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Brethren,

Spring is just around the corner.... I promise.

And with Spring we continue with plans for Lodge events like picnics and golf tournaments.

We also discuss and make plans for attending Grand Lodge in July. We also continue with the day-to-day operation of the Lodge as we strive to maintain its health.

This Masonic year our Lodge has taken a very proactive approach to maintaining our Corner Stone Program designation and encouraged all incoming senior officers to prepare budgets and be involved in yearly audits of our expenses.

We also reviewed our Lodge Bylaws to ensure that they were up to date and conformed to changes made to the Grand Lodge Constitution. Happily, the review is done and now we can present the updated bylaws to the Lodge and approve them before sending them off to Grand Lodge for final approval.

Our Finance Committee and our Long Rang Planning Committees have been busy as well and our Lodge plans for the next several years are complete, with opportunity for feedback from the brethren at every stage of the planning have taken place. As we meet our planned goals moving forward, we will again ask for feedback from the brethren to ensure that we are keeping on track.

So, as we move into Spring and start to prepare for Spring and Summer events, I encourage every Lodge to take care of those day-to-day tasks, to ensure the smooth and continued operation of the Lodge.



Sincerely and Fraternally,

Dan Dignard

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Grand Master's Communique

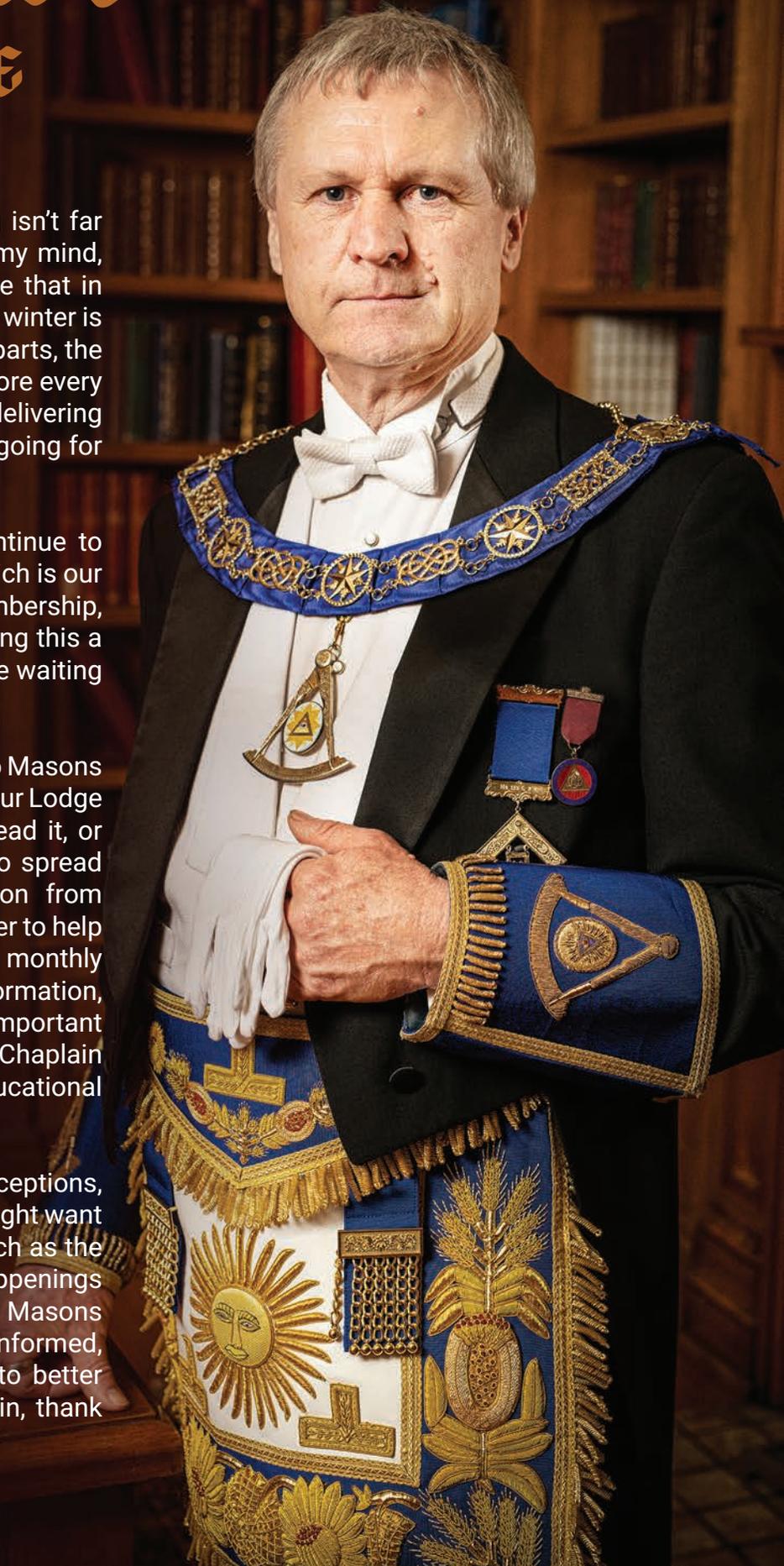
Brethren,

March is here, so that means that spring isn't far away. I live on optimism it seems, so in my mind, warm weather is only days away. I realize that in the northern parts of this vast Jurisdiction, winter is still very evident, but here in the southern parts, the birds of spring and summer are arriving more every day. On the farm, we've begun the task of delivering corn to the ethanol plant, which will be ongoing for the next few months.

V.W. Bro. Dan Dignard and his team continue to publish the Ontario Masons Magazine, which is our vehicle for bringing information to the membership, and I thank him for his dedication to making this a quality newsletter and also for his patience waiting for my communique message.

Brethren, please make sure that the Ontario Masons Magazine is being opened and read. Ask your Lodge members if they have had a chance to read it, or even if they've received it. Let's all help to spread the word about this valuable information from Grand Lodge, after all, it is published in order to help you. The Deputy Grand Master writes a monthly message to bring you Committee information, the Grand Secretary writes to bring you important information from the office, and the Grand Chaplain also contributes monthly with his educational thoughts.

Also included is information on Receptions, banquets and Days of Masonry that you might want to attend. There are posters for events such as the upcoming Sankey Lecture, Youth Group happenings and some District functions. The Ontario Masons Magazine is for Masons to be better informed, spread the word and help Grand Lodge to better communicate with our membership. Again, thank you Dan for all that you do!!



We are coming up to election time again for District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers. I want to thank all that will be putting their names forward for a higher office, your commitment and dedication to Freemasonry is what moves us forward in a positive direction. As in the past, I've stated before that this Jurisdiction needs Officers that are workers, we need members that have been involved and have been visitors to every Lodge in their respective Districts. We need qualified members with strong leadership qualities, and we need Board members that want to do their best with committee work, brothers that want to attend meetings, and move Freemasonry forward. We do not need more pretenders that are elected in name only. This scenario of pretenders doesn't work very well, in fact, it not only takes away the spot of someone that wants to work, but it also takes away from the team approach that we all strive to employ. I beg of the voters of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, do your homework, attend the many "Meet the Candidate" meetings, and investigate previous work ethics of the names for election. Don't elect just the talkers and nay sayers, dig deeper, for the good of Masonry.

Do your best, to be the best, to elect the best. There are many qualified Brethren running for offices, both for DDGM's and for Grand Lodge, and we need them. Please help to elect only the best.

As there are many "Day of Masonry" presentations coming up in the next few months, I hope to be doing a town hall style meeting as part of the agenda.

