara	Niagara	Lincoln
7	Union	Grimsby	Lincoln
15	St. George	St. Catharines	Lincoln
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Lincoln
115	Ivy	Beamsville	Lincoln
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	Lincoln
296	Temple	St. Catharines	Lincoln
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Lincoln
36	Welland	Fonthill	Welland
105	St. Mark's	Drummondville	Welland
168	Merritt	Welland	Welland
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	Welland
213	Dominion	Ridgeway	Welland
221	Mountain	Thorold	Welland
254	Clifton	Clifton	Welland
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	Welland
372	Palmer	Victoria	Welland
373	Copestone	Welland	Welland

#### District Deputy Grand Masters

1870-71	R. W. Bro. Isaac Willson	Niagara Lodge No. 2	Niagara on the-Lake
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1871-72	R. W. Bro. Isaac Willson	Niagara Lodge No. 2	Niagara on the-Lake
1872-73	R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp	Union Lodge No. 7	Grimsby
1873-74	R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp	Union Lodge No. 7	Grimsby
1874-75	R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp	Union Lodge No. 7	Grimsby
1875-76	R. W. Bro. D. E. Broderick	St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62	Caledonia
1876-77	R. W. Bro. John Dale	Mountain Lodge No. 221	Thorold
1877-78	R. W. Bro. John Dale	Mountain Lodge No. 221	Thorold
1878-79	R. W. Bro. E. Goodman, M.D.	Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103	St. Catharines
1879-80	R. W. Bro. John W. Coy	Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103	St. Catharines
		and	St. George's Lodge No. 15 St. Catharines
1880-81	R. W. Bro. George Walker	Ivy Lodge No. 115	Beamsville
1881-82	R. W. Bro. J. Murison Dunn	Copestone Lodge No. 373	Welland
1882-83	R. W. Bro. J. Murison Dunn	Copestone Lodge No. 373	Welland
1883-84	R. W. Bro. William Gibson	Ivy Lodge No. 115	Beamsville
1884-85	R. W. Bro. William Gibson	Ivy Lodge No. 115	Beamsville
1885-86	R. W. Bro. T. L. M. Tipton	Amity Lodge No. 32	Dunnville

**DISTRICTS OF GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF  
ONTARIO - 1876/77/78**

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1876, Page 161: Redistribution of Districts:

It was moved by Right Worshipful Brother J. B. Trayes, seconded by Right Worshipful Brother Daniel Spry; and

RESOLVED that in consequence of complaints made, that the districts as at present constituted, are too cumbersome to admit an efficient working by the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee to consider the propriety of reconstructing the several districts, and, if possible, recommend some scheme for their redistribution for the consideration and adoption by the next meeting of Grand Lodge. Also that the present arrangement by counties be abandoned and the railway facilities for reaching lodges taken into consideration instead.

WHEREUPON the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master was pleased to appoint

the following committee; namely, Right Worshipful Brothers J. B. Trayes, Daniel Spry, J. E. Harding, J. A. Henderson and J. J. Mason.

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1877, Page 134:

Right Worshipful Brother J. B. Trayes, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last Annual Communication, submitted the following:

The committee respectfully asks to be reappointed, and believe they will be able, by the next meeting, to mature such a plan for the redistribution of the districts as will meet with the approval of Grand Lodge.

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1878, Page 127:

From replies to a questionnaire sent out to the various lodges, the committee learns that very few of the districts desire any change.

#### **DISTRICTS OF GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO - 1879/85/86**

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1879, Pages 102 and 103:

Opinion votes proved:

No. of Lodges - 267; Replies - 130; For Change - 49; For No Change - 81

Your committee, taking the above as an indication of the general feeling of the lodges upon this question, deems it inexpedient to recommend the formation of new districts at the present time.

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1885, Page 160:

In accordance with the suggestion in the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committee to consider the question of the redistribution of districts, and to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; namely, Right Worshipful Bros. J. Ross Robertson (Chairman), J. S. Dewar, R. L. Patterson, William Forbes, Robert Ramsay, and R. Longraore.

From Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1886, Page 208:

Wilson District has been reduced in size from 27 to 23 lodges, by giving Thamesford to the London District, and Brantford (2), and St. George to the Hamilton District.

Hamilton District has been increased by the addition of the lodges at Brantford

(2), and St. George.

Niagara District remains as before.

From Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1886, Pages 212 to 224: Designation of Districts:

Your committee, notwithstanding that they have in the foregoing, designated the districts by territorial titles, are of the opinion and would recommend that the various districts be distinguished by numbers instead of names, as follows:

Wilson- the Sixth Masonic District  
Hamilton- the Eighth Masonic District  
Niagara- the Tenth Masonic District

The committee have had a map prepared which shows the redistribution as proposed, with the lines of railways, etc.—all of which is fraternally submitted.

J. Ross Robertson, Chairman John S. Dewar Robert L. Patterson William Forbes Edwin Plant Robert Longmore

It was moved by Right Worshipful Brother J. Ross Robertson, seconded by Right Worshipful Brother J. S. Dewar; and

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee on the Redistribution of Districts be received and (subsequently) adopted.

#### WILSON MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 6

From 1886 to 1915, Wilson Masonic District No. 6 contained the following lodges. [This was a reduction from the previous arrangement as the district was reduced in the number of lodges from 27 to 23, by giving Thamesford to the London District, and Brantford (2), and St. George to the Hamilton District].

1.	10	Norfolk	Simcoe
2.	37	King Hiram	Ingersoll
3.	43	King Solomon	Woodstock
4.	68	St. John's	Ingersoll
5.	76	Oxford	Woodstock

6.	78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg
7.	82	St. John's	Paris
8.	104	St. John's	Norwich
9.	106	Burford	Burford
10.	108	Blenheim	Princeton
11.	113	Wilson	Waterford
12.	149	Erie	Port Dover
13.	174	Walsingham	Port Rowan
14.	178	Plattsville	Plattsville
15.	181	Oriental	Port Burwell
16.	193	Scotland	Scotland
17.	217	Frederick	Delhi
18.	237	Vienna	Vienna
19.	250	Thistle	Embro
20.	259	Springfield	Springfield
21.	261	Oak Branch	Innerkip
22.	335	Langton	Langton
23.	359	Vittoria	Vittoria

### District Deputy Grand Masters

1886-87	W.	Bro. J. C. Hegler	St. John's Lodge No. 68
	Ingersoll		
1887-88	W.	Bro. J. C. Hegler	St. John's Lodge No. 68
	Ingersoll		
1888-89	W.	Bro. W. McDonald	King Hiram Lodge No. 78,
	Tillsonburg		
1889-90	W.	Bro. D. H. Hunter	Oxford Lodge No. 76
	Woodstock		
1890-91	W.	Bro. D. H. Hunter	Oxford Lodge No. 76
	Woodstock		
1891-92	W.	Bro. P. H. Cox	St. John's Lodge No. 82
	Paris		
1892-93	W.	Bro. E. G. Wells	Norfolk Lodge No. 10
	Simcoe		
1893-94	W.	Bro. A. McCurdy, MD	St. John's Lodge No. 104
	Norwich		
1894-95	W.	Bro. W. F. Miles	Burford Lodge No. 106
	Burford		
1895-96	W.	Bro. G. J. Fraser	King Solomon Lodge No. 43
	Woodstock		
1896-97	W.	Bro. T. Allshire	Plattsville Lodge No. 178
	Plattsville		

