



Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter

MARCH 2025

From the District Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John M. Miszczak



Brethren,

March is here! The days are longer, the birds are singing and warmer weather is coming. This is the month of renewal, growth, the onset of spring, and the planning for summer. Spring arrives on March 21st, St. Patty's Day is March 17th, the clock moves forward and for basketball fans this is the beginning of March Madness.

March brings a new enthusiasm and renewal to Freemasonry in the District which can only be maintained by consistent MENTORING. I sincerely ask that all the sponsors of EA's and FC's contact them today, offer support, arrange to meet for a coffee, discuss progress and concerns and just be the MENTOR that cares, supports and lives the values of our gentle Craft.

The legend associated with St Patrick is that by beating a drum, all the snakes and venomous beasts were miraculously driven from the island of Ireland. I call upon all the Masons in the district to "beat the drum" of Freemasonry and drive away our bad habits and winter lethargy with renewed focus on our gentle craft through quality RITUAL and informative EDUCATION at our monthly meetings. Visitation is the key to renewal and growth. Planning spring and summer lodge activities encourages participation and creates anticipation of warm weather and active socialization. Please join me for the official visit to Nickel Lodge on Wednesday March 5th and congratulations on a successful winter clothing campaign (see article attached in newsletter).

Have fun and see you in March!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Fraternally,

John M. Miszczak

District Deputy Grand Master 2024-2025

Sudbury-Manitoulin District



District Secretary's Corner

W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe



'May you live in interesting times' has swiftly slid into 'uncertain times.'

I've moved my copy of George Orwell's '1984' from the fiction section of my personal library, to current events. As we watch this dystopian nightmare future unfold around us into the present, we really need to stand firm to our beliefs that the better nature of man will win out. I may start re-reading my Kurt Vonnegut collection just because. I'll be sure to play Tangerine Dream's 'Legend' Soundtrack as mood music while doing so.

The Craft has survived over three hundred years of wars, famines and experiments in man's inhumanity to man. We will carry on. Like the ebb and flow of the tides, our numbers may go up and down but as long as we maintain a strong core, hold fast to the values and strengths that we share and value, the fruit and honey will come again.

When I joined the fraternity, there were nine Lodges in this District, we are now down to six and, with a potential amalgamation hovering in the wings, that number may drop again. Regardless, a Masonic Lodge is not the building or even the room in which the Brethren meet; it is the Brethren themselves. *It is us.* We who have actively sought out and chosen to come together and, using the ancient framework of orations, lessons and allusions, decided to build upon the foundations within ourselves and be better men. The challenge is always present, free will lets us all choose who we want to be. Thus far we have chosen to be a member of this gentle craft and help ourselves, and each other, be the better men. Words that I frequently fall back on and have always found to be most poignant, were put to pen by another Brother many years ago; but have been well known globally, and have always provided some guidance and comfort.

W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe

District Secretary 2024-25





A Masonic Tidbit



If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

Bro. Rudyard Kipling
Lodge of Hope & Perseverance # 782
English Constitution, Lahore, Punjab, India

Submission by: W. Bro. Dan C. Rowe



Sudbury-Manitoulin Event Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Espanola \$10 Breakfast 8 - 9:30AM
2 AASR Exec Meeting	3	4 City of Lakes GP Espanola Reg. Meeting	5 Nickel Official Visit	6 Sudbury Shrine Club Regular Meeting	7 Bethel GP	8 Friendship Installation 1PM
9	10	11 Doric Regular Meeting City of Lakes Regular Meeting	12 Friendship Regular Meeting	13 O.E.S. Meeting	14 Bethel Regular Meeting	15 Shrine Hillbilly Unit St. Patrick's Day Party
16	17 St. Patty's Day! 	18	19 Nickel GP	20 Tuscan Chapter	21 April Newsletter Submission Deadline	22 Bethel Bean Cook-Off Challenge
23	24	25	26 Friendship GP Espanola GP	27 MAVAR	28 Bethel Emergent Meeting	29 Espanola \$10 Breakfast 8 - 9:30AM
30	31					

