



March 2020

Brethren:

Thank you to W. Bro. Spencer and Friendship Lodge for hosting the F2F night on January 31st. It was a nice evening, well organized, and with a number of potential men in attendance. These types of events are essential for the district to aid in increasing awareness of our craft and have proven to be successful in the past. Another such event was the Master Masons Night put on by the Valley of Sudbury Scottish Rite with as many as 9 new applicants received to date. Excellent work! This month we continue with one of the more important aspects of lodge vitality with the Strategic Planning seminar planned for March 17th at 6:30PM at Belrock. Well worth the effort for those concerned about your lodge's future and in need of ideas to sustain and grow the craft. If you have programs in your lodge that have been successful for you in the past, why not come to this meeting and pass on your accomplishments. Thank you V.W. Bro. Cayen for spearheading this initiative. Brethren, please consider at least one or two members from each lodge to take part in this short seminar presented by the members of that Grand Lodge committee. If you have any questions, please contact V.W. Bro. Gary Cayen. I also would like to invite each of you to attend Nickel Lodges DDGM Official Visit on Wednesday March 4th. Nickel is always eager to greet its visitors and present an enjoyable experience. Let us show the support worthy of our district's history and our oldest lodge.



On Sunday March 22nd we will have the District Divine Service at the Church of the Epiphany at 85 Larch St. in Sudbury. We will also be honoured with the Grand Chaplain of our jurisdiction attending. The District Divine Services have not been very well attended in recent years, and I encourage all brethren to consider this to be a very important event on our Masonic calendars. Brethren, it is one of the few times we are able to share our faith in the Great Architect of the Universe **with our spouses and other Brethren in regalia** and I would appreciate a strong showing for the Grand Chaplain. We can gather for this service at 9:45AM via the front entrance. Parking is available in front of the church or in the medical centre parking lot in the back.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Lipic

District Deputy Grand Master 2019-20
Sudbury Manitoulin District



District Chaplain's Observations

R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken



District Chaplain

Old adages, or old sayings, have more depth to them than we often think. Such as: *Life is what you make it, or...Lost time is never found, or...What's good for the goose is good for the gander.*

The saying that has always intrigued me is: *You can take a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.*

When we think of all the possibilities in life that we were offered, from friends, mates, employment, leisure, sports, religion etc. we can't help but wonder "what if". Like the horse that wouldn't drink, we wouldn't listen, or accept, or understand what was offered to us. The doors to learning were opened, we just didn't open our minds.

We think of the clergy who every Sunday prepare a nice sermon that will induce you to live a better life. In Sudbury only 5 percent of the population goes to church. Of those five percent, how many actually digest the sermon and put it into practice. Or how many are there just because it looks good to attend and make your weekly contribution?

Masonry is not dissimilar; From the time you enter the lodge as an Apprentice, every talk and every action is meant for you to learn a new way of life. Masonry claims to take good men and make them better, but we can only make them better if they open their minds and hearts to what is being taught. From the start, the symbolism of the apparel of the apprentice must be understood part of which is explained in scripture in Ruth 4:7, and means that you are making and sealing a deal with the brethren.

What about the charity charge at the N.E. Angle? Did we really take into account what it meant? Are we really giving freely where it is needed? The words in your obligation – did you understand their meaning and importance – I hope so, as you swore an oath on the VOTSL!

Masonry is not child's play. It has a job to do and the tools to do it – but those seeking our benefits must be willing to learn.



District Chaplain (continued)

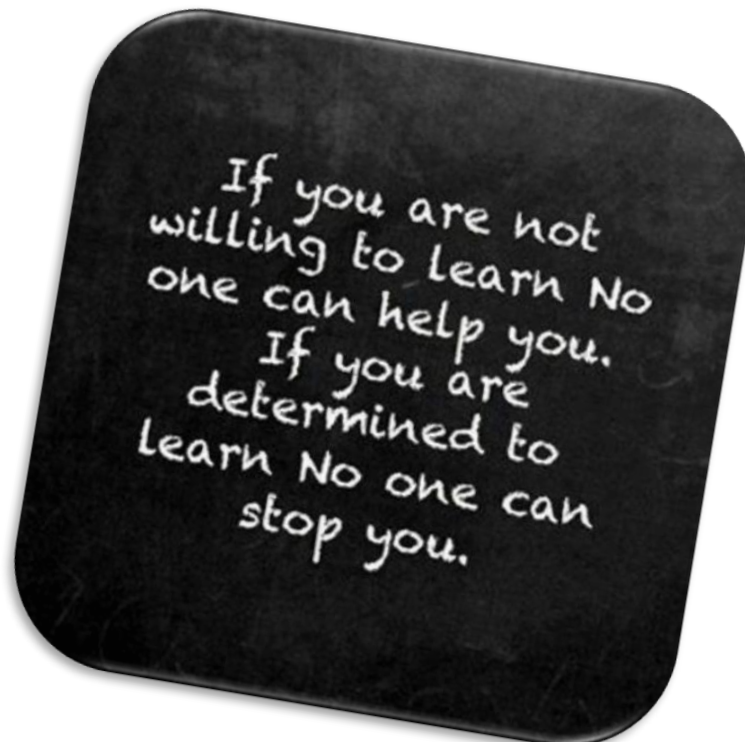
Masonry, when properly instilled in a man, sets him apart from other men. You are different and should be seen by the public as being different. It's not the ring on your finger or the decal on your car that makes you different. It's the way you live your life, your actions, that will establish you as a man to whom the burdened heart can pour out its sorrow, to whom the distressed can turn to, whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence.

There is a scripture reading in the King James Bible that offers a similar content which I have enjoyed. It is 1st Peter, verse 23-25.

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, you have been called out of darkness into the wonderful light."

As Masons we should consider our selves as a chosen people. We are now different, we have been taught the true values of life, we have been elevated above the normal man – but only those who have truly accepted the teachings in the lessons.

So similar to the horse to water saying, we can take good men into our lodge but we can't make them learn. We can offer the better way of life, but they must acknowledge it.








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March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LODGE OF PERFECTION EXE. MEET. 2:00 P M	2	3 JAVA GUILD	4 ESPANOLA 527 MASONIC ED. & QUES. NICKEL 427 OFF. VISIT DDGM - 2ND BRO. KELLER DINNER 6:30P	5 SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB REG. MEET. SOCIAL 5:30 DINNER 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 PM	6 BETHEL 699 1ST DEGREE MR. MICHEL CHOUINARD	7 TUSCAN 95 DIS. MEET. ELECTION OF GRAND SUPT. ELAM O.H.P. 2:00
8	9	10 CITY OF LAKES 536 STEP-UP-NIGHT AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020- 2021 JAVA GUILD	11 FRIENDSHIP 691 MASONIC ED.	12 GORE BAY 472 25 YEAR PIN & PRAC. FOR OFF. VISIT IN APRIL	13	14 MAVAR 65 MEM. SER. 11:30 AM LUNCH ALGOMA DIS. MEET. 1:00 PM
15 HILLBILLIE ST. PADDY'S DAY 	16	17 CITY OF LAKES 536 HOSTS G. L. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION REG. 6:30 PM START 7:00 JAVA GUILD	18	19 TUSCAN 95 BUS. MEET. M.M.M. DEG. DINNER 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 PM	20 LODGE OF PERFECTION REG. MEET. VOTE ON APPS.	21
22 DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY 10:00 A.M. GRAND CHAP. WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE	23	24 JAVA GUILD	25	26 MAVAR 65 ILL. ORDER RED CROSS CAND. — M. BOLANDER DINNER 6:00 PM MEETING 7:00 PM	27	28 EXCAL. COLLEGE 10:00 A.M. OFF. VISIT GR. GOV. ALPHA S. M. DEG. 1:00 PM
29	30	31 JAVA GUILD	D.D.G.M. PROJECT NO. 2679  		ESPANOLA 527 BREAKFAST AT LODGE 8:00 -10:00 AM 1ST & LAST SATURDAY	

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

July 15-16, 2020 Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, On



Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleur

Mentor / Education Lead



Thought precipitates action. Our actions are determined and influenced by what and how we think. What we do, our actions in this life will determine the kind of men are and will become.

When we apply time, energy and heart to memorizing, delivering and perfecting the ritual we are living for the sake of others. In its purest sense the ritual is a guideline for living, an unwavering moral compass which, when followed, will direct us to the Grand Lodge Above and the Great Architect of the Universe.

Serving and honoring the commitments we make to our families, our lodges and lodge brothers and the communities we are a part of makes us better men, our families happier, our lodges more vibrant and the world a better place for all humanity.

Mentoring is serving those who serve. If you would like assistance memorizing, delivering and perfecting the ritual, contact your sponsors, your lodge mentoring committee or a district level mentor. If you would like to join the District Mentoring committee, please contact the District Mentoring leader.





Did You Know?

R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming

What is the origin, significance and symbolism of Grand Honours?

An explanation of the origin of the Grand Honours may be found in Bro. Harry Carr's book, "The Freemason at Work", (Seventh and Revised Edition), pages 375-376.

The Code for extending them is described in Section 15 of our Book of Constitution.

All members who are present in the lodge, (including the W.M.), give the Grand Honours, while those who are receiving them, (and those accompanying the recipients), stand at the S. of F.



SOURCE: QUESTIONS & ANSWERS BOOKLET (2004)

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



KEIRA FERGUSON

Warm donation

The Sudbury Manitoulin Freemasons dropped off the proceeds of their annual winter clothing drive to the the Elgin Street Mission at the end of January. The drive brought in 250 pairs of socks, as well as winter pants and coats for men and women. Tom Morris, master of Nickel Lodge, Greg Blomme and Lionel Rudd, representing the Sudbury, Manitoulin Freemasons smile for the camera after dropping off the proceeds of the winter clothing drive at the Mission.

Left:

**Article regarding
Warm Clothing
Drive**

Below:

**W. Bro. Waltenbury
makes a donation
for the Elgin Street
Mission to Pastor
Brad Hale on behalf
of the Java Guild**





Nickel Lodge No. 427 G.R.C.



Bro. Kristian Keller receives his Second Degree...congratulations!!!



*Brother Keller
with W. Bro. Morris
and sponsor
Bro. Paguandas*



Friendship Lodge No. 691

Installation of W. Bro. Trevor Bracken and Investiture of the Officers



Attendees at the Installation



A triple Brace o' Brackens!!!

***Worshipful Brother Trevor Bracken, Worshipful
Master of Friendship Lodge No. 691***





Friendship Lodge's Ladies Night



The Banquet Hall is close to capacity

The Officers and their Ladies are piped in





The Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Graeme A. Boyce and the Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. Mark Wayne Kaplan visit Bethel Lodge No. 699 as part of their visitation initiative in the Grand Jurisdiction

Our District Deputy Grand Master was, of course, in attendance





Above: Attendees at the Scottish Rite Master Masons Night

Below: Perhaps a sneak preview ? and the discussion panel





Sudbury Shrine Club



The Hillbilly Ramblers at the Parkside Centre in February



*Consarn it !! Hoo
messed up mah wurdz wit
dem little black dots?*



Boy howdah...sure wuz
a rip-snortin' shindig



Mytee fine vittles....mytee fine...



UPCOMING EVENTS



Sudbury Shrine Club
St. Patrick's Day
Hillbilly Party



Sunday, March 15, 2020
Irish Derby Races 3 pm
Dinner at 5 pm

*Irish Stew, Buns,
Salad, & Dessert*
\$20 per person

*Best St Pat's Costume
Green Beer*



Featuring rare Irish Camel racing - Pick a winner

Payments are not deductible for tax purposes
Net proceeds for this activity is for the
benefit of the Sudbury Shrine Club



Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario
MEMBERSHIP PILLAR



Seminars & workshops
Learning on Tour



Seminars & Workshops is pleased to promote the

Strategic Planning Workshop

Tuesday March 17 2020

Sudbury Manitoulin District

**Belrock Temple
845 Regent St. Sudbury**

Members of surrounding Districts are also welcomed.

Registration at 6:30 pm

Session commences at 7:00 pm

Presenters

R.W. Bros. Jim Sercombe and Kelly Feldcamp



For more information or to indicate planned attendance



Contact Gary Cayen

garvcayen@gmail.com; 705-688-8498



District Divine Service

Sunday March 22nd

Gather at 9:45 a.m.

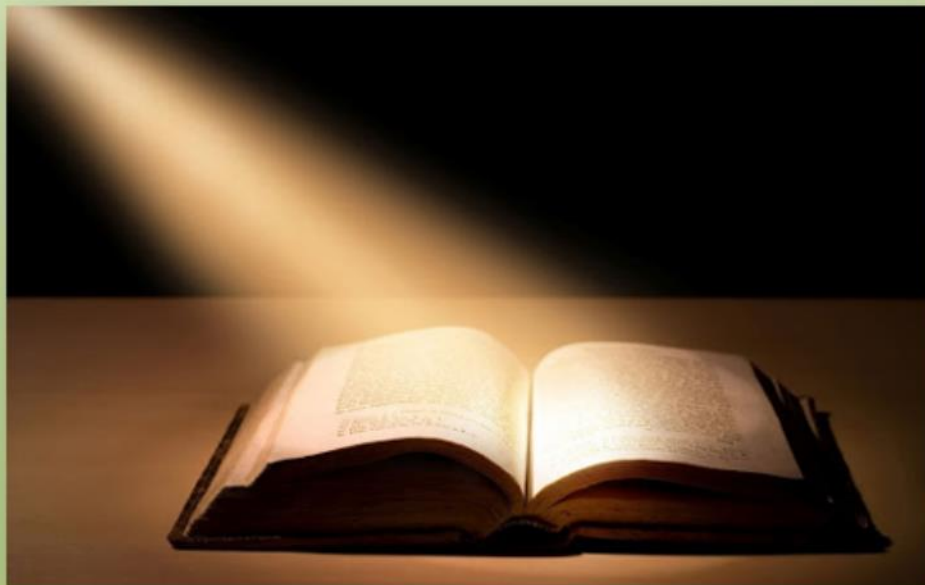
Church of the Epiphany

85 Larch Street

Parking at the front of the church

or

in the medical centre parking lot in the back





The Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection

Annual Reunion – Ladies Luncheon – Maundy Thursday

Do you have your 2020 tickets?

Thursday April 9th – Maundy Thursday \$26 (must have 18°)
(Feast of the Paschal Lamb)

Saturday April 17th – Luncheon \$20

Saturday April 17th – Ladies Luncheon \$30 (paid at door)

Saturday April 18th – Reunion Dinner \$30

For Reunion & Maundy Thursday Tickets Contact:

Ryan Lipic 705 688-6398

Gary Cayen 705 688-8498

Rob Lipic 705 692-4335

Dave Hodgins 705 692-9868

Ladies Luncheon Only

Ryan Lipic...705 688-6398



CUT-OFF DATES FOR TICKETS

Maundy Thursday: 02 April 2020

Reunion: 11 April 2020



**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