1897-98	W.	Bro.	T. Atkinson	Norfolk Lodge No. 10	
	Simcoe				
1898-99	W.	Bro.	C. L. Merritt	Scotland Lodge No. 193	
	Scotland				
99-1900	W.	Bro.	A. W. Crysler	Frederick Lodge No. 217	
	Delhi				
1900-01	W.	Bro.	James Smiley	St. John's Lodge No. 82	
	Paris				
1901-02	W.	Bro.	W. A. Karn	Oxford Lodge No. 76	
	Woodstock				
1902-03	W.	Bro.	James Ross	Wilson Lodge No. 113	
	Waterford				
1903-04	W.	Bro.	S. S. Glutton	Vienna Lodge No. 237	
	Vienna				
1904-05	W.	Bro.	S. Y. Taylor	St. John's Lodge No. 82	
	Paris				
1905-06	W.	Bro.	J. B. Waddle	Erie Lodge No. 149	Port
	Dover				
1906-07	W.	Bro.	J. W. Dutton	Oxford Lodge No. 76	
	Woodstock				
1907-08	W.	Bro.	G. Stewart	Springfield Lodge No. 259	
	Springfield				
1908-09	W.	Bro.	Robert Gant	St. John's Lodge No. 82	
	Paris				
1909-10	W.	Bro.	J. Messecar	Scotland Lodge No. 193	
	Scotland				
1910-11	W.	Bro.	George Naylor	King Hiram Lodge No. 37	
	Ingersoll				
1911-12	W.	Bro.	C. G. Hulet	St. John's Lodge No. 104	
	Norwich				
1912-13	W.	Bro.	A. W. Cameron	Oxford Lodge No. 76	
	Woodstock				
1913-14	W.	Bro.	H. McQueen,MD	King Hiram Lodge No. 78	
	Tillsonburg				
1914-15	W.	Bro.	D. Sutherland	Blenheim Lodge No. 108	
	Princeton				
1915-16	W.	Bro.	B. Blair	King Solomon Lodge No. 43	
	Woodstock				

HAMILTON MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 8

From 1886 to 1915, Hamilton Masonic District No. 8 contained the following 28 lodges.

1.	6	Barton	Hamilton
2.	27	Strict Observance	Hamilton
3.	40	St. John's	Hamilton
4.	45	Brant	Brantford
5.	57	Harmony	Binbrook
6.	61	Acacia	Hamilton
7.	62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia
8.	100	Valley	Dundas
9.	121	Doric	Brantford
10.	135	St. Clair	Milton
11.	165	Burlington	Burlington
12.	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek
13.	219	Credit	Georgetown
14.	243	St. George	St. George
15.	272	Seymour	Ancaster
16.	291	Dufferin	West Flamboro
17.	321	Walker	Acton
18.	324	Temple	Hamilton
19.	357	Waterdown	Millgrove
20.	382	Doric	Hamilton
21.	400	Oakville	Oakville
22.	475	Dundurn	Hamilton
23.	495	Electric	Hamilton
24.	505	Lynden	Lynden
25.	508	Ozias	Brantford
26.	513	Corinthian	Hamilton
27.	515	Reba	Brantford
28.	519	Onondaga	Onondaga

### District Deputy Grand Masters

1886-87	W.	Bro.	William Kerns	Burlington Lodge No. 165 Burlington
1887-88	W.	Bro.	G. Russell	Hamilton
1888-89	W.	Bro.	W. Freeman, MD	Credit Lodge No. 219 Georgetown
1889-90	W.	Bro.	John Malloy	Hamilton
1890-91	W.	Bro.	C. Mulligan	Hamilton
1891-92	W.	Bro.	J. Hoodless	Barton Lodge No. 6 Hamilton
1892-93	W.	Bro.	R. L. Gunn	Doric Lodge No. 382, Hamilton
1893-94	W.	Bro.	J. Heath, MD	Brant Lodge No. 45 Brantford

1894-95	W.	Bro.	T. McCallum	Hamilton
1895-96	W.	Bro.	G. C. Holden	Hamilton
1896-97	W.	Bro.	J. G. Liddell	Doric Lodge No. 121 Brantford
1897-98	W.	Bro.	C. Emory, MD	Hamilton
1898-99	M. W.	Bro.	A. T. Freed	Barton Lodge No. 6 Hamilton
1899-1900	W.	Bro.	F. A. Latshaw	Valley Lodge No. 100 Dundas
1900-01	W.	Bro.	Wm. Birrell	Strict Observance Lodge No. 27 Hamilton
1901-02	W.	Bro.	A. Cunningham	Temple Lodge No. 324 Hamilton
1902-03	W.	Bro.	W. Robinson	Oakville Lodge No. 400 Oakville
1903-04	W.	Bro.	R. Hutchison	Hamilton
1904-05	W.	Bro.	Fred Walters	Hamilton
1905-06	W.	Bro.	J. McGregor	Waterdown Lodge No. 357 Millgrove
1906-07	W.	Bro.	Lyman Lee	Acacia Lodge No. 61 Hamilton
1907-08	W.	Bro.	H. Griffin, MD	Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton
1908-09	W.	Bro.	E. Finlay	Credit Lodge No. 219 Georgetown
1909-10	W.	Bro.	W. McG. Logan	St. John's Lodge No. 40 Hamilton
1910-11	W.	Bro.	G. R. Lloyd	Strict Observance Lodge No. 27 Hamilton
1911-12	W.	Bro.	B. Thompson, MD	Wentworth Lodge No. 166, Stoney Creek
1912-13	W.	Bro.	W. Wardrope	Acacia Lodge No. 61 Hamilton
1913-14	W.	Bro.	C. S. Kilgour	Doric Lodge No. 382 Hamilton
1914-15	W.	Bro.	J. McGregor	St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62 Caledonia
1915-16	W.	Bro.	F. Hanna, MD	Brant Lodge No. 45 Brantford

#### NIAGARA MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 10

From 1886 to 1915, Niagara Masonic District No. 10 contained the following 23 lodges.

1.	2	Niagara	Niagara
2.	7	Union	Grimsby
3.	15	St. George	St. Catharines
4.	32	Amity	Dunnville
5.	35	St. John's	Cayuga
6.	103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines
7.	105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls
8.	115	Ivy	Beamsville

9.	168	Merritt	Welland
10.	169	Macnab	Port Colborne
11.	185	Enniskillen	York
12.	221	Mountain	Thorold
13.	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls
14.	277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie
15.	296	Temple	St. Catharines
16.	319	Hiram	Hagersville
17.	329	King Solomon	Jarvis
18.	337	Myrtle	Port Robinson
19.	338	Dufferin	Wellandport
20.	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg
21.	373	Copetstone	Welland
22.	471	King Edward VII	Chippawa
23.	502	Coronation	Smithville

### District Deputy Grand Masters

1886-87	W.	Bro.	T.L.M. Tipton	Amity Lodge No. 32 Dunnville
1887-88	W.	Bro.	C. McDermott	St. George's Lodge No. 15 St. Catharines
1888-89	W.	Bro.	C. McDerraott	St. George's Lodge No. 15 St. Catharines
1889-90	W.	Bro.	W. Jaques, MD	King Solomon Lodge No. 329 Jarvis
1890-91	W.	Bro.	A. B. Hurrell	Palmer Lodge No. 372 Fort Erie
1891-92	W.	Bro.	D. Robertson	St. Catharines
1892-93	W.	Bro.	W. D. Garner	Niagara Falls S.
1893-94	W.	Bro.	J. Noble	King Solomon Lodge No. 329 Jarvis
1894-95	W.	Bro.	H. Johnston	St. Catharines
1895-96	W.	Bro.	J. C. Bartle	Clifton Lodge No. 254 Niagara Falls
1896-97	W.	Bro.	Samuel Amsden	Amity Lodge No. 32 Dunnville
1897-98	W.	Bro.	C. H. Connor	Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103 St. Catharines
1898-99	W.	Bro.	J. A. Hoshal	St. John's Lodge No. 35 Cayuga
99-1900	W.	Bro.	J. H. Crow	Merritt Lodge No. 168 Welland
1900-01	M. W.	Bro.	T. Simpson	Ivy Lodge No. 115 Beamsville
1901-02	W.	Bro.	R. Conolly	Amity Lodge No. 32 Dunnville
1902-03	W.	Bro.	W. J. Drope	Union Lodge No. 7 Grimsby
1903-04	W.	Bro.	R. Matthews	Macnab Lodge No. 169 Port Colborne
1904-05	W.	Bro.	W. F. Bald	Mountain Lodge No. 221 Thorold

