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From the District Deputy



How quickly the time has passed. It seems like only yesterday that I was in the excitement of my investiture and preparing a Trestle Board and selecting District Chairmen. Now I have had a fraternal visit to all the District lodges, and an Official Visit to Bethel Lodge and Sudbury Lodge.

In every visit I have been welcomed with sincerity and friendship.

The Past Masters of the district lodges are recognized for their devotion to the craft and the way they step forward to mentor our newer

members and take an office when required. The Past Masters of Nickel Lodge set a good example on the lodge's Past Masters Night on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The District Divine Service in Gore Bay on October 6th was very rewarding to me as I returned to the church of my youth to worship with my brethren.

The Masonic attendance was acceptable, but was made so by the tremendous number of Masons from Gore Bay Lodge. The sixteen members from Gore Bay Lodge who attended have set a record for the most members from any one lodge in my memory. The District Masons and their spouses attending caused the normal congregation to overflow up into the balcony.

My two Official Visits, to Bethel Lodge and Sudbury Lodge, were exciting and fulfilling. The ritual was well performed and the lodges exhibited a good mixture of decorum and friendship. In each of my addresses I urged the brethren to reflect on the kind of mason they have become: how far have they advanced from the Rough Ashlar toward the Perfect Ashlar

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to the Veteran's Appreciation Night hosted by Algonquin Lodge. These special nights, started by Nickel Lodge a few years ago, have been very successful and we have the opportunity to not only remember our veterans, but give thanks for the freedom they protected for us. A large attendance is requested.

On November 14<sup>th,</sup> I will make my Official Visit to Gore Bay Lodge. I anticipate a great night with my friends and brothers of my home town. Your company on this journey would be appreciated.

May the Great Architect continue to watch over our Craft. Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken D.D.G.M.

# Passed To The **Grand Lodge Above**



Bro. Glen Leeson Doric Lodge No. 455

**Bro. Craege McQuarrie** Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

WE CHERISH THEIR **MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS** 

# Sick and Visiting

V.W. Bro. Bruce Gordon Doric Lodge No. 455

W. Bro. Robert Paxton Doric Lodge No. 455

V.W. Bro. John Gamble Algonquin Lodge No. 536

V.W. Bro. Allan Farguharson National Lodge No. 588

**Bro. Rav Condie** Friendship Lodge No. 691

**Bro. Robert Dixon** Sudbury Lodge No. 658

We wish them well and pray for their full

recovery



R.W. Bro. Allan Burns Editor atburns@persona.ca



# R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken District Deputy Grand Master - Official Visits

R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken conducted his first Official Visit of the Masonic year to Bethel Lodge No. 699 on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2013. Bro. Jefferson Keyes was Passed to the Second Degree.



# Sudbury Lodge No. 658



(Front Row L-R) Bro. Chris Blais – V.W. Bro. J. Ross Dixon – W. Bro. Barry Tooley – Bro. Chris Nepsy – R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken D.D.G.M. – W. Bro. Reg Daigle – W. Bro. Norm St. Amour – V.W. Bro. Doug Ashick (Back Row) W. Bro. Alan Lloyd, Bro. Ray Thoms – Bro. Stan Waltenbury – Bro. Adam Toews – Bro. John McCowan – W. Bro. Alan Hill – Bro. David Spencer – W. Bro. Jack Gallagher



(Front L-R) V.W. Bro. J. Ross Dixon – W. Bro. Rejean Daigle – R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken D.D.G.M.

(Back Row) W. Bro. Tom King, W.M. Nickel Lodge No. 427 – W. Bro. Casey Stranges, W.M. Algonquin Lodge No. 536 – W. Bro. John Robbie, W.M. Friendship Lodge No. 658

The District Deputy conducted his second Official Visit of the month to Sudbury Lodge No. 658 on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2013. Special congratulations to Bro. Chris Nepsy on being Initiated into Freemasonry.







# SUDBURYMANITOULIN DISTRICT VETERANS' APPRECIATION NIGHT

MASONIC REGALIA, MILITARY/LEGION UNIFORMS AND MEDALS
ARE AUTHORIZED

THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 HOSTED BY ALGONQUIN LODGE No. 536

BELROCK MASONIC CENTRE (SUDBURY)
DINNER......6:00 PM
LODGE CEREMONY.....7:30 PM
DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LODGE

The evening will commence with a banquet at 6:00 pm followed by a ceremony honouring veterans from the Second World War, the Korean War and more recently peace keeping and peace making in Bosnia, Afghanistan and other areas of conflict around the World.

