

DISTRICT NEWS AROUND & ABOUT



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From the District Deputy

Brethren; appreciation, even though felt is often not adequately expressed. I would like to take this opportunity to express to all of you my deep and sincere appreciation for electing me as District Deputy Grand Master, for the Sudbury-Manitoulin District. During this year my focus will be on the critical question: What is a mason, and how this relates to each of us? We all have different perspectives of just what a Mason should be and how one should act. We hope to question and critically think about the craft and its role in an ever-changing society I would like to leave you with this poem, which was written by Bruce Barton.



It is a reflection of my theme for this year.

There are two seas in Palestine

One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters.

A long its shores the children play, as children played when He was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when He spoke His parables, and on the rolling plain not far away fed five thousand people.

The river Jordan makes this sea with sparking waters from the hills so it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it. and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The river Jordan flows south into another sea.

Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds no children's laughter. Travellers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters, and neither man or beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the river Jordan. It empties the same good water into both.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another, drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hording its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.

The Sea of Galilee gives and lives, this other sea gives nothing. It is named The Dead.

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are two seas in Palestine.

R.W. Bro. A. W. Stonier
D.D.G.M.

Sudbury -Manitoulin District

Passed To The **Grand Lodge Above**



Bro. Marc Cyr

Heart Attack
Sr. Warden, Canada Lodge UD
Afghanistan

Bro. Grant Oakes

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

Bro. Alex Caldwell

Espanola Lodge No. 527

Bro. Gordon Luhta

Algonquin Lodge No. 536

V.W. Bro. Donald Maki

Bethel Lodge No. 699

Bro. Allan Leach

Bethel Lodge No. 699

**WE CHERISH THEIR
MEMORY IN OUR
HEARTS**

Sick and Visiting

Bro. Bill Aronec

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

Bro. Mike Muzia

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

W. Bro. Jim Loney

Friendship Lodge No. 691

V.W. Bro. Robert Lewis

Friendship Lodge No. 691

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

RECEPTION & DINNER

FOR

R.W. BRO. ALBERT STONIER
D.D.G.M.

SUDBURY-MANITOULIN
DISTRICT

Friday, September 24, 2010-08-31

Belrock Masonic Centre

Tickets \$15.00ea. available from
your lodge Secretary



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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON AWARD

Congratulations to Bro. Robert (Bob) Bryson of Sudbury Lodge No. 658 on being named a recipient of the William Mercer Wilson Award.



**Bro. Robert Bryson with is wife Bess
at Friendship Lodge No. 691 Golf Tournament**

Bob is very active in his Church, his Lodge, the Shriners, and his community. He is an ideal mentor for any man and is a credit to his family and freemasonry.

Espanola Lodge No. 527



Congratulations to Bro. Allan Farquhar on receiving his Masonic 50 year pin. Bro. Farquhar is a regular snowbird to Florida and was presented his certificate at his home.

STILL GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

Congratulations to Bro. Jack Legge of Nickel Lodge No. 427 for your 500th blood donation.



On hand for his milestone donation from left W. Bro. Reijo Luoma – R.W. Bro. Albert Stonier D.D.G.M. – Bro. Jack Legge – Bro. Mike Lalonde – R.W. Bro. Allan Burns – V.W. Bro. Allan Sweetman



R.W. Bro. John Hodder of Doric Lodge No. 455 named 2010 Senior of the Year in North-Eastern Manitoulin

NORTHEAST TOWN — He's given his time to education, politics, marine tourism, economic development—and that's just the tip of the iceberg. For these and all the contributions John Hodder has made to the community, the Northeast Town has named him '2010 Senior of the Year'.

The annual award is bestowed upon a mature member of the community who has worked, and continues to strive, to make the municipality a better place to live, work, and visit. Northeast Town Councillor Marcel Gauthier said the recognition is a unique way in which the community can show its thanks to its senior volunteers for all they do.

