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Brethren,

As this message reaches your I'm sure that most members of you respective Lodges and Districts will be arranging get-togethers of friends, family, and hosting the last Lodge meetings of the calendar year.

December 21st the shortest day of the year is just a few weeks away, and the start of longer days will soon be approaching. As those short dark days start to get brighter, and longer, we celebrate with friends and family the holiday season and eventually bring in the new year on January 1st. I encourage you to look after the older members of your Lodge who may be having a hard time getting around or attending Lodge. I also encourage you to reach out to the widows of the brethren who have passed away to the Grand Lodge above and ensure that they are well, and not forgotten. Like the brethren who passed in the last year, whom we remembered at our November memorial service, we too will eventually pass to the Grand Lodge above. Make the world a better place while you are still here for those you will leave behind. Make a difference in your community by donating what food, items, or time that you can, to a local charity, your local food bank, or your local shelter.

Show your community what Masonry really is, and practice those virtues you have sworn to uphold, brotherly love, relief and charity.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

V.W. Bro. Dan Dignard
Chairman/ Editor-In-Chief
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Chatham District	chathamasons.com
Eastern District	easternmasons.ca
Essex County District	ecdma.ca
Frontenac District	mafd.ca
Georgian North District	georgiannorthmasons.ca
Georgian South District	georgiansouth.com/wp
Grey District	greydistrictmasons.ca
Hamilton North District	hamiltonmasons.ca
Hamilton South District	hamiltonmasons.ca
Huron District	hurondist.ca
London East District	masonic.on.ca
London West Districts	masonic.on.ca
Niagara District A	niagaramasons.com
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Temiskaming District	temiskamingfreemasons.com
Toronto Don Valley District	tdvmasons.org
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Toronto West District	torontowestdistrict.com
Victoria District	victoriadistrict.com
Waterloo District	waterloofreemasons.ca
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Wilson District	wilsondistrict.ca
York District	yorkdistrict.ca



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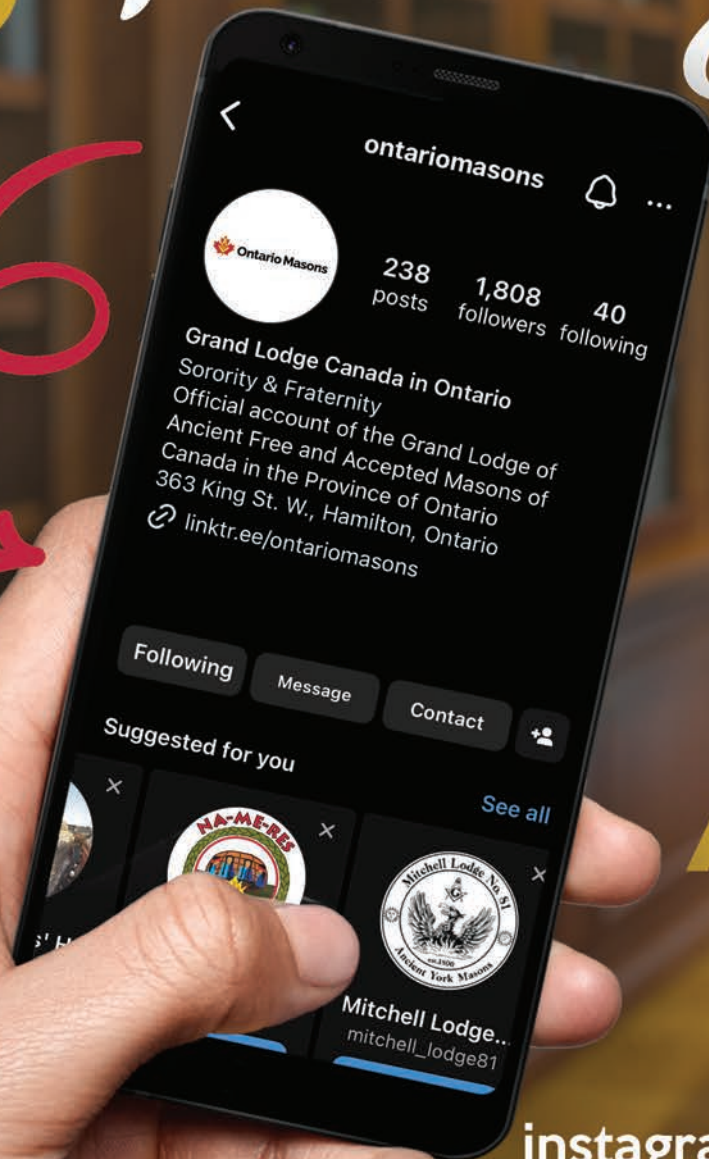


