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HISTORY OF GUELPH LODGE.

In 1871 Speed Lodge was thought by some of the member to be of unwieldy dimension, and after mature consideration they concluded that there were sufficient grounds to believe that two Lodges could exist and flourish in Guelph. A charter signed by Alex Allen Stevenson, Esq, of Montreal, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada; Jas Seymour, Esq, Deputy Grand Master; and Thos B Harris, Esq, Grand Secretry, was the warrant for the organization of "Guelph Lodge, No. 258." This was on July 13th, A.L. 5871, A.D. 1871. The following were the charter members: Messrs H Walker W J Patterson, Jno Walker, Edmund Harvey, Ed Harrison, Solomon Myers, Herbert F Tuck, Thos H Taylor, Jno C McLagan, Geo S Herod, Caleb Chase, and Jas Goldie. Mr Hugh Walker was appointed first W M; Mr W J Patterson first S W; and Mr John Walker first J W; they being named as such in the charter given them. In addition to those above, the following were elected officers during the first year of the Lodge's existence: Geo S Herod, M D, Treas; E Harvey, Secy; H F Tuck, S D; F Biscoe, J D; Thos H Taylor, I G; Geo Smith, Tyler. In 1872 Mr Hugh Walker was elected to be W M; in 1873 Mr W J Patterson; in 1874 Mr A C Chadwick; in 1875 Mr Hugh Walker; in 1876 Mr J H Moore, who still holds office. The officers in this Lodge are elected at the communication held on the evening of the festival of St John the Baptist (June 24th), the following being those elected at the last annual meeting: J H Moore, W M; D Kennedy, S W; J Logan, J W; S S Walsh, Chap; F J Chadwick, Treas; J S Spiers, Sec'y; Geo Smith, Tyler; Robt Orr, S W; John Sutton, J D; W Sunley, I G; Geo S Grange, D of C; W T Vale, Organist; J H McGillivray and S Cheery, Stewards; Benevolent Committee, C Sharpe, Chas Davidson and Geo Murtton, jr; Board of General Purposes: John Yule, C J McLagan and S Myers. There are enrolled on the books of Guelph Lodge at present 89 members.

The greatest epoch in the history of the Guelph Masonic fraternity was arrived at on the evening of the 14th of April, 1876, when a united meeting of Speed and Guelph Lodges decided to erect a Masonic Hall on Upper Wyndham Street. After a thorough discussion respecting the probable requirements of the Society, the cost was estimated at \$ 6,000. The half of the stock was immediately taken up, and initiatory steps were at once taken to secure a central and convenient site. By Monday, the 26th of the same month, a site was agreed upon, and the block of land, sixty feet square, on which the magnificent hall is built, was purchased from Mr. James Massie. A Provisional Board of Directors was then elected, composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. A. B. Petrie, President; John Inglis, Thos. Y. Greet, David Kennedy, Hugh Walker, Samuel R. Moffatt and Charles Pettiford. Messrs. Joseph Mimmack and W. H. Jacomb were appointed respectively Secretary and Treasurer. On the 29th of April, application was made by the provisional directors in the *Ontario Gazette*, for an act of incorporation. The notice set forth that the name of the company would be "The Guelph Masonic Hall Company (limited);" that the Company's capital was \$16,000, which was divided into 800 shares of \$20 each. The work was at once proceeded with, and Mr. D. A. McIntosh, of Mount Forest, had the cellar excavated by June 1st. At a meeting of the Directors, held on May 16th, the contracts were awarded, as follows:—Masonry, Taylor & Emslie, \$4,600; car-