This is your chance to ask me anything about our Grand Lodge. I take open and honest conversation very seriously, and I want you too as well. If you have a question, comment or concern about something in this Jurisdiction, please bring it to the "Day of Masonry" and feel free to communicate it to me. I believe that it is the only way to discuss our problems, turn them into opportunities, and ultimately have successful outcomes. Success is a "team" approach, it's the way that I have steered this Grand Lodge during my term as Grand Master, and it has yielded many changes and successes.

Again, bring your questions, comments, and concerns to the many "Day of Masonry" presentations and we'll deal with it together.

I want to bring a little bit of my last communique forward into this one because I feel it is that important. This education from The Tuscan Lodge No.195 hits so close to home for all of us, that it is worth a second submission and here it is.

"What would your Lodge look like if every brother was exactly like you?"

Would the lodge be well attended?

Would education be prioritized?

Would new brothers feel welcomed and supported?

Would harmony, effort, and charity be strengthened – or weakened?

For many of us, this question sparks honest self-reflection. It invites us to consider where we are doing well, where we could improve, and which brothers we quietly admire and aspire to emulate. Freemasonry reminds us that the work is never finished. **Each meeting, each conversation, each act of service is another opportunity to contribute to the kind of lodge we hope to see – not by expectation of others, but by improving ourselves.**

Brethren, what kind of lodge are you helping to build?

It's education like this, for example, that we all should be moralizing on, it should be a sting to the conscience to make us want to do better.

That simple question should convince us all to put petty piques and quarrels aside, it should help us to find our path forward, and it should make us aware that we can all be better Ontario Masons. There are so many choices for Masonic Education, with just as many ways to deliver it, every Lodge can bring forth monthly education that makes us realize who we are inside.

Remember Brethren, R.E.M. is bringing happiness, longevity, and warmth back to our meetings.

I would love for this to be read out in every Lodge, or maybe you can build a Masonic educational talk around it. Just this one educational topic alone could help to lay the groundwork for peace, harmony, and brotherly love in every Lodge in Ontario. Let us be proud, Ontario Masons that want to do better, for our Lodge, our communities and for ourselves. Thank you again R.W. Bro. Allan Spicer for this wonderful and meaningful education.

As always Brethren, let us embrace the opportunities before us with enthusiasm and dedication.

Let us nurture the vibrancy of our Lodges, spread a blanket of positivity wherever we travel, and work together as a team to build a bright future for Freemasonry in Ontario and beyond. Remember, even on a cloudy day, the sun is still shining somewhere.

Let us be that shining light for our families, our Lodges, and ourselves. Carry and rub your shiny penny, and hopefully you are as proud to be an Ontario Mason as I am.

Thank you, Brethren.

May you have 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's Visitations

March 7, 2026

**Sarnia District Ladies Night,
Sarnia ON**

March 12, 2026

**Aldsworth Lodge No.235, 60 yr pin
Port Elgin ON**

March 14, 2026

**Day of Masonry
Barrie ON**

March 18, 2026

**Ionic Lodge No.328
Napier ON**

March 21, 2026

**Prince Arthur Lodge No.333
150th Anniversary
Flesherton ON**

March 22, 2026

**Sankey Lecture, Brock University
St. Catherines ON**

March 28, 2026

**Day of Masonry
Peterborough & Victoria Districts**

March 28, 2026

**Grand Master's Reception
Frontenac District**

March 31, 2026

**Board of General Purposes
Milton ON**

April 1, 2026

Management meeting

April 10 - 12, 2026

**All Canada Conference
Winnipeg ON**

April 17, 2026

**Grand Master's Reception
London Districts**

April 18, 2026

**Grand Master's Reception
Hamilton Districts**

April 19 - 27, 2026

**Northern Tour
Algoma & Western Districts**

A man with a goatee, wearing a dark tuxedo jacket, a white dress shirt with a white bow tie, and a blue Masonic collar with gold embroidery. He is also wearing a blue and gold apron with intricate embroidery. He stands in a library with bookshelves filled with books in the background. The title 'Deputy Grand Master's Communique' is written in a large, ornate, gold-colored font in the upper right corner.

Deputy Grand Master's Communique

Greetings Brethren,

For several years now our Grand Lodge has been focused on the refinement and effective implementation of our Strategic Plan. Its original purpose was to determine not only a mission statement for the Craft within our Jurisdiction, but more importantly, to establish a strategic and organizational framework. This structure has proved effective over time in establishing a solid operational structure, as well as the ability to determine key targets, and in defining the long-term goals of our Pillars and their associated Committees.

The development and implementation of a strategic plan is essential for the foundation and guidance of any organization. By definition, a strategic plan is a comprehensive roadmap that outlines an organization's key priorities, its long-term goals, and the specific actions needed to achieve them. For the success of any organization, whether corporate or nonprofit, the development and usage of an effective strategic plan provide clear direction and aligns teams or committees toward a common goal. In addition, it assists in identifying and prioritizing essential resources and is designed to ensure accountability by defining criteria for success, and more importantly, it should establish a culture of accountability within the organization, making it clear what outcomes are expected and how they will be measured. In contemporary terms, a well-structured strategic plan further enables organizations to adapt and respond effectively to ongoing social, corporate, and market developments. This adaptability ensures that organizations remain resilient and capable of meeting new challenges as they arise.

The most successful organizations constantly search for ways to improve and evolve. During the timeline of our current plan, our Strategic Planning Committee introduced further tools such as key performance indicators (KPIs) to assist our Pillars and their Committees in monitoring their successes in real time and identifying areas requiring improvement and attention. As the timeline of our most current

strategic plan comes to maturity, our management team has placed particular attention on regular review, with a focus on the contemporary validity of our own Strategic Plan.

Our Strategic Planning Committee, under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Graeme McDonald has been mandated the task of establishing a new Strategic Plan as our current one comes to maturity at the end of this Masonic year. After extensive review, the Committee has presented their preliminary outline with a contemporary roadmap to be ready for implementation in July.

The focus is to replace the strategic planning cycle with a fluid, living document that is constantly evolving through regular and consistent review. This approach will simultaneously provide stability and flexibility, while encouraging the regularity of updates, attention on leadership vision and change management, committee alignment and accountability, as well as technological and organizational improvements. The plan will also focus on performance management, measurement of success, and reporting through a dashboard reporting platform within our Grandview system, where feedback and scoring of our Grand Lodge programs and their effectiveness can be measured in real time.

In closing Brethren, in today's terms all that we do today is live, fluid and in continuous motion. Our plans and programs must therefore continue to reflect and evolve with the demands and expectations we regularly face with our current social and corporate landscapes.

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



Grand Chaplain's Communique

Seasons follow seasons, because our Creator promised that to Noah. Part of the promise to never flood the world again would be the order of the seasons. We see the order and symmetry of creation. The rainbow is the sign of that covenant, reminding our Creator of His promise.

Increased daylight is always welcome. A few minutes each day as we move toward Spring. More predictable travels. Yet last April was the month I used our snow blower most often. Challenging weather still occurs despite the calendar.

His mercies are new every morning. No such thing as day old blessings. His goodness not part of some leftovers. Each and every sunrise brings His mercies into our lives. That word 'mercies' is plural. Showing an abundance.

Allow me to contrast the certainty of Divine promises and the uncertainty of life, as illustrated by the mosaic pavement. We awake each morning with His mercies awaiting us. We also awake to a day with many possible outcomes.

As He is faithful, so ought we to be. A crucial character reference for a Mason is that he is true and trusty. When we keep our promises, we are simply living the life He would want for us. Our word, a handshake, or perhaps trading a sandal, is the outer sign of an inner commitment to be transparent and trustworthy. A light of men taking responsibility shining in a dark world.

There are past events that certainly affect us. Promises made willingly, which we strive to keep. Loved ones we miss. Opportunities given to us and taken remind us to be thankful. Also, opportunities missed and lessons to be learned. Not relived, but lessons applied. For favours already received, we are to be truly thankful.