"It gives me great pleasure to stand before you and say a few words about the recipient of the Senior of the Year award in our municipality this year," he said during a recent council meeting. "During my two terms on council I've always enjoyed doing this, because it shows the importance of having our seniors and having them recognized for all the various things they've done over the years."

As one who has personally worked with Mr. Hodder over the years, Councillor Gauthier commented on the breadth and depth of commitments Mr. Hodder has made to the community. After completing undergraduate and master's degrees in education, Mr. Hodder spent several years educating the community's youth, first as a teacher at Little Current Public School, and later serving as principal. He is a member of the Little Current United Church, the Little Current Curling Club, and has been a Mason since 1972. "He's also had a distinguished political career," noted Councillor Gauthier, referencing Mr. Hodder's six years as a Little Current councillor and nine years as mayor.

Amongst the volunteer positions he has held are president and executive member of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), chair of the Manitoulin Economic Development Committee, chair of the North Channel Marine Tourism Council, a member of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, and a member of the board of directors for the Owen Sound Transportation Company. He additionally held the position of administrator at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, has done consulting work in conjunction with the Little Current Business Improvement Area on enhancements for the waterfront, and has worked with the cruise ship industry.



Long-time community volunteer R.W. Bro. John Hodder (left) has been named Senior of the Year in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, and was presented with a certificate

"As you can see, he's been pretty busy," said Councillor Gauthier. "I think John is a very worthy recipient of this award."

In accepting the award, R.W. Bro. Hodder, who was humbled by the acknowledgement, thanked the support of his family, which includes his wife, Glenda, three children, and eight grandchildren, many of whom were in attendance to see him receive his award. "I accept this with humility," he said, "because I represent a whole raft of people in the community who are also volunteers and do senior things."

Joking that he would keep his comments short since the council meeting was only scheduled to run quipped, "all the meetings I chaired were done by 8:30." While the list of contributions merely touches on some of the causes and organizations with which Mr. Hodder has been involved, he noted that helping out in the community is easy if one makes a simple commitment. "It just shows you that you can, if you wish, be committed to the community, and I think I am," he said. "Therefore, I appreciate this with all humility."





Bro. Jim Van Allen of Bethel Lodge No. 699 Invested as Member of the Order of Merit

Detective Sergeant Jim Van Allen a member of Bethel Lodge No. 699 was invested as a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michelle Jean Governor General of Canada at a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on May 26th 2010.



The Order of Merit of the Police Forces honours a career of exceptional service or distinctive merit demonstrated by the men and women of Canadian Police Services. The primary focus is on exceptional merit, contributions to policing and community development.

Detective Sergeant Jim Van Allen with the Criminal Profiling Unit of the Behavioural Sciences Section was a Corporal at the time he was stationed in Espanola and was stationed there from April 1987 to February 1993, at which time he was transferred to the Crime Unit in Sudbury.

Bro. Van Allen is a former resident of Copper Cliff. Since 1979 he has served at Midland, Sudbury, and Espanola. In 1995 Jim was assigned as a Criminal Profiler at the Behavioural Services Section, O.P.P. General Headquarters, in Orillia. Jim is also a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy.

Bro. Jim Van Allen is the son of Edna Van Allen and the late William Van Allen who was also a member of Bethel Lodge No. 699.

HELPING THE HUNGRY

The Java Guild recently donated \$500 to the Edgar Burton Christmas Food Drive Campaign in support of the Sudbury Food Bank.



From left V.W. Bro. Keith I. Jordan, R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie – Bro. A. (Yogi) Bjerknes present the cheque to food bank chairman Bro. Geoffrey Lougheed.

SHRINERS DONATE TO MASONICH.I.P. PROGRAM



W. Bro. Merv Lees and Bro. Tom Wilson members of Algonquin Lodge No. 536 and Sudbury Shrine Club Hillbillies present Bro. Mike Lalonde with a \$250 cheque for the MasoniCh.I.P. Program. The money was the result of a table draw at a recent Shrine Club Oriental Band Corn Roast. Their table being the winner the Shriners and their Ladies decided to donate the money to a worthy cause in our district.

