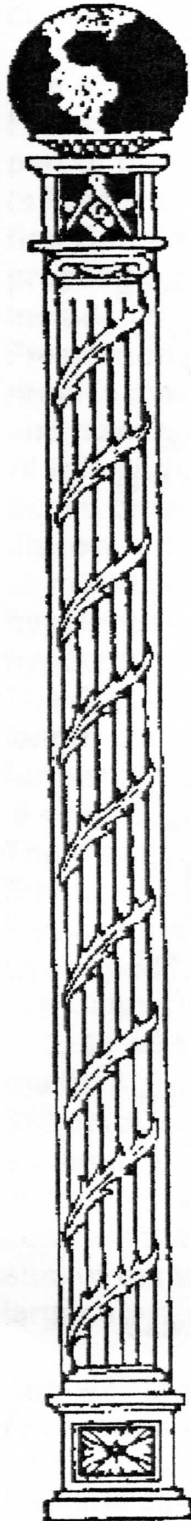


BUCLID LODGE A.F. & A.M.

No. 158 B.C.R.

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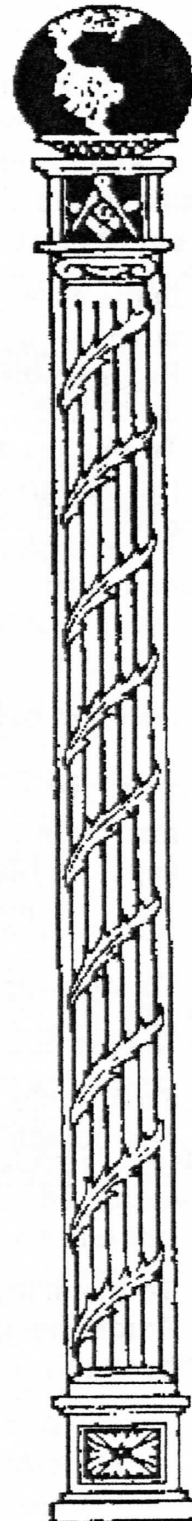




DEDICATION

This historical booklet is
dedicated to all
Euclid Lodge's members,
past and present,
with a special emphasis to
Rt. Wor. Bro. Alex Coulter
for his foresight and
leadership in the formation of
Euclid Lodge
158.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Art Thompson





OUR COVER

In the early 1960's Brother Garnett Reynolds volunteered to design a cover for our Lodge Notices. To his credit he selected Euclid's 47th Proposition and other Masonic Symbols that are involved in our teachings.

To him we owe a bouquet of gratitude for his efforts and foresight. His design is still used today on our notices and is displayed on this cover.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the following people:

To Rt. Wor. Bro. James Adams for his sixteen years as Secretary and many years as Historian at Euclid Lodge #158. The records he has kept and his memory of events and happenings in our Lodge have been a tremendous help in the writing of this Historical Booklet.

To my daughter, Bev Isbell, for her graphic skills, common sense and great assistance in putting these pages together.

To my wife, Joan, for hours of typing, editing, correcting, re-typing and compiling these words onto paper. Without her this project would not have happened.

To the many relatives and families of Euclid Lodge's Masonic Forefathers, who came forth with details that would have otherwise been missed... I thank you.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Art Thompson



EUCLID'S 47th PROPOSITION

(by Rt. Wor. Bro. John McIntosh - sources: Jones, B.E. 1950 Freemason's Guide and Compendium and Mackey, A.G. 1908 Lexicon and History of Freemasonry)

The 47th Proposition of Euclid is an important and pervasive symbol in Freemasonry, resting as it does on the Master's Trestleboard and forming part of the jewel of every Past Master. So important did Dr. James Anderson (a Presbyterian Doctor of Divinity), consider the concept when he drafted the first Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge in 1723, that he referred to the proposition as "the foundation of all Masonry, sacred, civil and military" and included the popular graphic illustration of proof, which we know as Freemason's, on the frontispiece of his Constitutions. Yet no place in our ritual is that proposition explained. Just what is Euclid's 47th Proposition and how is it so vital to the precepts of Freemasonry?

We will all recall as schoolboys having to memorize the 47th Proposition of Euclid or what is often known as the Pythagorean Theorem, it having been discovered by the Greek philosopher, Pythagoras, born 580 B.C. Applied to any right angle triangle, the proposition goes: "the sum of the squares of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides" (the hypotenuse being the longest side of the triangle, opposite the right angle). The Egyptians knew that a triangle whose sides were 3, 4, and 5 units in length contained a right angle; but it was the Greeks who took that a step further and worked out that 3 squared plus 4 squared equals 5 squared (or $9 + 16 = 25$) and to use that in suggesting a proof of the theorem.

There are more than two dozen known proofs of the 47th Proposition of Euclid. Most of those are mathematical in nature. A very few are graphic. Perhaps the simplest and most elegant of those graphical proofs is the one developed in the early 18th Century, which we see depicted on the Trestleboard and in the Past Master's Jewel: A right angle triangle with sides of 3, 4 and 5 units in length is depicted with squares bounding each side of the triangle. As squares are geometric bodies of equal sides, one square is 3×3 units, one square is 4×4 units and one is 5×5 units. If we divide the squares into cubes of one unit on a side, we can see visually that there are 9 cubes in one square, 16 cubes in another square and 25 cubes in the square adjacent the hypotenuse. Without even doing the math, we can see that the sum of the visual areas of the two smaller squares is equal to that of the larger squares adjacent to the hypotenuse.

