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From the District Deputy

My Brethren;

As Masons, one of our major responsibilities with respect to new candidates is to help them overcome their fear of performing the ritual. Brethren who are given instruction and coached will become good ritualists and become assets to any lodge. Once they overcome the initial trepidation and realize that they can do a part, the confidence begins to grow, as does the quality of the ritualistic work. This in turn leads to a higher attentiveness to the overall degree and their Masonic understanding of the degree will become evident.

In time this confidence and ability will lead to the brother mentoring other Masons in the same way they were helped. Not just to grow but to flourish. We will then watch as they evolve through mentoring. The more they become involved the more they will understand that it takes time and practice to become a good Mason and also to become comfortable with the degree work. Yes, there will be setbacks, but they will push forward with our help and will become good masons and better men. The more successful you are the more you grow and although sometimes you will swing and miss, you must remember that no one is perfect and the talk at hand is to help them get back into the batter's box and swing again.

An example of this is as follows; one day, at the height of his career, Babe Ruth struck out three times. One of his fans came running across the field after the game to sympathize; "Babe you must feel terrible after striking out three times. I feel so bad for you." "Why?" Babe asked, "I couldn't feel much better." "You see I know that I'm going to strike out 117 times this year so the sooner I get them out of the way. I'll have nothing but good to look forward to."

Let us assist our new Masons get to the point that they will have nothing but good to look forward to. If we can accomplish that, my brethren, we will have our lodges looking forward with only good in sight.... look will to the east.

Sincerely and fraternally
Albert W. Stonier
D.D.G.M.



Passed To The Grand Lodge Above



V.W. Bro. George Heale

Algonquin Lodge No. 536

**WE CHERISH HIS
MEMORY IN OUR
HEARTS**

Sick and Visiting

R.W. Bro. John Hodder

Doric Lodge No. 455

Bro. Glen Cannard

Doric Lodge No. 455

Bro. Jack Robinson

Espanola Lodge No. 527

W. Bro. Lionel Rudd

Bethel Lodge No. 699

In Hospital Rm 3151 South Tower

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

IMPORTANT MAY DATES

Saturday, May 7th Nickel
Lodge No. 427 Installation
and Investiture of Officers

Monday, May 9th Sudbury
Lodge No. 658 Installation
and Investiture of Officers

Wednesday, May 11th
D.D.G.M. Official Visit to
Friendship Lodge No. 691
dinner at 6:00pm



D.D.G.M. Official Visit to Doric Lodge No. 455

Doric Lodge No. 455 received the District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier under the Wands on Tuesday, April 12th 2011 for his Official Visit.

The Grand Steward V.W. Bro. Keith Varey also a member of Doric Lodge received the Grand Honours after being introduced by the Director of Ceremonies.

The work of the evening, done to perfection included the Initiation of Bro. Corey Lavallea as a new E.A.M.



W. Bro. Allan Wright – Bro. Corey Lavallea – R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier – V.W. Bro. Keith Varey



Past and present Grand Lodge Officers





ALGONQUIN LODGE NO. 536 INSTALLATION

Algonquin Lodge No. 536 held their Installation and Investiture of Officers on Saturday, April 30th 2011. R.W. Bro. Paul Ashley was installed Worshipful Master under the direction of Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu. Paul's son Bro. Jason Ashley was invested Senior Warden and Bro. Casey Stranges is the new Junior Warden.

Father and sons



The Ashley Boys (L-R) Jason, Paul, and Colin Bro. Colin Ashley from Toronto made sure he didn't miss his father's installation.



Officers for 2011 (Front L-R) R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier DDGM – V.W. Bro. John E. Gamble – Bro. Jason Ashley – R.W. Bro. Paul Ashley, Worshpful Master – Bro. Casey Stranges – Bro. Preston Hiscock – (Middle) Bro. Kyle Grey – W. Bro. Alan Bowles – Bro. Ed MacDonald – W. Bro. Dick McIvor – Bro. Bill Evenochko – W. Bro. Gordon McEwen (Rear) R.W. Bro. Allan Burns – R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu – W. Bro. Bill Thompson



Installing Master R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu congratulates the new Worshipful Master



A welcomed surprise visit came from W. Bro. Tom Hall the Worshpful Master of Credit Lodge No. 219 and also a member of Algonquin Lodge No. 536. Tom is pictured above with his father W. Bro. Norm Hore



When R.W. Bro. Paul Ashley moved to Sudbury his affiliation application was quickly sponsored by R.W. Bro. Robert Runciman and R.W. Bro. J. David Bell



Visiting Worshipful Masters with the D.D.G.M. include W. Bro. Rob Lipic, Friendship Lodge No.691 – W. Bro. Jeff Cartman, Sudbury Lodge No. 658 – W. Bro. Kip Hawley, National Lodge No. 588





CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

National Lodge No. 588

Congratulations to Bro. David Brazeau on his Initiation into Freemasonry on Tuesday, April 5th 2011.

Espanola Lodge No. 527

Congratulations to Bro. Mitchell Bourcier on his Initiation into Freemasonry on Wednesday, April 6th 2011

Bethel Lodge No. 699

Congratulations to Bro. Anthony Paolino on his Initiation into Freemasonry on Friday, April 8th 2011.



In attendance for the evening was R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin and R.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland D.D.G.M. of Sarnia District and a member of Iconic Lodge No. 328



Bro. Anthony Paolino and sponsor R.W. Bro. Jim Thomson

Doric Lodge No. 455

Congratulations to Bro. Corey Lavallea on his Initiation into Freemasonry on Tuesday, April 12th 2011



(L-R) W. Bro. Alan Wright – Bro. Corey Lavallea – R.W. Bro. Albert W. Stonier – V.W. Bro. Keith Varey

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

Congratulations to Bro. Devon MacAlpine on his Initiation into Freemasonry on Monday, April 18th 2011



(L-R) Bro. David Demontigny, sponsor - Bro. Devon MacAlpine new E.A.M. – W. Bro. Jeff Cartman – Bro. Chris Purvis, sponsor





W. Bro. Oliver Koski of Friendship Lodge No. 691 is asking for your support in his Ride to Conquer Cancer in June. The two day event takes place on June 11th and 12th 2011 and he will be cycling 200 Kilometres from Toronto to Niagara Falls.

