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From the District Deputy Brethren, the following states the Grand Master's theme for 2009-2011.

**Get Knowledge; Get Wisdom; but with all thy getting, Get UNDERSTANDING**

We claim to distinguish ourselves as "Free and Accepted, or Speculative Masons." In other words, we are 'thinking' men, given to reflection upon and contemplation of the eternal verities embodied in our ancient ritual as we seek Truth. In this sense, we are Philosophers, a term coined by the learned Pythagoras which he defined as 'lovers of wisdom.'

The essence of Masonic philosophy is best expressed in the lesson of the Ashlars that we are charged "to moralize on." Freemasonry sets out a five-stage curriculum of Self-discipline: 1) self-examination, 2) self-discovery, 3) self-analysis, 4) self-realization, 5) self-fulfillment. This is how a good man strives to make himself a better man – a better citizen, a better family man, a better colleague, and a better workman. We can never forget that every Freemason is someone's living definition of Freemasonry. Let us therefore resolve to act as "the dictates of right reason prompt us" at all times and in all places.

**Raymond S. J. Daniels**  
Grand Master

In addition to the theme for his term, the Grand Master has asked the Board of General Purposes and by extension our District and Lodge Committees to emphasize the following priorities as encompassed within the strategic plan for Grand Lodge:

- improve Masonic Learning Opportunities
- focus heavily on Communications
- raise the Bar in our Rites and Ceremonies.

I hope to see many of you this month, as it is my intention to visit each Lodge during September. Unfortunately, Nickel and Espanola Lodge hold their meetings on the same evening so it will not be until Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, that I am able to attend their service.

In closing, I would ask that you reflect upon the Grand Master's words as we start our Masonic year together. Each Lodge should then prepare a plan, which emphasizes the Grand Master's priorities.

Fraternally

R.W. Bro. Roy J. Eaton

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District Deputy Grand Master

Sudbury-Manitoulin District



## Passed To The Grand Lodge Above



**Bro. Stanley Scarr**

National Lodge No. 588

**Bro. Douglas Ball**

North Bay Lodge No. 617

Past Grand Superintendent

St. John's Chapter No. 103 R.A.M.

**WE CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
IN OUR HEARTS**

**Sick and Visiting**

**W. Bro. Paul Seelig**

National Lodge No. 588

**Bro. Al Grigor**

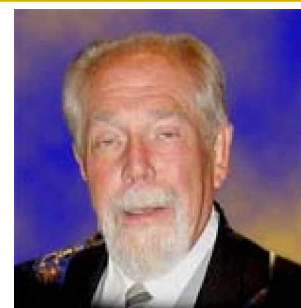
Bethel Lodge No. 699

**We wish them well and pray  
for their full recovery**



## ***Give Them a Reason for Coming to Lodge, ....and Masons Will Be There!***

As we move steadily through the last weeks of August, the hours of daylight begin slowly but surely to shorten and the evenings grow perceptibly cooler; the first faint tinges of autumn colour begin to appear along the roadsides; ads for back to school sales appear in the papers; and our thoughts turn to the resumption of regular Masonic activities. The new District Deputy Grand Masters call their District Meetings to share with their Masters and Wardens their goals and aspirations for the coming year. While most lodges observe a two-month summer recess, there are special meetings – Summer Visitors' Night in Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge, and Grand Lodge Officers' Night in Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale, have become annual traditions in late summer. Many family picnics, BBQs and pork roasts provide enjoyable opportunities to celebrate the social virtues. But, above all, there is the eager anticipation of going back to Lodge to again enjoy the fraternal affection of our brethren.



**M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels  
Grand Master**

### ***JAVA GUILD AT BELROCK EVERY TUESDAY***



***COME FOR COFFEE –  
STAY FOR LUNCH***

What promise will the new Masonic year hold in your Lodge? Will the lodge receive several petitions from serious minded young men searching for and hoping to find 'something' in Freemasonry that they have been unable to find elsewhere in life? Will there be interesting and informative learning opportunities that will increase the Masonic knowledge and understanding for both the neophyte and the veteran? Has the Worshipful Master planned 'special' events to make every meeting one not to be missed – a visiting degree team, Past Masters' night, a lodge of discussion, step-up night for junior officers? What community involvement will raise the positive public awareness of Freemasonry in the local community? Will the lodge celebrate a significant anniversary – 50, 100, 125, or perhaps 150 years of continuous service, providing inspiration from the past to move forward into the future and perpetuate the legacy? Simply stated, as one member said: "Give me a reason for coming to lodge, and I will be there!"

