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From the District Deputy

My Brethren:
As 2009 comes to a close, I wish to acknowledge the wonderful support the Masons of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District have given each other. This is especially evident with the visitations, which have taken place between lodges. The practice of visiting is one of the oldest customs of the Craft, dating back to the earliest days of Operative Masonry.



The special events like Bethel Lodge's 50th Anniversary, the Veterans' Appreciation Evening and lesser events like Official Visits have had great attendance. One such example, of the fellowship shown by district masons occurred on the occasion of my official visit to Gore Bay Lodge #472. Although the distance to travel is the farthest in our area, members from eight of our lodges were present to show their support and fellowship with their western brethren.

At our District meeting at Grand lodge in July, representatives from each lodge agreed to return to what was a tradition in our District, that of pulling names to see who they which lodge they would visit in 2009-2010. On January 5, Sudbury Lodge #658 will visit and put on a 1st Degree at National Lodge. In the coming months, we shall see a number of such visits, bringing us closer together as a family of Masons.



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In closing, I hope everyone experienced the beauty and joy of Christmas, Hanukah or whichever honoured event your faith observes. I extend best wishes for a New Year filled with Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and may you make visiting one of your special New Year Resolutions.

"Visiting" is undoubtedly a central pillar of Freemasonry. At the simplest level, it is the opportunity to share comradeship, to enjoy each other's company, and as we move from "labour to refreshment" to enjoy the society of the Festive Board. But of course, visiting another Lodge offers much more than this, it provides opportunities to exchange ideas, to achieve a better understanding of the ceremony, and to make a fuller, more complete sense of the ritual. Visiting reinforces those shared experiences that transcend the individual and his Lodge. Visiting helps serve as a guide, in our search for meaning and understanding within our Masonic journey."

From Godolphin Lodge No. 7790, Province of Cornwall, UGLE, England.

Sincerely and Fraternally
R.W. Bro. Roy J. Eaton
D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District

Sick and Visiting

- V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan**
National Lodge No. 588
 - W. Bro. Paul Seelig**
National Lodge No. 588
Very Ill at this time
 - Bro. Robert Bryson**
Sudbury Lodge No. 658
 - V.W. Bro. Don Maki**
Bethel Lodge No. 699
 - Bro. Al Grigor**
Bethel Lodge No. 699
- We wish them well and pray for their full recovery**

Espanola Funspiel



February 20th 2010
SEE PG. 19 FOR DETAILS



NOVEMBER OFFICIAL VISITS

NATIONAL LODGE NO. 588

R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton D.D.G.M. attended National Lodge No. 588 for his Official Visit on December 1st 2009. W. Bro. Allan Lloyd sat in for the ailing Worshipful Master, V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan.



(Front L-R) R.W. Bro. J.D. Bell M.O.B. – R.W. Bro. R.J. Eaton D.D.G.M. – W. Bro. A. Lloyd – W. Bro. Alan Wright, W.M. Doric Lodge – V. W. Bro. M. Fleming, Grand Steward
(Back) W. Bro. R. Junkila, W.M. Sudbury Lodge – W. Bro. B. Carter, W.M. Espanola Lodge – W. Bro. C. Gilpin, W.M. Bethel Lodge – W. Bro. A. Bowles, W.M. Algonquin Lodge.

National Lodge did not have an actual candidate for the work of the evening and in the spirit of brotherly love Bro. Adam Towes of Sudbury Lodge No. 658 came forward as candidate for a E.A.M. exemplification.



Bro. Adam Towes with National Lodge officers

District Secretary W. Bro. Keith Varey reviews National's books with W. Bro. Bryan Cunningham, lodge secretary.



ESPANOLA LODGE NO. 527

Bro. Paul Tymchuk of Espanola Lodge No. 527 on his Initiation on Wednesday, December 2nd 2009 during the Official Visit of R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton D.D.G.M.



W. Bro. B. Carter – Bro. P. Tymchuk – R.W. Bro. R. Eaton



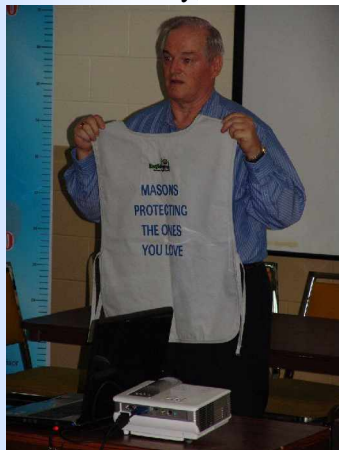
W. Bro. Brian Carter, W.M. of Espanola Lodge No. 527 presents R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton with an \$1,100.00 donation to the District MasoniChIP Project from his plumbing business. R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming PDDGM and project chairman accepts the generous donation with the District Deputy.



