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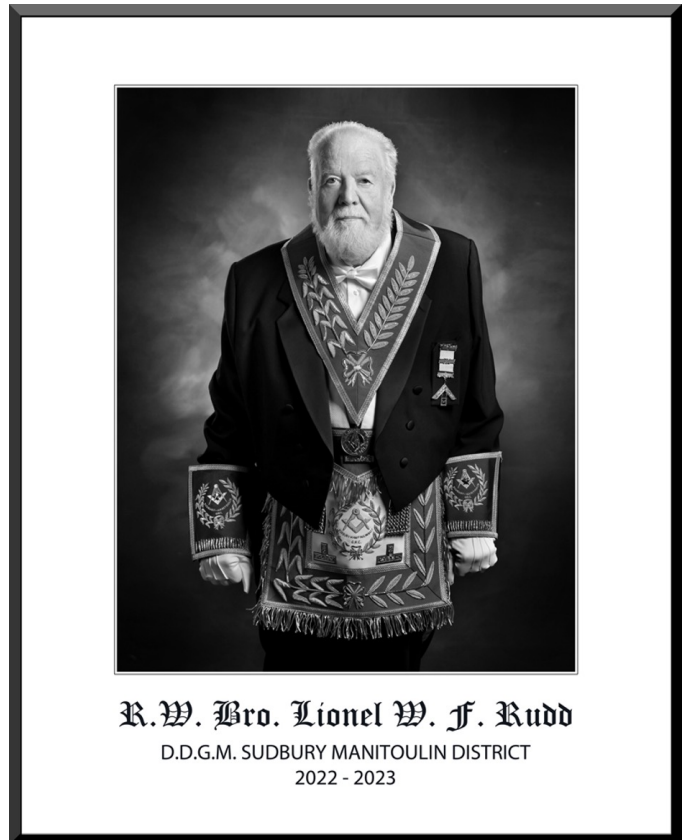


A Message from our District Deputy Grand Master

October is the month of “Thanksgiving” or “Harvest Festivals” in the UK and a period that our indigenous neighbours collect (and collected) and stored supplies of food and fuel for the winter months. Even the wild creatures have their rituals of storing food and bedding and a place for hibernation for the coldest months of the year or even fly south to warmer climes. But it is a period that we should all devote some time and opportunities to be thankful and appreciate what we have, the country where we live - free of war and famine, our health and our health care systems (and never forgetting the health care providers and first responders) as well as the comparative safety that most of us enjoy. And of course we must be doubly appreciative of the Masonic community to which we belong.

This can be considered the season sharing and caring ever mindful of the lessons learned in the First Degree - that of charity - a practice that should be a 12 months a year activity.. Not only must we be thankful for the bounty that nature of this country provides us with but also the spirit of sharing. Such charity and sharing need not involve donations of money or food to a food bank our clothing and goods to a charity shop but also acts of kindness and encouragement which are highly valued commodities in our frenetic world. Compassion and generosity are highly valued attributes of masonry... And don't forget the bounty of family and friends and neighbours and brother mason that we all have and share. Please Celebrate the Thanksgiving Season with compassion and generosity - and be THANKFUL.

R.W. Bro. Lionel Rudd
D.D.G.M.
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The Mentors Minute

Gentleman...brethren: I set a goal of raising \$1,000.00 for the District Charity this year...the local Alzheimer's Society and we are well on the way to reaching that goal. Last meetings BBQ was fairly well attended with all the proceeds going to that charity.

October's meeting is not too far off and I am trying to line up officers...enough Bethel Lodge members to sit as officers so we can open the Lodge and conduct the regular business of the Lodge. So far we are a couple of guys shy of a quorum.



Thanks to the attendance of visitors from the other Lodges in the district who are willing to sit as officers in our Lodge (on a very temporary...meeting by meeting basis) we have been able to open the lodge and are moving slowly forward.

The general purpose meeting is on Friday, October 7th starting at 7:30 PM and the regular meeting of Bethel Lodge is on Friday, October 14th starting at 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and attend both meetings.

The coronavirus is still circulating around the community so please stay safe and stay healthy until we can meet again in lodge and on the level.

Sincerely & fraternally,

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir
District Mentor Lead



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Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

W. Bro. Robert “Bob” MacDonald - Doric Lodge No. 455

May we cherish his memory in our hearts.