March 2025



NICKEL LODGE NO. 427



Nickel Lodge's Regular Meeting: February 5th, 2025



(LEFT) Bro. Scott Humphrey was passed to the second degree at Nickel Lodge's February regular meeting. Pictured with Bro. Humphrey is W. Bro. Angus Morris (sponsor), Bro. Jordan Tizzard, a close friend and W. Bro. Paguandas

(BELOW): The Brethren attending and participating in the evening



Nickel Lodge's Emergent Meeting: February 19th, 2025



(LEFT) Bro. Matt Charette was passed to the second degree at Nickel Lodge's February emergent meeting which was also Step-Up Night. Pictured with Bro. Charette is sponsor W. Bro. Paguandas and Senior Warden, Bro. Jody Caldwell, who sat in the near east for the evening.

(BELOW) Those in attendance



GO-GIVE PROJECT, SUDBURY



Article in the Sudbury Star

Nickel Masonic Lodge No. 427 has donated winter clothing to Sudbury's Go-Give Project. The donation will allow Go-Give Project personnel to "distribute much-needed (and appreciated) cold weather winter clothing to the many homeless people of our community and to those in need and most vulnerable," the Lodge said in a release. Located at 280 Larch St., the Go-Give Project received two half-ton truckloads of clothing thanks to the Nickel Masonic Lodge No. 427.

The Go-Give Project, a nonprofit charitable organization founded in Greater Sudbury in 2020, works to ensure that individuals who are experiencing substance use disorders have access to the education and supplies they need to stay safe. Nickel Lodge No. 427, in collaboration with the other Masonic lodges, has been collecting the clothes since just after Christmas.

"Our members, their families and friends are delighted that they could continue to support and contribute to the Nickel Masonic Lodge annual tradition of a winter/cold weather clothing drive and donations,"

said Brother Greg Blomme, Nickel Lodge co-ordinator

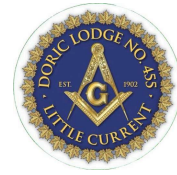
Ali Farooq, programs manager of the Go-Give Project, said the clothing was not only essential but timely as it coincided with the need to replenish its stock of much-needed winter clothing now that Sudbury is in the midst of cold weather. Farooq also said it is "fantastic that our community continues to step up to support the vulnerable."

Members of the Nickel Masonic Lodge share a common goal as an international fraternity of community support, charity and fellowship. Nickel Masonic Lodge No. 427 has the distinction of not only being one of the oldest Masonic lodges in Ontario but was created when the City of Sudbury was founded in 1893. Dr. William Howey (Howey Drive is named after him) was the city's first doctor and was the founding master of Nickel Masonic Lodge. Since then, members of Nickel Lodge have made considerable contributions to the community's well-being for more than 100 years.

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DORIC LODGE NO. 455



Doric Lodge's Regular Meeting: February 11th, 2025

"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."

- Brother Oscar Wilde

Below: The brethren in attendance at *Doric Lodge No. 455* regular meeting on February 11th, 2025. Brother Wayne Malleau was exemplary in proving himself to be passed to the 2nd degree. Our Degree Team then put on a successful evening!



Doric Lodge was grateful and honoured for having **R.W. Bro John Miszczak** on a fraternal visit as well as **WB Robert Akkanen** and **WB Robert Tailleur** attend and partake in the evening degree work.



ESPANOLA LODGE NO. 527



Espanola Lodge's Massey Winter Carnival Feb 22nd, 2025



Espanola Lodge# 527 served up a delicious chilli lunch at the Massey Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Tom Sturdy and Rod Junkala in photo with the Masonic banner.
Elizabeth and Sandy serve up the delicious chili meal.

“We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers.”

