

St. John's Lodge, No. 63 GRC, Carleton Place 1872-present
St. John's Lodge, No. 16 AGLC, Carleton Place 1857-1858
St. John's Lodge, No. 544 ER, Carleton Place 1863-1872
St. John's Lodge, No. 796 ER, Carleton Place 1849-1863
St. John's Lodge, No. 16 PRCW, Carleton Place 1847-1857
St. John's Lodge, UD, Carleton Place 1843-1847

Morning Star Lodge, UD, PRUC, Carleton Place, Beckwith Twp, Lanark County 1822-.1822

[Central District 1862-1868. Ottawa District 12 1868-1879. Ottawa District 13 1879-1888. Ottawa District 16 1888-1923. Ottawa District 1923-1970. Ottawa 1 District 1970-present.]

The town of Carleton Place, situated on the Mississippi River in Lanark County, was first known as Morphy's Falls after Edmund Morphy, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, who settled in the area in 1819 with three sons, William, John and James. It was also known as Boulton's Mills after Hugh Boulton, who built the first grist mill at the falls in 1823. As early as 1822 Masons in the area attempted to form a Masonic lodge at Morphy's Falls/Boulton's Mills. John Ross Robertson, in his *History of Freemasonry in Canada*, 1899, Vol. 2, p. 216, notes that "At the regular meeting of 6th December a petition was read as having been presented to R. W. Bro. Z. M. Phillips as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the second Provincial Grand Lodge of 1822 praying for a dispensation for a warrant at Carleton Place. The Petition was signed by Bros. Bryce McNeeley¹, Wm. Rea, James Robinson, John Moore, Peter Carmichael, James Neeley, Andrew Paul and John McIntyre. The Lodge endorsed the petition and it was signed the W. M. and secretary. This lodge was to be known as 'Morning Star'. Its records have not been preserved." The *History of St. John's Lodge* indicates that the Morning Star Lodge was never formed and probably never worked.

The formation of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith Falls, under dispensation in 1839, appears to have sparked renewed interest in the formation of a lodge at what had become Carleton Place (in 1829 Alexander Morris, a young innkeeper, suggested the name Carlton Place after a street in central Glasgow, but the new Post Office, in 1830, officially adopted the name Carleton Place from the spelling used for the adjacent Carleton County). With the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter in Smith Falls, the Masons of Carleton Place again moved for the formation of a lodge and Bro. Bryce McNeeley sought the support of Smith Falls Masons. A Petition dated December 6, 1842, was made by St. Francis Lodge, No. 797 ER, to R. W. Bro. Z. M. Phillips endorsing a request for a Dispensation for a warrant to form a new Lodge, again to be called "Morning Star," at Carleton Place. The Request for Dispensation carried the signatures of Bros. Peter Carmichael; James Meely; John McIntyre; Brice McNeely; John Moore; Andrew Paul; Wm. Rea (who had been given his three degrees, at home, in one night in 1831 by members of True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth, because of difficulties of travel); and James Robinson. The Petition proposed Bro. Bryce McNeeley as Master; Bro. William Rea, SW and Bro. James Robinson, JW. Approval was given by R. W. Bro. Z. M. Phillips and the first installation took place on Friday, January 20, 1843.

Up to 1858 there were 21 regular meetings of the Lodge, but no set meeting time appears to have been stated. On October 6, 1858 a motion was passed "to meet on the Wednesday on or before the next full moon" to ensure that there would be sufficient visibility for members and their horses to see their way home following the lodge meeting." Three functions which were important to the Lodge were: the holding of meetings to settle quarrels between brethren, Masonic funeral services and the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of important buildings. The first constitution for the Lodge was a hand-copied version of that held by True Briton's Lodge.

