

Roderick Bernard Dargavel

Grand Master (1929-30 and 1930-31) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario



M.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel

(1875-1952)

Roderick Bernard Dargavel was born in Elgin, about 1875. He received his early education at Newboro, Athens and Brockville. He graduated from Queen's University. In Toronto he was a member of the Granite Club and an honorary member of the Commercial Travellers Association.

He married Perthens Gallagher and they had one son, John R. Dargavel and four grandchildren. The family were members of High park United Church.

M. W. Bro. Roderick Bernard Dargavel died on September 21, 1952 and was buried with Masonic honours on September 24.

Masonic Career

Mr. Roderick Bernard Dargavel was initiated into St. George Lodge, No. 267 GRC, Toronto in April 1918 and served as WM (1918 and 1919). He was elected as DDGM of Toronto District 11A (1921-22). He served on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge and was elected as Deputy Grand Master (1927-28 and 1928-29) and as Grand Master (1929-30 and 1930-31) of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

In *Capitular Masonry*, he was exalted into Occident Chapter, No. 77 GRC, Toronto.

He was a 32° Scottish Rite mason but no details are known..

[Sources: (1) St. George Lodge website, www.stgeorgelodge367.ca (2) Toronto Globe and Mail, Monday, September 22, 1952. (3) *A History of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario 1855-1955*, by Walter S. Herrington and Roy S. Foley, Published by the authority of Grand Lodge, McCallum Press Ltd., Toronto, 1955 (page 240).]