



Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025

From the District Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John M. Miszczak



Brethren,

February is a great month for it brings into our consideration two very important concepts celebrated on specific days; Valentine's Day and Family Day! First of all, Valentine's Day, although something that we should remember every day of our lives with those that we love and cherish, this reminder allows us to do the "flowers and chocolate" appreciation of our partners. And then Family Day allows us to focus specifically on our families. Please share the love of life that fills your hearts with joy. Remember, when you are coming from a place of love all you can share is love, do not concern yourself with reciprocation.



In my readings, I have learned that there are only two distinct thought systems in this world. One is love, and the other is fear and they are mutually exclusive. From the perspective of love, the definition of fear when manifested as an attack is "a call for love from someone who does not understand what they are doing". Please bear this in mind as you consider the greatest gift you can give; that of forgiving yourself for responding improperly to another person's transgression and seeing it instead as a call for love.

The Family of Freemasonry is an organization that promotes the personal development and enlightenment of man. Visitation is the key to socialization within an organization that values its membership and promotes their well being and development. With Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth as the only guideline, how can we go wrong. Please read the Grand Master's message in the February Ontario Masons Magazine. And with sincere appreciation, I thank all the district masons for their efforts to improve RITUAL, MENTORING and EDUCATION which I see reflected in our Lodge's and personal interactions.

Wow! What a great month January was! Bethel lodge had their installation and a new Worshipful Master and slate of officers were installed. City of Lakes hosted the DDGM on his 3rd official visit of the Masonic Year. Doric Lodge had a Robbie Burns Night on his birthday – Jan 25 (the bard's 266th birthday). And the other lodges continued to have regular meetings initiating new members and shining a bright light into the future. The Shrine Club installed a new president and slate of officers, and Nickel Lodge donated 3 full bins of winter clothing to a needy cause. Congratulations to all.

In February, we will see 67 more minutes of daylight by month end and signs of winter thawing as our Masonic journey continues with more light shed upon it!

Fraternally,

John M. Miszczak

District Deputy Grand Master 2024-2025

Sudbury-Manitoulin District

District Secretary's Corner



W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe

Work done well! We all aspire to do our best and present our work in the best possible light. It has been said that "*...the mind is an incredible machine that can store, retain and regurgitate facts with astonishing speed and accuracy; until you're standing in Lodge and suddenly find yourself reading from a blank slate.*" We've all had it happen. Practicing a piece for hours, spaced over multiple days, in preparation for a given event or bit of degree work in Lodge; until it's perfect. Even running through it a couple of extra times on the drive in, only to suddenly find yourself stumped and needing a prompt or two while standing before your Brethren and performing the piece that you *'had-down perfectly.'* Thus, understanding the gravity of the situation, and watching another Brother perform a piece with perfection, is always great to see. I've had the opportunity, over the years, to have observed and performed work at both ends of the quality spectrum, but truly admire seeing when work is done well. **We are always our own worst critic.**

A recent trip to another District Lodge emphasized how beautiful the rubric can be when performed with perfection. Watching younger Brethren, some still coming up through the degrees, taking pieces of the evening's work and pulling it off with perfection was a thing of beauty. Not to just recite the verbiage, but to present the material with a clear and concise oration, fluid and emphasizing the correct pauses and pronunciation, gives credit to the Brother, his mentors and the Lodge in particular. It gives me hope for the future of the Craft to see these young men stepping up and being not only active in their Lodge, but to take the pride of purpose to present the work with such emphasis and strength. It's a beautiful thing to observe. Whether it's a piece as lengthy as the Junior Warden's lecture in the first, the Apron Charge in the same, or any of the presentations of the Tools, observing the pride and precision of practiced work coming off without a prompt and letter perfect, is just awesome. Be a supporting Brother and take the time to give credit where credit is due. I look back to my time as an Entered Apprentice and FellowCraft, having a room full of senior Brethren and Royal blue scattered about, was enough to give anybody pause. However, if I got the practiced piece out properly, as I had practiced over and over, getting a nod of acknowledgement from those austere bodies gave me the pride and impetus to try even harder to present the next piece with the same flawlessness. When you see something done with such precision, laud your fellow Brother and let them know that you truly appreciated the work they put into presenting it in the fashion that you have just enjoyed being privy to observing; they deserve the pat on the back. We have all tripped and stumbled to know what it means to have that nod of recognition.