I AM RIDING "AGAIN" FOR YOU AND THE ONES YOU LOVE!

First of all: my heartfelt thank you, for your support and donations for my Ride to Conquer Cancer last year. I have registered again for "The Ride to Conquer Cancer 2011", a cycling journey from Toronto to Niagara Falls that involves biking 200 km over 2 days this June 11th and 12th.

I was wondering if you would be interested again, in donating towards this worthy cause in my ride to find a cure? All donations would be directly forwarded to cancer research at Princess Margaret in Toronto as it was last year. Complete information is included in my enclosed link, if you wish to donate, just press the **green "donate" key** in this link and follow the easy instructions to pledge and a tax deduction receipt will be emailed directly to you. Together we can find a cure, If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely

Oliver

To sponsor Oliver and make an online donation click on the Ride to Conquer Cancer Poster above or visit : <http://www.conquercancer.ca/goto/oliverkoski>.



Sudbury Manitoulin District

Child Identification Clinic

TOM DAVIES CIVIC SQUARE

Police Family Day

Sunday June 15th 2011

Noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Rob Fleming,
District Chairman, at (705) 682-4775

*Masons Helping You Protect
The Ones You Love*



R.W. Bro. Eric Thomas Moore

A Lad From County Waterford

Sudbury Lodge No. 658 / National Lodge No. 588

by W.B. Garry L. West

Right Worshipful Brother Eric Thomas Moore was one of the first people I encountered in Sudbury Lodge #658, when I was initiated. One of the things I learned very quickly was that Eric viewed Masonry as very serious business. I learned that I could always count on him for help by way of advice, in learning the work, and that he would make himself available should I need to review a piece of work. What I saw was that Eric, while being available to help out, has little tolerance for people with a non-caring or sloppy attitude. He has always had a great command of the ritual work, and has been called on by various Masters to pitch in for an absentee Brother to do a piece of work or fill a Chair. Not to mention taking on the Masters Chair four times in Sudbury Lodge and once in National Lodge. Many of us in Masonry in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District owe him a great deal.



His story makes for fascinating reading.

Eric Thomas Moore was born In Ireland, at Blenheim, Woodstown, County Waterford, September 3, 1925. He was the fourth of six children, born to Stanley and Ethel Moore. Siblings were Johnnie (married to Joan Grey), Olive (married to Arthur McTeer), Mabel (married to Harold Cameron), Evelyn (married to William Burns), and Bert (married to Joan Gilpin). His family moved to Killiney, County Dublin, in 1928. Eric attended Killiney National School at the bottom of the village, next door to the Rectory. Eric recalls a wonderful man, The Reverend Canon E.L.B. Barker, who visited the school a couple of times each week for religious instruction. Holy Trinity Church was his Parish. Even though a man of small stature, his booming voice could be heard a mile away without benefit of any loudspeaker system.

The school was a typical two-room village school. The teachers left a lasting impression on Eric, in particular Head Mistress Miss DeSaix and Miss Kathleen White. Eric recalls that "they were two great teachers and highly respected, but they sure knew how to drop that bamboo cane across your palm. If you pulled your hand away, you were sure to get a few extra whacks." The classes averaged about thirty students, and like students even today, they were anxious to have summer holidays approach, but even more so, because the teachers would take them on excursions to the Dublin Zoo or elsewhere at their own expense. Eric complains that "On their retirement they were replaced by a Miss Noreen Quigley who was just out of teacher's college. She was !!!!!!!!!!!!! ENOUGH SAID."

As was often the case in those days, Eric decided that he would not continue in school at age seventeen. This was before the economic boom of the late 1990's to 2008, known today as the "Celtic Tiger".

"Things were pretty lean in Ireland in those days". Canon Barker made arrangements for an interview regarding employment with the manager of Healey's Stationers & Printers on Dame Street in Dublin. In order for him to continue his education, being hired meant that he would have to attend night school. Unfortunately, War broke out, Eric's mother received word that the firm would not be hiring him as all hiring had ceased. His Mother looked him straight in the eye and said, "Sonny boy, if you do not go back to school , then you must go to work". Jobs were very scarce, but Eric was lucky enough to get a job at Fox's, Verney Farm, Kiltarnan County, Dublin. The Fox family consisted of Edward, Dorothy, Lileagh and Marie with parents Henry and Sylvia. Henry and Sylvia were life-long friends of Eric's parents, so they were not strangers that he was moving in with. He spent a very happy seven years and nine months living with them and being one of the family. Over the years, Eric has maintained his relationship with the Fox family as well as with his other close friends in Ireland by frequent travel and extended stays.

In 1950, Eric got his Visa to come to Canada. During the six months prior to leaving the farm, he worked at the Killeney Castle Hotel, which is a place of great interest to Eric. He remembers as a child his Sunday School picnics were held there. This fine old castle was sold to a family named Keenan. Eric delivered milk to the family prior to and after the sale of the castle to the family. After leaving the farm he worked full time at the Castle Hotel for five months. Eric had numerous duties there. During the day, he was a tour guide. At night, he worked at the bar or as a waiter. As a tour guide, he would drive and give a running commentary on the countryside and places of interest. This was, of course delivered with a bit of blarney along the way, "without so much as kissing the Blarney Stone".

