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From the District Deputy

Congratulations to Bro Robert Bryson on been awarded the William Mercer Wilson Medal An honour well deserved.

I would like to thank all of the lodges for their **Telethon Donation** also to Java Guild for stepping up with a donation to top off the amount Great job,



December is upon us. For those of us who are of Christian belief it is a time of remembrance of our Saviour's birth, his life and his teachings. In today's busy world we may forget to remember those less fortunate. Open your hearts to all mankind. Rejoice in the season celebrating His birth. Take time to rejoice in his Holy Name.

On behave of myself and my wife Peggy wish all the Brethren and their Families in the District a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year
Fraternally yours,
A. W. Stonier
D.D.G.M.

Passed To The Grand Lodge Above



W. Bro. Terrence Brouse

Espanola Lodge No. 527

Bro. Stanley Wilson

Algonquin Lodge No. 536

W. Bro. Paul Seelig

National Lodge No. 588

R.W. Bro. Aaron Orr

Composite Lodge No. 667

Hamilton District 'B'

WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

Sick and Visiting

Bro. Mike Muzia

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

Bro. Herb Lindsay

National Lodge No. 588

Bro. John E. Purchase

Muskoka Lodge No. 360

We wish them well and pray for their full recovery

CURLING ... REMAINS PROUDLY STEROID-FREE



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Watch The Video

R.W. Bro. Allan Burns
Editor

Important Dates For December



Espanola Lodge No. 536 – D.D.G.M. Official Visit, Wednesday December 1st 2010. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

National Lodge No. 588 – D.D.G.M. Official Visit, Tuesday December 7th 2010 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.

District Blood Donor Clinic – all week December 27 to 31.

Plan To Attend



Third Annual Veterans' Appreciation Night

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District held their third annual Veterans' Appreciation night Friday, November 5th 2010 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.

Friendship Lodge No. 691 acted as Host Lodge for the evening, which began with dinner in the banquet room followed with a very moving presentation from guest speaker Dr. Ray Wiss author of F.O.B. Doc. The brethren and guests then entered the lodge room for the remembrance ceremony.



R.W. Bro. Albert Stonier D.D.G.M. met with some of the honoured guests during the dinner.



Honorary Lieutenant Colonel George Bury at 96 years of age carries the flag of Canada



Honoured guests assemble in the East for a picture.



Captain Ray Wiss Forces's mission in Afghanistan

was an example of a very rare thing: a moral war. He therefore re-enlisted with the Canadian Forces for the express purpose of supporting the Afghan mission.

Dr. Wiss, now Captain Wiss, arrived in Afghanistan in early November of 2007. He quickly integrated himself into the medical team, who had been unaware to that point about his former service in the combat arms. Upon learning of this, they asked him if he would be willing to undertake a much more dangerous mission than the one to which he had originally been assigned: to serve at the Forward Operating Bases where the fighting takes place. Captain Wiss agreed to do so, and ended up spending more time in the combat area than any other physician since the Afghan mission began.

[FOB Doc: A Doctor on the Front Lines in Afghanistan](#) is a formal publication of the diary Captain Wiss kept during his time in Afghanistan.

Since returning from Afghanistan, Dr. Wiss has continued to teach nationally and internationally, and re-joined the team at the Sudbury Regional Hospital Emergency Department. He lives in Sudbury with his wife and their daughter.

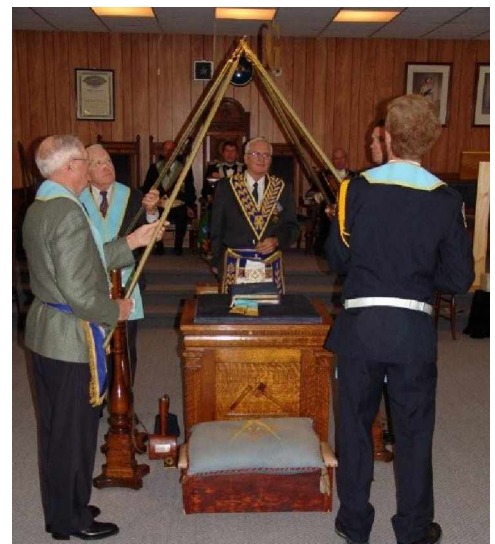


Veterans assemble in the West for the Ceremony of Remembrance



Doric Lodge No. 455 Veterans' Appreciation Night

W. Bro. Al Wright of Doric Lodge No. 455 in Little Current held their fifth annual Veterans' Appreciation night on November 9th 2010 with a special Open Lodge that permitted the public to attend. The first Veterans' Appreciation night held in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District happened on November 8th 2005.



