



March 2021

**Brethren:**

Spring is in the air, and some hope of change in the Covid-19 vaccines is starting to show promise. It has been a tough year for many but it is heartwarming to see so many of our brethren stepping up and being creative in their efforts to keep in touch with their brethren, widows and the community. It also appears that interest in the craft is still strong with inquiries coming in and when we can resume Masonic meetings our lodges will be busy with new potential members. As we now know, Grand Lodges annual communication will be virtual at best and voting will be online. More information on that process was distributed this past month with more to come shortly. Take the time to read up so that your input and vote will be heard. If you would like to run for DDGM, it is important that you do so and contact me asap so that the proper formalities and requirements can be met.



I have attended several educational initiatives by Grand Lodge and some lodge/district presentations and have very much enjoyed the time to re-engage with everyone in attendance. As I have suggested in the past, if you haven't tried it, please do. It is a rewarding experience and can give purpose to the many invitations to attend virtual meetings you have received.

Take care and be safe Brethren,

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



Brother Secretary,

Below and attached are important time sensitive materials regarding the 2021 Grand Lodge elections for DDGM. It is imperative that you distribute this entire email to any who seek that office this year. I require confirmation of receipt and to whom you have sent it to asap please. Also, direct any and all questions regarding this communication to myself so we can ensure all eligible candidates are clear and qualified to be included in the ballot. There will be no add-on or late submissions accepted. If you are unclear as to who is qualified or will run this year from your lodge, send a separate email to all members requesting those intending to run to contact you, then forward this email to them and inform me of this.

Brethren,

If you are qualified to run for DDGM and intend to do so this year, the following information is **mandatory and required to be sent to your DDGM before Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2021** in order for you to be included in the ballot for this year. Without this information you will NOT be on the ballot for electronic voting and therefore will not be considered for election.

Please complete the following information with careful attention to spelling etc as this will be used to form the automated process we will use in JUNE 2021 for the electronic elections.

Full Name:

Age:

Occupation:

Street Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Telephone

Res:

Business:

Cell:

Email:

Lodge:

No.:

Master (Year):

Spouses Name:

Attached is a letter dated Feb. 12 2021 detailing the process we will use.

Also attached is a form for nominations for the office of DDGM. This must be filled out as an electronic PDF not printed and scanned. If you need assistance with this process contact me directly. Altered or incorrectly used submissions will not be accepted. Fill out the form, digitally sign it, save it, and email it to your DDGM @ [ddgm@srmasons.com](mailto:ddgm@srmasons.com)

Direct any and all questions to your DDGM and only your DDGM for clarification. We are attempting to minimize repetitive requests sent to Grand Lodge at this time.

Your DDGM will complete the eligible candidate forms using this information. DO NOT send to Grand Lodge.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Fraternally,

Robert Lipic

DDGM – Sudbury Manitoulin District



## REMARKS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN



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

Brethren, do you learn from your mistakes? We all make them, of course, and each of us can reflect upon mistakes we have made in our lives. Likely, we have all made mistakes that we have long since forgotten. There are also those we may have made that we wish we could forget. Guilt, regret, and even shame may accompany those memories – painful even after months or years have gone by. Our mistakes; our errors or lapses in judgement may have affected others, too. And we likely know of others who have made mistakes in their lives; sometimes notoriously so. A quote I remember reading once that has stayed with me is, “Our lives serve as either a warning or an example to others.” As Masons, we are called upon to be a better version of ourselves today, than we were yesterday.

The lessons of our Craft teach us to perfect our ashlar through a daily advancement in our Masonic knowledge. The keeper of all knowledge and wisdom is the GAOTU. As we reflect on our mistakes and seek to improve ourselves, we must remember to seek guidance from the keeper of all knowledge and wisdom. Let us truly strive to serve as an example to others in our lives, rather than a warning.