One of the most interesting people he met during that time was a Canadian priest, Father Brennan. Eric picked him up at the airport and then was his driver for his two-week stay in Ireland. Most of his time was spent visiting graveyards throughout Ireland so that he could update his family tree. Eric says, "He was a very pleasant man and we got along very well. "



By 1950, Eric did not see possibilities for any kind of future for him in Ireland, so he decided to emigrate to Canada. 1950 was Holy Year in Ireland, so it took a long time for the travel agent to establish a travel date for Eric. After a visit to the Canadian Embassy in Dublin, he completed the necessary interviews and the vast amount of paperwork, he was able to produce a character reference from the local police sergeant and also an Irish Passport. *Continued next page*



R.W. Bro. Eric T. Moore

This entitled him to acquire a visa which meant he was able to then sail for Canada. He was told to be ready on 48 hours notice to depart. On October 31st he bade his family farewell and left for Canada. His arrival in Sudbury left him less than enthused, but after a time he realized that his first impression was not the right one. Sudbury became home and with the beautification that forward-looking citizens were able to enact, it became a beautiful area in which to live. Eric is very positive in stating, I made the right decision coming to this great country. I have had a full and happy life since coming here and I have a host of good friends, both in and outside the Masonic Order".

When he first came to Sudbury he stayed with his sister, Mabel and his brother-in-law, Harold Cameron. Harold met Eric at the CPR Station on Elgin Street, on the morning of November 7th, 1950. He did not see a blade of grass for six months, so he was not too impressed regarding his new home at that point, with its black rocks and dirty snow. Eric tells us, "Well, I am here, I might as well make the best of it until I get my bearings and get some money in my pocket." After a few days, his brother-in-law, Harold, took him down to the INCO Employment Office. Since he was of small stature, he was told to go gain some weight then come back later. This he did, returning many times. "The guy got tired of seeing me, I guess." Finally he looked at Eric and said, "I guess you want a job". Eric said, "That's why I keep coming back". The fellow told him to go to the next room, get undressed and get in line for his medical. "What a dandy looking line-up that was." He was offered the opportunity to work at the Coniston Smelter, but Harold advised him to try and get on at the Copper Refinery since it was a better place to work. Two weeks later he got a call to report for work at the Copper Refinery. He spent six years and nine months in the Casting Department, not the cleanest place to work. Eric thought "I do not want to spend the rest of my working years in this environment."

He was living in Lively at this point and one day driving around, he noticed Imperial Oil was building a service station in Water's Township. He then saw an ad in the Sudbury Star and replied to it. A short time later, he received a call requesting him to go to the Imperial Oil Sudbury Office for an interview. After several interviews, and many weeks, he finally got the call he had been waiting for. He went in and signed the lease. At that point he went to his Superintendent, Fred Sheridan, and advised him of his decision to leave INCO.

Not being at all superstitious, on the morning of September 13, 1957 at 6:00AM, he opened his business. He well remembers his first customer, a member of the Armed Forces being transferred from British Columbia to Nova Scotia. Eric tried to fill his tank only to find that the pumps had never been primed, so he fetched a pail and began to prime the pump. When the pump finally primed, he was surprised to find that the lines had not been flushed either. The first two pails pumped had to be dumped. "What a great start, there went the profits for the day", Eric tells us.



After that, things progressed well and volumes increased steadily until INCO went on strike. As they say, "It's an ill wind that doesn't blow someone some good!"

Since the majority of his customers were on strike, there were a number of them that commuted to Elliot Lake during that period. Eric is happy to report that he weathered that storm well.

A short time later, Imperial Oil offered him a new location that was being built on the corner of Lorne and Walnut Streets.

One of Eric's favourite stories about his days in the service station business was as follows. "Twenty two years after opening my first station in Water's Township, a car pulled into my Lorne Street location on a busy Friday afternoon. The man driving got out of his car, stretched and when he saw the sign showing the dealer's name, he said "There used to be a dealer by that name somewhere out of Sudbury." Eric replied, "Yes, there used to be." "The driver then asked if I was the same Moore, and when I replied that I was, he asked me if I remembered him". Eric apologized for not recognizing him, since he saw so many strangers every day that it was difficult sometimes. The man said he was disappointed that he didn't recognize him because he had been his first customer on that first morning in 1957 at the Water's Township location. He then proceeded to relate everything that happened that morning. Eric filled his tank and after a good chat he was on his way back to British Columbia to be discharged and prepare for his upcoming retirement.

During the period between 1957 and 1982, Eric became a Mason and was then able to piece together the puzzle of how things came about. When he first applied to Imperial Oil, he had been interviewed by Homer Darling. Homer, to Eric's surprise was a close friend of Fred Sheridan, who was Superintendent of the Casting Department at INCO. He knew more about Eric than he knew himself. Fred was I.P.M. at the time of Eric's Initiation. Homer Darling and many of his customers along with some of the INCO people were in attendance.

Eric states, "In the early 1970's, I built myself a home in God's country, on the shores of Lake Penage and remained there until failing health caused me to move into the city." Eric enjoys fishing cooking and gardening. He had a large area in the yard of the house on Penage for vegetables and flowers, and these were always most important to him. Since moving to his current apartment in Sudbury, he has taken over maintaining flowerbeds around the front of the building. For many years, he and his family would travel to Meldrum Bay to fish for lake trout and salmon.

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R.W. Bro. Eric T. Moore

Right Worshipful brother Eric Thomas Moore and Masonry in Sudbury-Manitoulin are closely linked, as Eric has been a devoted member of the Craft for many years as well as one who has devoted much of himself and his time to the nurturing and preservation of Masonry. As an example of this, Eric served as a member of the Belrock Masonic Centre Temple Board since its inception in the early 1970's and later as Manager through to 2001. Unfortunately, he had to resign this post due to failing health. In his capacity as Manager, he was responsible for the renting of office space and apartments, cleaning and upkeep of the building and grounds, hiring and supervising of cleaning staff as well as working in harmony with the Sudbury Hospital Services and all Masonic bodies. He takes considerable pride in the displays of flowers and manicured lawns that he kept around the front of the building. He was featured in the Ontario Mason Magazine for this achievement.