And why is the 47th Proposition so important to Freemasons? It is a foolproof way of constructing a right angle triangle. Being upright in word and action is just as vital to Freemasons today as it was to be upright in Masonic construction to the operative masons of old. The vital nature of uprightness in what we say and do today is figuratively illustrated by the beautifully simple construct of the 47th Proposition of Euclid.

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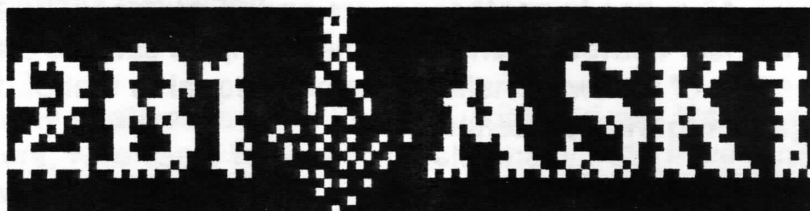
(From th HISTORY OF GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AF & AM 1871 - 1970.)

The next Lodge to which the GM issued a dispensation on February 1, 1954 was for a second Lodge at Port Alberni, and on February 18, 1954 the DDGM for District #22, Comox-Alberni, presided at the institution ceremony of Euclid Lodge at a very large meeting. On June 19, 1954, Grand Lodge ordered the continuation of the dispensation for another year. Grand Lodge, on June 23, 1955, ordered the Warrant of Constitution for Euclid Lodge # 158 at Alberni, and th GM on September 26, 1955 constituted the Lodge in the Masonic Temple at Port Alberni.

This ceremony was saddened by the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. S. Lance Wilson, the DDGM for District #1 at Victoria, who passed away in his car while driving from the Temple to the Banquet Hall.

The Lodge adopted the Canadian Work for its ritual and now uses the British Columbia "Canadian" work. The name "Euclid" was chosen to honor the Greek mathematician, famous for his *Elements*, which have been accepted as a geometric text for over 2 000 years. This took place at one of the early practices held prior to the institution.

The Altar of the Lodge was constructed by Wor. Bro. Edwin A. Beck, the first SW; and the maple from which the corner pillars were "turned" was packed down from the slopes of the Beaufort Mountain Range, with considerable difficulty, by the first JW, Bro. Melvin W. Lamport.



This is a copy of the original letter sent to the Grand Secretary by Edwin Beck.

310 First Avenue S
Port Alberni, B.C.

January 30, 1953

Grand Secretary
Most Worshipful Brother Morgan
Masonic Temple
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir and M.W. Bro:

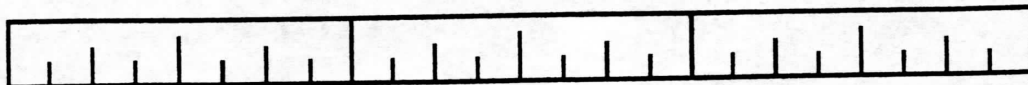
I have been asked by a number of the Brethren of Alberni to enquire into the possibility of forming a Lodge in Alberni. If you could give me any advice and information as to procedure this would be appreciated.

The possibility of a new lodge has not yet been made known to many but the feeling of a few is that Barclay No. 90 is getting to be too big.

We will be pleased to hear your views, either for or against such a venture.

