

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter

JANUARY 2025



From the District Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John M. Miszczak



Happy New Year to all!

January 2025 and the cold of winter is now upon us. Let us bundle up with our brothers by attending lodge and visiting in the short hours of daylight. Bethel Lodge is having their installation officers on Friday January 10th, and City of Lakes Lodge is having the DDGM official visit on Tuesday January 14th. Nickel, Doric, Espanola and Friendship Lodges continue with regular business and degree work. As part of our process of enlightenment, the new year is a good time for renewing our commitments to ourselves and our lodges by making positive changes in our lives.



Using caution, let us not repeat the errors of the past which have been so well described by Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC – 43 BC) in “The Six Mistakes of Man” as:

1. The illusion that personal gain is made by crushing others
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind, and not acquiring the habit of reading and study
6. Attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do

And by Michaelangelo (1475-1564) who wrote; *“The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”*

The new year is a good time to look back on the year that was with honest self examination and determine what we want in the year to come. Now is the opportunity to renew ourselves by self-examination, self-analysis, self-realization and self fulfilment with the support of our fellow brethren at lodge. Now is the time to help the lodge, the master and brethren by quality ritual, mentoring and education. Now is a great time to be alive, to be active and participate!
Happy New Year and see you in lodge soon!

Fraternally,

John M. Miszczak

District Deputy Grand Master 2024-2025

Sudbury-Manitoulin District

A MASON'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I try to express the best of myself in my contacts with others

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I feel compassion toward those who suffer

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I consider all my brothers and sisters equals, regardless of race, culture and religion

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I rejoice over the happiness of others and pray for their well-being

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I listen with tolerance to opinions that differ from mine

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I resort to dialog rather than force to settle a conflict

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I respect Nature and preserve it for generations to come

As a mason, I contribute to peace when I do not seek to impose my conception of God upon others

As a mason, I contribute to peace is when I make peace the foundation of my ideal philosophy

Transformation

Before joining Masonry, some of us, even with all the information provided before our acceptance, had an idea that perhaps at some point during an initiation, a high-ranking Mason would walk to us and whisper in our ear a powerful secret that would completely transform us and give us power over natural obstacles. In fact, someone did but it was not recognized as such. The initiation process does not give one power over everyday obstacles. Masonry, it is said, states a truth once and the student is left to discover the full meaning through study, dedication, persistence and repetition, and last but not least, the study, practice and execution of the ritual.

The initiatory process is a tool given to help us in our quest for absolute truth, a better knowledge of the Divine and a personal transformation which should lead us to a better understanding of God, the laws of creation and an awareness of our own unity.

Long Range Planning Team

District Secretary's Corner



W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe

As another year comes to a close and a new year starts, we are reminded of our duties ahead and look back on tasks completed, and perhaps some yet undone. The rotation of the year is marked by celebrations and reflections. The hours of daylight have begun to incrementally gain a little more each day and we push back the darkness. Many will make New Year Resolutions and some may actually keep those aspirations alive for a length of time. As Masons, we don't typically need a special day or designated date on the calendar, as our obligations and duties continually remind us that we are forever urged to make ourselves better. We are all human, fallible and flawed, but we are forever challenged to improve upon that base material and smooth some of our rough ashlar; aspiring to make it perfect. With the holidays and family festivities behind us, it's time for the workmen to roll up their sleeves and get back to the job at hand. The Covid years took a lot out of us. The ensuing years, with the natural attrition of age and illness did not help our numbers. All of the Lodges in the District have felt the ripples. However, a new year also affords us the opportunity to revitalize ourselves and get back to the basics that make our fraternity what it has always been; ***a meeting of like-minded Brethren who aspire to be more than what they are.*** While resuming your work remember, one of the greatest aspects and rewards of our gentle Craft is the opportunity and enjoyment gained by visiting. Go back to the days when there was always an ever-shifting cadre of visitors, travelling between Lodges and helping to swell those numbers and keeping those relationships alive. It's always enjoyable to meet with old friends and to make new ones. Merry meet to all and we look forward to seeing you again on the level.

W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe

District Secretary 2024-25

Masonic Education

I came across this piece by a Reverend Joseph Fort Newton. I sense an influence by Rudyard Kipling and a deep understanding of the human condition that I would like to share with you.