- Albert Pike



CITY OF LAKES LODGE NO. 536



February 11th, 2025: Regular Meeting



Pictured Left: (L to R) **W. Bro. Jackson Young**, **Bro. Julien Pomerleau**, **Bro. Kevin Belanger (SW)**

Below: City of Lakes raises their new Master Mason: **Brother Julien Pomerleau**



“I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest.” - Theodore Roosevelt



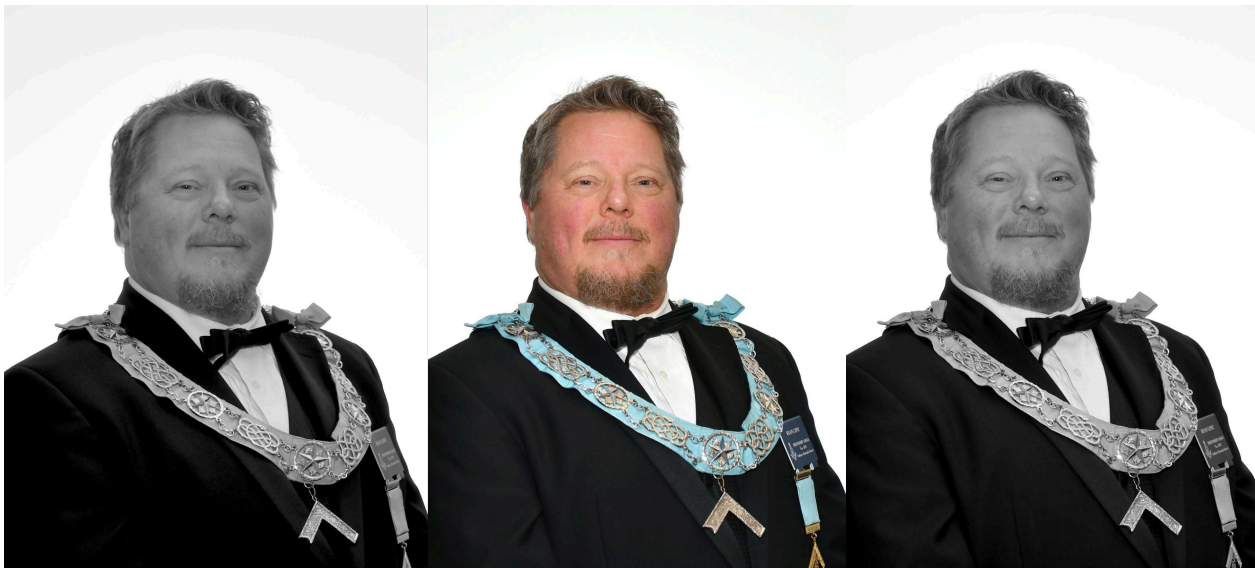
FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 691



Friendship Lodge's Installation: Feb. 8th, 2025



Installation of W. Bro. Ryan Lipic and officers for 2025 which was followed by a Ladies Night dinner and dance. Dinner provided by the OES.



"A three-peat!"

W.Bro. THOMAS MORRIS VISITS NEW ZEALAND



THE GRAND LODGE OF
ANTIEN, FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF
NEW ZEALAND



"Yesterday afternoon, Sue and I spent a wonderful afternoon with Brethren and some of their wives from the De Burgh Adams Lodge, New Plymouth... this is an Irish Lodge. True to form, Sue and I were invited to an Irish style pub for lunch, then after a few beers and a meat pie, a visit to their Lodge where we were shown around and exchanged pins with their W. Master Roly Blake. We were then invited over with several of the Brethren and their wives to V.W. Master Roger Marshall's house for a late afternoon scotch.



So far, I have visited Brethren from 5 Lodges.... Christchurch/ Invercargill / Rotorua/ Gisborne and New Plymouth. This has been a great experience; all have been so welcoming to both Sue and I. I feel very grateful to have been able to do these visits. I have learned much about Freemasonry in New Zealand and have seen some different things regarding degree work and how various Lodges are managed.

Providing me with Nickel pins was a great idea, I am grateful for having them."



W. Bro Thomas Morris

Nickel Lodge No. 427 / Doric Lodge No. 455

R.W. Bro. John Mischczak's District Charity 2024-2025

Prostate Cancer Research
Northern Cancer Foundation
Health Sciences North



The risk in men being diagnosed with prostate cancer is about **1 in 8**.

Each risk of prostate cancer can vary based on age, race / ethnicity and other factors; yet prostate cancer is more likely to develop in older men between the ages of 60 and 79.

PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

Please make your donation payable to:

The Masonic Foundation of Ontario

Indicate the DDGM Project Number:

2502

Why donate through the Masonic Foundation?

All monies received by the Masonic Foundation of Ontario go directly to the Northern Cancer Foundation.