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Grand Master's Communique

Brethren,

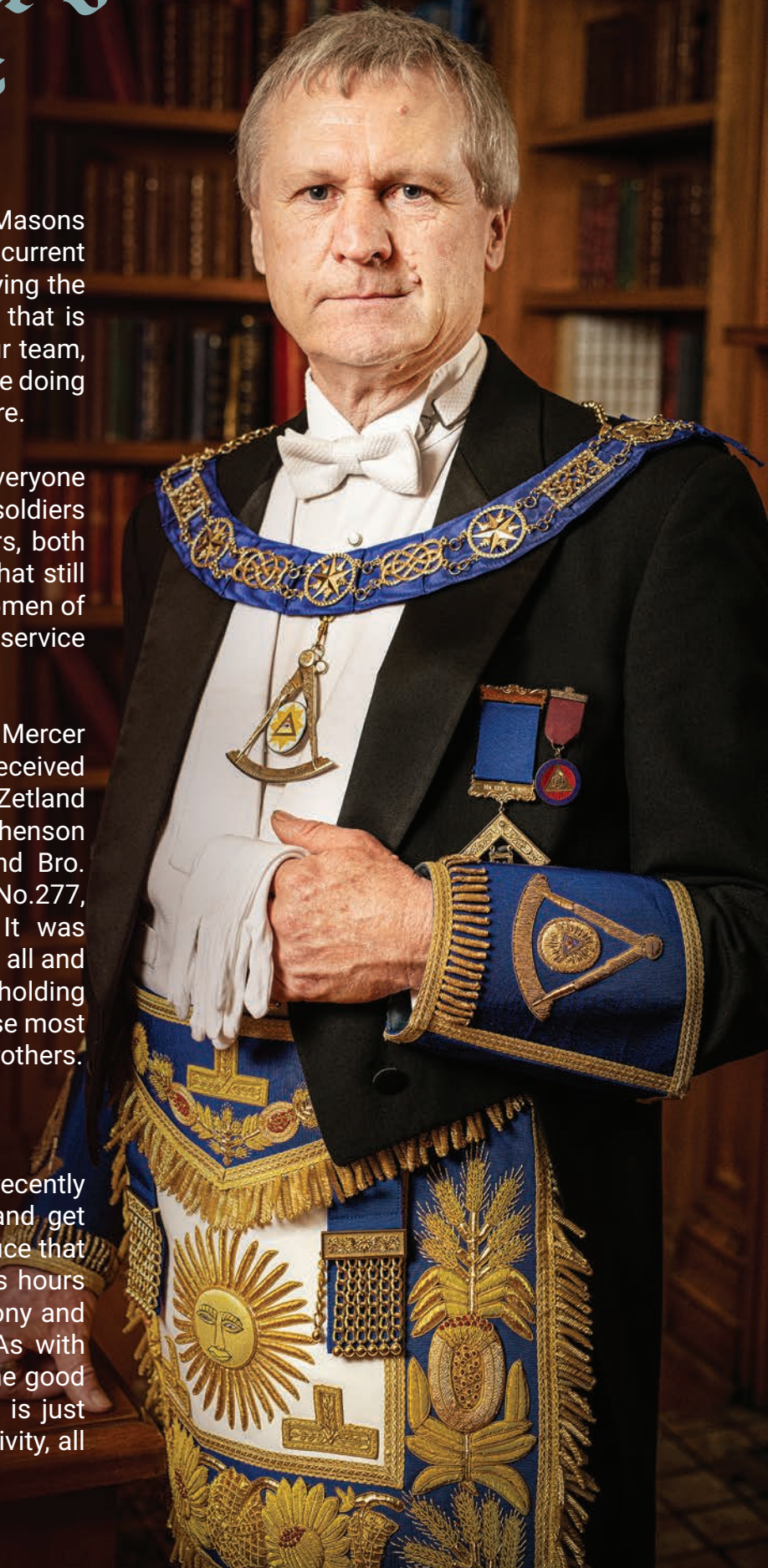
Greetings all, welcome to the Ontario Masons Magazine for December. We are well into our current Masonic year, and I hope that you are enjoying the new OMM format, design and information that is provided. To V.W. Bro. Dan Dignard and your team, well done, keep up the great work that you are doing and I can't wait to see where we go from here.

Looking back at November, I want to thank everyone for taking the time to remember our fallen soldiers and to realize that we have many members, both of our Fraternity and of our communities, that still serve our country today. To the men and women of our Armed Forces, we thank you all for your service to this great country.

I have also presided over three William Mercer Wilson Medal presentations and I have received great joy in doing so. Bro. Burt A. Rairamo of Zetland Wilson Lodge No.86, Bro. Arthur B. Stephenson of Kaministiquia United Lodge No.415 and Bro. Gregory E. Hannah of Seymour Lodge No.277, Congratulations on your WMW Medals. It was indeed an honour to be present to meet you all and your families. One of the greatest parts of holding the Office of Grand Master is to present these most prestigious awards to our most deserved Brothers.

Once again Brethren, Congratulations!!!

I want to share some inspiration that I have recently received; it is helping me to understand and get through some very tough negativity. The office that I hold as Grand Master gives me countless hours of happiness with a sense of peace, harmony and doing great things for our Grand Lodge. As with any elected or appointed office, you take the good with the bad, and I am alright with that. It is just that I wasn't prepared for the level of negativity, all crammed into an entire week.



That being said, my inspiration couldn't have come at a better time. After having attended meetings in the office all day, the Grand Secretary and I took the short drive to Cookstown ON to attend Innisfil Lodge No.737 to see what an open education night was all about. This is a small but mighty Lodge in Georgian South District that I have driven past many, many times over the years and I've always wanted to see inside. Thank you to the Officers, Members and visitors for the great experience. We were warmly welcomed into the Lodge, all the P & E was observed, and we got to the business of education. The Lodge was then opened in all three degrees where the Lodge Secretary started off with explaining various points of interest about the third degree Tracing Board. I am certainly not going to divulge any information pertaining to the Degrees in this Communique, other than to say that after the Secretary spoke, he invited the Brethren about the room to stand up and explain from their hearts, what their feelings for Masonry were, pertaining to the third degree. We then closed back down to the second degree where the same education was conducted and then back to the first degree where again, the Brethren around the room stood up and talked about what Masonry teaches us in general and what it has taught them in particular. I sat there in awe as person after person stood up to speak, openly and honestly, about their feelings on the lessons that we are instructed to learn and live by. They all spoke from the heart as we should all be doing. It was truly an amazing night indeed.

When it was my turn to speak, at the end of the meeting, my comments were based on the inspiration that I was feeling. As I was still in a state of recollecting the week of negativity, I spoke about the lessons, meanings and teachings of our lectures, tassels, tracing boards and working tools in a general sense, as we had members of all ranks among us. I stated my feelings from the heart that we need to live by our obligations, and to use the information contained within our Ritual, to not only live by, but to be an example to others.

Brethren, we ourselves are watched every day for our actions in the Lodges, in the banquet rooms and in the communities around us. Our actions, especially amongst the other members of our Jurisdiction, need positivity and inspiration to survive. Please, apply the Apron Charge to your conduct and continue to live by your Obligations. Our gentle Craft depends on the

successes of our Grand Lodge and its members. Remember that there are consequences to your actions of negativity, as well as many rewards to your positive paths forward.

I want to propose to every Lodge in this great Province that we all need to conduct an open education night, just as Innisfil Lodge did. Let's have the Brethren stand up in open Lodge and talk from their hearts how they feel about our Fraternity. Open and honest conversation is propelling our Grand Lodge forward and I would hope that every Lodge has the level of peace and harmony needed to do the same.

