



Happy New Year to all of you and your families with best wishes for a return to a reasonably normal way of life for us all.





January 2021

Brethren:

With 2020 coming to a close, we as Freemasons have had quite a year. With not being able to meet in person for so long, it reminds us that we may have taken for granted our desire to gather within the walls of our lodges. Despite this painfully long hiatus, many of you are making the best of this by keeping in touch, conducting virtual meetings and looking out for your brethren. Sharing your efforts with other lodge members is a great example of the fraternity and its far-reaching care for one another. Programs such as blood (plasma) donation, cold weather clothing appeal, Masonic education and provision of masks/sanitizer to name a few are a strong demonstration of the quality Masonic spirit alive in our district.

The sad news of Gore Bay Lodge going dark as of January 1st, 2021, a decision made by the membership this past fall. Despite securing financial stability and a new home, the membership needed more of what matters most to any lodge. Participation and fresh membership. Unfortunately, in todays world this was not forthcoming despite many attempts to spark interest in the area. We must not forget the long and storied history of this lodge, its members and the community from which they hale. Many great things have come from Gore Bays history and membership and although we are sad to see it go out this way, we must remember the many positive things the lodge has accomplished over the years. We hope to see the members who have affiliated with other lodges soon.

Another casualty of this forgettable year has been our inability to pay respects to our departed Brethren. This has been the hardest thing for me to come to grips with. A Masonic service is one of the most respectful and beautiful gatherings a Freemason can take part in and our lack of those services has left a hole in my heart. So many great brethren have risen to the Grand Lodge above this year with little more than a notice via email. We will not neglect this important duty when the time is right to meet again. The district will host a Masonic service for all our brethren as soon as is possible.

This summer, all voting for DDGM and Grand Lodge officers will be conducted by online vote. Something I had hoped would happen before Covid-19 took hold. This is our opportunity as a district to have all voices heard with hopes that we can continue the practice after the restrictions are lifted. More information will be made available to you once Grand Lodge provides such guidance in the coming months. For those aspiring to run for the office of DDGM, the same qualifications are required as in a normal year. If you wish to run and have completed the necessary courses get in touch with me to indicate your intentions and I will ensure you are properly prepared. For any others who need to complete the course, we can provide the schedule and information upon request.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Robert J. Lipic ~ District Deputy Grand Master ~ Sudbury Manitoulin District



REMARKS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

W. Bro. David Squarzolo
District Chaplain



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.
BE A SOURCE OF
STRENGTH & COURAGE.
SHARE YOUR WISDOM.
RADIATE LOVE.



Happy New Year, Brethren!

So many of us experienced events in 2020 in such a way and on such a scale that only centenarians among us may have lived through similar circumstances once before. Along with routine trips to the store or gathering for a Masonic meeting, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, births and deaths have all been fraught with complications and limitations that no one might have predicted a year ago.

My youngest daughter graduated from secondary school in 2020. Following a graduation speech given online by her school principal, she later fretted to me that she and her cohort had been called on to “change the world”. She took the message to heart as she is a high achiever and a worrier, and could not think of how she might ever achieve such a goal on her own. There have certainly been people who, for better or worse, have left an indelible impression on the history of significant portions of our world. Most of us, however, do not fall into this category.

I informed her that indeed there are some people whose words and deeds could wield such global influence. But I asked her to consider that this graduation pep talk might be better interpreted for her to change “her world” not through grand and historic means, but by being a good person and letting her words and actions radiate into the lives of others that surround her in whatever circle she may turn.

I am privileged to be acquainted with so many good people through my Masonic membership. Brethren, I invite you to be the candle of light in your world. That light does not go unnoticed. Continue to be the inspiration to others to lead good lives. They may even consider becoming members of our gentle Craft. The Year 2021 will not immediately allow us to resume regular interactions with others, but we will return from refreshment to labour in due time.

Fraternally, **W. Bro. David Squarzolo**



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

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

W. Bro. Cam Gilpin
Bethel Lodge No. 699
December 12, 2020

Bro. Dewart Keir
Nickel Lodge No. 427
September 16, 2020

We cherish their memory in our hearts



Ill or in Distress

R.W. Bro. Robert Butler
Friendship Lodge No. 691
City of Lakes Lodge No.536

W. Bro. Jack Gallagher
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Joe Harris
Nickel Lodge No. 427

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

Bro. Vernon Johnston
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Steve McCombs
Espanola Lodge No. 527

W. Bro. Art McGinn
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

W. Bro. Grant Moody
Espanola Lodge No. 527

W. Bro. William Noon
Espanola Lodge No. 527

Bro. Geoff Witzke
Nickel Lodge No. 427

Bro. Fred White
Nickel Lodge No. 427

Bro. Joe Yoblonski
Nickel Lodge No. 427

And all Brethren who struggle through the hardship of the pandemic.