1905-06 Hagersville	W.	Bro.	R. McDonald,MD	Hiram Lodge No. 319
1906-07 Catharines	W.	Bro.	B. Leubsdorf	Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103 St.
1907-08 Welland	W.	Bro.	G. H. Pettit	Copestone Lodge No. 373
1908-09 Lake	W.	Bro.	J. D. Randall	Niagara Lodge No. 2 Niagara on the-
1909-10 Catharines	W.	Bro.	J. Merriman	Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103 St.
1910-11 Thorold	W.	Bro.	R. G. Hoover	Mountain Lodge No. 221
1911-12	W.	Bro.	R. J. Gracey	Dufferin Lodge No. 338 Wellandport
1912-13	W.	Bro.	James Waugh	Seymour Lodge No. 277 Port Dalhousie
1913-14	W.	Bro.	G. H. Brown	King Edward VII Lodge No. 471 Chippawa
1914-15	W.	Bro.	John E. Cohoe	Merritt Lodge No. 168 Welland
1915-16	W.	Bro.	C. S. Ross	Myrtle Lodge No. 337 Port Robinson

## GRAND LODGE DISTRICTS

Historical

From the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held in London, Ontario, on Wednesday, July 18, 1916, A.L.5916

Grand Master Most W. Bro. Sydney A. Luke  
Deputy Grand Master Right W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope

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### PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF LODGES AND THE RECONSTITUTION OF DISTRICTS

"It was moved by Most Worshipful Brother E. T. Malone, seconded by Most Worshipful Brother A. T. Freed; and

RESOLVED that the report of the committee appointed by Grand Lodge in 1915, in connection with the redistribution of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the reconstitution of the districts, be adopted, and that the changes therein recommended in the redistribution of lodges and reconstitution of the districts shall immediately become effective.

Brant Masonic District No. 23 - 14 Lodges

Date	Lodge No.		Lodge Name	Location	Institution
1.	35	***	St. John's	Cayuga	1845
2.	45	**	Brant	Brantford	1853
3.	82	*	St. John's	Paris	1857
4.	106	*	Burford	Burford	1858
5.	113	*	Wilson	Waterford	1859
6.	121	**	Doric	Brantford	1859
7.	193	*	Scotland	Scotland	1867
8.	243	**	St. George	St. George	1871
9.	319	***	Hiram	Hagersville	1874
10.	329	***	King Solomon	Jarvis	1875
11.	505	**	Lynden	Lynden	1912
12.	508	**	Ozias	Brantford	1912
13.	515	**	Reba	Brantford	1912
14.	519	**	Onondaga	Onondaga	1914

\* Previous to this date, a lodge in the Wilson Masonic District No. 6

\*\* Previous to this date, a lodge in the Hamilton Masonic District No. 8

\*\*\* Previous to this date, a lodge in the Niagara Masonic District No. 10

From the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1923:

Upon redistribution of districts, the districts are placed in an alphabetic order, and the district numbers are dropped.

This redistribution had no change in the number of lodges that made up Brant Masonic District, nor of the location of the various lodges in that district.

BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 23 District Deputy Grand Masters

1916-17 R. W. Bro. James Charles Spence	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1917-18 R. W. Bro. William J. Logie, M.D.	St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris
1918-19 R. W. Bro. William Bickell Scafe	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford	

1919-20	R. W. Bro. J. E. W. Anderson, M.D.	Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland
1920-21	R. W. Bro. D. E. Russell, D.D.	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1921-22	R. W. Bro. James M. McNeilly	St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George
1922-23	R. W. Bro. George H. Ryerson	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford

#### BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT

1923-24	R. W. Bro. Charles S. Graham	Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville
1924-25	R. W. Bro. John Peter Temple	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1925-26	R. W. Bro. John J. Parsons	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis
1926-27	R. W. Bro. Robert T. Stillman	Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford
1927-28	R. W. Bro. James L. Mitchener	St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga
1928-29	R. W. Bro. Thomas J. Kirkby	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1929-30	R. W. Bro. Stewart McDonald	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1930-31	R. W. Bro. John Lewis	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1931-32	R. W. Bro. James F. Polley	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1932-33	R. W. Bro. Harry Samuel Tapscott	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1933-34	R. W. Bro. Royden K. Robinson	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford
1934-35	R. W. Bro. William J. Feldkamp	Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford
1935-36	R. W. Bro. Johnston A. Walker	Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga
1936-37	R. W. Bro. James Albert Wedlake	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1937-38	R. W. Bro. George T. Knox	Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland
1938-39	R. W. Bro. David P. McDonald	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1939-40	R. W. Bro. Mortimer C. Hawley	St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris
1940-41	R. W. Bro. Howard Stanley Liittich	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1941-42	R. W. Bro. Bert Stobbs	St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George
1942-43	R. W. Bro. Clifford C. Slemin	Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford
1943-44	R. W. Bro. Lewis L. McBride	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Brantford

Jarvis		
1944-45	R. W. Bro. Maurice R. Billings, D.D.	St. John's Lodge No. 35,
Cayuga		
1945-46	R. W. Bro. E. Luther Gothard	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1946-47	R. W. Bro. Robert W. E. McFadden	Brant Lodge No. 45,
Brantford and		Reba Lodge
No. 515, Brantford		
1947-48	R. W. Bro. Edwin C. Dayman	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1948-49	R. W. Bro. Arthur A. Coale	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1949-50	R. W. Bro. Douglas Grant Munteer	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
Hagersville		
1950-51	R. W. Bro. William J. Stephenson	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1951-52	R. W. Bro. Clarence J. Sharpe	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford		
1952-53	R. W. Bro. Clare L. Tench	Wilson Lodge No. 113,
Waterford		
1953-54	R. W. Bro. William P. Martin	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
Onondaga		
1954-55	R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Greenaway	Reba Lodge No. 515,
Brantford		
		and St. George Lodge No. 243,
		St. George
1955-56	R. W. Bro. N. Edward Lawrence	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
Scotland		
1956-57	R. W. Bro. Jack Atkinson	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1957-58	R. W. Bro. Andrew M. Telfer	St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris
1958-59	R. W. Bro. Samuel Errol E. Wait	St. George Lodge No. 243, St.
George		
1959-60	R. W. Bro. Samuel Ernest Painter	Doric Lodge No. 121,
Brantford		
1960-61	R. W. Bro. A. Gordon Skinner	St. John's Lodge No. 35,
Cayuga		
1961-62	R. W. Bro. A. Laird Miller	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
Jarvis	1962-63	R. W. Bro. Charles Henry Hinan
Lynden		Lynden Lodge No. 505,
1963-64	R. W. Bro. Frank E. B. Scace	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford		
1964-65	R. W. Bro. Reuben H. Shoup	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
Hagersville		
1965-66	R. W. Bro. Wilfred G. Gurney	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1966-67	R. W. Bro. Alfred W. King	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1967-68	R. W. Bro. Allan E. Broadley	Wilson Lodge No. 113,
Waterford		