Canada Lodge UD loses Sr. Warden

A Masonic Memorial Service to honour our late Bro. Marc Cyr was held on Sunday, August 15th at the Kelly Funeral Home, 2313 Carling Avenue, Ottawa. (Carling and Woodroffe)

Bro. Cyr passed away from heart failure in Kandahar, Afghanistan on August 2nd 2010. While in Kandahar, he was acting as Senior Warden of Canada Lodge UD and was preparing for an initiation. M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels, Grand Master, who provided dispensation for the initiation, has sent his condolences.

Bro. Cyr leaves behind his widow, Leanne and 2 teen-aged children.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency (CFPSA) would be appropriate.





ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE



The travellers waiting for the arrival of the coach.



Just leaving Belrock and still awake!



R.W. Bro. J. David Bell stops by to wish the candidates well.



Bro. Reg Catteral from Australia, Bro. Bob Bryson, William Mercer Wilson recipient and V.W. Bro. Clare Bracken



Lunchtime in the Toronto PATH food court.

Ready to elect a new District Deputy Grand Master



Bro. Reg Catteral brings greetings from Australia and shares some Masonic tales from his homeland.



D.D.G.M. Elect – W. Bro. Al Stonier from Nickel Lodg e No. 427





Calling all aspiring District Deputy Grand Masters and District Secretaries

The Grand Lodge DDGM / District Secretary Orientation Course in Sturgeon Falls will be on **Saturday, October 23rd, 2010.**

I would encourage all who have aspirations of holding either of these offices to attend. Even if you have attended before, I would suggest you attend again. I personally have been to more than one, and learned many things on each occasion.

Grand Lodge is asking that we pre-register and I would ask all those interested in attending to contact the District Secretary, W. Bro. Clive Stephenson, who will collect the necessary registration information. Grand Lodge requests that this information be supplied by **September 15th** at the latest.

Here are the details:

GRAND LODGE DDGM ORIENTATION SESSION

Sturgeon Falls Lodge

Bridge Street, Sturgeon Falls

Saturday October 23rd, 2010

9:30am to 12:30pm (lunch to follow)

No cost.

Sincerely and Fraternally.

R.W. Bro. Al Stonier

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Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447



Friendship Lodge No. 691 – Annual Harold Waller Memorial Golf Tournament. August 22nd 2010 Pine Grove Golf and Country Club

By V.W. Bro. Brian Stoddard

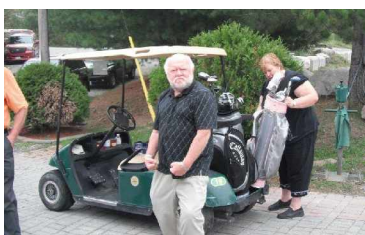
It was another sell-out year for the Friendship Lodge No. 691 Harold Waller Memorial Golf Tournament. This year organizers changed from 2-man best ball to 4 and the team of Dennis Bracken, Joanne Brosseau, Todd and Cathy Landriault ended the day as the big winners.



R.W. Bro. Wah Chung explains how his ball bounced over the green.



R.W. Bro. Jim Thomson and V.W. Bro. Harold Saville travel to the fist tee.