R.W. Bro. John Hodder conducts the Rose Ceremony honouring those soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for our country and us

All ages attended the evening



Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 Official Visit

R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier attended his Official Visit to Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 on Thursday, November 11th 2010.



(L-R) R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier – R.W. Bro. Peter Gordon (*unexpected candidate for the evening*) – W. Bro. David Parker

In keeping with Island hospitality the brethren enjoy a fine dinner before the meeting.



The photo above shows W. Bro. Aaron Wright, W. Bro. Clive Stephenson, District Secretary and V.W. Bro. Allan Sweetman share a few laughs after the meal.



WILLIAM MERCER WILSON AWARD

On Monday, November 15th 2010 the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels visited Sudbury Lodge No. 658 to present Bro. Robert Gordon Bryson with the William Mercer Wilson Award for Meritorious Service. The award which is named after the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario is presented to a Mason who has served his Lodge, the Craft and the community for many years. Once the lodge had completed its regular business and had closed the guests were invited to enter and witness the presentation of the William Mercer Wilson award.



Bro. Marvin Firth, William Mercer Wilson Award recipient and member of Nickel Lodge No. 427 congratulates Bro. Robert Bryson on his award.

The Grand Master explained the award is presented to only a few Masons each year and the selection must be by a unanimous vote of a panel of three past Grand Masters who review the nominations separately and cast their vote without consulting the other panel members. Awards can be made only to those who will not, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, have any possible chance of becoming Worshipful Masters or Past Masters.



Family and friends were on hand to see Bro. Bryson receive his medal from the Grand Master and then enjoy a fine meal after the meeting.



M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels thanks Mrs. Bess Bryson for supporting him in his love for Freemasonry



(Front row L-R) M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels, Grand Master – Bro. Robert Bryson – Mrs. Bess Bryson – W. Bro. Jeffery Cartman, Worshipful Master – R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier D.D.G.M. – R.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, Deputy Grand Master

(Middle row) W. Bro. Barry Tooley – Bro. Gary Bate – R.W. Bro. Waldo Gundrum – W. Bro. Rod Junkila – V.W. Bro. J. Ross Dixon

(Back Row) W. Bro. Alan Hill – Bro. Gordon Campbell – W. Bro. Alan Lloyd – Bro. Reg Daigle – Bro. Mark Lanthier – Bro. Stan Waltenbury



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Friendship Lodge No. 691

It was a special evening for R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon as he assumed the Junior Deacon's chair and escorted his son William Gordon through the Entered Apprentice Degree.



(L-R) R.W. Bro. J. David Innes – Bro. Nick Menican – W. Bro. Sam Khoury – Bro. William David Gordon – R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon – R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming

Algonquin Lodge No. 536

Congratulations to Bro. Michael Stopar on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Freemasonry on Tuesday, November 16th 2010.



(L-R) V.W. Bro. J.E. Gamble, sponsor – Bro. Michael Stopar – W. Bro. W. Thompson W.M. – Bro. W. Evenochko, sponsor

Newest father and son members



Nickel Lodge No. 427

Congratulations to Bro. John Mason on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Wednesday, November 3rd 2010.



W. Bro. David Kennedy, sponsor & Bro. John Mason

Bethel Lodge No. 699

Congratulations to Bro. Mandy Brian Gervais on his Initiation into Freemasonry on Friday, November 12th 2010.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

Congratulations to Bro. David Spencer and Bro. Christopher Purvis on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason during an Emergent meeting held on Tuesday, November 22nd 2010.



(L-R) Bro. David Spencer – W. Bro. Gerry Hill – W. Bro. Jeff Cartman – Bro. Gary Bate – Bro. Christopher Purvis

Espanola Lodge No. 527 – congratulations to Bro. Sanjit Chopra on his initiation into Freemasonry on Wednesday, October 6th 2010.



Penewobikong Lodge No. 487 – Blind River Ont.

Congratulations to Bro. Ricardo Cervi on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Monday November 9th 2010



Back Row L - R: W.Bro. John Stewart, R.W.Bro. Paul Astles, W.Bro. Pat Fortino, Bro. Mike Young, Bro. Martin Graham, Bro. Bernhard Weisner, W.Bro. Larry Brisbois
Front Row L – R: W.Bro. Tom Peregrine, W.Bro. Brian Olson, Bro. Scott Sine – Jr Warden, W.Bro. John Thomas – Master of the Lodge - Bro. Ricardo Cervi – Third Degree, R.W.Bro. Alex Solomon – Sr. Warden, V.W.Bro. Frank Graham.



