



June 2021



Brethren:

We finally have improvements in our fight against this virus. I would like to say that this second year of my term as your DDGM was wonderful and productive but alas, I cannot do so with the inability to see you and the lodges efforts in person, to pay respect to those we have lost and to present those members who have reached milestones in their Masonic careers, our tokens of admiration. I often struggled for words to pass on to the brethren with few concrete answers as to when we will resume meetings and how we as a group can support and uphold our Masonic principles. Despite this I have been uplifted by the spirit and hard work of many of you to maintain and strengthen the craft. To support one another and continue with the community involvement many of you have skillfully devised and executed. Winter clothing drive, plasma donation, phone committees, virtual social meetings, newsletters, creative summons messages, district charity walk, children's telethon to name a few have all reminded me that when the going gets tough the tough get going. The craft guides and teaches us to be there for one another, and this district should be immensely proud of those efforts as I am of all of you. Thank you for the constant reminder as to why I love the craft, the lodges, and members of this district.

On June 18th and 19th, we will be voting for the office of DDGM. We have two excellent nominees in W. Bro's David Spencer and Lionel Rudd. Both hardworking and caring brethren to lead us into recovery and prosperity. Prior to the pandemic, the option to vote online or at home was a desire of mine for the simple reason that our district has strong candidates for the office and ALL qualified brethren should have the choice to select our leaders. Health and financial stability should not be the criteria to decide who votes. If we show strong support for online voting this year, perhaps we can justify doing it into the future and ensure all voices are heard. Once we are open to register and vote, please take the time to do so. If you cannot complete the process on your own, contact your lodge secretary for assistance.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Robert J. Lipic

District Deputy Grand Master

Sudbury Manitoulin District



IMPORTANT DATES IN THE COMING WEEKS ~ MARK THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR

Monday June 7th 2021, - 6:30PM social, 7:00PM start– District Zoom Meeting (Agenda and meeting invitation to follow)

June 12th – 17th 2021 – Electronic registration for voting for DDGM (Only eligible voters can register)

June 18th-19th 2021 – Electronic election of DDGM (Open to all qualified, registered voters of the district. (Link for registration to follow)

June 22nd, 2021 – Board of General Purposes, Masonic Foundation, Masonichip Foundation meetings (Obligatory for all Board members including outgoing DDGMs), open to all Masons as observers. More details to follow)

July 12th to 18th 2021 - Electronic Registration for voting for Grand Lodge Officers. (Those registered for the first DDGM election do not need to register a second time. If you did not register in election 1, you must register to vote in election 2. Only eligible voters can register)

July 19th -20th 2021 – Election of Grand Lodge officers and vote on proposed amendments. (Open to registered, Masters, Past Masters and Wardens)

July 21st, 2021 - Annual Communication (Open to all Masons as observers. Meeting link to follow)

July 22nd, 2021 – Board Meeting (Open to elected, appointed and honorary members of the Board and newly elected DDGM's)

I wish all of you a wonderful June.



REMARKS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

W. Bro. David Squarzolo



Brethren:

I enjoy having the occasional drink. One of my preferred (alcoholic) beverages is a single malt 16-year-old Scotch whiskey by the distiller Lagavulin. I am not a connoisseur of scotch, but I have tried several over the years, all of which I liked, but this one appeals to me most. Being the descendant of Italian-Croatian immigrants, scotch was not consumed in my house. Typically, brandies and wine tended to be the beverages sometimes on hand during or following dinner and more commonly on the table at a larger gathering. At a family function, the adults would have a glass or two during the course of the evening – enough to be social and to enjoy one another’s company without the effects of overindulging, but also sufficient to endure the loud collection of little cousins who were joyous in seeing one another once again. The scotch, like the Craft, was introduced to me later in life. In the case of the drink, it was at a tasting I attending with R.W. Bros. Paul and Jason Ashley. These days, I will have the occasional glass of scotch, but Lagavulin is the one I reserve to drink and share in the company of Brother Masons.

In Masonry, we are taught many lessons through our initiated experience. The four cardinal virtues are formally introduced to us in the First Degree – Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. All four are represented symbolically in our lodges. Some of us may view temperance as avoiding alcoholic drink, but in Freemasonry, it means much more. In its truer sense, temperance requires us to restrain our desires or passions to avoid a disordered life fraught with disastrous consequences for ourselves and those around us. Indeed, the ideal of living a life well-balanced between “intemperance and pleasure” and keeping our passions under control is a narrative so important for Masons that it is heard within all three of our degrees.

A Mason must be free by birth and of mature age to be eligible to join the Craft. True Masons also remember that freedom comes with responsibility. When we are masters of our passions and prejudices and have lived our lives according to His teachings, it is our hope that we might one day stand before the Great Architect, “unstained by vice and unspotted by sin”. Until that day comes, let us be supportive of one another in becoming a better version of ourselves and seek His guidance to achieve this.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. David Squarzolo



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

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. Mervin Clifford Gilchrist

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472

April 8, 2021

We cherish his memory in our hearts



Ill or in Distressed Circumstances

W. Bro. Stephen Fleming
Nickel Lodge No. 427

W. Bro. William Noon
Espanola Lodge No. 527

V.W. Bro. Harold Saville
Bethel Lodge No. 699

W. Bro. Barry Tooley
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

All Brethren who struggle through the hardship of the pandemic.