Let us collectively commit to a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and purpose. Be the living example of our tenets, be kind to all, and let the work you do be the reason the world sees the value of Freemasonry.

Brethren, let's keep our penny shining brightly and our Lodges vibrant with life and purpose. This is our time to inspire. Let's commit to making a positive difference every single day, whether it's through a simple act of kindness or by embodying the principles of our Craft in all we do.

Let us remember that even on the cloudiest of days, the sun is still there. We, as Masons, are the light. Let's shine brightly for our families, our friends, our lodges, and ourselves.

Have a great Holiday Season, take care of each other and we'll talk again in the new year!

Thank you, Brethren.

Safe travels and God bless you and your families.



Jamie R. Ireland

M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of A.F. & A.M. of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario

Grand Master' Visitations



Dec. 4, 2025
Copestone Lodge No.373 | Phoenix Lodge No.535
Amalgamation
Fonthill, ON

Dec. 6, 2025
St. Clair Lodge No.135 Claude M. Kent Lodge No.681
Amalgamation
Milton, ON

Dec. 9, 2025
Maple Lodge No.54, Installation
Vaughan Masonic Hall
Maple, ON

Dec, 15, 2025
Zeredatha Installation
Uxbridge, ON

Dec. 16, 2025
Century Lodge Christmas Supper
Merlin, ON

Dec. 17, 2025
Ionic Lodge No.328,
Napier, ON

Dec.25,2025
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec. 27, 2025
Mitchell Brown Breakfast
Grimsby ON

Dec. 27, 2025
Niagara Lodge No.2, Installation,
Niagara on the Lake, ON

Jan 1,2026
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan. 3, 2026
Rameses Shrine Installation

Jan. 10, 2026
DDGM Midterm Meeting
Whitby, ON

Jan. 17, 2026
DeMolay Meeting
St. Catharines, ON

Jan. 27, 2026
Board of General Purposes



Grand Chaplain's Communique

Tracy took up letter writing, when we lived in Kenora. One of my grand girls received her first ever letter. She wondered if mail was a new idea. That was a tad humbling. She was going to bring the unopened envelope to her room. Her mum said, there is something inside. And to her delight, there was a note written just to her. The treasure was on the inside.

Has me thinking about lodge. Some buildings are quite imposing, others perhaps a bit plainer, but the lodge is certainly not the building, rather the brethren assembled. On a very specific time and with a defined purpose we gather to encourage each other and learn. As I was recently reminded, everyone there is a volunteer.

We get to know each other by listening, making a point of allowing a brother to speak, to share. Maybe we have heard the story before, let's hear it again, if it matters to the brother. It is never the time to one up a brother or interrupt to simply gain attention.

When Israel gathered at Mt Sinai, after leaving Egypt they camped to learn from their amazing God. Moses asked to see the Lord and he was allowed a brief glimpse, but most of that experience was listening to the Creator. The same is true for people. We learn about someone from listening not seeing, using our ears not our eyes.

We bump into brothers on a regular basis and yet, do we know them? Are we aware of what they might be facing. We must unwrap the polite, "I'm fine". We must show our selves trust worthy to listen and our conversation just might go farther, deeper and more meaningful.

Our Brother Mitchell Brown reminds us of the importance of discussing mental health. When I was W M of Sudbury Lodge, I had W B G West speak to us of men's mental health, it was a challenge and at times tough to hear. And so very needed.

Days in December grudgingly begin to lengthen. The hint of Spring is amidst the cold winter chill. Let each of us be a listening ear. Let our daily supplications include our brethren. Let each of us reflect the light of our Creator in a very dark world.



David Spencer

Grand Chaplain
Right Worshipful Brother
David Spencer

A man with grey hair and a goatee, wearing a dark tuxedo jacket over a white shirt and bow tie. He is adorned with a blue and gold Masonic collar and a large gold star pendant. He is also wearing a blue and gold apron with a large gold star and a white glove on his left hand. He is standing in front of a wooden bookshelf filled with books. The background is dark and moody.

Deputy Grand Master's Communique

Greetings Brethren,

The concept of self-improvement is a timeless and universal pursuit. It has been pondered over and addressed by thinkers and philosophers throughout the ages and across many cultures. Confucius, the renowned Chinese philosopher, stated that *'the noble person seeks improvement within himself'*, intimating that self betterment requires a continuous effort in refining one's character and actions. In his *'Meditations'*, Roman Emperor and Stoic philosopher Marcus Aurelius urged not to waste time arguing and debating what is proper behaviour and virtue is, but to embody it: "Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Be one," a poignant reminder that action speaks louder than words. A variation of a more contemporary expression advises that *'we are all really two men; the man we are and the man we ought to be. One day those two men will meet.'* This outlines our own internal struggle between the person we are and the ideal version of ourselves that we aspire to be.

Within Freemasonry, this theme centered on regular introspection and self improvement, serves not only for the betterment of our own character, but more importantly, to improve how we conduct ourselves among our Brethren, with our families, and within the forums of our vocations. It also serves to beg the question, do our actions serve the collective good, are our motives for the betterment of the Craft, or do we act to serve our own personal interests and agenda. Current social trends focus on gathering as much personal recognition through various social media platforms but does this apparent need for validation illustrate our true capabilities.

Within our Craft, the notion of self reflection is designed to keep ourselves accountable, with a mindset to benefit our Brethren to the best of our ability, to examine our actions, and to question, does my direction establish harmonious and productive environment as we collectively move our endeavours forward.

Brethren, as the Holiday Season has quickly come upon us once again, I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you, your families, and friends, health, happiness and the very best of the Holiday Season. Let us all take the time to share in the spirit of the season in peace, harmony and goodwill for one another.

With my best fraternal regards,



Art Di Cecco

Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of
Ontario, Right Worshipful Brother
Art Di Cecco



Halloween Bowling Night

Hosted by St. James-Tecumseh Lodge No.73
Huron District



The Brethren of St. James-Tecumseh Lodge No.73 were all decked out in costumes for their first ever Halloween themed bowling event held at St. Mary's Bowling Lanes.

