



December 2020



Brethren:

As the winter and Christmas season approaches and we continue to follow the various restrictions to our everyday lives, we do see some positive news with the potential for vaccines in the not too distant future. This news should not allow us to relax our diligence and patience but rather give us hope for a resumption of some form of normal life and perhaps to our long quiet lodge rooms. Many in our fraternity have not let this situation deter their love for the craft and their brethren, and have been hard working at new and innovative ideas to communicate and check in on one another and I am thankful to those brethren for their efforts

We have been instructed to be prepared for a different Christmas season this year, and I for one, although disappointed we are still in this mess, am very grateful that my family and friends have continued to be vigilant and at the same time hopeful that our patience will pay off soon. This time of year can be difficult for many on its own and we must recognize the added stress this year may bring and I ask that extra care be given to keep an eye and ear out for anyone in our community exhibiting signs of distress or loneliness and if you don't have the ability to assist yourself, reach out to your brethren for assistance.

We have so many brethren that have exemplified that honour and compassion for mankind in general and I am very proud of those efforts made by their selfless acts of kindness.

Cheryl and I would like to wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and remind you to be safe, and be patient.

Robert J. Lipic
District Deputy Grand Master
Sudbury Manitoulin District



REMARKS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN



W. Bro. David Squarzolo
District Chaplain

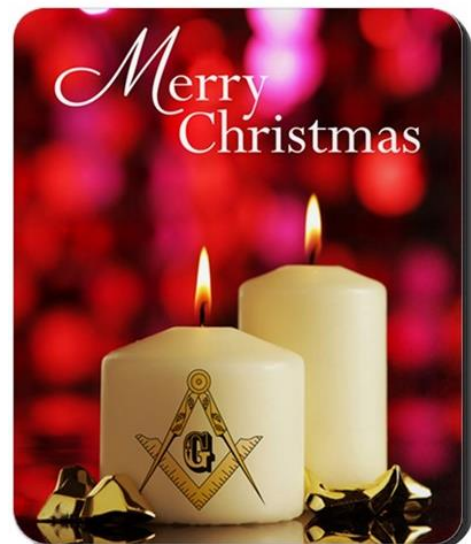
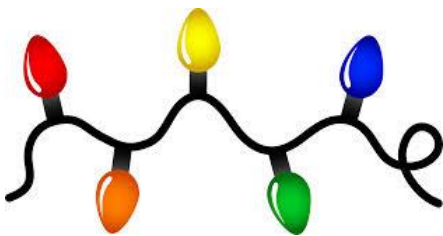
I was putting up Christmas lights outside my house this past weekend. I had a few other things I wanted to accomplish, but my wife had purchased some new strings of lights and, with her urging along with the particularly mild weather, I put them up. I also took out and set up a couple of older decorations that we have had for a number of years. The new lights and the old decorations would, at the very least, add some colour along the path of the many vehicles who pass by our house daily. For my family, it would provide a little cheer to the shortening days.

All Masons, at least those recognized by our Grand Jurisdiction, are members of the Craft through our united professed belief in a Supreme Being. Christmas is a time of faith for all Christian brethren, but I call on all the brethren, regardless of faith or formal religion, to be a light in your world and for one another.

All the best of the season to you and yours!

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. David Squarzolo





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

Please refer to your group for instructions





ILL OR IN DISTRESSED CIRCUMSTANCES

Brethren, it has been recommended that we begin reporting this information.

Lodge Secretaries are asked to forward this information, by the end of the month, to our District Chaplain for inclusion into the current Newsletter.

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

Bro. James McLean
Bethel Lodge No. 699

Bro. Everett Mullen
Friendship Lodge No. 691

W. Bro. Don McKibbon
City of Lakes No. 536



Ill or In Distress

W. Bro. Tom Morris and Family
Nickel Lodge No. 427

W. Bro. Norm Hore
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Vernon Johnston
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536



Did You Know?

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken

"In 1877 the body of a male person washed ashore on Lake Ontario near Jordan. There were "certain markings" on the body which identified him as a Mason and he was given a fitting burial by the Masons of the District.

A headstone was erected to mark the grave site and dedicated to "An Unknown Brother". The original stone had become eroded with the ravages of time and the environment, and was replaced on May 12, 1996 with generous donation by Heritage Lodge #703.

Approximately 125 Masons of Niagara District "A", their families, and friends erected the new monument at Jordan Station Cemetery."

The inscription on the tombstone is as follows

"Here lieth the remains of An Unknown Brother whose body was washed ashore near the residence of Abram Martin, Esq., Louth, on 20th April 1877.

This tombstone is erected to show that while deceased had only on his person certain symbols to distinguish him as a Freemason yet were they sufficient to secure for the remains fraternal sympathy and Christian sepulture.

Dead Voiceless Battered Tempest-tossed
A stranger Friendless and unknown
The wave gave up its dead
A Brother came and saw





Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir

Mentor / Education Lead



The brain is a muscle. Arguably one of the two most important muscles in the human body. Like every other muscle in the body it needs to be exercised.

The question then is: how do you do a push up of the brain, a sit up of the mind, a cranial chin up?

The answer is memorization! Taking the Book of The Work out and refreshing a piece of the work you already know is like an exercise routine for the mind. Committing a new piece of the work to memory is like a rigorous exercise routine for the brain. The J. W. lecture that's a triathlon for every cranial synopsis.

During this age of COVID when we are perhaps eating too much or not exercising as much as we should, when our senses are being dulled by too much television, cell phone activity and internet surfing on computers lets commit to regularly exercising our mind muscle by doing some memorization.

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.??






Shrine Club of Sudbury

Famous
Christmas Cakes
\$14.99 per box

Chocolate Chip
Shortbread Cookies
\$11.99 per tin

Made in
Canada 





*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
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**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