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My Brethren All,

Best wishes and good health on behalf of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario and our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Allan J. Petrisor.

Congratulations to Right Worshipful Brother J. David Bell on his election to the Board of General Purposes and appointment as the Chairman of Benevolence. The Brethren have reaffirmed our confidence in you.

Our new Grand Steward is Very Worshipful Brother Harold Saville. Very Worshipful Sir, you have certainly earned your appointment through your work in the District this past Masonic Year. Well done!

I would also like to acknowledge the appointment of R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu to the Board of the Masonic Foundation. I know that the board will be well served by R.W. Bro. Koivu.

The 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was very well attended by the Brethren of Sudbury-Manitoulin District. Bravo on your efforts to journey thither.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Sudbury-Manitoulin District in Grand Lodge. The import of this Office is forefront in my mind. I promise you my best effort.

I'm looking forward to working with you and through the District Chairmen to continue the Grand Master's theme "Masonry Making a Difference".

There are many exciting opportunities and events in the works, including the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration for Bethel Lodge No. 699, and the reception of our Grand Master.

The District Secretary, Worshipful Brother Milt Fleming, can be contacted at 1770 Rutherglen Crescent, P3A 2K3, by phone at (705) 566-9886 and through the e-mail address on the District Website; [secretary@smmasons.com](mailto:secretary@smmasons.com)

I look forward to sitting with you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

**R.W. Bro. Robert J. Fleming**

*DDGM Sudbury Manitoulin District*

## Passed to the Grand Lodge Above



**R.W. Bro. S.A.B. (Alex) Gray**

Algonquin Lodge No. 536  
P.D.D.G.M. 1986-1987

**W. Bro. Jan Rhinjsburger**

Dymont Lodge No. 442  
Espanola Lodge No. 699  
St. George's Lodge No. 15

**Bro. Hank Derks**

Bethel Lodge No. 699

**Bro. Gordon Wickenden**

Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 – Ottawa  
Brother of W. Bro. Harvey Wickenden

**WE CHERISH THEIR  
MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS**

### Sick and Visiting

**R.W. Bro. Jim Thomson**

Bethel Lodge No. 699

**V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan**

National Lodge No. 688

**We wish them well and pray  
for a speedy recovery.**

### **D.D.G.M. RECEPTION**

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the  
Belrock Masonic Centre. Tickets are  
available through your Lodge  
Secretary or Junior Warden.



**SUPPORT YOUR CRAFT LODGE  
ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY**



R.W. Bro. Alex Gray  
Loved all things tartan and  
green.

*The Sudbury Star, Tuesday August 18,  
2008*

*By Angela Scppatura*

Alex Gray has been described as unfailingly energetic, passionate about community service and always up for a good Robbie Burns dinner party -- with Haggis, of course.

The former Inco gardener, CBC radio show host, scout leader and Scottish dance teacher passed away at the age of 80 on Aug. 14.

Perhaps best known as a driving force behind Sudbury's regreening efforts, he firmly etched himself into a diverse array of community organizations. "You would wonder where he got the time," said his son, Bryson Gray. "When my dad did things, he did it full bore."

Samuel "Alexander" Bryson Gray was born in Scotland on July 5 1928. He served as a parachutist during the Second World War and emigrated to Canada with wife, Edlina, and their two children in 1959. A third child was born in Canada.

Gray came to Sudbury during an economic boom and worked for a short time at the Sudbury jail before being hired at the Inco copper refinery.

His life as a horticulturalist began as a hobby and his son said it was a career he just "fell into." Inco hired him as its gardener and he remained there for 32 years.

Gray didn't have a pleasant childhood -- he became an orphan at eight -- and his son said it may have motivated his extensive involvement in Boy Scouts. "Helping youth and working with youth was most important to him," he said. Gray represented Canada at the 13th World Jamboree in Japan and was awarded a 25-year service medal from the Boy Scouts.

Robert J. Fleming knew Gray through his work at Inco and the Copper Cliff Highlanders. "He would get involved in something in any way he could," said Fleming. "I remember that he was very engaged in making sure things were done properly and correctly. He was really meticulous." That attention to detail was apparent to Fleming during their time as Freemasons. When Fleming became the Worshipful Master of the Nickel Lodge, Gray crafted a gavel for him out of personally significant materials.

