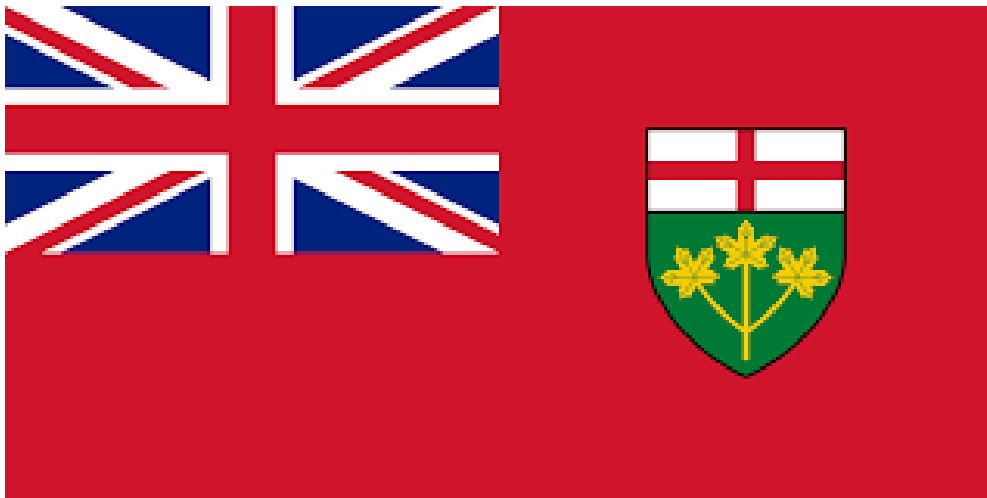


**Freemasonry In Ottawa District One
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada
In The Province of Ontario
Masonic Year 2018-19**



A year in the life of the Fifteen Lodges which comprise Ottawa District One
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I would also like to mention that this summary represents only “the tip of the iceberg” with respect to the number of events which took place in Ottawa District One this Masonic Year. For additional information I would refer the readers to the Ottawa Freemasons Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/12593948443/>) which has numerous posts by individual Brethren, and individual Lodge’s, regarding the activities that were undertaken between July 2018 and June 2019.

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Grand Lodge Officers

M.W. Bro. Paul Edward Todd, The Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd was born in Belleville, Ontario. He grew up in Trenton, Ontario and graduated from Trenton High School.

In Ottawa, he began working as an apprentice Mechanic, obtaining his Class A license. He also joined the Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary Unit, retiring with the rank of Corporal.

Paul joined the Township of Nepean Fire Department in 1971, which is now part of the City of Ottawa Fire Services. He was awarded The Federal Fire Service Medal for Exemplary Service, by the Governor-General of Canada. The Ontario Fire Marshall also awarded him the Ontario Fire Marshall Long Service Medal. He retired as a firefighter in 2002 after thirty-one years of service.

Paul also worked part-time for Ontario Ambulance in Carleton Place Ontario leaving this position after 10 years of service.

Paul joined Masonry on April 13, 1983 at St John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, becoming Worshipful Master in 1994-1995. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master 1999-2000, of Ottawa District No. 1. He served as Worshipful Master of Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741, Ottawa District No. 2 in 2003. He was the President of the Carleton Place Temple Corporation for five years. He also served as District Chairman of Blood Donors and Masonic Education, Ottawa District No. 1.

At Grand Lodge, Paul was appointed to the Board of General Purposes in 2001, 2003 and 2005, and was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2007 and 2009. In 2008 he was elected to the Management Committee of Grand Lodge and in 2009 he was re-elected for a further three-year term. In 2011, Paul joined the Lodge of Instruction Team, as a presenter and served for two years.

He was a member of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee, where he was the Team Leader responsible for the Masonic Education Newsletter. In addition he was the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee of Long Range Planning and the Grand Lodge

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Committee for the Condition of Masonry. Paul was then re-appointed to the Board of General Purposes and to the Management Committee as Liaison, while acting as Chairman of Condition of Masonry. He was subsequently elected to the Management Committee for a three-year term.

Paul is the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, near the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He is also a member of the Provincial Emergency Service Degree Team. He has served in a variety of capacities including the Local Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee for the International Plowing Match in Carleton Place, a Member of the Navan and Crosby IPM Committees and as a Member of the Grand Lodge 150th Anniversary committee. In addition he has served as the Grand Lodge Representative to the Amalgamation Committees in Ottawa, Cornwall, Kingston and Bath, was a founding Director of the Masonic Chip Foundation, Co-Chair of the Local Committee on Arrangements for the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge in Ottawa and has Chaired four Grand Master Receptions Committees for the Ottawa Districts. He was appointed a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario for six years as Chairman responsible for the webpage and for approval of Masonic Foundation District projects.

Paul was elected Deputy Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario in July of 2015 for a two year term. In 2017 was elected the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He also became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in the same year.

Concordant Bodies

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection.

Member of the Murray Chapter of the Rose Croix.

Member of the Ottawa Consistory coroneted a 33 degree Honorary Inspector General in Vancouver.

Member of Tunis Temple, Land O' Lakes Shrine Club.

Tunis Temple Oriental Band, where he is the Hajji and was appointed to the Divan of Tunis Temple in 2012 as Marshall.

Family Life

Paul was the Rector's Warden of St. James Anglican Church, Carleton Place for two years. He was also a member of the St. James Church Choir for 12 years.

M.W. Bro. Paul Todd and his wife Gloria live in Carleton Place, Ontario near Ottawa, and they have three children. W. Bro. Shawn Todd and his wife Michele live in Westboro, Shannon Thibault, and her partner Danny Moore, live in McLaren's Landing, and Alanna Harrison lives in Carleton Place. He also is a proud grandfather to five beautiful grandchildren, Olivia, Alisha, Tristan, Camryn and Rowan.

R.W. Bro. David James Cameron, The Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



R.W. Bro. David James Cameron was born and raised in London, Ontario. He attended Clarke Road Secondary School and Neuchatel Junior College in Switzerland. He enrolled in the University of Western Ontario where he obtained a B.Sc. in Chemistry and then his M.D..

He married Jill Hanna, who grew up just blocks away and who also graduated from Western. They lived in Toronto for several years but when their son, James, was born they moved closer to home, settling in Waterloo and Dr. Cameron took up a family medicine practice in New Hamburg.

Bro. Cameron was initiated into Freemasonry in Grand River Lodge No. 151 Kitchener-Waterloo in 1991. As Junior Warden he brought Masonic Education to every meeting by linking the food served to an educational topic. He became Worshipful Master in 2001 and experienced an Irish Third Degree when his father-in-law's lodge, St. John's No. 20, exemplified the

degree with him as the candidate. A charter member of New Light Daylight Lodge No. 744, he served as their Worshipful Master from 2005 to 2007. He is also a charter member of Templum Lucis Lodge No. 747, Stratford, the province's second Observant lodge. Having been honoured with a membership in Centennial Lodge No. 684, London, and the 33° of the Scottish Rite, he is also a member of Heritage Lodge No. 730, Kitchener Chapter 117 of Royal Arch Masons, Medwayosh Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, the London Scottish Rite Valley, Moore Sovereign Consistory and Mocha Shrine. He is a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry. He was a founding member of the G15, editor of *Reflections*, was appointed Assistant Grand Chaplain in 2005 and elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2007. He has served as Chair of Masonic Education, Chair of Lodge Resources, and on the Management Committee, and has been a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. R.W. Bro. Cameron was installed as Deputy Grand Master in 2017. He has been invited to speak at Masonic events in Canada, the United States and Europe, including the 14th World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges.

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M.W. Bro. Donald Mumby, Past Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of
Ontario.



Born in Lethbridge, Alberta on November 17, 1939. The son of Herbert H. and Ruth E. Mumby. Received his primary, elementary and high school education in Crossfield, Alberta.

Enlisted in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Calgary, Alberta on April 28, 1958 and served for thirty five continuous years, retiring in May, 1993 with the rank of Chief Superintendent. While with the R.C.M.P., served a three year period of secondment with the Department of External Affairs. Also served as a representative to the NATO Security Working Group in Brussels. Member of the Ottawa Division of the R.C.M.P. Veterans Assn.

Recipient of the R.C.M.P. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with Gold Clasp and Stars, the Canada 125 Medal awarded for community service and volunteer activity and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for service to country and community.

Graduate of Carleton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (With Distinction), of the National Defence College in Kingston and the Canadian Police College Executive Development in Ottawa.

Initiated, Passed and Raised in Dalhousie Lodge No. 52 and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1984/1985. Charter member and Charter Senior Deacon of Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741 in Ottawa. Served as Worshipful Master in 1994/1995. Charter member of Millennium Lodge No. 743, Toronto. Honorary Life Member of Bonnechere Lodge No. 433, Eganville, St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, Lancaster Lodge No. 207, Lancaster, Rising Sun Lodge No. 85 Athens, Mount Zion Lodge No. 39, Brooklyn, New Light Lodge 744. Waterloo, Oakridge Lodge No. 708, London, Bytown Lodge No. 721, Ottawa, Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan, Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa, Doric Lodge 455, Little Current, Adanac Lodge 614, St. Catharines, Salem Lodge No. 368, Brockville, Maple Leaf Lodge 119, Bath, Ashlar Lodge No. 564, Ottawa, Acacia Lodge No. 561, Ottawa, Brock Daylight Lodge No. 745, St. Catharines, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736, Ottawa, Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp, Merrickville Lodge No. 55 Merrickville, Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie, St. John's 21A, Vankleek Hill, Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Sudbury, Pembroke Lodge NO. 128, Pembroke, Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Richmond, Astra Lodge No. 682, Toronto Dist. 2, Humber Lodge no. 305, Toronto District 2, Acacia-Ogdensburg Lodge 128, Ogdensburg New York, The Beaches No. 473, Toronto

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District 3, Wellington Lodge No. 271 Erin, The Ancient Landmarks No. 654 Hamilton C, Trillium Lodge No. 575 Toronto Dist. 2, Nation 556, Spencerville, St. James No. 74, Brockville, Minden Lodge No. 253 Kingston, Paterson Grey Lodge No. 265 Toronto Humber Valley Honorary Life Member of the New Hampshire Police Square Club. Charter Member and Charter Senior Warden of Templus Fidelis Lodge, Bath. Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Freemasons (August 9, 2008)

Appointed a Grand Steward in 1987. Elected and served as District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 2 in 1989/1990. Appointed to the Board of General Purposes in July 1993 and elected to the Board in 1995, 1997 and 1999. Elected Deputy Grand Master, July 2001. Elected and installed as Grand Master July 17, 2003. Has served on numerous committees including the Management Committee, Masonic Education, Condition of Masonry, Communications, Blood Donors, Friend to Friend and Mentors. Was Chairman of Masonic Education and the Condition of Masonry Committees.

Appointed Custodian of the Work by the Ritual Committee on July 19, 2007. Reappointed July 2018.

Appointed Member of the Grand Lodge Awards Committee 2018.

Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Member of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, Murray Chapter of Rose Croix and Past Commander in Chief of Ottawa Consistory of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. Coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33 degree in September, 2002.

Honorary Past First Principle, Carleton Chapter No. 16, Royal Arch Masons, Ottawa. Appointed Grand Senior Sojourner, April 2005. Member of Ottawa Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Member of St. Justin's Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, Ottawa, Ontario. Most Excellent Sovereign 2016.

Member of Tunis Temple, Ottawa and Honorary Member of Rameses Temple, Toronto, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Member and Past Chair of the Council of Orleans United Church. Has Served as a volunteer canvasser with the United Way of Ottawa, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Kidney Foundation of Ottawa. Has also been a long time volunteer with Queenswood Public School. Served as a volunteer leader with the Victims Services Unit of the Cumberland Detachment of the O.P.P.

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Married to Marion (Anderson), a school teacher from Powassan, Ontario. Two children, Ruth Ann Sullivan, a Certified Management Accountant, of Stittsville and Dale, an Inspector with Peel Regional Police of Oakville.

Five Grandchildren, Mark and Kathleen Sullivan and Tyanna, Donald and Declan Mumby and one Great-Grandson, Colby Lawrence Barry Barber.

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**R.W. Bro. Adam Edward Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa
District One**

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Ontario.



R.W. Bro. Adam Edward Thompson was born and raised in Toronto, before moving with his family to Ottawa, where he graduated from Lisgar Collegiate Institute. After receiving his B.A. (Hons) in Political Studies from Queen's University at Kingston, he returned to Ottawa.

A lifelong public servant, he has worked in Toronto's courts, for the RCMP, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (as it was then known). In 2000, he began his career with the Senate of Canada. Since then he has served as a clerk of committees, acting as clerk of many Senate Committees, including the Senate committees on Legal and Constitutional Affairs; Banking, Trade and Commerce; Foreign Affairs and International Trade; and National Security and Defence. In addition to his work with committees, in September 2018, he took on a management role as Deputy Principal Clerk, Chamber Operations and Procedure.

He was initiated, passed and raised in Doric Lodge No. 58 in the fall of 2006, and served as Worshipful Master in 2011-12, becoming a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry just prior to his Installation. He has served as a District Chairman in a number of posts since 2012, including a number of years as Chairman for the District Charity. He chaired the Valentine's Charity Ball committee for the 2015 and 2016 events, and has served on the Grand Lodge committees on Masonic Education and Public Awareness. In 2017 he became an affiliate member of Heritage Lodge No. 730.

R.W. Bro. Thompson is an active member of a number of appendant and concordant bodies in Masonry, including the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada (Valley of Ottawa, 32 Degree), Royal Arch Masons (Ottawa Chapter No. 222, Past First Principal), Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada (Capital City Council No. 154, past DDGM), Tunis Shriners (member of the Divan), Order of the Secret Monitor (Ottawa Conclave No. 1), Order of the Scarlet Cord (Maple Leaf Consistory, T.I.), Council of Royal and Select Masters (Gedaliah Council), and the Order of the High Priesthood (Adoniram Council, No. 2).

R.W. Bro. Thompson is an active member of Ottawa's Jewish community, serving on the Board of Directors of JET (Jewish Education through Torah) Ottawa as Secretary, as well as an active volunteer and contributor to a number of community organizations. He has been recognized for his commitment to public service and charity including receiving the Queen

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Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and being named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts as well as a Kentucky Colonel. He is an avid fan of sports, movies and music, and a musician himself.

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W. Bro. Doug Robar, District Secretary, Ottawa District One

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W. Bro. Doug Robar was born in Montreal (Westmount), and lived in Ottawa, and Trois-Rivières.

After school, he began work for the Government of Canada – Dept. of Supply and Services (DPB, GTIS, Network Security), travelling across Canada as needed, for 33 years in numerous aspects of the Information Technology Arena. He also spent 1 ½ years at General Electric Lamp Division in Toronto (IT Division). He has been retired for 12 years. It has been a fascinating 45 year journey.

Doug and his Lady, Jan, reside in the town of Kemptville, Ontario. They have 3 children, Stephen, Megan, and Andrew and two grandchildren. He is a member, Past Master and Past Secretary of Doric Lodge No. 58 in Ottawa, Ont. and is also an active member in Ottawa Chapter No. 222 – Royal Arch

Masons, and the Tunis Shriners in Ottawa.

Doug's interests include reading, football, woodworking - refurbishing antique and building new furniture etc., and travel – especially to The Bahamas. Doug enjoys his summer leisure time swimming in his pool, spending time with family and friends at home and in Nova Scotia, the usual summer projects, and participating in various Masonic and Shrine activities.

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R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill, Member of The Board of General Purposes

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Barry was born in Ottawa, in February 1962. He attended Fisher Heights Public School, Sir Winston Churchill Middle School and graduated with honours from Merivale High School where he was active in sports and on the Student's Council. Although he lived in the city, he spent most weekends and summer holidays working on his Uncle's dairy farm in Easton's Corners, Ontario.

Barry went to work for Computing Devices Canada as a Machine Operator in 1980. He moved into the Quality Assurance Department in 1982 where he remains to this day.

He joined Acacia Lodge #561 in September 1989, serving as Worshipful Master in 1996-1997, and again in 2002-2003. In 2006 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District One. In 2008 he was appointed to the Board of General Purposes. He was re-appointed in 2010 and elected in 2012, 2014 and 2016. As a member of the Board he has chaired Long Range Planning (2009-2010) and Seminars and Workshops (2010-2014). In 2017 he was elected to a one-year term on the Management Committee. He also served on Youth Initiatives.

Barry is also a past First Principal of Dochert Chapter #248 Royal Arch Masons. He was appointed Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 2008, and served a two-year term. Also on the York Rite side he is a member of Colonel By Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada and served as District Deputy Grand Master of District five in 2008-2009. Barry is also a member of St. Justin's Conclave and Adoniram Council #3 order of the High Priesthood. He is also a member of Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, Murray Chapter Rose Croix and Ottawa Consistory 32 Degrees of the A.A.S.R. Valley of Ottawa.

Barry is a member of Tunis Shrine. He has served in various appointed Divan and Temple positions from 2004 to present. He also served as the coordinator, and sometimes Master, of the Tunis 3rd Degree team from 2005 to 2011.

Barry was recognized for his work with the youth groups in the Ottawa area, being appointed an honorary member of the Legion of Honor, by the Order of DeMolay. He is also a Grand Cross of Colour recipient for his work with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

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Barry has been active on the Draft Horse show circuit for many years. He has been driver and groom to several Clydesdale hitch teams in the Ottawa Valley, as well as still showing. He has also branched out into announcing Draft Horse shows. Barry also likes to golf and curl. He is married to Sandy and they have two sons, Ken, 28 and Joe 25. Ken is the Worshipful Master of Goodwood Lodge #159, (2017-18). He is married to Brogan with a three-year old daughter Taylor, and a two-year old son Ashton. Joe was initiated as a member of Goodwood Lodge #159 in October 2017.

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R.W. Bro. Edward Charles Denbeigh, Grand Director of Ceremonies

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



R.W. Bro. Edward Charles Denbeigh was born in Montreal, but raised in Vankleek Hill, Ontario. He lives in Ottawa with his spouse, Ms Wendy Lee Parlow.

In his professional life, he spent his career in the Canadian Armed Forces (spanning 37 years) as an Intelligence Branch officer, as well as in the Federal Public Service, where he worked in both the Department of National Defence and the Security Intelligence Review Committee. He currently acts as a consultant in intelligence and security matters.

R.W. Bro. Denbeigh has celebrated 31 years of service to Masonry. He was initiated, passed and raised in Hazeldean Lodge #517, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2000-2001. In the 2013-2014 Masonic year, he was appointed as the District Secretary for Ottawa District One. Subsequent to that, in recognition of his service as District Secretary, he was appointed by Grand Lodge as a Grand Steward for the 2014-2015 Masonic year.

In 2017, he was appointed as the Grand Director of Ceremonies at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. In 2018, he was re-appointed as the Grand Director of Ceremonies at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. This re-appointment was unprecedented and is the first time a Grand Director of Ceremonies was ever re-appointed for a second term in the history of the Grand Lodge (AF&AM) of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Denbeigh is a member of Maple-Granite Chapter #61 (Royal Arch Masonry) in Carleton Place, Ontario and is currently the Grand Registrar for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masonry of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Denbeigh is a member of several chivalric and advocacy orders including the Order of St. Joachim, the Order of St. Lazarus, the International Knightly Order of St. George, and the Union Corps St. Lazarus International (Austria). Additionally, he is a past branch officer of the Royal Canadian Legion and is the Charity Fundraising Coordinator for the Ottawa Blues Festival and the Ottawa Folk Festival.

R.W. Bro. Denbeigh is a former aide-de-camp to two separate Lieutenant Governors of Ontario. He has been awarded the Gulf and Kuwait Medal (with bar), the Special Service Medal (with NATO bar), the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and the Canadian Forces

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Decoration (with two clasps), as well as several foreign awards, most notably from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Kuwait.

R.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns, Past Grand Senior Warden (Honorary), Grand Historian

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of
Ontario.



