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Brethren,

May is already here and summer is approaching fast. The June issue will be the last issue of the magazine before Grand Lodge in July, so get your articles and summer event posters in so that they can be featured in the June issue.

While Lodge is called off for summer recess many social events take place with brethren and family alike. Think about having new candidates waiting for initiation attend these events. This will give the brethren of the Lodge a chance to meet them and get to know them. Remember that so far these candidates may have only met the examining board or are only known to the brethren of the Lodge that sponsored them for membership into the Lodge.

The opportunity to be a part of social events before they join the Lodge will allow these candidates to get to know some of the brethren so that at initiation night they will see a few familiar faces. This will help these new brethren to feel a sense of belonging and allow the existing members of the Lodge an opportunity to step forward and assist with mentoring the new Entered Apprentice or perhaps providing support to them in some other way. Ensuring that the new Masons have support and allowing them to have a better chance of success in their researches.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



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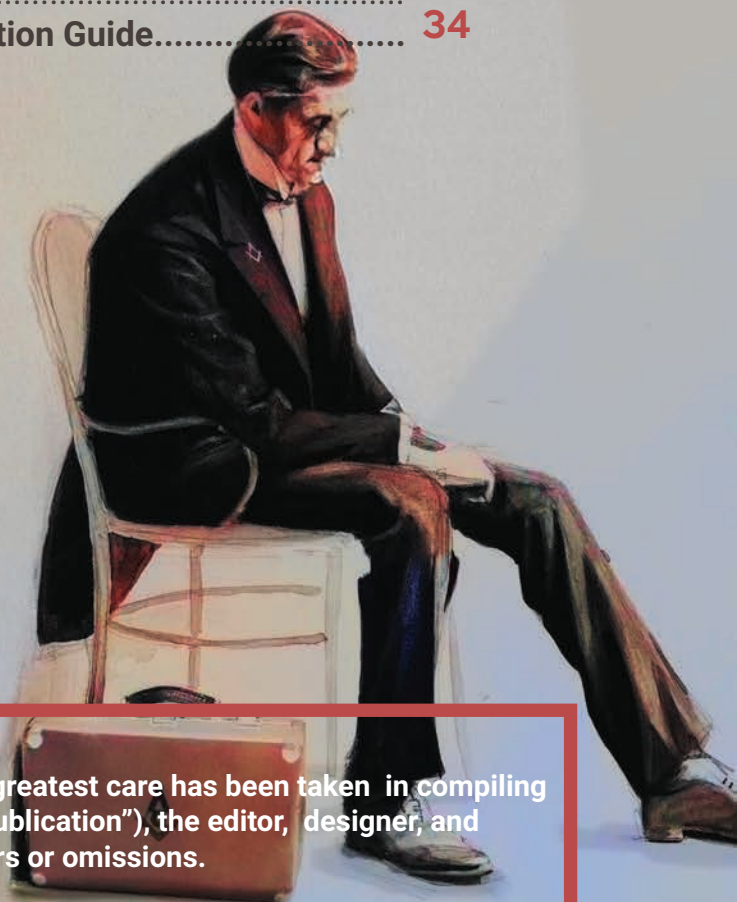
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Grand Master's Communique

Brethren,

The month of May is now upon us, the grass is growing and the hum of busy lawnmowers is back. The flowers are blooming and Spring is unfolding all around this beautiful Grand Jurisdiction. Let us take the time out of our extremely busy schedules to read this amazing publication called the Ontario Masons Magazine. Once again V.W. Bro. Dan Dignard, thanks go out to you and your team for bringing this vehicle of Grand Lodge information to us. Brethren, please enjoy!!

The Deputy and I have just returned home from our Grand Lodge trip to the Northwest area of Ontario, and it was a fantastic, week-long adventure. The Brethren that followed me to Western, Algoma, and Algoma East Districts were treated to awesome, warm hospitality, provided by the members of every Lodge that we visited. I want to thank everyone involved for their dedication and support to my office, to me and to our Grand Lodge. The travelling entourage, made up of Grand Lodge Officers and guests, 12 of us in total, visited 11 Lodges in 6 days, and we logged over 5000 kms. The Lodge members organized lunches, BBQ's, and dinners for us, and we thank them for their gracious generosity. We conducted several Grand Master's town hall question and answer forums, and we were pleased to field so many concerns and inquiries into our procedures, Ritual and Constitution requirements. There were also several milestone pin and certificate presentations, and those recipients enjoyed the support of their families and friends while in our Lodges. Several beautiful gifts were presented to me as Grand Master and to the traveling entourage, on behalf of everyone that travelled, we thank all of the Lodge members and their families for looking after us. I also want to thank the Lodges and their members for their generous donations made to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario to support Ronald



MacDonald House Charities, I certainly appreciate your support to such a worthwhile cause. You have certainly made a difference in the lives of so many Ontario families. The MFO number for my charity is 2477, and I humbly ask for your help. We donated 50 000.00 dollars in the first year of my term, and I am hoping to do it again in my second year.

The month of May also brings out the list of names of who are running for a Grand Lodge Office, and this year, we have a well-rounded group of Brethren to choose from. Do me a favour though, do your best to attend the “Meet the Candidates” meetings to gain as much information and background on the names of candidates as you can. Be an informed voter, exercise your right to vote, and elect the nominees that are proven and can move our committees, and our Grand Lodge forward. Popularity is not enough, find out who has the necessary experience, and dedication to succeed. It’s easy to find out the facts, and I urge you to take the time needed, to do just that. The electronic form of elections that our Grand Lodge uses is easy to do and takes very little time. If you are electronically challenged, either your Lodge Secretary or a member of your Lodge can help you to navigate the procedure that is laid out. You only have to register to vote once for your DDGM, and then you are automatically registered to vote for the other Grand Lodge Officers.

The April mailings from the Grand Lodge Office have also been sent out, that information has a lot of documents, dates, and deadlines to follow. Please make sure that your Lodge Secretary reads the correspondence out in Open Lodge so that our entire membership is informed about what is both expected to, and what will happen at the Annual Communications in July.

As we look toward the horizon of our upcoming Grand Lodge Communication, let us remember that the strength of our Craft lies not just in our history, but in the vibrant energy we bring to our Lodges today. Every handshake, every degree conferred, and every act of charity reinforces the foundation of brotherly love upon which we stand.

We are a fraternity in motion—dynamic, dedicated, and deeply connected. Let the warmth of this spring season mirror the warmth in our hearts as we continue to serve our communities and one another. I am

immensely proud of the work you do, and I am filled with optimism for the future of Masonry in this great province.

May we all continue to labor with joy, live with purpose, and lead with kindness. I look forward to seeing many of you on the road and in the hallowed halls of our Lodges very soon. If your schedule allows, please try to attend in Richmond Hill, this July 14 – 16, 2026, for our Annual Communications, it is going to be a great time!!

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

May 1, 2026

Illustrious Sir, David Bennett 33
OV to Home Lodge
North Bay ON

May 3, 2026

Grand Lodge of New York

May 13, 2026

Nickel Lodge No.427 & Friendship Lodge No.691
Amalgamation
Sudbury ON

May 15, 2026

World GM Conference
Capetown, South Africa

May 26, 2026

B of GP Meeting
Hamilton ON

May 27, 2026

Concordant Body meeting
Hamilton ON

May 28, 2026

Management meeting
Hamilton ON

May 29, 2026

Meet the Candidates meeting
Hamilton ON

May 30, 2026

Meet the Candidates meeting
York District

May 30, 2026

St. Andrew's Lodge No.642
100th Anniversary
Windsor ON

June 2, 2026

Navy League Reviewing Officer
Hamilton ON

June 5 – 7, 2026

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

June 10, 2026

GL Speaker Series, GM as speaker
Virtual

June 12, 2026

The General Mercer Lodge No.548
70 yr pin presentation

June 13, 2026

GM Reception Chatham District
Chatham, ON

June 16, 2026

Dufferin Lodge No.338
Extinguishing the Lights Ceremony

June 17, 2026

Ionic Lodge No.328

June 19, 2026

Hornepayne Lodge No.636
Silver to Gold Ceremony

June 22, 2026

Annual Board of General Purposes
Virtual

June 23, 2026

Huronia Lodge No.348

June 24, 2026

Grand Lodge of Michigan
200th Anniversary Gala

June 26, 2026

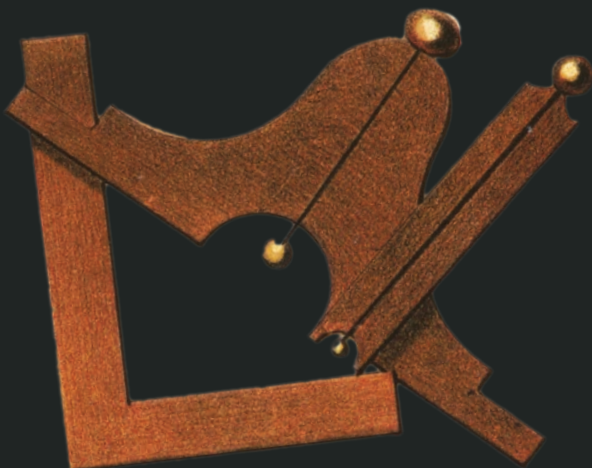
Queens Lodge No.578 &
Royal Edward of Catarqui Lodge No.92
Amalgamation

June 27, 2026

Grand Master's Reception
St. Lawrence District and Tackaberry Tour of Antiques

June 29, 2026

Hanover Steak Fry
Hanover, ON



A man with a goatee, wearing a dark tuxedo jacket over a white dress shirt and a white bow tie. He is wearing a blue and gold Masonic collar with a large gold pendant. He is also wearing a blue and gold Masonic apron with intricate embroidery. He is standing in a library with bookshelves filled with books in the background.

Deputy Grand Master's Communique

Greetings Brethren,

For several years now, the focus of our own marketing and outreach approach has been aligned with the 'Path Forward' marketing initiative introduced by the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. It's original research and survey findings showed that the values and tenets of our Craft resonate strongly with men of today's society, and that the foundation of our Craft is as strong as it has been at any time in our history. These findings led the Northern Jurisdiction to introduce their 'Not Just a Man a Mason' campaign. Our Grand Lodge has subscribed to this campaign in support of this initiative. An important feature of the 'Not Just a Man a Mason' initiative is the website 'BeaFreemason.org'. It was launched by the combined efforts of the Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction, The Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, and Shriners International. This interactive website is open to all Grand Lodges of North America, and its' purpose allows for any local interest in our Craft to be directed to the appropriate jurisdiction. Our subscription to 'BeaFreemason.org' has given our own jurisdiction a further venue for potential interest to be directed our way.

The Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in concert with the Masonic Renewal Committee, has also been providing our Craft with valuable and intriguing data-based information in the form of recommendations, book publications, on-line and in person talks, presentations and of course the invaluable Not Just a Man a Mason campaign. A special note of accreditation to Linda Patch, currently the Senior Director of Marketing and Communications of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Her ongoing data research team continues to keep

us current and informed with regular data updates, publications and solid recommendations. The ten years of Northern Masonic Jurisdiction led research continues to provide a valuable, contemporary lens on Masonry's relevance in today's societal landscape. Their current emphasis focuses on the contemporary question of perceived membership decline, while inquiries to join continue to come in, with over 146,000 recorded through the associated website bea Freemason.org alone.

In addition, their reference to the publication 'The Upswing' by Robert D. Putnam, suggests that there are also indications of an increase in interest and membership, inferring that Freemasonry did not necessarily cause its membership to decline, but that the Craft can be a force in civic renewal, and that the timing for our Craft is now. According to the research, we have been riding what is being referred to as the "I – We – I" curve, and that currently the civic context is showing a shift from "We" to "I". In fact, we are, culturally in a deep "I" period, where individual sentiments include isolation, distrust, polarization and feeling disconnected. This apparent shift has affected civic, fraternal, religious, and volunteer organizations across all jurisdictions. The indication is that the drop in membership was not necessarily Freemasonry's failure, it was a cultural shift, and that Freemasonry's decline occurred because the entire civic ecosystem collapsed around us.

The current data collected in their 2025 survey,

concentrates on Freemasonry's relevance today. And the results are clear, that Freemasonry's core values and principles are resonate and timeless. For further elaboration on the current survey findings, i would highly recommend their current publication "The Path Forward – Empowering the Future of Freemasonry." In short, there are three strong recommendations to consider:

- Ensure timely follow-ups, no man's knock goes unanswered;
- mprove how Freemasonry welcomes and supports men inquiring to join, be consistent, timely, hospitable, and reliable for every man;
- Reassert Freemasonry's public identity; be principled, accessible, and provide a noble path for men seeking purpose and community.

In summary, Freemasonry is one of the last great civic institutions. It did not necessarily cause its own decline. But it can lead its renewal.

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

I was having a tough enough time with math when I was a student in elementary school. In high school they added letters to the numbers. The classes became even more challenging! I still do not see the point.

But I do understand we count in tens. Numbers get bigger accordingly, 100's, 1000's etc. But the Babylonians counted in 60's. No kidding. 60 seconds to a minute. 60 minutes to an hour. 24 hours, a multiple of 6, in a day. 360 degrees in a circle.

The famous Babylonian is likely Nebuchadnezzar. He is even mentioned by name in A Charlie Brown Christmas. It was he who destroyed King Solomon's temple in 586 BC. And took Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from Israel to Babylon.

How ever we divide the day, let us remember to keep part of the day for prayer. We must not let good things hold us from better. We begin our meetings with prayer. Do we begin our day in a similar manner. We end our meetings with prayer. Do we end each and every days grateful for His favour in our lives?

The weeping prophet, Jeremiah reminds us that His mercies are new every morning. Before you turn on the news. Don't start the day with your device or TV. Spend time with the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

As we pray, the clutter in our lives will be properly sorted. We may think of the needs of others. Healing for a brother or a family member. Asking the Lord to keep us safe as we travel so many miles from meeting to meeting. The simple act of grace before each and every meal.

The old hymn simply says, "Take time to be holy. Speak oft with thy Lord"

Regards,



David Spencer

Grand Chaplain
Right Worshipful Brother
David Spencer

Grand Chaplain's Schedule for May

May 1 | Sovereign Grand Commander, OV
David Bennett Valley of North Bay

May 5 | Northern Light Lodge, Stayner

May 6 | Espanola Lodge

May 12 | Strong Lodge, Sundridge

May 13 | Amalgamation :Nickel and Friendship
Lodges, Sudbury

Grand Secretary's Communique

Brethren,

A few items for your consideration and information.

April Mailing

I am hoping you already received copies of all the great information distributed electronically to the lodges in April. Some members reported not receiving the important documents, so the package was also sent out to all current members with email addresses recorded in Grand View. The documents can also be found in the Resources area of Grand View. If you did not receive the package, please contact the Secretary of your lodge.

Draft Semi-Annual Returns in Grand View

I am pleased to report that draft Semi-Annual Returns are available in Grand View for planning purposes. The Secretary can view the draft Semi-Annual Return in Grand View under Lodge Accounting - Returns & Invoices, then click on the January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026, Semi Annual Return, and click on Preview Draft Return. Do not pay because membership changes and purchases will be reflected in the draft Semi-Annual Return throughout the period.

Annual Communication – July 15-16, 2026

Our Annual Communication will once again take place at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites on Wednesday-Thursday July 15th-16th, 2026. Used Books and New Books will be available for sale Tuesday afternoon July 14th and Wednesday July 15th, 2026. Seminars and Workshops will be offered on Tuesday afternoon July 14th, 2026. Please see the Summons for further details.

Grand Master's Banquet – Wednesday July 15, 2026

The Grand Master's Banquet sold out very quickly this year. There may be a few tickets that come available in late May or early June. Please check the Eventbrite link at [https://www.](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2026-tickets-1985640235396)



[eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2026-tickets-1985640235396](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2026-tickets-1985640235396). Please see the poster in the April mailing and this magazine for further details. Guest Speakers are Sharon O'Leary and Rachel Macauley, Ronald McDonald House Southwestern Ontario. **Dinner is 4-Course Duo Steak & Salmon. Individual Tickets \$95 and Tables of Eight (8) \$740. There will be no tickets for sale at the Annual Communication.**

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 reservations are cancelled 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:

Email: 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

Qualification – District Deputy Grand Masters

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.

