



CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 13 • HAMPTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

The Lodge, Through the Years

A Hampton story since 1854 — and the winter the lodge went into the river,
and came back out of it.

One Number, Four Addresses

In a hundred and seventy years Corinthian Lodge No. 13 has sat in four places, surrendered one charter for another, and crossed a frozen river to get where it was going.

1853 Petitioned for by a group of Kings County men.

1854 Constituted as No. 13 under an English warrant.

1854–1872 Norton, then Hampton village, then Hampton Station.

One winter Out onto the ice — and through it.

Today 6 Church Street, Hampton. The doors still open.

1853 — A Petition from Kings County

The story begins with a request, not a building. In 1853 a group from Kings County petitioned the Provincial Grand Master to establish Corinthian Lodge in Hampton Parish.

1853 is also where the paper trail opens: the lodge's fonds at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick begins in that year, and has not broken off since.

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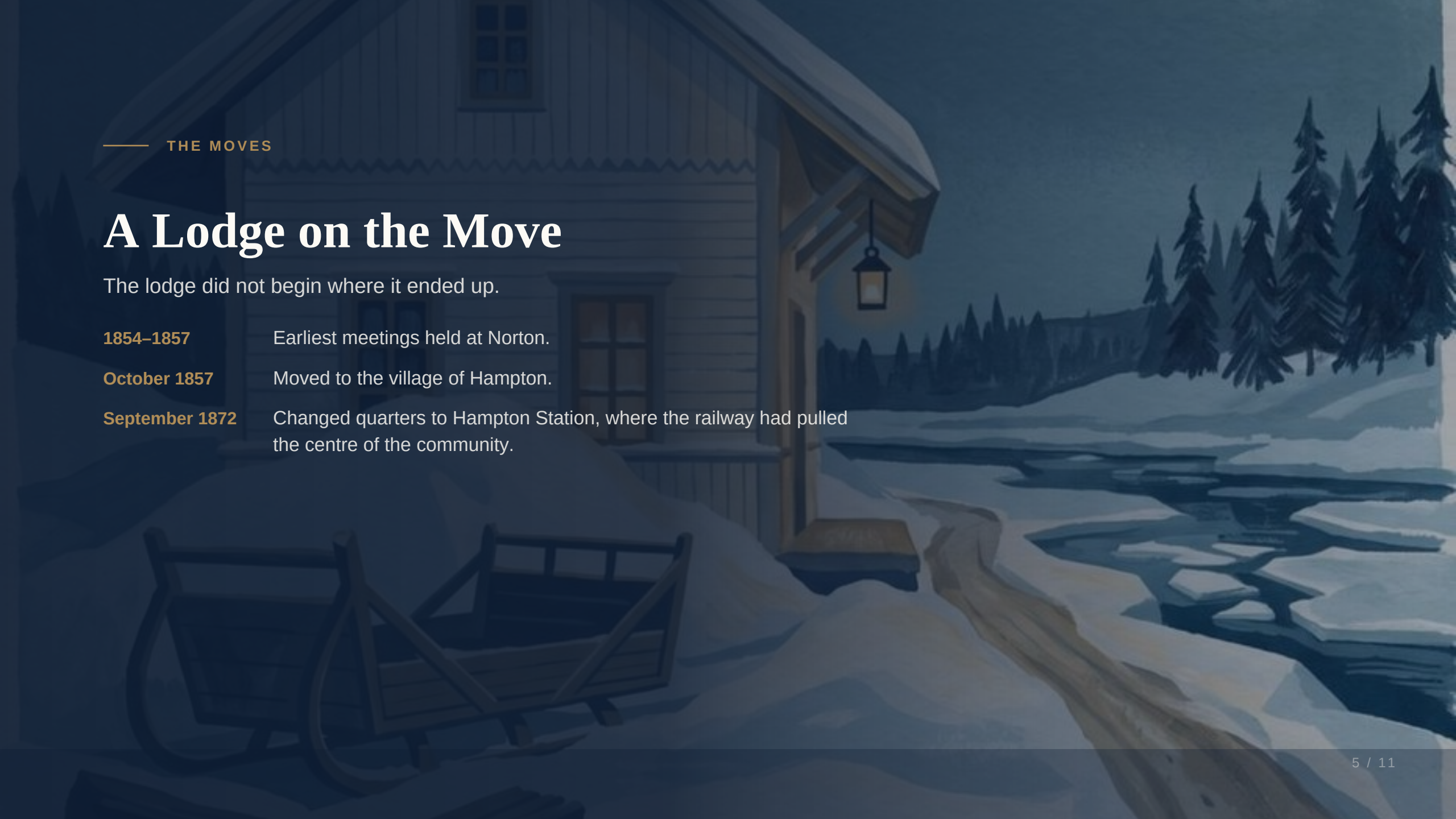
*Sincerely,
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1854 — Constituted as No. 13

Corinthian Lodge No. 13 was constituted in 1854 under a warrant from the United Grand Lodge of England — the authority under which New Brunswick lodges were then chartered.

The number 13 has travelled with the lodge ever since: through a change of governing body, through every change of address, and through one winter it very nearly did not survive.

The background is a stylized illustration of a winter scene. On the left, a wooden lodge with a snow-covered roof and a hanging lantern is partially visible. In the foreground, a wooden sled sits on a snowy bank. To the right, a river is frozen with large ice floes, and a line of evergreen trees stands in the distance under a dark, overcast sky.

THE MOVES

A Lodge on the Move

The lodge did not begin where it ended up.

1854–1857

Earliest meetings held at Norton.

October 1857

Moved to the village of Hampton.

September 1872

Changed quarters to Hampton Station, where the railway had pulled the centre of the community.

1867 — An English Warrant Surrendered

In November 1867 the lodge surrendered the warrant it held from the United Grand Lodge of England and came under the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

A new country was four months old. Institutions across the new province were taking their governance in hand, and the lodge took its own in hand along with them — and kept its number while doing it.

The Winter Road

To understand the next part, you have to understand a New Brunswick winter as people here once understood it.

Frozen water was not an obstacle. It was infrastructure. Ice carried what mud and stumps would not — timber, freight, sleds, teams of horses. And, when it had to, buildings.

A building moved in winter went on skids behind a team, over a surface that would be gone by April.

The Lodge Goes Out onto the Ice

When the lodge had to move again, it waited for the river to harden.

The building went out onto the ice on skids, behind a team, across a road that would be gone by April.

Halfway across, the ice gave way beneath it.

The Ice Gives Way

The building broke through and settled into the water — a lodge room, a roof, and the better part of two decades of work, sitting in a New Brunswick river.

What the telling never quite captures is what it was to stand on the bank and watch it go down.

And It Came Back Up

The story does not end in the water. They came back for it — ropes, chains, and a team leaning into the pull — and the building came up out of the river.

That ending is why the story survived. A community does not keep retelling a loss for a hundred and seventy years. It keeps retelling a recovery.

Help Us Finish the Story

Corinthian Lodge No. 13 · 6 Church Street, Hampton, New Brunswick

The lodge's records are public. The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick holds the Corinthian Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M. (Hampton) fonds, Fonds MC2275, covering 1853–2016.

If you hold a photograph, a letter, a clipping or a family account that touches this story, the lodge would like to hear from you.

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