"He went to the copper refinery and got a peculiar piece of wood from Africa called Ekki wood and made sure it was put in the gavel," said Fleming. "He also took a collar dog -- an element of our uniform -- which is the winged heart of Robert the Bruce and had one imbedded in my gavel." Fleming said the piece is something he will always treasure.

Gray was a past District Deputy Grand Master for the Sudbury Manitoulin District Freemasons.

His son said beyond Gray's involvement, he will always remember the annual Burns suppers held the closest Saturday to Alex Gray's birthday.

Once a year, Gray and Edlina would throw a party with 25 guests in honour of Robbie Burns and recite Burns' poetry. Gray's favourite work was called "Address to the haggis."

"He was very much a traditionalist. There was always tradition, even if he made it up," said his son, with a laugh.



*by R.W. Bro. A.T. Burns*

R.W. Bro. Samuel Alexander Bryson Gray (Alex) will be remember by the brethren of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District and particularly the members of his lodge, the Algonquin Lodge No. 536 as a staunch Freemason who loved the Craft and was passionate about its history. Bro. Gray was not big on titles when it concerned his own introduction but he was succinct concerning proper etiquette and protocol in lodge.

R.W. Bro. Gray was a Mentor for many of us and often was invited to provide Masonic Education to his lodge, lodges in this district and other jurisdictions.

R.W. Bro. Gray travelled Europe and visited many lodges while he was there. He would return from his travels with greetings from those brethren along with colourful tales of his journeys. His wit and charm along with his Highland brogue captured the attention of everyone whenever he spoke. His love of Freemasonry and his cherished bond with his beloved Scotland brought his lessons to life. It was quite easy for one to slip into the character and time that he spoke about.

We shall cherish him memory in our hearts.

**Mar sin leibh**

Till we meet again.



## GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Brethren from the Sudbury-Manitoulin district made good use of a chartered coach so they could travel to Toronto on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 and attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and the District meeting to elect a D.D.G.M. for 2008-2009.



Our coach departed from the Belrock Masonic Centre at 8:00 am and we enjoyed good weather, fellowship, and fun during our ride to Toronto.

Some of the Masons brought their guitars and had a sing-a-long at the back of the bus.

It was a bright sunny morning as 36 Brethren waited for the bus to arrive. We all looked forward to a good day of travel and fun.



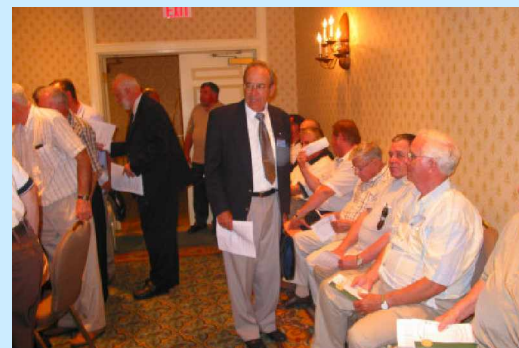
We arrived at the Royal York around 1:30 pm and had plenty of time to register for the vote, cast our ballots for Grand Lodge candidates and visit.

Many of the brethren went for lunch and did a little shopping for Masonic books and regalia.



At 5:00 pm we gathered together for the District meeting and the election of the D.D.G.M.

After the first ballot W. Bro. Rob Fleming was declared the D.D.G.M. elect for the ensuing year.



R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie the incumbent District Deputy Grand Master congratulates W. Bro. Rob Fleming of Nickel Lodge No. 427 on his election as the next D.D.G.M. for Sudbury-Manitoulin.

W. Bro. Fleming made a short acceptance speech thanking the brethren for their support and for travelling to Toronto for this important meeting. He also announced that W. Bro. Milt Fleming would be the District Secretary.



After the meeting we boarded the bus for our return trip to Sudbury.



We stopped in Barrie for dinner at the Mandarin restaurant and finally arrived back in Sudbury at 11:00 pm.