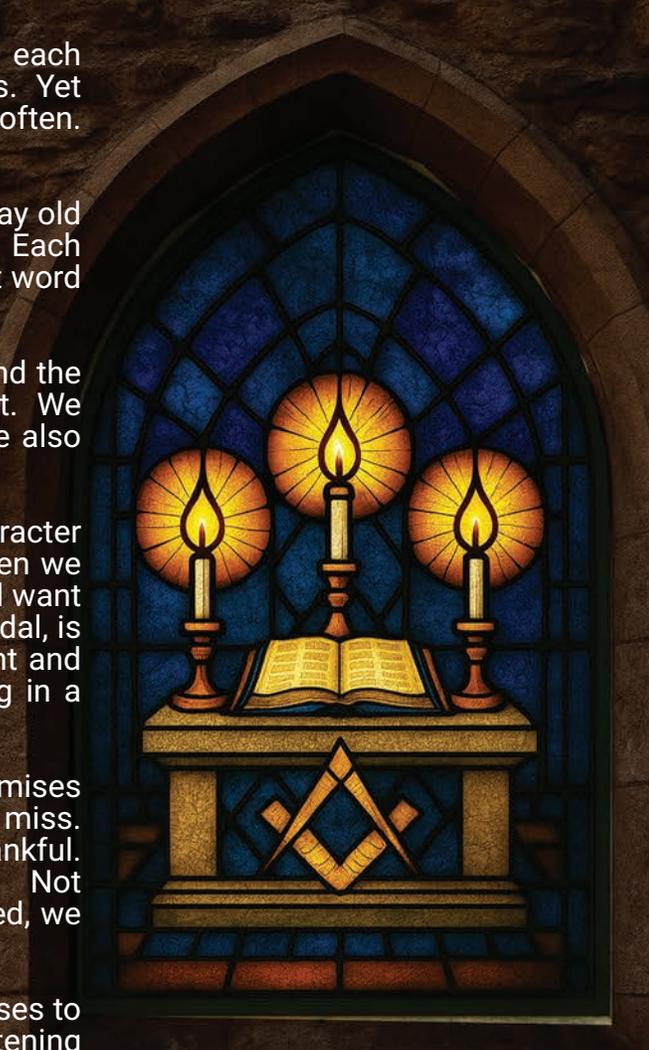
As we look forward, each and every one of us has promises to keep. We attend when we say we shall. We offer a listening ear. Maybe we might not always have the complete answer to share, but we patiently spend time with our brethren.

A phone call. An email to reconnect. A visit in person. Spending time, perhaps our most valuable possession.

Be that blessing in your brother's life.

David Spencer

Grand Chaplain
Right Worshipful Brother
David Spencer



Grand Secretary's Communique

Brethren,

Few items for your consideration and information.

On-Line Store in Grand View

The On-Line Store in Grand View is now available to members. Lodges can continue making purchases which are charged to the lodge, or they may purchase using other methods of payment.

Hotel Rooms for the Annual Communication in July 2026

Rooms sold out very quickly once again this year. Rooms may become available if reservations are cancelled.

Check in time is 3:00 p.m. – early check in is NOT available this year.

Last year the Hotel experienced a high rate of guests wishing to check in early. If you need a room before 3:00 p.m. - please check in the day before.

Please Note: As reported earlier, the following reservation / cancellation policies apply:

- Maximum 2 rooms under the same name
- Maximum 2 rooms on the same credit card
- If cancel reservation less than two (2) full weeks before arrival the guest will be charged one (1) room night plus taxes, notwithstanding whatever terms may be listed on any confirmation or otherwise
- Hoarding of rooms is not acceptable, and will result in all rooms being cancelled, and may result in further disciplinary actions

Hospitality Suites at the Sheraton and Best Western may ONLY be booked by contacting:

Mrs. Sandy Xu Papadimatos (Sales Manager)
at the following:

sandyxupapa@sheratonparkway.com (preferred)
Phone: 905 695 2882 (daytime only)

The Hotel Notice with complete details including pricing and reservation links can be found in the



resources area of Grand View.

Other nearby hotels include:

- Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Markham
- Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Markham
- Residence Inn by Marriott Toronto Markham
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Toronto – Markham

Annual Communication – July 15-16, 2026

Our Annual Communication will take place at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel on Wednesday-Thursday July 15th-16th. Seminars and Workshops will once again be offered on Tuesday afternoon July 14th, 2026. Tickets for the Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday evening July 15th will go on sale in April 2026. Further details to follow.

Qualification – DDGMs and Grand Registrar

Candidates must be qualified under Section 50. (b) prior to submitting their nomination form (no exceptions).

Please note that a qualifying certificate under Section 50 (b) means a qualifying certificate dated within three (3) years of the proposed date of Installation, or any date of a "Past Master's Course Certificate of Completion" as offered by the Grand Lodge College of Freemasonry.

Lodge Meeting Dates and Times in Grand View

Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries are temporarily able to update lodge meeting dates and times in Grand View. Lodges should plan to review and make any adjustments as early in March as possible before this is once again locked down.

Lodge Mailing Address and Physical Address in Grand View

Lodges are asked to please review the lodge mailing address and the physical address of the lodge building and make any adjustments as early in March as possible. Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries are temporarily able to update the physical address of the lodge building and will be able to update the lodge mailing address at any time.

Masters, Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries in Grand View

All Masters, Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries need to login to Grand View.

In addition to providing you with valuable access, it will keep you informed, including with regards to electronic voting.

The Secretary must ensure email addresses are assigned to these officers in Grand View so they can login, and the Secretary must keep all officers up to date to ensure access and electronic voting rights.

Treasurer Training in Grand View

Grand View is planning to hold a Treasurer Training Session that will focus on the Financial Side of Grand View. All Lodge Treasurers and Lodge Secretaries are strongly encouraged to attend. Further details and the link to follow.

Electronic Voting for DDGMs and Grand Lodge Officers

Registration Monday-Friday June 8-12, 2026.
DDGM Voting Monday-Tuesday June 15-16, 2026.
Registration Monday-Friday July 6-10, 2026 (if did not vote in June).

Grand Lodge Officer Voting Monday-Tuesday July 13-14, 2026.

2nd Ballot and other details will be distributed later. Everyone is strongly encouraged to register June 8-12, 2026

Did you know? Elections

Did you know that voters receive the results before the lodges? Did you know that it only takes a minute to register for elections? Did you know that it only takes a minute to vote for the District Deputy Grand Master, and only a few minutes to vote for the Grand Lodge Officers? Did you know that every current member with an email address recorded in the Lodge Management system received notice of registration?

If you are a Master, Warden or Past Master and you did not receive the notification last year, please ask the Secretary of your lodge to ensure the Lodge Officers and your email address are correctly recorded in the Grand View system.

If you successfully register for the June elections, your registration is automatically carried over to the July elections (you do not need to register a second time). Please exercise your vote by participating in the elections.

Quebec and Ontario – Grand Masters' Gala

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland and M.W. Bro. George Contaxakis, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Quebec thank the many Masons and Ladies for attending the very successful Grand Masters' Gala on Saturday February 7, 2026. It may have been very cold outside, but inside was warm and everyone enjoyed a wonderful social hour and excellent dinner. A great facility and even better friendships.

Michigan and Ontario – Save the Date – Saturday November 21, 2026

Michigan is hosting the annual Joint Meeting with a day of tours, degrees and banquet. Last year we enjoyed a very successful day hosted by Ontario in Hamilton. The year before, Michigan hosted a very successful day at the Masonic Temple Detroit. Further details to follow.

Please support your lodge. It makes a difference!