1968-69 Onondaga	R. W. Bro. Garnet W. Brown	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
1969-70	R. W. Bro. Harry H. Clark	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1970-71 Scotland	R. W. Bro. Neil A. MacPherson	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
1971-72	R. W. Bro. Clare A. Parsons	St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George
1972-73 Brantford	R. W. Bro. Frederick Wm. Bowery	Doric Lodge, No. 121,
1973-74	R. W. Bro. William H. Wells	St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris
1974-75 Jarvis	R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Welt	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
1975-76 Brantford	R. W. Bro. Donald G. Grinton	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
1976-77 Cayuga	R. W. Bro. Morley Coverdale	St. John's Lodge No. 35,
1977-78 Lynden	R. W. Bro. Leonard Samuel Meiler	Lynden Lodge No. 505,
1978-79	R. W. Bro. Donald L. Sandison	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1979-80 Hagersville	R. W. Bro. Oliver W. D. Sayer	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
1980-81	R. W. Bro. Hilton L. Davidson	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1981-82	R. W. Bro. Lloyd W. Lawrence	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1982-83	R. W. Bro. Ralph D. Charter	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford
1983-84 Onondaga	R. W. Bro. Merlyn K. Dymont	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
1984-85	R. W. Bro. William H. Hughes	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1985-86 Oakland	R. W. Bro. Robert J. Macaulay	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
1986-87 Paris	R. W. Bro. Gordon H. Gibson	St. John=s Lodge No. 82,
1987-88 Brantford	R. W. Bro. William E. Croome	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
1988-89	R. W. Bro. Kenneth R. Goodbrand	St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George
1989-90 Jarvis	R. W. Bro. Orvil Walker	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
1990-91	R. W. Bro. Michael J. Davison	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1991-92 Cayuga	R. W. Bro. K. Douglas Hannah	St. John=s Lodge No. 35,
1992-93	R. W. Bro. Murray Betzner	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1993-94	R. W. Bro. R. William L. Clarke	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford

1994-95	R. W. Bro. Robert W. Shoup	Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville
1995-96	R. W. Bro. Ronald M. Fritzley	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1996-97	R. W. Bro. Gavin M. Angus	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1997-98	R. W. Bro. Gerald E. Postill	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford
1998-99	R. W. Bro. John Steer	Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga
1999-2000	R. W. Bro. Thomas Clayton Oliver	St. John=s Lodge No. 82, Paris
2000-01	R. W. Bro. Dr. Jack E. Shaver MD	Scotland Lodge No. 193, Oakland
2001-02	R. W. Bro. Fred J. Kalliokoski	St. George Lodge No. 243 St. George
2002-03	R. W. Bro. Ralph Baldwin	Ozias Lodge No. 508 Burford
2003-04	R. W. Bro. Daniel C. Dawson	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis
2004-05	R. W. Bro. Eric Davidson	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
2005-06	R. W. Bro. William E. Topp	St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga
2006-07	R. W. Bro. Randy Hunt	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
2007-08	R. W. Bro. John (Jack) L. Herron	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford

#### BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 23 District Secretaries

1916-17		
1917-18		
1918-19	V. W. Bro. Joseph A. Broadbent	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1919-20	V. W. Bro. William A. Stuart	Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland
1920-21		
1921-22	V. W. Bro. William J. Scott	St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George
1922-23	V. W. Bro. Joseph Lawson Dixon	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford

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1923-24	V. W. Bro. Leslie Arcot Smith	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
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Hagersville		
1924-25	V. W. Bro. George Fred Trenwith	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1925-26	V. W. Bro. George L. Millar	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
Jarvis		
1926-27	V. W. Bro. Charles L. Gamble	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1927-28	V. W. Bro. Frank S. Kent	St. John's Lodge No. 35,
Cayuga		
1928-29	V. W. Bro. Roy Pierson	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford		
1929-30	V. W. Bro. Henry Whyte	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1930-31	V. W. Bro. Henry Anson Jull	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1931-32	V. W. Bro. Frederick F. Balsdon	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1932-33	V. W. Bro. William G. Seago	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1933-34	V. W. Bro. Robert D. Gibson	Wilson Lodge No. 113,
Waterford		
1934-35	V. W. Bro. George Reginald Millard	Brant Lodge No. 45,
Brantford		
1935-36	V. W. Bro. George T. Fearman	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
Onondaga		
1936-37	V. W. Bro. James A. Scace	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford		
1937-38	V. W. Bro. E. Maitland Edy	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
Scotland		
1938-39	V. W. Bro. James Allen	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1939-40	V. W. Bro. Howard Frasch	St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris
1940-41	V. W. Bro. John Harry Ruff	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1941-42	V. W. Bro. William D. Taylor	St. George Lodge No. 243,
St. George		
1942-43	V. W. Bro. Frank John Calbeck	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1943-44	V. W. Bro. Orvil Carlton Dell	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
Hagersville		
		and King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
	Jarvis	
1944-45	V. W. Bro. Earl G. Bennett	St. John's Lodge No. 35,
Cayuga		
1945-46	V. W. Bro. Harold L. Eastcott	Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford
1946-47	V. W. Bro. Delmer J. Carter	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1947-48	V. W. Bro. J. Stanley Howell	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1948-49	V. W. Bro. Edward Miles Blacker	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1949-50	V. W. Bro. Robert "Boyce" Smith	Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville
1950-51	V. W. Bro. George F. Policy	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1951-52	V. W. Bro. Frederick S. Grobb	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1952-53	V. W. Bro. Cecil H. McMartin	Wilson Lodge No. 113,

Waterford 1953-54	V. W. Bro. Harris Featherston	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
Onondaga 1954-55	V. W. Bro. Harry Simon Hill	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford 1955-56	V. W. Bro. Wesley J. Clark	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
Scotland 1956-57	V. W. Bro. Clark Johnson	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1957-58	V. W. Bro. L. Roy Anguish	St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris
1958-59	V. W. Bro. William H. Dilworth	St. George Lodge No. 243,
St. George 1959-60	V. W. Bro. Clarence A. Dickinson	Reba Lodge No. 515,
Brantford 1960-61	V. W. Bro. R. Marshall Murphy	St. John's Lodge No. 35,
Cayuga 1961-62	V. W. Bro. Warren L. Keen	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
Jarvis 1962-63	V. W. Bro. Sterling Albert Hunt	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1963-64	V. W. Bro. Leonard L. Johnson	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1964-65	V. W. Bro. William A. Brooks	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
Hagersville 1965-66	V. W. Bro. Allan Telfer	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1966-67	V. W. Bro. Robert Bruce Gullen	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
Brantford 1967-68	V. W. Bro. Wilton D. Elliott	Wilson Lodge No. 113,
Waterford 1968-69	V. W. Bro. Alton R. Misner	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
Onondaga 1969-70	V. W. Bro. Albert C. Brooker	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1970-71	V. W. Bro. Lloyd E. Allen	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
Scotland 1971-72	V. W. Bro. Gordon A. Steedman	St. George Lodge No. 243,
St. George 1972-73	V. W. Bro. Harold E. Lawrence	Reba Lodge, No. 515,
Brantford 1973-74	V. W. Bro. William F. Gillies	St. John's Lodge No. 82, Paris
1974-75	V. W. Bro. Fred Walker	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
Jarvis 1975-76	V. W. Bro. Kenneth H. Baker	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1976-77	V. W. Bro. Bruce Hedley	St. John's Lodge No. 35,
Cayuga 1977-78	V. W. Bro. Thomas William Mackey	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1978-79	V. W. Bro. Peter Worthington	Ozias Lodge No. 508,