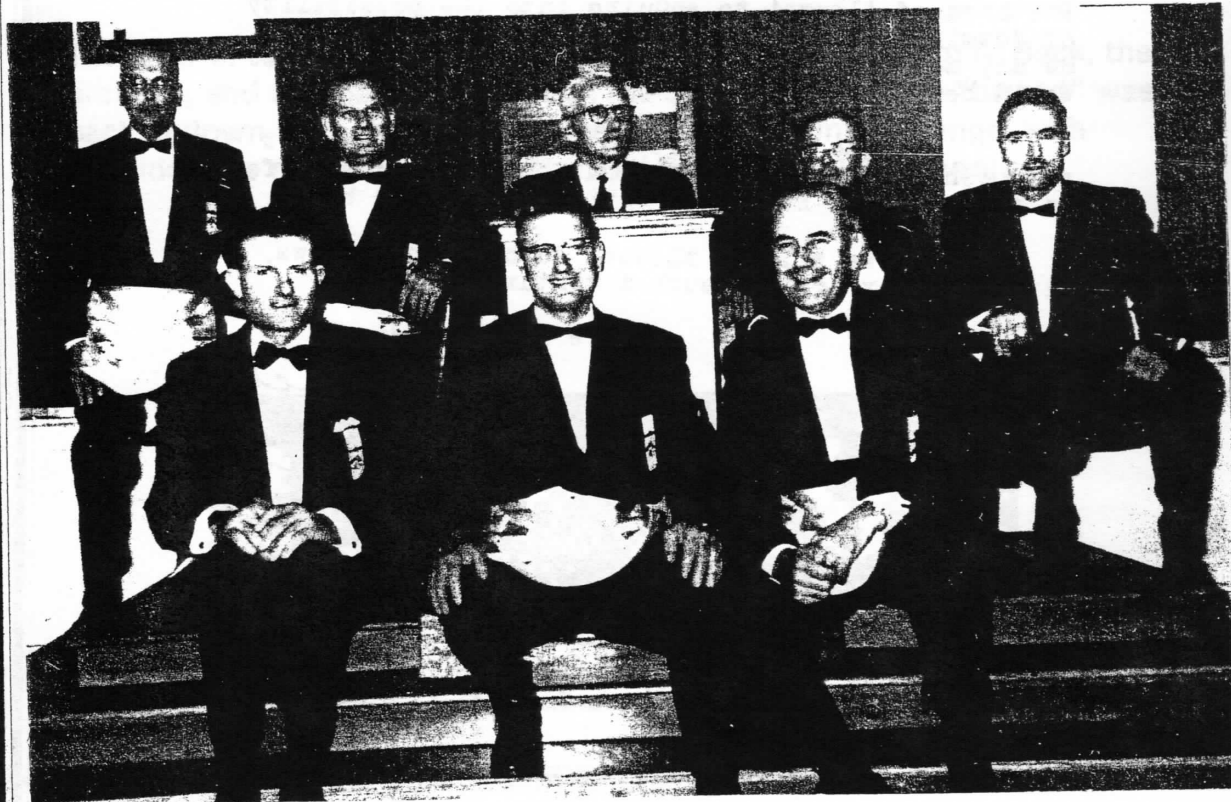
Yours fraternally,

Edwin Beck
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In the beginning.....

During the winter of 1952 and 1953 a number of Masons decided that it was time a second Masonic Lodge should be formed in the Alberni Valley. A letter of enquiry, as to the proper procedure, was written to Grand Lodge by Wor. Bro. Edwin Beck on January 30th, 1953. Having secured the permission of Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. Beck and Bro. Charles Taylor arranged an organizational meeting in the fall of the same year that was held in the old United Church Hall, Elizabeth Street, Alberni, B.C. All known brethren who were permanent residents and not members of Barclay Lodge were invited to attend along with those members from Barclay Lodge who were interested in the commencement of another Lodge in the district. Wor. Bro. Beck acted as the interim chairman. The meeting decided that the new Lodge should follow the Canadian Work, so that the brethren moving into the area would have a choice as Barclay Lodge practices the American Rite. All brethren who had been raised in a Lodge practicing the Canadian Work were asked to stand and an election of the three top officers was held. Rt. Wor. Bro. Coulter received the honor of being elected Worshipful Master. Bro. A.G. McCulloch was elected Senior Warden and Bro. A.R. Thompson was elected Junior Warden.



Rt. Wor. Bro. Coulter appointed officers for the new Lodge from the list of petitioners. Regular practices were held in the rear office of the Alberni Real Estate on Johnston Road of which firm Bro. Charles Taylor was a partner, it was at one of these practices that the name "Euclid" was decided.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia gave permission to Rt. Wor. Bro. Coulter to become the first Worshipful Master. This was necessary because Rt. Wor. Bro. Coulter had attained his rank under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Grand Lodge also decreed that the three top officers must be Past Masters and appointed Wor. Bro. Edwin Beck as Senior Warden and Wor. Bro. Mel Lamport as Junior Warden. The balance of Officers appointed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Coulter were:

Bro. Art Thompson	Sr. Deacon
Bro. Gordon Lundine	Jr. Deacon
Bro. Vic Simmons	Inner Guard
Bro. Joe Laughlin	Tyler
Bro. Charlie Buffie	Sr. Steward
Bro. Charles Taylor	Jr. Steward
Bro. Mel Carkener	Secretary
Bro. J.K. Freeland	Treasurer
V. Wor. Bro. Bert Whitmore	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Art Charnell	Chaplain
Wor. Bro. W.C. Pitts	Organist

The ceremony of Institution of Euclid Lodge U.D. was held in the Barclay Lodge Temple on Thursday, February 18, 1954.



Grand Lodge decreed that the new Lodge be located in Alberni.

Meetings of Euclid U.D. were held in the Barclay Temple, Port Alberni until the premises over Thomson's General Store, corner of Southgate and Margaret Streets were made ready for occupancy.

The only available space in Alberni was an attic room above the store that at some time previous had been gutted by fire. This building was erected prior to 1900 and was one of the oldest buildings in the Alberni Valley.

The walls and ceiling were a black charcoal mess. Rt. Wor. Bro. Coulter spearheaded the restoration. Labor was volunteered and cash donations were made by prospective members. This got the project under way. Plywood and paint were purchased to cover the walls and ceiling. The floor was sanded and stained. Wooden benches were built to provide seating for the side lines. The Master and Warden's Dais, Altar and Masonic Carpet were built by Wor. Bro. Edwin Beck.

THOMSON'S GENERAL STORE

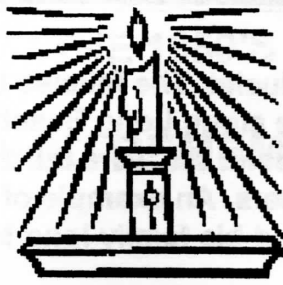


Some of the other volunteer workers were Wor. Bro. Mel Lamport, Bros. Gordon Lundine, Vic Simmons, William Anderson, Joe Laughlin, Mel Carkener and Art Thompson. Rt. Wor, Bro. Andy Reid and Wor. Bro. Ed Lockart of Concord Lodge also joined in helping create the new Lodge Hall.

At a regular meeting in 1963 it was decided that as of the 31st of January Euclid Lodge would vacate the premises with one month's notice. Arrangements were made that Euclid Lodge #158 pay the Barclay Temple Society \$40.00 per month for the use of the Barclay Masonic Hall. Wor. Bros. Beck and Thompson were to dispose of the furniture and equipment of Euclid Lodge prior to moving to the Barclay Lodge.

Grand Lodge permitted this on a temporary basis as Euclid Lodge was located in the city of Alberni. This became a mute point when the two cities amalgamated in 1967.