JAVA GUILD AT BELROCK EVERY TUESDAY



**COME FOR COFFEE
STAY FOR LUNCH**



Concordant News & Views

ESPANOLA CHAPTER NO. 257 R.A.M.

Espanola Chapter No. 257 conducted a double Mark Master Mason degree for Bro's Micheal McBean (on the left of the photo) and Larry Brisbois on Tuesday, November 16th 2010.

The Mark Master Mason degree was under the direction of Excellent Third Principal, Ex. Comp Jim Gies and his cast.



R. Ex. Comp. Henry Handsley received an Award of Merit in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Royal Arch Masonry as Secretary of Espanola Chapter R.A.M. No. 257 for the years 2005-2010.



TUSCAN CHAPTER NO. 95 R.A.M.

Tuscan Chapter No. 95 R.A.M. conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree for Companions Brian Stoddard and Sam Khoury both members of Friendship Lodge No. 691 on Thursday, November 18th 2010 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.



ELAM COUNCIL No. 5 ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Elam Council No. 5 Order of the High Priesthood held their regular assembly on Saturday, November 13th 2010 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.

The Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the high priest, Melchizedek, King Salem. It is called *Anno Benedictonis* (A.B.) - "In the year of Blessing" and adds 1913 to the common time. Therefore the year 2001 becomes 3914.

The Grand Council Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario is a part of York Rite Masonry and membership is open to any First Principal or Past First Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter.



(Front Row L-R) M. Ex. High Priest Michel Sastre, Past Grand President – Ex. H. P. Allan P. Sweetman – Ex. H. P. Gordon V.G. McEwen, President Elam Council No. 5 – M. Ex. High Priest William McKnight, Past Grand President – R. Ex. H. P. Andrew McLelland, Grand Chaplain (Back row) Ex. H.P. Norm McComb – Ex. H.P. Henry Handsley – Ex. H. P. Ken Pierce – Ex. H.P. Paavo Liukko

Ex. High Priest Recorder John E. Gamble will be happy to answer any questions you may have about Elam Council No. 5 and the Order of the High Priesthood.

EXCALIBUR YORK RITE COLLEGE No. 101



Excaltibur York Rite College No. 101 received the Grand Governor of Ontario R. Em. Dist. Bro. David P. Hardie to the Belrock Masonic Centre on Saturday, November 20th 2010 for his Official Visit.



New knights Jacques Lacourse, Paul Forbes and Joe Rankin



Concordant News & Views



Alpha Council No. 23 R.S.M. Cryptic Rite

Received the Grand Master of Ontario, M. Ill. Comp. F. Douglas Draker on Saturday, November 20th 2010 for his Official Visit.



(L-R) M. Ill. Comp. Bryon Cunningham – M. Ill. Comp. F. Douglas Draker – T. Ill. Comp. Clive Stephenson T.I.M. – M. Ill. Comp. David P. Hardie

Nipissing Lodge No. 20 Royal Ark Mariners



This degree is based upon the story of Noah and his ark. The presiding officer of a Royal Ark Mariner lodge, the Commander, represents Noah, and the Senior and Junior Warden his sons Shem and Japheth. The ritual emphasizes the cardinal virtues, using the triangle and the working tools with which Noah built the ark - axe, saw, and auger - to point the moral lesson.

The principal emblems of the degree are the triangle, rainbow, and a dove with an olive branch in its beak. The earliest record of the degree being worked comes in Bath in 1790. Today in our Jurisdiction, Royal Ark Mariner lodges are "moored" to most Councils – due to the long distances between Councils Select Masters who receive the Royal Ark Mariner Degree may then wear the "Rainbow" jewel.

Ark Mariners degree was conferred on Brothers Willi Glehs, Paul Forbes and Jim Angus on Saturday, November, 20th 2010



MAVAR PRECEPTORY No. 65



(L-R) R. Em. Kt. Richard McCutcheon P.G.P. – Em. Kt. Allan Burns, Preceptor – Em. Kt. Stephen Koivisto, District Secretary



Knights Templar

Mavar Preceptory No. 65 received R. Em. Kt. Richard McCutcheon, Provincial Grand Prior on his Official Visit on Thursday, November 25th 2010.

Knights of Mavar Preceptory assemble in Templar Mantles and full dress.



Past Preceptors assemble in dress uniform without mantle.





Knights of the York Cross of Honour

Saturday November 13, 2010 was an auspicious day for the York Rite in Northern Ontario. On this day Northern Priory No. 84 was inaugurated as the newest Priory of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour. The charter was presented by Very Eminent Steven Wing, personal representative of the Grand Master General during a ceremony held at the Belrock Masonic Centre.



