

MASONIC TEMPLE

4239 PETROLIA LINE

Year Current Building Erected: 1887

In 1886, fire consumed Arnett's Building that housed the Toronto Tea Store. Shortly afterward, the Masons purchased the land and decided to build the Masonic Temple, which was constructed by the J&J Kerr Co. Limited. The Bank of London and the Post Office, along with the Masons offices were the first occupants of the structure. Shortly afterwards, in 1887, the Bank of Toronto bought out the Bank of London.

The 1887 Bank of Toronto's \$5 bill featured this building. This was at the time that banks issued their own currency, as there was no established national currency in place yet.

In 1984, a fire gutted the Masonic Temple and it looked like it was to be destroyed with only memories to keep its history. However, local M.P.P. Marcel Beaubien purchased the building and decided to restore the remains. The third floor was destroyed but Beaubien rebuilt the remaining two stories starting in July of 1985.



MASONIC TEMPLE IN 1908

Current location occupant(s):

Dr. Lincoln Yin Kwan Lam, Great Lakes Neurofeedback

Original building occupant(s):

**The Bank of London, The Petrolia Post Office,
Masonic Rooms and Offices**

Original location occupant(s):

Arnett Building with the Toronto Tea Company

Previous occupants:

**The Bank of Toronto, Crown Savings & Loan Company,
Mrs. Sterne's Flower Shop, 70th Battalion Recruiting Station,
Prevett & London Plumbing, Howlett Tiling,
Photo Studio, The Rack**



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