Ill & Distressed

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

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

Bro. Lloyd Blanchard - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Derrick Black - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

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

Lodge Secretaries are asked to forward this information to our District Chaplain by the end of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.



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COVID - 19 IS STILL WITH US - A WORD OF CAUTION!

Act with caution and minimize the opportunity of being infected with the COVID - 19 Virus AND the serious consequences of the disease. Although with just about every COVID - 19 restriction having been removed there is still an alarmingly high incidence of the virus affecting an increasing number of people. People who have been vaccinated can still be infected with the COVID - 19 virus although the reaction for most is no more than a bad dose of the flu. For those not vaccinated the consequences can be quite dire. Vaccination has been proven one of the most effective protections against many serious debilitating and often fatal diseases.

Around 200 years ago an astute country doctor observed that the women who milked cows infected with the “cow pox” virus were immune to smallpox - a terrible disfiguring disease often fatal. (Dr. Edward Jenner is considered the founder of vaccinology in the West in 1796, after he inoculated a 13 year-old-boy with vaccinia virus (cowpox), and demonstrated immunity to smallpox. In 1798, the first smallpox vaccine was developed.)

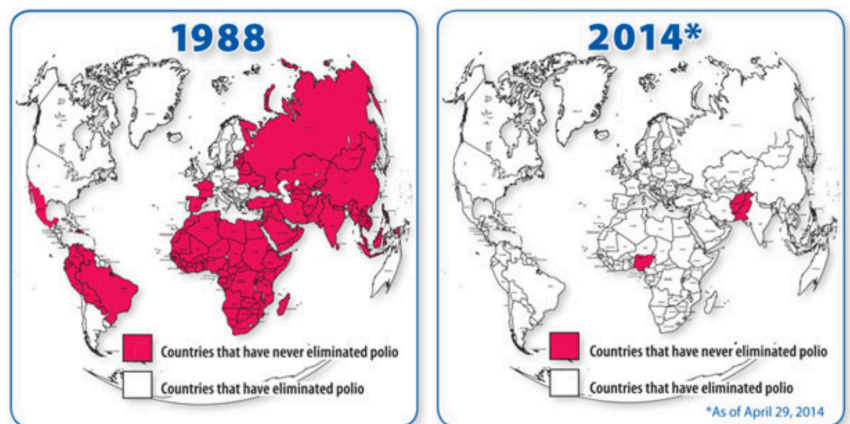
The history books will tell you the full story BUT the best scientific minds of the era identified how the immunity process took place with the consequence that societal mass vaccinations have just about eradicated this terrible virus.... And the list of such immunizations is very long and famously includes almost the total eradication of polio, a terrible crippling and often fatal disease of the 1950's and further back in history. Other precautions are avoidance, social distancing, face masks, and sanitizing hands and touch surfaces.

Now that restrictions have been removed it is up to each individual to make their own risk assessment and act accordingly. Unless the incidence of COVID - 19 is lowered there will be an unnecessary continuation of the costly and debilitating effects of the disease. Take HEED!

If you are unsure and uncertain with respect to this topic seek the professional advice from a fully trained, competent licensed accredited expert - start maybe with the local Health Unit as well as your family doctor. Practice good safety measures with logic and sound accurate advice.

R.W. Bro. Lionel Rudd

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THE PATH OF PROGRESS IN THE ERADICATION OF POLIO WORLD WIDE THROUGH VACCINATION.



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Invitation from our District Naturalist:

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!

(FREE ADMISSION - AND AMPLE FREE PARKING!)

Tuesday, 25th October AT 7 PM

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District Freemasons are holding a special presentation about the plight of the Monarch Butterflies and other endangered migratory animals. This will be held in the banquet room of the Sudbury Masonic Centre - Lower Entrance - (off York Street, access road behind the York Street Extencicare - *(FOLLOW SIGNS TO TEMPLE COURT AND THEN "LOWER BANQUET HALL")*) The feature will be a presentation with Frank Marriotti, on the great Monarch butterfly and the plants they use to fuel their journey to Mexico. Included will also be some of the birds that make similar trips to avoid the treacherous winters.

"Franco Marriotti is a biologist of some experience. He was the "founding" scientist at the creation of Science North. He was responsible for the creation of many of the exhibits especially about wildlife and our natural world. Franco was honoured to meet the Queen and Prince Phillip at the official opening of Science North in 1984 during a Royal Visit to our community. His greatest skill has been as a staff scientist at Science North, has been in developing and delivering presentations that translate complex stories in a way that can be appreciated by children and adults alike. He had a role in conceiving and developing the Jane Goodall exhibit that opened at Science North in May 2002 amongst his many other achievements."