Michael Jenkyns spent thirty-two years in the federal civil service: twenty-nine with the Canadian International Development Agency where he served as Regional Director (Bilateral) for South East Asia and also East Africa and held diplomatic postings as head of CIDA programs in Djakarta, Indonesia (1973-75) and Nairobi, Kenya (1986-88). He is a graduate of Carleton University, Ottawa (B.A., 1967) and Algonquin College, Ottawa (Honors Post-graduate diploma in International Trade, 1998). He has travelled extensively around the world (visiting forty-five countries) and is very interested in the history of Canada and its place on the global stage in the twenty-first century. He is married to Virginia Elizabeth (Nash) and they have two children: Megan (Brooks) and Andrew and five granddaughters.

Michael joined Acacia Lodge, No. 561 GRC, Ottawa, in 1991 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1999-2000 (Paul E. Todd, DDGM) and 2005-06 (Kenneth Sharp, DDGM). He is currently Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, a post to which he was appointed at the Annual Communication of July 2009. At the 2014 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he was elected Right Worshipful Past Grand Senior Warden (Honourary). He is also a member of The Heritage Lodge, No. 730 GRC, Alberta Internet Lodge of Research, Irish Lodge of Research and Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle. His broad interest in many things, masonic and non-masonic, has led him into an extensive literary career and he is the well-known author of many masonic histories.

In addition to his craft affiliations he is a member of Kitchener Royal Arch Chapter, No. 210 GRC, and several other masonic bodies.

V.W. Bro. Bill Bradshaw, Grand Superintendent of the Works

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of
Ontario.



V.W. Bro. Bradshaw was Initiated February 16, 1982 in Cornwallis Lodge, #95, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. He was passed April 20, 1982 and raised June 15, 1982. He affiliated with Hazeldean Lodge #517, in Richmond, Ontario, Grand Lodge of Canada in The Province of Ontario in 1986.

He served twice as the Worshipful Master of Hazeldean Lodge, in 1993-94, and again in 1996-97. In addition, he served as the Lodge Blood Donor Chairman, Chairman of Masonic Instruction, as the Assistant Secretary and was the Lodge Historian for four years. He is currently the Lodge Tyler.

V.W. Bro. Bradshaw conducts classes in cooperation with the Mentorship Committee at the Lodge once a month. This is for candidates who wish extra assistance with their memory and floor work prior to their advancement in various degrees. He has served, and continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the Hazeldean Masonic Temple Corporation continuously since 1988. In July 2018 he was appointed Grand Superintendent of The Works.

In addition to the activities listed above, V.W. Bro. Bradshaw has also participated in other various Concordant Masonic Organizations. He was the News Editor for the Ottawa Districts Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association for five years. Was concurrently Associate Patron and Worthy Patron ten times from 2000 – 2017 of the Capital City and Crescent Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a demitted Member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. He also served two terms as District Chairman of Masonic Instruction for Ottawa District One.

He has been married to Linda for 35 years and has many children and grandchildren. He retired after 32 years in the Navy and 22 years as a Public Servant.

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2018-19**

V.W. Bro. Lyle Cavanagh, Assistant Grand Secretary

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of
Ontario.



Lyle was born and raised on a farm in West Carlton and still lives today on one of the farms. He attended Kinburn Centennial Public School and then to trade School at Highland Park High School in Ottawa. V.W. Bro. Cavanagh graduated with honours in Small Engines and worked in the Carleton Place area for 15 years in the small engine field.

He then obtained employment with the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton in 1990, now the City of Ottawa. He has been a Fleet Maintenance Supervisor for the last 12 years.

He always loved the outdoors trapping, hunting and fishing.

He joined Mississippi Lodge #147 November in 1989 and was Worshipful Master in 1996-97 and again in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

V.W. Bro. Cavanagh was the First Principal of Dochert Chapter #248 in 1997-99 and was appointed in 2014 as Grand Senior Sojourner.

Lyle is also a member of Tunis Shriners and on the elected Divan. Through his efforts he was able to get the Tunis Hillbillies back up and running again.

He is married to Deb and has two children Stacey and Bradley. Bradley is also a Past Master of Mississippi Lodge. He is also blessed with six grandchildren.

**District History, Ottawa District One
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V.W. Bro. Shawn Todd, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



Shawn Todd joined St. John's Lodge in 1997. Shawn went onto the Ontario Provincial Police shortly after - stationed at Kirkland Lake Detachment for five years. After a successful career in general policing, Shawn became a member of specialized policing units including the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, and the OPP Explosives Disposal Unit. Shawn is also a previously commissioned Infantry officer with the Canadian Armed Forces, having attended Infantry School in Gagetown NB as part of the 2nd Irish Regiment of Canada.

Shawn's father - is the current Grandmaster of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Most Worshipful Brother Paul E. Todd. His stepfather is past Ottawa District 1

DDGM Right Worshipful Brother Brian P. Adams. Shawn's grandfather, and great-grandfather have all been Masons. Shawn is past president of his Senior Warden and Master Group, is a past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 63 in Carleton Place, a previous member of Doric Lodge in Kirkland Lake, and former member and organizer of the OPP Northeast Region Degree Team. Shawn started the Food Bank committee at St. John's Lodge in 2011, and is currently part of the Grand Master's charity committee - Autism Research.

Shawn is a long time advocate of the Grand Lodge Friend-to-Friend program and has been promoting the program since 2011 - when it started at St. John's. A past Ottawa District 1 Chairman, he is a current member of the Grand Lodge committee for Friend-to-Friend, Brother to Brother, and Mentor Programs. Most recently he was appointed as Very Worshipful Brother - sitting as the 2018-2019 Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge.

Shawn runs a successful financial planning practice in West Ottawa and is involved in numerous charities including Ottawa Food Bank, and the Sens Foundation. Shawn is married to his wife Michele - who works at the Royal Ottawa Hospital, and has three children; Olivia (attending Nippissing University), Alisha (attending Acadia University) and Rowan (Ottawa Sting - competitive hockey). Little known fact: Shawn is an expert BBQer, watercolour and pastel painter, plays the guitar, climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in 2011, and knows one good magic trick. Shawn is an avid hockey player, golfer, scuba diver and skier. If he's not at work, or at Lodge - then he immensely enjoys spending time with his family, often travelling to a neat place that he hasn't been before.

V.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, Assistant Grand Chaplain

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



Jeff was born in Stratford Ontario and attended school in London, Clarkson, and Etobicoke before attending the University of Waterloo for Economics. He and Paula Helmer married in 1978 and they have three children – Rob, Emma and Alan, and two grandchildren – Cole and Leah. Paula and Jeff enjoy family and their kids and grandkids. They travel as much as possible except in summer when they hole-up at the cottage on Healey Lake.

Jeff was Initiated into Sidney Albert Luke Lodge №558 on November 9 1983, Passed December 14 1983 and Raised by the RCMP Degree Team on January 11 1984. He was Installed as Worshipful Master in May 1988, 1997, 2003, 2007, and 2017. He was Secretary for most of the time in between – about 26 years. He's been a District Officer for Computer Resources, Long Range Planning, Historian, and Officer Progression. He was astonished to be made Assistant Grand Chaplain by his friend the Grand Master - Most Worshipful Brother Paul Todd - in July 2018. He's a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and Executive Secretary of the Valley of Ottawa. He loves Masonry and the members of Sidney Albert Luke Lodge №558 loved finding his errors in the Summons and complaining about his penmanship.

Jeff worked for the Federal Government for his career. He started at Statistics Canada and moved through a few Departments, ending at Parks Canada. He programmed in Fortran and APL, built econometric models, and planned strategically.

He sang in the church choir for 20 years and in choirs at work, coached kids' baseball and soccer and was a scout leader (Jeff made Queen's Scout). He also spent time with DeMolay as Advisor and Chapter Dad. Jeff likes to fish, tries to golf, spends time walking behind his dog MacDuff, takes pictures, likes wine, and thinks he's a carpenter.

**District History, Ottawa District One
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V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill, Grand Sword Bearer

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of
Ontario.



V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill was born and raised in Ottawa and started a brick and stone mason apprenticeship in 2007. In 2011 he completed his Red Seal exam and became a Red Seal brick and stone mason. Over the last six years he has worked for RJW Stonemasons. Over those six years he has been working to restore West Block, one of the buildings in Canada's Parliament, as well as many other projects around the city.

In 2012 he married his beautiful wife Brogan. They are the proud parents of Taylor 4 and Ashton 2.

V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill was Initiated into Goodwood Lodge No 159 in January 2011 Passed in April 2011 and Raised in May 2011. He immediately started through the officer chairs being installed as the Inner Guard in June 2011. He served as Worshipful Master for two years in a row (2016-2018) being installed in the chair of King Solomon both times by his father R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill. In his second year as Master he had the pleasure of Initiating, Passing and Raising his biological brother Bro. Joe Burchill.

V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill joined Tunis Shriners in May 2012 where he has served on the ceremonial cast ever since. He is also a member of the Tunis Hillbillies. He has also received his 32nd degree from A.A.S.R. Valley Of Ottawa. V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in July 2018.

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V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill, Grand Steward

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of
Ontario.



V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill was born and raised on the south shore of Montreal, and lived for a period of time in Kingston, Jamaica. After school he began work for Northern Electric (Nortel) travelling across Canada, the Caribbean, Ireland and many other locations. Moving on to Bell Canada and is now with Telus. It has been a fascinating 44 year journey.

Doug and his Lady Rosemary reside in the Village of Carp, Ont. They have 3 children, James, Katherine and Genevieve and two grandsons.

V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill was initiated April 2004, passed November 2004, and raised April 2005 in Carleton Lodge No. 465. He served as W.M. in 2011-12. He is also an active member in of Tunis Shriners in Ottawa. He is the current Director of the Directors Staff and also the coordinator of the Shrine Degree team, and is also a member of the Quetzalcoatl.

Doug was honoured to be chosen by R.W. Bro. Brian P. Adams to be the District Secretary for the 2017/2018 Masonic year. In completing his term as District Secretary he was appointed as a Grand Steward for the 2018/2019 Masonic year. As a current Grand lodge officer, Doug has represented The Grand Lodge of Canada in his travels this past year beginning with the 200th Anniversary of True Briton # 14 and also in visiting the following Lodges in St. John's Newfoundland. (Whiteway Lodge #8, St. John's #1, Conception # 1679 and Lodge Newfoundland Kilwinning #1754.). He has also been active throughout the year visiting Lodges within Ottawa Districts 1 & 2.

Doug's interests include: Classic cars and motorcycles, woodworking, fishing and travel. Doug enjoys his summer leisure time on his boat in Kingston and the islands.

V.W. Bro. John Guinn, Grand Steward

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



V.W. Bro John Guinn was born in Montreal, Quebec on June 24, 1951, the first son to George and Dorothy Guinn. He received his primary, elementary and high school education in Verdun, Quebec.

V.W. Bro Guinn followed in his father's footsteps and after several odd jobs joined Ryder Truck Rental in Montreal where he worked his way up the ranks into management and a transfer to Ottawa. After 10 years at Ryder he decided to move into other aspects of transportation and distribution in the food industry. In 1996 he formed his own Food distribution company Pen-Guinn Refrigerated Distribution, adding bakery goods to the mix. The company was closed in 2012.

Wishing to take life a little easier he semi-retired working only a couple of days a week. A friend and manager at Farm Boy in Orleans was in need of a receiver and not being able to say no, took on the job, where he is now employed.

V.W. Bro Guinn entered Masonry in 1988 after a chance encounter with a gentleman Ralph Boone. He was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Sydney Albert Luke Lodge # 558 where he served as Master for 2 different years. He now serves as Lodge Treasurer.

He is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Ottawa Valley, is past Commander in Chief of the Ottawa Consistory, and is now serving a second term as Thrice Puissant Grand Master in the Lodge of Perfection. He is active in several degrees and serves on the Scottish Rite Membership Renewal Committee.

V.W. Bro Guinn is a member of Tunis Shriners #179 Ottawa and served on the Board of Directors for 10 years, being elected Potentate in 2002. He is a past President of the Ottawa Shrine Club, Past Circus Daddy Chairman, member of the Capital Shrine Club, and a member of the Tunis Hillbilly Clan # 149.

V.W. Bro Guinn was blessed with 2 children Maryann of Barrhaven and Robert (deceased) of Iowa U.S.A. He is survived by his daughter-in-law Brooke and a granddaughter Olivia. Maryann is blessed with two wonderful girls Emma and Chloe.

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V.W. Bro Guinn is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he sings in the choir and also serves as an Elder.

V.W. Bro Guinn and the love of his life Sharron reside in Orleans, Ontario a suburb east of Ottawa.

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V.W. Bro. Ivan Harris, Grand Steward

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



Personal

- Born 1949 in Acton Ontario.
- Graduated University of Guelph 1970 BSc Mathematics, 1971 Hons BA (equivalent) Psychology.
- Numerous Courses and Certifications, PMP, CDP, Management, Technology.
- Married 1973 to Betty.
- Three children, Jennifer 1978, Daniel, 1983, Tim 1985.
- Hobbies; canoeing, biking, reading, learning, theatre, music, history.
- My Father was WM of Walker Lodge #321 GRC in 1950 and was a Member of the AASR Valley of Guelph. Numerous other members of my family were Masons.

Community Activities

- Hockey Coach and Trainer, 10 years.
- Big Brother 5 years.
- Scouts Canada Leader 5 years.
- Baseball Coach 3 years.
- Special Olympics (Master of Ceremonies) 5 years.
- Green Party of Canada Webmaster 4 years.
- LiveWorkPlay 15 years.
- Pro Bono computer support for organizations and individuals (includes Lodge and AASR Secretaries and Treasurers).

Masonic History

- Initiated Passed and Raised at Hazeldean Lodge #517 GRC 1985.
 - Worshipful Master 2001/2002.
 - Chair of Benevolence 1993 to 2001 and 2003 to 2010.
 - Senior Warden pro tem 2016.
 - Junior Warden 2017.
 - Currently Senior Warden 2018.
- Affiliated Aviation Lodge Richmond BC 1988 o Demitted Clear 1991 (transferred back to Ontario).
- Affiliated Goodwood Lodge #159 GRC 2012 o Historian for 150th Anniversary.
 - Have sat as Senior Steward, IPM, Junior Warden.
 - Mentorship Chair 2015 to Present.

District History, Ottawa District One 2018-19

- Ottawa Masonic Board of Relief.
 - Lodge Representative 2003 to 2010 Secretary/Treasurer 2010 to Present.
- Ottawa District 1.
 - District Historian 2014 to 2016, AASR Liaison 2014 to Present.
 - Secretary the Cavaliers Master's Group 2000 to Present.
 - Secretary the Uprights Master's Group 2018 to Present.
- Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Ottawa o Received 32° 2003.
 - TPGM 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.
 - Coroneted Honourary Inspector General 33° in St. John's 2016.
- Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
 - Appointed Grand Steward at the Communication of Grand Lodge in July 2018.

**District History, Ottawa District One
2018-19**

V.W. Bro. Steve Kipp, Grand Standard Bearer

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.



Prior to joining the St. John's Lodge No. 63, V.W. Bro. Steve Kipp served in the army reserves, including overseas. He is happily married to his wife of 46 years and has 2 children; including 4 grandchildren. The majority of his career was spent working for Bell Canada from which he has been retired for 15 years.

V.W. Bro. Steve Kipp was initiated in St. John's Lodge No. 63 in March of 1987. He passed his Third Degree in the fall of 1987. He was the Temple Board Vice President and has served on the Board for many years.

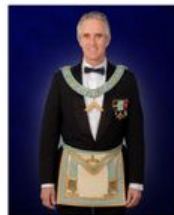
V.W. Bro. Kipp took on the role as the Lodge Auditor in 2005 and Chairman of Relief & Benevolence in 2008. He presently continues to fulfil both of these duties. He also was the Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 63, from 2011 to 2012.

V.W. Bro Kipp has volunteered in the past throughout the community via the Carleton Place Christmas Basket Program for 20 years. He was the Vice President of the Community Association for 10 years. He also served on the Carleton Place United Cemetery Board for four years. V.W. Bro. Kipp was the assistant building manager before taking over responsibility in 2013 as the building manager responsible for 3 units including the St. John's Lodge No. 63.

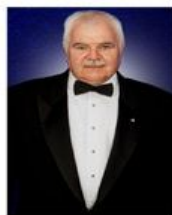
V.W. Bro. Kipp was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2018.

District History, Ottawa District One
2018-19

District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Photo Collage



District Charity,
Masonic Foundation
W. Bro. Jim Bowman



AASR Liaison
V.W. Bro. Ivan Harris



District Photographer
Brother 2 Brother
W. Bro. Ron Taylor



Protocol & Etiquette,
S. W. Mentor, Ritual
R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling



D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson



District Secretary
W. Bro. Douglas Robar



Fraternal Visitation
W. Bro. Abe Garcia



Shrine Liaison
R.W. Bro. Dennis Salkaley



G. L. Pubs and OM Mag.
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark



Cornerstone
Bro. Stephen Young



Youth Initiatives
W. Bro. Alan Christie



District Chaplain
W. Bro. Dennis Cole



Computer Res/Webmaster
Bro. Colin Mackenzie



Royal Arch Liaison
Bro. Mike Boese



By-Laws
V. W. Bro. Kevin Zeigler



Historian
W. Bro. Neil Lillico



Long Range Planning
V.W. Bro. Jeff Christie



Education, Instruction
W. Bro. Sam Roberts



Officer Progression
W. Bro. Chris Statham



Retired Regalia
R. W. Bro. Angus Gillis



District Benevolence
Cameron Degree Team
V.W. Bro. James Keith



F2F & Mentorship
W. Bro. Corey Snow

District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Sorted Tables

Table 1 - Sorted by District Chair/Responsibility

District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2018-19	Rank	First Name	Last Name
District Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Liaison and Degree Team	V.W. Bro.	Ivan	Harris
District Benevolence and Cameron Degree Team	V.W. Bro.	James	Keith
District By-Laws	V.W. Bro.	Kevin	Zeigler
District Chaplain	W. Bro.	Dennis	Cole
District Charity, Masonic Foundation	W. Bro.	Jim	Bowman
District Computer Resources and Webmaster	Bro.	Colin	Mackenzie
District Cornerstone	Bro.	Stephen	Young
District Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro.	Adam	Thompson
District F2F and Mentorship	W. Bro.	Cory	Snow
District Fraternal Visitation	Bro.	Abraham	Garcia
District Grand Lodge Publications and Ontario Mason Magazine	W. Bro.	Matt	Weedmark
District Historian	W. Bro.	Neil	Lillico
District Long Range Planning	V.W. Bro.	Jeff	Christie
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District Masonic Education & Instruction, Protocol & Etiquette	W. Bro.	Sam	Roberts
District Officer Progression	W. Bro.	Chris	Statham
District Photography and Audio Visual	W. Bro.	Ron	Taylor
District Retired Regalia	R.W. Bro.	Angus	Gillis
District Royal Arch Liaison	Bro.	Mike	Boese
District Secretary	W. Bro.	Douglas	Robar
District Senior Warden Mentorship and Ritual	R.W. Bro.	Trevor	Hemmerling
District Shrine Liaison	R.W. Bro.	Dennis	Saikaley
District Youth Initiatives	W. Bro.	Alan	Christie

**District History, Ottawa District One
2018-19**

Table 2 - Sorted by Rank/Alphabetically by Last Name

District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2018-19	Rank	First Name	Last Name
District Retired Regalia	R.W. Bro.	Angus	Gillis
District Senior Warden Mentorship and Ritual	R.W. Bro.	Trevor	Hemmerling
District Shrine Liaison	R.W. Bro.	Dennis	Saikaley
District Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro.	Adam	Thompson
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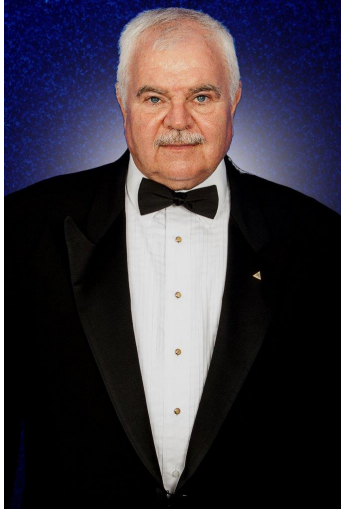
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District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2018-19	Rank	First Name	Last Name
District Royal Arch Liaison	Bro.	Mike	Boese
District Charity, Masonic Foundation	W. Bro.	Jim	Bowman
District Long Range Planning	V.W. Bro.	Jeff	Christie
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District Cornerstone	Bro.	Stephen	Young
District By-Laws	V.W. Bro.	Kevin	Zeigler

District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Photos and Reports

District Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Liaison and Degree Team
- V.W. Bro. Ivan Harris

April 14, 2019



R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
District Deputy Grand Master,
Ottawa District 1

R.W. Sir:

It is my pleasure to report on my activities during the current Masonic Year.

