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A Message from our District Deputy Grand Master

Our Lodges are now in recess till September but we have not been idle in the District.

Thanks to Bro Greg Blomm for organizing a walk to support this year's District Project. The money raised will be added to the bursary of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

Grand Lodge will take place later this month. Our DDGM elect will be installed. Very best wishes to W Bro Lionel Rudd on his upcoming year.

If you registered to vote for the DDGM, then you are registered for the Grand Lodge elections. If you have not registered and you are eligible to cast a ballot, I urge you to do so to have your say in our Grand Lodge officers.

Again, accept my deepest thanks for the privilege of being your DDGM. Your help in stepping up to District offices is essential and I trust you will continue the commitment this coming Masonic year.

Wishing you a safe and most enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to seeing some of you at Grand Lodge. I look forward to sitting with you in Lodge this coming September.

Regards,

R. W. David Spencer
DDGM
Sudbury-Manitoulin





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Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

Bro. Albert Brock Everitt - Friendship Lodge No. 691

May his memory be cherished in our hearts.

Ill & Distressed

Bro. Ted Taylor - Doric Lodge No. 455

W. Bro. Wilfred Holmes - Doric Lodge No. 455

R. W. Bro. David Hodgins - Espanola Lodge No. 527

W. Bro. Al Bowles - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

W. Bro. Bill Evanochko - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

W. Bro. Jack Gallagher - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

W. Bro. Norm Hore - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Raymond McCarthy - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

R. W. Bro. Rob Lipic - Friendship Lodge No. 691

W. Bro. Ryan Lipic - Friendship Lodge No. 691

V. W. Bro. Harold Saville - Bethel Lodge No. 699

Bro. Norm Lenart



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70 Year Masonic Milestone



W. Bro. Don Gravelle, WM of City of Lakes Lodge, R.W. Bro. David Spencer, DDGM of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District, and W. Bro. David Walsh, paid a visit to the home of V.W. Bro. Robert Donaldson. All are members of City of Lakes Lodge. V.W. Bro. Donaldson was awarded the incredible milestone of a 70 Year Pin! He joined the Craft on May 7, 1952 in Cambuslang Royal Arch Lodge No.114 in Scotland and served as WM of the lodge in 1969. He affiliated with Algonquin Lodge No. 536 and became WM in 1979. V.W. Bro. Donaldson was invested as Grand Steward of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District in 1987.

Credit goes to W. Bro. Walsh for his assistance in organizing the visit and for taking the photo.

Congratulations, Bob!



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City of Lakes Lodge No. 536 June 14th Installation and Investiture.



Thank you to W. Bro. Dick McIvor for taking the photographs.



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Winners of local Transition Scholarship named

Nicholas de la Morandiere and Tate Turnbull are this year's recipients of scholarships from the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury



Left to Right: Tom King, and winners Tate Turnbull and Nicholas de la Morandiere

Nicholas de la Morandiere and Tate Turnbull have been named as the winners of the 2022 Student Transition Scholarships. The scholarships are handed out jointly by the [Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury](#), the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada - Valley of Sudbury, and the [Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada](#).

“I applaud Nicholas and Tate for all their hard work thus far, and look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the years to come,” Gale Wiseman, association vice chair, said in a news release.

The scholarships are awarded to students pursuing a full-time program in the fall of their graduating year at an accredited post-secondary institution. As winners, they have each received a \$625 scholarship provided by the two Masonic organizations mentioned above. Nicholas will be heading to Cambrian College in the fall, while Tate will be studying at Laurentian University.



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FRIENDSHIP MASONIC LODGE GETS “DOWN & DIRTY” TIDYING UP ONE OF THE CITY’S MAJOR APPROACHES.



Pictured Left to Right, W. Bro. Trevor Bracken, Master of Friendship Lodge and Bros: Dan Rowe, Brian Stoddart, Ross King, Tom Brown, Bernie Villeneuve, and Alan Fey.

