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A Message from our District Deputy Grand Master

Celebrate Mother's Day! - Sunday, May 14th.

"It is well to be good to women in the strength of our manhood because we must sit under their hands at both ends of our lives." Oglala Sioux Philosophy

The saying above is a reminder that the Indigenous people of the Oglala Lakota Nation of South Dakota had a great respect for the women in their lives. And we must - should take the time on Mother's Day to go beyond the traditional bunch of flowers or the family dinner.

Time to give a thought to how truly amazing mothers really are. To start with they are sisters, aunts, grandmothers, wives, friends.

Mothers are special - because - where do you think you came from? But beyond that you were and are number one in her life. She was there when you were sick, scared of the dark at night and cared and nurtured you as you grew up. She was always there for you in good times and tough times. And a smile and a hug from her seemed to cure almost all the problems.

Mom turned a house into a home - your home. Her selfless love is unmatched. She's there to encourage you and sometimes even challenge you to be the best that you can be and is an inspiration.

So on Mothers Day cast your thoughts to all the things that your mother has meant to you and be also ever mindful of her many blessings.





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Some “Maternal” Encouragement



Fraternally,
R. W. Bro. Lionel Rudd
D. D. G. M. - Sudbury-Manitoulin District



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Plasma Donors Corner

Brethren, this month there is a special day one may argue the most important day of celebration in the calendar year, Mother's Day.

In Masonry one of our most important principles is to honour and respect women, most of all our Mothers, as we have them to thank for our existence. In other words, without Mothers there would be no Masons.

How does all this relate to plasma donations you ask? Well as our Mothers are the heartbeat of our lives, with their love flowing through us long after they are gone, our heartbeats pump plasma through our veins and with every donation we give the opportunity of life to continue to flow thorough someone that needs it.

As I ask every month, if you are able and willing, please go out and donate plasma, and for the month of May, why not donate in honour of your Mother!

I have put some words together for Mother's Day and would also like to share it:

Thank you to a Special Woman

To the first woman to show me unconditional love, thank you.
 To the woman who helped me up every time I was down, thank you.
 To the woman who guided me to be the man I am, thank you.
 To the woman who taught me all women deserve respect, thank you.
 To the woman who made sure my entire life was lived to the fullest, thank you.
 To the woman who demonstrated to me how to age with dignity, thank you.
 Mother you have, continue to
 And always will, shown me the way,
 My love for you will never die.
 Thank you for being there for me,
 I love you, Mom.

Bro. Clayton Kennedy,
 District Plasma Donor Chairman



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Passed to The Grand Lodge Above

No information to share.

Ill and Distressed

W. Bro. Tom Morris - Nickel Lodge No. 427

W. Bro. Angus Morris - Nickel Lodge No. 427

Bro. Alain Labre - Nickel Lodge No. 427



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District Project

Sudbury - Manitoulin - North Bay District Alzheimer's Society

The District Project is progressing extremely well and donations keep coming in. In order to contribute to the Project however PLEASE make your cheque payable to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario as follows:

- The project number to be used on all correspondence and fund submissions is: 2430.
- Cheques should be made payable to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario and show the project number on the face of the cheque.
- Alternatively there is the ability to accept e-transfers at donations@tmfo.ca.

Please ensure that all information is completed and filled in; the Canada Revenue Agency has very strict guidelines that must be followed in the preparation of charitable tax receipts.

The intended "Information Session" that was scheduled for Monday 30th January was postponed due to insufficient time to properly plan the event coupled with the likelihood of inclement weather.

In order to make sure that a well planned information session takes place it is advisable to hold the event in the Spring (May?) in collaboration with other supportive events and hopefully a cheque presentation - and of course nicer weather.

For any details and information please contact:

Lionel Rudd - D. D. G. M. at 705-522-3886 or ddgm@smmasons.com



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City of Lakes Lodge No. 536 - Installation of Officers April 25th, 2023



R. W. Bro. Brian Koivu - Installed
Master of City of Lakes Lodge No. 536
and Officers
for the 2023- 24 Masonic Year



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City of Lakes Lodge No. 536 - A Special Fraternal Visit & Master Mason Degree



On May 1st, 2023 City of Lakes Lodge No. 536 received a special fraternal visits from The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, R.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland & The Most Worshipful Bro. David J. Cameron, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



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



The official visit to Doric Lodge No. 455
from the D.D.G.M, R. W. Lionel Rudd
on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023.



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Brother Jim Gordon - 50 years a Freemason

Members of St. Albans Lodge No. 200 Mount Forest



**left to right: W.Bro Tom Potts, Bro. Jim Gordon R.W. Bro Jamie Hirons
D.D.G.M. Grey District
presented a 50 Year pin and certificate on behalf of
Nickel Lodge No. 427 G.R.C.**



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Espanola Lodge No. 527

Masonic happenings in Espanola.