Louis M. Domjan

Grand Secretary
Right Worshipful Brother
Louis M. Domjan



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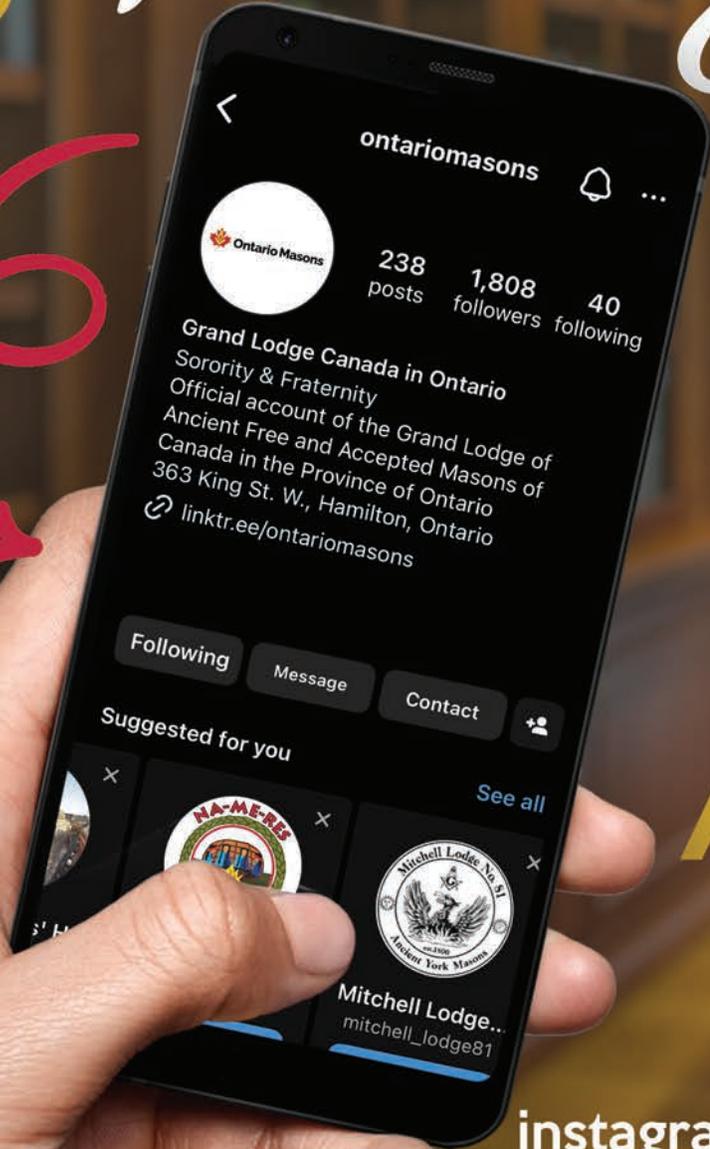


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IN MEMORIA

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY BY R. W. BRO. STEPHEN MAIZELS

Please Join our Grand Master Jamie R. Ireland on Sunday May 24th, 2026, at

KING SOLOMONS PLOT - ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY

In 1883 our illustrious Past Grand Master, John Ross Robertson, a very wealthy publisher and dynamic Freemason donated three hundred burial lots in Mount Pleasant Cemetery (MPS). His purpose for those lots was for the burial of indigent masons, many of them immigrants from Britain, who passed to the Grand Lodge Above with no financial means or family. Of the three hundred graves eighty-eight (88) plots are still available. The graves, all with granite marker plates, are arranged in three concentric circles

This cemetery is located on the east side of Yonge Street in Toronto just north of St Clair Avenue.

When the plot was dedicated, MSP was new and "out in the country". The Toronto Lodge building – in the town of York as it was called at that time – was two miles away on Toronto St. at Front St. From the lodge building to the cemetery the walk, through mostly open countryside, would have taken over an hour.

That is what happened on June the 24th 1894. 800 freemasons joined M.W. Bro. Robinson, in a parade, all of them dressed in their regalia, from Front Street to King Solomons Plot for a memorial ceremony. In that year the brethren of the Toronto lodges had paid for a beautiful 25-foot-high granite monument to distinguish the site, and the ceremony was to dedicate the monument.

A memorial ceremony was then held every year, led by the Grand Master of the time. That continued to 2007 when, due to unfortunate circumstances, the ceremonies ceased.

But happily, last year, 134 brethren and their friends and families joined M. W. Bro. Ireland in a re-enactment of the original 1994 dedication ceremony. Led by a piper, the Grand Master and the brethren paraded from the cemetery gate to the plot where seats were provided and tables were set up under canopies for the program presentation.

An Immortal Memory of John Ross Robinson (JRR) and the exact speeches made in 1894 were beautifully delivered. The reason we were able to do that is that JRR, a prolific writer, had left behind a copy of the complete proceedings. It was so very impressive.

Building on success and continued interest, the Grand Master has requested that we continue the tradition with the Annual Event which we have titled "IN MEMORIA".

The brethren will assemble at 1:30 pm and parade from the MPS gate assembly area to the KSP site. It is planned to start the ceremony at 2:00 pm. There is plenty of free parking available in the cemetery. Family and Friends are most encouraged to join the Grand Master.

The IN MEMORIA ceremony will last about one hour.
Pictures of the gathering will be taken following and made available.





**KING SOLOMON'S PLOT
THE CONTINUING TRADITION
IN MEMORIA**

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY - TORONTO

SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 2026

Assembly 1:30 P.M. at the Cemetery Gates on Yonge Street.
Parading in regalia 2 pm. Led by Pipers and drummers.



The 1894 Memorial

LED BY THE GRAND MASTER M.W. BRO. JAMIE R. IRELAND

. : Programme : .

Grand Master — Welcome

The Immortal Memory — M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson

The Memorials

Grand Master final word — Auld Lang Syne

“Happy to meet Sorry to part”

Family and friends are most welcome.

They will not be in the parade.

They will be conducted to the plot and seated with their hosts for the event.



Ontario Masons

THE CORNERSTONE PROGRAM

WHY BOTHER?

BY W. BRO. STEVE YOUNG,
PAST MASTER, ST. ANDREW'S LODGE #560
(2023-2024),

Introduction

During a recent discussion with some newer Masons in our lodge, the subject of the Cornerstone Program came up, and someone asked, "Why bother with Cornerstone-what does it actually do?"

It was an excellent question, and one that deserves more than a casual answer. The longer I reflected on it, the more I realised that the question goes to the heart of how we understand lodge health, leadership, and long-term sustainability. The answer also says a great deal about what kind of lodge we want to be, and how seriously we take our responsibility for the future of our gentle Craft.

What follows is how our lodge has come to understand the value of the Cornerstone Program, and why it has become central to our work.

Why Cornerstone Matters

In today's world, lodges face challenges that our predecessors could scarcely have imagined: demographic shifts, competing demands on members' time, rising costs, and changing social expectations.

The Cornerstone Program does not pretend to be a single solution to these complex realities. What it offers instead is something far more valuable: a disciplined opportunity for honest self

assessment and collaborative problem-solving.