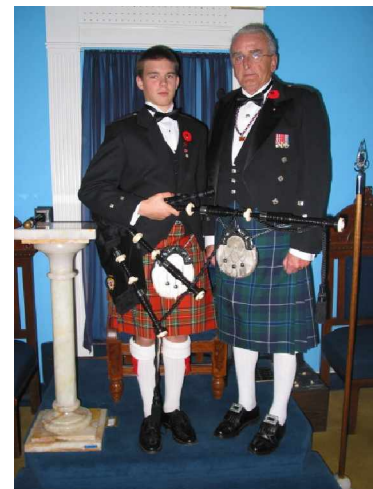
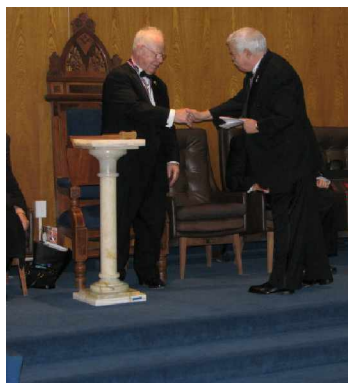
Members of the new Northern Priory No. 84 with guests

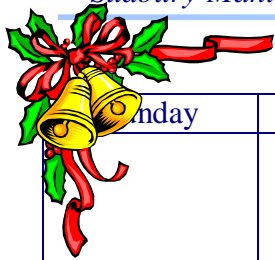
The Order was formed in Monroe, North Carolina on March 13, 1930. On June 6, 1930 the Convent General of the United States of America was formed to administer the Order.

Requirements for membership are that each proposed candidate for membership must have presided over a Lodge as a Master, over a Chapter as First Principal, over a Council as Thrice Illustrious Master and over a Preceptory as Presiding Preceptor.

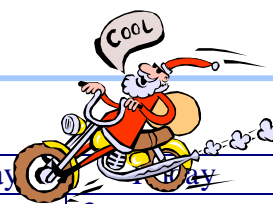
Knights of the York Cross of Honour is a Honour Group of York Rite Masons who are dedicated to serving the Masonic Fraternity as a Labour of Love.

No individual should aspire to membership in KYCH. When he has done the required work, and done it well, he will be invited to membership.





DECEMBER 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1. NICKEL LODGE NOTE: Meeting moved to Dec. 11th <hr/> ESPANOLA LODGE D.D.G.M. Official Visit	2. SHRINE CLUB  Regular Meeting And Elections R.C.L.Branch 76 Minnow Lake		3. SUDBURY LODGE ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY	4. Hillbilly Clan 46 Outhouse No. 2 Christmas Party ESPANOLA R.A.M. Installation
5.	6. JAVA GUILD Christmas Fantasy Dinner & Social Cocktails - 6pm Dinner - 7pm	7. NATIONAL LODGE D.D.G.M. Official Visit	8. FRIENDSHIP LODGE	9. GORE BAY LODGE Masonic Ed. 	10.	11. Shrine Club Penny Farthing Christmas Party NICKEL LODGE Annual Memorial Service 1:00 pm	
12	13. SUDBURY LODGE 1st Degree	14. Java Guild Christmas Lunch  DORIC LODGE Shrine Degree Team	15.	16. Tuscan Chapter  R.A.M. Elections	17.	18.	
19.	20.	21. ALGONQUIN LODGE No meeting ESPANOLA R.A.M. NO MEETING SCHEDULED	22.	23.	24.  	25.  Christmas Day	
26.  Boxing Day	27.  Masonic Blood Donor Clinic all week	28.  Masonic Blood Donor Clinic all week	29.  Masonic Blood Donor Clinic all week	30.  Masonic Blood Donor Clinic all week	31. New Year's Eve 		



V. W. Brother John Edmund Gamble

Algonquin Lodge No. 536

Biography Of A Man Born To Be A Mason

by W. Bro. Garry L. West



V.W. Bro. J. E. Gamble

John Gamble was born May 20, 1939, which his mother used to remind him, was the day the Queen came to visit Sudbury. John has been married to his wife Beverley (her family name is Wright) for forty-six years and they have two children, Brent and Jean. They have two grandchildren, Angel (21 years old) and Joshua (18 years old).

John attended Central Public School, then Prince Charles (now Ecole Vanier) and finished at Sudbury High School. He feels it is a bit ironic that the site of the Sudbury Arena is exactly where his old school was situated. His school days were highlighted by the winter of 1946-46 when the snow was so deep he had to sit on the shoulders of one of the senior students in order to see over the snow that had accumulated.