The newly formed Lodge joined the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West in 1847 and received its Provincial Warrant, dated August 31, 1847, as St. John's Lodge, No. 16, Carleton Place. The Lodge was registered with United Grand Lodge and received a Warrant on September 26, 1849 as St. John's Lodge, No. 796 ER, Carleton Place, being renumbered in 1863 as No. 544 ER (this renumbering was the result of a general across-the-board renumbering by United Grand Lodge to "close up" following the closure of many lodges for many reasons and had been undertaken at the Union of 1813 and then in 1832).

Although the records indicate that the lodge joined the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada and was renumbered as St. John's Lodge, No. 16, Carleton Place, the Lodge history notes that a Committee was

¹ W. Bro. Bryce McNeely was a tanner and his tannery was located on the banks of the Mississippi River at Carleton Place. It is now a well-known pub and restaurant known as the "Leather Works."

appointed in August 1859 to investigate whether the lodge should join the new Grand Lodge of Canada. Heated discussion and debate in 1861 led to the deferral of any decision until March 1872 when St. John's Lodge, No. 544 ER, made application to affiliate with the new Grand Lodge of Canada. During this time of turmoil in the governance of the Craft in Ontario (with a Grand Lodge of Canada, an Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, and Irish and English lodges) St. John's found time, in 1861, to sponsor the formation of Mississippi Lodge, Almonte (now No. 147 GRC). What is interesting is that at the union of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, on July 14, 1858, in Toronto, the "List of Affiliating Lodges at the Union" shows an entry as "16. St. John's (Lodge). Carleton Place. No Returns" indicating that at least one Grand Lodge believed it had affiliated at that time. Yet the Lodge is not listed as participating in the 4th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada (July 13, 1859, Kingston), and the number it would eventually receive, "63", was assigned to Simcoe Lodge at Simcoe.

At the 17th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (July 10-12, 1872, Hamilton), the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, reported that he had issued twenty-one dispensations for new Lodges². He said: "It would be unnecessary to add anything . . . if numbers alone were a certain evidence of success; but since other elements are essential to real prosperity, I am happy to be able to state that after strict enquiry, I have found the applicants for dispensations to be zealous and earnest Masons, and that the fields of their operations promise to be productive of excellent material. I have, therefore, every reason to believe that, by the establishment of these several Lodges, the Craft will receive additional strength (1872 *Proceedings*, p. 39-40). The DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. Edward C. Barber, reported that the District had been increased by four Lodges during the year—two by affiliation (St. John's No. 524 ER at Carleton Place and Dalhousie No. 571 ER at Ottawa) and two under dispensation (Chaudiere at Ottawa and Pontiac at Onslow, PQ). He noted that warm and friendly relations had existed for many years between the two English Lodges and the Lodges in the District (p 86). The Board of General Purposes reported that after examining the books of all Lodges they recommended Warrants be issued to only sixteen of the twenty-one³ plus three additional Lodges⁴ for which applications had been received at Grand Lodge (p 106). A supplementary report of the Board was submitted later at the Annual Communication (p 119) with the recommendation that Warrants be issued for a further twelve Lodges⁵. This would bring the total of new Lodges to thirty-six. The number 63, which had originally been allocated to Simcoe Lodge at Simcoe (1857 to 1863), was reused for