At our meeting on May 3rd, in addition to the election of officers, we held a very special event. Five of our members received their 25-year Past Masters pins and certificates; R.W. Bro. Dave Hodgins, W. Bro. Jim Ramsay, W. Bro John Mooney, W. Bro. Grant Moffatt and W. Bro Bill Noon. Also, one 25-year A Mason certificate and pin presented to W. Bro. Ron Hnatuik.

Congratulations to all for your outstanding dedication.



Our next event is a fish fry being held on May 13th from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Curbside pickup at the Lodge or delivery in the Espanola area.

Then on May 27th members of our lodge will be hosting the breakfast at the Knight Cruisers Car Show at the Espanola Recreation Centre. This is an annual function made that much better with a hearty breakfast on the Saturday morning.

Our installation and investiture of officers will be held on June 28th as everyone knows, but don't forget this is our annual strawberry and ice cream night.

That's all for now and I look forward to seeing you at one, or all of these events,

W. Bro. Bill Noon
Worshipful Master
Espanola Lodge # 527



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Nickel Lodge No. 427 G.R.C.



Installation and Investiture Ceremony
W. Bro. Angus Morris is taking a second term
Pictured with those present for the evening



Master & IPM
Son & Father
The Worshipful Brothers Morris display their Past Master's jewels

The Worshipful Master holds the 'Howey Jewel' while Dad shows the jewel formally worn by
V.W. Bro. Morris Coulter (1975)
W. Bro. Grant Boyce (2003)



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The 2023 - 2024 Officers of Nickel Lodge



W, Bro. George Nichols presented with 25-year certificate and pin



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Sudbury Lodge of Perfection Scottish Rite 44th Annual Reunion in Honour of Ill. Bro. Jervis Weir, 33°

April 21st & 22nd, 2023





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Reunion Dinner - April 22nd, 2023





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Robotics Competition Letter from Doric Lodge No. 455



WORLD ROBOTICS AWARD WINNERS!

The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs Manitoulin Metal Robotics Team

On the evening of the Official Visit of R. W. Bro. Lionel Rudd, a letter from the MSS Robotics Team was read to the members.

The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) 6865 Manitoulin Metal Team had qualified for the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas. The letter asked for donations of support as they needed to raise \$30,000 to be able to attend. A motion to donate \$100 was quickly approved along with a request for individual members to add to this total with their personal cheques. Thanks to the generosity of the members and several Masons from other Lodges who were present that evening, **a total of \$840 was collected.**



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Robotics Competition Letter from Doric Lodge No. 455

The following contains selected text from articles in the Manitoulin Expositor:

“At the Ontario provincial competition, the team won the prestigious FIRST Impact Award. The Provincial Impact Award is basically the gold medal of this type of competition. It honours the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose of FIRST Robotics.

The FIRST IMPACT Award is presented to the team judged to have the most significant measurable impacts of its partnerships among its participant and community over a sustained period, not just a single build season. The winner of this award is able to demonstrate progress towards FIRST’s mission of transforming our culture. The recipient is invited to a FIRST championship (in this case the World Championship) where it competes for the FIRST IMPACT Award against winners from other qualifying events.”

Sudbury’s Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School also qualified for the Worlds which took place April 19-23 in Houston, Texas.

At the World Competition, the Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team was one of only six teams from about 630 to win a Robotics World Championship FIRST Impact Award. And with this award, they have already qualified to compete again at the 2024 World Robotics Championship.”

Submitted by:

Roy Eaton

Doric Lodge No. 455, Acting Secretary



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THE ROYAL FAMILY AND FREEMASONRY



HRH THE DUKE OF KENT – GRAND MASTER UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

Since about 1737 there have been 23 members of the Royal Family who have been Freemasons. Female members of the Royal Family, whilst not Freemasons themselves, have been very active supporters of the Masonic Charities. "Until recently there were 3 members of the current Royal Family who were Freemasons.

Queen Elizabeth's father, His late Majesty King George VI and her consort, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, were both Freemasons.

The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) is led by the Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Kent, who was elected more than 50 years ago and is now UGLE's longest-serving Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master, who acts for him when his Royal duties supervene, is Jonathan Spence.

In the annals of British history, Freemasonry occupies a distinctive place. This centuries-old society, cloaked in symbolism and known for its Masonic rituals, has intertwined with the British Royal Family in fascinating ways. The relationship between Freemasonry and the Royal Family is as complex as it is enduring, a melding of tradition, power, and mystery that continues to captivate the public imagination.



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The Impact of Freemasonry on the Monarchy: A Two-way Street

Freemasonry's influence on the British monarchy is not a straightforward narrative. It's a story of mutual influence and shared values, where each institution has left its mark on the other over time. Freemasonry's principles of brotherhood, morality, and philosophical enlightenment resonated with many members of the Royal Family, who saw in it an embodiment of their own values. This alignment was not accidental; Freemasonry sought to attract individuals of high social standing, and its principles were thus tailored to appeal to the nobility.

