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From the District Deputy

Brethren: What a great year this has been for our district. The spirit of Freemasonry is alive and well in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District and our future looks bright.

I have met many good Masons throughout our District and I am grateful for the support you gave to the District Secretary and myself.

I definitely recommend to anyone who is considering the Office of D.D.G.M. to make the move and let your name stand for election. It is a worthwhile experience that you will remember your entire life.

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth

The brethren in our District have taken Masonic charity to new heights lately. During a visit to Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698 in May a number of brethren from our District learned that their roof was leaking in several places. What further complicates matters for this lodge is the fact a new roof is estimated to cost \$13,000 and they do not have the money needed for the repairs.

When their difficulty was made known to our District during our regular meeting on June 2nd a fundraising drive was immediately launched. The nine lodges in our district each donated \$100, The Master and Wardens Association, The Java Guild and individual Masons all donated cash without hesitation.

On Saturday, June 21st twenty-one Masons from our District travelled to Elliot Lake Lodge for their regular Saturday morning breakfast. After enjoying a delicious breakfast V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan present Elliot Lake Lodge with a total of \$3,100 from the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons to help them with their roof repairs.

It is in the spirit of Masonic charity and for the cause of good that the Sudbury-Manitoulin District now challenges Algoma East, Muskoka-Parry Sound, and Nipissing East districts to match or exceed our donation to Elliot Lake Lodge. If these three districts answer the call to help the entire cost of for a new roof will be reached.

Finally my brethren it is time to think about the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Our District meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16th at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Make the effort to come down and support the candidates running for the D.D.G.M. office. I understand the Java Guild would like to fill a Greyhound bus. If you are interested contact V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan.

May you and your family enjoy a healthy, happy, and safe summer.

Sincerely and fraternally
Ed Rennie, D.D.G.M.

Bus to Grand Lodge



Leaving Belrock Wednesday morning July 16th for Toronto. Now is your chance to ride in luxury right to the front doors of the Royal York Hotel.

Join us in Toronto for the District meeting and support our candidates running for District Deputy and Board of General Purposes.

To guarantee your seat bring your \$60.00 deposit to Keith Jordan at the next Java Guild. Don't miss the bus!

Sick and Visiting

Bro. Bruce Galbraith

Doric Lodge No. 455

Bro. Ted Brown

Doric Lodge No. 455

Bro. Ben Wilson

Doric Lodge No. 455

Bro. Harvey Dorrisfield

Espanola Lodge No. 527

R.W. Bro. Alex Gray

Algonquin Lodge No. 536

Bro. Gordon Whittaker

National Lodge No. 588

Bro. Stanely Scarr

National Lodge No. 588

W. Bro. Wes Ashick

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

Bro. Dick Hornaman

Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698

We wish them well and pray for a speedy recovery.



The Community of Freemasonry

By V.W. Bro. Keith I. Jordan

Brethren of Sudbury-Manitoulin District Dig Deep to Help Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698

Members of Mavar Preceptory No. 65 visited with members from Elliot Lake last May and were dismayed to find that the roof was leaking in several areas. Showing some concern they were informed the cost of repairs would be \$12,000 and that the Lodge only had \$1,000 on hand.

R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin asked if the Java Guild could help out our fellow Masons in Elliot Lake...it was suggested that anything would help!



During our District meeting held in Little Current on June 2nd a passionate plea was made on behalf of Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698 and it was decided the District would contact each lodge under its direction and ask for a \$100 donation in the cause of good! At this time one brother took off his hat and suggested we do a silver collection. The hat was passed around and when counted a total of \$710 was raised for the cause of good!

Envelope #1



Cheques Presented to Elliot Lake Lodge

Immediately following the District Meeting the Masters and Wardens Association meeting was called to order and a motion was passed that they would match the \$710 collected during the District meeting.

Thus another \$710 was raised for the cause of good.

Envelope #2

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District has 9 Lodges and each contributed \$100 that totalled \$900 in the cause of good!

Envelope #3

The Java Guild promised if each lodge contributed \$100 it would donate \$600 in the cause of good.

Envelope #4

During the Java Guild get together on June 17th the brethren were informed that we had collected \$2,920 for the cause of good and it was suggested that it would be nice if some of the brethren who were not at the District meeting and if they wanted to, they could help round off the total to \$3,000. Several of the brethren came forward without haste and an extra \$80 was collected.

