



# Sudbury - Manitoulin District Freemasons



*A.F & A.M OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO*



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# Sudbury Manitoulin District Newsletter

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## A Message from our DDGM

November is indeed a special time to remember. We think in a very focused way of our war veterans. To wear a poppy is a visible reminder of their service and sacrifice.

Not every act of charity by a Mason is made public. But there are times to be recognised. Gore Bay Lodge's charity was recently mentioned in an article in the Manitoulin Expositor. One of several donations by the Lodge was \$20,000 to the Mindemoya hospital. Well done, brethren.

The Sudbury Shrine club is graciously offering its main floor to any lodge, who would like to hold an in person General Purposes meeting. Club President, Bro. John Miszczak, reminds us that all proper protocols are to be in place.

Two recent letters from Grand Lodge dated Oct 15th and 26th outline the details of reopening. Each officer is requested to read through them. Then each lodge can proceed toward reopening. Masonic memorial services are once again allowed. Be they at a funeral home or lodge.

Looking forward to wearing the regalia and seeing you in Lodge.

Regards,

R. W. Bro. David Spencer





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## Remarks from our District Chaplain

**W. Bro. David Squarzolo**

Brethren:

My wife recently commented to me by saying, “You like one hundreds, don’t you?” While it is quite true that having \$100 bills in my wallet is a pleasure, she was actually referring to some coincidences I have experienced with the number 100. I have worked in a school for the past four years that marked its 100th year in the community two years ago. I was the Worshipful Master of Algonquin Lodge No. 536 for its 100th anniversary. Most recently, I became a Shriner and member of Rameses Temple through the Sudbury Shrine Club, which is commemorating its centennial during 2021. Coincidences aside, I am grateful to be a part of any significant milestone, especially a centennial.



Some of us have more “one hundreds” in our bank accounts than others. Some have lived longer, having spent more time on this planet than others. As we are taught in our Masonic lessons, some are blessed with skills, talents, or good fortune that others will never have. Inequities in the world abound, but one thing we all have in common is the same amount of time each day. The Great Architect has provided twenty-four hours to each of us and no matter our lot in life, we cannot bargain, buy, or negotiate for more.



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The tools in Masonry both teach and remind us to use the hours we are allocated in a thoughtful way to ensure we meet our duties and obligations to the people and institutions important in our lives, as well as to our Creator. In November, when you are apportioning the hours in your day, account for the recognition of our veterans on Remembrance Day. Be sure to wear a poppy as 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Remembrance Poppy in Canada.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. David Squarzolo





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## Mentors Minute

Many years ago I was taught that I alone can and will be held to account for the decisions I make and the actions I take. I was taught I cannot be held responsible or accountable for the actions and decisions other men make.

That is where we are now...at this time in history in this pandemic. We are permitted to meet in our lodges if we agree to do so under the protocols and conditions laid out by the doctors, politicians and government.

If you choose...if I choose not to be vaccinated, you/I cannot attend lodge meetings. Are we no longer members in good standing because of the decision we might have taken?



If you choose...if I choose not to wear a mask or remain socially distanced, you/I cannot attend lodge meetings. Are we no longer men of honour...men of integrity?

If you are...if I am unable or unwilling to provide proof of vaccination, you/I cannot attend lodge meetings.

1. Challenge me on those marks by which we are known to one another and distinguished from others. Put me to a trial and ask to see the sure information we should all carry. I will prove myself a good man and a Freemason.

The point I am making is this: decisions are going to have to be made by each and every one of us on how we are going to proceed and we will be held to account for the decisions taken PLUS if you do not know what I am referring to in the 1. Item then you need to take out the Book of the Work to refresh your memory.

Perhaps in the not too distant future the doctors, politicians and government will remove these mandates and things can get back to normal. Until then stay safe, stay well and keep up the work.

W. Bro. Tailleux



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## Passed to the Grand Lodge Above

**Bro. Wayne Skippen** - *Doric Lodge No. 455*

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

**Bro. Nels Conroy** - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

## Ill & Distressed

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

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

**Bro. Bruce Anderson** - Nickel Lodge No. 427

**W. Bro. Rodd Junkala** - Espanola Lodge No. 527

*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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## Ontario Freemasons in War

Canada is known for its peace keeping efforts over the years, as well as its involvement in war when called upon. Freemasons are not known for their war exploits, but as citizens of a British colony and later, of Canada, their support of national priorities are very strong and Freemasons have joined the colours. As peaceful as we are as Canadians and Freemasons, we sometimes have to make war for peace. To preserve our way of life.