At the same time, the monarchy's patronage of Freemasonry conferred prestige and legitimacy on the organization. The very act of a monarch or a royal becoming a Freemason signified a tacit endorsement of the society's ideals, bolstering its standing both in Britain and internationally.

However, the influence wasn't unidirectional. Freemasonry's ideals of equality and fraternity, where members meet "on the level," may have subtly impacted royal perspectives on class and social responsibility. The participation of royals in Masonic rituals, where they interacted with members of various social standings, could well have influenced their outlook and actions in their official roles.

The Royal Family and Freemasonry: A History of Involvement

The British monarchy's ties with Freemasonry date back to the 18th century, and over time, numerous royals have donned the Freemason's apron. One of the earliest royal connections was Frederick, Prince of Wales, who was named Grand Master in 1723, and these royal-Masonic bonds have persisted into the 21st century.

Notable among royal Freemasons was King Edward VII. Initiated into the brotherhood in 1868, he held various positions within the organization, including that of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. His father, King George IV, and grandfather, George III, were also Freemasons. The present-day monarchy continues this tradition. The Duke of Kent, a first cousin to the late Queen Elizabeth II, has been the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England since 1967, marking one of the longest tenures in the role.

Freemasonry's Influence on Royal Governance and Diplomacy

While it's challenging to quantify Freemasonry's direct influence on royal governance and diplomacy, it's plausible that the society's emphasis on universal brotherhood and mutual aid had some impact. These ideals could have subtly guided royal interactions with foreign powers, encouraging diplomacy and peaceful negotiation over conflict. Furthermore, the international network of Freemasonry, with its Lodges spread across the globe, might have served as an informal diplomatic channel, facilitating communication and understanding among different nations.



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The Royal Family's Influence on Freemasonry

Just as the monarchy was influenced by Freemasonry, so too did the Royals leave their mark on the society. Their involvement lent Freemasonry an air of respectability, attracting other high-ranking individuals to its ranks. The monarchy's patronage also helped shield Freemasonry from public criticism and suspicion, contributing to its longevity and influence. Moreover, the royal Freemasons often held leadership positions within the organization, allowing them to shape its direction and evolution.

For instance, the Duke of Sussex, serving as Grand Master in the early 19th century, played a crucial role in the unification of rival masonic factions into the United Grand Lodge of England, a pivotal moment in British Freemasonry's history.

The Enigma of Freemasonry: Rituals and Symbolism

The allure of Freemasonry lies not just in its historical significance or its influential members, but also in its rituals and symbols. These practices, shrouded in mystery and rich in allegory, offer a glimpse into the society's philosophical underpinnings. Freemasonry's rituals are essentially morality plays, conducted within each lodge's meetings. They are intended to impart moral lessons to members, using the tools and language of the medieval stonemasons from whom the society draws its symbolism.

While the specifics of these rituals are closely guarded by the fraternity, known only to members, their influence extends beyond the walls of the Lodge. The values they instill — of fraternity, integrity, and enlightenment — are intended to guide Freemasons in their daily lives. It's plausible to assume that these rituals and their teachings had some impact on the royals who participated in them.

They may have influenced their worldview, their sense of duty, and their approach to their roles, adding another layer to the relationship between Freemasonry and the monarchy.

The Future of Freemasonry and the Royal Family: An Enduring Bond?

Looking ahead, the relationship between Freemasonry and the Royal Family shows no signs of waning. The society continues to attract royals, who see in it a tradition of service and brotherhood that aligns with their own duties.

However, both institutions are evolving to meet the demands of the modern world. Freemasonry, while holding fast to its rituals and principles, is striving to shed its image of secrecy and exclusivity. The monarchy, too, is adapting, balancing its historical roles with the need to stay relevant in a rapidly changing society.



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In this context, the intersection of Freemasonry and the monarchy presents a fascinating case of tradition meeting modernity. As both institutions navigate the challenges of the 21st century, their shared history and values may serve as a compass, guiding them towards a future that honours their past while embracing the possibilities of the present.

Ultimately, the story of Freemasonry and the Royal Family is a testament to the enduring appeal of tradition, the power of shared values, and the intriguing interplay of influence. It's a narrative that continues to unfold, captivating those who delve into its rich and intricate tapestry.



King George IV
Grand Master of the Premier
Grand Lodge of England
(1790-1813)



King Edward VII
Grand Master of the United
Grand Lodge of England
(1874-1901)



King George VI
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Scotland (1936-1937)



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Salute to “Mothers-In-Law” - Hilda Chart

By Lionel W. F. Rudd

Nearly 60 years go the thought and idea that I would put pen to paper saluting “mothers-in-law” would have been met with incredulity beyond measure. And in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada too!!!

