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From the District Deputy My Brethren:

Each year the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master approves the list of Grand Lodge Committee members who have been nominated by GL committee chairmen for the 2009-2010 Masonic Year. I am very pleased to inform you that our past DDGM, R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming has been selected for two Grand Lodge committees – Blood Donors and the new Lodge Resources Committee. Rob, congratulations, it is an indication of how well you have performed as our DDGM. You have set a high standard indeed.



During this past year, in my capacity as Chairman of Masonic Education, I sent a number of emails to many of you regarding the workings of Masonry around the world. I've enjoyed this and will continue to do so as DDGM, come this fall. If you were not one of the recipients of these reports and would like to receive them, please send me a request and I would be pleased to add you to my personal mailing list. Reply to: roy.eaton@sympatico.ca

On next page is a message that I received from the Grand Chaplain, and I thought his words had much meaning for all of us. I hope you agree.

In closing this first communiqué with you, please know that it is an honour to have been installed as your DDGM. With your support and involvement, I know we will have an excellent year. I consider it a privilege to work with such an outstanding group of Masons.

"Make us ever mindful of the needs of others, and make us mindful too that Masonry is a measure to be filled, not a goblet to be drained."

Sincerely and fraternally

Roy J. Eaton
DDGM

Sudbury- Manitoulin District

Passed To The Grand Lodge Above



Bro. Walter Siminick

Espanola Lodge No. 527

Bro. Harvey McKenney

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

R.W. Bro. William Napier

Friendship Lodge No. 691

D.D.G.M. 1987-1988

WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

Sick and Visiting

Bro. Al Grigor

Bethel Lodge No. 699

We wish him well and pray for his full recovery

**JAVA GUILD
AT BELROCK
EVERY TUESDAY**



**COME FOR COFFEE
STAY FOR LUNCH**



Some Suggestions for Prayer in Masonry

by R.W. Bro. Bill White, Grand Chaplain

Dear Friends and Brothers,

I am an Anglican Priest, so obviously I have a Christian point of view. It is my call to bring the world to the love of Jesus, whom I believe is the anointed Christ. Although evangelism is my vocation, I am persuaded that no one comes to any faith by unexpected or unwelcome exposure to it. For that reason, even as a priest, it troubles me to hear someone at a Masonic event where many faiths might well be represented, end prayers in Jesus' name. It is offensive in a Masonic context, and frankly, I don't think that anyone wins converts that way. On the contrary, serious and considerate sharing of our faith traditions may open minds to consideration of one-another's beliefs.

One of my goals this year, is to try to help our brethren to open up their faiths, one to another, by sharing some thoughtful and considered prayers and graces for use within the Craft. This does not mean for a minute that I am abandoning my own religious beliefs, but rather that I recognize that not all of the world or all of the Craft shares the same faith. I also recognize that many of you may be better versed in this than myself, and I hope that you will share some of your best materials with me for distribution to the others. Together, we are more able than any one of us alone. That is why I am sending this to all of the DDGMs and District Chaplains for whom I have E addresses. When you receive this, please check with your DDGM or District Chaplain to be sure that he also has a copy. I hope to have more E addresses soon, but thought I would send this out right away before the "season" begins for many of you. You may wish to discuss with one another how this idea fits into the work of your district.

As a basic guideline when planning prayer, Masonic work is based on the Hebrew Bible, or the Old Testament as Christians know it. That source will rarely cause any problem among the great monotheistic religions of the world. The book of Psalms is in fact, a fabulous source of some of the oldest worship and prayers found anywhere in the world.

Some other good sources can be found on the Internet by searching for the terms "interfaith" and "prayer." I prefer not to use the words "non-denominational" or "inter-denominational" as they tend to invoke only Christian prayers, and those usually from only the fundamentalist branch of Christianity. I do recommend also, consideration of resources found in the Scouting tradition which shares our situation: a firm belief in a Supreme Being held in common by members of many faith traditions.

For your use then, I have listed a few prayers and graces below that may be acceptable. Some may be carefully modified to meet specific circumstances. I invite you to share with me your favourite inter-faith prayers and graces, and I will try to collect them and perhaps share them in the future. I may be reached at fr.bill@sympatico.ca

And by the way: going to Lodge does *not* excuse a man from attendance at his temple, church, mosque, or synagogue. We do the Most High and our brethren a disservice if we think, do, or say that! Please encourage the brethren of your district to get out on their Holy Day, and pray in the warmth and love of their own faith community!

May the Creator of all that is, bless all of us and those we love, and lead us to the love and understanding of one-another.

Yours in Faith and Fraternal Affection,

R. W. Bro. Bill White, Grand Chaplain,

The Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Some Sample Prayers



Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty. (Or for the *literati*, in Latin:) *Benedicat, Domine, nos et haec tua dona quae de tua largitate sumus sumpturi*. When using another language, I usually start in that language, and then immediately repeat the prayer in English, followed by the word "Amen" as may be appropriate.

