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A Message from our DDGM

Fall is my favourite season. The crisp days. The sun still warm. And the colours. No bugs is a nice bonus.

As the seasons change from one to another, a hymn comes to mind. "Change and decay in all around I see, O, Thou, who changes not, Abide with me." The hymn was written by Henry Lyte. The hymn writer sees the sharp contrast between creation and the Creator. The mosaic pavement reminds us, as well, of the uncertainties of our lives.

I wish to compliment W. Bro. Jim Woods for his fine job of being Master of Ceremonies for the recent Decoration Sunday service at the Manitoulin Cenotaph. R. W. Bro Roy Eaton was very involved with the planning and the day's ceremony. Noble John Mischczak, president of the Sudbury Shrine Club, laid a wreath. I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the district brethren. Thank you brethren.

Our next District Meeting will be a Zoom gathering on Monday, November 1st at 7pm. All are encouraged to attend.

The pandemic continues. Our province remains in Stage 3. The direction from Grand Lodge contained in the letter dated Sept 24th states we shall not reopen before January 1st 2022. This will be open to review, if the situation does in fact change for the better.





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October is also the month of Thanksgiving. The season of harvest home. We have much for which to be grateful. Our friendships. Our craft. Our opportunities to serve.

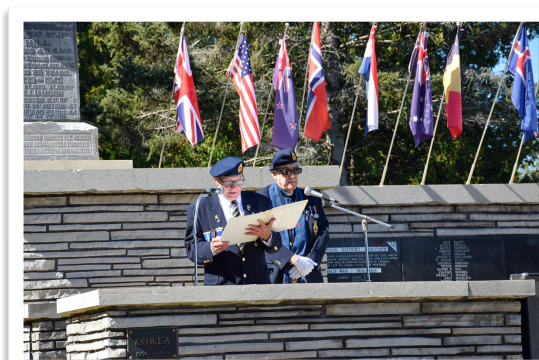
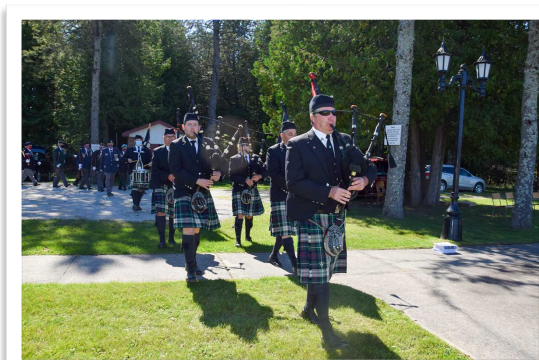
Yet there remains one certainty. The great Architect of the Universe, who is the source of our help. "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8. ESV

Regards,

David Spencer

DDGM

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A few images from the Manitoulin Island Cenotaph Anniversary



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Remarks from our District Chaplain

W. Bro. David Squarzolo

Brethren:

I submitted an application to become a Shriner shortly before the pandemic was upon us. Since that time, like everyone else, I have awaited the day when our Lodge activities might resume in full.

I was informed recently that the Fall Ceremonial in North Bay had to be cancelled, thus delaying any opportunity for formal membership. So many other plans continue to be modified or put on hold.

While wishing for a return to the way things were before, we must remind ourselves about what it means to be a Mason. A poem I read some years ago, helps us to remember what is important.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. David Squarzolo





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THE CRAFT

By **R.W. Bro. William E. Ogren**

Submitted by **W. Bro. David Squarzolo**

Are we perfect? No, we never were, nor will we ever be,
Yet our light has been a beacon for all the world to see.

Belonging to a brotherhood that shares a trust in God,
We've left our mark upon the world, wherever we have trod.

Founded in antiquity and lasting through the years,
A fraternity of friendship, a brotherhood of peers.

From the moment we are raised, until we are deceased,
We always have the memory of our journey to the East.

When I knelt before the altar and then was brought to light,
I looked upon the Bible and the brothers in my sight.

My brothers never left my side through many trying days.
They made my life much richer in so many different ways.

I've felt the grip of brotherhood while traveling o'er the land.
That grip of Master Mason that is passed from hand to hand.

I have felt the nervous handshake of a brother newly raised.
And the cold hand in a hospice on a brother's final days.

I have labored in the quarries for I felt the cause was just.
Now I wear this apron and I view it as a trust.