Past and current Grand Stewards in attendance



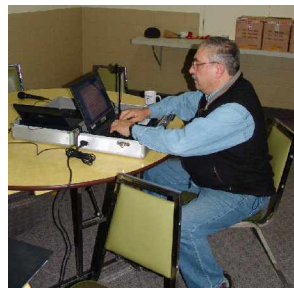
MasoniCh.I.P. Training Seminar: The MasoniChIP Child Identification Program took a major step forward in our District on Tuesday, December 15th 2009 with the first Information and Training session held at the Belrock Masonic Centre. A total of 34 Masons including the DDGMs from Algoma East and Parry Sound District attended the evening session. R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton, D.D.G.M. welcomed everyone and thanked them for their interest in our District Project. R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming then introduced R.W. Bro. Ray Dobbs, G.L. MasoniCh.I.P. Program Director and R.W. Bro. Dave Berry, Provincial Logistics coordinator and District coordinator for Oxford.



R.W. Bro. Ray Dobbs G.L. MasoniCh.I.P. Program Director displays volunteer vests

The MasoniChIP program was adopted as a District project in November and R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming the district Youth Initiatives chairman accepted the role of program director. Since that time he and the D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton have worked together to bring the program and training session to our district.

The Grand Lodge committee has provided us with the computer equipment needed at no cost. It will remain in our district as long as it is used.



Bro. Mike Lalonde of Nickel Lodge on the I.D. Computer enforcement agencies.

The nine district lodges have agreed to provide the funding for the identification kits. A kit has a cost of \$3.00 and provides a child's parents with a complete I.D. profile that is compatible with all law

enforcement agencies.



W. Bro. Sam Khoury provides a voice recording



When MASONiCh.I.P. goes wrong

What's in a MasoniCh.I.P. Kit?

When a child has a kit prepared, their parent or guardian will receive a printed colour data sheet with several ID card inserts, a CD-ROM storing all the digital information, and a sealed bag with the dental plate and cheek swab.

All this information is given to the parent or guardian. No information is ever stored by the MasoniCH.I.P. program.

Not the Mission Impossible Team – Just dedicated Masons who want to help parents keep their children safe.





CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

NICKEL LODGE NO. 427

Congratulations Bro. John Mason of Nickel Lodge No. 427 for your Initiation into Freemasonry on Wednesday, December 2nd 2009 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.



(L-R) Bro. Bernie Fransen – W. Bro. David Kennedy – Bro. John Mason E.A.M. – W. Bro. Brian Howe



In true Nickel Lodge tradition Bro. Mason cuts the cakes welcoming him as the newest lodge member.



Enjoying some good hearted fellowship after the meeting are: L-R W. Bro. Reijo Luoma – V.W. Bro. John Gilpin – W. Bro. Brian Howe and Bro. John Mason.



FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 691

Congratulations Bro. Ryan McNabb of Friendship Lodge No. 691 on being Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree during the annual Past Masters night on December 9th 2009. W. Bro. Sam Khoury sat in the Chair of King Solomon and directed his team of Past Masters for the evening.



(L-R) W. Bro. Sam Khoury – Bro. Kevin Pattison (Sponsor) – Bro. Ryan McNabb – W. Bro. Brian Post, Worshipful Master



Pictured with Bro. McNabb are his sponsors Br. Kevin Pattison and R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon who also was his Principal when he attended Churchill Public School. Not in photo is W. Bro. Ken Alexander of Nickel Lodge who was another of Bro. McNabb's teachers and present at the installation that evening.

**JAVA GUILD
EVERY TUESDAY
COME FOR COFFEE
STAY FOR LUNCH**



CONGRATULATIONS

BETHEL LODGE NO. 699

Congratulations Bro. Daniel Cluff of Bethel Lodge No. for proving his proficiency in the Master Mason degree on December 11th 2009.

DORIC LODGE NO. 455

Congratulations Bro. Joe Woodliffe of Doric Lodge No. 455 for your Initiation into Freemasonry on Tuesday, December 8th 2009 during the annual Past Masters night. W. Bro. Wally Moore and his cast of officers conducted the initiation for the evening.



(Front L-R) R.W. Bro. John Hodder – W. Bro. Wally Moore – Bro. Joe Woodliff (Middle) Bro. Arend van Vierzen – V.W. Bro. Bruce Gordon – W. Bro. Keith Varey – W. Bro. Rob Paxton – R.W. Bro. Ed Elcheshyn (Back) W. Bro. Rick Belton – W. Bro. Doug Slaght – W. Bro. Bob MacDonald – W. Bro. Larry Smith, District Secretary – V.W. Bro. Brian Martin

Visitors from Sudbury included R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming, W. Bro. Dave Kennedy and Brothers Mike Lalonde and John Mason (E.A.) from Nickel Lodge and Bro. David Spencer (E.A.) of Sudbury Lodge



Bro. Joe Woodliffe and visiting E.A. Masons



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Important January Dates



Jan. 1, 2010 – Sudbury Shrine Club New Year's Levee @ Minnow Lake Legion

Jan. 8, 2010 – Bethel Lodge Installation of Officers

Jan. 15, 2010 – Sudbury Shrine Club Installation of Officers @ Hellenic Centre

Jan. 19, 2010 – Algonquin Lodge DDGM Official Visit

Jan. 21, 2010 – Tuscan Chapter RAM Installation of Officers

Jan. 22, 2010 – Sudbury Lodge of Perfection regular meeting

Jan. 19, 2010 – Algonquin Lodge Emergent meeting

Jan. 28, 2010 – Mavar Preceptory Installation of Officers

ELLIOT LAKE CHAPTER NO. 324

Congratulations to Worthy Matron Shirley Prout and Worthy Patron Ken Pierce on their Installation for the 2009 - 2010 year.