Well, now in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada the opportunity is here and the notion is most timely and important. Mothers-In-Law have historically been the butt of comedians sick and often off colour jokes and not always represented positively in literature and theatre.

This is a little insight into what and who mothers-in-law can really be. This is a tribute to my mother-in-law, an exceptional lady. Hilda Chart (nee Lewis), fairly recently deceased, was born in 1909 in Oldland Common, near the City of Bristol, Gloucestershire County, England. She was the oldest, by 12 years, of two children born to very much working class parents, Isobel and Joseph Lewis.

Joe was a veteran of the Boer War having served with distinction in the Royal Marines - an elite fighting force. Joe was a hard working individual, not well educated but well read, resourceful and highly talented. He was a builder and carpenter of great skill, as well as trying his hand at being a merchant seaman, mailman and pet-shop owner. When the First World War broke out in 1914 Hilda witnessed her father being hauled off to prison as a conscientious objector to the war. Having witnessed the Boer War he no doubt had no desire to be embroiled in what was tantamount to another “Imperialist War”. This was a bleak period for the family as conscientious objectors were branded as cowards and their families were ostracized and received no community support.

Hilda went on to excel at school with the support of her parents, especially her mother, and won a scholarship to attend renowned Cambridge University - a rare opportunity for a woman of the era. Alas, family finances prevented her from taking advantage of this great opportunity, so she ended up attending Bristol University which enabled her to remain at home. Her subject was French and she went on to study French language, literature and art at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. This was a great adventure for a young woman in the 1920's. While studying in France she made some close and enduring friendships with other young women with whom she shared lodging at a boarding house. She also took advantage of the opportunity to discover more of the culture and customs of France by working as an “Au Pair” in Southern France.



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Upon qualifying as teacher she took up various teaching positions in secondary schools in the English Midlands (central England). Her students doubtlessly learning from her treasure trove of experience and talent. It was during this period that she was exposed to the Unitarian Church. This non-denominational church organization is noted for its avoidance of religious dogma but recognized for its humanitarian and educational work and commitment. It is the founder of the (Harris) Manchester College, Oxford University's newest college, founded at Oxford in 1889 and received its royal charter from Queen Elizabeth II in 1996!!!

Hilda married Norman Chart, a professional horticulturalist, in 1945. Hilda continued to attend the Unitarian Church while husband Norman attended the Anglican church where he was a “sidesman” and bell-ringer. Hilda's teaching career was over... She worked along with Norman helping him with his nursery business. She produced two beautiful daughters and I was lucky enough to marry one eventually in 1966.

The family moved to the small village of Holt, Wiltshire in England's West Country, where besides taking care of her family and helping with the nursery business she undertook the care of five elderly relatives during the 1960's and 70's. In spite of the demands of her new “career” Hilda managed to find time to participate in village life. She became a leading member of the village dramatic society, helping create costumes and many imaginative props. Her pen and ink drawings of local village scenes and wildlife adorned the cover page of the village magazine for many years.

Art and nature was always her passion. She created many oil and water colour paintings, mostly of birds, and had an amazing talent of relating to wild creatures, especially birds. I remember her befriending a little English robin who would enter the house at meal times and sample the deserts that may be available! Hilda also had a love of books and literature, and it was in her library that I first encountered the Islamic Koran.



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In 1981, after the elderly relatives had all passed on, Norman retired and he and Hilda moved to the village of Standlake, near the City of Oxford. Norman's interest in horticulture now took the form of a hobby and Hilda continued to read, study, paint, draw, sketch and observe the birds and animals that visited them. Living near Oxford enabled Hilda and a converted Norman to attend the (Harris) Manchester College Unitarian Chapel - a modestly splendid edifice. They became active members of the Chapel Society. Hilda's enduring contribution to the Village of Standlake is an illustrated map of the village that is now on permanent display in the village hall.

Hilda, would have been 99 years old (young!), but on Friday March 7th, 2008, her very rich life ended peacefully with her oldest daughter Joy by her side. In 2005 Hilda and Norman celebrated 60 years of marriage!!! Until a few years before her passing Hilda could play a mean game of Scrabble in spite of a fading memory.

Hilda was a great inspiration as a person, mother and mother-in-law and I salute her and mothers-in-law like her as we will soon be celebrating our Mother's Day - each year.

In 1966 I married Hilda and Norman's oldest daughter Joy. Norman, up until his 100th birthday he too could play a mean game of Scrabble!!!



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Esotericism is a matter of degrees

An essay by Bro. Arturo de Hoyos

Is Freemasonry esoteric, or not? The short answer is “Yes, no, maybe.” Esotericism is any topic “intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.” This certainly applies to Masonry. But on a deeper level, and in a Masonic context, it’s usually taken to mean that our ceremonies and rituals allude to realities and/or truths not generally understood, or which may have a spiritual component to them.



