

Langley Streets. The first W. Master of the Lodge was Joseph Johnston Southgate, who occupied that position for three years, and the following Charter Members were present at the first meeting of the Lodge:

J. J. Southgate, Geo. Perkes, W. Jeffreys, J. N. Thain, Kady Gambitz, Thomas Harris, L. Franklin, John T. Howard and Amor De Cosmos.

For nearly three years Victoria Lodge was the only Masonic Lodge in the country, but on December 16th, 1861, Union Lodge No. 1201, meeting in New Westminster, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

Three years after the Constitution of Victoria Lodge some of its members and some un-affiliates of the Craft, were desirous of forming a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and accordingly an application dated April 1st, 1862, was received by Victoria Lodge No. 1085, from certain of its members and other Brethren, asking for a recommendation to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to entertain favorably their petition to form a Lodge to be called Vancouver Lodge No.....under that Grand Jurisdiction. At the regular monthly meeting of Victoria Lodge held on May 15th, 1862, the petition was read, and after some discussion, the following resolution was duly adopted:

"That the Victoria Lodge, No. 1085, cordially responds to the petition of the Brethren desirous of establishing a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but in doing so, they reserve the precedence of the Grand Lodge of England in general Masonic affairs within the Colony, and they communicate this resolution to the Grand Lodge of England as a matter of record."

In due course Vancouver Lodge received its Charter, and was numbered 421 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and held its first meeting on October 20th, 1862.

Other Lodges were chartered in the following order: Nanaimo Lodge, British Columbia Lodge at Victoria, Bar-