Ken Pierce is currently D.D.G.M. of Algoma East District



Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron with newly installed officers





JAVA GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER 2009

There was a full house for the annual Java Guild Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 15th 2009 at the Belrock Masonic Centre. R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie and V.W. Bro. Bob Storie were turned loose in the newly renovated kitchen to create a masterpiece of culinary delights for the brethren. Dinner included the traditional turkey fair and desserts from around the world.

V.W. Bro. K.I. Jordan a founding member of the Java Guild has been quite ill lately; requiring much needed convalesces at his home. The brethren at the Java Guild and National Lodge have missed him dearly and pray for his recovery.



Bob Storie and Ed Rennie check what's cooking in the oven.



V.W. Bro. Al Sweetman – W. Bro. David Gamble & W. Bro. David Carscallen



Notably absent from his usual spot was V.W. Bro. Keith Jordon who has been quite ill. Bro. Peter Ramsey acted on his behalf.



A perfect assembly line served hot food to the hungry guests



The Brethren at Table No. 1 anxiously await the turkey dinner



A beautifully decorated hall helped create the perfect Christmas spirit



A good hot soup for a cold winter day



Bob Storie makes sure the desserts are ready to be served after the meal



Even the guys in the middle got their fill



The other fellows at Table No. 1 enjoy a few good stories before lunch





NORFOLK LODGE No. 10

It was a reunion of sorts for a number of 2005 Past Grand Lodge Officers who attended and participated in the Installation and Investiture of Officers at Norfolk Lodge No. 10 on December 8th 2009.

R.W. Bro. Joe Lewis PDDGM (Wilson South District 2005) asked M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson P.G.M. to be his Installing Master and to invite the Grand Lodge Officers from his year to participate in the Work.



The team consisted of M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, R.W. Bro. Eric Jensen, R.W. Bro. Bill Topp, R.W. Bro. Tom Forbes, R.W. Bro. Earl Burrell, R.W. Bro. Glen Cousins, R.W. Bro. David Cameron, R.W. Bro. Don Rumble, R.W. Bro. Tom Forbes, R.W. Bro. Geoff Bailey, R.W. Bro. Robert Keith, V.W. Bro. Mike Ikonomidis, R.W. Bro. David White, R.W. Bro. Neil Dolson, R.W. Bro. Allan Burns



Installing Master M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson P.G.M. 2005 congratulates the new Worshipful Master R.W. Bro. Joe Lewis.

During dinner M.W. Bro. Atkinson commented on being a member of Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 and how he was pleased to see someone from the Sudbury-Manitoulin District at the installation.

The Chair of King Solomon once belonged to M.W. Bro. W.M. Wilson when he sat as Norfolk County Judge.



Norfolk Lodge is located in Simcoe Ontario near the shores of Lake Erie. It is a very old lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction have been Instituted in 1818 it predates the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson our first Grand Master served as Worshipful Master of Norfolk Lodge in 1842.



LOOKING TOWARD THE EAST



Painting of M.W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson hangs with prominence in the West. An historic and priceless artefact belonging to the G.L.C.P.O. it is on permanent loan to Norfolk Lodge No. 10.



LIONS / CTV CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TELETHON

For over sixty years the LIONS International and local media have hosted the Children's Christmas Telethon on the first Saturday in December. The LIONS goal is to raise money so that families in need will have gifts for their children at Christmas time.

W. Bro. Sam Khoury from Friendship Lodge No. 691 is an active member of the LIONS and several years ago approached the nine lodges in our district for sponsorship. The Java Guild liked the idea so much they round off the lodge donations so the district can present a \$1,000 cheque to the organizers on telethon night. Since Freemasonry is not a service club or a fundraising group the lodge donations equate to a personal donation by every Mason in our district. This charity however truly brings relief and happiness to want and destitution.



W. Bro. Allen Bowles, Algonquin Lodge – W. Bro. Rodd Junkila, Sudbury Lodge – R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton D.D.G.M. – W. Bro. Brian Post, Friendship Lodge – R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming, Nickel Lodge – W. Bro. Cam Gilpin, Bethel Lodge – W. Bro. Brian Carter, Espanola Lodge taking call in pledges.



The Brethren present a \$1,000 cheque to the Children's Telethon from the Lodges and Java Guild.

W. Bro. Khoury (*in photo*) has also arranged for the Worshipful Master of each lodge or his designate to work the phone lines as the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons.

Pictured in the photo are brethren who gave their time on the Saturday evening and volunteered to work on the pledge lines. Their work helped to raise \$270,000 to help brighten Christmas for many children in North-Eastern Ontario.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010
Espanola Lodge
Bonspiel

Mark your calendar for
a great day of fun.
See page 19 for your
entry form.





ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER NEWS

By Robert South

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is the governing body over Eastern Star members world wide. In most jurisdictions such as Ontario, there is a Constitution for which the members are to adhere to, in that jurisdiction. Each Chapter; such as Algoma No. 139 in Sudbury (the largest in Ontario), forms their own set of By-Laws. There are a few Chapters that answer directly to the General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter meets every three years in a location chosen by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. It may take twelve or more years for the Lady who eventually becomes the M.W.G. Matron to achieve her office, as each office is for a three-year term. This is only achieved after she has served as a Worthy Grand Matron in her jurisdiction. She is expected to visit each jurisdiction during her term as M.W.G.M. These visits would include travel to such places as Australia, the Philippines, Scotland, Mexico, Germany, Italy and Ontario.

Besides the elected officers, there are appointed for the triennium, several other officers. For 2009-2012, Connie Woodward of Lily of the Valley Chapter in Orillia will hold the office of Worthy Grand Ruth. She is a Past Grand Matron of Ontario.



Bus load from Northern Ont. Visits The Arch in St. Louis



R.W. Bro. Ken Pierce & W. Bros. Jervis Weir and Ted Beynon with some friends

The Eastern Star world knew that Canadians were in Tulsa with the waving of the Maple Flag and cheers for our Canadian General Grand Chapter Officers. Two Past Grand Matrons and two Past Grand Patrons of Ontario were appointed to serve as General Grand Chapter Committee Members for a three-year term.



M.W.G.P. Fred W. Clarke escorts the M.W.G.M. Elect Barbara Browning-White

There has been at least one Most Worthy Grand Matron from Ontario - Sister Mabel Mackereth



Introduction of Worthy Grand Ruth Connie & Escort Roger Woodward

In late October and early November, approximately 5000 Eastern Star Members attended to 46th Triennium of the Assembly of General Grand Chapter in Tulsa Oklahoma. Some members flew and some travelled by automobile. Approximately 200 members from Ontario attended. Three bus loads from Ontario, including one from Sudbury travelled to Tulsa for a 12-day adventure.

There were 24 members from Algoma and approximately 6 members each from Fidelis Chapter in North Bay, Elliot Lake Chapter and Nokomis Chapter in Sault Ste. Marie and members from Spanish River Chapter in Little Current. These Chapters represent members from what is known as District 15 in Ontario.



M.W.G.M. Rennie Ofton - M.W.G.P. Fred W. Clarke

Rennie Ofton from San Antonio Texas is the current M.W.G.M. for the triennium 2009 - 2012, is Rennie Ofton from Texas.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron is elected to assist the M.W.G.M. He would be a Past Grand Patron from his jurisdiction. His progression through the offices may be a bit shorter by three years. For term 2009-2012, the M.W.G.P. is Bro. Fred Clarke from Nova Scotia / Prince Edward Island. He also happens to be a Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Clarke was appointed Worthy Grand Esther.



Bro. Colin & Lady Betty Cark sharing a bedroom with friends





BRO. JACK LEGGE HAS NO PROBLEM ROLLING UP HIS SLEEVE FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE

Bro. Jack Legge of Nickel Lodge No. 427 received a Grand Lodge Blood Donor Committee Award of Merit from R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming PDDGM for surpassing 250 Donations.



Masonic Blood Donor

Masons, their families, and friends can become Masonic Blood Donors. The Sudbury-Manitoulin District is "Partners for Life" with the Canadian Blood Services. Remember to sign the Masonic Register at the Cedar St. Centre when you give blood.

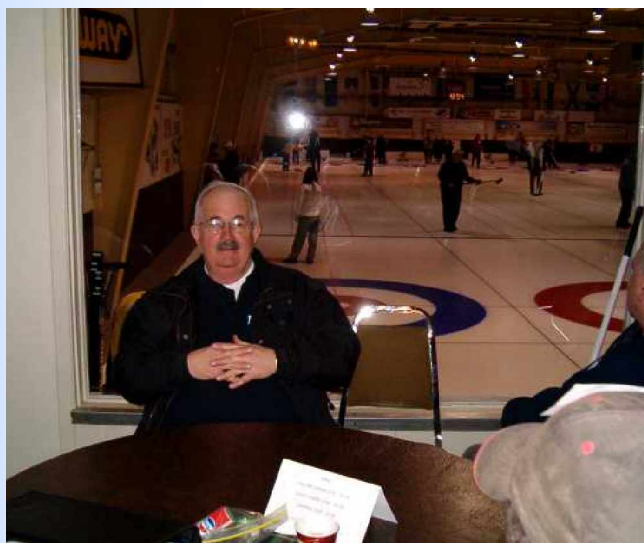


Bro. Legge is so dedicated to giving the gift of life the presentation to him took place at the Canadian Blood Services donation centre on Cedar St. in Sudbury during one of his recent donations. Congratulations Jack for your dedication and the lives you have helped.

Espanola Funspiel

February 20th 2010 is rapidly approaching and time for the annual Espanola Lodge Curling Funspiel in support of their High School Bursary fund.

Don't miss out on the fun!



Mixed Teams Are Welcome

Masons their spouses and friends are invited to a fun filled day of curling. The cost is \$30 per person with a special deal of \$60 per couple and includes curling fun, great food and prizes. Complete the entry form on the last page of this newsletter or call W. Bro. Doug Bracken 705-865-1284 to enter your team.





