



April 2020

Brethren:

"It is no use saying 'we are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary"

Winston Churchill

In these incredibly difficult times we all must look within our souls and know what a good man can do to make himself better. He must support others, he must show compassion to all mankind, and he must do the right thing no matter the personal sacrifice. We have all heard these words in one form or another within our ritual. We have all pledged to follow that path in life. Now is the time to show it. The best you can do for yourself, your family, your brethren and all of mankind is to make those safe choices, and follow the guidelines the experts advise. Once you are safe and secure, turn to your neighbour, your brethren and anyone who is not so fortunate to have their wits about them or the support of family, and do what is necessary to save them from fear, despair or even the lack of resources to feed and care for themselves. I have witnessed far too many elderly men and women attending to their own groceries, pharmacies etc. than I care to count. At the same time I have had many brethren call and volunteer to deliver supplies to others. Many! Thank you, we all thank you for your selfless call to assist. As the Grand Secretary said of our program.... Masons being Masons. I implore all who are safe and secure to take up one of the few tools we have left and that is your voice. Your kind words to a brother. Use the time you have to take part in your lodges phone committee and check in on others as often as you can. When you are finished with that, call your friends and family. Then start over again. There are too many ways that this pandemic can drag us down. Only by supporting one another can we all make it out the other side together.

If anyone needs assistance, please reach out to any of the following:
corona@smmasons.com

705-918-3700 Clair Bracken

705-522-3886 Lionel Rudd

Your request will be forwarded to one of our wonderful volunteers who will do what is necessary to assist you.

Above all, know that we will prevail as we always do and remember that we are committed to being there for each other.

Take care Brethren,

Fraternally,

Robert J. Lipic

District Deputy Grand Master 2019-20

Sudbury Manitoulin District





District Chaplain's Observations

R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken

District Chaplain

Blessedness is the heart condition for which the whole world is looking. It is an indescribable sense of well-being and dignity, a calm assurance of self-worth. It is the vitality of spirit you feel when you know deep down in the core of your being that you are right with God. There are no obstacles between you and Him, you can feel and sense His presence and activity in your life.

A blessed person is one who bears the fruit of character growth. Blessed people can look back a year or two and see significant spiritual growth.

Live your life so that God is pleased! Each of us is made in His image and has a soul that yearns to be rightly related to Him. God has given us the characteristics of wisdom, rational thinking, goodness, justice, truthfulness, and the list goes on. Psalm 8:5 says we were created only a little below angels.

When God speaks to us or when the Holy Spirit gives His promptings, we must decide if we will respond. It takes spiritual courage to make that leap of faith and follow Him even when we are fearful. At this point we choose to let God be our life line and trust in Him alone. These are the moments when our character is formed, our faith is deepened, and we learn how good our God really is.

Psalm 62 instructs us to put all our hope in God. Knowing God is in control allows us to wait patiently for Him to rescue us. These are "God only" people who know that the only source of ultimate love, inner strength, and justice is God. But there are "God and" people. These people want the full blessing of God and the pleasure of sin. These people have one foot in God's canoe and one foot in the world's canoe. Where are we as Masons?

A good God can and will chastise His children, in love, when they need it. But at the same time our God pours out overflowing goodness into the lives of His children. Every good gift we have in life comes from His hand.

Remember – No. 1 - Those who live in their God, never see each other for the last time, and No. 2 - A mirror reflects a mans face, but what he really looks like is shown by the friends he keeps!



No Masonic, Concordant Body or Shrine activities are presently scheduled for April





Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleur

Mentor / Education Lead



Every generation of men have faced challenges and ours is no exception. What distinguishes us as men and as Masons is how we face life's challenges.

There are some commonalities in life that we share with every generation of men who came before us and who will come after us: we are all born of women, totally dependent on our parents love and protection to see us through to our teen years. In our teens we struggle to find and understand ourselves as we begin to make our way in life. Through midlife we develop skill sets and careers that allow us to contribute to our society and take care of those we love. As we approach our senior years, we hopefully begin to reap the rewards of a life well lived.

Masonry throughout history and in our own time presents us an unwavering standard of living, an unfaltering moral compass.

During this challenging time live those Masonic principles of charity, brotherly love, relief and due regard for all mankind.

Oh yes and keep your memory work up because sooner or later we will be back in our lodges and we don't want our work to be too rusty when that day comes.

My brothers, please take care and stay healthy.





Did You Know?

R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming

Some Lodges are using the free app “Zoom” to hold G.P. meetings with the Brethren.

Some Lodges are taking this opportunity to contact their Special Ladies to check in on them and help where they can.



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

Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. to Nickel Lodge No. 427



Bro. Kristian Keller was the representative candidate in the Second Degree





Bethel Lodge No. 699



Masonic Education was presented by R.W. Bro. Khoury





A Visit to Simcoe Lodge No. 79 in Early March



Bro. Michael Edgar (R) with members of Simcoe Lodge on the Initiation of his cousin Bro. Silveira



The Brethren from Sudbury with Bro. Joe Silveira & W. Bro. James Rutherford



*Bro.'s Paguandas & Edgar
with W. Bro.'s Tailleur &
Reynolds outside the Simcoe
Lodge building*





Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection



Members of the Sudbury & District Lodge of Perfection left the east to go towards the west, where they portrayed the 17th Degree at the Sault Ste. Marie Sault Chapter of the Rose Croix Reunion



From the Sudbury Shrine Club Blog:

The chairman saw a quorum so THEY moved a motion to reconvene their next meeting in Puerto Vallarta Feb 2021.

Looking for other members "See Ya There"

Pictured ..Dave and Denise Sykes, Dave and Diane Hodgins, Gord and Sandy Fraser and Special Lady Dianne Acteson.

A great evening was had by all.



**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 Mischczak
Masonic Foundation Representative
for information.
cell (705) 507-6969
email jm.mischczak@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.

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**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



Editor's Note:

The following section is not intended to make light of, or trivialize the current pandemic.

It is a serious situation.

It is an attempt to add a little humour into your day.



Humour in Politics





Humour in Isolation

My sweetheart called to me from the other room yesterday and asked me if I ever had a sharp piercing pain in my chest, like someone had a voodoo doll and was stabbing it over and over. I thought about it for a while then answered “No” She responded “How about now?”

Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.



Humour in Hoarding





Humour in Social Media



Brigid Delaney 
@BrigidWD



in an unsettling reversal of my teenage years, I am
now yelling at my parents for going out

♡ 203K 12:55 AM - Mar 16, 2020

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Humour in the Military

When the Navy works from home



boredpanda.com



Humour in Science Fiction TV





Humour in Working from Home

**Working
from home
Day 1**



**Working
from home
Day 2**

