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Brethren,

Another Masonic year has come and gone! It is hard to believe that the time has flown by so quickly! Once again, I would like to thank the Brethren of Sudbury – Manitoulin District for allowing me the opportunity to represent them to the Grand Master, and, them to him. I am very proud to have had this opportunity, as it happened, 25 years after my own father held the office. I was Initiated the year he was District Deputy, in 1981.

The visit of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro Alan J. Petrisor to our District last Tuesday was an unexpected and welcome surprise. His comments during and after the Installation at Doric Lodge should make us all proud of the quality of the work we do in this District. My main goal this year was to focus on Masonic Knowledge, and focus on the delivery of the Ritual. Well, done, Brethren!

Our only duty left to fulfill is the wind-up District Meeting in Toronto on Wednesday, July 18, 2007. Our District will be meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Nova Scotia Room on the Main Mezzanine level of the Fairmont Royal York. All Wardens, Masters and Past Masters have a vote, and all Masons are welcome to attend. It is your chance to elect the next District Deputy Grand Master, and have a hand in the future of your District.

We have already sold 10 tickets to the Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday evening. There are still some tickets available for any Brother who wishes to attend. The cost is \$50 and tickets can be purchased by contacting myself at 705-282-2477, or W. Bro. Madore at 705-282-2096. We would be more than happy see you there. For those of you who have already ordered tickets, I will give them to you at Grand Lodge.

Thank you once again, my Brethren, for this high honour of being your representative to the Grand Master for the year 2006 – 2007. THANK YOU!!! *Yours Fraternally*,

Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District



Passed to the Grand Lodge Above



Bro. Fredrick Gilpin Algonquin Lodge No. 536

Bro. William Taylor Algonquin Lodge No. 536

Bro. George Ronkanen Nickel Lodge No. 427

WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

Sick and Visiting

V.W. Bro. Bill V.F. Koivu Algonquin Lodge No. 536

V.W. Bro. Pat Gillespie Algonquin Lodge No. 536 Espanola Lodge No. 527

Bro. Bill Evanochko Algonquin Lodge No. 536

We wish them well and pray for a speedy recovery.

JAVA GUILD AT BELROCK EVERY TUESDAY



COME FOR COFFEE – STAY FOR LUNCH

NATIONAL LODGE NO. 588 INSTALLATION

On Saturday, June 2nd 2007 W. Bro. Dave Keown was Installed as Worshipful Master of National Lodge No. 588 in Capreol. R.W. Bro. Ed Elchyshyn acted as Installing Master and many Masons from around the District attended the afternoon ceremony.





Lodge Secretary, V.W. Bro. Keith I. Jordan prepares to take on another Masonic year.

W. Bro. Keown and the new Officers of National Lodge No. 588



Visiting Worshipful Masters stand for a photo with the newly Installed Worshipful Master. Back Row L-R W. Bro. Gary Cayen, Sudbury Lodge 568 – W. Bro. David Carscallen, Bethel Lodge 699 – W. Bro. Douglas Bracken, Espanola Lodge 527 – W. Bro. Rick Belton, Doric Lodge 455 – Front Row L-R R.W. Bro. Peter Gordon D.D.G.M. – W. Bro. Dave Keown, National Lodge 588 – W. Bro. Sam Khoury Friendship Lodge 691



W. Bro. Keown is congratulated by Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Ed Elchyshyn and R.W. Bro. Peter Gordon D.D.G.M.





Friendship Lodge No. 691 members and visitor assemble for a Fiftieth Anniversary portrait.

June 14th 2007 was a special night for the brethren of Friendship Lodge No. 691 as they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their first meeting that occurred on May 28th 1957.

R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon provided an enlightening presentation on the first fifty years. Many of the brethren were able to fondly recall the names of the Charter members such as W. Bro. A. Roberts the first Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Pascoe a William Mercer Wilson recipient who held many founding meetings in the basement of his home and several other familiar names.



The Worshipful Master took a few minutes for presentations. Bro Nick Menican was summoned to the East and presented with his honorary Life Members

(L-R) W. Bro. S. Khoury – Bro. N. Menican – R.W. Bro. P. Gordon

A message from R.W. Bro. Robert Butler, Charter Member who was not able to attend the meeting was read extending congratulations to the Lodge.

Planning is underway for a special Ladies Night on 29th 2007 September to celebrate the Lodge Fiftieth Anniversary. It will be a fun filled evening of fond renewed memories and acauaintances.



W. Bro. Oliver Koski receives his Past Masters Certificate.



Brothers John Robbie and Rob Lipic receive their Grand Lodge certificates.

