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From the District Deputy

What kind of month is it?

A month of sharing and forgiveness, a month of love and communication, we live our life the best way we can, we live our life looking for a better future and caring with others, we are Freemasons and we are obligated to try to understand and live up to the meaning of our Rituals.

When we opened our eyes and see the three Great Lights we are destined to lead in our forms and ways.

We are just a single light in the gradual sunrise and then we shine to the fullest before our sunset, to lead and direct others, it is our nature and understanding of our Rituals. While some must, of necessity rule and teach, so most of us must learn to submit and obey. Many of the Brethren are Veterans in their lodge and district, and they do create an empty space when the Almighty ask for them. We must never forget their leadership, teaching and caring,

"The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." *Mark Twain*

That is the way, the unforgettable, *R. W. Bro. Robert Norman Gordon*, had lived his life. We live this month, the month of our Saviour, to care and be united in our rituals, and never to forget," the emblems of mortality that lead us to contemplate our inevitable destiny".

As we have learned, you must dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to become respectable in your life and useful to your Brethren and community. **"Your work is to discover your work and then with all your heart to give yourself to it."** *Gautama Buddha*

We are servants to others to improve their life and knowledge, this is a month of forgiveness, be a true Brother and admit if you make a mistake, to better yourself and others.

"In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness. Our life is a long and arduous quest after Truth." *Mahatma Gandhi*

Be happy and thankful to the Almighty every morning, try make others happy too; life is too short to argue and disapprove just for the sake of it. If you see that a passer-by on the street is in need of something try and help. Look up to that bright star in the East and remember that we have but one aim, to please each other and being happy and communicate happiness to others, because that is what you will be remember by.

"Life without Liberty is like a body without spirit. Liberty without thought is like a disturbed spirit ... Life, liberty, and thought

- three persons in one substance, eternal, never-ending, and unceasing." *Gibran Khalil Gibran*
This is the month, which we could call, **Brotherly Love relief and truth.**

To you all,
Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Happy Holiday.

Saliem J Khoury
DDGM Sudbury-Manitoulin District.



Passed To The Grand Lodge Above



R.W. Bro. Robert Gordon

Friendship Lodge No. 691

W. Bro. Gary Fortin

Friendship Lodge No. 691

Bro. Eric Williams

Nickel Lodge No. 427

WE CHERISH THEIR MEMORY IN OUR HEARTS

Sick and Visiting

W. Bro. David Kennedy

Nickel Lodge No. 427

Bro. Merven Firth

Nickel Lodge No. 427

W. Bro. John Moony

Espanola Lodge No. 527

We wish them well and pray for their full recovery



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VETERAN'S APPRECIATION NIGHT



Lest We Forget

A Special Thank You To Canada's Heros

The Sudbury-Manitoulin District held its annual Veteran's Appreciation night on Friday, November 4th 2011 at the Belrock Masonic Centre. National Lodge No. 588 acted as the host lodge this year and W. Bro. George Little welcomed the Veterans, Masons and guests.

V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan and his committee organized a first class evening that began with an excellent meal prepared and served by the Algoma Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Guest speaker M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels P.G.M. spoke on the service our veterans have given to our country and the supreme sacrifice paid by our many men and women who served our country.



Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan



V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan presents M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels with a cheque on behalf of the Java Guild and the Sudbury Masons as a donation to his charity project.



Banners donated to district by Bro. Jason McKibbin of Crocodile Press.



Bro. Robert Bryson, Parade Marshal marched the Veterans into the lodge room under the Colours and in true military form.



Veterans and Legionaries lined both sides of the lodge room



Leila Khoury the daughter of R.W. Bro. Sam Khoury read her poem of remembrance; "The Day The Guns Dropped" and presented each veteran with a copy. You may remember her poem in last month's newsletter.



At the conclusion of the dinner program V.W. Bro. Jordan invited guests to pick up a Veteran's thank you card and mail it to a veteran or someone currently in the military thanking them for their service to our country.



GORE BAY LODGE NO. 472 OFFICIAL VISIT

Gore Bay Lodge received R.W. Bro. Saliem J. Khoury D.D.G.M. for his Official Visit to their lodge on Thursday, November 10th 2011. Bro. Shane Chatwell the candidate for the evening received his Fellowcraft degree in proper Masonic order.

The evening began with a traditional Island dinner at 6:00pm in the banquet room. Of course the brethren also enjoyed some good fun and fellowship that is always followed by a few stories.



