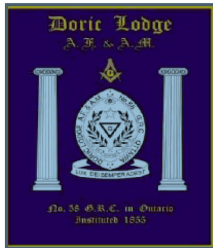


# Freemasonry In Ottawa District One Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada In The Province of Ontario Masonic Year 2019-20



*St. John's Lodge No. 63*  
A. F. & A. M.  
G.R.C. in Ontario  
Carlton Place,  
Ontario  
Instituted Jan. 20, 1843



MISSISSIPPI LODGE NO. 147 G.R.C.  
34A MILL STREET, ALMONTE, ON  
P.O. BOX 1799 K0A 1A0



**CIVIL SERVICE LODGE**  
No. 148 A. F. & A. M.



OTTAWA DISTRICT 1  
GRAND LODGE OF CANADA  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
CONSTITUTED MAY 14, 1861

**Goodwood Lodge**  
A.F. and A.M.  
No. 159 G.R.C.  
OTTAWA DISTRICT 1

LODGE OF FIDELITY

A.F. & A.M.  
No. 231, G. R. C. in Ontario  
Ottawa District 1  
Constituted 22 September 1870



**Prince of Wales  
Lodge**

No. 371, A.F. & A.M., G.R.C. in O.  
OTTAWA, CANADA



**Carleton Lodge**

A.F. & A.M. No. 465 GRC in O  
Ottawa District No. 1  
3704 Carp Road, P.O. Box 441,  
Carp Ont. K0A-1L0  
Instituted January 12, 1904



**Russell Lodge**

A.F. & A.M. No. 479  
ONE HUNDRED YEARS  
1906 - 2006

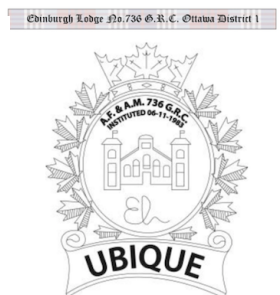


**HAZELDEAN LODGE**

A. F. & A. M.  
NO. 517 G. R. C. in Ontario  
21 Young Road, Kanata, Ontario  
CONSTITUTED OCTOBER 9, 1914



ACACIA LODGE  
A.F. & A.M. (G.R.C.) No. 561  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
OTTAWA DISTRICT ONE



A year in the life of the Fifteen Lodges which comprise Ottawa District One  
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District Historian, Ottawa District One  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, In The Province of Ontario

# **District History, Ottawa District One 2019-20**

## **Acknowledgements**

I would like to thank R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District One, for allowing me to serve as District Historian for this Masonic Year. I would also like to express my appreciation to all the members of the Craft for their participation in the many events held during Masonic Year 2019-20.

Special thanks also go to W. Bro. Ron Taylor, the District Photographer, as well as, to R.W. Bro. Allen Wright, (PDDGM), and V.W. Bro. Ivan Harris for providing many of the photographs that appear in this historical document.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Lodge Secretaries who provided me with copies of their summonses, and in some cases, minutes and photos. This enabled me to compile a summary of individual Lodge events throughout the 2019-20 Masonic Year.

This year, I included the messages from the Worshipful Masters of each Lodge - taken from the monthly summonses. In reviewing the Masters Message each month I realized that there was considerable additional information about Lodge activities that wasn't captured from a list of events performed by the Lodge at the meetings. The Master's Message not only contained elaborated information about what the Lodge did during the meetings, but also activities that were undertaken outside the Lodge; in the community at large and within the Masonic Family. I thought this expanded upon what Freemasons do in their public and private avocations and how they try to live up to the Masonic Principles that form the basis of the Fraternity.

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 2019 and June 2020.



Due to an unprecedented event, the outbreak of the Coronavirus/Covid-19, in Ontario during March 2020, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron issued three directives to Lodges in Ontario. These directives were dated March 13th and 16th 2020 and again on May 13, 2020. In the letters to the Lodges M.W. Bro. Cameron suspended meetings, or gatherings, of Masons for an indefinite period - at least until the virus is contained or eliminated. Further updates were issued on April 2nd, 8th, 20th, and 27th, 2020 and again on May 13th, 21st and 29th, 2020 by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling.

The Grand Secretary's Update of May 29, 2020 advised and confirmed that Grand Lodge Proceedings for July 2020 were cancelled.

As a result, Lodge meetings in District One did not occur after March 16, 2020. Lodge Meetings did not recommence during this Masonic Year (2019-2020).

Copies of the Grand Master's Directives and Grand Secretary's Updates are contained in [Appendix A](#).

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## **Grand Lodge Officers 2019-20**

### **M.W. Bro. David James Cameron, The Grand Master**

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



M.W. Bro. David James Cameron was born and raised in London, Ontario and attended the University of Western Ontario.

His wife, Jill, also grew up in London. 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.

M.W. 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. A charter member of Templum Lucis Lodge No. 747, Stratford - the province's second Observant lodge, he has been honoured with memberships in Centennial No. 684 and St. John's No. 20, and is also a member of Heritage Lodge No. 730. M.W. Bro. Cameron is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Royal Arch, Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal and Select Masters, Shriners and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry.

He 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, Lodge Resources, and the Management Committee, and has been a Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. He has spoken at Masonic events in Canada, the United States and Europe, including the 14th World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges. M.W. Bro. Cameron was installed as Grand Master in July 2019.

**R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, The Deputy Grand Master**

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



R.W. Bro. Hogeboom was born and raised in the Napanee area. He is a graduate of Queen's University (Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies and Economics); Dalhousie University (Master of Arts in Political Administration); and St. Lawrence College (Accredited Municipal Clerk-Treasurer).

He is the Manager of Logistics Control for Goodyear Canada Inc. where he has held a variety of management positions over the last thirty years.

A 38-year Mason, he was initiated, passed and raised in his Father's Lodge, Maple Leaf No. 119 in Bath, Ontario, serving as Master in 1994. He chaired the 150th Anniversary Committee of his Lodge in 2009. He is a Past Master of The Heritage Lodge No. 730 and the Charter Master of the Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746, the first Traditional Observance Lodge in Canada recognized by the Masonic Restoration Foundation.

He served as Frontenac District Deputy Grand Master in 1997 and Secretary-Treasurer of the District Association from 2009-2018.

Tom was appointed to the Board of General Purposes in 1999, elected to the Board in 2001 and Grand Treasurer in 2011. He was a member and chaired several Grand Lodge and Masonic Foundation of Ontario Committees during this period. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Alaska and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Restoration Foundation in 2008. In 2019, he was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

He is a member of the Kingston Lodge of Perfection, Rose of Sharon Chapter, Rose Croix and Moore Sovereign Consistory.

He is a member of Royal Arch Masonic Chapters in Napanee and Picton, serving as Treasurer in both.

He is a member of the Kingston District Shrine Club and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Rameses Temple.

Tom has a long history of community service beginning in university with the United Way, youth organizations, service clubs, his hospital, church, municipal and county government.



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Tom is married to his high school sweetheart, Cheryl and they live in Napanee, as does their married daughter, Annette Jane, her husband Scott and two Grandchildren Noah Elliott and Lily Charlotte.

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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.

Member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

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 two Great-Grandchildren, Colby Lawrence Barry Barber and Eloise Danielle Sullivan.

### **M.W. Bro. Paul Edward Todd, Past 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 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



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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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

V. Ed Companion Royal Arch Masons Ottawa Chapter No. 222.

Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Member, Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741 Ottawa District 2.

Honorary Member Renfrew Lodge No 122 Ottawa District 2.

Honorary Member Carleton Lodge No. 465 Ottawa District 1.

Honorary Member Goodwood Lodge No. 159 Ottawa District 1.

Honorary Member St. John's Lodge No. 63 Ottawa District 1.

Member of Millennium Lodge U.D. Grand Lodge of Canada Province of Ontario.

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### **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.

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**R.W. Bro. Jeffrey A. Christie, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District One**

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 grand-children – Cole and Leah. Paula and Jeff enjoy family and their kids and grand-kids. They travel as much as possible except in summer when they hold court at the cottage on Healey Lake.

Jeff was Initiated into Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558 in 1983, passed in December and Raised by the RCMP Degree Team in January 1984. He was Installed Worshipful Master in May 1988, 1997, 2003, 2007, and 2017. He was Secretary for most of the time in between – about 26 years. If you are a Secretary he probably has greeted you in your lodge. He's been a District Officer for Computer Resources, Long Range Planning, Historian, and Officer Progression. He was appointed Assistant Grand Chaplain by Most Worshipful Brother Paul Todd in July 2018 and elected DDGM in July 2019. 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 No. 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. 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.

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**W. Bro. Alan Christie, District Secretary, Ottawa District One**

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



Alan Christie was born and raised in Ottawa, attending Hillcrest High School. He was an avid athlete through his formative years, attending national level competitions in club sports and provincial championships in scholastic leagues.

At an early age, but through a friend rather than family, Alan found the Order of the DeMolay. He was Master Councillor of the Ottawa Chapter, Order of the DeMolay with a passion for ritual. He had formative experiences travelling to visit other Chapters, speaking at Masonic lodges delivering a ritual piece on the importance of family, and was elected to the office of Provincial Treasurer subsequently organizing multiple

province wide events.

Alan spent years training lifeguards, and on a pool deck himself. He was active as a lifesaver both in work, and his personal life receiving awards for Heroism from the City of Ottawa and the Rescue Award of Merit from the Lifesaving Society of Ontario.

Deciding that he needed a job where he wore pants, Alan enrolled at Carleton University in Economics. He graduated with Honours and now works as a Senior Analyst for the federal government leading files on Cyber Security and interdepartmental policy.

Alan was initiated into Sidney Albert Luke Lodge 558 while his sponsor Very Worshipful Brother Ron Kellison was Worshipful Master, but noted while in a state of darkness that the lodge Secretary, then Worshipful Brother Jeff Christie his other sponsor and father, had a lot of work. Upon being restored to the blessing of light, it was revealed that they had switched roles for the ceremony of his initiation. Alan was subsequently Passed, Raised and later had the privilege of being elected to serve the lodge as Worshipful Master wearing his Great Grandfather's, TJ Hackett's, apron.

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

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



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, appointed again in 2018. In July 2019 he was appointed to a three year term as a member of the Honorary Board of General Purposes. As a member of the Board he has chaired Long Range Planning (2009-2010) and Seminars and Workshops (2010-2014). In 2015 he was appointed to a two year term on the Management Committee. In 2017 he was elected to a one-year term on the Management Committee. He now serves as Chairmen for Youth Initiatives.

Barry is also an affiliated member of Mississippi Lodge No. 147 in Almonte and is 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 of the Tunis 3rd Degree team from 2005 to 2011, and still sits as Master of the Degree team for most performances. He is an active (and proud member) of the Tunis Oriental Band, service as Secretary/Treasurer and is a member and regularly parades with the Tunis Hillbillies



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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.

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, 30 and Joe 26. Ken is a Past Master of Goodwood Lodge #159, (2016-18). He is married to Brogan with a five-year old daughter Taylor, and a three-year old son Ashton. Joe was initiated as a member of Goodwood Lodge #159 in October 2017, and is serving as the Inner Guard.

## **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.

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**V.W. Bro. Douglas Robar, Grand Steward**

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



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

After school, he began work for the Government of Canada at the Department 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 1½ years at General Electric Lamp Division in Toronto (IT Division). He has been retired for 13 years. It has been a fascinating life journey.

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

Doug was appointed Grand Steward, by M. W. Bro. David Campbell, Grand Master, on July 18, 2018, for his services as the District Secretary, Ottawa 1 District for 2018-19.

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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## District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Photo Collage



Grand Lodge Programs  
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark



V. Bro. Gord Echlin  
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District Benevolence  
V. Bro. James Keith



Shrine Liaison  
R. W. Bro. Dennis Salkley



W. Bro. Colin Mackenzie  
V. Bro. Colin Mackenzie



District Management  
(By-Laws, Regalia, Planning)  
W. Bro. John Barber



District Secretary  
W. Bro. Alan Christie



D.D.G.M.  
R. W. Bro. Jeff Christie



District Photographer  
AASR Liaison  
W. Bro. Ron Taylor



District Event Coordinator  
Bro. Joe Burchill



District Charity  
Masonic Foundation  
W. Bro. Jim Bowman



Senior Warden Mentoring  
W. Bro. Steve Elias



District Chaplain  
V. Bro. John Gullin



Religious  
W. Bro. Neil Lillico



Protocol, Education & Instruction  
V. Bro. Glen Simpson

**District Chairmen**  
2019 2020  
Ottawa Masonic District No. 1





## **District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Sorted Tables**

Table 1 - Sorted by District Chair/Responsibility

<b>District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2019-20</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
District Benevolence	V.W. Bro.	James	Keith
District Chaplain	V.W. Bro.	John	Guinn
District Charity, Masonic Foundation	W. Bro.	Jim	Bowman
District Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro.	Jeffrey A.	Christie
District Event Coordinator	Bro.	Joe	Burchill
District Grand Lodge Programs	W. Bro.	Matt	Weedmark
District Historian	W. Bro.	Neil	Lillico
District Management (By-Laws, Regalia & Planning)	W. Bro.	John	Barber
District Photography	W. Bro.	Ron	Taylor
District Secretary	W. Bro.	Alan	Christie
District Senior Warden Mentoring	W. Bro.	Steve	Elias
District Webmaster	Bro.	Colin	Mackenzie
Liaison: Scottish Rite	W. Bro.	Ron	Taylor
Liaison: Shrine	R.W. Bro.	Dennis	Saikaley
Liaison: York Rite	V.W. Bro.	Gord	Echlin



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Table 2 - Sorted by Rank/Alphabetically by Last Name

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Table 3 - Sorted Alphabetically by Last Name

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## District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Photos and Reports

District Benevolence - V.W. Bro. James Keith



### REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE 2019-2020

14 June 2020

There has been some activity within District One, which has been auctioned by the respective Lodge and was forwarded to Grand Lodge with positive results. I have received some questions, but nothing has been received. Many times the individual does not want to go further. Lodges are required to follow current procedure to the letter to poll the membership, no names are used as confidentiality must be maintained. When completed, and with Lodge Seal, forward to District Chairman of Benevolence.

A number of changes to the Form have been made. The new form can be downloaded. It is strongly recommended that Lodges who have individual's 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. For example, 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 getting 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.

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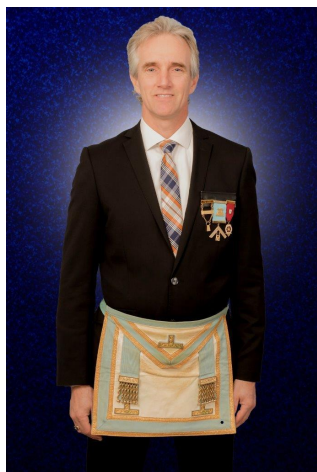
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**District Chaplain - V.W. Bro. John Guinn**



No report submitted.

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



*December 27, 2019 - This letter was distributed by the Chairman of the District Charity and the Masonic Foundation.*

### **District Deputy Grand Master's Charity for 2019-20**

Greetings Brethren,

As we start 2020 and set out in the second half of our Masonic year, I ask you to take the time to read this important message.

I have the privilege and happy task of being this Masonic year's District Chair for Charity. Our DDGM, R. W. Bro. Jeff Christie, tasked me with this, and I have enthusiastically taken it on because of what it is – a fight against cancer. Although there have been several years of fundraising to fight cancer in the past, this year is a little different because of the approach, or direction of the cancer battle.

Many of you know that R. W. Bro. Christie and his wife, Paula, have been in the midst of a cancer battle for about 9 ½ years. Paula has cancer. She has been battling cancer and succeeding. Although not yet cured, she has not succumbed. She has learned to live with cancer. And both she and R. W. Bro. Jeff have optimism for the future.

The reason that they feel this way, and in fact, why Paula has done so well for so many years, is that she has been in clinical trials with the oncology department at the General Hospital almost from the beginning of her struggle. And, in fact, she has been a part of a new way of being involved with clinical trials – this is called REaCT – which stands for Rethinking Clinical Trials. And so, my Brothers, REaCT is the name of our District charity for this season.

What is REaCT? REaCT is a new program started in Ottawa to deal with a person's fight with cancer. Clinical trials for cancer, and in fact, for many other illnesses, have been around for quite a few years. But, the process of the clinical trial, the bureaucracy involved with being a part of it, and maintaining being in it, can be a struggle for the patient, and for the doctors, nurses, and other specialists in that field to make it happen.

Many clinical trials have very strict conditions in order for a person to be a part of the trial. The trial, although many times beneficial for the patient, is actually designed to test a new drug under certain strict criteria in order to prove a drug's effectiveness, or ineffectiveness.... There is a lot of paperwork involved – often up to 20 pages worth of reading, filling in forms and questionnaires, and trying to understand what you are getting involved with. All this, and at the same time, the oncologist has referred you to the people



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running the trial – both the oncologist and the trial people are doing paperwork. It is all very time consuming – time consuming when the Ottawa Hospital staff sees several thousand new oncology patients every year – around 5000. On top of this, clinical trials lose patient numbers with inconclusive results, or early trial termination.

While a clinical trial may go a long ways towards extending someone's life, or even saving it, there are many more factors that make the traditional way of doing business – of doing clinical trials, cumbersome.

From an Investigator or physicians side, there are several problems: a willingness to be involved with a trial or refer a patient (some doctors simply don't want to do the extra because they are already overburdened); lack of knowledge about which trials are available; concern regarding patient's ability to participate; negative effect of physician-patient relationship; informed consent time consuming; strict schedule to follow; inclination towards a treatment in clinical trials, lack of incentives.

From the patient side of things: Difficulty understanding legal consent forms; fear of experimentation; more frequent tests and visits – which means more travel, time, parking costs, etc.; unaware of trial availability; distrust of medical science; age – sometime makes for exclusions; lack of family or other support.

And there are institutional barriers: clinical space and time for a treatment, or handling the legal side of things; dedicated research staff; funding; availability of clinical trials.

What REaCT does is try to eliminate many of these problems, and get more people into the trials. REaCT uses a verbal consent system of getting patients into trials – this happens at a regular visit and is a simple conversation with the doctor. The discussion is recorded in the patients chart along with the patient's decision to participate. This is more patient friendly – less intimidating than a 12 page consent form, less appointments, less travel, expenses, need for support, etc... The REaCT clinical trial process attempts to address questions of practical importance to patients, their families, and healthcare providers. A REaCT trial will not necessarily test new drugs, rather, they might use existing proven drugs, but just in a different way – for example, instead of having a chemo therapy treatment every three weeks, maybe try them every 6 weeks and give the patient a better lifestyle – they have shown that this is often just as effective in battling the cancer.

REaCT gets more people into clinical trials. With ever increasing numbers of cancer patients, less than 3% of patients were able to get into a clinical trial, even with 75% of patients willing to be in one. Why such a high number wanting in? Negative results in the treatments that they were getting, and a desire to fight on with whatever there was out there that might save or extend their lives are a couple of good reasons.

Right now, there are REaCT trials across Canada at various hospitals. There have been approximately 2300 patients in 15 trials in Ottawa, with 7 trials being active right now. A trial might consist of between 60 to 450 people in it.

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REaCT trials are community donor funded – grants are extremely difficult to secure especially for these types of trials. A typical REaCT trial having about 100 participants will cost about \$100K to run. A REaCt trial does, however, run at a significantly lower cost than a traditional trial. The REaCT process is designed to increase the availability of clinical trials to patients. More practical data will be collected from these trials, which will go a long way towards improving the patients quality of life and we hope extending cancer battles, or even beating those cancers.

REaCT was created to improve care and outcomes for patients. It is taking an existing system and making it more practical and patient focused.

Brethren of Ottawa District 1, I hope you can support this innovative, Ottawa-born program that has already positively impacted almost 2500 patients across the country. As I mentioned at the beginning of this letter, cancer has impacted the Christie family, and REaCT has made a positive difference in their struggle. But, cancer can affect any of our families. Please put every consideration into supporting our District Charity this year. Feel free to contact me for information on how to do this through an established Grand Lodge program.

Thank you,  
Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Jim Bowman  
District Chairman for Charity, Ottawa District 1

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### **Final Report for District Chair for Charity Ottawa District 1, 2019/20**

To R.W.Bro. Jeff Christie, DDGM Ottawa District 1,  
And to the Brethren of Ottawa District 1,

This is the year-end report for Charity for Ottawa District 1 for the Masonic Year of 2019/20.

This year's District Charity was the support of REaCT – which stands for Rethinking Clinical Trials. REaCT is a program at the Ottawa General Hospital that deals with a new approach to treating, tracking, and processing cancer patients. It has been in existence for just a few years, and thus far has shown to be successful.

R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie chose REaCT to be the charity of choice for Ottawa District 1 as it reflects on the personal struggles in his own household. R. W. Bro. Jeff's wife Paula is a cancer patient, and has been now for over 10 years. The REaCT process is a part of the reason that she has been living with cancer for so long and maintained, for the most part, a positive quality of life while dealing with cancer.

Last fall, in the beginning months of the 2019/20 Masonic year, I presented information about REaCT to many Lodges in our District. Also, an information email was delivered to every Lodge Secretary to be read out to the memberships. To my knowledge, many of the Lodges had received this information and had discussed this amongst themselves on how they were going to formally support the District Charity.

In February, the annual Valentines Charity Ball proved to be very successful, and the Ball Committee obligated themselves to direct 1/3 of all proceeds to the Ottawa District 1 Charity – REaCT. The final monetary numbers have not been given to me from this venture, but were given to the DDGM.

Other plans were set to raise money for the Charity, such as the Annual Curling Bonspiel at Russell Lodge, which was committing \$1000 to the District Charity. Unfortunately, this, and many other Lodge efforts were thwarted due to the onset of Covid-19 in early March. At this point, it seems that most Masonic activities ground to a halt, as was directed by Grand Lodge, for our personal safety.

At this time, I have not been given a total monetary number for donations to the Charity. The District Charity has an official number with the Masonic Foundation of Ontario, and will keep this number into the next Masonic Year – 2020/21. Because of limited Masonic activities due to Covid-19, the Charitable process has lagged this year. Lodges are not able to meet to authorize donations, nor are they able to proceed with fundraising efforts. This will likely be a restricting problem for the upcoming months of the 2020/21 Masonic Year.

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The District Charity for 2020/21 will again be REaCT, and some fundraising plans are now underway as a result of initiatives from R.W. Bro. Christie. It is hoped that by the end of this upcoming Masonic year, that Lodge activities will be able to resume, as well as fundraising and charitable efforts.

S&F,

W. Bro. James Bowman  
Aug 4/2020

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## District Deputy Grand Master - R.W. Bro. Jeffrey A. Christie



Like all DDGM's, I'm honoured and humbled to be our Grand Master's representative. I have been recognized and warmly welcomed into all of the lodges in Ottawa 1 as well as in other Districts along with the District Secretary - (my son). We even got to visit with our Grand Master!

The lodges in Ottawa 1 take their ritual seriously and work well to encourage and support newer members as they hone their craft. Most ritual and protocol is very good. Some showed good effort and evidence of diligence inspiring confidence for improvement. We're not perfect but we're tacking towards it!