An apron's just a piece of cloth, although it's worn with pride.
It's what it represents that counts a brotherhood worldwide.



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Mentors Minute

Brethren, here is a short saying that might be of interest to you:
Learn from the past, live for today, plan for the future.

Learn from the past: perhaps as we look to the future on how to deal with this pandemic, we as Masons should look to the past. How did we do things before the “little black book” aka The Book of the Work? How did the Masons of the past learn what had to be learned before the little black book became widely available?

Live for today: every day that we wake up is a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. and must be treated as such. Every day is an opportunity to perform the allotted task assigned to us. Be grateful for today.

Plan for the future: as Masons we are constantly reminded of our ultimate destiny but assuming we do not meet our ultimate destiny today we can plan for the future. This means we should keep our bodies and minds in good form but living well and keeping the work we know (from the above mentioned book) sharp!

By keeping our bodies healthy and our minds and work sharp, when tomorrow becomes today we will be able to perform well.

Stay safe and stay healthy and practice, practice, practice.

W. Bro. Robert Tailleir





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Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

Bro. Terry Aelick - Doric Lodge No. 455

September 23, 2021

We cherish his memory in our hearts.

Ill & Distressed

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

R.W. Bro. Rejean Daigle - Nickel Lodge No. 427

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

V.W. Bro. Gary Cayen - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

R.W. Bro. Ed Elchyshyn - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

Bro. Jack Young - City of Lakes Lodge No.536

Bro. Jackson Young - City of Lakes Lodge No. 536

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

Lodge Secretaries are asked to forward this information to our District Chaplain by the end of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.



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COVID-19 Update from our District Grand Master



Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario

Grand Master

Sept. 24, 2021

Brethren,

In the summer we had great hopes for a return to our labours in the fall. Since then vaccination rates have stagnated, the pandemic has reared its ugly head in Western Canada, and restrictions have not been lifted in Ontario. We do not know when the Province will move into its Exit Step. Our public health officials have consistently said that even those who are fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks, physically distance, and LIMIT THEIR SOCIAL CONTACTS.

Freemasons are committed to doing what is best for society and Grand Lodge has always kept the health and safety of our members at the forefront of our thoughts. Meeting in person is not essential to Masonry – we can stay connected in so many other ways, so we are extending the moratorium on in-person meetings. How long is up in the air, dependent on vaccination rates, level of infection in the community and government regulations.

For planning purposes we have now extended the moratorium on in-person Masonic gatherings, including memorial services, until January 1, 2022.

We continue to monitor all developments in health and safety regulations and if the situation changes before then, we will re-evaluate.

Outdoor social gatherings will still be allowed if they follow all the government regulations for Step 3, which include a written safety plan, signage about symptom screening, attendance lists for contact tracing, cleaning protocols, size limits and physical distancing. More if food is served.

A reminder that graveside services are not allowed by Grand Lodge.

Lodges and Districts are encouraged to continue to use available telecommunications technologies for education, social interaction, and, if needed, discussion of lodge business within the parameters that have been set up. If your lodge has not used these before, please contact your DDGM for details.

David J. Cameron
Grand Master

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A WARM MASONIC TALE

-Unknown Author, submitted by V. W. Bro. Mervyn Lees



It was a tale of Masonic men surrounding a camp fire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up. "I can tell you more 'bout Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books."

"Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire." They did that.

"Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him." They did that, too.

"Now what do you see looking ahead?" *"The face of a brother through the flames."*

"What do you feel in front of you?" *"The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night."*

"What do you feel at your side?" *"The warm hand of a brother."*

"O.K. now drop your hands and turn around." They do so.



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“Now what do you see looking ahead?” *“Complete darkness”*

“What do you feel, looking ahead?” *“A sense of loneliness, of being alienated.”*

“What do you feel at your side?” *“Nothing at all.”*

“What do you feel on your backside?” *“The warmth of the fire.”*

“So it is with Masonry.” Said the old man.

“In Masonry gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonry interaction, you can see the face of a brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and can feel the warm hand of your Masonic brother. When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the World, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you.”



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Did you know?



The Invisible Lodge International - where nothing is quite as it seems!