WHEN IS A MAN A MASON ?

When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, yet have faith, hope, and courage - which is the root of every virtue.

When he knows that down in his heart, every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man.

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yeah, even in their sins - knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the drudgeries of life. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellowman, and with his God; Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to the world.

Submitted by

W. Bro. Brian N. Howe

Past Master Nickel Lodge #427



District Chair for Masonic Education



Sudbury-Manitoulin Event Calendar

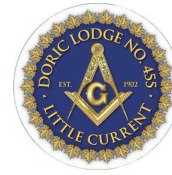
JANUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Sudbury Shrine Club New Year's Levee	2	3 Bethel Lodge GP	4 Espanola Lodge Breakfast - \$10 per person
5	6	7 City of Lakes GP Meeting 6:30 PM	8 Friendship Lodge Regular meeting Espanola Lodge Regular meeting	9	10 Bethel Lodge (Installation of Officers))	11
12	13	14 City of Lakes Official Visit Doric Lodge Regular Meeting	15 Nickel Lodge 1 st degree	16	17	18 Sudbury Shrine Club installation of officers
19	20	21	22 Friendship Lodge GP Meeting	23	24	25 Espanola Lodge Breakfast DORIC LODGE: ROBBIE BURNS DINNER at the Legion in Little Current
26	27	28	29 Nickel Lodge either GP or emergent meeting TBD	30	31	



DORIC LODGE NO. 455



Pictured on the left: W. Bro. Brent Forsyth (L) receives a Grand Lodge Certificate from W. Bro. Robert Tailleir (R) dated from 1929 presented to **Bro. Herbert Edmundson** (W. Bro. Tailleir's wife's great-grandfather - and even if he wasn't great, he was a really good one!) The brethren from Doric Lodge were truly grateful for this thoughtful presentation by the Bethel Lodge's Master Elect!

“One of the greatest discoveries a person makes is to find they can do what they were afraid they couldn't do.”- Henry Ford

Below: The brethren in attendance at *Doric Lodge No. 455* regular meeting on December 10th, 2024 initiating their newest EA, **Brother Wayne Malleau!** We all look forward to his masonic progress within the Craft! **R.W. Bro. John Mischczak** was in attendance on a Fraternal visit.





DORIC LODGE NO. 455

G.R.C. A. F. & A. M.

of the

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons

present

our inaugural

ROBBIE BURNS DINNER

January 25th, 2025

Social @ 5:30 PM / Dinner @ 6:00 PM

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
BRANCH 177**

15 Vankoughnet St. E., Little Current

Tickets: \$ 75.00 per couple / \$ 40.00 each

CASH AT DOOR: \$80 per couple / \$50 each

tickets available at: kvarey@vianet.ca

e-transfer to cormil@vianet.ca

LIMITED SEATING!





ESPANOLA LODGE NO. 527



Espanola Lodge's Official Visit: December 12th, 2024



Espanola lodge official visit was scheduled for December 1st, but bad weather resulted in a postponement to December 12th when the visit occurred. **W. Bro. Akkanen** and his officers exemplified the penalties in each degree and the lodge resounded with best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all!



FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 691



BROTHER HUGO CASTRO'S RAISING



Brother Hugo Gavidia Castro was *raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason* by **Friendship Lodge** on Dec. 11th. Photo of all attending below. Above photo of Bro Hugo with the Master - **W.Bro. Ryan Lipic**, and his two sponsors - the district secretary **W. Bro. Dan Rowe** and the **DDGM R. W. Bro. John Mischczak**.



W.Bro. THOMAS MORRIS VISITS NEW ZEALAND



THE GRAND LODGE OF
ANTIEN, FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF
NEW ZEALAND



Brethren from **Lodge Waihopai No.189** on W. Bro. Tom Morris' visit on November 20th, 2024.