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.

Please see the Electronic Voting document distributed in the April Mailing and available under the Resources area of Grand View for further details, including with regards to any 2nd Ballot and other important instructions and details.

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 a correct email address recorded in Grand View will receive a registration notice and link to register? 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.

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.

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

THE ESSENTIALS:

FIVE MASONIC BOOKS TO HAVE IN YOUR COLLECTION

A well-rounded Masonic library is more than a collection of books—it is a working toolkit for understanding the Craft in both its historical depth and personal meaning.

These five essential volumes each serve a distinct purpose: one grounds the reader in the origins and evolution of Freemasonry, another unpacks the symbolism and ritual that give the fraternity its richness, while others offer philosophical insight, practical guidance for lodge participation, and reflections on the moral and ethical teachings at the heart of the Order.

Together, they move a Mason beyond rote learning into genuine comprehension, helping him connect tradition with personal growth. Owning and studying these works ensures not only a deeper appreciation of Masonry's heritage, but also a more meaningful and informed journey within it.

The Secret Teachings of All Ages by Manly P. Hall

Often considered the “Bible” of Western esotericism, this encyclopedic work provides a comprehensive overview of the philosophical, hermetic, and symbolic traditions underpinning Masonic thought.

Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry by Albert Pike

A 19th-century classic, this massive work offers in-depth philosophical and historical context for the Scottish Rite degrees, essential for understanding the deeper, intellectual, and symbolic aspects of the craft.

The Builders: A Story and Study of Masonry by Joseph Fort Newton

Written in 1914, this is widely regarded as one of the best introductions to Masonic history and philosophy. It is often recommended to new Masons for its accessible yet profound look at the craft's origins and purpose.

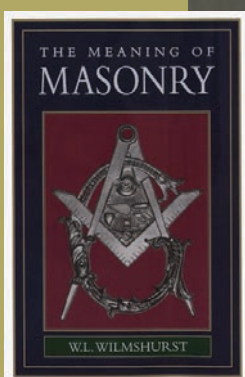
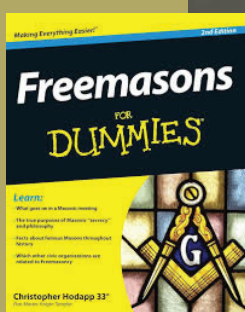
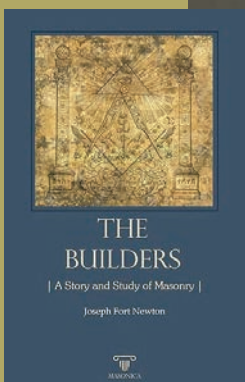
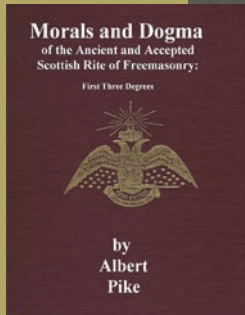
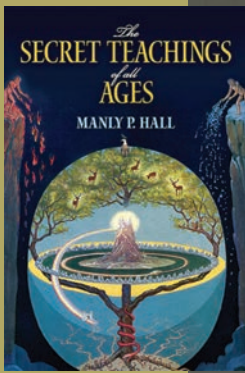
Freemasons For Dummies by Christopher Hodapp

Despite the title, this is one of the most accurate, comprehensive, and up-to-date guides to Freemasonry available, covering everything from the history to the modern operations of a lodge.

The Meaning of Masonry by W.L. Wilmshurst

A classic work focusing on the spiritual and esoteric (inner) side of the craft, exploring the profound inner journey that is supposed to take place through the study of Masonic ritual and symbolism.

All of these books are in various forms of print.



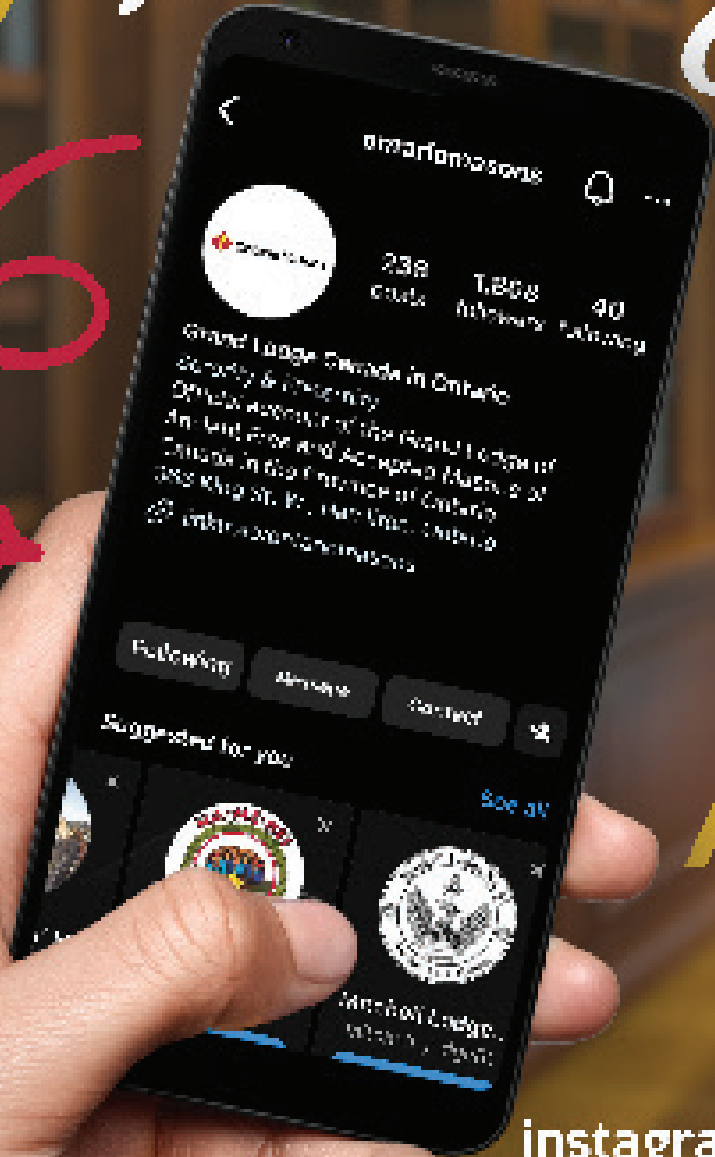


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GOOD MUSIC & GOOD TIDINGS



Festive music and community spirit filled the hall this past December as The North Dundas Masonic Lodge No. 320 hosted a Christmas concert that brought neighbours together for an afternoon of seasonal cheer.

The event struck more than a musical chord, it also raised \$3,400 in support of the new Dundas Manor. That total included \$2,556 in ticket sales, amplified by a 33 per cent matching gift from the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

Guests enjoyed standout performances by Kelli Trotter, The Glengarry Girls Choir, and Cholly and Charis Boland. Beyond the music, the concert delivered true good tidings of the season, celebrating generosity, togetherness, and strong community support for the new Dundas Manor project.

And just when it seemed the final note had been played, an encore was already brewing. The Lodge is tuning up for another Christmas concert this December, promising more festive fun and more support for a great cause.



**ALDWORTH LODGE
NO. 235
BBQ**

THURSDAY JUNE 4, 2026

6 PM | \$30 PER PERSON

AT THE HOME OF IAN & WENDY CUMMING

592 Sideroad 18 & 19 Port Elgin

Spouses / Partners Welcome!

Call Ian for directions 519-373-3115



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THE WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB

BY: W. BRO. JOHN MUISE



Every Tuesday morning, I enter the Lodge basement where banquets are normally held, head over to our new 100 cup coffee percolator, fill the basket with ground coffee and the unit with water, and set it on a table in the hall. Once it's plugged into a timer to come on about 6 am the next morning, I arrange all the chairs around 3 long tables, set "end to end" And we're ready for the fun to start bright and early the next day.

Wednesday morning at 7am, I'm over at the local donut shop picking up a dozen of everyone's favourites, from apple fritters to glazed chocolate and sour cream. While the selection might change, the time it takes for them to disappear never does. Blink and they're gone.

By 7:15 the coffee is perked; cream, sugar, sweetener, napkins, cups and spoons are next to the coffee urn. The serving table is laid out with the donuts, plus lots of other snacks, from mini cinnamon rolls and a variety of tasty cookies. By 7:30, the early birds arrive, and the fun starts.

A number of years ago, 3 members of Peterborough Lodge #155 decided to start a coffee club to allow the brethren, friends and anybody interested in possibly joining the Lodge, to have a chance to meet socially. Donations of a few dollars were welcome and helped to cover the costs, with any excess going to supply pop and water for the other Lodges in the Temple to

use, and if they were able, to make donations on behalf of the Coffee Club to the District Charitable Project.

Ten became fifteen, fifteen became twenty and the number slowly grew until things averaged out at about 30 members attending each week.

It was easy to tell when it was on because the noise level from a number of different conversations taking place at the same time reached the parking lot.

Then Covid hit and everything stopped.

For 3 years, no Coffee Club. Fortunately, early on, one of the "tech savvy" younger Brothers came up with a brilliant idea: The Wednesday Morning Zoom Coffee Club". For 3 hours every Wednesday, you could sit at your desk in front of a computer, coffee in hand and socialize. Was it as good as being in person – not by a long shot, but it had a few advantages. Older or infirm Brethren who couldn't normally attend, could join the conversations and feel a little less isolated.

Newer members to the area, as I was at the time, had the names of those present on the screen which helped me get to know them. While nothing Masonic could be discussed in case we had new non-Masonic members

on-line, we still solved or at least tried to solve the problems of the world.

As Covid neared the end and Spring was upon us, one of the brethren came up with a brilliant idea: everyone would bring chairs, their own coffee and sit, well-spaced, outside the Lodge building in the parking lot every Wednesday morning, weather permitting. After months of talking to each other over a computer screen, getting together in person felt so very, very good. It was only a matter of time before the quarantine was lifted, the Temple building reopened and the Coffee Club reformed.

It started off slowly, 10 or 15 people at first, spaced, "masks optional" for those who felt uncomfortable, but it didn't take too many months before things finally took off. These days, 30 to 40 people showing up is normal, with spikes to almost 50 becoming a regular occurrence. Two of the 3 original members who started it all have either become ill or moved out of the area, and I've stepped in to help. It has truly become a "labour of love".

Reflections and Observations

- One night while I was working a nightshift at the Water Plant in late 2015, a search on the internet revealed something about a Masonic Wednesday Morning Coffee Club in Peterborough, a city I would be moving to on a permanent basis once I retired early the following year. One Wednesday morning during my week off, I decided to "check it out". The moment I walked into the room, I instantly remembered what I missed about Masonry (having been away from it for 25 years). I was welcomed as a friend, given a tour of the Lodge building, and immediately felt at home. A few months later, after my retirement, I made an application for affiliation and later that same year, joined Peterborough Lodge. Strangely, it was the feeling of being welcomed at the Coffee Club that brought me back into Masonry, and I've never regretted it for a moment.



- One night, one of the Masters mentioned that he was having a difficult time putting together a team for his lodge installation. Someone told him to come to the Coffee Club and all would be taken care of. The next week he came in and told the brethren present of his difficulties. Within minutes, he had enough volunteers to fill all the vacant positions. In times of need, we are all there to lend a hand.
- Over the years, and because of the generosity of the brethren present, the "donation basket" has resulted in thousands of dollars being directed to the Charitable Projects of the various District Deputies from the Coffee Club. In addition, funds have been used to purchase various items used around the lodge building.
- Recently, the greatest contribution to the Lodge has been the number of young men who, having expressed an interest in Masonry, have been invited to join us for a complementary coffee and treat, been given a tour of the Lodge, and after 5 or 6 months of regularly attending the Coffee Club, have not only had to chance to get to

know us, but we have come to know them. We've laughed together, shared stories, learned what "makes them tick", and allowed them to come to know us as friends. After Covid, our Lodge, one of 3 in the Temple, had a membership in the low 30's and we felt ourselves drifting towards darkness. In just over a year and a half, our numbers have almost doubled, with most of the new additions having come from members of other Lodges in the District who were so impressed with the energy in the Coffee Club we run, and in our Lodge, that they have affiliated. More importantly, young men who, having come to the Coffee Club every Wednesday morning for months and been made to feel at home, have joined our membership as Masons, and Brothers.

- Recently, in an effort to become more "environmentally friendly", I've started picking up gently used coffee mugs from a local thrift shop for next to nothing, washed them, and every week put out a half dozen or so for the Brethren (first come – first served) to grab a mug and make it their own, complete with a label bearing their name. We're up to over 30 mugs, which they store on site. The beauty is that we used to buy 2000 foam cups per year at about \$100. This year, our supplier switched over to paper cups at twice the cost. Doing the math: using even 30 mugs for approximately 50 weeks means we are keeping 1500 disposable mugs out of the landfill. Plus, when the "new guys" get their own labeled coffee mug, they are made to feel part of the group. It's a win-win for everyone and isn't that what "fraternity" and "fellowship" are all about.

Then at 10:45 am we make the last call for coffee, clean up and put everything away. At 11 am the lights are turned off and everyone who hasn't already left heads towards the exit – until next week when we do it all over again.



A Night of Excellence and Brotherhood

BY W. BRO. SRDJAN RAJSIC

Mississauga Lodge No. 524, located at 45 Port Street in the heart of Port Credit, hosted an extraordinary evening of ritual excellence and heartfelt fellowship on April 9th, 2026. The Lodge welcomed the Toronto Humber Valley Wardens Association team, led by Bro. Mher Keoushkerian, who delivered an exceptional Entered Apprentice Degree to Mississauga Lodge's candidate. Their work was nearly flawless, precise, confident, and executed with a level of dedication that impressed every Brother present.

Mississauga Lodge has been refining its ritual experience in a way that sets it apart. The Brethren practice silence before entering the Lodge, creating a reflective and reverent atmosphere. Candles are lit as part of the opening ambiance, music accompanies key moments of the degree, and all officers wear white gloves, adding dignity and uniformity to the work. On this special evening, Bro. Jan Vrba elevated the experience even further with live trumpet performances, giving the night a unique emotional depth and an unforgettable Masonic character.

The evening was further enriched by the presence of Victoria Lodge No. 474, visiting under the leadership of W. Bro. Bernard Cvetkovic. Fourteen members of Victoria Lodge joined Mississauga Lodge for a warm dinner and to support the initiation of Brother Michael Chandrapal. Their strong turnout and enthusiastic participation embodied the true spirit of unity and brotherly love.

From the beautifully prepared meal to the thoughtful lighting, music—both live and recorded—white gloves, and seamless organization, the night offered a first-class Masonic experience. It was an outstanding and proud moment for the Craft in general and for Mississauga Lodge in particular, demonstrating what can be achieved when Brethren come together with purpose, harmony, and dedication.

Mississauga Lodge No. 524 warmly welcomes all Brethren. The Lodge meets on the first and second Thursday of every month, except July and August, and continues to raise the bar for meaningful, inspiring Masonic gatherings.



FROM THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES:

The Mysterious Scarborough Manuscript

BY V.W. BRO. EVAN WOODHEAD FCF, GRAND LIBRARIAN
& V.W. BRO. GREG MCKINNON, GRAND ARCHIVIST

The Scarborough manuscript is one of the most important and valuable Masonic documents in the world. It belongs to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. And it's missing.

