



# Sudbury-Manitoulin District District News Around & About

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## From the District Deputy

Brethren: The Dog Days of Summer are now upon us and very soon, our District will have a new District Deputy Grand Master. Before my year ends, I would like to say it has been my pleasure to visit each lodge and to share time in your company.

To the Worshipful Masters past and present, I am deeply grateful to your kindness and to the hospitality, which you bestowed upon the Grand Stewards and me during our visits. To V.W. Bro. Storie and V.W. Bro. Lewis, Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario it has been my pleasure to travel and to sit in lodge with you. Congratulations on your year as Grand Lodge Officers. May you enjoy many more years of Freemasonry. To W. Bro. John Gamble the District Secretary and my dear friend and brother. Thank you for giving so much of your considerable time and energy in helping to make this year so successful. Our many travels together were very enjoyable and lots of fun. I look forward to the Annual Communication and your well-deserved appointment.

The many memories I have from this year will be cherished my entire life. It has truly been a wonderful experience Thank you my brethren for this opportunity to serve Grand Lodge and our District. I extend best wishes to my successor next year. May all of you and your families have a safe and happy summer.

A.T. Burns

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## Passed to the Grand Lodge Above



Bro. Oliver L. Coley

Nickel Lodge No. 427

W. Bro. W.J. Douglas Haner

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

Bro. Joseph Ellis

Sudbury Lodge No. 658

**WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN  
OUR HEARTS**

### **Bro. Oliver L. Coley initiated n June 19, 1946 to Nickel Lodge No. 427**

#### **Passed to the Grand Lodge Above June 11, 2006**

The family of Oliver L. Coley announces his passing early Sunday morning, June 11, 2006, just short of his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. Oliver was born in Leicester, England on July 7, 1910 to Thomas and Mary Coley (nee Charlton). He was the brother of Edward, Tom, Ernie, Henry, Millie Harding and Dorothy Sumner, all pre-deceased. The family immigrated to Canada when Oliver was one year of age. Oliver was raised in Morse Place (Winnipeg), Manitoba where he met his wife, Delta. Delta and Oliver were married on July 1, 1933 and would have celebrated 73 years of marriage in three weeks time. Together they raised three children, Glen (wife Honor, predeceased), Douglas (wife Wenda), and Louise (husband Gary Barr). Oliver was grandfather to Casey (Pauline, predeceased) and Lynette, Cory and Arthur, Colene and Richard, Geoff and Brenda, Bruce and Lisa, Darrell and Chantal, and Laura. Six great-grandchildren round out the family: Karl and Katie Klopfer, Alexander and Emma Coley, Connor Coley, and Mirabelle Barr. Oliver was a master machinist by trade and came to Sudbury in 1937 to work for INCO. Thereafter he became a machine shop teacher at Sudbury Mining and Technical School. In 1963 he became the first Technical Director at the new Garson-Falconbridge Secondary School where he worked until his retirement in 1972. He was past-president and life member of the Sudbury District Children's Aid Society, past-president and life member of the Sudbury District Kennel Club, a member of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and a member of Nickel Lodge 427. Friends and family enjoyed many happy times at camp on the West Arm Narrows and at the Coley's post-retirement home in Largo, Florida. Oliver so enjoyed a good fishing outing, golfing, duck and goose hunting. Oh how we were regaled by those stories! Bro. Coley especially enjoyed the Java Guild each week. He was dear friend and teacher to many Masons in our District. He never missed a Tuesday and would often join the Java Kazoos for song and mirth on the last Tuesday of the month. A celebration of Oliver's life took place at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home on Friday, June 16, 2006. Tributes in honour of Oliver may be made to the Shriners' Hospital, 1529 Cedar Avenue, Montreal PQ H3G 1A6 or to the CNIB.

**We Cherish His Memory In Our Hearts**



**Congratulations to the June Installations**

W. Bro. Kipton Hawley, National Lodge No. 588 on his Installation and the Investiture of Officers June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006.