### **What makes a "Good Lodge?" How do we measure success?**

**Here is a checklist that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta suggested**

*(see Fraternal Reviews, Grand Lodge Preliminary Reports, 2009):*

- Strong attitude;
- Good ritual;
- Sound finance;
- Social events
- Mentor and Education;
- Open house/public awareness.

Enthusiasm is catching. When visiting the Grand Lodge of New Jersey my attention was caught by the slogan that some of the brethren were sporting on tee shirts.

***FREEMASONRY – Love It; Talk It; Live It!***

May the Great Architect prosper the work of your lodge and crown all your Masonic activities with success.

Raymond S. J. Daniels

Grand Master

15 August 2009



# FRIENDSHIP LODGE GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Doug and Sharon Bracken - winner of low gross for couples**

**By V.W. Bro. Clair Bracken**  
The rain held off until late afternoon and our golfers enjoyed a fun round of golf with weather conditions that gave us one of our better days this summer. Congratulations to David Hebert who came in with the Men's low gross for the day.



**Rob Lipic - winner of men's longest drive**



**Trevor Bracken, David Hebert, Roy Eaton, Ryan Lipic [an awesome foursome]**



**Jean Ethier [Bob Gordon's sister] winner of ladies longest drive**



**David Kennedy, winner of men's closest to the hole**



**David Hebert, winner of men's low gross**



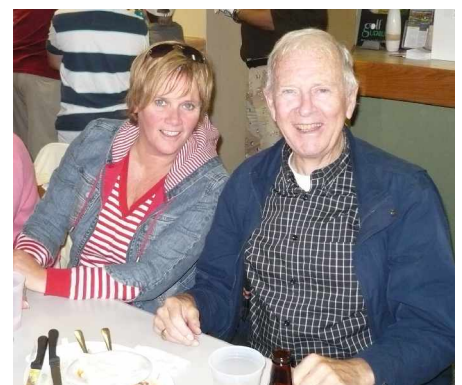
**Lori Brown, winner of the ladies closest to the hole**



**Nick Menican, Jim Thomson, Harold Saville discuss who should get the biggest piece of cake**



**Shelly and David Kennedy**



**Bob and Ardeth Gordon**



**Dorothy and Robert Lewis**



# PROVIDENCE BAY FAIR

Attending the Providence Bay Fair has been a part of the Sudbury Shrine Club summer events for many years. The day starts with a parade down the main street to the fair grounds. W. Bro. Morris Keller and his wife Wilhamine along with the Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club invited Shriners, Masons and their families to some Island hospitality at their home following the parade.



Bess and Bob Bryson



Betty Ann and Robert Dixon



Course a party isn't a party without some picking and a grinning so the Hillbilly Ramblers showed up for a sing-a-long.



George and Margaret Chambers



Janet and Stan Fenton



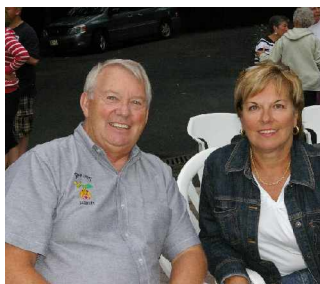
Eva & Wah Chung



Singing along with the band



There was plenty of food for everyone to sample. Above we see Shine Nobles Rick Belton and Dave Sykes checking out the abundance of seafood.



Ed & Jocelyn Patton



Sandy & Gord Fraser



## Belrock Apartment

845 Regent St  
Sudbury, Ontario P3E 3Y7

The Belrock Masonic Centre provides 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** Home 1-705-560-8224 Cell 1-705-691-7790

**Robert Storie** Home 1-705-523-0274 Cell 1-705-626-1822

**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 8, 2009** – R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton, D.D.G.M. will make a fraternal visit to his mother lodge. Mr. Michael Wall will be initiated into Freemasonry.