So join us on an evening of learning and expect to receive seeds to help plant next spring so the next generation of creatures can follow in their footsteps.

NOTE: The milkweed plant that is essential food for the Monarch Butterfly actually grows in the garden adjacent to Masonic Centre building.

Bro. Greg Blomme @ (705) 822 2836 OR Lionel Rudd @ (705) 522 3886
District Naturalist

AFTER THE PRESENTATION GUESTS INTERESTED IN FREEMASONRY ARE INVITED TO TOUR THE MASONIC CENTRE.



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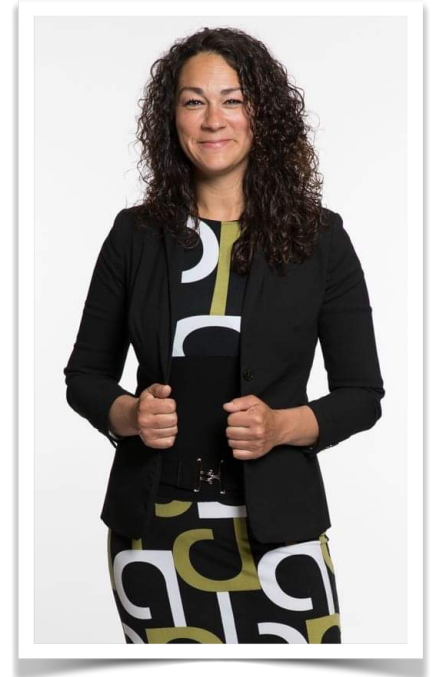


A message from the District Blood Donor Chairman

Brethren,

I would like to take some time this month to introduce you all to our contact at Canadian Blood Services. In speaking with her we felt that new and returning brethren would appreciate a familiar face when going to donate. Enough from me here is a brief bio of Teri-Mai Armstrong:

“I have been working for Canadian Blood Services for 20 years in many different capacities. I am a donor, a volunteer and an employee and I have multiple family members who have been recipients of blood and blood products. I have seen first hand how the selfless giving of others has a life-saving impact on someone you love and how their giving has given me time with my loved ones. My role as Manager of business development for the plasma centre is my calling and allows me to make meaningful partnerships throughout our great city and surrounding areas to help others understand the importance of donating plasma resulting in others having more time with their loved ones.”



Please be sure to say hi to Teri-Mai at your next visit and let her know you are a Mason, she has been of great assistance and is very excited to be working with our District Lodges in bringing new and old brethren alike out to donate plasma, she would love to know when we are there!

If any Brother would like more information about the criteria for donating please go to this website, <https://www.blood.ca/en/blood/am-i-eligible-donate-blood> this will take you through a quiz to find out if you are eligible to donate as well there are links on this page that explain the recent changes to who is eligible to donate.

Fraternally,

Bro. Clayton Kennedy
District Blood Donor Chairman



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The DDGM Preparation Committee
is pleased to announce
the Fall in-person Session Workshops.

Chairman R. W. Bro. Victor Tavares
p. 416.992.8346 | e. thvddgm1718@gmail.com

**Coffee served at 8:30 am,
Sessions begin at 9:00 am till 2:00 pm**

HARRISTON

Saturday, October 29th
37 Elizabeth Street, Harriston

PARIS

Saturday, November 5th
98 Scott Avenue, Paris

RIDGETOWN

Saturday, November 19th
33 York Street West, Ridgetown

OSHAWA

Saturday, December 3rd
91 Centre Street South, Oshawa

- Preregistration is a must.
- All Districts are welcome at all sessions.
- Light lunch supplied.
- Grand Lodge Publications will be available for purchase at all sessions.

Register at ddgmprep@gmail.com



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District Chili Cook Off!

Brethren,

We formally invite all brethren, their family and friends in our district to a chilli cook off challenge between Nickel Lodge, Bethel and Friendship.

The event will be held on Oct.23rd, 3:30PM at the Belrock centre. Cost per person is \$10.00, children eat free.