W. Bro. Kip Hawley – Worshipful Master and Officers 2006-2007

V.W. Bro. Brian Hester, Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 on his Installation and the Investiture of Officers June 8<sup>th</sup> 2006



V.W. Bro. Brian Hester – Worshipful Master and Officers 2006-2007

W. Bro. Michael Mahaffy, Algonquin Lodge No. 536 on his Installation and Investiture of Officers June 13<sup>th</sup> 2006.



W. Bro. Michael Mahaffy – Worshipful Master 2006 - 2007

W. Bro. Richard Belton, Doric Bay Lodge No. 455 on his Installation and the Investiture of Officers June 27<sup>th</sup> 2006



W. Bro. Richard Belton – Worshipful Master and Officers 2006-2007

W. Bro. Douglas Bracken, Espanola Bay Lodge No. 27 on his Installation and Investiture of Officers June 28<sup>th</sup> 2006



W. Bro. Douglas Bracken – Worshipful Master and Officers 2006-2007

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



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

## Honours and Awards

### Algonquin Lodge No. 536



**R.W. Bro. Alan Petrisor, Deputy Grand Master with  
R.W. Bro. Robert Runciman and W. Bro. Murray Pierce**

Prior to the Installation of Officers on June 13<sup>th</sup> two members of Algonquin Lodge were invited to the East for special presentations. R.W. Bro. Robert Runciman received his 50 year pin and was then presented with the Veteran Jubilee Medal on behalf of his family by the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Alan J. Petrisor.

W. Bro. Murray Pierce, who is moving to Almont this summer was then summoned to the East where he was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift from the Officers and Brethren of Algonquin Lodge No. 536 for his many years of dedicated service.

### Algoma East District

Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698 has *Breakfast at the Lodge*, each **Saturday** morning from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Breakfast includes Juice, Bacon, Sausage, 2 Eggs and home fries, toast and coffee for \$3.00. Elliot Lake Lodge is raffling a

Masonic Ring - Size 12.1/2 (Can be altered) 4 carat gold ring, with a synthetic ruby with a Masonic symbols inscribed. (Value approx \$350.00 CDN) Current Bid \$75.00 Can be seen by contacting the secretary of the Lodge (705) 848-9363 Will also be on display in the lodge at Saturday morning breakfast Make your bid, goes to the highest bidder. Bid list will be at the bar in the Lodge or can be called in via email [rprout@onlink.net](mailto:rprout@onlink.net) or telephone (705) 848-9363. (Bid list to be maintained by the Secretary of the Lodge) **Final date for bid: August 08, 2006.**

### Doric Lodge No. 455

Prior to the Installation of Officers on June 27<sup>th</sup>, W. Bro. Roy Eaton invited W. Bro. Donald Barnes to the East where he was presented with his 50 year Masonic pin and a Lodge certificate of recognition.



**R.W. Bro. Allan Burns - W. Bro. Donald Barnes -  
W. Bro. Roy Eaton**

### **Congratulations & Best Wishes to the following Brethren:**

Bro. Jeff Wiseman, Sudbury Lodge No. 658 on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason June 5, 2006.



**R.W. Bro. Allan Burns – Bro. Jeff Wiseman – R.W. Bro.  
Eric Moore**

Bro. Paul Soucie, Nickel Lodge No. 427 on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason June 7, 2006.

## Senior Citizen of the Year

**By W. Bro. Roy Eaton**

Helen Gordon, wife of V.W. Bro. Bruce Gordon was honoured as Senior Citizen of the Year for NEMI (Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) for her outstanding community service activities and accomplishments.

Helen is a member of the Eastern Star serving as Worthy Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron in 1986-87, Grand Adah in 1991 and was a Grand officer for nine years as a member of the Grand Benevolent Committee.

She is an executive member of the Little Current Curling Club, little league curling coach, Canvassing Captain for the Cancer Society, numerous times she has served as President of the Little Current United Church, has been a Sunday School teacher, is a member of the Quilt and Stitchery Guild and dances for the seniors at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

A very busy woman who has a joy and passion for life. Our congratulations to Helen on receiving such a well deserved community tribute.



