



April 2021

Brethren:

As Christians approach the Easter celebrations this weekend, it has had a particular impact on my contemplations. I reflect on the true meaning of Easter and very much wanted it to be synonymous with our struggles of the past year. To triumph over death and strife and yet despite progress with vaccines we still find ourselves unable to fully resume our duties and family life. It seems more difficult this wave than the past as we do see that light at the end of the tunnel and it doesn't always feel as if its getting brighter. But now is not the time to drop our guard or give up in despair. Let us all remember that true meaning of Easter, that triumph over that which holds us down, just as did the source of our celebrations, let us rise above this and be thankful for the sacrifices made for us.

Spring also brings with it that sense of rebirth and renewal and we have been very fortunate this winter to have come through fairly well weather wise. Take some time to enjoy this changing season and the excitement of access to your back yard or that nice trail you like to walk at least before the bugs start....

Continue to be safe and check in on one another. We have all worked hard to make the best of this situation and we need to be grateful for those that have supported us this past year. Take a moment to thank one of them today.

Be safe,

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





**REMARKS FROM OUR
DISTRICT CHAPLAIN**



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

Brethren, are you one among the population that has received the COVID-19 vaccine? Are you eligible yet? Do you even want it? For a variety of reasons, I would like to receive the vaccine. Others in my extended family have received at least the first dose. I know that in due time, I will eventually be eligible for vaccination. In the meantime, I wear my mask when out for errands and work, avoid social gatherings, and do my best to follow the directions from the medical profession. I wait until such time as masks may no longer be required, when we can resume seeing our loved ones in person, and when we can don our aprons and return to Lodge.

Waiting can be difficult. When the light at the end of the tunnel is within view, or when a date or time is known, we tend to do a little better at being patient. For children, the concept of time is elusive and feels less tangible, requiring parents to help by providing calendars to mark off the days, or counting the number of sleeps before an important day arrives. Sometimes, the days cannot pass by quickly enough. As a father and an educator, I am immersed in the lives of the young who often see time as a hindrance or complication to their day, but their example teaches me to be ever more mindful of my own need to be patient.

So much can be lost when we wish the days away. We need to take time for reflection; time to remember; and time to be truly present, wherever we are, and be grateful for the day the Great Architect has given to us. This is more than just stopping and smelling the roses. It is the practice of being patient and assuring ourselves that, whatever the great design may be, our day may well be unfolding as it was meant to, and wishing for tomorrow to come may only mean that we want one less day given to us in our lives.

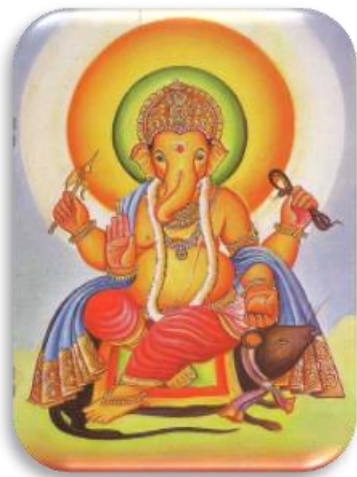




April 2021 is an important month for many faiths. April 13 is the solar New Year for Hindus and Sikhs, and Ramadan begins in Islam. Many in the Jewish faith have both sombre remembrances and then later this month, celebration. For many Christians, this coming weekend marks the holiest of occasions in the calendar – Easter. As a Christian, Easter serves to remind me of the great sacrifice and loss of “the Great Teacher”, and the need to wait patiently for His resurrection and better days ahead.

Whatever spiritual or faith path you follow, I wish all the brethren peace and brotherly love in your quest for rejuvenation and spiritual renewal. May the Great Architect grant us patience and strength of mind and spirit to appreciate the goodness in our lives as we await the arrival of that special date that dwells within our hearts.