For more information, please contact the Masonic Foundation Representative:

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Sudbury-Manitoulin District Blood Drive

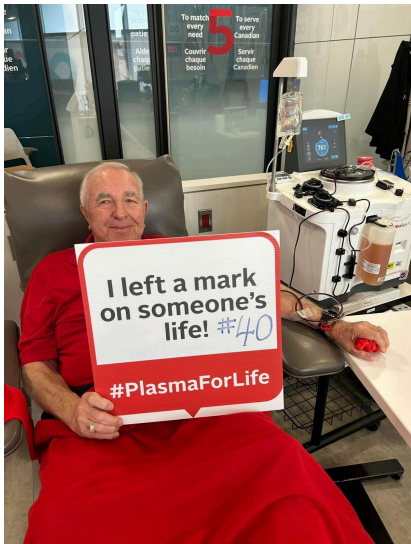


Happy New Year, Brethren!

PLASMA DONATIONS

Throughout this year I am going to submit an article each month for our newsletter to help promote plasma donations to those Brethren who have donated and continue to supply information to the Brethren that have not yet donated. If I can promote this activity enough that just one brother becomes a new donor or a brother that once donated begins to donate again I feel it is a **win**.

This month, I wanted to keep it simple by posting the hours and location of the Sudbury Plasma Center and a couple links for everyone to check out if they have questions, if the links do not answer your questions I would request you to reach out to me at 78cakennedy@gmail.com and I will try to help find the answer to your question. Another good resource is the toll free number



1-888-2DONATE
(1-888-236-6283)

The Sudbury Plasma Center is located at:
900 Lasalle Blvd, UNIT K, Sudbury Ontario

Hours of operation:

Monday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Tuesday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Wednesday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Thursday: 7:00am - 7:30pm
Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm
Saturday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Sunday: CLOSED

R.W.Bro. Roy Eaton doing his part.

General information on donating plasma:

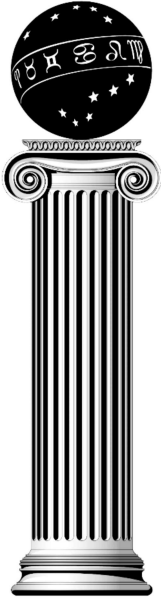
<https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma/donating-plasma>

Link to quiz for eligibility to donate plasma:

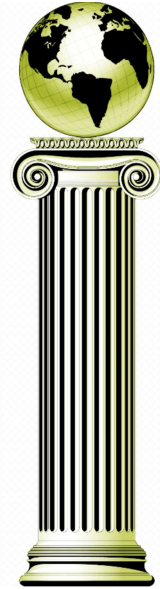
<https://www.blood.ca/en/plasma/am-i-eligible-donate-plasma>

Bro. Clayton Kennedy

BRETHREN ILL AND DISTRESSED



Bro. Fred White
W. Bro. Mike Chorkawy
W. Bro. Gerry Tuffy
W. Bro. Michael Terry
W. Bro. Ron Hnatiuk
W. Bro. Robert McGillis
Bro. Don Porter
W. Bro. Ben Mullen
W. Bro. Trevor Bracken
W. Bro. Chris Kemp
R.W. Bro. L. Rudd
Bro. Kevin McCormick



From the Editor's Desk:



Spring is almost here, Brethren!

As the ice and snow begin to melt and eventually fade away, the trees begin to sprout and the landscape slowly turns from a pale white to a lush green terrain. In the 8 short years being involved in Freemasonry, and the 4 years within the Sudbury-Manitoulin District, it never ceases to amaze me the extent to which our Brethren will go to help out a Lodge and even a community in need. I can assure you there always will be a need for a helping hand; whether it is to assist a brother or help out a Worshipful Brother to fill a spot for work for a degree. We all have that potential to assist. As well, if you are a brother in need - please make it known. We can unite as a community when the voices of those who need help are heard - and when those who can help, step up with a charitable heart. All it takes is to follow through with the desire to mote it be.

"In unity, Masons find their strength. To know the essence of Freemasonry, one must first know the essence of brotherhood."

S&F

Bro. Rick Mauti

Sudbury-Manitoulin District Newsletter Editor