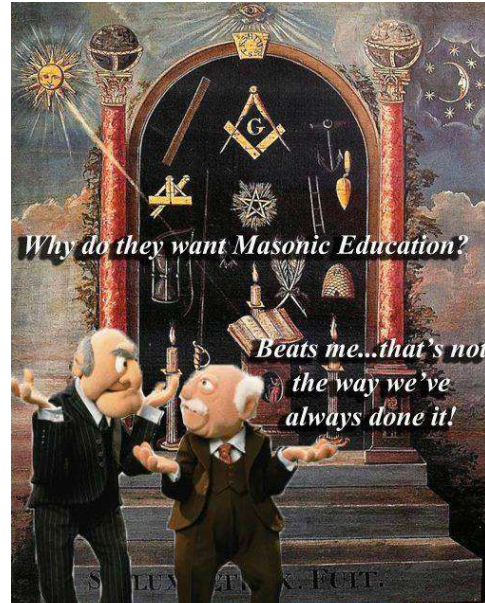
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District Secretary 2024-25

Just don't be like these two ...



How did you get the Black eye?
The wife was giving me a lecture and I corrected her three times.



Why do they want Masonic Education?

Beats me...that's not the way we've always done it!



The usual response when asked to perform work for an up-coming Official Visit ...

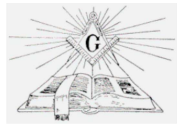


My goodness WB Statler, that was the worst degree work I have ever seen. Not one of them knew thier part.

I agree WB Waldorf, let's stand up and tell them how wonderful it was and how proud we are of this lodge!

Robert Herd

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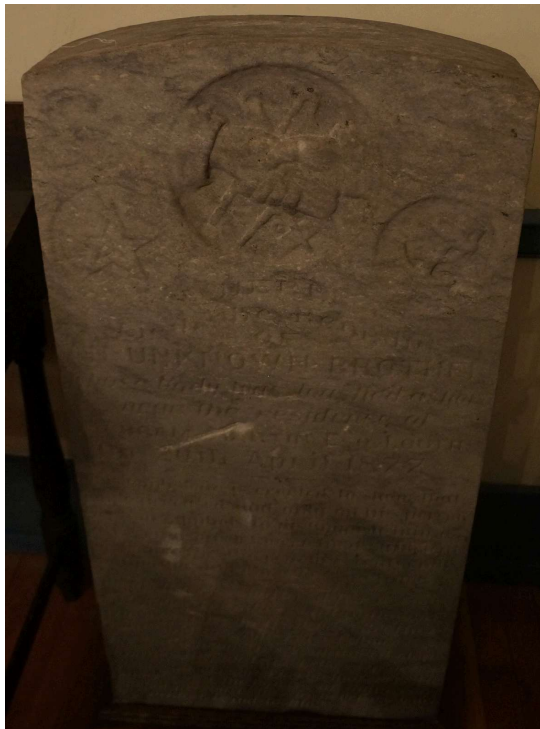


A Masonic Tidbit



In 1877, the body of a male person washed ashore on Lake Ontario, near Jordan (a community in Lincoln, ON). There were certain markings on the body which identified him as a Mason and he was given a fitting burial by the Masons of the District.

A headstone was erected to mark the gravesite and dedicated to "An Unknown Brother"



The original stone had become eroded with the ravages of time and the environment, and was replaced on May 12, 1996 with a generous donation from Heritage Lodge No 703.

Approximately 125 Masons of Niagara District A, their families and friends erected the new monument at Jordan Station Cemetery. The inscription on the tombstone is as follows: "Here lieth the remains of an unknown brother whose body was washed ashore near the residence of Abram Martin esq., Louth, on April 20th, 1877.

This tombstone was erected to show that while the deceased had only on his person certain symbols to distinguish him as a freemason, yet were they sufficient to secure for the remains fraternal sympathy and Christian sepulture.

