#### DECEMBER 2007

R.W. Bro. A.T. Burns.

WHAT'S INSIDE Message from the **District Deputy** Pg. 1

Remembrances **Pg. 1** Sick & Visiting

**Pg. 1** 

Visit Our New Website Pg. 2

**Congratulations & Best Wishes** Pg. 3 & 4

Algonquin Lodge Past G.L. Officers Night **Pg. 5** 

Freemasonry In **Our Communities** Pg. 6

Friendship Lodge Beautification **Project** Pg. 7

**Tuscan Chapter Mavar Preceptory** News **Pg. 8** 

**Excalibur College** No. 101

**Pg. 9 Royal Ark** Mariners – Elam

Council Pg. 10 **News from** 

**Espanola Chapter** No. 257 R.A.M. **Barrie Consistory Scottish Rite** 

Pg. 11 **Learn About The Scottish Rite** Pg. 12

**Dictates** Pg. 13 Espanola Lodge

**Funspiel Entry** Form Pg. 14



# , Sudbury-Manitoulin District

District News Around & About

www.smmasons.com



### MESSAGE FROM THE D.D.G.M.

Brethren: As we approach the festive season for many religious cultures my wife Nancy and I would like to extend Christmas greetings and best wishes on a Happy New Year to you and your family. May you enjoy the happiness of being with your loved ones during the Holiday Season.

I would like to thank Bro. Rob Lipic, Chairman of the District Computer Resources for developing and initiating the new I encourage each of you to click on district website. www.smmasons.com and see what is new in the district of Sudbury-Manitoulin. A preview of the website can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

Sincerely and fraternally R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie District Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Lodge Information Seminar conducted by the Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Terry Shand and R.W. Bro. Brian Bond on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 was well attended and extremely successful. Before the session, the brethren enjoyed a hearty breakfast provided by the Java Guild.

M.W. Bro. Shand spoke on Constitutional matter, the duties of Lodge Secretary, forms, reporting other important and matters.

R.W. Bro. Brian Bond, Chairman of Computer Resources covered emailing of summonses,



privacy and security, as well as information on lodge minutes, scanners, printers, virus, malware and fraud attacks via the net.

### **D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISITS**

Christmas Parties,
The Editor, NATIONAL LODGE No. 588 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2007 ESPANOLA LODGE No. 527 – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2007



SUPPORT YOUR CRAFT LODGE ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY

### Passed to the Grand Lodge Above



### **Bro. Robert Chatalaine** Nickel Lodge No. 427

### **Bro. Harry James McKay**

Algonquin Lodge No. 536 Passed to the Grand Lodge Oct. 2/07

V.W. Bro. Vic Simpson National Lodge No. 588

**Bro. Edward Poynter** Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698

**Bro. Douglas Dakins** Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698

### W. Bro. Fredrick Durham

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 Initiated, Passed & Raised Bailey Lodge No. 158 Grand Lodge of Michigan8

### WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

### Sick and Visiting

**Bro. Ken McNally** Espanola Lodge No. 527

W. Bro. Mike Gravelle Algonquin Lodge No. 536

> Bro. Mike Muzia Sudbury Lodge No. 658

**Bro. Phil Finkle** Sudbury Lodge No. 658

V.W. Bro. Don Maki Bethel Lodge No. 699

**Bro. Kevin Hewitt** North Bay Lodge No. 617

We wish them well and pray for a speedy recovery.



# Sudbury Manitoulin District Masons

A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

TRESTLE BOARD TRACING BOARD LODGES ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER GRAND LODGE FREEMASONRY



### Next Event >

Sudbury Manitoulin
Masons will take part in
the MCTV Christmas
Telethon on Saturday
December 1st, between
8:00PM and 9:00PM.

Call your pledges in for this worthy cause.

# The next step....

Welcome to the Sudbury Manitoulin District Masons Website.

We have gathered this information to allow our brethren and visitors access to the news and Information of the District.

Anyone interested in Freemasonry, please follow the links above to our Grand Lodge site for more information.

Brethren, in the spirit of Freemasonry, please visit often, both here and in Lodge.





# CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR BRETHREN

**Nickel Lodge No. 427** held their annual Past Master night on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 with W. Bro. Barry Greasley sitting in the Chair for the evening.

W. Bro. Greasley and his Officers conferred a Second Degree and Bro. Eric Lafleur was Passed to the Fellow Craft degree in excellent Masonic manor.



