



Sudbury-Manitoulin District

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From the District Deputy Grand Master

My Brethren;

Greetings once again from the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of A.F & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of R. W. Bro. William MacDougall on February 19, 2007. R. W. Bro. MacDougall was DDGM in 1974-75 in what was then called Nipissing Centre District, now Sudbury – Manitoulin District. He was 34 days short of his 93rd birthday, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

I was pleased to see the wonderful turnout at both the Installation of W. Bro. Sam Khoury at Friendship Lodge No. 691 on February 10, and the Official Visit to Algonquin Lodge No. 536 on February 20. I am sure that I can say on behalf of the Brethren of these two lodges that we appreciate the support of your presence at the meetings.

I traveled to North Bay Lodge No. 617 on February 23, 2007 to attend the Initiation of Bro. Trevor Williamson under the direction of W. Bro. Michael Millard, and his Officers. Bro. Williamson is the son-in-law of R. W. Bro. Bill Clark, PDDGM (1995-96), and with R. W. Bro. Clark and myself, 9 other members of Gore Bay Lodge made the journey.

On March 7, 2007 I invite you to attend with me the Official Visit to Nickel Lodge No. 427. I am informed that this will be the 1400th meeting of Nickel Lodge, and W. Bro. David Kennedy has a special treat in store for us. He has limited my speech to 1400 minutes, or 1400 pages whichever is shorter.

Here is a small item of Masonic Education for your perusal and contemplation:

Brethren, if I placed the following items in front of you, could you tell me what the common link would be? The items are: a bottle of Seagrams Crown Royal, a cup of Tim Hortons coffee, and a bottle of Molson Canadian. Of course they have the common denominator of being liquids we drink, but can you tell me the Masonic connection? Well, the three men whose names these products bear were all Masons!

Joseph Seagram was a member of Grand River Lodge No. 151, having served as Senior Warden in 1877. (He never became Master.), Tim Horton was a member of Kroy Lodge No. 676, Toronto, and John Molson was Master of St. Paul's Lodge, Montreal in 1791 and Provincial Grand Master of Lower Canada in 1826. (From The Newsletter, Vol. 21, No. 1, Fall 2006)

Brethren, please make note that the District Divine Service date has had to be changed to April 22, 2007 from April 15, but the location is still Lyons Memorial United Church, 19 Meredith Street, Gore Bay, Ontario. Yours Fraternally,

Peter L. Gordon

D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above



Bro. Samuel O. Scott
Friendship Lodge No. 691
Initiated February 1947

R.W. Bro. William Charles
MacDougall
Doric Lodge No. 455
Initiated February 1955
D.D.G.M.
Nipissing Centre District
1974-1975

**WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY
IN OUR HEARTS**

Sick and Visiting

R.W. Bro. David Salter
National Lodge No. 588
Laurentian Hospital 8th Floor
Calls and Visitors are Welcome

Bro. Robert Dixon
Sudbury Lodge No. 658
Continuing Post Operative problems
**We wish them well and pray for
their speedy recovery.**

D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISITS

March 7th 2007 Nickel Lodge



**SUPPORT YOUR CRAFT LODGE
ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY**

Friendship Lodge No. 691

On Saturday February 10th 2007 W. Bro. Sam Khoury was installed as the 50th Worshipful Master of Friendship Lodge No. 691 under the skilled Craftsmanship of V.W. Bro. Clare Bracken the Installing Master.

Worshipful Masters from around the District congratulated the new Worshipful Master after being Installed in the East



Pictured (L-R) R.W. Bro. P.L. Gordon D.D.G.M. - W. Bro. Sam Khoury newly installed W.M. - W. Bro. Kip Hawley, National Lodge - W. Bro. Doug Bracken, Espanola Lodge - W. Bro. Rick Belton, Doric Lodge - W. Bro. David Carscallen, Bethel Lodge, W. Bro. Eric Moore, Sudbury Lodge & W. Bro. David Kennedy, Nickel Lodge

(Pictured to the right) The newly Installed and Invested Officers of Friendship Lodge No. 691 assemble for a picture with V.W. Bro. John E. Gamble, Grand Steward and R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District



Charter Member of Friendship Lodge No. 691, R.W. Bro. Robert H.R. Butler D.D.G.M. of Nipissing West District 1965-66 congratulates W. Bro. Khoury on his installation



W. Bro. Khoury happily displays his gavel and striking block that came from the famous Cedars of Lebanon.

V.W. Bro. Clare Bracken presents the Worshipful Master with his new gavel on behalf of the Khoury family.