I have been busy doing the following:

- Attending District functions (I have attended all of the DDGM Official Visits);
- Posting upcoming and completed information to Facebook Masonic Groups; and
- Promoting the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR) throughout the District by the AASR Web Site <http://ottawavalleysscottishrite.com/>, social media and the AASR Degree Team. In addition, I have had the opportunity to respond to numerous requests for information on the AASR.

The AASR Master Mason Degree Team conferred three Degrees during this Masonic Year. In each instance, the Work was performed to an extremely high standard. These conferrals gave the AASR an opportunity to demonstrate the breadth and depth of capabilities of its members and to make a presentation on the AASR.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

V.W. Bro. Ivan M. Harris, Grand Steward

District Benevolence and Cameron Degree Team - V.W. Bro. James Keith



Report on Benevolence 2018 - 2019

24 April 2019

There has been some activity within District One, which has been actioned by the respective Lodge. There have only been two in Grand Lodge this year, both in April 2019.

A number of changes to the Form have been made. The new form can be downloaded. It is strongly recommended that Lodges who have individuals who require more help than the Lodge can provide, get an application to me to forward to Grand Lodge. At Grand Lodge it will get very quick action, as the committee quickly meets by telephone. Do not sit on applications.

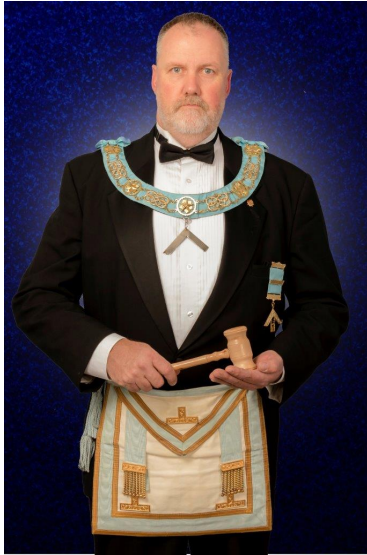
I again continue to stress the need to be continuously alert for potential cases for assistance, i.e., if a lodge is paying the dues for a Brother, (which they should), does this Brother need further assistance? I feel there are many situations that are never brought to the light of the Lodge Benevolent Committee, MOSTLY BECAUSE OF FALSE PRIDE OF THOSE IN NEED. We must always be very vigilant for those in need. The Benevolence Committee continues to help individuals in a private and discreet manner. If you or your Lodge knows of a Brother in need please refer to the Benevolence Booklet and Application. Both are available for download from the Grand Lodge Website. Also contact me and I will assist.

All Lodges do well in taking care of those that they know need help. But all Lodges have trouble to get potential recipients to answer the very personal information required. Therefore, in most cases it becomes a last resort to apply to Grand Lodge. This is unfortunate as great care is taken to protect the applicant's information; it is used by the committee at Grand Lodge to confirm the level of help required. Therefore I CONTINUE TO STRESS the Need to maintain a high level of CONFIDENTIALITY when dealing with Benevolence. I am always willing to give guidance and assistance to anyone.

**V.W. BRO. J.A. KEITH
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF BENEVOLENCE**

**District History, Ottawa District One
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District By-Laws - V.W. Bro. Kevin Zeigler



There were no changes or requests for changes to the By-Laws for Masonic Year 2018-19.

V.W. Bro Kevin Zeigler
District By-Law Chairman

**District History, Ottawa District One
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District Chaplain - W. Bro. Dennis Cole

April 2019



R. Wor. Sir, R. Wor. Sirs, V. Wor. Sirs, Wor Sirs, Brethren All:

As my final report as District Chaplain for this Masonic year, I would only add to that report already submitted at our last District Meeting by indicating that I was asked to participate in the District Divine Service for District Two by V. Wor. Neil Lloyd, my counterpart in that District. The service was held on 7 April at Grace St. Andrew's United Church in Arnprior and was attended by both myself and the District Deputy Grand Master. I was asked to deliver the Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon as well as the Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer. The DDGM read the Psalm appointed for the service.

It is interesting to note that the service was held as part of the regularly scheduled worship of the church in Arnprior, which is an approach different from that used in our District. This has the advantage of exposing a wider body of citizens to Masonry. V. Wor. Lloyd, as a licensed lay reader in the United Church, is authorized to lead worship in that denomination, which is a definite asset. The service was followed by a well-provisioned fellowship time.

I have had no other requests for assistance during my time as District Chaplain but continue to stand ready to respond should the need arise, until the Masonic year concludes. It has been an honour and privilege to serve the Brethren in this capacity and I would look forward to future opportunities in this regard,

S & F

W. Bro. Dennis Cole, PM

District Chaplain, Ottawa District 1

**District History, Ottawa District One
2018-19**

District Charity, Masonic Foundation - W. Bro. Jim Bowman

July 2019



R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District One.

Dear R.W. Sir:

It is with pleasure that I report that Ottawa District One, during the term 2018-19, under your leadership, raised a total of \$12,250.00, which was donated to the Bruyere Foundation. At this time, we are organizing a picture/presentation day, which I forward after the event.

S & F,
W. Bro. Jim Bowman,
District Chair for Charity, Masonic Foundation.

District Computer Resources and Webmaster - Bro. Colin Mackenzie

April 2019



Throughout the 2018-2019 Masonic year, the majority of the activities for the District website have involved updating the site and back-end resources for the current year, including:

- Update of information for the DDGM and District Chairmen profiles;
- Updating information for individual Lodges (contacts, WM/SD/Sec), and the District Charity;
- Ongoing updating of relevant online and calendar information from the Trestle Board, including regular Lodge activities, Lodge and District special events, DDGM nights, and Travelling Gavel activities;
- Highlighting of news articles that relate to District activities and special events.

Throughout the year, efforts were focused on the ongoing maintenance of the website, including changes to the Trestle Board and District and Lodge events (within both the online District calendar, as well as the Special Events section of the website), updates to Masonic publications, additions to the photo gallery, and highlighting of news/events. Awareness continued to be raised this year towards the privacy implications of posting images or content on public websites or social media, along with the adopted process where photography at Lodge or District Events now includes a reminder of how the photos will be used, allowing Brethren to remove themselves from the photo if necessary for any reason.

Ongoing analysis of website traffic and visitors through the website analytics shows a positive and continual growth of active use of the District website (including a 23.6% increase in visits to the homepage over the previous year), with a concentration of traffic on Lodge details, Trestle Board, Events calendar, DDGM information, special events, and resources/links/publications.

As has been the practice in previous years, the benefits have been communicated throughout the District of subscribing to the online calendar, which ensures that real-time updates are automatically synchronized to local calendars on computers and mobile devices, as those updates are made throughout the Masonic year.

Additional support was also provided for the 2019 Valentine's Charity Ball website, which was redesigned to include current event information, charity and donor details, and will continue to be supported for the 2020 event. Detailed site analysis can be found in the pdf published report on the District Website.

District Cornerstone - Bro. Stephen Young

April 2019



Within Ottawa District #1, most Lodges are enrolled and actively involved in the Cornerstone program. At the initial District #1 Meeting, a short presentation on the Cornerstone program was given to Lodge representatives, which resulted in two subsequent inquiries to the Chair. One Lodge decided not to pursue the program this year and the other has asked for a presentation on the program, to be included in next year's tracing board. Other Lodges were well aware of the program and indicated that they were continuing to pursue their individual paths towards earning their Cornerstone designation. In order to provide more detail, copies of the latest Grand Lodge Cornerstone material were sent to each Lodge Secretary.

In terms of the overall content of the program, it was apparent that the Cornerstone program enables a Lodge to look critically at what it does, and, by following the program endeavour it improves the quality and range of Lodge activities provided to members. The package as provided by Grand Lodge is more than sufficient to explain the program and the necessary steps required to achieve a Cornerstone designation.

In summary, the Cornerstone program is alive and well within Ottawa District #1. This was a Committee that did not require much effort this year; however, depending on the wishes of Lodges within the District, and as the Officers in a Lodge change, it may be necessary to work with particular Lodges in order to assist them in framing their project for the upcoming years.

Bro. Stephen Young
Chairman, District Cornerstone

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District Deputy Grand Master - R.W. Bro. Adam Edward Thompson



This Historical Document is R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson's District Report. A collection of the talks given by R.W. Bro. Thompson can be found in [Appendix A](#).

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District F2F (Friend to Friend) and Mentorship - W. Bro. Corey Snow

April 2019



R. W. Sir:

Regarding the Friend to Friend, I've heard from four Lodges. Goodwood Lodge, Temple Lodge and Edinburgh Lodge did not hold Friend to Friend nights, although Edinburgh, Acacia and Temple discussed a combined effort.

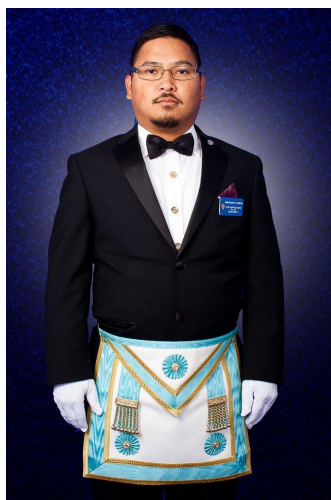
St. John's Lodge did have a Friend to Friend Night where approximately five non-masons were in attendance with a good showing from their membership.

S&F,

Corey Snow, PM

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District Fraternal Visitation - Bro. Abraham Garcia



Final Report – Fraternal Visitation
by Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

April 24, 2019

R.W. Sir:

Duties of the District Fraternal Visitation Chairman Article 7 Section 12 of the Ottawa District 1 By-Laws states that the duties of the Fraternal Visiting Committee are:

- a. to encourage lodges to regularly visit other lodges within the District, among neighboring Districts and other jurisdictions.
- b. to oversee the use of the “traveling gavel”.
- c. to assist individual Masters in arranging lodge visits.

Within Ottawa District 1, in coordination with the DDGM and the Masters of the year, I arranged the schedule of the Travelling Gavel and oversaw its exchange of hands. I have announced upcoming meetings like the DDGM's Official Visits, Travelling Gavel nights and other District Events to Lodges I've attended and posted some announcements via social media, i.e. Facebook.

Report on the Visitation (DDGM and Travelling Gavel Nights)

Visitation is alive and well within our District. All of the 15 lodges in Ottawa District 1 have had the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master. At the same time, the Travelling Gavel has exchanged hands 14 times around the District. I would like to thank V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill and W. Bro. Steve Plummer for providing me copies of the Tyler's Registry of their respective Lodges. I would like to apologize to Prince of Wales, Mississippi and Doric Lodges as I was not able to obtain copies of their Tyler's Register when they received the Travelling Gavel.

From the numbers I was able to gather, the largest reception of the DDGM for the 2018-2019 Masonic Year was at St. Andrew's Lodge on December 6, 2018. It was attended by 44 visitors. Doric Lodge brought a delegation of 13 members, and Civil Service Lodge was represented by 10 brethren. The next biggest reception of the DDGM was on February 5, 2019 at Temple Lodge where 37 visitors were in attendance and Goodwood Lodge brought a delegation of 10 members.

As for the Travelling Gavel, the greatest reception for the 2018-2019 Masonic Year was at Civil Service Lodge on October 9, 2018. It was attended by 19 visitors. Goodwood Lodge delivered the Gavel with a delegation of 11 members. The next biggest reception of the

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Travelling Gavel was in Acacia Lodge on February 19, 2019, where they received 18 travellers. No particular lodge had a big delegation that evening.

Overall, the most travelled Brethren have been from Doric represented by 67 appearances, followed by Goodwood with 61 visits. St. Andrew's Lodge has received 56 visitors from the combined DDGM and Travelling Gavel nights followed by Temple Lodge with 51 guests.

Thank you,
Bro. Abraham R. Garcia
Chairman, District Fraternal Visitation

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**District Grand Lodge Publications & Ontario Mason Magazine - Bro.
Matt Weedmark**



Chairman's Report,
Grand Lodge Publications, OM Magazine Year End Report

April 24, 2019

R.W. Sir:

I would like to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as one of your chairmen. As the chairman of Grand Lodge Publications and the Ontario Mason Magazine (OMM), it is difficult at times to figure out exactly what the role entails, as we live in a time in which there is so much information available to the masses at the touch of a button. Grand Lodge (G.L.) being so prompt to ensure that any new and noteworthy publications are distributed electronically to the Lodges.

When called upon for guidance as to how to obtain literature or information with respect to G.L. Publications, I was quick to inform.

Continuing where I left off last year, I have been compiling some of what I feel are the most useful articles and discussions published in the OMM and on the G.L. website. Especially the provision of information pertaining to the education and involvement of the Brethren, appealing to new membership, retaining members, officer progression, etc. It is my intention to bundle them together and distribute them to my fellow Masters of the District in hopes that they will also find them as useful tools in their coming year in the Chair of King Solomon.

There is so much valuable information published and available to us on the Grand Lodge website that I feel taking the time to sift through it, and find what could be useful for both myself and other Lodges of the District will certainly pay off.

I once again want to thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the District by serving in this chair.

Congratulations on a successful year.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

W. Bro. Matthew Weedmark
Grand Lodge Publications, OM Magazine Chairman

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District Historian - W. Bro. Neil Lillico



GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Ottawa District One
District Historian's Final Report

April 24, 2019

R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District One.

Dear R.W. Sir:

I am pleased to provide a report outlining my activities undertaken for the 2018-19 Masonic Year.

I have obtained relevant Masonic Activity photos from the District Photographer, Ron Taylor or from the individual Lodge postings on Facebook or Lodge websites. Select photos from this group will be included in the Historical Summary to be produced at the end of the 2018-19 Masonic Year.

I have prepared a monthly summary of activities by Lodge, based primarily upon the summonses, and will continue to update the summaries as the information is received.

I have requested and obtained photos of 17 Grand Lodge Officers so the information can be included in the Historical Summary of the 2018-19 Masonic Year. I'm only missing a biographical sketch for one Grand Lodge Officer and I'm continuing to follow up to obtain the missing information.

I will obtain photos all the District Chairmen, from W. Bro. Ron Taylor. The District Chairmen have been asked to provide their final reports to the District Secretary to summarize the activities undertaken by each Committee during the current Masonic Year. Once they are all received, I will include this information in the District History for 2018-19

I will also obtain photos of all Worshipful Masters of 2018-19 from W. Bro. Ron Taylor.

Using the foregoing information I will prepare a Historical Summary of District One's activities during the Masonic Year 2018-19.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Neil Lillico, PM,
District Historian, Ottawa District One.

District Long Range Planning - V.W. Bro. Jeff Christie



District Reorganization Ottawa District 1 –2018/19

The purpose of this Committee is to foresee and plan for District reorganization should it be requested or become necessary. A district reorganization could come at the request of this district or an adjacent district and would be subject to Grand Lodge acceptance. The Committee for 2018/2019 was formed by the DDGM and Chairman with the expectation that its members, (possibly excluding the Chairman), would plan to continue for at least five years. This would provide continuity in the monitoring work. Two respected members of the District were needed. Past DDGM's were preferred, they having already been chosen by the District as leaders. R.W. Bro's Brian Griffin and

Brian Adams were approached and accepted this duty.

This Committee proposes to proceed in three channels:

1. Identify the circumstances that would suggest to the lodges that district reorganization is needed.
2. Propose the approach that should be taken if reorganization is signalled for us.
3. Monitor those circumstances to recognize a need for reorganizing.

Circumstances

The main circumstance to prompt reorganization is the number of lodges in a district. Grand Lodge expects districts to include a number of lodges which is workable for DD visiting. About 8 to 15 lodges work. Triggers may be:

1. District 1 gets significantly out-of size.
2. An adjacent district gets out-of size.
3. A lodge proposes to change districts.

Approach

If the lodges of Ottawa 1 determine that they wish to consider reorganizing they should form a committee to develop and propose a new structure. That committee should work with objectives such as:

1. Work with corresponding committees in adjacent districts. Their situation may be similar. DDGM's should begin and support that dialogue.
2. Try to keep all existing lodges from Ottawa 1 in the same district. This may not be possible.
3. Try to put lodges who regularly visit/support each other in the same district.
4. Try to form districts with about 8 to 15 lodges each.
5. Try to form districts where all lodges are not distant geographically.

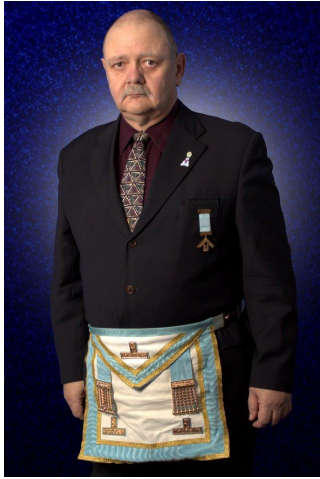
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6. Try to establish a structure that promotes long-term viability of Freemasonry in the region.

Monitoring

Confirm to the lodges that reorganization will be their choice alone. Maintain an understanding of the situation of the lodges in Ottawa 1. Monitor the situation in adjacent districts.

District Masonic B2B (Brother To Brother) - W. Bro. Ron Taylor



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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Ottawa District One
District B2B

Report April 24, 2019

R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1

R.W. Sir:

It is my pleasure to have served as your District Brother to Brother Chair and to report on my activities for the 2018-2019 Masonic Year.

Activities

My primary goal this year was to ensure that Brethren in the District Lodges were aware, and where necessary, using the program.

With that goal in mind at the very beginning of the year I emailed all Lodges and requested that the B2B Chair contact me if there were any questions about the program or its use. I did receive one email reply from the above. In that email I provided two of the documents from the Grand Lodge website that I felt it may be appropriate to provide to New Master Masons and families.

After doing some research into the program I noted that the Grand Lodge Website for B2B had not been updated in a few years, nor were there any documents that were updated which might reflect a lack of currency of the material.

I reached out to Grand Lodge and was asked to reach out to our District Grand Lodge Representative V. W. Bro. Shawn Todd. I had to get together with V.W. Bro. Todd and at that same time we discussed the B2B program, its updates, its dependence on other programs and where it fits under the umbrella of the Cornerstone program.

It was a good discussion at the end of which I felt it might be worthwhile reaching out to the Reps from other Districts to see how they are presenting the program to their Lodges. Several attempts were made to contact the Reps from the other Districts and no replies were received.

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As a result of the discussion on Cornerstone I will be pursuing bringing my Mother Lodge into the program. I have announced that I am the Chair at the various DDGM meetings attended, but received only one request for assistance mentioned above.

I have recommended that Grand Lodge, if they intend to keep this program, look into updating the information on the website and ensuring any new content gets passed along to the District Chairman.

Ron Taylor PM
Brother to Brother Chairman
Ottawa District 1

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District Masonic Education & Instruction, Protocol & Etiquette - W. Bro. Sam Roberts

Ottawa District 1
Masonic Education Committee
Final Report

April 23, 2019



Masonic education in District 1 for the 2018-2019 Masonic year continued in a pattern similar to past years. This Masonic year will end with a seminar on the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers. This seminar was held at the Westboro Masonic Temple, on April 23rd. The seminar had representation from two Lodges with several others who had confirmed but did not attend. The seminar reviewed the Ceremony of Installation with an open discussion emphasizing answering any questions that came up. An information package consisting of the relevant material from the Grand Lodge website (forms, booklets, etc) was provided to each attendee, as well as, electronic copies.

As Chairman, I received occasional inquiries related to various topics such as Masonic Education, sources for Masonic discussion, Installation Protocol and Masonic History. Some Lodges also shared their Masonic Education material for the benefit of the Craft. There were no common themes to the inquiries. Although it did require some additional work to research the answers, or to find the proper person to whom their inquiry should be directed, I view it as an overall positive for Masonic Education in the District.

