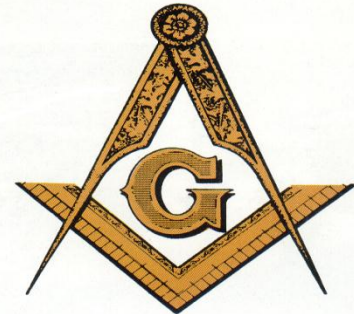
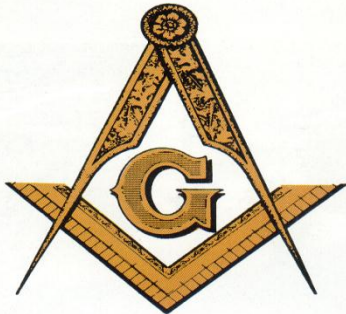




Freemasons Cancer Car Program

*Serving Cancer Patients
In British Columbia*





What is a Freemason?

- ❖ **A freemason is** a man who uses the tools of moral and ethical principles to serve mankind. He is a man who has bound himself to like-minded men in a brotherhood that transcends the differences of religion, ethnicity, society and culture,
- ❖ He shares the aspirations of men of good-will who seek to make themselves better than they are—not better than others. He is dedicated to the principles and responsibilities of justice, truth, charity, honesty and integrity. He believes that there is such a thing as honour and that he has a responsibility to act with honour. He believes that every person should strive to be a good citizen and has a moral duty to obey the laws of his country, and to contribute to its general welfare. He fosters knowledge and promotes happiness.



What is Freemasonry?

- ❖ **Freemasonry** is the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. This exclusive society derives much of its symbolism and structure from a history stretching back to the stonemason guilds of medieval Europe.
- ❖ Freemasonry has been a part of British Columbia's history since 1859 when the first lodge was opened at Victoria in what was then the colony of Vancouver's Island. Since that time many prominent builders of this province have been active, committed freemasons.



WHY A CANCER CAR PROGRAM?

- ❖ The beginning of the program was the foresight of a good number of Freemason's whom saw a need. This need extended not only to those that required assistance in getting to Cancer Treatments, but the service would serve to touch all members of the Cancer clients family, their friends and neighbours, whereby the burdens of economic and availability of free time to transport them are lessened by knowing their loved ones are getting to their treatments in a safe and timely manner.



WHY A CANCER CAR PROGRAM?

Of the various treatments for cancer, radiation therapy facilities, because of their expense, have been installed only in a limited number of communities in British Columbia. Consequently many patients needing this type of treatment have to travel a considerable distance. While undergoing their treatments, which can last several weeks, most patients stay at the Canadian Cancer Society lodge where accommodation is provided at a nominal cost.



The Beginning

Having approached the Canadian Cancer Society with the idea of picking up patients at home and returning them after treatment, on April 6, 1989 the Freemasons of British Columbia and Yukon launched the Cancer Car Program in the Lower Mainland.



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Northern BC

- ❖ Service in Prince George commenced January 14, 2013.
- ❖ Service is limited to Prince George city limits only as the Northern Bus services the entire Northern Health Region.
- ❖ We provide FREE transportation taking cancer patients to the Northern Cancer Clinic, UHNBC, Oncologist appointments



Provincial Statistics

- ❖ In the 25 years this project has been in service we have traveled **13,505,529** Kilometers or the equivalent of 337.6 trips around the world.
- ❖ We have transported **665,535** patients or the equivalent of filling BC Place stadium 12.5 times

Local Statistics

- ❖ In 2013 we traveled 9,267 Kilometers and transported 1995 patients.
- ❖ To March 31, 2014 we have transported 976 patients



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The Freemasons' Volunteer Driver Program differs considerably from the majority of the Volunteer Driver Programs throughout B.C. in that **ALL DIRECT EXPENSES ARE PAID BY THE MASONIC COMMUNITY CHARITIES FUND AND ALL VOLUNTEERS DONATE THEIR TIME.**



Freemason Cancer Car

- ❖ Donations can be made to the THE MASONIC COMMUNITY CHARITIES FUND to support the on going operation of this program.
- ❖ This program runs with near zero admin costs