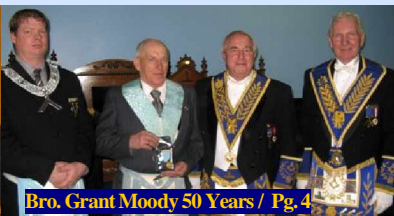


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From the District Deputy

My Brethren: I am writing this just after watching our Canadian Ladies Curling team win their semi-final match and after an evening of watching our women win four more Olympic medals. What a fabulous outpouring of support for and pride in the accomplishments of our athletes, in particular for the women athletes who are dominating the platform for Canada. What a thrilling, emotional week this has been.



What a thrilling, emotional week this has been. So many wonderful stories of athletes overcoming adversity and all odds to just be there to compete, let alone win a medal.

At an earlier Official Visit, I quoted from the research which a group of Toronto area Masons did on the "Condition of Masonry in Ontario". A few years ago, they reported that, taking into account initiations and deaths, approximately 20,000 Masons had left the Craft in Ontario. It made me was curious about our statistics here in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District and I did my own research. On March 3, at my Official Visit to Nickel Lodge I will present my findings. At this time, from the eight variables available for each lodge, I will give you one raw, total statistic. As of Dec. 31, 1993 our District reported a total membership of **1,219** Masons, fifteen years later on Dec. 31, 2008 (the most recent data available) our membership was 916, a **decrease in total membership of 303 or 25%**.

If lodges are looking at ways to retain members, to make lodge more interesting and more relevant, to bring more brethren into the craft, you do not have to reinvent the wheel. Grand Lodge has a number of programs and initiatives, which have a proven background of success. On Tuesday, March 23 at Belrock Masonic Center, a team from the Grand Lodge Resources Committee will present an overview of these programs and how best to implement them. In the following months, it is my hope that, as participants return with new ideas, lodges will take advantage of some of the different opportunities presented that evening.

In closing, I wish to commend Espanola Lodge on, once again, hosting such a warm and inviting Masonic Bonspiel. My congratulations are extended to the members of the organizing committee, in particular, the chair W. Bro. Doug Bracken. Great fellowship prevailed, with prizes being presented to every competitor. Well-done Espanola.

Sincerely and fraternally
Roy J. Eaton D.D.G.M.
Sudbury-Manitoulin District

Passed To The Grand Lodge Above



Bro. Burke Van Zant
Doric Lodge No. 455

**WE CHERISH THEIR
MEMORY IN OUR
HEARTS**

Sick and Visiting

W. Bro. Paul Seelig
National Lodge No. 588
Very Ill at this time

Bro. Al Grigor
Bethel Lodge No. 699
At Home – Calls Welcome

**We wish them well and
pray for their full recovery**

NICKEL LODGE NO. 427

OFFICIAL VISIT

R.W. BRO. ROY J. EATON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD

DINNER 6:00 PM
\$12.00 A PLATE



**SUPPORT YOUR
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R.W. Bro. Allan Burns
Editor



Friendship Lodge No. 691 Installation

Friendship Lodge No. 691 held their annual installation on Saturday, February 13th 2010 under the direction of Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon. Congratulations to W. Bro. Sam Khoury and his Officers for the year.



Friendship Lodge No. 691

(Front Row L-R) R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon – W. Bro. Brian Post – W. Bro. Oliver Koski – Bro. Rob Lipic – W. Bro. Sam Khoury – R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton – Bro. Roger Kitching – V.W. Bro. John Gilpin
(Back Row) Bro. John Robbie – V.W. Bro. John Cornthwaite – V.W. Bro. Brian Stoddart – V.W. Bro. Clair Bracken – Bro. John Miszczak – V.W. Bro. Robert Lewis – V.W. Bro. Milton Fleming – Bro. Ryan Lipic – W. Bro. Bernie Villeneuve

R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon, Installing Master with W. Bro. Sam Khoury

W. Bro. Khoury displays his gavel and striking block that was presented to him during his Installation in 2007. The wood came from the famous Cedars of Lebanon, gifted by his family.



Friendship Lodge Ladies Night

For the past 33 years the brethren have held an annual Ladies Night following the Installation of Officers. Always held, close to St. Valentine's Day, it is known as a Premier Event in our district. Brethren and their ladies from many other lodges attend the evening of entertainment, fine dining and dance. If you haven't been to one of these evenings, make plan to attend next year.



W. Bro. Sam Khoury dances with his lovely wife Lori



Good Friends meet on the Level
(L-R) V.W. Bro. John Gilpin – W. Bro. Sam Khoury – Bro. Nick Menican – R.W. Bro. Robert Lewis





CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Nickel Lodge No. 427

Congratulations to Bro. John Mason on being Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree during the annual Step-Up night on Wednesday, February 3rd 2010 under the direction of Bro. Rick England the Sr. Warden.



(L-R) W. Bro. David Kennedy, candidate's sponsor – Bro. Rick England – Bro. John Mason – W. Bro. Brian Howe – W. Bro. Paavo Liukko Nickel Lodge Installing Master this year.



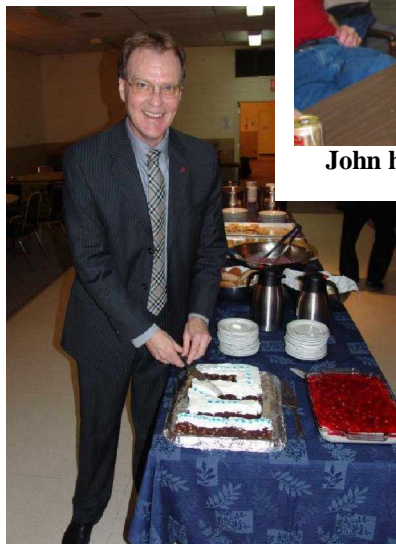
Java Guild Celebrates 94th Birthday of a Favourite Son
V.W. Bro. John Gilpin received warm birthday wishes from the brethren at a recent gathering of the Java Guild in February.