Lodges clearly enjoy meeting and welcoming both newer members and visitors. It's a great District to be in. This DDGM dealt with few problems and even less piques and quarrels. Where I sought guidance I got good help. Grand Lodge is my sure port in a storm but every Past DDGM helped when approached. It makes me look capable.

Then Covid-19 arrived. I had completed all but two Official Visits and no Installations. But I'll have another 12 months! When we recommence I'll finish those visits and maybe have some more if asked. I expect more than 15 Installations if we get started in the fall but time will tell. Masonry will look different at first. Ritual may be impossible at the start. Some won't want to go to Meetings right away. How will we work?

Let's concentrate on rebuilding fraternity. Contact members - especially the isolated. Keep Zooming and phoning. Can we help our community - what about the Food Bank or blood donations? Could we do more Charity work. Could we start these things before Lodges reopen? We can polish our Ritual and Protocol. We can help candidates prepare for upcoming degrees. The world is our oyster! Let's embrace the opportunity and get even better.

With the support of the District, the District Secretary, but more importantly from my wife and cheerleader I'm looking forward to more!

*In addition to the comments above, provided by R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, this Historical Document is a summary of the activities undertaken by our DDGM during 2019-20.*

## District Event Coordinator - Bro. Joe Burchill



R.W. Sir:

As the District Event Coordinator, I had the pleasure of reaching out to each lodge to determine the times for their Official Visit as well as their Installation. My other responsibility was to track the Travelling Gavel and ensure that it reached its destination with no less than a perfect number of brethren presenting it. Throughout the year I did not notice any major challenges concerning this new role added to the District Officers. The only adjustment I would make is to ensure that major event changes would also be accompanied by a notification e-mail, as well as updated on the website. This was prevalent when Doric 58's

DDGM Official Visit was changed from January to October. Including a District Event Coordinator helped increase communication throughout the district, kept lodges and their officers on task, and helped promote the website as a reliable source of information. As the year progressed, I took on additional responsibilities by determining start times and dates for more major events such as Lodge social events. This helped keep the district in the know about happenings that were not just meetings. Whether this position continues in the future or not, the communication it provided was vital to the health of a district. Providing cohesive information between lodges, and members of the district, will keep brothers more involved and minimize the amount of confusion concerning events and important evenings.

Visitation throughout the district is always extremely important to track and report on. Visitation can help a great deal in determining the overall health and activity of a district. Due to the unfortunate circumstances, there have only been a total of 13 lodges who have received the District Deputy Grand Master on their Official Visit. Both Hazeldean and Russell could not receive the DDGM due to the cancellation of all masonic events. The Travelling Gavel also did not complete its full circuit and was only passed 11 times.

At our year's end, the largest visitation of a DDGM Official Visit was Mississippi Lodge on November 21, 2019, with 45 visitors from Ottawa District 1. This included a delegation of 8 from St. John's, a delegation of 9 from Doric, and several members of Prince of Wales who provided the candidate for the evening. The second most visited was Goodwood Lodge on March 3rd, 2020, with 42 visitors, which included a delegation of 11 from Temple. St. Andrew's and Edinburgh followed, and both had 34 visitors from Ottawa District 1 at their Official Visits. Doric showed up with 7 visitors to St. Andrew's to pay respects for St. Andrew's bringing a delegation of 9 to Doric's Official Visit two months prior. The advances in visitation showed great promise throughout this year. In addition to Doric visiting Mississippi on their Official Visit, Sidney Albert Luke brought a delegation of 8 to St. John's Official Visit, and Goodwood brought 13 to Temple's Official Visit.

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The Travelling Gavel has also been successful in drawing out visitation throughout the district. The largest delegation delivering the Travelling Gavel, was Acacia Lodge visiting Goodwood Lodge with 15. The next largest was Edinburgh bringing it to Acacia with 13 members, and likewise, Carleton Lodge also brought 13 members when delivering the gavel to Temple Lodge. The most travelled lodge to each of the DDGM Official Visits has been Edinburgh, with 46 appearances, followed by Goodwood with 44, and Doric with 38 visits.

The abrupt end of the year affected visitation as the winter weather only began to clear up after the cancellation of all masonic events. There were no reports on Installations concerning start time or visitation numbers due to COVID-19. Visitation in the future will suffer as the next masonic year begins as our struggle with the virus continues. Social events and celebrations are expected to be rare as the world tries to move forward into a new normal. Concerning visitation, COVID-19 will strike at the health of our district and is another storm that we, as masons, must weather.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Joe Burchill  
District Event Coordinator



## District Grand Lodge Programs - W. Bro. Matt Weedmark



### Chairman's Report, Grand Lodge Programs Year End – July 15, 2020

R.W. Sir,

I would like to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as one of your chairmen. I recall our conversations from Grand Lodge last year and appreciate that my enthusiasm to be more involved with the district was rewarded by your confidence in appointing me to this role.

As the chairman of Grand Lodge Programs, I worried that I would find myself overwhelmed, but found that it was in fact an opportunity not only for me to provide the Brethren of the District valuable information about the programs the Grand Lodge offers, but also to learn more about them myself. The first official visit of the year was at my own Lodge and I used that opportunity during our presentation to point out some of the great programs that Grand Lodge provides to the District including the Brother to Brother and Friend to Friend programs.

During my tenure as the District Chairman, I was approached by a few Lodges inquiring about some of the programs as well as yourself looking for feedback or suggestions for your own knowledge during presentations at other Lodge official visits.

Throughout my Masonic career, I have heard many discussions and presentations on how to educate and involve Brethren, appeal to new membership, retain members, officer progression, etc., and given the opportunity to serve as the District Chairman for Grand Lodge programs, I made sure to arm myself with as much knowledge about the methods that Grand Lodge recommends and the advice and guidance that they can provide to Lodges. As a 2-time (potentially 3-time based on the current pandemic) Master of my Lodge, I look forwards to leveraging this wealth of knowledge not only in the coming year, but for years to come.

There is so much valuable information published and available to us from Grand Lodge and I feel that by taking the time to learn it, ask questions about it, and even challenge the norm and look for new and innovative ways forward that every Lodge in the District can be blessed with full Lodge rooms, and a strong and faithful membership.

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

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Congratulations on a successful year.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bro. Matthew Weedmark  
Grand Lodge Programs

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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  
May 6, 2020

R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie,  
District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District One.

Dear R.W. Sir:

I am pleased to provide a report outlining my activities undertaken for the 2019-20 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 2019-20 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 and biographical sketches for nine Grand Lodge Officers. The information has been included in the Historical Summary of the 2019-20 Masonic Year.

I have obtained photos of all the District Chairmen, from W. Bro. Ron Taylor.

I will also obtain photos of all Worshipful Masters of 2019-20 from W. Bro. Ron Taylor. I'm not sure if he has them all yet, and if not how we may go about obtaining them due to the Coronavirus situation. I will follow with W. Bro. Taylor to determine the current status.

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. If available, I will include this information in the District History for 2019-20.

I have included all relevant correspondence from Grand Lodge regarding the Coronavirus/Covid-19 predicament and how Lodge's across Ontario have been instructed to proceed. This information will be included as an Appendix to the District History for 2019-20.

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Using the foregoing information I will prepare a Historical Summary of District One's activities during the Masonic Year 2019-20.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lillico', written in a cursive style.

Neil Lillico, PM,  
District Historian,  
Ottawa District One

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## District Management (By-Laws, Regalia and Planning) - W. Bro. John Barber



Year end report Ottawa District one Chairmen District  
Management  
Responsibilities: By Laws, Regalia, Planning

To: R. W. Bro. Jeffrey Christie DDGM Ottawa District One

R. W. Sir:

Thank You for the opportunity of serving under your leadership in the past Masonic year. The District had a rewarding year with good visitation, fellowship and many other Masonic functions which were enjoyed by all.

Administratively the flow of information from Grand Lodge was done effectively by the competency of our District Secretary, W. Bro. Alan Christie, and a strong group of Lodge Secretaries to complete the flow of information to the membership.

The Administration of the By Laws was not too tasking as the District Secretary worked with me on fulfilling any requests and the strength of our Lodge Secretaries kept things running in good order.

The Administration of Regalia was done in good order as always with my Co-chair for regalia, R.W. Bro. A. C. Gillis, handling this mandate on my behalf.

The Planning for District Lodges was not done in a formal setting, but when help was called upon for advice it was given. This was done for the betterment of the Craft.

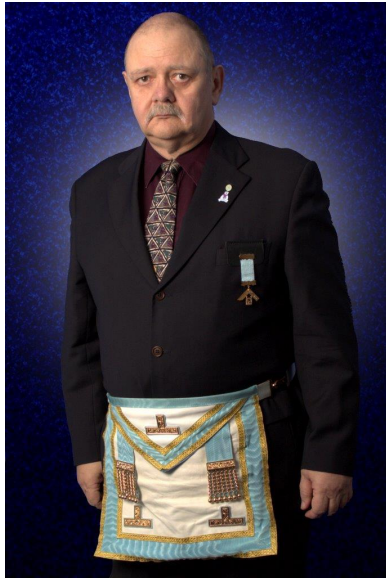
Thanks Again for the opportunity to serve as one of your Chairmen and thank you for your leadership steering us along this Covid-19 experience which has been tasking.

We will have requests for Regalia to help fellow Masons in Nassau Bahamas and Cuba in the coming Masonic year.

W. Bro. John Barber  
District Administration

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## District Photography - W. Bro. Ron Taylor



Ottawa DISTRICT 1  
DISTRICT Photographer REPORT

July 17, 2020

R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1

R.W. Sir:

It is my pleasure to serve as your District Photographer and to report on my activities for the second half of the 2019-2020 Masonic Year.

### Activities

This year has been a very mixed year for all Masonic activities. We have seen great improvements that have allowed for a much faster turnaround time on the Photos / Collages. And we have also seen a complete cessation of all Masonic Activities as of March 2020.

I was very ably assisted in my role as District Photographer several times so far this year, including with the Masters Photos and Chairmen Photos, by R. Wor. Bro. Al Wright, Past DDGM Ottawa District 1. R. Wor. Bro. Wright's assistance has certainly increased our ability to provide a Great Product to the District while also covering many more events than a single person could.

For the first time since I have taken on the Role of District Photographer, I am pleased to report that the Master & Chairman Collages were both completed before my first report of the Year went out! This was as a result of our DDGM's forward thinking in getting the Masters to attend the First District Meeting in Tuxedo / Business Suit, with Collars and Aprons. We were able to photograph all of the Masters in that one night. As a result of the above the Master's Collage and Chairman's Collage was shared with the Masters and Chairmen much earlier than any year previous.

I had 2 chairmen who wished to have their photos re-done as they did not have jackets on the night of the District meeting.

R. Wor. Bro. Wright has also been able to get pictures of some of those who received Grand Lodge appointments this year so we can provide the images to our District Historian.

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It will be my pleasure to continue to serve as your District Photographer as we work our way through this Covid experience and beyond should my services be requested. I have discussed with R. Wor. Bro. Wright his continued assistance as well, to which he agreed.

With the assistance mentioned above we have been able to attend:

Doric Lodge DDGM Visit  
Carleton Lodge DDGM Visit  
Lodge of Fidelity DDGM Visit  
Mississippi Lodge DDGM Visit  
Prince of Wales Lodge DDGM Visit  
Sidney Albert Luke Lodge DDGM Visit  
St. Andrews Lodge DDGM Visit  
St. John's Lodge DDGM Visit  
Civil Service Lodge DDGM Visit  
Edinburgh Lodge DDGM Visit  
Goodwood Lodge DDGM Visit  
Temple Lodge DDGM VISIT

Grand Lodge Appointees Photos  
V. Wor. Bro. Doug Robar

Thank You,  
Ron Taylor PM  
District Photographer  
Ottawa District 1

CC: R. Wor. Bro. Al Wright



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## District Protocol, Education and Instruction - V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson



Report of the District Chairman of Protocol, Education &  
Instruction,  
Ottawa District 1 2019-2020

I began my year with a trip to Napanee on September 23rd, 2019, to attend a Lodge of Instruction. It was interesting and well presented. That said, I think I learned at least as much on the drive to and from this seminar as I did in the actual seminar itself, having shared the drive with my DDGM and the Grand Custodian of the Work ... : )

As regards the “traditional” roles associated with this position;

During my term in office, I did not actually receive any requests whatsoever from brethren in the district for guidance on topics related to Protocol, Education or Instruction.

I did conduct a seminar on the Ceremony of Installation on March 7th, 2020. The seminar was well attended by a mix of brethren, including 5 Installing Masters, a few senior wardens, some past masters and even some Master Masons (other than SWs). W.Bro. Sam Roberts, who had held this role in previous years, was exceptionally helpful in providing background material, including handouts for participants. He also graciously agreed to attend the seminar and help out in whatever ways possible. On the whole; feedback was very positive and the seminar seems to have been a success.

Finally, at the request of the WM of Doric Lodge, I prepared a program for the emulation of a 3rd degree that was scheduled to have taken place on Saturday April 18th, 2020, at the Walkley Road Masonic Centre. And by “prepared”, I mean I was given an already fully-prepared program by R.W. Bro. Dario Mancuso, together with full permission to amend it and to use it as I saw fit! The program, prepared some years back by R.W. Bro. Mancuso in cooperation with many other worthy brethren in Ottawa Districts 1 & 2, had never actually been presented. Of course, in the end, the program was not presented this year either, owing to the suspension of all Masonic activity in response to the Coronavirus. Nonetheless, I owe a debt of gratitude to R.W.Bro. Mancuso, to his team who prepared the original program and to the many brethren who had already agreed to undertake roles in the presentation of this emulation prior to its cancellation.

Respectfully submitted,  
V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson

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**District Secretary - W. Bro. Alan Christie**



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

## District Senior Warden Mentoring - W. Bro. Steve Elias



### **Senior Wardens Mentoring Final Report - 2020**

After requesting and receiving input from all the Senior Wardens interested in attending the sessions (most Past Masters sitting in the Senior Warden's chair don't attend the meetings), it was agreed to meet on the second Monday of each month (every other evening seems to either be a meeting night or a GP night for at least one of the lodges). It was also agreed that the meeting location would alternate between east and west locations in our district.

Our first meeting was in October at Walkley Rd. The Chairman of the Committee spoke for about 20 minutes on what was expected of them as Masters and what they should be prepared for. A practice closing in all three degrees was held, with each SW taking a turn in the East.

Our second meeting, (in November), was held at Carleton Lodge in Carp and our guest speaker for the evening was W. Bro Jim Bowman (who is running for DDGM next year). This gave the SWs and the probable next DDGM a chance to meet and know each other. W. Bro. Bowman spoke for about 45 minutes on his experiences as Master and what he learned from them, his plans for involving the Masters if he was elected DDGM, and the Master's role and responsibility in leading their Lodge. A practice closing in the third degree was held.

The December meeting (our third) was held at Walkley where R.W. Bro. Les Richardson was the speaker. He spoke for about 30 minutes on many of the details of being Master, including protocol and etiquette and filling out the forms. He was impressed with the turnout (over half the SWs were present). As a majority of SWs were present, the President and Secretary for the group were elected at the meeting. The SWs then practiced closing in third degree.

The fourth meeting was held in January at Mississippi Lodge. The guest speaker was R.W. Bro. Anthony St Denis. His idea, (borrowed from our current DDGM), was to answer questions the SWs might have focusing on potential awkward problems that may occur or have occurred in Lodges. An excellent discussion on several questions developed. A practice in closing in all three degrees was then held.

The fifth meeting (in February) was held at Walkley where R.W. Bro. Bryan Adams was our speaker. He focused his discussion on protocol and etiquette, specifically concerning

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receiving Grand Lodge Officers and banquets. The SWs then practiced closing in third degree, but those who had step-up nights looming closed in all three degrees.

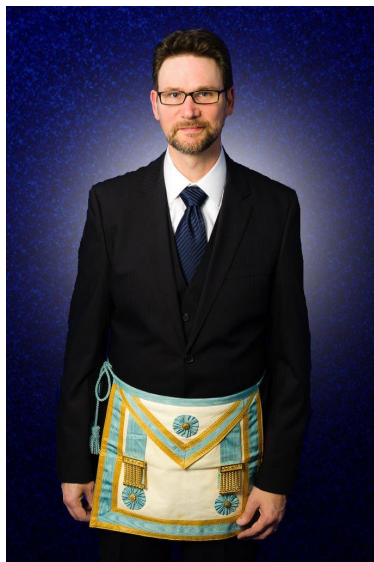
The sixth meeting (in March) was held at St John's Lodge in Carleton Place where R.W. Bro. Ivor Bailey was our speaker. He spoke about the Masonic Memorial Service, focusing on the Master's responsibilities especially his need to be prepared ahead of time. The SWs then practiced closing in third degree.

The Senior Wardens have had several Zoom meetings since then but no official mentoring.

Steve Elias  
SW Mentoring Chairman

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**District Webmaster - Bro. Colin Mackenzie**



*Note from the District Historian. The detailed report, including excellent graphics, provided by the District Webmaster had to be converted to an image file (jpeg) in order to incorporate the information into this document. The District Webmaster's final report for 2019-20 appears on the two following pages.*

# ottawa district 1 report

july, 2020



## computer resources

Throughout the 2019-2020 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

## ongoing activities

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), additions to the photo gallery, and highlighting of news/events. This year, the DDGM also requested a more focused use of the website and online events calendar to maintain and provide current details for meetings, events, and other ongoing activities across the District (as opposed to relying on a more static Trestle Board).

Ongoing analysis of website traffic and visitors through the website analytics (the details of which are presented on the following page) showed that as expected, with many District activities being put on hold as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was active use of the District website for the first half of the Masonic year, but a decline in usage for the second half of the year (with a 16.74% decrease in overall pageviews to the website as compared to the same period in the previous year). The concentration of website traffic remains focused on Lodge details, Trestle Board, events calendar, DDGM information, special events, and resources/links/publications. As shown on the following page, a positive trend from the first half of the Masonic year was that the areas of the website that provide information related to ongoing activities (which previously would have been provided within the Trestle Board) had seen a notable increase in traffic over the same period in 2018 (including a 66% increase in visits to the events calendar page, a 30% increase in visits to the special events page, and a 25% increase in visits to the DDGM nights page), demonstrating that the shift to provide the information from the Trestle Board in a more current and accessible way was successful.

Additional support was also provided for the 2020 Valentine's Charity Ball website, and support for virtual meetings using a District Zoom videoconferencing account, which allowed District Chairmen and Worshipful Masters to continue meeting at the request of the DDGM to remain informed during the pandemic.





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## detailed site traffic

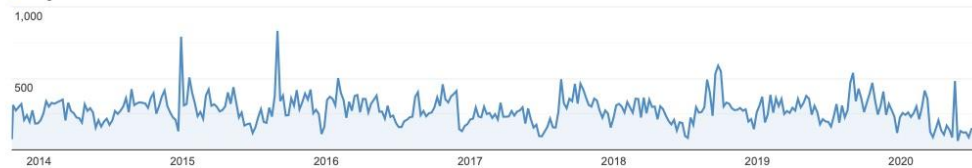
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#### Overview

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98,478

##### Unique Pageviews

77,246

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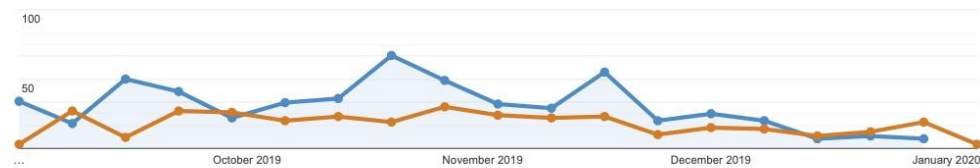
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2. /district/lodges	13,745	13.96%
3. /ddgm/trestle-board	7,963	8.09%
4. /events/calendar	6,871	6.98%
5. /ddgm/current-ddgm	4,902	4.98%
6. /events/special-events	3,124	3.17%
7. /district/chairmen	2,345	2.38%
8. /resources/photo-gallery	2,089	2.12%
9. /ddgm/ddgm-nights	2,036	2.07%
10. /district/announcements	1,955	1.99%

### Pages

ALL » PAGE: /events/calendar

Sep 1, 2019 - Dec 31, 2019  
Compare to: Sep 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2018





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**Liaison: Scottish Rite - W. Bro. Ron Taylor**



Ottawa DISTRICT 1  
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite liaison REPORT

July 17, 2020

R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1

R.W. Sir:

It is my pleasure to serve as your Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite liaison and to report on my activities for the Second half of the 2019-2020 Masonic Year.

Activities

As per our District Website the role is to provide information within the District upon request, and to respond to in-person and to electronic requests. Being the Active Member for the Valley of Ottawa, I feel I fit this role well and I am in a great position to provide and disseminate information across our District and others in close proximity.

I have been assisted throughout the year as needed by several members of the AASR as I have not been able to attend every function.

This year, with assistance, we have been able to attend the following meetings:

Doric Lodge DDGM Visit  
Carleton Lodge DDGM Visit  
Lodge of Fidelity DDGM Visit  
Mississippi Lodge DDGM Visit  
Prince of Wales Lodge DDGM Visit  
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At each of these meetings we have delivered 2 envelopes to the Secretary of the Lodge. These envelopes contain the following items:

An Application to the AASR

A flyer describing the AASR

A document that contains some additional information a Candidate may find useful

A Calendar which shows our AASR meetings throughout the course of the year

Along with the envelopes above our District Secretary has provided assistance in sharing our AASR Newsletter among the lodges of Ottawa District 1, Ottawa District 2, Frontenac District, Eastern District, St. Lawrence District.

To go along with the above, one issue we hear raised by men requesting membership, is that they do not know who the members are. I have been requesting all Members of the AASR to please stand so that the members who are seated can look around the room and see someone they know who is a Member and who can assist them with submitting an Application.

Several Calendars and 2 extra envelopes have been requested so far this year.

I would be remiss if I did not Thank the Executive Secretary of the AASR for his assistance in putting together all that is needed to make the above happen and in helping me to get the word out about the AASR.

It has been my pleasure to serve the District in this capacity and to disseminate such good information to the Brethren.

Thanks,  
Ron Taylor PM  
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite liaison  
Ottawa District 1

CC: Ottawaexecsec@gmail.com

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**Liaison: Shrine - R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley**



No report submitted.

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**Liaison: York Rite - W. Bro. Gord Echlin**



No report submitted.

## **Ottawa District One Events**

### **District Meetings**

#### **District Meeting 1 - July 17, 2019**

##### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Invocation – The invocation was presented by V.W. Bro. Jeffrey Christie, Ass't Grand Chaplain, to open the meeting at 4:02 pm.

##### **Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the District Meeting held April 24, 2019 were deferred by R.W. Bro. to the next District Meeting on August 28, 2019.

There were 74 brethren in attendance at this meeting according to the sign-in sheets.

##### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

##### **New Business.**

R. W. Bro. Thompson indicated that there would be no need for a second ballot.

He also noted that Civil Service Lodge No. 148 and St. Andrew's Lodge had attained Cornerstone designation during this year's Board of General Purposes sessions. He congratulated both lodges on their achievement.

Nomination for the District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa 1 District were opened.