**V.W. Bro. Bruce Gordon and Helen Gordon**

## Espanola Lodge No. 527 Installation A Bracken Family Affair

W. Bro. Douglas Bracken had good reason to smile during his installation as Worshipful Master of Espanola Lodge on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2006. Bro. Craig Bracken his son, and his two brothers V.W. Bro. Clare Bracken and Bro. Dennis Bracken attended and participated in the Installation ceremony. V.W. Bro. Clare Bracken was the Installing Master and ensured his brother Doug was placed in the Master's chair according to ancient custom.



**Bro. Craig Bracken, W. Bro. Douglas Bracken Worshipful Master Espanola Lodge No. 527, V. W. Bro. Clare Bracken, Installing Master and Bro. Dennis Bracken.**

## Something For You To Consider

One of the primary reasons for Freemasonry's success throughout the years has been its Universal acceptance of any good man who professes his belief in a Supreme Being. In order to maintain harmony in the Lodges, topics of religion and politics are forbidden. The Craft Degrees do not promote any certain deity but refer to the Supreme Being as the G.A.O.T.U., G.G.O.T.U. or M.H. This enables all Masons to sit in lodge in harmony and peace to enjoy the important lessons taught in the ritual.



In our hemisphere, Christianity with its many branches is the principle religion. Most parts of the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia and North America make use of the Bible as the V.O.T.S.L. in the Lodge room. Freemasonry however can be found over the habitable surface of the earth and includes many good men from other great Religions of the world.



Too often, we tend to forget the First Degree charge upon exiting the lodge room. During the banquet hour, which is still very much a part of the workings of the lodge a brother invited to say the blessing will blend his own personal beliefs into the prayer. Innocent as this may be, it can be disturbing to a brother of another faith and could cause his absence from further gatherings. Remember when invited to lead the brethren in prayer, choose your words carefully so the harmony of the Craft may be maintained.

R.W. Bro. A.T. Burns

## News from the Haweater Unit on Manitoulin Island

A tip of the Fez to the town of Little Current for permitting the Shrine Haweater Unit to collect empty aluminium cans in town. The Shriners on the Island have been hard at work gathering all waste aluminium and storing it at Doric Lodge for pick up by the Sudbury Shrine Club.



Shriners are famous for their fun along with their dedication to children who require burns and orthopaedic treatment. All patient services are proved with no cost to the child's family.



**Nobles Ron Towns, Keith Varey and Roy Eaton with the new collection containers for cans**



**Noble Ron Towns and his handy can transporter makes delivery of the aluminium to the curb for pickup by the Sudbury Shrine Club a breeze.**

Subject: Manitoulin Expositor – by Noble Roy Eaton

The Manitoulin Expositor had an excellent article by Lindsay Kelly. Shriners who attended the special Shrine evening at Doric Lodge at the end of May, will remember Miss Kelly as the young reporter who attended the open part of the evening when the Masonic Choir entertained us. A picture of the Choir's visit was in last month's District Newsletter. Lindsay is also a former student of R.W. Bro. Bob Gordon who was our guest speaker that evening. The article describes the newest project of the Little Current members of the Haweater Unit, working with the town at the Landfill and Recycling Center to collect pop cans. It goes on to give a superb write-up about Lynda Hudgins experiences at the Shrine Hospital in Montreal. Members may recall her speaking at the session that held at the Shrine Center last fall. Her father is Bill Hudgins, a member of the Sudbury Shrine Club and the Haweater Unit. Two quotes from Bill: "For a young girl who wasn't supposed to live past the age of 12, our daughter Lynda is to us a complete miracle. We owe this to the wonderful support and quality of care and treatment we received from the Shriners." **"God bless Shriners and God bless Shriners hospitals"**

Noble Roy Eaton  
Haweater Unit  
Sudbury Shrine Club

## Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario will take place at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto from July 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2006. The Sudbury-Mantoulin District meeting will be held at 4:00pm on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2006. The Grand Master's Banquet will follow later that same evening. Tickets for the Grand Master's banquet will not be sold at the Annual Communication and may be ordered through the District Secretary until Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 2006. All Installed Masters, Worshipful Masters and Wardens are asked to attend if at all possible.

**THE ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD**

On Sat. June 10/06, Ex. High Priest, John E. Gamble was elected and Installed as President of Elam Council No. 5, The Order of the High Priesthood at the Espanola Masonic Lodge Rooms.