For the next Masonic Year, I would encourage the Chairman to undertake a planning survey of the Lodges, which I did not have the opportunity to complete this year. I would suggest that a brief questionnaire be sent to each WM to obtain some information about Masonic Education in their Lodge and to get their input as to what they would like for Masonic Education at the District level. I also strongly recommend that an Installation Seminar be a standard and held annually. It should be added as an event in the DDGM Trestle Board.

Finally, I would like to thank R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson and the Brethren of the District for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of Masonic Education and Protocol.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Bro. Sam Roberts
Chairman Masonic Education & Instruction and Protocol & Etiquette

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District Officer Progression - W. Bro. Christopher Statham



April 2019

Greetings R.W. Brother Adam Thompson:

For this year-end report, I have nothing further to report so I will repeat the sentiments from the previous report.

In my travels and discussions with various Brethren of the Lodges of Ottawa District 1, it is noted that the Lodges have their Officer progression well in hand and did not need any District level guidance. As usual, due to the Lodge population limitations, many Lodges are making use of Past Masters as Lodge Officers. I am pleased to say that, with the less experienced members in Lodge offices, there is active mentoring in many Lodges. I have not been contacted for any assistance and in the future, the position of Officer Progression at the District Level could be amalgamated into another District Chair as part of streaming.

S&F,

Your servant,

W. Brother Christopher Statham

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District Photography and Audio Visual - W. Bro. Ron Taylor



April 24, 2019

R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master,
Ottawa District 1

R.W. Sir:

It is my pleasure to have served as your District
Photographer and to report on my activities for the
2018-2019 Masonic Year.

Activities

My focus has been to have the 'Masters of the Year' come into the studio for Portraits as in previous years. To have the 'Chairmen of the Year' come into the studio for Portraits as in previous years. To work with the District Historian to create photos for each of the Grand Lodge Appointees. To create a collage of both Masters and Chairmen for the 2018 -2019 year.

I have been in discussion with R.W. Bro. Al Wright who has brought a set of lights to the 2140 Walkley Rd location and we will be working on setting those up and making an attempt to see if they can be used as a remote location which would give the Masters in coming years an easier opportunity to have their photos done by only having to attend at Walkley Rd.

For The Masters Collage of 2019 so far I have photographed or used their old picture if available (bold is missing):

Mississippi 147, Lodge of Fidelity 231, Hazeldean 517, Sydney Albert Luke 558, Acacia 561, Edinburgh 736, Carleton 465.

St. Andrews 560. -Done, Temple 665 -Done Doric 58-Done Russell 479 -Done St. Johns 63-Done Civil Service 148-Done, Prince of Wales 371-Done DDGM -Done District Secretary -Done Goodwood 159 -Done

For The Chairmen Collage of 2019 so far I have photographed or used their old picture if available (bold is missing): Cornerstone -Steven YoungF2F Mentorship -Cory SnowI have attended and taken pictures at the following events this year: Carleton lodge DDGM Visit, District Meeting January 2019, Doric DDGM Visit, Edinburgh Absent Brethren Goodwood Mosaic pavement, Lodge of Fidelity DDGM Visit, Lodge of Fidelity Christmas Party Lodge of Fidelity Rideau-Perley, Prince of Wales DDGM Visit Russell DDGM Visit Sydney Albert Luke Investiture of V.W. Bro.(s) Christie and Guinn, St. Andrews DDGM Visit St. Andrews Open Chair, St. Johns DDGM VisitI have tried to be available to all requests, but working and other

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commitments do sometimes get in the way. I have found my role as District 1 photographer expanding into other Concordant Bodies as the years progress, into The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and The Shrine. I have also received a request to photograph the Deputy Grand Master while on the Eastern Tour in Ottawa.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Ron Taylor, PM
District Photographer

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District Retired Regalia - R. W. Bro. Angus Gillis



R.W. Bro. Brian Adams, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1

Final Report - Retired Regalia

RW Sir:

I am happy to report that the District is now taking advantage of the Retired Regalia Inventory. To date I have issued 5 Master Mason aprons, and 3 'doctor' style cases. I continue to advertise the program to the lodges of this district as well as the surrounding districts.

I now have 10 serviceable Master Masons Aprons, and three District Deputy Grand Master aprons. The DDGM aprons are very worn and while a testament to their many years of service, are not suitable for repurposing.

Family members continue to donate through the District Web page which indicates to me that word has been getting out that there is a process in place for collecting unused regalia.

This little committee continues to grow and I am confident that it will meet and exceed original expectations.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me.

S&F,

R.W. Bro. Angus Gillis,
Chairman of Retired Regalia Committee

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District Royal Arch Liaison - Bro. Mike Boese



Final District Report for Royal Arch Liaison

July 2019

Chapter 222 of Royal Arch Masons has seen healthy growth over the last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Mike Boese
District Chairman
Royal Arch Liaison

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District Secretary - W. Bro. Douglas Robar



Please see the Minutes of the [District Meetings](#).

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District Senior Warden Mentorship & Ritual - R.W. Bro. Trevor L. Hemmerling

April 24, 2019



I would first like to thank the District Deputy Grand Master for allowing me the honour to serve the District in this capacity.

This year did not differ markedly from previous years. We averaged between six to nine of the Senior Wardens per month, with the same Senior Wardens generally showing up every meeting. This was complemented with a few Junior Wardens and the odd Senior Deacon.

We continued to allow a half-hour to a guest lecturer which were primarily Past DDGMs, the current DDGM, and a Past Grand Master. Topics of interest included the Masonic Memorial Service, Grand Lodge, the duties of a Master of a Lodge, draping of the warrant, etc.

Handouts were provided in both hard and soft copies and included Questions for the Master-Elect, the Penalty Phrases of all three Degrees, various specific Protocols and Etiquettes, etc.

The year began with members reading the work to begin memorization of their required parts concentrating on Opening in the 1st Degree (to be performed at EVERY regular Lodge Meeting) and closing in the 3rd, 2nd and 1st Degrees (as will be required at their Installation).

I wish all the incoming Masters of the Year well in their year and duties. Due to their own hard work and efforts, this portion of their Masonic Education can be maintained as they tackle other challenges of sitting in the East.

Respectfully Submitted,
R.W. Bro. Trevor L. Hemmerling

District Shrine Liaison - R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley



It is My Duty To Serve!

I would like to thank Right Worshipful Brother Adam Thompson for the opportunity to serve the District in this role again.

We have had a busy year since the last Grand Lodge.

Tunis held a Ceremonial in August 2018 where we created several new Shriners. It was a pleasure to have our Grand Master, a Tunis Shriner, in attendance.

We continue to make the Tunis Shrine Degree Team available to perform the Master Mason's Degree. The basic criteria are that we do this on Regular, not Emergent Meetings and that we only do one candidate per evening. This is handled by Very Worshipful Brother Doug Dockrill.

January saw the Installation of a new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Bob Schrader. I am proud to say that all members of the Elected Divan are Past Masters, with five of the seven being past or present Grand Lodge Officers.

The Ceremonials for 2019 are named the George Clauson Memorial Class, in memory of Right Worshipful Brother George Clauson, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District #1 and who had been our Ceremonial Potentate for twenty-five years.

In February, we continued on with Public Awareness with a presentation by representatives from the Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada. This was well received.

We were pleased again this year, to host the Imperial Potentate and International Legion of Honour at the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This year, we received dispensation to allow Masons, who were not Shriners, to participate in the parade wearing their Regalia. I hope that this continues.

On June 15th, we held the first of two Ceremonials for the year. This was held at the Ottawa Masonic Centre and was open to families. We created six new Nobles.

On June 24th, we took our show on the road. Ten (10) Tunis Shriners travelled to Guelph, Ontario to attend the Installation at Royal City Daylight Lodge where Most Worshipful Brother John C. Green was installed as Worshipful Master. That evening, two (2) of us stayed on to attend the annual Hanover Steak Fry in Hanover, Ontario.

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from left to right:

V. W. Bro. Ken Burchill, V. W. Bro. Kevin Zeigler, R. W. Bro. Perry McConnell, W. Bro. Abraham Garcia, R. W. Bro. Bob Ledingham, R. W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley, M. W. Bro. John C. Green, R. W. Bro. Don Healey, W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis, R. W. Bro. Barry Burchill and Bro. Eric Owen.

To wrap up the month, several of us attend the Shrine Imperial Sessions in Nashville, TN. We, along with the other two Ontario Shrine Temples, Rameses and Mocha, hosted our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Paul E. Todd and Lady Gloria. It was truly an honour to have them with us. We were also pleased to have a former member of Tunis and now a member of Gizeh Shriners from British Columbia and the Yukon, Noble Doug Franklin, currently the Grand Master of British Columbia and The Yukon, in attendance.

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M. W. Bro Paul E. Todd with our Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Jim Cain



M. W. Bro. Doug Franklin with our Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Jim Cain

This is a snapshot of the “year that was”. We continue to be proud Shriners and proud Masons.

I would be remiss if I did not thank R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson for this appointment and R.W. Bro. Ivor Bayley who established this position in his year as our District Deputy Grand Master.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. W. Bro. Dennis M. Saikaley

District Youth Initiatives - W. Bro. Alan Christie



No report submitted.

Ottawa District One Events

District Meetings

District Meeting 1 - July 18, 2018

Ottawa Masonic District 1
Minutes of the District Meeting held July 18, 2018 at 4 PM
Grand Lodge
Royal York Hotel
Salon B

Meeting opened at 4 PM with 84 Brethren present as per the register.

Invocation was given by W. Bro Shawn Todd.

W. Bro. Dockrill thanked the Brethren for their ongoing support throughout the year. He thanked R.W. Bro. Adams for choosing him to be the District Secretary and especially thanked the Lodge Secretaries for their hard work and assistance.

R.W. Bro. Adams thanked all of the brethren for the warmth and camaraderie that was shown to him during the past year. He particularly wished to thank M.W. Bro. Mumby and the past DDGM's for allowing him to lean on them, when he needed to this past year. He also thanked the District Secretary W. Bro. Doug Dockrill for all his assistance this year. He mentioned the District Charity (Autism Spectrum Research) and that he presented a cheque to the Grand Master the day before for a little over \$15,000.00 He then mentioned that Ottawa District 1 had a great year, not without the odd challenge, but we should always expect there will be challenges ahead of us in the future.

There was a motion from the floor by R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley to defer the reading of the minutes of the last District meeting of April 25th, 2018 to the next regular meeting. Seconded by W. Bro. Allen Christie.

The DDGM called for any Old business or any New Business.

RW Bro. Barry Burchill seconded by R.W. Bro. Dennis saikaley congratulated R.W. Bro. Adams and his lady Doreen and W. Bro. Dockrill and his lady Rosemary for conducting their offices with dignity and distinction.

W. Bro. Ken Burchill thanked the DDGM on behalf of the Masters of the year for a great year.

The DDGM introduced the Scrutineers for the elections.

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He then opened the floor for nominations for the DDGM of 2018-2019.

The DDGM called for nominations for the office of DDGM for the ensuing Masonic year.

W. Bro. Jim Bowman (Declined)

W. Bro. Jeff Christie (Declined)

W. Bro. Adam Thompson (Accepted)

Ballot was cast. W. Bro. Adam Thompson was declared the DDGM "Elect"

W. Bro. Thompson accepted the position and made the following remarks.

He thanked the Brethren for their confidence in choosing him as their new DDGM for the ensuing Masonic year. He then presented the new District Secretary W. Bro. Doug Robar. He also reminded the Brethren of the pickup time for the bus to Ottawa and invited all to the hospitality suite after the meeting.

He then asked that the M.W. Bro. Paul Todd and R.W. Bro. Brian Adams to join him to present a Certificate of Completion of the College of Freemasonry Courses to W. Bro. Robar.

He also mentioned that there is a Masonic Memorial Service in Ottawa on Friday for W. Bro. Louis MacDonald.

He then once again thanked all who came out.

R.W. Bro. Adams had a couple of last minute comments. He mentioned that he would not be at the Masonic Memorial Service in Ottawa as he has to attend another Masonic Memorial Service for an old friend in Southwestern Ontario. He also welcomed back V.W. Bro. Malcom Gutfriend to the Ottawa District.

Motion to close: W. Bro. Ivan Harris seconded by Bro. Abe Garcia.

R. W. Bro Adams adjourned the meeting with a knock of the gavel at 4:30 PM.

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District Meeting 2 - August 29, 2018

Ottawa Masonic District 1
Minutes of the District Meeting held August 29, 2018
Lodge Room 1, Ottawa Masonic Centre
2140 Walkley Rd., Ottawa, ON

R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, DDGM, Ottawa 1, called the meeting opened at 7:29.30 PM with 43 Brethren present as per the register.

Invocation was given by R. W. Brian Griffin, who read the prayer from the District Chaplain, W. Bro. Dennis Cole.

R.W. Bro. Thompson then thanked the brethren of the District again, for their support for him as DDGM, Ottawa 1.

1. Reading of Minutes - April 25 and July 18, 2018. Before the District Secretary could read the minutes, A motion to approve was moved by V. W. Bro. Ivan Harris, and seconded by V. W. Bro. Jeff Christie, who requested that his name be corrected in both sets of minutes. The motion was put to those present as corrected and was approved unanimously. The DDGM declared the minutes accepted as corrected.

2. R.W. Bro. Thompson re-arranged the proposed agenda, moving the Motion from R.W. Forster to after the presentation of his proposed budget for the 2018-19 Masonic year, and the appointment of the Financial Examiners for the year.

a. He discussed the Budget, indicating that the per capita will be \$7.40, and that we will likely be drawing down on the surplus in the District Account which stands at \$2107.55. He also explained that the website item was the actual amount paid this year for a three year renewal, which had been budgeted in the past 2 DDGM's budget. He will be issuing a payment to Bro. Colin Mackenzie once the monies have been transferred from R. W. Bro. Adams.

There were no questions from the brethren regarding the budget.

b. The financial examiners for 2017-18 will be R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling, and Bro. Abraham Garcia. V.W. Bro. Ivan Harris moved, and W. Bro. Bruce Sanderson seconded that these two brethren's appointment be confirmed. The motion was carried, and R.W. Bro. Thompson declared the appointments confirmed.

3. R.W. Bro. John Forster then moved: "I move that provisional plans be made for the possible realignment of district membership in Eastern Ontario. The motion was seconded by V.W. Bro Jeff Christie. Some discussion ensued.

In general, there was support for the motion by the brethren present.

It was noted that:

Ottawa District 2 had passed a motion on Monday August 27, that a committee be struck to discuss the amalgamation of Ottawa 1 and 2. It was ensured that there would be representation from both Rural and Municipal lodges. A comment that even with Ottawa 1 at 15, and Ottawa 2 at 12, amalgamation would result in too large a District and that there is

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a large cultural difference between Ottawa 1 and 2 and that these would have to be considered and resolved.

The Chairman of Long Range Planning will contact each lodge, to offer assistance in their own discussions, which need to start sooner than later, regarding the Long Range situation of each lodge in the district.

This motion was raised to start the necessary discussions now, where we can hopefully plan for our future, as opposed to reacting once facts are in evidence that something has to be done.

We need to move to a smaller model due to declining membership in general, declining presence in lodge of our members, and the need to get this level higher in the lodges.

R. W. Bro. Thompson called for a vote on the motion which was passed. He declared the motion carried, and re-iterated that the discussions need to start in the individual lodges. Once we have some results at a District level, he concurred with a suggestion from V.W. Bro. Harris that a District Town Hall, or Special District meeting be held to inform all brethren.

4. R.W. Bro. Thompson then presented the preliminary District Trestleboard, and mentioned that any lodge wishing to include any social events, should do so by the end of day tomorrow, so that we can publish the final no later than Friday August 30.

5. V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill mentioned that the Tunis Shriners had a MM degree team, that could be called on as needed to assist any lodge.

6. R. W. Bro. Brian Adams, PDDGM, Ottawa 1, gave R. W. Bro. Thompson a cheque for \$2,107.55, transferring the balance of the District account to the new DDGM.

Motion to close: V. W. Bro Ivan Harris seconded by V. W. Bro. Jeff Christie.

R. W. Bro Thompson adjourned the meeting with a knock of the gavel at 8:41 PM.

Regrets were received from V. W. Bro. Blake Farmer, W. Bros. Dennis Cole, Dale Barbara, Jim Bowman.

These minutes were approved at the District Meeting, January 7, 2019.

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District Meeting 3 - January 7, 2019

Ottawa Masonic District 1
District Meeting January 7, 2019
Westboro Masonic Temple
430 Churchill Ave.
Ottawa, ON

MINUTES

Invocation – The invocation was presented by W. Bro. Dennis Cole, District Chaplain at 7:30pm to open the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

August 2018 – moved by W. Bro. Bruce Sanderson, Seconded by V. W. Bro. Doug Dockrill, that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Declared by R. W. Bro. Thompson.

There were 20 brethren in attendance at this meeting according to the sign-in sheets.

DDGM Comments

R. W. Bro. Thompson gave a brief synopsis of the first half of his term. He has been able to visit 12 of the 15 lodges – some more than once, owing to the challenges of his personal avocations, but he will surely get to all lodges.

The Official Visit to Edinburgh 736 will be rescheduled due to his travel necessities. New date is To be Announced – likely March.

He presented a number of items from the Mid-term meetings with the Grand Master (attached).

He did mention that he is still not receiving the summons from a few lodges. This is a Constitution requirement and needs to be addressed soonest. Send them to ddgm@ottawadistrict1masons.ca . He also mentioned that this has been the DDGM's email address for the past number of years, so there is really no reason he is not receiving the summons from all lodges.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

District Chairmen mid-year report

W. Bro. Corey Snow, W. Bro. Matt Weedmark – nil report

V. W. Bros. Jeff Christie, Ivan Harris, W. Bros. Neil Lillico, Chris Statham, Bro. Abe Garcia were unable to attend, but sent reports.

Reports were given by R. W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley, V. W. Bro. Jim Keith, W. Bros. Sam Roberts, Dennis Cole, Jim Bowman, Bro. Colin MacKenzie.

All reports are attached to the minutes.

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New Business

There was no new business to address.

Other business.

W. Bro. Jim Bowman reminded the brethren to encourage the members to buy their tickets to the Valentine's Charity Ball (VCB). He also had some posters from the Bruyere Foundation and VCB, which he asked brethren to post in the lodges he hasn't been able to visit yet.

W. Bro. Ron Taylor requested a reminder be given to all Worshipful Masters, current Grand Lodge Officers and Committee chairs to get in touch with him to have their official photo taken.

W. Bro. Lillico requested that these same brethren supply him with a brief bio and picture as taken by Ron, for the District History. He also asked that a reminder be sent to all Secretaries to include him on their list of summons and minutes recipients.

W. Bro. Roberts indicated that there would be an Installation seminar scheduled in the near future.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned on a motion from R. W. Bro. Saikaley at 8:37 pm.

Regrets: R. W. Bros. B. Burchill, T. Hemmerling, V. W. Bro. Ivan Harris, Jeff Christie, John Guinn, W. Bros. R. Taylor, C. Snow, M. Weedmark, C. Statham, Bro. Abe Garcia

These minutes were approved at the District 1 Meeting on April 24, 2019, Hazeldean Lodge.

Douglas F. Robar, PM, District Secretary

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District Meeting 4 - April 24, 2019

Ottawa Masonic District 1
District Meeting April 24, 2019
Hazeldean Masonic Temple
21 Young Rd.
Kanata, ON

MINUTES

Invocation – The invocation was presented by W. Bro. Dennis Cole, District Chaplain at 7:30pm to open the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

January 2019 – moved by W. Bro. Doug Robar, Seconded by V.W. Bro. Jim Keith, that the minutes be adopted as distributed. Declared by R. W. Bro. Thompson.

There were 15 brethren in attendance at this meeting according to the sign-in sheets.

DDGM Comments

R.W. Bro. Thompson gave a synopsis of his year as DDGM of Ottawa District 1. He was able to attend each lodge in the District at least twice, owing to his new work duties at the Senate. He had finished all his Official Visits, with the last one on April 17, here at Hazeldean and has submitted all of his required Grand Lodge reports.

He mentioned that there are a number of nominations for Grand Lodge Offices from brethren of our area, and encouraged that as many masons as possible attend Grand Lodge and show support for them.