Starting from the left:
Bro. Francis Sombito (**JW**)
W. Bro Ronald Carbonel (**DoC**)
W. Bro Thomas Morris
W. Bro Rigor Menor (**WM**)
Bro. Philip Castillo (**SW**)
Bro. Jmar Peralta (**JD**)



W. Bro. Ronald Carbonel, W. Bro. Thomas Morris and W. Bro. Keith Campbell

NOTE: Keith is currently the *District Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Southland District.*

He is also the *Grand Superintendent for the Otago Southland Royal Arch.*



W. Bro. Neville Hall presenting W. Bro. Thomas Morris with a Lodge Waihopai Centennial Pin

NOTE: The photo on the wall behind Neville is of **MW Bro Fred Knox**, A Lodge Waihopai Brother, and Grand Master of New Zealand in 1982

(RIGHT) Friday evening meal @ the "Main Street Café" Kelvin Street, Invercargill – Friday 22 nd November

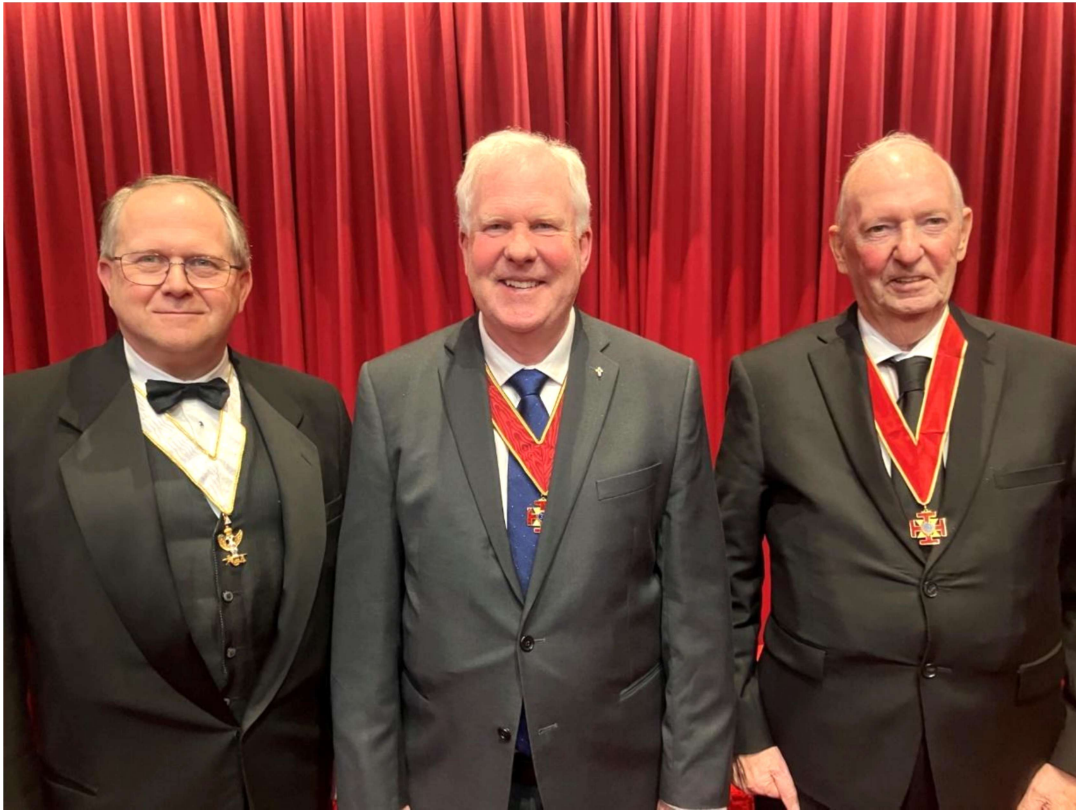




Concordant Bodies of Freemasonry



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry



Ill. Bro. Greg Newson recently received his 32° degree at the Barrie Consistory Reunion held on November 29th and 30th.

Ill. Bro. Newson is currently the Junior Grand Warden in the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection.

Photo Above: L to R: **Ill. Bro. David Squarzolo**, 33°, Thrice Puissant Grand Master (TPGM) of the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection, **Ill. Bro. Greg Newson**, 32°, and **Ill. Bro. Robert South**, 32°, Past TPGM Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection



SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB



Nobel Hoffmann being presented his 50 year certificate as a Shriner (below, right) and Entered Apprentice Hoffman at the laying of the Cornerstone at **BELROCK** 60 years earlier!