April 9, 2017 is the centennial of the capture of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917 by the Canadian Expeditionary Force: the first major British victory in the First World War. Although the four-division Canadian Corps was then under the command of British cavalry officer, Lieutenant General Sir Julian Byng, the planning and training concepts were developed and implemented by Major General Arthur Currie (later Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Currie, commanding officer of CEF) and his staff. Canadian Freemasons were there: R.W.Bro. Arthur Currie (a member of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2 of Victoria, BC), Major Generals Richard Turner VC of the 2nd Division and David Watson of the 4th (both members of St. Andrews No. 6 of Quebec City) and Malcolm Smith Mercer (of River Park No. 356 and Victoria 474 of Toronto) to the youngest, Private Thomas Ricketts of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment who enlisted at the age of 15½ and was awarded the VC at the age of 17 (although he didn't join Freemasonry until after the war). Maj-Gen Turner had been awarded the VC for his actions at Leliefontein, South Africa, on November 7, 1900.

Our history has seen many periods of fighting on the local level (the French and Indian Wars, migration of Loyalists during and after American Independence, War of 1812, Rebellions of 1837 and 1838) as well as internationally (Crimea, South Africa, World War I and II, Korea) and the many Peacekeeping efforts. Masons and non-Masons were there.



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Some examples of our Freemasons in war include:

- Masons of Brigadier-General James Wolfe's army at Quebec formed a Provincial Grand Lodge under England in November 1759. It would oversee an area from Quebec City to Detroit which had added 75,000 citizens to Britain's new colony some of which were Freemasons. Sixty-three Masonic Lodges would be formed during its existence: twelve in the area of the future Ontario. Early Freemasons would be there to begin to open up the area for settlement.
- More Lodges were formed in new towns established by immigrants and settlers who came directly from Europe or as United Empire Loyalists travelling away from the new United States by the 1780s. At Newark, Upper Canada (today's Niagara-on-the-Lake), Freemason and Loyalist Colonel John Butler and those of his men who were Freemasons attended meetings of two Lodges in the 8th (Kings) Regiment at Niagara. Or New Oswegatchie Lodge which was originally at Ogdensburg, NY, removed to Elizabethtown and is an ancestor of today's Sussex No. 5 at Brockville. Colonel John Graves Simcoe, our first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, was a Freemason and one of the first stone buildings in Newark housed Simcoe's administrative offices on the ground floor and the Masonic Hall upstairs.
- The War of 1812 would have its share of Freemasons: Laura Secord, daughter of Thomas Ingersoll, married Sergeant James Secord. Both men were Freemasons and members of St. John's Lodge of Friendship at Niagara (now St. John's No. 2) and fought in defence of Upper Canada. Indian allies such as Joseph Brant, James Brant and John Norton were also Freemasons and attended Lodge with our Loyalist and immigrant brethren. In this War, as in others, documents attest to Freemasons on each side helping each other in the midst of battle.





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- During the rebellions of Upper (1837) and Lower (1838) Canada: where two future senior Freemasons were Sir Allan Napier Macnab (later Grand Master of the Antient Grand Lodge of Canada, 1857-58) who had first fought in the War of 1812 as a teenager and later fought in several engagements with Upper Canada militia against rebels, and William Mercer Wilson (the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, today's Grand Lodge) who commanded a troop of militia cavalry in the Simcoe area where they fought rebels. And Canadian Freemasons fought in the Northwest Territories during the Riel Rebellions. During the second Rebellion a supply depot had been established on the South Saskatchewan river by Major General Wimburn Lawrie. At the time he was still Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and convened "occasional lodges" for the benefit of the masonic military personnel passing through the area.

- During the Crimean War period (1853-56): where Lieutenant Alexander Roberts Dunn of York would become Canada's first recipient of the new Victoria Cross (VC) which he received from Queen Victoria for his actions in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava (October 25, 1854). While not a Freemason at the time, he was initiated two years later in his father's lodge (Ionic 25 of Toronto).

And Canadian Freemasons would serve in South Africa (Boer War 1899-1902), through two World Wars, Korea, and many peacekeeping actions.

Masonic Lodges had existed in military units from 1752 until the end of the 19th century. Their need was gradually eliminated when our military brethren found it easier to attend local, stationary, lodges in cities, towns and villages. Our Grand Lodge only ever authorised two military lodges under its authority. The first, for the masons of the Royal Artillery Garrison at Quebec, was formed in 1864 and closed in 1880. The second, Canada Lodge, was formed in 2010 for the Freemasons in Canada's military then serving in Afghanistan. It closed in 2014 when the last Canadians returned home.



