

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter

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From our District Deputy Grand Master

As I sit down to write my first message as your District Deputy Grand Master, I do so with gratitude and excitement for the year ahead. To be entrusted with this office is both a tremendous honour and a humbling responsibility, and I am thankful for the opportunity to server this district.

When I first knocked on the door of Freemasonry, I was searching for something I could not quite define. I hoped to smooth some of my rough edges and find a greater sense of purpose. Looking back now, I can honestly say that Masonry has given me all those things—and so much more.

I have been blessed with mentors who challenged and inspired me, and my masonic journey has never been about titles or offices. It has been about the friendships I've made and the opportunities I have been given to serve and be involved with.

Serving as DDGM of the Sudbury Manitoulin District is one of the greatest privileges of my life. It reiterates a notion that I believe lies at the heart of our Craft: leadership is not about standing in front of others—it is about standing beside them. It is about listening, encouraging, and leaving things just a little stronger than you found them.

As I begin this new chapter, I am filled with optimism for our District. We have dedicated Lodges filled with talented and enthusiastic members stepping into leadership roles, with a genuine commitment to preserving the principles that unite us all. The future of our District is bright because of the Brethren who continue to be so generous with their time.

Over the coming year, I look forward to visiting each of our Lodges, and celebrating the unique strengths that each Lodge brings to our District. My hope is that together we continue to build upon the strong foundation laid by those who came before us, while creating an environment where every Brother feels welcomed and inspired to continue his own Masonic journey.

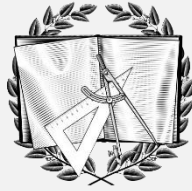
Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity to serve. I am truly excited for the year ahead, and I look forward to sharing it with each of you.

Fraternally,



R.W. Bro. Ryan Lipic

**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."

None reported

Those Who Are Ill or in Distressed Circumstances

R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton of Doric Lodge is recovering at home

W. Bro. Jim Bailey of Espanola Lodge is at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Centre

V.W. Bro. Alan Lloyd of City of Lakes Lodge was discharged from HSN Tuesday, June 30th following a week of care

The Lodges

Nickel Lodge No. 427

Nickel Lodge is lining up practices in August, preparing the necessary paperwork for three Committees of Inquiry and continuing with the plans for the ceremony of Installation and Investiture at their first regular meeting in September.

Congratulations to Junior Warden – elect Bro. Johnathon Levesque and his wife Kelsie on the safe arrival of their first child!

Doric Lodge No. 455

One of the activities at the September meeting will be the investiture of our Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. James Woods.

Espanola Lodge No. 527

A Masonic Memorial Service was held for W. Bro. Rod Junkala at Belrock and was very well attended by friends and Family.

City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

The Lodge is planning a regular and emergent meeting in September. Details will follow in their summons.

Friendship Lodge No. 691

The Annual Golf Tournament is upcoming on Saturday August 8th.

Bethel Lodge No. 699

On Thursday June 11th the annual visit to the Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447 and BBQ included passing of Bro. Powell to the degree of a Fellowcraft.