Did You Know?

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Robert South

From the booklet – “PENETRATING THE VEIL”

by David C. Bradley – Grand Master–1989-1990



“PENETRATING THE VEIL: GOTHIC CONSTITUTIONS.

GOTHIC CONSTITUTIONS

A result of this building growth was the formation of associations of freemasons in the late fourteenth century ⁽¹⁾, by which trade secrets were protected and the business of each apprentice was the responsibility of the Master Craftsman to whom he was indentured. There is no evidence of a degree as it is known today, but there is evidence of a ceremony in operative days ⁽²⁾. Much of today’s knowledge is derived from documents called Gothic Constitutions, of which the Regius MS, c. 1390, is the oldest. These documents are similar to each other in content and form the basis of a simple ceremony designed to provide the apprentice with the administration of his trade ⁽³⁾. In general, these constitutions begin with an invocation, a reference to the seven liberal arts, followed by a legendary history, then an instruction on the manner of taking an oath, a reading of the regulations governing behaviour in and outside the trade and, finally, an oath was sworn to observe the regulations ⁽⁴⁾. The main objective appeared to be not only to preserve the operative craft, but also to reassure members that they belonged to an ancient and honourable trade.

1 The Genesis of Freemasonry, Knoop, Jones. P. 42

2 The Pocket History of Freemasonry, Pick and Knight, p. 52

3 The Genesis of Freemasonry, p. 62

4 Idem, p. 206



Paavo's Pulchritudinous Poetry

(R.W. Bro. P. Liukko)

Robert Burns

Robert Burns is arguably one of the most famous masons of all time. He was initiated on 4th July 1781, passed and raised on 1st October 1781 in St. David's Lodge No. 174, Tarbolton. Less than a year later, the old members of St. James's Kilwinning Lodge, which had amalgamated with St. David's, broke away, seized the effects of St. James's Lodge and reopened it. Burns was elected Deputy Master of St. James's on 27th July 1784, a position he held for 4 years. He is best known for his poetry, much of which was Masonically inspired.

The Master's Apron

Ther's mony a badge that's unco braw;
Wi' ribbon, lace and tape on;
Let kings an' princes wear them a'
Gie me the Master's apron!
The honest craftsman's apron,
The jolly Freemason's apron,
Be he at hame, or roam afar,
Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly ajar,
'Gin he but wears the apron!

For wealth and honor, pride and power
Are crumbling stanes to base on;
Fraternity suld rule the hour,
And ilka worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.
Then, brithers, let a halesome sang
Arise your friendly ranks along!
Guidwives and bairnies blithely sing
To the ancient badge wi' the apron string
That is wom by the Master Mason!



Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleur

Mentor / Education Lead



Reality is in the eye of the beholder. This fact is in reality, a scary truth because for any action/event perceived by more than one person, there is in reality more than one perspective of that action/event. What happened, how it happened, why it happened are all seen from our unique personal perspective. When you consider there are over 7.5 billion souls on earth...well.

We...humans are able to work cooperatively, productively when we share a common perception on things; a common perception on the reality we are going through. It is this ability to have a common perception that gives Masonry its enduring strength and resilience.

We are good men striving to become better men; striving to make ourselves, our families, our communities, the world a better place. We do this by being charitable, living honourably, and maintaining our trust in one another and our faith in the Great Architect. By living the tenets and principles of Freemasonry we share a common reality...this is our strength.

Soon we will be able to share the reality of meeting in our lodges, of embracing as brothers and of doing the work of the lodge which is so important to us and to the G. A. O. T. U.!

Stay strong and stay healthy.

W. Bro. Tailleur





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>

Ontario Freemasons Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioMasons/about>

Canadian Freemasons Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2231516772>





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.??



MASONIC FOUNDATION BURSARY

Masonry is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world. The desire to help others through charitable work is considered to be a cornerstone of the fraternity. In addition to contributing to bursary programs for college and university students, the Masonic Foundation of Ontario supports hearing research, autism services, prostate cancer research and alcohol and drug awareness programs in elementary and high schools.

The Masonic Foundation Bursary is offered to a student in the School of Community Services.



Pamela Belanger

Child and Youth Care



Vanessa McMahon

Child and Youth Care



NICKEL MASONIC LODGE BURSARY

The Nickel Masonic Lodge Bursary recognizes the exemplary leadership of a Cambrian College student as demonstrated through participation in extra-curricular activity.

First established in 1991 to celebrate the centennial of the Lodge, the bursary reflects the Lodge's commitment to postsecondary education in northern Ontario. The Freemasons are an ancient organization steeped in tradition, and modern Masons continue to follow the three Great Principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth.



