



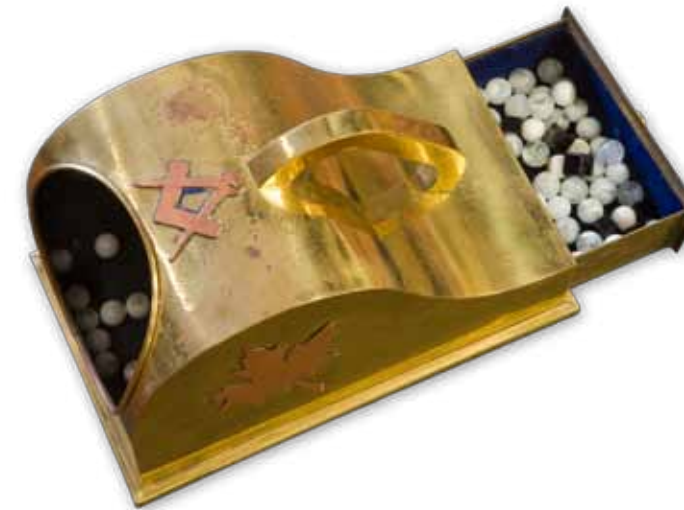
Past master jewels from Vancouver's Mount Hermon Lodge presented to Josias C. Hughes in 1878, William John Bowser in 1900, and Andrew Wallace in 1907, respectively. Wallace started Wallace Shipyards in False Creek and then moved to the foot of Lonsdale in North Vancouver, where it changed into Burrard Dry Dock.

Prominent British Columbian Masons included: Sewell Prescott Moody, Benjamin Springer, Richard H. Alexander, and John Hendry—pioneer lumbermen; David Oppenheimer, Frederick Cope, Henry Collins, James F. Garden, Thomas O. Townley, Thomas F. Neelands, Alexander Bethune, Charles S. Douglas, Malcolm P. McBeath, Charles E. Tisdall, Gerald G. McGeer, Jonathan Cornett, Charles E. Thompson, and Frederick Hume—all Mayors of Vancouver; Amor de Cosmos [William Smith], William J. Bowser, Alexander Davie, Byron Johnson, John D. McLean, Sir Richard McBride, W. A. C. Bennett—all Premiers; Henry J. Cambie, William Downie, W. F. Salsbury—CPR executives; Henry T. Ceperley, James W. Horne, J. J. Miller, and Henry H. Stevens—all pioneer realtors; Samuel G. Churchill—Reeve of Point Grey; Nat Bailey—original owner of the White Spot Restaurant; Henry O. Bell-Irving—pioneer in the west coast fishing industry; Francis


J. Burd, Victor W. Odlum, T. F. Paterson, and Robert Crombie—newspaper publishers; Reverend H. G. Fiennes-Clinton; Samuel Hughes and Arthur Currie—military leaders; Frederick W. Howay, Robie L. Reid and E. O. S. Scholefield—British Columbian historians. Other Masons were Henry Larsen, RCMP explorer; Major James S. Matthews, founder of the Vancouver City Archives; Frederick “Cyclone” Taylor, hockey legend; J. Edward Bird, lawyer for the *Komagata Maru*; Austin C. Taylor, Chairman of the BC Security Commission; Charles E. Hope, Honorary Secretary of the White Canada Research Committee; William C. Ditmars, President of the Canadian Club (1927). The number of Freemasons in British Columbia peaked in 1963 at 27,128.



Freemason Henry Josiah DeForest studied drawing and painting in London, Paris and Edinburgh. He travelled and sketched in England, France, Italy, Egypt, Palestine, Germany and Switzerland before first coming to British Columbia in 1891. His sense of humour is apparent in his painting of the Mount Hermon Freemasons' Hall in Moodyville, which shows a goat at the rear of the building. Popular belief suggests that Masonic initiates are required to ride a goat prior to acceptance into the fraternity.




An early Vancouver Masonic lodge ballot box. Traditionally black and white balls were placed on one side of the box. Members voting on whether or not a candidate was worthy of entry into the order would deposit a white ball through a hand opening if they were in favour of the candidate, and a black ball, if they were opposed. One black ball was enough to prevent a candidate's entry into the fraternity, which is how the term being “blackballed” originated. As members aged and their eyesight deteriorated, black cubes replaced the black balls to aid in their recognition.



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