Friendship Lodge Ladies Night

For the past 30 years the brethren have held the annual Ladies Night following the Installation of Officers. Always held, close to St. Valentine's Day, it is known as a Premier Event. Many brethren from other lodges in our District bring their Ladies out for an excellent evening of entertainment, fine dining and dance. If you haven't been to one of these evenings, plan to attend next year.

Congratulations to V.W. Bro. Robert Lewis and Dorothy Lewis for winning the Grand Prize draw at the Friendship Lodge annual Ladies Night.



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Espanola Lodge No. 527

Congratulations are extended to Bro. James Bailey on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason during the regular February 7th 2007 regular meeting.



Bro. Jim Bailey the newest Master Mason of Espanola Lodge pictured between W. Bro. Douglas Bracken and V.W. Bro. Clair Bracken and a few other friends from Espanola Lodge.

February 6th 2007 – Bro. Dalton Rouse, National Lodge No. 588 on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

February 7th 2007 – Bro. Terry Beange, Nickel Lodge No. 427 on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

February 9th 2007 – Bro. Al Leach, Bethel Lodge No. 699 on being Initiated into Freemasonry and becoming the newest Entered Apprentice Mason.

February 19th 2007 – Bro. Stanley Waltenbury, Sudbury Lodge No. 658 of being Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree.

Algonquin Lodge No. 536 Official Visit of R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon District Deputy Grand Master

Congratulations to Bro. William (Bill) Evenochko on his being Passed to the Fellowcraft degree during the Official Visit of R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon, D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District.



(L-R) W. Bro. Gordon McEwen (Sponsor), R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon, Bro. William (Bill) Evenochko, W. Bro. Mike Mahaffy, V. W. Bro. John Gamble (Sponsor)

Happy Birthday!

JAVA GUILD AT BELROCK

CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS OF FUN – COME FOR COFFEE, STAY FOR LUNCH



Hey Nick.
Where's Yours Trousers?

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District Around and About Newsletter congratulates the Java Guild at Belrock for FIVE excellent years of Fun, Fine Food and Fellowship.

Where else can a Mason go, have lunch with his peers for \$3.00 and in five years see over \$24,000.00 donated to local charities from money raised.

Some of the charities that have benefited include: Families of Brethren in need, Lodges in the District, Belrock's Room 204 project, The ALS Society, The Sudbury Food Bank, The Scottish Rite and York Rite Charitable Foundations, District Project for the Medical School Bursary, MacLeod's Public School Comprehensive Christmas Dinner, Donations of prizes for Lodge events, Tools for the Belrock Workshop, refreshments for the Prostate Cancer Awareness sessions, Skin Cancer clinic refreshments, Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund, Canadian Blood Services and many more...

The Pictures Say It All Brethren – Thanks For The Memories



Ed Rennie & Bob Storie presenting cheques



Keith Jordan presents a cheque to the York Rite Charitable Foundation



Ach! Who put a blended in the Potato?

Happy Birthday!

JAVA GUILD AT BELROCK CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS OF FUN



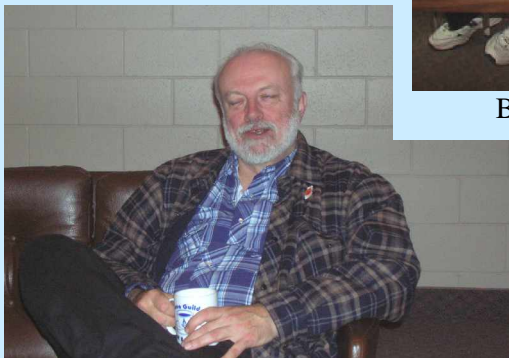
Donation to Doric Lodge



Bob Storie – Keith Jordan & Ed Rennie



Set yourself down with Al and Joe and sing a song or two...



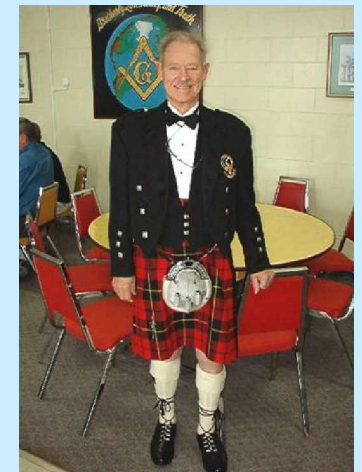
You can kick back and just relax



Donation to Espanola Lodge



The food is always great with plenty to go around. They even let Bob Bryson in the Kitchen



Java Guild at Belrock

An extra thanks must be extended to the insight and stubborn dedication of R.W. Bro. David Salter, V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan, W. Bro. Ed Rennie and V.W. Bro. Bob Storie who brought this dream into reality.

You have created a place where Masons can come for coffee and stay for lunch. We are truly grateful for this heritage.



