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Watch The Video

R.W. Bro. Allan Burns
Editor

From the District Deputy

My Brethren, as we start a new year full of hope and expected prosperity, we have many resolutions that we will write down and promise to keep.

Breaking bad habits is often high on our list and I hope this year to try to break some of my own bad habits. I would like to share with you a story of breaking bad habits; it may assist each one of you in keeping your New Year Resolutions.

The tale is of a New Yorker, whose life was passing in a rather miserable fashion, so he decided to consult a psychiatrist to help him change.

He found a Doctor on Park Avenue and entered the office. Instead of a receptionist, the inner office had two doors, one marked "Men" and the other "Women". Our New Yorker naturally went through the door marked "men", where he then came upon two more doors, one marked "Extrovert" and the other "Introvert". Knowing that he was an introvert, he walked through that door.

Then he found himself facing yet two more doors, one marked, "Those earning at least \$20,000 per year" and the other "Those earning less than \$20,000 per year". He chose the latter, knowing he made less than that sum. So he entered the door and found himself back on Park Avenue.

What is the lesson? We should be accountable for our own lives and make our own decisions. Habitual actions, limiting self talk, and thinking that others are responsible for us, leads to only to DEAD ENDS.

Fraternally yours,
Albert W. Stonier
D.D.G.M.



Passed To The Grand Lodge Above



Bro. C. E. "Ted" Bryant

Algonquin Lodge No. 536

Bro. Michael Muzia

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

Sick and Visiting

W. Bro. Earl Hobbs

Espanola Lodge No. 527

We wish them well and pray for their full recovery

Espanola Funspiel



February 5th 2011

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Important January Dates

January 14th – Bethel Lodge No. 699 Installation & Investiture

January 18th – Algonquin Lodge No. 536 D.D.G.M. Official Visit





Espanola Lodge No. 527 Official Visit



(Front L-R) Bro. Dwayne Comeau – W. Bro. Grant Moody W.M. - Bro. Sanjit Chopra – R.W. Bro. Albert Stonier D.D.G.M. – Bro. Peter McIntosh (Back L-R) V.W. Bro. Don Falkingham – W. Bro. Ron Hnatuik – R.W. Bro. Rudy Mulack – W. Bro. Bill Noon – W. Bro. Grant Moffatt – W. Bro. Tom Sturdy – Bro. Steve McCombs – Bro. Wayne White – W. Bro. Gerald Tuffy - Bro. Jim Bailey – Bro. Tom Robinson

Espanola Lodge No. 527 received the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Albert Stonier for his Official Visit on Wednesday December 1st 2010. Bro. Sanjit Chopra the candidate for the evening was Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree.

Before the meeting the brethren enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner that had been prepared by the ladies of Espanola Lodge.



Bro. Chopra and sponsors

Bro. Chopra's sponsors, W. Bro. Bill Noon and Bro. Peter McIntosh noted how quick a study he is and the fact he had only been Initiated in October.



Visitors included a number of Worshipful Masters from Sudbury. Pictured L-R W. Bro. Richard England W.M. Nickel Lodge No. 427 – W. Bro. Jeffery Cartman W.M. Sudbury Lodge No. 658 – W. Bro. Grant Moody W.M. Espanola Lodge – R.W. Bro. Albert Stonier D.D.G.M. – W. Bro. Cam Gilpin W.M. Bethel Lodge No. 699 and W. Bro. Sam Khoury W.M. Friendship Lodge No. 691



The Bracken boys; Doug, Clair and Brad waiting for Lodge to open. Bro. Bradley is V.W. Bro. Clair Bracken's son. Both Doug and Brad are members of Espanola Lodge and Clair is a member of Friendship Lodge.



V.W. Bro. Fred Bright a member of Nickel Lodge and honorary member of Espanola Lodge with Espanola Lodge Chaplain W. Bro. Tom Sturdy



Brethren from Nickel Lodge No. 427 with W. Bro. Grant Moody

Nickel Lodge No. 427 that normally meets on the same night as Espanola Lodge and the brethren received Grand Lodge dispensation to meet on a different evening in December they could attend the Official Visit in Espanola.





National Lodge No. 588 Official Visit



National Lodge No. 588 received the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier for his Official Visit on Tuesday, December 7th 2010. The work of the evening included the initiation of Bro. Raymond Lariviere.

Sudbury Shrine Club News



Members of the Sudbury Shrine Club stopped into Bob's Husky located on Hwy 17 East near Coniston to present Mr. Bob Hache, Owner/Manger with a certificate of appreciation and membership in the 100 Million Dollar club.

For many years Bob has been a very generous supporter of the Sudbury Shrine Club and the work Shriners do for children.

