



Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter

MAY 2025

From the District Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John M. Miszczak



Brethren,

May is upon us and we are renewed by the warm weather and Masonic enthusiasm that is flourishing within all the lodges. Just a reminder to stay focused on R.E.M. – it's working!

There are a number of very special events occurring in May. On Tuesday May 6, the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland and entourage will visit **Espanola Lodge** for a noon meet and greet and then attend an initiation at **Doric Lodge** the same evening (details for both events to follow). The next day on May 7th, **Nickel Lodge** will be installing a new slate of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. May 11th is "Mother's Day" and the DDGM official visit to **Friendship Lodge** will happen on Wednesday May 14th.



There are a couple of Grand Lodge courses being offered in May. On May 7th there will be an on-line **Lodge Treasurer's course** and on May 10th there will be the one-day **DDGM training program** at **Sturgeon Falls Lodge** (preregistration required for both – details have been distributed by email to lodge secretaries).

On the subject of personal growth and development. I'd like to ask the question of *"What is a spiritual gift?"* Is it something that is given to you to use for your own benefit? Or is it something that you give to the Immortal Spirit in your mind to use for the benefit of all concerned? As the middle chamber of your mind is the point from which you cannot err, I'd like to suggest that it is the latter rather than the former. We all have something that we can give for the benefit of all through our relationship with our Source.

Please consider this when asked to help out.

Happy Mother's Day, be well and see you all in Lodge in May.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. John M. Miszczak

District Deputy Grand Master, Sudbury-Manitoulin District 2024-25

District Secretary's Corner

W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe



April Showers bring May Flowers; or so goes the saying. Now that Mother Nature has managed to sort out her meds and get back in order, things may straighten out for us. We only have a couple of months before summer holidays and vacations deplete numbers enough so that some Lodges call off for a couple of months and don't return to work until the fall; unless there's an Emergent Meeting. However, those Emergent Meetings may frequently find themselves being held at local funeral homes.

The sad truth is that we have a lot of aging or ailing members and I do not know a single Brother getting any younger. We are cautioned to make hay while the sun shines but always seem surprised by how quickly the hours of sunlight pass away. Although there are plenty of Brethren senior to me in years and experience, finding myself on the brink of sixty leaves me with a lot of soul searching and retrospective. Where indeed have the years gone. You start to relate a humorous anecdote or tale from earlier adventures and suddenly catch yourself counting the intervening years twice because you didn't believe the math on the first pass. You still feel young in spirit; although there may be times your body might remind you of some injury or abuse through which you put it, and will remind you of that fact. We are never privy to the amount of time we are given but, before we are called back to the GLA, take time to share those stories. Enjoy friends and family. Make memories that they can hold and carry forward in your absence. Instead of caring so much about making your presence known, make your absence felt. What we say and do matter a lot less than the comfort and happiness we leave behind. When you're with family and friends, be with them, wholeheartedly! Don't just accompany them, live in those moments and share the experience. Some of the greatest memories that I have, of times spent with my Father, who was also a Brother, are simply in being together. I don't remember what the topics of discussion were, or much of what we were on about - simply that we were together in those moments.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

"All the greatest things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honour, duty, mercy and hope."

Bro. Winston Churchill
Studholme Lodge No. 1591
UGLE

Please pardon my maudlin ramblings, a dear Friend and Brother recently lost a close family member and it left my mind wandering down similar trails.

W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe
District Secretary 2024-25

Masonic Education



The Masonic Apron

At our Initiation, we are told that the apron is a badge of honour "more ancient than the Golden Fleece and Roman Eagle " and " more honourable than the Star or Garter ".

The messages of these Orders in their ancient forms, speak of class distinctions, privilege, divine right, intemperance, and imprudence. The badge of a Freemason spells out integrity, honesty of purpose, probity of character and sound moral principles of its wearer. The apron is made of lambskin. The lamb in all ages has been a symbol of innocence and of sacrifice. The white colour indicates a pure heart.

Therefore, the apron is a pledge of a clean life, speaking truth, righting wrongs and revering conscience. If the apron is white to symbolize purity and innocence, what does the blue trim represent ? The light blue border is Azure blue, Cerulean, or Sky blue. Blue denotes immortality, eternity, chastity and fidelity. Pale blue, in particular, represents prudence and goodness. In Masonry, the colour blue is the colour for universal brotherhood and friendship.