Did You Know?

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken

After having watched the funeral of Constable Hovingh and the procession to his final resting place, I was struck by the deep feeling of loss by his fellow officers. This feeling of love and compassion for one of your comrades or colleagues, whether in policing, fire protection or the armed services, is not unlike the feelings of Freemasons when we lose a brother.

Every attempt should be made to honor our brother's passing by attendance at his funeral, whether he is a brother of your lodge, a brother from your district, or beyond, as long as it is within the length of your cable tow.

"Whereas, God has summoned a member of a lodge, and the golden gateway to the Eternal City has opened, with a welcome home. His work of ministering to the wants of the afflicted, in sharing light into the darkened souls, and bringing joy into the places of misery is completed, and as a reward he has received the Plaudit "well done thou good and faithful brother" from the Supreme Master".

Masonic Widow's Pin

The Masonic Widow's Pin, a Broken Column surrounded by Acacia leaves, was created with the hope that it would be worn by the widow of a Freemason on all appropriate occasions, particularly while travelling. This is so she can be recognized, greeted, and assisted when necessary, by Masonic friends throughout the world. It is an emblem of honor and should be worn separately and not in conjunction with any other jewelry.

The Broken Column represents the work not completed when the workman was called home by the Great Architect. The leaves of Acacia symbolize eternal life.





Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir

Mentor / Education Lead



The question is...where do we go from here? It's 2021. We are in the midst of a pandemic that does not seem to want to go away. The governments, federal and provincial are imposing restrictions on movements and activities: personal and public. What do we do and how do we respond? Where do we go from here is the question to be answered.

Do we surrender? Do we give up and concede defeat?

No! That is not who we are as men or as Masons. We do not surrender, give up or concede...we stay the course. We prepare ourselves for the future when we can meet again in lodge, when we can deliver the work in the service of another man wanting to become a Mason or advance in the craft. We live with the future...with eternity in mind.

Brothers even during the darkest of times the light of Freemasonry shines and although we must submit to the edicts of the Grand Lodge and our governments we can still live and plan for the future. Learn the work...prepare now for the future.

Stay safe & stay healthy.

W. Bro. Tailleir

The future belongs to those
who prepare for it today.

Malcolm X



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.??



BRETHREN:

ON BEHALF OF OUR TPGM, ILL. BRO. TOM KING 32° AND THE
SUDBURY AND DISTRICT LODGE OF PERFECTION,
WISHING YOU AND YOURS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR....ONE THAT WILL BE COVID FREE. STAY SAFE.

ILL. BRO. CLIVE D. STEPHENSON 33°
GRAND SECRETARY





SUPREME COUNCIL 33°



Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
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December 27, 2020

Brethren,

As 2020 comes to a close, so does a year such as we have never witnessed before. While we will not be able to resume meetings in person for the foreseeable future, the arrival of vaccines is at last a cause for optimism. The Sovereign Grand Commander and Supreme Council will continue to closely monitor the Covid-19 situation, and we will resume activities only when it is safe to do so.

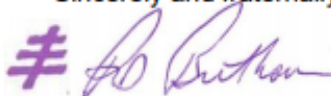
As your Deputy, it has without a doubt been a very frustrating time these past months. Both Official and Fraternal Visits have been severely impacted. I was able to visit Barrie and Sault Ste. Marie before the shutdown in March, but everything else has been via teleconference or Zoom. While less than ideal, at least it has allowed us to maintain some form of contact with one another.

More and more Valleys are utilizing Zoom technology, and these calls really do offer much potential for staying in touch and offering educational opportunities while we are unable to meet in person. Phone Committees and regular email contact are other tools which Valleys are using to reach out to their members. I would encourage each of you to maintain some form of contact with one another.

When we finally get the go-ahead to resume operations, there will no doubt be adjustments and compromises on the scheduling of Valley events. I will be very happy to work with your Valley's Leadership Team to assist in overcoming any logistical challenges. Together we can work out a plan.

Finally, I very much look forward to the day when we can once again meet in person – and I most certainly look forward to visiting your Valley. In the meantime, please continue to stay safe, and stay in contact with one another.

Sincerely and fraternally,




Robert D. Brethour, 33°
Deputy for Ontario



The Grand Lodge Education Committie Presents:



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**Join us online on January 9th,
2021 @ 7:00pm EST**

**Please contact
dkemball@gmail.com to RSVP**



Spotted on Facebook



***Don't be mad
at lazy people.
They didn't do
anything***



*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.

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DDGM.**

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Memo section: DDGM Project No. 2679