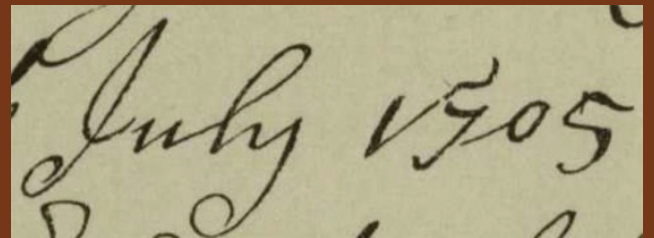
If you have never heard of the Scarborough MS, you're not alone. We have recently learned that many Ontario Masons, even among those we know to be very knowledgeable about our history, were not aware of it. Which is unfortunate,

The Scarborough MS is one of the Old Charges, also known as Gothic Constitutions of Freemasonry. Examples of the Old Charges are rare. R.W. Bro. Wallace McLeod, writing in 1986, identified 127 of them (including 14 which are known to have existed but are now lost).

The Old Charges are important because they offer a window into the world of pre-Grand Lodge Freemasonry. In a very real sense, they could be said to form the foundation of ALL Freemasonry. Collectively they contain the closest thing we have to an articulation of the Ancient Landmarks—which mark out the boundaries of regular Freemasonry. These are the documents that James Anderson was asked to “digest” into “a new and better method” by Grand Master Montagu in 1721, which led to the first published Grand Lodge Constitution, and became the basis for all regular Grand Lodge Constitutions to this day. The Old Charges also contain a “traditional history” which served as the basis for the version included by Anderson in the 1723 edition, expanded upon in 1738, and which continued to be included in subsequent Constitutions for many years afterward.



These documents were even involved in the ritual, at least in its earliest form—they explicitly state that they were to be read out at the “making” of Masons.



There are few enough examples of the Old Charges in any form, but the Scarborough MS belongs to the small subset which specify names, dates, and locations. An endorsement on the back shows that it was used by a lodge “at Scarborough in the County of York”. An Ontario Mason could be forgiven for assuming that refers to what is now the Eastern part of Metropolitan Toronto, but that’s not correct. The Scarborough in question is the one in the English Midlands.

The manuscript also refers to a Masonic meeting on a specific date. At first glance, it looks like the 10th of July 1505, but most experts seem to agree it was originally 1705, and someone added a squiggle above the “7”, in slightly different ink, to make it look like a “5”. This document has a habit of disappearing. It disappeared from Yorkshire sometime after 1705, and in 1860

it appeared in the Philadelphia Mirror and Keystone. Nothing is known about how it made its way here. Subsequently, a researcher tracked down its owner, Rev. J. Wilton Kerr of Clinton, Ontario, but apparently it had disappeared once again. A Masonic periodical called the Canadian Craftsman and Masonic Record published an article in January of 1874 encouraging the brethren to search for it. The very next month, they published a second article reporting that the Scarborough MS had been found.

Rev. Kerr gave the document to Grand Lodge, and it was placed in the safe hands of R.W. Bro. Thomas



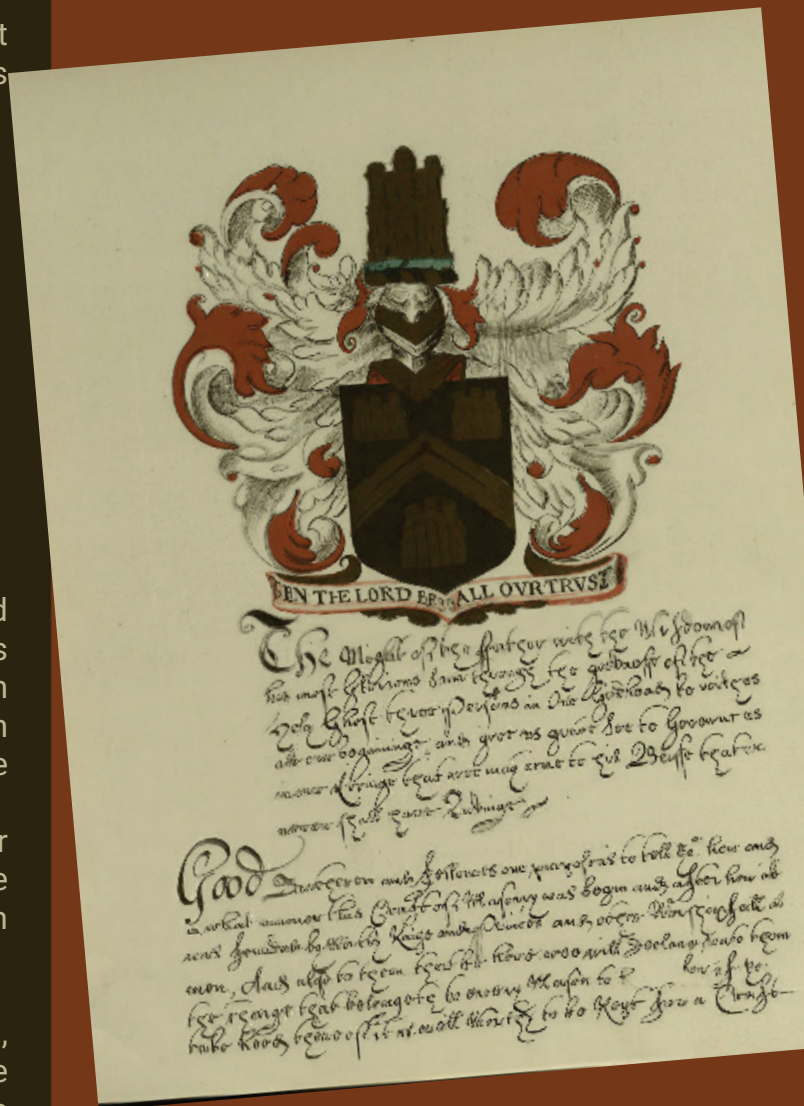
Bird Harris, who was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada from its inception in 1855 until his death in 1875. It then became quite well known in the world of Masonic literature and is referenced in books and papers on the Old Charges, for example Hughan in 1879, Gould in 1882, Begemann in 1888. We know that the manuscript was loaned to Quatuor Coronati Lodge in 1894, and they published a facsimile and transcription of it as Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha Volume 5.

It is clear that the manuscript returned to Canada, with references by Herbert Poole in 1924 and Wallace McLeod in 1986 noting that the document is in the possession of our Grand Lodge.

After reading so much about the Scarborough MS over the years, it seemed like a good idea to see is "live and in person". However, we could not find anyone who knew where to find it. For that matter, we could not find anyone who has ever seen it. M.W. Bro. Cameron and Evan made a reasonably careful search of both vaults in the Grand Lodge office, to no avail.

It seems the Scarborough MS has disappeared for a third time, and we are most anxious to locate it. And if it has somehow strayed from the office location, to see it returned to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario—its rightful owner.

This is what the first part of the scroll looks like:



If anyone has any information on where this valuable document can be found, please reach out to us at library@grandlodge.on.ca

BEGIN YOUR

BY R.W BRO CHARLES SINGH

Mentoring takes many forms, from the smallest gesture to more coordinated efforts geared at widening the circle of masonic knowledge and experiences. The immersive nature of our craft encourages us to be actively engaged, and create the conditions for the success of our members and our leaders. MW Bro Raymond S. J. Daniels, Past Grandmaster of our Grand Lodge, said that we should “get KNOWLEDGE; get WISDOM; but with all thy getting, get UNDERSTANDING”. In Basic Training – Masonic Knowledge, he offered his insights on the value of curiosity as we progress on our “life long journey of discovery.”

It is important to make a clear distinction between Basic Training and Masonic Knowledge in the broad field of Masonic Education. Basic Training consists of HOW we do things in Masonry

– the mechanics, protocol and etiquette, established usages and customs, and traditions peculiar to the Craft. Masonic Knowledge consists of WHY we do things in Masonry – history, symbolism, and philosophy. Both aspects are important, but we have tended to emphasize the former often at the expense of the latter. If we understand why we do the things we do in the performance of the degrees – saluting, squaring the lodge, carrying the wand, etc. – it naturally follows that we will easily conform to the proper form and order.

To understand the more profound meaning of Freemasonry as an initiatory order is the principal

purpose of Masonic Education. In this sense the Lodge is a learning centre and every meeting provides learning opportunities for those with ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend. It is the stated duty of the Worshipful Master “to employ and instruct the brethren in Masonry.” In this sense, Freemasonry is the largest and oldest institution devoted to adult education. Education and Freemasonry are synonymous terms.

At the beginning of our Masonic journey, we are admonished “to make a daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge.” It is in the genius of Masonry that the Candidate is never ‘force fed’ but is encouraged to seek for himself the answers to those questions that are important to him.

Sadie Black gave this advice, “Be curious always! For knowledge will not acquire you; you must acquire it.”

The Ashlars symbolize that life long journey of discovery that is the essence of Freemasonry. Truly it has been said that, “The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder.” -Ralph W. Sockman

Updated resources are available at our Grand Lodge website: *Mentor Training Manual, Mentor Notes for the EA, FC, and MM Degrees and the supplemental six (6) booklets “Contemplating the Degree”* provide some of the tools and best practices to encourage, train and support mentors, sponsors and leaders engaged in this important role.



What's The Rush?

BY R.W. BRO. STEPHEN MAIZELS

It is easy to see why initiates in the US lodges would want to get through their next degrees in the shortest possible time. Their lodges open in the Masters Masons Degree. They do not get to fully participate in their lodge meetings until they have finally got there. We are so fortunate here in our jurisdiction that immediately on initiation our new brother is on the level with all his lodge brethren. Business is conducted in the entered apprentice degree, and at once he gets to ballot on all lodge voting matters. All that the candidate is missing are his two superior ceremonies that will eventually make him a master mason. He has already seen the light of freemasonry, and there is so much for him to ask and know in the craft before progressing. Sadly, we put pressure on him to prepare very quickly for each of his remaining degrees. The thirty day minimum leaves him missing out. The entered apprentice ceremony, combined with the lecture on the tracing board and the charge based on the old charges are replete, filled to the brim, with the fundamentals of Freemasonry. Like the medieval apprentices who took time to progress their indenture to properly learn their trade, so would it be very advantageous to the speculative freemason mason to emulate that. Seek the fundamental knowledge and then move on. The quality of his whole masonic life ahead is what is at stake.

The well-known Australian actor Hugh Jackman made a slow start in his acting career, eventually rising to the top of his profession. "The longer it takes you to become successful, the harder it will be for somebody else to take it away from you."

This quote focuses on patience, growth, and long-term effort. It speaks about building success step by step. The message connects to real life, career goals, and personal development. The quote meaning and relevance connect to how success takes time. Many people want quick results. It reminds readers that slow progress builds a strong base. When success takes time, skills grow deeper. Experience grows with each step. This makes success more stable.

Based on available information, there is no evidence that Hugh Jackman was a Freemason. The only association likely stems from the 2013 film *Prisoners* where Jake Gyllenhaal's character (Detective Loki) wears a Masonic ring. Gyllenhaal added the ring as a character detail, but this does not reflect Jackman's personal affiliations.



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A Year of Steady Light:

An Interview with R.W Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

BY BRO. DANIEL J DUFF

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As Communications Chair for Ottawa District I, I felt it both fitting and meaningful to sit down for a conversation with a man I am proud to call not only a colleague in the Craft, but a Brother and a friend—R.W Bro. Abraham R. Garcia.

Having almost completed his year of service as District Deputy Grand Master, it is an opportune moment to reflect on the experiences, challenges, and accomplishments that have defined his term.

The role of District Deputy Grand Master is one of quiet but profound influence. It demands not only administrative oversight, but a steady presence—one that offers guidance, encouragement, and continuity across the Lodges of the district. Over the past year, RW Bro. Abraham R. Garcia has carried these responsibilities with dedication, humility, and a clear sense of purpose.

This interview is intended not simply as a retrospective, but as a window into the character of leadership within Freemasonry today. Through his reflections, I hope to gain insight into the evolving nature of the Craft, the enduring importance of its principles, and the personal commitment required to uphold them.

What follows is a candid and thoughtful discussion on his journey, his philosophy of leadership, and his vision for the future of Freemasonry within Ottawa District I and beyond.

In this candid and thoughtful conversation, R.W Bro. Abe Garcia reflects on his journey into Freemasonry, the responsibilities of leadership, and his vision for the future of the Craft.



The Following is an Interview conducted April 13, 2026 with R.W Bro. Abraham R. Garcia.

Q: What first inspired your journey into Freemasonry, and how has your understanding of the Craft evolved over time?

Garcia:
What inspired me initially was curiosity. I first learned about Freemasonry from my Dad's cousin—who actually isn't even a Mason—so what I heard at first were more along the lines of conspiracy theories.

But I thought to myself, "if these men were founders of nations and innovators, they couldn't be bad people." That led me to seek them out and join their ranks.

Now that I'm a member, my understanding has deepened. Whether those men were inspired by the fraternity to become men of action, or whether they already possessed those qualities before joining, it is good to be associated with them. I hope that I too can leave a legacy much like theirs.

Q: As District Deputy Grand Master, how do you view your role in supporting and strengthening the Lodges within your district?

Garcia:
I view my role as an encourager and an inspirer. I try to follow the example set by my predecessors—to be available to the Lodges when they need assistance and to provide guidance on the issues they face.

Q: What are the most pressing challenges facing Freemasonry today, and how can Lodges meaningfully address them?

Garcia:
Relevance in modern society, and maintaining high

standards, are among the foremost concerns. Addressing these requires both fidelity to tradition and thoughtful adaptation.

Q: In your experience, what distinguishes a thriving Lodge from one that is struggling?

Garcia:
Membership participation and a genuine sense of fraternity often define success. Where those are present, Lodges tend to thrive. Where enthusiasm and purpose begin to wane, stagnation often follows.

Q: Freemasonry is often described as a system of moral instruction veiled in allegory—how do you see that philosophy resonating with modern candidates?

Garcia:
While the language may be traditional, the lessons are timeless. They offer guidance that remains profoundly relevant in contemporary life.

Q: What importance do you place on ritual excellence, and how can Lodges work toward improving their degree work?

Garcia:
Ritual is the heartbeat of Freemasonry. Excellence in its delivery enhances both dignity and impact. It requires dedication, rehearsal, and a real sense of pride in the work.

Q: How can Freemasonry maintain its traditions while still adapting to the expectations of contemporary society?

Garcia:
Balance is essential—preserving what is sacred while embracing thoughtful innovation where appropriate.

Q: What advice would you offer to Worshipful





Masters seeking to leave a lasting and positive impact during their year in the Chair?

Garcia:
Lead with purpose, plan with intention, and cultivate harmony. A successful year isn't measured only by the number of events, but by the strength and unity of the Brethren.

Q: Looking ahead, what is your vision for the future of the Craft within your district and beyond?

Garcia:
A renewed emphasis on education, engagement, and visibility is central to that vision—ensuring Freemasonry remains vibrant for generations to come.

Further Reflections

Q: How has your experience in progressive offices prepared you for this role?

Garcia:
Each office contributes to a broader understanding of leadership, patience, and service—qualities that are essential for effective oversight.

Q: What role do mentorship and Masonic education play in shaping the long-term vitality of our Lodges?

Garcia:
They are indispensable. Without them, continuity falters; with them, the Craft flourishes.

Q: How can Lodges better balance their charitable efforts with the internal development of their members?

Garcia:
Charity must extend both outward and inward—supporting the community while also nurturing the individual Mason.

Q: In your travels throughout the district, have you encountered any particularly inspiring practices?

Garcia:
Absolutely. From innovative education nights to revitalized festive boards, there's a great deal of creativity and dedication throughout the district.

Q: What personal legacy do you hope to leave during your term?

Garcia:
A district marked by unity, renewed purpose, and a strengthened commitment to the principles of Freemasonry.

Closing Reflections

Right Worshipful Brother is far more than a title—it is a lived expression of service. R.W Bro. Garcia's year as District Deputy Grand Master has been marked not by grandstanding, but by steady presence, thoughtful counsel, and a sincere commitment to the well-being of every Lodge and Brother within Ottawa District I.