Over the course of time , the strings to tie the apron were replaced by ribbons with decorative ends. The ribbons were tied in front under the flap and the decorative ends hung down below the flap. Over time, this led to the idea of permanent tassels, conventionally today shown as seven metal tassels with a small ball pendant from a silver (or gold) chain upon a blue background representing the ribbon. Speculation abounds as to the significance of seven tassels!

It is not known how the rosettes came to be added. It has been suggested that they were used as a means of distinguishing grades of brethren or simply as decoration. The position of the rosettes on a Fellowcraft or Master Mason's apron is also the subject of a number of plausible explanations and speculations.

The history of the Masonic Apron is both ancient and exemplary. Wear your apron with pride! Remember the words of the charge by the Senior Warden, "*if you never disgrace that badge , it will never disgrace you.* " !

Submitted by

W. Bro. Brian N. Howe



Past Master Nickel Lodge #427

District Chair for Masonic Education



Sudbury-Manitoulin Event Calendar

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB Regular Meeting	2 Bethel GP	3 Espanola BREAKFAST 8-10AM \$10
4	5	6 Espanola Meet & Greet GM Jamie Ireland 12:00PM Doric EMERGENT 1 st Degree Meet & Greet GM Jamie Ireland 7:30PM	7 Nickel Installation Espanola Regular Meeting Friend to Friend Dinner 5:30PM ONLINE: Treasurer Workshop	8	9 Bethel Regular Meeting	10 Sturgeon Falls DDGM Course (requires pre-registration) Espanola FISH FRY 4-6PM \$15 Curbside Pick-up only
11	12	13 City Of Lakes 2 nd Bro. C. Gillis Doric ELECTIONS	14 Friendship Official Visit	15	16	17
18	19 Sudbury Shrine Club Executive Meeting	20	21 Nickel GP	22	23 JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE 	24 Sudbury Shrine Club Hillbilly Clan Spring Fling Social: 5PM Dinner: 6PM
25	26	27	28	29	30 	31 Espanola Car Show Breakfast @REC CENTRE 8-11AM

Please Note: - Manitoulin Cenotaph Commemoration Day, Sunday June 1 st
 - District Meeting – Monday June 2 nd



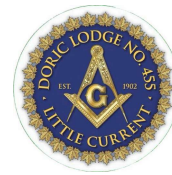
NICKEL LODGE NO. 427



Annual Election of the Officers for the Ensuing Masonic Year.
Brethren in attendance at our regular April meeting (rescheduled twice due to weather).



DORIC LODGE NO. 455



Official Visit of the *District Deputy Grand Master*



Doric Lodge No. 455 Official Visit, April 8th, 2025 was well attended. The work of the evening was to open up in all three degrees, recite the traditional penalties as well as the verses marked in the VoSL in each degree. The repast prior to the meeting was deliciously prepared by our lovely ladies from the OES.



The distinguished brethren seated at the head table





CITY OF LAKES LODGE NO. 536



City of Lakes Lodge #536 officer installation on April 26th, 2025.

W. Bro. Kevin Belanger was installed as the Worshipful Master for 2025-2026 replacing W. Bro. Jackson Young. W. Bro. Don Gravelle was the Installing Master.



Ontario Masons



FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 691



L - R: W Bro Ryan Lipic, **Bro Adithya Johny**,
W. Bro. Ross King, R. W. Bro. John Mischczak



R.W. Bro. Bracken joins in for a photo



Group photo - those attending lodge at Bro. Adithya Johny's initiation March 21st, 2025.
Brother Hugo Gavidia Castro (far left) proved his MM degree at the regular meeting of April
9/25.



BETHEL LODGE NO. 699



Initiation of Bro. Robert Tardiff. March 28/25.

Most Worshipful Brother Jamie R Ireland Grand Master
Northeastern Ontario Tour 2025

Good Day, Brethren.

The end of April and the commencement of the tour is rapidly approaching. I sincerely wish to thank all of the Brethren who have been so understanding and who have assisted in any way to make this tour a reality. Be assured that M.W. Bro. Ireland is looking forward to getting back up into our neck of the woods once again. Attached is the Grand Master's Northeastern Tour schedule as it stands today. Please distribute it to your members.