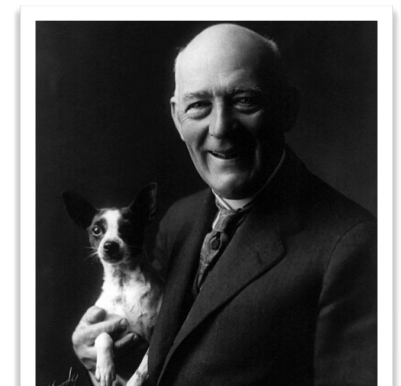
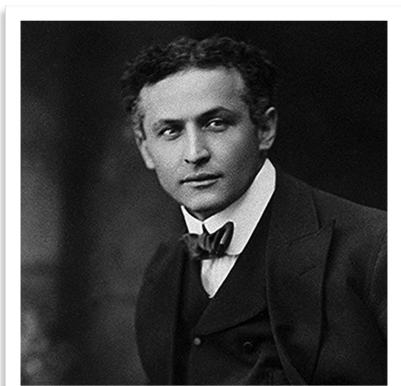
The expression, "The Magic of Freemasonry," takes on a different meaning when one realizes the great number of professional and amateur magicians who are and have been members of the Ancient Craft. It was only natural that these skilled performers of the art of producing baffling effects and illusions should band together to share their interests with the Fraternity.

In the strictest sense of the word, Lodge, "the Invisible Lodge" is not actually a Lodge. It is an international organization of Freemasons who also have as their vocation or avocation - MAGIC. The Invisible Lodge was formed in 1953 by Sir Felix Korim of England, who served as the organization's first President. Membership in The Invisible Lodge has been accorded to more than 800 selected Masons throughout the world, including such notable and well-known figures in pictured below.



Joined by the common bond of magic, these Brethren who may be or have been professional entertainers, hobbyists, collectors or students of both magic and Freemasonry, combine those interests to produce the organization known as "The Invisible Lodge."

A few notable members:



Left to Right: Harry Houdini, Herrmann the great, and Harry Kellar



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The Origins of Canadian Thanksgiving!

The origins of Canadian Thanksgiving are more closely connected to the traditions of Europe than of the United States. Long before Europeans settled in North America, festivals of thanks and celebrations of harvest took place in Europe in the month of October. The very first Thanksgiving celebration in North America took place in Canada when Martin Frobisher, an explorer from England, arrived in Newfoundland in 1578. He wanted to give thanks for his safe arrival to the New World. That means the first Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated 43 years before the pilgrims landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts!

Another reason for Canadian Thanksgiving arriving earlier than its American counterpart is that Canada is geographically further north than the United States, causing the Canadian harvest season to arrive earlier than the American harvest season. And since Thanksgiving for Canadians is more about giving thanks for the harvest season than the arrival of pilgrims, it makes sense to celebrate the holiday in October. So what are the differences between Canadian and American Thanksgiving, other than the date? Not much! Both Canadians and Americans celebrate Thanksgiving with parades, family gatherings, pumpkin pie and a whole lot of turkey!

Can you spot the Turkey hidden within the newsletter?





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All about Canadian Halloween!

Halloween is observed annually on the night of 31 October. It is believed to have originated primarily as a Celtic celebration marking the division of the light and dark halves of the year, when the boundary between the living and the dead was believed to be at its thinnest.

Halloween customs, such as wearing disguises to ward off ghosts and offering food to appease malevolent spirits, were brought to Canada in the mid-to-late 1800s by Irish and Scottish immigrants. North America's first recorded instance of dressing in disguise on Halloween was in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1898, while the first recorded use of the term trick or treat was in Lethbridge, Alberta, in 1927. Halloween became increasingly popular with adults beginning in the 1990s and by 2014 was estimated to be a \$1-billion industry in Canada, making it the second most commercially successful holiday behind Christmas.





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Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Monday, November 1st @ 7PM - District Zoom Meeting

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

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



Ontario Masons



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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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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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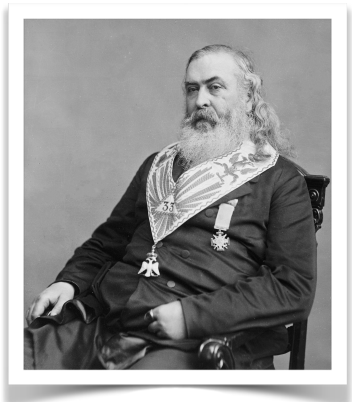
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Words of Wisdom from a Brother Freemason:

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

- *Albert Pike*



Interested in contributing to the newsletter?

Article submissions, 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

Thank you to this months contributors!



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