

Right Wor. Bro. G.W. Liddle, the District Deputy Grand Master of Nipissing District # 18 and Bro. A.J.F. Cobb, both from North Bay's Nipissing Lodge # 420, on November 12th 1900. At the election of officers, on Monday December 10th 1900, Bro. A.J. Young was elected as Master of the Lodge and he was installed on December 27th 1900. A "Notice of Motion" was also presented to change the wording of the regular lodge meeting, from "the second Monday of each month, to the Monday on or before the full moon".

The Coronation of King Edward the Seventh, on June 26th 1902, was a very special event to Grand Lodge, as he was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Grand Lodge issued a notice for all brethren to attend a Divine Church Service, to help celebrate this historical occasion. Wor. Bro. Wm. Anderson called for a Divine Service on June 29th 1902 and he preached the service, in the Presbyterian Church.

Inter lodge relations are always important and even in the early years, the Sturgeon Falls Lodge was very active. Nickel Lodge # 427 of Sudbury Ontario, invited the Sturgeon Falls Lodge to a "Lodge of Instruction" and have them put on a Third Degree. The brethren of the lodge boarded the train on the morning of March 13th 1902 and returned later that evening. The degree work and the day in Sudbury was a great success. In 1902, Right Wor. Bro. A.J. Young became the first District Deputy Grand Master, from the Sturgeon Falls Lodge and a large group of members followed him on the train, on all his "Official Visits".

In the early years, the lodge held various social functions, including an "At Home" and a "Divine Church Service". The "At Home" function took the place of our present day "Ladies Night". The festivities would be held at the home of one of the members. The entertainment consisted of piano solos, songs by local talent, addresses by various members of the lodge and finally a meal served by the host. The "Divine Church Service" followed the same pattern as the present day church services. A member of the craft usually preached the sermon. The messages of the sermon were so interesting and relevant, that they were published in the local newspaper.

The original "Masonic Hall" was located on King Street, where the present day Woodhouse Furniture store is located. The Masons rented the hall for one hundred and twenty five dollars a year, from John Parker. The members constantly upgraded the lodge rooms and these improvements were done free of charge. However, at an Emergent Meeting on November 16th 1908, the lodge decided to lease a hall owned by Mr. H.E. McKee, starting on January 1st 1909, for five years, at the same cost as John Parker's Hall. The new "Masonic Hall" was dedicated on February 22nd 1909, by Right Wor. Bro. D.D. Gelb, in the afternoon and then made his "Official Visit", in the evening. It was a very special day, in the history of the Sturgeon Falls Lodge. The Masons finally bought their own building in 1914, the old Public School on John Street, for sixteen hundred dollars and it still is their meeting place today.

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In 1902, Abbe Langlois arrived in Sturgeon Falls and brought the "Sisters of Wisdom" order with him. He was responsible for the building of the convent, which began in 1906. That same year however, hard times hit Sturgeon Falls, with the closing