<https://vitacollections.ca/notlheritage/2755919/data>

[The Grave of "An Unknown Brother": Niagara-on-the-Lake Heritage Portal](#)

Submission suggested by: R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken



Sudbury-Manitoulin Event Calendar

FEBRUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Espanola \$10 Breakfast 8 - 9:30AM
2	3 SDLoP Master Mason's Night Belrock 7:00PM	4 City of Lakes GP	5 Nickel Regular Meeting Espanola Friend-to-Friend 🍽️ Dinner @ 5:45PM Lodge @ 7:30PM	6 Sudbury Shrine Club Regular Meeting	7 Bethel GP	8 Friendship Installation 1PM Ladies Night 5PM ❤️
9	10	11 Doric Regular Meeting City of Lakes Regular Meeting	12	13	14 Bethel Regular Meeting 	15
16	17 Family Day!	18	19 Nickel GP	20	21 March Newsletter Submission Deadline	22 Espanola \$10 Breakfast 8 - 9:30AM Chilli Lunch @ Massey Carnival 11AM-2PM 👋🍷
23	24	25	26 Friendship GP	27	28	



NICKEL LODGE NO. 427



Nickel Lodge's Regular Meeting: January 15, 2025



The Festive Board

Head Table (L to R): R.W. Bro. Miszczak, W. Bro. Paguandas, Mr. John Jacobs, Mr. Craig Cunningham (January 29th candidate) and W. Bro. Tailleur (acting Junior Warden)



(L to R): R.W. Bro. Miszczak, W. Bro. A. Morris, Bro. John Jacobs, Bro. Gerald Jacobs, W. Bro. Paguandas



The Brethren in attendance on January 15th, 2025

PRESS RELEASE - WINTER COLD WEATHER CLOTHING



Patti Warner, assistant manager of Peavey Mart Sudbury, donates socks to Nickel Masonic Lodge #427 members Gerald Jacobs (front) and Greg Bloome, campaign coordinator, and Angus Morris, past master of the Nickel Masonic Lodge.

Nickel Masonic Lodge No. 427 of Sudbury received a major donation of winter socks courtesy of PEAVEY MART HARDWARE of Sudbury last Saturday. This was a very significant donation which will be added to cold weather/winter clothing already collected by the members of Nickel Masonic Lodge. The clothing is collected at the turn of the New Year to be distributed to the homeless, the vulnerable and at-risk people in need as the coldest period of the winter approaches in Sudbury. The Peavey Corporation is always there to help with the winter clothing project, the lodge noted, adding that *socks are a major factor in not only keeping feet warm but also the prevention of serious foot ailments.*

“On behalf of the Peavey Mart Corporation, we are delighted to be able to support such community initiatives for the help of the less fortunate,”

- Patti Warner, assistant manager of Peavey Mart Sudbury.

“It is vital that those in need in our community are assured of some warm clothing to give them the greatest protection against the weather and challenges associated with their situation,”

- Greg Bloome (Nickel Lodge Project Coordinator)

Published Jan 14, 2025 in The Sudbury Star

It is essential to reach out and offer whatever help you can to the various agencies who are on the front lines assisting the less fortunate in our community, especially in these challenging times. The collected clothing will be delivered to the GO-GIVE Project for distribution in the next few days.



DORIC LODGE NO. 455



Doric Lodge's Regular Meeting: January 14th, 2025

"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."

- Franklin Roosevelt

Below: The brethren in attendance at *Doric Lodge No. 455* regular meeting on January 14th, 2025. W. Bro Brent Forsyth was happy to report that Grand Lodge had accepted our new By-Laws! We also balloted for a new candidate to be initiated into our beloved Fraternity.



Robbie Burns Dinner January 25, 2025

Held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 177 in Little Current, ON





ESPANOLA LODGE NO. 527



Espanola Lodge's Regular Meeting: January 8th, 2025



W. Bro. Akkanen presents **Espanola Lodge's** newest Master Mason,
Brother Leonard Landry his Master Mason Certificate.
Congratulations, Brother!

