



August 2021

Brethren:

On behalf of the Sudbury Manitoulin District I thank R.W. Bro. Robert Lipic for his service over the past two terms. It was exceptional.

Congratulations to Very Worshipful Brother Ryan Lipic on his appointment as a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Thank you also for your work as District Secretary.



The rain held off just long enough. 10 brethren gathered at the Capreol cemetery to support the family of our late brother WB Glen Simpson. My final honour as chaplain of City of Lakes Lodge was to read the Masonic scroll.

Several brethren joined the memorial gathering for the late June Hill, spouse of the late WB Gerald Hill. It was a blessing to be able to gather in person.

Let me express my sincere thanks for a job well done to our previous DDGM, RT W Bro Robert Lipic. During these difficult times he showed leadership and ongoing commitment to our craft.

I was deeply moved by a phrase spoken by our Grand Master during his address for the annual communication. "as if people mattered" These words should ring true for every brother in our gentle craft.



Our District meeting will be Monday September 13th at 7 pm. As of this moment, I am unsure if the meeting will take place at Belrock or perhaps by zoom. All brethren in our district are most welcome and urged to attend.

As we get closer to reopening, would you open the book of the work? Go over the three openings and closings. Look over a favourite lecture. Perhaps, tackle a new piece of the work.

I would like the brethren to consider restarting the Masters' and Wardens' Association. More will be said on this matter at the District Meeting.

As we move toward reopening our province and our lodges, wisdom is required. I will give the last word to Job.

"And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'" Job 28:28

**Fraternally,
R.W. Bro. David Spencer
District Deputy Grand Master
Sudbury Manitoulin District**



REMARKS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

W. Bro. David Squarzolo



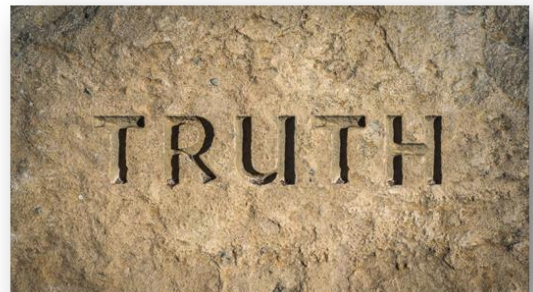
Brethren:

Recently, I happened upon a story in the news about a group of brethren who had run afoul of the law behaving in ways that are unmasonic during an alleged Masonic occasion! This was not a situation of someone consuming too much alcohol and making a poor choice. This was preplanned illegal conduct, the type that ends marriages and careers. They had taken extensive measures that it be hidden from others. There were appropriate legal consequences for the individuals noted in the story and while the behaviour of the brethren was disappointing, it was the statement toward the end of it whereby the Craft in general was then lumped into the misdoings of those few that invoked in me a measure of both sadness and anger. Here was a questioning of the motives and qualities of our organization – one that had given me so much and did not match anything I have learned or experienced.

As Entered Apprentices, we are taught that one of our Masonic virtues is Truth. As Masons, we are taught that our lessons are not meant to be disclosed to the masses, but are shared upon membership. We are called to keep to ourselves the goings on of our meetings and business, but are also admonished to maintain good behaviour during our time together. There is never a request that we lie or behave inappropriately and then agree not to discuss it with others. Freemasonry is informed by the many lessons offered by the Great Architect. The Book of Proverbs reminds us that, “Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.”

If only those misbehaving brethren had remembered that.

Fraternally,
W. Bro. David Squarzolo





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

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.

Ill or in Distressed Circumstances

W. Bro. Stephen Fleming
Nickel Lodge No. 427

V.W. Bro Robert Storie
Nickel Lodge No. 427

W. Bro. Harvey Menzies
Nickel Lodge No. 427

Bro. Terry Aelick
Doric Lodge No. 455

Bro. Mel Fielding
City of Lakes Lodge No.536

Bro. Lorne Turcotte
City of Lakes Lodge No.536

All Brethren who struggle through the hardship of the pandemic.



Did You Know?

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming



Ontario Masons

At the last Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, the above logo was adopted as our official 'brand'.

Look for it in other Ontario Freemason's publications.



Mentor's Minute

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir

Mentor / Education Lead

I watched a movie a couple weeks back and one of the characters was asked a question that I am going alter a bit and pose to the brethren for reflection: Do you want to “be” a Mason or do you want to “appear” to be a Mason.

If you want to “appear” to be a Mason that is easily done...you need only ask a Mason to become a Mason, answer the questions correctly, pay the initiation fee, and be initiated into a craft lodge and as long as you pay your annual dues, you can appear to be a Mason. You don't even have to attend meetings but you can purchase a ring, put a sticker on your vehicle, wear a belt buckle, hat and face mask all with the Masonic emblem on them and you can appear to be a Mason.

But to “be” a Mason...it's a bit more complex! Once you are made a Mason you are expected to honour the commitments you make by attending and participating in the craft lodge meetings (when we can), by making daily advancements in Masonic knowledge (even during the shutdown) and by practicing the principles espoused by the craft every day.

“Being” a Mason...not just “appearing” to be a Mason...is a lifetime journey and it is in the walking of that journey, living that journey that we achieve the ultimate goal of Freemasonry which is creating the happiness we all desire.

Stay well until we can meet again in lodge.

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>

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.??



Editor's Note:

Brethren,

I'm Bro. Matt Daoust, Assistant Secretary of City of Lakes Lodge No.536 and your new Sudbury Manitoulin District Newsletter Editor.



I am also the City of Lakes Newsletter Editor and will continue in that capacity.

Thank you to R.W bro. Rob Fleming for his excellent work in publishing the District Newsletter over the past 2 years.

Thank you to R.W. Bro. David Spencer for his appointment and trust in my abilities.

Please email your input to:

mattdaoust@hotmail.com

I plan to publish at the first of each month and am looking forward to your submissions.