The following brethren were nominated by their respective lodges.

V. W. Bro. Jeffrey Christie

W. Bro. James Bowman

W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis

V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson.

All brethren, but V.W. Bro. Christie declined to be considered at this Communication. A ballot was cast, and V. W. Bro. Christie was elected DDGM-elect for the 2019-20 Masonic Year.

##### **DDGM Comments**

R. W. Bro. Thompson again thanked all the brethren for their support during the year, which he very much enjoyed as our DDGM. He added his thanks to the current and past Grand

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Lodge officers for their assistance and thanked the District Chairmen for their contributions to the District.

Other business

W. Bro. Doug Robar thanked R. W. Bro. Thompson for appointing him as the District Secretary. It has been a very good year. He also thanked the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Paul Todd for his leadership and council over the year.

R. W. Bro. Barry Burchill, moved, seconded by M. W. Bro. Paul Todd that the District congratulate and thank R. W. Bro. Adam E. Thompson, FCF for his excellent work in representing the Grand Master in Ottawa 1 this past year. Motion was carried.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned on a motion from R. W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley, seconded by W. Bro. James Bowman at 4:18 pm.

These minutes were approved at the District 1 Meeting on

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**District Meeting 2 - August 28, 2019**

Ottawa District 1

District Meeting Wednesday August 28, 2019

2140 Walkley Rd

Minutes

**1. W M photos**

- a. 14 WM Photos complete
- b. Al Wright responsible

**2. Welcome – DDGM**

- a. Opened at 7:30pm

**3. Invocation – V.W. Bro. John Guinn**

**4. Approval of previous Minutes**

- a. Moved by RW Bro Denis Saikaley, second by W Bro Blake Farmer
  - i. Carried

**5. Plan for the year – work during Official Visits, need to see work, long-service presentations, invitations to visit, budget, charity**

- a. Events on DD nights – Masters rule the lodge and set the agenda for the meetings. Work can be performed as per the lodge needs. If work is not performed, a second visit will be scheduled. If this is the case, please advise when work will be performed.
- b. Protocol at DD Banquets– Glen Simpson, District Chair, will answer all questions, information available through official sources.
- c. DD visits to lodges – Will try to attend if invited, very unlikely to attend uninvited. Will hope to attend twice, but not each meeting.

**6. Information from Regional Meeting – Napanee: grand lodge priorities**

- a. Seven District Deputies in attendance with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Custodian of The Work and the Grand Secretary.
- b. GM Priorities
  - i. Less is more, not necessary to do all of the Grand Lodge Programs or all of any of them
  - ii. Concentrate on the essence of Freemasonry – Ritual and Education on Ritual
  - iii. Mentoring
- c. Change to the Constitution – As distributed



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- d. L Forms – Fill them with the Lodge, many things are revealed through the completion of the forms. At the very least, the Master and Secretary should collaborate on completion
- e. Memorial Service – Only time we are permitted to complete ritual in public. A well performed service is impactful, a practice is worthwhile
- f. Dress for DDs – Custodian of the Work was clear and specific. No Highland Dress for DDs. Black socks.
- g. Info for the Masters – Please see DD in the room next door post meeting on pronunciation.

### **7. Revised Committee Structure – Chairs and Roles**

- a. Trestle Boards distributed – New format
- b. Benevolence – Letter produced and distributed
- c. Chaplain – Available to talk, mentor. God loves you and so does V.W. Bro. John Guinn.
- d. Charity, Masonic Foundation – Will attend each lodge and talk about the District Charity.
- e. District Management – Ready to support
- f. Grand Lodge Programs – Knows all Grand Lodge programs and will be a one stop shop for information within the district
- g. Historian – Continues to assemble the good works of the District, likely to approach each lodge.
- h. Photography – 14 Masters photos completed tonight, will attend District Events and on request to take photos in the lodge.
- i. Protocol, Education & Instruction – Advise lodges on request on protocol, education and ritual, and provides instructional sessions on the installation ceremony.
- j. Senior Wardens Mentoring – Sessions to be provided, with the participation of at least one past DD, helps to build the fellowship between travelling companions.
- k. Event Coordination – Ensure accurate information on events available in a timely manner online.
- l. Webmaster – Information will be focussed through the website, allowing for crowdsourced information to be distributed most efficiently. Corrections are to be sent to the webmaster and District Secretary.
- m. Liaisons – Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine. Ensures that information such as calendars are shared and degree team availability.

### **8. Website for contact information and times.**

### **9. Budget / Financial Reviewers**

- a. R.W. Bro. Al Wright moved that if invited mileage be reimbursed,  
Second by W Bro Sam Roberts
  - i. Amendment from RW Bro Don Healey, Second by R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley that each Lodge cover fraternal visit costs.

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1. Defeated
  - ii. Amendment from W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis, second by W. Bro. Don Learning that district cover the official visit and first fraternal
    1. Carried as amended
  - b. Request from R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley for how many members of each Lodge the funds are based on.
  - c. Discussion from across the members present took place on funding of a district suite.
  - d. Budget moved by as distributed by R.W. Bro. Christie,  
Second by V.W. Bro. Guinn, (website to amend to \$100, \$1000 to next DD)
    1. Carried, 1 opposed.
10. Next Meeting / Adjournment
- a. Closed at 8:49pm

Note: Financial reviewers were not formally proposed but R.W. Bro. Hemmerling will be proposed with such assistance as required.

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**District Meeting 3 - January, 2020**

There was no District Meeting held in January 2020 as per the DDGM's request.

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### **District Meeting 4 - April, 2020**

There was no District Meeting held in April 2020 as per Grand Lodge directives from the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary due to the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic.

Please See [Appendix A](#) for details.

## **District Divine Services**

The District Divine Service was held at 2:00pm, Sunday, October 27, 2019, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 470 Roosevelt Avenue..

## **Remembrance Day Service**

Masons from Ottawa District One and Two attended the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 11, 2019 at 10:30 am. It was held at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre located at 1750 Russell Road Ottawa Ontario.

## **Valentine's Charity Ball**

The 16th Annual Valentine's Charity Ball, presented by District One and District Two Ottawa Masons, was held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Centurion Conference and Event Centre on Colonnade Road in Ottawa. There were close to 300 people in attendance.

For over a decade and half, 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 \$150,000 in the past 16 years for local charities. The money is raised via ticket sales, and the event's legendary silent auction. The ticket cost was \$65.00 per person and this fee covered the event cost, so that the silent auction proceeds were all donated to the selected charities. The ever popular silent auction boasted a total of 107 prizes, (including two African Safari Packages), and raised \$15,000.00 - or \$5,000.00 for each of the three charities selected for 2020.

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, REaCT-for Rethinking Clinical Trials (chosen by Ottawa District One), and Quickstart-Early Intervention for Autism (chosen by Ottawa District Two). 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.

The success of the 2020 Event, Chaired for the second year by Mike Reiach, has resulted in a commitment to hold the event again next year, on February 13, 2020, at the same venue. Next year's event will be Chaired by David Brown. On a final note, one of the original "Founding Fathers" of the Valentine's Charity Ball, Sam Kalinowsky, retired this year after 16 years of faithful service.

Thank you as well to all of the volunteers for your time, effort, and dedication towards making this event a success. You are to be commended for your hard work in planning and executing a superb event for Masons, their families and friends.



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**Valentine's Charity Ball - Photos**



## The Water Buffalo's Table Lodge



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this event was not held in 2020.

## **Grand Master's Reception**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this event was not held in 2020.

# Worshipful Masters, Ottawa District One, Photo Collage

	<b>D.D.G.M. Jeff Christie</b>		<b>District Secretary Alan Christie</b>		<b>Goodwood 159 Marc Lavole</b>
	<b>Mississippi 147 Stuart Marshall</b>		<b>Civil Service 148 Abraham R. Garcia</b>		<b>Russell 479 Jim Bowman</b>
	<b>St. John's 63 Matt Weedmark</b>		<b>Carleton 465 Sean Downey</b>		<b>Edinburgh 736 David Brown</b>
	<b>Doric 58 Ehsan Ghias-Begloo</b>		<b>Prince of Wales 371 Ian Hooker</b>		<b>Temple 665 Alain Meere</b>
	<b>Lodge of Fidelity 231 Jordie Yeo</b>		<b>Acacia 561 Don Learning</b>		<b>St Andrews 560 Elias Lakkis</b>
	<b>Hazaldene 517 Paul Parent</b>		<b>Sidney Albert Luke 558 Napoleon Voulgaridis</b>		<b>Edinburgh 736 David Brown</b>

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Masonic Lodge

## Worshipful Masters, Ottawa District One, Sorted Tables

**Table 1 - Sorted by Lodge - Numerically**

Lodge No.	Lodge Name	W.M First Name	W.M. Last Name
58	Doric Lodge	Ehsan	Ghias-Begloo
63	St. John's Lodge	Matt	Weedmark
147	Mississippi Lodge	Stuart	Marshall
148	Civil Service Lodge	Abe	Garcia
159	Goodwood Lodge	Marc	Lavoie
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Jordie	Yeo
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	Ian	Hooker
465	Carleton Lodge	Sean	Downey
479	Russell Lodge	Jim	Bowman
517	Hazeldean Lodge	Paul	Parent
558	Sidney Albert Luke Lodge	Napoleon	Voulgaridis
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	Elias	Lakkis
561	Acacia Lodge	Don	Learning
665	Temple Lodge	Alain	Meere
736	Edinburgh Lodge	David	Brown

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**Table 2 - Sorted by Lodge - Alphabetically**

<b>Lodge No.</b>	<b>Lodge Name</b>	<b>W.M First Name</b>	<b>W.M. Last Name</b>
561	Acacia Lodge	Don	Learning
465	Carleton Lodge	Sean	Downey
148	Civil Service Lodge	Abe	Garcia
58	Doric Lodge	Ehsan	Ghias-Begloo
736	Edinburgh Lodge	David	Brown
159	Goodwood Lodge	Marc	Lavoie
517	Hazeldean Lodge	Paul	Parent
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Jordie	Yeo
147	Mississippi Lodge	Stuart	Marshall
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	Ian	Hooker
479	Russell Lodge	Jim	Bowman
558	Sidney Albert Luke Lodge	Napoleon	Voulgaridis
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	Elias	Lakkis
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**

<b>Lodge No.</b>	<b>Lodge Name</b>	<b>W.M First Name</b>	<b>W.M. Last Name</b>
479	Russell Lodge	Jim	Bowman
736	Edinburgh Lodge	David	Brown
465	Carleton Lodge	Sean	Downey
148	Civil Service Lodge	Abe	Garcia
58	Doric Lodge	Ehsan	Ghias-Begloo
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	Ian	Hooker
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	Elias	Lakkis
159	Goodwood Lodge	Marc	Lavoie
561	Acacia Lodge	Don	Learning
147	Mississippi Lodge	Stuart	Marshall
665	Temple Lodge	Alain	Meere
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## Ottawa District One - Lodge Activities

### Grand Lodge Returns for Ottawa District One

District One Statistical Data - as of December 31, 2018

Lodge #	Lodge Name	Initiated	Paced	Raised	Total # of Degrees	Affiliated	Restored	Total Increase (Initiated or Restored)	Keystone	Deaths	Suspensions	Total Decrease	Net Increase or Decrease by Lodge 2018	Lodge Membership December 31, 2018	Lodge Membership December 31, 2017
58	Doric Lodge	1	3	3	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	73	72
63	St. John's Lodge	2	2	1	5	1	0	3	1	3	3	7	-4	83	87
147	Mississippi Lodge	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	4	0	4	8	-6	89	95
148	Civil Service Lodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	11	-11	75	86
159	Goodwood Lodge	0	2	1	3	2	0	2	6	1	3	10	-8	41	49
231	Lodge of Fidelity	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	5	0	7	-7	48	55
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	1	4	4	9	0	1	2	12	0	1	13	-11	67	78
465	Carlton Lodge	2	0	0	2	1	0	3	3	1	3	7	-4	68	72
479	Russell Lodge	2	2	0	4	2	1	5	2	2	3	7	-2	48	50
517	Hazledean Lodge	4	2	2	8	1	0	5	4	6	2	12	-7	103	110
558	Sidney Albert Lake Lodge	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	5	4	11	-9	34	43
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	6	2	0	8	0	0	6	1	4	5	10	-4	71	75
561	Acacia Lodge	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	-3	62	65
666	Temple Lodge	1	4	4	9	0	1	2	2	1	4	7	-5	57	62
756	Edinburgh Lodge	1	0	1	2	3	0	4	9	1	1	11	-7	69	76
<b>Total By District</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1075</b>

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 No. 58, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1855**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20

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

#### **Doric Lodge No. 58 - Summary of Events**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Summary of Events</b>
Regular	September 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Receive the Brethren of Dalhousie Lodge.</li><li>● Presentation of a 60 Year Past Master Pin to R. W. Bro Noel Clarke.</li><li>● Masonic Education.</li></ul>
Emergent	September 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To receive the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, on his official visit to Doric Lodge.</li><li>● To welcome the Brethren of St Andrew's Lodge on their Fraternal Visit to Doric Lodge.</li><li>● Lodge of Discussion.</li><li>● Masonic Education</li></ul>
Emergent	October 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting held</li></ul>
Regular	November 7, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To pass a worthy Brother to the 2nd degree.</li><li>● To ballot on candidate Mr. Adam George Thomson</li><li>● To conduct the "Empty Chair" ceremony to commemorate fallen Brethren.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● W. Bro. Dennis Cole Night</li><li>● To initiate Mr. Adam George Thomson, student, sponsored by W. Bro. Andrew Thomson, and Bro. Jonathan Thomson. Education.</li></ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	January 17, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● W. Bro. Ken Munro night.</li><li>● To pass a worthy Brother to the Fellowcraft Degree.</li><li>● Masonic Education.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 6, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To raise a worthy Brother to the Master Masons Degree. Meeting cancelled via email on February 3, 2020.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: This meeting was cancelled as advised by an email from the Lodge Secretary.</i></p>
Regular	February 20, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation 25 year pin to W. Bro. Dan Richardson</li> <li>Rusty Mason Event.</li> <li>Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 19, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons.</li> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: The absence of a Summons for March 2020 is a strong indication that this meeting was cancelled. This was due to the Grand Master's Directives of March 13th and 16th, 2020 to cancel all Masonic gatherings for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
Emergent	March 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons.</li> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: The absence of a Summons for March 2020 is a strong indication that this meeting was cancelled. This was due to the Grand Master's Directives of March 13th and 16th, 2020 to cancel all Masonic gatherings for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
Emergent	April 4, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 16, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	May 21, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

\* "M" – minutes; "S" – summons. Some Lodges were reluctant to share their minutes outside of the Lodge. As a result, the historical summary was prepared from the Lodge Summons. Therefore, in some instances the information may not be entirely accurate as it is based on planned activities rather than the actual events that transpired. While the Summons records what the Lodge planned to do, numerous events can take place which prevents the planned from becoming the achieved – for example, a candidate may not be ready, principal officers are absent due to their public or private avocations, weather related snowstorms may result in the cancellation of a meeting etc., etc.

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**Doric Lodge No. 58 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 19, 2019**

Brethren,

Welcome back for another Masonic Year. I hope you have all enjoyed your well-deserved pause for the summer. In the meantime Doric has been very busy over the summer. I thank all of you who kept the affairs of the Lodge in such good order. I specially thank Bro. Secretary for acquiring a safe to store our historical documents. Also many thanks to V.W. Bro. Ashworth who spent his well-deserved days in retirement to update the ongoing history of Doric Lodge, including the member registry. A copy of this very valuable education-al piece is available on the Doric website. A good number of Doric brethren attended the GL Communication in July, and displayed its strength in sup-orting our District and the outgoing DDGM, our very own R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson.

I am very excited for the upcoming busy year. This year, we will focus on initi-atives we will be taking to round out our Cornerstone endeavours, so that for the 4th time in a row Doric will proudly be accredited a Cornerstone Lodge, a badge of strength and higher standards. While we will continue to exhibit our quality ritual work with our degree teams, this year we will emphasize masonic education and mentorship. I highly encourage the junior brethren to step up and participate in the work and in presenting an education piece. We will also have more fellowship opportunities afforded by more frequent gatherings and social activities.

This year, we will also commence the "Senior Brother Appreciation" program, where each meeting will be a tribute to a senior Doric brother. In this sense, our first meeting of the year, the September regular, will be a tribute to R.W. Bro. Noel Clarke who will receive his 60-year PM pin. In the same evening, we will also have the pleasure of hosting the brethren of Dalhousie Lodge #52 -that very sadly surrendered its warrant -to receive their Working Tools and Tracing Board. Doric and Dalhousie have had very long historical relations as two of Ottawa's oldest lodges. I hope to see a great turnout to commemorate these relations and also appreciate the Brethren of Dalhousie's generosity for their gifts. I also invite you to our October emergent, the Doug Robar Night, to receive our very own newly minted Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. Doug Robar, to invest him with his Grand Lodge regalia. Furthermore, I invite you to join me representing Doric in maximum strength on the 2nd of October to deliver the Traveling Gavel to Edinburgh Lodge.

In closing, I look forward to a great year and I encourage you to work on a piece of Masonic education that you present to the brethren at a future meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Worshipful Master Ehsan Ghias-Begloo

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 17, 2019**

My Brethren,

I am pleased to say we are off to a great start Masonic Year with two very successful meetings. It was an honour to welcome the brethren of Dalhousie No. 52 and accept

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their beautiful and handcrafted Working Tools and Tracing Board. We shall always remember and cherish this evening and also be using our new Working Tools and Tracing Board regularly along with our old ones. We also celebrated the achievements of R.W. Bro. Noel Clarke, V.W. Bro. Ron Ashworth, and V.W. Bro. Doug Robar on their masonic journeys. I also thank R.W. Bro. Christie for joining us for the evening on his fraternal visit. In the season of being thankful, I wish to thank the goodly contingent of Doric brethren who turned out for the travelling gavel's visitation to Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 on the 2nd of October. It was also wonderful to see a stronger than expected turnout at our Blood Drive on the 28th of September. Moreover, I am grateful that we started our sandwich making for the Ottawa Mission for this Masonic Year on the 21st of September. I express my appreciation to those who participated in all these events.

As the time of Thanksgiving is upon us, I thank you My Brethren for the work you do in and out of the Lodge. I for one am thankful for being a member of Doric Lodge, and that I may call you brothers. I hope that this Thanksgiving will be a happy moment for your family and friends and that the GAOTU blesses your Thanksgiving table. I also advocate all to appreciate the beauty of the fall colours given to us by the GAOTU via visiting nature, and reflecting upon the symbolism of the season. In the meantime, let us not forget those that are facing difficulties at home and abroad. Please keep our Brethren and their loved ones battling sickness and dealing with loss in our thoughts and prayers. Also please remember those in the Bahamas who suffered in the path of Hurricane Dorian. So far, an appreciable amount has been raised. But if it is within the length of your CT, please step up to the Plate. Contact Bro. Secretary for more information.

Brethren, on the 17th of October we will welcome our DDGM R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie on his official visit for a night of education and fellowship. The education will be followed by a Lodge of Discussion, both focusing on the new and Junior brethren. I invite you all to attend to listen, observe, and participate in this Lodge of Discussion by opening up your heart and thoughts. Our Senior Brother Appreciation program will also continue through this evening by embracing the Masonic Journey of V.W. Bro. Bill Edwards. I urge you to come out and join us in an evening of great fellowship and fraternal feeling.

In closing, I bring your attention to the attached exquisite poem entitled "Let's Go To Lodge Tonight" suggested by V.W. Bro. Ashworth.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ehsan Ghas-Begloo

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 7, 2019**

My Brethren,

Thank you all for helping to make our October regular meeting, the official visit from our DDGM, a huge success. I particularly thank those brethren who jumped in to fill a chair on a last-minute notice. Everything went well. We were presented with a great education piece by V.W. Bro. Ron Ashworth, followed by the Lodge of Discussion. I was impressed by the level of participation from our junior brethren. I thank all who enlightened us by opening their hearts and thoughts, particularly Bro. Mark Ingram who initiated the discussion. Brethren, one of endeavours for this Masonic year is

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mentorship, and what better way than combining it with Masonic education? I would like to encourage all junior brethren to show the same courage that they showed at the October meeting to take on a challenge, and with the assistance of a senior brother, prepare a piece of Masonic education to be presented at the Lodge. I invite you, the junior brethren, to reach out to one or more senior brethren and ask them to assist you. Our senior brethren are always willing to help you. Just ask!

Just a reminder, that for our regular meeting this November, we will meet on the 1st Thursday (the 7th of November). Once again, we will commemorate our fallen brethren with the "Empty Chair Ceremony" led by V.W. Bro. Ashworth. We will cherish their memory in our hearts! Lest we forget. On the 3rd Thursday (21st of November), instead of meeting in Walkley Rd, we will visit Mississippi Lodge No. 147 in Almonte for a fraternal visit on their official visit from the DDGM. Also, on the 5th of December, we will pay a fraternal visit to St. Andrews Lodge No. 560, on their official visit from the DDGM. I highly encourage you all to join us for an outstanding participation from Doric in both events.

As some of you might remember, I used to grow a moustache annually throughout each November, as part of the "Movember program" to raise funds and awareness towards men's health issues, physical or mental. I have recently been too busy to participate again, but I encourage you all to check the Movember Foundation's website (movember.com) and educate yourself regarding the health issues facing us, men. Some of our Doric brethren and their loved ones are currently facing some health issues. They are indeed in our thoughts and prayers. But let us remember that the best treatment is prevention. I beg you to educate yourself regarding your health.

In closing, I would like to remind you of our Holiday Season Gathering (Christmas Party), on the 7th of December. Please ensure to advise Bro. JW of your attendance ASAP, if you already have not. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Ehsan Ghias-Begloo

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 19, 2019**

My Brethren,

We are fast approaching the festive and holiday season. Allow me to take this opportunity to thank all of the officers and brethren of the Lodge for their fantastic efforts so far. Particularly, we have enjoyed some excellent fellowship both inside and outside the Lodge. I especially thank those who made it to our fraternal visit to Mississippi Lodge, which was a great success. We all now deserve a bit of a break, but before that, we will be visiting St. Andrew's No. 560 on 5 December for a fraternal visit, and I invite you to join me for maximum participation. Also, we will have our Christmas Party on 7 December, and I hope to see you all there. If you are unable to attend, I certainly look forward to seeing you at the Lodge at our 19 December Regular meeting when we will be initiating Mr. Adam G. Thomson to the Doric family.

As this is the season of giving and reflecting, let us not forget those to whom fortune has not been kind. Brethren of Doric have always been there to give a little of themselves. This fall, we have been keeping the excellent tradition of our charitable work going. I am proud to report Doric had a very successful campaign in raising



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funds for the Bahamas' hurricane disaster relief. I particularly offer thanks to W. Bro. Andrew Thomson for arranging the transfer of funds to our brethren in the Bahamas. I thank Bro. Robert Spirito for taking over from W. Bro Charron the coordination for making and delivering sand-wiches to the Ottawa Mission. I specially thank W. Bro. Daniel Charron who proposed, initiated, carried, and hosted the task for several years, and he is still actively involved. I thank the brethren led by R.W. Bro. Brian Griffin for delivering poinsettias and Season's Greetings cards to the widows of our own brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above. Continuing our very successful recent Blood Drives, we will have another edition of Doric Blood Drive on December 14th. I hope to see you joining us if it is within the length of your C.T. to give. Throughout all these activities, you may have been giving some of your time, money, blood, or skills but I can only imagine what it means to those who are on the receiving end. You have shown that "A Mason's charity knows no bounds". Thank you for your great work!

