

**Brock**  
University



# Donor Impact Report

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada  
in the Province of Ontario

April 2024

# Message from the President

“The value of our partnerships is seen in the growth of our institution and is vital for our continued strength in research and innovation.”

**Lesley Rigg,**  
President and Vice-Chancellor



At Brock, we strive to offer an inclusive campus full of enriching experiential learning opportunities and the ability to perform research that supports our local community and far beyond. The Grand Lodge has played a vital role in moving Brock University’s initiatives forward and helping to ensure an exceptional student experience.

We are grateful for this and are pleased to share this report with you that highlights some of the key components of our partnership and demonstrates the impact of your support.

A sincere thank you to all of you in the Freemason community who continue to make a difference at Brock University.



**19,044**

Students



**7**

Faculties



**594**

Faculty Members



**119,000+**

Alumni





# Our Story

The Grand Lodge has been known for generously investing in their people and communities to create economic, social and environmental value. The Grand Lodge demonstrates consistent and outstanding dedication to solving community problems, driving positive social impact and making communities better places for all.

Our long-standing partnership of more than 15+ years continues to honour academic excellence and professional achievements as both organizations recognize today's community-minded students as tomorrow's leaders.

Whether it be supporting research, sponsoring speaker series events or helping students achieve their educational and professional pursuits through scholarships and awards, Grand Lodge has been a strong supporter of student success at Brock University.

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I was honoured and encouraged when I first learned that I had been selected as the recipient of the Grand Lodge Scholarship. The comfort of knowing that I have the backing of the Masons furthers my confidence that choosing to continue my education at Brock as a master's student was the correct decision.

**Malcolm C.**

# Cumulative Giving



**Total amount: \$108,000**

We thank the Grand Lodge for your continued support of various Brock University programs and events.

\*This total reflects the paid portion of all pledges

# Grand Lodge Student Award

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario Scholarship is made annually to entering full-time graduate student(s) in the Faculty of Humanities.

## Market Value as of April 30, 2022

\$125,392.15

## Book Value as of April 30, 2022

\$134,958.37

## Spending Allocation 2023-2024

\$5,015.00



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The Grand Lodge Award has allowed me to have some financial cushion for this academic year, which will be a significant support for me. As a cancer survivor, I suffer from some long-term health issues that impact my energy levels. This financial award has allowed me to quit one of my part-time jobs, and as a result, I not only have more time to focus on my research and classwork, but also have been able to prioritize my health. This is an integral part of my success so far in my academic pursuits.

Paige G.

# Charles A. Sankey Lecture Series

The annual lecture series honours R.W. Bro. Charles A. Sankey (1905 – 2009) and reflects the partnership between the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University. In August 2009, M. W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario announced the establishment of a center aimed at promoting research into the profound impact of fraternalism, especially Freemasonry, on Canadian and global societies. This initiative gave rise to the annual Sankey lectures.

The collaboration between the Grand Lodge and Brock University in St. Catharines has been highly fruitful and mutually beneficial. It began with Heritage Lodge No. 730's support for the Masonic collection in the James A. Gibson Library and continued with the online posting of Grand Lodge Proceedings from 1855 to 2010.

Dr. Sankey, who served as Chancellor of Brock University from 1969 to 1974, was a distinguished Masonic scholar actively involved in various Masonic bodies, including the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, and Royal Arch Masons.

The annual lecture series is now in its 15th year, thanks to the partnership between the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and Brock University.

More than 35,000+ people have participated in person or online since the series' inception. Lecturers from across North America and Europe have presented in the series.

Most past lectures are available online. To view them, visit [sankeylectures.ca](http://sankeylectures.ca).



Shown is a snapshot of all the lectures conducted through the series inception in 2010.

# Statistics on the Series

Brock University works to promote the partnership in numerous ways including working with the Grand Lodge through their channels and network as well as internally sharing the series through a variety of social media and news channels. With worldwide participation during the lecture series, we share with the Grand Lodge the impressive number of views and impressions of the engagement the series receives year after year.

## Twitter

- Views of Mike Driedger's Twitter announcements = 1476
- Views of Brock's History Department Twitter = 658

## Facebook

### Sankey Lecture Series in Masonic Studies

- 660 likes
- 692 followers

## YouTube

### Views of past lectures as of the morning of March 25, 2024

- 2021, Margaret Jacob, "En Route to the History of Freemasonry," 476 views
- 2020, Cécile Révauger, "Enlightenment, Gender and Race," 534 views
- 2019, Chernoh Sesay Jr., "Democracy, Freedom & the Beginnings of Black Freemasonry," 2.3k views
- 2018, William Moore, "Catechism, Spectacle, Burlesque," 963 views
- 2017, Aimee Newell, "The Badge of a Freemason," 3.6k views
- 2016, Andrew Prescott, "Searching for the Apple Tree," 3.8k views
- 2015, Susan Sommers, "The Masonic Empire of Thomas Dunckerely," 2.2k views
- 2014, Renée Lafferty, "Brothers in Arms," 2.8k views
- 2013, Joy Porter, "Native American Freemasonry," 5.6k views
- 2012, Steven Bullock, "The Heart of Masonry," 2.5k views
- 2011, Jessica Harland-Jacobs, "Global Fraternalism," 4k views
- 2010, Andreas Önnersfors, "Perceptions of Freemasonry," 2.2k views



Tweet from Brock History Department during the Lecture Series, 2023

**Did you know that Brock University has library and archival resources in Masonic Studies?**

Visit Brock's Digital Repository online or arrange a visit to view the collection in person.

Email [archives@brocku.ca](mailto:archives@brocku.ca) to learn more.



## Reflecting on our Partnership

The support from the Grand Lodge over the past 15 years has made a tremendous impact on Brock students and the broader university community. We look forward to the future of our partnership with continued success in both our students and through the annual lecture series.

As Brock University looks to celebrate its 60th year, it is only with your support that we continue to drive positive social impact, raise awareness and make our communities better places for all through our combined efforts.