He and his wife are members of St. Andrew's United Church for 46 years. John has served as Church Council Secretary for 16 Years and also Director and Secretary of the Board of Directors of St. Andrew's Place (The First Multipurpose Seniors and Church Complex of its kind in Canada) for fifteen years and still in that position.

John started his career working at the Cochrane Dunlop Retail Hardware in 1950. He then went to work at International Nickel (INCO) from 1958 to 1994 where he retired in 1994. He worked at the Sudbury Arena as After Hours Box Office Supervisor for 31 Years.

His Masonic career has been 50 years long with a very broad participation, where he has been involved in many bodies, which has offered a rich experience with most of our Members in this District and in the Province as a whole.

Masonry, for the Gambles, is a family affair. John's brothers Thomas and David are Masons as well. John said his father took him to the Temple in Copper Cliff where he was initiated into Algonquin Lodge #536 six months after his twenty-first birthday.



V.W. Bro. John Gamble with his brother Tommy at his 50th Masonic Anniversary Oct 2010

He was passed to the Second Degree, March 14, 1961 and Raised to the Third Degree May 30, 1961. Installed on June 13, 1995 as Worshipful Master of Algonquin Lodge #536 by the late R.W. Bro. Alex Gray. John was appointed lodge Chaplain in 1997 and served until 2005. W Bro. John Gamble has served as Assistant Secretary of Algonquin Lodge from 2005 until the present.

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He has completed the College of Freemasonry DDGM Course and served as District Secretary of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District 2005-06. He also served as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2006-07.

In 1961, John was advanced to the Mark Master Mason Degree in the Tuscan Chapter #95 and received Most Excellent Master and later, Exalted HRA Degree in the same Chapter. In 1986, he became First Principal and again in 1987. From 1990 to 2000 he was Scribe "E" for Tuscan Chapter #95. During 2000, John became Grand Superintendent of New Ontario District #15 and in 2001, he became Grand Representative to the State of Rhode Island and the Plantations (currently).

In 1980, John gained Membership in the Royal and Select Masters (Cryptic) and became a Royal Master of the Alpha Council #23 in Sudbury. In 1981, he became Select Master and later in 1981, Super Excellent Master and in 1990, Thrice Illustrious Master of Alpha Council #23; in 1993, Grand Steward of the Royal and Select Masters of Ontario. During 2000, he became Chaplain, a post he holds to this day. In 1996, he became the Grand Representative to the State of New Mexico (currently) and in 1998, Charter Member of Abitibi Council #28 in Iroquois Falls.

In 1999, John was Anointed, Consecrated, Set Aside in the Elam Council #5 of The Order Of The High Priesthood of Ontario in Espanola and was President of the Elam Council in 2006. Since 2008, John has been Recorder for Elam Council.

John was Initiated into the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge in 1982 (Nipissing Council #20 Sudbury) and in 1988 he became Worshipful Commander Noah of Nipissing Council #20. In 1990, he was awarded the Order of The Silver Trowel, Ontario Council.

John has been a Member of the Knights Templar (Sovereign Great Priory of Canada) since 1962, with the Order of the Red Cross and Malta Orders, Mavar Preceptory, #65 (Sudbury), Consecrated in 1962, Presiding Perceptor in 1971 and 1980, then Provincial Grand Prior of Algoma District #11 in 1985 and Chaplain for 15 years and is still currently in that post as well as Order of the Temple Novice and Consecration, Prior for 16 years and Installing Preceptor for 31 years..

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John is a Member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, where he was Knighted into Trent Priory #74, Peterborough, in 1997. He is also a Member of The York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He is a Charter Member of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America as Knight of York Excalibur College #101 (Sudbury). John is Secretary currently and has been since the College was Constituted. In 1992, he received the Distinguished Service Award.

John has been a Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, since 1990, Sudbury Lodge Of Perfection. Six months later, North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix, then Barrie Consistory for his 32nd Degree.

He was a Member of the Ramses Temple (Toronto) Shriners' (AAONMS) for 40 years and 38 years in the Order of the Eastern Star, Algoma Chapter #139. In 1981-82 he was Worthy Patron.

John's dedication to Masonry and all the many associated groups his is a member of is exemplified within this record quoted above. The posts he has taken on mostly show a willingness to be the hard worker who is often the glue, which holds the group together.



John & Bev Gamble

John did not indicate his chore that he performs regularly in all the Lodges as the Photographer who records almost every Installation and most Degrees for the Masters and Officers.