² The twenty-one Lodges included: Oak Branch at Innerkip (No 261 GRC) dated September 13, 1871; Harriston at Harriston (No. 262 GRC) dated September 23, 1871; Forest at Forest (No. 263 GRC), dated October 18, 1871; Chaudiere at Ottawa (No. 264 GRC) dated November 25, 1871; Patterson at Concord (No. 265 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Northern Light at Stayner (No. 266 GRC) dated December 13, 1871; Parthenon at Chatham (No. 267 GRC) dated January 19, 1872; Verulam at Bobcaygeon (No. 268 GRC) dated February 10, 18972; Brougham Union at Brougham (No. 269 GRC) dated February 14, 1872; Cedar at Oshawa (No. 270) dated March 6, 1872; Wellington at Erin (No. 271 GRC) dated March 13, 1872; Seymour at Ancaster (No. 272 GRC) dated April 2, 1872; Olive Branch at West Shefford, PQ (No. 273 GRC, later No. 50 GRQ, closed 1891) dated April 16, 1872; Kent at Blenheim (No. 274 GRC) dated April 25, 1872; Pontiac at Onslow, PQ (No. 275 GRC, now No. 40 GRQ, Shawville, PQ) dated May 4, 1872; Teeswater at Teeswater (No. 276 GRC) dated May 7, 1872; Seymour at Port Dalhousie (No. 277 GRC, now at St. Catharines) dated May 9, 1872; Mystic at Roslin (No. 278 GRC, closed 1898) dated May 14, 1872; New Hope at Hespeler (No. 279 GRC, now at Cambridge) dated May 15, 1872; Mount Sinai at Napanee (No. 280 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 5, 1872; and Thorne at Holland Landing (No. 281 GRC, closed 1888) dated June 25, 1872.

³ Oak Branch; Forest; Chaudiere; Patterson; Northern Light; Seymour; Verulam; Brougham Union; Cedar; Kent; Teeswater; Mystic and Mount Sinai.

⁴ Eureka at Belleville (No. 283 GRC); St. John's at Ainleyville (No. 284 GRC, now at Brussels) and Seymour (Seven Star Lodge) at Alliston (No. 285 GRC).

⁵ Parthenon at Chatham; Wellington at Erin; Olive Branch at West Shefford; Pontiac at Onslow; Harriston at Harriston; Seymour at Port Dalhousie; New Hope at Hespeler; Thorne at Holland Landing; Lorne at Glencoe (No. 282 GRC); Ancient Landmark at Winnipeg (No. 288 GRC, now No. 3 GRM); Morrisburg at Morrisburg (no Warrant appears to have been granted) and L'Original at L'Original (no Warrant appears to have been granted).

a new Warrant for St. John's Lodge⁶.

The entry in John Lane's *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, page 289, reads: "St. John's Lodge. Carleton Place (Lanark), *Canada West, Ontario* 1847. (G. L. Warrant) 31 Aug. 1847. No. 796. 1863 No. 544. *Erased 12 June 1872*. Now No. 63 on Reg. of G. L. of Canada in Ontario."

On June 13, 1872, the Lodge received the visit of the DDGM of Ottawa District, R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber (of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231 GRC, Ottawa), opening and closing the Lodge in all three degrees and working the third degree, probably to demonstrate that there were no variations exercised by the Lodge as it had taken some years for Grand Lodge to secure conformity in working across the jurisdiction.

First meetings of the Lodge were held in various locations: Bro. Manny Nowlan's Tavern (1842), Carleton House on bridge Street (1842-58), Hurd's Hall (1858-65), the Masonic Hall on bridge Street (1865-70) and Dr. Cornell's Hall (1870-87). The Lodge participated in the erection of the Masonic Hall on Albert Street, Carleton Place, whose cornerstone was laid on September 28, 1887, and called it "home" until 1910 when it was burned down in a disastrous fire. A new Masonic Hall at 55 Bridge Street was constructed and occupied in 1911.

St. John's Lodge has always enjoyed close relations and visits with neighbouring Lodges. Visits to St. Francis No. 24 to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist began in 1843 (very soon after the formation of St. John's) and were often celebrated by a sleigh and cutter "run" to Smiths Falls and back. In 1869, St. John's was the sponsor for Evergreen Lodge, No. 209 GRC, Lanark.

St. John's Lodge has always realized that it had a role to play in the local community and the first Lodge Divine Service was held in the Baptist Church on St. John the Baptist day in 1844. Local benevolence, presence at Masonic funerals (now Memorial Service) and cornerstone laying ceremonies (such as St. Paul's Anglican Church, in Almonte, in 1863; Free Church in Almonte in 1865; and St. James Anglican Church, Carleton Place, in 1881) have always been well attended. Benevolence was never confined to the town of Carleton Place and the minutes of the Lodge often reflect the Lodge's contributions to distressed brethren and their families as far away as Oil Springs and Petrolia.