Brantford 1979-80	V. W. Bro. John Ryan Bradley	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
Hagersville 1980-81	V. W. Bro. Alan Manning	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1981-82	R. W. Bro. William H. Hughes	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1982-83	V. W. Bro. J. Keith Barber	Wilson Lodge No. 113,
Waterford 1983-84	V. W. Bro. Gordon Durnford	Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga
1984-85	V. W. Bro. Arthur Witt	Reba Lodge No. 515,
Brantford 1985-86	V. W. Bro. Thomas W. Arthur	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
Oakland 1986-87	V. W. Bro. Eric A. Luke	St. John=s Lodge No. 82,
Paris 1987-88	V. W. Bro. Gerald Wright	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford
1988-89	V. W. Bro. Frank Johnson	St. George Lodge No. 243, St.
George 1989-90	V. W. Bro. Martyn Cooper	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
Jarvis 1990-91	V. W. Bro. Sheldon Stannard	Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford
1991-92	V. W. Bro. Alan Smith	St. John=s Lodge No. 35,
Cayuga 1992-93	V. W. Bro. Donald J. Knight	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
1993-94	V. W. Bro. Stephen Bobrovitz	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford
1994-95	V. W. Bro. Robert E. Johnson	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
Hagersville 1995-96	V. W. Bro. Gary D. Mudford	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
1996-97	V. W. Bro. Alexander Cameron	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford
1997-98	V. W. Bro. Ronald Anderson	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford
1998-99	V. W. Bro. Reginald D. Glass	Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga
1999-2000	V. W. Bro. Ronald Joseph Jackson	St. John=s Lodge No. 82, Paris
2000-01	V. W. Bro. Larry Azzopardi	Scotland Lodge No. 193, Oakland
2001-02	V. W. Bro. Ernie B. Sager	St. George Lodge No. 243 St.
2002-03	V. W. Bro. Michael McEachern	Ozias Lodge No. 508 Burford
2003-04	V. W. Bro. Robert Swayze	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis

2004-05	V. W. Bro. James Green	Reba Lodge No. 515 Brantford
2005-06	V. W. Bro. Fred Topp	St. John's No. 35, Cayuga
2006-07	V. W. Bro. Dr. James Telfer	Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden
2007-08	V. W. Bro. Harry Yates McClelland	Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford

BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT     District Deputy Grand Masters

The subject of the "Gentleman's Agreement" in regards to the choosing of the D.D.G.M. for Brant Masonic District was brought up for discussion on June 18, 1945, by Brother Wesley Clark, Senior Warden of Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, Ontario, at the Annual Meeting of the Masters', Past Masters' and Wardens' Association of Brant Masonic District. He considered that the office of D.D.G.M. went to the Brantford lodges too frequently, compared to the lodges outside of the City of Brantford. The "Gentleman's Agreement" in question was that the D.D.G.M. be appointed from one of the Brantford City lodges every other year, and this agreement had not been contested for over 34 years prior to this time.

It was moved that a committee of two from each lodge in the district be appointed to meet to discuss this "Gentleman's Agreement".

W. Bro. Wesley Clark invited this committee to meet at the Scotland Lodge No. 193, Scotland, to discuss this situation, and to report back at the next Annual Meeting of the Masters', Past Masters', and Wardens' Association.

On June 4, 1947, at the Annual Meeting of the Masters', Past Masters', and Wardens' Association, W. Bro. Douglas G. Munteer, of Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville, made the following motion for the choosing of the D.D.G.M. for Brant Masonic District:

THAT IT BE AGREED among the fourteen lodges of Brant Masonic District that, beginning in 1947, the candidates for the officer of District Deputy Grand Master of Brant Masonic District, shall be chosen from the lodges in the following sequence:

1st	No.	505	Lynden Lodge,	Lynden, Ontario
2nd	No.	121	Doric Lodge,	Brantford, Ontario
3rd	No.	319	Hiram Lodge,	Hagersville, Ontario

4th	No.	106	Burford Lodge,	Burford, Ontario
5th	No.	508	Ozias Lodge,	Brantford, Ontario
6th	No.	113	Wilson Lodge,	Waterford, Ontario
7th	No.	519	Onondaga Lodge,	Onondaga, Ontario
8th	No.	515	Reba Lodge,	Brantford, Ontario
9th	No.	193	Scotland Lodge,	Scotland, Ontario
10th	No.	82	St. John's Lodge,	Paris, Ontario
11th	No.	45	Brant Lodge,	Brantford, Ontario
12th	No.	243	St. George Lodge,	St. George, Ontario
13th	No.	329	King Solomon Lodge,	Jarvis, Ontario
14th	No.	121	Doric Lodge,	Brantford, Ontario
15th	No.	35	St. John's Lodge,	Cayuga, Ontario

This arrangement was to be repeated, except on the next time around the Brantford City lodges would step up into the place of the previous Brantford City lodge.

This new "Gentleman's Agreement" meant that a Brantford lodge would have a District Deputy Grand Master every third year, rather than the previous arrangement where a Brantford Lodge had the District Deputy Grand Master every alternate year.

The motion was passed with no opposing votes, but the Brantford City lodge representatives refrained from voting.

### **DDGM ROTATION Revised**

At the December 1993 general meeting of the Masters=, Past Masters=, and Wardens= Association held at the Brant Masonic Temple the selection of the District Deputy Grand Master rotation was revised so that each Lodge would have a DDGM once every fourteen (14) years. The motion passed. In 1999 when Doric Lodge No. 121 surrendered her charter the rotation became 13 lodges as follows:

The Rota established was:	Year	changes	Year	changes	Year
1) Brant Lodge No. 45, Brantford					
2020			1993		2007
2) Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville					
2021			1994		*2008 2010
3) Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford					
			1995		*2009 2008
			2022		

**4) Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford 1996 Charter surrendered Nov. 26, 1999**

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| 5) Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford<br>2023       | 1997  |      | *2010 | 2009 |
| 6) Onondaga Lodge No. 519, Onondaga<br>2024      | 1998  |      | 2011  |      |
| 7) Scotland Lodge No. 193, Oakland<br>2025       | *1999 | 2000 | 2012  |      |
| 8) St. John=s Lodge No. 82, Paris                | *2000 | 1999 | 2013  |      |
|  |       |      |       | 2026 |
| 9) Ozias Lodge No. 508, Brantford<br>2027        | *2001 | 2002 | 2014  |      |
| 10) St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George<br>2028 | *2002 | 2001 | 2015  |      |
| 11) King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis           | 2003  |      | 2016  |      |
|  |       |      |       | 2029 |
| 12) Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford<br>2030        | 2004  |      | 2017  |      |
| 13) St. John=s Lodge No. 35, Cayuga<br>2031      | 2005  |      | 2018  |      |
| 14) Lynden Lodge No. 505, Lynden<br>2032         | 2006  |      | 2019  |      |
| 15) Return to the top of the list                |       |      |       |      |

**MASTERS, PAST MASTERS' AND WARDENS' ASSOCIATION  
OF BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT**

The Masters', Past Masters' and Wardens' Association was formed to give guidance and assistance whenever necessary to lodges, and provide a means of getting closer co-operation and better relationships between the present and past ruling members of all of the lodges in the area. It brought together the Wardens of the lodges, so that when they became Masters of their respective lodges, they would be fraternally acquainted with the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the other lodges in the Brant District.

