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of

Vancouver Lodge No. 68

A.F. & A.M., B.C.R.

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History of

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Instituted May 31st, 1912
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In the early part of the year 1912, several Brethren assisted by W. Bro. M. J. Barr, met with the idea of forming a new Lodge in Vancouver. The unanimous decision was that a Lodge should be formed.

On March 12th, 1912, the first meeting was held with W. Bro. M. J. Barr as Chairman, and Bro. H. A. Simmons as Secretary (pro tem). The name Vancouver was unanimously adopted and the work to be similar to that of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7. W. Bro. M. J. Barr was instructed to arrange Meeting nights with the secretary of the Vancouver Masonic Temple Company. Meetings were held on March 14th, April 1st, and April 7th, 1912, to complete all the arrangements and fifty members signed the Petition for a Dispensation.

On May 29th, 1912, an Emergent Meeting was held when R.W. Bro. Gateswood, District Deputy Grand Master, held an examination of the Officers in the work of the Degrees. He expressed satisfaction with the exemplification of the work of the Officers.

On May 31st, 1912, the Lodge was Instituted by R.W. Bro. Gateswood, District Deputy Grand Master. The Secretary, W. Bro. L. E. Frith, read the Dispensation, the same being signed by M.W. Bro. F. J. Burd, Grand Master, and V.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Astley was then called on to invest the Officers, W. Bro. M. J. Barr as Worshipful Master, Bro. H. A. Simmons as Senior Warden and Bro. R. R. Burns as Junior Warden.

On July 18th, 1913, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wm. Henderson, accompanied by M.W. Bros. F. J. Burd and J. M. Rudd, Past Grand Masters, his officers being R.W. Bro. W. C. Ditmars, Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Wm. Astley, Junior Grand Warden, and V.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, Grand Secretary, and a number of Members of Grand Lodge, Constituted the Lodge under the name of Vancouver, No. 68, and the following Officers were installed.

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Worshipful Master	W. Bro. M. J. Barr
Senior Warden	Bro. H. A. Simmons
Junior Warden	Bro. R. R. Burns
Treasurer	Bro. C. D. McKenzie
Secretary	W. Bro. L. E. Frith
Director of Ceremonies	Bro. L. D. Roach
Senior Deacon	Bro. J. Inglis
Junior Deacon	Bro. P. Wright
Senior Steward	Bro. W. J. Read
Junior Steward	Bro. T. H. Dunn
Inner Guard	Bro. R. Emery
Tyler	Bro. R. Lundie

The first candidates to be initiated were Bros. R. G. MacDonald, J. T. Hawks, Wm. Dean, F. O. Mills and Wm. Blair, Brothers F. O. Mills and Wm. Dean still being members of the Lodge.

W. Bro. Matthew John Barr, our First Worshipful Master, died at Calgary on December 24th, 1918.

W. Bro. Harry Arthur Simmons, our third Worshipful Master, demitted on August 9th, 1923, and died some years later.

W. Bro. Richard Ronald Burns, our second Worshipful Master, demitted on December 13th, 1934, and died June 14th, 1950, at Victoria.

The untiring efforts of these Brethren, who so securely laid the foundation of the Lodge, will long be remembered by the members, and their memory forever cherished.

The history of Vancouver Lodge would not be complete without reference to M.W. Bro. F. J. Burd, R.W. Bro. Watts Doney, W. Bros. Wm. Burns, J. E. Laidlaw and H. J. Rogers, R.W. Bro. Watts Doney taking the Board of Installed Masters from the start of the Lodge until his death in 1924. The assistance of these Brethren has been a tower of strength to the Lodge.

proposed alteration, which shall be duly entered in the minutes and inserted in the notice for the next regular meeting stating when the proposed alteration shall come on for discussion, and on a resolution regularly moved and seconded in favor thereof, being agreed to by a two-thirds of the members present, it shall, as soon as it receives the sanction of the Grand Master, become law.

J. GEDDES,
Worshipful Master.

R. LYON,
Secretary.

Certified at the Grand Secretary's Office, Vancouver, British Columbia, on April 17th, 1952.

J. MURRAY MITCHELL,
Grand Master.

J. H. N. MORGAN,
Grand Secretary.