The usage of the lanes was given free of cost by Brother Jesse Brockman. The funds raised at the event were donated to the St. Mary's Salvation Army Food Bank.

Fun had by all that attended.



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Grand Secretary's Communique

Brethren,

Few items for your information.

Lodge Dues

Lodge dues are payable in advance of the due date.

Members in many lodges are required to pay their lodge dues before January 1st of each year. For these members, if you have not already paid your 2025 dues you are automatically suspended on January 1, 2026.

Lodges that actively contact members in arrears before they are automatically suspended often have a great retention rate.

Members are required to comply with the by-laws of the lodge and the Constitution.

Please pay your lodge dues in advance as required by the Constitution.

A brother who neglects to pay his dues for twelve months is automatically suspended.

Any suspension causes a suspension in all lodges and all concordant bodies.

Online Store

Grand Lodge now has the required merchant account. The Grand Lodge Office is pleased to announce that we can accept in-person debit and credit card payments. The on-line store will be going live very soon for lodges to make on-line purchases. In addition to certain Officers being able to charge to the lodge, the merchant account facilitates debit and credit card payment options.

Semi-Annual Invoices

By the time you read this, certain Officers will be able to view their draft Semi-Annual Invoices by clicking on the \$ sign in Grand View. Lodges are encouraged to review the draft invoice to see if the lodge needs to make any adjustments before the draft invoice is finalized and locked down at the end of the period (e.g., December 31,



2025). The July 1st to December 31st; 2025 Semi-Annual Invoices are due no later than January 8, 2026. Grand Lodge is pleased to announce that eTransfers are now set for auto-deposit. In addition to the usual details, the new invoice will list the Officers currently recorded in Grand View. The lodge should be able to correct any Officer discrepancies by processing an annual election or a special election in Grand View. Please contact the Grand Lodge Office if you need assistance or guidance.

Grand View – Secretary Training

Grand Lodge is in the process of setting up two additional Secretary Training sessions for the Grand View system, likely in January 2026. Dates and other details will be shared with the lodges when available.

Amalgamation – December 4, 2025

Thursday December 4, 2025 – Copestone Lodge No. 373 and Phoenix Lodge No. 535

Ceremony at 7:15 p.m. SHARP
Phoenix Temple building,
1394 Haist St., Fonthill, ON L0S 1E5

Amalgamation – December 6, 2025

Saturday December 6, 2025 – St. Clair Lodge No. 135 and Claude M. Kent Lodge No. 681

Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. SHARP
St. Clair Masonic Hall building,
6321 Regional Rd. 25, Milton, ON L9T 2X5

Dress is Business Suit. Grand Lodge Officers:
Morning Suit or Black Tie Tuxedo

Quebec and Ontario – Grand Masters' Gala - Saturday February 7, 2026

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland and
M.W. Bro. George Contaxakis, Grand Master, Grand
Lodge of Quebec are pleased to invite all Masons
and their Ladies to the Grand Masters' Gala on
Saturday February 7, 2026.

We are pleased to announce that we are holding
the same price as last year, and proceeds will be
donated to the Charities of the Grand Masters.

DEV Hotel and Conference Centre, 1950 Montreal
Road, Cornwall, Ontario

**Social: 5:30 p.m. – Buffet Dinner: 7:00 p.m. –
\$130.00 per person**

Dress – Men: Formal Attire – Ladies: Cocktail Dress

Event Reservations and Tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-gala-tickets-1636937467029>

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Michigan and Ontario – United in Masonry

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland and
M.W. Bro. William J. Sauget, Grand Master, Grand
Lodge of Michigan welcomed all Masons to Unite
in Masonry on Saturday November 8, 2025 at the

Scottish Rite Masonic Centre in Hamilton. The
event was a huge success as we furthered the
great friendship we share with our neighbours.
While the Masons enjoyed the Ontario 1st Degree
and Michigan 2nd Degree, the Ladies enjoyed a
private tour and afternoon at the Art Gallery of
Hamilton. The Building Tours, Lunch and Dinner
were excellent and well attended. Special thank
you to the volunteer tour guides. Michigan is
already working on plans for hosting next year.

Grand Lodge Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., except holidays

Holiday Shutdown December 20, 2025 through January 4, 2026 inclusive

The Grand Lodge Office has a letter mail slot for
drop offs.

Happy Holidays!

The Grand Lodge Office wishes you and your
family all the very best for a safe, enjoyable and
happy holiday season and a prosperous and
healthy new year!

Thank you Brethren.



Louis M. Domjan

Grand Secretary
Right Worshipful Brother
Louis M. Domjan

M.W. BRO. JAMIE R. IRELAND, GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AND
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A REFLECTION: AFTER 37 YEARS IN THE CRAFT

BY R.W. BRO. TONY FERNANDO, PDDGM
(THVD, 2014-2015)

FOR OFFICERS, BRETHREN, NEW INITIATES, AND GRAND LODGE BRETHREN

As I mark 37 years in Freemasonry, I do so with deep gratitude—and a sense of responsibility. This journey has given me more than I ever expected: wisdom, friendship, and a moral compass that has guided me through life's trials and triumphs.

Freemasonry itself is not the issue. It remains a beacon of light. But within our lodges, we face challenges that threaten the harmony we cherish. These are not failures of the Craft—they are human challenges that demand honest reflection and collective action.

To Our Officers

Leadership is not about titles—it's about service. Poor leadership, condescension, and lack of follow-through erode trust. I urge you to lead with humility, listen with empathy, and act with integrity. Your example sets the tone for the entire lodge.

To Our Brethren & New Initiates

Welcome to a journey unlike any other. You've joined a fraternity built on timeless values—but it's up to you to live them. Ask questions. Seek mentorship. And remember, being a Mason is not just about attending meetings—it's about becoming a better man.

To Our Grand Lodge Brethren

Across lodges, we share common struggles: miscommunication, fractured collaboration, and unfinished projects. Let us unite—not just in ritual, but in purpose. Let's build bridges between lodges, share best practices, and support one another in living the Craft fully.

A Call to Action

Let's recommit to the principles that brought us here. Let's speak with kindness. Let's work together. Let's finish what we started. Let's be the Masons our forebears hoped we'd become.