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## Ontario Freemasons in War

Freemasons who served the colours are remembered in various ways. The Masonic Monument at Malden Park in Windsor pays tribute to the members of our fraternity who made the supreme sacrifice during times of war. It was visioned and built at the beginning of the 21st Century by the members and lodges of Erie and Windsor Districts and while its focus is local it recognizes the worldwide effort of all freemasons to preserve our way of life.

As prepared by Michael Jenkyns, Grand Historian.

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

April 27, 2016 (Rev 5 December 20, 2016)



Major General  
Richard Turner



James Secord



Laura Secord



Joseph Brant  
(Thayendanegea)



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES



### Veteran's Appreciation Night 2019 *Held at the Belrock Masonic Centre*



A selection of photos taken from the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Freemasons Blog.



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*Held on Friday November 4th, 2015 at Belrock Masonic Centre*



A selection of photos taken from the Sudbury-Manitoulin District Freemasons Blog.



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# Canadian Military Freemasons

## WILFRID REID "WOP" MAY

March 1896 - June 1929

Brother May was a WWI fighter pilot, and pioneering Canadian Bush Pilot. "Wop" May survived being chased by Baron Manfred Von Richthofen, (better known as "The Red Baron") thanks to Brother Arthur Roy Brown. He later received the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC). He was also awarded the Trans-Canada (McKee) Trophy, and the "Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm" by the US in 1947. Brother May was inducted a Member of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1974.

Unity Lodge No. 51, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 and Yellowknife Lodge No. 162



## ARTHUR ROY BROWN

December 1893 - March 1944

Captain in the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War, Brown holds the distinction of being the man who shot down the famous German pilot Manfred von Richthofen, the Red Baron, on April 21, 1918, while he was pursuing another Canadian pilot, "Wop" May.

Credited with downing ten enemy planes, Brown was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on 2 November 1917, with a Bar on 21 June 1918.

St. John Lodge No. 63 - Carleton Place, Ontario





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## Canadian Military Freemasons

### JOHN MACGREGOR

February 1889 - June 1952

Brother MacGregor was a Scottish-Canadian soldier. MacGregor was a recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.[1] MacGregor served in the Canadian army in both world wars.

Tyee Lodge, No.66, - Prince Rupert, British Columbia

Westview Lodge, No.133 - Powell River, British Columbia



### SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE

December 1875 - November 1933



Lieutenant-General, Sir Arthur Currie was the first commander of the Canadian Corps during WWI (Both his predecessors were British Generals). One of the ablest Generals of the First World War, Currie led the Canadian Corps to several important victories, particularly during the Hundred Days Campaign. Although not the most charismatic leader, he was a detailed planner and refused to send troops into battle without thorough preparations. The Canadians never lost a battle under Currie's command. After the war, he became Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University in Montreal.

His khaki-trimmed Master Mason apron is in the Canadian War Museum, in Ottawa.

Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2, British Columbia



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## REMEMBRANCE DAY



### Additional Reading:

*Rifle and The Apron, The History of Military Lodges in Canada.*

<http://www.franc-maconnerie.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Rifle-And-The-Apron1.pdf>

*Military Masons*

<https://grandlodgeliibrary.ca/archives/military-masons/>

*What I learnt about the Craft in Afghanistan*

<https://theeducator.ca/bulletproof-freemasonry/>



# LEST WE FORGET



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## Cornerstone An Evolving Program



Membership Pillar



### “Cornerstone – A Self-Administered Program”

Lodge and District Cornerstone Chairman, Worshipful Masters and others, are invited to hear how this program has become easier to use. Including less documentation required and standard qualification handled locally by the District Deputy Grand Master

We are presently receiving registrations for a workshop on  
**Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

From the comfort of your own home  
6:30pm to 6:59pm for Fellowship

**7:00pm Workshop Commences**

Typically finished by 8:15pm depending on number of questions

**Registration information below**

### Topics Include

Program Purpose & Benefits  
How the Program Has Evolved  
Best Practices & Helpful Hints  
How to Start & Qualify  
Mandatory, Major & Basic Standards  
Assistance Available

**To register for the workshop, please contact: R.W. Bro. Rick Cadotte**

Chairman of Seminars & Workshops Committee

Register by email, including your name, rank, office held, Lodge name & number, & District  
[masoniclectures@gmail.com](mailto:masoniclectures@gmail.com)





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## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

**Monday, November 8th @ 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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## Words of Wisdom from a Brother Freemason:

“Freemasonry is ‘veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols’ because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart.”

- C. H. Claudy



## 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](mailto:mattdaoust@hotmail.com)

Thank you to this months contributors!



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