**Friendship Lodge: Wednesday, September 9, 2009** – Mr. Anthony Biro to be initiated into Freemasonry.

**Bethel Lodge: Friday, September 11, 2009** – R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie will Chair a Past Masters night for the Passing of Bro. Scott Booker to the Fellowcraft degree.

**Algonquin Lodge: Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

Mr. Kyle Bryson Gray the grandson of R.W. Bro. Alex Gray will be initiated into Freemasonry.

**Friendship Lodge Emerg. meeting: Wednesday, September 23, 2009** Bro. Ryan Lipic will be Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

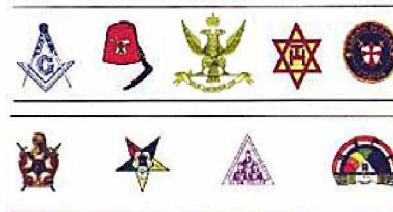
**Reception and Dinner for the District Deputy Grand Master: Friday, September 25, 2009** The Masters & Wardens Association will be holding a reception and Dinner for R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton at the Belrock Masonic Centre banquet room. Cocktails at 5:00 pm and dinner served at 6:00 pm sharp. Tickets available from Lodge Secretaries or Junior Warden.

**Sudbury Lodge Emerg. meeting: Monday, September 28, 2009** Bro. Matthew Faux will be Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

**Algonquin Lodge Emerg. meeting: Tuesday, September 29, 2009** Mr. Jeb Brown will be initiated into Freemasonry.

### 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)*

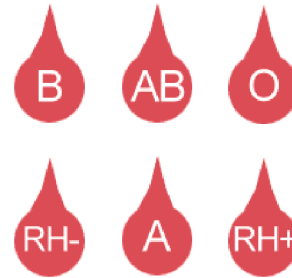


# Sudbury-Manitoulin District



Masonic blood donations in our District have reached 69 units for this year.

## 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!!!**

### MASONIC BLOOD DONOR MILESTONES

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF LIFE

Name	Lodge	Status	Donations
Bro. Jack Legge	Nickel Lodge No. 427	Mason	470
R.W. Bro. Robert J. Fleming	Nickel Lodge No. 427	Mason	268
W. Bro. George Nichols	Nickel Lodge No. 427	Mason	54
W. Bro. Greg Newson	Nickel Lodge No. 427	Mason	53
Bro. William L. Boach	Nickel Lodge No. 427	Mason	127
W. Bro. Robert Paxton	Doric Lodge No. 455	Mason	140
W. Bro. Gordon Fraser	Espanola Lodge No. 527	Mason	1
Bro. Bill Evanochko	Algonquin Lodge No. 536	Mason	382
W. Bro. Alan Hill	Sudbury Lodge No. 658	Mason	131
W. Bro. Ray Barlow	Friendship Lodge No. 691	Mason	60+
Bro. Blaine Parrington	Friendship Lodge No. 691	Mason	50+
Bro. Tom Christiansen	Bethel Lodge No. 699	Mason	210

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

**YOUR PICTURES ARE NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER**



# *Mattawa Lodge No.405*



## **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

*Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2009*

*Lodge will open in full form at 2:00 p.m.*

*183 First Ave. W. North Bay, ON*

*Social Hour – 5:30 p.m. at the Shrine Club*

*Roast Beef Dinner – 6:30 p.m. at the Shrine Club*



***R.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling***

***Deputy Grand Master***

*Will be in attendance for this event.*

*Come out and show your support for Mattawa Lodge,  
meet the Deputy Grand Master, and have a great dinner.*

*Tickets are available from any Mattawa Lodge member,*

*or call Bro. Steve Graham 472-7998,*

*Email [stivg@sympatico.ca](mailto:stivg@sympatico.ca)*



# *Elliot Lake Lodge No.698*

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

*Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rprout@onlink.net)*

*Accommodation and special rates available at the Algo Inn*

*292 Ontario St., Elliot Lake, ON*

*(705) 461-9251*