Freemasonry is not broken. But it needs us—every one of us—to uphold its light.

CREED OF LEADERSHIP IN A LODGE

I honour the dignity of every Brother, knowing that respect is the foundation of harmony.

I am guilty of causing disharmony when I bully, belittle, discriminate or disregard a Brother.

I lead not by force, but by example, patience, and understanding.

I am guilty of weakening our bond when I place pride and title above humility.

I seek wisdom in counsel, knowing that leadership is shared, not seized.

I am guilty of failing my duty when I ignore the voice of the quiet Brother.

I uphold truth and integrity, for dishonesty erodes the trust upon which our Craft is built.

I am guilty of betraying my oath when I act in secrecy for selfish gain.

I nurture fellowship, for unity is the strength of our Lodge.

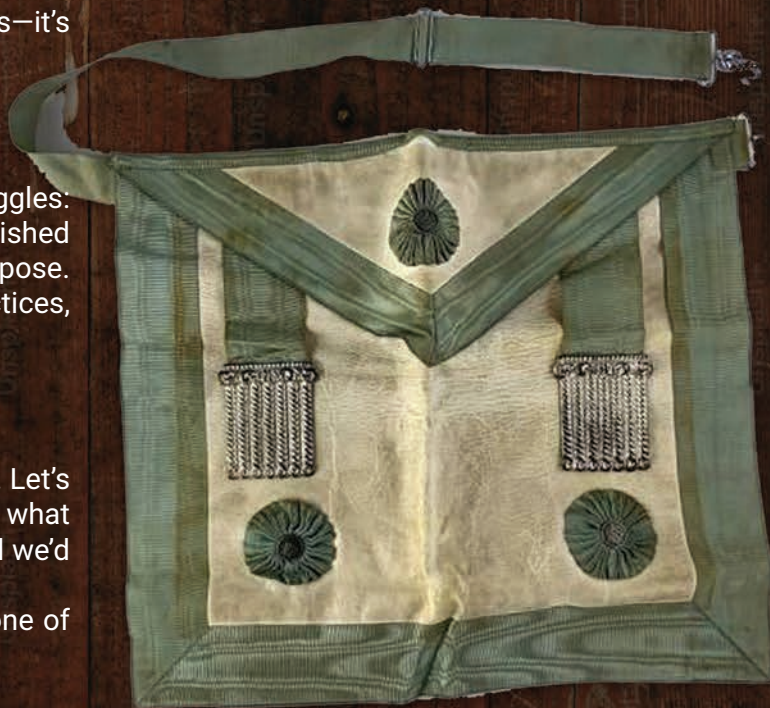
I am guilty of sowing division when I gossip or spread discord.

I embrace service, for leadership is not a privilege but responsibility.

I am guilty of neglecting my charge when I seek power without purpose.

Closing Affirmation

As a leader in Freemasonry, I pledge to walk uprightly, speak kindly, and act justly. I will guard against arrogance, cruelty, and discord, knowing that my example shapes the harmony of the Lodge. In humility and brotherly love, I lead to build, not to break.



Journey of Remembrance

Night Service, Remembrance
Lodge A.F. & A.m. No. 586 GRC

By Bro. Bernard Pimentel

On November 14, 2025, Remembrance Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 586, Toronto Don Valley District, led by their Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Doddie Manalo, convened its annual Journey of Remembrance Night Service, a solemn observance dedicated to honouring our departed Brethren whose influence and examples continue to illuminate our path. This event is held in conjunction with Canada's Remembrance Day, observed each year on the eleventh month of the year at the eleventh day in the eleventh hour (November 11, 11am) to pay tribute to the valiant members of the Armed Forces who made the supreme sacrifice in service to the nation.

The lodge was graced by the presence of nearly one hundred attendees, including visiting brethren, Masonic Dignitaries, a Past Grand Master, former and current Grand Lodge Officers, past and incumbent Worshipful Masters, veterans and active-duty personnel, as well as families and friends. Their participation reflected the unity, reverence, and fraternal spirit that define our craft.

The evening's program featured a moving rendition of A Tribute to Canada delivered by Bro. James Estrella, followed by an inspiring address from the Guest of Honour and Speaker, RW Bro. Sam Roberts, PDDGM of Ottawa District 1. Their contributions added depth and significance to the commemorative service.

After the formal ceremony and celebration, brethren and guests gathered in fellowship to share a delightful dinner showcasing a variety of Filipino dishes and delicacies, further strengthening the bonds of brotherhood and community.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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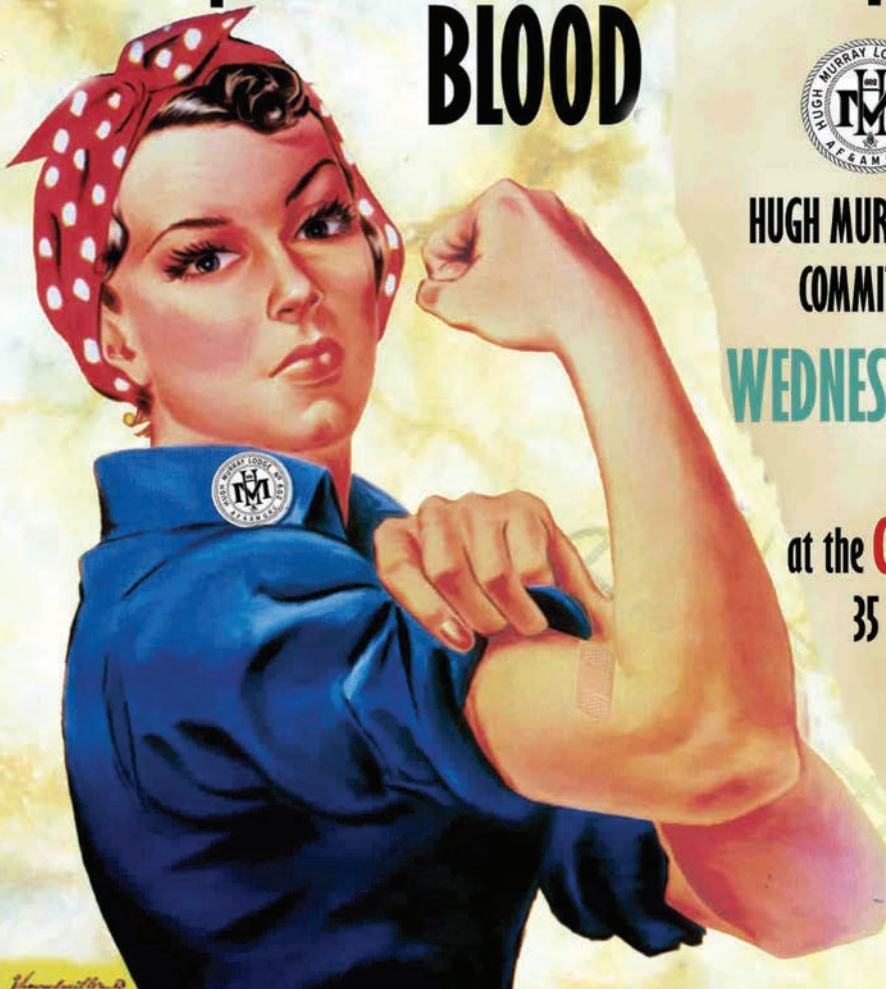
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In keeping with our Grand Lodge's emphasis on **Ritual Excellence, Regular Education and an Engaging Mentorship (REM)**, our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master have asked the following three Committees to make themselves available for presentations around our grand jurisdiction.

