

special thanks to Wor. Bro. Carl Waiseberg for keeping the ladies busy and well entertained. Thanks was also extended to Bro. Lorne Moore of North Bay for running the projector, at the theatre.

CHAPTER 7

At the regular meeting of the lodge, on February 14th 1952, a letter from the Grand Master was read, regarding the death of King George the Sixth. The District Deputy Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. John Smorthwaite, notified the lodge of a Divine Church Service to be held at the North Bay Masonic Temple, on February 15th 1952, at 8:00 pm. The lodge has two minutes of silence and the mourning period would be held until May 15th 1952.

At the September 10th 1953 meeting, Wor. Bro. Ted E.S. D'Arcy informed the lodge that a new oil furnace had been installed at a cost of two hundred and forty-five dollars and an oil tank filled with oil, for thirty-eight dollars and eighty-five cents. An oil contract had been signed with the Larivee Oil Company, to provide future oil requirements. The furnace was a huge central heating unit which proved to be a very poor investment. A number of meetings over the next few years had to be cancelled or cut short because of the lack of proper heat. Wor. Bro. Frank Clarke and Wor. Bro. Jerry Faulkner made a career of repairing the fire brick and attempting to eliminate the oil smell.

A new highway bridge over the Sturgeon River opened in 1954, called the "Champlain Bridge", which opened the new highway, straight through the town, along Front Street. Before that, the main highway, from Sudbury, came via the old Cache Bay Road, over the two bridges, down John Street, right on King Street and then left on Front Street, to North Bay. Over the next four decades, the businesses along the highway expanded, from small family run enterprises to large companies, with their own well known specialties. Gervais Restaurant, Turgeon Fuels, Alouette Bus Lines and Sturgeon Builders, are a few of these companies that grew, with the new traffic flow.

A new Masonic tradition began on April 14th 1955, when a roast beef supper was held at the St. Andrew's United Church basement hall, prior to the regular lodge meeting, on the night of the "Official Visit" of the District Deputy Grand Master. The Young Women's Auxiliary served the supper at six-thirty in the evening and charged one dollar and fifty cents a plate. A Head Table was set up with a Master of Ceremonies. A center piece of three, five and seven candles graced the tables. The usual toasts, welcomes and thank-you speeches were given and the District Deputy Grand Master's lecture completed the very fraternal, pleasant, happy evening.

On April 12 1956, Right Wor. Bro. Max Mandell made his "Official Visit" to the Sturgeon Falls Lodge. Forty-eight brethren enjoyed the supper at the St. Andrew's United Church and the following meeting at the lodge. Three generations of Wilson's were there to watch the presentation to Bro. R. H. Wilson, of his Fifty Year Jewel, by Right Wor. Bro. Mandell. Right Wor. Bro. Botsford and Armitage were also presented with their Past District Deputy Grand Master's Jewels. The popularity and high esteem with which Right Wor. Bro. Mandell was held, made for a very warm, unforgettable evening very much appreciated by all present.