R.W. Bro. Bill Clark, sponsor – Bro. Shane Chatwell, Bro. Hye Clark, sponsor



W. Bro. Don Carter received his 25-year pin presented by W. Bro. John Turner and R.W. Bro. Khoury



Visiting Masters (back row L-R) W. Bro. George Little, National Lodge – W. Bro. Paavo Liukko, Nickel Lodge – W. Bro. Reg Daigle, Sudbury Lodge – W. Bro. Rob Lipic, Friendship Lodge – W. Bro. Rick Belton, Doric Lodge accompanied the District Deputy to the most Western part of the district.





CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Nickel Lodge No. 427 Past Master's Night

November 2nd 2011 was past Master's night and W. Bro. Reijo Luoma assumed the chair for the degree work. Congratulations to Bro. Rock Palmer for his Initiation into Freemasonry.



Past Masters (Front Row L-R) R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming – R.W. Bro. Saliem Khoury DDGM – Bro. Rock Palmer – W. Bro. Paavo Liukko – W. Bro. Reijo Luoma – V.W. Bro. Clive Stephenson – W. Bro. Brian Howe – (Middle Row) W. Bro. Chris Kemp – R.W. Bro. Robert South – W. Bro. Ken Alexander – W. Bro. Demerge Horace – V.W. Bro. Milt Fleming – W. Bro. Richard England (Back Row) W. Bro. George Nichols – W. Bro. Greg Newson – W. Bro. Michael Dowling – V.W. Br Robert Storie – R.W. Bro. J. David Innes – W. Bro. Grant Boyce

Algonquin Lodge No. 536 Past Master's Night

November 15th 2011 was Master's night and W. Bro. Ed Patton assumed the chair for the degree work. Congratulations to Bro. Jason McKibbon on being Passed to the Fellowcraft degree.



Past Masters (Front Row L-R) W. Bro. Terry Jackson – V.W. Bro. John Gamble – W. Bro. Ed Patton – Bro. Jason McKibbon – R.W. Bro. Paul Ashely – W. Bro. Mel Hodgins – R.W. Bro. J. David Bell (Middle Row) W. Bro. Allan Bowles – W. Bro. Darren Foy – V.W. Bro. Robert Donaldson – W. Bro. Tom Newburn – R.W. Bro. Robert Runciman (Back Row) W. Bro. Bill Thompson – W. Bro. Mike Mahaffy – W. Bro. Dick McIvor – R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu – W. Bro. Harvey Wickenden – R.W. Bro. Allan Burns

Friendship Lodge No. 691

Congratulations to Bro. Mark Woodliffe on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason during the regular meeting on Wednesday, November 9th 2011



(L-R) W. Bro. Rob Lipic – Bro. Joe Woodliffe, Mark's dad and a member of Doric Lodge – Bro. Mark Woodliffe – R.W. Bro. Saliem Khoury

Friendship Lodge No. 691 Emergent Meeting

November was a busy month for the brethren as W. Bro. Rob Lipic called an Emergent meeting to Raise Bro. Ryan McNabb to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Wednesday, November 23rd 2011.



(Front L-R) W. Bro. Merd Bolander, W. Bro. Rob Lipic, Bro. Ryan McNabb, R.W. Bro. Saliem J. Khoury DDGM, Bro. Brian Stoddart (Back) R.W. Bro. J. David Bell MOB, R.W. Bro. Paul Ashley W.M. Algonquin Lodge, Bro. Jim O'Neil

Bethel Lodge No. 699

Congratulations to Bro. Mandy Gervais on being Passed to the Fellowcraft degree on Friday, November 25th 2011



Fifty Years in Freemasonry

It was a special night for W. Bro. Gerald Hill on Monday, November 21st 2011 as he received his 50-year pin presented to him by his son W. Bro. Alan Hill.



(L-R) R.W. Bro. Saliem J. Khoury DDGM, W. Bro. Regean Daigle, W. Bro. Gerald Hill, W. Bro. Alan Hill, W. Bro. Rodd Junkila

Donation to Finlandia

Bro. Robert Bryson, a William Mercer Wilson award recipient approached V.W. Bro. Keith Jordan with a proposal for the Java Guild. He would pay for the cost of the Tuesday lunch if the Java Guild would donate the days receipts to the Sudbury Finish Rest Home Society capital campaign. Keith thought it was an excellent idea and gladly accepted Bob's proposal.

On Tuesday, November 15th 2011 they visited Algonquin Lodge and presented a cheque to R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu a member of the Finlandia Board of Directors.