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*"Most medieval scholars, who believed that God created the
universe according to geometric and harmonic principles,
science- particularly geometry."*

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FROM THE LIBRARY: THE OLDEST BOOK

**V.W. BRO. H. EVAN WOODHEAD FCF,
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The Oldest Book in our Grand Lodge Library (to the best of my knowledge) is an original Book of Constitution published in London by Benjamin Cole. The title page indicates 1728, although its actual release took place the following year.

Those of you familiar with the early history of Freemasonry will know that this publication date was only 11 years after the famous meeting in the Goose and Gridiron alehouse, at which 4 London lodges formed the premier Grand Lodge. Perhaps more significantly, it was just 5 years after James Anderson published his Constitutions of the Free-Masons. Anderson's Constitutions are sometimes treated as the first official Grand Lodge Constitution, but this is not quite accurate. Although the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster approved the book for release, it was actually published privately



by Dr. James Anderson. Benjamin Cole's version may have been released to exploit (for profit) the absence of an official version. Whatever the reason, the publication of this little book gives us a window onto the past and preserves a bit of Masonic history for us to experience.

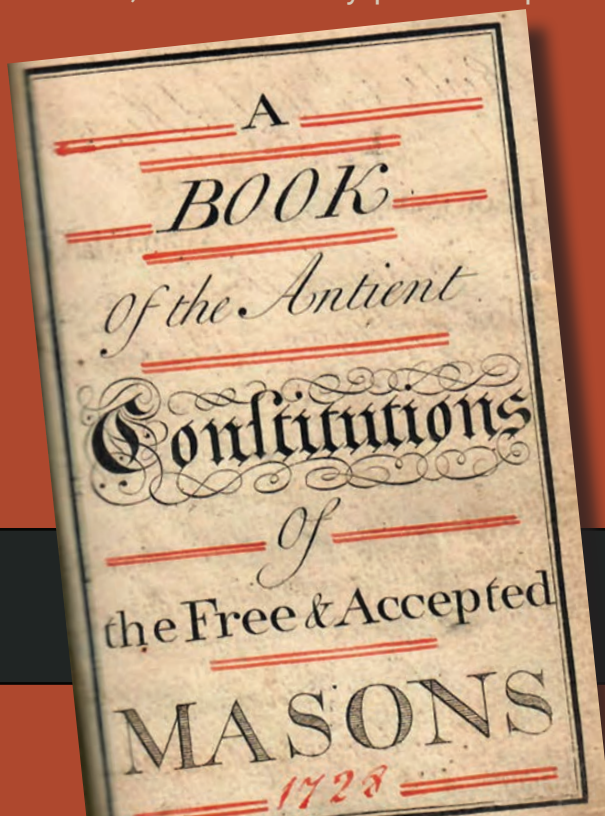
This is the oldest, but we also have other historically important Constitutions in the Grand Lodge Library, and we are currently working to have them scanned and posted so that you can see the details for yourself.

If you want to read more about this fascinating book, there is an excellent paper called Benjamin Cole's 1728 Constitutions: a footnote to Masonic history by our own V.W. Bro. Ian Donald, Past Grand Librarian, and V.W. Bro. Marshall Kern, Past Grand Historian (with additional material by Dr Ric Berman). It is posted online at www.1723constitutions.com.

This website is a project of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 G.R.E., developed to celebrate the tercentenary of Anderson's seminal publication. In addition, this version of the Constitution is reviewed and reproduced in facsimile in The Old Gothic Constitutions by R. W. Bro. Wallace McLeod (published by The Masonic Book Club in 1985)

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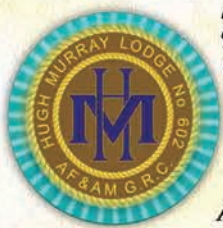


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FUTURE LEADERS IN THE MAKING

Horace Mundy Chapter Order of DeMolay

by DeMolay Dad, Bro. Michael Rebutan,
of the General Mercer Lodge No. 548.

Banners were raised, vows renewed, and voices found their strength. September and October were not just ordinary months for the Horace Mundy Chapter—they were a powerful reminder of what it truly means to be a DeMolay. Through the formality of installations, the casual laughter of fellowship, and the quiet strength of prayer, our young men lived out the timeless pillars that shape leaders of character.

From the gavel's first strike, members stood and spoke—not just to recite lines, but to be heard. With every welcome, every charge, every closing, they exercised courage in public speaking and found confidence in their voices. Leadership doesn't wait—it is built word by word, in front of your peers, with trembling hands and brave hearts.