Envelope #5



Brethren from Sudbury-Manitoulin District

On Saturday, June 21st twenty-one Masons from the Sudbury-Manitoulin District along with three of their Ladies drove to Elliot Lake. The reason was to enjoy breakfast with the brethren of Elliot Lake Lodge who prepare a weekly Saturday breakfast.



After breakfast we were pleased to present Elliot Lake Lodge \$3,000 in the cause of good to help with their renovations. Envelope #6.

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District now challenges Algoma East District to match or better this donation for the cause of good. The challenge is also extended to Nipissing East District and Muskoka-Parry Sound District to consider assisting Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698 raise the funds needed for a new roof.



NATIONAL LODGE NO. 588 INSTALLATION

For a second time, W. Bro. Willie Glehs was Installed as Worshipful Master of National Lodge No. 588 in Capreol. on Saturday, June 2nd 2007. W. Bro. Glehs is no stranger to the East and we look forward to his year as Master.



National Lodge No. 588 Officers for 2008 – 2009



W. Bro. Glehs shares a laugh with W. Bro. Harold Seville, District Secretary prior to the meeting.

Twenty Five year Past Master certificates were presented to R.W. Bro. Ed Elchyshyn and Don Prescott. W. Bro. Paul Seelig was presented his Twenty Five Year Mason pin as well.



Pictured L-R W. Bro. Paul Seelig – R.W. Bro. Ed Elchyshyn – V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan – W. Bro. Don Prescott



After the meeting it was time for some fun and fellowship.





GORE BAY LODGE NO. 472 INSTALLATION



Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 Officers 2008-2009

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 held their annual Installation of Officers on June 12th 2008 at which time W. Bro. Aaron Wright was placed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom.



W. Bro. John Turner the Installing Master for the evening, presents W. Bro. Wright with his gavel.



(L-R) V.W. Bro. Art Madore G.S. – W. Bro. John Turner I.M. – W. Bro. Aaron Wright W.M. – R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie D.D.G.M.



W. Bro. Wright prepared for Lodge business



R.W. Bro. Peter Gordon is ready for a new year as Lodge Secretary.



At the conclusion of the Installation ceremony, Bro. Brian Carter, Jr. Warden of Espanola Lodge No. 527 presented his father W. Bro. Don Carter with a Lewis Jewel.





DORIC LODGE No. 455 INSTALLATION



W. Bro. Douglas Slaughter and the Officers for 2008 – 2009

On Tuesday, June 24th 2008 Doric Lodge held their Annual Meeting for the purpose of Installing the Worshipful Master and Investing the Officers for the ensuing year under the direction of R.W. Bro. Keith Legge the Installing Master.

The visiting brethren were especially pleased to discover that Doric Lodge now has Air Conditioning permitting a more comfortable atmosphere in the lodge room.



W. Bro. Andy Watson a mere 91 years of age, participated as the Jr. Steward in the Board of Installed Masters and presented a letter perfect Charge to the Newly Installed Master from the North East angle.



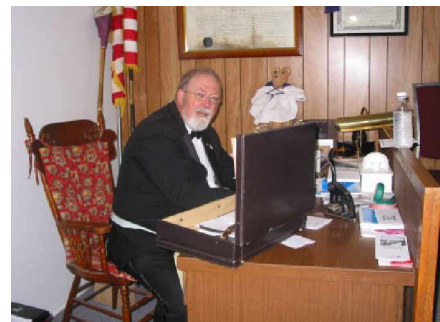
Masons from Sudbury made sure to sample the fresh strawberry short cake that Doric Lodge is famous for.



W. Bro. Slaughter in possession of his gavel and having been placed in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom is now ready for a good year.



W. Bro. Douglas Slaughter with Installing Master R.W. Bro. Keith Legge and R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie D.D.G.M.



Lodge Secretary, W. Bro. Rick Belton sharpens his pencil for another exciting year with a new Worshipful Master.