John has had a long history with the Sudbury Arena and before that at the Queen's Athletic Field so a lot of people recognize him from those days. Through the years, he has met a lot of celebrities, seen a lot of games with many teams, ice shows, circuses, rock shows, and rodeos. One rodeo that stands out in his mind is the one where he met

a Brahma bull up close and personal.

The bull had escaped his pen overnight and John was on a tour getting ready to close up. He was startled to say the least. John has a portrait that Vince Theriault did of him. He pictured John standing guard over the money at the Arena, with a sword in hand. He remembers fondly working with people like Joe Spence who reported the games at Queen's Athletic Field and Bill Keayes taking tickets at the Field. He worked for several years at the Sudbury Arena when Bob King was Manager.

Does anyone remember the "Silver Six" softball players? His memories of those days include riding to work with Cy McLeod, who was a local Police Officer back when John worked at Inco, in the back of his Police cruiser. He picked John up and dropped him off at work for a long while.

John has suffered for many years with problems with his legs swelling and causing a lot of pain. He is going for an appointment soon with a surgeon to see if there is something they can do to give him some relief and, hopefully, a cure. His wife suffers from severe arthritis and so they

are limited by the difficulty of a great deal of pain. This has not stopped John in his contribution to Masonry, which he still works at diligently.

John is an enthusiastic photographer and enjoys using his computer. He likes music and listens to music when he can.

Lodge secretaries make Lodges function efficiently, so that the Lodge masters can direct their Lodges with a minimum of difficulty. John has often served as Secretary in the various bodies related to Masonry and thereby has made it possible for those to function as they should.

My hope is that we can have a clearer understanding of the man who is often behind the scenes and whose participation facilitates ours.



Brethren: The Christmas Season is upon us and many Freemasons along with their families are preparing for the festivities. Family gatherings, decorations, fine foods, and gifts have become an intrinsic part of the holiday season for many people in our prosperous society. Let us also not forget the true significance of this season and how it is so very much a part of our belief in God. This is also a time for us to be mindful of those less fortunate. Consider extending the hand of charity further so everyone may enjoy Christmas.

Our part of the world is primarily of Christian descent however we are a part of a cultural melting pot and religious acceptance by everyone is essential for social order. Masons are men of faith although Freemasonry is not a religion or a substitute for religion. The belief in a Supreme Being is the cornerstone of Freemasonry and our guide to acceptance of men of all faith and good character. May you and your families enjoy the true meaning of this time of year and may we prove how love and tolerance for each other will defeat hatred and make the world a better place to live.

May God Bless You and May You Have a Very Merry Christmas.

Fraternally Yours,

R. W. Bro. Allan T. Burns

Niibaa' anami'egiizhigad & Aabita Biboo



Sudbury-Manitoulin District



Chairman, Bro. Mike Lalonde
Tel. 682-4662 email pudgylal@hotmail.com

What is the Provincial Masonic Donor Week?

Is a Masonic Blood Donor initiative started in Sudbury by R.W. Bro. Robert Fleming during his term as D.D.G.M. It is now part of our continuing partnership with the Canadian Blood Services through the Partners for Life programme.

During the week of December 27th to the 31st, Masons will be sponsoring donor clinics and encouraging new donors to participate.

This initiative to recruit 5 new donors from each District will be coordinated locally through your District Blood Donor Chairman Bro. Mike Lalonde and the Canadian Blood Services.

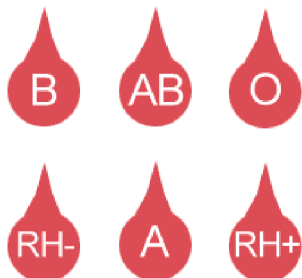
“Our goal is to have 5 first time donors from each District donate in the last week of December. Wouldn't it be great if 5 (new donors) X 44 (districts) = 220 (blood donations)

What a boost to the reservoir when, as you know, everyone is thinking about the festive season and not when the number of pints in the blood reserve gets dramatically very low.”

R W Bro Lloyd Hammell
Grand Lodge Blood Donor Committee

Partners
For Life

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!!!

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**

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



Calling All Masons

Since the early 1920's the Sudbury Shrine Club has served an essential part in the Sudbury and Manitoulin District providing children suffering from severe burns and orthopaedic disabilities opportunity for world-class treatment in their hometown or at the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In 2010 the Shriners gave the Sudbury Regional Hospital Children's Treatment Centre \$71,000.00 so that Botox treatment for children with Cerebral Palsy may continue locally. Botox relaxes the muscles in a child's spine permitting much needed physiotherapy treatment. Shriners also fund a quarterly outreach clinic at the Sudbury Children's Treatment Centre that brings an Orthopaedic Specialist and Nurse from the Montreal hospital to assess children in our district. Currently, the Sudbury Shrine Club is sponsoring several children who must travel to the Montreal Shriners Orthopaedic Hospital for their treatment. The Shriners pay all the expenses for the child and one adult escort to make this trip along with any expenses resulting from treatment.

