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A Message from our District Deputy Grand Master

Last Month I attended Nickel, Doric and Bethel. Each time I was warmly welcomed.

June is certainly shaping up to be a busy month.

Thank you to W.Bro. Tom Morris and Nickel Lodge for a well done Memorial service for our late brother, V. W. Bro. Bob Storie. A good turn out by the brethren always adds to the service.

Election for the DDGM take places in June. Registration for that election and the other Grand Lodge officers has been sent out. First elections for DDGM then the Grand Lodge elections will follow after that. Those of you entitled to vote, please exercise your duty. There will be no district meeting at Grand Lodge this year.

Nickel Lodge installation was a very fine evening. Best wishes to W Bro Angus Morris on the upcoming masonic year.

Friendship Lodge did a very nice First degree. It was my pleasure to attend.

Also, I attended Sturgeon Falls Lodge. It was their annual BBQ with Bethel Lodge. I sat in the east with R W Bro Michael Blakely, the DDGM of Nipissing Muskoka.

I look forward to visiting my mother lodge, City of Lakes. Thus, I will have visited each of our five lodges, which have opened.





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A time for some heartfelt thank you's. Your district secretary, Alan Lloyd has been such a help. His organizational skills have certainly benefitted the district.

My three advisors. R. W. Bro. Lipic, R. W. Bro. Hodgins and R. W. Bro. Stephenson. They answered my various and sundry questions. On several occasions they took the initiative to call and discuss matters. Many thanks.

To each and every one who stepped forward to assume a district chair. To each and every one who made me feel so welcome in Lodge. Thank you for your confidence in electing me your DDGM for this Masonic year.

Regards,

R. W. Bro. David Spencer
DDGM
Sudbury-Manitoulin



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A Message from our District Chaplain

Brethren:

Recently, I have enjoyed the opportunity to attend Masonic Lodge meetings in person. After so much time since the onset of lockdowns and stay at home requirements, it felt slightly strange but gratifying to finally resume doing another one of those things that I had previously taken for granted. The Work that sat idle in the memories of those in attendance, including myself, for so many months, was finally brushed off and uttered again amid the occasional stammers, prompts, sighs, and apologies that even now make me smile to recollect. It is not a smile of amusement, but one of satisfaction that our lives our going on.



I also observed that perhaps unsurprisingly, our numbers in attendance were not as robust as they were more than two years ago. No doubt there are many brethren who, for their own reasons, do not feel comfortable enough to resume their attendance yet. Some have been taught to be cautious, while others have deepened their interests or responsibilities in other areas of their lives and coming to Lodge is not within the length of their cabletow. There is also the reality that since March of 2020, 34 brethren from our district have Passed to the GLA. Please keep all the aforementioned brethren and their families in your prayers.

Whether we focus on the challenges of returning to Lodge, or other struggles in the world, the following meditation and part of a longer prayer comes to mind to consider in your daily invocations with the Great Architect:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference...

Fraternally,

W. Bro. David Squarzolo



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Mentors Minute

Brethren, the situation in the province seems to be stabilizing as it relates to the coronavirus and Lodges are starting to open up for in person meetings again. This is what we have been waiting for, for two years now so it is time to get active again...shed some Covid calories, dust off the Book of the Work and our suites, and renew our friendships in person again.

To this end Brothers, if there is anyone out there who would like to meet...one on one or as a small group...to learn new work or perfect the delivery of any part of the work, do not hesitate to contact me and I will make myself available.

I look forward to sitting and serving with you in Lodge.

Sincerely & fraternally

W. Bro. Robert Tailleur

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Cell: 705-561-7861





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Ill & Distressed

R. W. Bro. Rob Fleming - *Nickel Lodge No. 427*

Bro. Ted Taylor - *Doric Lodge No. 455*

W. Bro. Wilfred Holmes - *Doric Lodge No. 455*

R. W. Bro. David Hodgins - *Espanola Lodge No. 527*

W. Bro. Al Bowles - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

W. Bro. Bill Evanochko - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

W. Bro. Jack Gallagher - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

W. Bro. Norm Hore - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

Bro. Raymond McCarthy - *City of Lakes Lodge No. 536*

R. W. Bro. Rob Lipic - *Friendship Lodge No. 691*

W. Bro. Ryan Lipic - *Friendship Lodge No. 691*

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

Bro. Norm Lenart



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D.D.G.M Official Visit: Doric Lodge No. 455



This past May, Doric Lodge No. 455 welcomed R. W. Bro. David Spencer, D.D.G.M for an official visit!