Recently, several of our Brethren have faced personal or family tragedies, burdens, or shortcomings. Even in this season of joy, it can be especially difficult for those in suffering. These challenges can be particularly more se-vere as we enter the coldest and darkest times of the year. It is indeed not surprising that many of our faith traditions celebrate light as we approach this gloomy period. I encourage you all to first keep those nearest and dearest to us going through hardships (especially in our Masonic Family) in your minds and prayers, and then reach out to them and demonstrate the Light of the Craft by illuminating and warming their hearts via ours, and remind them that we are always there for them.

Finally, my brethren, in this holiday season, I pass along my warmest fraternal greetings and wish you and your families all the best during this festive season, and a very happy and prosperous New Year. May the GAOTU grant a goodly portion of His blessings and bounty to you and your families, and may we see you in lodge! If you are traveling near or far, please allot extra time and care to arrive at your destination safely!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Ehsan Ghias-Begloo

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 17, 2020**

My Brethren,

Happy New Year! I wish you and every one of your loved ones all the blessings from the GAOTU for the upcoming year. May the New Year and the new decade bring you health, joy, and prosperity. As we are at the midway point of the Mason-ic year, I hope during the holidays you have been getting energized for another great year of fraternal activity at Doric Lodge. But first, I congratulate and welcome to Doric and the Craft our newest member, Bro. Adam G. Thomson, who was initiated in our December regular meeting. I also take this opportunity to thank all the brethren who participated and especially those who stepped in to fill chairs and positions to ensure the meeting went very well. That was one job very well done!

There is much to accomplish in the coming months, including degree works, im-proving our ritual work, our ongoing fraternal visits, and our charity work. But most importantly, at all times, we strive for daily advancement in our Masonic

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knowledge and applying it into our daily life. It is well known that the more we give of ourselves the more we are rewarded. Whether you are an officer or not, I hope you will consider taking on an extra task or two to help Doric Lodge gain its Corner-stone accreditation. In whatever capacity, I hope you will spend some time think-ing about how you will make the Craft in general and Doric in particular a better institution. Masonic education will be our main focus these few months, particular-ly with our special meeting on 18 April hosting GL officers performing a Third Degree Emulation. I want to take this opportunity to encourage all Brethren to contin-ue to reach out to our newer and junior Brethren and to continue to make them feel welcome. For those of us who are sponsors, I remind everyone to work with our junior Brethren in the ritual work as they progress in their Masonic journey. These are life-long bonds of friendship and brotherly love that develop.

In the January regular meeting, we will pass a worthy brother to the Second Degree. I encourage you all, if within the length of your CT, to attend and moralize and ponder your Masonic journey. And after each meeting, we will break bread, as this will make Doric a stronger institution and help us merit our Cornerstone designation which we have begun working toward again.

Nonetheless, winter is a tough season for some, particularly those who are mobili-ty challenged or suffering the ravages of the usual winter colds and flus. Brethren, I encourage you to stay in touch with each other by phone and email or better yet by visiting each other in these cold days. The warmth of fraternal feeling that results will more than do its part in defeating winter's chill. May the GAOTU bless each of you until we shall meet again.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Ehsan Ghais-Begloo

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 20, 2020**

Brethren,

Our Masonic year is progressing quickly, and the month of May might seem far away, we have but a short time to complete our busy trestle board. Getting closer to the end of the Masonic Year is a great opportunity for you to consider your ongoing journey in Doric Lodge and think forward to what you are interested in doing next year. If you are an officer, I hope you will start thinking about your progression. And, if you are a PM, I hope you plan to stay active in providing mentorship to our junior brethren.

First, I extend our congratulations to Bro. Ingram on his being Passed to the Second Degree. Excellent work Brother. I also thank the Brethren, particularly our Past Masters, who participated in the FC degree, especially those of you who stepped into the breach on short notice and did memory work in such a fashion that the candidates were unaware that a substitution had been made. I continue to be proud of the work we have been doing toward building up the Lodge and each other, as our ancient landmarks bid us to do. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next regular meeting, at which time we will be welcoming a group of our Rusty Brethren who due to personal, family, or work obligations have not been able to attend Lodge meetings. I encourage everyone to make their best effort to attend the meeting and embrace our brethren. It will assuredly be a great experience for our Brethren to reacquaint

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themselves while getting to know the newer Brethren. No matter how often a Brother attends Lodge meetings, he is always a Brother and a Mason, and is always welcomed. I pray that this meeting will rekindle the Masonic fire within all of us. As Freemasonry makes good men better, I believe the best way to do this is through Lodge attendance and fellowship. It will certainly lead us to a sea of unending reward to learn and grow ourselves.

On the same night, we are thrilled to receive and present W. Bro. Dan Richardson who can never be called “rusty” as he is always engaged in the Craft, no matter how far away he is from Doric, his 25-year pin. His quarter century journey and dedication as a Mason will be highlighted by the Brethren. We salute you Brother.

I also invite you to attend our fraternal evening of fellowship on the 5th of March when we will pay special tribute to our newer and more junior Brethren. I invite them to share their experience and to be prepared to be roasted by the Brethren. I encourage all the rusty Brethren to join us for a great evening of fellowship, brotherhood and fun. I wish you all well in your daily endeavours, and see you in Lodge!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghias-Begloo, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 19, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 16, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 21, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

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Doric Lodge No. 58 - Select Photos



Doric Lodge, Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, October 17, 2019



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Official Visit of the DDGM, to Doric Lodge, October 17, 2019



Official Visit of the DDGM, to Doric Lodge, October 17, 2019

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**St. John's Lodge No. 63, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1843**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20

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

**St. John's Lodge No. 63 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 11, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any Brother ready to Prove himself in any Degree.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 9, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Receive R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, District Deputy Grand Master Ottawa District One, on his official visit.</li> <li>Masonic Education</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 13, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To pass any brother that is prepared, to the Second Degree,</li> <li>To Ballot on two candidates Mr. Nick Emond and Mr. Gordon Marshall.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 12, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Initiate Mr. Gordon Marshall into Freemasonry.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 8, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Initiate Mr. Nick Emond into Freemasonry.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 12, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pay accounts and other Lodge Business.</li> <li>To present a check to the Carleton Place Hospital.</li> <li>To Raise Brother James Hamilton to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.</li> <li>There will be a vote on three amendments to the By-Laws.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	March 11, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To pass any Brother that is properly prepared to be passed to the second Degree.</li> <li>To Ballot To on an Application for Affiliation from Brother Frank Horan, a Member of Renfrew Lodge No. 122.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 8, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
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**St. John's Lodge No. 63 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 11, 2019**

I hope that you have all been taking advantage of the wonderful summer weather as of late. As we head into another Masonic year, I wanted to once again express my gratitude to you all for your faith in me as Master of this Lodge. I will continue to strive to maintain St. John's as the great Lodge that it has always been.

That said, a leader is only as good as those that he surrounds himself with, and I am both very fortunate and proud to say that I am surrounded by the best that Masonry has to offer.

I wanted to extend thanks to all of the Brethren that have stepped up to assist our Brother Junior Warden in organizing and running our annual summer events. At times it can be difficult to put these events together and have them run smoothly, and I'm sure that I speak for our Junior Warden when I say that having those of you that did make yourselves available to help out was greatly appreciated.

The new Masonic year is now upon us Brethren, and I am very excited to continue from last year and build upon the foundation laid. The future is bright, and I cannot wait to see what's to come.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 9, 2019**

Brethren,

Let me begin by congratulating Bro. Wesley Thompson for his exemplary work in proving his proficiency as a Master Mason! It is a testament to the hard work and dedication that the members of our Lodge put forward into learning the craft.

As we roll into the beginning of the Fall season, our work now truly begins. Leading off as the hosts of our D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie's first official visit, followed by an emergent meeting in which we will be passing two of our Brethren to the degree of a Fellowcraft.; the month of October is sure to be both exciting and busy. I have the utmost faith that the Brethren of St. John's will rise to the occasion as always.

The changing season comes with the celebration of Thanksgiving and a time for us to spend with one another, our Families, and our Friends. I would encourage you all to take a moment of reflection and consider all of the things that you are thankful for. Spend the time letting those around you that support and love you know that you appreciate them and are thankful that they are a part of your life. Time is fleeting my Brethren, and life is too short to not let those around you know how they have impacted your life and how important they are to you.

I for one am thankful for my wonderful family and friends, and I am thankful for each and every one of you Brethren. You have been an important part of my Masonic journey and helped me continue to grow and work towards being a better man, and I am eternally grateful for that.

Thank you, Brethren.  
Sincerely and Fraternally,  
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark



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**Regular Meeting Summons, November 13, 2019**

Brethren,

First off, let me start by congratulating our newest Fellow Craft, Brother James Hamilton. His work in proving proficiency in the previous degree was exemplary and should be commended. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Brethren that came out to the emergent meeting to support our Brother, and give a special thanks to those who stepped in to roles in the absence of others.

St. John's Lodge does incredible work and it is because of you. Be proud of our Lodge and the work that we do Brethren.

As we transition from a time of Thanksgiving to a time of Remembrance; let us all take some time to say thank you to those brave men and women who defend and serve our great country while we also remember those who have fallen during the pursuit of our freedom. These people are heroes and are worthy of our respect, and appreciation. Without them, our great country would not be what it is today, so I encourage you to say a kind word, or take a moment to remember and be thankful for all that they do.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Matt Weedmark

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 12, 2019**

Brethren,

As the holiday season approaches, we are entering a time of family and togetherness. We are also reminded of those less fortunate than us and as Masons this should strengthen or perhaps reawaken our charitable nature. I have a young daughter, and she (like most kids) has already amassed quite a Christmas wish list.

This year, my wife and I decided that it was time to let her know that while she was very fortunate, there were many children that are not and quite simply go without during the holiday season. We suggested that she could look to her own stockpile of toys, see what she really wasn't using and that we could pack them up and give them to children that would go without presents this year. There was a little resistance, but once we began the process, she was fully into the spirit and finding all kinds of wonderful toys that she was happy to part ways with so that some other child could experience the joy that she had gotten from them.

A very proud moment for me as a parent, and an important lesson to teach children. Charity my Brethren is the foundation of our institution, and the smallest of gestures, (even from the tiniest of people), make the difference in a big way.

Happy Holidays and have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Matt Weedmark

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 8, 2020**

Brethren,

Happy New Year Brethren!

As we welcome the New Year, I'd like to take a quick moment of reflection. We've already had a busy and successful Masonic year that we should all be proud of.

New members to our great fraternity, progress of our members through their Masonic journey, and a stable of officers that would make other Lodges envious.

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The future is indeed bright for St. John's Lodge Brethren!  
It is hard to imagine that we are already nearing the halfway point of our Masonic year, yet here we are and with so much yet to come.  
A leader is only as good as his team, and I am extremely fortunate to be surrounded by the best team anyone could ask for.  
I wish you all the best in the new year Brethren.  
Sincerely and Fraternally,  
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 12, 2020**

Brethren,  
St. John's Lodge is alive and well!  
I am so proud to be able to say that our Lodge continues to draw interest and new members with great regularity. Allow me to once again welcome our newest Brother Nick Emond to our great fraternity. I trust that his introduction into Masonry was a memorable one. I would also like to congratulate the Brethren of St. John's who were a part of his Initiation. You once again outdid yourselves and produced the top shelf level of work that I've come to expect of our Lodge.  
I would like to see our Lodge progress in our exercise of one of Masons greatest privileges next. Of course, I'm speaking of visitation. Brethren, one of the greatest things about our Fraternity is that it quite literally spans the globe. No matter where you go, Masonry can be found. I strongly encourage you all to exercise this privilege throughout your Masonic careers.  
I am so proud to be a member and the current Master of this Lodge Brethren. Our future is bright, and I look forward to seeing what's next.  
Sincerely and Fraternally,  
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark,  
Worshipful Master,  
St. John's Lodge No. 63

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 11, 2020**

Brethren,  
Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes not only warmer weather, but new and continued growth.  
I am so proud of our Lodge and our newest Master Mason for both the proficiency that he displayed in his work, as well as the exemplary work by the Brethren in the ceremony of his raising. I congratulate all of you for the quality of your work and dedication to the Craft.  
I would also like to remind you that we have our Friend 2 Friend event coming up later this month. This is an excellent opportunity for you to bring someone you know who has shown an interest in Freemasonry in the past, or who you feel might be a good fit for it out to learn more about our great Fraternity. We do not solicit membership Brethren, but we can certainly provide information to those who are interested and let them decide for themselves. Our Friend 2 Friend events are an excellent venue for this, so if you know someone who would make a good Mason, or has shown an interest in learning more about us, I encourage you to bring them out.

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As Spring brings new growth, our Lodge will continue to experience growth with the learning and progression of our existing Brethren, and the introduction of our Fraternal ways to new.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Matt Weedmark,

Worshipful Master,

St. John's Lodge No. 63

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 8, 2020**

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**Regular Meeting Summons, May 13, 2020**

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**St. John's Lodge No. 63 - Select Photos**



St. John's Lodge, Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie  
October 9, 2019



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**Mississippi Lodge No. 147, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1861**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the third Thursday of each Month except June, July & August

**Mississippi Lodge No. 147 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Masonic Education: V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill will do a “walkabout” with a new Mason explaining Lodge paraphernalia. Bro. Joe Burchill will describe the very interesting symbols found on an Egyptian obelisk.</li></ul>
Emergent	September, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As part of our on-going Masonic Educational theme this year, we're honored to welcome R.W. Bro. John Forster to the Lodge this evening. He, along with some of his Scottish Rite brethren, will do a presentation explaining what the Rite is all about, followed by either a play or a degree.</li><li>• Bro. Stephane Bourre will be proving himself in the Third Degree.</li></ul>
Emergent	October, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To Receive D.D.G.M, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, on his Official Visit to Mississippi Lodge.</li><li>• To ballot on an Application for Affiliation from Bro. John Day.</li></ul>
Emergent	November, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Lodge business.</li></ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	January 16, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Lodge business.</li></ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	February 21, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a ballot for the reinstatement of Patrick Jamieson.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 19 , 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive the Travelling Gavel from Civil Service Lodge.</li> <li>Maple-Granite Lodge #61 will conduct the Fervency and Zeal skit. This is a Royal Arch program designed for presentation in Craft Lodges.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: The Grand Master's Directive of March 13, 2020 indicated that all Masonic Meetings were to be cancelled. I did not receive any communication from Mississippi Lodge indicating this Regular Meeting was cancelled. As a result I am unable to confirm if this meeting was actually held.</i></p>
Emergent	March, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 16, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 21 , 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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**Mississippi Lodge No. 147 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 19, 2019**

Brethren,

After a seemingly all too brief summer hiatus, the 2019/20 Masonic Year is about to begin. I look forward to seeing you again and hearing about your adventures.

In an attempt to make the meetings more interesting, and hopefully, to encourage more Lodge members to participate, I have lined up guest speakers to provide masonic education and/or to present topics of interest.

For the inaugural September meeting, there will be two guest speakers: V.W. Bro. Ken Burchill will do a "walkabout" with a new Mason explaining Lodge paraphernalia, and Bro. Joe Burchill will describe the very interesting symbols found on an Egyptian obelisk. Both of these lectures are interesting and informative, and will, I know, be well received.

I will provide information on what to expect for future meetings when next we meet. See you there.

Stuart Marshall, WM

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 17, 2019**

Brethren,

Here's hoping that you are enjoying the beautiful fall foliage. It's spectacular, and unfortunately, all too fleeting.

As part of our on-going Masonic Educational theme this year, we're honored to welcome R.W. Bro. John Forster to the Lodge this evening. He, along with some of his Scottish Rite Brethren, will do a presentation explaining what the Rite is all about, followed by either a play or a degree.

Additionally, Bro Stephane Bourre will be proving himself in the Third Degree. This promises to be a fun evening and I look forward to sharing it with you.

Stuart Marshall, WM

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 21, 2019**

Brethren,

I trust that you are all enjoying the early winter snow. This meeting is our regularly scheduled official visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, which is always a special time for the Lodge. We will be conducting a Second Degree ceremony to pass Bro. Miguel Wonham.

Bro. John Day has applied for Affiliation with our Lodge, and a ballot will be conducted to confirm or deny the application.

You will recall that we are having a "Ladies Night" on the date of the December meeting. We will leave our significant others at a local restaurant while we tile the Lodge at 6:00 PM for a quick meeting, following which we will rejoin the ladies. As reservations have to be made I will require brethren to indicate whether or not they plan to participate in this event at the meeting.

Stuart Marshall, WM



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**Regular Meeting Summons, December 19, 2019**

Brethren,

I trust that you are enjoying the festive season, and in particular all the delicious Christmas baking that magically seems to appear at this time of year. This is our Lodge's version of Ladies Night, where we will temporarily leave our ladies at CaféPostino, conduct a quick meeting and rejoin the ladies for what I am sure will be a very enjoyable evening.

I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And, don't forget that the Lodge tiles at 6:00 PM.

Stuart Marshall, WM

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 16, 2020**

Brethren

I trust that you successfully survived the holiday season, not to mention all the food, and are ready to tackle the second half of the Masonic year. I'm sure that some dieting will be involved.

As you know, we have arranged a series of Masonic Educational presentations, and this meeting will be no exception.

Bro. Phil Tanner will discuss the status of Freemasonry in North Vietnam. Additionally, he has recently returned from a work assignment in Senegal, and with some coaxing, may discuss Freemasonry in that country as well. Bro. Tanner is a dynamic speaker and I know that you will enjoy sharing his experiences.

I look forward to sharing the evening with you.

Stu Marshall, WM

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 20, 2020**

Brethren,

I trust that you are enjoying the unusually mild winter weather. The exception being, of course, skating on the canal.

For our February meeting, we are going to have a "step-up" whereby Bro. Tom Adam will chair the meeting. Bro. Adam will assume the position of Worshipful Master in May, barring unforeseen circumstances, and this will provide him with the opportunity to practice opening and closing the Lodge.

I look forward to sharing the evening with you.

Stu Marshall, WM

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 19, 2020**

Brethren

We have an exciting evening planned. Firstly, Civil Service Lodge will deliver and present the Travelling Gavel to our Lodge. It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors because they invariably add to the evening's enjoyment. We, in turn, will deliver the Travelling Gavel to Prince of Wales Lodge on March 27.

Secondly, Maple-Granite Lodge #61 will conduct the Fervency and Zeal skit. This is a Royal Arch program designed for presentation in craft lodges. This promises to be both educational and entertaining.

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Thirdly, Bro Tom Adam will “step-up” to conduct the meeting following receipt of the Travelling Gavel. He was scheduled to do this last meeting but family illness prevented it.

I look forward to sharing the evening with you.

Stu Marshall, WM

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**Regular Meeting Summons, April 16, 2020**

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**Regular Meeting Summons, May 21, 2020**

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**Mississippi Lodge No. 147 - Select Photos**

Unfortunately, no photos were available for Mississippi Lodge.

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**Civil Service Lodge No. 148, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1861**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the second Tuesday of each Month except June, July & August

**Civil Service Lodge No. 148 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 10, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on Grand Lodge Annual Communication.</li> <li>Investiture of the Lodge Secretary</li> <li>Ballot for Initiation on Mr. Fred O'Toole</li> </ul>
Emergent	September 24, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Initiate Mr. Fred O'Toole.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 8, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Raise Bro. Patrick Halcro to the 3rdDegree with the assistance of the Tunis Shrine Degree Team.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 12, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice of Motion on Dues Increase.</li> <li>Empty Chair Ceremony.</li> <li>Masonic Education.</li> <li>To Ballot on Mr. Todd Charles Hockey, Mr. Ian Stirling Gallant and Mr. Benny Cris Almonte pending a favourable ballot on each.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 26, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Prove the Master Masons awaiting examination.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 10, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive a fraternal visit from Chaudiere Lodge.</li> <li>Motion to amend the By-laws regarding Annual Dues.</li> <li>To Initiate Mr. Todd Charles Hockey</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 27, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To progress and invest the Junior Officers.</li> <li>To present Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 14, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Initiate Mr. Benny Cris Almonte.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 28, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Initiate Mr. Ian Stirling Gallant.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	February 11, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive R.W. Bro. Jeffery Christie D.D.G.M Ottawa District 1 on his Official visit.</li> <li>To perform Masonic Memorial Services for Bros. Kamal Jamil Istephan and Arthur Gerrans Mackey.</li> <li>Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 10, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Receive the Travelling Gavel from St. Andrew's Lodge.</li> <li>To Prove Bro. Farid Salman in the 3rd Degree.</li> <li>To Present Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 14, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
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**Civil Service Lodge No. 148 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 10, 2019**

Greetings my Brethren,

Welcome back to another Masonic Year. I hope everyone had a relaxing Summer break and an enjoyable time with your respective families.

I once again would like to thank you for the confidence you have bestowed upon me in leading the Lodge. My appreciation to my Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Gossling, and his team who put on a great evening in May. I am also grateful to the Officers and Past Masters who have committed to assist me in serving the Lodge this ensuing year.

Our year started off with a bang! On June 1st a number of our members attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the National War Memorial that was organized by the Tunis Shriners' Legion of Honour. The same weekend, we participated in the Ottawa Masonic Centre's Open Door event, (part of the Doors Open Ottawa initiative), which saw over two hundred people visit our building.

In July, the Lodge was represented by myself, four Past Masters and a Fellowcraft at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. I extended the Lodge's congratulations to our new Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, D.D.G.M. and other G.L. Officers.

I am glad that the brethren are coming out and participating in events. Over the coming days, I will reveal more of my plans for this masonic year. But let's just say, we are off to a good start.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 8, 2019**

Greetings my Brethren,

Autumn is upon us and as we start the month of October, let me greet you all with Happy Thanksgiving. In my speech at Installation, I mentioned that all too often we forget to appreciate the things we take for granted. And so, my brethren, in this season of Thanksgiving let us not forget to be grateful especially to our family, friends and each other.

Allow me to begin with thanking V.W. Bro. George Chaiban, Ms. Marlene Clauson and Success Chapter O.E.S., on behalf of the lodge, for organizing a fantastic festive board during our regular meeting in September. It was a fitting gesture to our most senior Past Master – W. Bro. Phil Conquer, who celebrated his 70th year as a Mason. Also that evening, the Lodge was honoured to receive the "Cornerstone Lodge" Designation.

In our September emergent meeting, we initiated Bro. Fred O'Toole. Let us welcome and guide our new initiate as he commences his first step into the Craft. For the October regular meeting, we will raise a brother who has been actively making strides in his masonic journey – Bro. Pat Halcro. And before the end of the month, we will have a social evening to congratulate our Brothers for their achievements.