GORE BAY LODGE NO. 472 INSTALLATION



R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M. congratulates W. Bro. Adam Smith on his Installation as Worshipful Master. It is especially commemorative since this Gore Bay Lodge is their Mother Lodge and recently celebrated its Centennial.



W. Bro. Adam Smith and his Officers for the 2007-2008 Masonic Year

During the General Business R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M. presented his father R.W. Bro. Stan Gordon with a Lewis Jewel.

R.W. Bro. Stan Gordon was the District Deputy twenty five years earlier. There is a long and right history of Freemasonry in the Gordon family. Many of them have served the Craft throughout the years.



On June 14th 2007 Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 held their Installation of Officers under the direction of R.W. Bro. Bill Clark who was the Installing Master.

It was a beautiful spring day and many Brethren from around the District drove to Gore Bay for the ceremony.



W. Bro. Smith receives a warm congratulations from the Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Bill Clark after presenting him with the gavel



V.W. Bro. John E. Gamble Grand Steward stands for a picture with his good friend V.W. Bro. Brian Hester the outgoing Worshipful Master of Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 prior to the start of the meeting.

DORIC LODGE NO. 455 INSTALLATION

On June 26th 2007 Doric Lodge No. 455 held their Annual Meeting for the purpose of Installing and Investing the Officers for the ensuing year. A special surprise visitor, R.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, the Deputy Grand Master made the trip up to Little Current in beautiful Rainbow Country to join the brethren in the ceremony and celebrations afterward.



L - R R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon, District Deputy Grand Master – W. Bro. Henry Dykalski the new Worshipful Master and R.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, Deputy Grand Master



(R-L) R.W. Bro. Peter Gordon – W. Bro. Henry Dykalski – W. Bro. Randy Glibota and R.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, Deputy Grand Master



Installing Master W. Bro. Gregory Pyette presents W. Bro. Dykalski with the gavel of Office and congratulates him on his Installation.

W. Bro. Dykalski's brother in law W. Bro. Randy Glibota from Hatherly Lodge No. 625 in Sault Ste. Marie commented that while he would obey him in Lodge he should not expect the same courtesy from him at camp.



Doric Lodge No. 455 Officers for 2007-2008

ESPANOLA LODGE NO. 527 INSTALLATION



W. Bro. Douglas Bracken and the Officers for 2007-2008 Back Row L-R V.W. Bro. Don Falkingham – V. W. Bro. Grant Moffat – Bro. James Bailey – W. Bro. Ron Hnatuik – W. Bro. Claude Gervais – Bro. Grant Moody Front Row L-R V.W. Bro. John Gamble Grand Steward – R.W. Bro. Rudolph P.N. Mulack – W. Bro. Douglas Bracken – Bro. Robert Dutton – R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M.

Espanola Lodge No. 527 held their Installation and Investiture of Officers on Wednesday, June 27th 2007. W. Bro. Douglas Bracken was reinstalled as Worshipful Master by his brother V.W. Bro. Claire Bracken. The meeting and Installation portion of the evening did not take very long and the brethren were able to enjoy more fellowship in the banquet room along with ice cream and strawberries. W. Bro. Douglas Bracken prepares for another successful year as Master of Espanola Lodge No. 527



ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO WILL BE HELD IN TORONTO AT THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL JULY 16 – 19, 2007. THE SUDBURY-MANITOULIN DISTRICT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18TH IN THE NOVA SCOTIA ROOM ON THE MAIN MEZZANINE.

Order of the Easter Star Algoma Chapter No. 139 <u>By Robert South, Past Patron</u>



Algoma Chapter No. 139 Eastern Star welcomes their new members for the year 2006 -2007. *Photo and story by R.W. Bro. Robert South*



<u>(left to right - front row)</u>: Sheelah Mullen, Ruby McCowan, Sandra Muzia, Joy Rudd, Worthy Matron -Gloria Pakkala, Worthy Patron - Robert Donaldson, Willeen McAnaul, Karen McAnaul. <u>(left to right - back row)</u>: John McCowan, Joy Rudd, Lionel Rudd, Michael Muzia, Robert Lewis, Florence Dixon D.D.G.M. - District 15.

NOT AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOS- three affiliated members - Elinor and Larry Dee and Lawrie Smith.

Algoma Chapter No. 139 welcomed eleven new members during their meeting in June. Congratulation to the Brethren of our District and their Ladies for discovering more light in the family of Freemasonry. The Family of Freemasonry in Ontario is for YOU!