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Nickel Lodge Installation of Bro. Angus Morris as W.M. and investiture of the Officers - June 1st, 2022





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Friendship Lodge No. 691 - Initiation



Friendship Lodge No. 691, first initiation in 29 months! Congratulations to Bro. Andrew Backman for joining our fraternity.

Initiation took place June 8th, 2022 - Friendship Lodge No. 691 (Regular Meeting).



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MAVAR PRECEPTORY No.65

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

1922 - 2022

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

DINNER AT 6:00PM

(LADIES AND GUESTS WELCOME)

(KNIGHTS - KT UNIFORM OR DARK BUSINESS SUIT)

PRECEPTORY MEETING AT 7:30PM

(KNIGHTS ONLY)

FOR DINNER TICKETS (\$30) PLEASE CONTACT:

R.EM. KT. HENRY HANDSLEY (TICKET CHAIRMAN)

(705) 919-1861 henry1948@live.ca

R.EM. KT. CLIVE STEPHENSON KCT

(705) 969-4853 clivedeb@vianet.ca

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ANY GENERAL QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT CHAIRMAN

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THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE



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FROM STRIDES TO TIDES

June 28th, 2022, Bell Park, (Noon)

At noon on June 28, I'll be walking at Bell Park **starting at (Elizabeth street lot) and ending at (science north)** in support of our district project (NOSM Bursary).

My goal is to raise \$300 for this bursary and if I reach this goal, I will be swimming across Little Lake Panache (safety measures will be in place) on **DATE or date to be determined**. All Brothers are welcome to join me in person or spirit for my walk and to raise money for this great cause. Brothers are also welcome to join me for my swim if my goal is met.



If there are any brothers in the district who are able to give to this project all contributions will be well received.

***ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE MASONIC FOUNDATION #2420.**

Submitted by: Bro. Greg Blomme



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Freemasons Support Community Recovery

Announcing our partnership with **Feed Ontario!**

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario is feeding change, with its partnership with Feed Ontario to support food bank capacity and community recovery. We have helped invest in the Ontario Food Bank Network's capacity to distribute fresh food that is so important to a healthy diet for those that Food Banks assist across Ontario.

Our donation of \$50,000 is contributing to the supply of healthy meals and important infrastructure items like backup generators to ensure food remains fresh, new walk-in fridge capacity, entrance accessibility upgrades and refrigerated vans for the distribution of food.

Given the impact that this donation has already made, in its first year, and the ever increasing use of food banks across the Province, the Masonic Foundation is pleased to announce on behalf of Ontario Masons, that this year's donation of \$50,000 will be topped up with an additional \$50,000 to Feed Ontario.

“For The Cause of Good” our Members, Lodges and Districts are encouraged to play an active community role through direct assistance, delivery of food or monetary support. These efforts will enhance the \$100,000 contribution by the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and relieve the necessities of those who rely on food banks every day.

Ontario Masons Making A Difference In The Community



Found on <https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/official-website/feed-ontario>