But beyond the rituals and robes lies something deeper: camaraderie. Moments before and after meetings, laughter filled the lodge. Brothers reconnected, shared stories, checked in on one another—not out of obligation, but out of genuine bond. This is where friendships are forged: not just in ceremony, but in snacks, side conversations, and shared silence.

And above all, as the room quieted and heads bowed, each meeting began with a sacred pause. A prayer. A reflection. A reminder that above rank, robe, or role—there is always reverence. We serve not just ourselves, but something higher.

Travellers in Robes

During the September installation, Master Councilor, Angelo Balsomo, stood tall—not just in posture, but in presence. Leading his fellow officers, he delivered his speech with clarity, courage, and conviction. For many, it was their first time speaking in front of an audience of Masons, family, and peers. But that's what DeMolay is about: turning moments

of nervousness into milestones of growth. With each word spoken, each glance held, these young men weren't just performing—they were practicing confidence, sharpening public speaking, and stepping into the leaders they are destined to become. Francis Bernardo:

Clutching the mic with one hand and his notes in the other, Francis Bernardo stepped into the spotlight—not to impress, but to express. With composure and courage, he delivered his speech during the installation banquet, embodying the very essence of DeMolay's mission: building leadership through experience. Every pause, every breath, and every sentence spoken was a step forward in self-confidence. For Francis and his brothers, this wasn't just a speaking exercise—it was a defining moment in learning how to lead, not just in words, but with presence.

Raimel Macandog: Quiet Voice, Bold Courage
(Picture 03)

With a firm grip on the mic and eyes on his message, Raimel Macandog stood with purpose as he delivered his speech to a room filled with Masons, mentors, and peers. Though soft-spoken by nature, Raimel's words carried weight—echoing confidence earned through preparation, encouragement, and brotherly support. In that moment, he wasn't just speaking—he was standing tall in his own journey toward leadership. This is DeMolay in action: giving young men the stage to discover their voice and the courage to use it.

Ethan Sarambalos: Calm Presence, Commanding Growth

With a full room of Masonic leaders before him, Ethan Sarambalos approached the podium with steady steps and a calm heart. Delivering his

speech wasn't just about words—it was about presence. He stood alone, but represented many:



his brothers, his mentors, and his own commitment to growth. In that moment, Ethan embodied what DeMolay is designed to cultivate—a quiet courage that becomes louder with every opportunity to lead. Before an audience of attentive eyes and expectant ears, he didn't just speak—he connected.

Aaron Pascua: Youthful Honor in a Room of Giants
At the October 16th installation of Acacia Lodge, Aaron Pascua stood before a room of suited Masons and spoke with reverence, clarity, and composure. In a space steeped with tradition and dignity, his presence brought youthful promise to timeless values. Standing at the podium flanked by



his brothers, Aaron honored not just the audience—but the moment. His words reminded everyone that DeMolay doesn't just teach leadership—it cultivates poise, purpose, and the quiet strength to speak when it matters most.

At the prestigious installation ceremony of Acacia Lodge No. 561, Nathaniel Riversa took the floor

as the sixth young man to deliver a heartfelt message. Surrounded by seated brethren in solemn black suits and white aprons, Nathaniel addressed the audience with confidence and composure. His message embodied respect, humility, and the DeMolay spirit. As the room of seasoned Masons listened intently, his words echoed the promise of the next generation—honouring the past, while courageously stepping into the future.



The final DeMolay brother to speak during the Acacia Lodge No. 561 Installation on October 16th was Andrei Rebutan. His calm voice carried the collective respect and gratitude of all seven young men. Speaking on behalf of his fellow brethren, he expressed their deep appreciation for the warm welcome, mentorship, and inspiration provided by the Freemasons present. His words, both humble and resolute, marked a fitting conclusion—symbolizing a torch being passed, not extinguished. Andrei's presence at the podium embodied the future: respectful, articulate, and ready to rise.

Workers of the Order

A Moment Before the Work Begins (Picture 08)
Before any gavel strikes and before any officer rises, a sacred silence settles over the room. Heads bowed. Hearts lifted. In this powerful moment, the members of the Horace Mundy Chapter kneel—not as performers of ritual, but as young men acknowledging a higher power. This is more than tradition—it is the living expression of one of DeMolay's core tenets: Reverence for Sacred Things. Amidst candles, robes, and symbols, the chapter unites in prayer, grounding their service and leadership in faith and humility.

After the speeches, rituals, and formalities, something even more meaningful takes place—the laughter, the teasing, the photos that capture real smiles. These snapshots of the Horace Mundy Chapter boys reflect what DeMolay truly nurtures: not just leadership, but lasting brotherhood. Whether suited up or in streetwear, arm over shoulder or hands in pockets, these young men are more than fellow members—they're family. In moments like these, friendship goes beyond formality and becomes a lifelong bond built on shared experiences, goofy moments, and the comfort of simply being yourself around your brothers.

Brotherhood Over Spaghetti and Stories



Under the humble ceiling of a banquet hall, laughter echoed louder than ceremony. These photos capture the unfiltered joy of DeMolay life—long tables, red soda cans, spaghetti piled high, and brothers sharing more than just food. Here, formality fades and friendship flourishes. It's in these unscripted dinners—where jokes fly, eyes roll, and plates empty—that true bonds are built. Because beyond the robes and rituals, DeMolay is about belonging. And nothing builds belonging quite like a shared meal, a teasing smile, and a seat at the table.

Lighting the Path Forward

In a world growing louder with distraction and disconnection, the young men of DeMolay choose a higher path—one built on honour, courage, and brotherhood. What we witnessed in September and October were not just an event, but a vision: young men rising with purpose, poised to lead, to serve, and to inspire.

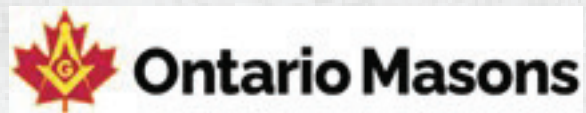
To every Mason Dad, know this—your legacy

breathes in the voice of your DeMolay son. The torch you once carried now burns brighter in their hands, as they walk boldly toward a future shaped by your example.

And to those young men still searching for their place: look closer. There's a chair waiting, a brotherhood ready, and a journey unlike any other. Here, you will find more than friendship—you will find fire, purpose, and a reason to rise.