Guest speaker for the evening is Lieutenant Daryl Adams ret. of the Greater Sudbury Police Services. The Veterans' Appreciation Ceremony will take place in the Lodge Room and consist of "Parading the Colours" and "Parading the Veterans" under the direction of William Mercer Wilson Award recipient Bro. Robert Bryson, Parade Marshall. Following this part of the ceremony will be the "Ceremony of the Roses" and the "Ceremony of the Passing of the Torch", under the direction of R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton, PDDGM Sudbury-Manitoulin District.

The Veterans' Appreciation Night is open to invited non-masons; there will be no Masonic work conducted during the evening. Masons are to wear their regalia and veterans are urged to wear their medals.

Banquet tickets are \$20.00 each and available from W. Bro. Casey Stranges, Lodge Secretary Bro. Charles Searle, and Algonquin Lodge Officers.

D.D.G.M. <u>Next Official Visit</u> Thursday night, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 Dinner 6:00 pm



It is our duty to teach our children the lessons of the past and for us to make every effort as citizens of the world to eradicate intolerance, hatred and prejudice.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, take time to participate in your local Remembrance Day services. As Freemasons in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, you are permitted to wear your Masonic Regalia in Public for the purposes of Remembrance Day services.



Participate in Remembrance Day services and show your support of our Veterans who have served our country and of our Troops currently overseas and in harm's way.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>



TAKE TIME TO BE THANKFUL





# **CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES**

#### **Doric Lodge No. 455**

The Sudbury Shrine Club degree team travelled to Little Current on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 to conduct a Fellowcraft Degree for Bro. Mike Terry.



The degree team posed for a picture with Bro. Terry and then all the Shriners present donned their Fez for a group picture.



Doric Lodge helds an Emergent Meeting on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 for a double Initiation. Congratulations to Bro. George Cooper and Bro. Chris Pyette on being Initiate into Freemasonry.

## Behind the Mic.

Bro. Bruce Burgess of Friendship Lodge No. 691 has his own radio program on CKLU 96.7 on the FM dial. For the past 16 years, Bruce has been behind the Microphone every Friday afternoon at one o'clock. His show features the Oldies from an era when music was pleasing to the ear.



#### Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

Congratulations to Bro. Justin Coutts on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2013.

### Algonquin Lodge No. 436

Congratulations to Bro. Scott Bowles on being Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2013.



Father and Son



(L-R) W. Bro. Casey Stranges – Bro. Scott Bowles – W. Bro. Allan Bowles, Son and Father and Brothers in the Craft.





# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 – District Meeting at the Belrock Masonic Centred followed by the Masters and Wardens Association meeting.

Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 – District Veteran's Appreciation Night

Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 – D.D.G.M. Official Visit to Gore Bay Lodge. Dinner 6:00pm

Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Remembrance Day Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 – D.D.G.M. Official Visit to National Lodge

Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 2013- D.D.G.M. Official Visit to Espanola Lodge

Friday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 – Bethel Lodge Installation

Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 – D.D.G.M. Official Visit to Algonquin Lodge



# The Family of Freemasonry in Ontario is for YOU!





The York and Scottish Rites are meeting places in Masonry for members of all lodges. It enables us to meet new Brethren, make new friends and expand our knowledge of Freemasonry.



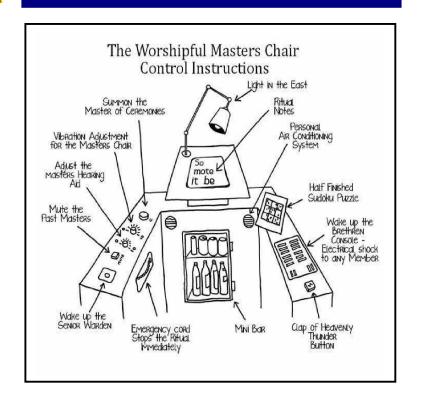
# Sudbury Manitoulin District

Child Identification Clinic HEALTH SCIENCES NORTH

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 10:00am to 1:30pm

For more information, contact Bro. Mike Lalonde, District Chairman, at 705-682-4662