Robert Storie, Keith Jordan and Ed Rennie, Java Guild Founders present John with a favourite cake honouring his 94th birthday.



John had a super birthday also receiving a favourite of his red.



V.W. Bro. John Gilpin reflects on Bro. Mason having some fun with his 60+ years a Mason and his a 2nd Degree Cake upcoming 94th Birthday.



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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Espanola Lodge No. 527

It turned out to be a special evening for the Congratulations to Bro. Paul Nelson on being Passed to the Fellowcraft brethren of Espanola Lodge when R.W. Bro. Roy degree on Wednesday, February 3rd 2010 during the regular meeting of Eaton DDGM Sudbury-Manitoulin and R.W. Bro. Espanola Lodge No. 527.

Ken Pierce DDGM Algoma East districts showed up for a Fraternal visit.



Roy and Ken are both members of Espanola Chapter No. 257 R.A.M. Roy is currently First Principal and Ken is Past Grand Superintendent of Ontario District No. 14



Newest Fellowcraft with Espanola Lodge Officers and visiting dignitaries

During the meeting Bro. Grant Moody received his pin and jewel commemorating his 50 years of Masonic service.



W. Bro. Brian Carter W.M. – Bro. Grant Moody Sr. Warden – R.W. Bro. Roy J. Eaton DDGM Sudbury-Manitoulin – R.W. Bro. Ken Pierce DDGM Algoma East

The Worshipful Master presented Bro. Eldon Stinson with his 25-year pin and Lodge certificate to commemorate his masonic service.



During a recent trip to Sault Ste. Marie on February 8th 2010 R.W. Bro. Ken Pierce D.D.G.M. Algoma East District presented Bro. Orval Davis Wolgemuth with his 60-year pin and a certificate on behalf of Espanola Lodge No. 527.



R.W. Bro. Ken Pierce D.D.G.M. Algoma East and Bro. Orval Davis Wolgemuth chatted about his Masonic history and of his brother Lorne who was a PDDGM from Dymont Lodge in Thessalon and who had passed away some time ago. R.W. Bro. Pierce said of Bro. Wolgemuth, "He is a true gentleman and Mason."





Right Worshipful Bro. George Chambers Of His Life and Times

by W. Bro. Garry West

George Chambers is a quiet gentle man. When he speaks, it is with the authority and precision which draws on his years of experience. He is a devoted lover of Masonry who takes the responsibility of passing on the Masonic tradition intact very seriously. We are all aware of those facts, so hopefully we can shed some light here on the family man and the teacher he has been as well.

George was born April 1st 1921 in Toronto and resided at 348 Concord Avenue where he attended three local schools, then later a technical school, where he developed engineering. He got on staff at the flying school north of Toronto. This Toronto Flying School was involved with the #1 Elementary Flying Training School that was located at Malton Airport. George was with them for a couple of years. While with them he received his Aircraft Engineers Certificate. He left Malton Airport to join the staff at a new facility at Oshawa (#20 EFTS, a much larger facility), and while there he was inducted into the RCAF. He was there until they started to close it down, after WWII was over.

While in Oshawa, George met Margaret Schultz, who was working for the United Kingdom Inspection Board. She came from Pilot Mound, Manitoba (south of Winnipeg). She graduated from the University of Manitoba.

When they closed down operations in Oshawa, she returned to her parent's home in Pilot

Mound. George left the RCAF after moving to Winnipeg, where he and Margaret then decided to marry.

George attended the DVA (Veteran's Affairs) School. He found he was able to train as a teacher in the Industrial Arts field either in Toronto or in the United States. Since he was from the area, he decided to get his training in Toronto. He and Margaret moved to Toronto, where he completed the course. After graduating, they moved to Kars, Ontario (south of Ottawa) where George was hired to teach Industrial Arts in a regional school.

While George was in Kars, On., he was interviewed by Homer Scobie, a School Board Member.

Homer not only was involved in George being hired as a teacher, he was a sponsor for him in Freemasonry. George was initiated into Masonry May 31, 1950 in the Kars, Corinthian Lodge, Passed April 28, 1950 and Raised May 26, 1950. He moved to Sudbury and Affiliated with Sudbury Lodge #658 June 18, 1951.

George and Margaret lived for two years in Kars, Ontario. When the amalgamation of the three school systems was complete, the regional school was to be centered in Kars, Ontario. The envisioned regional school did not develop as it was originally planned. It eventually split regional school being located elsewhere. This led to George being hired by the developing Sudbury High School then Margaret was hired as a Case Worker for the Children's Aid Society in Sudbury. He taught Industrial Arts there. After a number of years, he transferred to the Garson-Falconbridge Secondary School as a teacher of carpentry and drafting. While he taught, George also completed a Bachelor Degree in his off-work hours.



When George came to work at Garson Falconbridge High School,

Oliver Coley was the Head of Technical Services and taught Metal Work. George took over Oliver's role as Head of Technical Services training when Oliver retired. In this role, George supervised the Drafting, Metal -work, and Carpentry training there.

George is fond of his memories of joining Oliver Coley (who was a well-known Brother in Masonry), for the weekly Java guild Lunches where they were able to visit together and with many other old and new friends, until Oliver's passing last year.

George was an avid outdoorsman who liked dogs. He and Margaret had a cottage on the

French River for a time where the family enjoyed many years of good times. He has stories about flying with a group up to James Bay to hunt geese and has memories of a group of friends that got together to hunt deer on the south shore of Lake Nipissing. While at GFSS he took in a presentation by Lands and Forests, where he was encouraged to join and assist with the Lands and Forests sponsored Hunter Safety Program for several years until he retired. During this period he kept several firearms, which he used mainly for instructing. He gave these up when the Federal Government brought in the new Gun Registry laws.