(Front Row L-R) V.W. Bro. John Gilpin – W. Bro. George Nichols W.M., Bro. Eric Lafleur, W. Bro. Barry Greasley Past Master for the evening, W. Bro. Paavo Liukko, R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie

(Second Row) W. Bro. Rob Fleming, W. Bro. Mike Dowling, W. Bro. Ken Alexander, V.W. Bro. Robert Storie, W. Bro. Grant Boyce, W. Bro. David Kennedy

(Back Row) W. Bro. Al Stonier, R.W. Bro. David Innes, W. Bro. Chris Kemp, W. Bro. Milt Fleming, W. Bro. Greg Newson

Congratulations to **Bro. Dan Picard, Gore Bay Lodge No. 472** on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason during the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Congratulations to **Bro. Kevin Aelick, Doric Lodge No. 455** on being Passed to the Second or Fellow Craft degree on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Congratulations to **Bro. Mazen Seleh**, **Friendship Lodge No. 691** on his Initiation into our great fraternity and gentle craft on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Congratulations to **Bro. Adam Egers, Algonquin Lodge No. 536** on being Passed to the Second or Fellow Craft degree on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2007 on the occasion of the Grand Lodge Officers degree team visit under the Direction of R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu

Congratulations to **Bro. Phillip Moore, Friendship Lodge No. 691** on his Initiation into our great fraternity and gentle craft on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2007.



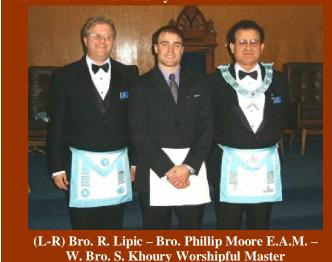
### CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR BRETHREN

Nickel Lodge presents 50 year a Mason pin to Bro. John McDougall at his home at the Elizabeth Centre. Bro. John McDougall's son and member of the Craft Bro. Robert McDougall travelled from Oakville to be with his father for the official presentation.



(L-R) W. Bro. G. Nichols W.M. – Bro. Bob McDougall – Bro. John McDougall – Bro. B. Howe – Bro. C. Stephenson

Friendship Lodge No. 691 held an Emergent Meeting on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> /07 to Initiate their newest Entered Apprentice Mason into the Freemasonry



Bro. John McDougall receives a Nickel Lodge No. 427 certificate from W. Bro. George Nichols commemorating his 50 years of Masonic service.



Nov.14<sup>th</sup> 2007 Friendship Lodge No. 691 newest E.A.M. Bro. Mazen Saleh posed for a picture with Bro.Dan Walsh who was initiated on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 2007.



(L-R) W. Bro. S. Khoury – Bro. Mazen Saleh – Bro. Dan Walsh – R.W. Bro. E. Rennie D.D.G.M.

During the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 2007 meeting of Friendship Lodge No. 691 W. Bro, Sam Khoury summoned Bro. Ed Williams a member of Porcupine Lodge No. 506 in Timmins to the East where he was presented a 25 year pin on behalf of the Master and members of Porcupine Lodge.



W. Bro. S. Khoury - Bro. Ed Williams - R.W. Bro. E. Rennie

### CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR BRETHREN

Algonquin Lodge No. 536 normally has their Annual Past Masters night in the month of November however this year a Past Grand Lodge Officer's team under the direction of R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu assembled for the purpose of Passing Bro. Adam Egers to the Second or Fellow Craft Degree.



Front Row (L-R) R.W. Bro. R.T. Runciman - R.W. Bro. R. Gordon - R.W. Bro. A. Burns - W. Bro. E. Patton W.M. - Bro. Adam Eagers - R.W. Bro. B.V. Koivu - R. W. Bro. Don Rousell - V.W. Bro. J.E. Gamble - V.W. Bro. Art Madore Grand Steward Back Row (L-R) V.W. Bro. B. Strachan - R.W. Bro. A. Grey - V.W. Bro. R. Donaldson - V.W. Bro. W. Quinn - R.W. Bro. D. Innes - V.W. Bro. G. Heale - V.W. Bro. G. Moffat

Algonquin Lodge No. 536 recognizes W. Bro. Murray Talbot recognized for 25 years a Past Master



Past and Present Masters of Algonquin Lodge No. 536 G.R.C. (L-R) W. Bro. Murray Pierce – W. Bro. Murray Talbot – R.W. Bro. Robert Flowers – W. Bro. Ed Patton, Worshipful Master

### FREEMASONRY IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Mr. David Rivard Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society presents W. Bro. Roy Eaton with a Lifetime Achievement award.



The Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin recently held their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with an Award presentation to the many volunteers and members of the Society.

