

HISTORY OF SARAWAK ORANGE LODGE NO. 1302

(Written in 1952)

Sarawak Loyal Orange Lodge

October 2, 1869.

This first meeting was held in Brown's school house. The Master was John Morton. Other members were: W. H. Whitesides, Roland Kirk, Wm. Lee, C. E. Bedell, Joshua Larter, Thos. Gawley, Robert Kirk, Thos. Lynes, and Samuel Larter.

The Orange Hall was built in 1884, on land given by John Morton. The original building was 22' x 32' with an 11 ft. ceiling. Roland Kirk was bricklayer.

In May of 1930, a contract was let to lengthen the hall to its present size - some 22 ft. to the westward.

Bro. Joshua Larter was an Orangeman for sixty-four years, sixty-two of them in Sarawak 1302.

Honourary members living in 1952 were: Edward Lee, Alfred Quirk, James Wilson, and Edward McGregor. Some of the Honourary members who had passed away were: George Gawley, Sam Kirk, James Lee and a host of others. A sheep was served at a dinner given to raise funds for building the first Hall.

Thomas Lynes was killed in war on April 23, 1915, and Robert Linn in June 1917 - both in Europe.

Outstanding work of Orangemen is to help fellow Orangemen who are in need. They help support 150 children in an Orange Home at Richmond Hill.

The Hall is on Lot 21 Con2. The present Master in 1952 was Frank Lee. Thos. E. Kirk P. M. and Percy Larter P. M. kindly provided this information.