Since he has been located in Sudbury, he has been very active in Masonry and the various

Concordant Bodies. On July 15, 1962, he was installed in the Chair of King Solomon, with Worshipful Brother S.R. Snelling serving as Installing Master and Past Master Worshipful Brother Robert E. Bryson (no relation to Brother Robert Bryson of Sudbury Lodge). George joined the Sudbury Lodge of Perfection and was Installed as TPGM January of 1983. He was Installed as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District on July 21, 1983.

He became a member of York Rite College #101 on November 15, 1986. George was Presiding Preceptor of the Mavar Preceptory as of January 28, 1988. He was Installed as First Principal of Tuscan Chapter #95, Sudbury Ontario in 1989 and Installed as Thrice Illustrious Master of Alpha Council #23, Cryptic Rite January 1991. He is a member of the Northern Lights Chapter #213 Sault Ste Marie, as well as the Templars.

On September 12, 1991 George was Coroneted to the 33rd Degree of the Supreme Council of The Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of Canada on September 12, 1991. He became Grand Superintendent, New Ontario District #15, Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Ontario 1992-93. An illustrious career in the many faces of Masonry and stellar service to his Brethren in

Masonry, including serving as the Lodge Historian for Sudbury Lodge, where he undertook to transcribe and summarize Sudbury Lodge 50 year history from the inception of the Lodge to current times.

George has also taken advantage of one the greatest privileges of Masonry, that of visiting other Lodges, many of them in other parts of the world. When he and Margaret were in India, he visited Lodges there and in Lunenburg Nova Scotia as examples.

In Lunenburg, stopping for gas turned out to be very fortunate as the man running the station saw George's Masonic ring and when George confirmed that he was indeed a Mason, he invited him to attend their Lodge meeting that very evening. When he told the man that he was travelling with his wife, the Brother said to bring Margaret to his home and she could visit with his wife and a good day was had by all. George has collected various Books of The Work from these Lodges and has a collection covering different practices of the English and Irish Rites.

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R.W. Bro. G. Chambers... Along the way George was a strong family man and a devoted husband. This was demonstrated in the note he made for me for the purposes of this biography. He wrote that he had "Been married 54 wonderful years". To know George well you must also know Margaret who has been such an important part of his life.

George and Margaret have two children, John and Gwen. John is married to Helga and they have with two beautiful granddaughters of whom they are very proud. John works for the Globe and Mail. Gwen is married to Gary and they have no children. A number of years ago, Gwen qualified as a riding instructor who still keeps two horses. She achieved her MBA and is now starting her own real estate development company.

It is a mark of George as a good friend that the Homer Scobie (George's Sponsor for initiation into Masonry) family still visit him when they are in Sudbury. It is also worth noting that George seems to develop good friends everywhere, for example, he has visited Lodges in places like Midland, Ontario because the son of a good friend is being Initiated.

George Chambers is a Brother in Masonry who has taken the role very seriously, and while he does not like to be front and centre at Lodge Meetings, he tends to be the Brother who will give you a call or touch your arm to get your attention after a meeting then privately offer some sage advice or offer help. It is certainly my privilege to know both he and Margaret and it is my hope that this will shed some light on a good man in Masonry.



District Chaplain's Observations

V.W. Bro. Clair Bracken
District Chaplain



March 2010

When we were asked, "in cases of difficulty and danger, in whom do you put your trust?", the answer informed the brethren that we were believers in a Supreme Ruler of the Universe.

Individuals who, with the aid of Divine Wisdom, and the secrets of our Masonic Art, might someday display the beauties of true godliness, exhibit social and moral virtue, and bring honour to our fraternity.

As we were taught the meaning of the ancient signs and symbols, the fundamental principles of our Order were imbedded in our minds.

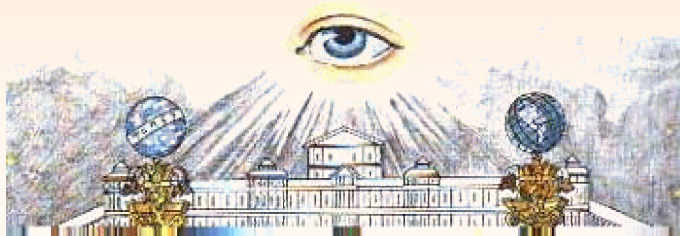
We learned to put into practice the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, while enjoying a mutual exchange of fraternal feelings.

We became tolerant of the debilities of others, and open and sincere in our praise. We learned that it is the internal and not external qualifications of a man that Masonry regards.

We were taught to be "good men and true and strictly to obey the moral law". There is no equivocation of any kind. It must be obeyed strictly, and not according to the personal views of the individual. It demands exactitude of its performance in the everyday life of Freemasons.

When the time comes for us to leave this life, will our obituary print the truth? Will our life have reflected honour on our fraternity?

Such is the nature of our Institution, and may the Great Architect shine on our Fraternity, forever and ever.



SOMEONE IS WAITING FOR YOU TO INVITE THEM TO BECOME A ROYAL ARCH MASON. DON'T DISAPPOINT HIM.





CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Sudbury Lodge No. 658 held their annual Step-up Night on Monday, February 15th with Bro. Jeff Cartman directing the work for the evening. Congratulations to Bro. Carlos Berardi on his Initiation into Freemasonry.



(L-R) Bro. Robert Dixon – Bro. Jeff Cartman – Bro. Carlos Berardi – W. Bro. Rodd Junkila – R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton DDGM

Algonquin Lodge No. 536 held their annual Step-up night the very next evening Tuesday, February 16th with Bro. Bill Thompson stepping to the Near East to direct the work of the evening.