It has been an association which could correct misunderstandings that could and did come forth from time to time.

As an association which formed the linkage between the individual lodges and Grand Lodge, it has been instrumental in conveying the requirements of Grand Lodge to the individual lodges, and has also been instrumental in making recommendations from the individual lodges to Grand Lodge, when such was thought to be advantageous.

From the records presently available it appears that the Masters', Past Masters' and Wardens' Association was formed in 1914, with R. W. Bro. Milton Wilbee as the President. No records are available between 1914 and 1922, so it may be that the Association was dormant in those years. However, the records of the annual meetings held, indicate that a meeting might have been held in each of those intervening years, because the annual meeting to be held in 1980 is recorded as "the 65th Annual Meeting".

Over the past years this Association has been instrumental in:

1. Making sure that there are candidates for the election to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of Brant Masonic District, at Grand Lodge year ;
2. Supporting nominations for other offices in Grand Lodge;
3. Assisting in the arrangements for receptions of the Grand Master, or other members of Grand Lodge when they are visiting Brant Masonic District;
4. Obtaining Grand Lodge officers to conduct Lodges of Instruction in Brant Masonic District;
5. Seeing that the proper regalia is available for the District Deputy Grand Master, and other officers from this district, at Grand Lodge;
6. Assisting the District Deputy Grand Masters with the Annual District Divine Services; and
7. Assisting whenever possible with the anniversaries, or other important functions of the various lodges in this district.

From the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1945:

Masters', Past Masters' and Wardens' Associations are now, in this jurisdiction, recognized as part of the Craft, so that it is permissible to refer to them in the lodge notices.

R. W. Bro. Robert W. E. McFadden served as the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association for 41 consecutive years (1930 - 1971), and proved to be possibly the 'backbone' of this organization during those years. It is noted from the Minute Book that a number of the executive meetings of the Association were held in the home of the Secretary-Treasurer at 4 Hart Street, Brantford.

The Executive of the Masters', Past Masters' and Wardens' Association of Brant Masonic District, until 1980 was always elected at the annual meeting that was held in May or June. In 1979, it was passed that the executive elected at that year's annual meeting would hold their offices until the end of December 1980, and that the executives from then on would be elected for each calendar year.

The Masters', Past Masters' and Wardens' Association is still very active and now with a membership of close to 200, is looking forward to many years of helping to promote Freemasonry in this district and throughout the province.

#### MASTERS', PAST MASTERS' AND WARDENS' ASSOCIATION OF BRANT MASONIC DISTRICT

##### Past Presidents

1914-15	R. W. Bro. Milton Wilbee	Doric Lodge No. 121
	Brantford and	Ozias Lodge No.
508	Brantford	
1922-23	R. W. Bro. Franklin Hanna, M.D.	Brant Lodge No. 45
	Brantford	
1923-24	R. W. Bro. J. E. W. Anderson, M.D.	Scotland Lodge No. 193
	Scotland	

1924-25	R. W. Bro. Robert T. Stillman Brantford	Ozias Lodge No. 508
1925-26	R. W. Bro. Samuel W. Seago Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1926-27	R. W. Bro. John Peter Temple Brantford	Doric Lodge No. 121
1927-28	R. W. Bro. John Lewis Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1928-29	V. W. Bro. Roy Pierson Brantford	Ozias Lodge No. 508
1929-30	V. W. Bro. Chester S. Wood Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1930-31	V. W. Bro. Henry Anson Jull Brantford	Doric Lodge No. 121
1931-32	R. W. Bro. Robert W. E. McFadden Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1932-33	R. W. Bro. William J. Feldkamp Brantford	Ozias Lodge No. 508
1933-34	R. W. Bro. William J. Feldkamp Brantford	Ozias Lodge No. 508
1934-35	R. W. Bro. George T. Knox Scotland	Scotland Lodge No. 193
1935-36	R. W. Bro. E. Luther Gothard Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1936-37	V. W. Bro. J. L. Dixon Brantford	Doric Lodge No. 121
1937-38	V. W. Bro. George Reginald Millard Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1938-39	R. W. Bro. Bert Stobbs St. George	St. George Lodge No. 243
1939-40	W. Bro. D. R. Elwood Paris	St. John's Lodge No. 82
1940-41	W. Bro. Harry C. Cuff Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1941-42	W. Bro. Martin M. Stillman Brantford	Ozias Lodge No. 508
1942-43	V. W. Bro. Gordon Alexander Bowden Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1943-44	R. W. Bro. Harry Samuel Tapscott Brantford	Doric Lodge No. 121
1944-45	R. W. Bro. Lewis L. McBride Jarvis	King Solomon Lodge No. 329
1945-46	V. W. Bro. Charles L. Gamble Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45

1946-47	R. W. Bro. N. Edward Lawrence Scotland	Scotland Lodge No. 193
1947-48	R. W. Bro. Maurice R. Billings, D.D. Cayuga	St. John's Lodge No. 35
1948-49	W. Bro. William A. McDonald Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1949-50	V. W. Bro. Wesley J. Clark Scotland	Scotland Lodge No. 193
1950-51	W. Bro. W. Frederick Billo Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1951-52	W. Bro. J. W. Milroy Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1952-53	R. W. Bro. A. Gordon Skinner Cayuga	St. John's Lodge No. 35
1953-54	W. Bro. Walter A. North Brantford	Doric Lodge No. 121
1954-55	W. Bro. Joseph B. Raymer St. George	St. George Lodge No. 243
1955-56	W. Bro. Lloyd W. Lawrence Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1956-57	R. W. Bro. Clare L. Tench Waterford	Wilson Lodge No. 113
1957-58	V. W. Bro. C. W. Newell Paris	St. John's Lodge No. 82
1958-59	W. Bro. Leonard Taylor Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1959-60	W. Bro. C. Roy McEwen Scotland	Scotland Lodge No. 193
1960-61	W. Bro. William J. Ferguson Lynden	Lynden Lodge No. 505
1961-62	W. Bro. W. Reginald Featherston Onondaga	Onondaga Lodge No. 519
1962-63	V. W. Bro. William H. Dilworth St. George	St. George Lodge No. 243
1963-64	W. Bro. Edward J. Usher Brantford	Doric Lodge No. 121
1964-65	V. W. Bro. Allan Telfer Burford	Burford Lodge No. 106
1965-66	W. Bro. George "Minto" Cook Brantford	Ozias Lodge No. 508
1966-67	R. W. Bro. Allan E. Broadley Waterford	Wilson Lodge No. 113
1967-68	R. W. Bro. Neil A. Macpherson	Scotland Lodge No. 193