Fraternally,  
*W. Bro. David Squarzolo*

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Average
- Poor



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

***Please refer to your group for instructions***



## ILL OR IN DISTRESSED CIRCUMSTANCES

*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. Dave Gilchrist**  
Doric Lodge No. 455  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*We cherish his memory in our hearts*



### Ill or in Distressed Circumstances

**Bro. Colin Clark**  
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

**Bro. Merv Gilchrist**  
Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

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

**W. Bro. Michael Dowling**  
Nickel Lodge No. 427

**Bro. Vernon Johnston**  
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

**V.W. Bro. Lyle Redden**  
Friendship Lodge No. 691

**W. Bro. Ben Wilson**  
Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

**W. Bro. Stephen Fleming**  
Nickel Lodge No. 427

**R.W. Bro. Paavo Liukko**  
Nickel Lodge No. 427

**Bro. Fred White**  
Nickel Lodge No. 427

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



## Did You Know?

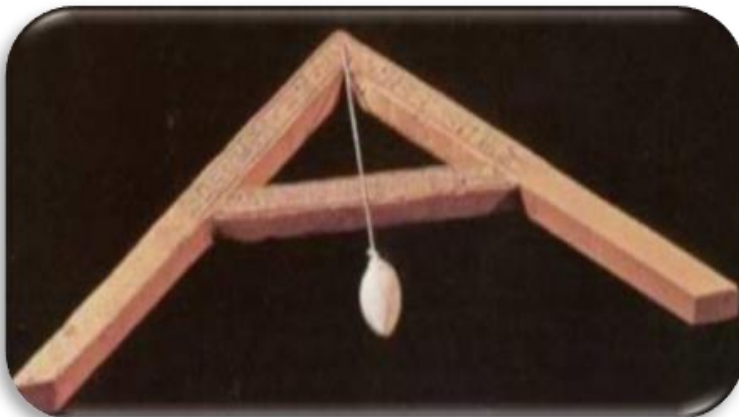
Submitted by R.W. Bro. Clair Bracken

### The Senior Warden's Jewel

For more than three thousand years, builders have used levels to ensure the structures they were erecting were plumb vertically and horizontally.

Historians say the Egyptians were the first to use levels as far back as 1100 BC. Their original levels were nothing more than a board with holes bored in them that could be filled with water. They would adjust the wall until no water spilled from the holes. At this time the plumb bob was in use for vertical measurements, and then the Egyptians started using an "A" frame level which was an adaptation of a square and plumb bob. From the top of the "A" frame a plumb line was suspended and hung over a crossbar joining the two arms of the square. This crossbar had markings on it to show when the surface on which the arms were resting, was level. This level was in use until the mid-sixteen hundreds when the "spirit" level was invented. The spirit level was first filled with water which sometimes froze so it was filled with alcohol or "spirits".

A close look at the Senior Warden's Jewel, the level, will show the frame and plumb line of the original levels.





## *Paavo's Pulchritudinous Poetry*

(ahem... that would be R.W. Bro. P. Liukko)

Rudyard Kipling was a Nobel Prize winning author of the late nineteenth early twentieth century. He was born in India to English parents and at the age of 20 was raised in "Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782 " in Lahore Punjab, India, now a part of Pakistan. Due to his being only 20 years of age a dispensation was required to allow his initiation. He remained active until at least 1935, a year before he died.

Most people have probably read his best-known poem "If" but it is worthwhile to read it again

### If

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:



If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!







## Mentor's Minute

*W. Bro. Robert Tailleir*

**Mentor / Education Lead**

Confucius said that “the man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.”

This concept is apropos when it comes to learning phase one of the rituals we deliver in the three degrees. When you look at the Book of the Work it feels like a mountain of material that needs to be memorized. However, when you apply Confucius’ mountain moving to the task, it’s not that difficult.

You pick a part of the ritual and memorized the first word...and then the second word...and then the third word. You have just moved three pebbles! After you have memorized that piece of the ritual, you have just moved one small stone and are on your way to moving the mountain. It is work and it does take effort but it can and should be done. Imagine the joy...the sense of accomplishment you would feel after moving a mountain...or even a few small stones!