Planning has begun for a bus again next year. It's the best way to travel down to Grand Lodge for the day. Relax and leave the driving to us.

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The Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Corporation Trust (Elevator Fund),  
Belrock Masonic Centre,  
845, Regent Street, South,  
Sudbury,  
Ontario.

September, 2008.

To All Members of the Sudbury/Manitoulin  
District Masonic Fraternity and Concordant  
Organizations.

**The Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Corporation Trust (Elevator Fund)**

The Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Corporation will, in September 2008, inaugurate a new fund raising campaign to support the construction of a full elevator for the Sudbury Masonic Centre. Although the estimated cost is approximately \$450,00 it will be of tremendous benefit to the members and occupants of our Centre. The Sudbury/Manitoulin Masonic Centre has served us well for over forty years. It is one of the best maintained buildings in the district and we can proudly hold our meetings and functions in a very pleasant atmosphere. However, as the population (and our members and friends) age an apparent need for a full elevator has been identified as a priority to increase and enhance the comfort, safety, value and efficiency of our fine building.

The new elevator will offer easy access to all floors of our building and will enable users to easily move people and objects throughout the building. Members can contribute voluntarily in a number of ways - namely:

- 1) Monthly 50/50 draw. A representative from each lodge will be responsible for selling 50/50 tickets at their lodge meetings - the draw will be made on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Java Guild.
- 2) Direct gift or donation - a donors recognition board will be set up
- 3) Bequests. Should you wish to make a bequest from your estate or assets at a future date all you need to do is fill out a simple form called a "codicil", have it witnessed and then attach it to your will.

Our newly minted District Deputy Grand Master – R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming is most excited with the elevator fund initiative - He is quoted as saying that "I know what it's like to be elevated!!!!!".....

For further details, information, to make donations please contact the:

Fraternally

Elevator Trust Executive Committee

Wor. Bro Lionel Rudd  
Wor Bro. Paavo Liukko  
Bro. Peter Ramsey



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**The Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund)**  
**General Outline and Information to Make a Bequest to the Fund**

What is a “Bequest”?

In its simplest form it is an asset (property, real estate, money or anything of value) that is given by an individual to an organization through the medium of a will or an attachment to a will. This is called a “Codicil”.

It is desirable for you to have a proper will drawn up with the assistance of a solicitor or lawyer.

### **Your solicitor can help you**

In making a Will, you express your right to leave your estate to the beneficiaries of your choice. Estate planning is ideally undertaken in consultation with a professional legal adviser, who can help to ensure that your wishes are carried out promptly and in precisely the way you intended. It is of course possible to make a Will without legal advice, but incorrect or ambiguous wording, or inappropriate arrangements for the witnessing of the document, may later cause difficulties for your intended beneficiaries. If you do not already have access to a legal adviser, a member of the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) executive committee will be happy to make available a list of local solicitors and trustee companies.

### **Different kinds of bequests**

There are a number of different ways to make a gift or “bequest” in your Will.

### **Residuary Bequests**

The best way to recognise an organisation in your Will is to leave to that body a share or proportion of the residue of your estate. What this means is that after your Will has made all necessary provisions for close relatives and friends, the remaining (residuary) moneys and/or assets pass to the organisations and/or individuals that you have nominated as residuary beneficiaries. In drafting your Will, simply nominate your residuary beneficiaries, in your preferred order, and then allocate to each a proportion of your residuary estate. By setting out your wishes in this way, you ensure that your most important beneficiaries will always receive the greatest share of your residuary estate, no matter how much its contents may fluctuate over your lifetime. From the point of view of a not-profit organization, a Residuary Bequest is a particularly helpful form of legacy, as it does not depend on your estate being of any set value or size – variables that can change with time and circumstances.

### **Gifts of cash, shares, property or other assets**

Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) is able to receive bequests of cash, shares, property and/or other assets or possessions, on the understanding that all such gifts will be used to further the work of the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund). Should you be interested in ways in which you might donate any of the above during your lifetime, please consult your solicitor or Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) executive committee.

