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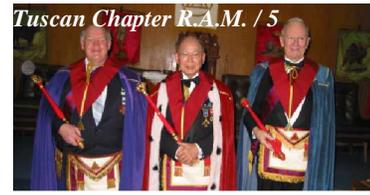
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Nipissing East visits Sudbury-Manitoulin

R.W. Bro. Rene Carlson, D.D.G.M. Nipissing East joined V.W. Bro. Art Madore, Grand Steward for the Official Visit of R.W. Bro. Edward Rennie, D.D.G.M. Sudbury-Manitoulin District to Algonquin Lodge No. 536.



Masons who enjoy singing are invited to join the Sudbury-Manitoulin Masonic choir – Practices are every Monday at 4:45 pm at the Belrock Masonic Centre.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above



W. Bro. Arthur Stewart
Initiated Lincoln Lodge No. 544 - 1952
Affiliated Doric Lodge No. 455 - 1988

Bro. John McDougall
Nickel Lodge No. 427

Bro. Dan Pickard
Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

Sick and Visiting

W. Bro. Mike Gravelle
Algonquin Lodge No. 536

Bro. Ron Green
Bethel Lodge No. 699

W. Bro. Al Stonier
Nickel Lodge No. 427

We wish them well and pray for a speedy recovery.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NICKEL LODGE NO. 427 – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH 2008
OFFICIAL VISIT OF D.D.G.M. R.W. BRO. E. RENNIE
DINNER \$12.00 TO BE SERVED AT 6:00 PM



SUPPORT YOUR CRAFT LODGE
ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY

JAVA GUILD
AT BELROCK
EVERY TUESDAY



COME FOR COFFEE –
STAY FOR LUNCH



Friendship Lodge No. 691 held their annual Installation of Officers and Ladies Night on Saturday, February 9th 2008. The lodge room was filled to near capacity for Bro. Lyle Redden's installation at the new Worshipful Master.

R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon acted as the Installing Master for the afternoon ceremony and many masons expressed their delight for W. Bro. Redden .



R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon congratulates W. Bro. Redden upon his being Installed into the chair of King Solomon



The newly Installed Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Lyle Redden and the newly invested Officers of Friendship Lodge No. 691



Visiting Worshipful Masters from around the District join W. Bro. Redden for a group photo during a break in the ceremony.

Ladies Night at Friendship Lodge

The Banquet room was filled to capacity with Masons and their Ladies for the Annual Ladies Night that immediately followed the Installation ceremonies. An annual Gala with a Valentine's Day theme is always sold out and one of the best evenings of the year.





V.W. BRO. KEITH I. JORDAN



Fellow members of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America from our District assembled with R. Em. Dist. Bro. David G. Walker, O.P.C., Regent of the Sovereign College of North America at Java Guild on February 12th 2008 to listen to the numerous accomplishments of a very notable Mason from the Sudbury-Manitoulin District who was to be recognized for his work.

The Award was proposed to the Sovereign College of North America situated in Detroit by Excalibur York Rite College No. 101 in Sudbury for Keith's outstanding meritorious service in Freemasonry and the Community at large.

V.W. Bro. Jordan is the third Mason from this area to receive the award since its inception. The first recipient was Bro. Art Haley from North Bay followed by R.W. Bro. Eric Moore of Sudbury and now V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan.



V.W. Bro. Keith I. Jordan reacts with surprise to the news that he has been selected for the Gold Honour Award from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.



V.W. Bro. K.I. Jordan receives the "Gold Honour Award" from R. Em. Dist. Bro. David G. Walker

The "Gold Honour Award" may be granted to any Masonic Brother for rendering faithful and outstanding service to any branch of Freemasonry. A recipient for it need not be a member of a York Rite College, nor is it required that he be a member of all other York Rite bodies. Nomination are presented to the College and if endorsed will be forwarded to the Grand Governor for his approval.



V.W. Bro. Keith I. Jordan along with fellow recipient R.W. Bro. Eric Moore and R. Em. Dist. Bro. David G. Walker



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR BRETHREN



(Front L-R) Bro. Grayme Anthony – Bro. Gilbert Davies – Bro. William Evanochko –(Rear L-R) Bro. D. McIvor Sr. Warden, W. Bro. E. Patton W.M. - R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie

During the annual Advance night at Algonquin Lodge No. 536 on February 19th 2008 three Master Masons proved their proficiency in the third degree. Upon successfully completing their Labours of the evening R.W. Bro. Brian V. Koivu on behalf of the Lodge presented the three

brethren with their very own copy of the V.O.T.S.L and were informed that it was our hope the pages would become worn and dog eared from the many time they read and study the greatest book that has ever been written.