The term is tainted to some people, and acceptable to others; hence, it may not be easy to wholly accept or discard the term ‘esoteric Masonry.’ Like an onion, each ‘esoteric’ layer successively builds upon the other. We can all agree that Masonry is intended to be understood by few, and that it’s a kind of specialized knowledge.

But the question is—what kind of specialized knowledge, and are they real “secrets?” Depending upon one’s inclinations, the Master Masons Degree has been interpreted in a variety of different ways by different persons. For some, it’s a story of fidelity; for others, it teaches hope in the immortality of the soul; for still others, it’s a lesson in alchemy; and yet for still others, it alludes to the discovery of entheogens. Some see it as multi-faceted, or a combination of various things. But, as I wrote in my post “The Private Epiphany,” we should avoid trying to enshrine our interpretations as the “true” one.

Since 1717 there have been over 1000 ‘Masonic’ degrees created. The most popular survived and are included in many of the Rites, Orders, Systems we know today. Like a meal, each degree is only as good as its creator. The recipe may include many of the same ingredients as other meals, yet taste completely different.



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By analogy, we may see many of the same “ingredients” (features) in a number of degrees which teach completely different things. The predilections of a degree’s author affect the content as much as the taste-buds of a chef. The ‘flavor’ of the foundational Craft Degrees in various rites, orders and systems (Webb working, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Swedish Rite, R.E.R., etc.), differs immensely, and in the ‘higher degrees,’ the differences are even more dramatic and pronounced: some are philosophical, others practical; some present allegory, and others offer discourses on symbolism or (quasi-)historical themes. In something like the Scottish Rite, the same degree may have dramatically different rituals, depending upon the jurisdiction (compare, for example the 20th degree in the SJ and NMJ - they are nothing alike).



But, when someone describes himself as an ‘esoteric Mason,’ it quite often means someone who sees, and embraces, what appears to be aspects of the ‘Western Esoteric Tradition’ in our rituals; i.e., some affinity to the symbolism of Hermeticism, Gnosticism, Neoplatonism, Kabbalah, etc.

Freemasonry is an eclectic organization and, at various times, we have borrowed the language and symbols of these and other traditions. The question is, do our rituals really teach these things as ‘realities’ or we use them to stimulate thought— or both? We are repeated told not to mistake a symbol for the thing symbolized. In some cases, I believe that is what has happened, while in others, I believe we do indeed have vestiges of other traditions. But even when they are there, they may be only one layer thick on our Masonic onion.



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The problem is twofold: some deny any esoteric influences at all (or assert they are just used symbolically), while others claim it's the main part of the onion. If the matter is open to interpretation (not defined by the ritual itself), who has the "right" to decide?

This much we know: many of Freemasonry's symbols were used before the modern fraternity existed (1717), and appeared in a variety of books. Some were educational and philosophical (such as the "Choice Emblems"), others were indeed Hermetic (such as Alchemical texts). As I said, we're an eclectic organization. How many times have you seen the Square and Compasses or All-Seeing Eye used and abused in Hollywood and elsewhere because it looks 'cool'? Well, I'm willing to bet that at least some of our symbols migrated into the fraternity the same way. An unknown degree maker, in the 1700's, saw something that looked cool, and dropped it into the ritual. Not necessarily bad, but 225 years later his personal predilection turns into a debate.

Certainly, there are clear examples of "borrowings" from "esoteric" texts. For example, I am aware of an older version (early 1800s) of a Scottish Rite degree which includes a large portion extracted from Cornelius Agrippa's *De Occulta Philosophia* (1531-33). If asked if that degree was 'esoteric' I would say 'yes,' while to its counterpart in a later version or in another Supreme Council, I would say, "no."

My point is to quit quibbling over such things, and find the common ground where we "can best work and best agree." If esotericism interests you, that's fine; if not, that's also fine. My personal library is well-stocked with enough material on both sides to make anyone think and in favor of, or against, any position.



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About Bro. Arturo de Hoyos

Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, and Director of the Department of Education and Heritage at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., where he directs and supervises all employees and operations of the Library, Museum, Archives, Educational programs, and Scottish Rite Research Society within the house of the Temple. The collection is comprised of over one million documents and photographs, which is one of global Freemasonry's largest private resources. It includes original holographs by George Washington, Paul Reverse, Lafayette, and other notable Freemasons, as well as our substantial collection of manuscript proceedings, rituals and other rare items.



He is also grand Archivist and chairman of publications of the Grand College of Rites (GCR), a Masonic organization dedicated to the preservation and study of disused Masonic and quasi-Masonic ritual, and has edited *Collectanea*, the GCR's annual transaction since 1994.