Hopefully, this is it for any amendments and the like. Take care and stay well, my Brethren. We will see you in a few short weeks.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R.W. Bro. James Broomhead
 Community Outreach Pillar Chairman



Grand Master's Northeastern Tour 2025 - Tentative Schedule							
		Lodge	Location	District	Time	Activity	Confirmed
29-Apr-25	Tuesday	Goodfellows No. 748	Parry Sound	Georgian North	Evening	Meet & Greet	Y
30-Apr-25	Wednesday	Nickel No. 427	Sudbury	Sudbury Manitoulin	Noon	Meet & Greet / Light Lunch	Y
		Sturgeon Falls No. 447	Sturgeon Falls	Nipissing Muskoka	7:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet/Refreshments	Y
01-May-25	Thursday	North Bay Nipissing No. 420	North Bay	Nipissing Muskoka	11:00 a.m.	Meet & Greet, Activities & Refreshments	Y
		Elk Lake No. 507	Elk Lake	Temiskaming	Evening	Meeting or Meet & Greet	Y
02-May-25	Friday	Northern College	Timmins	Temiskaming	1:00 p.m.	Masonic Foundation Cheque Presentation	Y
		Golden Beaver No. 528	Timmins	Temiskaming	Evening	Meet & Greet	Y
03-May-25	Saturday	Porcupine No. 506	South Porcupine	Temiskaming	12:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet / Luncheon	Y
						Frontenac Day of Masonry (Virtual)	Y
04-May-25	Sunday	Lorne No. 622	Chapleau	Algoma East	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service - Brunch Meet & Greet	Y
		Lodges 412, 469, 625	Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma East	5:30p.m.	Meet & Greet	Y
		BBQ	Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma East	Evening	GM et al Chill Out Time	Y
05-May-25	Monday	Dyment 442	Thessalon	Algoma East	11:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet / Light Refreshments	Y
		Elliot Lake No. 698	Elliot Lake	Algoma East	3:30 p.m. / 6:00 p.m.	Meeting - 1st Degree / Banquet	Y
06-May-25	Tuesday	Espanola No. 527	Espanola	Sudbury Manitoulin	Noon	Meet & Greet	Y
		Doric No. 455	Little Current	Sudbury Manitoulin	Evening	Meeting - 1st Degree	Y
07-May-25	Wednesday	Strong Lodge No. 423	Sundridge	Nipissing Muskoka	Noon	Meet & Greet	Y
		Corona No. 454	Burk's Falls	Nipissing Muskoka	7:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet/Masonic Education	Y
08-May-25	Thursday	Head for Home					

MASONCh.I.P. Ontario



Freemasons of the Sudbury Manitoulin District held a free Child Identification Clinic on Saturday April 26th at the Old Navy Store, RioCan Centre from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There were eight Masons volunteering at the event. Eleven children received identification kits, which include:

- a digital record of physical characteristic
- a video interview
- digital fingerprints
- a DNA swab
- a static cling sign for the storm door or window, indicating the parents have an identification kit (as a notice to Police)

The digital information was stored on a USB card that is in the shape of a credit card, so that the parent may place it in their wallet and have it handy at all times.

All data collected was returned to the parent(s).

Please note: in order to participate in the event, you will require an updated police record check (no more than three years old).



Photos Courtesy of: R.W. Bro. John Mizczak



Concordant Bodies of Freemasonry



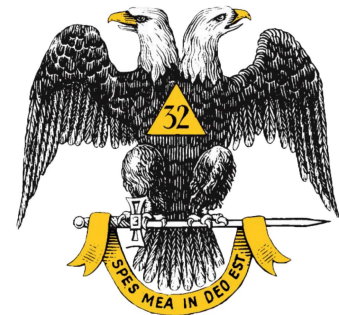
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

The 45th Reunion of the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection was held at the Belrock Masonic Centre on Friday April 11th and Saturday 12th. The event was the Official Visit of our Deputy for Ontario and during the weekend we initiated 5 new members into the Rite where they obtained their 4th to 14th degrees. Attendance was good, the food excellent and the fraternal interactions were as usual, outstanding. It takes a great deal of work to pull an event like this together and the people involved are to be congratulated on another successful Reunion. There are simply too many people to mention in this regard, suffice to say it was a team effort and shows what can be done when you have a committed and talented group of people working together.

