



# Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter

**JUNE 2025**

## **From the District Deputy Grand Master**

R.W. Bro. John M. Miszczak



Brethren,

The warm weather is coming and the lodges are a month of work away from the summer call off. June starts off with the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Meeting scheduled on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Espanola Lodge (7:30PM start), along with the installation and investiture of officers at Doric Lodge on June 10<sup>th</sup> and Espanola Lodge on June 25<sup>th</sup> along with regular meetings for all the other lodges. In June the District will be electing a new DDGM. Online voter registration will occur from June 9 to 13 inclusive and on-line voting on June 16 and 17. Those of you entitled to vote, please exercise your duty. Additional information is available through your lodge secretaries.



In May, the Grand Master's Northeastern tour was a resounding success with the noon meet and greets at Nickel and Espanola Lodges, and an emergent meeting at Doric Lodge for an initiation where M. W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland presented the Cornerstone Certificate and consecrated a new perfect ashlar. My last official visit to my mother lodge (Friendship) was truly an inspiring moment on my Masonic journey and I thank all who attended for their support and encouragement!

Please note that there are a number of summer events listed in the June tracing board – please put them into your calendars! During the past year, as DDGM, I have seen the lodges rebounding from the downturn of the COVID years. Attendance at all lodges has improved, degree quality remains high and continues to improve with the focus on RITUAL, MENTORING and EDUCATION. And visitation, always the key to enjoying the Masonic journey improving also.

I would like to express my thanks to your District Secretary (W. Bro. Dan Rowe) for all his support and thank all the district chairmen who acted within their cable tows to further Masonry within our district. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master and I look forward to a great future for Masonry within our district.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

**R.W. Bro. John M. Miszczak**

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



## District Secretary's Corner

W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe



It's questionable whether or not spring has finally sprung. Mother Nature appears to be still trying to balance her meds. For those of a more pagan lean, lighting fires from the hilltops on Beltane would have proven a bit difficult given the rain. V.E Day celebrations, by those that still mark the moment, were also subdued and seemed a bit cool and gloomy. Regardless, the population of the Netherlands never fails to outshine everybody, rain or shine, in their collective memory and thanksgiving of Canadian contributions to their liberation and the costs we paid on their behalf.

Our May long weekend came and went with lower temperatures and rain in most parts of the district; making camping a bit chilly most mornings. The one positive was that the cooler temps kept the usual May blackfly deluge at a standstill. Breaking camp with gloves on Monday morning and a headwind off the water that tried valiantly to bite through my windbreaker made for a less than pleasant, but rather swift, endeavor. Now, June approaches. Hopefully She'll stop having "the vapours" and mellow out enough to allow for some better weather.





June also marks the time when many Lodges wrap up their business and prepare to call off and pause for the summer; allowing for the Brethren to travel or spend time at camp. This June also represents the completion of my tenure as the District Secretary and the annual Communications wherein another RW may be voted to assume the role of the District Deputy Grand Master; who will have their own choice of Secretary to assist them. It has been a lot of work but also an enjoyable responsibility to hold the office. One final District Meeting to wrap up the year and I'll be just another grumpy old PM again. I chuckle in reflection of having been asked to be Lodge Secretary, and refusing because it was "too much work" to juggle alongside my other familial and employment duties; but then accepting the role of Secretary for the District! Insert "duh" here. Despite everything, this did give me an insight into certain aspects of the internal workings of the fraternity for which I was previously ignorant. It's humbling to recognise how little you know of some things. Rather than being any more long-winded than necessary, and everyone should know that brevity is not my strong suit, I want to extend my appreciation to the RW District Deputy, John Mischczak, for giving me the opportunity as well as the entire District, for letting me serve in this position for the last term. Tolerating these monthly ramblings from me displays a lot of metal in everyone's character. Thank you all, have a very safe and enjoyable summer (hoping that "Mom" gets her *poop in a group* and gives us some consistent warmth and sunshine), and, after the forthcoming District Meeting, we'll just be seeing you in Lodge as visitations may vary. Take care everyone.

**W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe**

*District Secretary 2024-25*

# Sudbury-Manitoulin Event Calendar

## **JUNE 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Manitoulin Cenotaph Commemoration Day	2 <b>Sudbury / Manitoulin District Meeting</b> <b>Espanola</b> 7:30PM	3 <b>City of Lakes</b> GP Meeting	4 <b>Nickel</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree  <b>Espanola</b> Regular Meeting	5 <b>SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB</b> Regular Meeting	6 <b>Bethel</b> GP	7 <b>Espanola</b> BREAKFAST 8-10AM \$10
8 	9 <b>Electronic voter registration:</b> Monday June 9 <sup>th</sup> through to Friday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 <b>City Of Lakes</b> Regular Meeting  <b>Doric</b> INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	11 <b>Friendship</b> Regular Meeting	12	13 <b>Bethel</b> Regular Meeting  <b>Ramses</b> <b>Spring Ceremonial</b> <b>BELLEVILLE</b> June 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	14 
15 	16 <b>Online Voting for DDGM</b> June 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	17	18 <b>Nickel</b> GP	19	20	21
22	23 <b>Sudbury Shrine Club</b> Executive Meeting	24	25 <b>Espanola</b> INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	26	27 <b>JULY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>	28
29	30					



# NICKEL LODGE NO. 427



Installation attendees for the evening. 49 Brethren in attendance!



Nickel Lodge No. 427 Installed Officers for 2025-2026 Masonic Year.