### **Contingency Bequests**

Should you wish your partner or a relative to have the use of property and/or invested capital for his or her lifetime, but with those moneys and/or assets eventually passing to the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund), you can make what is known as a Contingency Bequest. To make a bequest of this kind, you



would include in your Will a legacy in favour of a specified individual, while at the same time nominating the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) to receive, upon his or her death, any property and any moneys then remaining from this legacy.

**Bequests of specific sums**

Some donors choose to make a bequest in the form of a specific sum. However, the value of such a gift can be seriously eroded by inflation over the years, so it is important that bequests of this kind be reviewed regularly.

**Drafting a bequest clause: some guidelines**

The following clauses are intended as a guide if you are considering including the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) in your Will, or if you are planning to add a **codicil** to an existing Will. These clauses are not, however, intended to be used in lieu of legal advice, and we advise you to consult your own solicitor to ensure that the wording of your bequest is appropriate for the gift you wish to make, and for your personal circumstances, particularly if you wish to make a Contingency Bequest. We also recommend that your solicitor peruse this brochure.

**Clauses appropriate to the types of bequest identified**

“In relation to a Residuary Bequest I give and bequeath to the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund), Belrock Masonic Centre, 845, Regent Street, South, Sudbury, Ontario, 30 per cent of my residuary estate, free from all duties. In relation to gifts of cash, shares, property or other assets I give and bequeath to the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) the following items:-“ LIST.....

“In relation to a gift of a sum of money I give and bequeath to the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund), 845, Regent Street, South, Sudbury, Ontario the sum of \$??? free from all duties.”

If you have decided to include the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) in your Will, please contact the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) executive committee.

**DIRECT GIFT OR DONATION**

You also have the additional option of making a direct gift or donation to the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund). This can take the form of cash, cheque, money order or bank draft. Please contact the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board Trust (Elevator Fund) executive committee for details and process.

You will be formally thanked and recognized by the Sudbury Masonic Temple Board for your contribution whatever the form..

Thank you and welcome you to our bequestors’/donors group. A plaque will be displayed prominently recognizing both private and corporate contributors in accordance with your wishes and current privacy regulations.

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## Friendship Lodge No. 691 Harold Waller Memorial Golf Tournament

Friendship Lodge No. 691 held its annual Harold Waller Memorial Golf Tournament on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Pine Grove Golf and Country Club. Seventy-four golfers enjoyed 18 holes of golf on one of the nicer days this summer.



Ha, he got lost last year!

Oh Boy I hope my wife lets me drive



Bro. Robert Bryson and is lovely Lady Bess



Bro. Nick Menican finally gave up trying to get a refund for his lost golf balls. He has decided there are plenty of balls he can get from the Driving Range???



I love the M.C.'s job



WOW this is my best shot of the day!

At the end of their round of golf, participants enjoyed a great BBQ and fellowship. There were plenty of prizes and awards for the best and not so best on the links.

W. Bro. Ben Mullen has already started the planning for next year.



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### Sudbury Shrine Club News



The Penny Farthing Unit held their annual Pig Roast on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2008. The weather cooperated and brought a good crowd of Shriners and their Ladies to the R.C.L. Branch 76 location in Minnow Lake.

Nobles Gary Cayen, Jim Pomerleau and Rolly Varier gather up the hot coals after roasting the pig to perfection.



It just so happens Hillbilly Clan 46 Outhouse No. 2 have discovered the annual Pig roast is the perfect time to hold their initiation of new candidates and then have a Hoedown wearing their finest duds.



The Mountain Boyz a pickin and a grinnin



Lady folk a discussin thangs men folk don't understand like shoppin at the new Sears store.



The La Cloche Mountain Trio  
Hillbilly Cuzzins Bruce the Velvet Fog Gordon –  
Rompin Ronney Towns and Stormin Norman Hore



Cuzzin Bobby a thinking bout his next song



Cuzzin Billy singing one of his best songs –  
*Don't Cook Nuthin In The Kettle Under The Bed.*



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Noble Wah Chung, Chairman of the Oriental Band and fellow band members present Mrs. Jacklin with certificate.

The Sudbury Shrine Oriental Band/Colour Party honours Mrs. Laura Jacklin, the Owner of Goodman's Motel of Espanola for her service and support to the Band and the Club. The Band presented her a 100 Million-Dollar Club certificate, which acknowledged her kindness to humanity on Aug 16th, 2008 at Espanola.