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Brethren, we are seeing many good men who are seeking to join our beloved Fraternity. Let us not forget our duty to assist them become the better men they strive to be.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

“Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude”

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 12, 2019**

Greetings my Brethren,

Last month, a number of our members participated in the George Clauson Memorial BBQ event. R.W. Bro. Clauson, a Past D.D.G.M. in our District, was a well-known Mason. In his memory, a committee was formed to fund raise for one of his great causes – the Ottawa Masonic Centre. As part of that committee, I would like to report that the BBQ was a success.

Also last month, a delegation of eleven C.S.L. brethren attended and participated in raising Bro. Kyle Stewart, son of our own V.W. Bro. Sandy Stewart at Evergreen Lodge No. 209.

This month we remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. This is also the time when we give thanks to the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. On Remembrance Day, I will be attending the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre. I ask as many of you to join me in paying respect to our veterans and those who are still in service.

In keeping with the solemnity of the season, I have planned an evening of education for our Regular Meeting, starting with the Empty Chair Ceremony. And for our Emergent Meeting, we will prove in the 3rd Degree, a number of brethren, who are keen to get into the Officer Line.

As a retrospect, I remember seeing the Empty Chair Ceremony for the first time five years ago. I find it a reminiscent ceremony and quite appropriate this time of year. I hope it will leave a lasting memory in the minds of our young brethren.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

“Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude”

**Regular Meeting Summons, December ??, 2019**

Greetings my Brethren,

It is December in just a couple of days, and our Masonic Year is half-way done. I'm reminded of the song by Andy Williams: “It's the most wonderful time of the year”. And so, allow me to greet you and your families with a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Last month, I had invited members from Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 and Defenders Lodge No. 590 to see our performance of the Empty Chair Ceremony. It was pleasing to see that our brothers answered the invitation. It was equally nice to see a number of our District brethren honour the veterans by attending the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Perley Rideau Veteran's Health Centre.

This month we will host a Fraternal Visit from Chaudiere Lodge No. 264 of Ottawa District 2. I have been informed that they plan to bring a big delegation.

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In this season of joy, let's spend some quality time with our loved ones. Be safe and relax by the yule log. But don't forget, we have a meeting on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist –December 27th. Bring relatives, friends and neighbors. It'll be a great time to celebrate.

On a more solemn note, I would also like for us to remember our three brothers who this year have gone to the Grand Lodge Above: W. Bro. Joseph Pierre Laporte in January, W. Bro. David Roy Taggart in September and W. Bro. Malcolm William Bright in October. We will cherish their memories in our hearts.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 14, 2020**

Greetings my Brethren,

Happy New Year! May your 2020 be cheerful, healthy and prosperous.

First, I want to thank V.W. Bro. Sandy Stewart and his team: R.W. Bro. Gossling, Bros. Ostiguy and Halcro for the Wild Game meal on our first regular meeting in December. The Festive Board was certainly delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by our guests and brethren.

Speaking of guests, we received a number of visitors that evening: Chaudiere Lodge of Ottawa 2 District brought a big delegation, and Evergreen Lodge travelled quite a distance from Lanark. Also in attendance were Brethren from Russell Lodge, Sidney Albert Luke and Lodge Han Yang No.1048 Scottish Constitution.

Secondly, I would like to show appreciation to the Brethren who took the time to come out to our second regular meeting and celebrated the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, our Lodge's patron saint. We received that evening a number of guests interested in Freemasonry and a surprise visit from R.W. Bro. John Hawkins, DDGM of Ottawa 2 District.

Finally, let me congratulate our new initiate – Bro. Todd Hockey, and the slate of officers who have progressed this month. As the new year brings a new set of responsibilities, I am confident that our Junior Officers will be up for the challenge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 11, 2020**

Greetings my brethren,

A recap of last month, we received two more additions to our Masonic Family – Bros. Benny Cris Almonte and Ian Stirling Gallant. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming our new initiates.

At our Regular meeting this month, we will be receiving R.W. Bro. Jeffrey A. Christie, D.D.G.M. of Ottawa 1 on his official visit to our lodge. The evening will consist of Memorial Service for our deceased Life Members and Masonic Education then followed by our traditional "Feast-from-the-East" festive board.



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Also, Chaudiere Lodge, who visited us in December, will be receiving the Ottawa 2 District Travelling Gavel on February 25th. Instead of calling for an Emergent Meeting, I would like for you to join me in reciprocating a visit to them.

A little fun fact about this month, the Roman month Februarius was named after the Latin term 'februum', which means 'purification'. In ancient times, the festival of Lupercalia was observed in Rome between the 13th to the 15th of February to avert evil spirits and purify the city, releasing health and fertility.

In modern times, the month has become synonymous as the lovers' month and is typically known for St. Valentine's Day. Therefore Brethren, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Valentine's Charity Ball on February 8th. It will be a good time to bring your ladies out for an evening of socializing and at the same time, fundraising for the Charities sponsored this year by the D.D.G.M.'s of Ottawa 1 and 2 Districts.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 10, 2020**

Greetings my Brethren,

Last month was the Official Visit to our lodge of R.W. Bro. Jeffrey A. Christie, D.D.G.M. of Ottawa 1 District. I am very delighted to report that we received many well greetings and congratulations from several Brethren in the district after a successful evening.

My deep appreciation goes to Bro. Robbie David who organized the "Feast from the East"; to the brethren who contributed to the festive board; and to our junior officers and members who helped arrange the dining room and serve the meals. I also want to thank the Past Masters, who stepped in and filled the vacant chairs during the meeting.

Our trip to Chaudiere Lodge No. 264 on February 25th was just as successful. They are quite pleased that we were able to reciprocate a trip to them with a huge delegation. My gratitude goes to the Brethren who had accompanied me on the visit.

Spring is almost here, and some of us are making vacation plans to warmer weather. In a few days, I'll be heading to Nassau, Bahamas to visit Lodge Claudius R. Walker No. 1808 Scottish Constitution at their Installation. On behalf of our Lodge, I will bring fraternal greetings to our Caribbean Brothers.

Brethren, whatever your plans are for this month, I wish you an enjoyable time and safe travels.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 14, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

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### Regular Meeting Summons, May 12, 2020

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

### Civil Service Lodge No. 148 - Select Photos

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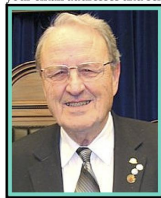
Greetings

Some good news, W.Bro. Philip Conquer celebrates his 93rd Birthday today.  
Please join us in wishing him a very happy birthday and a lovely future ahead.  
[pconquer18@gmail.com](mailto:pconquer18@gmail.com)

Sincerely & Fraternaly

W.Bro. Anwar Ibrahim  
Secretary  
Civil Service Lodge No. 148

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Special Commemoration for W. Bro. Phillip Conquer, celebrating his 93rd Birthday

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Remembrance Day, Empty Chair Ceremony  
Civil Service Lodge, November 12, 2019

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The Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Special Event held by Civil Service Lodge  
December 27, 2019



Initiation of Bro. Benny Almonte at Civil Service Lodge  
January 14, 2019

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**Goodwood Lodge No. 159, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1863**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20

Meets the first Tuesday of each Month except July & August

**Goodwood Lodge No. 159 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 3, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conduct the business of Goodwood Lodge No. 159.</li> <li>Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 1, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Ballot on Candidates upon receipt of a favourable report of the Committee of Investigation.</li> <li>To conduct a 3rd Degree on eligible Candidates</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive the Traveling Gavel</li> <li>To Ballot on Candidates upon receipt of a favourable report from the Committees of Investigation.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 3, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conduct the business of Goodwood Lodge.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 7, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ballot on eligible candidates.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 4, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Fraternal visit to Temple Lodge No. 665.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 3, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive the Annual Fraternal visit from Temple Lodge No. 665.</li> <li>To Receive the DDGM on his Official Visit.</li> <li>To ballot on eligible candidates.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	March, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 7, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 7, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	June 4, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	June, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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**Goodwood Lodge No. 159 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

<b>Regular Meeting Summons, September 3, 2019</b> No Master's Message this month.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, October 1, 2019</b> No Master's Message this month.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, November 5, 2019</b> No Master's Message this month.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, December 3, 2019</b> No Master's Message this month.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, January 7, 2020</b> No Master's Message this month.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, February 4, 2020</b> No Master's Message this month.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, March 3, 2020</b> No Master's Message this month.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, April ??, 2020</b> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, May ??, 2020</b> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, June ??, 2020</b> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .

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**Goodwood Lodge No. 159 - Select Photos**



Goodwood Lodge, Conferring Third Degree, October 1, 2019



Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, to Goodwood Lodge  
March 4, 2020



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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, to Goodwood Lodge  
March 4, 2020

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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, to Goodwood Lodge  
March 4, 2020

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**Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1870**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the third Tuesday of each Month except June, July & August

**Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Receive Petitions.</li> <li>● Business.</li> <li>● Worshipful Master's Report From Grand Lodge.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 15, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Worshipful Master's Report From Grand Lodge.</li> <li>● W. Bros. Ron Taylor and Ken Bickley will be receiving their 25 Years A Mason pins and certificates at this month's regular meeting.</li> <li>● The lodge would also like to congratulate W. Bro. David Armstrong, Bros. Bruce Davis and Jovan Rados on also achieving their 25 Years A Mason milestones.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Receive R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, DDGM Ottawa District One, on his Official Visit to the Lodge of Fidelity.</li> <li>● To Raise Bro. Marc Viau to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual Christmas Party.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 21, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Receive the Traveling Gavel from St. John's Lodge No. 63.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 18, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To receive Petitions.</li> <li>● To conduct Lodge Business.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	February, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conduct the annual visitation to the Perley &amp; Rideau Veterans Center.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 17, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: While there was no indication that this meeting was cancelled, it is assumed that the meeting was not held. This was due to the Grand Master's Directives of March 13th and 16th, 2020 to cancel all Masonic gatherings for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
Emergent	April 14, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A double Second Degree for Bro. Elias Houkayem and Bro. Terence Kazimierzczak (as requested by Goldstream Lodge #161 of Victoria, B.C., Bro. Kazimierzczak's Mother Lodge).</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: While there was no indication that this meeting was cancelled, it is assumed that the meeting was not held. This was due to the Grand Master's Directives of March 13th and 16th, 2020 to cancel all Masonic gatherings for the foreseeable future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 21, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 19, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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**Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 17, 2019**

Good day all,

The end of the summer is here and a new Masonic Year is about to start. First of all, I am happy to say we have not lost a member this summer to the Great Architect.

Sadly, Bro. Bruce Bowes is not doing too well. If you have time, give him a call to see how he is doing. W. Bro. Glenn Gariepy and his wife have had a hard summer as Brenda's mother lost her fight with cancer. This will also be Glenn's last year as Secretary! The end of an era.

This year will be our roll up to our 150th celebration. We have lots to do to be ready for next year and we need everyone's help. If you cannot come to lodge due to personal commitments, that's okay. We have things that we need done that may take just a little bit of your time. Please help out in any way you can! If you cannot make it out this year please let me or the Jr. Warden, W. Bro. Ron Taylor, know as we need to plan for this year's festive boards.

Also, if you need help in any way or know of a brother / Widow in need of help please, please let someone know or contact me anytime. Even if it is just to catch up.

Keeping this in mind, we will be needing help with the first BBQ fundraiser for the Masonic Hall. We need help and we need to step up for this. Lodge of Fidelity #231 was key in having this new home for all the Lodges that meet here. We all need to buy tickets for this event even if you cannot attend. You can also make a donation to the foundation. If you know of a corporate sponsor, (or can be one), that may be of help please contact V.W. Bro. Larry Harvey or W. Bro. Jim Kent. We need to invest in our location or we will not have a Lodge to go to.

Please stay safe and hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Jordie Yeo

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 15, 2019**

No Master's Message this month.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 19, 2019**

No Master's Message this month.

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 17, 2019**

No Master's Message this month.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 21, 2020**

No Master's Message this month.

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 18, 2020**

No Master's Message this month.

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 17, 2020**

No Master's Message this month.

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<b>Regular Meeting Summons, April 21, 2020</b>
Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, May 19, 2020</b>
Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .

**Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 - Select Photos**

Unfortunately, no photos were available for The Lodge of Fidelity.



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**Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371, GRC In The Province Of Ontario -  
Instituted 1879**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the fourth Friday of each Month except June, July & August

**Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 25, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To confer degrees on eligible candidates.</li></ul>
Emergent	September, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 25, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To confer Degrees on eligible candidates.</li></ul>
Emergent	October 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 23, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To Receive the District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District 1, R. W. Bro. Jeff Christie on his official visit to Prince of Wales Lodge #371.</li><li>• To prove Brothers in the Third Degree.</li><li>• To have some Masonic Education.</li><li>• To ballot on Mr. Andrew McKay, and Mr. Ayman Hassouneh for application to join Prince of Wales Lodge #371.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 13, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To perform our Memorial Service. Invite families and friends to the Service.</li><li>• To move upstairs for our Annual Military Whist Night.</li></ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>
Regular	January 24, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To invest Bro. Anthony Lauzon to the office of Junior Deacon.</li><li>• To ballot on the petition of Mr. Ayman Hassouneh to join Prince of Wales Lodge #371.</li><li>• To Initiate Mr. Kevin Gorr and Mr. Reid Mulligan into the Mysteries and Privileges of Ancient Freemasonry.</li></ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting held.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	February 22, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masonic Education.</li> <li>• Balloting on two Applicants for Initiation. Mr. Matheus Higino De Oliveira Cassimiro, sponsored by W. Bro. Ian Hooker and W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis; and Mr. Rene Bueneman, sponsored by Bro. Rodney Nelson and V. W. Bro. Geoff Sheppard</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 27, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued for the March Regular or Emergent meetings.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued for the March Regular or Emergent meetings.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 24, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 22, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Masonic meetings were cancelled by a directive from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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**Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 25, 2019**

Brethren,

Summer is drawing to a close and it is time to resume our labours. As always, attending GrandLodge was worthwhile for the abundant fraternity and once again I bought more books than I can actually read. The address by the outgoing Grand Master was most interesting, a portion of which I shared with you by email in July.

It was a great pleasure to see so many of you at the lodge BBQ in July, for which we all owe our thanks to Bro. Waara and his family.

Please note the changes to our GP and Regular Meetings this month. This is to accommodate a fundraiser for our own Bro. Steve Anderson on Fri 27 Sep 19.

The Work of the evening on Wed 25 Sep 19 will be to initiate two candidates into our Mysteries. I look forward to seeing you then.

*Put thy trust in God, know thyself, act honorably, content thyself with little, avoid show, hear without speaking, be discreet, learn to spare your inferiors, to submit to your superiors, to assist your equals; be active, agreeable, independent, learn the art of living well –and that of dying.*

W. Bro. Ian D. Hooker, WM,  
Prince of Wales Lodge #371

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 25, 2019**

Brethren,

Thanksgiving is traditionally set aside to remember those blessings we have already received from the G.A.O.T.U. But a man of genuine humility is always a thankful soul, full of gratitude all year round. The man who recognizes and accepts the poverty of his soul throws himself upon the mercy of God, a crucial step in any Masonic journey and familiar to every Brother of the Craft.

The official visit of our DDGM will take place next month, at our Regular meeting in November, when we will have our recently raised Master Masons returning their Work. It has been rescheduled from October to November at his request.

The Work of the evening on Friday 25 Oct 19 will be the Ballot and to raise Bro. Simon Cridland to the Sublime Degree. I look forward to seeing you then.

*The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity.*

W. Bro. Ian D. Hooker, WM,  
Prince of Wales Lodge #371

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 22, 2019**

Brethren,

The Official Visit of our DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, is fast approaching on Friday 22 Nov 19. In accordance with our Bylaws, lodge will tyle at 7 pm that night, with the Festive Board following. The evening promises to be quite interesting with some diverse Work: Master Masons proving their proficiency, special presentations, balloting, and a Question and Answer session with the DDGM, where he will answer

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questions on the theme of, “why will a new member attend lodge?” We need to prepare a set of questions on this theme to pose to the DDGM and I would welcome submissions from every member of the lodge.

The Festive Board following Lodge will be pulled chicken, catered by V.W. Bro. Kevin Ziegler, who also did the banquet for Installation Night last May. The cost will be \$20 and the Stewards would certainly appreciate additional volunteers to assist with the clean up afterwards.

Finally, in this season of Remembrance, I found the following words to be meaningful:

*“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.... It rather comes from Masonry's espousal of the brotherhood of all men.... 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.”* – Museum of Freemasonry, Sydney, Australia.

W. Bro. Ian D. Hooker, WM,  
Prince of Wales Lodge #371

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 13, 2019**

Brethren,

Thank you to everyone who supported our DDGM's official visit. The evening required lots of preparation by many people and I appreciate all the efforts made by everyone who participated. Thanks also to the group that was able to travel to Almonte the previous evening to visit Mississippi Lodge to see our Bro. Wonham passed to the second degree. The Worshipful Master of Mississippi Lodge also greatly appreciated our lodge's contribution to that evening.

I am personally looking forward to our annual Memorial Service and Social Event on Fri 13 December. We will have a very brief tyled meeting followed immediately by a Memorial Service that is open to all and an opportunity for our guests to ask questions about masonry. The night will be capped off with a potluck meal and Military Whist. The potluck will be true potluck – I am personally hoping that everyone brings chocolate cake. Be sure to extend an invitation to the evening to family and friends, including those men you know who might make good masons.

Our Work on our 24 January Regular Meeting will be a double Entered Apprentice degree, which will be a special evening for our candidates.

During the forthcoming holidays, may the Great Architect of the Universe deliver us from egotism and selfishness, make us truly thankful for the blessings we have already received and assist us as we continue to pursue the Grand Principals of our order.

W. Bro. Ian D. Hooker, WM,  
Prince of Wales Lodge #371

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 24, 2020**

Brethren,

I hope the New Year finds you hale and hearty, in this peculiar winter (last weekend's weather of -24 and 30 cm of snow was the coldest storm in over 100 years).

Our Work on our 24 January Regular Meeting will be a double Entered Apprentice degree, which will be a special evening for our candidates. We will also ballot on a

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petition. I also hope to have finished a short presentation on an unusual word found in our ritual that is loaded with significance.

W. Bro. Ian D. Hooker, W.M.,  
Prince of Wales Lodge #371

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 28, 2020**

Brethren,

Our Regular Meeting in February will feature some Masonic Education focused on a particular word in the Entered Apprentice degree ritual, which I hope will be both interesting and enlightening.

I also hope to ballot on Applicants, pending the results of the Committees of Inquiry. We have at least two candidates for Initiation at an Emergent Meeting on Friday the 13th March, 2020, where I hope as many members as possible will be present to support them.

Looking further ahead, at our 27th of March 2020 Regular Meeting, we will pass Bro. Brandon Northwood to the Second Degree and also receive the Travelling Gavel. On Wednesday, the 8th of Apr 2020, we will transmit the Travelling Gavel to Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, and I hope that we will have a respectable sized visiting group that night.

Finally, as this winter drags on in a cold and most dreary manner, I can only wish that the Groundhog had been dealt with properly - not using "lenient means" but having "recourse to rigorous" methods.

*The ways of Virtue are beautiful: Knowledge is attained by degrees: Wisdom dwells with contemplation: There we must seek her.*

W. Bro. Ian Hooker,  
Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 27, 2020**

*Note from the District Historian: The absence of a Summons for March 2020 is a strong indication that this meeting was cancelled. This was due to the Grand Master's Directives of March 13th and 16th, 2020 to cancel all Masonic gatherings for the foreseeable future.*

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 24, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 22, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the GrandMaster on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

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**Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 - Select Photos**

Unfortunately, no photos were available for Prince of Wales Lodge.

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**Carleton Lodge No. 465, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1904**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20

Meets the fourth Thursday of each Month except July & August

**Carleton Lodge No. 465 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conduct the regular business of the Lodge.</li> <li>To receive applications and petitions.</li> <li>To announce and vote on various motions.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 24, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To welcome R.W. Bro. Jeffery A. Christie, D.D.G.M. Ottawa District No. One on his official visit to Carleton Lodge.</li> <li>To pass prepared candidates to the Second Degree.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 28, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To welcome W. Bro. Michael Harrower W.M. and Brethren of Madawaska Lodge No. 148 of this their annual fraternal visit to Carleton Lodge</li> <li>To welcome W. Bro. Jim Bowman and Brethren of Russell Lodge No. 479 to present the traveling gavel.</li> <li>To Raise prepared brethren to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 12, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To hold a Family Christmas “potluck” Dinner at 6pm, prior to the meeting.</li> <li>To ballot on the Application for Affiliation received from Bro. Mathew Pulleyblank of Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, recommended by W. Bro. Sean Downey, WM and V.W. Bro. Blake Farmer.</li> <li>To ballot on the Application for Initiation received from Mr. Michael Gordon Smith, recommended by W. Bro. Sean Downey WM and Bro. Harry Mercer.</li> <li>To ballot on the Application for Restoration received from Br. George Schell, Carleton Lodge, Roll Number 292.</li> </ul>



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Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 23, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Prove Bro. Duff Sullivan's proficiency as a Master Mason.</li> <li>To Ballot on the Application for Initiation received from Mr. Michael Gordon Smith, recommended by W. Bro. Sean Downey WM and Bro. Harry Mercer.</li> <li>Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 27, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ballot on the Application for Initiation received from Mr. Michael Gordon Smith.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: This meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm and dangerous driving conditions.</i></p>
Emergent	February, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 26, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued for the March Regular or Emergent meetings.</li> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: This was due to the Grand Master's Directives of March 13th and 16th, 2020 to cancel all Masonic gatherings for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>*</b>	
Emergent	March 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued for the March Regular or Emergent meetings.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: This was due to the Grand Master's Directives of March 13th and 16th, 2020 to cancel all Masonic gatherings for the foreseeable future.</i></p>
Regular	April 23, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all</li> </ul>

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			Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .
Regular	May 28, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	June 25, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	June 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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**Carleton Lodge No. 465 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 19, 2019**

Brethren:

Welcome back to a new Masonic Year at Carleton Lodge. I hope that your summer was spent enjoying friends, family and the warm weather. A special thanks to all of the Brethren who attended and took part in the Masonic memorial services for R.W. Bro. Bob Bouchard and most recently V. W. Bro. Dalton Carry. It was a fitting send off for much loved and respected Brethren.

September is an important month for our community with the 156th Carp Fair taking place Sept 26 -29th. The bond between the Fair and Lodge is longstanding. Sharing many members and volunteers, Carleton Lodge will continue the tradition of holding our meeting a week early so that our members can fully participate in both the Lodge and the Fair. I encourage our membership to enjoy and volunteer with the best little fair in Canada.

One of my primary goals for this year is to build and strengthen our membership. I encourage you to open new conversations and to follow-up with friends who have expressed an interest in Masonry.

I look forward to seeing you in the Lodge.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Sean Downey, W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 24, 2019**

Brethren:

It was an honour sitting in the East for the first time last month. It will be an evening that I will always remember fondly.

As the seasons change and the leaves change colour, I'm reminded of the beauty of the Ottawa Valley and the kindness of our friends, neighbours and brotherhood.