	Scotland	
1968-69	W. Bro. John R. Cook Waterford	Wilson Lodge No. 113
1969-70	R. W. Bro. Hilton L. Davidson Burford	Burford Lodge No. 106
1970-71	R. W. Bro. William H. Wells Paris	St. John's Lodge No. 82
1971-72	V. W. Bro. Kenneth H. Baker Brantford	Brant Lodge No. 45
1972-73	W. Bro. Norman G. Cowling Cayuga	St. John's Lodge No. 35
1973-74	W. Bro. Edward R. Porteous Scotland	Scotland Lodge No. 193
1974-75	V. W. Bro. Randall Langs Onondaga	Onondaga Lodge No. 519
1975-76	V. W. Bro. Reginald Glass Onondaga	Onondaga Lodge No. 519
1976-77	R. W. Bro. Donald L. Sandison Brantford	Reba Lodge No. 515
1977-78	W. Bro. Lee D. Simington Waterford	Wilson Lodge No. 113
1978-79	W. Bro. Murray Betzner Lynden	Lynden Lodge No. 505
1979-80	W. Bro. Kenneth Goodbrand St. George	St. George Lodge No. 243
1981	W. Bro. Lloyd S. Slack Hagersville,	Hiram Lodge No. 319,
1982	W. Bro. Robert Whines Onondaga,	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
1983	W. Bro. Kenneth C. Grisewood Brantford,	Ozias Lodge No. 508,
1984	V. W. Bro. Donald Knight Lynden, 1985	Lynden Lodge No. 505,
	R. W. Bro. Gordon Gibson Paris,	St. John=s Lodge No. 82,
1986	R. W. Bro. Robert J. Macaulay Oakland,	Scotland Lodge No. 193,
1987	V. W. Bro. Stephen Bobrovitz	Doric Lodge No. 121, Brantford,
1988	R. W. Bro. Michael J. Davison Brantford,	Reba Lodge No. 515,
1989	R. W. Bro. John Steer Onondaga,	Onondaga Lodge No. 519,
1990	V. W. Bro. A. C. W. McCay	St. John=s Lodge No. 82,

1991	W. Bro. Allan Sayer Hagersville,	Paris, Hiram Lodge No. 319,
1992	R. W. Bro. Kenneth Schweitzer Jarvis,	King Solomon Lodge No. 329,
1993	R. W. Bro. R. William L. Clarke Brantford,	Brant Lodge No. 45,
1994	R. W. Bro. Ronald Fritzley Burford,	Burford Lodge No. 106,
1995	R. W. Bro. Gerald E. Postill	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford,
1996	R. W. Bro. Robert W. Shoup	Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville,
1997	V. W. Bro. Gary D. Mudford	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford,
1998	V. W. Bro. Larry Azzopardi	Scotland Lodge No. 193, Oakland,
1999	W. Bro. Brent Boyce	Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford,
2000	W. Bro. Ronald File	St. George Lodge No. 243, St. George,
2001	V. W. Bro. Lawrence Shoup	Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville,
2002	W. Bro. Jack Osborne	Scotland Lodge No. 193, Oakland,
2003	W. Bro. Chris Green	Hiram Lodge No. 319, Hagersville,
2004	R. W. Bro. William Topp	St. John=s Lodge No. 35, Cayuga,
2005	R. W. Bro. Randy Hunt	Lynden Lodge No. 505 Lynden
2006	R. W. Bro. John L. Herron	Brant Lodge No. 45 Brantford
2007	W. Bro. Stephen DeKruf	Burford Lodge No. 106, Burford
2008	W. Bro. Donald Elliott	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford

#### MASTERS=, PAST MASTERS= AND WARDENS= ASSOCIATION

The Association has co-sponsored many District Receptions honouring major Anniversaries of our Lodges in the District. Many of these have corresponded

to the biannual visit of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to Brant District. These include:

Brant District	1980	Reception	M. W. Bro. N. Richard Richards
Scotland Lodge No. 193 Polk	1982	Lodge Dedication	M. W. Bro. Harold O.
Burford Lodge No. 106 Groshaw	1983	125th Anniversary	M. W. Bro. Ronald E.
Wilson Lodge No. 113	1984	125th Anniversary	R. W. Bro. A. Lou Copeland DGM
Brant District Copeland	1986	Reception	M. W. Bro. A. Lou
Onondaga Lodge No. 519	1989	75th Anniversary	M. W. Bro. Dr. William R. Pellow
Brant District	1990	Reception	M. W. Bro. Donald C. Bradley
Scotland Lodge No. 193 Bryne	1992	125th Anniversary	M. W. Bro. Norman E.
St. John=s Lodge No. 35 Drew	1995	150th Anniversary	M. W. Bro. C. Edwin
St. George Lodge No. 243	1996	125th Anniversary	M. W. Bro. Durward I Greenwood
Hiram Lodge No. 319	1999	125th Anniversary	M. W. Bro. William T. Anderson
St. John=s Lodge No. 82	2000	Lodge Dedication	M. W. Bro. Robert J. McGibbon
King Solomon Lodge No. 329	2000	125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	R. W. Bro. Terence Shand DGM
Brant Lodge No. 45	2003	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	M. W. Bro. Terence Shand
Brant District	2005	Reception	M. W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby
St. John=s Lodge No. 82	2007	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	M. W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson
Burford Lodge No. 106	2008	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	M. W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor

## **BLOOD DONOR CLINICS**

The Association has also worked with the Red Cross by sponsoring the Brant County Blood Donors Clinic each February since 1982. Our members help with setup, take down, registration and reception. The clinic costs are also paid by us.

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario has had two major projects and we participated in them. The first was Project Help (Hearing for Every Living Person). This million dollar fund raiser produced more than its objective. The interest from the fund was to be used to develop better hearing apparatus for

deaf people. The second project 1989 was ANip Drugs in the Bud@ which was the Masonic Foundation=s 25th Anniversary Project. The project was to assist the Students of Ontario in Drug use prevention and Chemical dependency. As in all projects Brant District did its part to make the projects a success.

Locally our Association has raised money to put an Organ in Mohawk Chapel. Recently in 1996 the Association supported a Brantford Library project to purchase special equipment for the Blind. This equipment is able to scan books and electronically read them out loud to the user, a big plus for blind users. All Lodges participated in this worthwhile project lead by W. Bro. Brent Boyce.

Our Association also promotes the Masters= Night in the Fall and the Wardens= Night in the Spring. These Nights rotate around the District on a rota basis. The Past District Deputies of each Lodge are requested to assist the Master of their Lodge with the organization of the Work Rota. It also runs a District hospitality suite at Grand Lodge for all local brethren and visiting brethren to met.

#### WILLIAM MERCER WILSON MEDAL

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in 1944, in his address to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master brought forward the suggestion of a special medal for distinguished masonic service. The Committee appointed to consider this recommendation consisted of Most Worshipful Brothers R. B. Dargavel, F. A. Copus, T. C. Wardley; Right Worshipful Brothers C. S. Hamilton, E. G. Dixon, J. A. Hearn, C. M. Pitts, with Most Worshipful Brother W. J. Dunlop as Chairman.

The Committee brought in its report at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in 1945. Of its recommendations we may note these features: "that this Medal is to be regarded by the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction as is the Victoria Cross by members of the Armed Forces of the British Commonwealth of Nations; that the Mason to whom this Medal is awarded will be known as one whom his brethren have been delighted to honour; and that the wearer of this Medal will be one who has fully earned the esteem and the respect of his brethren for good work well done.

"The Medal is to be known as the 'William Mercer Wilson Medal\*' and must be awarded only to one who has no 'possible chance of becoming a Worshipful Master or Past Master', but who nonetheless renders service far beyond the

call of duty. The Award Committee would consist of three Past Grand Masters appointed by the Board of General Purposes and their decision in every case would be final."

In Brant Masonic District, the William Mercer Wilson Medal has been awarded to three brethren:

1. Brother Andrew J. Borgar, of Reba Lodge No. 515 Brantford, Ontario Initiated March 3, 1921; Passed April 4, 1921; Raised May 21, 1921 Was Tyler of Reba Lodge from 1957 to 1971  
Bro. Borgar was presented with the William Mercer Wilson Medal on January 13, 1969

"For giving of his time, especially to visitations to brethren in hospital and in their homes. Two days in every week were given by Bro. Borgar to these visitations."