As one of the world's foremost scholars on this history, rituals, and symbolism of freemasonry, in 2000 he was one of three people invited to the Vatican by the Roman Catholic Church to discuss Masonry.

He is a full and honorary member of many craft bodies, as well as various masonic appendant, concordant, and invitational bodies. He is a full and honorary 33° member of three Supreme council and win of multiple masonic awards including IX°, Chevalier Grand Croix - Societas Rosicruciana in Gallia (France), Merit Commendation, Grand Orient of Brazil - Parana, and the Albert G. Mackey Award for Lifetime Achievement, Scottish Rite Research Society.



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About Bro. Arturo de Hoyos

Arturo has written over 60 books on Freemasonry including the following books which are available for sale:

Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry

Morals and Dogma: Annotated Edition

Masonic Formulas and Rituals

Freemasonry's Royal Secret

Reprints of Rituals of Old Degree

Most Secret Mysteries

Allegorical Conversations





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The DDGM Preparation Committee
is pleased to announce
the Spring in-person Session Workshops.

Chairman R. W. Bro. Victor Tavares
p. 416.992.8346 | e. thvddgm1718@gmail.com

**Coffee served at 8:30 am,
Sessions begin at 9:00 am till 2:00 pm**

BARRIE

Saturday, March 18th
99 Morrow Road, Barrie

BROCKVILLE

Saturday, March 25th
2815 2nd Concession, Brockville

TORONTO

Saturday, April 22nd
2040 Weston Road, Toronto

STURGEON FALLS

Saturday, May 6th
22 John St, Sturgeon Falls

ONLINE

Saturday, April 15th & Saturday, May 20th

- Preregistration is a must.
- All Districts are welcome at all sessions.
- Light lunch supplied.
- Grand Lodge Publications will be available for purchase at all sessions.

Register at ddgmprep@gmail.com



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Sudbury Shrine Club Penny Farthing Unit Annual Chicken & Spaghetti Dinner

Rescheduled for
Saturday, May 13th

Sudbury Shrine Club
Cocktails at 5:00 pm Dinner at 6:00pm

Tickets: \$25.00 available at the club or by
Contacting John Mischczak or Kevin Branch

Don't miss this great evening of fun, food, prizes and wine!



Net proceeds for the benefit of the Sudbury Penny Farthing Unit and not deductible as a charitable donation



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SUDBURY – MANITOULIN DISTRICT MASONIC MEETING

MONDAY 5TH JUNE STARTING AT 6 PM

*COURTESY OF MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF
DORIC MASONIC LODGE NO. 455*

LITTLE CURRENT, MANITOULIN ISLAND.

AGENDA

6 pm - Meal - Prepared by the Order of the Eastern Star
Soup, Sandwiches & Dessert - \$15.

7 pm Meeting:

Reports & Announcements

8 pm Unveiling of the NEW Doric Lodge Sign

NICKEL LODGE: BETHEL LODGE: CITY OF LAKES LODGE: & FRIENDSHIP LODGE MEMBERS **PLEASE** INFORM DDGM - ddgm@smmasons.com OR (705) 522 3886 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND FOR THE MEAL.