He again thanked all the brethren for their support during the year, which he very much enjoyed as our DDGM.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

District Chairmen year-end reports.

Report summaries were given by V. W. Bros. Jim Keith – Benevolence, Jeff Christie – Long Range Planning, W. Bros. – Dennis Cole – District Chaplain, Neil Lillico – District Historian, Ron Taylor – District Photographer, Brother to Brother.

R.W. Bro. Thompson thanked each Chairman for his work through the year and their support for him during his tenure.

All reports are attached to the minutes.

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New Business

There was no new business to address.

Other business.

W. Bro. Doug Robar thanked R.W. Bro. Thompson for appointing him as the District Secretary. It has been an interesting year, and he was able to attend most of the lodges at least twice. It was a pleasure meeting so many members in the District.

He pointed out that 11 of the 15 lodges need to train their deacons and stewards in the proper use of their wands – this is not restricted to newer masons, but also seasoned masons – not only proper protocol, but proper ritual. He also mentioned that when doing Ritual Work, all masons should be using the current book of the work, as there may have been changes since they first learned it.

Additional Note: The Mechanics of the Work Booklet has been revised and reprinted in 2018 and lodges should avail themselves of the new publication,

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned on a motion from W. Bro. Cole, seconded by V. W. Bro. Keith at 8:20 pm.

Regrets: R. W. Bros. B. Burchill, T. Hemmerling, V. W. Bro. Ivan Harris, John Guinn, W. Bros. C. Snow, M. Weedmark, C. Statham, S. Roberts, Bros. A. Garcia, C. MacKenzie.

These minutes will be approved at the District 1 Meeting at Grand Lodge in July 2019.

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District Divine Services

Ottawa District One held a Divine Service on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:30 pm at St. Matthew's Anglican Church 217 First Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario.

A truly moving District Divine Service this afternoon. My thanks to the Rev. Gregor Sneddon and congregation of St. Matthew's for receiving us, to Rabbi Eytan Kenter for delivering an inspiring sermon, the Working Tools for providing the food and serving as ushers, and the brethren for attending. Thanks also to R. W. Bro. Ken Brinston, DDGM of District Two, and W. Bro. Doug Robar, District Secretary, for their readings, as well as R. W. Bro. Andrew Graham who elevated the service with his music. Most importantly, my thanks to W. Bro. Dennis Cole, who put the whole thing together. (Comments by R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, DDGM, Ottawa District One Masons.)

Ottawa District Two held a Divine Service on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Grace St. Andrews United Church 269 John Street North, Arnprior Ontario.

Remembrance Day Service

Masons from Ottawa District One and Two attended the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 10:30 am. It was held at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre located at 1750 Russell Road Ottawa Ontario.



R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, DDGM, Ottawa District One
Laying a Wreath on behalf of the Freemasons of Ottawa

Today was truly humbling. For the last number of years, I have attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Perley and Rideau Veterans Health Centre. I did so again this year, except as District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 1. I was honoured to lay a wreath as part of the ceremony on behalf of the Masons in Ottawa. I am not often speechless, but today was indeed an honour and a privilege. I am always thankful for our men and women in uniform who risk their lives to keep us safe. Too many have made the ultimate sacrifice in that endeavour. (Comments made by R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson)

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Members of Hazeldean Lodge at Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Kanata, Ontario.

Valentine's Charity Ball

The 15th Annual Valentine's Charity Ball, presented by District One and Two Ottawa Masons, was held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Centurion Conference and Event Centre.

For over a decade, the Valentine's Charity Ball (VCB) has been one event the Freemasons of Ottawa look forward to the most. During the time of year traditionally symbolizing love, it is an opportunity for the fraternity to come together and support worthy charitable causes in the community.

The VCB has raised over \$140,000 in the past 14 years for local charities. The money is raised via ticket sales, and the event's legendary silent auction.

Some of the past recipients include: The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre, Roger Neilson House, Ottawa Parkinson's Society, Starlight Foundation, Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, and Prostate Cancer Research.

Thank you to all of the corporate and private donors that contributed to the tremendous success of the silent auction, helping us raise money for this year's important charities: Roger Neilson House, the Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health "Do It For Daron Initiative", and the Bruyère Foundation. Thank you as well to all of the volunteers for your time, effort, and dedication towards making this event a success.

The Water Buffalo's Table Lodge



What a great night at Westboro Temple, on April 27, 2019, with 100% of the proceeds going to the Cancer Hospital.

A great time had by all at the annual Water Buffalo Table Lodge. If you haven't experienced this gathering, you should consider it for next year.



Table Lodge, April 27, 2019, Group Photo

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Table Lodge Organizers



Table Lodge Attendees

Grand Master's Reception

The Grand Master's Reception was held May 4, 2019. M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd at the podium addressing the guests.



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Worshipful Masters, Ottawa District One, Photo Collage



Doric 58
Ryan Merpaw



St. John's 63
Matt Weedmark



Mississippi 147
Berkley St. Dennis



D.D.G.M
Adam Thompson



District Secretary
Doug Robar



Civil Service 148
Dale Barbara



Goodwood 159
Greg Skelly



Lodge of Fidelity 231
Jim Kent



Prince of Wales 371
Kosta Hatzis



Carleton 465
James Boivin



Russell 479
Jim Bowman



Hazeldean 517
Paul Parent



Sidney Albert Luke 558
Alan Christie



St. Andrews 560
Angus Gillis

Compliments of W. Bro. Ross Taylor
District Photographer



Acacia 561
Stephen Plummer



Temple 665
Alain Meere



Edinburgh 736
Brian Hay

Worshipful Masters, Ottawa District One, Sorted Tables

Table 1 - Sorted by Lodge - Numerically

Lodge #	Lodge Name	W.M First Name	W.M. Last Name
58	Doric Lodge	Ryan	Merpaw
63	St. John's Lodge	Matt	Weedmark
147	Mississippi Lodge	Berkley	St. Dennis
148	Civil Service Lodge	Dale	Barbara
159	Goodwood Lodge	Greg	Skelly
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Jim	Kent
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	Kosta	Hatzis
465	Carleton Lodge	James	Boivin
479	Russell Lodge	Jim	Bowman
517	Hazeldean Lodge	Paul	Parent
558	Sidney Albert Luke Lodge	Alan	Christie
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	Angus	Gillis
561	Acacia Lodge	Stephen	Plummer
665	Temple Lodge	Alain	Meere
736	Edinburgh Lodge	Brian	Hay

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Table 2 - Sorted by Lodge - Alphabetically

Lodge #	Lodge Name	W.M First Name	W.M. Last Name
561	Acacia Lodge	Stephen	Plummer
465	Carleton Lodge	James	Boivin
148	Civil Service Lodge	Dale	Barbara
58	Doric Lodge	Ryan	Merpaw
736	Edinburgh Lodge	Brian	Hay
159	Goodwood Lodge	Greg	Skelly
517	Hazeldean Lodge	Paul	Parent
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Jim	Kent
147	Mississippi Lodge	Berkley	St. Dennis
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	Kosta	Hatzis
479	Russell Lodge	Jim	Bowman
558	Sidney Albert Luke Lodge	Alan	Christie
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	Angus	Gillis
63	St. John's Lodge	Matt	Weedmark
665	Temple Lodge	Alain	Meere

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Table 3 - Sorted by W. M. - Last Name Alphabetically

Lodge #	Lodge Name	W.M First Name	W.M. Last Name
148	Civil Service Lodge	Dale	Barbara
465	Carleton Lodge	James	Boivin
479	Russell Lodge	Jim	Bowman
558	Sidney Albert Luke Lodge	Alan	Christie
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	Angus	Gillis
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	Kosta	Hatzis
736	Edinburgh Lodge	Brian	Hay
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Jim	Kent
665	Temple Lodge	Alain	Meere
58	Doric Lodge	Ryan	Merpaw
517	Hazeldean Lodge	Paul	Parent
561	Acacia Lodge	Stephen	Plummer
159	Goodwood Lodge	Greg	Skelly
147	Mississippi Lodge	Berkley	St. Dennis
63	St. John's Lodge	Matt	Weedmark

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Ottawa District One - Lodge Activities

Grand Lodge Returns for Ottawa District One

Lodge #	Lodge Name	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Total # of Degrees	Affiliated	Restored	Total Increase (Initiated, Affiliated or Restored)	Resigned	Deaths	Suspensions	Total Decrease	Net Increase or Decrease by Lodge 2017	Lodge Membership December 31, 2017	Lodge Membership December 31, 2016
58	Doric Lodge	4	2	3	9	1	0	5	0	1	0	1	4	72	68
63	St. John's Lodge	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	6	10	-9	87	96
147	Mississippi Lodge	1	2	3	6	0	0	1	1	2	1	4	-3	95	98
148	Civil Service Lodge	4	3	3	10	0	0	4	3	1	3	7	-3	86	89
159	Goodwood Lodge	3	3	3	9	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	-1	49	50
231	Lodge of Fidelity	3	1	0	4	0	0	3	3	1	2	6	-3	55	58
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	3	2	2	7	0	0	3	7	2	0	9	-6	78	84
465	Carleton Lodge	1	3	1	5	2	0	3	2	2	0	4	-1	72	73
479	Russell Lodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	5	11	-11	50	61
517	Hazeldean Lodge	4	2	0	6	0	0	4	4	0	3	7	-3	110	113
558	Sidney Albert Luke Lodge	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	43	44
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	1	2	3	6	0	1	2	5	3	0	8	-6	75	81
561	Acacia Lodge	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	64
665	Temple Lodge	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	9	1	13	-10	62	72
736	Edinburgh Lodge	2	4	3	9	0	0	2	13	0	1	14	-12	76	88
Total By District		31	25	23	79	3	1	35	52	25	22	99	-64	1075	1139
The information above was taken from the 2018 edition of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario															

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Summary of Lodge Activities by Individual Lodge

Doric Lodge #58, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1855

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19
Meets the third Thursday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 20, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past Masters meeting. • To receive the DDGM on his fraternal visit to Doric Lodge. • To invest the SD and the IG. • To prove a Worthy brother.
Emergent	September 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	October 18, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise a Worthy Brother.
Emergent	October 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	November 15, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To commemorate Remembrance Day with the “Empty Chair Ceremony”, conducted by V.W. Bro. Ron Ashworth and members of the Lodge.
Emergent	November 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	December 21, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise a Worthy Brother to the 3rd degree.
Emergent	December 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	January 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive the District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson on his official visit to Doric Lodge.
Emergent	January 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	February 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise Bro. Brad Landers to the Third Degree.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	March 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pending a satisfactory report of the investigating committee, to ballot on the applications for initiation of Mr. William Deschamps, and Mr. Mark Ingram. ● To provide education in celebration of Doric's 164th anniversary.
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No meeting held.
Emergent	April 4, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To Initiate Mr. William Deschamps and Mr. Mark Ingram.
Regular	April 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To receive the Travelling Gavel from the brethren of St John's Lodge No. 63. ● To elect the Worshipful Master and officers for the coming Masonic year 2019-2020.
Emergent	May 2, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Step-up night for elected Officers of Doric Lodge. ● Proving Master Masons.
Regular	May 16, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To install the Worshipful Master and invest the Officers for the 2019-2020 Masonic Year. ● To present 25, 50 and 60 year pins to Worthy Brothers.

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Doric Lodge # 58 - Select Photos



DDGM Official Visit to Doric Lodge, January 17, 2019



DDGM Official Visit to Doric Lodge, January 17, 2019

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DDGM Official Visit to Doric Lodge, January 17, 2019

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St. John's Lodge #63, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1843

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the second Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 12, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Initiate Mr. David Frost into Masonry. To Present V.W. Bro. Steve Kipp with his Grand Lodge Regalia.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 10, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the DDGM R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson on his Official Visit. Bro. Peter Schmidt to prove himself in the Third Degree.
Emergent	October 24, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Paul Todd, will present Brother Tye with his William Mercer Wilson Award.
Regular	November 14, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Pass Brother Wesley Thompson to the Second Degree.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 12, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 9, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Initiate Mr. James Hamilton. To Ballot on Mr. Alec Simpson.
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 13, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Initiate Mr. Alec Simpson into Masonry.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 13, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Raise Bro. Wesley Thompson to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	April 10, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of the Worshipful Master and Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	May 15, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Install the Worshipful Master and the Officers of St. John's Lodge for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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St. John's Lodge # 63 - Select Photos



DDGM Official Visit to St. John's Lodge, October 10, 2018

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The DDGM, R.W. Bro Adam Thompson

and

W. Bro. Matt Weedmark, The Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge,
depositing the Time Capsule in the Alter - October 10, 2018

The Time Capsule was prepared by Bro. Jim Tye, looking on from the left.

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St. John's Emergent Meeting, October 24, 2018

M.W. Bro. Paul Todd, Grand Master

Presenting

Bro. Jim Tye with his William Mercer Wilson Award

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Mississippi #147, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1861

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the third Thursday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 20, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present V.W. Bro. Lyle Cavanagh with his Grand Lodge Regalia. • Conduct a 2nd Degree for Bro. Eric Hammond.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	October 18, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Business and two Notices of Motion.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	November 15, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive the DDGM of Ottawa District One, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson on his Official Visit to Mississippi Lodge. • Notice of Motion to increase Lodge dues to \$150.00. • Second Degree for Bro. Jesus Federico, of St Andrew's Lodge.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	December 20, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodge opened, business conducted and then closed to allow the members to enjoy a Christmas get together.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	January 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on the Notice of Motion made at the December Meeting by W. Bro. Pierce to amend the By-Laws of Mississippi Lodge. • Conduct a 3rd Degree for Bro. Eric Hammond.
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	February 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move up night. • The Junior Wardens lecture and Masonic education.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 21 , 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive the Traveling Gavel from Acacia Lodge. Conduct a 2nd Degree for Bro. Francis Power of Madawaska Lodge.
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	April 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	May 16 , 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of Officers for the 2019-2020 Masonic Year.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Mississippi Lodge # 147 - Select Photos



Mississippi Lodge, Third Degree for Bro. Eric Hammond, January 17, 2019

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**Civil Service Lodge #148, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted
1861**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19
Meets the second Tuesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 11, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a report on the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge – 2018 • To present a 25 year Long Service Pin to W. Bro. Malcolm Whitehead. • Brother Horsup will prove himself in the 3rd Master Masons Degree. • To Ballot on Mr. Patrick Halcro, Retired CAF, D.O.B 11/29/1976. Sponsored by Bro. Abraham Garcia and W. Bro. Ronald Cooke
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	October 9, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive the Traveling Gavel from Goodwood Lodge No. 159. • To Initiate Mr. Patrick Halcro.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	November 13, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Raise Brother Farid Salman to the 3rd Master Masons Degree.
Emergent	November 28, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	December 8, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To observe a Memorial Service and Annual Roll Call of those Brethren called to the Grand Lodge above during the past year. • In an effort to increase attendance, our Feast of St. John's the Evangelist, has been changed to Saturday, December the 8th at 2pm. This is an opportunity for us as a lodge to invite our entire family and friends, as well as prospective members to come into the Lodge.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	January 8, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masonic Education.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 12, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive R.W.Bro. Adam Thompson District Deputy Grand Master Ottawa District 1, on his Official Visit. To confer the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. Patrick Halcro.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 12, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson District Deputy Grand Master Ottawa District One, on his official visit. To confer the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. Patrick Halcro.
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	April 9, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To elect the Worshipful Master, Officers and Representatives for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	April 23, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a Master Masons Degree on Bro. Donald MacFarling by a team of Step-up Officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge under the direction of Bro. Abraham Garcia, Senior Warden, with assistance from R.W. Bro. Angus Gillis, Master of St. Andrew's Lodge and members.
Regular	May 14, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ceremony of Installation of the Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. Abraham Garcia and the Investiture of Officers for the year 2019 -2020 by a team of Freemasons under the direction of R.W. Bro. Gary Gossling.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Civil Service Lodge # 148 - Select Photos



Civil Service Lodge Meeting, September 11, 2018



Initiation of Patrick Halcro, Civil Service Lodge, October 9, 2018

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Goodwood Lodge #159, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1863

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the first Tuesday of each Month except July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 4, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District One, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson. To invest V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill and V.W. Bro. Ivan Harris with their Grand Lodge Regalia. To dedicate the new Mosaic Pavement for the Lodge.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 2, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prove eligible candidates.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	November 6, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Ballot on eligible candidates. To perform a Second Degree on eligible candidates.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 4, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meeting and Annual Christmas Dinner.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 8, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education.
Emergent	January 22, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct an Initiation.
Regular	February 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a Fraternal Visit to Temple Lodge.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1, R. W. Bro. Adam E. Thompson on his Official Visit. To welcome our visitors from Temple Lodge No. 665 on their Fraternal visit.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	March 13, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Third Degree is planned.
Regular	April 2, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To perform a Second Degree on eligible candidates.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	May 7, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	June 4, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	June, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.

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Goodwood Lodge # 159 - Select Photos



Dedication of the Mosaic Pavement at Goodwood Lodge, September 24, 2018



Group Photo of Masons in Attendance at the Dedication of the Mosaic Pavement at
Goodwood Lodge, September 24, 2019

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Grand Lodge Officers in Attendance at the Dedication of the Mosaic Pavement at Goodwood Lodge, September 24, 2018



R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill, with his two sons, Joe (left) and Ken (right) on the occasion of Ken receiving his Grand Steward Regalia at Goodwood Lodge, September 24, 2018

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Lodge of Fidelity #231, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1870

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the third Tuesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 18, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodge Business • Worshipful Master's Report from Grand Lodge.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	October 16, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise Bro. Alistair Gillespie to the Third Degree.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	November 20, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive the DDGM of Ottawa District One, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson on his Official Visit to The Lodge of Fidelity.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	December 18, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual lodge Christmas party will be held Tuesday, December 18th, 2018. The Eastern Star's Success Chapter again providing a wonderful traditional Christmas turkey dinner.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	January 15, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise Bro. Alistair Gillespie to the degree of a Master Mason. •
Emergent	January 23, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lodge of Fidelity will hold its 3rd annual visit to Perley & Rideau Veterans' Center in Eastern Ottawa and conduct a Masonic meeting on-site for the center's Masonic veterans.
Regular	February 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Lodge business.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	March 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To pass Bro. Marc Viau to the degree of a Fellow Craft.
Emergent	March 14, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lodge of Fidelity will hold its 4th annual visit to Perley & Rideau Veterans' Center in Eastern Ottawa to conduct a Masonic meeting, on-site, for the Center's Masonic veterans.
Regular	April 16, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Lodge Memorial Service. Election of 2019-2020 Lodge Officers. To Ballot on an Application for Initiation from Mr. Elias Houkayem. To Ballot on Applications for Affiliation from Bro. Richard Brown and Bro. Sonny Marquez.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	May 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of Officers for Masonic Year 2019-20.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Lodge of Fidelity # 231 - Select Photos



Lodge of Fidelity, Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, November 20, 2018

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Prince of Wales #371, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1879

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the fourth Friday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 28, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brethren to prove themselves in the 3rd Degree. Installation of Officers. Ballot on an Application for Initiation and for Affiliation.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 26, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Official Visit of the DDGM of Ottawa District One, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson. To Initiate Mr. Simon Cridland.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	November 23, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising of Bro. David Bateman and Bro. Anthony Lauzon to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 14, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At our regular meeting on December 14th we will host our Annual Memorial Service with a guest speaker, and Military Whist Game open to Masons and friends.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 25, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education. Receive the Travelling Gavel from Hazeldean Lodge.
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 22, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise a Brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 22, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confer degrees on eligible candidates.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	April 26, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year. Proving a Brother in the Third Degree. To Ballot on Applications for Initiation from Mr. Brandon Northwood and Mr. Michael David Wonham.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	May 24, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of Lodge Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Prince of Wales Lodge # 371 - Select Photos



Initiation of Mr. Simon Cridland, October 26, 2018

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Carleton Lodge # 465, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1904

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the fourth Thursday of each Month except July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 28, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To welcome and invest V.W. Bro. Douglas Dockrill as Grand Steward. To invest Bro. Nick Beck as Junior Warden.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 25, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To welcome R.W. Bro. Adam E. Thompson, DDGM of Ottawa District One, on his Official Visit to Carleton Lodge To Initiate Mr. Brian Dunbar.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held
Regular	November 22, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 13, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Christmas Dinner.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 24, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education. A presentation on the Veteran's House. A multi-faith housing initiative who provide housing to veterans in the Ottawa area.
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 28, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 28, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon receipt of favourable reports from committees of inquiry for each; to vote on a petition for restoration as received from Bro. Derek Ammura and to ballot on a petition for restoration as received from Bro. Frank Zeitlhofer. Upon receipt of a favourable report from the committee of inquiry, to ballot on a petition

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			for affiliation as received from Bro. Steve Piercey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive Masonic Education.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	April 25, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon receipt of a favourable report from the committee of inquiry, to ballot on an application for affiliation as received from Bro. Steve Piercey. • To receive Masonic Education.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	May 23, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year. • To Initiate Mr. Charles Sullivan.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	June 27, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Welcome M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Grand Master, on this his final Official Visit to our Lodge and also to welcome him as an honorary member of Carleton Lodge No.465 • To Present W. Bro. John MacSteven with his Fifty Year service award. • To Install the Worshipful Master and Invest the Officers of Carleton Lodge for the ensuing Masonic Year.
Emergent	June, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.