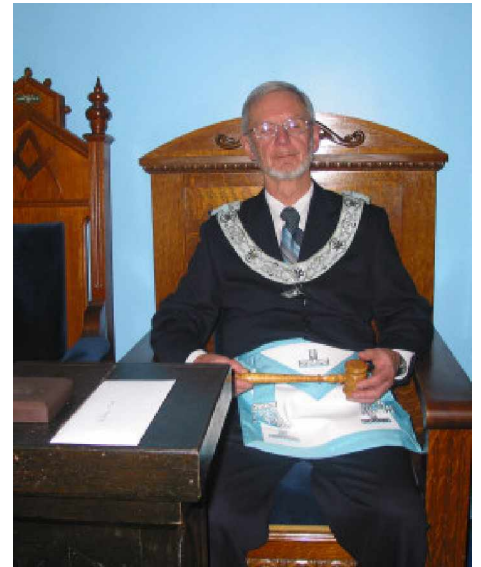


ESPANOLA LODGE NO. 527 INSTALLATION

June was a busy month for Installations and Espanola Lodge No. 527 concluded the tour for R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie when they held their Installation on Wednesday, June 25th 2008 under the direction of V.W. Bro. Clair Bracken the Installing Master. Bro. Robert Dutton was placed in the chair of King Solomon in front of a packed lodge room. We were all grateful for the air conditioning.



W. Bro. Robert Dutton, Worshipful Master and his team of Officers for 2008-2009.



W. Bro. Robert Dutton the new Worshipful Master of Espanola Lodge No. 527



(L-R) front row W. Bro. Harold Saville, District Secretary – W. Bro. Robert Dutton W.M. – R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie D.D.G.M. rear: W. Bro. Clive Stephenson W.M. Nickel Lodge 427 – W. Bro. Mike Chorkawy W.M. Bethel Lodge 699 – W. Bro. Aaron Wright W.M. Gore Bay Lodge 472 – W. Bro. Lyle Redden W.M. Friendship Lodge 691 – W. Bro. Douglas Slaughter W.M. Doric Lodge 455



Of course Espanola Lodge is also known for its Strawberry Shortcake in June and the brethren wasted little time getting to the banquet room after the meeting.



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CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR BRETHREN

Congratulations:

Bro. Eric Lafleur, Nickel Lodge No. 427 on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Wednesday, June 4th 2008.

Bro. Jose Saavedra-Rosas and Bro. Shawn McLaren, Bethel Lodge No. 699 on their Initiation to the Entered Apprentice Degree on Friday, June 13th 2008.



(L-R) W. Bro. Lyle Redden W.M. – Bro. Brian Speth – R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie D.D.G.M.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Bro. Brian Speth, Friendship Lodge No. 691 on being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Wednesday, June 11th 2008.

On Tuesday, June 17th 2008 Bro. Jim Pomerleau became the newest member of Algonquin Lodge by affiliation.



(L-R) W. Bro. Mel Hodgins, Sponsor – Bro. Jim Pomerleau – W. Bro. Dick McIvor W.M. – W. Bro. Harvey Wickenden, Sponsor

Congratulations to R. Ex. Comp. Henry Handsley and V. Ex. Comp. Jim Angus on their Installation as Grand Chapter Officers by R. Ex. Comp. Dan Raycroft, Grand Superintendent for Ontario District No. 14.



(L-R) Ex. Comp. Al Stonier – R. Ex. Comp. Henry Handsley – V. Ex. Comp. Jim Angus – R. Ex. Com. Dan Raycroft

**JAVA GUILD AT BELROCK
EVERY TUESDAY**



**COME FOR COFFEE –
STAY FOR LUNCH**





Excalibur York Rite College No. 101

Installation of Officers took place on Saturday, May 31st 2008 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.



Em. Comp. Kt. Allan P. Sweetman was Installed as Pre-Eminent Governor.



Elam Council No. 5 Order of the High Priesthood

The Official Visit of the Grand President M.Ex. High Priest The Reverend M. John Moor was held on Saturday, June 14th 2008.



(L-R) Paavo Liukko – M. John Moor – Kevin Hewitt – Gordon McEwen

On May 31st 2008 R.W. Bro. David Cameron, G.L. Chairman of Masonic Education conducted a presentation at the Belrock Masonic Centre for the Brethren of the Sudbury-Manitoulin and surrounding districts.





ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Photos & Story by J.E. Gamble



On Saturday, June 7th 2008 the Spanish River and Algoma Chapters of the O.E.S. held a gala evening in Sudbury at the Ramada Inn to honour Marjorie Steinke, Grand Organist for the Heartland Year.

Marjorie a member of both Chapters received a warm welcome from all the guests. Helen Delaney, Worthy Grand Matron and Calvin Thomas, Worthy Grand Patron travelled to Sudbury to attend the special evening for Marjorie.



