

## **Royal Albert Lodge, Loyal Orange Association Fonds, 1903 - 1965. 20.7 cm textual records**

### *Administrative history*

The Loyal Orange Association (L.O.A.) was established in 1873. The first meeting of the L.O.A. was held in a store owned by James Morris & Sons. on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1873. The first officers appointed were as follows: Frank Knight, Worshipful Master; George Christian, Deputy Master; Robert Morris, Secretary; William Crocker, Treasurer; Benjamin Miller, Chaplain; and William DeGrish, Joseph Morris, William Frampton, John Fowlow and Henry Watts as committee members.

The L.O.A. hall was built and opened February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1875 conjointly by the Sons of Temperance (S.O.T.) and the L.O.A. for the use of both societies. Later, when the S.O.T. gave up its charter, as a goodwill gesture, they also gave up their part title to the Orange Hall. The Royal Albert Lodge #12 was built next to the old Courthouse on Gun Hill and later St. Paul's School was built nearby. The hall was changed in 1915 when the spires on both ends were removed and gothic windows were replaced.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1876 the by-laws were revised and adapted and three hundred copies were ordered to be printed. A band was formed and eventually got disbanded until the 1930's when Arthur Hiscock got the boys from the community together and formed a band again. The band would play for the Orange Society, the Society of United Fishermen #49, the Trinity Benefit Club for their annual parade on Candlemas's Day as well as the Sunday School summer picnics.

Source: Walter White Files

### *Scope and content*

The fonds contains four books of by-laws for the Royal Albert Lodge No. 12 for 1903, 1904 and 1906; Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange Association of British America for 1904; an Official Directory of Recognized and Constituted Lodges for 1931; Rules and Regulations of the Grand Black Chapter of British America for 1917; Minute Books 1876 - 1905, 1903 - 1939, 1921/22-1958, 1940, 1950-1956, 1957-1958, 1958-1965; Blue Degree Minutes Book 1940-1958; Royal Scarlet Chapter Minute Book 1910-1946, 1922-1927; Proposition Book 1910-1912; Roll Book 1915; Account Book 1934-1975; Due Book 1956-1960; Annual Returns 1951-1963; Annual Return Grand Lodge of British America, 1964; and Journal of Proceedings 1965.

### *Notes*

Supplied title based on provenance.

By-laws and constitutional materials were donated by Clarence Dewling in March 2004.

Minute book for time period 1876 -1905 was donated by Boyd Coleridge

### **Series 1: Laws and Minutes. - 1903-1965. - 9cm**

Series consists of ten bound volumes containing the minutes of the lodge. Proceedings took place monthly and records the business that took place at each meeting. The by-laws that were in place for the lodge are also kept in this series.

- 1.01 Minute Book 1876 - 1905
- 1.02 Minute Book 1960-1965
- 1.03 Minute Book 1950-1956
- 1.04 Minute Book 1957-1958
- 1.05 Minute Book 1958-1965
- 1.06 Minute Book Royal Blue 1903 - 1939
- 1.07 Blue Degree Minutes Book 1941-1958
- 1.08 Minute Book 1921/22-1958
- 1.09 Royal Scarlet Chapter Minute Book 1922-1927
- 1.10 By-Laws of Royal Albert Lodge No. 12 1903, 1904, 1906, 1917,1931.

**Series 2: Proposition, Roll, Account and Due Books.-1910-1960. - 7.8cm**

The series consists of the accounts of the lodge maintained by the treasurer, a record of attendance, a reference to each member and dues payed by each member.

- 2.01 Proposition Book 1910-1912
- 2.02 Roll Book 1910-1946
- 2.03 Roll Book 1915
- 2.04 Account Book 1934-1975
- 2.05 Dues Book 1956-1960

**Series 3: General Files. - 1.1cm**

Series consists of an assortment of correspondence that relates to the lodge and it's business as well as various certificates, forms and greeting cards.

**Series 4: Grand Lodge.-1951-1965. - 2.8cm**

Series consists of Annual Returns of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America and Journal of Proceedings of the Lodge.

Location: Royal Albert Lodge Loyal Orange Association Boxes 1 and 2.

