



Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter

*Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Canada
in the Province of Ontario*



The Gauge of Providence

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From the District Deputy Grand Master

We live in a time when stardom, celebrity, and notoriety are often valued more than hard work, character, or genuine skill. Many individuals are celebrated despite offering little to improve the human condition or ease the suffering of others. Yet countless people still seek men and women of true substance.

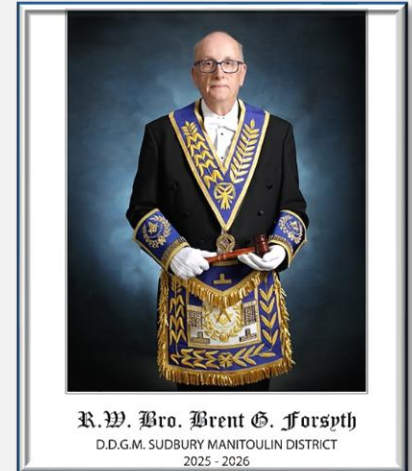
The good news is that such individuals exist. I have met men who quietly live out the principles of **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**. They do not simply claim these values—they practice them. They study, they strive for self-improvement, and they work to live orderly, consistent, and meaningful lives. They aim to be good citizens, good neighbours, and caring brothers who respond to the needs they see around them.

These men support one another, encourage one another, and enjoy the bonds of brotherhood and camaraderie while making a real difference in their communities. They contribute to education, medicine, hospitals, and charitable relief—never seeking praise or recognition. You will not hear them boasting about their contributions. Instead, they remain focused on personal growth, truth, and service.

These are the examples worth appreciating, emulating, and joining.

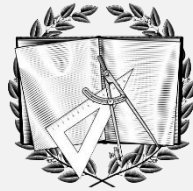
These are Freemasons. For centuries, they have quietly shaped communities around the world. There are approximately 25,000 Freemasons in this province alone, and millions worldwide.

If you are interested in joining the world's oldest fraternity—growing alongside men committed to integrity, consistency, and self-improvement—please contact us. We would be glad to answer your questions and help you begin a lifelong journey of growth and purpose.



R.W. Brent G Forsyth,
District Deputy Grand Master
Sudbury-Manitoulin District





Those Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

“O Lord, support us all the day of this troublous life; until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of this is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen.”

***W. Bro. R.C.N. ‘Chris’ Kemp** of Nickel Lodge No. 427 on May 15th*

***Bro. Peter Duncan Ramsay** of City of Lakes Lodge No. 536 on May 25th*

Those Who Are Ill or in Distressed Circumstances

***Bro. Gary Bate** of City of Lakes Lodge continues dealing with several health issues*

***W. Bro. Bruce Anderson** of Nickel Lodge is experiencing ongoing poor health*



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The Lodges

Nickel Lodge No. 427

At Nickel Lodge's regular meeting the customary moment of silence was observed for W. Bro. Eric Benedict, who passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 19th.

After regular business was conducted, W. Bro. Bill Keenan presented Masonic Education, using the working tools as a metaphor for a four-stage progression of Labour, Test, Plan and Prove.



Doric Lodge No. 455

Our Island Brethren held their elections on May 12th.

Below are the attendees at that meeting.

Apparently, the Worshipful Master found something more interesting in the South!



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City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

At their regular meeting in May, the members of City of Lakes Lodge passed Bro. David St. Georges to the degree of a Fellowcraft.



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Friendship Lodge No. 691

At the DDGM's Official Visit to Friendship Lodge on April 8, the work of the evening was the passing of Bro. Wills Enamorado to the 2nd degree and proving Bro. Zambelli's 3rd degree proficiency.



L to R:

R. W. Bro. B. Forsyth

Bro. C. Wills Enamorada

V. W. Bro. R. Lipic and

Bro. A. Zambelli



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Friendship Lodge No. 691 (Banquet before the Meeting)



Friendship Lodge No. 691 – Emergent Meeting

Bro. Wills Enamorado continued his Masonic journey at the Lodge's Emergent meeting by being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Pictured below are those in attendance for the degree.



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Freemasonry has long been recognized for its commitment to brotherhood, charity, and truth. Together, these tenets form a tapestry of fellowship, connection, and inclusiveness for those devoted to their faith, their families, and the Craft. With this spirit in mind, we look forward to several upcoming events designed to strengthen our bonds through shared experiences, charitable purpose, and the timeless values that define our fraternity.

June 14 – New Masons Reception at Belrock Temple

On June 14, the district will host a reception at Belrock Temple for all new Masons and their partners. This event will showcase presentations about the Craft, helping partners better understand the workings, objectives, and benefits of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. Concurrent bodies—including the Order of the Eastern Star—will also share insights, along with an overview of our lodges and the history of Masonry in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District. A barbecue will follow, offering time for fellowship, camaraderie, and relationship building.

June 27 – District Family BBQ

On June 27, we invite the entire family to join us for the Sudbury-Manitoulin District **Family BBQ** as we celebrate our families, friends, and the Craft while closing out the Masonic year. The day will feature games, food, and plenty of fun. This event will also support our district project benefiting the Sudbury-Manitoulin Alzheimer Society, whose work helps ease the impact of dementia on individuals and the families who care for them.

As Freemasonry continues to inspire personal growth, strengthen families, and uplift communities, we look forward to these events as opportunities to come together for fellowship in **brotherhood, charity, truth—and a bit of fun.**

We hope to see you there.