Hillbilly Cuzzin's came a runnin from the Hills for Opossum Road Kill day!!!



NEWS FROM NIPISSING EAST DISTRICT

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 travels to Nipissing East District to visit North Bay Lodge No. 617

By R.W. Bro. P.L. Gordon

A contingent of brethren from Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 travelled to North Bay and participated in the Initiation of Bro. Trevor Williamson a nephew of R.W. Bro. Bill Clark.

The photo of the large group consists of: From L to R, back row: W. Bro. Loyalle McDougall, W. Bro. Art Madore, Bro. Phil Dangerfield, W. Bro. Don Carter, Centre row: Bro. Joe Williams, W. Bro. Jim Wright, W. Bro. Brian Dittmar, W. Bro. John Turner, W. Bro. Willis Campbell, Front row: R. W. Bro. Bill Clark, Bro. Trevor Williamson, W. Bro. Mike Millard, W.M of North Bay Lodge No. 617, and R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District



The smaller group photo to the left is Bro. Shawn Weir, sponsor, Bro. Trevor Williamson, Bro. Bill Gomez, sponsor, and W. Bro. Mike Millard, Worshipful Master of North Bay Lodge No. 617.

Congratulations Bro. Williamson on taking the first step into Freemasonry.

MAVAR PRECEPTORY NO. 65



Knights Templar

Congratulations to Sir Knight Stanley Fenton who was admitted to the Order of the Temple on February 22nd 2007 during the regular meeting of Mavar Preceptory.



Espanola Funspiel

By W. Bro. Marv Striech

The 27th annual Espanola Lodge Funspiel held on February 17, 2007 was a resounding success with 20 full teams entered. The District was well represented with several teams from the Island as well as Sudbury. Limited to 6 enders due to time, the first rocks were curled at 8.00 am and the last at approximately 6.30 pm.

The 80 curlers and 14 spectators sat down to an excellent meal catered by the Red Dog Grill at 6.45pm and the Winners of the day were announced and feted shortly afterward. The prize tables were loaded as usual and all curlers departed with a prize/gift in appreciation for their efforts.

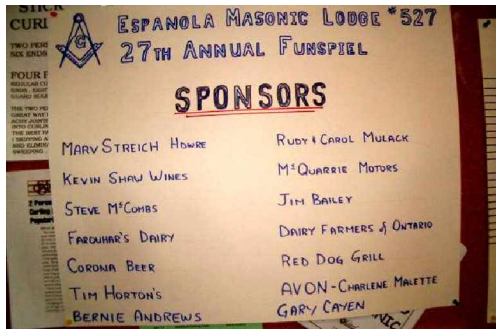


Congratulations Bonspiel Winners

Coffee and doughnuts were available (free) in the morning and Carol and Rudy Mulack provided a hot lunch at noon for a very reasonable price.

Sincere thanks to our many sponsors and to Gord and Brenda Fraser (and their many helpers) for yet another successful Funspiel. Most of the proceeds will go to a needy graduate Espanola High School student in the form of a bursary.

The Bob Wright Memorial Trophy was ably captured by the Chris Gordon rink of Sudbury. Chris and Heather were well supported by their children Chloe and Matthew. Since Chris is not yet a member of our fraternity the Trophy will repose in Doric Lodge for 2007 where his father, V W Bro. Bruce is a member. W.M. Doug Bracken of Espanola Lodge will make that presentation in Doric Lodge at a later date. First and Second runners – up were the Willis Campbell rink from Gore Bay and Bob Bryson rink from Sudbury.



Bob Bryson stayed awake all day too!



As District Deputy Grand Master, Peter Gordon, noted as he and his good lady, Patty, made the draw for door prizes, " This is the first time we've attended this event but it will not be our last".

So we echo....."Will ye no come back again"?



Sudbury Shrine Club News



By W. Bro. Ted Beynon – President, Sudbury Shrine Club

The Shriners purpose and that of the Shrine Club membership is *to have fun and help the children.*

Some facts about the Sudbury Shrine Club:

- a) We have over 60 children in our system! Over 43 active cases so far this year. Some clubs have very few children in their system so we have to be very proud of the work we do for our children.
- b) Last year, during President Bob Dixon's year we donated \$22,500 to support our Children's Programs from the efforts of our club alone. When the unit contributions are included this amount is well over \$25,000.00.
- c) Rameses Shriners supported the Children's Treatment Centre in Sudbury with a donation of \$37,000.00.
- d) Our members looked after the clinics at the Children's Treatment Centre, supported by doctors and nurses from our Shriners Children's Hospital in Montreal.
- e) Noble Wah Chung and his team sold a record number of Lottery tickets (177 at \$104.00 each) in direct support of the Transportation Fund.
- f) We had another successful combined Children's Christmas Party for "our children, the Easter Seal Children, their siblings and families.
- g) All the Can Crushers who crush cans during all types of weather made a substantial donation to the Transportation Fund.