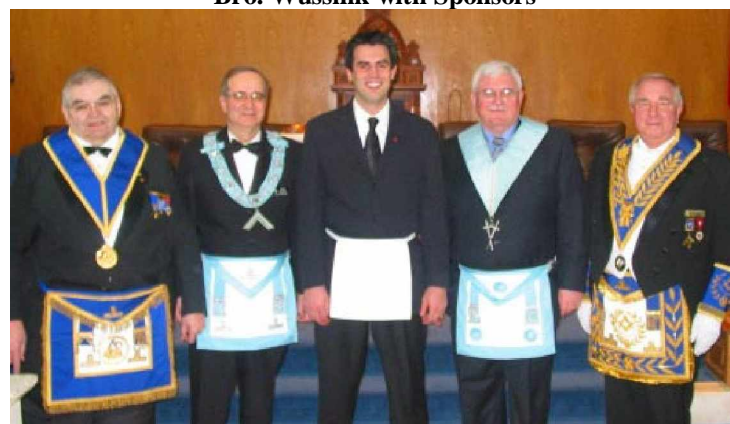
Congratulation to Bro. Adam Wussink on his Initiation.



(L-R) W. Bro. Allen Bowles – Bro. Adam Wussink – Bro. Bill Thompson – R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton DDGM
Bro. Wussink with Sponsors



The Sr. Warden takes his place in the Near East for the work of the evening.



(L-R) V.W. Bro. John E. Gamble, sponsor – W. Bro. Allen Bowles – Bro. Wussink – Bro. Bill Evenochko, sponsor – R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton



Bro. Berardi with his new Masonic family the brethren of Sudbury Lodge No. 658



Bro. Wussink with his new Masonic family the brethren of Algonquin Lodge No. 536



MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO

Sudbury Manitoulin District Child Identification Clinics

Saturday, March 20th 2010

Belrock Masonic Centre

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 27th 2010

Espanola Lodge

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Masons Helping You Protect
The Ones You Love*

Sudbury-Manitoulin District

MASONI Ch.I.P. PROJECT

IS NOW A CHARITABLE DONATION WITH
THE MASONIC FOUNDATION

The Masonic Foundation Ontario has approved donations to the MasoniCh.I.P. District project as a charitable donation under project number 2406 to help raise funds for Child I.D. kits.

Your Cheque should be made payable to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, Project 2406 for you to receive a tax receipt. Receipts cannot be issued without a name and complete address. Revenue Canada has very strict guidelines that must be followed. All receipts will be issued and mailed from the Masonic Foundation office directly to the donor."

Please send your cheque to:

Mr. Rob Fleming
District Chairman, MasoniChIP
37 Cobalt Street
Copper Cliff, ON
POM 1N0



W. Bro. Oliver Koski of Friendship Lodge No. 691 is asking for your support in his Ride to Conquer Cancer in June. The two day event takes place on June 12th and 13th 2010 and he will be cycling 200 Kilometres from Toronto to Niagara Falls.



The Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting The Princess Margaret, is a 2 day cycling journey from Toronto to Niagara Falls(100 km per day) that I'm embarking on to fight cancer. The conquest of cancer is a monumental task and won't be easy. It will be a challenge in a number of ways, but with my bike, my helmet, my personal commitment to you and your generosity, a real impact will be made!

Personally my family knows cancer only too well. My mother Raili is a 25-year breast cancer survivor. Sister Hellen is an 8-year breast cancer survivor, Brother Osmo is a 4-year prostate cancer survivor, while youngest sister Heidi is in remission with Leukemia. I have also had many relatives, friends and co-workers that were not as fortunate. Let us find a cure and this ride is a wheel closer for a cure!

So I've agreed to raise at least \$2,500, but I've set my personal goal to raise \$5,000.00. So here's where you come in, because I need your help to do that. Please consider making a donation and help conquer cancer. Use the link at the bottom of this message to go visit my webpage, Please keep in mind the commitment I'm making to end this heartbreaking disease and the personal efforts I'll have to make to accomplish this. Funds raised in The Ride to Conquer Cancer will support breakthrough research, exemplary teaching, and compassionate care at The Princess Margaret, one of the top 5 cancer research centres in the world.

*Thank you in advance for your generous assistance
Sincerely
Oliver*



To sponsor Oliver and make an online donation click on the Ride to Conquer Cancer Poster above or visit http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR/Events/Toronto2010?px=2276699&pg=personal&fr_id=1311



Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Resource Committee Workshop

Providing proven techniques a to strengthen the involvement of new Masons, further insight into Masonry, and in general enhance your fraternal experience in Lodge

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd 2010
BELROCK MASONIC CENTRE**

AGENDA

Registration: 7:00 pm

Welcome: 7:30 pm

Friend to Friend: 7:45 pm

Mentor Program: 8:15 pm

Break 8:45 pm

Brother 2 Brother: 9:00 pm

Officer Progression: 9:30 pm

Closing-Appreciation: 10:00 pm

Light Refreshments

For further information contact:

W. Bro. Sam Khoury, District Lodge Resources Chairman
Phone: 705-673-2728 email: lsk390@hotmail.com

OR

V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan,
District Chairman Brother to Brother

W. Bro. Doug Bracken,
District Chairman Mentor Program.

R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton, DDGM

Little Current Legion Donates to MasoniCh.I.P.



Brian Abrams, President of Legion Branch 177, Little Current with Comrade Marcel Gauthier present R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton D.D.G.M. with a \$500 cheque in support of the MasoniCh.I.P. Program in our district.

In addition the Legion is paying for the MaonsiCh.I.P. ad in the local Expositor newspaper and are donating the Legion hall for the next Child Identification clinic on Sunday, February 28th 2010. The Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be providing the food and refreshments.

