

## King Solomon Masonic Lodge #58 Centennial Anniversary 2010



Ken David Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge #58 in Kamsack.



The Masonic Square and Compass located at the top of King Solomon Lodge #58 in Kamsack

Freemasonry is the world's largest and oldest fraternity dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of a Supreme Being. The fraternity is administratively structured into Grand Lodges each of which governs its own jurisdiction. Within each jurisdiction, there are constituent lodges and leaders, referred to as a Worshipful Master.

The first Worshipful Master in Kamsack was W.C. Stinton. He received the Masonic charter from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1910. The first lodge that was constructed in Kamsack was destroyed in a fire in 1912. The second lodge was built on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue ( Main Street) and dedicated on September 2, 1919. For nearly a century, the King Solomon Lodge #58 has proudly served Kamsack. Today, the lodge is comprised of 54 full time members under the guidance of Worshipful Master Ken David.

### What is a freemason?

The masons' exclusive membership, secret rituals, and the association with ancient wisdom and science are often misunderstood. There are many preconceived notions about what a freemason is. Contrary to popular belief the Masonic Order is not a sect involved in unlawful activity, demonic worship, or immoral behavior.

The Masons comprise the pillars of a society and promote the Masonic principals of honorable civic engagement, intellectual endeavors that promote progress, religious tolerance and brotherly love.

There are many notable Freemasons recognized as leaders in medicine, business, academics, law, government, and the sciences, at the local, national and international level. Some of these men include Prime Ministers of Canada John A. Macdonald and John G. Diefenbaker. Prominent members of the founding generation of the United States such as George Washington. In more recent times, masons include U.S. Presidents Ronald Regan and Bill Clinton.

### Are the mason's a secret religious society?

Mason's are a men's fraternity rather than a religion or religious group. The fraternity's religious requirement is indirect. A Mason is encouraged to be faithful and devoted to the religious beliefs of their choice. The masons are comprised of men who practice diverse faiths - Christianity, Judaism or Islam - to name a few. The common denominator is that all masons have a declaration of belief in a Supreme Being. The two patron saints of freemasonry are St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

### **The King Solomon Lodge #58 has serves locally, nationally and internationally**

Since its inception The King Solomon Lodge #58 in Kamsack has served the local community and Canada.

Locally, students are sponsored to attend the Youth Leadership Training Seminar in Regina. The Masonic Shield is presented to the student of Kamsack Composite Institute which best exemplifies the schools Code of Ethics.

On a national level the Masonic Order owns and operates 20 Shriners Hospitals for Children hospitals in the United States, one in Mexico and one in Canada. The mission of the non-profit hospitals is to provide pediatric orthopedic specialty care, ground-breaking research and exceptional teaching programs. Regardless of families financial need, children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care at no charge.

Fundraisers are held throughout the year to promote the hospital and educate people. You maybe familiar with the Shiners. When you see the Shiners Circus come to town and men are driving the miniature motor cycles in you local parades, they are all Masons.

### ***Join the Masons***

The masons are a Brotherhood that is recognized for their social and philanthropic activities. The Lodge has always been very active and had a healthy membership. In recent years, there has been a decline in new members seeking admission into the Lodge. If you are interested in making a difference, promoting worthwhile activities, deepening your ties to the community, ask one to be one!

### ***News***

King Solomon Lodge #58 will be celebrating its anniversary starting in 2009 thru 2010. In 2010, there will be many activities and events that the entire public can enjoy. Please come back often to see updated information on the Masonic Order and the people who make up our Lodge.

More information will be posted on the 2010 Home Coming Events website soon!

*.....Because Once Wasn't Enough!!!*



W.C. Stinson: First Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge #58



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