JANUARY 2010 *Courtesy of V.W. Bro. John E. Gamble*

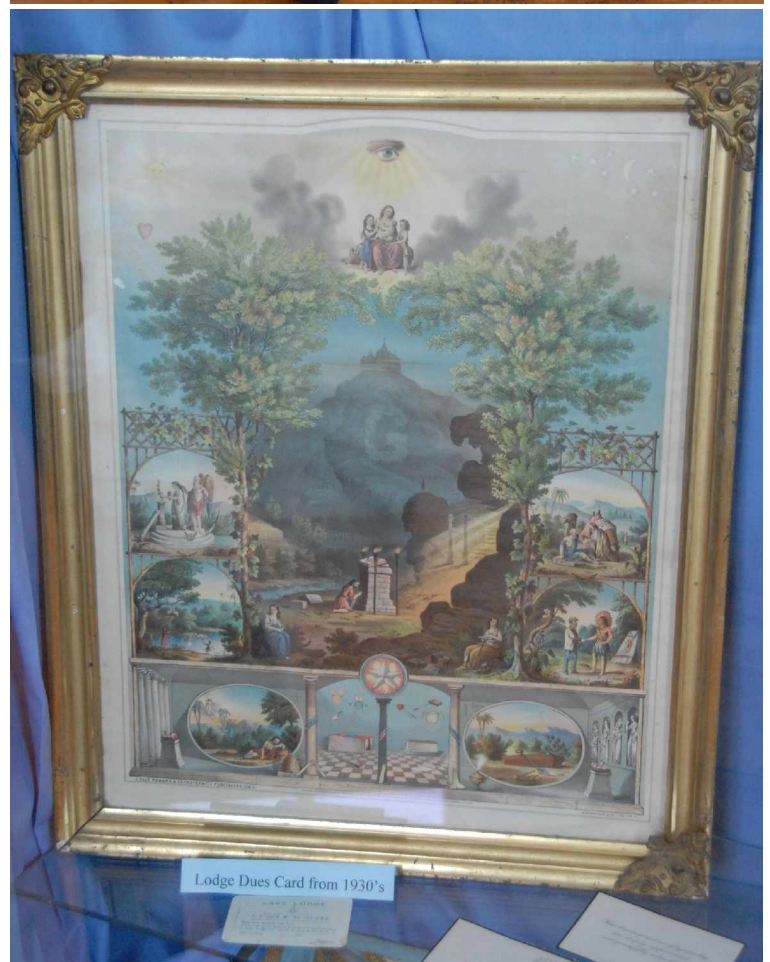
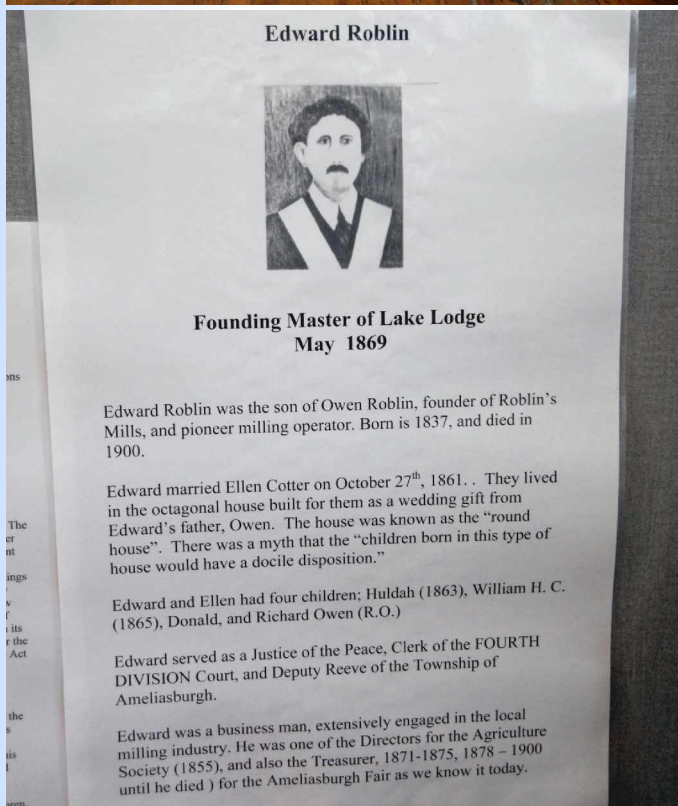
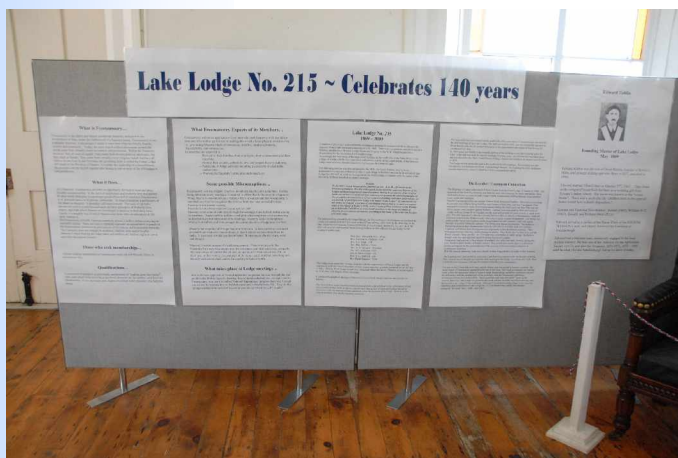
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>Java Guild</p>  <p>Every Tuesday Come for coffee Stay For Lunch</p>		<p><i>Enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends. Remember: Please Don't Drink and Drive</i></p>	<p>1.  Sudbury Shrine Club Branch 76 Legion Hall</p>	2.
3.	4.	<p>5. National Lodge (Reciprocal visit from Sudbury Lodge 1st Deg. Armand Charbonneau)</p>	<p>6. Nickel Lodge Masonic Ed. Espanola Lodge 1st Degree Ryan Bois</p>	7.	<p>8. Bethel Lodge Installation</p>	9.
10.	11.	<p>12. Doric Lodge Masonic Ed.</p>	<p>13. Friendship Lodge Elections</p>	<p>14. Gore Bay Lodge Masonic Ed. Algoma Chapter </p>	<p>15. Sudbury Club Shrine Installation  Hellenic Centre 486 Ester Rd.</p>	16.
17.	<p>18. Sudbury Lodge Past Masters Night (W. Bro. A. Lloyd as Master) 2nd Degree Bro. A. Toews</p>	<p>19. Algonquin Lodge  D.D.G.M. Official Visit</p>	20.	<p>21. Tuscan Chapter R.A.M.  Installation</p>	<p>22. Sudbury Lodge of Perfection  Scottish Rite</p>	<p>23. Alpha Council R&SM Installation 11:00 a.m.</p>
24.	25.	<p>26. Algonquin Lodge Emergent meeting 3rd Degree Bro. Marshall</p>	27.	<p>28. Mavar Preceptory Knights Templar  Installation</p>	29.	30.
31.						



