

To the Officers and Brethren of Toronto West District,

It is my great honour to serve as the Grand Master's representative for Toronto West District. I consider it a great privilege to be the custodian of this office for this Masonic year. The encouraging conversations, phone calls, texts and emails from the Brethren across our district were greatly appreciated. They have bolstered my resolve as we begin a new year where your continued support will be essential to our enduring work.

I am pleased to introduce the District Secretary, W. Bro. Jeff Irons who has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition into our new roles. His dedication and attention to detail are truly commendable. He is an asset to the district leadership team and the brotherhood. As we return to our labours, I would like to acknowledge exemplary job done by PDDGM R.W. Bro. Matwinder Phull and past District Secretary V.W. Bro. John Dorris.

I wish V.W. Bro. John Dorris continued success as he transitions into his new role as Grand Steward. Please join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to V.W. Bro. Allan Cunnington, V.W. Bro. John Dorris and V.W. Bro. David Scott on their appointments as Grand Lodge Officers. Their commitment and service to their lodges and our district is greatly appreciated. Our district has selected the Meningitis Foundation Canada as the benefactor of our charitable endeavors this year.

This summer, we were saddened to learn that on July 21, 2025, our Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw laid down his working tools and ascended to the Grand Lodge above. We mourn his loss and cherish his memory.

The new Masonic district re-alignment went into effect on July 17, 2025. TWD now consists of 10 lodges:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinguacousy 738 | <input type="checkbox"/> Peel 468 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower City 689 | <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph A. Hearn 685 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ibrox 740 | <input type="checkbox"/> River Park 356 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ionic 229 | <input type="checkbox"/> South Gate 674 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unity 710 | <input type="checkbox"/> West Gate 734 |

I would like to personally welcome you all to the realigned Toronto West District. This realignment provides fresh opportunities to forge new ties, encourage the cultivation of knowledge and strengthen the brotherhood. I will continue to advance the Grand Master's commitment to Ritual, Education and Mentorship (REM). Our motto in Toronto West District for this Masonic year is "co-operation / collaboration / teamwork".

As we commence this new Masonic year, let us reaffirm our commitment to the fundamental principles that bind us; brotherly love, relief and truth. This will most certainly be a year of new growth opportunities for every individual and for our district. Together, let us make this a memorable and meaningful Masonic year. I look forward to visiting each of your lodges.

Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

As we embark on a new Masonic year, I would like to leave with you a reminder that the virtues so intrinsic to our core beliefs are in fact timeless and needed more than ever in modern society. From the Grand Master HRH the Duke of Kent... "Freemasonry has had a profound effect on its members, drawing people together and celebrating the very best of humanity. The basic teachings of Freemasonry – that we should look after those less fortunate than ourselves; that we should improve ourselves as people; that we should use our life wisely and be remembered for the right reasons – are just as important today, as a pattern for a well lived and happy life, as they were to our forebears over three centuries ago."

Fraternally Yours'

R.W. Bro. Steve Toner FCF

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