



January 2020

Brethren:

As we settle in for the winter and with the Christmas season already behind us, I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. Another decade has gone by and with it much change within the fraternity and our district.

We enter the 20's with two fewer lodges but with that comes a strengthening of our resolve to carry on with our duties in the spirit our beloved Fraternity provides and the tools to do so.

This month we have Espanola lodge hosting a Lewis Jewel night on Monday January 6th. Espanola Lodge often comes up with creative events to entertain and bring the brethren together and this evening should prove to be another example of that.

Bethel Lodge's Installation will be on Friday the 10th. Please join us in supporting the lodge and its new officers.

Tuesday the 14th will be my Official Visit to City of Lakes Lodge. I would like to see the Masters and Wardens of each lodge out for this evening.

Finally, on Friday January 31st our committee lead, W. Bro. David Spencer and Friendship Lodge will be hosting a F2F night. If you have any prospective men who might be interested, please get in touch with either W. Bro. David Spencer, myself or Friendship lodge members as soon as you can.

We have an updated change to the date for Friendship Lodge's Installation in February. It is Saturday February 8th 2020. Please correct your calendars.

I would also like to thank all of the supporters and organizers for the events being planned and/or already completed in the fall. Your initiative and experience in bringing the many projects to fruition is an inspiration to all of us and we truly appreciate the efforts you make.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Lipic

District Deputy Grand Master 2019-20
Sudbury Manitoulin District





District Chaplain's Observations

R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken

District Chaplain



Masonry is an organization that uses some ancient practices and symbols. It dates its lore and much of its symbolism from the Hebrew Bible which

Christians call the Old Testament.

Masonry, as we have it today, is in fact the last remnant of the guilds of medieval times. While the original potters, tinkers, and weavers' guilds have long since disbanded, the guild that was the builders has morphed and evolved into modern Freemasonry.

Not that Masonry is particularly modern in either form or content. We have many leftover practices that persist from a much older time. What this current form of the old builder's guild has to offer is a kind of understanding and acceptance, which if properly understood and applied, goes far beyond ordinary tolerance.

Masonry often describes itself as an organization based on tolerance – both religious and personal. Freemasonry, properly practised and taught, will go far beyond that tolerance, to mutual respect and admiration, for all the differing points of view put before us.

The questions asked of the candidate at his initiation suggest something that is a critical part of many religious teachings, namely that our beliefs are the pass word, passport, and key to admission into the presence of God –Architect, Creator, and Preserver of all that we have, all that we see, all that we do not see, and all that we are, and if there were ever a pass grip worth having, it would be the loving hand by which God offers admission to all who believe and accept that love.

Every Freemason, and in fact every person who believes in the value of that beautiful spirit of mutual acceptance and respect, and who wants to take God's hand and feel God's loving grip, needs to worship regularly with others of belief and faith. The Great Architect of the Universe has greatly and generously blessed our fraternity.

As Craft Masonry is the foundation of the appendant bodies, then the rock on which our personal foundations are built is our Temple, Church, Synagogue or Mosque, and your lodge can't replace that. Nothing betrays our Masonic principles quite the same way as going to lodge but not to church. Psalm 116: 12-14 says, "How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people".

Go and worship in your faith community!



JANUARY 2020



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
D.D.G.M. PROJECT NO. 2679 			1 Sudbury Shrine Club New Years Levee 1-4 p.m.	2	3	4 ESPANOLA BREAKFAST AT LODGE 8:00 -10:00 AM 1ST & LAST SATURDAY
5	6 ESPANOLA 527 LEWIS JEWEL MEETING	7	8 FRIENDSHIP 691 ELECTIONS	9 GORE BAY 472 MASONIC ED.	10 BETHEL699 INSTALL. OF OFFICERS POT LUCK DINNER 6:00 PM	11
12 LODGE OF PERFECTION EXECUTIVE MEETING 2:00 P.M.	13	14 DORIC 455 MASONIC ED. CITY OF LAKES 536 OFF. VISIT DDGM—3rd BRO. NUTT	15 NICKEL 427 1ST DEGREE MR. RYAN MARTIN	16 TUSCAN 95 INSTALL OFFICERS DINNER 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 PM	17 SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB INSTALL. OF OFFICERS HELLENIC CENTRE	18 ESPANOLA 527 EUCHRE TOURN. & ROAST BEEF DINNER 2:00 PM START
19	20	21	22	23 MAVAR 65 INSTALL OFFICERS DINNER 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 PM	24 LODGE OF PERFECTION GRAND ORATOR PRESENTS ... 7:30 P.M.	25 ALPHA COUNCIL INSTALL. OF OFFICERS 11:00 AM
To Be One  Ask One		28	29	30	31 FRIENDSHIP 691 HOSTING F-2-F NIGHT OPEN TO ALL	

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION II

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Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir

Mentor / Education Lead



The importance of a word

The right word spoken at the right time can break a persons' heart. Conversely the right word spoken at the right moment can help mend a broken heart.

Words have a power that the sword does not. For this reason we are encouraged to memorize the ritual and repeat it verbatim. The following is one example.

In the ritual it states: "...to their priests or magi alone..." The word "or" implies a singular group of wise and learned men who can support either title "priest" or "magi".

Change the word "or" to "and" and the meaning of the sentence changes. The word "and" implies there are two separate and distinct groups with separate and distinct titles.

The intent of this example is to encourage the brethren to, as you are learning the work and preparing to deliver it, reflect not just upon the words you are memorizing but reflect upon the meaning of those words and how they impact the sentence. Change one word and you can change the meaning of the whole sentence.





Did You Know?

R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming

In the Grand Lodge of Western Australia tradition there is a beautiful lecture which speaks of a certain Roman Consul who ordered two temples to be built and dedicated to **Honour** and **Virtue**.

The temples were built such that you could only enter the Temple of Honour by going along the path, and through the Temple dedicated to Virtue.

Hmmmm.....let's think about that one.



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>

Sudbury Shrine Club Blog

<http://sudburyshriners.blogspot.com>



The District & Beyond



Pictured in the photo above from left to right are: Bro. Thomas Brown, W. Bro. Alan Fey, Bro. Jason Brown, W. Bro. James Brown and Bro. John Brown.

At Friendship Lodge No. 691 recent 3rd degree the Brown family was out in strength.

Bro. John Brown (Friendship Lodge), sons W. Bro. James Brown (P.M. Zeta-Shamrock #410, Lodge, Ajax, ON), Bro. Thomas Brown (J.D. Friendship Lodge) and son-in-law W. Bro. Alan Fey (W.M Friendship Lodge) were all present for the raising of Bro. Jason Brown (Friendship Lodge).

Another son Bro. Rodney (Friendship Lodge) was unable to attend the meeting.

As a matter of interest, W. Bro. James Brown was the last sitting master of Shamrock Lodge No. 410 and was instrumental in acquiring the current seating in the Belrock Masonic Centre lodge room.



**Nickel Lodge No. 427
Congratulations R.W. Bro. Fleming**



**Right Worshipful Brother Rob Fleming 25 years a Past Master
with the presentation team**



Scottish Rite

Moore Sovereign Consistory



Above – Illustrious Bro.'s Ross King and Fred White with our D.D.G.M. and Ill. Bro. Devin Tuinstra Grand Expert of the Moore Sovereign Consistory

Below – The contingent from Sudbury





Mavar Preceptory



At the November meeting of Mavar Preceptory, V.Em. Kt Alan R. Hill received a certificate, from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, recognizing his service as District Grand Standard Bearer for Algoma District for 2018-19.

Making the presentation was the Provincial Grand Prior, R.Em. Kt. Stan Fenton and the Presiding Preceptor of Mavar Preceptory, Em. Kt. Tom King.



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MCTV – Lions Club Telethon





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The donation this year was \$3000, due to two anonymous donors who significantly supplemented the standard \$1000 donation



Sudbury Shrine Club *Children's Christmas Party*





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Sudbury Shrine Club

Hillbilly Christmas Party





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UPCOMING EVENTS



Complimentary Refreshments

New Years Day Levee

What's your 2020 vision?

2020



Where: Sudbury Shrine Club

When: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. New Year's Day

Why: A thank you to the Executive, Ladies & Nobles

Greet the New Year with Lady Fern and Noble Rob

Welcome our President – Elect John and Lady Joan

All Freemasons and Family are welcome to attend



*Espanola Lodge No. 527
Cordially invites you to attend a
Lewis Jewel Meeting
Monday January 6th 2020
Please note meeting date change*





*Brother, It's
Cold Outside
And It's
Going to Get
Worse!*



Nickel Lodge Winter Clothing Appeal

As Christmas nears our focus of giving becomes most urgent - for those in need.

However, the winter chill really sets in during the coldest months of January and February and the need for cold weather clothing for the those less fortunate remains most vital at that time.

So please gather your surplus or gently used (or new!) cold weather/winter coats, jackets, parkas, boots, socks, hats and gloves over the Christmas period. (Men's And Women's)

The end of January will be set to take these essential items to the Elgin Street Mission.

During the Christmas period a drop-off box will be located in the lower cloakroom, at the Sudbury Masonic Temple –Items should be placed in plastic bags and be in a clean, ready to use condition.

For further information please contact:

W. Bro. Lionel Rudd
Winter Clothing Appeal Co-coordinator
(705) 522 3886



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Sudbury Manitoulin District

Friend to Friend Night

Hosted by Friendship Lodge No. 691

Friday January 31st

Contact W. Bro. Dave Spencer for more information

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THE MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

**R. W. Bro. R. J Lipic's
2019 – 2020 District Charity
is the Neo Kids Foundation
located at Health Sciences
North serving the Region**

Please contact W. Bro. John Miszczak
Masonic Foundation Representative
for information.
cell (705) 507-6969
email jm.miszczak@hotmail.ca.



Sudbury and Manitoulin District

DDGM Charity 2019-2020

No. 2679

WHY DONATE

Your donations to NEO Kids Foundation directly contribute to existing programs and services currently provided by NEO Kids. Your donation will also help us in achieving our ultimate goal, of building a bigger home to accommodate the growing needs for the children in Northeastern Ontario.

Children are not small adults. Just like them, their health care needs are unique. Your donation will help to purchase vital pieces of equipment, conduct life-changing research and increase awareness for children's health needs.

For Masons giving to a cause.

We request your donation to this worthy charity supporting our DDGM.

Please make cheques payable to:
"The Masonic Foundation of Ontario"
Memo section: DDGM Project No. 2679