Diane Radey greets Marjorie and pins a lovely corsage to her dress.



Head Table guests welcome Marjorie to her seat of honour.



Alan Hill Worthy Patron & Betty Ann Dixon Worthy Matron Algoma Chapter Sudbury - Elaine Moore Worthy Matron & Wallace Moore Worthy Patron Spanish River Chapter in Little Current.



Joanne Coulter, Past Grand Matron and Marjorie Steinke share a few memories together.



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Sudbury Shrine Club News

By Noble Roy Eaton



On June 1, 2008 members of the Sudbury Shrine Club and the Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club attended Decoration Day on Manitoulin Island. The Haweater Unit which is composed of Shriners from Manitoulin Island had attended this service and Remembrance Day services for a number of years, parading together with and marching in support of the remaining veterans and placing wreath on behalf of Shriners everywhere.

Today on Manitoulin, instead of laying flowers or flags on individual graves, we lay wreaths in front of the cenotaph to recognize and pay our respects in memory of those who served in the Canadian Forces both in time of war and in peace.

With the conclusion of the service at the main cenotaph, the parade marched across to Memorial Gardens where a wreath was laid in front of the Women's Memorials. The picture below was taken in front of these Memorials.



The history of Decoration Day goes back to April 25, 1866 when, in Columbus, Mississippi, a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

In the US, in 1868 the first official Decoration Day or Memorial Day as it soon would be called was held. At that ceremony these words were spoken: "This Memorial Day, on which we decorate their graves with the tokens of love and affection, brings back to our minds in all their vividness the fearful conflicts of that terrible war in which they fell as victims."

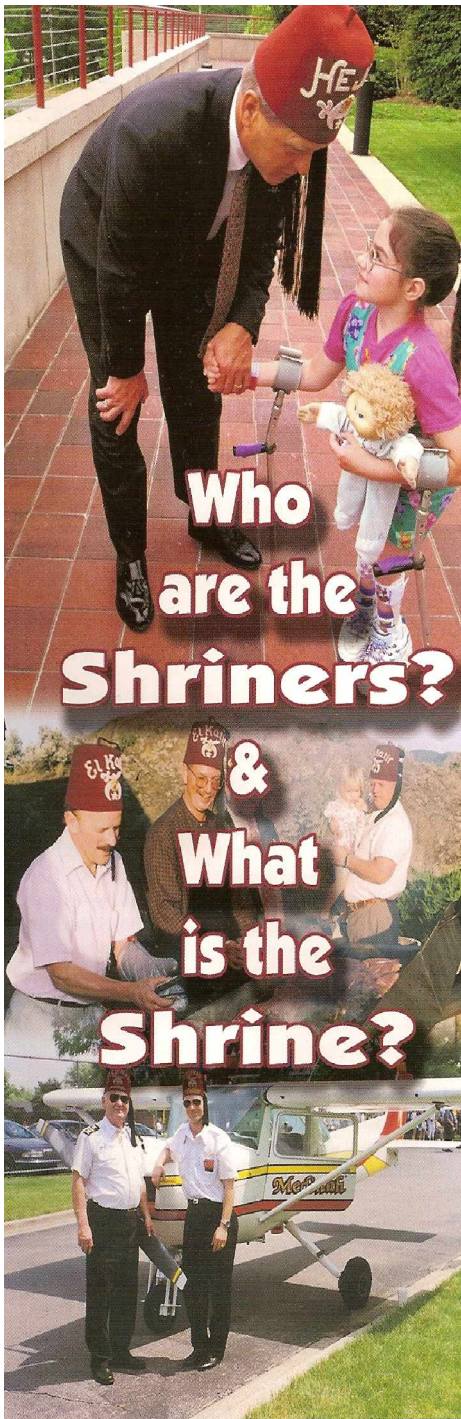
On Manitoulin Island, Decoration Day received its start in 1921. Veterans and citizens traveled across the island starting in Wikwemikong in the east and Meldrum Bay in the west, ending at Monument Corners in Spring Bay where a combined service was held. Along the way, they placed flowers and tokens of remembrance on the graves of departed soldiers.

Each year as the ranks of our veterans decrease, the contingent in front of the reviewing stand gets less and less. With the Nobles in Shrine dress jackets and Fez, it added so much. There were numerous compliments from veterans and the public on their presence and how much the Shriners support of the ceremony meant to them.