ADJOURNMENT



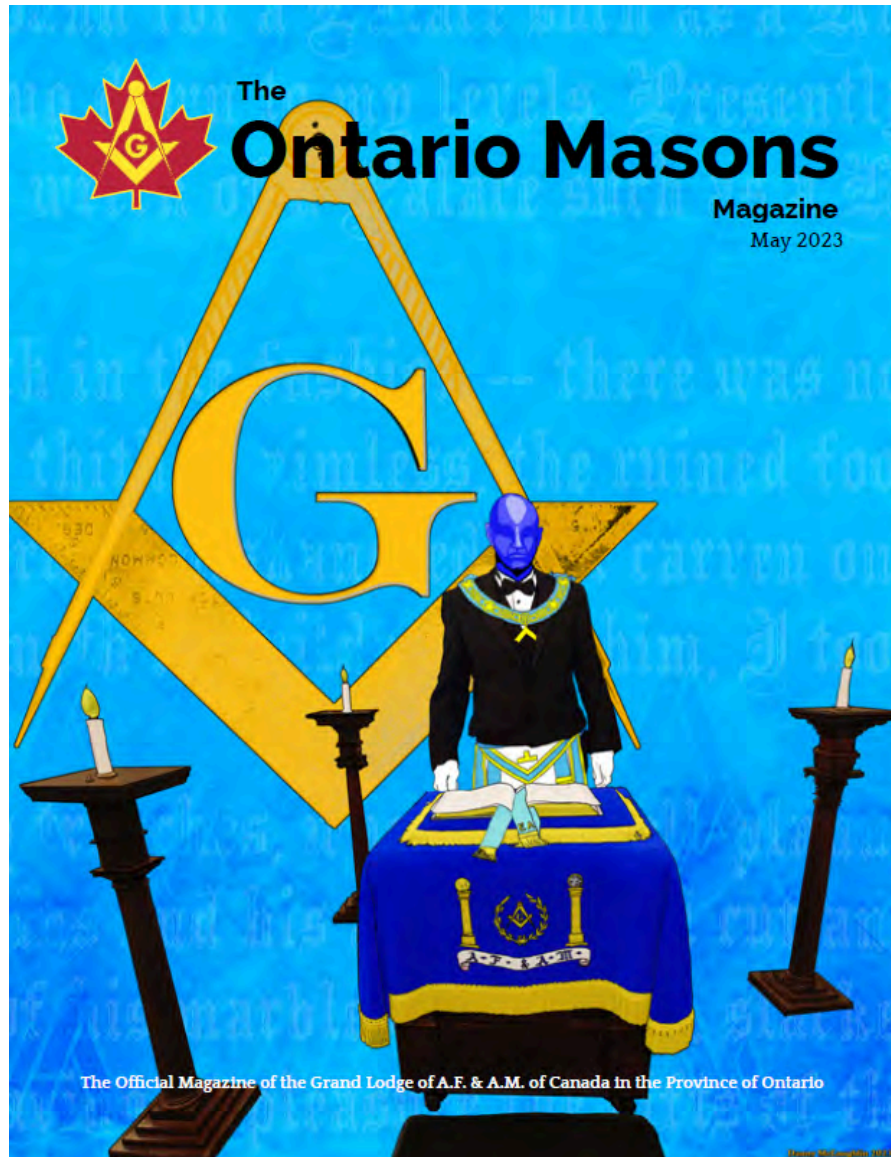


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Ontario Masons Magazine



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May 2023 Tracing Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Java Guild Tuesday's 10:00 am – 1:00 pm</p> 	<p>1 City of Lakes Lodge- Fraternal visit Deputy Grand Master Repast – 6 p.m. Meeting – 7:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Nickel Lodge- Installation 7:30 p.m. Espanola Lodge- Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <i>To the King and the Craft!</i></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 Tuscan Practice</p>	<p>9 Doric Lodge- Meeting Election of officers</p>	<p>10 Friendship lodge D.D.G.M. Official Visit</p> 	<p>11 OES</p>	<p>12 Bethel Regular Meeting. G.P. pre-regular meeting</p>	<p>13 Sudbury Shrine <i>Penny-farthing social 5 p.m. dinner 6 p.m.</i></p>  <p>OES </p> <p>Espanola -lodge fish fry</p>
<p>14</p> 	<p>15 Tuscan Practice</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Nickel Lodge G.P. meeting Espanola Royal Arch – meeting</p> 	<p>18 Tuscan Chapter Meeting</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 <i>Victoria Day</i></p>	<p>23 ANVETS 2:00 pm Lionel Rudd</p>	<p>24 Friendship G.P. meeting</p>	<p>25 Mavar Preceptory meeting</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Espanola Lodge G.P.- meeting</p>	<p>Ask 1</p>	<p>Ask 1</p>	<p>Ask 1</p>
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(Term / DDGM / Lodge / Grand Lodge Appointments)

