

History of St. Andrew's Lodge

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The mission of the Masonic Brotherhood, which extends over the entire habitable globe, has always been, and ever will be, one of peace and good-will to mankind. It seeks to guide and help men onward to a better life. Its primary object is true fraternity. To enter our portals they must believe in a Supreme Being, who has revealed His will to man, and who will punish vice and reward virtue ; otherwise they are free to choose their politics and their particular form of religion, and their course of social life.

The cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry has been beautifully exemplified in St. Andrew's Lodge, the mother lodge of the existing lodges in Toronto. 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, etc. 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 the early days of the nineteenth century.

The circumstances connected with the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge are related by R. W. Bro.