Throughout his reflections, there is a consistent theme: that Freemasonry endures not because of its history alone, but because of the men who choose, year after year, to give of themselves in its service.

Leadership, in this sense, is not measured in directives issued or accolades received, but in the quiet, often unseen moments—encouraging a struggling Lodge, mentoring a new Brother, or simply showing up with consistency and purpose.

R.W Bro. Garcia's emphasis on unity, education, and engagement speaks to a broader vision for the Craft—one that honours its traditions while ensuring its relevance for future generations. It is

a vision grounded not in change for its own sake, but in thoughtful stewardship: preserving what is essential, while nurturing what must grow.

His legacy, as he humbly suggests, will not be defined by any single initiative, but by the tone he has helped set—a district characterized by harmony, renewed purpose, and a strengthened commitment to the principles we all profess.

In many ways, this interview serves as both a reflection and a reminder: that the strength of Freemasonry lies not in its buildings or its rituals alone, but in the character of its members and the sincerity of their bonds.

If the future of the Craft in Ottawa District I is to be shaped by the same spirit demonstrated over the past year, it is a future that rests on firm and promising ground.



R.W BRO. ABRAHAM R. GARCIA POSES FOR A PHOTO WITH WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF THE DISTRICT POST OFFICIAL VISIT TO ST. JOHNS LODGE NO.63

New Light Rises

BY: BRO. MICHAEL ART REBULTAN

INSTALLATION OF
HORACE MUNDY CHAPTER
OFFICERS FOR 2026



Within the sacred halls of the Whitby Masonic Centre, under the sponsorship of Coronati Lodge No. 520, G.R.C., the Horace Mundy Chapter, Order of DeMolay marked a historic and memorable moment in its journey of leadership and service. Last Sunday, February 22, 2026, brethren, families, and supporters gathered in unity to witness the Installation of Officers for Term 2026, a ceremony rich in tradition, symbolism, and brotherhood.

The occasion reflected the enduring partnership between Freemasonry and DeMolay, where generations unite to shape young men into leaders grounded in character, virtue, and service. The atmosphere was filled with reverence and hope as a new line of officers stepped forward to carry the torch of leadership, guided by the wisdom of those who have served before them.

The Chapter proudly installed the following officers, who now assume the responsibility of guiding the Horace Mundy Chapter with dedication and integrity: Master Councilor - Jan Louis Sobrepena; Senior Councilor - Prince Carlo Macaraeg; Junior Councilor - Osiris Buhat; Scribe - Anthony Toledo; Marshal - Marcus Rheionne Reyes; Senior Deacon - Jordan Ramos; Junior Deacon - March Sobrepena; Senior Steward - Aaron Blake Pascua; Junior

Steward - Francis Alden Bernardo; Sentinel - Troy Solana; Standard Bearer - Travis Rann Ezekiel Grospe; Chaplain - Jaden Cuerpo; First Preceptor - Prince Miralles; Second Preceptor - Ethan Sarambalos; Third Preceptor - Raimel Macandog; Fourth Preceptor - Nathaniel Rivera; Fifth Preceptor - Sheldon John Alvez; Sixth Preceptor - Travis Solana; Seventh Preceptor - Shannon Vaughn Alvez. Each officer accepted his role with solemn commitment, pledging to uphold the Seven Cardinal Virtues of DeMolay and to lead with humility, service, and brotherly love.

The ceremony was conducted with dignity and precision by the Installing Team: Installing Officer - Angelo Balsomo, PMC; Installing Senior Councilor - Paul Oliver Limin, PMC; Installing Junior Councilor - Bruno Rink de Sousa; Installing Senior Deacon - Lance Pedroso, PMC; Installing Marshal - Reginald Faraon, PMC; Installing Chaplain - Jake de Borja, MC, Mississauga Chapter; Prompter - Ralph Calaus, PMC; Backups - Toronto 7-Candles/ Dennis Gerangco. Their dedication ensured a ceremony marked by excellence, tradition, and profound meaning.

Also installed by Bro./Dad Ian McGugan,

Executive Officer of Ontario DeMolay are members of the Advisory Council. Behind every successful Chapter stands a devoted team of mentors whose guidance shapes its direction and strength. The Horace Mundy Chapter expressed heartfelt gratitude to its Advisory Council whose wisdom and support continue to nurture the growth of its members. Comprising the Advisory Council are: W. Bro. Mike O'Sullivan (Canada Friendship Lodge No. 532); W. Bro. Cleo Balsomo (Coronati Lodge No. 520); Bro. Paul Oliver Limin (Superior Lodge No. 501); Bruno Rink de Sousa (DeMolay Brasil); Bro. Michael Art Rebutan (The General Mercer Lodge No. 548); W. Bro. Ulysses Toledo (Richmond Lodge No. 23); Bro. Gino Grospe (Richardson Lodge No. 136); Bro. Benedict Rivera (Acacia Lodge No. 430); W. Bro. Ernest Louiselle (then President of DeMolay Canada); Linda Loiselle (Awards Advisor)

Guest of Honor - R.W. Bro. Maher Eid

The Horace Mundy Chapter was deeply honored by the presence of R.W. Bro. Maher Eid, Member of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who served as Guest Speaker during the Good of the Order. His address resonated with wisdom and sincerity, reminding the young men that leadership is not defined by titles, but by character lived consistently in daily life. He spoke of integrity, moral courage, and the responsibility of shaping a future grounded

in service and faith. In recognition of his inspiring message and unwavering support of youth leadership, the Chapter proudly presented R.W. Bro. Maher Eid with a Certificate of Appreciation and the HMC / Travelling Robes Pin, symbolizing fraternity, gratitude, and the lasting bond between Freemasonry and DeMolay. It was a moment of mutual respect, where mentorship and youth stood side by side in shared purpose.

Leadership Excellence - A Living Example

A special recognition was also bestowed upon Angelo Balsomo, who received a Certificate for Leadership Excellence in acknowledgment of his dedicated service and exemplary leadership. His journey reflects the very purpose of DeMolay: to mould young men into principled sons and capable leaders for a better world. It was during his leadership that the "The Travelling Robes" adopted as other name for Horace Mundy Chapter came into being. The chapter members were given the opportunity to develop their leadership skill by speaking in front of a large crowd of Masons while the former were visiting a series of masonic lodge installations.

His recognition served as a living testimony that DeMolay does not merely install officers - it cultivates character. It shapes boys into men who lead with humility, serve with sincerity, and carry



forward the light entrusted to them. In celebrating his achievement, the Chapter celebrated the greater mission of the Order itself - building leaders our families, communities, and world truly need.

Ceremony of Lights – The Seven Cardinal Virtues

The Ceremony of Lights, presented by Akira Andrei Rebutan with reverence and clarity, illuminated the Seven Cardinal Virtues that form the foundation of DeMolay: Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness, and Patriotism. As each light was kindled, the Chapter was reminded that these virtues are not ceremonial ornaments but daily disciplines that shape boys into men of honor.

The gentle glow of the candles symbolized the guiding principles every DeMolay carries into his home, his school, and his community. It was a powerful visual reminder that leadership begins within - rooted in love, strengthened by faith, and sustained by moral conviction.

Flower Talk – A Son's Gratitude

The Flower Talk delivered by Marcus Rheionne Reyes offered one of the most tender moments of the afternoon, emphasizing a son's love and gratitude for his parents. Through heartfelt reflection, the message honored the sacrifices, prayers, and quiet strength of mothers and fathers who stand behind every young man's journey. It reminded all present that DeMolay's first and greatest lesson is Filial Love - loyalty and respect that begin at home.

In that moment, the teachings of the Seven Cardinal Virtues came full circle. The ceremony was not merely about leadership positions; it was about forming sons who honor their parents, cherish their families, and grow into men worthy of the trust placed upon them.

Banquet Fellowship and Celebration

Following the ceremony, brethren and guests gathered for fellowship at the banquet hall, where unity and celebration continued in joyful spirit. The programme featured: Invocation - Prince Kean Miralles; Short Remarks - Jan Louis Sobrepena; Entertainment - Gabriel Balsomo and Anthony Toledo; Closing Remarks - W. Bro./Dad Ferdinand

Abad, Worshipful Master of Coronati Lodge No. 520

The evening reflected the warmth of DeMolay brotherhood, strengthening bonds between members, families, and supporters.

The Horace Mundy Chapter, Order of DeMolay, The Travelling Robes, extends its heartfelt gratitude to all visitors who joined this memorable installation. The chapter thank their families, friends, brethren, Masonic Dads, and the ever-supportive mothers whose presence brought warmth, encouragement, and meaning to this sacred occasion. Their unwavering support reflects the true spirit of brotherhood and strengthens the foundation upon which these young leaders continue to grow in character, service, and virtue.

The chapter also offer their sincere appreciation to the Mississauga Chapter for their invaluable assistance and fraternal support in helping make the installation of our new officers a resounding success. Their cooperation and dedication exemplify the unity of DeMolay, where chapters stand together in shared purpose.

With special thanks, the chapter recognized W. Bro./Dad John H. Villaluna, whose generous support in providing the sound system vitalized both the installation ceremony and the banquet hall program. His contribution enhanced the spirit of the occasion and ensured that every message of leadership, brotherhood, and inspiration was clearly heard and deeply felt.

Because of each of them, the gathering became more than a ceremony; it became a celebration of fellowship, family, and the enduring light of leadership passed from one generation to the next.

A Legacy Renewed

The Installation of Officers for Term 2026 stands as a defining moment in the journey of the Horace Mundy Chapter. It is a renewal of purpose, a continuation of tradition, and a celebration of the enduring partnership between DeMolay, family, and Freemasonry.

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GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNIQUE 2026

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Louis M. Domjan

Grand Secretary
Right Worshipful Brother
Louis M. Domjan



Grand Master's Banquet July 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Grand York Ballroom
Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites

Guest Speakers:

Sharon O'Leary and Rachel Macauley
Ronald McDonald House Southwestern Ontario

Ticket Sales:

Tickets are once again only available for purchase online using Eventbrite

Individual Tickets \$95 and Tables of Eight (8) \$740

Cutoff Date is Monday July 6, 2026

Eventbrite link to purchase tickets is:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grand-masters-banquet-2026-tickets-198564023539>

There will be no tickets for sale at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

Please notify Grand Lodge at office@grandlodge.on.ca the full names of
William Mercer Wilson Medal Recipients that will be attending

4-COURSE DUO STEAK & SALMON DINNER

SOUP
SALAD
ENTRÉE

DESSERT TASTING TRIO

Warm chocolate lava cake, strawberry cheesecake, and crème brûlée

**Please distribute to all members with email
and kindly post on Lodge bulletin board**



CANDIDATE AND SUPPORTER BEHAVIOUR

Freemasonry is a gentlemanly pursuit. It is expected that certain standards of behaviour will be observed, both by candidates and by their supporters.

Election to office should be based solely upon merit and ability. It is not a popularity contest and any undue or improper promotion or solicitation of any kind will not be tolerated at any time for any ongoing or future election period. Without limiting the generality of this statement, the following activities are unacceptable:

- preparation and dissemination of lists or otherwise of any candidate or group of candidates who are deemed “acceptable” by any person, district or region.
- “checking off” of candidates on a list or otherwise and sharing it in any manner.
- mailing, e-mailing or otherwise disseminating any statement or material that in any way encourages support for any one candidate or group of candidates, including encouraging the recipient to vote for any such candidate(s).
- wearing of buttons, emblems or any other articles meant to identify or encourage support for any one candidate.
- using social media, or any other technology or platform, including personal ones, to in any way appear to promote, offer, or pledge support for any particular candidate(s), or encouraging anyone to vote for any particular candidate(s).
- posting pictures that do not include all attendees, or any other posting of any kind, on any platform, including any “like”, that in any way appears to promote any particular candidate(s) for an office of which they are or may be seeking.
- solicitation or procurement of monies to assist a candidate and/or his supporters in seeking his election.

These guidelines apply equally to **all candidates and their supporters**.

Every brother who lets his name stand to serve you as a Grand Lodge Officer deserves your respect. If you are inviting a candidate to your meeting, please invite all candidates running for that office.

The Committee on Credentials have full authority to enforce these guidelines and such enforcement may include disqualification of the offending candidate.



Membership and Guest(s) Behaviour Annual Communication 2026

At prior in-person Annual Communications in 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 new policies regarding Membership and Guest behavior were implemented. A significant reduction in complaints was received. Also, we received many letters of commendation for the new policies asking that they be continued. Therefore, the policies implemented in 2019 to manage behavior in Hospitality Suites will also be in force this year (2026).

1. District, Lodge, and/or Member Hospitality Suites/Rooms are permitted **only if registered as such** with Mrs. Sandy Xu Papa (Sales Manager) at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. Email: sandyxupapa@sheratonparkway.com.
2. The dispensing of alcohol at all times must be under the direct control of a Brother in possession of a **Smart Serve Certification**. Alcohol must not be carried in the hallways from one hospitality room to another or for any other reason.
3. Admittance to a Hospitality Suite will only be gained by presentation of a **valid Lodge dues card**, which must be shown at the door prior to entry.

All other registered private suites/rooms must remain restricted to one-self and privately invited guest(s). They are **not to be used for general hospitality purposes**.

Smoking is not permitted in any area of the hotel, including stairwells.

Large quantities of empty bottles must be removed from Hospitality Suites upon departure.

Incidents necessitating the attendance and direction of Hotel Security or Hotel Staff, for whatever reason, **must be** immediately complied with. Including, the ejection of all those present in the suite/room.

The registered rooms' occupants(s) are also subject to eviction from the hotel property. Previous incidents have necessitated members being permanently banned from the Hotel.

The foregoing rules and restrictions must be strictly conformed to. Any violation; as reported by Sheraton Hotel Security or Hotel Staff persons will be subject to stern disciplinary action by our Grand Master.

Reminder:

Section 409, Constitution of the Grand Lodge (Quote) "A member of the Masonic Order accepts the responsibility for maintaining a mode of life and conduct that is not only above reproach but is an example of good behavior within the community" (end quote).



GRAND SENIOR WARDEN - ACCLAIMED



NICK DEKOULOS – Facility Manager, 36 Faye Drive, Toronto, ON M2J 3S6. Universe Lodge No. 705, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2008, 2022.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN



ISAIAS MARINAS FRANCO – Manager of Infrastructure and Projects at University of Toronto, 15 Avonlea Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 5E4. Acacia Lodge No. 430, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2014, 2022.



MICHAEL WINSTANLEY – Retired Locomotive Engineer, 45A Washington Crescent, Elliot Lake, ON P5A 2L6. Hornepayne Lodge No. 636, Algoma District. P.M. 2017. Asst. Grand Chaplain 2024.

GRAND REGISTRAR – NONE

NONE



BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES



SATPAL SINGH CHAGGER – Operations Executive/Consultant, 411 Chancellor Drive, Woodbridge, ON L4L 5C9. Maple Lodge No. 54, York District. W.M. 2015. Grand Chaplain 2021.



BRENT HENRY DEROCHIE – Water Treatment and Utilities Construction, 22 Bristol Place, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6L8. Hatherly Lodge No. 625, Algoma East District. W.M. 2014, 2015, 2016. D.D.G.M. 2021. Board of G.P. 2023-2026.



JEFFREY MICHAEL GATCKE – Insurance Broker, 32 Dark Island Lane, Gananoque, ON K7G 2V4. Three Pillars Lodge No. 201, Frontenac District. W.M. 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2015. D.D.G.M. 2016. Board of G.P. 2020-2026.



ALLISON FREDERICK GOWLING – Retired Legal Advocate/Writer, 3106-855 James Street, Woodstock, ON N4S 8H4. Mercer Wilson Lodge No. 678, Wilson District. W.M. 2023. Grand Registrar 2025.



DANIEL GRAHAM – Music Consultant, 25 Wyandotte Court, Kitchener, ON N2A 3H9. New Dominion Lodge No. 205, Waterloo District. W.M. 2015. Grand Director of Ceremonies 2019-2022.