LET'S REMINISCE

By Wor. Bro. S.J. (Jack) Seymour, Master of Euclid Lodge in 1964=1965

His motto was "SEYMOUR IN '64"!!

My installation in 1964 was the 10th installation for Euclid Lodge #158 and the 1st installation after moving from Thomson's General Store to Barclay Temple. Wor. Bro. A.R. Thompson was Installing Master, Wor. Bro. C. Darkis was Director of Ceremonies and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Caldwell conducted the Board of Installed Masters.

Barclay Lodge was the first to receive a fraternal visit from Euclid and a week later Euclid received a fraternal visit from Concord Lodge. Euclid members next paid a fraternal visit to Discovery Lodge in Campbell River. This was another first and we were really well received with approximately ninety brethren turning out to welcome us. We were treated to a clam chowder supper in the packed banquet room.

On October 15th, the Wor. Master was presented with a very lovely plaque engraved in gold displaying the names of all the Past Masters of Euclid Lodge. The plaque was made by Bro. Bob Gornall and Bro. Ray Tyler who presented it to the Lodge.

By Rt. Wor. Bro. A.R. Thompson, Master of Euclid Lodge in 1958, 1988 & 2003

I remember we used to do a pile of visiting!

In the early days while Euclid Lodge was still within District #22, Lodge members thought nothing of travelling to Campbell River and other Lodges to put on a degree and arrive back home in the wee hours of the morning. We would get up early the next day and carry on with our jobs. We were all young men then. One of the most exciting and fun trips we did

was to travel on the Uchuck to Ucluelet. The fellows up there picked us up in a logging crummy and we drove along Long Beach to Manoah Lodge in Tofino for their Installation of Officers. We were billeted with families who were not necessarily Lodge members. An example of this was Harley Norberg. I was billeted with him and his family long before he became a Mason.

Russ Copeland's death was the most emotional thing I remember. He was being installed as Worshipful Master. After completing the Obligation of Fealty he leaned forward to kiss the Bible. He fell over backwards and died on the Lodge room floor. This was a great shock to everyone.

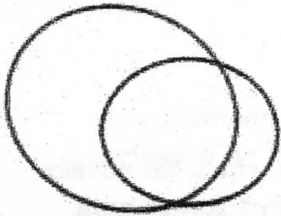
On another trip in 1958, I took Ray Kleven and Tommy Johnstone to my Mother Lodge in Squamish, Mt. Garibaldi #127, for their E.A. degree. This was done much to the consternation of the Grand Secretary, M. Wor. Bro. J. Morgan. In his view candidates should be initiated in their Mother Lodges only.

There were lots of fun trips to Grand Lodge throughout the years. We would take a carload of members and go off to Penticton, Vernon, Trail, Victoria and Nanaimo. We would travel all over the province and it was great fellowship. It's not happening in our Lodge today, due to the age of our members. Having said that it reminds me of a trip that I took with Bros. Win Beck and Mel Lamport to Salt Spring Island for the Constitution of Admiral Lodge #170 where the average age of the Officers installed was 80 years!

We have experienced some great repasts over the years. One that stands out is when we were treated royally to a roasted guinea fowl dinner with all the trimmings by the Junior Warden, Bro. Carl Bond at V. Wor. Bro. Garnet Reynold's Installation as Wor. Master. As far back as I can remember, it was always strawberries in June and corn on the cob in September.

All in all it has been a great ride!





THE 1950'S

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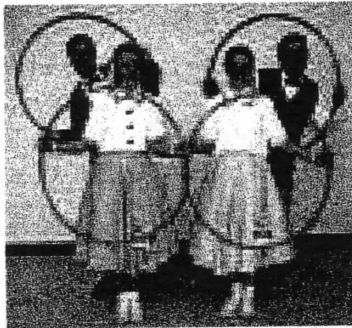


In 1950 Alberni had a population of approximately 3 000 people.

In March of 1953 Pacific Western Airlines commenced a daily service from the Alberni Valley to Vancouver.

In 1953 Harold Warren opened a Drive -In Theatre near Gill School.

The 50's produced Elvis Presleyand the hula hoop!



In the early 50's the Elk's Valleyettes Drill Team was a big hit, not only in the Alberni Valley but all over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

In April 1955 the Alberni Athletics Basketball team won the Canadian Championship and repeated the feat in March, 1965.

The Sproat Lake Regatta was won by Joe Van Bergen in 1958 with a speed of 69.36 miles per hour.

In 1958 the Ash River Hydro Power came on stream producing 39 000 horsepower and the Alberni Tofino Highway was opened.

In 1959 six B.C. Forest companies combined to purchase four Martin Mars Aircraft to be used as Water Bombers.

GIFTS TO OUR LODGE

The *Altar* was constructed by W.Bro. Beck and the maple from which the corner pillars were turned was packed down from the slopes of the Beaufort Range with considerable difficulty by W.Bro. Lamport.

The *Volume of Sacred Law* was donated by W.Bro. George Roff as was the *Master's gavel*.

The *Three Principal Chairs* were given to us by the Sister Lodges of District #22.

The *Worshipful Master's and Warden's Pedestals* were constructed by W.Bro. Beck.

Our original *Regalia* came from Barclay Lodge #90, some of which may have been the original Arrowsmith Lodge regalia.

The *Three Lesser Lights* were donated by Manoah Lodge #141.

The *Warden's Gavels* were made by Wor. Bro. Lamport.

