

The MC was Hubert McConnell the DDGM. W.M. Morrow spoke briefly in welcoming the guests and gave full credit to Bro. Ames for the temple project. Norma Hamilton sang "Bless this House", followed by other musical selections and readings." A truly historic event.

On April 22nd, an emergent meeting was held for the purpose of dedicating the new temple. There were 250 Grand Lodge officers, visitors and members that attended. The Right Worshipful, the acting Grand Master and his officers were admitted to the Lodge to perform the impressive ceremony.

At the banquet prior to the dedication, W.M. Morrow reiterated that Bro. Lloyd Ames deserved full credit for the building project. He drew up the plans, sponsored and engineered the whole idea, ordered the material and supervised the work. Practically all labour was volunteer with so many helping that it is impossible to name them all. But without exaggeration, were it not for Bro. Ames this temple would not have been built.

At this point, recognition must be made of the ladies who supported this building of the temple 100%. The OES donated \$1,000 at the start of the project, followed by donations of furniture and dishes. The wives of members faithfully supplied hot coffee and goodies during construction.

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Several years ago I talked to Bro. Lloyd Ames about this project. Luckily, I recorded it. He did not know why he was chosen to lead, do the buying and be the supervisor and said, *"I was only a farmer and had done very little carpentry work."* He gave full credit to the volunteer labour of the members and the ladies for providing goodies. He said that it was just one happy family. He only mentioned two members by name - **Harcla Morrow** for handling the concrete blocks and other material and **Jack Whitehouse** for doing the electrical wiring.

On September 6th, the Lodge showed their appreciation by appointing Lloyd Ames as a Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. On September 30th, he was presented with the regalia for this office. This is now displayed in the ante-room upstairs. He was thanked again for his contribution in erecting the most beautiful temple in eastern Ontario.

Now for a few facts and anecdotes gleaned while researching this project:

- \*\* 100 years ago the Clark Carriage Company was located on this property. Young people could apprentice here to train as a wheelwright.
- \*\* Fortunately for the Lodge, W. Bro. L. Ames must have had some Scottish blood, for instance,

Reinforcing rods were required for the floor and walls but were expensive. Bro. Ames had seen some old railway rails beside the track so told a railroad official his story. The official said "Take what you want, they won't be missed."

Hardwood flooring was expensive. Bro. Ames located used but serviceable flooring from an old building at the base for 1/10th the cost.

Comfortable chairs were required for the Lodge room. Bro. Ames heard that a movie house in Toronto was being dismantled and obtained chairs there for \$5 each. On top of this, he had each member donate \$5 for each of them.