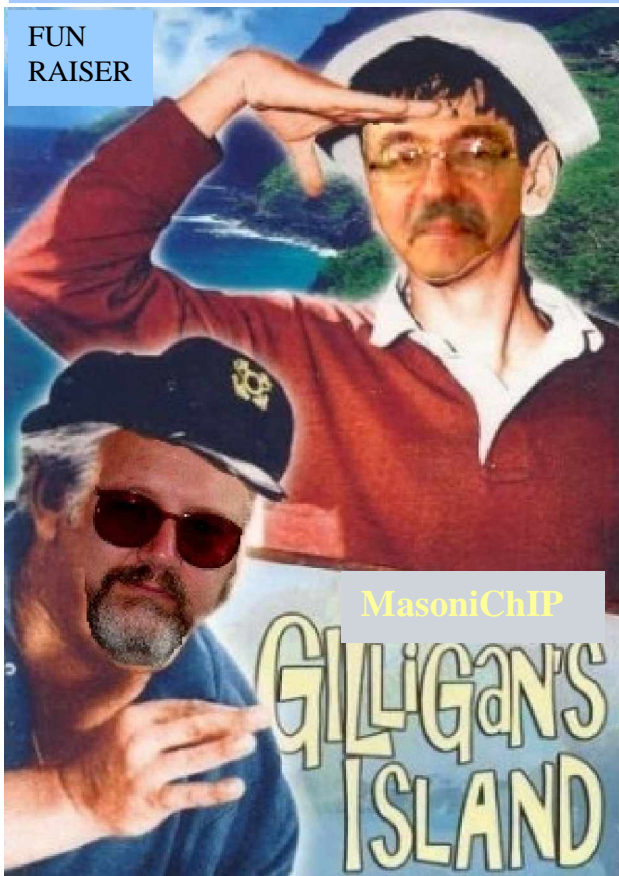


V.W. Bro. Bob Lewis is anxious to try his luck on the longest drive.

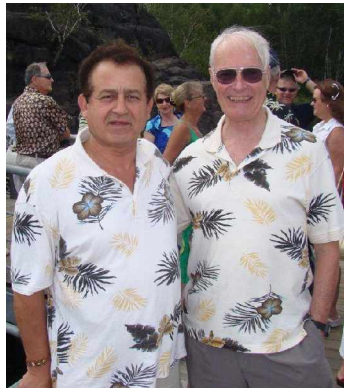




**FUN
RAISER**



The weather was terrific for a cruise around Ramsay Lake aboard the Cortina. It was all in good fun and an effort to raise money for the MasoniCh.I.P. Program in our District. Guests were invited to dress as their favourite castaway character from Gilligan's Island with prizes awarded for the most original costume.



Just back from a Value Village door crasher special W. Bro. Sam Khoury and R.W. Bro. David Innes show off their new shirts.



Best costume award went to Mrs. Dorothy Ashely for her Mrs. Howell impression.

The event was a lot of fun and raised \$500 for the MasoniCh.I.P. Program.



(L-R) R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon – W. Bro. David Kennedy - Bro. Mike Lalonde - R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming



Trivia Contest and Costume Judging

After the cruise Masons and their wives enjoyed a fabulous dinner at the Belrock Masonic Centre



William Mercer Wilson recipient Bro. Robert Bryson searching for the Ramsey Lake Navy. Any luck Commodore?



SEPTEMBER 2010

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>JAVA GUILD</p>  <p>EVERY TUESDAY Come for Coffee Stay for Lunch</p>	<p>1. NICKEL LODGE 1st Degree Step-Up Night</p> <p>ESPANOLA LODGE 2nd Degree</p>	<p>2. SHRINE CLUB Regular Meeting</p>	<p>3.</p>	<p>4.</p>
5.	6.	<p>7. NATIONAL LODGE 2nd Degree</p>	<p>8. FRIENDSHIP LODGE 1st Degree</p>	<p>9. GORE BAY LODGE Masonic Ed.</p> <p>Algoma Chapter</p> 	<p>10. BETHEL LODGE Past Master's Night R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie 2nd Degree</p>	<p>11. ALGOMA CHAPTER</p>  <p>Installation of Officers</p>
12.	13.	<p>14. DORIC LODGE .Investiture of Grand Steward V.W. Bro. Keith Varey</p>	<p>15.</p>	<p>16. Tuscan Chapter</p>  <p>M.M.M. Degree</p>	<p>17.</p>	<p>18. Elam Council O.H.P. 11:00am Belrock Masonic Centre</p>
19.	<p>20. SUDBURY LODGE 1st Degree</p>	<p>21. ALGONQUIN LODGE 1st Degree</p> <p>Espanola Chapter</p> 	<p>22.</p>	<p>23. Mavar Preceptory Knights Templar</p>  <p>Templar Education</p>	<p>24. D.D.G.M. RECEPTION AND BANQUET 6:00PM Belrock Masonic Centre</p>	<p>25. Excalibur College 10:00am</p> <p>Alpha Council 11:00am Belrock Masonic Centre</p>
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.		