Java Guild at Belrock Every Tuesday



**Come for Coffee
Stay for Lunch**





Espanola 30th Annual Funspiel

Espanola Lodge No. 527 held their 30th Annual Curling Funspiel on Saturday, February 13th at the Espanola Curling Rink. Curlers enjoyed a day of fun, a great roast beef dinner and prizes. Profits from this event are used for the Espanola Lodge Bursary Program for students graduating from the local high school.

Bracken Boys take first place?



The winners of the Bob Wright Memorial Trophy for first place, was the team of Dennis Bracken, Doug "Hurry Hard" Bracken, Brad Bracken and Trevor Bracken.



Curlers Fern & Rob Fleming, Nickel Lodge and Linda & Rick Belton, Doric Lodge bring an Irish flair to the game



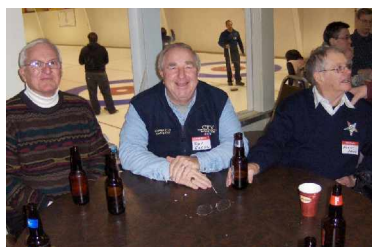
W. Bro. Gord Fraser & W. Bro. Tom Sturdy decide to tackle the Curling Club's famous Chile . . .



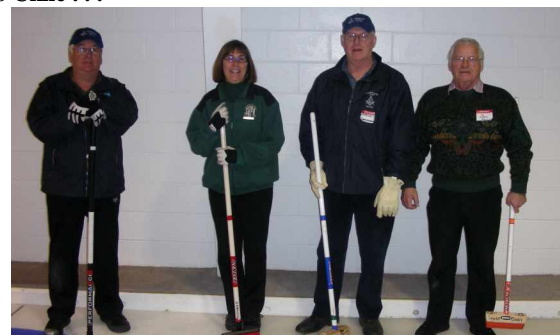
W. Bro. Junkila of Sudbury Lodge plans the strategy for the next game



Second Place went to the Tom Robinson Rink from Espanola Lodge.



The bridge at Little Current was open so the Haweater Team of John Hodder, Roy Eaton and Norm Hore showed up



Team Friendship Lodge of Roger Kitching, Joanne Brosseau, Jack Cornthwaite and Ben Mullen are ready to draw to the button

Espanola Lodge No. 527 Fundraising Project

Bro. Jim Bailey and his lovely wife Gloria decided they wanted to help the lodge raise the funds necessary for a new roof. Jim a carpenter by trade and a master craftsman made a clock and Gloria made a beautiful quilt, which will be used as raffle prizes. Tickets are now on sale at \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00 and the draw will take place during the Official Visit in December.

Bro. Jim Bailey holds the clock that he crafted and has donated to Espanola Lodge for the roof fundraising raffle.



Jim and Gloria Bailey display the quilt valued at \$1,000 that Gloria has donated to Espanola Lodge for the raffle.





Sudbury Masons sponsors C.B.S. Blood Donor Clinic Friday, February 12th 2010 at the permanent centre 235 Cedar Street Sudbury

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons volunteered their time to work at the Blood Donor clinic making and serving heart shaped pancakes to the donors and staff.

District Blood Donor Chairman



R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming welcomes blood donors



Donors enjoyed heart shaped pancakes in a warmly decorated recovery area

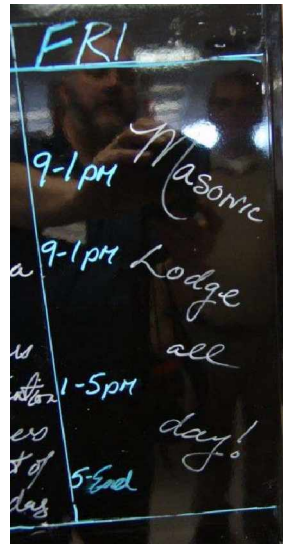
W. Bro. Alan Hill
It has been a good many years since the Masons in our district sponsored a Blood Donor clinic in Sudbury. It has been so successful W. Bro. Alan Hill looks forward to our next clinic.



Bro. Mike Lalonde whips up a new batter for the chef



W. Bro. Ken Alexander adds a little Valentine colour to the pancake batter



W. Bro. Doug Cavener W.M. of Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 477 and Nipissing East Blood Donor chairman discuss a similar clinic in North Bay.



A new blood donor looks forward to Masonic pancakes



W. Bro. Rod Junkila with a skilled touch to perfection

R.W. Bro. Al Burns, W. Bro. Ken Alexander and W. Bro. Rod Junkila prepare name tags for the Masonic volunteers.



W. Bro. Ken Alexander settles in for a plate of pancakes after a busy morning of cooking and mixing batter





York Rite News & Views

TUSCAN CHAPTER NO. 95



Tuscan Chapter No. 95 conferred the Mark Master Mason degree for Bro. Clair Bracken a Master Mason of Friendship Lodge No. 691 on Thursday, February 18th 2010.



(L-R) Comp. Al Burns – Ex. Comp. David Carscallen – Bro. Clair Bracken – Ex. Comp. Paavo Liukko – Ex. Comp. Ed Bradley

The Mark Degree is one of encouragement and the Ritual is built on a single verse from Psalm 118 - "The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner". It deals with the building of King Solomon's Temple and the various craftsmen employed. But its real message is one of contemplation of human strengths and weaknesses.

The degree contains many lessons for the discerning mason and illustrates that the wisest of men can be mistaken: that experts are often wrong: that the weakest often display perseverance better than the strongest: and, that we all have a part to play in the building of life. It is for each to put his own interpretation on the message that the degree proclaims, but there is a clear encouragement that no man is beyond redemption and that the possibility of distinction is always within our power.