In Hebrew and English, an ancient blessing in the tradition of the Old Testament: *Baruch attah, Adonai Elohenu, Melech ha'olam shehakol ni'heya bi'dvaro* Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe who has brought about all things by his word. Amen. (Gentiles might want a Jewish friend to help with pronunciation, or go to <http://www.hebrew4christians> where there are voice recordings available to help.)

Psalm 133: ¹Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ²It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; ³As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. From Bro. Robert Burns (for those who can pronounce it!): "Some hae meat and canna eat / And some wad eat that want it, / But we hae meat and we can eat / So let the Lord be thankit."

Ps. 20:1-4 (paraphrased) "May the Great Architect answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the Most High defend you; send you help from his holy place and strengthen you; remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice, grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans."

For food in a world where many walk in hunger, for faith in a world where many walk in fear, for fellowship in a world where many walk alone, we give you thanks, O Lord.

Great Architect of the Universe, bless this food to our use, and consecrate us to your service. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others, and make us mindful too that Masonry is a measure to be filled, not a goblet to be drained, Amen.

May we be granted the wisdom to appreciate the magnitude of our Masonic heritage; may we be granted the strength to preserve and protect this magnificent legacy; may we be blessed with the beauty of character to encourage by example those who will be our successors: all this, Great Architect, we ask in your name, Amen.

Numbers 6: (Normally pronounced by a rabbi or ordained priest) ²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

For food, for raiment For life, for opportunity For friendship and fellowship We thank thee, O Lord.



Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

For the brethren who enjoyed the coach ride to Grand Lodge, our day started at the Belrock Masonic Centre where we boarded the bus for our trip to Toronto



Amazingly we even had a clear sky and warm sunshine to start our day.



The bus arrived at 7:25 a.m. and by 7:30 a.m. we were on the road. While only Installed Masters and Wardens are permitted to vote; the Grand Lodge meetings are open to all Masons and many took the opportunity to see what it is all about.

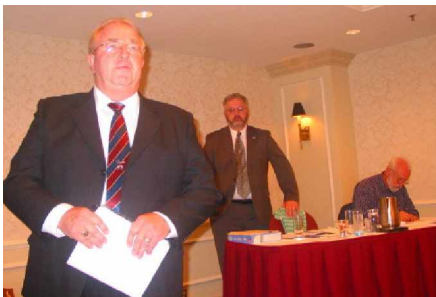


We arrived at the Royal York Hotel front doors before noon and had a few hours in the afternoon to take in some of the Grand Lodge activities before the District Meeting at 4 o'clock.

V.W. Bro. John Gamble and W. Bro. Sam Khoury sat up front to help the driver with directions in case the G.P.S. lost its way.



The District meeting was held in the Toronto room and the first order of business was the election of the new D.D.G.M.



After the first ballot was collected W. Bro. Roy Eaton of Doric Lodge No. 455 was declared D.D.G.M. elect.

R.W. Bro. Robert J. Fleming then announced the winners of the Lodge awards for blood donors, lodge efficiency, and lodge visitation.



Grand Lodge determines the meeting room size required for each district by the numbers who attend the previous year.

Espanola Lodge No. 527 received the Joe Lesser Efficiency Award, which was accepted by W. Bro. Robert Dutton I.P.M.



W. Bro. Clive Stephenson accepts the awards from R.W. Bro. Robert J. Fleming D.D.G.M.



Nickel Lodge No. 427 collared two awards this year by taking the W.J.C. Noble Blood Donor Award for the lodge with the most increased percentage of blood donors in the year and also the new Journeyman's Award for the lodge with the highest percentage of visits to other lodges in the district.



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR BRETHREN



W. Bro. Grant Somers, a past Master of Lorne Lodge No. 622 in Chapleau now residing in Sudbury received a visit from R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District and R.W. Bro. J. David Bell, Member of the Board of General Purposes who presented him with his 50 year Past Master pin.

W. Bro. Somers was thrilled to have a visit from the Grand Lodge Officers and receive his Past Master pin.



Bro. Dick Stewart received a Lewis Jewel during a recent meeting of Bethel Lodge No. 699 and V.W. Bro. Harold Saville, Grand Steward and a colleague from their professional days was on hand for the presentation. Bro. Dick Stewart is the son of Bro. Archie Stewart who was a well respected Staff Sergeant with the Sudbury police force.



Sharing a similar history

Teacher and student who are now brothers compare their Lewis Jewels. Bro. Dick Stewart taught at Copper Cliff Public School and Bro. Stephen Fleming of Nickel Lodge No. 427 was one of his students.



ENTRIES AVAILABLE FOR HAROLD WALLER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friendship Lodge No. 691 invites Masons, their Ladies, families and friends to the Annual Harold Waller Memorial Golf Tournament on Sunday, August 24th 2009 at the Pine Grove Golf Course on Highway 69 South.