Motorists passing Bob's Husky will see the famous Shrine Club Scimitar parked on the lot. The recycling Unit also operates their aluminum-recycling centre there.

In the photo (L-R) Noble John McCowan 1st Vice President, Noble David Carscallen, Chairman Recycling Committee, Mr. Bob Hache, Noble Ed Patton, Shrine Club President.



District Masons Donate to Children's Christmas Telethon



The annual Lions – CTV Christmas Telethon was held on Saturday, December 4th 2010 and Masons from around the district helped answer calls from generous donors.

In photos above (L-R) Bro. John McCowan of Sudbury Lodge No. 658 fresh from a Christmas party at the Sudbury Shrine Club answered calls and also brought a \$250 donation from the Hillbilly partiers at the Shrine Club. W. Bro. Gary Trotter, Friendship Lodge No. 691 – W. Bro. Cam Gilpin W.M. Bethel Lodge No. 699 – W. Bro. Bill Thompson W.M. Algonquin Lodge No. 536 – V.W. Bro. Grant Moffatt, Espanola Lodge 527 – W. Bro. Richard England W.M. Nickel Lodge No. 427 – W. Bro. Kip Hawley W.M. National Lodge No. 588 – W. Bro. Jeff Cartman W.M. Sudbury Lodge No. 658 – Bro. Roger Kitching, Friendship Lodge No. 691

R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier presented Telethon organizers with a cheque for one thousand dollars, which is a collective donation from the district lodges and the Java Guild.

Front Row (L-R) W. Bro. Garry Trotter, W. Bro. Jeff Cartman, W. Bro. Sam J Khoury Lions International Zone Chairman 47 East, R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier D.D.G.M. and Mr. Gord Nichols CTV

Back row Bro. Roger Kitching, W. Bro. William Thompson, V.W. Bro. Grant Moffatt, W. Bro. Cam Gilpin, W. Bro. Richard England & W. Bro. Kip Hawley.





CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

New Master Mason visits Espanola

Bro. John Mason recently Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Nickel Lodge No. 427 was on hand for the Official Visit to Espanola Lodge No. 527 with his sponsor W. Bro. David Kennedy.



Bro. Mason thoroughly enjoys the Craft and participates in many Masonic functions.

Presentation of Grand Lodge certificate



Shriners conduct Second degree for Doric Lodge No. 455

Members of the Sudbury Shrine Club travelled to Doric Lodge No. 455 in Little Current on Tuesday, December 14th 2010 to conduct a degree and Passed Bro. Joe Woodliff to the Fellowcraft Degree.

W. Bro. Paavo Liukko from Nickel Lodge No. 427 sat in the East and led his cast of Shriners in the degree.



Shriners pose for a photo wearing their traditional Shriner's Fez after the Lodge had been closed.



Members of the Shrine Club Haweater Unit dressed in their traditional red jackets with Bro. Woodliff. The Haweaters are Rameses Shriners from Manitoulin Island and a Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club.

R.W. Bro. Albert Stonier presented W. Bro. Sam Khoury with the Grand Lodge certificate for successfully completing the course for DDGM aspirants. The Book of Constitution now states that a candidate for the office of District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Registrar shall be in possession of a certificate of completion of the course for prospective District Deputy Grand Masters as offered by the College of Freemasonry.50 (b).



Sudbury Lodge No. 658 Initiates a new Mason

Congratulations to Bro. Raymond McCarthy on being Initiated into Freemasonry on Monday, December 13th 2010.



Bro. Raymond McCarthy with his sponsor Bro. Gary Bate

Friendship Lodge No. 691 Step-up Night

Wednesday, December 8th was the annual step-up night and Bro. Rob Lipic sat in the near East and the work included Bro. Dan Rowe being Passed to the Fellowcraft degree.



(L-R) Bro. Rob Lipic – V.W. Bro. Clair Bracken – Bro. Dan Rowe – R.W. Bro. Al Stonier D.D.G.M. – W. Bro. Sam Khoury

V.W. Bro. Bracken is also Bro. Rowe's sponsor and will be the Installing Master for the February installation of officers.



Giving the Gift of Life



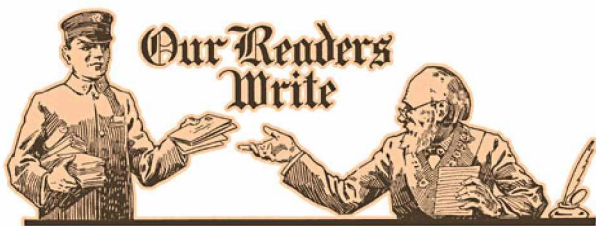
First time blood donors Bro. Stephen Fleming and W. Bro. Jeff Cartman with R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming who reached his 300th donation on December 29th 2010. Become a Masonic Blood Donor it only takes an hour and can save many lives.