R. Ex. Comp. Keith Jordan congratulates Bro. Bracken on his entry into Royal Arch Masonry.

The York Rite gives an elaboration on the teachings of the Masonic Lodge. It is divided into several bodies including the Holy Royal Arch, and the Preceptory.

The Holy Royal Arch

On your journey through the three degrees of Masonry, you would have learned the proficiency lecture for each degree Many questions would have arisen concerning the meaning of the ceremonies, the historical implications and the 'why' of the legends of Freemasonry.

Most students of Freemasonry agree that the story of the Craft as presented in the three degrees is incomplete and that the degrees offered in the Holy Royal Arch of the York Rite of Freemasonry complete the story and answer many of the questions in the mind of the newly made Master Mason.

In the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem is found the essentials of symbolism and philosophy necessary for a Master Mason to understand that which he has received.

Brethren from Friendship Lodge No. 691 were on hand to see their good friend and brother receive his honorary degree.



(L-R) Comp. Lyle Redden – Ex. Comp. Wah Chung – Bro. Clair Bracken – Comp. Roger Kitching





MAVAR PRECEPTORY NO. 65 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



R. Em. Kt. John Gamble (Sponsor) congratulates Comp. Evenochko on receiving the Red Cross Order

Mavar Preceptory No. 65 conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross upon Companion Bill Evenochko under the direction of Em. Kt. John Craig on Thursday, February 25th 2010. Companion Evenochko has taken his first steps toward the Knight of the Order of the Temple.



Colourful costumes bring a sense of reality permitting the candidate an opportunity to experience the actual time period. In the photo to the left R. Em. Kt. Keith Jordan is dressed as the High Priest of the Jewish Council.



Em. Kt. John Craig as King Darius – Comp. Bill Evenochko – Em. Kt. Allan Burns Presiding Preceptor



The Persian Court with candidate (L-R) Em. Kt. Al Stonier – R. Em. Kt. Paavo Liukko – Em. Kt. John Craig (King Darius) – Comp. Bill Evenochko – Em. Kt. Al Burns P.P. – Sr. Kt. Jim Thomson – Sr. Kt. Alan Hill



The Jewish Council prepares to enter the chambers.



Persian Guards Em. Kt. Reiyo Luoma and Sir Kt. Ed Bradley demonstrate their skill with the sword. Beware any Cowan who approaches the gates of the temple.





Join Us For The
Sudbury-Manitoulin District
Relay For Life Team
Sunday Brunch on March 28th 2010
At the Belrock Masonic Centre
10am to 1pm

\$5.00 per person

FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ARE WELCOME

COME OUT AND ENJOY A
FABULOUS MEAL ON
SUNDAY MARCH 28TH 2010 AT
THE BELROCK MASONIC
CENTRE
PREPARED BY OUR WORLD
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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

THE "IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP"
YEAR 2009-2010



RECEPTION

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

MRS. PEGGY SOUTH



Saturday June 5, 2010

Great Hall, Laurentian University, 935 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, ON

Social – 3:30pm Dinner – 5:00pm Tickets \$42.00 per person

RSVP by May 5, 2010 to [Marilyn Maloney](#), 1146 Ronald Court, Hanmer, ON, P3P 1S2

Phone – 705-969-8384 Please make cheques payable to Marilyn Maloney

No tickets sold at the door and no refunds.

A local map and hotel directory will be mailed with your ticket(s).

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your ticket request.

Include your name(s) and title(s) and any dietary restrictions with your ticket order.

R.W. Bro. Roy J. Eaton
D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin
District recently Spanish River
Chapter No. 237 O.E.S. to
accept a generous donation for
the MasoniCh.I.P. program.

Worthy Matron Evelyn Towns
is pictured presenting the
D.D.G.M. with the cheque and
informed him that four of their
members will be assisting with
the next Child Identification
Clinic in Little Current on
Sunday, February 28th 2010.



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MARCH 2010

Courtesy of V.W. Bro. John E. Gamble

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2. NATIONAL LODGE Masonic Ed.	3. NICKEL LODGE DDGM Official Visit Dinner 6:00pm ESPANOLA LODGE 2 nd Degree Bro. P. Tymchuk	4. SHRINE CLUB Regular Meeting	5.	6. 10:30am ESPANOLA Chapter RAM 1:00pm RAM DIST. MEETING AFTERWARDS ELAM COUNCIL NO.5
7.	8.	9. DORIC LODGE Masonic Ed.	10. FRIENDSHIP LODGE Masonic Ed.	11. GORE BAY LODGE Masonic Ed. Algoma Chapter 	12. BETHEL LODGE 3 rd Degree Bro. Sean Pretty	13. FRIENDSHIP LODGE 50 Yr. Pin Presentation to W. Bro. Ben Mullen Cocktails 5pm Dinner 6pm Meeting 7:30pm
14.	15. SUDBURY LODGE 1 st Degree	16. ALGONQUIN LODGE 2 nd Degree Bro. Preston Hiscok ESPANOLA R.A.M. Meeting on March 6th	17.	18. Tuscan Chapter  R.A.M. MEM Degree	19. Sudbury Lodge of Perfection Regular Meeting General Business	20. MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO Belrock 10 am – 4 pm
21.	22. SUDBURY LODGE Emerg. Meeting Double Second Bro.'s Christopher Purvis & David Spencer	23. Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Lodge Resources Overview 7pm Belrock Masonic Centre	24.	25. Mavar Preceptory Knights Templar  Malta Orders	26.	27. MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO Espanola Lodge 10 am – 4 pm Excalibur York Rite College 10am Alpha Council 1pm
28.  S-M District Relay for Life Team Sunday Brunch 10am to 1pm Belrock Centre \$5.00 each Everyone Welcome	29.	29. Java Guild  Every Tuesday Come for coffee Stay For Lunch	30.	31.		



