



# Sudbury - Manitoulin District Freemasons



THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO



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## A Message from our DDGM:

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of this pandemic is the uncertainty. Not knowing what or how to plan. At times, what we are doing seems so second best to being there in person.

Our Grand Master in his August letter stated we shall not reopen our lodges until Ontario is in the Exit Strategy. As we see the current situation, it is highly unlikely we shall open in September. When we do open, we shall be observing strict protocols.

The District meeting will be Monday Sept 13th at 7pm. It will be a zoom meeting. The sign in details and agenda will be circulated.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Manitoulin Island Cenotaph. Decoration Sunday is this coming September 19th and all brethren are most welcome to attend. The service will begin at 1pm. I look forward to laying a wreath on behalf of our Sudbury-Manitoulin brethren. No Masonic regalia is to be worn.

Let's keep in touch. A phone call. An email. A knock on the door. A backyard chat.

Regards,

R. W. Bro David Spencer

DDGM

Sudbury-Manitoulin



**Manitoulin Island Cenotaph**



## Remarks from our District Chaplain

**W. Bro. David Squarzolo**

Brethren:

Are you a morning person? By that I am referring to one who bounds out of bed early each morning wanting to take on the day. Do you prefer to ease into the day instead with a coffee before anyone else around you has risen? Perhaps you grudgingly roll out of bed and quietly wish that the rest of world started their day sometime after 10:00 AM, or wonder why someone you message at midnight does not immediately respond to you. Still others do not seem to need sleep at all.

The history of Freemasonry is filled with the names of brethren who have made (mostly) positive and lasting contributions to society in some way. Their known personal habits are about as diverse as their

achievements. Winston Churchill was reportedly an early riser who turned in late and took daytime naps. Benjamin Franklin slept seven hours each night and was up at 5:00 AM.

Whatever their sleep habits, famous Masons share at least one thing in common - they are motivated to achieve.

A research paper I read recently stated the following:

“Success in the business world is based on motivation; these same factors can be applied to Masonry where the wages are satisfaction, pride in a job well done, the inner glow of personal accomplishment and something good done for one's fellow man.”





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How you spend your day is up to you. Regardless of how or when you greet the morning, we are encouraged to make the most of every day. It is a select group who will become a “famous Mason”. This does not diminish the duty we share to the Great Architect, to our neighbours, and to ourselves. The Book of Proverbs reminds us: “He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.” Wherever you find your motivation and whatever gets you out of bed in the morning, exert those talents wherewith God has blessed you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. David Squarzolo





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## Sudbury Manitoulin District Lodges

### **Nickel Lodge No. 427**

*Meetings: The first Wednesday every month from September-June*

### **Doric Lodge No. 455**

*Meetings: Second Tuesday every month from September - June*

### **Espanola Lodge No. 527**

*Meetings: The first Wednesday every month from September-June*

### **City of Lakes Lodge No. 536**

*Meetings: Second Tuesday every month from September-June*

### **Friendship Lodge No. 691**

*Meetings: Second Wednesday every month from September-June*

### **Bethel Lodge No. 699**

*Meetings: Second Friday every month from September-June*





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## Ill & Distressed

**V.W. Bro. Bob Storie** - *Nickel Lodge No. 427*

**W. Bro. Harvey Menzies** - *Nickel Lodge No. 427*

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

**Bro. Ghislain Cotton** - *Nickel Lodge No. 427*

**Bro. Ron Burdenuk** - *Doric Lodge No. 455*

**V.W. Bro. Don Falkingham** - *Espanola Lodge No. 527*

**Bro. Mel Fielding** - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

**Bro. Lorne Turcotte** - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

**R. W. Bro Sam Khoury** - *Friendshop Lodge No. 691*

**W. Bro. Lionel Rudd** - *Bethel Lodge No. 699*

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



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## Mentors Minute

Life is a journey (an adventure if you will) and we are in it until the day we are summoned to the Grand Lodge Above. Only on that fateful day...and not one minute before...can we claim victory. "This is my life. My physical journey is done and this is what I offer the Great Architect of the Universe."

Having made this assertion, every day we wake up is another opportunity to start again, to work at improving something in our character, to help someone in need, to strive for perfection...make reference the perfect ashlar.



When we honour the commitments we have made to Freemasonry in general and to our lodge and our sister lodges we make ourselves better men. Whether it is as an active member of a lodge, as an officer in a lodge or someone able and willing to step up and deliver work in lodge, when we honour the commitments we make it speaks to our character and it speaks well.