To be eligible to be a member of The Order of The High Priesthood, one has to have been Installed as a First Principal of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Elam Council meets 4 times a year. There are 6 Councils that comprise The Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario.



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**From the Sudbury Shrine Club  
PENNY FARTHING UNIT  
&  
HILLBILLY UNIT**

Take notice all Flatland Shriners Wee are givin Nobles and their GALS a chance ta git **THE GRAND AND GLORIOUS HILLBILLY DEGREE** Wednesday July 26..2006 at the Sudbury Shrine Club Registration at NOON PAW'S Degree \$50.00 at 1.pm or sooner MAW'S degree \$25.00 about 2.pm or sooner or later Pre: register for the above. Everyone is welcome to attend a 3pm Tailgate party with Entertainment [moosic] Moonshine Fun for all as the **BIG PIG** is on the fir getting cooked Tickets for the Tailgate Party & Pig Roast Dinner are \$20.00 an are available NOW. Call the Sudbury Shrine Office and reserve yours before they are all gone... Hillbilly Applications are available at the North Bay and Sudbury Shrine Club Offices Pre Registration is advised with Cks. made out to the Sudbury Shrine Club Hillbilly Unit Fur mor infermason call Al Grigor 705-524-0335 or Raban Bob Zadow 705-692-3721 Paul Ruff at 705-522-5726 Harvey Wickenden at 705-522-8046 Yall come & Have FUN

If you hurry you might even be able to get into the singing part.



**Bethel Lodge No. 688 Celebrates a Special Birthday**

Bethel Lodge No. 688 held a special birthday banquet for W. Bro. Jervis Weir on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 to celebrate his forthcoming 80<sup>th</sup> birthday later this summer. A new custom in Bethel Lodge, a celebration will be held for members who reach their 80<sup>th</sup> year with family and friends invited to attend. Among the guests were Jervis's wife and children who were treated to many



and we were treated to many anecdotal stories about W. Bro. Weir during his working days and many years in Lodge. Not to be outdone, W. Bro. Weir had a few good stories to share as well.

Congratulations and happy birthday W. Bro. Weir.





**100 th ANNIVERSARY  
OF  
GORE BAY LODGE NO. 472 AF & AM**

**You are cordially invited to attend our Centennial Celebration**

**With Guest of Honour  
M.W. Brother Gary L. ATKINSON  
GRAND MASTER**

**On  
Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Dedication of Lodge Regalia 4:00 p.m.  
15 Agnes St. Gore Bay, ON  
Banquet – Gore Bay Curling Club  
Social Hour 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
Dress Formal  
Tickets \$40.00 per person**

**R.S.V.P. by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to  
Mr. Willis Campbell  
Box 233, Gore Bay, ON  
POP 1H0  
705-282-2046**

**email – [bbhester@sympatico.ca](mailto:bbhester@sympatico.ca)**

**Please make all cheques payable to Gore Bay Masonic Lodge  
Tickets will be held at the door  
Please include: Name/Rank/Past or Present Office  
Lodge/District and Name of Escort**

**Ladies Program  
Afternoon Tea and Art Exhibit  
Gore Bay Museum  
3:30 – 5:00p.m.  
No Charge**

Please RSVP When Ordering Banquet Tickets  
or  
Phone B. Hester 705-282-2987  
email [bbhester@sympatico.ca](mailto:bbhester@sympatico.ca)

Please be advised that facilities for changing are available at the  
Gore Bay Curling Club.

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**Accommodations  
Gore Bay, Ontario**

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| 1. Gordon's Lodge Resort Complex<br>705-282-2342<br><a href="http://looneyvrconlink.net">looneyvrconlink.net</a> | 5. Thorburn House B & B<br>705-282-2253<br><a href="mailto:thbb@onlink.net">thbb@onlink.net</a> |
| 2. Queens Inn<br>705-282-0665  | 6. The Garden Path B & B<br>705-282-0988  |
| 3. McLaughlin's Block<br>705-282-3196  | 7. The Cornerstone B & B<br>705-282-2741  |
| 4. Evergreen Resort<br>705-282-2616  |   |

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Approx 35 minutes from Gore Bay**

1. Manitoulin Inn  
705-377-5500