KOSTA HATZIS – Senior Software Executive, 1160 Jean Park Road, Manotick, ON K4M 1E4. Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Ottawa 1 District. W.M. 2018. D.D.G.M. 2023.



BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (CONTINUED)



DONALD S. KEMBALL – Elementary Vice-Principal, 60 Bolton Drive, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1W5. Mount Sinai-Pillars Lodge No. 522, Toronto Don Valley District. W.M. 2013. D.D.G.M. 2021. Board of G.P. 2022-2026.



TIMOTHY GLENDALE KING – Operations & Administration Management Office Coordinator, 99 Birch Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7A 5P4. Connaught Lodge No. 511, Algoma District. W.M. 2017. D.D.G.M. 2024.



ROBERT KLIAMAN – Chartered Professional Accountant, 14-3000 Langstaff Road, Concord, ON L4K 4R7. Canada Friendship Lodge No. 532, Ontario District. W.M. 2005, 2016, 2017. Board of G.P. 2009-2015. P.G.S.W. 2012. D.D.G.M. 2022.



GARRY S. PERKINS – Commercial Airline Pilot, 92 Crompton Drive, Barrie, ON L4M 6P1. Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Georgian South District. W.M. 2019. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies 2021. P.G.S.D. 2024. P.G.S.W. 2025. Board of G.P. 2024-2026.



TERRY DOUGLAS RONALD – Teacher, 52 Rosethorn Court, St. Thomas, ON N5R 6C9. St. Mark's Lodge No. 94, St. Thomas District. W.M. 2017. D.D.G.M. 2018.



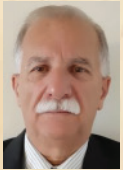
STEPHEN L. SPENCE – Retired Probation and Parole Officer, 2-53 Townline Road South, Courtice, ON L1E 2J1. Orono Lodge No. 325, Ontario District. W.M. 2019. Grand Senior Warden 2023.



BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (CONTINUED)



VICTOR A. TAVARES – Photographer, 455 Brock Ave., Toronto, ON M6H 3N8. Humber Lodge No. 305, Toronto Humber Valley District. W.M. 2015. D.D.G.M. 2017. Board of G.P. 2022-2026.



EMILIO TESTA – Retired Business Analyst, 201-41 Ash Street, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1E2. Zeredatha Lodge No. 220, York District. W.M. 2001. Grand Steward 2022. P.G.S.D. 2024. P.G.S.W. 2025. Board of G.P. 2024-2026.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



DAVID JAMES BRADLEY BROOMHEAD – Retired Teacher/Principal, 25 Aberdeen Street N., Box 957, Chapleau, ON POM 1K0. Lorne Lodge No. 622, Algoma East District. W.M. 1988, 2017. D.D.G.M. 1992. Board of G.P. 2019-2026.



JAMES ROBERT SERCOMBE – Retired Teacher, 426 Hickson Ave., London, ON N6C 2L5. Arkona Lodge No. 307, Sarnia District. W.M. 1989, 2001, 2010. D.D.G.M. 1999. Board of G.P. 2017-2026.



PETER JOHN SIALTSIS – Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public, 14 Briarbluff Ave., Toronto, ON M1E 3H3. Birch Cliff Lodge No. 612, Ontario District. W.M. 2008, 2009, 2023. Grand Steward 2012. D.D.G.M. 2014. Board of G.P. 2019-2026.



TERRANCE H. R. VAN HORNE – Automotive Security Services, 33-10 Crown Hill Place, Etobicoke, ON M8Y 4C6. Antiquity Lodge No. 571, Toronto Humber Valley District. W.M. 2024. Grand Senior Warden 2014. Board of G.P. 2016-2021, 2023-2026.



JAMES ORVILLE WARK – Farmer/Auctioneer, 1680 Bruce Road 40, RR 3, Paisley, ON NOG 2N0. Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Bruce District. W.M. 2005, 2012. D.D.G.M. 2016. Board of G.P. 2019-2026.



Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Electronic Voting Grand Lodge 2026

Voting for District Deputy Grand Masters and other elected Grand Lodge Officers in 2026 will once again take place electronically.

This letter will provide you with the details on how the elections and voting will be conducted and how you will be able to exercise your franchise.

This document may be shared and it will be posted on the Grand Lodge website. There will be two separate and distinct electronic elections conducted again this year.

- **The first election will be conducted in June of 2026** and will be for the election of all District Deputy Grand Masters.
- **The second election will be conducted in July of 2026** and will be for the election of Grand Lodge Officers (including members of the Board of General Purposes).

It is strongly recommended that eligible voters register:

- **Monday June 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. EDT – Friday June 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
- Successful registrations automatically register you for the July 2026 election of Grand Lodge Officers.

Note that the voting for the proposed Constitutional amendments will take place in- person only on the floor of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication again this year.

The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Past Masters are eligible to register.

Members and lodge Secretaries – please ensure member email addresses are up to date in Grand View to ensure eligible voters receive Electronic Registration information, including the electronic registration links.

Registration links will also be posted on the Grand Lodge website.

For eligible voters who do not have access to a computer or mobile device, please see instructions at the end of this document.

Election of the District Deputy Grand Masters (June 2026)

Overview:

- The voting for DDGMs will take place electronically (from home or while travelling from any computer, tablet or smartphone).
- The election will run simultaneously in all 38 Districts at the same time.
- The election will be run under the auspices of Grand Lodge.
- The election will be conducted using software provided by Grand Lodge.
- Registration of every voter will be required to verify voter eligibility, acquire voter contact information (email) and for affiliated members of multiple lodges to choose the lodge they will vote under.
- Registration and voting will be conducted electronically only.
- Ballots will not allow for write in names in 2026 (i.e. no late nominations will be accepted).
- The election of the District Deputy Grand Master will be conducted independently from any District meetings held in the spring of 2026.

Nomination Process:

- Individual nomination forms must be submitted under the signature of the proposer and the nominee to the DDGM no later than May 30, 2026. The only nomination form accepted will be the fillable PDF form for 2026 provided by Grand Lodge.
- There will be no ability to add or remove candidate names after May 30, 2026.
- The DDGM is accountable for validating the eligibility of each nominee (according to the Constitution of Grand Lodge) and for ensuring the completeness of the nomination forms prior to submitting the District eligible candidates form to Grand Lodge.
- All District Deputy Grand Masters must complete the District eligible candidates form with the names of all eligible candidates nominated for the office of DDGM in their District and submit as the fillable PDF form provided by Grand Lodge.
- The District eligible candidates form AND the individual nomination forms must both be provided to Grand Lodge on or before June 01, 2026.

Election timelines:

- Voter registration will take place from Monday June 8, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Friday June 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- Voting will take place on Monday June 15, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- If required, a second ballot run-off election will be held on Tuesday June 16, 2026. See further details below.
- Results will be distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.
- Once available, the DDGM may further announce and distribute the results to the lodges.

Ballot Preparation:

- There will be only one election for all DDGMs.
- Specific ballots will be created for each of the 38 Districts.
- A voter registered in a lodge in a District will see only the ballot applicable to the District for such lodge.
- Ballots will not allow for write-in names in 2026 (no last-minute nominations).
- Grand Lodge will appoint an Election Administrator and a Scrutineer.

Voter Registration

Registration is required to:

- Obtain the voter contact information (email address);
- Validate the voter eligibility;
- Assign every eligible voter to the lodge/District in which he is an active member in good standing;
- Allow an affiliated member to select which lodge/District he wishes to vote in;
- Assign a unique voter ID;
- Distribute any election communications required; and
- Receive results of the election as soon as reasonably available.

Masters and Wardens must register in the lodge in which they hold such office:

- Officers as recorded in Grand View as of very early June 2026 will vote in such office for the 2026 elections.
- Officers installed/invested in June 2026 that serve a full term of 12 months will remain recorded under such office for the 2027 elections.
- This allows officers to be eligible to vote once in any given full term of 12 months.

The Secretary of the lodge must always ensure officers are up to date in Grand View.

Registration will require the voter to supply:

- His Email Address (not validated – be very careful entering the email address);
- His Grand Lodge Certificate Number;
- His Last Name;
- His Given Names (not validated); and
- His Lodge Number.

Do NOT unsubscribe to registration or voting emails:

- If you unsubscribe to all - you will not receive your voting link.
- If you unsubscribe to notices - you will not receive notice for next election (e.g. second ballot run-off or voting for Grand Lodge Officers).

Voting:

- Once successfully registered, each voter will be sent a unique voter ID link at the

start of the voting period to the email address provided in the registration step.

- Voting will require the voter to click on the unique voter ID link in the ballot.
- Once the voter has clicked on the voter ID link he will be presented with his electronic ballot.
- Once the ballot has been completed the voter will submit the ballot.
- Once the voter has submitted his ballot he will not be able to vote again.

Questions/Issues during the Registration or Voting period:

- Send an email to grandlodgeon@electionbuddy.com stating your full name, Grand Lodge certificate number, lodge number and your issue/question.
- Please DO NOT email or copy the Grand Lodge Office.

Run-off Election for DDGM:

In any District where there are more than two candidates duly nominated there is a possibility that on the first ballot, one candidate may not receive a majority of all votes cast.

If that is the case, a second ballot run-off election will be held as soon as possible.

The election administrator will confirm that a second ballot run-off election is required. The election administrator will see that all names are removed from the ballot for that District except for the two candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot. The election administrator will see that the names of all eligible voters registered for the first ballot are carried over to the second ballot run-off election (therefore no pre-registration for the second ballot run-off election is required). Eligible voters will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election.

Any second ballot run-off election will then proceed as follows:

- As soon as possible after the close of balloting on Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. EDT each voter who cast a ballot in the first election will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election. This same email will contain a link to use in casting a ballot in the run-off election.
- Voting in the second ballot run-off election will take place on Tuesday June 16, 2026 from the time an eligible voter receives his email notification of the second ballot run-off election until 8:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday June 16, 2026.
- Voters will see only the ballot for their District with the two names of the candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot.
- Results will be distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.
- Once available, the DDGM may further announce and distribute the results to the lodges.

Tie Breaking:

Should a tie vote result, the Grand Master will cast the deciding ballot.

Election of Grand Lodge Officers (July 2026)

Including members of the Board of General Purposes

Overview:

- The voting for Grand Lodge Officers (including members of the Board of General Purposes) will take place electronically (from home or while travelling from any computer, tablet or smartphone).
- The election will be run under the auspices of Grand Lodge.
- The election will be conducted using software provided by Grand Lodge.
- Registration of every voter will be required to verify voter eligibility and acquire voter contact information (email).
- Eligible voters who successfully registered in the June 2026 election for DDGMs will be automatically registered for the July 2026 election of Grand Lodge Officers.
- Registration and voting will be conducted electronically only.
- Ballots will not allow for write in names in 2026 (i.e. no late nominations will be accepted) except for the office of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge.
- Because every eligible voter will be enfranchised with electronic voting, the use of the proxy was eliminated in 2021.

Nomination Process:

- Candidates MUST submit nomination forms as per the current Constitution of Grand Lodge (including candidate information and photograph).
- The nomination process for Grand Lodge Officers remains the same as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge with a deadline of April 01, 2026.
- Final lists of candidates will be prepared and distributed as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge on or before April 30, 2026.

Election Process and timelines:

- Voter registration will take place from Monday July 6, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Friday July 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- Voting will take place on Monday July 13, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- If required, a second ballot run-off election will be held on Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday July 15, 2026. See further details below.
- Results will be announced at the Grand Lodge banquet on Wednesday evening July 15, 2026 and subsequently distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.

Ballot Preparation:

- The ballots will list the nominees for each elected office in alphabetical order.
- Grand Lodge will appoint an Election Administrator and a Scrutineer.

Voter Registration

Registration is required to:

- Obtain the voter contact information (email address);
- Validate the voter eligibility;
- Assign every eligible voter to the lodge/District in which he is an active member in good standing;
- Allow an affiliated member to select which lodge/District he wishes to vote in;
- Assign a unique voter ID;
- Distribute any election communications required; and
- Receive results of the election as soon as reasonably available.

Masters and Wardens must register in the lodge in which they hold such office:

- Officers as recorded in the ontariomasons.ca site as of very early June 2026 will vote in such office for the 2026 elections.
- Officers installed/invested in June 2026 that serve a full term of 12 months will remain recorded under such office for the 2027 elections.
- This allows officers to be eligible to vote once in any given full term of 12 months.

The Secretary of the lodge must always ensure officers are up to date in Grand View.

Registration will require the voter to supply:

- His Email Address (not validated – be very careful entering the email address);
- His Grand Lodge Certificate Number;
- His Last Name;
- His Given Names (not validated); and
- His Lodge Number.

Voters who successfully registered for the election of the DDGM will NOT be required to register a second time in order to vote for the Grand Lodge Officers. Their prior registration will be automatically carried forward to the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

Do NOT unsubscribe to registration or voting emails:

- **If you unsubscribe to all - you will not receive your voting link.**
- **If you unsubscribe to notices - you will not receive notice for next election (e.g. second ballot run-off or voting for Grand Lodge Officers).**

Voting:

- Once successfully registered, each voter will be sent a unique voter ID link at the start of the voting period to the email address provided in the registration step.
- Voting will require the voter to click on the unique voter ID link in the ballot.
- Once the voter has clicked on the voter ID link he will be presented with his electronic ballot.
- Once the ballot has been completed the voter will submit the ballot.
- Once the voter has submitted his ballot he will not be able to vote again.

Questions/Issues during the Registration or Voting period:

- Send an email to grandlodgeon@electionbuddy.com stating your full name, Grand Lodge certificate number, lodge number and your issue/question.
- **Please DO NOT email or copy the Grand Lodge Office.**

Run-off Election for Grand Lodge Officers:

A candidate for the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all votes cast. Therefore, if there are more than two candidates for an office there is a possibility that on the first ballot, one candidate may not receive a majority of all votes cast. If that is the case, a second ballot run-off election will be held as soon as possible.

The election administrator will confirm that a second ballot run-off election is required. The election administrator will see that all names are removed from the ballot for that Office except for the two candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot. The election administrator will see that the names of all eligible voters registered for the first ballot are carried over to the second ballot run-off election (therefore no pre-registration for the second ballot run-off election is required). Eligible voters will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election.

Any second ballot run-off election will then proceed as follows:

- As soon as possible after the close of balloting on Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 4:00p.m. EDT each voter who cast a ballot in the first election will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election. This same email will contain a link to use in casting a ballot in the run-off election.
- Voting in the second ballot run-off election will take place on Tuesday July 14, 2026 from the time an eligible voter receives his email notification of the second ballot run-off election until 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on Wednesday July 15, 2026.
- Voters will see only the ballot for the specific Office(s) with the two names of the candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot for such office.
- Results will be announced at the Grand Lodge banquet on Wednesday evening July 15, 2026 and subsequently distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.

Note that in all cases, spoiled or void ballots are counted in the total votes cast. Abstentions are not counted in the total votes cast.

Additional Details:

Eligible voters without computers or mobile devices:

Any member of Grand Lodge (Past Master, Master or Warden) who is eligible and wishes

to vote in the election who does not have a computer or mobile device that can connect to the internet must notify his lodge Secretary.

- The lodge Secretary will then be responsible for registering that member during the registration period.
- During the registration process the lodge Secretary will supply his own (or lodge) email address for the brother in question.
- Once registration has been completed the election software will send the voter ID for the member in question to the email address provided by the lodge Secretary during registration.
- The lodge Secretary will then be responsible for ensuring that a laptop or mobile device is made available to the member so that he can log in and cast his ballot during the voting period, including for any second ballot run-off elections.
- Once the ballot has been cast for that member he will not be able to vote again.
- The above process will not affect the vote of the lodge Secretary.

If there are any questions regarding the registration or voting process, please contact the Grand Secretary by email.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Louis M. Domjan
Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your committee received TEN (10) proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge for July 2026. We encourage all members of Grand Lodge to thoroughly read, consider and gain a full understanding of them, to aid in discussions before the annual communication of their merits or demerits.