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V.W. Bro. Douglas Dockrill receiving his Grand Lodge Regalia from the current DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, assisted by the former DDGM R.W. Bro. Brian Adams, September 27, 2018



Group photo of Attendees at Carleton Lodge, September 27, 2018 when V.W. Bro. Douglas Dockrill received his Grand Lodge Regalia as a Grand Steward.

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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
Carleton Lodge, October 25, 2018



Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
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June 28, 2019, M.W. Bro. Paul Todd on his last Official Visit to Carleton Lodge and welcoming the Grand Master as an Honourary member of Carleton Lodge

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Russell Lodge #479, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1906

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the third Monday of each Month except July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 17, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a ballot for reinstating W. Bro. Douglas Woods (demitted) as a member of Russell Lodge. Masonic education.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 15, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a ballot on the application for affiliation received from W. Bro. Ian James Lee Magill. He was initiated at Hiram & Lebanon Lodge No. 3 in Summerside, PEI and is of good standing. Masonic education.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	November 19, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a second degree for Bro. Corey Butler.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 15, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the condition of a favorable report, to conduct a ballot on the application for affiliation received from Bro. Christopher Hamilton Rodgers.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the condition of a favorable report, to conduct a ballot on the application for initiation received from Mr. Ted Harris.
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Lodge business.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic education by W. Bro. Norman Hotchkiss
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	April 15, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official visit of the DDGM, of Ottawa District One, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson. • The Lodge will conduct a First Degree for Mr. Ted Harris.
Emergent	April, 2019		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	May 20, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Lodge Officers for 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	June 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of the Worshipful Master and Investiture of the other Officers for the year 2019-2020.
Emergent	June, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.

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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
Russell Lodge, April 15, 2019



Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
Russell Lodge, April 15, 2019

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Hazeldean Lodge #517, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1914

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19
Meets the third Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 19, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Initiation is planned.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 17, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd, Grand Master, on his visit to Hazeldean Lodge. Investiture of V.W. Bro. Bill Bradshaw.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	November 21, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible double Second Degree.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 19, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meeting followed by a Festive potluck dinner.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 16, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive the Travelling Gavel from Edinburgh Lodge #736. An initiation is planned.
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 20, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In February we will be welcoming St. Andrews Lodge and conferring a second degree on their worthy candidate. The degree will be put on by the Hazeldean side benchers and promises to be a great night of degree work and fellowship.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 20, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson on his Official Visit to Hazeldean Lodge.

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			<p><i>(On March 13, 2019 the following email was distributed by the District Secretary, W. Bro. Doug Robar:</i></p> <p><i>R. W. Sirs, W. Masters, Bro. Secretaries, owing to circumstances beyond his control, the Official Visit to Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 is rescheduled to Wednesday April 17, 2019. Lodge will tyle at 7:00 pm. Please update your calendars accordingly, and distribute to your brethren. Sincerely and fraternally, Doug Robar, PM, FCF).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masonic Education. ● Annual Chili Contest
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No meeting held.
Regular	April 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receive the DDGM on his Official Visit. ● Elections & Step-up of Officers for 2019-20 Masonic Year. ● A Second Degree is planned.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No meeting held.
Regular	May 15, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Installation and Investiture of Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No meeting held.

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Hazeldean Lodge # 517 - Select Photos



Initiation of Scott Head, Hazeldean Lodge, September 19, 2018



V.W. Bro Bill Bradshaw, and his family, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Paul Todd
upon receiving his Grand Lodge Regalia as Grand Superintendent of the Works,
October 17, 2018

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Official Visit of the DDGM, Ottawa District One, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
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**Sidney Albert Luke #558, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted
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Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the second Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 12, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 10, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballot an an Application for Initiation from Mr. Jamal Alsharif.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	November 14, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson.
Emergent	November 22, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investiture of new Grand Lodge Officers, V.W. Bro. Jeff Christie and V.W. Bro. John Guin.
Regular	December 12, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate Mr. Jamal Alsharif to Freemasonry.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 9, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education focused on the Entered Apprentice Degree.
Emergent	January, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 13, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education. Receive the Traveling Gavel from Prince of Wales Lodge.
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	March 13, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education.
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	April 10, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers for 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	May 8, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, November 14, 2018

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Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, November 14, 2018



Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, November 14, 2018

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St. Andrew's #560, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1920

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the first Thursday of each Month except July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 6, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a ballot on the application for membership from Mr. Donald McFarling of 142 Rachael Ave. Ottawa Ontario, recommended by W. Bro. Adam Nesrallah and Bro. Steve Young. To conduct Education Presentations.
Emergent	September 20, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prove Bro. Tonis Kasvand in the 2nd Degree. To conduct the 3rd Degree for Bro. Tonis Kasvand followed by presentations to him.
Special	September 22, 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct 1st Degrees for Mr. Morgan Bayliss, Mr. Maher Lahham, Mr. Chistopher Hawes, Mr. Jesus Frederico, and Mr. Ronald McFarling (pending positive ballot on September 6, 2018).
Regular	October 4, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct the final Lectures for Bro. Morgan Bayliss to complete his initiation. To conduct a ballot on the Application for Initiation from Mr. Christopher Bazinet. To conduct Education Presentations.
Emergent	October 18, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will meet upstairs in the Lounge for a showing of the feature movie, "Terra Masonica". Your families and prospective members are invited.
Regular	November 1, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the Traveling Gavel from Lodge of Fidelity. To close the Lodge by 8:10 p.m. Following the close of Lodge, to welcome our guests, our ladies, family members, friends and several prospective applicants; to celebrate (at 8:15 p.m.) our Annual Memorial Night/Empty Chair Ceremony conducted by R.W. Bro. John Moor, assisted by members of the Lodge and special guest speaker Bro. Steven Deiter.
Emergent	December 1, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renowned for their ritual work in Quebec, St. Andrew's Lodge #53 from Montreal will perform

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			a 3rd Degree emulation in the Ancient Scottish Ritual.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	December 6, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To welcome our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, on his Official Visit to St. Andrew's Lodge. To Initiate Mr. Christopher Bazinet.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 3, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a Third Degree for Bro. Tonis Kasvand
Emergent	January 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a Second Degree for Bros. Don McFarling and Morgan Bayliss.
Regular	February 7, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a Robert Burns Memorial tribute.
Emergent	February 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a Second Degree for Bro. Mahar Lahham.
Regular	March 7, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a Candlelight Reading of the Ancient Charges.
Emergent	March 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise Brother Jesus Federico to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.
Regular	April 4, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive Renfrew Lodge with the Bifulgated Gavel.* To conduct Education Presentations. <p>* St. Andrew's -Renfrew Bifulgated Gavel</p> <p>A number of years ago several members of St. Andrew's were also members of Renfrew, having lived in those areas before coming to Ottawa. They encouraged both of the Lodges to begin an exchange visit each year and at each they exchanged a gavel that separates, but together they make a whole.</p> <p>Each of us are never whole until we are brought together to renew and strengthen our friendship. Over the years those original members have passed on, but the practice is continued, in their memory, but now to make new friends whom we enjoy meeting together. Also it should be noted that in 1979 when we were separated from each other when the Ottawa District was divided into Ottawa 1 and Ottawa 2. It was decided</p>

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			that we needed to maintain the old Masonic tie between us.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	April, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	May 2, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers for 2019-20 Masonic Year. Masonic Education. Lodge of Discussion on the challenges of creating and sustaining a strong Officer line.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Fraternal Visit to Doric Lodge to attend the Installation of Doric's Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year.
Regular	June 6, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct the Installation of the Worshipful Master and the Investiture of the other Officers for the year 2019-20, under the direction of the Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Angus Gillis and his team of Past Masters and members of the Lodge.
Emergent	June, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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A Delegation of Masons from St. Andrew's Lodge Presenting the Travelling Gavel to Temple Lodge, November 6, 2018

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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
St. Andrew's Lodge, December 6, 2018.



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Acacia Lodge # 561, GRC In The Province of Ontario - Instituted 1920

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the third Tuesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 18, 2018	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37th Annual Grand Lodge Appreciation Night. Exemplification of the Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon carrying the messages and commands of the W.M. from the Senior Warden to the Junior Warden. Presentation of a Biographical Profile for W. Bro. Mervyn Proudman (deceased). Speech by R.W. Bro. David J. Cameron, Deputy Grand Master.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held
Regular	October 16, 2018	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rusty Mason's Night.
Emergent	October, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	November 20, 2018	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To initiate a candidate, Mr. Adam Hacker, who has been previously balloted upon.
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 18, 2018	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular business followed by a Christmas potluck meal.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 15, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive the DDGM on his Official Visit. The Roll Call of Brethren. Conduct an in Memoriam for Bro. Duncan Lillico. To pass Bro. Adam Hacker to the Second Degree.
Emergent	January, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held
Regular	February 19, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the Travelling Gavel from Sidney Albert Luke Lodge. Present long service pins.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an in Memoriam for Bro. Herb Gillingham. • Bro. Joel Porter will be raised to the 3rd Degree by the Shrine Degree Team.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	February, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held
Regular	March 19, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masonic Education.
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.
Regular	April 16, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Ballot on an Application for Initiation from Mr. David Perkins. • Election of the Worshipful Master and Officers for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.
Emergent	April 23, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step-up Night for the newly elected Officers of Acacia Lodge.
Regular	May 14, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investiture of Officers for 2019-20 Masonic Year. • In Memoriam held for Brother Daniel Komesch.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held.

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Acacia Lodge, Grand Lodge Appreciation Night, September 18, 2018
Head Table



Acacia Lodge, Grand Lodge Appreciation Night, September 18, 2018
Members in Attendance

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Acacia Lodge, Grand Lodge Appreciation Night, September 18, 2018
Grand Lodge Officers



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Acacia Lodge, January 15, 2019

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Temple #665, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1950

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the first Tuesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 4, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular business of the Lodge. Annual Worshipful Master's report on the Grand Lodge Proceedings. Bro's Bizjak and Alsaqqa will prove themselves in the 3rd Degree and then be Invested as Stewards. R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley will be Invested as Assistant Secretary. Masonic Education.
Emergent	September, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	October 2, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Speaker, R.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns, Grand Historian, will give a presentation on Masonry in Ontario and the Ottawa area. Invest R.W. Bro. Saikaley as Assistant Secretary. Upon a favourable report from the Investigating Committee and Clearance from Grand Lodge already being received, a Ballot will be held on the Application for Initiation from Mr. Joseph J. Carboni.
Emergent	October 22, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confer the 2nd Degree on properly prepared Candidates.
Regular	November 6, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a Fraternal Visit from our Brethren of Waddington Lodge # 393 Grand Lodge of NY. Receive the Traveling Gavel from our Brethren of St. Andrews Lodge. Temple Lodge Annual Memorial Service. Masonic Education
Emergent	November, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	December 4, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a Ballot on any eligible candidate(s). Conduct the Third Degree on any eligible candidates.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	January 2, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Lodge business.
Emergent	January 15, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	February 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive Goodwood Lodge #159 on their annual Fraternal Visit Receive R. W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District #1 on his Official Visit.
Emergent	February 25, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conferring degrees on properly prepared candidates. Proving others in their proficiency in their degrees.
Regular	March 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Goodwood Lodge #159 on our annual Fraternal Visit where they will Receive R. W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District #1 on his Official Visit.
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	April 2, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a Ballot on the application of Mr. Cody Sheffar pending a favourable Report of the Investigating Committee Annual Election of Officers for Masonic Year 2019-20.
Emergent	April 29, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Step-Up Night for newly elected Officers. Conferring degrees on properly prepared candidates as well as proving others in their proficiency in their degrees
Regular	May 7, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of Officers for 2019-20 Masonic Year. Ballot on Applications for Initiation from Mr. Cody Sheffar, Mr. Stephen Yardy and Mr. Ryan Hurley.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Temple Lodge # 665 - Select Photos



St. Andrew's Lodge Presenting the Travelling Gavel to Temple Lodge
November 6, 2018



Temple Lodge, Members in attendance, November 6, 2018

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Edinburgh Lodge #736, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1983

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2018-19

Meets the first Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 5, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson on his first visit to Edinburgh Lodge in his capacity as District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 1. • To commemorate the passing of W.Bro. Charles Alexander, a founding member of Edinburgh Lodge. • To receive reports, accounts, petitions and communications and to carry out the business of the Lodge, including Masonic Education. • To open a board of installed masters for the purpose of investing W. Bro. Daniel Chartrand as Immediate Past Master. • To invest V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson as secretary for the ensuing Masonic Year. • To invest R.W. Bro. James Cale with his 50 year jewel.
Emergent	September 19, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held - meeting cancelled.
Regular	October 3, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to article 7.3(a) of the by-laws of Edinburgh Lodge and a notice of motion given at the regular meeting in September; to vote on a proposed amendment to the by-laws to increase the annual dues to \$185. • To initiate an eligible candidate.
Emergent	October 17, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held - meeting cancelled.
Regular	November 7, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a distinguished delegation of Brethren from the Lodge of Antiquity • Pending a report from the investigating committee; to ballot on the application for membership by initiation of Mr. David Ongala, recommended by W.Bros. Chartrand and Ashman. • To conduct our annual Remembrance Service.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	November 21, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a Lodge of Sorrow.
Regular	December 5, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a distinguished delegation of Brethren from Russell Lodge, conveying to us the Travelling Gavel of Ottawa District 1. To conduct a lodge of instruction for brethren preparing to be advanced to a superior degree.
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.
Regular	January 2, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending a report from the investigating committee, to ballot on the application for membership by Initiation from Mr. David Ongala. Following the meeting, to enjoy a showing of the movie <i>Terra Masonica</i>.
Emergent	January 16, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In lieu of an emergent meeting in January, Edinburgh Lodge will convey the Travelling Gavel of Ottawa District 1 to Hazeldean Lodge.
Regular	February 6, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending a report from the investigating committee and clearance from Grand Lodge; to ballot on the application for membership by initiation of Mr. David Ongala. To confer the Master Mason degree on an eligible candidate.
Emergent	February 20, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work of the evening will be a program of Masonic Education. The Masons in Motion cycling team. They will emulate an initiation in the York Ritual.
Regular	March 6, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masonic Education. To confer the Fellowcraft Degree on an eligible candidate.
Emergent	March 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confer the Master Mason's Degree on an eligible candidate.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	April 3, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 1, on his official visit to Edinburgh Lodge. To present V.W. Bro. Jim Keith with a pin and certificate commemorating 60 years of service to the craft. To elect the Officers of Edinburgh Lodge No.736 for the ensuing Masonic Year.
Emergent	April 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confer a Master Mason degree on an eligible candidate or candidates. To conduct a step-up night for the slate of officers for 2019-2020. To prove any eligible brethren seeking to do so.
Regular	May 1, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To install the Worshipful Master Elect and invest of the officers of Edinburgh Lodge for the ensuing masonic year. To ballot on the Application for Membership by Initiation of Mr. Richard Walker and Mr. George Al-Koura. To ballot on the Application for Membership by Affiliation of Bro. Richard Douglass.
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting held.

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Edinburgh Lodge, Meeting September 5, 2018



Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson,
Edinburgh Lodge, April 3, 2019

Appendix A

DDGM Addresses Delivered by R.W. Bro. Adam Edward Thompson, FCF, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1, 2018-19

Official Visit to St. John's Lodge No. 63, Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Worshipful Master, Brethren,

I remain overwhelmed by the trust and confidence which you have placed in me, in electing me your District Deputy Grand Master. It is my privilege to serve as the Grand Master's representative in our district and I look forward to the year ahead. I also intend to make and maintain the same commitment my predecessor did: my talks will be brief, but I hope will give you something to think about.

As much as I look forward to the year ahead, it is certainly daunting, as I think about the many challenges which face our Craft in general, and our jurisdiction in particular. At times it feels like all we hear are negatives – declining numbers, closing lodges, private piques and quarrels overtaking the good works we do.

But these challenges are not new. Earlier this year, we lost R.W. Bro. George Clauson. He held this high office exactly 20 years before I did. Recently, V.W. Bro. Larry Harvey provided me with his speeches from that year, and I was immediately struck by their familiarity – the timeless symbols of Masonry interspersed with the same challenges that we face today. This was both comforting, and alarming.

Comforting in that these challenges are not new – we have faced them before, we will face them again, and we will face them together. But alarming in that we still struggle to find solutions. And this struggle may lead some to think that fundamental change is necessary.

In his talk 20 years ago here in St. John's Lodge, R.W. Bro. Clauson told the following tale:

An old legend from the Napoleonic wars tells of a youth too young to fight, who was permitted to carry the regimental banner. During one bitter engagement his unit was advancing under heavy fire and in his youthful zeal, the boy went so far ahead of the regiment that he was almost out of contact. His commander sent a runner with the message "Bring the standard back to

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the line.” With heroic recklessness the lad sent back the ringing reply “Bring the line up to the standard.

R.W. Bro. Clauson then continued:

Too often we hear Masons bemoan the high ideals of our order and try to bend or change this law or that to fit their convenience or a particular situation. Masons, of all people, must have a fine sense of the fitness of things and observe our landmarks and regulations of 280 years and more. When good men are summoned to the highest and best that is within them, they usually respond with the highest and best.

Brethren, the challenges that we face are real, but they are not new. Yet the biggest threat we face is not declining numbers, but a willingness to compromise our fundamental tenets to combat them. While some things may need to be done differently, we can never compromise the fundamental principles of our noble Craft in doing so. Any victory achieved in such a way would be hollow.

Over the coming months, I will speak more directly to some of these challenges – our declining numbers, the health of our lodges, and the experience we give our candidates and members. I will also speak of the good, the things we need to fight to preserve, the principles of brotherhood, our commitment to community, and making the world around us a better place.

Legendary Canadian singer-songwriter Bruce Cockburn once wrote, “Nothing worth having comes without some kind of fight / Gotta kick at the darkness ‘til it bleeds daylight.” Well my brethren, there is no doubt in my mind that our Craft is worth having, so let us fight together to preserve and strengthen it for generations to come, and spread the light of masonry over the face of the earth.

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Official Visit to Carleton Lodge No. 465, Thursday, October 25, 2018

Worshipful Master, Brethren, Let me once more say what an honour it is to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master. I am truly humbled by the support and confidence that the brethren of this district, and the Grand Master himself, have shown in me.

At my official visit to St. John's lodge two weeks ago, I spoke of the timeless nature of our Craft. I also spoke of the challenges that our fraternity faces today, and how they too are timeless. I paid tribute to the late R.W.Bro. George Clauson -- our friend, brother and my predecessor 20 years ago -- and how he too wrote about those same challenges.

Today I will address one of those issues directly – declining membership. Brethren, when I first joined the Craft in 2006, there were over 1.5 million masons in the United States. As of 2017, this had dropped to just over a million – a drop of almost 30%. This is down from a high of more than 4.1 million in 1959. Our own jurisdiction has seen a marginally better, but similar trend, dropping from over 49,000 to less than 37,000 over the same period.

When we see numbers like that, it is easy to panic. We can wonder how much longer our Craft can continue, or will we just vanish into nothingness due to attrition. I am reminded of the closing words of T.S. Elliot's poem "The Hollow Men":

This is the way the world ends
Not with a bang but a whimper.