This time of year of the perfect time for visiting Lodges in and around our District. Visitation is one of the greatest privileges of Masonry and a wonderful opportunity to explore different sectors of District. If you're interested in visiting, but would prefer not to go alone, feel free to reach out to me as I am hoping to increase my visiting this year.

This month, we are fortunate to have our official visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie. We anticipate an enjoyable evening of learning and fellowship.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Sean Downey, W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 28, 2019**

Brethren:

Thanks to all who attended and participated in our October regular meeting. I believe that our D.D.G.M., the R. W. Bro. Jeffery Christie, enjoyed Carleton Lodge's warm

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hospitality on his first official visit. The work of the evening was well done and I'm pleased to welcome Bro. Duff Sullivan to the FC degree.

There is good reason to be excited for November's regular meeting. We are looking forward to welcoming the Brethren of Russell Lodge No. 479 with the Travelling Gavel. Our Brethren from Madawaska Lodge No. 196 are joining us on their Fraternal Visit. It will be an hour to raise Carleton Lodge's own Bro. Duff Sullivan and Madawaska Lodge's Bro. Brandon Potter (grandson of our late V.W. Bro. Ray Toner) to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

As an added incentive to come to Carleton Lodge in November, this month is our famous Wild Game - Poor Man's "RoadKill" dinner. Our Brethren have been hiding in tree stands, scouring ditches and braving the elements to supply the goods for one of the most revered Festive Boards on the Ottawa Masonic schedule.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternally, Sean Downey, W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 12, 2019**

Brethren:

Thanks to all who attended and participated in our November regular meeting. The spirit of Freemasonry was on full display with two Lodges working together to Raise two worthy brethren to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

It was a pleasure hosting Madawaska Lodge No. 196 on their Fraternal Visit and many thanks to their Members who participated in the work. Similarly, it was an honour to accept the Travelling Gavel from a goodly delegation from Russell Lodge No. 479. Thanks to all members of Carleton Lodge who provided fare for the Wild Game - Poor Man's, "RoadKill" Dinner.

After a busy few months of ritual and visitation, the December meeting will focus on Fellowship. The Members of Carleton Lodge are encouraged to invite family and friends (Masons and non-Masons alike) to join us at our Annual Family Christmas pot-luck Dinner. The regular meeting will be brief. The only work scheduled is to ballot on potential candidates and affiliates.

As we head into the holiday season, let us continue to be mindful of those in need. As is tradition, Carleton Lodge will continue to support West Carleton Food Access Centre. I encourage you to consider charity as part of your Christmas plans.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Sean Downey, W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 23, 2020**

Brethren:

Thanks to all who attended and participated in our December regular meeting. I am very pleased to welcome the affiliation of Bro. Matt Pulleyblank and the restoration of Bro. George Schell. Welcome Brothers! It was also a joy to see the lodge banquet room at capacity with friends and family celebrating the Christmas season.

In December, with our Brethren from Renfrew Lodge, we also conducted a Masonic Memorial service for VW Bro Grant Stonehouse. It was a beautiful send off

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for a fine Mason. The event was well attended by both Lodges as well as a distinguished group from across Ontario including two past Grand Masters.

Looking forward to January's regular meeting, there will be a short piece of Masonic education as well as Bro. Sullivan who proved his proficiency in the Third Degree.

As we head into the heart of winter, let us continue to be mindful of those in need. These next few months are the most dangerous for those without shelter. If you are able, consider giving to one of the many worthy organizations in Ottawa to help the homeless, including the Ottawa Mission or the Shepherds of Good Hope.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Sean Downey, WM

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 27, 2020**

Brethren:

Thanks to all who attended and participated in our January regular meeting. On behalf of Carleton Lodge 465, it's with great pleasure that I welcome Bro. Duff Sullivan as a fully proven Master Mason.

Looking forward to February's regular meeting, we will be initiating a new member to the mysteries and privileges of our fraternity.

With the worst of winter hopefully behind us, let's renew our support for other lodges in the District. I encourage you to join me on making travelling a priority in the coming weeks and months.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Sean Downey, W.M.

*Also included in the February 2020 Summons was this tribute to the first Worshipful  
Master of Carleton Lodge # 465*

Cover Page

Usually our summons cover proudly displays the crest of Carleton Lodge No. 465 along with the words, "116 Years Strong". This February marks the 113th anniversary of the death of our charter master, W. Bro. George Nielson Kidd - M.P.P. who passed to the Grand Lodge above from typhoid on Feb 6th 1907 at 43 years young. But his age belies his accomplishments.

George, or "Uncle Ned" as his family called him, was elected Reeve of Huntley Township at 28 and the President of the Agricultural Society at 29. The next year at 30 he ran for Provincial office as an Independent where he trounced the Conservative incumbent on a platform to, "uphold the moral, social, intellectual, political and financial situation of rural Ontarians". Three years later at 33, the Honorable Member from Carleton ran as a Conservative and won. Six years later in 1903, at the age of 39, he persuaded like minded men to create Carleton Lodge; four short years later he died.

W. Bro. Kidd left behind a strong legacy as; a farmer, businessman, land owner and pillar of the community. A young man who assisted in developing; stores, mills,

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churches, a Masonic Lodge and other necessities of rural living. George Nielson Kidd; a truly remarkable man and an amazing Mason. \*Kudos to W. Bro.'s Fields, Pregel and Gray for cleaning up the KIDD Maple Grove monument.



**Regular Meeting Summons, March 26, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 23, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 28, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, June 25, 2020**

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**Carleton Lodge No. 465 - Select Photos**



Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie to Carleton Lodge  
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**Russell Lodge No. 479, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1906**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20

Meets the third Monday of each Month except July & August

**Russell Lodge No. 479 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 16, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investiture of the Junior Warden and Assistant Secretary for Masonic year 2019-2020.</li> <li>• Under the condition of a favorable report, to conduct a ballot on the application for Initiation received from Mr. Jimmie Lee Massey Jr.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the condition of a favorable report, to conduct a ballot on the application for initiation received from Mr. Michael Lynn Morris.</li> <li>• Conduct a First Degree for Candidate Mr. Jimmie Lee Massey.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation of candidate Michael Lynn Morris.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 15, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the condition of a Favourable Report, to conduct a ballot on the Application for Affiliation received from W. Bro. Louis Royal Barker, a member in good standing of Goodwood Lodge No. 159.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December, 2018	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 11, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise Bro. Corey Butler to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 18, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of 60 year pin to R.W. Bro. Ken Sharp.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 17, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a Second Degree for Bro. Ted Harris.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	March 16, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Lodge Business.</li> <li>Fellowship.</li> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note from the District Historian: The Grand Master's Directive of March 13, 2020 indicated that all Masonic Meetings were to be cancelled. I did not receive any communication from Russell Lodge indicating this Regular Meeting was cancelled. As a result I am unable to confirm if this meeting was actually held.</i></p>
Emergent	March 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 20, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 18, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a></li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a></li> </ul>
Regular	June 15, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a></li> </ul>
Emergent	June 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a></li> </ul>

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numerous events can take place which prevents the planned from becoming the achieved – for example, a candidate may not be ready, principal officers are absent due to their public or private avocations, weather related snowstorms may result in the cancellation of a meeting etc., etc.

### **Russell Lodge No. 479 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

#### **Regular Meeting Summons, September 16, 2019**

Greetings Brethren All,

I hope that you had a great summer and are now ready to get back to Lodge.

We have a busy year ahead of us with a few waiting degrees, and some special projects which will help out our Lodge and give us a chance to show Masonic Benevolence to those in need.

Please feel welcome to join Saturday morning, Sept 7th at 9am at the Lodge for an informal CGP meeting - all are welcome to attend. For those interested in breakfast, pop over to the diner behind the Lodge around 8am for a few eggs.

Hope to see you soon,

W.Bro. James Bowman W.M.,

Russell Lodge No. 479

#### **Regular Meeting Summons, October 21, 2019**

Greetings Brethren All,

We are off to a fantastic start for our Masonic Year, A lot of planning was discussed at our September Meeting, and it looks like we will have a very full busy year ahead of us. To start with, at our regular meeting in October, we will be doing a 1st degree for Mr. Jimmy Massie. We will also ballot on Mr. Mike Morris as a Candidate for Initiation. Reminder for those who purchased tickets from John Barber, that our annual Pig Roast is on Saturday Oct 19th.

All this and more.... come out to Lodge. I look forward to seeing each of you.

W. Bro. James Bowman, W.M.

Russell Lodge No. 479

#### **Regular Meeting Summons, November 18, 2019**

Hello Brethren,

In this month of Remembrance, let us not only remember those that served and are gone, but those amongst us who served. Thank them for their sacrifices and show them the genuine gratitude that they deserve. We have several in our own Lodge who served our country, and I find it a great honour to be in their company.

Last month, we initiated Bro. Jimmie Massey - congrats to Bro. Massey. This month, we have another 1st Degree to perform. Looking ahead, we will be participating in the annual Christmas Parade in Russell by giving out hot chocolate and beaver tails - come on out and join the fun - Sun, Nov 24th at the Lodge. Our Christmas meeting will be the usual short and fun, with a pot luck meal for the family. In January, we will also be having a short meeting, but will do this on Sat., Jan 18th at 11am, with a nice meal to follow. Again, family is encouraged to come. Bros. Thomas and Butler - we plan on elevating you to the status of Master Masons. Get ready!! See you all in Lodge.

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W.Bro. James Bowman W.M.,  
Russell Lodge No. 479

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 16, 2019**

Seasons Greetings Brethren.

I want to take this time to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holidays. I know that nobody in Russell Lodge will be getting a lump of coal - we've all been very good! How good? As an example, the members of Russell Lodge, with some assistance from Doric Lodge, under the direction of W. Bro. John Bowman and Frances Bowman, made and served hundreds of beavertails and hot chocolates to the crowd awaiting Santa at the annual Russell Christmas Parade. Through this hard, but fun work, we managed to raise over \$500 to support Naomi House -a shelter for abused women. Thanks to All!!!

I want to thank W. Bro. Norm Hotchkiss for taking the Chair of King Solomon for our Lodge for our upcoming meeting in December. Our JW, Bro. McInnis, will be arranging a pot-luck meal for that evening, and spouses are invited to come to Lodge that night and partake. The only real business for the evening is a ballot for W. W. Bro. Lou Barker who wishes to affiliate with Russell Lodge.

I also want to thank, in advance, the Brethren who can support our Lodge's annual efforts to help out St. Mary's Anglican Church - just down the street from the Lodge, as they give out Christmas meals to those who cannot afford, or who are by themselves and enjoy the company of others during this Festive Season. Bros. Hall and McInnis will be heading up this effort - please contact them as to your availability. This event will be held on Saturday, Dec 21st.

Also, in looking to the New Year, we will be putting on a 3rd Degree for Bro. Cory Butler on Saturday morning, January 11th. The following Saturday we will be having our regular January meeting at 11am, instead of the Monday night meeting on Jan, 20th. This will be, like the December meeting, a quick meeting, and a spaghetti lunch to follow. Again, this is family oriented, and spouses are encouraged to attend and enjoy.

Again, Happy Holidays,

W. Bro. James Bowman W.M.,  
Russell Lodge No. 479

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 18, 2020**

Happy New Year Brethren!!

I hope that all is well with you. We have an exciting January. First, we will be doing a 3rd Degree for Bro. Corey Butler on Saturday, January 11th, at 9:30 am.

Secondly, the following Saturday, January 18th, we will be holding a special meeting at 11:00 in the morning where we will be presenting Rt. W. Bro. Ken Sharp with his 60 year pin. This will be a short meeting followed by a Fireman's Spaghetti Lunch afterwards. Your Ladies are WELCOME to join in this meal. I promise the meeting to be short. I hope to see a good Russell turnout.

W. Bro. James Bowman, W.M.,  
Russell Lodge No. 479

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**Regular Meeting Summons, February 17, 2020**

Greetings Brethren All,

First, I want to thank everyone that was able to make it out to our January meeting on Saturday January 18th for the special recognition and a 60 year pin presentation to R.W. Bro. Ken Sharp. Russell Lodge as an organisation, and us as members and friends, are blessed to have a man such as Ken in our ranks. He truly is one of our pillars.

Coming up in our February meeting, we will be doing a Fellowcraft Degree for Bro. Ted Harris. All are encouraged to attend and support Ted along his Masonic Journey. Officers and members refer to a notice sent out by W. Bro. Luck in regards to your work assignments.

Keep an eye out for an email or a phone call from Bro. Gifford who is organizing a Lodge wing-night for either the 27th or 28th of February. Ladies are welcome too. W. Bro. James Bowman, W.M.

Russell Lodge No. 479

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 16, 2020**

Happy St. Patty's Brethren. Even if you are not Irish, the happy spirit of the Green Shamrocks can lead us all out of the gloom of winter. It's almost done!

Our meeting in March will be a short one, but a fun one. We will look after business as usual and do some planning for the upcoming Curling Bonspiel on the 28th of March. But we also have something special.... Recently we had three of our Brethren, (The Three Amigos), travel to Cuba and they will relate their experiences to us at the end of the meeting. I am looking forward to their presentation.

W. Bro. James Bowman, W.M.

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*Note from the District Historian: The Grand Master's Directive of March 13, 2020 indicated that all Masonic Meetings were to be cancelled. I did not receive any communication from Russell Lodge indicating this Regular Meeting was cancelled. As a result I am unable to confirm if this meeting was actually held.*

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 20, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 18, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, June 15, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).



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Traveling Gavel from Goodwood Lodge to Russell Lodge  
November 18, 2019



Traveling Gavel from Goodwood Lodge to Russell Lodge  
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**Traveling Gavel from Goodwood Lodge to Russell Lodge  
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**Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1914**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the third Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

**Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Balloting</li><li>● One or More Second Degrees are Planned.</li><li>● Recognition of 50 Years Service Ceremony.</li></ul>
Emergent	September 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 16, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Welcome the Deputy Grand Master and the DDGM for Ottawa District One.</li><li>● Recognition of three Brethren with 50 Years of Service as Freemasons.</li></ul>
Emergent	October 23, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To initiate Mr. Anthony Francisco.</li></ul>
Regular	November 20, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A Third Degree is planned.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● General Business.</li><li>● Potluck dinner with family and friends.</li></ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	January 15, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Masonic Education.</li></ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	February 19, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Receive the Travelling Gavel from the Lodge of Fidelity No. 231</li><li>● Balloting for initiation and affiliation, (pending favourable reports).</li><li>● A Third Degree is Planned.</li></ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting was held.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	March 18, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DDGM's Official Visit to Hazeldean Lodge.</li> <li>• A First Degree is planned.</li> <li>• Annual Chili Contest.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 15, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Summons was issued, but indicated that all meetings were cancelled for the foreseeable future.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 20, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Summons was issued, but indicated that all meetings were cancelled for the foreseeable future.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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**Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 18, 2019**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

Another summer has passed by, and it does seem that they go faster every year. The upside is the lodge will soon be at work. I am looking forward to a great year of celebrating milestones, welcoming new members and celebrating with a Brother as he progresses in the craft.

Going forward in September we will be conducting a second degree, think back to your second degree and remember the anticipation on your first opportunity to put your memory work and practice on display. I believe it is one of the most important steps in your masonic career and the themes of education are extremely relevant to all.

You often hear about the importance of visitation and the reason is because.... it is important. By experiencing other lodges, you experience two things; an experience of sameness that echoes in Masonry and a greater appreciation of your mother lodge. I will be visiting at least one lodge per month as well as the DDGM nights. If you wish to accompany me, give me a call or email and we can travel together. There is no greater time to really get to know your brothers than on a road trip.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Paul Parent, WM, Hazeldean Lodge

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 16, 2019**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

The start of another Masonic year was certainly a full evening, I am very proud of the fine work exhibited by the officers of Hazeldean Lodge. It is often said that the September meeting meant to be a practice for the rest of the year, if that is so, the upcoming year looks great.

This month we have the privilege of recognizing some of our brethren who have achieved fifty years in the craft. On our initiation day do we ever think that we could be here fifty years later celebrating this milestone. We are fortunate to have the Deputy Grand Master Thomas W. Hogeboom and the Deputy District Grand Master Jeff Christie in attendance to celebrate this occasion.

A week later we will meet again to initiate a brother into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. October will be a month to celebrate the different stages of a brother's Masonic career, may we count ourselves fortunate to have the privilege of being members of this noble fraternity.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Paul Parent WM, Hazeldean Lodge

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 20, 2019**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

The month of October was a time to reflect on blessings received over the last year and to recognize the achievements of brethren who have dedicated over fifty years to the craft. We were also fortunate enough to participate in the initiation of a new brother. The different stages of a masonic career are all to be celebrated.

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This month we will be raising a brother to the sublime degree of a master mason. Yet another milestone to be celebrated. Be sure to join us in acknowledging a brother as he ascends the winding stair and beyond....

This month we also pay homage to those who have served our country. To those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who live with the scars we thank you for your service. Many thanks to the Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge who have served and all Veterans.

Please join me on November 11th at the Kanata Cenotaph as we lay a wreath on behalf of the lodge for Remembrance Day

Sincerely And Fraternally,

Paul Parent, WM, Hazeldean Lodge

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 18, 2019**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

The holiday season is upon us and it is an important time of fellowship and reflection.

The past month was split between reflection on the impact of war and then the start of the sometimes overwhelming holiday promotion. Take some time this month to reflect on what is important to you this holiday season and celebrate this.

As such we will be getting together with friends and family at our meeting in December.

Please bring your loved ones to the lodge and your favourite holiday treats, savoury or sweet to share. We will open and close quickly, then spend the time with our brethren and families.

In January we start another calendar year and focus on self improvement and goal setting. The future is bright and your membership in the fraternity gives you the tools to work to success.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best in 2020!

Sincerely And Fraternally,

Paul Parent, WM, Hazeldean Lodge

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 15, 2020**

No Worshipful Master Message.

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 19, 2020**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

The meeting in January was a very nice change up from degree work. We were fortunate to have the past Grand Master M.W. Bro Paul E. Todd in attendance. His comments at the end of the meeting were relevant to the topics discussed earlier that evening and then tied into his experiences as Grand Master.

This month we are raising a brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason as well as welcoming Brethren from the Lodge of Fidelity who will be delivering the Travelling Gavel into our care. Please join me on March 5 as we deliver the Travelling Gavel to St. Andrews Lodge.

I look forward to sitting with you in Lodge this month.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Paul Parent, WM, Hazeldean Lodge 517.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, March 18, 2020**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

It is amazing how fast this year is passing. We have been fortunate to have had a varied schedule this year and it is always encouraging to see Brothers progress in the Craft. At this month's meeting a new Brother will join the Fraternity.

This month we will be welcoming the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. Jeff Christie on his official visit to Hazeldean Lodge. I would encourage you all to attend and show off the excellent fellowship enjoyed at our Lodge.

Every year in March we also have our annual Hazeldean Lodge Chili Cook-off. This is a great time to show off your culinary skills and be declared champion. Your name will be recorded on the Hazeldean Chili Cup for future Brethren to admire.

Please join me March 5th at St. Andrew's Lodge for the presentation of the Travelling Gavel. They tyle at 7:30 at the Walkley Road Masonic Temple.

Sincerely And Fraternally,

Paul Parent, WM, Hazeldean Lodge 517.

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 15, 2020**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your families. In times like this we are all in need of some support. Sometimes the act of helping another is where we find our greatest satisfaction. How Masonic!

The only thing that is certain is that it is impossible to clearly anticipate what lies ahead. What we do know is this; lodge meetings as we know it are cancelled for at least the rest of this Masonic year. We will be meeting online on Tuesday the 21st of April. This will be a meeting of the Committee of General Purposes to conduct the business of running the lodge. Please attend and bring any ideas of things we may do as a lodge to better weather this pandemic.

If you are in need of assistance or are aware of someone who is in distress, please let the lodge know so that we might assist ourselves or help in finding aid. These circumstances of calamity and distress should remind us of the practice of that virtue we all admire – I mean Charity.

Please be safe and stay healthy.

Paul Parent, WM, Hazeldean Lodge 517.

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 20, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).



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Hazeldean Lodge, recognition of four members who are 50 years a Mason,  
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October 16, 2019



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Hazeldean Lodge, recognition of four members who are 50 years a Mason,  
October 16, 2019



Hazeldean Lodge Emergent Meeting, Initiation of Mr. Anthony Francisco  
October 23, 2019

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**Sidney Albert Luke No. 558, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1919**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the second Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

**Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 11, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masonic Education</li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 9, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 63.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 23, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation of Mr. Jeffrey Douglas Flack.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 14, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official Visit of the DDGM R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Christie.</li> <li>• Masonic Education.</li> <li>• Receive the Silver Trowel.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 11, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 8, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masonic Presentations.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 12, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct the Master Masons Degree for Bro. Alsharif.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 11, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passing Bro. Chard.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 26, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passing Bro. Leigh-Mossley.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 8, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	May 13, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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**Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 11, 2019**

Brethren!

Welcome back to our new Masonic year which promises to be a great one. We finished last year with a bang as we initiated two new Brethren who are very eager to start their masonic journey, so let's ensure they have our utmost support in doing so.

In the past few years, our Lodge has seen an upswing of activity and new members thanks to the great leadership and the Brethren who supported them. My goal this year is to keep that upswing going in hopes that we continue to grow closer as a Lodge, and as brothers.

Our upcoming year promises to be a busy one as our own Right Worshipful Brother Jeff Christie is our District Deputy Grand Master and as we celebrate our 100 years, we're in for a big show.

Our first meeting should be an interesting one as we will have a presentation from our newest members and their views on their initiation.

Let's all come to support each other and enjoy new perspectives.

W Bro Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 9, 2019**

Brethren!

Our first meeting is now behind us and it was a great success thanks to all of your participation. The lectures we received by our newest candidates were heartfelt and inspiring. Let's keep that flame of inspiration lit throughout the year.

Our next meeting will be a short one, but will champion one of the strongest qualities of Masonry; Visitation. We are taking this opportunity to visit one of our sister Lodges, not only on our regular meeting night, but on their Official Visit by our very own R.W. Bro. Christie.

Let this be one of the first, out of many visits during the year as we continue to support our fellow Brethren in the District.

As visitation is a cornerstone of Masonry, let us all ensure we continue doing so to encourage Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 14, 2019**

Brethren!

Another month has passed and as a Lodge, we have done amazing work. We attended a Lodge meeting that we rarely have the opportunity to visit due to our scheduling conflict of having our meetings on the same night. Because of everyone's willingness to work together, we made it happen. To me, that shows the true meaning of a fraternal bond and brotherly love. In that meeting we were able to support R.W. Bro. Christie on his Official Visit with perfect attendance. Amazing! Could I ask for more? I did, and the call was answered. At an emergent meeting we initiated our newest Brother in a flawless degree. We should all be proud.

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As we look forward to the upcoming months, we will be busy with visits, socials and degrees. Let us keep up our hard work and have fun doing it.

Our next meeting will be our own Official Visit, where I hope we can share some history, meet new Brethren from Prince Hall Lodge as they bring with them the Silver Trowel, and hear more inspirational notes from our DDGM.

Brethren, we will meet on the level.

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 11, 2019**

Brethren!