" I DID IT"..... for you and the ones you love and cherish
I just want to sincerely Thank each and everyone one of you for your donations and support you have given me in my Ride To Conquer Cancer.



W. Bro. Oliver Koski celebrates the end of his ride at Niagara Falls

We (you) raised an amazing \$3,712.00 for my ride, Thank you!!! Total amount raised was over \$16.1 million dollars, please give yourself a slap on you back , you all deserve it for your contribution to this very worthwhile cause. Bless You...

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masonic Choir prepares for a new season of song

Message from W. Bro. Merv Lees

Hi Everyone!

I trust everyone has had a terrific Summer and is ready to enjoy a new season of singing.

Marjorie will once again be our Director and has music selected for our two concerts at "Christmas Around the World"

These concerts will be on Monday 22nd. November at St. Patrick's on Walford Road. and Monday 29th. November at Christ The King.

Please bring any Christmas music that you may have to the first practice on Monday 13th. September at Belrock, 4:30p.m.

I encourage all of our members past, present and future ones you can bring with you, to participate in these two concerts.

Thanks

Merv.





Sudbury Shrine Club News



SHRINERS PREPARE LUNCH FOR JAVA GUILD

Members of the Sudbury Shrine Club Penny Farthing, Hillbilly and Oriental Band Units brought lunch to the brethren of the Java Guild in August and July.



Following a successful Pig Roast in July the Penny Farthing and Hillbilly Shriners prepare pork sandwiches and coleslaw for lunch.



Shrine Club Oriental Band members had a successful Corn Roast in August and brought a great lunch to the Java Guild regulars.

SHRINERS LOTTERY 2011

By Noble Wah Chung

The Shriners proudly support the worlds greatest philanthropy and 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children at no cost to the child or their parents. **The Sudbury Shrine Club has had sponsored over 480 children from the Sudbury area** to the Montreal Shriners Hospital for treatment of Paediatric and Orthopaedic problems and rehabilitation. This year, we have 80 children on our service list. The costs are great so your help is much needed.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children are really remarkable hospitals. The health care professionals are totally devoted to their work in helping their patient improve, feel better and get the most out of their lives. **However, these health care professional cannot perform their magic without your generous financial help.**

The tickets for the **SHRINERS LOTTERY 2011** have just arrived. Traditionally our allotment goes quickly, because of the great odds of winning with only 3700 tickets sold. **In addition to your chance of winning a brand-new Cadillac or \$40,00.00, you have 573 chances during the year to win draws for 11 prizes of one-\$1000, one-\$500, four-\$250 and five-\$100 held weekly.** The cost is \$104.00 per ticket and cheques are made payable to Shriners Lottery 2011. ***Proceeds from this lottery will go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children patients= Transportation Fund.*** Tickets are available from the Sudbury Shrine Club office Harvey Wickenden (524-0335), Wah Chung (674-6159), Moe Keller (705-377-5084), Marvin Firth (522-3434), Tom Newburn (522-3637). **The last day for purchasing tickets will be November 1st, 2010.**

Your compassion and generous support for the Shriners Hospitals for Children in the past and present, **will give hope to thousands of children to live a full and enjoyable life in the future.**

Please purchase the Shriners Lottery 2011 tickets now before they are gone.

Shriner Lottery Chairman: WAH CHUNG

**PLEASE BUY THE LOTTERY, SUPPORT THE
CHILDREN
And WIN THE NEW CADILLAC**