Masons Helping You Protect The Ones You Love







# **NOVEMBER 2013**

NOVENIBER 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ch.I.P ONTARIO  OUR NEXT CLINIC IS  NOVEMBER 16 <sup>th</sup> 10am to 1:30pm  Health Sciences North		Java Guild Tuesdays Come for coffee Stay for Lunch 10:00am – 1:00pm	Doric Lodge Coffee Club  Masons and their Ladies are invited to Doric Lodge on the last Thursday of the month for coffee and social activities. The Broker Column will be used starting at 10:00am.		1.	2.
3.	4. District Mtg. followed with Masters and Wardens Mtg. Belrock 7:00pm	5.  NATIONAL  LODGE  Memorial  Service	6.  NICKEL LODGE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Bro. G.Merserau ESPANOLA LODGE 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	7. DISTRICT VETERAN'S APPRECIATION NIGHT SHRINE CLUB Regular Meeting	8.  BETHEL  LODGE  Step-Up night  Masonic Ed.	9.
10.	REMEMBRANCE DAY	DORIC LODGE Business meeting only	13.  FRIENDSHIP  LODGE  1st Degree  Exemplification	14. GORE BAY LODGE  D.D.G.M Official Visit Algoma Chapter O.E.S.	15.	Fall Ceremonial Excalibur College 10am Alpha Council 1:30pm
17.	18. SUDBURY LODGE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Bro. A. Aube	19.  ALGONQUIN  LODGE  1st Degree  Past Masters  Night  Espanola RAM	20.	21. Tuscan Chapter	22.	23.
24.	25.	26.	27. SHRINE CLUB Executive Meeting Members Welcome	28.  Mavar Preceptory Knights Templar  Elections	29.	Christmas Cocktails at the Club \$40/ea Dance to the tunes of Victor John



#### **District Divine Service**



The District Divine service in Gore Bay was held on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Lyons Memorial United Church. Thirty-Five Masons and many of their wives come out for the service despite the rainy weather. The lunch provided by the church after the service was excellent

# Friend to Friend

A recent Friend to Friend night hosted by Sudbury Lodge No. 658 drew 25 people of which 5 were guests of Masons and 5 were current Worshipful Masters. Friendship lodge had 3 guests, Nickel lodge one, and Sudbury lodge one. Guest and brethren enjoyed the meal and evening.



(L-R) W. Bro Rejean Daigle- Chairman of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District F-2-F committee, R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken, District DDGM, R.W. Bro. Wah Chung- Representation of the Grand Lodge resource F-2-F committee and the 5 prospective candidates.





# York Rite Freemasonry

# Tuscan Chapter No. 95 Official Visit

The Official Visit of the Grand Superintendant for Ontario District No. 14 R. Ex. Comp. Clive Stephenson took place on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2013.







Espanola Chapter No. 257

MEM degree held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Espanola Chapter.



The Candidates from left to right are Bro's Noah McLellan and Charles Everett. R. Ex. Comp Clive D. Stephenson was on a fraternal visit that evening.



# Mavar Preceptory No. 65

Mavar Preceptory hosed the Official visit of the Provincial Grand Prior, R.Em. Kt. Kian Jensen on Thrusday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2013.





R. Em. Kt. Kian Jensen, Provincial Grand Prior Sovereign Great Priory of Canada



Part One of the Order of the Red Cross was exemplified with Sir Kt. Roy Eaton portraying the candidate.







#### Northern Priory No. 84

Held the Installation & Investiture of Officers on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. Norman D. McComb was installed as Eminent Prior.



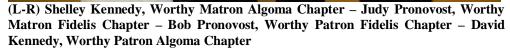
#### Officers for 2013-14



#### Algoma Chapter No. 139 O.E.S.

A nice evening of fellowship was had on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> as the Judy and Bob Pronovost the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Fidelis Chapter No. 99 from North Bay stopped in for a visit.









# DORIC LODGE NO. 455

25 Campbell Street East, Little Current, Ontario, Canada, POP 1KO

# JAVA MANITOULIN



The Worshipful Master and organizers humbly thank everyone that came out for our first Java Manitoulin meeting and for making this event a success!

Special thanks go to those that baked fresh cookies, muffins and provided delicious truffles!



The next meeting of the Doric Lodge Java Manitoulin will be held at DORIC LODGE NO. 455

(25 CAMPBELL STREET WEST, LITTLE CURRENT, ONTARIO) ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013

AT 10:00 A.M.

PLEASE ATTEND, BRING YOUR SPOUSE, NEIGHBOUR OR A FRIEND AND ENJOY A NICE WARM CUP OF COFFEE OR TEA AND FRESHLY BAKED MUFFINS AND COOKIES