Nipissing West District			
1965-66	H.R. Butler	Friendship	N.E. Silverson
1966-67	Geo. E. Lee	Hathersly	D.N. McCormack
1967-68	W.J.C. Noble	Nickel	J.J. Gilpin
1968-69	L. McDougall	Gore Bay	J.A. Graham
1969-70	F.W. Niemi	Algoma	G. Whalen
1970-71	W.J.R. Harrison	Elliot Lake	B.G. MacDemid
1971-72	J.W. McGill	Bethel	J.C. Hallows
1972-73	G.L. Hallam	Keystone	L.G. Shier
1973-74	R.T. Runciman	Algonquin	V.F. Koivu
Nipissing Centre District			
1974-75	W.C. MacDougall	Doric	J.E. Morphet
1975-76	F.H. Waller	Friendship	J.H. Vanderburg
1976-77	A. Roseborough	Nickel	F.S. Foppe
Sudbury-Manitoulin District			
1977-78	E.T. Moore	Sudbury	D.J. Marshall
1978-79	W.O. Mulack	Espanola	M.C. Coulter
1979-80	C.S. McKnight	Nickel	G.H. Roy
1980-81	W.F. Schaefer	Sudbury	W.R. McKnight
1981-82	S.W. Gordon	Gore Bay	H.J. Walker
1982-83	R.N. Gordon	Friendship	L.C. Bracken
1983-84	G.W. Chambers	Sudbury	H.R. McMaster
1984-85	K.R. Legge	Doric	B.A. Gordon
1985-86	J.K. Herold	Sudbury	H.G. Moorehouse
1986-87	S.A.B. Gray	Algonquin	R.G. Donaldson
1987-88	W.S. Napier	Friendship	B.C. Stoddart
1988-89	A.G. Fudge	Bethel	C.R. Robbins
1989-90	E.M. Elchyanyn	National	W.G. Strachan
1990-91	J.E. McGillis	Doric	K.J. Jordan
1991-92	J.D. Innes	Nickel	S.W. Skippen
1992-93	D.E. Belfry	Nickel	F.G. Macleod
1993-94	R. South	Sudbury	F.W. Bright
1994-95	R.S. Zinkie	Espanola	J.R. Dixon
1995-96	W.P. Clark	Algonquin	D.A. Falkingham
1996-97	D.H. Rousell	Algonquin	G.A. Heale
1997-98	R.C. Evesson	Gore Bay	W.A. Quinn
1998-99	B.V. Koivu	Bethel	B.K. Hester
1999-00	Removed	Friendship	D.W. Maki
2000-01	R.P.N. Mulack	Algonquin	H.E. Kedey
2001-02	D.A. Salter	Algonquin	J.T. Cornthwaite
2002-03	J.M. Thomson	Nickel	J.D. Bell
2003-04	J.W. Hodder	Espanola	D. Ashick
2004-05	F.W. Chung	Doric	G. Moffatt
2005-06	A.T. Burns	Friendship	R. Lewis
2006-07	P.L. Gordon	Nickel	R. Store
2007-08	E. Rennie	Algonquin	J.E. Gamble
2008-09	R.J. Fleming	Gore Bay	A.J. Madore
2009-10	R.J. Eaton	Bethel	H. Saville
2010-11	A.W. Stonier	Nickel	M.J. Fleming
2011-12	S.J. Khoury	Doric	M.K. Varey
2012-13	K.I. Jordan	Nickel	C.D. Stephenson
2013-14	L.C. Bracken	Friendship	L. Redden
2014-15	D.A. Hodgins	National	A. Farquharson
2015-16	C.D. Stephenson	Friendship	R.A. Barlow
2016-17	J.B. Ashley	Espanola	G.R. Fraser
2017-18	R.A. Daigle	Nickel	R. A. Luoma
2018-19	P.E. Lukko	Algonquin	M.C. Lees
2019-21	R.J. Lipic	Sudbury	G. R. Cayer
2021-22	D.J. Spencer	Sudbury	A. R. Hill
2022-23	L.W.F. Ruda	Nickel	T.E. King
		Friendship	R.T. Lipic
		City of Lakes	A.R. Lloyd
		Nickel	G.L. Newson

Sudbury-Manitoulin District

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Trestle Board 2022 - 2023

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GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario
R.W. Bro. Brian V. Koivu (Ann)
President of the Masonic Foundation
R.W. Bro. Rob Fleming (Fern)

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

July 19-20, 2023

DISTRICT DIVINE SERVICE

Under Ecclesiastical Guidance & Planning

DDGM RECEPTION

Friday, November 4, 2022 (Belrock)

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Belrock Masonic Center	September 12, 2022
Doric Lodge	June 5, 2023

OFFICIAL VISITS

Espanola Lodge No. 527	December 7, 2022
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536	January 10, 2023
Nickel Lodge No. 427	March 1, 2023
Doric Lodge No. 455	April 11, 2023
Bethel Lodge No. 699	April 14, 2023
Friendship Lodge No. 691	May 10, 2023

INSTALLATIONS

Bethel Lodge No. 699	January 14, 2024
Friendship Lodge No. 691	February 11, 2023
City of Lakes Lodge No. 536	April 25, 2023
Nickel Lodge No. 427	May 3, 2023
Doric Lodge No. 455	June 13, 2023
Espanola Lodge No. 527	June 28, 2023

AWARDS 2022

W.J.C. Noble Blood Donors Award

Under Abyeance Due to Pandemic

Joe Lesser Attendance Award

Under Abyeance Due to Pandemic

Journeyman's Award

Under Abyeance Due to Pandemic



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Need Help Setting
up a computer.

Can anyone help?

Have tools and
appliances surplus to
your needs to give
away?

Need a ride?

Looking for help with
snow clearing or
garden work?

Have a tuxedo or
regalia that you no
longer require??

Send your
information (post) to
the newsletter editor
before the end of the
month!

For your post: Simple itemize the item in capital letters first, then using no more than 30 words set out your request, item or service including your contact information (name, telephone and/or email).

The list will be cleared after each month so you must re-post if necessary.



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Brethren,

The Temple Board is requesting assistance of a "technical/computer" knowledgeable person or persons to help with the following:

1. Connection of Belrock's security cameras to the internet for remote access.
2. A method of having the Belrock "Booking Board" available on the internet for viewing and control.
3. Assistance with FOB programming and entrance alarm and control.

Please contact Roger Kitching if you can be of assistance.

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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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<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>

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 month's contributors!



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