IN MEMORIAM

We said goodbye to a number of our friends this past year. The following is a reminder of those brethren who Passed to the Grand Lodge Above in 2010.

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| W. Bro. Horace Fleming | National Lodge No. 599 |
| Bro. Burke Van Zant | Doric Lodge No. 455 |
| Bro. Stanley Brown | Doric Lodge No. 455 |
| Bro. Grant Oakes | Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 |
| Bro. Alex Caldwell | Espanola Lodge No. 527 |
| Bro. Gordon Luhta | Algonquin Lodge No. 536 |
| V.W. Bro. Donald Maki | Bethel Lodge No. 699 |
| Bro. Allan Leach | Bethel Lodge No. 699 |
| Bro. John Asselstine | Nickel Lodge No. 427 |
| Bro. Fred Kirk | Nickel Lodge No. 427 |
| Bro. Bill Aronec | Sudbury Lodge No. 658 |
| W. Bro. Ron Eveson Sr. | Friendship Lodge No. 698 |
| W. Bro. Robert Walker | Doric Lodge No. 455 |
| W. Bro. Terrance Brouse | Espanola Lodge No. 527 |
| Bro. Stanley Wilson | Algonquin Lodge No. 536 |
| W. Bro. Paul Seelig | National Lodge No. 588 |
| Bro. Ted Bryant | Algonquin Lodge No. 536 |
| Bro. Michael Muzia | Sudbury Lodge No. 658 |





Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth

As I think about it, I have never seen or experienced really profound examples of Brotherly Love and Relief. True to the tenets of our Masonic Order, they are practiced in an eminent degree by the brethren of Sudbury-Manitoulin District, AF & AM, GRC.

My adventure, as that's what I have considered this experience, goes like this.

Having been recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, I chose to have it treated by beam radiation at the Sudbury Regional Hospital Cancer Treatment Centre and took up an almost eight week residence at Cancer Care Ontario's Daffodil Terrace Lodge, which is attached to the hospital. It's a wonderful establishment with supportive staff and fellow patients interested in positive outcomes for themselves and their fellows. However, one can only do so much reading, socializing, walking, and other non-treatment time activities there. Happily, a Google Internet inquiry indicated six active Lodges operating out of Sudbury's Belrock Masonic Centre, five of which had Monday to Thursday evening meetings that fit my schedule.

Someone is waiting for you



to invite him to become
a Scottish Rite Mason . . .
Don't disappoint him.

I attended seven Lodge meetings during October and November plus a couple of Java Guild luncheons thanks to the shepherding of V.W. Bro. Robert "Bob" Storie and other local Masons. The degree work was interesting and well performed. Minor differences in the ritual, compared to my own Lodge, were thought stimulating and made perfect sense within the Masonic Context.



Bro. John E. Purchase

Most importantly, kind, encouraging, and reassuring words about positive outcomes related to my prostate cancer helped to maintain a healing mindset.

The Brotherly Love and Relief came across to me through the actions of the Brethren. That third tenet, Truth, was less obvious but, nevertheless strongly present. Mackey, in his encyclopaedic writings, makes this meaning of truth synonymous with sincerity. The sincerity of my brethren in Sudbury-Manitoulin District I don't doubt for an instant. Consequently I have a profound and better appreciation of all three tenets and I take this opportunity to thank my fellow masons for their collective and individual contributions to my "adventure".

John E. Purchase, Jr. Warden, Muskoka Lodge 360,
AF&AM, GRC.
Bracebridge, Ontario, November, 2010





ESPANOLA CHAPTER NO. 257 R.A.M.



Espanola Chapter No. 257 Royal Arch Masonry held their annual Installation and Investiture of Officers on Saturday, December 4th 2010. Ex. Comp. Ed Rennie was Installed as First Principal along with Ex. Comp. Jim Gies the Second Principal and Ex. Comp. Bob Boudreau the Third Principal.



R. Ex. Comp. Henry Handsley – Ex. Comp. Ed Rennie –
R. Ex. Comp. Ken Pierce



Ex. Comp. Jim Gies “H”, Ed Rennie “Z” and Bob Boudreau “J”



R.W. Brother Robert N. Gordon
Friendship Lodge No. 691
Biography Of A Masonic Educator

by W.B. Garry L. West

Robert Gordon was born in Matheson, Ontario in 1941, in a family of four. He spent his growing years in Timmins, which provided him with the opportunity to lead a full and well rounded life of sports, education and social activities. He graduated from Timmins High Vocational School and then North Bay Teacher's College. Bob earned his B.A. from Laurentian University, Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Toronto and Masters of Science Degree from Niagara University.