Fraternally,
W. Bro. David Squarzolo





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

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

W. Bro. Barry Wayne Greasley
Nickel Lodge No. 427
March 1, 2021

Bro. Vernon Johnston
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536
March 10, 2021



We cherish their memory in our hearts

Ill or in Distressed Circumstances

Bro. Gary Bate
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Merv Gilchrist
Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

W. Bro. William Noon
Espanola Lodge No. 527

Bro. Colin Clark
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

V.W. Bro. Alan Hill
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Fred White
Nickel Lodge No. 427

W. Bro. Stephen Fleming
Nickel Lodge No. 427

V.W. Bro. Reijo Luoma
Nickel Lodge No. 427

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

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



Did You Know?

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming

ADDRESSING THE EAST



There is a growing practice in some Districts of not properly addressing the East, when a brother wishes to speak.

Everyone is reminded that the correct procedure when you wish to speak is to stand, take the step of the degree, salute, (S. S. & S.) and say “Worshipful Master”.

When another Grand Lodge Officer is present, who by his rank is entitled to assume the gavel, unless that Officer is actually in possession of the gavel, you still only address the W.M.

For example, suppose it was the occasion of the D.D.G.M.’s Official Visit. Both the W.M. and the D.D.G.M. are sitting in the East. A brother wishing to speak, (or make an announcement) , would simply S. S. & S., then say:

“Worshipful Master”. He would NOT say: “Worshipful Master, R. W. the District Deputy Grand Master, Distinguished East, and brethren”. (Such a form of address is reserved only for the Banquet Hall.)

Why the distinction? It’s because of the power of authority that we assign to the gavel and the person who uses it. When we are assembled in open lodge, the gavel is an emblem of power. It is the presiding officer’s badge of power and authority. (While it is the SYMBOL of the authority, it is not the authority itself.) Whoever possesses the gavel is responsible for the lodge and has it in his care and control. You only need address the person who is in charge of the lodge. He alone should deal with issues, questions, and reports from the floor.

While a gavel may be used for the purpose of attracting the brethren’s attention at a banquet, it is not used to signify who is in control of the banquet.

PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE ESSENTIALS
Prepared by the Grand Lodge P. & E. Committee
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Paavo's Pulchritudinous Poetry

(R.W. Bro. P. Liukko)

Albert Pike (December 29, 1809 – April 2, 1891) was an American author, poet, orator, editor, lawyer, jurist, and prominent member of the Freemasons who served as an associate justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court from 1864 until the surrender of the Trans-Mississippi Department in May 1865. Before his appointment, Pike was a senior officer of the Confederate States Army who commanded the District of Indian Territory in the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the American Civil War. Pike first joined the fraternal Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1840. He next joined a Masonic Lodge, where he became extremely active in the affairs of the organization. In 1859 he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction. He remained Sovereign Grand Commander for the rest of his life, devoting a large amount of his time to developing the rituals of the order. He published a book called *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry* in 1871, the first of several editions. This helped the Order grow during the nineteenth century. He also researched and wrote the seminal treatise *Indo-Aryan Deities and Worship as Contained in the Rig-Veda*. In the United States, Pike is still considered an eminent and influential Freemason, primarily in the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. The following poem is one of his many writings

The Struggle for Freedom

The Ancient Wrong rules many a land, whose groans
Rise swarming to the stars by day and night,
Thronging with mournful clamour round the thrones
Where the Archangels sit in God's great light,
And, pitying, mourn to see that Wrong still reigns,
And tortured Nations writhe in galling chains.

From Hungary and France fierce cries go up
And beat against the portals of the skies;
Lashed Italy still drinks the bitter cup,
And Germany in abject stupor lies;
The knout on Poland's bloody shoulders rings,
And Time is all one jubilee of kings.



It will not be so always. Through the night
The suffering multitudes with joy descry
Beyond the ocean a great beacon-light,
Flashing its rays into their starless sky,
And teaching them to struggle and be free, --
The Light of Order, Law, and Liberty.

Take heart, ye bleeding Nations; and your chains
Shall shiver like thin glass. The dawn is near,
When Earth shall feel, through all her aged veins
The new blood pouring; and her drowsy ear
Hear Freedom's trumpet ringing in the sky,
Calling her braves to conquer or to die.