Be extremely proud of what we do.
We do it for the kids!

Penny Farthing Unit Spaghetti Dinner

Again this year the Penny Farthing Unit will host a Spaghetti Dinner where you can learn to ride the Penny Farthing Bike.

Where? Belrock Masonic Centre

When? Saturday March 31st

Cocktails at 6:00 , Dinner at 7:00 pm

Cost- \$12.50 ea. or \$25.00 a couple

Tickets available March 1/07 from Unit members Jim Pomerleau (Gone Fishing With out me) Blaine Parrington, Gary Cayen, Ted Bryant (Hard to find) Harv Wickenden, Grant Boyce (on Vacation), Roly Varieur (in Florida) Nels Conroy (Also Gone Fishing without me) Harley Allman or Al Grigor at the Club.

Bus Trip to the Ceremonial in Kingston

Noble & Ladies - Please get your \$100 bus deposit in to Al Grigor ASAP. Why drive all the way to Kingston when you can sit back next to our 'oasis' with a cool one and let professional fight traffic. Remember get \$100 per person to Al Grigor and reserve a hotel room at the Club.

Note: The departure has been changed to leave early Friday morning instead of Thursday.

Depart early Friday, June 8th & return Sunday, June 10th.

Please get your money in so we can determine the response.

Noble Dave Sykes 522-1075

Masonic Foundation of Ontario

Masons were invited to Belrock Masonic Centre on January

To hear Bro. Samuel Kalinowsky, the President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario deliver a presentation about the Foundation what it should mean to Masons.



Programs Supported by the Masonic Foundation of Ontario include:

Bursaries and youth programs

Grants for students and support for youth groups

Hearing Research

Funding for hearing research for sick children and infants

Help Nip Drugs in the Bud

Grants for alcohol and other drug education training sessions

Kerry's Place Autism Services

Funding to obtain clinical assessment tools and confirm studies

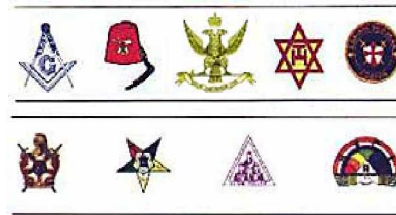
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

Grants to help young children deal with profound hearing loss



R.W. Bro. J. David Bell – Member of Board of General Purposes and Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Samuel Kalinowski - President, Masonic Foundation of Ontario, R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin

The Family of Freemasonry in Ontario is for YOU!



The York and Scottish Rites are meeting places in Masonry for members of all lodges. It enables us to meet new Brethren, make new friends and expand our knowledge of Freemasonry.

(Ex. Comp. Paavo E. Liukko – Immediate Past First Principal Tuscan Chapter No. 95 and Past T.P.G.M. Sudbury Lodge of Perfection)

Sudbury-Manitoulin District



Give the Gift of Life

Masonic Humour

A Master Mason and a Fellowcraft Mason are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The Master Mason asks if the Fellowcraft Mason would like to play a fun game. The Fellowcraft Mason is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks. The Master Mason persists, that the game is a lot of fun. "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5; you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500." This catches the Fellowcraft's attention and to keep the Master Mason quiet, he agrees to play the game. The Master Mason asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The Fellowcraft doesn't say a word, reaches in his pocket pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the Master Mason. Now, it's the Fellowcraft's turn. He asks the Master Mason, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The Master Mason uses his laptop, searches all references. He uses the Airphone; he searches the Net and even the Library of Congress. He sends e-mails to all the Master Masons and Worshipful Masters he knows, all to no avail. After one hour of searching he finally gives up. He wakes up the Fellowcraft and hands him \$500. The Fellowcraft pockets the \$500 goes right back to sleep. The Master Mason is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the Fellowcraft up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?" The Fellowcraft reaches in his pocket, hands the Master Mason \$5 and goes back to sleep.

FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY



**THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN
STAR IS THE LARGEST FRATERNAL
ORDER TO WHICH MASTER
MASON AND THEIR FEMALE
RELATIVES MAY BELONG.
LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE EASTERN STAR
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JAVA GUILD AT BELROCK EVERY TUESDAY



**COME FOR COFFEE –
STAY FOR LUNCH**



Guess Who?

YOUR PICTURES ARE NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District newsletter needs pictures and articles about your Lodge, Masonic Family or Community. The editor will gladly add your name as guest columnist or photographer to the article. V.W. Bro. Gamble will tell you, pictures make the newsletter more interesting and fun to read.