

Homegrown Gavel For Grand Master



James Brown, a 50-year member of the Jarvis Odd Fellows Lodge, had the pleasure of making the presentation to Elmer Matthews and Mrs. Matthews of a gift of appreciation for their attending the Centennial Anniversary of the Jarvis Lodge on September 11, 1976. Mr. Matthews, of Ferguson, is the present Grand Master of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Ontario and was the guest speaker at the event. Mr. Brown (centre) made the gavel and stand with walnut cut from his own bush especially for the occasion and it provided a unique token of the Lodge's appreciation for Bro. Matthews' presence at the banquet.

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Jarvis Oddfellows celebrate 100th

JARVIS — Jarvis Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows celebrated its centennial on September 11, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Silver Star Rebekah Lodge of Jarvis.

Approximately 325 members and guests attended the roast beef barbecue served by the Catholic Women's League of Walpole. Present and past Grand Lodge officers attended for both groups.

Elmer C. Matthews, Grand Master, was present as well as Past Grand Masters B.E. Dundas and

R.K. Williamson of London; Wm. O. Jeffrey of Kitchener and Max Singer of Willowdale. Also present were Wilfred Ludlow, District Deputy Grand Master of Long Point District 18, Cayuga; Hazel Galbraith, President of Rebekah Association of Ontario; Edith Johansen, Association Council of Ontario, and Hilda Awde, District Deputy Patron of Simcoe District 16. John Pow, City of Nanticoke mayor; Gordon Miller, MPP; and William Knowles, MP, attended along with a number of Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Patrons from neighbouring lodges.

Ernest Craddock was

master of ceremonies and Harold Johnson introduced the head table. John Martin introduced honoured guests, Newton Marshall thanked the caterers and Ernest Craddock welcomed those in attendance.

Helen Phibbs, Molly Marr, Donald Duxbury and Marten Cooper sang several numbers with Lizzie Howard as accompanist. Warren Keen and Newton Marshall enacted a comic skit.

Grand Master Elmer C. Matthews delivered the speech for the event and was presented with a gavel and stand by James Brown. Past Grand Masters presented 50-year jewels to Harold Johnson, Newton

Marshall, James Brown, and Raymond Lundy. Receiving 25-year pins were Wilfred Krouse and Ernest Craddock. Mr. Craddock's pin was a gift from the late Ed Miller.

A book, covering the history and highlights of the lodge over the past century, was distributed at the event. Author of the book is Past District Deputy Grand Master Alfred Walker.

100th Anniversary



Mr. James Brown