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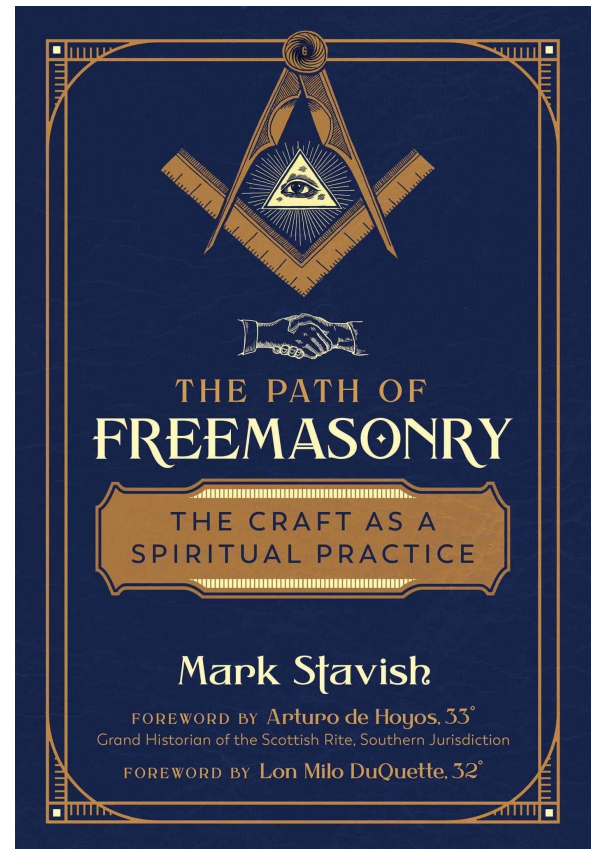


Masonic Book Recommendation

The Path of Freemasonry The Craft as a Spiritual Practice

Author: Mark Stavish

In this practical guide, Mark Stavish details the spiritual lessons and rituals of Freemasonry as a step-by-step path of spiritual development and self-improvement for both Masons and Non-Masons. He explores the history and meaning of Freemasonry and its symbols--from its origins in the Temple of Solomon to the Medieval craft guilds to the Renaissance--and explains how the Craft promotes personal growth through the symbolic building of self and an inner Temple of Wisdom in much the same way that Masonry's rituals symbolize the building of Solomon's Temple in accordance with the mystical architectural instructions of Hiram.



Drawing on esoteric doctrines, including the Qabalah, alchemy, sacred geometry, John Dee's angelic magic, and the secrets of the Gothic cathedral builders, each chapter addresses an area of the Masonic experience, paralleling them with experiences each of us finds in our own lives. The author provides simple practices to help internalize and personalize the lessons presented, including dreamwork, journaling, meditation, prayer, and understanding sacred architecture. The author also examines the crafting and use of the spiritual and symbolic tools of Freemasonry, such as the trestle or tracing board and the Chamber of Reflection.

Providing the tools to make the Craft an initiatic experience of self-improvement, the author shows that, ultimately, the Masonic experience is the human quest for self-realization and self-expression, so that we each may find our place in the Temple of Wisdom.



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About the Author

Mark Stavish is a respected authority on Western spiritual traditions. The author of 26 books, published in 7 languages, including *The Path of Alchemy and Kabbalah for Health and Wellness*. He is the founder and director of the Institute for Hermetic Studies and the Louis Claude de St. Martin Fund. He has appeared on radio shows, television, and in major print media, including *Coast to Coast AM*, the History Channel, BBC, and the *New York Times*. The author of the blog *VOXHERMES*, he lives in Wyoming, Pennsylvania.



“Today, many young men joining regular Freemasonry are finding their expectations of encountering men of learning, culture, and self-improvement are not being met. Instead they are greeted by members of twenty, thirty, and even fifty years for whom the craft has provided a lifetime of fraternity, social contacts, and civic service but has not been a philosophical or particularly highbrow organization. Masonic education has consisted of generous and impressive amounts of memorization, particularly in the rituals, but nothing in terms of their symbolic meanings or possible origins, let alone an active study of the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. Esotericism - seeking to improve ourselves - is all but unknown to 90 percent of the Brethren. This emphasis on form - i.e. memory work and ritual - over essence has meant that Freemasonry has lost one if not two generations of potential members. In many jurisdictions, Traditional Observance Lodges, or Lodges in which member must prove intellectual and philosophical proficiency before they begin advancing to the next degree and wherein esotericism plays a primary or strong secondary role in the interpretation of the Craft’s meaning, will be the norm and not the exception within ten years.” - Mark Stavish

This quote was written by Mark Stavish in 2007. Today we have one lodge, namely *Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746 GRC*, which is Canada's first Traditional Observance Lodge.