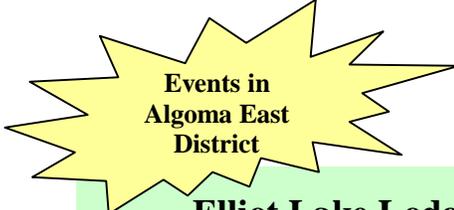
Additional Congratulations

Bro. B. Fransen of Nickel Lodge No. 427 on his Initiation into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice Mason on February 6, 2008.

Bro. M. McKecknie of Espanola Lodge No. 527 on being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 6, 2008

Bro. Korrie Findlay of Bethel Lodge No. 699 on his Initiation into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice Mason on February 8, 2008

Bro. G. W. Moore of Sudbury Lodge No. 658 on his Initiation into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice Mason on February 18, 2008



Events in Algoma East District

Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698 SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast at the Lodge, is served on **Saturday** morning from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 am. The breakfast includes Juice, Bacon, Sausage, 2 Eggs and home fries, toast and coffee for \$4.00 donation. Members are urged to bring their Family and friends to the breakfast. Your support of the Lodge is appreciated.

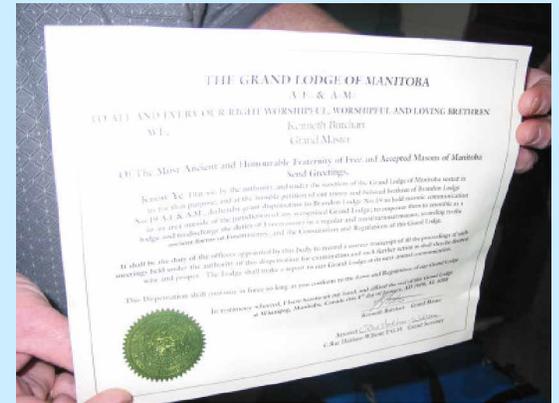
Elliot Lake Lodge No. 698 will be receiving the District Deputy Grand Master of Algoma East District, R.W.Bro. Alexander C. Solomon on **Wednesday 12th March, 2008** Under the direction of our Worshipful Master. The evening will include the Initiation of Mr. Dwight SMITH and Mr. Donald PECORE into Freemasonry.

It is just a short drive from Sudbury to Elliot Lake why not come out and join the fellowship.



A SPECIAL VISIT TO THE JAVA GUILD

During a recent visit to the Java Guild Bro. Jesse Tait displaying the Travel Masonic Lodge Kit given to him by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba which he will use when he is stationed in Afghanistan later this month.

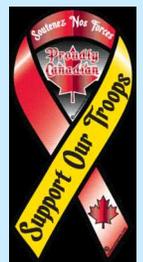


Travelling Lodge Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba

The kit contains all of the necessary items needed for a Lodge to be properly Tyled and held in a Regular manner.



The Java Guild patrons all took time to speak to Bro. Tait and were very interested in his mission in Afghanistan and the number of Masons that are serving there. It was a very informative lunch and we all thanked Bro. Tait for showing us the Traveling Lodge kit and we all wished him well while serving our country.





I hope my wife doesn't see me sweeping

ESPANOLA LODGE FUNSPIEL

28 Years Running



Espanola Lodge No. 527 held their 28th Annual Curling Funspiel on Saturday February 16, 2008 at the Espanola Curling Club. A total of 16 Rinks of Masons and Ladies enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship with proceeds going to the Espanola Lodge high school bursary fund.

W. Bro. Gordon Fraser and his lovely bride Brenda were congratulated and thanked for organizing yet another great day of fun and prizes.



Bro. Robert Bryson of Sudbury Lodge has been a regular competitor in the Funspiel for many years and is always ready to enjoy a good time.



W. Bro. Rob Fleming of Nickel Lodge considering the next shot



W. Bro. Gordon Fraser and Brenda are hard at work preparing for the 30th Anniversary Funspiel in 2010 and they invite to start the party early by coming to the 29th annual event next year.





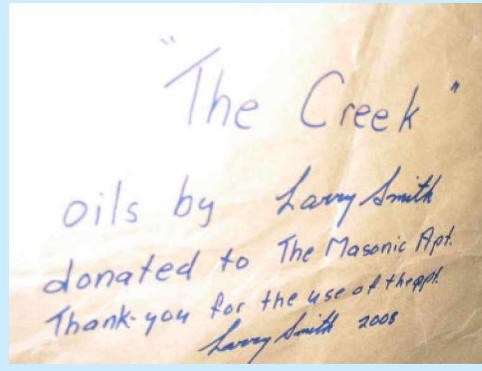
A Special Thanks to Belrock Apartments

W. Bro. Larry Smith of Doric Lodge No. 455 in Little Current made a special trip to Sudbury for the Java Guild on February 12th 2008.