(L-R) V.W. Bro. Keith I. Jordan, R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu, Bro. Robert Bryson

Masons attend Remembrance Day Services



Remembrance Day services in Copper Cliff and at Sudbury Arena



Bro. Stan Waltenbury of Sudbury Lodge participating in the Legion Remembrance Day service.

R.W. Bro. Allan Burns and V.W. Bro. John Gamble laid the District wreath during the ceremony held at the Little Current Legion.





CONCORDANT NEWS & VIEWS

Fifty Years of Royal Arch Masonry

R.Ex. Companion John E. Gamble received his Grand Chapter Fifty-year jewel at the regular meeting of Tuscan Chapter No. 95 on Thursday, November 17th 2011.



R.Ex. Comp. John Gamble with his brother Comp. Tom Gamble

John also received a very nice certificate of appreciation for 50 years of dedication to Tuscan Chapter and to Royal Arch Freemasonry that was presented to him by R.Ex. Comp. Keith Jordan on behalf of the chapter.



Most Excellent Master Degree

Tuscan Chapter No. 95 conferred the Most Excellent Master degree to Bro. Stephen Pearce of Bethel Lodge No. 699 on Thursday, November 17th 2011.



This degree is founded upon a lot of legend, taken from the time of the consecration and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. It is said that when the Temple was completed, Solomon called all the workers of the Temple to come to Jerusalem to participate in the dedication services and celebration. Further legend states that, "the stone that the builders rejected, became the chief stone of the corner. Several references were made about the stone that was rejected, in Psalms, Luke, and Acts.



During the same meeting Companion Grayme Anthony a member of Algonquin Lodge was presented with his Grand Chapter certificate.



Espanola Chapter No. 257 R.A.M.

Congratulations to Bro. M. Armand Pitre on receiving the Most Excellent Master degree on Tuesday, November 15th 2011.



NIPISSING LODGE NO. 20 ROYAL ARK MARINERS



Congratulations to Comp. Saliem J. Khoury on being Elevated to the Ark Mariners degree on Saturday, November 19th 2011 and completing all the degrees in the Royal and Select Masters and Royal Ark Mariners.

The story of this degree contains events before, during and after the Biblical Flood. The apron and emblems of this degree are easily recognizable by the ark and rainbow motif, although the degree itself claims the original apron to have been made of unfinished lambskin.



Excalibur York Rite College No. 101

The Companion Knights received the Grand Governor, R. Em. Dist. Bro. David P. Hardie on his Official Visit on Saturday, November 19th 2011 at the Belrock Masonic Centre.



(L-R) Em. Comp. Kt. Alan R. Hill, Deputy Governor - Pre Em. Comp. Kt. Clive D. Stephenson, Governor – R. Em. Dist. Bro. David P. Hardie, Grand Governor – Em. Comp. Kt. Albert Stonier, Chancellor

During his Official Visit R. Em. Dist. Bro. David P. Hardie presented the Helen Purdy Award for excellence to Excalibur College.





Sudbury Manitoulin District Child Identification Clinics

**ONAPING FALLS
LEGION BRANCH 503**

Sunday Dec. 11th 2011
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**SOUTHRIDGE
MALL**

Saturday Dec. 17th 2011
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**VALE CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

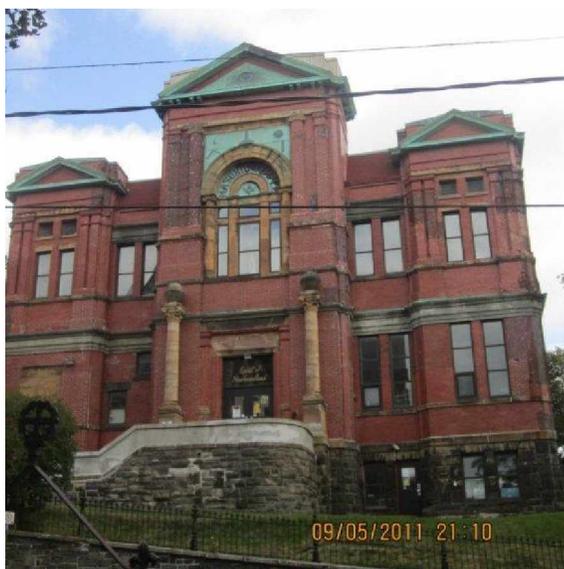
Sunday Dec. 18th 2011
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Bro. Mike Lalonde,
District Chairman, at 705-682-4662

*Masons Helping You Protect
The Ones You Love*



Brian Davenport, past Potentate of Rameses Shriners and wife Johanna toured the East coast on motorcycle this past year and have shared some pictures of Masonic buildings they found on their holiday.