W. Bro. Dick McIvor

W. Bro. Dick McIvor of Algonquin Lodge No. 536 vacationed in Prince Edward County south of Belleville, Ontario this past summer. During his stay he visited Lake Lodge No. 215 who happen to be celebrating their 140th anniversary.

A display is set up at the Ameliasburg Pioneer Village museum.





York Rite News ESPANOLA CHAPTER NO. 257

A large number of Royal Arch Masons were on hand for the Installation ceremony on Saturday, December 5th 2009 as R. Ex. Comp. John E. Gamble acted as installing First Principal for his good friend Ex. Comp. Roy J. Eaton.



Congratulations Ex. Comp. Ed Rennie "J" – Roy Eaton "Z" and Jim Gies "J" on their installation to office.



R. Ex. Comp. Ken Pierce – John Gamble and Norm McComb



Comp. Eric Moore honoured in Sault Ste. Marie



During a Medieval feast put on by the Sault Ste. Marie York Rite bodies Companion Eric Moore of Tuscan Chapter No. 95 R.A.M. in Sudbury received special recognition by the Sault Companions for his work in York Rite Freemasonry.



Espanola Chapter Officers





Shriners International News

Disability Awareness: Words Matter



Children with disabilities, like all children, will learn or absorb what they are taught and react to the way they are treated. Every staff member at Shriners Hospitals for Children works hard to build confidence and self-esteem in their patients, and to help them discover and pursue their dreams, despite their disabilities. In working with kids toward that goal, it's important to remember how language can affect a positive attitude.

Words to avoid include "crippled" and "handicapped." Instead of using these words, which can be considered negative, experts suggest using "disability" or the actual term involved, such as "cerebral palsy" or "muscular dystrophy."

When speaking about people with disabilities, clear, direct words are most positively accepted. For example, say, "Johnny uses a wheelchair," instead of, "Johnny is wheelchair-bound," or, "Johnny is confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs allow mobility from place to place, which is the opposite of confining.

Words and tone-of-voice can clearly indicate values, and using positive, affirmative words can make a big difference. Practice care when using value-laden words like *courageous*, *inspirational*, *pity*, *suffer*, *tragic*, *tragedy*, *afflicted* or *victim*. While *courageous* and *inspirational* may seem positive, being labeled as such can be burdensome to a child.

It is also important to use "people-first language." For example, saying, "Johnny is a *child with a disability*," is preferred over saying, "Johnny is a *disabled child*." People with disabilities some times feel isolated from those without disabilities and left out of activities. People-first language is an attempt to encourage understanding that people with disabilities are people first. and to help alleviate fear and encourage inclusion.

Conversation Starters

Here are some ways to start a conversation with a person who has a disability: Say hello; introduce yourself; comment on the weather. Find something you might share an interest in – television, music, sports, anything. In short, begin the same way you would if there were no disability. Take a deep breath, look past the obvious difference, and find the person.

When you speak to people with disabilities as people, you will find yourself in a conversation with someone who has had different experiences, and the exchange of views could be very enriching for both of you.

Try using words that reflect acceptance and indicate that a person is not defined by their disability – a message that is especially imperative to convey to children with disabilities.