W. Bro. Smith spoke to the brethren and told us about a very close friend of his who had come to Sudbury from Manitoulin Island for cancer treatment. His friend was being treated as an out patient however the severity of the sessions made it difficult for travel and if he had to travel every day from Manitoulin his treatments may not succeed.

W. Bro. Smith knew about the apartment at the Belrock Masonic Centre that is available free of charge for Masons and their families who must travel to Sudbury for medical treatment.

After contacting R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie the keys to the apartment were offered to his friend. The treatments lasted several weeks and his recovery is partially credited because he did not have to travel much during the session.



W. Bro. Smith decided the best way he could show his appreciation for what was done for his friend decided to donate one of his paintings that he drew to the Belrock apartment in order to thank all of the Masons at Belrock for their generosity.

V.W. Bro. Robert Storie thanked W. Bro. Smith for the picture and indicated the painting will be hung in the apartment living room for all guests to enjoy.

W. Bro. Smith thanked the brethren again and reported that his friend is still doing well.





Concordant News & Views

Tuscan Chapter No. 95 R.A.M.



(L-R) R. Ex. Comp. G.V.G. McEwen – Comp. Rob Lipic – R. Ex. Comp. Ken Pierce, Grand Superintendent – Comp. Mike Muzia – Comp. David Carscallen



Congratulations:

Companions Mike Muzia and Robert (Rob) Lipic for achieving the status of Royal Arch Mason on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.

Mavar Preceptory No. 65

On Thursday, February 28th 2008 Sir Knights Jim Thomson and Ed Bradley received the Order of the Temple Part II and III under the direction of R. Em. Kt. John E. Gamble.

During the ceremony these Noble Knights received the Mantle of the Knights Templar.



During the business of the evening four Knights were presented with their 25 year pins and a certificate recognizing their service to Mavar Preceptory No. 65 over the years.

(L-R) R. Em. Kt. John Gamble – Em. Kt. Eric Moore, V. Em. Kt. Bill McKnight – V. Em. Kt. Keith I. Jordan



The newly consecrated Knights with the members of the cast.





(L-R) Em. Comp. Stan Fenton "H" – Em. Comp. Wah Chung "Z" –
Emp. Comp. Robert Gordon "J" – R. Em. Comp. Ken Pierce

Tuscan Chapter No. 95 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

A special congratulation is extended to Em. Companion Robert Gordon on his Installation as "J" on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.

A brief illness prevented his attending the annual installation ceremony in January and the Companions were very happy to see Em. Companion Gordon back in lodge and in fine form.

The Sudbury Shrine Club Vidalia Onion Sale

If you would like to support the Sudbury Shrine Club in its efforts to raise funds for our Children's Hospital now is a good time to do so.

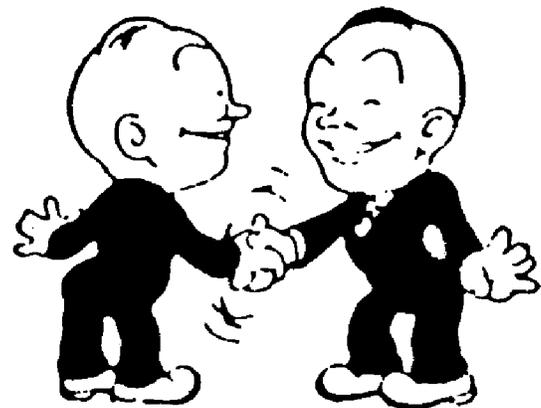
Simply reply to this E-Mail or call me at (705) 560-4590 and indicate how many 10 pound bags of onions you will require.

Don't leave this too long as we need to know how many bags to order. The price is \$12.00 per bag.

Delivery will be in early May we will contact you when they are due to arrive.

Robert Dixon
779 Danforth Avenue
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(705) 560-4590
dixon@sympatico.ca

Someone is waiting for you



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





Masons Helping You Protect The Ones You Love
MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario.... "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Brethren, our Grand Master's theme this year is "**MASONRY, MAKING A DIFFERENCE**", and under the direction of Most Worshipful Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, a Child Identification program known as MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario has officially begun.

The Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, have long held a commitment to children, their families, and our community. Our MasoniCh.I.P. Program is the most comprehensive child identification service currently available, which is designed to give families a measure of protection against the ever-increasing problem of missing c Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario hildren. It is brought exclusively to Ontario families by Masons, **free of charge** and has worked successfully in more than 20 States in the U.S. for many years.

The MasoniCh.I.P. Child ID Program consists of five major components – vital child information, digital fingerprints, digital photographs, a digital video and a dental bite impression. All of this data is burned onto a CD, and given to the parents or guardian. Security and privacy are of the utmost importance; therefore, it is significant to note that the Ontario Masons keep nothing on file, with the exception of the permission form signed by the parent, prior to participation in any event.

Grand Lodge and the MasoniCh.I.P. Committees are working diligently to provide guidance so that this program can be brought to our communities. However, to be successful, the MasoniCh.I.P. Program must be made consistently available throughout this jurisdiction.

All Masons are encouraged to support their District, and their Lodges. To assist you in that regard, The **Masonic Foundation** has granted MasoniCh.I.P. **Ontario project number : 255** anyone wishing to support this program and receive a Tax Receipt can make a cheque payable to the Masonic Foundation and quote this project number and the Foundation will send a receipt. If no tax receipt is required, a cheque can be sent payable to "MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario, and mailed to the address below.

It is our sincerest hope that no family will need the resource provided in our packets, but if the need should arise we believe the information that we provide from our program will be instrumental to law enforcement agencies in the recovery of a missing child. It only takes **42 seconds** from the time the CD-Rom is loaded into the Police computer for **the AMBER ALERT** broadcast to be sent through out their system.

I thank you Brethren for your interest in this program and your commitment to promoting this excellent community service. With everyone's well-timed efforts, we will be able to provide the MasoniCh.I.P. Program in every community in Ontario.

If you have any questions you may reach me at any of the following numbers or emails.

Fraternal Regards, (H) - (519) 539-3669 (cell) (519) 537-4069
raydobbs@sympatico.ca raydobbs4378@hotmail.com

R. W. Bro. Ray Dobbs

Program Director



Masons Helping You Protect The Ones You Love

Vital Statistics:

According to statistics released by Canada's "Our Missing Children" site, and Ontario Child Find, every year over 60,000 children are reported missing in Canada, with Ontario having the highest proportion per capita at almost 20,000. The key to recovering these children is quick action by parents, and law enforcement agencies. Statistics also state that;

"THE FIRST 2 HOURS AFTER A CHILD HAS GONE MISSING ARE THE MOST CRITICAL."

Why the EZ Child ID System?

MasoniCh.I.P Ontario will be using the most comprehensive digital fingerprinting child ID system available. EZ Child ID worked directly with the National MasoniCHIP Foundation in developing this software. They have worked with law enforcement officials to ensure that this digital fingerprinting system is up to their standards. They have taken it one step further and included a **digital fingerprint analysis** software package to make sure all the necessary "points" on fingerprints are obtained. This will ensure that all the vital information required by the **Amber Alert** system is captured. This software even records a digital video with voice, which is saved in digital avi format. The EZ Child ID form includes all 10 fingerprints and is saved in the universal PDF format. The parent not only receives a printed form, they also receive a CD with all their child's information on it. This allows the parent the opportunity to reprint the EZ Child ID form at home if they desire. To help protect from identity theft, the software was written so that no information from the child is saved on the computer. Once you start over, all of the data is permanently erased. **The parent is the only person who retains their Child's information.**



Fingerprint Analysis Software

Why go to this extent?

All of this technology aids in the reporting time if a child has gone missing. The parent can take the CD to a police department to be downloaded, or even email the form. There is no other system that is as comprehensive as the EZ Child ID System. To make it even better, the system comes completely assembled and can be **set up in under 30 seconds!**

Easy to Use:

The EZ Child ID System was developed from the ground up with "Technology Made Simple". The software was designed so that with only 5 minutes of training anyone can use it. There is a quality data check list which verifies that you have completed each step correctly. There is also an easy to use step by step instruction booklet with every machine. To the right, you will see a sample of the bio-sheet that can be printed, and below is a photo of the actual unit that **MasoniCh.I.P.** Ontario will be using.



Introducing The Complete All-In-One Child ID System



KEY PROGRAM FEATURES

- Will scan all 10 fingerprints
- Produces a still photo
- Produces a video with audio
- Burns all info to CD-Rom
- All files are deleted after each session
- MasoniCh.I.P. Ontario will also feature a wax wafer dental impression system.