Cornerstone invites lodges to ask essential questions:

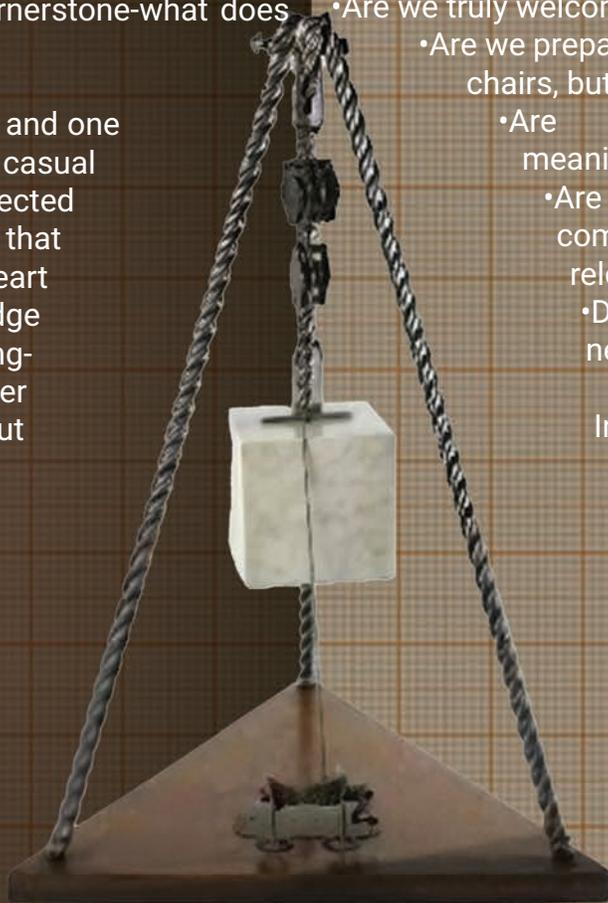
- Are we truly welcoming to new members?
- Are we preparing our officers not just to fill chairs, but to lead?
- Are our meetings engaging, meaningful, and well-run?
- Are we connected to our communities in visible and relevant ways?
- Do we have a vision beyond the next installation?

In my own lodge, our Cornerstone process revealed both strengths we had taken for granted and weaknesses we had quietly tolerated for far too long. Addressing those issues was not always easy-but it was invariably worthwhile.

The St. Andrew's Cornerstone Story

By way of background, St. Andrew's Lodge has, in practice, lived the spirit of the Cornerstone Program from the outset. While our paperwork has not always kept pace, we have consistently used the program and its checklists to guide our activities each year, and we have received Cornerstone designation whenever we have formally submitted our materials.

That consistency did not spare us from difficulty. Only five years ago, we held a Lodge of Discussion to consider whether we should go dark and surrender our warrant. Declining attendance, too



few active Past Masters, a reluctance among younger members to step into the line, and a range of other pressures were all working against us. Happily, the decision was to continue, and from that moment a lodge revitalisation effort took shape. Five years on, I am pleased to report that our efforts appear to be bearing fruit. At the very least, we seem to be on the right track.

I credit our turnaround, in part, to the Cornerstone Program.

One of the mandatory standards of the Cornerstone Program is for a lodge to have a Strategic Planning and Action process. That requirement happened to align perfectly with both my professional background and our lodge's emerging need for revitalisation. Since St. Andrew's Lodge had maintained a strategic planning committee for the better part of the last decade, it made sense for our renewal effort to begin there.

We began our revitalisation by aligning our strategic planning directly with Cornerstone. We wanted to be a lodge that learns—one that provides each member the opportunity to practise masonry under the best possible circumstances. That led us to revamp our strategic plan around three guiding themes, supported by four practical pillars. The three themes were:

Learn to Be - a Cornerstone lodge as defined by Grand Lodge.

Learn to Know - excellence in Ritual, Education, and Mentoring, as emphasised by successive Grand Masters

Learn to Do - the practical work of managing and sustaining our lodge, now and into the future.

These themes were not abstract ideals. They were meant to shape practical commitments tied directly to Cornerstone activities.

Pillar #1 - Cornerstone Focus

Gain and maintain our Cornerstone Lodge designation. Let the Cornerstone Program guide our activities each year. Maintain focus on completing Cornerstone activities and avoid expending energy unnecessarily.

Pillar #2 - Development

Reinforce our candidate mentoring program, which has served us well for the past two decades, and pair it with an officer development program. Teach ritual, rubrics, and lodge management to newer members. Create the expectation that our lodge can benefit from the experience of each member, each of whom will eventually lead us from the East in turn.

Pillar #3 - Attraction and Retention

Slow down the candidate intake process to ensure we bring in the right men. Do not expend energy on degrees until we are sure we have the right person at the West Gate. Develop and maintain a solid website and internal communication tools. Make every lodge night an event you do not want to miss. Maintain excellence in ritual so that our candidates experience Masonry as it was intended.

Pillar #4 - Sustainment

Manage our administration, finances, and communications to ensure our lodge is well maintained now and into the future. Look at succession planning for key lodge positions. Manage workloads to avoid burnout.

Taken together, these three themes and four pillars form the basis of our strategic plan. At the same time, they fulfil one of the four mandatory standards of the Cornerstone Program: a Strategic Planning and Action process.

The Cornerstone Program, however, serves us in more than a planning capacity. Beyond planning and compliance, Cornerstone also functions as a performance metric. If a lodge does nothing



else but maintain its Cornerstone designation, it must still be doing many things right. In that sense, Cornerstone becomes a practical proxy measure of overall lodge health.

It is also worth noting that the Cornerstone Program requires a lodge to fulfil only one of four possible mandatory standards. Those standards include: a Friend to Friend Program, a candidate mentorship program, an officer mentorship program, and a Strategic Planning and Action process. Because these standards map directly onto our strategic pillars-particularly Attraction and Retention, Development, and Sustainment-we decided it made no sense to treat them as optional. Our lodge therefore endeavours to complete all four mandatory standards during each Cornerstone cycle. Where possible, I believe this is a wise approach for any lodge able to do so.

From our lodge's perspective, Cornerstone matters. It orients our activities, focuses our efforts, and provides a clear gauge of whether we are doing what we have decided our lodge is supposed to do.

From Insight to Action: Practical Lessons from our Cornerstone Journey

One of the most important lessons I learned as Chair of our Cornerstone Committee is that the program works best when it is treated as a living process, not as a compliance exercise.

The activities are not meant to be rushed through or delegated to a small group behind the scenes. They are intended to foster lodge-wide conversation, reflection, and ownership. They teach a lodge to stretch a little, to get out of its comfort zone, and to become that "third place" men need - somewhere that isn't their work or their home. Used properly, the program becomes a catalyst for change. Activities become more purposeful, success can be measured, and effort rewarded.

Another quiet strength of the Cornerstone Program is its impact on leadership development. By involving junior officers, newer members, and Past Masters alike, Cornerstone creates a shared leadership environment. Brethren learn to plan, to collaborate, to evaluate outcomes, and to communicate across generations of membership. In this way, the program is not only about improving lodges-it is about forming better leaders and setting the conditions for future success.

If the Cornerstone Program is to be more than a conceptual framework, it must also translate into practical action at the lodge level. Based on our lodge's long experience with Cornerstone -both its successes and its growing pains-I would offer a few helpful considerations for those contemplating the program, and for those already



working their way through it.

First, it is useful to have a junior officer chair, or at least be actively involved in, your lodge's Cornerstone Committee. Participation in Cornerstone implies involvement in the planning, management, and long-term sustainment of the lodge. It is, quite simply, an excellent way for a junior officer to prepare for his time in the East by learning how the lodge actually functions beyond ritual work.

Second, give serious consideration to each of the four mandatory Cornerstone standards. Every lodge should have a long-term plan, a mentoring program for candidates and officers, and a thoughtful approach to attracting new members. If your lodge does not yet have these elements in place, the Cornerstone Program provides a ready-made framework for making them a priority.

Third, look first for the "easy wins." There are many elements of the Cornerstone Program that lodges already do as a matter of course, meaning that some activities require little additional time or effort to complete. Examples of these easy wins include voting an annual budget, conferring each of the three degrees, sending a delegation to visit another lodge, holding Masonic education sessions, hosting social events, and observing proper protocol and etiquette. Identifying and recording these routine practices can help build early momentum in the Cornerstone cycle.