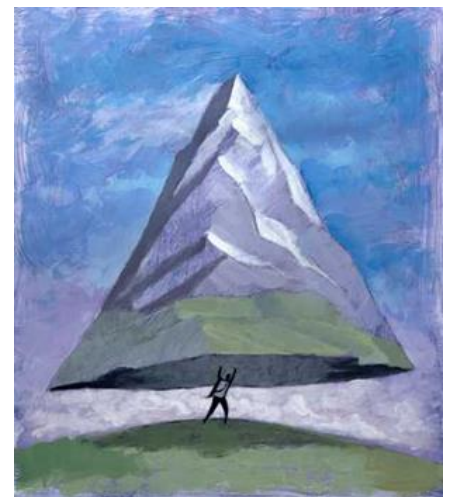
The question is: are you going to move the mountain or will you expect others to do the mountain moving for you?

**We are Masons! Move the mountain!**

**I will discuss phase two next month.**

**Stay safe and stay well.**

***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.??***



**Brethren,**

**W. Bro. Jim Ramsay forwarded me an excellent article in the Manitoulin Expositor regarding Bro. Ted Taylor of Doric Lodge No. 455**

**Unfortunately, I can't find a way to copy it that allows you to read it easily.**

**Below is a hyperlink to the article.**

**<https://www.manitoulin.com/wp-content/uploads/Expositor-February-24-21.pdf>**

**Please take the time to review it.**

**Thank you, W. Bro. Ramsay, for your input.**

***The editor***





**Brethren,**

The Worshipful Master of St. Mark's Lodge No. 94 in St. Thomas District, **W. Bro. Brian Chaplow**, is pleased to be hosting a special guest speaker at our virtual meeting on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

The **Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, R. W. Bro. Thomas Hogeboom** will enlighten us on - **Being prepared for the question, 'What is Freemasonry?'** R. W. Bro. Hogeboom will be available to answer questions from you after his lecture on topics related to Grand Lodge.

This lecture is open to all Masons AND Candidates.

**The link to the meeting will be open by 7:00 p.m. with the meeting starting promptly at 7:30 p.m.**

There is no need to RSVP the event, *but if you are a current Grand Lodge Officer please let me know you are coming so that we can introduce you.*

We will be using 'GoToMeeting' for this evening and I encourage you to make sure you download the application and make sure it works before the event. The information you need to access the evening and download the applications is as follows:

**St. Thomas District - Meet Anytime**

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/578162861>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

Canada: +1 (647) 497-9373

**Access Code: 578-162-861**

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/578162861>



## *Sudbury-Manitoulin District Masonic Blood -Now Plasma Donors*

An “On the Chair” Moment by: Bro. Clayton Kennedy of City of Lakes Lodge.

When I was asked earlier this year if I would like to be City of Lakes Lodge’s Blood Donation Chairman, I had no hesitation before saying yes. Not only was this a great way to contribute more to my Lodge, but also in recent years I have fallen away from donating blood, I felt this was the shot in the arm I needed to get back at it.

I donated blood for the first time over 20 years ago, at the time I was a student at Laurentian. It all began, one day while walking with a friend, they informed me that they were going to donate blood at the mobile clinic which was set up at the school and asked if I would like to join. At this time, I was a bit torn, my dad used to give blood and he is a good man, so it had to be a good thing, right? Not to mention as a student low on cash this could be great charity endeavor. What could be the drawback, oh yeah, my extreme fear of needles. I took the opportunity to not only do something good for others but also the opportunity to conquer my fear.

Twenty years and 46 donations later (48 including my first two plasma donations) and here I am. Things are a bit different now, Sudbury is a plasma only donation center, which means instead of an approximately 15-minute process to extract whole blood, it takes about 45 minutes and the process involves drawing out the blood, separating the plasma from the rest of the blood and returning the blood minus the plasma back into the body, this process happens about 3 times per donation.





The Sudbury clinic is amazing, and the people working are very friendly. The two times I have gone (early Saturday mornings) everyone is cheery and bright, there are televisions to watch while you donate and their ala carte menu for snacks after the donation is amazing. I would recommend the experience to anyone that is willing and able to donate. The clinic has enough room for 8 people to donate at a time now with the room to expand to 16 seats. In these times of not being able to visit or get out to Lodge a group blood donation would be a great way to see familiar faces and have some laughs, all while doing something that is going to help others in need. I know there are many who cannot donate blood/plasma for various reasons, but I would like to remind you that the Canadian Blood Services also accepts volunteers to help out at the clinic, so maybe if you cannot donate blood you could donate time.