Arm and revolt, and let the hunted stags
Against the lordly lions stand at bay! --
Each pass, Thermoplæ, and all the crags,
Young Freedom's fortresses! -- and soon the day
Shall come when Right shall rule, and round the thrones
that gird God's feet shall eddy no more groans.





Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir

Mentor / Education Lead

So you've committed the Book of the Work to memory...you have metaphorically moved the mountain. Now begins phase two...erecting an edifice worthy of the builder. Phase two is perfecting the delivery of the work.

Freemasonry is as much an art as it is a science. It is in perfecting the delivery of those memorised words that the science becomes artistic. Examine any Masonic building and you will see not only beautiful science in its structure but beautiful artistic design.

Delivering any part of the work with feeling; the correct inflections of voice, the correct and even variable cadence of delivery, pausing...when a pause makes an impact, it is the nuances of the delivery that makes the greatest impression on everyone listening. No candidate ever remembers the words of a ceremony but they never forget the passion and proficiency with which it is delivered.

Next month...phase three.

Stay healthy and stay safe until then.

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.??



**SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE**

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ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021
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PANDEMIC**

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AND
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President**



**Noble N. Conroy,
Chair of Children's Committee**



North Bay Lodge
of Perfection, 14°

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of North Bay, Ontario, Canada



North Bay Chapter
of Rose Croix 18°

March 28, 2021

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE MOST WISE SOVEREIGN
2021

Greetings Sovereign Princes,

From myself, and the officers of the Scottish Rite, AASR, Valley of North Bay, Chapter of Rose Croix, I bring you, and your families, fraternal Easter greetings and best wishes to all.

As we are living in extraordinary times we must adapt and do what we must to remain safe, healthy, hopeful, and happy. I encourage you all to think forward when we all can come together again to gather for our annual Easter Ceremonies and continue again our times of fellowship.

As our members are spread from near and far, we still have this bond of brotherhood and affection. In a usual year we gather on Maundy Thursday for the feast of the Paschal Lamb, the Ceremonies of Extinguishing the Lights, and again for the Relighting of the Lights on Easter Sunday. We gather for these solemn events in places such as Powassan, North Bay, Englehart, Sudbury, Porcupine, and Kirkland Lake. This is the custom of our fraternity and I encourage each of you to dwell upon these events with happy thoughts of our age long Easter custom.

And remember, this too shall pass and next year we will meet again to carry on our ancient traditions.

In the meantime, let us communicate and support each other and the Chapter the best we can...and above all...**Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, Stay Home, and Stay Happy!** 😊

Fraternally,

Ill. Bro. Rene Carlson 33°
MWS, North Bay Chapter of
Rose Croix
Valley of North Bay, A.A.S.R.



DO-IT-YOURSELF MAPLE SYRUP AND TAFFY - THE "NOT SO GREEN" WAY!

Written By: Lionel Rudd

Canada is famous for three major things, the Mounties, Hockey and Maple Syrup. Well, we can write off the first two, the Mountie image is owned by the Disney empire. Hockey, our national sport is all but owned, operated and controlled by the Americans. All that is left is "maple syrup". We are blessed with an abundance of this hardwood tree across much of Canada, especially around the Sudbury area. Many people are lucky enough to have mature maple trees in their yards or at least in their neighbourhood.

Now that Spring is arriving, at least according to the calendar, and the sunshine has destroyed your backyard ice rink it is maybe time and an opportunity to try another backyard activity. All that is required is one or two or more mature maple trees (over 30 years old or so). If you don't have your own maybe a neighbour might oblige. As mother nature destroys your ice rink she sets into motion another natural phenomena - the rising of the maple sap. At the same time, the receding snow reveals a treasure trove of broken tree branches and twigs, left over from winter storms. A potential fuel source.

With a few simple items and patience, you could be well on your way to providing your own, home grown, maple syrup and taffy.