Finally, once the easy wins are locked in, look for a few "stretch goals" - initiatives that may take more effort, but that would meaningfully benefit your lodge or your community. These might include conducting a lodge survey, sending a delegation to the Annual Grand Lodge Communication, holding a Lodge of Discussion, or attending a Divine Service with the requisite number of Masons. Stretch goals encourage a lodge to grow just beyond its comfort zone, fostering development without becoming overwhelming.



Conclusion

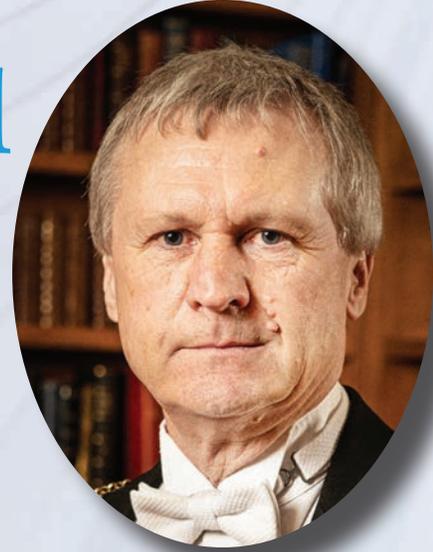
In conclusion, the Cornerstone Program is one of those Grand Lodge initiatives that offers lodges a practical way to reflect on, track, and improve their activities. It provides both a measure of lodge health and a gentle nudge to stretch toward practices a lodge might not otherwise undertake. It is, quite simply, a program worth taking seriously. I hope that this long answer to a short question has given you pause for thought and perhaps piqued your interest in this worthwhile and constructive program.

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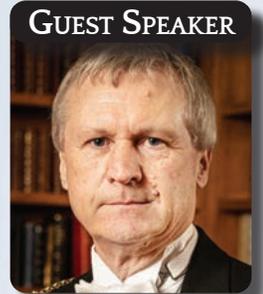
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GUEST SPEAKER

M.W. Bro.

Jamie R. Ireland

The Grand Master
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For further information contact

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The DDGM Preparation Committee 2026 Spring Session Workshops.

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

BARRIE, Saturday March 21st,

99 Morrow Rd, Barrie

TORONTO, Saturday April 11th,

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BROCKVILLE, Saturday April 25th,

Concession 2 Rd, Brockville

Northern Session, Saturday May 2nd,

Location TBA

ONLINE, Saturday May 9th

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All Districts welcome at all sessions.

Light lunch is supplied. Donations are welcomed.

Register at ddgmprep@gmail.com

NICKEL LODGE N^o.427

ANNUAL COLD WEATHER

WINTER CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

BY R.W. BRO. LIONEL RUDD

NICKEL LODGE N^o.427



PHOTO: Randal Sutherland, left, David Williams and co-founder Ali Farooq, of The Go-Give Project, collect winter clothing from Greg Blomme, co-ordinator for the Nickel Masonic Lodge Cold Weather Winter Clothing campaign.

Courtesy of: John Lappa/Sudbury Star/Postmedia Network Photo by John Lappa /Sudbury Star

As the cold winter gripped the North, February 3rd, 2026, saw the culmination of a highly successful cold weather - winter clothing campaign by the brethren of Nickel Lodge # 427 Sudbury and the Brethren of the District, as well as the community and friends. Two very full minivan loads plus a carload of much needed donated cold weather – winter clothing was delivered to the GO-GIVE community outreach agency for distribution to the homeless and needy people of the community of Sudbury. In time for the coldest periods of winter

Nickel Lodge might claim to be one the oldest Masonic Lodges in Ontario - at least it was founded in 1892, at the same time that the City of Sudbury was formed. Our first and founding Master was Dr. William Howey - the first medical doctor in Sudbury - a true pioneer.

Members of Nickel Lodge have made great contributions to our community over the past (now almost one and a half century) from its creation as a small lumber town and burgeoning Global player in the mining industry.

Nickel Lodge members have also served with great distinction and valour in two world wars. One was wounded THREE times on the "D" Day Landings but continued to 'fight on!' Another was a "Beach Master" - the most dangerous of all dangerous jobs. He survived and went on to become the Commanding Officer of our local Militia unit - the "Irish Regiment of Canada".



Ontario Masons

**TO THE LONDON AND ONTARIO
MASONIC COMMUNITY,**

We wish to share an important milestone in the life of

MOFFAT LODGE NO. 399, GRC

After 29 years of meeting at the William Mercer Wilson Centre, Moffat Lodge No. 399, GRC will be beginning a new chapter.

Effective March 4th, 2026, at 7:30 PM, the Lodge will be relocating its meetings to Dufferin Hall, 453 Dufferin Ave, London, ON.

Over the past several years, the Lodge has experienced a significant increase in membership and renewed engagement. With an expanding calendar of events planned for the upcoming year, many directed toward greater participation within the Masonic community, the brethren have proudly outgrown the logistical capacity of their current location.

The brethren of Moffat Lodge No. 399, GRC are enthusiastic and optimistic as they embark on this new chapter and look forward to joining the family of Lodges at Dufferin Hall.

FRATERNALLY,

MOFFAT LODGE NO. 399, GRC

Hanover Lodge No. 432

60th Annual Steak Fry



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Lodge 7:30 pm

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M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland

Saturday March 28, 2026

5:30 Social 6:30 Dinner

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Lighting the Crown with Seven Cardinal Virtues

On the day of December 6th, 2025, the spirit of DeMolay burned brighter than ever. At the solemn halls of the Mississauga Masonic Temple, the Horace Mundy Chapter stood shoulder-to-shoulder with their brethren from the Mississauga Chapter to welcome three new initiates, Sheldon Jhon Alvez, Travis Rann Ezekiel Grospe, and Shannon Vaughn Alvez, into the timeless brotherhood of DeMolay.



This wasn't just an initiation.
It was a passing of the flame.
It was youth in unity, virtue in voice, and legacy in motion.

That night, the Seven Candles of DeMolay were not just lit, they were embodied.

The Seven Preceptors: Voices of Cardinal Virtues

Each Preceptor didn't merely recite words, they infused the room with meaning.
Each candle didn't merely flicker, it ignited something within.
Each virtue didn't just echo, it took root in the hearts of those present.



1st Preceptor – Filial Love

Troy Solana opened the day with the most sacred of bonds, a son's loyalty to his parents. His words reminded all that respect begins at home, and gratitude is the first step to greatness.

2nd Preceptor – Reverence for Sacred Things

March Sobrepeña spoke not of religion, but of reverence, of finding strength in faith and humility in belief. His presence uplifted the room to something higher.

3rd Preceptor – Courtesy

Raimel Macandog, with poised dignity, Raimel taught that respect is not earned by power but given freely through kindness. Courtesy, he reminded us, is the soul in motion.

4th Preceptor – Comradeship

Nathaniel Rivera embodied the heart of the chapter, brotherhood. He reminded the initiates that true strength lies in friendship, and no one walks the path alone.

5th Preceptor – Fidelity

Akhira Andrei Budomo Rebutan, in the shadow of Jacques DeMolay's legacy, Akhira spoke of unwavering loyalty. Of promises kept. Of standing true, even when no one is watching.

6th Preceptor – Cleanness

Travis Solana called for inner clarity, of thought, word, and action. His words were a mirror, inviting every young man to strive not for perfection, but for purpose.

7th Preceptor – Patriotism

Aaron Artemio Pascua Jr. closed with a love not just for flag, but for the soul of a nation. His call to service was not loud, but resonant, a reminder that freedom thrives in the hearts of the virtuous.