**Lest We Forget**

**An Important Invitation to all Masonic Veterans, Military Servicemen and All Members of the Fraternity**



Nickel Lodge No. 427 invites all Masonic Veterans and Canadian Forces personnel to a special evening on Wednesday, November 5th when they host a **District Veterans Night**. Dinner at 6pm followed by Regular meeting/tribute in the Lodge Room. This invitation is open to all Masons. The event will be similar to the event held at Doric Lodge in 2005. Contacts are W. Bro. Clive Stephenson, W. Bro. Roy Eaton and R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming District Deputy Grand Master.

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Manitoulin Freemasons mark return of the Blood donor clinic to Little Current on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

*Article from the Manitoulin Expositor*

Manitoulin has been without a clinic for the past seven years, but thanks to diligent efforts by the Little Current Masons, Canadian Blood Services has agreed to return for a one-day session. "The Masons in Little Current generally look after it and we try to bring it in," explained Mason and local organizer Bob MacDonald. The clinics stopped coming to the Island when the organization couldn't meet the quota of 87 pints set by Canadian Blood Services. But Mr. MacDonald said that Island support for the clinics has been very positive in the past, and he's hopeful people will come out on September 9 to contribute. According to a Canadian Blood Services press release, the organization is hoping to recruit 144 donors at the Little Current clinic, and donating only takes an hour of time. "On average, every minute of every day, someone in Canada needs blood or blood products," the release notes. "And the hour it takes to give has the potential to save up to three lives." For the uninitiated, clients giving blood go through a multi-step process on each visit. Clients will first be asked to fill out an information form, following which they'll receive a booklet on the dos and don'ts of blood donation, and finally they'll be directed to the screening area where it's determined whether a potential client is appropriate for the procedure.

"Everybody has to be screened every time," Mr. MacDonald said, noting that some people don't qualify due to health issues. "A lot of people have too high blood pressure or low iron and they fit into that category." Once clients have been approved they are directed to a chair where their blood is taken, following which there are refreshments to help boost the blood-sugar levels of participants before they leave. The clinic is still three weeks away, but Mr. MacDonald is hoping that by generating interest now, the clinic will be able to meet its targets and the Island can once again host regular blood-donor clinics. "We want to get people aware that they're coming because we haven't had it for seven years," he said. "If we have a good clinic, they'll start coming back." The clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 9 at the Little Current curling rink from 4 pm to 8 pm. Potential clients are asked to make an appointment ahead of time to make it easier for organizers to draw up a schedule. For more information, or to make an appointment to give blood, call the Canadian Blood Services toll-free line at 1-888-236-6283.



## LOCAL BLOOD CLINICS

1 888 2DONATE  
1 888 236-6283

This page is offered only as a service to potential donors, the information was obtained from the Canadian Blood Services web site and was accurate at the time of being compiled - things change! To double check, visit the CBS web site at: [Canadian Blood Services](http://www.canadianbloodservices.ca)

### Little Current

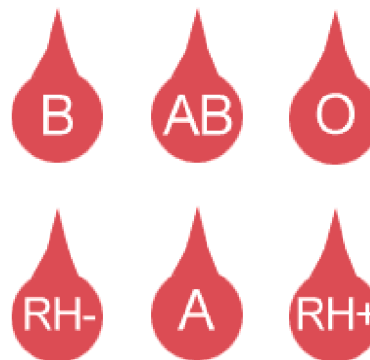
Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Little Current Curling Rink from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



## Sudbury-Manitoulin District



### It Takes All Types



Healthy people between the ages of 17 and 60 (up to 71 if a person is a regular donor) can donate blood every 56 days. It usually takes about one hour to be registered at the clinic, donate blood, rest, take refreshments and be on your way. Giving blood affects one very little, beyond a well earned feeling of personal satisfaction.