Danielle Roy

Addictions and Mental Health



Inderveer Singh Bassi

Dental Hygiene



Reane Loyer

Social Service Worker



NATIONAL LODGE 588 BURSARY

Masonic lodges are fraternal organizations with the purpose of making good men better. On February 13, 1919, several business and railroad men met at Rossman's hall to discuss ways and means towards starting a lodge of free and accepted masons in Capreol. Subsequent meetings followed, and it was decided to go ahead with a building with stores below for rental and the masonic hall above. For this purpose, a stock company was formed and was known as national temple company. A petition was signed by a number of masons and submitted to the grand lodge of Canada in the province of Ontario, praying for a dispensation. On September 7, 1922, R. W. Bro. J. A. Smith, assisted by grand lodge officers from North Bay and Sudbury performed the ceremonies of constituting, consecrating, and dedicating national lodge #588. For a number of years, the lodge grew and had a membership total of 191 until the mine closure and railway cuts in the late 1990's. Unable to survive on its own, the lodge moved into the Belrock Masonic Centre in Sudbury. Declining numbers continued to plague the lodge and recently a notice of motion was presented to "go dark". One of the last items for the lodge was to start a legacy project to help the postsecondary students of the district. R. W. Bro. Jordan asked if everyone present was in favour of the masonic bursaries at Cambrian College and Laurentian University for students from Capreol and the Valley with a railroad and/or masonic connection. The brethren at the meeting were pleased with the suggestion, and it was decided in favour of a bursary for a Cambrian College student in need.

This award is available to one full-time student enrolled in any Cambrian College program in any year of study.



Courtney St Georges
Business – Accounting – Online



Fundraiser for the DDGM's Project: NEO Kids

This was my first real event I was a part of from inception to conclusion.

I would really like to thank everyone who helped me with the event by donating money and or time out of their busy lives.

The goal was to raise **\$2000** the final tally is **\$3100** which is awesome



Bethel lodge had donated money to the cause and will be thanked many times over.

Bro. Cotton and his better half, Darlene had the great idea of acquiring a donation from **Nickel Belt Camping**.



And just in case I only said it once, thanks again to everyone who was willing to donate to this worthy charity.

Thanks 😊

Greg Blomme





V.W. Bro. Milt Fleming's 90th Birthday Celebration



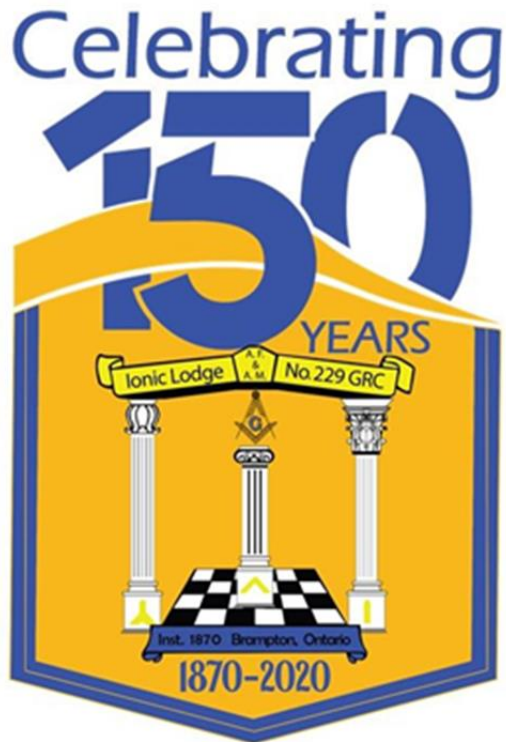
*V.W. Bro. Milt Fleming (r)
(Pictured with what appears to be a member of Zed Zed Top!)*

V. W. Bro. Fleming would like to thank everyone who participated in his drive-by best wishes or sent congratulations on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

The day was beautiful, and so were the thoughts and actions of so many Brethren / Nobles.

An appearance was made by the infamous 'Truck-bed Piper' with his partner-in-crime and matrimony





Ionic Lodge No. 229

Ionic Lodge No. 229, Toronto West District, Grand Lodge of Canada in the province of Ontario, invites you to join us on a Zoom Session 150th Years Celebration.

This is event is open to Everyone!!! Please spread the word!

There are **500 spots** available, No need to register ... just log in.

Dress code for guests optional: Business Suit.

Members of Ionic 229: Tuxedo or Business Suit ... or optional if it does not fit.

A night with VIP Guests.

150 year of Ionic Lodge No. 229 Presentation.

Memory Lane

May 25th, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87424722922?pwd=d1kzY0R2UkNUOW03VFBpek9ySXB5dz09>

Meeting ID: 874 2472 2922

Passcode: 642132

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdn2Eh6V98>



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 Mischczak
Masonic Foundation Representative
for information.
cell (705) 507-6969
email 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