Lodge members performed their patriotic duty in the South African (Boer) War when William Hooper (later Major) joined the 43rd Regiment as a Bugler. Fourteen members of the Lodge joined Canada's armed forces during World War I, including Captain William Hooper of the 42nd Regiment and Lt.-Col. Arthur Stirling Gorrell. Bro. Arthur Roy Brown was initiated on October 29, 1915 and then sent to the front as a pilot in the fledgling Royal Flying Corps. He returned to Canada for leave and received his second and third degrees on December 17, 1917, and returned to the Front shortly thereafter. On April 21, 1918, Bro. Captain Brown shot down the famous German ace Baron Manfred von Richthofen. Another member of the Lodge, Bro. Lloyd Samuel Breadner also joined the RNAS/RFC in 1915 and after a long service career became Chief of the (Canadian) Air Staff (1939-43) and Commander of the RCAF (1943-44). After the WWII he helped organize the RCAF Association. Of the fourteen brethren who served the colours during World War I, Bro. Stearns Tighe Edwards⁷ paid the supreme sacrifice. A total of 286 names are recorded on the town's Honor Roll for World War I and it is believed that this is the largest proportion of citizenry for a town the size of Carleton Place. The laying of a Wreath at the Carleton Place Cenotaph was started in 1939 and has been continued to the present: A Lodge's way to remember those who offered their services for King and country in times of war and of peace. Although there are no statistics in the *History*, there are clear indications that St. John's Lodge not only supported efforts on the home front during World War II, but that many members of the Lodge joined the various services. The Lodge supplied support for food parcels to Britain both during World War II and for the years afterwards as the mother-country struggled with the immediate post-war years.

In the inter-war years the Lodge membership changed drastically—from growth in the immediate post-war years it later suffered from the effects of global depression. The period 1919-1932 saw tremendous growth with a highlight of 9 applications received and read out at one meeting (March 14, 1919). The 1932-36 period

⁶ It was this delay in affiliating with the new Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada that resulted in St. John's receiving Warrant No. 63 GRC while Dalhousie Lodge, which was a younger Lodge, had a lower number as No. 52.

⁷ Identified in the *Canadian Great War Data Base* as Captain, Stearne Tighe Edwards, no RN, 209th Sqd RAF, noting that he was injured in a crash on November 12, 1918 and died ten days later. Location of crash and death are not specified.

saw a drastic reduction in membership, the December 9, 1936 meeting reading out an application for membership for the first time in three and one-half years.

The Lodge celebrated its Centennial on January 20, 1943, its 150th Anniversary on April 10, 1993 and its 160th anniversary on April 13, 2005.

When St. John's Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1872, it was entered as a Lodge in the Ottawa District which had been created in 1868. In the reorganization of 1970 which saw the overly large Ottawa District split into Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2 Districts, St. John's was placed in Ottawa 1 District. During the 1872-1970 period, St. John's Lodge provided five District Deputy Grand Masters for the Ottawa District: R. W. Bros. Dr. J. W. Pickup, MD⁸ (1874-75 and 1878-79), Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD (1904-05⁹), Duncan Haggert McIntosh, MD (1909-10), Dr. Milo H. Steele (Ottawa 16, 1913-14), Major William Henry Vickers Hooper (1929-30) and Arnold J. Illingworth (1953-54). The Lodge has provided two District Deputy Grand Masters for Ottawa 1 District: R. W. Bros. Raymond E. Shane (1975-76), Paul Edward Todd (1999-2000) and Ivor Bayley (2009-10). Other members of the Lodge have served Grand Lodge in a variety of offices, including:

- Deputy Grand Master - R.W.Bro. Paul Edward Todd (2015-17),
- Assistant Grand Secretary - V. W. Bro. Alexander H. Edwards (1922-23) and
- Grand Steward - V. W. Bros. J. C. Switzer (1910-11), Henry Edward Menzies (1930-31), Nathaniel Crawford McAllister (1942-43), Thomas John Steele (1954-55), Fred A. McTavish (1963-64), Cecil R. Ruttle (1972-73), Clarence E. Cassibo (date unknown), G. A. Docker (1976-77), Harry L. Morris (date unknown), Roy T. Coker (2000-01), Harry Baker (2004-05), Harry Purdy (date unknown) and Dieter Jeschor (date unknown), and Robin M. Rogers (2010-11).

St. John's Lodge meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Masonic Hall, 55 Bridge Street, Carleton Place.

[Sources: (1) *The History of St. John's Lodge #63, A.F.&A.M., Carleton Place, Ontario, January 20, 1843-1993*, by V. W. Bro. Sandy Docker, B.A., M.Ed., Lodge Historian (a very useful and well written document). (2) *Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada and the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario*. (3) *Masonic Records 1717-1894*, by John Lane, 2nd Edition, London, 1895. (4) *History of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada 1857-1932*, published under authority of the Grand Chapter, 75th Anniversary issue, 1932. (5) *True Canadian Heroes in the Air*, by Arthur Bishop, published by Key Porter Books, Toronto, 1992 and 2004, ISBN 1-55267-867-9. (6) *Place Names of Ontario*, by Alan Rayburn, University of Toronto Press, 1997, ISBN 0-8020-7207-0.]

Worshipful Masters of St. John's Lodge, No. 63 GRC, Carleton Place

(* = charter members)

1843	Brice McNeely, Sr*	1844	Brice McNeely, Sr*
1845	Brice McNeely, Sr*	1846	Brice McNeely, Sr*
1847	Brice McNeely, Sr*	1848	Brice McNeely, Sr*
1849	Brice McNeely, Sr*	1850	William Houston
1851	William Houston	1852	William Houston
1853	William Houston	1854	William Houston
1855	William Houston	1856	William Houston
1857	William Houston	1858	William Houston

⁸ The *St. John's History* notes (p 51) that Dr. J. W. Pickup was initiated, passed and raised in St. John's Lodge. He affiliated with several Lodges in the District. As the District chose their DDGM on a rotational basis, when it came time for one Lodge to put forward a candidate it could have been an affiliated member. In this way Dr. J. W. Pickup was twice nominated and elected as DDGM although he was not a Past master of St. John's No. 63. His son, W. Bro. E. G. P. Pickup was WM of St. John's No. 63 in 1897.

⁹ Dr. Gorrell would later become Grand Master (1912-13) of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. as well as Grand First Principal (1917-18 and 1918-19) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