Masonic Lodge in St. Johns Newfoundland



P.E.I. Masonic Building

A special thank you to the Davenports for sharing their pictures of these beautiful Masonic buildings.

If you have pictures you would like to share with the Sudbury-Manitoulin District newsletter please sent them to the editor atburns@persona.ca



Masonic Building
Twillingate, Newfoundland





Order of the Eastern Star Algoma Chapter No. 139

HARMONY CHRISTMAS TEA

The Eastern Star held their Fall Tea at the Parkside (OACS). Dozens of members participated by making tea and coffee to be served with sandwiches and cookies. The Chapter sells bake goods, used books, sewing and knitted products and used costume jewellery. Along with a raffle, they use the proceeds to support many local charities. This is one of many Chapter events held to support citizens in the community.



Worthy Matron Elizabeth Chorkawy and Mike Chorkawy the Worthy Patron welcomed guests for the afternoon.



Vi Kirkpatrick and Shirley Cranston are waiting to fill coffee and teacups to be delivered to guests. Behind them, Edith McGinn is discussing Eastern Star matters with one of the newest members of the Chapter, Nancy Daigle. In the upper left portion of the photo is new member Brooke Yeates and Barbara Bell, standing by to clear table after visitors have finished their lunch.

Guests checking the Penny Table for their favourite prizes.



Mrs. Margaret Donaldson serving guests at the bake table.



Jeannine Zadow pours a cup of tea for new guests.

FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY



THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IS THE LARGEST FRATERNAL ORDER TO WHICH MASTER MASONS AND THEIR FEMALE RELATIVES MAY BELONG. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EASTERN STAR 2 B 1 ASK 1





DECEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Java Guild At Belrock Every Tuesday</p> 	<p>Come for coffee Stay for lunch</p>	<p>1. NICKEL LODGE Business Meeting Only (Moved ahead from Wed. Dec. 7/11)</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p>3.  Shrine Club Elections 1:00pm Espanola Chapter RAM Installation SUDBURY LODGE LADIES NIGHT</p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p>5. Java Guild Christmas  Fantasy Dinner 6:00pm</p>	<p>6. NATIONAL LODGE</p>	<p>7. ESPANOLA LODGE  D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISIT Nickel Lodge meeting moved to Dec. 1/11</p>	<p>8. GORE BAY LODGE 1st Degree Algoma Chapter </p>	<p>9. BETHEL LODGE Elections</p>	<p>10.  Shrine Club Hillbilly Christmas Party</p>
<p>11. MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO Onaping Falls Legion Br. 503 12:00pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>12. SUDBURY LODGE</p>	<p>13. DORIC LODGE 2nd Degree Bro. Corey Doughty ALGONQUIN LODGE  at the Idylwyde</p>	<p>14. FRIENDSHIP LODGE Step-up night 1st Degree  Lunch at the Shrine Club Kitchen Witches Meat Pie</p>	<p>15. Tuscan Chapter  R.A.M. ELECTIONS</p>	<p>16.  Friday Lunch at the Shrine Club Harvey's Surprise</p>	<p>17.  Shrine Club Penny Farthing Christmas Party MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO Southridge Mall 10:00am-3:00pm</p>
<p>18. MASONI Ch.I.P. ONTARIO VALE Nickel Refinery Children's Christmas Party at the Copper Cliff Italian Club 2:00pm-4:00pm</p>	<p>19.</p>	<p>20. Java Guild Christmas Lunch ALGONQUIN LODGE NO MEETING SCHEDULED ESPANOLA R.A.M. NO MEETING SCHEDULED</p>	<p>21. GORE BAY LODGE Emergent Meeting Note this meeting is on Wednesday night</p>	<p>22. Mavar Preceptory NO MEETING SCHEDULED</p>	<p>23.</p>	<p>24.  </p>
<p>25.  Christmas Day</p>	<p>26.  Boxing Day</p>	<p>27.</p>	<p>28.  SHRINE CLUB Executive Meeting Members Welcome</p>	<p>29.</p>	<p>30.</p>	<p>31. New Year's Eve </p>



Belrock Masonic Centre now has easy access to banquet room.

It all began with a question about how could the stair problem be eliminated at Belrock. For many years our older brethren and those with physical disabilities had difficulty getting to and from the banquet room located on the floor below the lodge room.

There were long discussions and efforts to have an elevator installed that would connect the three floors of the Belrock Centre. The cost proved prohibitive and the Temple Corporation needed a new plan. After much debate the brethren decided the most cost effective solution would be to build a roadway and Handicapped parking area and create a new entrance to the building.