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The Concordant Bodies

York Rite

Mavar Preceptory No. 65

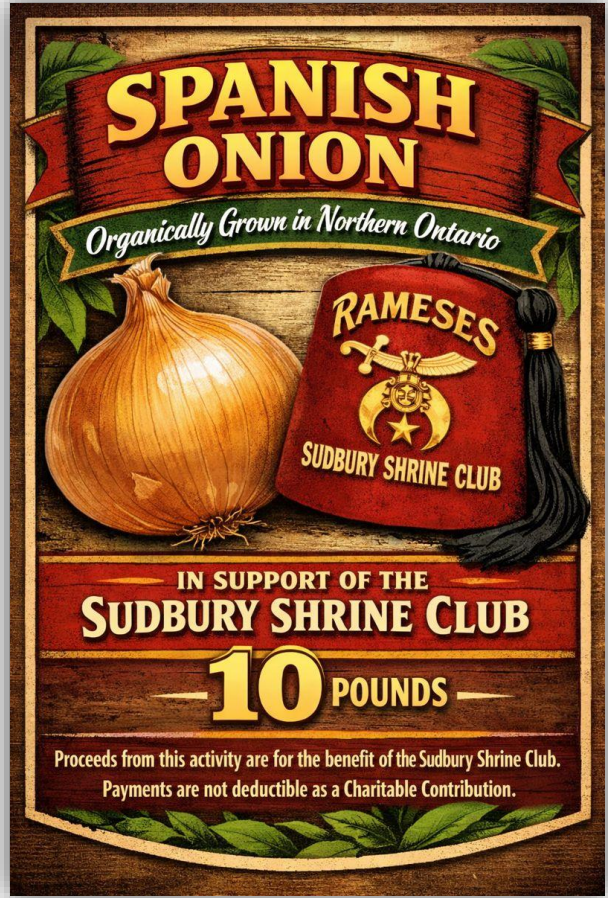
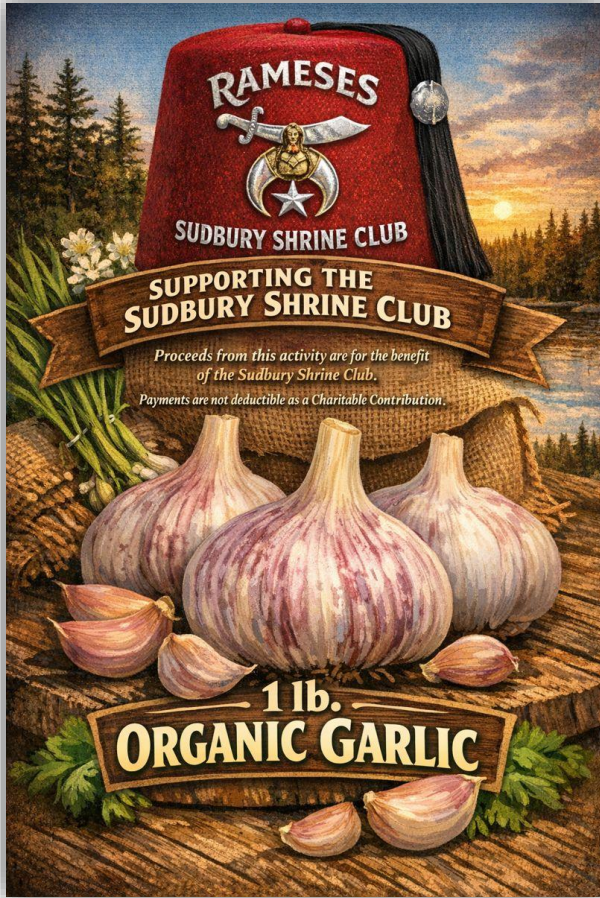


Knight Templars meeting on Thursday May 28th, 2026.



Pictured above is Sir Knight Colin Clark receiving his certificate and pin recognising 50 years a Templar. He is being congratulated by the Presiding Preceptor, R. Em. Kt. Stan Fenton. K.C.T.



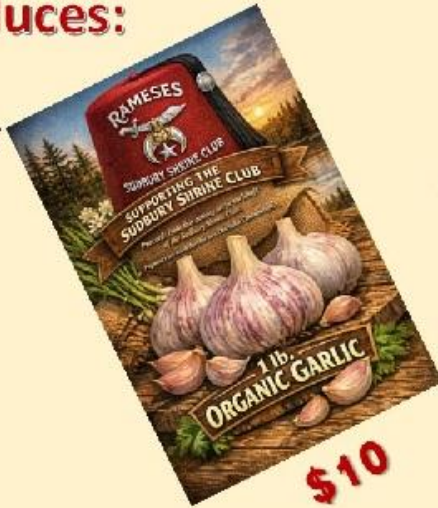


The Sudbury Shrine Club introduces:

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The District Charity

Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay & Districts

Dementia is currently in the top ten leading causes of death worldwide with a “hidden pandemic growing – a rise in dementia cases. It will take a concerted effort on various fronts to tackle dementia effectively. But we cannot underestimate the importance of science and health communication and investing in dementia research.

Please donate today, make your donations to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario

Indicate the DDGM Project Number 2552 on your donation.

All monies received by the Masonic Foundation of Ontario go directly to Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay & Districts.

Donations can be made by cheque or e-transfer at donations@tmfo.ca

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In other News.....



Bro. Mike Lalonde and W. Bro. Larry Paguandas journeyed thither to South Procupine in the Temiskaming District to assist in a MASONICH.I.P. event.

At total of 95 identification kits were issued. Well done Brethren!!!



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The 20th year of the Widows Sons Ontario Provincial Board was celebrated at the Lions Club Camp Dorset, May 22nd to 24th.

Twelve members and two Ladies from our Chapter attended the event.

Although it was wet, and the Camp experienced several power failures it was agreed that it was time well spent.



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