I am hoping to get to the clinic for a third donation this weekend, although sports are starting up for my kids again and I not going to be able to make my early Saturday time slot.....The Sudbury clinic is open Tuesday to Friday 7:00 AM – 7:40 PM and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 AM – 2:10 PM, it is closed on Mondays. If you have any questions regarding plasma donations I suggest heading to the Canadian Blood Services website <https://www.blood.ca/en> or contact your Lodge's Blood Donor Chair. Who knows, maybe I will see you at the clinic one day.

Oh, and I still don't like needles!

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## **More About the NEW Sudbury-Manitoulin District Blood (Plasma) Donors Program**

The Canadian Blood Services now is operating in full swing collecting PLASMA now instead of whole blood. Sudbury is the first of three centres across Canada to have a Canadian Blood Services Plasma clinic. Apparently it is in part due to our culture of giving and charity. Plasma is retrieved in a similar fashion to regular blood except you get to keep your red blood cells and they get to keep the plasma (one of the components of blood).

Under the new program you can donate every two weeks!!!! This offers some masonic type opportunities. Such as meeting your fellow masonic plasma donors at the CBS clinic on Lasalle



Blvd, Sudbury – if you cannot “Meet On The Square” you at least you can “Meet On The Chair!” at the plasma clinic. With the increased opportunity for donating, you may now have a chance to have a fellowship type meeting while donating plasma follow by coffee and munchies!

So there is now an opportunity of creativity on how each lodge can now devise their own programs of donating plasma. Adjacent to the CBS clinic is a major grocery store, an excellent restaurant, Princes Auto!!!!, Smiths Fruit and Vegetable and a Rexall Pharmacy – all with easy access and plenty of parking.

Further, for a bit of friendly competition between the lodges your lodge could win the coveted R.W, Bro, W.J.C. (Bill) Noble, Blood Donors award for the greatest number of donations in a year.

Each Lodge in the District now has a Blood (Plasma) Donor Chairman. So please contact him in order to participate in a most vital and greatly appreciated act of giving.

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

W. Bro, Lionel Rudd (Nickel - District Chairman)

R.W. Bro. Roy Eaton (Doric)

R.W. Bro. Rene Carlson (Bethel)

V.W. Bro. Grant Moffatt (Espanola)

V.W. Bro. Ray Barlow (Friendship).

W. Bro. Kevin Pattison (Friendship)

Bro. Larry Paguandas (Nickel)