At our last meeting, we hosted our very own Right Worshipful Brother Christie on his Official visit where we learned a great deal about the history of our Lodge, our namesake Sydney Albert Luke, and our newest member, Jeff Flack during a very successful night of fun and fraternal bonding.

With that stronger bond and tighter lodge, let's continue our amazing work and move forward together with some of our current ongoing projects to help out our community and to give back as much as Freemasonry has given to us. This weekend we will be helping The Christie Lake Camp for Kids with their Christmas party and throughout the Masonic Year, we will still be collecting clothes for Biker's Church and hats for Cap for kids.

At our upcoming meeting, we will listen to some Masonic education and an informative talk that will teach more about Freemasonry to our newest members and remind the more veteran members about certain pieces that could have been forgotten. Let's prepare ourselves for the great season of giving and for our next degree work.

Again, thank you brethren for your continuous support and helping to make Sydney Albert Luke Lodge a strong and active home away from home.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 8, 2020**

Brethren,

The holidays are over and we have a new year ahead of us with lots of work and fun times to look forward to.

As we prepare for the upcoming degrees to bring our newest Brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, let's ensure we continue to get together for laughs, good conversations and to strengthen relationships.

As we continue to progress with our current project of collecting clothes for Bikers Church, we might even need to do a mid-year delivery since we have accumulated such a large amount of donations; great work!

As a Lodge, we've done so much to help so many people, to me, that is the definition of Masonry. Great work to all as none of this could have been accomplished if it weren't for your help.

The next big event is the Valentine's Day Charity Ball which is right around the corner. Let's participate in large numbers to show support to our DDGM and the



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District Charity. This is another way for us to help out a great cause and to have fun at the same time.

Thank you all,

S&F,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 12, 2020**

Hello Brethren,

At our last meeting we had guests come and give us a lot of valuable information on our other Masonic Bodies. They are all great organizations that would be more than happy to help elaborate on many of the teachings we've gone through in our Craft Lodge. If you have any interests, simply ask the question and you will be given all the information you desire.

As we look back at our Masonic year, We have been keeping busy. Our social calendar has kept us on our toes, spending some good Brotherly love at the table and sharing drinks, stories and laughs. Let's continue those same fraternal feelings as we move forward to the last few meetings of the year. Coming up will be some busy times, but some fun times. Let's all help each other as we prepare to bring other Brothers to the next level in their Masonic Careers.

Thank you all,

S&F,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 11, 2020**

Hello Brethren,

I want to firstly congratulate our newest Raised Master Mason, Jamal Alsharif. You have shown us that your love for Masonry is great, as you demonstrated with proficiency during your ceremony. Also, let's not forget the great work given by everyone who performed during the ceremony. Everyone has been working diligently together to create a memorable experience for your newest members to carry with them for their Masonic careers.

Three more degrees now await. I have the utmost confidence that they will be as magnificent as the previous degrees have been. Brethren, we keep improving and that is one of the biggest components of Freemasonry itself; to continue to better ourselves.

From now until the end of March, we have many things to look forward to that will keep us busy. Let us continue our hard work and dedication to ensure our motivation continues to grow further and let's all remember that we, as brothers, are always available if you need a helping hand in whatever situation.

Let us never forget that Brotherly love, Relief and Truth will always be in our hearts.

Thank you all,

S&F,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

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<b>Regular Meeting Summons, April 8, 2020</b>
Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, May 13, 2020</b>
Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> .

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**Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558 - Select Photos**



Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie to Sidney Albert Luke Lodge  
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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie to Sidney Albert Luke Lodge  
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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie to Sidney Albert Luke Lodge  
November 13, 2019

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**St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1920**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the first Thursday of each Month except July & August

**St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Outline of year.</li><li>● Report on Grand Lodge.</li><li>● Masonic Education</li></ul>
Emergent	September 19, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A social outing in lieu of an Emergent Meeting.</li></ul>
Regular	October 3, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To confer the Third Degree for Bro. Christopher Bazinet.</li><li>● Masonic Education.</li></ul>
Emergent	October 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Visit to Doric Lodge for the Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie.</li></ul>
Regular	November 7, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To open the Lodge and welcome any visitors.</li><li>● To Conduct the essential business of the Lodge.</li><li>● To close the Lodge by 8:10 p.m.</li><li>● Following the close of Lodge, to welcome our guests, our ladies, family members, friends and several prospective applicants.</li><li>● To celebrate (at 8:15 p.m.) our Annual Memorial Night/ Remembrance Service using the Empty Chair Ceremony, conducted by R.W. Bro. John Moor, assisted by members of the Lodge.</li><li>● To enjoy a special Festive Board in the dining room.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 21, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To Confer the Third Degree for Bro. Morgan Bayliss.</li></ul>
Regular	December 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To welcome our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jeffrey A. Christie, on his Official Visit to our Lodge</li><li>● To conduct a candlelight reading of the Ancient Charges;</li></ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting held.</li></ul>



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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	January 10, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Mark our 100th Anniversary with education: our Lodge history; Retiring the 100 year-old Membership Ledger; and some discussion.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 6, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ballot on two applications for initiation. Mr. Richard Hash and Mr. Daniel Delatourborn</li> <li>To proceed upstairs for our Robbie Burns' Night.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 20, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive Masonic Education from R.W. Bro. Angus Gillis.</li> <li>To conduct a Lodge of Discussion.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 5, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive the Travelling Gavel from Hazeldean Lodge</li> <li>To Conduct Initiations for Mr. Richard Hash and Mr. Daniel Delatour.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 14, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Special Silver to Gold Ceremony</b> conducted by The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Campbell and other Grand Lodge Officers participating.</li> <li>St. Andrew's will provide support as required with respect to the Opening of the Lodge and Observing &amp; Participating in this Special Ceremony.</li> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	April 2, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By command of the Grand Master on March 13, 2020, all Masonic events are suspended for an indefinite period due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• Therefore, the Worshipful Master has cancelled all meetings for the month of April. He strongly encourages the brethren to stay safe and healthy by staying home when possible, practising social distancing, limiting non-essential travel and following the guidance of public health officials.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
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**St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 5, 2019**

Brethren of St. Andrew's, welcome back!

I trust you all had a wonderful summer with your families and loved ones. First, I would like to thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of the Lodge for the ensuing year. I will do my very best to uphold the traditions, history and excellence of St. Andrew's. As we begin our masonic year, I can't help but feel the excitement. This is a special year for us, it's our Centennial. Plans have been in motion for sometime now. It's going to be a great celebration as a total of four lodges will be turning 100 years old.

My theme for this year is Brotherhood. I hope to strengthen our Lodge by having more Masonic Education, social activities and fellowship with our Brethren, as well as our families. Also, official confirmation came to me at Grand Lodge that we are once again designated a Cornerstone lodge. This is a great achievement. So let us continue to lead by example and hold ourselves to a higher standard.

I would like to continue the traditions that we've established (reading of the ancient charges, the bifurcated gavel with Renfrew Lodge, Burns' Night, etc.), and inviting special guests to our Lodge that share what else Masonry has to offer. I have a focussed team who are committed to achieving the goals I have set for the year. This is our Lodge and our year. Let's work together in getting to know one another and share ideas to help us grow. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth will not only make us stronger as a Lodge but will also cement our relationships with one another.

I am looking forward to a great year in the chair of King Solomon, and with your support, I know we can have a successful year. I'd like to encourage you to come out to different activities inside and outside the Lodge and I look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting in September.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Elias Lakkis, W.M. 2019-20

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 3, 2019**

Greetings brethren,

The first meeting in the new Masonic Year went very well. I would like to express my appreciation to all who attended.

We conducted the regular business of the Lodge, Bro. Levere gave a piece of education on the father of Scottish Freemasonry and we opened up a lodge of discussion. I was happy to listen to and see the brethren opening up their hearts and thoughts and sharing them in open lodge. The only way to achieve true brotherhood is to listen and get to know one another.

In our regular meeting, we will be conducting a 3rd Degree for Bro. Chris Bazinet. I urge you to attend in a show of support to our Lodge as well as our newer Brethren.

In lieu of an Emergent Meeting, we will be opening and closing the Lodge in order to attend, as a delegation, Doric Lodge on their D.D.G.M. Official Visit. I highly encourage all of you to be there. The D.D.G.M. will be starting his Official Visits to Lodges in our District, his visitation calendar will be shared with you so that you may attend as many as you wish. I look forward to seeing you all,

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**Regular Meeting Summons, November 7, 2019**

Brethren,

Our lodge was formed by veterans returning from WWI, who were looking to continue that fraternal bond in times of need. As we should always remember them, November is a special month of remembrance and a time for reflection to those who gave their lives so that we all can have a better life. I strongly encourage you all, with your family and friends, to attend our annual ceremony of the Empty Chair. R.W. Bro. Moor and the Officers will conduct the ceremony and Bro. Junior Warden will arrange refreshments after the close of the ceremony.

November is a busy month in the District. The DDGM continues his Official Visits as well as other events. Please refer to the Ottawa District One trestle board and attempt to attend as many as you can. Also, Remembrance Day service for Masons and families will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 10:30 am at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, 1750 Russell Road, Ottawa, Ontario. Assembly at 10 am, regalia & medals worn.

At our November Emergent we will be conducting a 3rd Degree for Bro. Morgan Bayliss. I would like to see you all attend and show your support to our brother.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Elias Lakkis, W.M. 2019-2020

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 5, 2019**

Greetings Brethren,

The festive season is upon us, and Christmas is just around the corner. It is a time for us to reflect on family, friends and loved ones. Please try to make a difference in someone's life this season and help those who are less fortunate.

We will host the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit at our regular meeting on December 5, 2019. Please make the effort to attend and show your support. Also, that night we will be reading the Ancient Charges of Masonry under candlelight. I highly encourage your attendance as this is important for all Masons to know.

The annual Christmas party for the Boys and Girls Club will be on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Volunteer workers are vital to the success of the party. The Shrine clowns will be there along with St. Nicholas himself, with gifts for all of the children. Please contact W. Bro. Gary MacLean if you wish to make a donation towards gifts for the kids.

I would like to congratulate our newest Master Mason, Bro. Morgan Bayliss who was raised on November 21, 2019. It was a special night as his father, Bro. John Bayliss, travelled across the country to be there for his son's raising. He then surprised his son by presenting him a Lewis jewel that spanned three generations. I also want to thank and congratulate our team who conducted an excellent degree. This was recognized by the high praise given by the Grand Lodge's Custodian of the Work, M.W. Bro. Don Mumby, who was in attendance.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Elias Lakkis, W.M. 2019-2020

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 10, 2020**

Happy new year Brethren!



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I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the holidays with your loved ones. Reflecting back at the first half of the masonic year, I can't help but be thankful and proud of St. Andrew's and all the support you have shown. As we now begin the second half of our masonic year, I hope you are ready as this year marks our 100th anniversary. We have many great events lined up. V.W. Bro. Kinastowski and his team continue their excellent work with the Centennial planning and progressing very well. I have no doubt It will be an excellent celebration.

Our January Regular Meeting has been moved to Friday January 10, 2020 as it would be to the day, 100 years that St. Andrew's was officially constituted. We will have a short history of our Lodge read out and after the meeting, we will enjoy a delicious festive board put on by Big Dawg Catering.

In February we will be celebrating Robbie Burns night with traditional Scottish fare and I encourage you all to attend and to invite a guest. The Valentine's Charity Ball is also a fun event not to be missed.

In March comes the big 100-year celebration. If you are able, I highly encourage you to attend as this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of our great Lodge history. That's only the first three months, and in between, we will be conducting a possible third degree and two new candidates might be on the radar.

As you can see, we will definitely be busy but I have no worry that with your continued support and enthusiastic involvement, we will be successful in this historical year. Sincerely and Fraternally, Elias Lakkis, W.M. 2019-2020

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 6, 2020**

Greetings Brethren,

Our 100 year to the day celebration was a great success and a humbling one. It was well attended and I hope it was enjoyed by all. I want to thank R.W. Bro. Campbell for his history paper that he shared with us, I was amazed to see how much past and current brethren had given to our Lodge and their example should push us to continue that tradition for generations to come.

At our regular meeting, February 6, 2020, we will be conducting one ballot for two prospective candidates, Mr. Richard Hash and Mr. Daniel Delatour. I hope that you had a chance to meet the candidates and gotten to know them better. Also, we will be celebrating Robbie Burns night with traditional Scottish fare and I encourage you all to attend and to invite a guest. Bro. Wade Myall has been working diligently in planning this very special night. Please get in touch with him ASAP to reserve your tickets. We will tyle at 7:00 pm for a short meeting then it's upstairs for haggis and all the toasts, poetry and speeches to Robert Burns. These annual Burns' Nights have been a tradition of St. Andrew's now for 40 years, so join me in the celebration.

At our February emergent meeting, R.W.Bro. Gillis will present a short paper and conduct a lodge of discussion. This is a great way to open up as a lodge and I hope to see you there.

"Some hae meat and canna eat,  
and some wad eat that want it;  
But we hae meat, and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be thankit."

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Robert Burns' Selkirk Grace  
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**Regular Meeting Summons, March 11, 2020**

Greetings Brethren,

It's been an eventful few months so far and March will not disappoint. I would like to extend my appreciation to all those who organized or participated in the annual Burns Dinner. It was a very enjoyable evening of traditional Scottish fair, poems and speeches. Special commendation goes to Bro. Wade Myall who tirelessly worked hard and ensured that Burns night was a success.

At our regular meeting on March 5, 2020, we will be conducting a double initiation for Mr. Richard Hash and Mr. Daniel Delatour. I would like to congratulate both gentlemen and wish them all the best in beginning their masonic journey. I highly encourage you all to be there in support of our new candidates.

On Monday March 2, 2020, we will be visiting and delivering the bifurcated gavel to Renfrew Lodge No. 122, in Renfrew. This is a longstanding tradition between our two Lodges, let's show our support and attend. **Please note that our CGP meeting has been moved to Monday, February 24, 2020, due to our visit to Renfrew Lodge. Save the date!**

March 14, 2020 is the Four Lodge Centennial Celebration. This is not only an opportunity to celebrate a significant and unique Masonic milestone, but also an occasion to include our significant others in the evening's festivities. This is a very important event for St. Andrew's and I cannot stress its importance. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Elias Lakkis W.M., 2019-2020

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 2, 2020**

Brethren,

I hope you and your families are keeping well during these uncertain times that we are all facing with many adversities.

It is imperative that you know that no member of St Andrew's should have to face these challenges alone. V.W. Bro. Fermoye has sent out an email sharing the contact information of Brethren who are willing and able to assist.

Please do not hesitate to use their services. We are all in this together and it will be together that we will see it through.

In compliance with Grand Lodge directives, there will be no meetings or social gatherings for April and perhaps May, only time will tell. We will do all that we can to keep you informed and to keep in touch with one another.

I encourage all of you to reach out to your brethren and see how they are doing. Sometimes a simple hello goes a long way.

Take care my Brothers, may God help us and give us strength in this difficult time.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Elias Lakkis W.M., 2019-2020

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 7, 2020**

Greetings Brethren,

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I hope that you and your families are keeping well and staying safe. As we continue to deal with this pandemic in isolation, I would like to remind you that your brethren are a call away. Keep in touch with one another and if you are in need of assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Brother Secretary had sent us the Grand Lodge communication which stated that all lodge activities are suspended until July 02, 2020. Because of this, and it is possible that this date may be extended further, our masonic activities up to the summer have been cancelled.

Normally this time of the year we would be preparing for elections and installation of lodge officers for the upcoming masonic year. The current officer line up will remain the same until the fall when we are back in Lodge.

I would like to remind the brethren that lodge dues are due before April 30, 2020. Please do your best to meet that deadline and if you foresee any issues, let myself or Brother Secretary know as soon as possible.

Virtual activities and lodge discussion will be set up so that we keep in touch with each other and keep masonic activities going. I welcome any ideas that you may have.

Take care brethren, we will get through this together.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Elias Lakkis W.M. 2019-2020

Regular Meeting Summons, June 4, 2020

Greetings Brethren,

I hope that you and your families are doing well. Summer is here and if you're like me, you want to spend as much time outdoors as possible. As provinces begin to ease restrictions, now is the time to be vigilant in order to stay safe and healthy for ourselves and others.

As for Masonic activity, I'm afraid things will remain the same for the foreseeable future. Grand Lodge has sent out its communication and we need to follow it. Let us keep in communication with our Brethren, whether through virtual calls, telephone chats or e-mails. I want to encourage all of you to keep your Masonic learning and education flourishing as we are in a time of rest. In this time of uncertainty, let us remember the four cardinal virtues in word and in practice and how they can assist us in our daily endeavors.

I miss my Brethren and I hope to see you in Lodge very soon.

S & F, Elias Lakkis W.M. 2019-2020

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### St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560 - Select Photos



St. Andrew's 100th Anniversary Meeting  
January 10, 2020

**Burns Night**

**St. Andrew's Lodge #560**

Join us in celebrating Bro. Robert Burns the mason and his contributions to Freemasonry

Date: Thurs, February 6th, 2020  
Time: Lodge tyles at 7pm, dinner to follow  
Location: Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Road  
Ticket cost: \$30  
Ladies and guests welcome

Special guest Jim Duck  
will address the haggis

For tickets contact Wade Myall at 613-894-5722  
email: wademyall@yahoo.ca

St. Andrew's, Burns Night Dinner  
February 6, 2020



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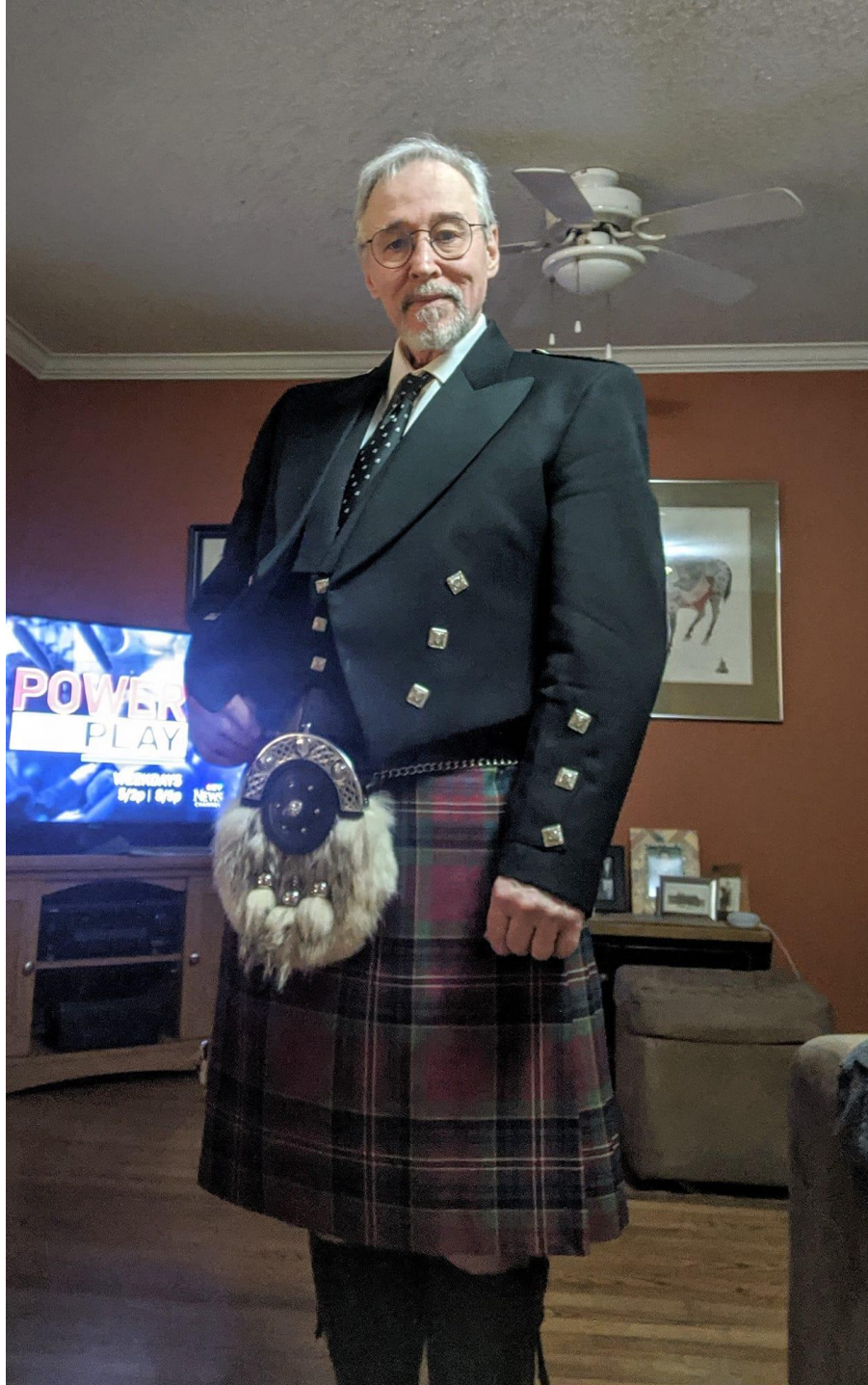


Andrew's, Burns Night Dinner  
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**Acacia Lodge No. 561, GRC In The Province of Ontario - Instituted 1920**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20

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

**Acacia Lodge No. 561 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 17, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35th Annual Grand Lodge Appreciation Night. Guest Speaker R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 15, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rusty Mason Night,</li> <li>To Raise Bro. Adam Hacker to the Third Degree with the Shrine Degree Team</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 22, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Initiate Mr. David Perkins who has been previously balloted upon.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 19, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct an Empty Chair Ceremony.</li> <li>To ballot on the Reinstatement of Bro. Christian Stumpf</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 17, 2019	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas potluck supper for members, families and friends.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 21, 2020	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive the DDGM on his Official Visit to Acacia Lodge.</li> <li>Prove a Brother in the Third Degree.</li> <li>Conduct the Annual Roll Call of Members.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 18, 2020	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To pass Bro. David Perkins to the Second Degree.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting held.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Emergent	March 14, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four Lodge Silver to Gold Ceremony</li> <li>• Sidney Albert Luke is the host Lodge.</li> <li>• Acacia will provide support as required.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 17, 2020	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masonic Education, summarizing a 100 year history of Acacia Lodge prepared by R.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns, member of Acacia Lodge and The Grand Historian.</li> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.</li> </ul>
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**Acacia Lodge No. 561 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 17, 2019**

My Brethren,

I would like to welcome you all back to Lodge after a magnificent summer, and hope that you are as excited as I am to be a member of Acacia as we step into our 100th year. Thanks are immediately due to W. Bros. Lillico and Harrison for their never-ending efforts on our behalf. While the rest of us vacationed, our Treasurer and Secretary kept the relentless machine of administration well-oiled.

Special thanks are due to V.W. Bro. Jackson and his Lady Jennifer who once again hosted the Summer BBQ. The feeling of fellowship was palpable and the Jacksons' generosity, combined with the hard work of our Junior Warden, Derek Brook and his Lady Kelly, made it a great time.