Work began in 2010 to with preparing the exterior wall, then building a retaining wall so landfill could be added and then given a year to settle.



R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie & W. Bro. Willie Glehs



Nearing their goal W. Bro. Ben Mullen & V.W. Bro. Brian Stoddart lay supporting stones for the retaining wall. The new road is taking shape.



W. Bro. Ben Mullen checks out the view at the top of the wall

We all watched with excitement and the crew of hardworking volunteers built the retaining wall.



W. Bro. Willie Glehs cuts out the entrance hole and installs the new door that will lead into the banquet room area.

Finally after nearly 40 years all brethren will be able to join in the fellowship and fun with ease of access.



V.W. Bro. John J. Gilpin at 95 years of age was given the honour of cutting the ribbon to the new Handicapped entrance. V.W. Bro. Robert Storie, W. Bro. Ben Mullen and R.W. Bro. Ed Rennie looks while John completes the opening ceremony.



Canadian Cancer Society **Société canadienne du cancer**

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
URGENTLY NEEDED**

The Sudbury Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is in desperate need of volunteer drivers to help transport people to and from appointments. With the kindness and support of volunteer drivers, cancer patients only need to worry about getting better and beating cancer for good. You can be one of those caring drivers we need.

Sometimes simply getting to treatment can be a difficult task, especially if you are also dealing with physical or financial challenges or if the treatment centre is far from home.

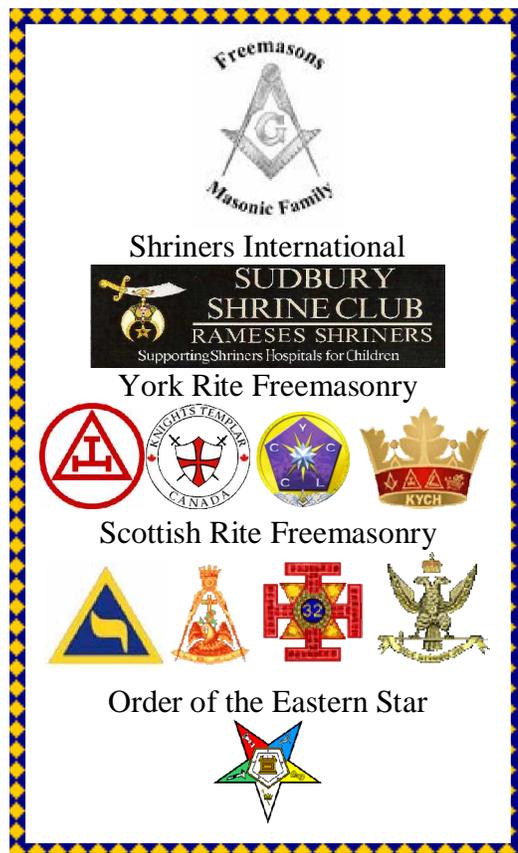
Last year, approximately 3,000 C.C.S. volunteer drivers drove more than 10 million kilometres to take more than 16,500 people to cancer treatment appointments.



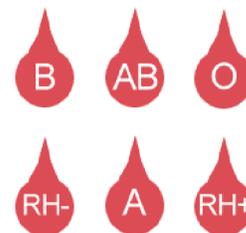
As a volunteer driver, you'll pick patients up from their home and take them to their attending hospital or regional cancer centre. You'll be there to offer friendly support and kindness at a time when they need it the most. And when their treatment is done, you'll make sure they get home. We reimburse our drivers on a competitive scale reviewed quarterly.

Volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society is a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, be part of a team, share your experience, learn new skills and develop lasting friendships. And we'll provide the ongoing training and support for you to develop and grow in your new role.

It's easy to get started. Call the Sudbury Unit Office at **705-670-1234** and ask for Molly or simply tell them you would like to become a volunteer driver.



It Takes All Types



Healthy people between the ages of 17 and 60 (up to 71 if a person is a regular donor) can donate blood every 56 days. It usually takes about one hour to be registered at the clinic, donate blood, rest, take refreshments and be on your way. Giving blood affects one very little, beyond a well-earned feeling of personal satisfaction.

Be a Blood Donor Today!!!



**ELLIOT LAKE HERITAGE HALL
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER
DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2011
4:30 - 6:30 pm**



PRICE: \$13.00 Per Person



**Entertainment: The Men of Song
Door Prize/50-50 Draw**

Contact: Ken Pierce - (705) 848-3947