The *Emblems for the Deacons and Stewards Wands* were donated by Barclay Lodge #90.

The *Organ* was donated by Bro. Gordon Lundine.

Our *first chairs* came from Barclay Lodge #90 and W.Bro. George Roff purchased *new chairs* for the side lines at a later date.

The *Inlay Mat of Mosaic Pavement* was constructed by W.Bro. Beck.

The *Warden's Columns* were made by W. Bro. E. Lockart.

The *Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Charts* were donated by W. Bro. Andrew Reid.

The *Tyler's Sword* was given to us by Mr. Bert Bailey.

The *books* in the library were donated by W. Bro. Dick Aackland and R. W. Bro. Alf Plant.

The *Common Gavel, the Chisel, the Trowel and the Rough Ashlar* were contributed by Barclay Lodge #90.

The *Perfect Ashlar* was donated by W. Bro. D. Bryson.

The *Square and Compass* was given by W. Bro. V. Simmons.

The *Cuffs* worn by the three principal officers were donated by W. Bro. William Anderson.

In more recent times the following items were donated.

The *Original Wall Plaque* bearing the names of Euclid's Past Masters was made by W. Bro. Bob Gornall with Bro. Ray Tyler, jeweler, making and engraving the name plates.

R. W. Bro. Lorne Baird created a *larger plaque* to accommodate more names.

***Cases for the Wall Charts* were built by R. W. Bro. Lorne Baird made from Acacia wood donated by R. W. Bro. Art Thompson.**



PAST MASTERS OF EUCLID LODGE

1954/55	Rt. Wor. Bro. A.C.Coulter
1955/56	Rt. Wor. Bro. A.C.Coulter
1956/57	Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Beck
1957/58	Wor. Bro. B. Holmlund
1958/59	Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Thompson
1959/60	Wor. Bro. V. Simmons
1960/61	Wor. Bro. W. Anderson
1961/62	Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Raynor
1962/63	V. Wor. Bro. G. Reynolds
1963/64	Wor. Bro. C. Bond
1964/65	Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Seymour
1965/66	Wor. Bro. H. Smith
1966/67	Wor. Bro. A. McGregor
1967/68	Wor. Bro. W. Johnstone
1968/69	Rt. Wor. Bro. M. Lamport
1969/70	Wor. Bro. W. Jones
1970/71	Wor. Bro. T. Bellamy
1971/72	Wor. Bro. R. Gornall
1972/73	Wor. Bro. D. Hilliard
1973/74	Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Adams
1974/75	V. Wor. Bro. A. "Sandy" Forbes
1975/76	V. Wor. Bro. W. Zilversmit
1976/77	Wor. Bro. Joe Thompson
1977/78	Wor. Bro. G. Dryden
1978/79	Wor. Bro. R. Davis
1979/80	Wor. Bro. J. Kelly
1980/81	Wor. Bro. V. Baartz
1981/82	Wor. Bro. F. Scott
1982/83	Wor. Bro. M. Hay
1983/84	Wor. Bro. G. Williscroft
1985/86	Wor. Bro. R. Carmichael
1986/87	Rt. Wor. Bro. L. Baird
1987/88	Wor. Bro. G. Watson
1988/89	Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Thompson
1989/90	Wor. Bro. F. Scott
1990/91	Wor. Bro. W. S. Smith
1991/92	Wor. Bro. H. M. Hartling
1992/93	Wor. Bro. G. B. Watson
1993/94	Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Allen
1994/95	Wor. Bro. E. Ewertt

1995/96	Rt. Wor. Bro. N. Blenkinsop
1996/97	Rt. Wor. Bro. N. Blenkinsop
1997/98	Wor. Bro. G. Price
1998/99	Wor. Bro. R. Buchanan
1999/00	Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Allen
2000/01	Wor. Bro. R. Kaufman
2001/02	V. Wor. Bro. B. Terry
2002/03	Wor. Bro. R. Buchanan
2003/04	Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Thompson
2004/05	V. Wor. Bro. B. Terry
2005/06	Wor. Bro. A. Murray

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1954/55	A. C. Coulter
1958/59	E. J. Beck
1965/66	M. Lamport
1972/73	E. M. Raynor
1974/75	N. Blenkinsop
1980/81	A. R. Thompson
1985/86	J. Seymour
1991/92	L. A. Baird
1997/98	J. Adams
2005/06	W. Allen

VERY WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN

Rev. Whitmore
 G. Reynolds
 A. "Sandy" Forbes
 W. Zilversmit
 J. Adams
 B. Terry



BIOGRAPHIES



ALEXANDER CLYDE COULTER 1884-1966

Alex was born in Neepawa, Manitoba. He married and had two daughters. His daughters and a niece lived in Vancouver. He became a grain buyer in Swanson, Sask. in 1912. Alex was a World War 1 veteran who was wounded in the hand during the war. He and his partner in business, Warner, established a hardware store in Lucky Lake, Sask. in 1919....before the railroad had been built. After the railroad came through, the hardware store was moved half a mile, - lock, stock and barrel - to be close to the railroad. Alex and his partner continued their partnership until 1949 without a single argument.

On arriving in Alberni, Alex bought eighteen acres just west of Margaret Street. Within these acres, Alex created a subdivision. (Coulter and Richardson Streets as we know them today, are within this area.) Alex also built an addition on the Branch 55 Legion Hall, working for \$1.00 per hour. After the building was completed he donated his wages back to the Legion.