The Horace Mundy Chapter did not just participate; they led with presence, poise, and unity. Their teamwork reflected months of preparation, mutual trust, and genuine brotherhood.

The Mississauga Chapter stood beside them, reinforcing the idea that DeMolay is not confined to one lodge or one city; it is a shared movement of young men committed to virtue.



A Day That Lit the Path Forward

For Sheldon Jhon, Travis Rann, and Shannon Vaughn, the night marked the beginning of a new identity; not as boys seeking belonging, but as brothers stepping into responsibility.

For every parent in attendance, it was impossible not to imagine what their own sons might become inside such a circle.

Because DeMolay does not simply teach young men how to stand in a lodge. It teaches them how to stand in life.

The candles will one day be extinguished. But the virtues they represent must never fade.

And as the Horace Mundy Chapter closed the degree, one truth remained lit above all others:



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DEMOLAY

NIAGARA CHAPTER

A truly memorable day marked the successful 2nd Public Installation of the elected and appointed Officers and Advisory Council of the Niagara Chapter Order of DeMolay. The ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of the past term while setting a strong foundation for another exciting and successful year ahead.

The presence of family members, friends, and the wider Masonic community added great meaning to the occasion. We extend heartfelt thanks to all who travelled from near and far, including members of our Masonic family, fellow Masonic youth groups, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and our supportive families and friends.

Special gratitude is extended to our distinguished guest speaker, MW Dad. Jamie Ireland, whose inspiring message resonated deeply with all in attendance—especially our DeMolay members. His words served as a powerful reminder of the importance of living with purpose, integrity, and responsibility each day. Sincere appreciation is also given to the families, volunteers, and those working behind the scenes whose dedication and efforts made this event possible. Their continued support remains vital to the success and growth of the Niagara Chapter.

A meaningful highlight of the installation was the Flower Talk, delivered by Alejandro Espiritu, the newly installed Master Councilor of the Niagara Chapter. Through the symbolism of flowers, the presentation emphasized DeMolay's foundational values—purity, love, loyalty, reverence, and service. The



Flower Talk serves as a reminder that character is cultivated through daily actions, much like a garden that flourishes with care, discipline, and intention. Its message resonated strongly with members and guests alike, reinforcing the importance of living by DeMolay principles both within and beyond the Chapter.

Equally impactful was the Ceremony of Light, delivered by Adrian Mendoza. This ceremony symbolizes the journey from darkness to light, representing the pursuit of knowledge, moral clarity, and truth. Similar to Masonic ritual, light serves as a central symbol guiding individuals toward wisdom, ethical conduct, and personal growth. The ceremony reminded all present that DeMolay, like Masonry, is rooted in the continual search for light and self-improvement, encouraging young men to lead lives of integrity and purpose.

Together, these presentations beautifully reflected the shared values between DeMolay and the Masonic fraternity, reinforcing the strong bond between the two and highlighting the role of ritual in shaping principled leaders for the future.

"It's today that we have in our grasp. Make today the best that it can be. Live today to the fullest. Make the greatest choices today that we can feel good about in our souls. We can make the right decisions today that will make our families and everyone around us happier. All that we can control is what we ourselves do today."

— Jamie R. Ireland,
Grand Master





As a gesture of appreciation, the Niagara Chapter presented a token of gratitude to Jamie R. Ireland, in recognition of his role as the Inspirational Guest Speaker for the installation. The presentation symbolized the Chapter's sincere thanks for his presence, guidance, and the meaningful message he shared with our members. This moment reflected the strong bond between DeMolay and the Masonic fraternity, and the lasting impact of leadership grounded in wisdom, service, and example.

During his inspirational address, Jamie R. Ireland reflected on his own journey in Masonry, sharing personal experiences that shaped his path of leadership and service. He expressed how deeply inspired he was by the members of the Order of DeMolay, noting that DeMolays have a remarkable head start, developing leadership skills, organizing activities, and living by strong values at such a young age.

Although he was invited to serve as the inspirational speaker for the evening, he humbly shared that it was the DeMolay members who ultimately inspired him. He emphasized that the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario stands fully in support of DeMolay and encouraged members to actively use the tools and teachings of the Order to become better versions of themselves.



Ontario Masons

In keeping with our Grand Lodge's emphasis on Ritual excellence, regular Education and engaging Mentorship (REM), our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master have asked the following three (3) Committees to make themselves available for presentations and consultation around our grand jurisdiction.

If you are planning Workshops, Days of Masonry, Brother-to-Brother, District Association meetings and other events that could benefit from their presentations; please reach out to them directly.

Mentoring: Setting the table for success

Hear about a planned and intentional approach to mentoring that inspires confidence and fosters personal development and growth in all of our members
Sharing best practices for active engagement, immersive learning
Learn how to create opportunities for enjoyable masonic experiences
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Contact

R.W. Bro. Charles Singh
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Leadership Development ...the Masonic way

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Support emerging leaders by providing pathways and guidance for greater Lodge responsibility.
Encourage mentorship; provide practical development via workshops on communication, Lodge management, and ethics.

Inspire reflection with short lessons and insights during Lodge communications.
Recognize contributions and encourage Brothers who step into leadership roles.
Foster collaboration through monthly committee check-ins and shared leadership of initiatives.
Model Masonic values by holding each other accountable with patience, grace, and respect.
Engage beyond the Lodge by delivering in-person leadership presentations in districts.
Leave a legacy of leadership excellence for future generations of Masons.

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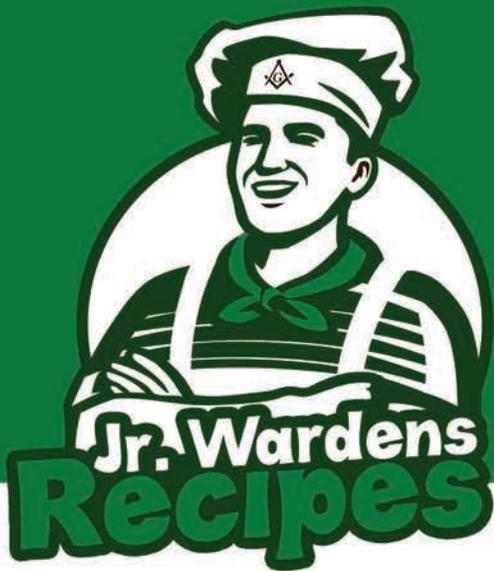
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Officer Progression: A Guide for the Journey through the Chairs

What it means to be an Officer
Benefits of the journey through the chairs
Preparation for each Officer position
Symbolism of the jewels and instruments of each office
Officer expectations: engagement, visitation, support

Contact

R.W. Bo. Jeremy Fleming
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INGREDIENTS:

Filling:

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup chopped yellow onion
1 lb. 90% lean ground beef -or ground lamb
2 teaspoons each dried parsley; dried rosemary and thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce; 2 garlic cloves -minced
1/2 cup broth (Beef or Veg)
1 can crushed Tomato; 2 cups frozen mixed peas & carrots;
1/2 cup frozen corn kernels

Potato Topping:

2- 2 1/2 lb. potatoes - peeled and cubed
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/3 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Add oil to a large pot; over medium-high heat. Add onions & cook 4-5 minutes, stirring
Add the ground beef (or ground lamb)
Add the parsley, rosemary, thyme, salt, and pepper. Stir well.
Cook for 6-8 minutes, until the meat is browned, stirring occasionally.

Add the Worcestershire sauce and garlic. Stir to combine.
Cook for 1-2 minutes.
Add tomatoes, broth, peas and carrots, and corn.