This Spring was the twentieth year that Friendship Masonic Lodge has participated in the "Adopt A Road" program by twice a yearly gathering all the refuse on Long Lake Road from the Branch 564 RCL, Legion MacIsaac Dr.) to the overpass at the South West Bypass.

Worshipful Brother Trevor Bracken, Master of Friendship Masonic Lodge commented - “This our way of helping make our community most attractive for visitors and residents as they enter the outskirts of the City”.



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Masonic Education - The Swedish Rite

The Swedish Rite is a branch of Freemasonry found in Scandinavia (Sweden, Denmark, Norway), Germany (1 of the 5 Grand Lodges in Germany), Iceland and in some lodges in Finland. The Swedish Rite was first developed in the beginning of the 18th Century. Unlike the spread of Freemasonry in the Anglo tradition which came out of England, Freemasonry first came to Sweden by way of France. It is believed that it came from exiled Jacobite's in France who had strictly Christian lodges, many were Catholics in exile from England. This influenced the formation of the Swedish Rite. In the Swedish Rite the St. Andrew's Degrees are referred to as the Scottish Degrees, probably coming from the Jacobite's.



The Swedish Rite is made up of 3 bodies. The first are the St. John's Degrees consisting of the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Fellow Craft Degree and the Master Mason Degree. The second body is the St. Andrew's Degrees consisting of three degrees, the 4th and 5th, which are called the Apprentice-Companion of St. Andrew and the 6th degree, Master of St. Andrew. The third body is the Chapter (Templar) Degrees. It consists of 4 degrees, the Very Illustrious Brother, Knight of the East, the Most Illustrious Brother, Knight of the West, Enlightened Brothers of St. John's Lodge and the Very Enlightened Brothers of St. Andrew's Lodge. There is an additional 11th degree that is given only to Grand Lodge Officers those that have received the degree constitute the Swedish Grand Lodge.

In the early days of Freemasonry in Sweden, lodges were formed by individuals and the lodge would be the persons name. Quite often they would meet in the house of the person that started the lodge. In 1760, the Grand Lodge of Sweden was officially formed, although it had no authority over the Scottish (St. Andrew's) Degrees. In 1774, King Carl XII (then a Duke) was named the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, it was then that all three bodies of the Swedish Rite were moved under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Sweden. Unlike in the America's and England, Swedish lodges were mixed when it came to their influence on the enlightenment. It can be said, with some truth, that the Swedish Rite, and therefore Freemasonry in Sweden began as a product of the enlightenment and in opposition to it. Until recently, every Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Sweden was the King or a member of the royal family of Sweden.



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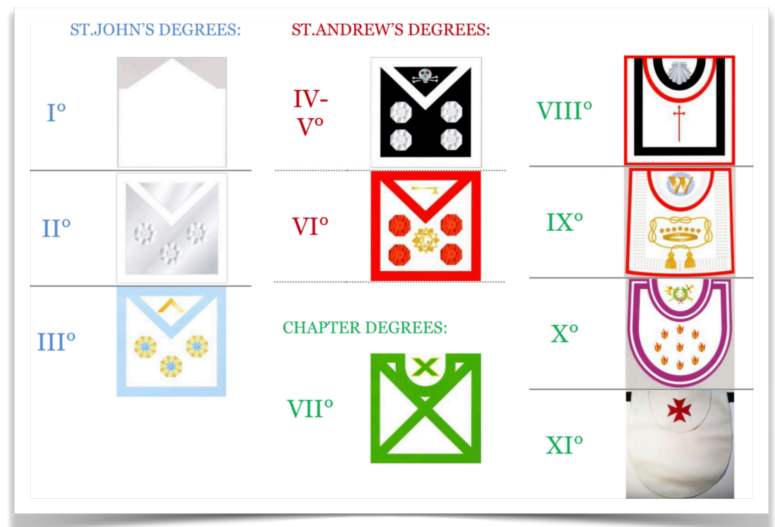