He began his teaching career in Sudbury, which led to becoming a Principal for twenty-eight years of his thirty-four years with the Sudbury Board of Education. His last eighteen years was at Churchill Public School. During his time as a teacher and as Principal, Robert was the recipient of many honours. He received the Order of Excellence from the Sudbury Board of Education, The Northern Ontario Principals Association designated Robert an Honorary life Member, and was also awarded an Honorary Life Membership from the Ontario Public School Teachers Association.

Robert is married to Ardeth who is recently retired from her career as a Principal employed by the Rainbow District School Board. Their whole family is teachers. Bill is at Sudbury Secondary (and is the newest Member of Friendship Lodge, being Initiated into Masonry this month), Jennifer is in Kingston and Amanda at Walden Public School. Robert says his grandchildren are the real stars in his life. He has four grandchildren; Connor (10 Yrs), Nolan (6 yrs), Rowan (5 yrs) and Elliot Ann (17 months).

In 1966 Friendship Lodge No. 691 Initiated Robert and in 1976 he was Installed as Worshipful Master. Over the years he has served in every office save that of Treasurer. He has delivered every lecture in the three degrees as well as all of the work in the Installation Ceremony. Robert has conducted many Masonic Education Seminars for his Lodge and for the District. He has served as Historian for Friendship Lodge for many years. Robert served as Chair for the committee that organized the 50th Anniversary Celebration. He also was Chair of the committee that published the "50 Years of Friendship".



Bro. Bill Gordon with his dad

In 1982, Robert was elected to the Office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District. He has served on many District committees including Chair of the Masonic Education Committee for four different years. He served as President

of the Masters and Wardens Association in 1981.

Robert has been very involved with Scottish Rite Masonry in the Sudbury Lodge of Perfection for many years. He was elected as the Tenth Thrice Puissant Grand Master. He has served as Director of the Fourth Degree for twenty-five years and as the Nominating committee for twenty years. Robert is a member of the Rose Croix, North Bay Chapter, and has served in the 17th Degree.

Robert is member of Ramses Shriners and the Sudbury Shrine Club and has served in the various executive positions and was President in 2004.

In York Rite, he has been a member of Tuscan Chapter for over thirty years. At present he is the 1st Principal and is enjoying it immensely. As a member of Mavar Preceptory, he is currently serving as Marshall. He is also a member of Northern Lights Conclave and Elam Council No. 5 Order of the High Priesthood.

Robert has slowed down his pace in the last few years, due to health problems. He has suffered the effects of Diabetes, which has created other serious conditions. He still makes time for a high level of involvement in Masonry as witnessed by the previously discussed long list of activities.

Robert's great love of family is so important to him that spending time with them is his priority.

He has provided a reliable and steadying influence in education throughout his many years of his professional career and continues to this day providing the same standard of good work in his Masonic career for which we are grateful.



JANUARY 2011 *Courtesy of V.W. Bro. John E. Gamble*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>Java Guild Every Tuesday Come For Coffee Stay For Lunch</p>				<p>1. NEW YEAR'S DAY</p> <p>SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB LEVEE 259 Elm St.</p>
2.	3.	<p>4. NATIONAL LODGE <i>1st Degree</i></p>	<p>5. NICKEL LODGE <i>1st Degree</i></p> <p>ESPANOLA LODGE <i>2nd Degree</i> <i>Bro. Vonduyhoven</i></p>	6.	<p>7. BETHEL LODGE Installation of Officers</p>	8.
9.	10.	<p>11. DORIC LODGE <i>Masonic Ed.</i></p>	<p>12. FRIENDSHIP LODGE <i>Elections</i></p>	<p>13. GORE BAY LODGE <i>2nd Degree</i></p> <p>Algoma Chapter</p> 	<p>14. BETHEL LODGE <i>Installation & Investiture of Officers</i></p>	<p>15. SHRINE CLUB <i>Installation of Officers</i> <i>Holiday Inn</i></p>
16.	<p>17. SUDBURY LODGE <i>3rd Degree</i> <i>Bro. Toews</i></p>	<p>18. ALGONQUIN LODGE <i>D.D.G.M.</i> <i>Official Visit</i></p> <p>ESPANOLA R.A.M.</p>	19.	<p>20. Tuscan Chapter</p>  <p><i>Installation</i></p> <p>Spanish River Chapter</p> 	21.	22. ALPHA COUNCIL <i>Installation of Officers</i> <i>11:00am</i>
23. 30.	24. 31.	25.	26.	<p>27. Mavar Preceptory</p>  <p><i>Installation</i></p>	<p>28. Sudbury & Dist. Lodge of Perfection <i>Regular Meeting</i> <i>General Business</i></p>	29.



ESPANOLA LODGE No. 527

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Sudbury Shrine Club

Ceremony of Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 15, 2011

Holiday 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