Eric relates the fact that over the years, he has cooked many dinners for his Brethren in the Royal Arch and Knights Templar as well as his contribution towards several luncheons for the now-famous Java Guild. In those years, his Thursdays usually started early in the morning. He went shopping for the supplies, prepare the meals, set up tables and after dinner was served, he would stay in the kitchen, then clean up the dining room and get the dishes done. When this was completed, he would don his tuxedo, then enter the Lodge Room and participate in the work of the evening. Eric, Bill Walker, Bill Muncaster and Warren Mulack catered to many functions, serving prime rib dinners, thus contributing a considerable amount to Belrock Temple Board. He was asked to run the bar for Chapter bar a few years ago and was then responsible for stocking the bar and taking care of the money, the proceeds of which went to Chapter charities. Eric and Bill Noble catered to the Masters and Wardens Association for a number of years, serving their favourite prime rib dinner and Eric's Famous Apple Crisp.

He was elected as District Deputy Grand Master for the years 1977-78.

In 1982, he affiliated with National Lodge No. 588 and served as Worshipful Master in 1988-9, and was honoured by National Lodge with a Life Membership since 1985. Eric was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, June 13, 1967 and has held Life Membership since 1985.

Eric received his Red Cross Order in Mavar Preceptory No. 65 on October of 1967, then Consecrated, May 16, 1968. He served as Presiding Preceptor in 1977.

He held the Office of Secretary to the P.G.P. and was honoured as Grand Standard Bearer of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. He has held Life Membership since 1975.

His service to the York Rite bodies earned him the honour of an invitation to join Northern Light's Conclave #20 in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. Companion Moore was honoured by the York Rite Sovereign College by presenting him with the Gold Award in recognition of his outstanding service in York Rite Masonry.



He received the Red Cross of Constantine in 1986 and his Appendant Orders in 1987 then immediately started through the Chairs. He served as Most Puissant Sovereign in 1995 and was appointed Deputy Intendant General in 1999-2001.

Eric joined Ramses Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and the Sudbury Shrine Club. He held the title of President in 1979. He continues to belong to and support all of the bodies we have mentioned.

It is interesting to note that even though he still enjoys taking part in the ritual, even filling in the Chairs when called upon, he feels he is too old at the tender age of 85 to start through another set of chairs.

At the Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, Eric Thomas Moore was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Grand First Principal. It was presented to Eric at the October Convocation of Tuscan Chapter #95 on October 15, 2009.

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Eric was initiated into Masonry in Sudbury Lodge No. 658 on February 27, 1961, and for fifty years has dedicated himself to the ideals of Masonry. He has served Sudbury Lodge as Master in 1971, 1984, 2004-5, and 2006-7.



In the present day. Eric still has a soft spot in his heart for Ireland, Kiltarnan and the Verney Farm in particular. He returns annually to spend his summers on the old farm, though the family has all passed away, except for nephew, Edward. Edward is a Member of the Craft and a Past Master. Eric still enjoys the farm, particularly the big old garden to work in. He helps Jim, the caretaker with the chores, and still enjoys seeing Golding Kidd, his lifelong friend. Golding is also a Member of the Craft, and a Past Master.

During Eric's 2008 visit, Edward Fox Jr., held a great barbeque in his honour. The barn was all fitted out with bales of hay for seating and lots of coloured lights. There was lots of good food and music, and of course, some "Oh Be Joyful".

Eric has lots of friends in Ireland, including the local pastor, Reverend David Moynan and his wife Isabel. They invited Eric and many other local friends to the Rectory for a "wine and dine". When Eric is in Ireland, he tries to attend church every Sunday, and has become quite close to David and Isabel.

Sadly, Eric's sister, Mabel and husband, Harold, have passed to that higher estate. His niece, Deirdre, is living nearby and keeps in contact with him. His brother Bert and wife, Joan, live in Burlington, Ontario. Eric spend Christmas in Burlington every year with Bert and Joan. He is also able to spend time with his nephews and their families. New Years, he spends with his niece and her friend and roommate, Diane.

The last number of years, Eric has been a regular at the YMCA, where he not only stays healthy, but gets to make new friends as well as visiting with many of his old friends.

He already has plans for his annual trip to Ireland. The tradition continues.

Sudbury Shrine Club

Wine and Cheese Social



Shriners are invited to bring their Lady to a Wine and Cheese Social at the Sudbury Shrine Club 259 Elm Street from 1:00pm to 4:00pm Saturday, May 14th 2011

Tickets price \$10 per person and are available from Noble Dick McIvor
or Noble Harvey at the Club office

Cash Bar



Sudbury Lodge of Perfection Annual Reunion

The Sudbury Lodge of Perfection held their Annual Reunion on Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th 2011 at the Belrock Masonic Centre. This year the Class featured 8 candidates who delighted in the colourful degrees presented over the two-day event. Ill. Bro. Maurice Hrycyk 33^o Deputy for Ontario was the guest speaker.



(L-R) Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson 32^o T.P.G.M. – Ill. Bro. William Thompson 14^o – Ill. Bro. Maurice Hrycyk 33^o



The 2011 Class includes (L-R) Sean Pretty, Bethel Lodge No. 699 – William Thompson, Algonquin Lodge No. 536 – Daniel Cluff, Bethel Lodge No. 699 – Mervin Lees, Algonquin Lodge No. 536 – John Mason, Nickel Lodge No. 427 – Preston Hiscock, Michael Stopar, and David Marshall from Algonquin Lodge No. 536



The Nickel Lodge No. 427 Connection

IMAGES OF THE CAST FROM SEVERAL DEGREES.

Fourth Degree – Secret Master



Sixth Degree – Intimate Secretary



Thirteenth Degree – The Royal Arch of Solomon and Enoch



Fifth Degree – Perfect Master



Seventh Degree – Provost and Judge



Class of 2011





A.A.S.R. Valley of Sudbury

The annual Maundy Thursday ceremony and dinner was held at the Belrock Masonic Centre on Thursday, April 21st 2011 under the auspices of the Sudbury Lodge of Perfection. Rev. Dr. Bill Stedman a member of the Craft provided an inspiring talk as the guest speaker for the evening.