Because in DeMolay, boys don't just grow up—they become men of honour.





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The Benefits of Mentoring

By
W. Bro. Eyal Edelman, F.C.F.
Member of Grand Lodge
Mentoring Committee

"The Lodge has always been a place of learning. The Ancient Charges make this clear: 'A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their ancient science.'"

-M.W. Bro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, Past Grand Master GLCPO,

Mentoring candidates, when done the right way, requires considerable time and effort. Lodges with limited resources may wonder, "Is it worth it?" The short answer is YES! The track records of Lodges that engaged in mentoring have proven their many benefits, both to the new masons and to the Lodge.

Benefits of mentoring for the new members

- Mentors help new Masons feel welcome in their Lodge
- Mentors help new Masons integrate socially into their Lodge.
- Mentors help new Masons get answers to their questions and help them get their bearings in the new world of Masonry they just entered.
- Mentors help new Masons understand what Masonry is all about, which leads to personal growth.
- Understanding the meaning of the ritual helps with memorizing it.

Benefits of mentoring for the Lodge

- More engaged and interested new members, which helps with retention.
- More new members completing all three degrees
 - New members feel part of the Lodge, and are more willing to take part in providing a helping hand (assist with social activities, ritual work, become officers, etc.)
- Better harmony and social cohesion between new members and the Lodge, resulting in a better fraternal atmosphere.
- Seeing how happy and engaged your new members are, will promote recommendations to join your Lodge, helping it to grow its numbers.
- Understanding the meaning of the ritual results in better ritual delivery (not just reciting, but actually delivering the ritual meaning)

Grand Lodge has identified Ritual, Education and Mentoring (REM) as the strategic activities to help revitalize and strengthen Freemasonry in Ontario. Mentoring has been recognized for many years as a vital tool in educating and engaging our newest members. Well-educated and engaged members are more likely to be active in their Lodge, attain the rank of Master Mason, and retain their membership.

To assist with mentoring, Grand Lodge has published a set of 6 mentoring booklets, available to order from the Grand Lodge office.

The mentoring committee is also available to assist in promoting mentoring in our jurisdiction.

Please contact G.L. Mentoring Committee chairman, R.W. Bro. Charles Singh through email gc64.singh@gmail.com for more details.



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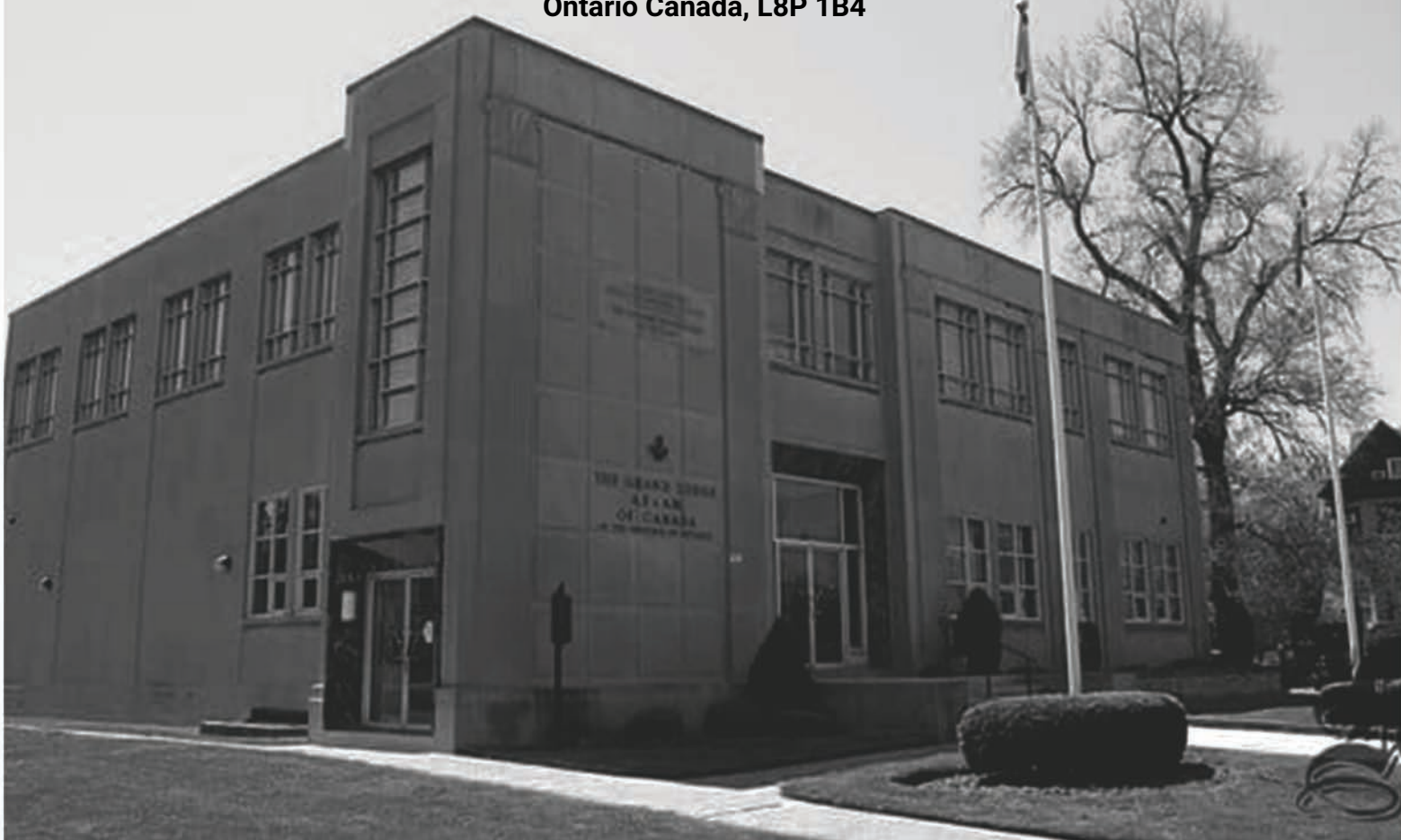
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