### Officers of Nickel Lodge

2025 - 2026

Worshipful Master	W. Bro.	Jody Caldwell
Immediate Past Master	W. Bro.	Larry Paguandas
Senior Warden	Bro.	John Leonard
Junior Warden	Bro.	Paul Ladd
Chaplain	R.W. Bro.	J. David Innes
Treasurer	V.W. Bro.	Greg Newson
Secretary	R.W. Bro.	Rob Fleming
Assistant Secretary	Bro.	Michael Lalonde
Senior Deacon	Bro.	Johnathon Levesque
Junior Deacon	Bro.	Gerald Jacobs
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro.	Brian Howe
Senior Steward	Bro.	Michael Woolton
Junior Steward	Bro.	Scott Humphrey
Inner Guard	Bro.	Stan MacNabb
Tyler	W. Bro.	Rod Purdy
Historian	Bro.	Kevin McCormick



**Nickel Lodge**  
A.F. & A.M. No. 427 G.R.C.  
Sudbury-Manitoulin Distric

Installation Ceremony of the  
**Worshipful Master Elect**  
**Brother Jody Caldwell**  
&  
Investiture of the Officers of the Lodge  
Installing Master **W. Bro. Larry Paguandas**

**Ontario Masons**

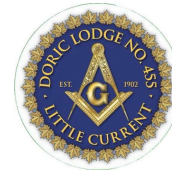
# Northern Ontario Visit of the *Grand Master & GL Officers*

April 30th, 2025





# DORIC LODGE NO. 455



## Northern Ontario Visit of the *Grand Master & GL Officers*



Doric Lodge No. 455 experienced quite the emergent meeting on May 6th, 2025. Not only was the M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, Grand Master of the A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the province of Ontario; visiting with his GL Officers, Doric Lodge performed an initiation of Bro. Will Gordon as well as being certified as a CornerStone Lodge! The GM officially dedicated a new monument as Doric Lodge's perfect ashlar. A most memorable night for sure!



**RIGHT:** Doric Lodge No. 455 newest mason, Brother Will Gordon; along with V.W. Bro. Bruce Gordon, W.Bro. Brent Forsyth & R.W. Bro. Peter Gordon.



**LEFT:** The dedication of Doric Lodge No. 455's newest perfect ashlar.



Have any of you brethren ever attended a Lodge meeting where ALL of the aprons were represented? If so, you'd know how special and RARE of an occasion it is to witness!



## ESPANOLA LODGE NO. 527



Espanola Lodge No. 527 held their annual fish fry on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. R.W. Bro. Bill Noon, W. Bro. Jim Ramsey and R.W. Bro. David Hodgins are seen in the right photo above.



# FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 691



*DDGM Official Visit May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



**Ontario Masons**



## BETHEL LODGE NO. 699



Attendees at Bethel Lodge's meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>

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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!**

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**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 June!

Brethren, it has been a while since I have been able to contribute to the District Newsletter but this month I am writing because a Brother in our district has surpassed a remarkable milestone. It was brought to my attention that **Very Worshipful Brother Alan Hill**, from [City of Lakes Lodge No. 536](#), made his **250<sup>th</sup> donation** on May 15<sup>th</sup> !! Congratulations, Alan!!

So, 250 donations, what does that mean, other than a very scarred up inner elbow? Well, every plasma donation has the opportunity to save 3 lives, either by being used in plasma-derived medication or by being used in transfusions for numerous medical conditions. This means that Alan has possibly saved 750 people, and that number continues to grow with every future donation, what a feat! If anyone sees Alan around, at a meeting, or just out and about, take a moment and thank him for being a lifesaver!!

If you are interested in plasma donation but need more information before heading to the donation clinic, check out the Canadian Blood Services website at:

[www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

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

The Plasma Donation Center located at: 900 Lasalle Blvd, Unit K, in Sudbury:



**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**

**Bro. Clayton Kennedy**

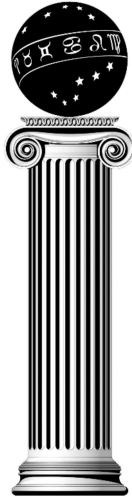
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<https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma/donating-plasma>

Link to quiz for eligibility to donate plasma:

<https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma/am-i-eligible-donate-plasma>

## Ill and In Distress



W. Bro. David Kennedy  
W. Bro. Bob Akkanen  
W. Bro. Trevor Bracken  
R. W. Bro. Bill Noon  
W. Bro. Robert McGillis  
W. Bro. Michael Terry  
W. Bro. Gerry Tuffy



**In Memoriam**  
R. W. Bro. Bryan Cunningham  
W. Bro. Voitto Rintala



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



*Sitting at the cusp of the Summer months ...*

Brethren of the Sudbury / Manitoulin District,

As the month of June begins, so does another chapter of my masonic journey - being installed as Master of Doric Lodge No. 455, I look forward to the challenges the East will present to me and the Lodge. Having said this, this will be my last entry as editor of the district newsletter. The combination of my personal vocation as well as my focus on the next year as WM will demand a lot of my time and energy. Many thanks to our DDGM, R.W. Bro. John Mischczak for asking me to chair this newsletter. I truly enjoyed being your editor for the past masonic year - reflecting the shining light from all the masons of the Sudbury / Manitoulin District - a true beacon standing tall. We should be proud of what we accomplished - especially when we do it together as masons! I wish you a joyous and memorable summer!

With love,

S&F

**Bro. Rick Mauti**

*Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter Editor*

*Ps., I've included photos from my performance on Mother's Day, at the Holy Cross Mission Church in Manitoulin Island's First Nation; Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on the eve of Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$2,000.00 towards the new Nursing Home!*