A Special Thank You



Old friends



Bro. Bill Stedman and Ill. Bro. John Gamble talk about their times at St. Andrews Place



Members of the Order of the Eastern Star catered a fabulous dinner that featured roast beef and the traditional roast lamb

The brethren of the Valley of Sudbury Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada extended a special thank you to the Lougheed family for their continued support of the annual Maundy Thursday dinner. Pictured in the photo above are Ill. Bro. Gerry Lougheed Jr. – Ill. Bro. Gerry Lougheed Sr. and Ill. Bro. Geoffrey Lougheed.



MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO

Article by R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming

Another successful MasoniCh.I.P. child identification clinic took place on Saturday, April 23rd 2011 at the Southridge Mall. A total of 60 children received their free identification kit.

Masonic volunteers included Rob Fleming, Stephen Fleming, David Innes, John Mason, Mike Lalonde, Sam Khoury, Ed MacDonald, Brian Stoddart, Bob Jaworski, John Miszczak.

Part of the crew waiting for the doors to open



Please continue to promote our program...and thank you for doing so in the past.



Brian Stoddart greets a parent to two children who sign up for the free Child Identification clinic

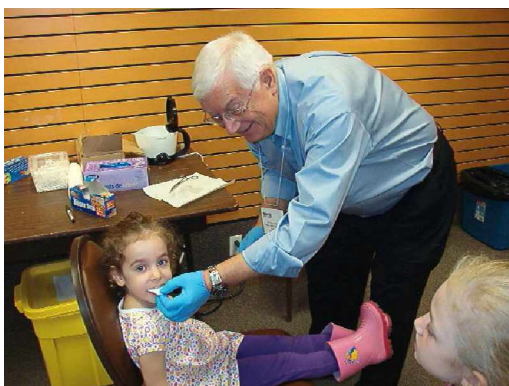


Sam Khoury with large MasoniCh.I.P. poster

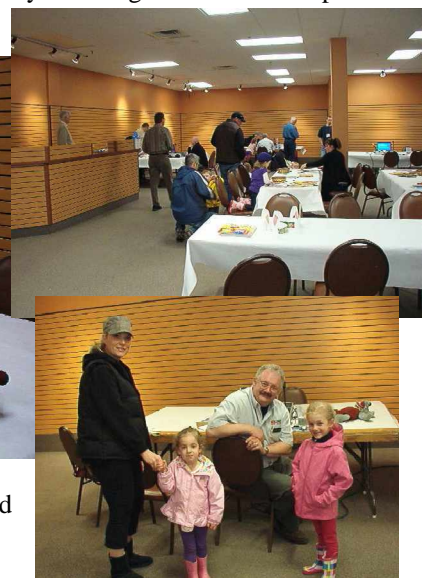
A special thank you goes out to Mr. Bob Cardy the Southridge Mall Manager, and the folks at the Southridge Mall for offering the vacant store and providing us with tables, chairs and any assistance that we needed. They even provided balloons and helium; unfortunately we did not have enough volunteers to provide that service to the kids. Our next clinic is Sunday May 15th at Tom Davies Square, partnering with our Police Service for Family Day. It is expected to be a good turnout.



Rob Fleming makes a digital recording of a child's voice along with digital fingerprints and photos



Retired dentist Bob Jaworski makes a dental impression as a part of the Identification kit





MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO

Article by Laura Stricker,
The Sudbury Star April 25th 2011

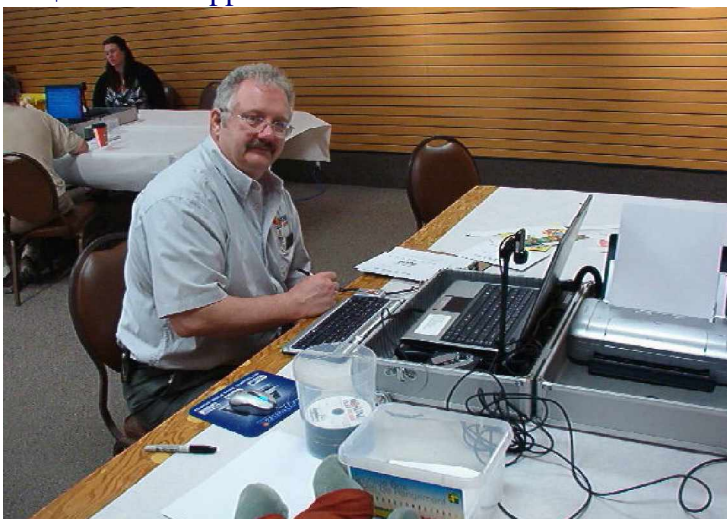
I walked into Southridge Mall Saturday afternoon and came out 30 minutes later with a personalized child identification kit. No, I'm not actually a child. But Robert Fleming, the regional co-ordinator of MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario, wanted to show me how the process works.

MasoniCh.I.P. is a program that uses techniques approved by police to create child identification kits to help find missing children.

Each kit contains photos, video, digital fingerprints, dental impressions, saliva swabs and information including height, weight, hair and eye colour and distinguishing marks.

The kits are provided free by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada. Fleming, along with Mike Lalonde, brought the program to Sudbury in January 2012. Since then, they've created kits for more than 700 children. Across Ontario, 40,000 kids have taken part in the process.

"But there's a lot more than 40,000 (kids) out there," said Fleming. "Part of the hesitation, I think, is because of the secrecy behind Masons." "The whole idea is it's a public service. It's completely funded by the Lodges. Every time we put a person through, we write a cheque for \$3 for the supplies.



R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming with MasoniCh.I.P. identification equipment

I next filled in a form with my name, address, phone number, birthday, height and weight and hair and eye colour, among other information.