During the presentations, The Executive Director of the Society, Mr. David Rivard, presented W. Bro. Roy Eaton of Little Current Ontario with a Lifetime Achievement Award. W. Bro. Eaton was recognized for his 4 years as President and the only resident of Manitoulin Island to serve in this capacity.

W. Bro. Eaton was also recognized for his 12 years of service on the local Board, his 4 years on the Board of the Ontario Children's Aid Society and 3 years as Chair of Public Relations on the Ontario Board. Of special note are the years W. Bro. Eaton has been an advocate of First Nations and Foster Parents needs.

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District Around and About News congratulates W. Bro. Roy Eaton of Doric Lodge No. 455 on being presented with a Lifetime Achievement award.

### The Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masonic Choir

The Masonic Choir invites any Mason who likes to sing to come out to their practices every Monday at the Belrock Masonic Centre. Practice starts at 4:30 pm and usually last one hour. They have a lot of fun together and will be very happy to have you join the group.



November 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 - Members of Algonquin Lodge No. 536 and Friendship Lodge No. 691 attended the Remembrance Day services at the Copper Cliff Legion and participated in the wreath laying ceremony honouring Canadian soldiers who have paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom and rights remain secure.



(L-R) W. Bro. Tom Newburn – R.W. Bro. Al Burns – Bro. Rob Lipic – W. Bro. Sam Khoury, Worshipful Master Friendship Lodge No. 691 – V.W. Bro. Brian Stoddart

# Friendship Lodge No. 691 Belrock Masonic Centre Beautification Project

The members of Friendship Lodge No. 691 and other members of the Craft have been hard at work on the exterior of the Belrock Masonic Centre. Friendship Lodge would like to thank the Temple Board and the Java Guild for their support of the beautification project.

W. Bro. Ben Mullen and Bro. Roger Kitching have been busy during the summer months. The shed has been completed by them and the Lodge congratulates them for their work on this project.



Honorary job inspector R.W. Bro. Eric Moore reviews the work with W. Bro. Mullen and Bro. Roger Kitching





Friendship Lodge No. 691 has brought new life to the entrance of the Belrock Masonic Centre by adding new paving stones, curbs, crushed rock and potted plants, installing a new marque identifying the Belrock Masonic Centre and a magnificent Square and Compasses of stainless steel.

A beautiful flower garden planted by the members of Friendship Lodge No. 691 also enhanced the entrance to Belrock bringing fresh fragrance and solitude to the surrounding parking area. V.W. Bro. Brian Stoddart stands before the flower garden that lines the parking area at Belrock.

The Editor congratulates the members of Friendship Lodge No. 691 for their hard work and thoughtfulness in making the Belrock Masonic Centre a place of warmth and hospitality. Well-done fellas.

### Tuscan Chapter No. 95 R.A.M.



(L-R) Ex. Comp. W.F. Chung "H" – Bro. Rob Lipic – First Principal, Ex. Comp. P. Liukko "Z" – Bro. Bill Evanochko – Em. Comp. Stan Fenton "J"



### **Congratulations:**

Bro. William (Bill) Evanochko and Bro. Robert (Rob) Lipic for receiving the Most Excellent Master Degree on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 under the direction of Ex. Comp. Wah F. Chung, Second Principal.

### Mavar Preceptory No. 65

On Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007 Sir Knights Jim Thomson, Ed Bradley and James Lloyd received the Order of the Temple Part I – (Novice) under the direction of R. Em. Kt. John E. Gamble. The evening was the Official Visit of the Provincial Grand Prior, R. Em. Kt. Bryan Manson and the election of Officers for the ensuing year.



(L-R) R. Em. Kt. Bryan Manson Provincial Grand Prior – Em. Kt. Clive Stephenson, Presiding Preceptor – Em. Kt. James Brien, Secretary to P.G.P.





(L-R) Em. Kt. James Brien – R. Em. Kt. Bryan Manson P.G.P. Rt. Em. Kt. Marvin Thomas, Rt. Em. Kt. Randy DeFreitas pose for the photographer.



### Excalibur York Rite College No. 101

The primary objective of every York Rite College is to foster a spirit of service and to promote and support the York Rite in every way possible. Membership in the College is by invitation, and is restricted to those Masons who hold membership in all of the other York Rite bodies.

