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Enlightenment-era Freemasonry was also predicated on the then still radical idea that no one institution, one faith, or one nation, had a monopoly on the answers needed to ensure humankind's betterment in an increasingly complex world.

The Enlightenment was followed by the Industrial Revolution, which witnessed such marvels as the advent of steam engines and transcontinental railways, the electrification of cities, the expansion of public education, and the introduction of telegraph and telephone technologies.

But the Industrial Revolution also ushered in urban diseases such as cholera and typhus, the horrors of child industrial labour, and the anxieties that accompanied increasingly unstable international political and military relations.

Through the legendary masonic story of King Solomon, late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century initiates in Freemasonry could hope to acquire intellectual and ethical tools to help them better engage a quickly, and sometimes frighteningly, changing world. And through acts of charity, Freemasonry was able to help make the world a better place.

This is the masonic legacy and tradition that was drawn upon by the men who gathered in Powell River in 1915 to form Triune Lodge.

They lived in an era of rapid economic and technological developments as well as cultural change. It was a time when a new middle class had the leisure time, and the intellectual curiosity, to pursue the goals and objectives of Freemasonry and to contribute to civic improvements and charities.

Powell River also consisted of a large working class who likewise aspired to join the middle class and all that that entailed.

CENTENARY DINNER & DANCE

What: 100th Anniversary of Freemasons in Powell River. Gala dinner and dance. Everyone welcome. Catering by David Bowes. Music by the Jim Baron Band.

When: May 28. Cocktails at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. Dancing follows dinner.

Where: Dwight Hall. Of course.

Why: Celebrating the building that the Freemasons built and a century of Freemason activity in Powell River.

How: Tickets \$50. Contact Darryl Craig at 604-414-7164. Tables can be reserved for parties of 8 or 10.

The 1921 Canadian Census reveals that within six years of its founding, sixty-six percent of Powell River's Freemasons were tradesmen, ten percent were general labourers, ten percent worked in professional positions, eight percent worked in the service industry, and six percent (four men) were Powell River Company senior managers.

Sixty-three percent of these Masons worked for the Powell River Company and "papermaker" was the second most commonly listed occupation at Triune Lodge (carpenter was the most common).

The doors of Triune Lodge were open to all of these men.

In Triune Lodge, professional men, businessmen, and labourers came together to help create a new community, one that they hoped would reflect the masonic principles they regarded as holding a key to a brighter future for all. [PRL](#)

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