Alex was installed as Dist. Dep. Grand Master of District #17 for 1939/40. He was installed as Master of Euclid Lodge U.D. for 1954/55 and was installed as Master of Euclid Lodge # 158 for 1955/56.



EDWIN ARTHUR JOHN BECK

Edwin's parents came from England and migrated to Saskatchewan where he was born. The family moved again to the Alberni Valley where Edwin was raised and educated. He had three sisters. The family's first home was on acreage fronting the Somass River off Falls Road, formerly called Milltown Road. Next door stood the well known heritage home belonging to Cluney Luke. Nothing remains of either of these residences today. The site where the homes once stood has become a gravel pit.

Edwin's first job was working in Randerson's Butcher Shop, which was located on the site now occupied by the Golden Dragon Restaurant. He went on to become a carpenter and built several homes and businesses in the Alberni Valley.

He married Margaret Weeden on December 9, 1944. Edwin and Margaret had a daughter, Jean, and twin boys, Arthur and Elmer.

Edwin joined Barclay Lodge #90 and became a Master Mason on September 22, 1943. He was installed as Worshipful Master in 1950/51.

In 1953 he was one of the organizers of what was to become Euclid Lodge #158 and was the Charter Senior Warden. After serving the Lodge as Wor. Master for the year 1956/57 he took on the duties of Secretary and remained so for nineteen years.

Edwin was chosen to be the District Deputy Grand Master for District #22 for the year 1958/59. He was a true Masonic builder of the highest caliber.

Edwin was a Past Worthy Patron of the Morgan Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also helped organize Bethel #30 Job's Daughters and was Associate Guardian for four terms. He served several years as People's Warden and also as Rector's Warden at All Saint's Anglican Church.



MELVIN LAMPORT

Mel Lamport was born in the farming community of Crediton, Ontario. He was the second of nine children. Mel left home at age thirteen to work at a neighbour's farm. He spent twelve years there. He later worked at Magpie Junction hauling pulp logs and working on river drives. In 1935, along with his younger brother, Mel "rode the rods" west to the Alberni Valley. He arrived in the valley and went to work at APL, Camp 4, Underwood Cove. In 1937 he moved to Camp 1, then on to Camp 8. Mel spent many of these years as a blacksmith.

During this period Mel met George Forrest who had a daughter, Hattie. She was the main reason Mel made his home in the Alberni Valley. Mel married Hattie and they had two daughters.

On May 9, 1968 Rt. Wor. Bro. Lamport was giving the Obligation of Fealty to Bro. Russell Copeland. Bro. Copeland saluted the V.O.S.L., then suffered a massive heart attack and a short time later, died.

Mel helped in the formation of Euclid Lodge #158 and became the charter Junior Warden. Mel was appointed the D.D.G.M. of District #22 for 1965/66.



ARTHUR ROBERT THOMPSON 1921-

Art was born in Seattle, Washington on July 29, 1921. He moved to the Alberni Valley in 1926. Art worked, as a lad, for the McLean Mill, but soon moved on to travel with the Crescent Carnival Show. He rode a motorcycle on the Straight Wall (also known as the Straight Wall of Death!). From here he moved on to work at Bloedel, Stewart and Welsh. His time was spent building roads. His next occupation was with the B.C. Provincial Police Force, first in Squamish and then Vancouver. After this he moved back to the Alberni Valley and took over the family farm. While working and managing the farm, Art also worked at School District #70 as a bus driver and mechanic for twenty six and a half years. In 1954 he also acquired a Farm Woodlot and developed a small logging operation. The woodlot has now been expanded and is known as Woodlot 100.

Art's family is a "his, hers and ours" combination with lots of grandchild. Art received his three degrees of Masonry at Mt. Garibaldi Lodge #127 in 1947. In 1954 he helped organize Euclid Lodge U.D. Art was the Charter Senior Deacon and was installed in the Master's chair for the 1958/59 year. Art also served as Master of Euclid Lodge #158 in the years 1988/89 and 2003/04. He received his thirty third degree in Scottish Rite Masonry in 1990 at St. John's, Newfoundland.



GORDON LUNDINE

Gordon was born on September 27, 1922 and raised in Alberni, B.C. After the war he started a delivery business here in Alberni called, "Lundine Cartage" and "Lundine Moving and Storage". He also was a fishing guide on Great Central Lake. Gordon took his mechanical apprenticeship and put that to good use with B.C. Hydro. He worked his way up to foreman, then general foreman and finally supervisor. In 1980, B.C. Hydro sent Gordon to supervise the construction of the Dunsmuir sub-station on Cochrane Road, in Parksville, B.C.

He retired when the sub-station was completed and now lives in Bowser. Gordon was initiated in Barclay Lodge on December 3, 1947. He had his F.C. Degree on April 28, 1948 and his M.M. Degree on March 23, 1949. Gordon was also a Charter Junior Deacon in Euclid Lodge.



MEL CARKENER

Mel was a World War Two veteran from 1939 to 1945. Luckily he suffered no wounds during the fighting.

Mel had two sons and a daughter. He worked at the Liquor Control Board in Vancouver and became the Manager of the Liquor Store in Alberni. The Liquor Store was then situated across the street from the old Thomson General Store. (This is where Lucky Printer's is today.)

Mel was the Charter Secretary of Euclid Lodge.



JAMES KERR GOLD FREELAND

James Freeland was born in Scotland around 1890 and had two brothers. He was an accountant by trade and we first hear of him working in a bank in Big Lake, Saskatchewan. Next he was employed as a Sawmill Accountant at Giscomb, B.C. near Prince George. Some of his time was spent in Chilliwack before he moved to the Alberni Valley. James was hired to work as an accountant by Manning Brothers Sawmill at Sproat Lake.