For these reasons we strive to deliver the work and deliver it well...so that it makes a positive and lasting impression on the candidate and it is a testament to us honouring our commitments.

Take the Book of the Work and commit it to memory. It is full of gems, pearls of wisdom, profound knowledge but we will miss them if we don't open the book. Today is the day to start anew...not tomorrow because tomorrow never comes.

Until we meet again in lodge, stay safe and stay healthy and memorize, memorize, memorize.

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir



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## Did you know?

Submitted by R. W. Bro. Rob Fleming

### The Heritage Lodge No. 730 of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

The desire for the creation of an Historical Lodge was felt by a number of Masons concerned about apparent erosion of our heritage and apathy towards its preservation. Quantities of memorabilia was being lost because there was no procedure for restoration or preservation of important links with our past. The concept was introduced at a Regional Masonic Workshop in 1976. The interest generated provided incentive to proceed with organizational meetings held in homes, offices and temples, climaxing with a 1977 landmark meeting at the University of Guelph. Prominent speakers addressed the merits and possible obstacles of the proposed objectives.

Following a careful analysis of the failure of similar Masonic research organizations it became obvious that an enduring type of organizational structure was needed to provide continuity and permanence. What better choice than the basic structure of the Craft Lodge which have endured vagaries of time for centuries?

A Petition for a Warrant of Constitution was signed by 104 Charter Members at a formal ceremony on May 18, 1977. The Heritage Lodge came into being Under Dispensation Sept. 9, 1977, by authority of M.W. Bro. Robert E. Davies, Grand Master. The Lodge was instituted Sept. 21, 1977, under direction of R.W. Bro. Charles F. Grimwood, D.D.G.M., Waterloo District

On Sept. 23, 1978, M.W. Bro. Robert E. Davies proclaimed The Heritage Lodge, Numbered 730 on the Register of the [Grand Lodge](#), duly constituted in accordance with ancient usage. At that time 65 had been added to the original 104 Charter Members.







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The high hopes engendered by the founding members of The Heritage Lodge for future progress moved forward, earnestly endeavouring to follow the objects laid down in our charter. Those aims and objectives, defined after hours of deliberation; were focused on one or two established objectives. No attempt was made to embrace all of the basic objectives at the outset.

## **Our energies have been directed along two main channels:**

1. First, presentation of talks and lectures which result in the publication of more than four-score research papers to date;
2. Second, special projects implemented to challenge and inspire participants.

## **Objectives:**

- To preserve, maintain and uphold those historical events that formed the foundation of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry.
- To Promote the study of Masonry in general, and to provide a service by responding to requests for Masonic information.
- To produce Lodge Proceedings, Research Papers, and Historical Reviews: and to arrange special lectures and visual presentations.
- To organize and maintain a Central Inventory of items of historical interest in the possession of Lodges.
- To encourage participation by Regular Lodges and their members in the activities of this Lodge.
- To endeavour to establish a Masonic Museum.
- To encourage Masonic scholars and Lodge Historians to become more interested in the history of their own Lodges and their artifacts.



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North Bay Lodge  
of Perfection, 14°

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



North Bay Chapter  
of Rose Croix 18°

## GREETINGS FROM THE MOST WISE SOVEREIGN

Greetings all Masonic Brethren,

I am frequently asked of what the Scottish Rite Masonry does for the "Cause of Good" in Canada. Please note a bit of history and information of what we are, and what we do.

Scottish Rite is a world-wide Masonic Fraternity with a membership of approx. 17,000 in Canada. Its goals are to build upon the moral and philosophic teachings found in the degree work studied in the Craft Lodge, the foundation of all Masonic work. Scottish Rite is a system of Masonic Degrees that elaborates and supplements the content of the three Craft Degrees. It greatly strengthens and extends their teachings by ritual, dramas, and allegory. It is communicated by skilled degree teams. Scottish Rite evolved in France and dates from about 1740. In 1786 "Grand Constitutions" were enacted, bringing the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite into more formal existence, increasing the number of degrees to thirty- three, with those holding the 33° as the governing body. The first Supreme Council in the world was established in Charleston, South Carolina in 1801. In 1868 Scottish Rite Bodies were founded in Canada. The Supreme Council of Canada was inaugurated in Ottawa, Ontario in 1874.