The **1st proposal** deals with amending Section 152 (c) to increase the fees payable to Grand Lodge for the commutation of dues for a "life member" to be commensurate with the annual dues assessment under Section 152 (m) by replacing "Five hundred and twenty five dollars" with "Seven hundred dollars" to read as follows: (R.W. Bro. Sydney T. Schatzker)

Current Version:

152. Fees payable to Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

(c) Five hundred and twenty five dollars for the commutation of dues to Grand Lodge.

Proposed Version:

152. Fees payable to Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

(c) **Seven hundred** dollars for the commutation of dues to Grand Lodge.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **2nd proposal** deals with adding clarity and correct inconsistencies regarding the effective date of demits by replacing "presentation" with "receipt" in Section 192 and by revising Form 1 as follows: (R.W. Bro. Louis M. Domjan)

Current Version:

192. Unless the application for a demit is withdrawn, a Certificate of Demission in accordance with Form 1 shall be granted at a date not later than the next regular meeting of the lodge and shall be effective from the date of the presentation of the application to the lodge.

Proposed Version:

192. Unless the application for a demit is withdrawn, a Certificate of Demission in accordance with Form 1 shall be granted at a date not later than the next regular meeting of the lodge and shall be effective from the date of the **receipt** of the application **by** the lodge.

Current Version:

FORM 1

Section 192

CERTIFICATE OF DEMISSION

This to certify that Bro. _____ has resigned and withdrawn from membership of this lodge, being _____ Lodge, numbered _____ in

the register of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; and that his resignation has been accepted in open lodge on the ____ day of _____, A.D. 20__.

And further that he has paid all dues and retires in good standing.

Given under the seal of the lodge this ____ day of _____, A.D. 20__, at _____, in the Province of Ontario.

(Lodge
Seal)

Secretary

Worshipful Master

Proposed Version:

FORM 1

Section 192

CERTIFICATE OF DEMISSION

This to certify that Brother _____ has resigned and withdrawn from membership of this lodge, being _____ Lodge, numbered _____ in the register of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, **effective receipt on the day of _____, A.D. 20__**; and that his resignation **was** accepted in open lodge on the day of _____, A.D. 20__.

And further that he has paid all dues and **was** in good standing **on the effective date of his demission**.

Given under the seal of the lodge this ____ day of _____, A.D. 20__, at _____, in the Province of Ontario.

(Lodge
Seal)

Secretary

Worshipful Master

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **3rd proposal** deals with phasing out applications for demission with dues owing, which have the same restoration terms as suspension for non-payment of dues, by revising Section 194 and Form 2 as follows: (R.W. Bro. Louis M. Domjan)

Current Version:

194. The lodge may, by resolution of which notice of motion has been given and published in a summons for a regular meeting, accept the application for demission of a member who is in arrears of dues. The Certificate of Demission (dues owing) in accordance with prescribed Form 2 shall state the fact and the amount of the indebtedness of the brother to the lodge.

Proposed Version:

194. The lodge **shall not** accept the application for demission of a member who is in arrears of dues. The **lodge, however, may remit the dues of a member in arrears of dues in strict compliance with Section 201 of the Constitution.**

Current Version:

FORM 2

Section 194

CERTIFICATE OF DEMISSION
(DUES OWING)

This to certify that Bro. _____ has resigned and withdrawn from membership of this lodge, being _____ Lodge, numbered _____ in the register of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; and that his resignation has been accepted in open lodge on the ____ day of _____, A.D. 20 ____.

And further that his dues owing to this lodge are _____ dollars.

Given under the seal of the lodge this ____ day of _____, A.D. 20____, at _____ in the Province of Ontario.

(Lodge
Seal)

Secretary

Worshipful Master

Proposed Version:

FORM 2

(Deleted 2026)

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **4th proposal** deals with allowing a newly initiated member to cast a ballot during the meeting of his initiation to read as follows: (R.W. Bro. David G. Wilkins)

Current Version:

335. Balloting shall be the last order of business except the conferring of degrees.

Proposed Version:

335. Balloting shall be the last order of business, **otherwise the rest the order of business of any Lodge meeting may be re-ordered at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.**

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: IRREGULAR

The **5th proposal** deals with deleting “or any other” to allow a rejected applicant for initiation to immediately apply to another lodge to read as follows: (R.W. Bro. H. Alexander Zimmerman)

Current Version:

322. No application from a rejected applicant shall be received by the same or any other lodge within twelve months from the date of rejection.

Proposed Version:

322. No application from a rejected applicant shall be received by the same ~~or any other~~ lodge within twelve months from the date of rejection.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **6th proposal** deals with amending Part IV for Masonic Conduct and Masonic Offences to add new subsection 409 (b) and to revise Sections 410 (c) and 410 (m) to read as follows:

(R.W. Bro. Michael J. MacDonald)

Current Version:

Masonic Conduct

409. A member of the Masonic Order accepts the responsibility for maintaining a mode of life and conduct that is not only above reproach but is an example of good behaviour within the community.

Masonic Offences

410. A Masonic offence is the wilful violation of the laws, usages and customs of Masonry or of Masonic obligation and in particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, when wilfully committed, the following are specific Masonic offences:

- (a) To make a declaration of or profess atheism;
- (b) To show contempt for God or religion;
- (c) To violate the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge;
- (d) To violate the by-laws of any lodge thereof of which he is a member;
- (e) To disobey or show disrespect for Masonic authority;
- (f) To express contempt for Masonry;
- (g) To violate any of the several Masonic obligations, other injunctions of the ritual or any of the landmarks of Masonry;
- (h) To violate the secrecy of the ballot, or make any improper revelation of any other proceeding or ceremony of Grand Lodge or of a constituent lodge;
- (i) To countenance an imposter or hold Masonic communion with a clandestine Mason or with an irregular lodge;
- (j) To unduly solicit a candidate for Masonry;
- (k) To use a Masonic emblem for any improper purpose;
- (l) To wrong a brother Mason by fraud or otherwise;
- (m) To commit any offence of a criminal or quasi criminal nature involving a violation of moral conduct which would shock the conscience of a Mason;
- (n) To commit adultery or engage in any other sexual immorality;
- (o) To commit an act of cruelty to his wife or child.

Proposed Version:

Masonic Conduct

409. (a) A member of the Masonic Order accepts the responsibility for maintaining a mode of life and conduct that is not only above reproach but is an example of good behaviour within the community.

(b) Petty piques and quarrels have no place in Masonry and all Masons must avoid any such behaviour because it violates Masonic landmarks, principles and obligations causing division and disharmony. The Master of the lodge, upon becoming aware thereof, shall forthwith use best efforts to mediate, reconcile and adjust any such matter to assist the brethren in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution without any further proceedings.

Masonic Offences

410. A Masonic offence is the wilful violation of the laws, usages and customs of Masonry or of Masonic obligation and in particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, when wilfully committed, the following are specific Masonic offences:

- (a) To make a declaration of or profess atheism;
- (b) To show contempt for God or religion;
- (c) To violate the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules, **established policies**, or regulations of Grand Lodge;
- (d) To violate the by-laws of any lodge thereof of which he is a member;
- (e) To disobey or show disrespect for Masonic authority;
- (f) To express contempt for Masonry;
- (g) To violate any of the several Masonic obligations, other injunctions of the ritual or any of the landmarks of Masonry;
- (h) To violate the secrecy of the ballot, or make any improper revelation of any other proceeding or ceremony of Grand Lodge or of a constituent lodge;
- (i) To countenance an imposter or hold Masonic communion with a clandestine Mason or with an irregular lodge;
- (j) To unduly solicit a candidate for Masonry;
- (k) To use a Masonic emblem for any improper purpose;
- (l) To wrong a brother Mason by fraud or otherwise;
- (m) To commit any offence of a criminal or quasi criminal nature involving a violation of moral conduct which would shock the conscience of a Mason **or the community**;
- (n) To commit adultery or engage in any other sexual immorality;
- (o) To commit an act of cruelty to his wife or child.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **7th proposal** deals with amending Part IV for Complaint and Reviewing Committee to prevent unnecessary Masonic Trials and return harmony within the lodge to revise Section 411 and to revise Section 412 to read as follows:

(R.W. Bro. Michael J. MacDonald)

Current Version:

Complaint

411. (a) A complaint against any Mason within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge shall be in writing, shall be signed by the complainant and shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, including the time and place of its commission.

(b) Where a complaint is received by any Mason, he shall deliver it forthwith to the Master of his lodge except where the complaint is against the Master of his lodge, in which case it shall be delivered to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the lodge of the Master is located. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Master of the lodge or the District Deputy Grand Master, as the case may be, shall forthwith forward the complaint together with any supporting documentation to the Grand Secretary.

(c) If the complaint is not against a member of his lodge, the Master shall forward it together with any supporting documentation immediately to the Grand Secretary. When the Grand Secretary has determined the lodge of which the Mason named in the complaint is a member, or was last a member, he shall forward it to the Master of that lodge.

(d) After the complaint is received by the District Deputy Grand Master as described in Section 411 (b) all of the Sections of the Constitution relating to the Reviewing Committee and Masonic Trials shall apply as the situation requires and the words Master or Master of the lodge shall be deemed to mean the District Deputy Grand Master as described in Section 411 (b).

(e) After a complaint has been delivered to the Master of a lodge, the Grand Master may direct an attempt to mediate, reconcile and adjust the matter to assist the brethren in reaching a

mutually acceptable resolution without any further proceedings or he may, in his discretion, after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Discipline Committee, determine whether or not the same shall be proceeded with or dismissed.

(f) If the complaint is against a member of that lodge and has not been resolved under the preceding subsection, unless the Grand Master directs that the matter shall be dismissed, the Master shall proceed to appoint a Reviewing Committee as hereinafter provided.

(g) After a complaint has been delivered to the Master of a lodge pursuant to subsection (c), the Grand Master may direct an attempt to mediate, reconcile and adjust the matter to assist the brethren in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution without any further proceedings or he may, in his discretion, after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Discipline Committee, determine whether or not the same shall be proceeded with or dismissed.

(h) After a complaint has been delivered to the Master of a lodge pursuant to subsection (c) and if the matter has not been resolved pursuant to subsection (g), unless the Grand Master has directed that the matter shall be dismissed, the Master of that lodge, upon receipt of the complaint, shall proceed to appoint a Reviewing Committee as hereinafter provided.

(i) The Grand Master may direct the making of a complaint against any Mason within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

(j) Where information is received by a lodge or any one of its members, and it appears that there is sufficient evidence to make a complaint, but no member of the lodge is prepared to make a complaint, the Junior Warden, in his office as Junior Warden, shall make such complaint in the manner set out in this Section.

Reviewing Committee

412. (a) Within 10 days of the receipt of the complaint or within such other time as may be directed by the Grand Master, the Master of the lodge of which the Mason named in the complaint is a member, or was last a member, shall appoint a Reviewing Committee of three Master Masons (who, when practicable, shall be Past Masters) and shall name one of their number as Chairman, and shall forthwith advise the Grand Secretary in writing. The complainant shall not be a member of the Reviewing Committee.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Reviewing Committee to determine whether or not there are reasonable grounds to support the complaint and, for that purpose, it shall make such inquiries as may seem necessary.

(c) If the Reviewing Committee reports to the Master that there are no reasonable grounds to support the complaint, it shall thereupon stand dismissed and such ruling shall be reported forthwith in writing to the complainant and to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the Committee on Discipline. In any such case the nature of the complaint, the name of the complainant and the name of the charged brother shall remain confidential. The complaint, together with all evidence taken in respect thereof and the report of the Reviewing Committee shall be forwarded forthwith to the Grand Secretary for disposition by him and no copies thereof or excerpts therefrom shall be taken or reproduced.

(d) If the Reviewing Committee reports to the Master that there are reasonable grounds to support the complaint, the charged brother shall thereupon stand charged with the offence alleged in the complaint and the Master shall forthwith cause to be served upon the charged brother a Notice of Charge in accordance with Form 8 attached to which shall be a copy of the complaint.

(e) As soon as the Notice of Charge and a copy of the complaint has been served on the charged brother, a copy of the Notice of Charge and the complaint, together with proof of such service, shall be filed with the Secretary of the lodge who shall forward forthwith to the Grand Secretary a copy of the Notice of Charge and the complaint together with proof of service.

Proposed Version:

Complaint

411. (a) A complaint against any Mason within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge shall be in writing, shall be signed by the complainant and shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, including the time and place of its commission.

(b) Where a complaint is received by any Mason, he shall deliver it forthwith to the Master of his lodge except where the complaint is against the Master of his lodge, in which case it shall be delivered to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the lodge of the Master is located. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Master of the lodge or the District Deputy Grand Master, as the case may be, shall forthwith forward the complaint together with any supporting documentation to the Grand Secretary.

(c) If the complaint is not against a member of his lodge, the Master shall forward it together with any supporting documentation immediately to the Grand Secretary. When the Grand Secretary has determined the lodge of which the Mason named in the complaint is a member, or was last a member, he shall forward it to the Master of that lodge.

(d) After the complaint is received by the District Deputy Grand Master as described in Section 411 (b) all of the Sections of the Constitution relating to the Reviewing Committee and Masonic Trials shall apply as the situation requires and the words Master or Master of the lodge shall be deemed to mean the District Deputy Grand Master as described in Section 411 (b).

(e) **At any time prior to, during or after any review, trial or appeal**, the Grand Master may, **after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Discipline**, direct an attempt to mediate, reconcile and adjust the **subject matter of the complaint to reach** a mutually acceptable resolution without any further proceedings or he may, in his discretion, **direct** whether or not the same shall be proceeded with or **be** dismissed.

(f) If the **complaint has** not been resolved under the preceding subsection (e), unless the Grand Master directs that the matter shall be dismissed, the Master shall proceed to appoint a Reviewing Committee as hereinafter provided.

(g) After a complaint has been **resolved** pursuant to subsection (e), **the matter shall not be subject to any further review, trial or appeal**, unless the Grand Master has directed **otherwise pursuant to subsection (e)**.

(h) The Grand Master may direct the making of a complaint against any Mason within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

(i) Where information is received by a lodge or any one of its members, and it appears that there is sufficient evidence to make a complaint, but no member of the lodge is prepared to make a complaint, the Junior Warden, in his office as Junior Warden, shall make such complaint in the manner set out in this Section.

Reviewing Committee

412. (a) Within **ten (10)** days of **being directed by the Grand Master**, or within such other time as may be directed by the Grand Master, the Master of the lodge of which the Mason named in the complaint is a member, or was last a member, shall appoint a Reviewing Committee of three Master Masons (who, when practicable, shall be Past Masters) and shall name one of their number as Chairman, and shall forthwith advise the Grand Secretary in writing. The complainant shall not be a member of the Reviewing Committee.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Reviewing Committee to determine whether or not there are reasonable grounds to support the complaint and, for that purpose, it shall make such inquiries as may seem necessary.

(c) If the Reviewing Committee reports to the Master that there are no reasonable grounds to support the **complaint**, **the** ruling shall be reported forthwith in writing **by the Master** to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the Committee on Discipline, **and the Master shall forthwith use best efforts to mediate, reconcile and assist the brethren in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution**. In any such case the nature of the complaint, the name of the complainant and the

name of **the brother named in the complaint** shall remain confidential. The complaint, together with all evidence taken in respect thereof and the report of the Reviewing Committee shall be forwarded forthwith to the Grand Secretary for disposition by him and no copies thereof or excerpts therefrom shall be taken or reproduced.