Fleming entered all my information into the computer before using a digital scanner to capture my fingerprints.

Then I got in front of the camera to get three photos taken - - one from the front, the left and the right side. Before taking the photos, Fleming told me to keep my hair behind my ears. This is because, he said, when someone abducts a person they often cut the person's hair, but the ear profile doesn't change.

Still in front of the camera, Fleming started taking a video while asking me basic questions: what's your full name, who's your best friend and how do you get home from school (or in my case, work). The next step was to verify all the information I provided, which was burned on a CD for me to keep. Finally, a dental impression and DNA swab gets taken and added to the kit.

The program, Fleming stressed, is something that will be around for a long time. "We encourage (families) to come back about every two years. Our plan is to be around, this isn't a flash in the pan thing. This is something we want people to understand Masons do in the community."

The next clinic, he said is May 15 at Tom Davies Square.




Jenna Schroeder was at the clinic with her two-year-old son, Jamie Deforge. A friend told her about the program. "A friend convinced me to come. He's a part of the Masons. It's beneficial for (my son) because if something does happen I'd be devastated and want someone to do something."

The Sudbury-Manitoulin branch of the MasoniCh.I.P. program does go into smaller communities. "What we need to do as a committee is sit down and figure out where kids and parents go. And if it's out at a family day somewhere or down at the lake, then we need to set up there."

The program is extremely secure, Fleming assured me. The computers are kept in secure storage behind a locked door and all the volunteers must have current criminal record checks.

"We check off the one that's deeper, it's called the vulnerable sector," he said. "That's usually for scout leaders and coaches of young kids and that."

Freemasonry In Our Community



150 Donations

W. Bro. Rob Paxton of Doric Lodge No. 455 is seen giving his 150th donation of the “gift of life” at the Manitoulin Clinic in Little Current. He is surrounded by some of the volunteers from Doric Lodge who assist at each Island clinic.

W. Bro. Paxton has been donating blood since 1970 after friends of his and his wife suffered serious health setbacks followed by another friend’s involvement in a car accident.

The call went out to the Wallaceburg community where Mr. Paxton used to reside, for donations of blood and off he went to do his part. Back then; donations were given at individual hospitals by staff there. Later, when the need for blood became much greater the Red Cross took over blood donations clinics causing people to have to

travel to larger city centres to give blood. He said he had no problem driving the extra kilometres to give blood, especially after he learned that blood can also be broken down into platelets, plasma and red and white cells so one unit of blood can actually save not just one life, but potentially many more. “After I learned that, I was hooked,” he said. When the mobile units came into effect, Mr. Paxton quickly jumped on board to volunteer not only his blood but his time also.

In Little Current, the brethren of Doric Lodge No. 455 always helps to staff the clinics with volunteers. They are the people who help donors find a place to rest if they are feeling woozy as well as leading donors through the process from start to finish.

While the fact that W. Bro. Paxton gives blood on a regular basis is important enough, the fact that he is a B+ donor – only 7% of the population has this type of blood – makes it all the more special.

W. Bro. Paxton turns 71 next month, the age cut off for blood donations, so the mobile unit’s visit to Little Current last month was his last visit as a donor. He plans to keep volunteering his time when the bus rolls into town.

“They say I could have saved 600 lives, if allowed.” “I just hope there’s someone else out there who can take my place.”

Twenty Year Volunteer

W. Bro. Robert MacDonald has been the Blood Donor Chair for Doric Lodge No. 455 for the past 20 years. His dedication and excellent work has seen him recognized by the Canadian Red Cross, Canadian Blood Services, his Lodge and the Sudbury-Manitoulin District. When the mobile clinics to the Island were cancelled for several years, it was his persistence that convinced them to be reinstated. As a result, for the third time in recent history, Doric Lodge was presented with the W.J.C. Noble District Blood Donor Award for 2009-2010.





Northern Ontario School of Medicine Bursary
 In 2005, under the leadership of then District Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Wah Chung, the Masons of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District set up a bursary for students attending the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. This spring, I was asked by R.W.Bro. Stonier to attend the Laurentian University Awards Night on behalf of our district.



Robert Newman bursary recipient with R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton

What a pleasure and privilege to meet Robert Newman, this year's recipient our award. His letter is attached but I would like to add some additional information about this fine young man and very worthy recipient.

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Once again I wish to express my sincere thanks to you and the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons for your support of my medical education!!!

As I mentioned during our conversation, some of the highlights of my community involvement include:

- Being the longest serving young person to volunteer at the London Health Sciences Centre hospital [London, ON] (7yrs of volunteering in the ER);
- Volunteering at the London Food Bank for 3 yrs;
- Being a member of the NOSM's Academic Council;
- Although I'm incredibly grateful for your support towards the heavy expenses associated with medical education, some of my classmates and I are doing everything in our power to influence positive changes to control the exponentially ballooning tuition fee rates; specifically two of my classmates and I travelled to Queen's Park a week ago, as medical student delegates of the Ontario Medical Students Association, supported by the Ontario Medical Association in meeting with and lobbying provincial ministers and MPPs, advocating for medical tuitions increases to be capped by the government to the rate of inflation; I met with the provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, as well as of Forestry.



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February 28, 2011

Dear Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons:

Even though a letter of appreciation is an inadequate way of truly expressing my feelings, nonetheless please accept this letter with my deepest gratitude for financially supporting my medical education and training through the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masons Northern Ontario School of Medicine Bursary.

I am a second year medical student at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (East Campus). Although I was born in Saskatoon, SK, I spent the majority of my life in Northern Ontario living in Sault Ste. Marie, which I consider to be my hometown. During the past few years I attended The University of Western Ontario where I completed an undergraduate degree and two years of research work in Bacteriology (more specifically studying its effects on Cystic Fibrosis patients). It is a dream come true for me to be able to combine my lifelong ambition of pursuing a career in medicine, while living in Northern Ontario.

