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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1872-1888

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.

London Loyal Orange Lodge #188 was originally founded in 1835. A new warrant was issued on July 12, 1844; due to the theft of the early minutes in 1872, almost nothing about the early activities of this lodge is known. After this theft, another warrant was applied for, and received on September 19, 1872. Meetings were held in the Orange Hall on Adelaide Street in London, Ontario; after the robbery, meetings were held for a time at the Orange Hall in the Victoria Buildings on Richmond Street, north of King Street.

The earliest known officers (1872) were:

Bro. Thomas Peel – Worshipful Master

Bro. Joseph M. Wilson – Secretary

London Loyal Orange Lodge #188 merged with another lodge or ceased operations prior to 1960.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains the minutes of regular and special meetings of London Loyal Orange Lodge #188.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minutes of meetings

Finding Aids

Item list is available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased at an auction of the effects of the Orange Lodge building at 388 Clarence Street in June, 1975.

Note

Material was originally stored in box B4264.

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 London Loyal Orange Lodge #188. Accounts of the Orange Hall robbery of May 13, 1872, as well as copies of correspondence with the Grand Lodge of British North America regarding the re-issuing of the lodge warrant, are included.

Item List

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