Halifax Freemasons Move From Historic Halifax Location
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The Freemasons of Halifax have moved from their downtown building at 1533 Barrington Street to a new location in Fairview. The decision to sell the Barrington Street location, known as Freemasons Hall, and move to new premises in another part of the city was a difficult and at times a very emotional experience for many of the Masons who had to make the final decision to leave their historic building which was now designated a Historic Site by the City of Halifax some years ago.

The Freemasons have owned die downtown site on Barrington Street upon which their Hall sits for over 200 years. In 1750, within a year of the founding of the new wwernent of Halifax by the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, the first Masonic Lodge was formed and Freemasonry has been a part of the downtown scene ever since. Freemasons have played a big role in the history of Halifax and in&ed throughout the Province as accompanying articles will attest.

Meetings were held at various locations until the fraternity settled permanently at the Barrington Street location. The site evolved through several buildings which ended with die completion of the present structure in the 1920's. The Masons held their last The former Freemasons' Hall, 1533 Barrington St., Halifax meetings in the building, in June of d& year and beginning in September are now meeting in their new location on Coronation Avenue in Fairview.

The new Freemasons Hall is the former St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church which was closed and put up for sale by the Archdiocese of Halifax. The Masons purchased the property and have converted the church and hall to suit their purposes and the Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia will fonnafly lay a new comer stone and consecrate the building for Masonic use on October 25th.

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