Over the years of residing in Sault Ste. Marie, I have personally witnessed the effects of the extreme doctor shortage crisis, both in terms of the quality of health care and accessibility, especially for my elderly neighbours. My repeated observations of this predicament, combined with my interest in medicine, science and research, and my aspiration that my life's work would make a direct positive difference in the lives of other members of my community, has all intensified my desire and determination to work towards a career in clinical medicine. It is my utmost privilege and I am very excited to be back home in the North to continue my medical training at Canada's newest medical school!!!! Thanks to your support, you are lightening my financial burden and helping to turn my dream into a reality!

One day I look forward to living, serving and practicing medicine in Northern Ontario, and making a small difference in terms of the doctor shortage in our region. Furthermore, I hope someday to be in a position to return financial support to future medical students, who likewise have a dream and passion to serve Northern Ontario.

Thank you once again for your generous support! I will always remember that you have contributed towards my medical education and training!

Respectfully yours,

Robert David Newman

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Legion Recognition



District H of the Ontario Division of the Royal Canadian Legion contains 37 Branches across the mid-north.

At their Annual Convention this month, R. W. Bro. Roy Eaton was recognized for his work for the past two years as the District H Training and Organizational Management Chair. In additions, during this past year he took over the duties of District Public Relations Officer and Webmaster for the District.

For 2011-2013, Roy has been reappointed as both the District H Public Relations Officer and District H Webmaster for Ontario Provincial Command





"I Got Rhythm"

Sudbury Chamber Singers

In concert

Bro. Jeff Wiseman, Director

Iona Reed, Accompanist

Featuring Rutter's Requiem

and selections from Mamma Mia, Sister Act, Shrek and more!

Special Guests

Bro. Nigel Robbins, oboist

Dick VanRaadshooven, cellist

Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00pm
Church of the Epiphany
85 Larch Street, Sudbury

Tickets available at Black Cat
Adults \$10
Seniors & Students \$8

The College of Freemasonry

A four-part program covering:

- 1) Masonry at Work,
- 2) History and Origin of Masonry
- 3) Administration and Organization
- 4) Preparing for Leadership.

Applications can be made to:

Masonic Education Course
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658 2nd Ave. W., Owen Sound,
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or: www.grandLodge.on.ca/Masonic_Education/college.htm

Course Fee \$80 (\$20 per program)

Calling all Fellows of The College of Freemasonry

Are you a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry (F.C.F.)? Have you in the past registered for, started work on, but have not completed the College of Freemasonry course? I am requesting all graduates or potential graduates come forward to be counted. Please contact me at: edward.peters@bell.net or 613-354-1316.



MAY 2011

NOTE: Excalibur College meeting May 14th 10:00 am followed by Alpha Council R&SM at 1:00pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	2.	3. NATIONAL LODGE Elections	4. ESPANOLA LODGE Elections Masonic Ed.	5. SHRINE CLUB  Regular Meeting at the clubhouse 259 Elm Street	6.	7. NICKEL LODGE Installation and Investiture of Officers @ 1:00pm Followed by Ladies Night 6:00pm
8. 	9. SUDBURY LODGE Installation and Investiture of Officers	10. DORIC LODGE Elections Double 1 st Degree James Wilson Alan Lye	11. FRIENDSHIP LODGE D.D.G.M. Official Visit 3 rd Degree Bro. W. Gordon Dinner @ 6:00pm	12. GORE BAY LODGE Elections Algoma Chapter 	13. BETHEL LODGE 1 st Degree Trevor Sykes	14. SHRINE CLUB <i>Wine & Cheese social at the Club 1:00pm to 4:00pm</i> GORE BAY LODGE Ladies Night 6:00pm Gore Bay Community Hall
15.  Sudbury Civic Square Police Family Day Noon – 4 pm	16.	17. ALGONQUIN LODGE Proving M.M. Masonic Ed. ESPANOLA  H.R.A. Degree	18.	19. Tuscan Chapter  M.E.M.	20.	21.
22.	23. Victoria Day	24. BLOOD DONOR CLINIC  Little Current 4:00pm to 8:00pm NEMI Recreation Centre	25. SHRINE CLUB  Executive Meeting Members Welcome	26. Mavar Preceptory Knights Templar Fraternal Visit of Supreme Grand Master M.E. Kt. T. Janes Dinner @ 5:30pm Oriental Band Steak Fry Branch 76 Legion	27.	28. Espanola Lodge Breakfast at the Sports Complex  Classic Cruisers Car Show
29.	30.	31.	Java Guild Every Tuesday  Cooks for the day – Doric Lodge No. 455		Come For Coffee Stay For Lunch	



MAVAR PRECEPTORY NO. 65 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



Mavar Preceptory No. 65 conferred the Order of the Temple upon Knights Bill Evenochko, Clair Bracken, and Wally Davidson under the direction of R. Em. Kt. John E. Gamble on Thursday, April 28, 2011.

The orders of the Masonic Knights Templar are part of a progression from the first three degrees of Freemasonry. Membership thus involves several prerequisites:

- You must have received the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, the final degree of Royal Arch Masonry, and be a member in good standing of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
- Membership in a Royal Arch Chapter requires that you have been raised as a Master Mason in a Craft lodge and be a member in good standing of a Masonic Craft lodge.

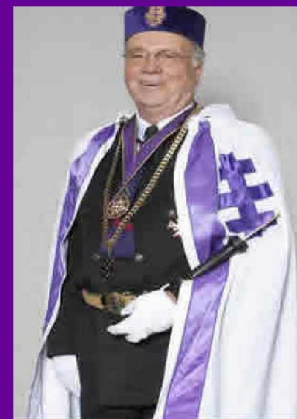
Orders are portrayed by Templar Knights wearing traditional costumes. Each order advances the new Knight through the trials of the Crusades culminating with the Order of the Knights of the Temple.