The Excalibur York Rite College invited five brethren to become the newest members by receiving The Order of Knight of York on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2007



Congratulations are extended to the Five newest members of the Excalibur York Rite College No. 101

(L-R) Companions John Hodder -Little Current, Bob Boudreau – Elliot Lake, Bob Prout – Elliot Lake, Roy Eaton – Little Current and Allan Burns - Sudbury





COME FOR COFFEE – STAY FOR LUNCH



The Cast of the Excalibur College No. 101 – The Order of Knight of York Wearing brand new costumes especially made for this degree by the talented hands of *Phyllis McEwen*. Thank you Phyllis for your sharing your time and gifted talent. You have brought such wonderful colour into this degree and given us a sense of reality. Everyone agrees your work has brought a special life into the work performed in the Order of Knight of York.

Nipissing Lodge No. 20 Royal Ark Mariners



Newest Companions of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree (L-R) John Hodder – Robert Prout – Roy Eaton – Alan Lloyd – Allan Burns – Robert Boudreau – Reijo Luoma

### Elam Council No. 5 Order of the High Priesthood

Story and photos by R.Ex. Comp. J.E. Gamble, <u>Past President</u>

The Order of the High Priesthood held a Convocation on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 in the Espanola Lodge room.

The Order of the High Priesthood was then conferred upon R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth R. Pierce, Grand Superintendent of Ontario District No. 14, Royal Arch Masons. Membership is available to First Principal or Past First Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter.



**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2007** was a Banner Day for Nipissing Lodge No. 20 Royal Ark Mariners as 7 new members were elevated into the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners.

The Royal Ark Mariner, a companion degree, is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, rite in Masonry. As its name suggests, it is based on the legend of Noah and the Great deluge. Like Craft Masonry, this Degree is based on the triumvirate of wisdom, strength and beauty. Even for the experienced Mason, the Degree powerfully emphasizes our reliance on a spiritual as well as a material enlightenment.

The rainbow ribbon that decorates the regalia of the degree provides a colourful spectacle to all its ceremonies. But despite its great age, it is essentially a thinking man's degree, conducted in a friendly, intimate and rewarding atmosphere.





On November 12, 2007 a contingent of Espanola Chapter No 257 RAM gave some Masonic Education at Penewobikong Lodge No 487, in Blind River. In attendance, R.W.Bro. Alexander C. Solomon, Algoma East DDGM, Master of Penewobikong Lodge W.Bro. Olson and the Grand Superintendent of District 14 RAM, R.Ex.Comp. Ken Pierce, along with companions of Espanola Chapter.



# Espanola Chapter No. 257 Congratulations:

Bro. Richard Meisner for receiving the Most Excellent Master degree on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in Espanola Chapter.



Ex. Comp. Al Stonier – Comp. Robert Prout – Bro. Richard Meisner – R. Ex. Comp. Ken Pierce – Ex. Comp. Clive Stephenson



### Barrie Consistory S.P.R.S. 32°

Congratulations to Ill. Bro. Moe Keller and Ill. Bro. Rick Belton for achieving the 32 Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry at the Barrie Consistory and being presented with their 32° Collars at the Fall Reunion in October 2007



Ill. Bro.'s G. Campbell – T. Newburn – R. Eaton made the trip to Barry Consistory for the day to support our local brethren.



### THE FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY

THE SCOTTISH RITE CONSISTS OF FOUR DISTINCT AND SEPARATE SOVEREIGN MASONIC BODIES



WHAT IS THE SCOTTISH RITE? It is a branch of Freemasonry designed to supplement and amplify the philosophical teachings of the first three degrees.

HOW DOES THE SCOTTISH RITE ELABORATE ON THE CRAFT LODGE DEGREES? It presents in degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second an interpretation of the lessons of the Craft degrees by the use of drama and lectures appealing to both the ear and eye to teach the great truths which Freemasonry professes.

HOW MANY DEGREES ARE THERE IN SCOTTISH RITE? Thirty-three including the Craft degrees. However the Craft degrees are accepted as conferred by the Grand Lodges. The Thirty-third is conferred directly by Supreme Council, the governing Body of the Rite.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER DEGREES? The fourth to the fourteenth inclusive are conferred by Lodges of Perfection. The fifteenth to the eighteenth inclusive are conferred by Rose Croix Chapters. The nineteenth to the thirty-second inclusive are conferred by Consistories. Each Lodge, Chapter and Consistory is an organized Body within the Valley (geographical area) served by it.

