



SEPTEMBER 2019



Brethren of the Sudbury Manitoulin District:

It truly is an honour and privilege to hold the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year and I intend to reward your trust in me by focusing on a number of areas our district membership have expressed interest in. With our new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David J. Cameron at the helm, I look forward to representing him and his exciting changes throughout the year. In keeping with the idea that change is good, there are a number of adjustments made to the committee's structure this year. I expect that we as brethren will work together as a team to accomplish much in a manner where brotherly love and kindness are our first priority. Additionally, our newsletter will be revived thanks to the Technology Committee and R.W. Bro. Robert Fleming's acceptance of the role as Newsletter Lead. Please make his task an easier one by submitting information to him in a timely manner.

Congratulations to this year's district award winners. W.J.C. Noble Blood Donor Award: City of Lakes Lodge No. 536, Joe Lesser Attendance Award: Friendship No. 691, and Journeyman's Award: City of Lakes No. 536.

Congratulations to V. W. Bro. Tom King on his well deserved appointment as a Grand Steward. Congratulations and thank you to R.W. Bro. Brian Koivu for his continued efforts as President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and to R.W. Bro. Robert Fleming as President of the Masonichip Foundation. Thank you to the committee members for accepting your appointments.

I look forward to a productive and pleasant year working with you. Your District Secretary is W. Bro. Ryan Lipic. Please communicate with him often when your lodge is planning events or meetings or you need assistance with Grand Lodge. He can be reached at secretary@smmasons.com

On a closing note, I would ask that we all remember that our gentle craft is indeed gentle. That we carry ourselves within and without the Lodge in a manner above the noise and negative words we hear too often in today's society. That as Freemasons, your kind and thoughtful words alone will be the best promotion of our craft and its membership. That Brotherly Love is the reason we come out to the Lodge. Be the reason a brother comes out for your next meeting not why he stayed home.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Lipic
District Deputy Grand Master 2019-20
Sudbury Manitoulin District



District Chaplain's Observations

R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken

District Chaplain



As we begin another year under the guidance of a new District Deputy Grand Master, we must reflect on how far each of us has come. Have we as Masons, really made a difference in the Sudbury-Manitoulin District? If the body of Masonry has made our District a better place, have we each done our part? Are we better husbands, fathers, or friends?

From that first short pace in the first degree, have our lives changed? As we progressed, the values of brotherly love, relief, and truth were brought to the forefront. We were taught to judge with fairness, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

These teachings pointed out the way of life the Great Architect would have us live, but our family life, work, and social activities pulled us in many directions.

The key issue here is not just what is taught, but what is done.

Are we living our lives so that anyone who see us will say, "he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, to whom the distressed may prefer his suit, whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence"?

Are we actually **doing** Masonry or just **playing** Masonry?

Let your light shine like a beacon for the whole world to see!





The Lodges – The Work



Nickel No. 427

- 04 September – Third Degree – **Bro. Ghislain Cotton**
- 11 September – Reciprocal Visit to Friendship No. 691
- 18 September – Initiation – **Mr. Kristian Keller**



Doric No. 455

- 10 September – Honouring several of the Brethren with service pins
Masonic Education



Gore Bay No. 472

- 05 September – Practice
- 06 September – Open house
- 07 September – Social hosted by **W. Bro. Jim Wright**
- 12 September – Regular Meeting



Espanola No. 527

- 04 September – BBQ followed by regular business and Investiture of
Secretary, Treasurer and Senior Warden
- 25 September – G.P. Meeting



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City of Lakes No. 536

03 September – G.P. Meeting

10 September – Initiation **Mr. Joshua Hardie**



Friendship No. 691

11 September – Initiation – Reciprocal visit with Nickel Lodge

14 September – Road Clean Up – 8:30 a.m.

15 September – Practice 2 p.m. – Belrock.

18 September – Initiation – Friendship Lodge reciprocal Nickel Lodge

25 September – G.P. Meeting – 6:30 p.m.



Bethel No. 699

13 September – BBQ at 6:00pm

A reciprocal visit from Sturgeon Falls lodge. A short meeting will occur at 7:30pm.

Please notify the Secretary by September 6th at

blodge699@gmail.com if you plan to attend

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario Website

<https://grandlodge.on.ca>

Sudbury – Manitoulin District Website

<http://www.smmasons.com>

Sudbury – Manitoulin District Blog

<http://sudburymanitoulinmasons.blogspot.com>



The Concordant Bodies

York Rite

19 September – Tuscan Chapter No. 95

26 September – Mavar Preceptory Knights Templar

Dinner at 6pm, Assembly 7pm. Business Meeting and practice

28 September – Excalibur College: 11a.m. Business Meeting

Scottish Rite (Lodge of Perfection – Valley of Sudbury)

29 September – Executive meeting 2 p.m. All members welcome

The Sudbury Shrine Club

05 September – Regular Membership Meeting

Fellowship: 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm

Meeting: immediately after dinner

17 September – International Plowing Match Opening Parade

Summer Activities

July 20th - Manitowaning parade

July 25th - Pig Roast

Aug 4th - Little Current parade

Aug 17th - Clan 46 Chow Down

Aug 21st - Hillbilly Ramblers - Rock the Farm

Aug 24th - Corn Roast



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***A Reception & Banquet in Honour of Our
District Deputy Grand Master
of the
Sudbury – Manitoulin District***

Right Worshipful Brother Robert J. Lipic



Friday September 20th 2019

Belrock Masonic Centre
Social at 6:30 p.m. ~ Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

\$25 per person

***Tickets available through your Lodge Secretary
and at Java Guild***



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From the Editor:

Brethren,

This is a work in progress.

I thought we'd start modestly with a little more than a tracing board and a few articles.

If you would like to submit an article, picture or event, please forward it to me at the email address below.

robfanfleming@sympatico.ca

As our Lodges, the Concordant Bodies and the Shrine Club start up again in September photos will be introduced.

Remember, we don't want to replicate the existing District blog.

I invite everyone to participate.

I can't promise that we'll get everything in every time but we'll give it a good shot!

Hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Rob