1859	William Houston	1860	David McNabb
1861	Brice McNeely, Sr*	1862	James Condie Poole
1863	James Condie Poole	1864	James Dunlop
1865	James Dunlop	1866	David McNabb
1867	David McNabb	1868	David McNabb
1869	David McNabb	1870	David McNabb
1871	David McNabb	1872	John McArten
1873	M. Nelson S. Lee	1874	David McNabb
1875	David McNabb	1876	William Weir
1877	David McNabb	1878	C. G. Stackhouse
1879	James McNabb	1882	George Douglas
1883	Dr. Richard Franklin Preston, MD	1884	Dr. Richard Franklin Preston, MD
1885	Dr. Richard Franklin Preston, MD	1886	William F. Latimer
1887	William F. Latimer	1888	William Sutherland
1889	William Shanks	1890	Frank Donald
1891	Frank Donald	1892	W. M. Dunham
1893	W. M. Dunham	1894	J. D. Taylor
1895	William Robert Williamson	1896	E. G. P. Pickup ¹⁰
1897	Robert J. Morgan	1898	Dr. Duncan Haggert McIntosh, MD
1899	Lt.-Col. Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD	1900	Thomas Fraser
1901	Thomas Barrie	1902	T. C. Hudson
1903	P. A. Garvin	1904	J. C. Switzer
1905	William John Muirhead	1906	George Hamilton Findlay
1907	J. R. Hamilton	1908	William Henry Vickers Hooper
1909	J. R. Moore	1910	Nathaniel Crawford McAllister
1911	Alexander H. Edwards	1912	J. A. McLaren
1913	J. W. Patterson	1914	Robert Caldwell Patterson
1915	H. W. Dummert	1916	Frank. C. McDiarmid
1917	W. J. Porterfield	1918	John Strachan Lewis McNeely
1919	A. Omar Fleming	1920	Dr. John A. McEwen, MD
1921	Dr. John A. McEwen, MD	1922	J. H. Bond
1923	William Preston Pattie	1924	Hiram A. McFadden
1925	Herbert E. Sinclair	1926	F. C. McDiarmid
1927	Henry Edward Menzies	1928	W. J. Hughes
1929	H. N. Steet	1930	C. G. Dowdall
1931	Leo J. McDiarmid	1932	W. Bro. William W. Pollock
1933	Thomas E. Nichols	1934	J. C. Spence
1935	J. W. Morphy	1936	W. Forbes Baird
1937	W. Forbes Baird	1938	Morton W. Rogers
1939	J. S. Stark	1940	J. Gordon Patterson
1941	Wilfred S. Bellamy	1942	James G. Simpson
1943	W. R. McIlquham	1944	E. Roy Fee
1945	J. D. McAdam	1946	Thomas John Steele
1947	Mervyn P. Morris	1948	Harold C. Skinner
1949	Arnold J. Illingworth	1950	Arnold J. Illingworth
1951	Floyd J. Vout	1952	Floyd J. Vout
1953	Robert Caldwell Wilson	1954	Austin A. Wright
1955	Fred A. McTavish	1956	W. W. Whyte
1957	G. M. Gladish	1958	Reginald Isaac Cross
1959	Howard McNeely Morris	1960	Donald H. Menzies

¹⁰ W. Bro. E. G. P. Pickup died in 1897, at the age of 29 years, during his term as WM and W. Bro. W. R. Williamson completed the year.

1961	W. E. S. Root	1962-3	W. J. Armstrong
1963-4	Finlay Kirney McEwen	1964-5	J. Arthur Hobbs
1965-6	Cecil R. Ruttle	1966-7	George M. Nobes
1967-8	Thomas Harold James	1968-9	Clarence E. Cassibo
1969-0	W. Howard Edwards	1970-1	G. A. Docker, GS
1971-2	Raymond E. Shane	1972-3	M. Ward Crampton
1973-4	Andrew J. Dickie	1974-5	Dieter Ralf Jeschor
1975-6	Clarence E. Cassibo	1976-7	Clarence E. Cassibo
1977-8	John O. Tennant	1978-9	J. E. Douglas Gibson
1979-0	Victor Gilmour	1980-1	G. A. Docker
1981-2	Harry L. Morris	1982-3	Garry Murphy
1983-4	Ian Doig	1984-5	Mervin Bonney
1985-6	Fraser Ellis	1986-7	Roy T. Coker
1987-8	Ian Bowen	1988-9	Brent Reid
1989-0	Albert Lackey	1990-1	Harry Baker, GS
1991-2	Robin Rogers	1992-3	J. Gary Nicholson
1993-4	Paul Edward Todd	1994-5	Arthur Nash
1995-6	S. Rothwell	1996-7	Paul Edward Todd
1997-8	James Birtch	1998-9	Ronald Hodgins
1999-0	James McIsaac	2000-1	Philip Pilon
2001-2	Eric Morgan	2002-3	Robertson Gracie
2003-4	Blaine Mercier	2004-5	Ivor Bayley
2005-6	Michel Hoult	2006-7	Phil Pilon
2007-8	Bernie Duffen	2008-9	Phil Pilon
2009-0	Harry Baker	2010-1	Shawn Todd
2011-2	Steve Kipp	2012-3	Gordon Echlin
2013-4	C. Snow	2014-5	Donovan Hastie
2015-6			