There is no doubt that these numbers and trends are alarming – but do they deserve panic? No. What they do merit is serious consideration. We must consider the reasons for this decline. Our Craft saw massive surges in membership following the Great Wars. Literally millions of men returned seeking to maintain that same brotherly connection that they developed with their fellow soldiers under the most horrific conditions.

In subsequent years, lives have changed, priorities have changed, work has changed. Fewer men seek the comfort of a fraternal environment. This trend is not unique to the Craft, and has been seen in all manner of fraternal orders.

We face a few unique challenges, in our requirements for membership and our prohibition on recruiting. In the face of these staggering drops in membership, should we change those standards? Perhaps we should lower our age requirements, or the requirement of a belief in a Supreme Being? To that I say steadfastly – NO. The Royal Canadian Legion – an organization that used to be limited to those who had served in the armed forces -- opened their doors, first to the relatives of those eligible for membership, and then to anyone at all. All in an effort to stem their own declining membership. This had no effect on stopping that decline, and instead weakened their ability to fulfill their core function of representing veterans. Our standards of membership are not a weakness, they are what preserves our core identity.

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What, then, of the other challenge that we face – our prohibition on recruiting. In this case, we must properly understand what it means, and what we are really proscribed from doing. We expect our applicants to come forward of their own free will and accord, but how can they do this, when so many have forgotten that we exist? In the minds of many, we are a historical curiosity that long ago disappeared into the ether, or a cheap laugh in a Simpson's episode. Too many of our members believe that in order to prevent improper solicitation, we must hide in plain sight, not discussing our fraternity and what we do. Too many of our potential members believe that they must be invited to join.

To the contrary, we must raise awareness of our Craft so that good men know we are here, that we are real, and that we have something to offer them. I do not mean to suggest that we should shed our traditional prohibition on recruiting, just that we must understand that men cannot willingly come forward to join something they do not know anything about.

Brethren, in the face of declining numbers, it is easy to think that we must water down our standards, in order to increase our pool of potential members. Instead, we must understand that a significant portion of this decline is a correction that has been ongoing for generations following an unsustainable surge of members. We must not change our standards in an attempt to protect those numbers. We must reinforce them to protect the Order and the principles that brought all those men to our doorsteps in the first place.

Brethren, there is another standard of membership that I have not addressed -- the tongue of good report. It is essential to our survival that this be maintained. It is of such importance, that I will speak to it more directly tomorrow evening at Prince of Wales Lodge.

For now, let me conclude with this. Our Craft has existed for centuries – some may say from time immemorial. Will it be here forever? I do not know, but if it is to end, let it be with a bang, not a whimper. Let us not rashly rush forward in a misguided attempt to save us – we will only be an accessory to our own demise by sacrificing our principals.

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Official Visit to Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, Friday, October 26, 2018

Worshipful Master, brethren,

Again, I thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me, in electing me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master. It is truly an honour to represent our Grand Master in this district.

My talks thus far have focussed on the challenges that face our Craft, and last night in Carleton Lodge, I spoke of the challenge of our declining membership. I also spoke of my fervent belief that our response to this challenge should not be to water down our standards to encourage more members – but to ensure that those standards are maintained in order to preserve the fundamental principles of our Craft.

One of those standards requires particular attention – the tongue of good report. Too often, we see applicants come forward who are not properly vetted. They are either barely known to their sponsors, or given only a cursory investigation. Sometimes, both of these issues arise. Our zeal to bring in new members leads us to forget our obligation to guard the West Gate.

When we open our lodges, we hear that the duty of the Outer Guard, or Tyler, is to keep off all cowans and intruders to masonry. But in carrying out that duty he is not alone – all of us have a responsibility to protect our Craft. I spoke last night of the importance of raising awareness of our Craft so that good men may come forward of their own free will and accord. The corollary to this is that we must be more careful to ensure that ONLY good men are admitted. A pulse and a cheque for the initiation fee are not sufficient.

This begins with the sponsors. Sometimes we are approached by people we have known for some time, and we mistake a long acquaintance as sufficient to sign a petition. Even with someone we consider to be a close friend, some key questions are worth asking. How well do you know this individual? Do you know him to be a good man? Do you know him to have a belief in a Supreme Being? Why does he want to join? Are his motives pure? Does he understand what it is he wants to join?

This assessment is even more challenging when we are faced with emails and phone calls from individuals we have never met who seek to join our Order. Vigilance and due diligence become even more important. I remind you all of the Charge in the First Degree that you are to refrain from recommending anyone to a participation in our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that he will ultimately reflect honour on our choice. I note that this is a positive obligation – you must have strong grounds to believe. The simple absence of evidence to the contrary is not enough.

This responsibility applies equally to the second sponsor – relying solely on assurances from the first sponsor undermines the entire process. How many times have we had

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brethren come up to us and ask us to sign a petition for someone they know, and that we have never met, or only met in a cursory manner? The petition requires two signatures for a reason, and it is incumbent on both sponsors to perform their due diligence before affixing their signature.

Our investigating committees must also be thorough. A quick phone call, or a brief conversation in between drinks at a lodge BBQ, is not an investigation. Nor should we shy away from having more than one meeting with an applicant and his family. If we have ANY doubt as to whether an applicant is suited for our Craft, it should give us pause. We should gather more information, and continue to do so until those doubts have been addressed.

Failing to perform our due diligence can have consequences. Some of these consequences may be relatively innocuous, such as time wasted on an applicant who didn't really understand what he was joining, and once in, found it wasn't for him. This might have been avoided by having frank conversations in the first place about the Craft, and the applicant's expectations.

But at the other end of the spectrum, consequences can be devastating. There are those whose motives are not pure, and seek undue enrichment, or to use our reputation as a shield for their nefarious aims. Sadly, there are well known examples of individuals who have done the most awful things, and have been masons. I will not sully this gathering by uttering their names aloud. Suffice it to say, that we are judged by the company we keep. The harmony of our lodges and indeed the future of our Craft can be put at risk – all for an extra dues cheque.

This is why programs like the Five Steps to Application are so important. They provide a structure or framework to allow us to get to know potential applicants well enough that we can properly assess not just their worthiness for the Craft, but their fit for our particular lodge.

Yet the responsibility does not lie with Grand Lodge to give us programs – it lies with each and every one of us to fulfil our obligations, and to secure our privileges to worthy men, and we trust, worthy men alone.

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Official Visit to Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558, Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Worshipful Master, brethren,

My talks thus far have focussed on some of the challenges that our Craft faces, and while I do not have the answers, I have tried to spur reflection, that we might find those answers together.

I had intended to continue in that vein tonight, until this past Sunday.

I have opened each one of my talks by thanking the brethren of this district for their support in electing me to serve as District Deputy Grand Master. I have described it as an honour and a privilege, and even humbling. But little did I know just how humbling it would be.

As I have for many years now, I spent Remembrance Day with a number of brethren at the Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, observing their annual ceremony. This year, I had the honour and privilege to represent you, and all masons of the Ottawa area, in laying a wreath as part of the ceremony. As I sat there listening to the ceremony and waiting for my name to be called, I looked around me. I was surrounded by men and women who had served this country, who had risked everything. Who had seen the worst of our so-called "society." Who had watched friends and comrades die in front of them, or even held them in their arms as they passed. On some, the scars of battle remained visible. On all, the invisible scars will inevitably remain forever.

At this ceremony, as in previous years, the Act of Remembrance was read. These words, written by Laurence Binyon in 1914, shortly after the outbreak of the Great War, are incredibly moving. But they are only a few lines of his poem entitled "For the Fallen," and I would like to share the whole poem with you here today:

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.

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They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Captain Arthur Roy Brown; General Sir Arthur William Currie; Alexander Robert Dunn; Wilfred Reid May; Lt. Col John McKay; John Graves Simcoe; Major General Sir Sam Steele. All storied names in Canada's military history. All freemasons. So many other men have served whose names have been forgotten. So many of them freemasons.

My grandfather fought in the First World War, and while he made it home alive, there is no doubt in my mind that what he endured in the trenches, including being gassed, affected his health and cut his life short, dying when my father was just 15 years old, 16 years before I was born. I, like all of us, have family and friends who have served, and this time of year affects us all to a degree.

I recently read a lecture on Remembrance Day on the website of the Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Australia, and I would like to read an excerpt:

Freemasonry has ever been a peaceful art. It suffers in the great debilitating wars that sweep across the land, but then again, it helps to heal the bleeding wounds of conflict and rebuild a better world. This peacefulness is not derived from weakness. The legends of the craft include such hostile confrontations as the slaughter of the hapless Ephraimites, the victory at Rephidim, deliverance from Pharaoh at the Red Sea crossing and the Noble Architect defying his assassins to maintain his trust. It rather comes from Masonry's espousal of the brotherhood of all men and the knowledge that their conflict is a civil war

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within the human race. Men facing fear and death are often drawn together in a union which is closer to the spirit of the craft than any other institution in society.¹

So, in the days following Remembrance Day, marking the 100th Anniversary of the Great War, a war that was to end war, yet has been followed by even greater conflict, where does this leave us as masons? Let us remember those who have served, man or woman, mason or not, who have risked their lives to protect us. Let us also thank those close to us, those men in uniform and aprons who sit with us in lodge. Thank them for their service, and be ready to support them when they come home with both the visible and invisible ravages of conflict. And let us never forget that in the aftermath of battle, there is rebuilding to be done. In a fraternity that takes its allegorical significance from the building of a temple, let us use those teachings to be builders of our communities.

Let me close as I began, by thanking you. This time not for the honour of being elected District Deputy Grand Master, but for the privilege of being able to say thank you and pay tribute to the fallen on your behalf. We will remember them.

¹ <http://www.masoniclibrary.org.au/research/list-lectures/97-remembrance-day.html>

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Official Visit to Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Thursday, November 15, 2018

Worshipful Master, brethren,

Again, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your District Deputy Grand Master. My talks thus far have been brief, and tonight will be no exception.

Last night at Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, in the shadow of Remembrance Day, I spoke about the importance of remembering the sacrifices of those who serve and have served our country, and in particular of supporting our brethren who have returned from service.

Our men and women in uniform are worthy of this remembrance, and of this support. However, as masons, our obligation of support is not limited to this time of year, nor is it limited to our brethren in uniform. Our obligation is to all brethren. Throughout our ritual this duty is repeated. The lecture in the Northeast Angle, the JW's lecture, and countless other mentions in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees extoll the virtues of charity, benevolence and support for our brethren. At Lodge of Fidelity next week, I will expand on our charitable nature more broadly. Tonight, I will focus on our duty to each other – more specifically benevolence and support. Benevolence is more than money, although that is often the most common form that this virtue takes. I would ask how many here are aware of the resources available to our distressed brethren?

Benevolence begins in the lodge – it begins with watchful attention to your brethren. It is a sad irony that those most in need of assistance are often the least likely to ask for it. We must make sure that our brethren know that help is available should they need it – and we must ensure that our lodges are in a position to deliver on that obligation. Undoubtedly, some may face needs that extend beyond the means of an individual lodge, and in those situations the Ottawa Masonic Board of Relief exists as an intermediate step. Should the needs be even greater still, Grand Lodge's Benevolence Committee is ready to step in.

While benevolence in the form of financial support may be what is required, there are other ways that we can support our brethren, and indeed brethren who may not be at a stage where such fiscal intervention is required, but can still benefit from our support. A visit to an ill or infirm brother, a kind ear when facing a personal challenge. Or a shared experience.

With apologies to Aaron Sorkin and *The West Wing*, I'd like to tell a story.

This guy's walking down the street when he falls in a hole. The walls are so steep he can't get out. A doctor passes by and the guy shouts up, "Hey you. Can you help me out?" The doctor writes a prescription, throws it down in the hole and moves on. Then a priest comes along and the guy shouts up, "Father, I'm down in this hole can you help me out?" The priest writes out a prayer, throws it down in the hole and moves on. Then a brother walks by, "Hey, Brother Joe, it's me, can you help me out?"

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And the brother jumps in the hole. Our guy says, "Are you stupid? Now we're both down here." The brother says, "Yeah, but I've been down here before and I know the way out."¹

Our fraternity covers the whole face of the earth, and the experience of our brethren is incredibly diverse. I would have difficulty imagining a challenge that one of us hasn't been faced with before, and it behooves us to share that knowledge and experience with those who may benefit from it. Brethren, never doubt the power of a caring query, a supportive word or a compassionate ear. Be ready to assist your brethren where you can. Know the limits of what support you can offer, but be ready to help that brother find alternative support when, for whatever reason, you are no longer able. Be watchful for opportunities where more direct intervention may be required. Remember, you are your brother's keeper.

Thank you brethren. Drive safe.

¹ Taken from The West Wing, Season 2, Episode 10, "Noël" with very slight modifications.

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Official Visit to Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Worshipful Master, brethren,

Again, let me thank you for the honour of being elected your District Deputy Grand Master. It is truly a privilege to serve.

In my address to St. John's Lodge at my first official visit this year, I paid tribute to the late R.W. Bro. George Clauson. I spoke of the timeless nature of Freemasonry, and of the challenges it faces, evidenced by how even today, we still face many of the same issues that R.W. Bro. Clauson spoke of when he himself was District Deputy Grand Master 20 years ago.

I would again like to pay tribute to him tonight, in this his mother lodge. Last week at Mississippi Lodge, I spoke of our obligation of support to our fellow brethren. Tonight, as R.W. Bro. Clauson did 20 years ago in this very lodge, I would like to speak more broadly of the importance of charity. As I said last week, when we think of benevolence our first thought often turns to money. The same is often true in charity. But as George said in his talk, "A good mason will make a donation, but a donation will not make a good mason."

Does this mean that we should stop making donations? Of course not. The literally billions of dollars raised and donated by masons around the world make a real and positive impact on the lives of so many – children, the elderly, those with learning disabilities, the poor and indigent, and the otherwise infirm. What we must do is ensure that our charity is meaningful. We don't give just for the sake of giving, or for recognition.

In Hebrew, a number of words are often used in reference to charity: Chesed, tzedakkah, and tikkun olam. They all have slightly different connotations and contexts, but their underlying meanings give insight into the principles we should be guided by. Chesed, meaning loving kindness; tzedakah, meaning justice or righteousness; and tikkun olam, meaning to repair the world. These are the reasons we give. Not for credit or recognition.

We see this in the institutional charitable works that we and the many appendant and concordant bodies have established. Our own Masonic Foundation of Ontario has supported a number of causes, ranging from disaster relief, to hearing impairment, substance abuse, autism spectrum disorder research, and the myriad district charities that are supported each year. The Royal Arch has a foundation that invests in youth, as well as medical research. The Scottish Rite Foundation supports research into "Puzzles of the Mind", including Autism and learning disabilities. And finally, the Shriners' Hospitals for Children, which offers cutting edge research and treatment to children in a number of areas, including orthopedics, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. Similar patterns are repeated in jurisdictions throughout the world.

This is not just about institutional charity, but what we do as lodges and individuals. Whether it is Carleton Lodge raising money for tornado relief, or Doric Lodge making

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sandwiches for the Ottawa Mission, or the many other projects that every lodge in this district takes on. This is not charity for charity's sake. It is loving kindness, righteousness, and repairing the world.

I am reminded of a story once told to me by a past master, about a mason who filled his car up with gas, and on getting inside to the cash register realized he had left his wallet at home. Unable to pay, the man who had been ahead of him in line and was just leaving said to him, "It's okay brother, I've got this" and paid for the gas. The brother ran outside to see this man getting into a car with the familiar Square and Compasses on the bumper. The brother, who had been wearing his ring, said, "Thank you brother. Did you do that because I am a mason?" To which the other brother said, "No. I did that because **I** am a mason."

When I spoke last week of benevolence and support, I spoke of non-monetary support that can be offered. I will say the same thing when it comes to charity. Time is your most precious commodity, and taking a little bit of that time and giving of yourself can have just as great, if not a greater, impact than financial contributions. And when the two are united, we truly can repair the world.

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Official Visit to St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560, Thursday, December 6, 2018

Worshipful Master, brethren, Let me once more thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Master. It is an honour and a privilege.

My early talks this year focused on some of the challenges that we face with membership – who we bring in, and how we bring them in. But our challenges continue even once we have initiated an applicant.

As lodges face challenges with membership, they sometimes approach a new candidate like sharks smelling blood in the water. Once he has been initiated there is a race to get him raised. This needs to stop. The Book of Constitution provides a minimum period of 28 days between degrees. That is a minimum -- not a recommendation, a guideline or a goal. There is no right or wrong timeline, and individual brethren need to have their individual needs addressed. For some, the minimum four weeks between degrees will work just fine. For others, it may require months, or even years between degrees. There are any number of reasons for this variance, but what is important is that candidates advance at a pace that works for them, and are made to feel that whatever that pace is, it is the right pace.

As a lodge, your focus should be on mentoring a candidate, ensuring that they understand the degree they have just experienced, and preparing them for the next. When their readiness and the Lodge's readiness align, only then should you proceed with their advancement.

What is even more concerning, is when I hear Worshipful Masters and Past Masters talking about how a candidate will make a great officer – before he has even been passed or raised. They see a keen young man, and before he is given a chance to properly understand what it is that he has joined, plans are already being made for him to be Worshipful Master. Too many lodges have officer lines filled with Past Masters, and the thought of a fresh young officer to take some weight off their shoulders can seem enticing.

Brethren, this too has to stop.

Again, a candidate's advancement, whether it be through the degrees, or into and through the officer's line, has to be at THEIR pace, not the lodge's. When a candidate or officer is pushed too hard and too fast, what began as keenness can turn to bitterness. What began as excitement can turn to resentment. And that new member you just added to your rolls, could come off them just as quickly as the next request for a demit – or a suspension for non-payment of dues when they just stop coming out. And when an officer who lacks the necessary skills and preparation finds himself prematurely in the East, you are doing him no favours, and the entire lodge suffers.

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Do not misunderstand me: just as much as candidates should not be rushed, neither should they be held up arbitrarily just to fit a timeline. If a candidate is ready, advance them. If they get raised and immediately start asking about joining the line, as long as you think they are ready, you may very well have your next steward. Again: THEIR timeline, not yours.

Do not fall into the trap of thinking that this one new candidate will save your lodge -- if only you can get him raised and into the officer's line! If the future of your lodge depends on one candidate, then your lodge has bigger problems than you are ready to admit. And I will speak more to that at my next official visit.

Brethren, thank you again. I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

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Official Visit to Acacia Lodge No. 561, Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

I wish you all a very Happy New Year. It seems like only yesterday that we were in Toronto, attending Grand Lodge. Yet now we find ourselves at the midpoint of the Masonic year. Before we know it, it will be time for Installations. And then Grand Lodge again.

I have thus far conducted seven of my fifteen official visits, and my talks have largely focused on some of the challenges facing the Craft and our lodges, and how we might address them. With a New Year comes a time of renewal, reflection, and reconciliation, and I had hoped to speak to each of these over my next few talks.

At least, that was my plan until events overtook us, and the year began on a tragic note for some. Last Friday, tragedy struck our city when a double-decker OC Transpo bus crashed into Westboro Transitway station. 3 people were killed, and a further 23 people were injured. Countless others have been affected, either as witnesses, bystanders, family, friends, or the emergency services personnel that had to respond.

This tragedy not only struck our city, but our fraternity. One of those killed in the crash was XXXXX, XXXX (* Please see the note below) of our brother and friend Bro. XXXX XXXX, a member of XXXX Lodge. Among those injured was Bro. XXXX XXXX of XXXX Lodge, who was traveling home with his wife. While his wife avoided physical injury, he remains in hospital with serious injuries to his right leg.

Many members of our fraternity work in emergency services, and as they always do, they responded quickly and efficiently, and thanks to their hard work, I have no doubt that further loss of life was prevented.

My message to you tonight is simple – remember your obligations to each other, to our families, and our communities. I have spoken previously about the importance of support, both the overt show of financial support, and the quiet, private support that comes from checking in on a brother – offering an ear to listen, and remembering that we are our brother's keeper.