The Concordant Bodies

Scottish Rite

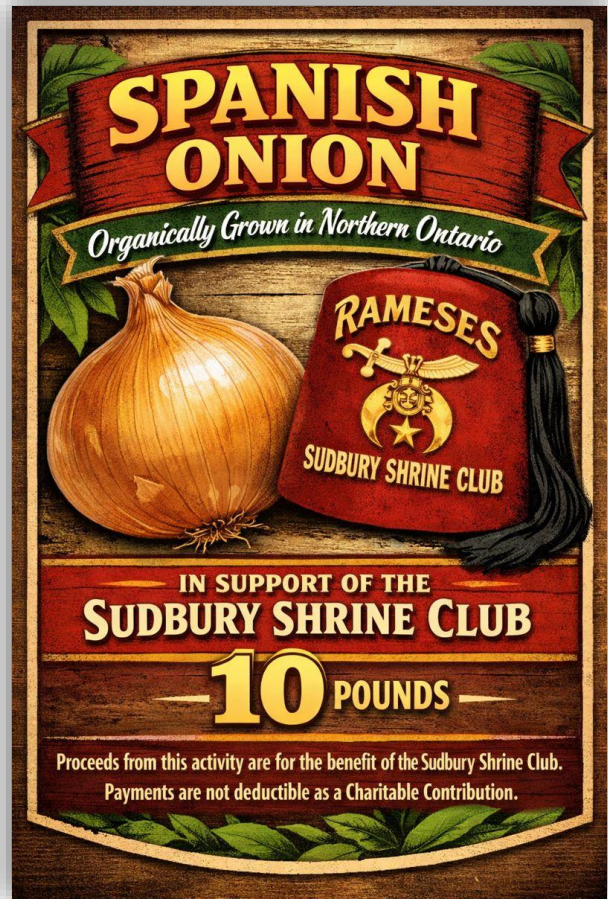
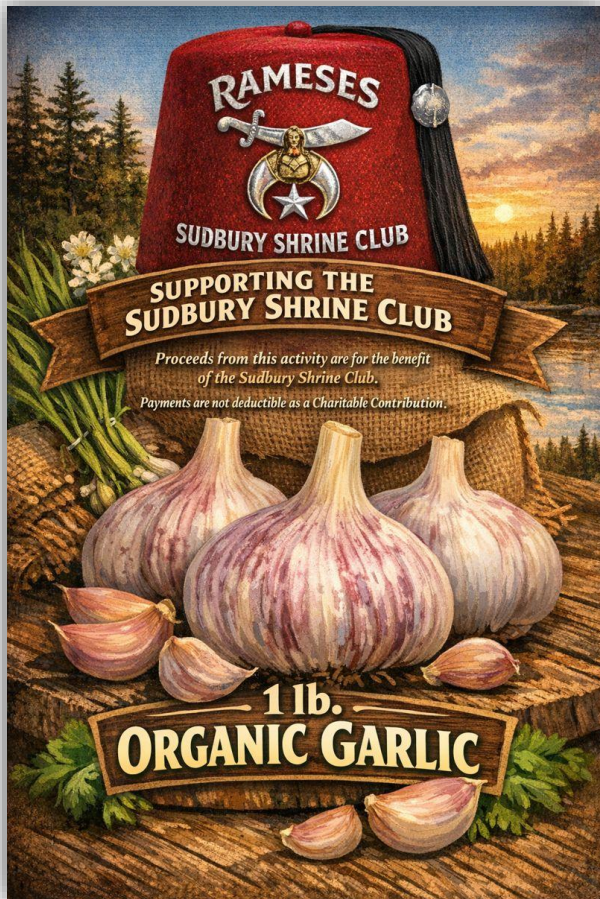


Pictured above on the right is Ill. Bro. Larry Paguandas, 32°, TPGM of the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection, accompanied on the left by Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council who are presenting a bursary of \$1,250 to Keir Gauld of Sudbury, Ontario.

Keir has graduated from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School in Sudbury and this fall will be entering the Nuclear Engineering Program at the Ontario Tech University North Campus site in Oshawa Ontario.

We wish Keir continued success.

Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection, with the assistance of The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada Deputy Award Program annually presents bursaries to students with a diagnosed learning disability to assist in the transition from secondary to post secondary education.

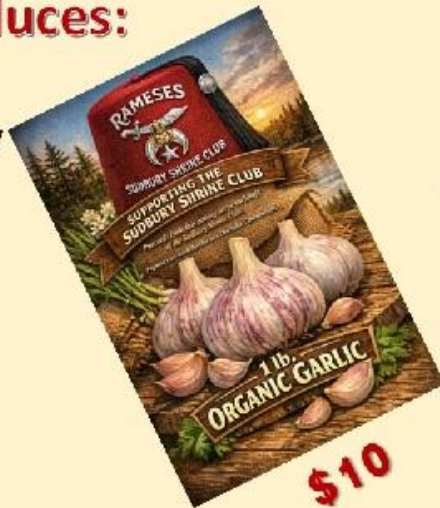


The Sudbury Shrine Club introduces:

To order email
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this
Fall

The District Charity

Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay & Districts

R.W. Bro. Ryan Lipic is continuing this project for the 2026 – 27 period

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

**The DDGM Project Number
will be forthcoming.**

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

**V.W. Bro. Keith Varey has
graciously agreed to
continue in his capacity as
the Masonic Foundation
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Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario Annual Communication

On Wednesday of the Annual Communication a few of the Sudbury Manitoulin Brethren gathered for a photo opportunity.

Below are (l-r) R.W. Bro.'s Forsyth, Lipic, Bell, Fleming and Spencer with W. Bro. Woods and Bro. Lalonde.

Bro.'s Lalonde & Fleming were attired for work at the MASONICH.I.P. Booth



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Pictured above, at the conclusion of the Annual Communication, is our freshly minted District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Ryan Lipic, surrounded by Bro. Mike Lalonde R.W. Bro. Brent Forsyth, R.W. Bro. Rob Lipic, V.W. Bro. James Woods and the Editor.



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