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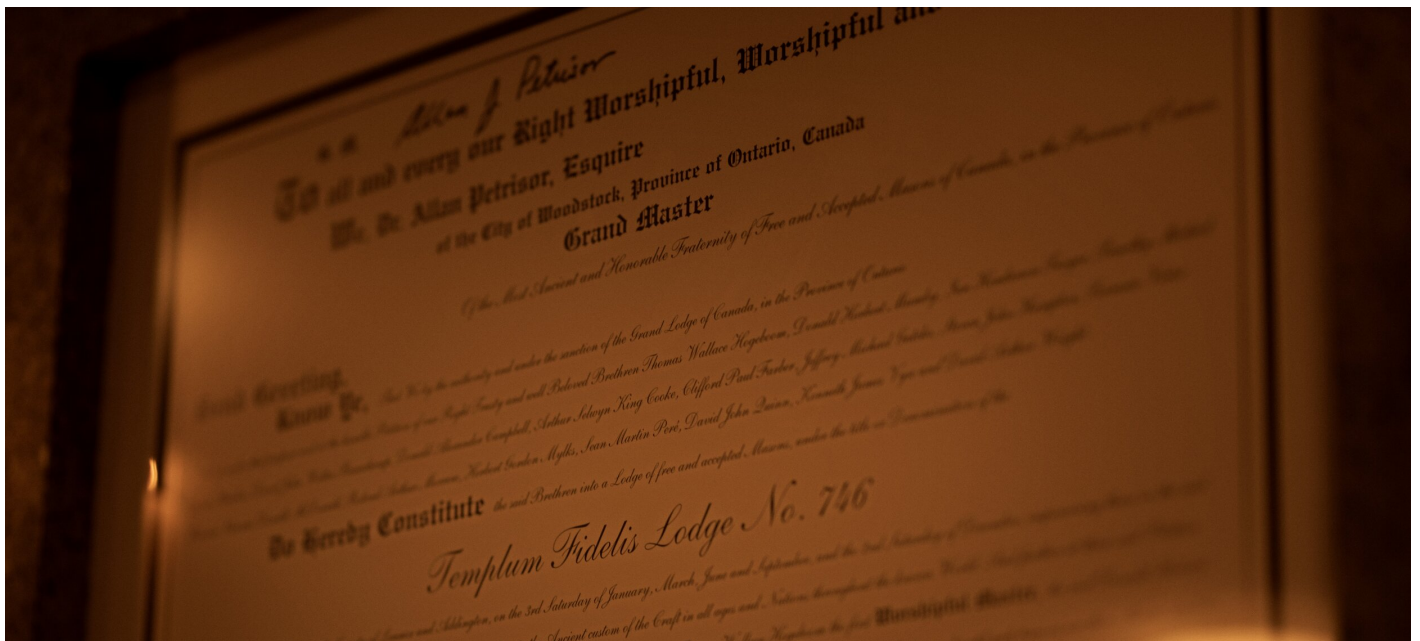
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Did you know?

Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746 GRC.

(Canada's first Traditional Observance Lodge.)



Templum Fidelis, latin for **Temple of Fidelity**.

Fidelity (oxford dictionary) /fidelliti/ .noun

1. Continuing faithfulness to a person, cause or belief.
2. The degree of exactness with which something is copied or reproduced.





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Templum Fidelis is a Traditional Observance Masonic Lodge in Bath, Ontario, Canada operating in the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Having received permission from M.W. Bro. Allan Petrisor, to begin meeting Under Dispensation in January of 2008, the Lodge was then consecrated and received it's Warrant on June 6th, 2009.

We are looking for an experience where the focus is on the Work, protocol and the candidate. We envision quality as far more important than quantity, only one voice in the lodge room - the Master and only anyone he has given the floor too - no side bars, no private meetings, no cell phones or electronic planners - that carries on into the banquet room (agape). We envision candidates that learn more about Masonry as they go along, who will not only prove themselves before advancing, but also present a paper on their experiences and significance of the former Degree before they advance much like the European model. We envision a lodge where the focus is on candidate development rather than a Mason-making-machine - expecting the average period between candidates Degrees to be a year. We envision tuxedos, white gloves, candles and solemnity that will make a lasting impression on the candidate and our members.

