

Brief History of St. Andrew's Lodge,

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The cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry has been beautifully exemplified in St. Andrew's Lodge from its earliest period. It has numbered among its members men of different nationalities and creeds, many of whom have taken foremost positions in Canada as jurists, legislators, educationists, ministers of the gospel, military men, medical men, architects, artists, merchants, journalists, and other avocations. The brethren connected with St. Andrew's Lodge have been more or less identified with every movement for the welfare of the City of Toronto and of Canada, since "York" (now Toronto) was selected as a site for the capital of Upper Canada.

The circumstances connected with the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge are related by R.W. Bro. Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada for 1822-41, in his report to the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. He says :

"At York I had the advantage of being personally acquainted with the most respectable individuals in the society of the place, and the subject of my Masonic mission being occasionally alluded to in my conversation, I soon