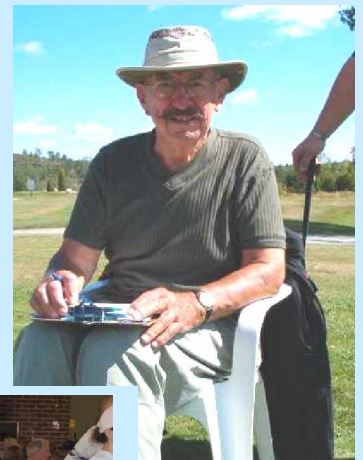
The tournament starts at 9:30 in the morning with a Shotgun Start and entries are limited to 76 Golfers. Price includes 9 holes of golf – a rental cart – and dinner at the golf course.



Bob & Bess Bryson are regulars at the tournament

Bro. Nick Menican wants to see many masons and especially their ladies attend so he can explain the finer points of golf to them.

For example: You never lose a ball so don't count it as a stroke. Consider the ball stolen, because some else will find it and pick it up.



For more information or to enter your team, contact Ben Mullen 522-1993 or Roger Kitching event organizers.



The tournament also includes loads of fun and prizes.



Sudbury Shrine Club News

The various Units of the Sudbury Shrine Club were at Bell Park on July 10th 2009 for the opening ceremonies of the Dragon Boat races at Ramsey Lake. Members of the Clown Unit, Oriental Band, Penny Farthing, and Hillbilly Band provided entertainment and fun for adults and children at the park.



Since its inception in 2000 the Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival has celebrated ten successful years of great dragon boat racing, a 2,000 year-old Chinese tradition. Founded by the Sudbury Canoe Club and the Chinese Heritage Association of Northern Ontario the Dragon Boat Festival has supported local charities. This year, over \$66,000 was raised for the charity of choice Independent Living Sudbury Manitoulin. The Sudbury Shrine Club was pleased to provide entertainment for the opening ceremonies.

The Minnow Lake Legion banquet hall was filled to capacity on July 30th 2009 for the annual Sudbury Shrine Club Penny Farthing Unit pig roast and Hillbilly Reunion. Two Flatland Shriners and Three Flatland Shrine Ladies climbed the highest hills to Hillbilly enlightenment.



Outhouse No. 2 Hillbilly Gal Degree Team conducted such a fine performance they have been invited to the 2010 International Shrine convention in Toronto.



Clan 46 Raban Cuzin Bob O'Brien

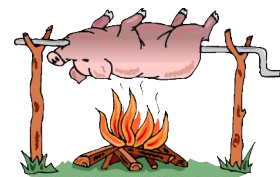


Is your lodge planning a fundraising event or have items for sale or to give away? Are you planning a yard sale or have items you would like to sell or give away to only masons? Let me know two months in advance and I will post the event/items in the District newsletter. Please include a picture of any items you would like advertised along with contact information and send it to atburns@persona.ca and it will be added to the newsletter.

Sudbury Shrine Club Oriental Band ANNUAL CORN ROAST
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2009 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - BRANCH 76
ATTITUDE HOUR - 5 P.M. SUPPER - 6 P.M. TICKETS \$ 15 / person
Tickets available from Wally at the Club 524-0335 or Keith 566-1462 email godinslighting@yahoo.ca



Espanola Lodge No. 527 **Saturday, August 29, 2009**



Pig Roast

**ALL MASONS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO
OUR PIG ROAST ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2009.**

Our lodge building needs a new roof and you are invited to join us for dinner. Cost is \$15.00 per person for a delicious pork dinner with salad and buns, cash bar available in the lodge banquet room.

Tickets available from most of the Espanola Lodge member or contact the Lodge secretary at 705-869-6703

YOUR PICTURES ARE NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District newsletter needs pictures and articles about Masons, Lodges, Masonic Family, and Community events. The editor will gladly add your name as guest columnist or photographer to the article. Consider bringing a digital camera to your next lodge meeting and take some photos that can be included in the newsletter. Then email your photos along with it's information (*Please include names*) to R.W. Bro. Allan Burns atburns@persona.ca I will make sure to add your article and photo in the next edition.



Elliot Lake Lodge No.698

*Celebrates their 50th Anniversary
Saturday, October 10th 2009
Lodge Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.*



*The Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels
The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario
along with many Grand Lodge Officers
will be at the meeting.*



*Take the short drive to Elliot Lake
and join us for our celebration*



Algoma East District



*Cordially invites you and your lady
to attend a reception in honour of*

*Most Worshipful Brother
Raymond S. J. Daniels
Grand Master*

*The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario*



Saturday, October 10, 2009

*Collins Hall, Hillside Drive
Elliot Lake, Ontario*

Cost \$40.00 per person

Social Hour: 5:30 – 6:30

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

*For Tickets contact: Robert (Bob) Prout
Phone (705) 848-9363 or Email rprout@onlink.net*

*Accommodation and special rates available at the Algo Inn
292 Ontario St., Elliot Lake, ON
(705) 461-9251*