(d) If the Reviewing Committee reports to the Master that there are reasonable grounds to support the complaint, **the** Master shall forthwith cause to be served upon **the brother named in the complaint** a Notice of Charge in accordance with Form 8 attached to which shall be a copy of the complaint. **The charged brother shall thereupon stand charged with the offence alleged in the complaint.**

(e) As soon as the Notice of Charge **with** a copy of the complaint has been served on the charged brother, a copy of the Notice of Charge and the complaint, together with proof of such service, shall be filed with the Secretary of the lodge who shall forward forthwith to the Grand Secretary a copy of the Notice of Charge and the complaint together with proof of service.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **8th proposal** deals with improving the process in resolving complaints under Part IV for Service of Documents, Trial, Witnesses, Evidence, Board of Appeal and Discipline Committee to revise Sections 418, 419, 420, 421, 424 and 424.1 to read as follows:

(R.W. Bro. Michael J. MacDonald)

Current Version:

Service of Documents

418. Where the service of any document in connection with a Masonic trial, or any appeal therefrom is required to be made on any brother, such service shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) If the residence of the brother is known, and he resides within a forty kilometer radius of his lodge, he shall be served personally;

(b) If the residence of the brother is unknown or he resides outside a forty kilometer radius of his lodge or for any other reason he cannot be served personally, he may be served by sending the document by prepaid first class mail addressed to him at his last known address.

(c) Where a document is served by mail, service thereof shall be deemed to have been effected on the tenth day following the date of mailing.

Trial

419. (a) The trial shall proceed on the date set by the Chairman of the Trial Commission and may be adjourned from time to time as may be necessary. Notice of any adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

(b) Should the charged brother fail to attend at the time and place of trial, after proof that notice has been served on him, the Trial Commission may proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final conclusion.

(c) Should the charged brother fail to attend the trial, the Chairman of the Trial Commission shall appoint a competent Master Mason to represent him.

(d) The failure of the charged brother to attend the trial shall not be deemed to be an admission of the offence charged.

(e) The complainant and the charged brother may each choose a Master Mason to represent him and each shall be entitled to be present at the trial as provided in these rules and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses either in person or by his representative, as the case may be.

(f) Notwithstanding the right given to the complainant and to the charged brother in the preceding subsection to choose a Master Mason to represent him, in the event that the Grand Master, after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Discipline Committee, deems the choice of any such Master Mason to be inappropriate, such choice shall not take effect whereupon the complainant or the charged brother, as the case may be, may, subject to this provision, choose a different Master Mason to represent him.

Witnesses

420. (a) It shall be the duty of the complainant and the charged brother to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses. Any witness, who is a Mason resident in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, may be compelled to attend and give evidence at a Masonic trial upon being served with a summons in accordance with Form 9 issued by the Grand Secretary.

(b) Witnesses, who are Masons, shall give their testimony on their honour as Masons. Witnesses, who are not Masons, must be competent to give evidence in a court of law and shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Evidence

421. (a) The rules respecting evidence in a court of law in Ontario shall apply as far as the same may be reasonably made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials.

(b) Both the complainant and the charged brother shall be entitled to testify at any Masonic trial.

(c) The testimony of any witness unable to attend the trial may be taken by deposition before any Master Mason authorized by the Trial Commission to act in the matter upon due notice of the time and place for the taking of such evidence, having been given to the complainant and the charged brother each of whom shall be entitled to attend in person or by his representative and to examine or cross-examine the witness in the same manner and to the same extent as if his testimony were being given at the trial.

(d) The Chairman of the Trial Commission shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings.

(e) The Secretary of the Trial Commission shall cause the evidence submitted and all objections thereto to be recorded. The evidence and objections so recorded as well as the rulings and decisions made at the trial shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the Committee on Discipline.

(f) If the charged brother pleads guilty to the Masonic offence charged, such plea shall not be accepted as evidence proving the offence, but the Trial Commission shall take such evidence as may be necessary to satisfy itself that the offence has been committed by the charged brother.

(g) Where the Masonic offence charged consists of or involves conduct for which the charged brother has been found guilty of a criminal or quasi criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction, a certified copy of a court proceeding indicating a finding of guilty and the disposition of the matter may be admitted as prima facie proof of such conduct.

(h) At the trial of any charge relating to a ballot for initiation or membership, any Mason shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

(i) No person shall be entitled to attend a Masonic trial as a spectator or visitor except by leave of the Trial Commission.

Board of Appeal

424. (a) The complainant or offender may appeal from any verdict of a Trial Commission or from any punishment imposed by it by serving notice of appeal within 30 days after notice of the verdict and of the punishment to be imposed has been served upon him, pursuant to s. 422 (h).

(b) Notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant, shall specify the reasons for appeal and shall be served upon the Grand Secretary within the time limited for so doing.

(c) Wherever a notice of appeal has been duly served upon him, the Grand Secretary shall give notice thereof to the Chairman of the Committee on Discipline.

(d) On being notified of the appeal, the Chairman of the Committee on Discipline shall appoint a Board of Appeal consisting of five Past Masters, one of whom shall be a member of that Committee and shall act as Chairman of the Board. These appointments shall be made having regard to the location of the lodge from which the appeal has come and the convenience of the parties. No member of the Reviewing Committee or of the Trial Commission shall be eligible to be a member of the Board of Appeal.

(e) The Grand Secretary shall provide the Board of Appeal with a transcript of the recorded evidence and objections thereto, as well as the rulings and decisions made at the trial.

(f) Each party shall be entitled to obtain, upon request to the Grand Secretary, a copy of the material provided to the Board of Appeal.

(g) The Chairman of the Board of Appeal shall appoint a time and place for the hearing of the appeal, and shall cause notice thereof to be served upon each of the parties.

(h) The time shall be so fixed as to give each of the parties a reasonable opportunity to prepare his case.

(i) Upon the hearing of the appeal each of the parties, either in person or by his representative, may address any relevant argument to the Board of Appeal and the appellant shall have the right to reply.

(j) The appeal shall be based on the evidence as submitted to the Trial Commission. No new evidence shall be heard on the appeal except in unusual circumstances and then only by leave of the Board of Appeal.

(k) The Board of Appeal may recommend to the Committee on Discipline that the verdict,

(i) be reversed and an acquittal directed;

(ii) be rejected and a new trial directed; or

(iii) be affirmed and that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission be confirmed or varied.

Committee on Discipline

424.1

(a) On receipt of a recommendation from a Board of Appeal, the Committee on Discipline may accept, reject or vary such recommendation and the decision of the Committee on Discipline shall be final except where the Committee recommends expulsion.

(b) Where the Committee recommends expulsion, the Grand Secretary shall give written notice of its decision to the offender that the decision shall become final unless, within sixty (60) days of receipt of the notice, the offender files written notice with the Grand Secretary that he intends to show cause why the recommendation for expulsion should not be made final.

If the offender files a written notice that he intends to show cause why the decision should not be made final, within the said sixty (60) day period, the Grand Secretary shall serve upon the offender, by prepaid, ordinary post, addressed to his last known address, a notice setting out the time, date and place of the hearing to show cause.

(c) Where no appeal has been taken from any verdict of a Trial Commission or from any punishment imposed by it within the time limited for so doing, the Grand Secretary shall refer the case to the Committee on Discipline for review and the decision of that Committee shall be final.

(d) The Chairman of the Committee on Discipline shall notify the Grand Secretary of its decision and shall return to him all documents relating to the case.

(e) Where the Committee on Discipline directs a new trial, the Grand Master shall appoint a new Trial Commission.

(f) Where a new trial has been directed, no amendment shall be made to the original charge unless the charged brother is given due and timely notice thereof.

(g) The Grand Secretary shall notify the parties and the lodge concerned of the decision of the Committee on Discipline.

(h) Except where a new trial has been directed, no brother shall be tried twice for the same offence.

Proposed Version:

Service of Documents

418. Where the service of any document in connection with a Masonic trial, or any appeal therefrom is required to be made on any brother, such service shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) If the residence of the brother is known, and he resides within a forty kilometer radius of his lodge, he shall be served personally;

(b) If the residence of the brother is unknown or he resides outside a forty kilometer radius of his lodge or for any other reason he cannot be served personally, he may be served by sending the document by prepaid first class mail addressed to him at his last known address.

(c) Where a document is served by mail, service thereof shall be deemed to have been effected on the tenth day following the date of mailing.

(d) The Chairman of the Trial Commission, in consultation with the complainant, the charged brother, any and all representatives named in accordance with Sections 419 (e) and 419 (f), may permit service of documents between such parties only using electronic mail.

Trial

419. (a) The trial shall proceed on the date, time and place set by the Chairman of the Trial Commission and may be adjourned from time to time as may be necessary. Notice of any adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

(b) Should the charged brother or complainant fail to attend at the time and place of trial, after proof that notice has been served on him, the Trial Commission may proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final conclusion based on evidence presented in their absence.

(c) Should the charged brother or complainant fail to attend the trial, the Chairman of the Trial Commission shall appoint a competent Master Mason, including any witness, to represent him.

(d) The failure of the charged brother to attend the trial shall not be deemed to be an admission of the offence charged.

(e) The complainant and the charged brother may each choose a Master Mason to represent him and each shall be entitled to be present at the trial as provided in these rules and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses either in person or by his representative, as the case may be.

(f) Notwithstanding the right given to the complainant and to the charged brother in the preceding subsection to choose a Master Mason to represent him, in the event that the Grand Master at any time, after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Discipline, deems the choice of any such Master Mason to be inappropriate, such choice shall not take effect whereupon the complainant or the charged brother, as the case may be, may, subject to this provision, choose a different Master Mason to represent him.

(g) The complainant and the charged brother shall not have the right to choose a different Master Mason to represent him at any time or for any reason, except as provided for under Section 419 (f).

(h) The Chairman of the Trial Commission may recommend a change of representation to the Grand Master for his consideration and decision after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Discipline.

Witnesses

420. (a) It shall be the duty of the complainant and the charged brother to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses. **The complainant and the charged brother shall not secure or compel attendance through the Grand Secretary pursuant to Section 420 (c), except in accordance with Section 420 (b).**

(b) **In the event a witness for the complainant or the charged brother unreasonably refuses to attend, such complainant or charged brother upon providing to the Grand Secretary written evidence of contact and refusal, together with a written outline of evidence to be provided and importance thereof, request a Form 9 be issued by the Grand Secretary for delivery by such complainant or charged brother.**

(c) Any witness, who is a Mason resident in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, may be compelled to attend and give evidence at a Masonic trial upon being served with a summons in accordance with Form 9 issued by the Grand Secretary. **The Grand Secretary is not responsible for the service of any summons.**

(d) Witnesses, who are Masons, shall give their testimony on their honour as Masons. Witnesses, who are not Masons, must be competent to give evidence in a court of law and shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Evidence

421. (a) The rules respecting evidence in a court of law in Ontario shall apply as far as the same may be reasonably made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials, **except as otherwise stated in Part IV of the Constitution or evidence determined to be reliable by the Chairman of the Trial Commission.**

(b) Both the complainant and the charged brother shall be entitled to testify at any Masonic trial.

(c) The testimony of any witness unable to attend the trial may be taken by deposition before any Master Mason authorized by the Trial Commission to act in the matter upon **reasonable** notice of the time and place for the taking of such evidence, having been given to the complainant and the charged brother each of whom shall be entitled to attend in person or by his representative and to examine or cross-examine the witness in the same manner and to the same extent as if his testimony were being given at the trial. **In no event shall any inability to attend the trial or any such deposition be cause for postponing a trial.**

(d) The Chairman of the Trial Commission shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings.

(e) The Secretary of the Trial Commission shall cause the evidence submitted and all objections thereto to be recorded. The evidence and objections so recorded as well as the rulings and decisions made at the trial shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the Committee on Discipline.

(f) If the charged brother pleads guilty to the Masonic offence charged, such plea shall not be accepted as evidence proving the offence, but the Trial Commission shall take such evidence as may be necessary to satisfy itself that the offence has been committed by the charged brother.

(g) Where the Masonic offence charged consists of or involves conduct for which the charged brother has been found guilty of a criminal or quasi criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction, a certified copy of a court proceeding indicating a finding of guilty and the disposition of the matter may be admitted as prima facie proof of such conduct.

(h) At the trial of any charge relating to a ballot for initiation or membership, any Mason shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

(i) No person shall be entitled to attend a Masonic trial as a spectator or visitor except by leave of the Trial Commission.

Board of Appeal

424. (a) The complainant or offender may appeal from any verdict of a Trial Commission or from any punishment imposed by it by serving notice of appeal within 30 days after notice of the verdict and of the punishment to be imposed has been served upon him, pursuant to **Section 422 (h)**.

(b) Notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant, shall specify the reasons for appeal and shall be served upon the Grand Secretary within the time limited for so doing.

(c) Wherever a notice of appeal has been duly served upon him, the Grand Secretary shall give notice thereof to the Chairman of the Committee on Discipline. **The Committee on Discipline may be convened to consider the merit of any appeal and may dismiss any appeal that has no substantial merit.**

(d) On being notified of **an appeal that is not dismissed under subsection (c)**, the Chairman of the Committee on Discipline shall appoint a Board of Appeal consisting of five Past Masters, one of whom shall be a member of that Committee and shall act as Chairman of the Board. These appointments shall be made having regard to the location of the lodge from which the appeal has come and the convenience of the parties. No member of the Reviewing Committee or of the Trial Commission shall be eligible to be a member of the Board of Appeal.

(e) The Grand Secretary shall provide the Board of Appeal with a transcript of the recorded evidence and objections thereto, as well as the rulings and decisions made at the trial.

(f) Each party shall be entitled to obtain, upon request to the Grand Secretary, a copy of the material provided to the Board of Appeal.

(g) The Chairman of the Board of Appeal shall appoint a time and place for the hearing of the appeal, and shall cause notice thereof to be served upon each of the parties.

(h) The time shall be so fixed as to give each of the parties a reasonable opportunity to prepare his case.

(i) Upon the hearing of the appeal each of the parties, either in person or by his representative, may address any relevant argument to the Board of Appeal and the appellant shall have the right to reply.

(j) The appeal shall be based on the evidence as submitted to the Trial Commission. No new evidence shall be heard on the appeal except in unusual circumstances and then only by leave of the Board of Appeal.

(k) The Board of Appeal may recommend to the Committee on Discipline that the verdict,

(i) be reversed and an acquittal directed;

(ii) be rejected and a new trial directed; or

(iii) be affirmed and that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission be confirmed or varied, **including indefinite suspension from a lodge, or a suspension from a lodge for a definite term of not more than five years.**

Committee on Discipline

424.1

(a) On receipt of a recommendation from a Board of Appeal, the Committee on Discipline may accept, reject or vary such recommendation **including as provided for under Section 424 (k)** and the decision of the Committee on Discipline shall be final except where the Committee recommends expulsion.

(b) Where the Committee recommends expulsion, the Grand Secretary shall give written notice of its decision to the offender that the decision shall become final unless, within sixty (60) days of receipt of the notice, the offender files written notice with the Grand Secretary that he intends to show cause why the recommendation for expulsion should not be made final.

If the offender files a written notice that he intends to show cause why the decision should not be made final, within the said sixty (60) day period, the Grand Secretary shall serve upon the

offender, by prepaid, ordinary post, addressed to his last known address, a notice setting out the time, date and place of the hearing to show cause.

(c) Where no appeal has been taken from any verdict of a Trial Commission or from any punishment imposed by it within the time limited for so doing, the Grand Secretary shall refer the case to the Committee on Discipline for review and the decision of that Committee shall be final.

(d) The Chairman of the Committee on Discipline shall notify the Grand Secretary of its decision and shall return to him all documents relating to the case.

(e) Where the Committee on Discipline directs a new trial, the Grand Master shall appoint a new Trial Commission.

(f) Where a new trial has been directed, no amendment shall be made to the original charge unless the charged brother is given **reasonable** notice thereof.

(g) The Grand Secretary shall notify the parties and the lodge concerned of the decision of the Committee on Discipline.