Lt.-Col. Dr. Arthur Stirling Gorrell, MD

Grand Master (1912-13) of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

and

Grand First Principal (1917-18 and 1918-19) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada
in the Province of Ontario



1869-1940

Arthur Stirling Gorrell was born at Farran's Point, Stormont County, Ontario, on November 18, 1869. He enrolled in medicine at McGill University and graduated in 1890 with the degree of M.D.C.M. In 1906 he pursued his studies in London, Vienna, Heidelberg and Paris and on return to Canada took up a medical practice in Regina. He removed to Regina in August 1908, where he joined the Canadian Militia and was commissioned as a Captain in the same year. During World War I he joined the Canadian Army and retired in 1918 as Assistant Director of Medical Services, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

In 1898 he married Ethyl Jean Cherry and they had three sons and one daughter.

M. W. Bro. Arthur Stirling Gorrell died at his home in Regina on Monday, June 3, 1940, at the age of 70.

Masonic Career

Before leaving Carleton Place, Ontario, for his medical training, he joined St. John's Lodge, No. 63 and served as WM (1899-1900). He was elected as DDGM of the Ottawa District for 1905-06. In Regina he affiliated with NWMP Lodge in 1908. He was an active member of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. and was elected as Grand Senior Warden (1910-11) and DDGM (1911-12). He was elected as Grand Master and served for the 1912-13 term.

He had been exalted in Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place before his medical studies took him to Montreal and Europe. He was elected as First Principal of Maple Chapter, No. 116, for 1903 and as Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District 13 for 1906-07. He was active in the Grand Chapter, even when living in Regina (the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan would not be formed until 1923) and filled various including Grand Third and Grand Second Principal. He was elected as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the 1917-18 and 1918-19 terms.

He was an active member 33° in the Scottish Rite.

[Source: (1) *History of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada 1857-1932*, published under authority of the Grand Chapter, 75th Anniversary issue, 1932. (2) *Freemasonry in Saskatchewan: The first One Hundred Years 1906-2006*, published by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M., printed by the University of Saskatchewan Printing Services, 2006, ISBN 0-9780494-0-3.]

Membership of St. John's Lodge, No. 63 GRC, Carleton Place
(Data from Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario)
(from 1872 to 1920, TOTAL as of end of May or June of the year noted and
from 1920, TOTAL as at December 31 of the year noted)

Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL
	Did not	exist	before	1843	but	affiliated	in 1872	with	G.L.C.
1872	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	15
1873	12	14	15	4	nil	2	1	nil	38
1874	4	4	4	1	nil	1	1	nil	40
1875	7	7	6	2	nil	3	1	nil	45
1876	3	3	3	2	nil	1	nil	nil	49
1877	4	4	4	nil	nil	7	1	5	40
1878	7	7	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	47
1879	2	3	7	1	nil	2	nil	8	44
1880	1	1	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	43
1881	3	3	3	nil	1	3	nil	nil	45
1882	3	3	3	nil	2	1	2	4	45
1883	4	4	4	2	1	7	1	7	36
1884	5	3	1	5	1	1	nil	7	37
1885	2	2	3	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	35
1886	9	9	11	3	2	6	1	nil	43

