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**Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Kamloops Lodge No. 10
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Title: Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Kamloops Lodge No. 10 collection

Dates of Creation: 1886-1922

Physical Description: 0.01 cm of textual records

Administrative History:

The Kamloops Lodge (No. 10) of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was formed in Kamloops in 1886, with its Charter being granted on June 21 by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The Lodge held its first banquet meeting at the Cosmopolitan Hotel on September 6, 1886, and was formally constituted by W. Bro. Angus McKeown of the Victoria Columbia Lodge No. 1. Early meetings were henceforth held at a disused Hudson's Bay Company store west of the current location of the Overlander Bridge and at the Kamloops Jail, and the Lodge's first Worshipful Master was V.W. Bro. the Rev. D.W.H. Horlock. In 1888 a new Lodge where 263 Victoria Street now stands to more permanently house the meetings of the group's members. The new Lodge was a two-storey frame building built by McGregor and Sons, with a meeting room, banquet room, and waiting rooms on the upper floor, and two store spaces on the lower floor that were meant to be rented out. Within the community, the Lodge hosted social events such as memorial services, balls, and banquets and they participated in town's regular celebratory parades. The Lodge saw much success with steady membership increases in their early years, and in 1922 they constructed a new 3-storey brick building on St. Paul Street and 3rd Avenue, which was opened on November 29, 1922. By 1923 enrollment in the Lodge was so high that it was decided to make a secondary Kamloops group: the Mount St. Paul Lodge No. 109, which was instituted on September 1, 1924. Through the mid-1900s Lodge No. 10 continued with steady membership, but by the late 1960s their Lodge was beginning to show its age and a new solution was sought. In 1972 the St. Paul Street and 3rd Avenue location was sold to B.C. Telephone Company (with Lodge No. 10 continuing to occupy the premises until 1974), and plans were begun to be drawn up for a new building at Nicola Street and 4th Avenue. Construction began on August 7, 1974 of the Lodge building with an attached 14 –storey apartment complex. It was designed by architect Aubrey McKinnon and the general contract was given to Frank Stanzel, with Lodge members actively participating in its construction as well. During this period, Lodge meetings were held at the nearby Elk's Lodge. The new complex was completed during the spring of 1975 and the complex was officially opened on May 10, 1975. Lodge No. 10 continues to operate in Kamloops and to run their apartment complex, known as Acacia Towers.

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Scope and Content:

Collection consists of programs for events held by the A.F. & A.M., Kamloops Lodge No. 10 and their by-laws.

Custodial History:

Accession #0.2953 has no available donor information. Records were previously placed in the Vertical Files collection, and were brought together as a distinct collection during reprocessing in 2020.

Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of collection.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
0.2953.001	Official Opening of New Temple of Kamloops Lodge No. 10 A.F. and A.M. – File contains a program for the opening of Lodge No. 10’s new temple on November 29, 1922. – 1 textual record	1922	1
0.2953.002	By-laws of Kamloops Lodge No. 10 – File contains two copies of the by-laws of A.F. and A.M., Kamloops Lodge No. 10. – 2 textual records	1886	2
0.2953.003	By-laws of Kamloops Lodge A.F. and A.M. No. 10 – File contains the by-laws of A.F. and A.M., Kamloops Lodge No. 10. – 1 textual record	1894	3