All proceeds will go towards the district charity.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out for good food and good company





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Sudbury – Manitoulin District Presents

A reception & banquet in honour of our
District Deputy Grand Master

Right Worshipful Brother Lionel W.F. Rudd

Friday November 4th 2022

Belrock Masonic Centre
Social at 6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

\$25 per person

Tickets available through your Lodge Secretary



Ontario Masons



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Masonic History

Following service with the Royal Navy in World War I, George was initiated in December 1919 into Navy Lodge No. 2612 of which his grandfather, King Edward VII, had been founding Master. On that occasion he noted:

“I have always wished to become a Freemason, but owing to the war I have had no opportunity before this of joining the Craft. All my life I have heard about Freemasonry, and though there has always been a certain mystery attached to it, I have learned that Freemasons in this country have been a great help to the poor and friendless and have been notable for their efforts on behalf of children. . . . I like to think that in the future I shall be associated in their great work.”

From that moment he became a most dedicated and active Freemason. He was invested as Duke of York in 1920 and the following year was installed as permanent Master of Navy Lodge. He joined several more Lodges as well as moving on to play an active role in other degrees including Royal Arch, Mark (separate from the Royal Arch in England), Scottish Rite, and Knights Templar. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden of The United Grand Lodge of England in 1923 and one year later became Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.

Believing his future lay in voluntary service Prince Albert devoted an ever increasing amount of time to Freemasonry and other worthy causes, and in November 1936, after joining a small village lodge north of the border, (whose Master was the local postman) the Prince was installed as Grand Master of Scotland.

King George V died in January 1936 and was succeeded by his eldest son Edward, Prince of Wales, who had been initiated (also in 1919) into the Household Brigade Lodge No. 2614. On becoming King, Edward VIII followed precedent and resigned from his many Masonic offices.



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However less than two weeks later Edward VIII had abdicated and Albert with the greatest reluctance ascended to the throne taking the name George VI. The aforementioned precedent required him to resign his Masonic appointments. However his love of the Craft was such that when it was suggested a new UGLE position of Past Grand Master be created especially for him, he immediately accepted. On being invested he stated “Today I have reached the pinnacle of my Masonic Career.” He was doubly pleased when soon after the Grand Lodge of Scotland conferred upon him a similar honor. He continued to play an active role in ceremonies, and as King, and Past Grand Master he personally installed three Grand Masters of the United Grand Lodge.

In spite of the universal condemnation of Edward’s abdication, George continued to admire his brother despite the burdens he was now forced to bear. A note found among his papers, which refers to the most private part of the point of handover of the monarchy, clearly indicates the depth of the bond that remained between two brothers of blood and the Craft. “On entering the room I bowed to him as King.” Then following the moment of abdication he continued, “When David [Edward VIII] and I said goodbye we kissed, parted as Freemasons and he bowed to me as King.”

The Victory Stamps

After World War II, King George wrote that “Freemasonry has been one of the strongest influences on my life,” and in collaboration with engraver Reynolds Stone helped create a postage stamp, part of the “1946 Victory Issue,” which is filled with Masonic symbolism.

The 3d Victory Stamp depicts the King’s head in the East his eyes firmly fixed on illustrations of a dove carrying an olive branch (representing peace and guidance), the square and compasses (in the second degree configuration), and a trowel and bricks (the sign of a Master spreading the cement that binds mankind in brotherly love).

On the stamp the images appear in white, the color of purity, out of purple, the color of divinity. The three coupled illustrations are surrounded by a scrolled ribbon made up of five figure threes. And was the unusual positioning of the wording meant to represent two great pillars? By its name and intention the stamp proclaimed victory over evil, yet by its appearance it expressed compassion and hope.



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King George VI once stated, “The world today does require spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt, after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a most important part in this vital need.” The Victory Stamp captured those words in a graphic representation.

Maintaining Values

He reinforced those thoughts in 1948 in an address he gave to the United Grand Lodge of England. Those words seem as fresh, meaningful and worthy of our most serious contemplation today as they did sixty-three years ago:

I believe that a determination to maintain the values which have been the rock upon which the Masonic structure has stood firm against the storms of the past is the only policy which can be pursued in the future. I think that warning needs emphasizing today, when men, sometimes swayed by sentimentality or an indiscriminate tolerance, are apt to overlook the lessons of the past.

This article first appeared in the Spring 2011 *Freemasonry Today*, the official journal of the United Grand Lodge of England, and is reprinted with their kind permission.