OKLAHOMA MASONIC INDIAN DEGREE TEAM

R.W. Bro. Ken Pierce DDGM Algoma East District and R.W. Bro. Robert South PDDGM Sudbury-Manitoulin District were visiting Tulsa Oklahoma when they heard about an Indian Degree Team that were conducting a Third degree that evening. Not being ones to miss an opportunity to visit our brethren in the American states, Ken and Bob donned their regalia and joined them for the evening.



Ken & Bob with W. Bro. Lou Fish, Worshipful Master

One of their largest degrees put on was in Delaware with approximately 4,500 brethren present. The beautiful work they perform is authorized with dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. For scheduling information, contact Bro. Terry Adams, Director, Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team, online at NDNMASON@aol.com, or mail to 6548 E. 25th Place, Tulsa, OK 74129; phone (918) 836-1523; fax (918) 836-2183.



Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team in Tulsa after completing their 982nd Degree. The new Master Mason is the Brother not in dress. Approximately 700 Master Masons from all over the world along with 35 Grand Masters or Past Grand Masters present.

Since the early 60's the Team has had picture postcards available as a memento of their degree work. The donations received through these help to pay for their travels. Lately, they have added lapel pins, ball caps, and coins as another souvenir. When the Team travels out of state, they ask the requesting Lodge pay for travel, food and lodging. In recent years, members of the Team have put on a traditional Indian dance programs and Story telling of legends and tales to help some of the Lodges defray part of the cost of their travel. This has been a favourite, not only of the Lodge members, but also their ladies and family members. This is the only time that the ladies and children can see the Team members in their authentic tribal regalia or dance clothes. The Team often visits the Shrine hospitals located near the Degree work. They enjoy their talks with the kids and staff, and perform their dance programs for them.

Check out "Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team" on Celebrate Oklahoma Voices!

To view this video, visit: <http://lc.celebrateoklahoma.us/video/video/show?id=688012%3AVideo%3A15393>



Team History: Around the year of 1948 a group of Oklahoma Indians that got together to put on some Masonic Degree work. It was very well received by those who witnessed the effort. In 1952, part of the 1948 group decided to form the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team to commemorate the centenary of the death of Cherokee Bro. Will Rogers. The team consists of 15 active members, 11 of which are Past Masters. It is made up of members from several Oklahoma lodges. Nine recognized tribes are represented: Apache, Cherokee, Choctaw, Comanche, Creek, Eucha, Oneida, Osage, Seminole, and ("Sycamore").

All the Brothers must live in the State of Oklahoma and be willing to travel two and occasionally three weekends a month, if the Team can travel from Tulsa to a Lodge in an hour, we will work weeknights. This amount of travel time during a year can be stressful on home life, but we have a very supportive "home team". On occasion, the "home team" gets to "go on the road"; that is to say the wives of the Team get invited to visit when the ladies of the Lodge members for whom the Team is doing the Degree work. Every year since, the Team has traveled all over the United States and Europe to put on the Maser Mason Degree. The Team has never charged for their work and *will not* do mock Degrees.

It is through this fellowship that many long-standing friendships, for both the members and the wives, have been built. Team members genuinely enjoy getting to know their Brethren from other states and finding kindred spirits in Masonry.



This is "The oldest Degree Team" in existence today, and mostly that is because as a Team the group has never stopped or had a break since inception - over fifty year ago. The OMIDT have raised over 900 to the Master Mason Degree.



RAMESES SHRINERS' VIDALIA ONION PROJECT



(FOR THE SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB)

2565 The Kingsway, Sudbury, ON P3B 2G1

Tel.: (705) 524-0335 sudburyshrine@bellnet.ca

The Vidalia Onion Project is an opportunity to enjoy this very special sweet onion and assist in fundraising at Rameses Temple by the Rameses Shrine Clubs.

Please return this order form to the Shrine Club no later than April 16th 2010.

BUYER'S NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

PHONE NO.

CITY:

PROV:

POSTAL CODE:

SELLER'S NAME:

MODE OF PAYMENT

CHEQUE:

CASH:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	10 lbs. Shriners' Jumbo Vidalia Onions	@\$12.00 each	

THE WORLD FAMOUS VIDALIA SWEET ONION



STORAGE TIPS:

Vidalia Onions have a higher water and sugar content than storage onions making them susceptible to bruising and must be handled with care. The key to keeping your Vidalia Onions is to keep them cool, dry and separate. There are several favourite methods of storage:

- Ø In the refrigerator, wrapped separately in foil. Although expensive and takes up precious space, this will preserve your onions for as much as a year.
- Ø In the legs of old, clean sheer pantyhose. Tie a knot between each onion, and when you want an onion just cut above the knot. Hang in a cool, dry and well-ventilated area.
- Ø On racks or screens. Make sure the onions do NOT TOUCH, and then store them in a cool, dry area.
- Ø Vidalia Onions can also be frozen. Chop and place on a cookie sheet until frozen. Then place in a freezer container and seal. This allows you to remove only the amount you want, when you want. Or freeze whole. Jumbo Vidalia Onions can be peeled, washed, cored and dropped into a plastic freezer bag. Once frozen they can be removed like ice cubes. Freezing changes the onion's texture so they can be used only for cooking. Whole frozen onions can also be baked in the oven.

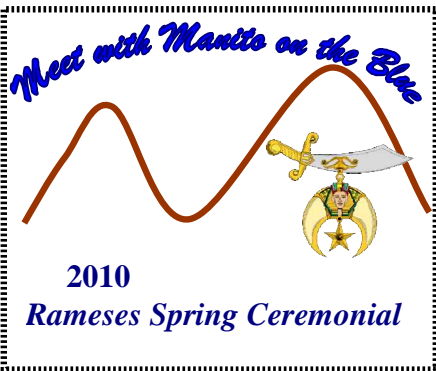
Onions are recognized as an excellent source of Vitamin C and Dietary Fibre.