At no time is this more important than in times of tragedy. For both XXXX and XXXX, they are overwhelmed. Those in their lodges will keep us informed as to how they are doing, and we must be ready to spring to their aid and support if and when needed. Remember also the others affected by this tragedy less directly, but still in a very real way. Check in on our friends and brethren who may have witnessed it, know people who did, or who simply commute by bus, many of whom are likely asking themselves infinite variations of a simple question, "What if....?"

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And check in on our friends and brethren who are in emergency services – they don't need to ask "What if?" – they have seen it first hand. In the carnage of this and many other tragedies, on the faces of loved ones informed of their losses, and they instead ask themselves another question – "Why?"

Brethren, take solace and support in your faith, in your family, and in your fraternity. For Bro. XXXX, I know I speak for all the members of the Craft when I express our deepest sympathies and condolences on the loss of XXXX – may her memory forever be a blessing. To Brother XXXX, we express our prayers for a full recovery, and our thanks that his was spared physical harm. And to our brethren who put on a uniform when they aren't wearing an apron, we express our everlasting gratitude for the work they do, and the sacrifices they make.

Thank you brethren, and I will see you in Doric Lodge on Thursday.

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Official Visit to Doric Lodge No. 58, Thursday, January 17, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

I wish you all a very Happy New Year. As I said at Acacia Lodge on Tuesday, it seems like only yesterday that we were in Toronto, attending Grand Lodge. Yet now we find ourselves at the midpoint of the Masonic year. Before we know it, it will be time for Installations. And then Grand Lodge again.

Tonight represents the ninth of my fifteen official visits, and my talks thus far have largely focused on some of the challenges facing the Craft and our lodges, and how we might address them. I had intended to continue that theme, on Tuesday, but felt it more important to acknowledge the tragedy of last Friday's bus crash, and the impact it has had on members of our community and our fraternity. Let me again express condolences to XXXX (* Please see the note below) for the loss of his wife XXXX, and wishes for a full recovery to XXXX.

I will now return to some of the issues I had planned to address. With a New Year comes a time of renewal, reflection, and reconciliation, and I would like to speak to each of these over my next few talks.

First, renewal. Every year on the first of January, people everywhere make their New Year's resolutions: they will eat better, exercise more, quit smoking, spend more time with family. And every year, by about this time, many have already given up.

Why have they given up? The reasons – or excuses – are endless. But really, it comes down to poor goal setting. It has been said that "A goal is a dream with a deadline" – so how do we set a goal that can be achieved? In project management, there is an acronym that helps set goals: S.M.A.R.T. When setting a goal it should be: **S**pecific; **M**easurable; **A**chievable; **R**ealistic; and **T**imely.

Speaking of goals, my goal tonight is not to teach project management, but to speak about our opportunities for renewal. Take this time of year as an opportunity to renew those things nearest and dearest to you – and in doing so, apply S.M.A.R.T. criteria in setting your goals so that you can achieve them. Whether you choose to renew aspects of your faith, your family, your work, the Craft, or any combination of these, set yourself up for success.

It is not my place to tell you how to handle your faith, family or work, but I would like to spend a moment on how you might wish to renew your commitment to the Craft, and it is simply by remembering the Charge in the first degree to make a daily advancement in masonic knowledge. In doing so, I exhort you to also remember the importance of the seven liberal arts and sciences, and in particular rhetoric and logic.

We find ourselves at a time when we are truly blessed by the amount of information we have available to us at our fingertips. But the advances in the Internet and publishing are a

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double-edged sword. Not only is information easy for us to find, it is easy for others to disseminate – whether or not it is true. In recent years, we have seen the expression “fake news” enter prominently into the political discourse, but we as masons have been dealing with fake news for centuries: about our history and origins, about our practices, and about our motives.

We have at times faced this challenge from those who oppose the Craft, notably in the case of the Taxil Hoax. But we also face this challenge from friends, supporters and members who in writing about our Craft, are quick to jump to conclusions and present theories that could charitably be called speculative history, or more bluntly be called fiction and fairy tales. By all means read those books you can find, but apply your critical thinking skills and a healthy dose of skepticism: consider the source, and the evidence provided. For every book like “The Hiram Key” by Robert Lomas, there is also a book like “The Rosslyn Hoax” by Robert Cooper. Remember that just because it tells a good story, does not make it good history, and that perpetuating fiction as fact does a disservice to our Craft.

So as you go forward and make that daily advancement in masonic knowledge, remember the words of the late M.W.Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels, who was fond of paraphrasing one of the Proverbs, “Get knowledge, get wisdom; but with all thy getting, get understanding.”

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Official Visit to Temple Lodge No. 665, Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

As the month of February begins, let me say what a pleasure it is to visit Temple Lodge. My talks this year have focused on some of the challenges facing the Craft, and I have tried to spur discussion, and lead lodges to find solutions that work for them.

In my last talk, I spoke of the New Year as a time for renewal, reflection, and reconciliation, and I would like to continue that theme tonight.

Freemasonry is a fraternity, a gathering of like-minded brethren who share a commitment to improving themselves. We have high ideals, and set high standards for ourselves individually, and for all of our members.

But we are also human. And like in any society, there are misunderstandings and miscommunications, and conflicts can develop. But we are not just “any” society – we are masons. And it behooves us as masons to resolve these differences when they arise, and prevent such differences from impeding the important work of our Craft. So important is this idea that every newly initiated candidate, on being invested with the lambskin apron is reminded that they are better to withdraw, than to risk allowing a conflict with a brother from causing disharmony within lodge.

Yet we are still human. Pride, ego, and passion can easily cloud our judgment and our perception. We must remember that the perfect ashlar is not something that can be achieved, but is something we must actively strive towards each and every day.

This issue is not a new one. I was reviewing some old Proceedings, and in reading our Grand Masters addresses, and reports from the Discipline Committee, an all too common theme emerged. Let me quote R.W.Bro David Jacklin, Chairman of the Discipline Committee, in his 2007 report: “Private piques and quarrels take up an inordinate amount of time and resources of your Grand Master, your Grand Secretary, and members of the Discipline Committee. Obviously this time could be better spent furthering the aims of our beloved Craft.”

Sadly, this theme is repeated regularly in subsequent reports, and in previous ones as well. Petty disputes and differences of opinion are deemed to be so important by the brethren involved, that they escalate them to the desk of the Grand Master, expecting him to intervene and solve a problem that – in all likelihood never should have been a problem in the first place, and that even with it now being so, they should have been able to resolve themselves.

Brethren, let me enjoin you to remember those masonic principles which we espouse – that are fundamental to our Craft, and apply them to all our interactions with each other. If

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someone has done something that bothers you, extend the hand of friendship and brotherly love, and talk to them about it. They may not realize the impact their actions have had, nor can they change if they are not aware of the problem.

Further, continue to work on your ashlar, and give thought to how your own words and actions may be perceived by others. The best way to put out a fire, is not to start it in the first place.

Let me close by quoting M.W. Bro. Gary L. Atkinson, in his address to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 2006: "My brethren, I would remind you to stop and ask yourself: Why am I a Mason? Do I act as a Mason? If I don't ... why not? Each day we should remember those principles and teachings that this fraternity is founded upon. Each day we should act as Men....and as Masons."

Thank you, my brethren.

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Official Visit to Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

Over the course of the year, my talks have focused on some of the challenges faced by the Craft. Tonight, I will be going in a slightly different direction, and speaking of some of the practicalities.

We often speak of visitation, and the great privilege that it represents. We see that exemplified tonight, with a delegation of brethren from Temple Lodge, returning the visitation they themselves received from Goodwood Lodge last month – a tradition that has gone on for many years. We see it throughout the district, with the travelling gavel. And we see it throughout our jurisdiction. In many cases our visitation involves nothing more than showing up on the night of a meeting and being welcomed with open arms.

However, when visiting, or receiving visitors, from other jurisdictions, things can get a little more complicated. The first thing you must do is verify that a visiting brother is a member of a lodge in a recognized jurisdiction. At each one of my Official Visits, one of my duties, carried out on my behalf by the District Secretary, is to verify that every lodge has a copy of the list of other Grand Lodges recognized by this Grand Lodge.

In the case of some countries and jurisdictions, this is fairly straightforward. There may be only one Grand Lodge operating, and it is easy to ascertain. However, in many jurisdictions, there are competing Grand Lodges. Unless a Grand Lodge is recognized by ours, their members are not permitted to visit our lodges, nor are we permitted to visit theirs.

This can be quite the confusing prospect. In a country like France, you have anywhere from six to ten Grand Lodges – yet we are only in amity with the Grand Loge Nationale Française. Somewhere like the Bahamas, you will find lodges operating under the English, Scottish, and Irish Constitutions – and we recognize them all.

As Masons, our instinct is to be brotherly and welcoming, but we must be vigilant and verify the eligibility of every mason who enters our lodges, and we must ensure that we only sit in legitimate and recognized lodges. To do otherwise, would be to violate our Constitution and our obligations. It can sometimes be a difficult conversation, as an individual may appear at your door seeking admission, honestly believing himself to be a mason in good standing, but he may have in fact joined a bogus organization.

You may think this unlikely, and ask how anyone could join an illegitimate organization. It is true, in Canada, such organizations are few and far between. But allow me to share an example such as Illinois, in which the Commission on Bogus Masonic Practices, an arm of Prince Hall Masonry's Phylaxis Society, lists fully 54 bogus masonic organizations.

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For this reason, if you are travelling outside of this jurisdiction, it is strongly recommended that you reach out to the jurisdiction you are visiting in advance – following proper protocol through our Grand Lodge office. This will help ensure both that you are visiting only regular and recognized lodges, and facilitate the other jurisdiction's verification of your own status. It will also help ensure that you are aware of any local requirements and expectations – every jurisdiction does things a little bit differently.

We do not need to travel far to see another jurisdiction. We are fortunate in Ottawa to not have to go more than a short drive. In addition to our own jurisdiction, we find the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario and Jurisdiction easily within reach. Indeed, at present, the Grand Masters of all three of these jurisdictions are from the Ottawa area – something which was celebrated at a special event held at the Rivermead Golf Course one month ago.

In this district, our relationship with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario and Jurisdiction is embodied in the Silver Trowel. And so, if you have never visited a lodge from another jurisdiction – and you are a Master Mason -- I invite you to travel with me to the exotic reaches of the Parkdale area on Thursday, March 14, to join the brethren of Carleton Lodge as they deliver the Silver Trowel to the brethren of Solomon Lodge, and enjoy an evening of celebrating the bonds of brotherhood between our two jurisdictions.

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Official Visit to Civil Service Lodge No. 148, Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

It is a pleasure to visit Civil Service Lodge this evening – a lodge steeped in history and tradition, and filled with friends.

I recently attended a leadership seminar, and one of the facilitators played a short video. Perhaps you have seen it, but it was an excerpt from a speech by Admiral William McRaven, a few months before he retired as commander of the United States Special Operations Command.

His speech was a commencement address to the almost 8,000 graduating students of the University of Texas at Austin. He began his address by making a commitment that I have tried to emulate with my own addresses this year when he said “if I can't make this commencement speech memorable, I will at least try to make it short.”

And so what did this hardened soldier have to say to students, as they were about to take the next step in their lives, starting careers and families – what great wisdom did he bring from his 37 years in uniform? Make your bed.

Allow me to read a brief excerpt from that speech:

If you make your bed every morning you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task and another and another. By the end of the day, that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed. Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that little things in life matter. If you can't do the little things right, you will never do the big things right.

And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made — that you made — and a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better.

If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed.¹

This same attitude applies to your lodge. I have spoken many times this year about the challenges we face. But it is not all doom and gloom. Grand Lodge has many programs available to assist you, and our lodges implement some or all of these to varying degrees. The program I want to speak about tonight is the Cornerstone Program. It provides a framework of activities and practices that set up your lodge for success. Make no mistake it is not easy, but by following this program your lodge will be undertaking the same practices seen in successful lodges across the jurisdiction.

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When you first look at the program, it can be daunting. You might tell yourself that your lodge could never do all of that. Well, then don't do ALL of it. Pick one item in the list of standards in the program that your lodge is not already doing, and implement it. Once that has been incorporated into your program, try another. And then another. Before you know it, you may find that the lodge you never thought could attain Cornerstone status has achieved just that. And even if you don't, a certificate is just a certificate – by adding some of these activities to your lodge program you will be making a positive change. You don't need to do everything – perhaps some of the items there aren't right for your members. But I am willing to bet there is at least one that is.

There is a Chinese proverb that says, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” That same idea has also been expressed another way: “There is only one way to eat an elephant: one bite at a time.”

So if your lodge is facing challenges, I encourage you not to focus on the enormity of that challenge. Admiral McRaven said that if you want to change the world, start off by making your bed. If you want to change your lodge, start off by making one small positive change. Take that first step, that first bite. And then another. And another. At the end of the day, your lodge, and the Craft as a whole, will benefit from it.

Thank you my brethren.

¹ Admiral William H. McRaven, Commencement Address, University of Texas at Austin, May 17, 2014.

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Official Visit to Edinburgh Lodge No. 736, Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

Tonight has been bitter sweet. It is always a pleasure to visit Edinburgh Lodge, and a real joy to recognize important milestones of long service. It was also an opportunity for the lodge to elect its officers for the ensuing masonic year. While this is on one hand an important expression of renewal, it also represents the coming of the end of the current masonic year. To everything, there is a season...

It seems like only yesterday that we were in the midst of installations – yet here we are again on the verge of embarking on that same venture. It offers a time of reflection – both looking back on the past year and looking forward to the year ahead. By electing officers, this lodge has chosen those brethren who will shepherd it through the year, and years, to come.

Just as every lodge must do this, so must our Grand Jurisdiction. In the coming weeks, we will learn of those brethren who will allow their names to stand for various grand offices, as well as proposals to amend our Constitution. This July in Toronto, the members of Grand Lodge in attendance will be called upon to elect those grand officers and to decide on those constitutional amendments and any other matters put before them.

I would first like to speak to the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens – and those who will be installed and invested in those offices in the coming weeks and months. You are the members of this Grand Lodge. You are entrusted with a vote, and it is your duty to exercise it – for the good of your lodge, and the good of our jurisdiction. At Installation, every Master-elect is asked to promise a regular attendance at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge – and every Master-elect makes that commitment. While getting to Toronto is not always easy or convenient, it is how we express ourselves democratically. Earlier this year, I borrowed a story from an episode of the West Wing, and I'm going to pull another line from that show – one that has variously been attributed to different people ranging from Woody Allen to the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Most Worshipful Brother (and later President) Harry S. Truman – “Decisions are made by those who show up!” Don't take yourself and your lodge out of the game by sitting on the bench and staying home. Perhaps you think your vote won't matter. Let me tell you that the only vote that doesn't matter, is the one that isn't cast.

To those brethren who do not yet have a vote, you are not absolved of responsibility. If you are relatively new to the Craft, you owe it to yourself and to your brethren to be informed. Learn about the governance and operations of your Grand Lodge. Speak with the more senior brethren. Ask questions. By doing so, that day in the future where you yourself may carry the vote, you will be better prepared to exercise it. And if you have years of

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experience, you owe it to your brethren to share your knowledge, experience and wisdom with them.

Let me close by congratulating the officers-elect of this lodge and wishing you all the best for the ensuing year. Thank you for taking on this responsibility – I know you will find it rewarding.

Thank you, brethren.

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Official Visit to Russell Lodge No. 479, Monday, April 15, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

As we near the end of the masonic year, we enter the period of elections and installations. At my visit to Edinburgh Lodge, I spoke of this as a time of renewal and reflection, and I extrapolated this to the renewal that takes place in our grand jurisdiction every July. I spoke of our obligation to get involved in the administration of our jurisdiction, and of our obligation to show up in Toronto and vote.

Tonight, I would like to focus more directly on that renewal at our lodges. A new slate of officers can bring new blood, new ideas, and new directions. It can also bring a well-deserved rest for those who have served their lodges for an extended period of time.

To our new members, let me say to you that should you choose to enter the officers' line, you will find it both challenging and rewarding. I would heartily recommend the experience. But before undertaking that challenge, give serious thought and reflection to the limits of your cable-tow. Being an officer is more than just showing up for regular meetings and doing a bit of memory work. It is making a commitment to engage in the running of your lodge, contributing to the planning, and executing that plan for the benefit of the lodge. You will have competing demands on your time from your family and work.

In considering these challenges, remember that you will be supported by your brethren. Remember also that the Craft is one of the oldest self-improvement programs in the world, and that by becoming more active in your lodge, you will develop a deeper understanding of the Craft, and develop administrative skills that may translate to other aspects of your life, including your work and family.

To the past masters, new and old, remember that you are not done yet. Your knowledge and experience will prove invaluable to those now in the line. Share your wisdom, be ready to offer support, and encourage the development of the next generation of masons. At the same time, remember that while it is, and always be your lodge, it is also their lodge. Be open to new ideas and be prepared to let the officers experiment – within reason, of course. I have spoken many times over the last year about the challenges we face. To paraphrase Albert Einstein, it is said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result. Clearly, as we look at our declining numbers, both on the rolls and in our meetings, what we have been doing is not working. As long as it doesn't violate the landmarks of the Order, give a new idea fair consideration.

I spoke earlier this year of how we need to fight the urge to rush candidates through the degrees, and the same applies to rushing new members through the officer's chairs. The chairs, like the degrees, are progressive in nature, and afford the officers an opportunity to learn an additional element of the Work, and of lodge administration. But like I said of

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candidates going through degrees don't arbitrarily hold them back or slow them down. Advance them through the chairs at a pace that is right for them. Sometimes, that will mean an officer advances a little faster, and other times it could mean them spending an extra year in a chair. Do what is best for the candidate, not what is easiest or most convenient for your officers' lineup.

I would like to close by thanking our lodge officers – past, present and future. Your commitment is what keeps our Craft alive. Thank you for the work you do.

Thank you, brethren.

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Official Visit to Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Worshipful Master, brethren,

Tonight marks my fifteenth – and final – Official Visit as your District Deputy Grand Master. I stated at the beginning of the year that I was overwhelmed by the trust you placed in me in electing me to this office, and I remain to this day appreciative of the opportunity you afforded me.

In my addresses over the course of the year, I have spoken about many of the difficulties faced by the Craft, as well as opportunities for the future. I have spoken of the importance of reflection and renewal, and the importance of remembering and embodying our fundamental principles.

We see decreasing numbers – both on our rolls, and in our lodges. We see a corresponding decrease in lodges – indeed, next week District 2 will see Dalhousie Lodge No. 52 surrender its Charter and extinguish its lights. I have no doubt that the brethren of that lodge found that decision to be difficult and heartbreaking, but they made the choice that was best for them.

However, we also see new members coming in – perhaps not at the same pace that they once did, but they are still finding us, somehow. We must be vigilant, and we must be creative. As our world changes around us, so must our Craft adapt to these new realities. But we can never sacrifice our fundamental principles and tenets. Our Ancient Landmarks are what define us – we are obligated to uphold them and guard them inviolate.

Earlier this week, I was, as I am sure many of you were, shocked to learn of the fire at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. One of the finest examples of gothic architecture just devastated. The building of the Cathedral began in 1160 and continued over the next hundred years. The ensuing centuries have seen growth and damage and growth again. The fire on Monday collapsed the spire, and three quarters of the roof in a matter of hours. So what will they do in the face of this destruction? They will rebuild.

While we are not operative masons, we must apply this same lesson to our noble Craft in a speculative manner. Our Craft has existed from time immemorial, building over centuries. It has faced great periods of growth and been a light unto the world. It has also faced great challenges, and great periods of darkness. The challenges we face today are not new, and in many ways are insignificant compared to some of the challenges we have faced before. I think of challenges in our traditional history, such as the events of the third degree and the destruction of King Solomon's Temple, as well as those of more recent history such as the rise of the anti-Masonic Party in the wake of the Morgan affair, the Taxil Hoax, and the Holocaust.

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We survived these challenges, and we emerged stronger than we were before. We may need to change how we conduct our work, but we can never change the nature of that work: brotherly love, relief and truth. By remaining true to these fundamental principles, we cannot fail. No matter what our numbers may be, we will have succeeded in being that beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

And so, my brethren, as I conclude my final address, I hope that over the course of this year I have challenged you, and perhaps even inspired you. It is you who build and maintain our Craft, and I am proud to stand among you as your brother.

Thank you.