Congratulations to Bro. Bill Evanochko on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason during the regular meeting of Algonquin Lodge No. 536 on June 19th 2007.

Bro Evanochko pictured with his sponsors, W. Bro. Gordon McEwen and V.W. Bro. John Gamble.

Bro. Evanochko especially enjoys going to the Java Guild and is a fixture at Table No. 1 and some of the brethren from that table made it a point to show up for his Raising.



The Java Guild Brethren from Table No. 1 congratulate Bro. Bill Evanochko on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 19th 2007 in Algonquin Lodge No. 536.



The Working Tools and Finely Crafted Art from the hands of an Expert Carver



Bro. Bill Groom an avid carver, Past President of the Sudbury Shrine Club and regular at the Java Guild was asked to bring some of his recent work and to talk about wood carving.



Bro. Bill Groom and the Working Tools of a wood carver.

Bill gave the brethren a demonstration of his carving skills and spoke about the hobby and how he got started.

The brethren were quite amazed to hear how his masterly works of art had their humble beginnings from a block of wood.



Sudbury Shrine Club News

By Noble Roy Eaton

Since 1929, on the first Sunday in June, Manitoulin Island has observed Decoration Day at the Island Cenotaph in Spring Bay. For the last several years, wreaths have be placed by Doric Lodge #455 and the Haweater Shrine Unit.

This year for the first time, the Shriners paraded in and stood with the veterans for opening ceremonies. The distinctive bright red Fez of each Shriner stood out vividly in the formation and brought compliments and words of appreciation from the veterans and community members in attendance. In addition, on behalf of the members of Doric Lodge, W. Bro. Rick Belton placed a wreath.



Nobles Don Barnes, Bruce Gordon, Moe Keller, Norm Hore and MC Roy Eaton

I know that other members in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District also show their support and participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies in their area. The presence of Masons and Shriners, in their regalia, demonstrating their respect and support for these occasions certainly is appreciated by the veterans, a surprising number of whom are Masons themselves.



MASONRY IN THE COMMUNITY



A special thank you to W. Bro. Ben Mullen and Bro. Roger Kitching for organizing a Masonic team that raised \$2,000 in two short weeks. Approximately four thousand people were at Laurentian University and witnessed Freemasonry in their community.

On June 1st 2007 the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay For Life was held in Sudbury at the Laurentian University track. One hundred eighty-five teams from Sudbury and surrounding municipalities participated in the all night event. A team of Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons and their wives participated bringing Freemasonry to the eyes of the public.

The Relay For Life is an all night event that begins with a Survivors Lap and at sundown a Luminary ceremony takes place. It brings the community together to celebrate the lives of those cancer patients who lost their fight to the disease and to applaud cancer patients who are living with cancer and those who have beaten the disease and are cancer survivors.



Brethren and their Ladies participated in the night all Helping event. to raise money for cancer research and patient services.



500 Cancer survivors in blue shirts gather for the Survivors Lap





Cancer survivors W. Bro. Willie Glehs, V. W. Bro. Don Mackey, W. Bro. Paddy Kidd, Bro. Robert Bryson and Bro. Tom Wilson prepare for the first lap of the Relay.



Survivors release their balloons from centre field

MASONRY IN THE COMMUNITY

By W. Bro. Roy Eaton

On June 29th 2007 the residents of Little Current gathered at the Cenotaph for a Yellow Ribbon ceremony supporting our Troops serving overseas. We now have all 25 lamp posts in our town decorated with a yellow ribbon.

As the Master of Ceremonies for the event I opened the ceremony with the following remarks:

Welcome veterans, distinguished guests, comrades, and all who are in attendance today, We thank you for your presence, for this wonderful display of red shirts and blouses and jackets showing your support for our troops.

Wearing RED symbolically represents the colour of the bloodshed for our freedom. It is a simple gesture to wear something RED on Fridays but I can assure you that the impact to yourself is very profound. The sight of RED on Fridays demonstrates that we care for those we have lost, we care for those who have been hurt, and we care for all those in harms way.

Canadian Forces personnel deployed around the world. Together with NATO and United Nations Peacekeeping Forces we have troops in: Bosnia, Ethiopia, the Sinai, Sierra Leone the Sudan and since 2001, our largest contingent of troops have been stationed in Afghanistan.

Since then, we have lost 60 soldiers in Afghanistan including 26 year old Captain Nicola Goddard, Canada's first female combat soldier to die by enemy fire but we are not the only country to lose soldiers. In total as of yesterday, there have been 610 coalition deaths -- including 403 Americans, 61 Britons, and 86 others from the 14 other counties serving with our troops.