Starting with a maple tree (or trees). Select trees of mature size - about a 12-inch diameter trunk at least. You'll need a 5/16-inch diameter drill. You can visit the Home Hardware Store in Lively where they have the traditional spigots and gathering buckets that you can use to collect the sap. For these spigots you only require a 5/16-inch drill with which you drill a 3 inch hole approximately 3 feet from the ground.

The setup is easy. Drill a 5/16-inch hole about 3 inches deep into the trunk of the tree about 3 feet from the ground. After drilling the hole gently drive in the "spigot". The spigot has a hook to attach the collecting bucket so simply hang the bucket on this hook and you are basically in business. The sap usually needs warm spring daytime temperatures and cold nighttime temperatures to "run". On a good day you can expect the yield of around 2 litres of sap per tree tap.

It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. In metric that translates to a ratio of 4 litres of sap to yield 100 millilitres of syrup! Of note is the fact that the sap can be used to make tea or coffee, boil it for around one minute first. This sap contains many nutrients and can make your tea or coffee taste different but nice. That is part one of the math. Now we get to part two which involves a mix of math, physics and thermal dynamics. Part two involves the amount of energy required to render the sap to syrup.



When making ice for the backyard ice rink we dealt with a phenomena called “heat of fusion” - how much energy that must be removed from water before it becomes ice. Now we must convert the water in the sap to a gas (steam). This is called “heat of vaporization”. This is the amount of energy required to turn the liquid to steam. To achieve this and in order to ultimately end up with maple syrup we must apply 540 kilocalories per kilogram (or 972 British Thermal Units - BTU’s per pound) of sap. You do the math..... But it goes without saying that when your gathering container is full, an incredible amount of energy is required before you get the pancakes ready for your homemade syrup.

Using a large stainless steel or cast iron container you must boil the sap in order to render it down to syrup. If you have lots of dead fall wood use a cast iron pot over an open fire - the odd piece of wood ash is said to enhance the flavour. To obtain taffy you must boil the sap beyond the 40 to 1 ratio mentioned. As it thickens pour some into some CLEAN SNOW!. You know the rest.....

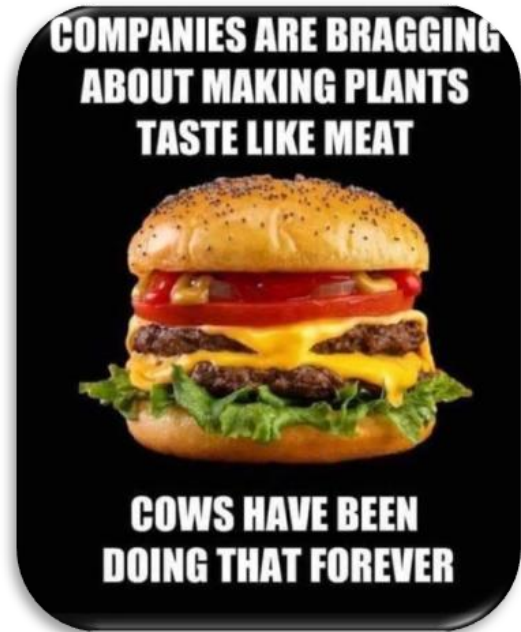
It goes without saying that after you have burned all that wood and made your maple syrup you can only imagine how much you have contributed to the volume of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. In any event, it is a fun exercise, the kids will enjoy cleaning up the yard of the all the dead wood and the maple syrup and taffy will taste if nothing else “unique”. For the adventurous I have been told that using raw sap to make a batch of tea or coffee adds a new delight to our 100% Canadian icon - the maple tree.

The maple syrup season is quite short - usually from the middle of March to the 2nd or 3rd weeks of April. When the season is over remove the spigots and cover the holes with pruning compound. Clean containers and you are all set for next year.





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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



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**R. W. Bro. R. J Lipic's
2019 – 2020 District Charity
is the Neo Kids Foundation
located at Health Sciences
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Please contact W. Bro. John Mischczak
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