Sir Knights of the Order of the Temple; William Evenochko, Wally Davidson, and Clair Bracken look resplendent in their new white mantles and wearing their red chapeau



All Knights are reminded the Supreme Grand Master M.E. Kt. Thomas Janes GCT will be attending Mavar Preceptory for a Fraternal Visit on Thursday, May 26th 2011.



Dinner is at 5:30pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm





Espanola Lodge No. 527

The Espanola Classic Cruisers will be gathering on Saturday May 28th 2011 at the Espanola Sports Complex for the 9th Annual Classic Cruise-In. Vintage automobiles from around the north will be on display along with their proud owners who will be happy to answer the many questions you may have about their cars.

ALSO: For the sixth year the brethren of Espanola Lodge No. 527 and their ladies will be cooking and serving breakfast in the upstairs hall at the Espanola Sports Complex. This annual breakfast has become a great fundraising event for the lodge. Help support Espanola Lodge by taking the short drive to their town for a delicious Saturday morning breakfast and see some great classic vehicles.

Breakfast served from 8:30 am till noon.



W. Bro. Doug Bracken and W. Bro. Claude Gervais will make sure you enjoy the juiciest breakfast sausage in the Western part of our District.

Enjoy pancakes cooked to golden perfection under the watchful eye of W. Bro. Tom Sturdy

After breakfast, you can enjoy the Knight Cruisers Car Club show and many other Espanola Day events. It's only a short drive to Espanola for a great day of family fun.



Doric Lodge Steak Fry & Annual District Meeting

**ALL MASONS
ARE WELCOME**

Monday June 6th 2011 is time for the Doric Lodge Steak Fry and the Annual District meeting. You will enjoy a famous Manitoulin steak grilled to your perfection along with bake potatoes, vegetables and salad.



After supper stay for the Annual District Meeting with the Masters and Wardens and see who is planning to run for District Deputy Grand Master in July. You never know, perhaps John Gamble may surprise us...



Sudbury Shrine Club News

www.sudburyshrineclub.com

SHRINERS GIVE \$54,000 TO SUDBURY HOSPITAL
 The Rameses Shrine Divan along with many Sudbury Shrine Club Nobles visited the Sudbury Regional Hospital Children's Treatment Centre on Monday, April 4th 2011 to present a **\$54,000** cheque that will be used for Botox injections on children suffering with Cerebral Palsy.

Sally Spence Clinical Manager at the Sudbury Regional Hospital's Children's Treatment Centre thanked the Potentate Ill. Sir Jim McKinney and the Sudbury Shrine Club President, Noble John McCowan for fifteen years of continued support to the children in our district. In that time



Sally Spence, Children's Treatment Centre Manager; Ill. Sir James D. McKinney, Potentate Rameses Shriners and John McCowan, President Sudbury Shrine Club

the Shriners have worked very hard to raise over \$500,000 to help with the cost of the BOTOX clinic.

Noble John McCowan noted the Shriners work very hard throughout the year to raise money so we can transport local children who need special paediatric orthopaedic treatment to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal. We raise money by working at a local Charities Bingo, selling Christmas Cakes and Vidalia Onions, recycling Aluminum and even through personal donations.

Helping disabled children is extremely rewarding and touches the heart of each individual Shriner. We know we're doing something to help alleviate pain and problems in their future life. The purpose of the Shriner's Hospital in Montreal is to save children's lives and restore their bodies to the highest level of usefulness, research into orthopaedic and burn care, and education, training physicians and other professionals in disabilities.



The children parade for the Shriners with a special message of thanks

Sally told the audience "The clinic serves close to 2,000 children both in urban and rural North-Eastern Ontario each year. We go as far west and north as Chapleau, and all communities between there and Sudbury.



Sudbury Regional Hospital Children's Treatment Centre

"We have enjoyed a decade and a half long partnership with the Shriners initiated by the late Bob McClatchie and The Shrine Hospital in Montreal," says Sally.

"The Shriners send their paediatric orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Hamdy, who has performed surgeries on hundreds of children in our area. Each time Dr. Hamdy holds a clinic at the Treatment Centre, he sees 40 to 50 kids, Shrine Club members are present to greet the families are a resource to families in whatever way they can and also pay for the transportation and lodging cost for the child and one adult to and from Montreal. They also cover the cost of braces, and other necessary equipment.

"The Shriners have helped us with Botox," Sally says. "Dr. Hamdy told us about the benefits in using Botox in the treatment of Cerebral Palsy. It has the paralytic effect on spastic muscles of children with CP. Those muscles that had to be previously surgically lengthened can now be relaxed through Botox injections, so surgery is not needed or delayed. Thanks to the Toronto Rameses Temple and our wonderful Sudbury Shrine Club, we've received **\$54,000** to provide the intensive therapy needed after Botox injections."



The children put on a little play depicting the work of Shriners and their role in helping them to recover.

If you have a child that can use the services of the Shriners Hospital, you're invited to contact the Shrine Club at 705-524-0335 or email sudburyshriners@eastlink.ca

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**Gore Bay Lodge No. 472
Ladies Night**

**May 14th 2011
Gore Bay Community Hall**

**Cocktails at 6:00pm
Dinner at 7:00pm**

**Dance to a live band:
Double Barrel**

**Tickets \$25.00 each available
from any Lodge Officer**



Penewobikong Lodge Invites You to a Masonic Golf And Dinner Social



Golfers And Non-Golfers Welcome!

Date: Wednesday July 6th 2011
Location: Huron Pines Golf & Country Club in Blind River
Cost: \$70.00-**includes golf with electric cart and steak dinner**
(Club rentals available)

Time: 1 P.M.-**shotgun start**
Dinner at 6 P.M.
Fees payable in pro shop upon arrival

N.B. There is a dinner only option at a cost of \$25.00
Interested members may apply individually or in groups

Phone: 705-356-7620
E-mail: bobcat@personainternet.com

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience but certainly no later than
Friday July 1st. To: Bob McEachren