Today's ceremony is not about the politics, the morality or the rightness or wrongness of this war. It IS about each of us here today, by our presence, sending a message of support and hope to our troops. Hope that these young men and women will return home safely, with whole bodies and whole minds.

The campaign called "Wear Red on Fridays", was first started in the U.S. It was brought to life in Canada in March of 2006 at CFB Petawawa by two women whose spouses who were serving in Afghanistan. The idea for today's Yellow Ribbon Ceremony was started also by the initiative of two women. Mrs. Debbie Turner and Mrs. Linda Bowerman. It just goes to show what a few committed



Residents of Little Current, Ontario gather for the Yellow Ribbon ceremony. Front row holding the Yellow Ribbons include people who have family members serving in the forces, veterans and Legionaries. The little girl about half way down the line is Alli Cosby, Grade 3, whose brother is presently serving in Afghanistan. She gave an excellent speech and we were all impressed with her poise.

It certainly was an honour to host this event and to those of you receiving this who were able to participate, you have my heartfelt thanks. This photo will be enlarged and send to Cpl. Peter Cosby in Afghanistan on your behalf. Copies will also be sent to other 12 men and women from our community, who are presently stationed in Canada.

<u>W. Bro. Roy Eaton is a Past Master of Doric Lodge No. 455 and</u> President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Little Current Rameses Shrine Temple held their annual spring Ceremonial on June 7th 8th and 9th 2007 in Kingston. Four candidates from the Sudbury-Manitoulin District and their Ladies were escorted by members of the Sudbury Shrine Club to the weekend event. A *Tip of the Fez* and warm congratulations to new Nobles Rob Paxton, Walter Davidson, Mike Muzia, and Stan Fenton.



Noble Rob Paxton and Lady Ursula



Noble Stan Fenton and Lady Janet enjoying the Feast with fellow Shriners and their Ladies. Stan and Janet operate a B&B in Sudbury and they enjoyed letting some else cook.

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Noble Terry Jackson congratulates Noble Walter Davidson on successfully crossing the hot sands.

Noble Mike Muzia and Lady Sandy squeeze together for a photo.







Brethren this is last edition of the newsletter before the summer months. I have received much positive feedback about the newsletter over the past 21 months and I am grateful for your kind comments and words of encouragement.

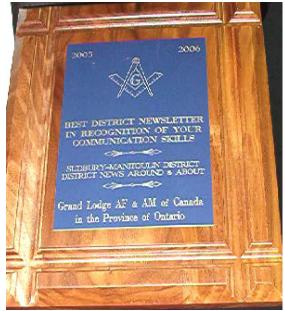
I attempt to keep the newsletter a form of information relating to Masonic activities within the Sudbury-Manitoulin District and around the Grand Jurisdiction. It should be fun and entertaining and something that you can read through quickly. Perhaps, more than once.

All past editions of the District Newsletter can be found on the District website:

http://www.sudbury-manitoulin-masons.on.ca

Have a Safe, Happy, and Healthy summer. I look forward to seeing all of you again very soon. Fraternally <u>*R.W. Bro. Allan T. Burns*</u>

Thank you for your support.



Grand Lodge award for Best District Newsletter



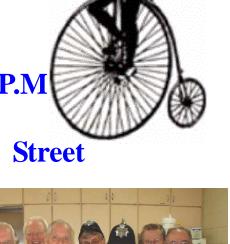
R.W. Bro. Peter L. Gordon D.D.G.M. took a few moments during the June 14th 2007 meeting of Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 to present R.W. Bro. Allan T. Burns with the Grand Lodge award for best District Newsletter.

Sudbury Shrine Club Penny Farthing and Hillbilly Unit Annual Pig Roast

Thursday, July 26th Dinner at 6:30 P.M Patio Party 3:00 P.M. Canadian Legion Br 76 1553 Weller Street Hillbilly Theme

Tickets \$20.00 each available from Al Grigor











Espanola Chapter # 257 wishes to Invite you and your spouse to attend their BBQ to Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Grand Chapter to be held at: Comp Roy Eaton's Estate. Date: Sunday, August 5, 2007 Place: 294B North Channel Drive Little Current, ON Time: 1:00 p.m. Phone: 705-368-2148



Saturday August 4th 2007

Sundridge Legion Hall – Hwy. 11

Serving from: 5:00 to 6:30 pm Baked Potatoes Cole Slaw Rolls Tea and Coffee HOMEMADE PIES



\$15.00 per Person \$6.00 for children under 12

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Come Enjoy Great Food with Good Friends