Submitted by Noble Roy Eaton

President; Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 177, Little Current and member of the Haweater Unit, Sudbury Shrine Club.





Who are the Shriners?

& What is the Shrine?

Who is eligible for admission to a Shriners Hospital?

Shriners Hospitals accept and treat any child up to their 18th birthday if, in the opinion of the hospital's chief of staff, the child can be helped. Shriners Hospitals are open to all children without regard to race, religion, or relationship to a Shriner. There is never a charge to the patient, parent, or any third party for any service or medical treatment received at Shriners Hospitals.



How are admissions handled for burn care at Shriners Hospitals?

The sooner a burned child reaches a Shriners Hospital providing burn care, the better his chances of recovery. In an emergency, the referring physician should telephone the chief of staff at the nearest burn Shriners Hospital and indicate the patient needs emergency care. Non-emergency admissions for reconstructive or plastic surgery should be arranged through the administrator of the nearest burn Shriners Hospital.

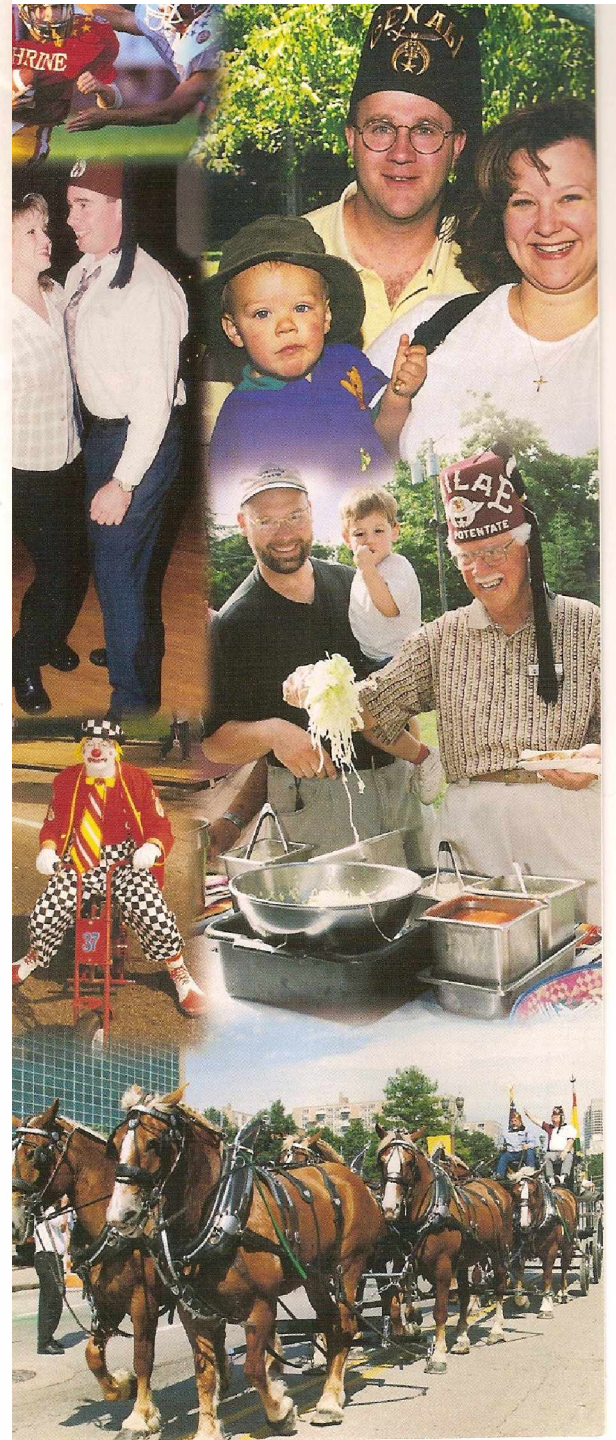
The Shriners Hospitals providing burn care are located in Boston, Mass.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Galveston, Texas; and Sacramento, Calif.

Where can parents get more information about Shriners Hospitals?