WHY ARE THESE DEGREES CALLED SCOTTISH RITE? Any connection with Scotland would seem to be vague. The reason may be that one or two of the degrees were long supposed to have been devised by the Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay, a learned Scotsman, who was tutor to Prince Charles Edward, the young Pretender. These degrees seem to have afforded a meeting place for those in exile in France who were adherents of the Stuarts, and who were plotting for the restoration of James II and his son to the throne of England. No degree of the Scottish Rite seems to have ever had its origin in Scotland.

muroduce you to haritable Foundation WHAT IS MY FIRST STEP? You must be a Master Mason of good standing and sign an application for admittance. Any member of the Sudbury Lodge of Perfection will be happy to introduce you to Scottish Rite

Learning Centres

for Children

Freemasonry.



Someone is waiting for you



Freemasonry is the oldest and largest world wide fraternity dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of a Supreme Although of a religious nature, Freemasonry is not a religion. It urges its members however, to be faithful and devoted their own religious beliefs. In our Province, the governing body is called the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. It is under the leadership of a Grand Master. He presides over the 57,664 Masons who belong to one or more of the 611 lodges in our jurisdiction. Each of these lodges is under the direction of a Master. The Sudbury-Manitoulin District consists of nine lodges. Five lodges meet in Sudbury at the Belrock Masonic Centre 845 Regent Street behind the Memorial Hospital. The other lodges are located in Capreol, Espanola, Little Current and Gore Bay. The Sudbury-Manitoulin District is one of 41 Districts in Ontario who form the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Members of the Grand Lodge elect a Grand Master every two years and each District elects a District Deputy Grand Master each year.

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that looks for good men and helps to make them better.



**Sudbury Lodge** is having it's Annual Ladies Night at the Belrock Masonic Centre Banquet Room again this year on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2007. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$32.50 per person, Cash Bar, Gourmet menu will again be prepared. Only 90 tickets are available. This is our tenth year of having our annual ladies night and every year has been a sell-out as well as a great success If you are planning to attend contact me at (705) 560-4590 or E-Mail <u>dixon@sympatico.ca</u> as soon as possible to reserve your tickets. "First Come First Served" No ticket sales at the door!

# THIS IS THE PREMIERE EVENT OF THE YEAR DON'T MISS OUT!

Nickel Lodge will be holding their Christmas Party at the Italian Club in Copper Cliff on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2007. This will be part of a Bring Your Party to Our Party event and the cost is \$85.00 per couple. Open to all members of the lodge, their significant other as well as family and friends. Tickets MUST be ordered in advance. Please, contact the Junior Warden Bro. Brian Howe if you would like more information and if you wish to order tickets....You can reach him at <a href="mailto:bhowe@on.aibn.com">bhowe@on.aibn.com</a>

**Algonquin Lodge** will be holding their Christmas Party at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Golf Club in Lively on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2007. The meal is \$32.50 per person and Masons their families and friends are invited to attend. **Please, contact the Junior Warden Bro. Allen Bowles if you would like more information or plan to attend....** 

You will be able to reach him at his email address <u>Allen.Bowles@freedom55financial.com</u>

The man who becomes a Mason is taught a pattern for living - reverence, morality, kindness, honesty, dependability, and compassion. He must be prepared to honour his country, uphold its laws and respect those in authority.

He must be prepared to maintain honourable relations with others and be willing to share in Masonic activities. It teaches men from every station in life to practice their religious beliefs, help mankind and to be faithful to family and friends. It builds character and the more emphasis put into it the more the return. While we do not openly solicit membership, Masons often say "to be one ask one." Applicants must believe in the existence of a Supreme Being and be of strong moral conscious.





**OUT ENTER** 



# ESPANOLA MASONIC LODGE # 527 FUNSPIEL 2008



TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL CURLING "FUNSPIEL" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2008

DINNER, PRIZES AND A LOT OF LAUGHS FOR MASONS AND FRIENDS

PROCEEDS TO ESPANOLA LODGE BURSARY FUND

### **ENTRY FEE**;

\$30.00 PER CURLER .... \$60.00 PER COUPLE
ESPANOLA CURLING RINK .... ACROSS FROM THE LODGE
\*\*\*FIRST PRIZE .... THE BOB WRIGHT MEMORIAL PLAQUE\*\*
FIRST DRAW 8:00 A.M. .... FIRST 20 RINKS ACCEPTED
FREE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS IN THE MORNING
LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CURLING CLUB

TO REGISTER PLEASE SEND PAYMENT AND FORM TO: GORDON FRASER BOX 846, 22 CHURCH STREET COPPER CLIFF, ON P0M 1N0

OR CALL AND CONFIRM ENTRY WITH GORD AT (705)682-9294

\*\*MAKE MY JOB EASY AND ENTER EARLY\*\*

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO GORDON R. FRASER

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	IVI/ F	POSITION	CURLER	OK NOT