2. Brother Robert Templeman, of Doric Lodge No. 121 Brantford, Ontario Initiated Nov. 8, 1955; Passed Feb. 24, 1956; Raised March 23, 1956 Affiliated, and granted Honorary Membership in Reba Lodge No. 515 Brantford, Ontario on March 14, 1969 Affiliated, and granted Honorary Membership in Ozias Lodge No. 508 Brantford, Ontario on September 16, 1975 Affiliated, and granted Honorary Membership in Brant Lodge No. 45 Brantford, Ontario.  
Bro. Templeman was presented with the William Mercer Wilson Medal on October 2, 1975, in Doric Lodge No. 121, with all Brantford lodges participating. "He has given meritorious service in Masonry, as Organist for the four Brantford Masonic Lodges (Brant No. 45, Doric No. 121, Ozias No. 508, and Reba No. 515)."

3. At Grand Lodge on July 16, 2003 the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Terence Shand announced that Bro. Albert Taylor of Wilson Lodge No. 113 in Waterford had been awarded the William Mercer Wilson Medal. On Wednesday November 12, 2003 Bro. Albert Taylor at the regular meeting of Wilson Lodge No. 113 in Waterford was presented with the William Mercer Wilson Medal by M. W. Bro. Donald Mumby, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This award is presented to a Mason for dedication to Lodge, Church and Community and a man who will never be a Worshipful Master. There were only four presented this year. According to the Grand Master each applicant must have been honoured by their

Lodge and an application must be sent to the committee consisting of 3 Past Grand Masters. Each decides independently whether the Medal will be granted and it must be unanimous.

### THE ALLEN JAMES SAYER MEMORIAL AWARD

#### WINNERS

1997-98	St. John=s Lodge No. 82, Paris donations	300
1998-99	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford	500 donations
1999-2000	St. John=s Lodge No. 82, Paris	430 donations
2000-01	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford	
2001-02	St. John=s Lodge No. 82, Paris	388 donations
2002-03	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford	
2003-04	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford	
2004-05	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford	
2005-06	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford	
2006-07	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford	

### DDGM=S ACCOMPANYING LODGE PLAQUE

This was instituted by R. W. Bro. Clayton Oliver in 2000 based on the percentage of members of Lodges accompanying the District Deputy based on the average attendance at their own Lodge Meetings.

#### WINNERS

1999-2000	Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford
2000-01	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis
2001-02	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis
2002-03	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis
2003-04	King Solomon Lodge No. 329, Jarvis
2004-05	Not awarded

### Brantford Masonic Temple

The masonic bodies of the City of Brantford, who previous to 1955 had met in rented and in various locations, finally moved into their new home at 192

Greenwich Street.

The pooling of finances and expertise of the four lodges (Brant, Doric, Ozias and Reba), Mount Horeb Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, Knights Templar, made it possible to build this Brantford Masonic Temple that is located at 192 Greenwich Street, Brantford.

In August 1954, an incorporated company was formed, known as the Brantford Masonic Company Ltd., with a Board of Directors which was representative of all the Masonic bodies involved in this project of a new Masonic home in Brantford. Members of the Board were: A. H. Boddy, President; William R. Billo, Vice-President; John Lewis, Secretary; Carson Sachs, Treasurer; and Directors: E. W. Lavery, Bruce P. Macaulay, William T. Bremner, George H. Kerr, Alex McAllan, and Walter S. Durand.

The new Temple was designed by and constructed under the supervision of H. Leslie Kemp, a well-known architect and a Past Master of the Order.

The inspiration underlying the architect's design for the new Masonic Temple was to provide an edifice of dignity and beauty with such amenities as befitted the headquarters of Freemasonry in the community.

The accommodations provide a main entrance lobby, cloak room, club room, spacious kitchen and staff room on the main floor. On the second floor is the lodge room itself, with anteroom, spacious lounge and board room.

The architect obtained a result of dignity in its appearance which supports the idea of mysticism, which underlies Masonic ritual. It suggests that the institution is an ancient one and not subject to the vagaries of passing fashion. Up-to-date construction methods were adopted to give air-conditioning, good acoustics and the elimination of sound transmission throughout the building.

The Temple, when completed with furnishings, cost approximately \$150,000.

The Worshipful Masters at the time of the opening of the Temple were:

Brant Lodge—W. Bro. Harry H. Clark;

Doric Lodge—W. Bro. J. W. Ashton;

Ozias Lodge—W. Bro. Reginald Edgar Cell;

Reba Lodge—W. Bro. Andrew R. Macdonald;

Mount Horeb Chapter, Royal Arch Masons—Ex. Comp. James Haynes, First Principal;

Odo de St. Amand Preceptory—Amt.Kt. A.T.H. Baker;

District Deputy Grand Master was R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Greenaway.

The contractor was Penny Construction Co. Ltd.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1955, the first meeting was held in these new quarters. It was Ozias Lodge No. 508 which had the honour of being the first to hold a regular meeting in the new facilities.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother J. A. Hearn officiated at the Official Opening and Dedication of the New Temple.

#### THE WILSON MONUMENT Annual Masonic Pilgrimage

The last resting place of the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, who passed to the Grand Lodge Above on January 16, 1875, is in St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery, Woodhouse (a few miles south of Simcoe, Ontario).

On June 16, 1922, a memorable tribute was paid to the memory of Most Worshipful Brother William M. Wilson, when more than one thousand masons, headed by Grand Lodge Officers, assembled at St. John's Cemetery, for the unveiling of a monument above the grave of the first Grand Master.

On that occasion, Grand Lodge was opened in Norfolk Lodge No. 10, Simcoe, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother W. N. Ponton. A procession (more than a mile in length) then formed outside the Lodge Hall and paraded to St. John's Cemetery.

Right Worshipful Brother John S. Martin of Erie Lodge No. 149, Port Dover, who was D.D.G.M. of Wilson District (and later became Grand Master in 1929-1930), and had initiated the movement to have the First Grand Master recognized in this manner, spoke of the appreciation of masons of this area for the action of Grand Lodge in erecting this monument in honour of one whom we all revere.

The planting of a maple tree in commemoration of the occasion was most appropriate, with R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, performing this duty.

The monument which has become a Masonic shrine, is of grey granite, and stands five feet, nine inches high, weighing about five tons. It is inscribed with the following words:

"In grateful and loving memory of Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, LL.D., the First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, during his 10th year as Grand Master, died 16th January, A.D. 1875, aged 62 years, a just and upright man."

"This stone was erected by the Grand Lodge, 1922".

Since 1922, each year on the last Sunday in June, a pilgrimage to this historic spot is held under the auspices of Norfolk Lodge No. 10 Simcoe.

This Masonic pilgrimage has the endorsement of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and it invariably attracts a large gathering of masons from many parts of the province who are anxious to pay tribute to a great Masonic leader. A sermon at St. John's Anglican Church by an outstanding Masonic preacher, followed by tributes at the graveside by Grand Lodge Officers (Right Worshipful Brother A. E. Broadley, Past D.D.G.M. of Brant Masonic District, a member of the Board of General Purposes of Brant Lodge, and a member of Wilson Lodge No. 113 Waterford, was given this honour in 1973; and in 1980 Right Worshipful Brother Alan N. Newell, Grand Senior Warden, and a member of Ozias Lodge No. 508, and of Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford, was given a similar honour), makes this service unique in Freemasonry, and a fitting eulogy to the man who served an unprecedented ten years as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

This yearly pilgrimage, although held in a neighbouring Masonic district, has been attended by a large number from Brant Masonic District. It continually serves to emphasize the deep impression left upon the fraternity by our late Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson.