



November 2020

Brethren:



Our summer season has come to an end and fall seemed a bit short as the colder temperatures begin. Grand Lodge has indicated a continued hold on Masonic events until at least February 2021. We must remember that this is for our own safety and the overall reputation of our fraternity. A rush to return may have troubling consequences for our membership and our friends and families. Many brethren are working hard to counter this with programs using tools such as Zoom meetings and other creative methods of communication and I encourage you to make an effort to take part. The particulars have been forwarded to your secretary. If you have not seen them, please contact him for more information.

Our district will soon be announcing a Zoom meeting of the Masters and Wardens of the lodges where we will discuss and share the efforts of not only our lodges but others in the jurisdiction. I have received many suggestions from our membership to encourage participation and continue our learning. I applaud those of you who are thinking ahead and with an open mind. This is key to carrying on the Masonic way without losing touch with our fundamental roots and the basic rules that have been our guide through past challenges. History has shown that we will come out of this stronger, and with renewed interest in the Craft I am confident that this time around will hold true to that history. One of the constants throughout these times has been the need to financially survive, and the primary source of income for most lodges starts and ends with the payment of dues. I have heard that some lodges are struggling with those collections. Please brethren, remember that now more than ever, your dues are needed for paying utilities, rent, maintenance, insurance, returns, benevolence and all other costs incurred not only to lodge owned properties but tenant lodges as well. If the pandemic has tightened your budget, there are options for relief available to you through the lodge, but they must hear from you if you are in need of assistance. Your brethren are here to help. If you need it, ask. Otherwise, please attend to this important matter.

Take care, be patient, and above all be safe!

Robert J. Lipic

**District Deputy Grand Master 2019-20
Sudbury Manitoulin District**





**REMARKS FROM OUR
DISTRICT CHAPLAIN**



**W. Bro. David Squarzolo
District Chaplain**

Hate.

It is a word that jumps off the page. I use it rarely because it seems so heavy in implication. I very often hear people say things such as, “I don’t care for that”, or “I don’t like him”. Statements such as these may have as much a connection with an individual’s taste or opinion as they might with a person’s experience. But hate for me implies a deep-seated, darker emotion, one that is felt in our core and not so easily changed.

We all have our mental lists. I love my family, I enjoy Italian food, and I like the rain. I don’t care for Brussel sprouts and bad drivers frustrate me, and I dislike mosquitoes. But what appears on my “hate” or “hatred” list requires some reflection and I have trouble placing anything in my life in this category. For me, this isn’t just a negative reaction or something that might otherwise be confused with anger.

I have many blessings in my life: a loving family; good health; a job; a home to live in, and food on the table. I count the Craft as a blessing, too. They all bring joy and comfort to me. You don’t need to look hard to see examples or the consequences of hatred in our world both current and in the past. I haven’t had the personal experience of living in a place where my safety and security are truly threatened on a daily basis. I haven’t had to answer a call to arms to fight for my freedom that would result in the death and injury of friends and family, or needed to come to the realization that my country had an agenda that would result in the death of anyone I ever loved. If I had experienced these things, would I have reason or justification to hate?

Remembrance Day is an occasion for us to remember those who fought for the freedom of others; for those who lost their lives in that cause, and to remember the victims of war. Remembrance Day reminds us of what the consequences of hatred can do to our world. We should use this date not only to remember, but also to reflect on who or what might truly be on our very personal lists in the hopes that “never again” starts with each and every one of us.

Sincerely and fraternally, **W. Bro. David Squarzolo**





***No Masonic, Concordant Body or Shrine
in-person meetings are presently scheduled
for November.***

Please refer to your group for instructions





Did You Know?

W. Bro. Ryan Lipic
District Secretary - Sudbury Manitoulin District

On behalf of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee I am pleased to announce the next in our monthly speakers series:

MASONIC DRESS PRESENTED BY BRO. J. A. Shapira

If you are interested in attending with brethren from across our Grand Jurisdiction, please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/H8tvozTSq6F55tAY9>

The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee Speaker Series will take place monthly, typically on the first Saturday of each month at 7:15 pm EST. We will have a wide variety of speakers over the course of the year. We welcome all masons of every rank and from every lodge. As these sessions are NOT Tyled, all of your families and friends are welcome to attend.

The event will begin with fellowship from 6:45 pm - 7:15 pm EST, with the program of the evening beginning at 7:15 pm.

Invitations for the meeting will be sent out roughly 24 hours prior to the event. They will contain the link you need to access the presentation.

Questions and comments may be directed directly to me at dkemball@gmail.com

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

W. Bro. Don Kemball
Zeredatha Lodge 220

GLCPOO Education Committee





Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir

Mentor / Education Lead



The 7 P's of success: Proper Preparation and Planning Prevents a Pitifully Poor Performance.

Although we are not able to meet in lodge or gather in numbers because of this pandemic, this is still an opportunity not to be squandered.

Ask yourselves...when we are allowed to tile our lodges, will you be ready? As an officer will you still know and be able to deliver the parts of the work you are responsible for? As a member of the craft, if you are asked to deliver a piece of the work that you have long known and often done, will you still be prepared to deliver it with confidence and eloquence?

At the risk of repeating myself to some who read this message I will state again; if you spend 15 minutes a day, 7 days a week learning a new piece of the work or refreshing what you already know, when the time comes and you are called on, you will be able to recite the work verbatim and with eloquence.

This pandemic is allowing us to do some proper preparation and planning so when we can meet in lodge again it will prevent us from doing a piss poor performance.

As District Mentor Lead, I implore you to keep practicing, practicing, practicing and don't allow yourself to become rusty.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

W. Bro. Tailleir



For your browsing pleasure....

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>

Nickel Lodge Website

<http://www.nickellodge.ca>

Sudbury Shrine Club Blog

<http://sudburyshriners.blogspot.com>





The District & Beyond

Brethren, this is the spot reserved for pictures and commentaries on what's happening in the District.

Why not send a picture of you and, if you'd like, friends or Family etc. etc. etc.??

If you've posted on Facebook, the Editor considers this

Fair Game



THE YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America (YRSCNA) is a Masonic body that has Colleges (lodges) throughout the United States of America, Canada and the Philippines. There are 194 Colleges in the YRSCNA, which includes 12 Colleges in Ontario, of which Excalibur College No.101 meets in Sudbury. In the north, there is a College in Sault Ste. Marie and one in Thunder Bay. The York Rite Sovereign College of North America exists primarily to be of service to the York Rite of Freemasonry. Constituent colleges must declare fealty to the Grand Lodge of their respective jurisdictions. The pre-requisite for membership, which is by invitation only, is good-standing in all four York Rite bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery or Preceptory (Canada.).

The purpose of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, as set forth in its Constitution and By-Laws, is:

- (1) To foster a spirit of cooperation and coordination among each of the Bodies of York Rite Masonry.**
- (2) To assist in worthy efforts to improve the ritualistic and dramatic presentation of York Rite work.**
- (3) To conduct an education program in order to inculcate a greater appreciation of the principles, ideals and programs of York Rite Masonry.**
- (4) To strengthen York Rite Masonry in every possible manner.**
- (5) To build up a love of country and to aid and support genuine Patriotism.**
- (6) To reward outstanding service to York Rite Masonry by awards, honors and other methods of proper recognition.**
- (7) To support Charitable and Benevolent Endeavors of Freemasonry.**



The annual assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College was scheduled for 2020 in early August in Kansas City, USA, but as with many other masonic meetings, attendance in-person was precluded due to the affects of COVID-19. However, the business of the College was attended to virtually which involved the initiation of officers. At this meeting R.Em.Dist. Bro. Clive D. Stephenson OPC was appointed to the office of Grand Governor for Ontario for the term 2020-22 and V.Em.Dist. Bro. Alan R. Hill OPC was appointed Deputy Grand Governor – Ontario North for the same period.

One of the purposes of the College is to recognize outstanding service by Masons in any branch of Freemasonry. One of the forms this takes is the awarding of the Gold Honour Award. Current recipients of this award locally are V.Wor.Bro. Brian Stoddart of Sudbury and W. Bro. Norm Coutts of North Bay with presentation of this honour scheduled as soon as COVID restrictions allow. The following is a list of past recipients in our area.

GOLD HONOUR AWARD RECIPIENTS
EXCALIBUR COLLEGE NO. 101

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| ART HALEY | NORTH BAY | 1991 |
| KEITH JORDAN | SUDBURY | 2008 |
| ROBERT FLEMING | SUDBURY | 2012 |
| ROBERT BRYSON | SUDBURY | 2013 |
| JERVIS WEIR | SUDBURY | 2014 |
| RICH CLEMENCE | TIMMINS | 2014 |
| RANDY DE FREITAS | NORTH BAY | 2014 |
| CLAIR BRACKEN | SUDBURY | 2017 |
| JIM BRIEN | NORTH BAY | 2017 |
| STAN WALTEBURY | SUDBURY | 2018 |



Shrine Club of Sudbury

Famous
Christmas Cakes
\$14.99 per box

Chocolate Chip
Shortbread Cookies
\$11.99 per tin

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Canada 



Thank you.





Source – Royal Canadian Legion

How to wear a Poppy

Wear a Poppy to Remember

Throughout the Remembrance period, we see Poppies worn with pride in every corner of our lives to honour our Veterans. The Royal Canadian Legion provides a Poppy Protocol to guide Canadians on appropriate and respectful wearing of the lapel Poppy. However, wearing a Poppy is a personal expression of Remembrance, and how someone chooses to wear a Poppy is always an individual choice.

How to wear a Poppy

The Poppy should be worn with respect on the left side, over the heart. The Legion's lapel Poppy is a sacred symbol of Remembrance and should not be affixed with any pin that obstructs the Poppy. Also available through some Branches is the Legion's reusable black centre Poppy pin to affix your lapel Poppy.



When to wear a Poppy

The lapel Poppy should be worn during the Remembrance period, from the last Friday in October until November 11. The Legion encourages the wearing of Poppies at funerals of Veterans, and for any commemorative event such as a memorial service, or the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. As well, it is not inappropriate to wear a Poppy during other times to commemorate Fallen Veterans and it is an individual choice to do so.



**Change Your
Clocks**



&



**Change Your
Batteries**



It's easier to get to the East now.....



...but you still have to work hard and qualify!!



Photos submitted by
W. Bro. Kitching



*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 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)

Items should be placed in plastic bags and be in a clean, ready to use condition.

Drop off information will be forthcoming in the New Year

For further information please contact.

W Bro: Lionel Rudd,

Winter Clothing Appeal Co-coordinator

Nickel Lodge No. 427 at (705) 522 3886



Editor's Note:

Article submissions, pictures and ideas for content are always welcomed. Thank you to this month's contributors

Please submit your article in Word format if possible.

Submissions should be sent to:

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I endeavour to publish at the first of each month.

Thank you



**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