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AFC 102

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1956-1958

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Administrative History

The Orange Order is a Protestant Christian fraternal organization, formed in Ireland in 1795 in honour of William of Orange's 1690 victory at the Battle of the Boyne. The Grand Lodge of British North America was founded in Brockville, Ontario in 1830, although there is evidence that Orangemen were active in Canada during the War of 1812.

According to the constitution of Canada's Loyal Orange Association, an applicant must be an observant Protestant Christian and be loyal to Queen and country. Members are called to be kind to others and to assist in benevolent activities within the community.

In Canada, lodges are organized within individual communities, with local district lodges, county lodges, and regional lodges forming a link to the Grand Lodge of British North America. Members of the Loyal Orange Association often strive to rise in the Biblically-based Degree system, from Orange Degree (initiation) to Blue Degree, Royal Arch Purple Degree, and Scarlet Degree. Degrees are conferred after application and advanced study. Members of the Orange Order celebrate the Battle of the Boyne every July 12, often marching in parades and playing in bands.

Dorchester Loyal Orange Lodge #3250 was founded in 1956. Dorchester Loyal Orange Lodge #152 was instrumental in the establishment of Lodge #3250, holding the first meeting jointly with the new lodge. Meetings were held in the Community Hall in Dorchester, Ontario. Dorchester Loyal Orange Lodge #3250 ceased operations sometime between 1958 and 1960.

The inaugural officers were:

Bro. Ray Ross – Worshipful Master
Bro. Eugene Williams – Deputy Master
Bro. King Clendinning – Chaplain
Bro. Verne Page – Secretary
Bro. Colin Hodgins - Treasurer

Scope and Content

This fonds contains a minute book of Dorchester Loyal Orange Lodge #3250.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minutes of meetings

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by the London Orange Hall Board on July 10, 2001.

Note

Material was originally stored in box B5617.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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Series 1 Minutes of meetings

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Scope and Content

This series contains a minute book detailing the activities during regular and special meetings of Dorchester Loyal Orange Lodge #3250. An account of the opening of Dorchester Lodge is included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute book [vol.]	1956-1958	AFC 102-1