Six of us started meeting regularly in 2006 for breakfast, lunch or dinner (always a focus on food) and just talked about what we would each like our Lodges to look like. Then we started researching and sharing that research on the Lodge 'models' that were in existence throughout the world. After several months we decided that the Traditional Observance model brought together the best of all that we agreed was adding to the Masonic experience of our fellow Masons throughout the world. In California, W. Bro. Dennis Chornenky, had the same epiphany a few years ago and created the Masonic Restoration Foundation.

We then invited a number of other Masons, who we thought would be interested in such a Masonic experience, to join us as members of the Templum Fidelis Masonic Club. We hosted W. Bro. Chornenky in Kingston for a weekend in December 2007 where he put on a seminar to bring all members up to the same level of understanding, along with our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Bill Bowick. Our Grand Master had been most encouraging in our discussions with him regarding this subject and we wanted his representative kept in the loop.



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This seminar being completed, we were recognized by the Masonic Restoration Foundation as a Traditional Observance Club. Shortly after we applied to the Grand Master for dispensation to meet in Bath, 20 minutes west of Kingston, Ontario and be recognized as a lodge in Frontenac District in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This was done in such a fashion so that, rather than using the 'stand alone' The Heritage Lodge model, we would not limit the number of such lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. We well expect that this experience will grow to other centres of the Province such as Ottawa, Toronto and beyond. Hence our Charter membership was not developed exclusive to Frontenac District.

It is our belief that the members of Templum Fidelis will maintain their interest, membership and support of their respective Mother Lodges, but we will be Initiating new members into Masonry. The fact that we meet only quarterly, plus a January Installation and Investiture will motivate current members to maintain their Mother Lodge membership - and our new members will likely want to Affiliate elsewhere to expand their Masonic experience.

Our hopes became realized when we received our Constitution as a duly operating Lodge at the 2008 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to thereafter be so Consecrated. Prior to this, we had our first meeting on March 15, 2008 as a Committee of General Purposes to assure all the business and protocol matters were clear to all the Charter Members before we get started with our first full-blown-head-on meeting in the Traditional Observance format on June 21. This done with the hope that our DDGM could report to the Board of General Purposes before our next Annual Communication that we were "meeting regularly as a Lodge."

Once Consecrated in June 2009, Templum Fidelis Lodge began accepting visitors and applications for Initiation and Affiliation, with membership to be capped off at 72 members.

Templum Fidelis meets in The Village of Bath on the shores of Lake Ontario near the city of Kingston, Ontario.

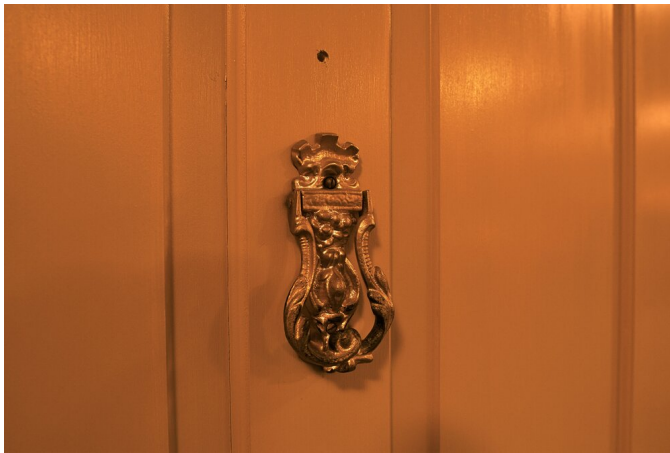
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For more information about Templum Fidelis, please visit: <https://www.templumfidelis.com>



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Templum Fidelis meets at 4pm on the third Saturday in January (Installation), March, June, September and on the second Saturday in December at the Bath Masonic Hall, 428 Main Street, Bath, Ontario ([Map](#)).



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WEBMASTER OPPORTUNITY

Brethren,

The Sudbury Manitoulin District is seeking a webmaster for our District Website and Blog.

Tasks would include website and blog upkeep, publishing information, recent events and photos, and uploading the monthly newsletter, etc.

Interested?

Please contact our DDGM - R. W. Bro. David Spencer





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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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Ontario Masons

Interested in contributing to the newsletter?

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!