Above Photo (LtoR): Monica Hoffman, Chuck Searle, Norbert Hoffman, Dick McIvor, Tom Lundy, Trevor Syke (hiding in foreground)



R.W.Bro and Nobel **John Hodder** receiving his **50 year membership certificate** from President **Dick McIvor** with **Tom Lundy** and **Chuck Searle**



Nobel **Wilfred Holmes** receiving his **50 year membership certificate**

Hawewater Unit at Sudbury Shrine Club

Nobles R. Eaton, J. Hodder, B. Gordon and B. Forsyth (L – R)



Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons & Shriners Represented!



Sudbury and District Masons presented a cheque for \$1,150⁰⁰ at the Telethon, which was later increased by another \$100⁰⁰ from [Espanola Lodge](#) at the Official Visit.



Shriners presenting \$500 cheque at Telethon:
Nobles Trevor Sykes, Dick McIvor, Dave Sykes (LtoR)



Brent Forsyth centred between Julian Pomerleau and Kevin Belanger



District Masons at Lion's children's telethon answering phones and presenting their cheque.



R.W. Bro. John Mischczak's District Charity 2024-2025

Prostate Cancer Research
Northern Cancer Foundation
Health Sciences North



The risk in men being diagnosed with prostate cancer is about **1 in 8**.

Each risk of prostate cancer can vary based on age, race / ethnicity and other factors; yet prostate cancer is more likely to develop in older men between the ages of 60 and 79.

PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

Please make your donation payable to:

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario

Indicate the DDGM Project Number:

2502

Why donate through the Masonic Foundation?

All monies received by the Masonic Foundation of Ontario go directly to the Northern Cancer Foundation.



For more information, please contact the Masonic Foundation Representative:

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25 Plumtree Crescent,
Sudbury ONT.
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gary.a.r.bate@gmail.com



Sudbury-Manitoulin District Blood Drive



Happy New Year, Brethren!

PLASMA DONATIONS

Throughout this year I am going to submit an article each month for our newsletter to help promote plasma donations to those Brethren who have donated and continue to supply information to the Brethren that have not yet donated. If I can promote this activity enough that just one brother becomes a new donor or a brother that once donated begins to donate again I feel it is a **win**.

This month, I wanted to keep it simple by posting the hours and location of the Sudbury Plasma Center and a couple links for everyone to check out if they have questions, if the links do not answer your questions I would request you to reach out to me at 78cakennedy@gmail.com and I will try to help find the answer to your question. Another good resource is the toll free number



1-888-2DONATE
(1-888-236-6283)

The Sudbury Plasma Center is located at:
900 Lasalle Blvd, UNIT K, Sudbury Ontario

Hours of operation:

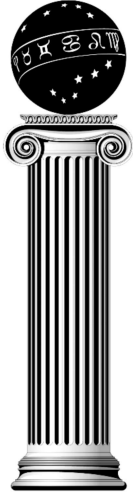
Monday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Tuesday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Wednesday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Thursday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm
Saturday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Sunday: CLOSED

R.W.Bro. Roy Eaton doing his part.

General information on donating plasma:
<https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma/donating-plasma>

Link to quiz for eligibility to donate plasma:
<https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma/am-i-eligible-donate-plasma>

Bro. Clayton Kennedy



CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENHANCE THE NEWSLETTER
MAKES IT MEANINGFUL AND LEAVES A TIMELY
LEGACY FOR ALL THE LODGES AND
CONCORDANT BODIES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR LODGE'S
EXPERIENCES BEFORE THE MONTH'S DEADLINE



From the Editor's Desk:



Happy New Year, Brethren!

As 2025 unfolds, our natural tendency is to reflect on the past year in reverence. Remembering the moments with loved ones, our triumphs and our challenges; the people we met who made an impact in our lives, and those we lost. One thing that comes to mind, I wish to make a statement on, is our impact on others. Being a Freemason is not an entitlement. Far from it. It is a commitment we made with ourselves and the G.A.O.T.U. to be a better man. Better for ourselves, our family, friends, and our community. Our obligations clearly state the intentions before us and within us. Historically, Freemasons have been known to be innovators, leaders and trail-blazers. Challenging the boundaries within themselves toward achievements that made the world a better place in their time - and beyond! I look towards 2025 with fervency and zeal! See you in Lodge, Brethren!

S&F

Bro. Rick Mauti

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter Editor