Application for membership in The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada is open to any member of a Canadian Craft Lodge who has been raised as a Master Mason. Continued membership in a Craft Lodge is required to maintain a good standing in the Scottish Rite.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada supports research into the "puzzles of the mind" such as Alzheimer's, Parkinsons and other neuro-degenerative ailments in seniors and have Learning Centres across Canada that provide free tutoring to children with dyslexia. Annual grants to support these causes exceed \$480,000.00.

Unfortunately, lately our efforts have been restricted due to the covid, but we do soldier on and we at the Valley of North Bay are looking forward when we can return to our fund raising, fraternal events and the performance of the many degrees for our candidates into the order. If any Masonic Brother has an interest in becoming a member, please do not hesitate to contact myself or member that you may be acquainted with.

Fraternally,

***Rene P. Carlson*** 33°  
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## Special Recognition:

This is a Facebook Article posted by Wolfpack Protective Services and provided by Bro. John Leonard, Junior Warden of Nickel Lodge.

We would like to recognize Chris, a previous under cover Investigator with our team.

During one of Chris' last shifts with us he was working a client's site and observed a male subject enter the washroom. With his extensive knowledge, Chris recognized the need to stay close by. After several minutes passed Chris performed a welfare check on the male inside the washroom.

With no response, Chris acted quickly unlocking the door and removing the unconscious male from the tight area. Chris performed several procedures to determine the seriousness of the male's condition.

Chris determined the male was lifeless and fading quickly. Chris administered 2 nasal Narcan sprays and an injection while providing CPR to try and resuscitate the male. After the injection, the male responded and came back to life.

**Congratulations and great work Chris, we are proud of you!**

Note: Brother Chis Carr is a member of Nickel Lodge No. 427 GRC





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**From The Bursary Chairman, R. W. Bro. Dave Hodgins:**



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École de médecine  
du Nord de l'Ontario  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

LE MESSAGE EN FRANÇAIS SUIT

Dear NOSM Community Member,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and staying safe as we head into a fall of continued uncertainty about the pandemic. It has been a demanding few months as we move forward with the transition of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine to Canada's first stand-alone medical university. We are now engaged in a process of transitional planning and ensuring continuity of services with our university partners to ensure our medical students are not interrupted through this important process.

My last update to you focused on the next steps towards submitting a formal claim to the Court appointed monitor for the \$14 million in endowments established to support NOSM medical students in our region. We have **submitted our claim** in advance of the July 30, 2021 deadline and await the next steps in the CCAA proceedings. Meanwhile, as we await the final proclamation into force of the NOSM University Act, the payout of the bursaries to our students in need of financial support is uncertain due to the freezing of these endowments. Thus, NOSM's Advancement Team is working hard on finding other means of funding to support students requiring financial aid this September. I can assure you that any funds donated to NOSM will be in NOSM's direct control and only used for student financial support.

As we move forward with our transition to NOSM University, we are consulting



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widely. ***Your input is critical.*** An online survey, a series of key informant interviews, town halls, focus groups and workshops, will be used to shape NOSM's priorities. More information on this will follow shortly. With your participation, you will help NOSM University reach its full potential as we build on the strengths of the School, address challenges in sustainability, and continue to innovate education and research for a healthier North.

Should you have any questions regarding the next steps with the CCAA claim or the NOSM University consultation process, or if you wish to contribute to NOSM's student bursary fund please reach out to Rahim Dharamsi, Chief Advancement Officer at 705-562-7774 or by email to [rdharamsi@nosm.ca](mailto:rdharamsi@nosm.ca).

Thank you, merci, miigwetch for your continued commitment to NOSM. We are grateful for your continued confidence and financial assistance as we educate future health-care professionals who will address the critical shortage for doctors across the North.

Dr. Sarita Verma  
Dean, President and CEO  
Northern Ontario School of Medicine



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## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

**Monday, September 13th @ 7PM - District Zoom Meeting**

*(Instructions on how to join the meeting, and the agenda will be circulated in advance)*

**Sunday, September 19th @ 1PM - Manitoulin Island Cenotaph 100th Anniversary Event**

*(No Masonic Regalia to be worn)*

At this time, no other concordant body or shrine in-person meetings are presently scheduled.



**Ontario Masons**



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## Masonic Resources

### **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>



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## Interested in contributing to the newsletter?

Article submissions, jokes, pictures and ideas for content are always welcomed.

I endeavour to publish the newsletter on the first of each month.

Please forward submissions to:  
[mattdaoust@hotmail.com](mailto:mattdaoust@hotmail.com)

Thank you to this months contributors!



## Words of Wisdom from a Brother Freemason:

“So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind.”

- *George Washington*



**Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to Meet Again!**