He was married and had three daughters.

Somewhere in his travels he acquired three degrees in Masonry. He was Euclid Lodge's Charter Treasurer.

He is remembered as a real gentleman and a good Freemason. He died on October 28, 1957.

SOREN ANDREW GRUNLUND 1924-



Soren was born on February 22, 1924 in Vasteras, Sweden to Andy and Anna Grunlund. He has two older sisters, Inez Sjoberg and Maja Lisa Casperson. The family immigrated to Canada in 1926 and settled in Port Alberni. It was here that he grew up, went to school and later became a carpenter at the Alberni Plywood Division. Soren joined the Navy during WW11 and served on corvettes across the Atlantic.

He met and married his wife Gladys in Winnipeg in 1944. Their son Garry was born in 1945. After the war, Soren and Gladys returned to Port Alberni where Soren and his father built a new house at 6th and Melrose for their young family. Their next son, Daryl, was born in 1950. Soren began working for the Liquor Control Board as a vendor in Alberni and Zeballos. Gladys worked in the cosmetics department of Woodwards. In 1957 Soren became an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company of America. In 1963 the family moved to Victoria when he was promoted to Sales Manager. A year later, Soren was transferred to Nanaimo as Sales Manager for the Upper Island. In 1969 he and Gladys moved to North Vancouver where he worked as Sales Manager for the North Shore. In 1972 Soren and Gladys returned to Nanaimo where he continued to work until Gladys retired in 1978. He and Gladys still live in Nanaimo and just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



CHARLES OTTO BUFFIE

Charlie was born in 1911 at Selkirk, Manitoba. He had three sisters. He became a blacksmith and a coach body welder. Charlie followed this trade for several years, repairing and building coach and auto bodies while working in Winnipeg and Fort Francis.

In 1941 he moved to Victoria, B.C. where he was employed by the Army Special Services doing high tech welding. In 1946 he arrived in the Alberni Valley and first worked at Chatwin Motors and then moved on to his own business, Superior Auto Body. By 1960 he had established Buffie Motors at the corner of Kingsway Street and 3rd Avenue, selling Mazda and Jeep products.

Charlie married Vivian in 1931 in Winnipeg. They had four children. Charlie joined Masonry while he was living in Manitoba and later also became a member in one of the Victoria Lodges. In 1955 he became a Charter Steward in Euclid Lodge #158.

Charles Otto Buffie died on September 12, 1976.



HERBERT ROBERTSON WHITMORE

Herbert Whitmore was ordained and became Reverend Whitmore in 1937 at Knox United Church in Regina, Saskatchewan. He married Mrs. Whitmore the same year. In 1944 they moved to West Summerland, St. Andrew's Church, where they stayed for nine years prior to moving to the Alberni Valley in 1953. V. Wor. Bro. Herbert Whitmore came to Euclid Lodge U.D. from Summerland Lodge #56 and was our Charter Director of Ceremonies. He served as Grand Lodge Chaplain twice. Rev. Whitmore died on November 23, 1999 at Penticton, B.C.



ART CHARNELL

Art was born at Weyburn, Saskatchewan and was the oldest of four boys. His father was a professional photographer who passed his skills on to Art. During WW11, Art served in the Foreign Intelligence Service making maps. After being discharged from the service he moved to Port Alberni and went to work for a short time in the pulp mill.

Art purchased a photography business and created Charnell Studios. In 1950 he joined the Canadian Air Force and served in Ottawa and Cold Lake, Alberta.

Art and his wife, Ruth, have five children.

Upon retiring he moved to Langley, B.C. where he became an active Legion member. He died in 1997 at the age of eighty.



WILLIAM CHESLEY PITTS

William was born in Kingston, Ontario in September 1902. He was one of four children.

After graduating from Queen's University in Ontario Dr. Pitts moved to Fraser Lake, B.C. where he served the medical needs of that community for eight years. In 1937 he began a medical practice in Alberni until his retirement in 1970.

Dr. Pitts joined the Masonic Lodge in Vanderhoof in 1935. In order to attend lodge meetings a railroad pump car was pressed into service. He affiliated with Barclay Lodge #90 on February 14, 1940.

Wor. Bro. Pitts was installed as Master of Barclay Lodge and served as Organist in both Barclay and Euclid Lodges. Only he knows how long he was Organist in Barclay Lodge but it is somewhere around forty years! He was Euclid's Charter Organist.



VICTOR SIMMONS 1913-1995

Victor grew up in the Vic West neighbourhood of Victoria, B.C. He started working at the tender age of thirteen as a delivery boy for Spencer's Department Store and worked his way up to manager in the men's clothing department. He became a member of Camosun Masonic Lodge #60 in 1944.

A few years later he was transferred to the Vancouver store as manager. Shortly after that, Spencer's Store was bought out by Eaton's. Vic moved to the Alberni Valley and opened Vic's Men's Wear. His first location was on the Victoria Quay. He later moved to Johnston Road.

Vic was a founding member of Euclid Lodge. He went through the chairs to become Master in 1959. One year later he sold his store and moved back to Victoria to retire.

Vic and his wife, Beth, spent many happy years travelling and enjoying life. Beth still lives in Victoria. She is ninety years old.