Words and Phrases to Avoid:

Crippled, handicapped
Confined to a wheelchair
Wheelchair-bound
Suffering from, afflicted with
Victim
Deformed

Instead, Try:

Person with a disability
Person who uses a wheelchair
Has (name of condition)
Survivor

Shriner In Iconic Photo Passes Away

Article Date: December 08, 2009

Location: Warner Robbins, GA

Albert "Al" Hortman, 80, passed away on December 6, 2009. He will be best remembered as the Shriner carrying the young girl in the iconic photograph that became a beloved symbol of the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Al, a member of Al Sihah Shriners in Macon, Ga., is survived by his wife, Doris Anita Bridges Hortman; daughters, Julie M. Shofstall

(Steve), Chandler, Indiana, Laura H. Little (Chuck), Cochran, Tina M. Perkins, Warner Robbins, and Donna L. Cline (Dana), Lizella; grandchildren, Heather Carter, Warner Robbins, Jessica, John and Justin Shofstall, Indiana, Katelyn Cline, Lizella; brother, Mack Hortman, Macon; and sisters, Gwendolyn King and Jeanette Ricks, Phoenix City, Alabama.

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, where he received a Purple Heart. He retired from civil service at Robins Air Force Base, had his own pool business and worked at McCullough Funeral Home. He was a member Jeffersonville Blue Lodge. Hortman became a Shriner in 1968, after his daughter Laura began receiving treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children— St. Louis.

In 1970, photographer Randy Dieter was on assignment for a local newspaper covering Hadi Shriners' annual outing for children with disabilities at an amusement park, when he happened upon Al who was carrying a young girl and her crutches. Al's daughter is also in the photo, walking next to them.

"I was taking shots of the midway and was using my telephoto lens," Dieter said. "I saw a local Shriner walking by carrying a little girl in one hand and her crutches in the other...I had to take my last shot as they walked by. It was the end of the roll. If I had to think about it, I wouldn't have come up with something like that. Fate guides you."





Sudbury Shrine Club News

Noble Wesley E. Ashick \$1000 Dollar Donation to Shriners Hospitals

By: Noble W. Chung



l to r Mrs. Luella Ashick, Noble Wesley Ashick, Noble Wah Chung, President and Shriners Lottery & 100 Million Dollar Club Chair of the Sudbury Shrine Club

Noble Wesley E. Ashick a member of Sudbury Lodge No. 658 is a 38 year Shriner and a member of the Rameses Shriners. He is also an enthusiastic, energetic, faithful, active and outstanding member of the Sudbury Shrine Club for the entire time. Added to his Shriners achievements are the 25 year pin and the Samsar award which was given to him this last year. As a former member of the Oriental Band, he was a good drummer and continued to be an active member for a long time. Noble Ashick is kind, gentle and has a warm sense of humor that is loved by all. He is a family man and an Inco retiree. His son Noble Douglas Ashick is also a member of the Rameses and the Sudbury Shrine Club for many years.

Noble Wesley E. Ashick loves children but especially has a soft spot for children with disabilities and has been a Shriner child sponsor for a long time. He whole heartedly supports the Shriners Hospital for Children. Several years ago he made donation to the 100 Million Dollar Club. He continues with his philanthropic endeavours to this day and during this Christmas and New Year festivity Noble Wesley Ashick made another generous donation to the 100 Million Dollar Club in the amount of \$1000.00. His generous donation will help the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children in continuing its famous orthopaedic surgery, burn unit, support for research and new patient care technology. He believes that he can put a smile on the faces of Shriner children with disabilities.

On behalf of these children we extend a warm thank you for his generosity and kindness. Noble Wesley Ashick is trying to make a great difference in the lives of children for many years to come and to ensure that the Shriners Hospital for Children will be here when it's needed.

Sudbury Shrine Club Elections

The Sudbury Shrine Club held it's annual elections during the regular meeting on December 3rd 2009. The following Nobles were elected: President Ed Patton – 1st Vice President John McCowan – 2nd Vice Allan Burns – 3rd Vice Charles Searle – Secretary Harley Allman – Treasurer Harvey Wickenden. Directors – Lloyd Blanchard, David Carscallen, Stan Fenton, Don Rousell, Stan Waltenbury. Auditors – Gary Cayen, Tom Newburn. Ambassador – Norm Lenart. Ambassador at Large – Lyle Redden

Noble Al Grigor Recieves Treasurers Emeritus Award



L-R Noble W. Chung – A. Grigor – Noble D. Dunn

On behalf of the members of the Sudbury Shrine Club, Noble Wah Chung, President and Noble David Dunn, High Priest and Prophet of Rameses Shriners presented Noble Al Grigor with the Treasurer Emeritus Award. This Award is to acknowledge his 14 years of dedicated service, contribution and consistent effort as our Club Treasurer. Noble Grigor has fulfilled this position with conscientious dedication.

The Treasurer Emeritus Award is presented in appreciation and recognition of his valuable contribution and determined efforts. The presentation took place on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009, at the Sudbury Shrine Club's Membership Meeting. Noble Chung congratulated Noble Grigor on his exceptional achievement and thanked Noble Grigor for his long standing service to the benefit of our Club with best wishes. Noble Dunn also congratulated Noble Grigor on his achievement.

Clown Unit Enjoy a Christmas Dinner with a Surprise Guest

The Sudbury Shrine Club Clown Unit and their Ladies held their annual Christmas dinner at Bridges restaurant.



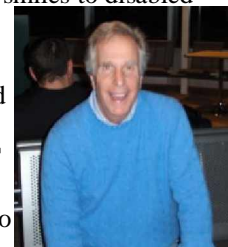
Of course every Clown event is filled with good fun and laughter and which spreads throughout any venue they gather. Relieving stress and bringing smiles to disabled

children is a goal of these special Nobles.