Proceeds are for the benefit of Rameses Shrine Clubs.

Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Limited Supply – First Come, First Served





RAMESES SPRING CEREMONIAL

June 10-11-12-13, 2010

"Shriners Do It Best"

The Nobles and Ladies of Manito Shrine Club of Collingwood and Area wish to welcome you to Collingwood and the Georgian Triangle
The 2010 Ceremonial Committee has organized, just for you, a

ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN'

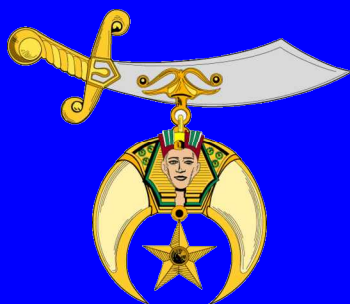
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Thursday 10 June

4:30pm Flag Raising Ceremony Collingwood Town Hall
7:30pm Rameses Temple Stated Meeting Manito Shrine Club

Friday 11 June

8:00am Golf Tournament Monterra Golf Club
at Blue Mountain
Noon Registration at the Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
2-6pm Oasis and Flea Market Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
6:00pm Buffet Dinner Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
8:30pm Dance to the "Martels Rock and Roll Show"
Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
97 Hurontario St. Collingwood

Saturday 12 June

8:00am Candidates Registration & Ritual Collingwood Collegiate Ins.
9:30am Ladies Program Blue Mountain Resorts
10:00am Flea Market Opens Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
10-4pm Registration Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
11:00am Line up for Parade Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
1:00pm Parade Begins Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
1:30pm Oasis Opens Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
5:30-6:30 General Reception Blue Mountain Resorts
5:30-6:45 Recognition of New Members Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
7:00pm Ceremonial Feast Eddie Bush Memorial Arena

Sunday 13 June

9:00am Wreath Laying Cenotaph
Drumhead Service
11:30am Sunday Brunch Manito Shrine Club



Rock n' Roll Show

Friday 11 June at 8:30 pm

Eddie Bush Memorial Arena

50-60s Dress Attire welcome

Last day to register, 15 April 2010 – NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Spring Ceremonial Golf Tournament Friday, June 11th 2010 Monterra Golf Resort at Blue Mountain 8 am Shotgun Start



This is a one-of-a-kind Tournament featuring 19 holes alone of Canada's finest golf courses located on the shores of Georgian Bay With spectacular views of the Niagara Escarpment as a backdrop

This is a fun packed all inclusive golf package

What do you get for your money?

- Continental breakfast * 18 holes of Championship Golf * Luxury cart
 - Superb Luncheon by one of Canada's finest chefs
- Free golf poker game * Free 50/50 draw * Free Lucky draws * Free golf contests with spectacular prizes
 - Free bottled water * Free treats * Prizes for every golfer

Also a special memento of this sensational golf experience

Ladies are most welcome – Special gifts for the Ladies

2010 CEREMONIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Noble	First or given name	Surname	
Lady	First or given name	Surname	
Street Address			
City		Postal Code	
Telephone No.		Club or Unit	
Email Address		Are you a Candidate?	YES NO

Please make cheque payable to the "Manito Shrine 2010 Spring Ceremonial"

And mail payment to: Dave Rawn, P.O. Box 95, Stayner, Ontario L0M 1S0

Day	Event	Number of Tickets Required	Cost	Total
Friday	Golf		\$145.00	
Friday	Dinner and Dance		\$40.00	
Saturday	Ladies Program		\$40.00	
Saturday	Feast		\$65.00	
Sunday	Brunch at Manito Shrine			
TOTAL AMOUNT				



Ladies Program will be held at . . .

Blue Mountain Resorts in the Huron Grand Ballroom, Village Conference Centre Collingwood has become well known with the “**Elvis Festival**”. For your enjoyment we have invited Terry Chisholm. Terry is a second time Canadian National Grand Champion Elvis Tribute Artist and Musician also known as “The Man with a Voice”.

He pays tribute to The King, Roy Orbison, The Righteous Brothers, Jay Black & The Americans, Vince Gill and many more.



ANOTHER “ROCKIN’ AND ROLLIN’” GOOD TIME

All accommodations for the 2010 Rameses Spring Ceremonial are at the Blue Mountain Resorts in a unique alpine village setting, with cafes, restaurants, shops and spas all within walking distance. Take a ride up on the chairlift and enjoy the view of beautiful Georgian Bay.



SHUTTLE SERVICE to and from Collingwood on Friday and Saturday.
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 15th NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.
TABLES FOR FLEA MARKET ARE \$50 EA. PLEASE SEND CHEQUE WITH REGISTRATION




Eddie Bush Memorial Arena
 97 Hurontario Street
 Collingwood


Manito Shrine Club
 2265 Fairgrounds Road
 Collingwood



PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP RAMESES SHRINERS

TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF RAMESES SHRINERS, SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF TORONTO, DESERT OF: ONTARIO CANADA:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____
Lodge # _____ located at _____
City *Province*

which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your temple.

If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____

Were you ever a DeMoly? _____ If so, what was the Chapter name and location? _____

Profession or occupation _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? _____

If so, what temple? _____ When? _____

Residence Address: _____
Street *City*

Country *Province* *Postal Code*

Business Address: _____
Street *City*

Country *Province* *Postal Code*

Business Phone: _____

Mail Address _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Date _____ 20 _____ Signature _____

Print Full Name Here _____
Name in full, initials not sufficient

Recommended and Vouched for in the Honour of:

Noble _____ Membership No. _____

Noble _____ Membership No. _____

Fez size: _____ Method of Payment _____