*“Life and time are the two best teachers.
Life teaches us to make good use of time,
and time teaches us the value of life.”*



CITY OF LAKES LODGE NO. 536



January 14th, 2025 Official Visit



Pictured above: (L to R) **W. Bro. Jackson Young**, **W. Bro. Don Gravelle** (sponsor), City of Lakes newest Mason, **Bro. Jason Gaudet** and D.D.G.M., **R.W. Bro. John Miszczak**



“No man, who continues to add something to the material, intellectual and moral well-being of the place in which he lives, is left long without proper reward.”

-Brother Booker T. Washington



FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 691



Ladies Night: February 8th, 2025

**FRIENDSHIP LODGE
#691
Presents
OUR ANNUAL LADIES
NIGHT CELEBRATION**



**Dinner and Dance
February 8th, 2025
Belrock Masonic Temple**



**Cocktails 5:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Tickets \$35**

for tickets please email ryan.lipic@gmail.com
or call or text 705-688-6398



BETHEL LODGE NO. 699



On January 10th, 2024, Bethel Lodge No. 699 installed **WB Robert Tailleux** in the East for the Masonic Year. Congratulations, WB Tailleux!! Here is wishing you a successful term as Worshipful Master. Love the bobblehead!



R. W. Bro. Rene Carlson (right) was the installing Master for the evening.



Attendance at the Installation of WB Robert Tailleux, Bethel Lodge No. 699

The year, 2024, Bethel Lodge No. 699...a Success Story

Yes, as every Mason knows, or should know...perseverance is necessary to establish perfection but it also creates success. After quite a few years of drought and an unavoidable virus the members have hung on with a steadfastness of faith in our brotherhood that we, the members of Bethel Lodge could and would come out the other side of this lull. We did have some Brethren who had given up but there was a stalwart few who knew the lodge would survive and carry on. That stubbornness has finally paid us back and the stutter of the past has withered away and new life has appeared with a great list of achievements in the past year to show.

1. We have gained quite a few new members - many initiations, passings, raisings and provings. Almost every month, we had work to do. We have quite a few new members join us - a return of a demitted Brother and also an affiliation of a well-skilled Masonic Brother to assist in the amount of work to be done.
2. Three new members have received their 3rd Degrees, proved and now have stepped up with a desire to proceed through the chairs. We will now have some new younger faces whom we watch as they progress onwards.
3. We even had a very successful double initiation ceremony; a new experience for me. Our new Worshipful Master in the New Year is to be quite busy. Both these new Brethren are preparing for their second degrees, as well as the other Entered Apprentices who are working their way on their progress.
4. We were happy to award numerous 25 year anniversary presentations. We also had the honour of one 50 year and even a 60 year celebration for members who have been faithful to the Craft.
5. Our pre-meeting buffets have generated much fellowship and also some profit for our lodge's fundraising activities. We also had another successful annual June steak-fry hosting members of other Lodges within and outside the Sudbury-Manitoulin District.
6. We have done a lot of travelling this year as well - to all the Lodges within the Sudbury-Manitoulin District, regular visitations to our sister lodge in Sturgeon Falls, as well as a recent trek to Barrie, Ontario's Kerr Lodge.
7. We submitted a winning Chilli entry at the District Chilli Cook-Off taking the 1st place trophy which is proudly displayed at our regular meetings as a subtle reminder to all who visit.
8. Our most recent election of officers allowed us to fill all the chairs going into the new Masonic year. Quite the milestone for us after witnessing vacancies over the years - is very encouraging to see.

WHAT A FANTASTIC YEAR, 2024 has been and the outlook for 2025 is appearing to be much more of the same. I am gratefully indebted to the brethren of Bethel Lodge who all have stood with me as Worshipful Master throughout this challenging year. The members had a vision and their fortitude in fulfilling that vision is a legacy of perseverance that is outstanding.