Bring to a low boil then reduce and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set the meat mixture aside.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
Boil potatoes until tender, 10-15 mins.
Drain; add butter, milk, salt, and pepper. Mash well.
Put it all together
Pour the meat mixture into a 9x9 inch baking dish; spread it out; cover with mashed potatoes, spreading evenly. Set on a cooking tray, and bake uncovered for 25-30 minutes.

Let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

Serves approximately 6; Enjoy

DECADENT SHEPHERDS PIE

Mentors are like “shepherds”; guiding and looking out for those we care for. We are leaders, companions and brothers who encourage each other on their journey; feed their curiosity, and act as a steady and reliable companion along the way. It is an important responsibility.

Shepherd’s Pie is said to have originated in Scotland and Ireland in the late 1700’s as “Cottage Pie”, a peasant’s meal usually made with beef and leftover vegetables. In the UK, potatoes were substituted for expensive pastry crusts. In France, it is known as Hachis Parmentier; in Quebec, it is known as Pâté Chinois (Chinese Pie), a variation made with corn. From its humble beginnings as a meal for the impoverished, it is now a staple comfort food.

LOOKING FOR INGREDIENTS TO LEVEL-UP YOUR LODGE MENTORING PROGRAM?

•New Resources are now available at the Grand Lodge Website under

Resources -> Master Mason -> Committees -> Mentoring

•The Lodge Mentor Training Guide includes detailed mentoring plans, best practices and list of resources available to assist mentors in this important work.

•The three Lodge Mentor Notes provide easy to access wealth of information about the lessons and meaning(s) of the three degrees.

The 6 Mentoring booklets can be purchased from the Grand Lodge office:
Office@GRANDLODGE.ON.CA

For more on mentoring, contact your Grand Lodge Mentoring team via:

R.W. Bro Charles Singh at
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THE GRAND MASTER'S NORTHWESTERN TOUR 2026

BY R.W. BRO. JAMES BROOMHEAD
BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PILLAR CHAIRMAN

Brethren, when R.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland was elected Deputy Grand Master in July 2022. He expressed an interest in taking a few days in the spring to visit the Districts in the Northeastern and Northwestern regions of our jurisdiction. This interest resulted in a late April Northeastern tour of Algoma East, Temiskaming, Sudbury-Manitoulin, and North Bay Nipissing Districts. Four Districts, fifteen Lodges, countless memories, and a promise to return in a couple of years.

The engine was still warm, but the wheels were already engaged in organizing an excursion to our Northwestern Districts. In April 2024, we ventured

further west to visit Lodges in Algoma and Western Districts, where we were welcomed with boundless Masonic hospitality. We ventured as far west as Kenora and as far north as Red Lake, where we had the opportunity to visit Chukuni Lodge No. 660, the most northern Lodge in the jurisdiction.

The Northeastern tour was repeated in April 2025 with the addition of a visit to Georgian North District, which brings us to 2026 and the second excursion to Thunder Bay and points beyond.

On Sunday, April 19, M.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland and the "entourage" will be assembling in Thunder Bay in preparation for the fourth northern tour. The schedule of visits has been confirmed. In the past, our visits have included a tyled meeting or two, Meet & Greets, pin presentations, and Town Halls. The schedule includes more of the same for 2026, plus incredible Masonic hospitality, which makes every mile and the time spent worth every minute.

On the 2025 Northeastern tour, the Odyssey logged 3330.5 km and 50.5 hours behind the wheel... all in six days, but as mentioned above, worth every minute.

Taking in all or even part of the tour is one of the best Masonic memories you can experience. The Lodge rooms visited, and the northern Masonic hospitality is second to none.

If you are interested in joining the crew, please get in touch. I will forward the detailed schedule and accommodation examples for your perusal.



3330.5 km
total kilometers in 2025



April 19
Travel to Thunder Bay

April 20
Atikokan
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April 21
Kenora
Red Lake

April 22
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On Friday, April 17, 2026

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TOP WEBSITE AWARD

District & Lodge

The Communications Pillar Chairman has tasked the website review committee this year with developing a best practice guide with regards to both district and lodge websites. It is felt that by incorporating as many of these as possible into your district's website, it will only enhance the experience of those visiting your district and lodge websites.

The following was recently approved by the Board of General Purposes.

1. Fonts should be good size to make it easy to read
2. Incorporate colour.
3. Use secure website (HTTPS vs HTTP)
4. Website must be kept up-to-date
5. Special events listed to attract visitors to the lodges
6. Links to others sites should checked regularly to make sure they are still active
7. Use of Grand Lodge branding is a must
8. Member data should be restricted to comply with privacy act
9. Use of multi-media is encouraged
10. Menu driven sites, avoid long scrolling pages.
11. Include contact info – use of generic email addresses is encouraged

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland, had also asked us to review the method in which we evaluate the websites. At the annual communication this year, there will be an award presented to the top district website and the top lodge website. To this end, we came up with several categories with a numeric range for judging them.

For district websites, they will be evaluated on the following criteria;

District Website Criteria

- Grand Lodge Branding – 5
- Trestleboard – 5
- Calendar – 5
- DDGM Bio – 5
- Special events – 5
- Photo Gallery – 5
- Links to Websites – 5
- Links to Social Media – 5
- Lodge Info current – 5
- Use of multimedia – 5
- Site secured (HTTPS vs http) – 5
- Ease to navigate / user friendly – 10

Lodge Website Criteria

- Grand Lodge Branding – 5
- Special events – 5
- Photo Gallery – 5
- Links to Websites – 5
- Links to Social Media – 5
- Lodge Officer Info current – 5
- Lodge Address, Meeting Night current – 5
- Site secured (HTTPS vs http) – 5
- Contact Info Listed – 5
- Ease to navigate / user friendly – 10
- Appeal and ability to engage visitors – 10

We would appreciate it if you or your district webmaster could forward me a list of those lodges that have websites with their respective URL's (addresses).

We will be starting the district website evaluations after March 1, 2026 until April 30, 2026. This will give you an opportunity to tweak your website if you feel there is a need to do so. When the district reviews are complete, we will continue with the lodge reviews.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel to contact me anytime.

Fraternally,

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Ottawa Reception for

**M.W. BRO. JAMIE R. IRELAND
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All Masons and their Ladies
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The Past Masters' Association of the Hamilton Districts

You and your Lady are cordially invited
to the Hamilton Districts'
Reception and Dinner
in honour of

M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland

***Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.
of Canada in the Province of Ontario***



To be held at the Hamilton Scottish Rite Club Banquet Room

4 Queen Street South, Hamilton, ON

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Reception & Refreshments 5:30 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm

Tickets \$90.00 per person. To Register:



Grand Master's Reception
2026

<https://pm-abc.ca/grand-masters-reception/>



Charles A. Sankey

Lecture in Masonic Studies



Lecturer:
Susan Mitchell Sommers
Professor of History, Emerita
Saint Vincent College
Latrobe, PA

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 3 p.m.
Sean O'Sullivan Theatre,
Brock University

“Scenes from a Biography of James Anderson: Religion and Politics in Early Eighteenth-Century English Freemasonry”

To attend in person at BrockU, please reserve your ticket(s) online by going to sankeylectures.ca and clicking on the **TICKETS** link. Tickets are free. There will also be a livestream for those who cannot attend. No tickets are required for the livestream. The livestream link is live.sankeylectures.ca.



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Sarnia District Ladies' Night
and
Silent Auction



Saturday, March 7, 2026

Plympton and Wyoming Fairgrounds, Wyoming, Ont.

Social Time: 5:00 pm

Grand Lodge Officers – Formal Attire

Others - Dark Suit

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$120.00 per couple / \$60.00 single

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Please return the bottom portion (it aids in record keeping) with
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Present Grand Lodge Officer?

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Brant District	brantmasons.com
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Essex County District	ecdma.ca
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Niagara District A	niagaramasons.com
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