Photo:

Albert, Duke of York, later King George VI, in his regalia as the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex (1931). English Regalia, top: Jewel, cordon, and apron of a Provincial Grand Master; Left: jewel of a Past Grand Master. Photo of King George VI: *Freemasonry Today*, United Grand Lodge of England, (Washington, D.C.: Scottish Rite Research Society, 2007)





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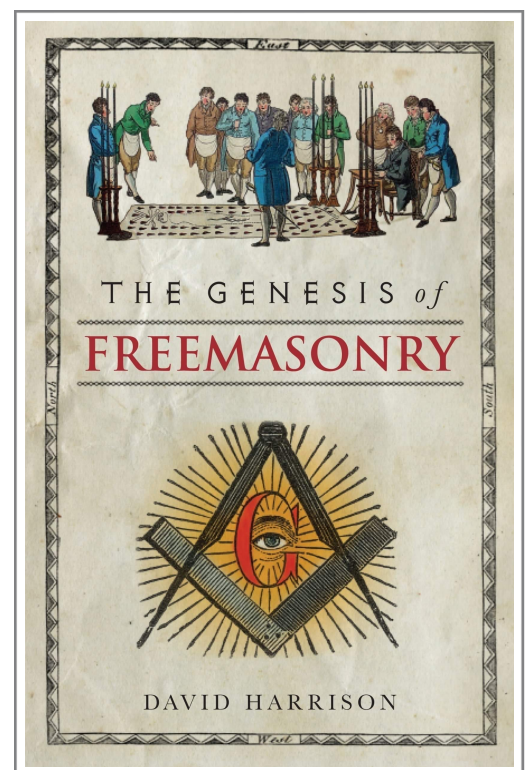


Masonic Book Recommendation

The Genesis of Freemasonry

By: Dr. David Harrison

The Genesis of Freemasonry is a revealing but thoroughly enjoyable journey through the intricate history of English Freemasonry. Historian Dr David Harrison reconstructs the hidden history of the movement, tracing its roots through a mixture of mediaeval guild societies, alchemy and necromancy. He examines the earliest known Freemasons and their obsessions with Solomon's Temple, alchemy and prophecy to the formation of the Grand Lodge in London, which in turn led to rebellions within the Craft throughout England, especially in York and with the formation of the Antients. Harrison also analyses the role of French immigrant Dr Jean Theophilus Desaguliers in the development of English Freemasonry, focussing on his involvement with the formation of the mysterious modern Masonic ritual. All Freemasons and more general readers will find much of interest in this fascinating exploration of the very beginnings of Freemasonry.





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About the Author:

Dr. David Harrison is a UK based Masonic historian who has so far written twelve books on the history of Freemasonry and has contributed academic papers and articles on the subject to various journals and magazines which deal with the topic of Freemasonry around the world, such as the UK based AQC Transactions, Heredom, Freemasonry Today, MQ Magazine, The Square, the US based History Magazine, Knight Templar Magazine, the Philaethes Journal and the Australian based New Dawn Magazine. Harrison has also appeared on TV and radio discussing his work, such as in the recent French made documentary film *Dans les Secrets des Francs Macons* and an episode of the US made *America Unearthed*.



Having gained his PhD from the University of Liverpool in 2008 which focused on the development of English Freemasonry, the thesis was subsequently published in March 2009 entitled *The Genesis of Freemasonry* by Lewis Masonic, and his second book, which also contained some of Harrison's PhD work entitled *The Transformation of Freemasonry*, was published the following year. Both works received critical acclaim. His ground breaking work on *The Liverpool Masonic Rebellion* and the *Wigan Grand Lodge* was published in October 2012.

After a successful book tour of the USA and Canada in 2013, new books followed; *A Quick Guide to Freemasonry* was published by Lewis Masonic in September 2013, a new work on the *York Grand Lodge* was published in June 2014, followed by *Freemasonry and Fraternal Societies* which was published in July 2015. The following year, Harrison again visited the USA for a series of book talks, and two more of his works were published; *The City of York: A Masonic Guide* and Harrison's first non-Masonic work - a biography of nineteenth century industrialist and merchant *Christopher Rawdon*. *The Lost Rites and Rituals of Freemasonry* was published in 2017, and Harrison went on to publish a compendium of his work called *A Journey Through Freemasonry* in 2019. His next work; *Rediscovered Rituals of English Freemasonry*, examined the high grades of *Richard Carlile's Manual of Freemasonry*, being the second of the *Lost Rites* series. The third book in the series was entitled *The Rite of Seven Degrees*, and was published in November 2021.



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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. Lionel Rudd





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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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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 month's contributors!



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