Thank you all. Fraternaly and sincerely,

R.W. Bro Rene P. Carlson

Worshipful Master Bethel 699



Concordant Bodies of Freemasonry



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

The Sudbury & District Lodge of Perfection
invites you to a



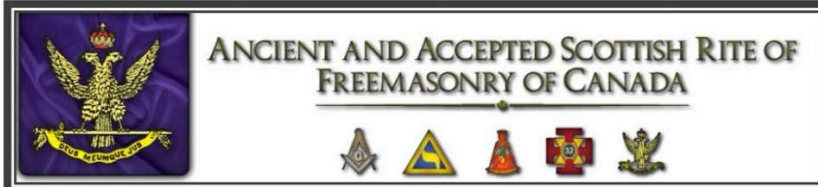
Master Mason's Night



Light repast
following the
presentation

Smart
Casual
Dress

Monday February 3rd 7:00 p.m.



ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF
FREEMASONRY OF CANADA

Questions?

Contact Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson 33° - Grand Secretary
clivedeb@vianet.ca (249) 360-6070

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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Sudbury-Manitoulin District Blood Drive

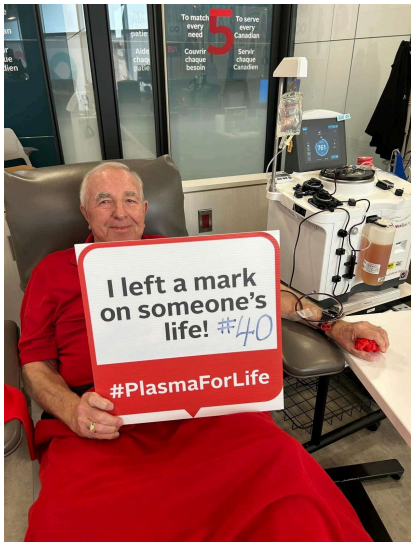


Happy New Year, Brethren!

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:

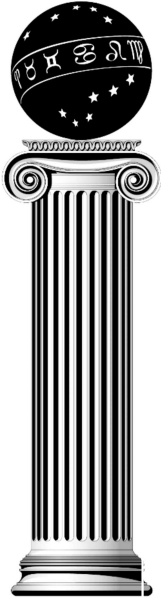
Monday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Tuesday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Wednesday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Thursday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm
Saturday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Sunday: CLOSED

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

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

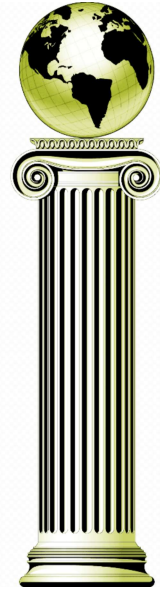
Link to quiz for eligibility to donate plasma:
<https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma/am-i-eligible-donate-plasma>

Bro. Clayton Kennedy



BRETHREN ILL AND DISTRESSED

RW Bro Rudy Mulack (Espanola)
VW Bro Don Falkingham (Espanola)
W Bro Gerry Tuffy (Espanola)
W Bro Ron Hnatuik (Espanola)
W Bro. Trevor Bracken (Friendship)
W. Bro. Ben Mullen (Friendship)
W. Bro. George Nichols (Nickel)
W. Bro. Rod Purdy (Nickel)
Bro. Beaumont Nelson (Nickel)



BRETHREN PASSED TO THE GLA

Bro. Ron Burdenuk (Doric)
Bro. Wilbert David "Wib" Sperberg (City of Lakes)
Bro. Voitto Rintala (City of Lakes)
Bro. Davis Dorrisfeild (Nickel)

From the Editor's Desk:



Greetings from the District Newsletter Editor!

It truly is a pleasure to provide the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Freemasons our newsletter for not only personal records of accomplishments, but cherished memories for years to come! Being the shortest month of the year, the Sudbury-Manitoulin District has nothing short of spectacular events to take part; from offering the community warm meals, curling, ice-fishing, hockey, skiing, or any other indoor or outdoor activities that the district is known for during the winter months. Sharing these experiences with a brother or a group of brethren are highly encouraged! Let us not forget our obligations to the Craft! Freemasonry is at a time for building, strengthening and growing; from within and outward! The experiences we share today live on in our memories and hearts until time immemorial. Please travel safely, brethren!

"A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit" - Greek proverb.

S&F

Bro. Rick Mauti

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter Editor



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