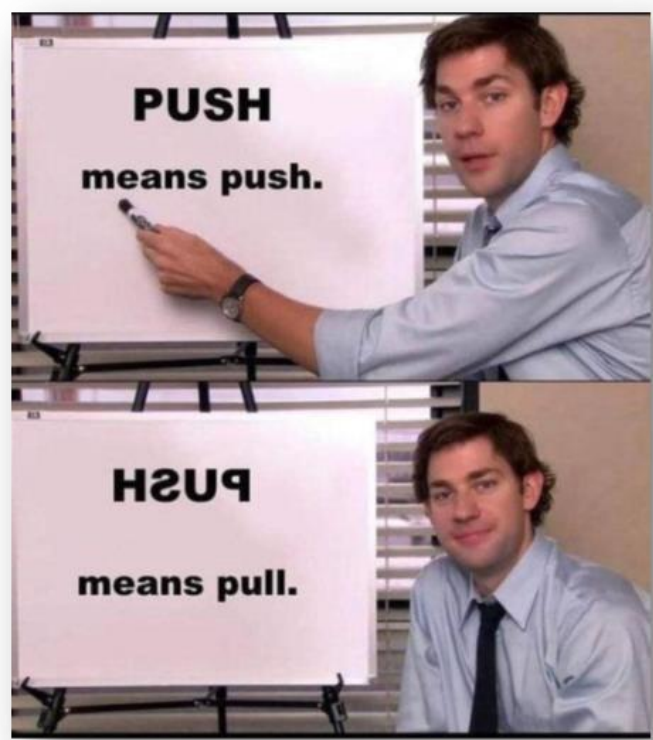
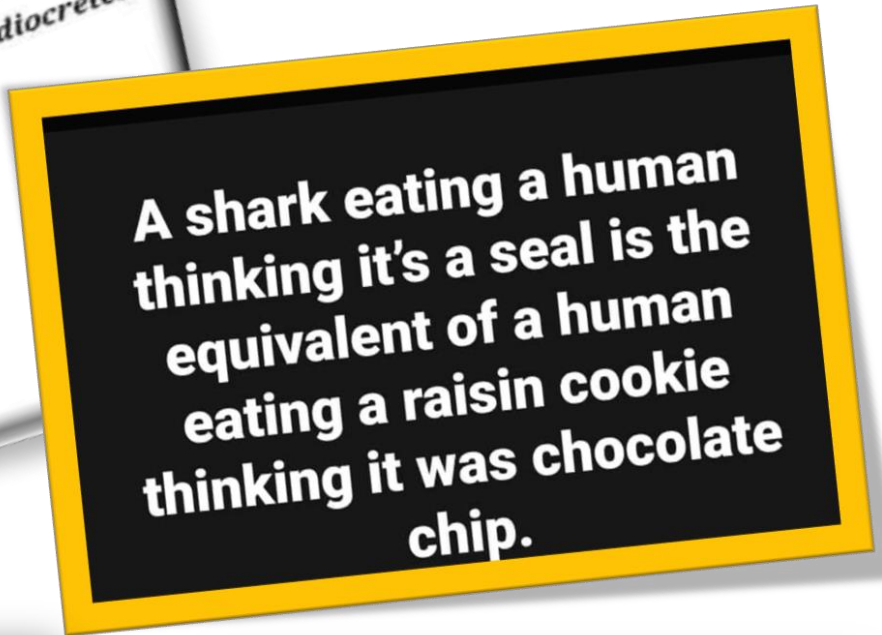
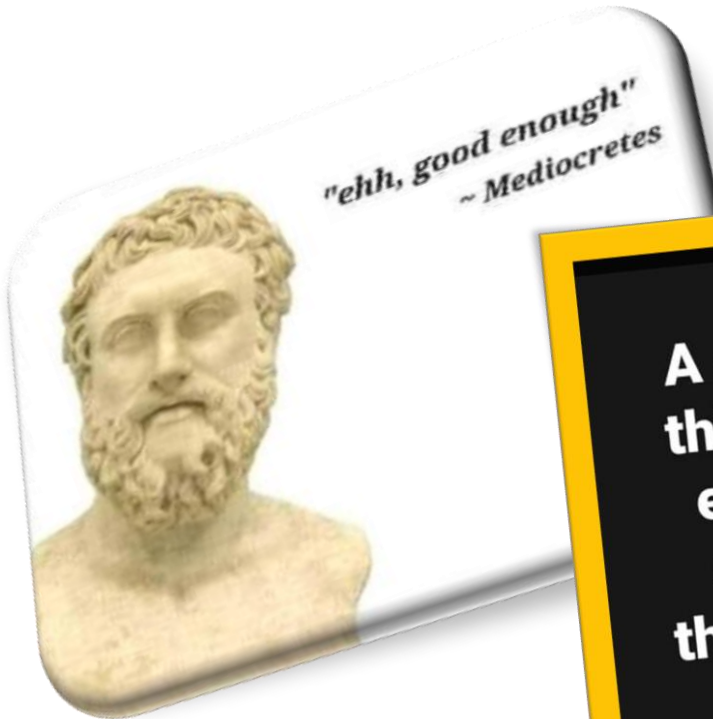
Bro. Clayton Kennedy (City of Lakes)







## Spotted on Facebook





## ***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:***

***[robfanfleming@sympatico.ca](mailto:robfanfleming@sympatico.ca)***

***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 Mischczak  
Masonic Foundation Representative  
for information.  
cell (705) 507-6969  
email [jm.mischczak@hotmail.ca](mailto: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.

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