The Lodge of Perfection meets for 3 Regular meetings per year in January, March and October and also has a number of less formal general purpose meetings throughout the year. The next Reunion is tentatively set for April 17th and 18th 2026. If you would like to find out more about the Scottish Rite please reach out to me or any member of our Valley.

As an Active Member of the Supreme Council I would like to pass on my personal congratulations to the members of the Valley of Sudbury on another excellent Reunion, and that I am proud to be a member of the Valley.

III. Bro. Clive D. Stephenson, 33°
Grand Secretary – Valley of Sudbury
Active Member of Supreme Council
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Honouree III. Bro. Don Rousell, 33°

Sudbury LoP Cast Members



4th Degree cast



5th Degree cast



6th Degree cast



7th Degree cast



13th Degree cast



14th Degree cast



SUDBURY LODGE OF PERFECTION OFFICERS 2024-2025



LoP 50 year presentation to Bob McCormack (left) with the Deputy for Ontario, Ill. Bro. Robert Breathour 33° (centre) and T.P.G.M., Ill. Bro. David M.J. Squarzolo 33° (right)



ATTENTION ALL FUTURE SHRINERS!

Brethren of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District – have you considered becoming a Shriner? If you are a Master Mason in good standing in your Craft Lodge then you are eligible! Why become a Shriner? When you join, you become a member of Shriners International and support Shriners Children locally and around the world and have fun doing it! Shriners are a visible arm in our communities of our fraternity that engages in helping others through volunteer work and charitable fundraising.

Do you feel that you are too busy to go away for an entire weekend to become a Shriner? On November 15, 2025, you can become a Shriner in a one day “Cold Sands” Ceremony taking place in North Bay! This is a great opportunity to join.

For more information about becoming a Shriner, please contact David Squarzolo, Sudbury Shrine Club Membership Chair at (705) 690-3370 or at davisqua@yahoo.ca



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SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB

HILLBILLIES

CLAN 46, OUTHOUSE # 2



SPRING FLING

SATURDAY MAY 24, 2025

Prize for best hat/spring costume

Social: 5pm

Dinner: 6pm

Bangers and Beans

Buns, Salads, Deserts

Activities



Tickets: \$25 per person

Smilin' Stan

stanfenton@gmail.com

Merv Lees

merv.l@sympatico.ca



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R.W. Bro. John Miszczak'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:

Bro. Gary Bate
(705) 929-3364
gary.a.r.bate@gmail.com



Sudbury-Manitoulin District Blood Drive



Happy May Brethren,

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 78cakeneddy@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 Plasma Donation Center located at: 900 Lasalle Blvd, Unit K, in Sudbury:



R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton

Monday: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 7 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Sunday: **Closed**



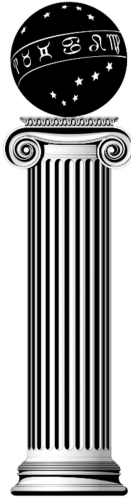
Brother Rick Mauti

Bro. Clayton Kennedy

<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>



Ill and In Distress

Bro. Fred White
W. Bro. Bob Akkanen
W. Bro. Trevor Bracken
W. Bro. Wilfred Holmes
W. Bro. George Nichols
W. Bro. Chris Kemp



Lodge Secretaries are asked to forward this information to our District Chaplain by the Submission Deadline date for inclusion into the current Newsletter.

Please be mindful of the cut-off date.



Mother's Month of May

Brethren of the Sudbury / Manitoulin District,

Signs of rebirth and new life surround the landscape this spring! Especially during the time we all celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day (May 11th, 2025).

Our mothers have sacrificed their body and their time for us. Throughout the formidable years of our lives, our mothers were there tending to our scrapes and bruises, our illnesses, times of distress - and also to celebrate our many milestones and firsts in our lives. A nurturing mother is God's gift to humanity, and as we reflect upon our memories of our youth, our mothers are not too far away.

I remember when my mother fell ill, and I had taken up the role of caregiver - quite the humbling experience. Feelings of inadequacy surfaced - and realizing how blessed we truly were being loved being raised by our moms.

I still miss her to this day.

Please charge a glass and raise a toast to our mothers on Mother's Day!

With love,

S&F

Bro. Rick Mauti

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter Editor



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