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MEMORANDA COLLECTED FROM THE PAGES OF THE  
FIRST LEDGER OF QUADRA LODGE, No. 508, G.R. OF  
SCOTLAND, AND AFTERWARDS, No. 8, G.R. OF BRITISH  
COLUMBIA.

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Quadra Lodge was organized July 13, 1870, and in October of the same year an assessment was made upon the Charter Members for the sum of \$2.50 each, but apparently the first meeting of the new Lodge under dispensation took place on January 7, 1871, when a second assessment of \$2.50 was made.

The new Lodge was under the Provincial Grand Lodge working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and eventually was given the number of 508. Four members of Vancouver Lodge, No. 421, became Charter Members of Quadra Lodge so as to assist the latter in getting a start: Bros. Dr. I. W. Powell, H. F. Heisterman, H. W. B. Aikman and Andrew Astrico.

Apparently a bad time was chosen for the foundation of Quadra Lodge, for during the period from January 1871 to May 16, 1877, when it became consolidated with Vancouver Lodge, only nine members were admitted by Initiation; fifteen were admitted by Affiliation.

Although the numbers raised by Quadra Lodge were few in number, yet among them we find names of men who have proved their worth both in the Craft and in Provincial history; among these may be mentioned M.W. Bro. R. B. McMicking, R.W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., Bros. R. P. Rithet, F. J. Barnard and Arthur W. Vowell.

During its short career, Quadra Lodge had the following Worshipful Masters:

- 1871—W. Bro. James A. Grahame.
- 1872—W. Bro. James A. Grahame.
- 1873—W. Bro. H. B. W. Aikman.
- 1874—W. Bro. H. B. Aikman.
- 1875—W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman.
- 1876—W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr.

The Charter Members were:

- H. F. Heisterman, General Agent, Member of Vancouver, No. 421.
- Dr. I. W. Powell, Physician, Member of Vancouver, No. 421.
- H. B. W. Aikman, Law Clerk, Member of Vancouver, No. 421.
- Andrew Astrico, Hotel Keeper, Member of Vancouver, No. 421.
- James A. Grahame, H. B. Factor, came in with amalgamation.
- William Fraser, Accountant, came in with amalgamation.
- John Kriemler, Merchant, came in with amalgamation.
- Otis Parsons, Drowned on S.S. "Pacific", Nov. 4, 1875.
- F. H. Lamb, dimit, Nov. 10, 1872.
- George Grant, dimit, January 9, 1874.
- C. Strouss, dimit, Dec. 4, 1874.

Following are the records of the Affiliates:

Name	Occupation	Date of Affiliation	Record
Harrison, Eli.....	Painter.....	April, 1871.....	At amalgamation
Crump, James.....		January, 1872.....	Dimit 1873
Bruce, John.....		Feb. 8, 1872.....	Dimit 1877
Sullivan, John H.....	Drowned on S.S. "Pacific".....	Nov. 4, 1875.....	
Lovell, John B.....	Merchant.....	Jan. 9, 1874.....	At amalgamation
Houghton, Chas. E....	Dep. Adj. Gen.....	Jan. 9, 1874.....	At amalgamation
Kurtz, David.....	Merchant.....	Feb. 12, 1875.....	At amalgamation
Mann, James.....	Millwright.....	March 12, 1875.....	At amalgamation

Calbraith, John C.	Merchant	May 14, 1875	At amalgamation
McCully, John	Blacksmith	Sept. 10, 1875	At amalgamation
Neufelder, F.	Merchant	March 10, 1876	At amalgamation
McLennan, John	Clerk	April 14, 1876	At amalgamation
Ross, Dixi H.	Merchant	April 14, 1876	At amalgamation
Kirsop, George	Stone cutter	June 9, 1876	At amalgamation
Oppenheimer, Isaac	Merchant	June 9, 1876	At amalgamation

Following are the names of Initiates:

Name	Occupation	Raised	Record
Drummond, J. S.	Merchant	April 1, 1871	At amalgamation
Rithet, Robt. P.	Merchant	June 3, 1871	At amalgamation
Harrison, Jr., Eli	Lawyer	Oct. 27, 1871	At amalgamation
McMicking, R. B.	Telegraph Supt.	Dec. 1, 1871	At amalgamation
Clerk, G. J.	Mechanic	June 13, 1873	At amalgamation
Vowell, Arthur W.	Gov't Clerk	Oct. 9, 1874	At amalgamation
Batchelor, Job	Bookkeeper	Nov. 21, 1876	At amalgamation
Barnard, Francis J.	Mail Contractor	March 10, 1877	At amalgamation
Evans, Dudley		Oct. 25, 1872	At amalgamation

Quadra Lodge therefore brought 26 members into the consolidation of the two Lodges on May 16, 1877, three of whom were already members of Vancouver Lodge—Bros. Powell, Heisterman and Aikman; Bro. Astrico took his dimit from Quadra on December 12, 1873.

Dimitted .....	7
Dead .....	2
Amalgamated with Vancouver .....	26
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It will be noticed therefore that the Degrees conferred by Quadra Lodge in its seven years of existence were as follows:

1871—J. S. Drummond, R. P. Rithet, Eli Harrison, Jr., R. B. McMicking .....	4
1872—Dudley Evans .....	1
1873—G. J. Clark .....	1
1874—A. W. Vowell .....	1
1875—(None).	
1876—Job Batchelor .....	1
1877—F. J. Barnard .....	1
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The Lodge lost two of its members in the S.S. "Pacific" disaster—Bros. Otis Parsons and John H. Sullivan.

It is to be noticed that Bro. F. J. Barnard took five years to receive his Degrees.

The fees for taking the Degrees were \$100 and the tee for Affiliation was \$15.00; the annual dues were \$12.00. In January 1875, the Affiliation fee was reduced to \$5.00.

Of the Affiliated Brethren it must be noted that M. Wor. Bro. Eli Harrison was Grand Master of British Columbia in the years 1878, 1879 and 1880. Bro. John B. Lovell was Treasurer of Vancouver & Quadra Lodge No. 2, for many years; W. Bro. Dixi H.

Ross was W.M. in 1883 and W. Bro. Issac Oppenheimer was W.M. in 1886.

Of the initiated Brethren, R.W. Bro. Eli Harrison, Jr., was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1879, 1880 and 1881; M.W. Bro. R. B. McMicking was elected Grand Master in 1894 and was Secretary of this Lodge for many memorable years; Bro. Arthur W. Vowell rose in the country's service under the Dept. of Indian Affairs; Bro. R. P. Rithet built up a great shipping business and I believe did more for Victoria than any other business man of the period; Bro. F. J. Barnard was the pioneering man in the Province in respect to inland transportation, and his sons have risen to eminence in the State.

Although the life of Quadra Lodge separately was a short one, we must allow that it has had its share in the development of the Craft in the Province and left many worthy sons to carry on our ideals.

## EARLY MASONRY IN NANAIMO, B. C.

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