The Sudbury Shrine Club's most important fundraising event takes place annually during the sale of our Shrine Christmas Cakes and Cookies in the local stores. Over the years many Masons and their wives have worked with the Shriners and their Ladies to sell our delicious cakes and cookies in locations in the Sudbury-Manitoulin district and inform the public about Shriners Hospitals and the treatment available for children.

Can you give a few hours of your time to help?

Nobles, Shrine Ladies, Masons and their wives and friends of Shriners who would like to help us sell our cakes are invited to contact the following sales captains.

 **New Sudbury Shopping Centre:** Noble Tom Newburn 522-3837

Nov. 29th to Dec. 5th and Dec. 20th to 24th

 **Real Canadian Superstore:** Noble Harley Allman 524-2145


Nov 13th to Dec. 8th

 **Southridge Mall:** Noble Chuck Searle 522-9639

Nov. 15th to Dec. 24th

 **South End Walmart:** Noble John McCowan 585-1461

Nov. 12th to December 12th

 **Espanola Mall:** Noble Jim Ramsey 869-3416

 **Little Current:** Noble Bruce Gordon 368-2167

 **Mindemoya:** Noble Peter Thureson 377-4897

 **Manitowaning:** Noble Wilfred Holmes 859-3792

 **Gore Bay:** Noble Willis Campbell 282-2046



Shriners International

Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. There are approximately 340,000 members from 193 temples (chapters) in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Republic of Panama.

Shriners International supports Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing paediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.



CHRISTMAS GREETING

*I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book
 And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look.
 And that is when I realize that these names are a part,
 Not of the book they're written in, but of my very heart.
 For each name stands for someone whose life touched
 mine, and then
 Left such a print of friendship that I want to touch again.
 And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
 I really feel I am composed of each remembered name.
 So while you may not be aware of any special link,
 Just meeting you has shaped my life much more than you
 can think.
 For once you've met somebody, the years cannot erase,
 The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
 So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere
 routine
 Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between.
 For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to
 you,
 It's because you're on that list of friends I am indebted
 to.
 For one is but a total of the many folks they've met,
 And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.
 So whether I have known you for many years or few,
 In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do.
 Now every year when Christmas comes I realize anew,
 The biggest gift that life can give is meeting folks like
 you.
 So may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures,
 Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.*



Hawewater Unit Ladies Night



The above photo of the Sudbury Shrine Club Hawewater Unit and their Ladies at the annual Hawewater Shrine Unit's Ladies Night, held at Rainbow Ridge Golf course in Manitowaning. The weather was terrific and a good time was had by all.

Doric Lodge Banquet Room Renovations



Gord Fraser and Ron Towns put up vapour barrier John Hodder and Roy Eaton install panelling
The brethren got together and made quick work to the banquet room renovations that included new walls, panelling and a ventilation system.



Bruce Gordon and Wally Moore frame while Keith Vary and Alan Wright panel behind them



Doug Slaght cleans up while Bruce Gordon makes sure every thing is on the level – John Hodder sets up the ventilation system



ESPANOLA LODGE No. 527

FUNSPIEL 2011

THIRTY-FIRST

ANNUAL

CURLING FUNSPIEL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011

DINNER, PRIZES AND A LOT OF LAUGHS

FOR MASONS AND FRIENDS

PROCEEDS TO THE ESPANOLA LODGE

HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY FUND

EARLY BIRD ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 PER PERSON

BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2011

ENTRY FEE INCREASES TO \$40.00 IN THE NEW YEAR

WHERE: ESPANOLA CURLING RINK ACROSS FROM THE LODGE

****FIRST PRIZE THE BOB WRIGHT MEMORIAL PLAQUE****

FIRST DRAW 9:00 A.M. FIRST 20 RINKS ACCEPTED

FREE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS IN THE MORNING

LUNCH AVAILABLE AT THE CURLING CLUB

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT AND FORM TO:

DOUG (*Hurry Hard*) BRACKEN

1011 River Road

Massey, Ontario P0P 1P0

OR CALL AND CONFIRM ENTRY WITH DOUG AT (705) 865-1284



NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	M/F	POSITION	CURLER	OR NOT



Ice Fishing Safety Tips

Let others know exactly where you are going and when you will return.