**Be a Blood Donor Today!!!**

### When you give blood, you give...

- Another Birthday
- Another Day At The Beach
- Another Night Under The Stars
- Another Talk With A Friend
- Another Laugh
- Another Hug
- Another Chance

### Who can be counted as a Masonic Donor?

- Any member of a Mason's family, relations and friends in good health, between the ages of 17 and 60. (up to 71 if a person is a regular donor.)
- Who donate on behalf of a Mason.
- Who gives blood, plasma and platelets at a supported or sponsored by Masons clinic.
- Who has been contacted by a Mason.

***Be counted - put your self in the picture...  
Contact Your Lodge Blood Donor Chairman***



## Belrock Apartment

845 Regent St  
Sudbury, Ontario P3E 3Y7

The brethren of the Sudbury Manitoulin District are providing a smoke free two bedroom furnished efficiency apartment with balcony for the short stay use of Masons and their families who are travelling to Sudbury to access medical services.

**How to contact us:** Apartment reservations are made by contacting one of the following Masons with your anticipated arrival and departure dates.

Ed Rennie 705-560-8224 or 705-691-7790 Robert Storie  
705-523-0274 or 705-626-1822 Al Stonier 705-524-6583

**Reservations:** will be granted on a "First come, first served basis." Depending on demand, length of stay may have to be restricted. Reservations will be confirmed by phone or mail. Information about alternate accommodations will be provided if we are unable to satisfy either full or partial request.

**Checking in:** Host will meet visitor at the building or at other predetermined locations and will provide the apartment keys. Information and maps of the city will be available as needed. Visitors will be provided with names and phone numbers should any problems/repairs need to be addressed in the unit during their stay.

**Checking out:** Visitors are to leave the apartment on the agreed departure date as early as possible so we can ready it for the next visitors. If an extension is required, this may be granted depending on availability. Keys are to be left with or in the apartment. Apartment must be left in good order. We welcome comments from our visitors on how we can improve the service.

**Cost:** Donations are welcomed and will be thankfully received and faithfully applied to maintain the apartment. A donation box will be available in the apartment.

**What to bring:** You need only bring your own towels and personal toiletries and any food that you will want. Limited cooking facilities are available.

**We provide:** A smoke free apartment with two bedrooms with two double beds and linen. Cooking utensils, pots, pans, dishes, coffee maker, toaster oven, Dish soap, dish towels, cleaning supplies, paper products. Coin operated washer and dryer are available in the building. Phone: Local calls only. Long distance calls can be made by calling cards or reversing charges.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Doric Lodge: Tuesday, September 9, 2008** - Bro. Geordie Frame of Kerr Lodge No. 230 in Barrie, will be on hand to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the brethren of Kerr Lodge who will be visiting Doric Lodge for the evening. After the meeting Kerr Lodge will be providing the repast and are planning a full meal. Tickets are on sale at \$10.00 a person for this fundraiser, which will be used for improvements to our lodge and building.

**Doric Lodge: Tuesday, September 9, 2008** – Hosting a Blood Donor Clinic at the Little Current Curling Rink.

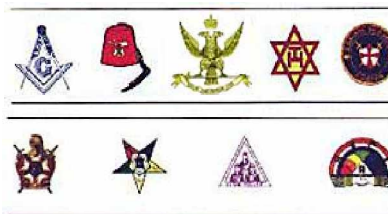
**Bethel Lodge: Friday, September 12, 2008** – V.W. Bro. Harold Saville will be presented his Grand Lodge Regalia and invested as Grand Steward.

**Friendship Lodge: Wednesday, September 10, 2008** – Dinner honouring Bro. Jim Loney's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Mason.

**Reception and Dinner for the District Deputy Grand Master: Friday, September 26, 2008** The Masters & Wardens Association will be holding a reception and Dinner for R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming at the Belrock Masonic Centre banquet room. Cocktails at 5:00 pm and dinner served at 6:00 pm sharp. Tickets available from Lodge Secretaries or Junior Warden.

**PLAN TO ATTEND**

**The Family of Freemasonry  
in Ontario is for YOU!**



**The York and Scottish Rites are meeting places in Masonry for members of all lodges. It enables us to meet new Brethren, make new friends and expand our knowledge of Freemasonry.**

*(W. Bro. Paavo E. Liukko)*

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