(h) Except where a new trial has been directed, no brother shall be tried twice for the same offence.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **9th proposal** deals with amending Part IV for automatic suspension to protect the good name and reputation of Masonry and our Grand Lodge by adding new Sections 428, 429, 430 and 431 to read as follows, and renumber subsequent Sections under Part V:

(R.W. Bro. Michael J. MacDonald)

Automatic Suspension

428. Any member who stands charged with any criminal offence in any way related to a child, or any other offence in any way relating to sexual abuse, trafficking, death, or any other serious offence as determined by the Grand Master, may be suspended by the Grand Master after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Discipline, and such member shall remain suspended indefinitely.

429. Any suspended member that violates any term of any suspension as determined by the Grand Master in consultation with the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and Chairman of the Committee on Discipline, including violating any edict, rule, policy or regulation of Grand Lodge relating to suspension, shall be immediate cause for further punishment as determined by the Committee on Discipline including but not limited to expulsion and any periods and terms relating to restoration. Any such determination shall be final and binding.

430. Suspension under Sections 428, 429, 432 and 433 of this Constitution shall not be subject to any review, trial or appeal under Part IV of this Constitution.

431. If a member suspended pursuant to Section 428 of this Constitution is not found guilty of any charge resulting in suspension under Section 428 of this Constitution, as a result of a trial or the withdrawal of charges, he may, after all periods of appeal have expired, petition Grand Lodge for restoration. Any such petition shall be in writing, signed by the petitioner, include court certified documentation of the withdrawal of charges or judgment of not guilty, and a certified copy of the member's criminal record from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The petition shall specify in detail the reasons he seeks restoration, and shall be delivered along with the documents required by this Section 431 of the Constitution to Grand Lodge to the attention of the Grand Secretary **for review by the Committee on Discipline.**

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

The **10th proposal** deals with amending Part IV to align with the apron charge in the first degree to preserve harmony and to protect the good name and reputation of Masonry and our Grand Lodge by adding new Sections 432 and 433 to read as follows, and renumber subsequent Sections under Part V: (R.W. Bro. Glenn T. Jarvie)

Automatic Suspension

432. Any member of Grand Lodge in good standing, prior to commencing any legal action in any way related to Masonry against any other member or members of Grand Lodge, and or any lodge or lodges of Grand Lodge and or Grand Lodge, after using best efforts to resolve such matter in accordance with Section 409 (b) of the Constitution and after exhausting all other Constitutional means, may submit to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary a written proposal which outlines in detail the proposed legal action, all attempts and means to resolve such matter, reasons such legal action is necessary, and requesting relief from automatic prohibition under Section 433 of the Constitution as a result of commencing such legal action. The Grand Master, in his sole discretion, may grant such relief provided that no legal action has then been commenced by the member requesting such relief and on such condition or conditions as the Grand Master may specify. The Grand Master may revoke such relief at any time if any part or parts of any condition or conditions are not strictly adhered to or if the legal action varies from the written proposal.

433. (a) Subject to Section 432 of the Constitution, any member who commences legal action in any way related to Masonry against any member, lodge or Grand Lodge shall be automatically prohibited from attending when any person or persons subject to such legal action are present, including at any gathering of any kind, of any size, in any location, for any purpose whatsoever, regardless of any office or position held or who may or may not be invited, and such prohibition shall continue until such legal action is completed including any periods of appeal. The prohibition includes, but is not limited to, meetings, events, functions, assemblies, breakfasts, brunches, lunches, dinners, memorial services, other services, volunteer activities and other activities.

(b) Any member who (i) does not seek relief of prohibition in strict accordance with Section 432 of the Constitution; or (ii) engages in any non-compliance with the preceding subsection (a); or (iii) in the event relief is revoked by the Grand Master in accordance with Section 432 of the Constitution, shall result in the member who commences such legal action against any member, lodge or Grand Lodge to be automatically suspended and shall remain suspended until such legal action is completed including any periods of appeal.

YOUR Committee finds this proposal: REGULAR

Your committee wishes to make clear that in finding a proposal to be regular, it is not commenting on the merits of it, but is indicating that the proposal does not conflict either with other provisions of the Constitution which were not proposed to be concurrently amended, or the ancient usages and customs of the Craft, and is therefore open for the consideration of the membership.

Respectfully submitted.
GLENN T. JARVIE, Chairman
GRAND MASTER
PAST GRAND MASTERS
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel and the Best Western Parkway Hotel sold out very quickly this year. Rooms may become available, however if you do not already have a room reserved in the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel or the Best Western Parkway Hotel, there are a number of nearby hotels including:
 -Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Markham
 -Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Markham
 -Residence Inn by Marriott Toronto Markham
 -Holiday Inn Express & Suites Toronto - Markham

SEMINARS

Eleven different seminars will be held on **Tuesday** afternoon July 14th, 2026. 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. on the lower Convention level.

1:00 to 2:30pm	College of Freemasonry Garry Perkins Markham A
1:00 to 2:30pm	Youth Initiatives Barry Burchill Markham B
1:00 to 2:30pm	Strategic Planning Graeme McDonald Aurora
1:00 to 2:30pm	Progression / Leadership Presenter Vaughan East
1:00 to 2:30pm	Grand View Jeff Clarke, Grand View Vaughan West
1:00 to 2:30pm	Brand Standards Tom Peddle, Milan Cobanov Stouffville

2:45 to 4:15pm	District Secretary / L Forms Presenter Markham A
2:45 to 4:15pm	Lodge Finances Bob Swan Markham B
2:45 to 4:15pm	Cornerstone Graham Tait Aurora
2:45 to 4:15pm	Grand Lodge Resources Victor Tavares Vaughan East
2:45 to 4:15pm	Grand View Jeff Clarke, Grand View Vaughan West
2:45 to 4:15pm	Library Evan Woodhead Stouffville

If there are multiple workshops that interest your lodge, consider sending members from your lodge to each one then gather afterwards to compare notes.

MEMBERSHIP/GUEST(S) BEHAVIOUR

District, Lodge, and Member Hospitality Suites/Rooms are permitted **only if registered as such** with the Hotel.

All other registered private suites/rooms must remain restricted to one-self and privately invited guests(s). They are **not to be used for general hospitality purposes**. See Grand Lodge Hotel Notice document. Dispensing of alcohol at all times must be under the direct control of a Brother in possession of **Smart Serve Certification**. Admittance to a Hospitality Suite will only be gained by presentation of a valid Lodge **dues card**, which must be shown at the door prior to entry.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

April 2026

Dear Sir and Brother:

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that the One Hundred and Seventy-first Annual Communication and annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Inc. will be held in the Grand York Ballroom of the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026** at 9:00 a.m. All Masons desirous of attending will be officially welcomed following the opening of Grand Lodge.

DRESS CODE

Admission to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Grand York Ballroom) will be subject to jacket, Dress Pants, Shirt, Tie and Regalia.

REGISTRATION

Registration to attend the Annual Communication and/or to be eligible to vote on the floor of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication is not required.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Grand Representative are asked to please record their attendance at the Wednesday or Thursday meeting sign in areas.

Louis M. Domjan,
Grand Secretary

A G E N D A

MONDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2026

The Board of General Purposes will meet virtually on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 from 7:00 p.m. EDT until 10:00 p.m. EDT. R.W. Bro. Art M. Di Cecco, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board of General Purposes, will preside.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th, 2026

The Annual Communication / Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday July 15th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, Grand Master / President presiding.

THURSDAY, JULY 16th, 2026

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites. The installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly-elected District Deputy Grand Masters will take place Thursday July 16th, 2026. It is essential that each new officer be present and have his new regalia with him.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS / VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Registration and voting for Grand Lodge officers will take place electronically under the guidelines distributed to all lodges separately from this summons. Voting on proposed Constitutional amendments will take place on Wednesday July 15th, 2026 on the floor of the Annual Communication.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Registration and voting for District Deputy Grand Masters will take place electronically under the guidelines distributed to all lodges separately from this summons.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER PHOTOGRAPHS

All newly elected DDGMs must present themselves in the Gormley Room, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, Tuesday July 14th, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday July 15th, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to have their pictures taken in-person.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER INSTRUCTION CLASS

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the newly elected DDGMs at 7:59 a.m. Thursday morning July 16th, 2026 in the Aurora Room, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites. This is for DDGMS ELECT ONLY. The D.D.G.M.s will see that their successors are in attendance and on time. They will also be present in Grand Lodge, with the regalia for the new D.D.G.M.s, and be prepared to invest at the proper time in the installation ceremonies. The instruction class is for the D.D.G.M.s elect only. Others cannot be admitted. The D.D.G.M. elect will have with him his Past Master's apron so that he can go directly from the class to Grand Lodge. Our time for instruction is very limited – so it is essential that all assemble on time at 7:59 a.m. SHARP.

LOCATION

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel
600 Highway 7 (Hwy 404 and Hwy 7)
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 15th, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway
Toronto North Hotel & Suites

Guest Speakers: Sharon O'Leary and
Rachel Maccauley, Ronald McDonald

House Southwestern Ontario

We are pleased to offer you a 4-COURSE
DUO STEAK & SALMON DINNER

Individual \$95 - Tables of Eight (8) \$740

Tickets must be purchased online

[Click here to purchase](#)

Cutoff Date is Monday July 6, 2026.

Tickets for the Grand Master's Banquet sold out very quickly this year, but a small number of tickets may become available.

There will be no tickets for sale at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Please refer to the details provided in the separate Banquet Notice distributed to all lodges in the April mailing.

Please email office@grandlodge.on.ca to notify us the full names of William Mercer Wilson Medal Recipients that will be attending and their table number.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER REGIONAL MEETINGS

All newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters will be required to attend an in-person Regional meeting during the week of August 4th-8th, 2026. Tentative details are available from the current DDGM. Attendance of all DDGMs is required.



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
Discover resources for mentors and leaders
Member engagement and retention

Contact

R.W. Bro. Charles Singh
gc64.singh@gmail.com

Leadership Development ...the Masonic way

Cultivate leadership through action, reflection, and fellowship, not just theory.
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.

Contact

R.W. Bro. Maher Eid
cici20101998@yahoo.com

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
jeremy.fleming22@gmail.com



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ROCK

THE HALL

A ROCKIN' NIGHT FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE

HOSTED BY DJ TEMPTATION AND LIVE MUSIC FROM CALE CROW,
THE CARDINAL WINDS WITH FEATURE GUEST THE BOMB!

VISIT WWW.ROCKTHEHALL.CA FOR MORE INFO

**SATURDAY
MAY 2, 2026
6:00PM**

NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY HALL
20 KING AVE W, NEWCASTLE
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM! - \$40 PER PERSON

SCAN ME





Presented by Ottawa 1 & 2 Districts

Fireworks Boat Cruise

Special Guest

R.W. Bro. Art M. Di Cecco

Deputy Grand Master

August 12, 2026

6:30pm – 10:30pm

160 Laurier, Gatineau QC

\$95/person

18+, Appetizers, Cash Bar



<https://tinyurl.com/FWBC2026>

Info: robebryce@gmail.com



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**THE GRAND LODGE
MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

PRESENTS

Meet the Candidates Night

Meet the Candidates for
Grand Lodge Offices

Saturday, May 23, 2026 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (EDT)



REGISTER HERE:

<https://go.glcpo.net/speakers>



Ontario Masons

Hornepayne Lodge No. 636

100 Years Anniversary

100th Anniversary Silver to Gold Ceremony

Hornepayne Masonic Lodge No 636 – 63 Front St. Hornepayne, ON
Saturday, June 20th 2026 at 2:00pm

Guest of Honour

M.W. Bro. Jamie R Ireland
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Banquet

Venue – Legion Hall – 48 Sixth Ave, Hornepayne, ON

Doors open at 5:00 PM – Social Hour at 5:00 PM – Dinner at 6:00 PM

At the conclusion of the formal festivities you are invited to remain for some social time

Dress Code: Formal – Dark Suit

\$90.00 per person - \$170.00 per couple

Maximum 100 Tickets

No tickets will be available at the door

Please purchase tickets by sending etransfer to:

sgtmgrlou@outlook.com

The last day to purchase tickets is April 31 2026

Please include Grand Lodge titles for introductions

A block of rooms have been set aside at the Studio 6 Hotel, 25 Becker Rd
Hornepayne ON, Phone 877-264-4498

We would suggest to book early, but do not book until your
attendance has been confirmed with the Anniversary Committee.

Due to a limited capacity of the Lodge room attendance
will be on a first come first serve basis

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Hornepayne Lodge 636
await the opportunity to host you and your Lady on this memorable occasion.

Sincerley and fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Stephen (Dan) Moore, Chair
100th Anniversary Committee
email: mooresd1@hotmail.com

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

R.W. Bro. Stephen Maizels, Chairman
Library Museum and Archives

March 20th 2026

Dear Brethren,

How time flies. It seems like only yesterday that one hundred and thirty-four of us joined our Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Jamie R. Ireland at King Solomons Plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery Toronto. There we re-established the Annual Event commemorating the hundred and forty-three years that had passed since our renowned Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Ross Robertson had donated three hundred burial plots to be used for indigent masons. There was no welfare system established yet at that time.

We re-enacted the original event with the whole original script in hand as written and published in the English Freemason magazine by J.R.R. in 1984. 1883 was the year that he donated the lots. 1894 was the year that he had erected the beautiful twenty-five foot granite column, paid for by donations from the Toronto area brethren. The graves are in concentric circles, and the column stands proudly in front of them. The ceremony just north of Yonge and St Clair is so incredibly beautiful.

In the years up to 2007 the annual event was conducted mid-week and was in the form of a memorial ceremony. Last year, instead, we re-established it on a Sunday afternoon to ensure that it was convenient for the brethren, family and friends and in the form of a re-enactment rather than a standard memorial service. It proved so impressive and was so enjoyed by all.

This year on Sunday May 24th continuing the tradition, we will again be led in our parade from inside the gates of the cemetery on Yonge Street to the site of King Solomon's Plot, all of us in full dress regalia and led by our Grand Master M.W.Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, Director of Ceremony, Members of the Board, Grand Lodge Officers and with our trusted piper to set the tone.

There we will celebrate a super interesting program of remembering fondly those who have played a part starting with M.W.Bro. John Ross Robertson himself, all who were participating with our illustrious Grand Masters of the past, and those right up to yourselves today. With your own participation now, you will become part of that wonderful tradition. A vivid memory will stay planted with you in your memory and in your heart...

Photos will be taken after the event and will be made available online. There is no need to register your attendance, but it would be most useful if you would send me a note at mentorgrc@gmail.com to give us a good idea of how many chairs we will need. We want you enjoy the proceedings in comfort. There is plenty of parking space inside the cemetery.

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, is hoping to see you all, family and friends included.





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

Remembering those who have served

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.



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Stay Connected With The District Website Directory

Below are the web addresses of the District websites for the 40 Districts in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Algoma District	algomadistrict.ca
Algoma East District	algomaeastmasons.com
Brant District	brantmasons.com
Bruce District	brucemasons.com
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 District	masonic.on.ca
Niagara District A	niagaramasons.com
Niagara District B	niagarabmasons.ca
Nipissing Muskoka District	nmmasons.ca
Ontario District	ontariodistrictmasons.com
Ottawa District 1	ottawadistrict1masons.ca
Ottawa District 2	ottawamasons.ca
Peterborough District	peterboroughmasonry.ca
Prince Edward District	princeedwardmasons.org
Sarnia District	sarniadistrictmasons.ca
St. Lawrence District	stlawrencemasons.net
St. Thomas District	stthomasdistrictmasons.ca
Sudbury Manitoulin District	smmasons.com
Temiskaming District	temiskamingfreemasons.com
Toronto Don Valley District	tdvmasons.org
Toronto Humber Valley District	torontohumbervalley.ca
Toronto West District	torontowestdistrict.com
Victoria District	victoriadistrict.com
Waterloo District	waterloofreemasons.ca
Wellington District	wellingtonmasons.ca
Western District	northwestmasons.com
Wilson District	wilsondistrict.ca
York District	yorkdistrictmasons.com



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