JOSEPH FLEMING LAUGHLIN

Joe was born August 18, 1898 in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. At the age of thirteen, Joe immigrated to Alberta to live with his sister. A while later Joe moved out to Alberni. He trained to be a blacksmith. The first shop he worked in was on Victoria Quay (where the old Roxy Theatre used to be). Later Joe was in partnership with Don Watson and they had their blacksmith shop on Johnston Road. (Their shop was beside our present day 7-11 store.) Later Joe went on his own and moved to Margaret Street, where Harbortowne Ford Storage Shop is presently located. On March 28, 1934, Joe married Freda King and they were blessed with three children; Patricia Joy and twins, Janice Fleming and Victor Robert. After blacksmithing for fifty years, Joe and Freda moved to Qualicum Beach in 1970. Joe enjoyed gardening and building. Joe received his three degrees in Barclay Lodge #90 in 1938. He became Euclid Lodge's Charter Tyler in 1954. On October 16, 1976. Joe passed away at the age of seventy eight.



BEN HOMLUND

Ben was born on the west side of the Saskatchewan River near the present Gardener Dam. He was one of a family of six boys and two girls. He lived on a homestead and skied to school on handmade skies. At the tender age of eleven he landed his first job as school janitor, working for five cents an hour. He worked as a grain buyer from 1923 to 1947 in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Ben moved to Port Alberni because of ill health. His poor health was caused by the dusty conditions of the grain elevators. Benny was affectionately known to us as "Jack Benny" Homlund. Ben liked

all types of sports, but his Lodge was his greatest love. He was a member of Dunblane Lodge #148 and in 1926 served that Lodge in the capacity of Secretary. Benny affiliated with Euclid Lodge in 1954. His term of office as Worthy Master in Euclid Lodge was from December, 1956 to May, 1958. Benny died on August 22, 1976.



EDGAR MIDDLETON RAYNOR

Ed was born on March 15, 1922 in Nanaimo, B.C. He and his two brothers were raised and educated there.

His first job was with Corfield Motors in Nanaimo. In 1945 he was transferred to Corfield Motors in Alberni, B.C. When that building was destroyed by fire, Ed, and his brother, Al, created Somass Tire. They developed this into a very successful business.

Ed joined Euclid Lodge U.D. and the first two degrees were conferred upon him there. On March 13, 1954 Ed was raised to the Master Mason's degree at Ashlar Lodge #3 in Nanaimo, by his father and other Ashlar Lodge Past Masters. Ed became Wor. Master of Euclid Lodge #158 for the year 1961/62. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for district #22 for the years 1972/73.

Ed died in Parksville, B.C. on August 7, 1997.



GEORGE GARNETT REYNOLDS

Garnett was born on June 25, 1919 at Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. He had five brothers.

In 1941 Garnett joined the Canadian Army and served in the Kings Own 14th Calgary Tank Core. In 1942 he participated in the Dieppe raid. He was discharged in April 1946 and was educated as a chiropractor. He opened his office in 1950, here in Port Alberni.

Garnett married Mildred in 1942 in Great Britain during the war. She later came to Canada as a War Bride. They had four children.

Garnett became very active in the community. He was a long serving member of the Canadian Legion, Branch #55, a member of the Tri-services and was appointed to the Harbor Commission.

Garnett was an Alderman of the city and in 1999 the honour of "Freeman of the City" was bestowed upon him. He became a Mason in 1954 while Euclid Lodge was U.D. and filled the office of Treasurer for nineteen years. He was appointed a Grand Steward for the year 1973/74.

Garnett died on January 28, 2003 at the age of eighty three.



WILLIAM "BILL" JOHNSTONE

Bill was born March 11, 1901 in a small village near the English and Scottish border. He moved to Nanaimo, B.C. with his family in 1910.

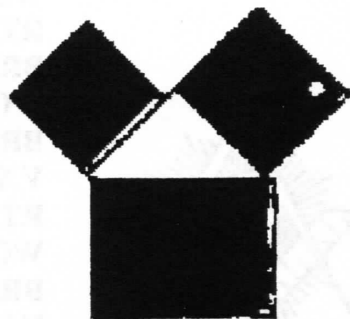
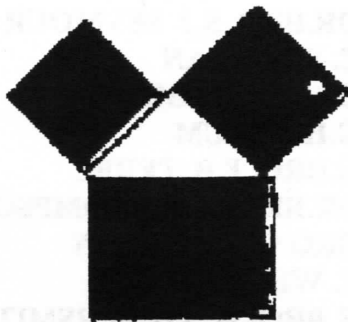
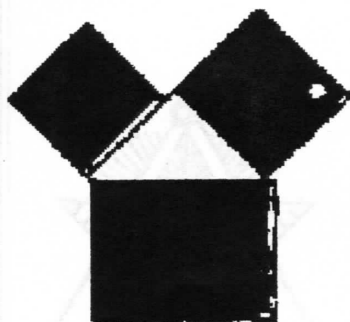
After completing his schooling Bill worked in the coal mines. Later he opened a neighbourhood grocery store.

Bill married Eva Easterbrook in 1929 and they had three children - Elizabeth (Betty), Tom and Eva Dianne.

In the late thirties, Bill joined the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He and his family moved to Port Alberni in 1942. Two years later he opened his own insurance and real estate business. During this period Bill became Trustee for School District #70 and later served the city as an Alderman.

Bill was a member of Barclay Lodge # 90 and became a Charter Member of Euclid # 158. He was a Past Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star and was also actively involved in starting the Job's Daughters Bethel #30 and the Demolays.

William Johnstone died on May 27th, 1965.



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