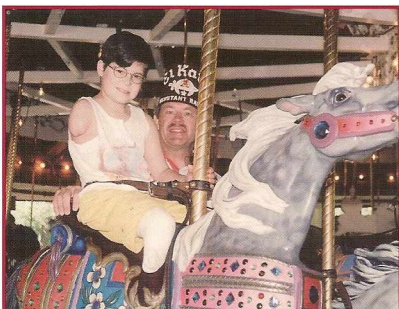
For more information about Shriners Hospitals, visit our Web site at: www.shrinershq.org or call one of our toll-free information numbers:

**UNITED STATES:
1-800-237-5055**

**CANADA:
1-800-361-7256**



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Masons And Their Ladies Raise Money for The Canadian Cancer Society – Relay For Life

Masons and their Ladies participated in the ninth annual Relay For Life on Friday, June 6th 2008 at the Laurentian University track in Sudbury. W. Bro. Ben Mullen and Bro. Roger Kitching, team organizers and members of Friendship Lodge No. 691 report the Masons of our district raised \$3,820.00 for the Canadian Cancer Society. Despite adverse weather conditions up to 30 people visited the team during the all night relay. W. Bro. Mullen collected \$520 on the night of the Relay from visitor's donations. The team is already planning for next year's event that will be the 10th Anniversary of the Relay For Life in Sudbury.



V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan presents W. Bro. Ben Mullen with \$521 from the Java Guild for the Relay For Life team. The amount represents the Java Guild profits from two consecutive weeks.



Even a heavy rainfall could not dampen the spirits of the Masons and their Ladies who stayed all night to help raise money in the fight against cancer.



W. Bro. Gary Trotter's granddaughter snuggles up to her Poppa



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Harold Waller Memorial Golf Tournament Friendship Lodge



PINE GROVE GOLF CLUB AUGUST 24th.

9 HOLES MEAL & CART	- \$40.00
MEAL ONLY	- \$20.00

Tee – off time 9:30 a.m. (shot gun start)

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 20TH.
TO REGISTER or QUESTIONS CONTACT:

BEN MULLEN – 522-1993
GARY TROTTER – 522-8730
ROGER KITCHING – 566-1764



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June 30, 2008

Dear Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

As you may know, the living history museum of Upper Canada Village, near Morrisburg Ontario, is a recreated village of the 1860s opened in 1961 to preserve some of the buildings moved out of the path of the new St. Lawrence Seaway. Since then, we have incorporated several buildings from elsewhere in Eastern Ontario, most recently an old Orange Lodge from Kars has been restored and transformed into a Masonic Lodge in order to teach people about the history of the Masons and other fraternal orders, and their important contributions to the building of the country.

The turnout was tremendous and even the weather co-operated as we celebrated the grand opening of this new Masonic Brethren Lodge at Upper Canada Village on June 21st. We are so grateful to all of you who came and made it the very special event that it was. The South Glengarry Pipes and Drums led a procession of about 500 Masons that very impressively extended the entire length of the village. The Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrison, officiated, along with many other dignitaries. I've included some photos from the event with this letter so you can see for yourselves how great it was.

In appreciation for all that your organization has done for the Village in funding this entire project, donating so many wonderful artifacts, and helping us to christen it in such a spectacular fashion, Upper Canada Village and the St. Lawrence Parks Commission would like to offer you some special discounts this year.

For those who didn't get to the grand opening, or for those who want to visit the Village and the Lodge again, we would like to offer you and a guest our discounted group rate for the rest of the 2008 regular season (through October 5th). This special rate of \$12.95 plus GST (regular rate \$17.95 plus GST) is yours for the asking at the admission booth simply by showing proof of Masonic membership.

As well, this year at the new Ontario Power Generation Community Pavilion at Chrysler Park Marina, (just west of Upper Canada Village on County Road 2) the St. Lawrence Parks Commission is proud to present the wonderful play *A Seaway Story* from July 10 to August 3. With high energy and humour, *A Seaway Story* tells the electrifying tale of the seaway's creation in the 1950s. Again, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission would like to offer you and a guest the group rate of \$15 plus GST (regular rate \$20 plus GST). Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in person to take advantage of the group rate. Discounted tickets are available at the Upper Canada Village admissions booth, the Chrysler Park Marina, and our following partner:

[Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism, 11 Water Street West, Cornwall, ON 613-938-4748](#)

These two offers are just a small thank you for all your hard work, and your generosity in helping us to create this marvellous lasting legacy for future generations.

With great appreciation,

Dave Dobbie
Manager, Upper Canada Village