Masonic Education - The Swedish Rite

Admission to Swedish Rite lodges is highly guarded. Unlike the Anglo tradition the Swedish Rite accepts only men of the Christian faith. It requires that those who recommend a new brother must have attained a certain degree of the 10 degrees in their system. A candidate must be first recommended by a sponsor (mentor) who has attained the 7th degree (Very Illustrious Brother, Knight of the East). The second sponsor must have attained at least the 3rd or

Master Mason degree. The candidate must also be at least 24 years of age. It is also required that a candidate come to Freemasonry of his own choice, some of the many initial questions asked of a candidate are meant to confirm that they chose to come to Freemasonry on their own, as opposed to some mercenary or frivolous reason. Only one in three applicants is accepted into the order. Progression through the degrees is not automatic, particularly when progressing between the three bodies. Once you have attained your Master Mason degree by showing your proficiency and understanding of the Craft through the three degrees, which are generally taken in a local Craft Lodge, you then apply for the St. Andrew's degrees. Once accepted into St. Andrew's, you sever your connection with the Craft lodge, all dues are paid to St. Andrews which has lodges setup on a regional level. Again, once you have proven your understanding of the Craft and the St. Andrew's degrees, you can then petition for the Chapter degrees. At that time you will sever your connection with the St. Andrew's lodge and pay all of your dues directly to Chapter. The Chapter is handled on a national level and only one Chapter will exist in a Grand Lodge.

Although membership outside the Swedish Rite jurisdiction is limited, brothers from jurisdictions with amity with a Swedish Rite Grand Lodge can freely visit St. John's lodges. Currently most Anglo tradition Grand Lodges in the United States, Canada, England and Europe have amity with the Swedish Rite.





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MAVAR PRECEPTORY No.65

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

1922 - 2022

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

DINNER AT 6:00PM

(LADIES AND GUESTS WELCOME)

(KNIGHTS - KT UNIFORM OR DARK BUSINESS SUIT)

PRECEPTORY MEETING AT 7:30PM

(KNIGHTS ONLY)

FOR DINNER TICKETS (\$30) PLEASE CONTACT:

R.EM. KT. HENRY HANDSLEY (TICKET CHAIRMAN)

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R.EM. KT. CLIVE STEPHENSON KCT

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ANY GENERAL QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT CHAIRMAN

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THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE



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WEBMASTER OPPORTUNITY

Brethren,

The Sudbury Manitoulin District is seeking a webmaster for our District Website and Blog.

Tasks would include website and blog upkeep, publishing information, recent events and photos, and uploading the monthly newsletter, etc.

Interested?

Please contact our D.D.G.M - R. W. Bro. David Spencer





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Sudbury Manitoulin District Lodges

Nickel Lodge No. 427

Meetings: The first Wednesday every month from September-June

Doric Lodge No. 455

Meetings: Second Tuesday every month from September - June

Espanola Lodge No. 527

Meetings: The first Wednesday every month from September-June

City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Meetings: Second Tuesday every month from September-June

Friendship Lodge No. 691

Meetings: Second Wednesday every month from September-June

Bethel Lodge No. 699

Meetings: Second Friday every month from September-June





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Masonic Resources

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario Website

<https://grandlodge.on.ca>

Sudbury - Manitoulin District Website

<http://www.smmasons.com>

Sudbury - Manitoulin District Blog

<http://sudburymanitoulinmasons.blogspot.com>

Nickel Lodge Website

<http://www.nickellodge.ca>

Sudbury Shrine Club Blog

<http://sudburyshriners.blogspot.com>

Ontario Freemasons Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioMasons/about>

Canadian Freemasons Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2231516772>





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Ontario Masons

Interested in contributing to the newsletter?

I endeavour to publish the newsletter on the first of each month.

Please forward submissions to: mattdaoust@hotmail.com

Thank you to this months contributors!



Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to Meet Again!