

Amalgamate

1895. Joe Williamson W. M. :
Holiday Recording Sec-
etary. The Hall was insured
for \$300, contents \$200. It
was decided to have a tea
meeting to make a little
money to pay off debt of the
hall, so \$1.00 worth of salmon,
\$1.00 worth of bread and \$1.00
worth of pork, suitable for
sandwiches was purchased.

Somehow Mrs. Rozell must
have helped as the men want-
ed to buy her a dress not to
exceed \$4. Elijah Smith was
loaned the stove from the hall
for winter months. Mr. Grier
offered to put in 1 1/2 cords
wood for \$1.00. In May,
1896, it was decided to build
a shed but it was not erected
till 1913 with volunteer labor.

August 29, 1895, John R.
Anderson was the first Orange
Man to receive the Royal
Arch degree in the new hall.
In 1898, July 12 was held at
Durham, all who could to
ride horseback, remainder to
go in a procession in rigs.

Prizes were given \$10.00 as
best prize for being the nicest
people. In December of that
year George McFatlin was in-
structed to get some spittoons
from Mr. Bradwin. In Oct-
ober the men met and erected
a fence around the hall and
grounds. George Ryan offer-
ed to give the posts at 10¢
each, they were to be 8 feet
long and any posts not used he
was to take back.

In 1899 William Ovens was
paid for the land and the deed
was received.

In 1900 several young Brit-
ons joined the lodge and were
given two years free dues. In
September 1900, Albert Ovens
joined the lodge.

Mrs. K. G. McFarlin was
given a pair of slippers for fix-
ing the flag and William Ste-
venson looked after buying and
making a flag for the Lodge.

One night in 1888 the mem-
bers went to lodge on the
wrong night all the brethren
present decided it was better
to come back on the right
night so no business was done.

On November 5 a bun feed was
held. Lunch for another social
was 50¢ worth of bread, 1
pound tea, 2 pounds sugar and
8 pounds cheese. About that
time John Smythe was fined
.50¢ for improper language
and for talking to outsiders.
Anyone not in the procession
for the 12th of July to be fined
.25¢.

Away back in 1897 the
members decided George Mc-
Farlin would make a good cup
of tea. Instructions were first
to make a good fire and heat up
a tea kettle but be sure you
have a tea pot or some vessel
that will hold water, then
place in tea to the amount of
your conscience add hot water
and let her go.

In 1900 Grand Lodge dues
.10¢ a member.

On January 22, 1901 The
Noblest Monarch the world
ever knew, Queen Victoria,
died. At that time His Maj-
esty the King sent thanks to
all the Orangemen in Canada.
Also in 1901 a caretaker was
paid .10¢ a night to put on
the fire and have the hall
warm.

Throughout the years do-
nations were given to Orphan-
ages and Hospitals for True
Blue and Sick Children's work.

In 1903 a porch was erected
in the front of the hall.

In 1905 a man was expelled
from the lodge for five years
for bad language in the lodge
room. In those days men
were dealt with and received
their sentence in the lodge
room.

In 1909 the treasurer was
paid \$1.50 a year.

In 1913 members were
banned from smoking during
their meetings, a knife was to
be purchased for slicing bread
and bolgona; fire insurance
\$1.60 a year.

In 1915 mention was made
of sympathy to the family of
the late Captain Campbell.

Many fowl suppers were
held on November 5 for mem-
bers and their families.

The Letter Breen congre-
gation held many suppers,
concerts and socials in the
hall. The charge was \$3.00
but was always given back as
a donation.

In 1923 when a box social
was held Val Eurig was paid
.10¢ a horse for stabling and
price of admision was .25¢,
ladies with boxes free.

In 1929 a new roof was put
on the hall. In 1935 a cro-
kinole party was held, charge
.15¢ a person. This little
poem was found in the book:
They met upon a lodge night
fair

Our worthy master was not
there

He had went that day some
friends to see

And in his pocket took the
key

At this neglect on our master's
part

Each member wondered in his
heart

Nor could they think where he
could be

Unless that he was on a spree
And for a man in his high
station

It would be a crack for our
fine nation.

At one time it was noted
after having a play, the play-
ers to receive half the pro-
ceeds and when tickets and
advertising were paid for left
a balance of .50¢.

In 1945 the Lodge shed was
sold for \$50 and the money
was used to repair the hall.

In 1955 LOL, 607, cele-
brated its centennial when a
social evening was held.

In 1957 it was decided to
move the hall further north
when No. 6 Highway was
being rebuilt. A lot was pur-
chased from John Eurig. The
Bye Construction put in the
basement, the building was
moved and the ceiling lowered,
the walls painted and new
drapes purchased. The mem-
bers, along with their wives,
turned out in the evenings
and painted the chairs and
benches. Hydro was installed
and many a good euchre was
held in the hall. An arm chair
was donated in memory of
Messrs John and George Ryan.

Caretakers over the last
number of years were George
Plume and Leonard Paterson,
who gave many many hours of
their time for the good of the
order.

In 1964 Holstein Lodge,
No. 2296, was invited to join
607, if their lodge were to
close.

Time marches on and for
lack of attendance it was de-
cided to join with Mount For-
est, No. 633.

In March, 1970, the two
lodges joined. On June 5 an
auction sale was held at 607
when the contents as well as
the hall were sold. Mr. John
Gerber being the highest bidder
on the hall, the auctioneer,
Tom Motrell.

On looking through the
books, it was always noted
that the secretary signed the
minutes Harmony Among The
Brethren. May it always con-
tinue that way throughout the
ensuing years.