1887	7	6	3	5	nil	2	1	nil	53
1888	7	8	10	nil	2	1	2	nil	63
1889	5	5	5	1	nil	nil	1	nil	65
1890	6	4	5	1	2	nil	nil	nil	70
1891	13	14	9	3	nil	2	1	1	82
1892	4	5	9	1	nil	3	nil	6	78
1893	13	13	12	3	1	nil	2	2	91
1894	5	5	4	2	nil	4	2	nil	92
1895	6	5	6	1	nil	4	1	nil	94
1896	10	11	7	nil	nil	3	3	nil	98
1897	6	5	9	1	nil	3	nil	3	99
1898	2	2	3	1	nil	1	1	3	95
1899	9	8	4	1	nil	1	4	nil	100
1900	10	9	11	1	nil	1	nil	2	109
1901	22	21	17	nil	nil	4	nil	nil	127
1902	10	11	16	1	nil	1	1	nil	136
1903	7	8	7	2	nil	2	2	nil	142
1904	9	8	8	2	nil	5	nil	2	150
1905	16	13	13	1	2	4	2	nil	161
1906	8	10	10	nil	nil	5	3	nil	162
1907	6	6	5	1	nil	2	1	6	159
1908	7	8	6	nil	nil	6	2	nil	158
1909	4	4	3	2	nil	1	3	nil	157
1910	4	4	5	nil	1	4	nil	nil	159
1911	6	4	3	2	nil	2	1	nil	164
1912	14	14	13	2	nil	2	3	nil	175
1913	13	10	10	1	nil	1	3	nil	182
1914	13	17	18	2	nil	4	nil	nil	193
1915	7	7	5	3	nil	nil	2	nil	200
1916	7	2	4	2	1	2	2	2	202
1917	10	5	5	1	nil	3	1	2	207
1918	2	9	9	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	209
1919	26	24	11	nil	nil	nil	7	2	226
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	Data now	as of	Dec. 31	of year	shown				
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1921	7	4	5	nil	nil	5	3	2	236
1922	8	8	9	1	1	5	3	nil	238
1923	6	6	7	nil	1	4	3	2	236
1924	8	7	7	3	nil	1	3	4	239
1925	4	6	6	2	nil	1	nil	2	242
1926	1	3	3	2	nil	2	2	nil	241
1927	3	3	3	1	nil	1	nil	4	240
1928	5	4	1	1	nil	nil	5	2	239
1929	4	2	3	2	nil	1	6	nil	238
1930	9	10	11	3	nil	nil	6	5	239
1931	13	11	11	1	nil	3	5	1	244
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1933	3	1	nil	nil	1	nil	6	nil	233
1934	nil	2	2	nil	nil	nil	4	8	221
1935	nil	1	2	nil	1	3	5	nil	214
1936	3	2	2	nil	nil	1	2	11	203
1937	1	2	1	nil	nil	2	5	nil	198
1938	1	1	2	nil	1	1	5	nil	194
1939	3	2	2	nil	2	1	3	12	183
1940	1	2	2	nil	nil	2	11	nil	171
1941	5	4	3	1	nil	nil	3	nil	174
1942	2	3	4	nil	1	nil	5	6	166
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1949	8	9	8	3	nil	nil	4	nil	213
1950	5	5	7	nil	nil	1	3	1	213
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1952	13	10	10	2	nil	1	10	nil	232

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1956	10	10	10	nil	nil	3	3	1	239
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1985	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	8	198
1986	4	5	4	1	nil	nil	2	1	200

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1990	1	2	1	2	nil	2	8	3	182
1991	4	1	1	1	2	1	8	1	179
1992	1	4	3	1	nil	nil	6	3	171
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1999	9	6	2	2	1	nil	6	3	157
2000	2	1	4	3	1	1	6	1	155
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2002	2	nil	nil	2	nil	2	14	1	131
2003	2	1	nil	nil	nil	2	6	1	124
2004	2	nil	nil	1	nil	5	1	2	119
2005	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	8	2	nil	110
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2008	2	2	2	nil	1	3	4	1	98
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2010	4	4	2	2	nil	1	3	nil	97
2011	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	3	nil	94
2012	6	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	1	1	96
2013	3	4	2	1	nil	nil	1	nil	99
2014									
Year	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Resigned	Deaths	Susp.	TOTAL