Before going onto a frozen lake, pond or river, it's important to take safety precautions to reduce the risk of falling through the ice.

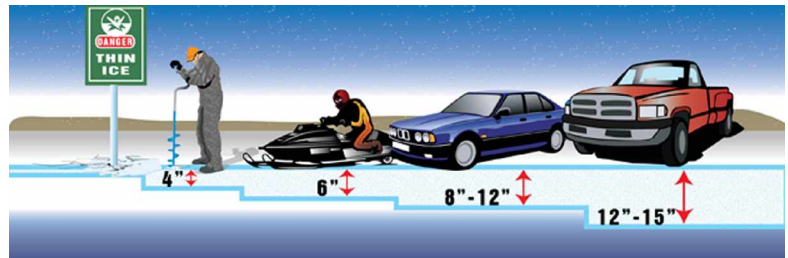
Snow cover acts as an insulator and slows down ice formation. Be cautious when ice is covered with snow early in the season and be suspicious of scattered snow patches on presumably safe ice.

Knowing how to judge ice conditions will also help you make more informed decisions while enjoying your outing. Look for clear blue ice. New ice is stronger than old ice. Remember you take a risk any time you go onto the ice. Ice thickness is not consistent. Beware of ice around partially submerged objects such as trees, brush, embankments or structures. Ice will not form as quickly where water is shallow or where objects may absorb sunlight.

When ice fishing, it is always a good idea to drill test holes or use an ice chisel as you venture onto a lake to help judge the thickness and character of the ice.

The general rule of thumb for ice:

- 2 inches or less - STAY OFF
- 4 inches of good ice for a walking individual
- 6 inches of good ice for a snowmobile or ATV
- 8-12 inches of good ice for a car or small pickup
- 12-15 inches of good ice for a medium pickup truck.



When on the ice attach a long cord to your sled. Not only does this make the sled easier to pull but should someone fall through the ice you can push the sled to them holding onto the line. Carry two picks - spikes protruding from wooden hand holds - to help pull your way out if you should fall in. If you should fall through the ice, once you spike your way out or are pulled out, don't stand - roll across the ice in the direction you came. Carry a floating seat cushion. It'll add to your seating comfort and give you something throw to someone fallen through.

Keep your auger covered. The blades are sharp, and can easily cut you, your dog or your children.

Spray vegetable oil on your auger and snowshoes. Snow won't stick and you won't cut yourself cleaning off the snow.

Wear creepers. Slip on, or spiked shoes will keep you from slipping and falling on the ice.

What if I fall in?

- Try not to panic.
- Turn toward the direction you came.
- The safest place to pull yourself back up is the last place you stepped before you went through the ice.
- Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface of the ice.
- Work your way up by kicking your feet.
- Use your ice picks to assist in pulling yourself onto the ice.
- Once you are lying on the ice, roll away from the weak or broken ice, don't attempt to stand up.

What if my buddy falls through thin ice

- Keep calm, have a plan. DO NOT RUN OUT TO ASSIST THE VICTIM. You can go from rescuer to victim in a short second.
- Reach the victim with a long pole, board, rope, extension cord, blanket, jumper cables ...
- Throw the victim a life jacket, empty water jug, or other buoyant object
- *Build a human chain in which rescuers lie on the ice with each person grasping the feet of the person in front.*
- *Once on the ice, roll away from the weak or broken ice, do not attempt to stand up.*

Treat hypothermia victim by removing wet clothing and replacing it with dry clothing. Get medical assistance - people who have been in cold water may seem fine at first but may suffer potential life threatening effects when the cold blood starts to circulate through the body from the extremities.

Always remembers this: Be extremely careful, "Ice testers are found in the spring"

Joe Ognibene



Sudbury Shrine Club

Ceremony of Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 15, 2011

Holliday Inn

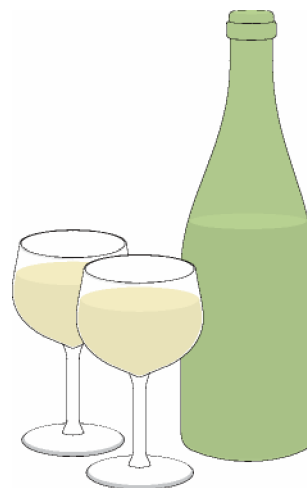
Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Installation of Officers to Follow



Dance to the sweet music of
Victor John



Tickets \$45 per person:

Contact : Chuck Searle 522-9639 grama@isys.ca

or call Sudbury Shrine Club Office 524-0335