Mr. Henry Winkler a well known actor happened to be at the same restaurant and shared a few laughs with the Clowns.

YOU CAN JOIN THE CLOWN UNIT

The Clown Unit is recruiting new members and are looking for Masons who love children and having fun. Contact Noble Phil Finkle or the Sudbury Shrine Club about how you can join.





Sudbury Shrine Club

Ceremony of Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 15, 2010

Hellenic Centre – 486 Ester Road

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Installation of Officers to Follow

Dinner features

Combo – Chicken Breast with
Wine Sauce, Veal Parmesan
With Tomatoes

Complimentary Dinner Wine

**Dance to the sweet music of
Victor John**



Tickets \$45 per person:

Contact : John McCowan 585-1461 jandrmccowan@persona.ca
or call Sudbury Shrine Club Office 524-0335



Renfrew Lodge No. 122

**Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada
in the Province of Ontario**

340 Raglan St. S. Renfrew ON K7V 1R5

150th Anniversary Year April 17, 2010

December 3, 2009

Dear Brother,

This letter is a cordial invitation for you and your guest to join us for our Dinner Theatre Celebration in recognition of the Renfrew Lodge 150th Anniversary. The event will take place on Saturday, April 17th 2010, in Renfrew, Ontario. We are conjoining this celebration with another annual event, the Upper Valley Masonic Spring Gala.

The dinner will be held at the Renfrew Recreation Centre, 67 Argyle St. S. with festivities commencing at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by a play entitled *The Kitchen Witches*. This presentation of Renfrew's LAFT Players will commence at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and may be ordered from Graham Jamieson, 2183 Burnstown Rd., Renfrew, Ontario K7V 3Z4 (piping.hot@sympatico.ca). Cheques should be made payable to *Renfrew Lodge No. 122*. Order early to avoid disappointment, but no later than February 15th after which date we cannot assure you of tickets.

Our guest of honour will be **Most Worshipful Brother Raymond S. J. Daniels**, Grand Master.

Accommodation reservations may be made at either The Best Western Renfrew Inn (613-432-8109) or The Rocky Mountain House (1-866-372-2210 or 613-432-5801).

We also wish to invite you to attend the Ottawa 2 District Divine Service, which will be held at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church in Renfrew the following morning, April 18th commencing at 9:30 a.m. If you are planning to attend the service please bring your regalia. We will provide more information on this event at the dinner.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will be able to celebrate with us. Fraternal regards,

Jack Ledger,
DDGM Ottawa District 2
Chairman, 150th Anniversary Committee





FRIENDSHIP LODGE No. 691 LADIES NIGHT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

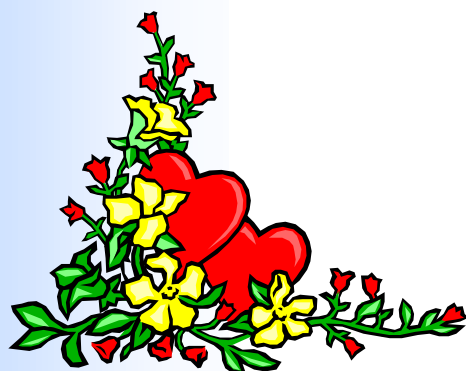
What better time to bring your lady out for an excellent evening of dining and dancing fun than during the St. Valentine's Day weekend. Join the Friendship Lodge brethren and their Ladies for fine dining and dancing at the Annual Friendship Lodge Ladies Night at the Belrock Masonic Centre.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available from (Bro. Roger Kitching) phone: 566-1764



Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Entertainment and Dancing after dinner

SURPRISE DOOR PRIZE
for added fun





ESPANOLA LODGE No. 527 FUNSPIEL 2009



THIRTIETH ANNUAL CURLING "FUNSPIEL"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

*DINNER, PRIZES AND A LOT OF LAUGHS
FOR MASONS AND FRIENDS*

PROCEEDS TO ESPANOLA LODGE BURSARY FUND

**ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 PER CURLER \$60.00 PER COUPLE
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 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CURLING CLUB**

TO REGISTER 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

****HELP MAKE MY JOB EASY AND ENTER EARLY****

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO DOUG BRACKEN

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.

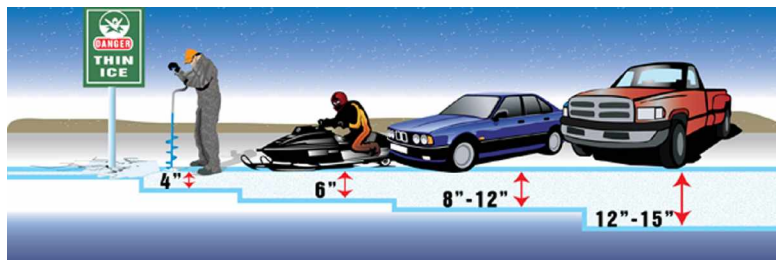
Snow cover acts as an insulator and slows down ice formation. Be cautious when ice is covered with snow early in the season and be suspicious of scattered snow patches on presumably safe ice.

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