As is tradition, our first meeting in the fall will be kicked off with Grand Lodge Appreciation Night. This year's GLAN banquet is being catered by V.W. Bro. Kevin Zeigler and promises to be a culinary treat. If you are at all able, I would encourage you to contact Bro. Brook right now for a ticket. (\$25.00. call 613-407-4740 or email dbrook17@gmail.com).

Even if you cannot attend the banquet, please join us at the meeting following where R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley will be our Guest Speaker.

If you have not been out to Lodge recently, there is no time like the present to see old friends. Should you need a hand with transportation, or know of a Brother that needs our help, please let us know.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Donald Learning, Worshipful Master.

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 22, 2019**

My Brethren,

It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout for our GLAN Banquet in September, and to have had M.W. Bro. Paul E. Todd and our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jeff A. Christie, in attendance.

This month we will have two degrees as the work of our regular and emergent meetings. The Shrine Degree Team will be raising Bro. Adam Hacker to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at our regular meeting, and our DDGM will be visiting Acacia at our Emergent Meeting where we will be initiating Mr. David Perkins. Even though it will be an emergent meeting, I hope that as many of you as are able will attend to give Mr. Perkins a memorable ceremony as he joins the Craft.

Plans continue to progress on our Centennial celebration. The Silver-to-Gold Ceremony, Banquet and Dance will all take place on March 14, 2020 (Saturday). Grand Lodge has granted dispensation for the ceremony to take place at Tudor Hall, and we expect to begin accepting registration of attendees in October.

I have been pondering how we might improve our efforts to remain in touch with those of you who are not able to make it out to Lodge. Not everybody is a regular user of the internet, and the mailed summons is one-way communication. This leaves us fearful of losing contact, and worse, your interest in freemasonry. Therefore, prior to roll-call at

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our DDGM Official Visit in January, you can expect a phone call to see how you are doing. It would help us to stay up-to-date on your circumstances and give a proper accounting of your situation to the brethren.

I hope you will welcome our call, and remember that we are thinking of you.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 19, 2019**

My Brethren,

October was a busy month, and I am sure you share my joy in seeing Bro. Adam Hacker raised to the Third Degree, and to having David Perkins as our newest member of Acacia.

The Travelling Gavel was delivered to us by Edinburgh Lodge, and it is now our obligation to bring it to Goodwood Lodge on Tuesday, November 5th.

As promised at my installation, I am making an effort to attend as many DDGM official visits as possible, and invite you to join me if it is within the length of your cable tow.

The visits this month are:

- November 13, Sydney Albert Luke
- November 21, Mississippi Lodge
- November 22, Prince of Wales Lodge.

You can find these and other important dates on the District One Trestle Board:

<http://www.ottawadistrict1masons.ca/ddgm/trestle-board>.

Work is continuing on our 100th Anniversary Celebration. It is scheduled for March 14, 2020 at the Tudor Hall. W. Bro. Harrison will be putting in a bulk order for Gold Bordered aprons, so you should advise him if you wish to join in.

See you all at CGP and our Regular Meeting!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 17, 2019**

My Brethren,

My neighbours have already turned on their Christmas lights so the holiday's must soon be upon us!

I would like to wish you, your families and loved ones a peaceful, happy and restful season, and the chance to reflect on the year past, and the plans for the year ahead. This month we will be holding our traditional pot-luck after the December regular meeting. If you've not already done so, please let our Junior Warden know how many will be in your party, and what dish you will be bringing. The meeting will be kept as short as possible so that we can focus on fellowship and our invited guests.

Planning for the 100th Centennial is moving ahead. Tickets are now on sale, and are \$75 per person. This is a deal, as the meal alone is costing \$71 and there will be wine on the table, butler service, and a live band for the dancing after the meal. Please mark March 14 in your calendars.

Bro. Secretary has received the gold-trimmed aprons, and our fingers are crossed that the Lodge Regalia order will have all the bits required. A special thank-you is due to W. Bros. Lillico and Harrison for their diligence in gathering the gold.

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Our DDGM will be visiting St. Andrew's Lodge on Dec. 5, which will feature a reading of the Old Charges by candlelight. As well, Doric Lodge has extended a particular welcome to Acacia for a 1st Degree on December 19th.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and wish you all the very best for the Holidays, and throughout 2020!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Donald Learning

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 21, 2020**

My Brethren,

I trust you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas.

The New Year has always been a time of reflection for me, and since becoming a Mason it also serves to remind me of the special bond we share, and the gift that we represent to one another.

Our Lodge is celebrating our 100th Anniversary this year, and we will be sharing the centennial celebration with three other lodges.

Grand Lodge will be conducting a special Silver to Gold Ceremony in the afternoon of March 14, 2020 at Tudor Hall, and there will be a Banquet and Dance in the evening. Bro. Frank Sigouin, is our contact for tickets which are now on sale for \$75 each. Email, call, or speak with Frank, and he will set you up.

For our DDGM visit this year Bro. Brook has reached out to the Ottawa Mission to speak to us in Lodge about a culinary training program that they run. We will not only learn about this program, but will be availing of it for the post-meeting Banquet.

Our Annual Roll call will be conducted at this month's meeting. If you are in touch with any Brother that has not been to Lodge lately, please take the opportunity to speak for them at Roll Call, and let us know how they are doing.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Donald Learning

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 18, 2020**

My Brethren,

If reports are to be believed, our DDGM Official Visit was a success!

R.W. Bro. Christie's Official Visit proved memorable with, not one, but two entrances into the Lodge. Bro. Hacker demonstrated his competence in the 3rd Degree, and our Guest Speaker from the Men's Mission gave us a thorough appreciation for the work that they do.

I would like to thank everyone who gave to the JW box at the Festive Board. The monies are gratefully received and will be sent to the Ottawa Mission to support their need. Our March 14 Centennial Celebrations will soon be upon us. Grand Lodge will be in attendance for the afternoon ceremony, and food, wine, and dance will follow in the evening.

If you have not yet procured your tickets to the Banquet and Dance, please do so. Bro. Senior Warden can assist.

While on the topic of our 100th, I would be remiss if I did not ask again, if you would ensure that W. Bro. Lillico has your biography. Our History is the history of each member, and your biography is our tool to preserve it.

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In closing, I would like to thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support that I've received due to the recent coronavirus outbreak. My Lady, Cindy, has chosen to remain in China to support her parents, and I have passed along your best wishes as she endures the quarantine.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Donald Learning

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 17, 2020**

My Brethren,

Time flies and our Centennial Celebration is upon us. On Saturday, March 14 we will be gathering at Tudor Hall with the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and 3 other Lodges for our combined Silver-to-Gold Ceremony. The Lodge will tyle at 1 pm. The Ceremony will be conducted as an emergent meeting with Sydney Albert Luke as the host lodge. They will do the opening/closing, and Grand Lodge will conduct the Silver-to-Gold portion.

Our Grand Historian, R.W. Bro. Mike Jenkyns, will be giving a short presentation on the history of the 4 Lodges over the past 100 years. After closing the lodge, those who have booked a reservation will return at 6 pm. for our Banquet and Dance.

Brethren, even if you do not plan to attend the Banquet, please make an effort to come to the Lodge portion of the day. Many fine men have gone before us, and this is Acacia's chance to recognize and celebrate the 100 Years we've devoted to Freemasonry.

The dress for the Lodge meeting will be white tie for Grand Lodge Officers, Tuxedo for Lodge Officers, and dark business suit for all others. Tuxedo can be worn at the Banquet, if you wish, to complement the Ladies.

Silver aprons are to be worn for the Centennial Lodge Meeting. Our first occasion to wear the gold ones will be at our Regular Meeting on March 17, 2020.

Work on the Acacia Centennial Challenge Coins by W. Bro. Harrison and Bro. Perkins continues. We hope to have the coins ready for distribution before the end of the masonic year.

In addition to the Centennial Lodge on the 14th, our Regular Lodge meeting will go ahead as normally scheduled on Tuesday, (March 17). It will be a short meeting with regular business, a small piece of Masonic Education, and fellowship afterwards.

I hope you share my excitement at seeing you on the 14th of March for the Ceremony, to your fellowship at the Banquet, and to our next 100 years together as Brothers!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 21, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 19, 2020**

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Acacia Lodge, Initiation of Mr. David Perkins  
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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie to Acacia Lodge  
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Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie to Acacia Lodge  
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Acacia Lodge, Bro. David Perkins, Passed to the Second Degree  
February 18, 2020

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**Temple Lodge No. 665, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1950**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20

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

**Temple Lodge No. 665 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 3, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular business of the Lodge.</li> <li>• Receive the Tunis Shrine Degree Team to confer the Master Mason Degree.</li> <li>• Prove the proficiency of Brethren in the Third Degree.</li> <li>• Upon a favorable report of the investigating committee a ballot will be taken on the Application for Affiliation from V.W. Bro. Kevin Ziegler a member in good standing of Mississippi No.147.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 1, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Initiate Mr. Cody Sheffar.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 5, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon clearance from Grand Lodge and favorable reports from the Investigating Committees we will ballot and the applications for Initiation from:</li> <li>• Mr. Stephen Yardy of Ottawa.</li> <li>• Mr. Ryan Joseph Hurley of Ottawa.</li> <li>• Mr. Christopher Collins of Gatineau, Quebec.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 3, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive the Travelling Gavel from Carleton Lodge</li> <li>• Conduct the Fellowcraft Degree on an eligible Candidate.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 2, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular business of the Lodge.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 15, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Initiate properly prepared Candidates.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	February 5, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie on his Official Visit to Temple Lodge.</li> <li>To receive the Brethren of Goodwood Lodge on their annual Fraternal Visit to Temple Lodge.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 25, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To confer Degrees on properly prepared Candidates and to prove Candidates on their proficiency.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 3, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The agenda will be to open, conduct business and then close and travel to Goodwood Lodge on our annual Fraternal Visit and join as they receive R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie on his Official Visit.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 16, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To confer Degrees on properly prepared candidates and to prove candidates on their proficiency.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 7, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 5, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

\* "M" – minutes; "S" – summons. Some Lodges were reluctant to share their minutes outside of the Lodge. As a result, the historical summary was prepared from the Lodge Summons. Therefore, in some instances the information may not be entirely accurate as it is based on planned activities rather than the actual events that transpired. While the Summons records what the Lodge planned to do, numerous events can take place which prevents the planned from becoming the achieved – for example, a candidate may not be ready, principal officers are absent due to their public or private avocations, weather related snowstorms may result in the cancellation of a meeting etc., etc.



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**Temple Lodge No. 665 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 3, 2019**

Brethren,

For some, our last meeting, (Installation in May), feels it was just yesterday, while for others perhaps the summer months felt longer. Some of us were able to keep meeting with one another, others not. We have had different experiences and are now reuniting shortly for our 69th year (being founded in 1950). The 2019-2020 Trestle Board was recently discussed, as well as Committees. We have an exciting year ahead, with education, Degrees and Brethren progression, and socials including Oktoberfest, Christmas and sports events. Masonry in Ottawa is well, alive and travelling, district meetings and Westboro activities keep lining up.

Welcome back Brethren ! Let's get started with our charged September agenda including a synopsis of GL and District messages, a ballot, and degree work - raising one 3rd Degrees with our dear Shrine Degree Team, and proving two 3rd Degrees no less !

As always, let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said, (or not said), as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in the process, let us keep an eye and an ear out for Masons that do not yet know they are Masons.

Alain Meere,

Temple Lodge #665, WM 2019-20

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 1, 2019**

Brethren,

Congratulations to Bro. Joseph Carboni on being raised to the 3rd Degree at the September Regular meeting; his preparation was exemplary and was well received by the Shrine Degree team to whom we are indebted for such beautiful ritual. Quite a proof that Shriners are active Masons, and that Masons can be active Shriners in many ways. Thanks to R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill and V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill and team for organizing and always, an inspiring ritual.

Leaves are turning and plans are being made for winterizing. Thankfully, after a beautiful summer we are now meeting again more regularly. Look forward to social events and nights, as well as Masonic general purpose, emergent and regular meetings. Coming up on October 1st (Regular) is a long awaited 1st Degree for Cody Sheffar (to become a Lewis that same night, with is father in attendance), our traditional visit to our American Brethren in Waddington (Oct 16th, carpooling), and our 2nd Annual Consecutive Oktoberfest for all Masons, families and friends of Masons. Notwithstanding these, let us remember the many benefits of travelling.

As always, let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said (or not said) as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in

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Alain Meere,

Temple Lodge #665, WM 2019-20

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 5, 2019**

Brethren,

Congratulations to Bro. Cody Sheffar on being so well prepared and becoming an Entered Apprentice Mason and Lewis. To have had his father Bro. Richard Sheffar, (Goodfellows Lodge, Parry Sound), with us was even more meaningful.

In terms of socials, gratitude to W. Bro. Bob Conrad for organizing the Red Blacks (vs Eskimos) game with St. Andrew's Lodge – if footballers didn't show up, we certainly did (and though The Prescott is changing hands, it's business as usual!).

In terms of travelling, the Waddington visit was awesome: from a great Festive Board to meeting a new Worshipful Master and their District Deputy Grand Master - who gave a presentation – we learned they can now open and conduct business in any degree (they don't have to open in the Third Degree only). That their CHIP program need is going through similar challenges as ours. As well their District has a Greenhouse project with very creative funding (selling pavers with your Masonic Inscriptions).

Leaves are still turning and plans better be underway for winterizing as temperatures are near freezing overnight. The clock will soon be changed. Changing tires and our driving, dressing more fully and planning for Winter vacations (whether skiing or sunbathing South) will take place. But perhaps less obvious are challenges others are facing which we aren't, including getting around; so, where we can visit and take out relatives, friends and others – consider the relief. In the coming weeks, remember the Sat Oct 26th Oktoberfest (2nd Consecutive Annual for Temple), our GP, Emergent and Tue Nov 5th Regular meeting – which will have our traditional Masonic Memorial Service.

As always, let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said (or not said) as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in interactions, to remember our cardinal values, tenets and fundamental principles. And in the process, let us keep an eye and an ear out for Masons that do not yet know they are Masons.

Alain Meere,

Temple Lodge #665, WM 2019-20

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 3, 2019**

Brethren,

Congratulations to our newly accepted Candidates for Initiation, Mr Ryan Hurley and Mr Stephen Yardy, sponsored by R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling and Bro. Josh Bizjak. We look forward to their Initiations in January 2020.

In keeping with Temple's tradition, we held our Memorial Service and Remembrance moments. These included W. Bro. Reginald Boyles (Nov 1, 2018) and W. Bro. Thomas Birtch, whose memories we will cherish and keep in our hearts. A ready exchange



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including them, as well as W. Bro. Ralston Edwards, R.W. Bro. Doug Good, V.W. Bro. Ralph Finlayson and others followed, a testament of appreciation for our departed Brethren.

Previously in October, we held our second consecutive, and successful, Temple Oktoberfest. Kudos to Bro. Scott Newman (with wife Ana, son Gunnar, R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling, Bro. Cody Sheffar, and crew) along with Temple's friend Ivor Bailey and guests, Temple's own benefactors Brothers Nairn and Devon Reid, as well as Brother Joe Carboni (for saving the day by fixing the Hall's fridge compressor)!

Clocks are now off Daylight Savings, back to Standard Time. Winter is around the corner making it more difficult to move around. So, where we can visit and take out relatives, friends and others – consider the relief.

In the coming weeks, we can attend the Perley Hall Remembrance Ceremony or the Cenotaph Ceremony (both in Regalia) on Nov 11th. We will hold a practice for a 1st Degree (Nov 18th) before receiving the Travelling Gavel from Carleton Lodge (Regular meeting Dec 3rd) and bringing it to St. John's Lodge (Dec 11th). Please mark December 11th on your calendars and plan to travel, as a large group, in at least the perfect number, to St. John's Lodge in Carleton Place.

As always, let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said (or not said) as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in interactions, to remember our cardinal values, tenets and fundamental principles. And in the process, let us keep an eye and an ear out for Masons that do not yet know they are Masons. A beautiful system of morality it is, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We can entertain much with non-Masons, just not the secrets, kept as rightful rights of passage on becoming better men and Master Masons.

Alain Meere,

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**Regular Meeting Summons, January 7, 2020**

Brethren,

At our Regular December meeting, we were fortunate to receive our DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie on his First Fraternal Visit to Temple Lodge this year. He introduced us to those District Chairmen and Grand Lodge Officers who were present. We also received the Travelling Gavel from Carleton Lodge. W. Bro. Sean Downey introduced his more than perfect delegation of thirteen (13) and then was invited to the East. After some changes in roles and degree parts, the evening continued with a ballot on a new applicant and conferring a Fellowcraft Degree.

Congratulations to our newly accepted Candidate for Initiation, Mr. Christopher Collins, sponsored by R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley and R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling. We look forward to his Initiation, as well as those of Mr. Ryan Hardley and Mr. Stephen Yardy on January 25, 2020.

We are grateful to V.W. Bro. Kevin Zeigler, W. Bro. Steve Elias and Bro. Steve Young, as well as W. Bro. Downey for their readiness in taking on additional parts for the Fellowcraft Degree that evening. And to our own candidate Bro. Cody Sheffar

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who showed great proficiency. This was all preceded by a great turkey roll Festive Board – kudos again Bro Scott Newman and team.

Kudos to the Seven (7) Brethren bringing the Travelling Gavel to St. John's Lodge on Wednesday, December 11th – perfect in number. Winter is practically here, and though Environment Canada talks about a relatively uneventful one, let's be careful in moving around especially when there's black ice. Where we can visit and take out relatives, friends and others – consider the relief.

We look forward to our January Regular Meeting (January 7, 2020) and triple Initiation at our Emergent Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

As always, let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said (or not said) as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in interactions, to remember our cardinal values, tenets and fundamental principles. And in the process, let us keep an eye and an ear out for Masons that do not yet know they are Masons. A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We can entertain much with non-Masons, just not the secrets, kept as rightful rights of passage on becoming better men and Master Masons.

Alain Meere, WM,  
Temple Lodge #665

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 4, 2020**

Brethren,

While our Regular January meeting was low-key it was well attended, having also in attendance in the East, WM Bro. Stuart Marshall, Mississippi Lodge, one of your WM's travelling companions. In the Business portion, and quite unfortunately, we had 2 suspensions at the close of 2019. In the Committee reports, we caught up about some sick brethren. With no Work portion per se, we had the chance to have R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley gave us an overview of what the Shriner's Hospital program is about.

In the throes of Winter, while we are getting a taste of colder temperatures and snow dumps, we are also getting more daylight each and every day. Let us remain vigilant in our travels, and assist others where needed. In the coming weeks, we'll have a triple 1st Degree (Sat Jan 25th, 2020, 9:30am); our GP meeting (Tue Jan 28th, 2020); and the upcoming DDGM night (Feb Regular meeting, Feb 2nd, 2020 – with FB exceptionally after our meeting). Of note, we are aware of two individuals who have communicated their interest to find out more about Masonry; and we expect more Degrees in the coming months (likely Emergent nights). Thanks to R.W. Bro Trevor Hemmerling for organizing the Wings Nights, which are back mid-months (from February to April) always great camaraderie moments - it is always great to see a familiar face back and continue where we left off.

Let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said (or not said) as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in interactions, to remember our cardinal values, tenets and fundamental principles. And in the process, let us keep an

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Alain Meere, WM,  
Temple Lodge #665

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 3, 2020**

Brethren,

In January, congratulations to Bro. Stephen Yardy, Bro. Ryan Hurley, and Bro. Christopher Collins for their Initiations, (Saturday January 25, 2020). Kudos to all their mentors (including also Bro. Josh Bisjak who went beyond responsibility as mentor and officer by attending in view of family concerns), and special thanks to R.W. Bro. Ken Sharp and V.W. Bro. Jim Bowman, (both of Russell Lodge), for their truly beautiful and inspiring Degree work. The lunch that followed at the Newport was a great moment filled with jovial chatter.

At the February meeting we received our Brethren from Goodwood, (their annual visit), Past and Present GLOs, including current WMs, and our DDGM and his committee members, and the District Secretary. All visitors were properly introduced and welcomed. The Lodge was full and kudos to W. Bro. Ken Roy, Bro. Bill Ranger and Bro. Bernard Asafu-Adjaye for stepping into roles at the very last minute. To our Director of Ceremonies V.W. Bro. Joe Bampton and SW Bro. Scott Newman for work well done that evening. As well as, R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley and V.W. Bro. Kevin Zeigler for their delectable smoked meat sandwich Festive Board that ensued! Also to V.W. Bro. Russ Williams and W. Bro. Herb Sainthill for looking after our L-Reports so efficiently and well received by the District Secretary, W. Bro. Alan Christie. After a low-key Business section, your WM followed with references to education material: i) Freemasonry for Dummies, by Christopher Hodapp; (ii) Observing the Craft, by Andrew Hammer; and (iii) Freemasonry - The Illustrated Book of an Ancient Brotherhood, by Michael Johstone. After exchanging with authors quoted, I have since replied back to author Andrew Hammer how well the evening went and that visitors from various District Lodges were present when reading from his book on goodness vs excellence - what we ought to strive for.

Special thanks to R.W. Bro. Perry McConnell for his insightful and touching education that followed, on the Shriner's Hospitals, which generated much interest. I had no idea a single dose of medication could cost so much (\$96,000)! While funding ultimately is always involved, in Canada we will do well in continuing to educate people about the environment which is about to drastically change with so many more clinics replacing hospitals for those specialized services for children care.

Last word but not least, was an inspiring Q&As by our very own DDGM, R.W. Bro. Christie's - an inspiration by being so empathetic and reachable, the example itself of "what to look for when coming to Lodge". Kudos also to our Bro. Joe Carboni for stepping up, embodying and representing us so well, and special thanks to all the Brethren who contributed material to the themes presented beforehand - you know who you are.

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Looking forward, there are lots of opportunities to travel and attend special Masonic Events between now and Grand Lodge in July – look well to the Secretary's communications. In March, we will be adjourning early to travel to Goodwood (12 of them visited us in February!) for their DD night.

Let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said, (or not said), as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in interactions, to remember our cardinal values, tenets and fundamental principles. And in the process, let us keep an eye and ear out for masons that do not yet know they are masons. A beautiful system of morality it is, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We can entertain much with non-masons, just not the secrets, kept as righaul rights of passage on becoming better men and Master Masons.

Alain Meere,

Temple Lodge #665

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 7, 2020**

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**Regular Meeting Summons, May 5, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).



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**Temple Lodge No. 665 - Select Photos**



Temple Lodge, Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie  
February 4, 2020



Temple Lodge, Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie  
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**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1983**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2019-20  
Meets the first Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 - Summary of Events**

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	September 4, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To receive reports, accounts, petitions and communications and to carry out the business of the Lodge including Masonic Education.</li><li>• To initiate an eligible candidate</li></ul>
Emergent	September 18, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To open and close the lodge in all Three Degrees.</li><li>• To prove any eligible brethren seeking to do so.</li><li>• To conduct Masonic Education.</li></ul>
Regular	October 2, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To receive a distinguished delegation of Brethren from Doric Lodge #58, conveying to us the Travelling Gavel of Ottawa District 1</li><li>• To receive R.W.Bro. Jeff Christie on his first visit to Edinburgh Lodge in his capacity as District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 1.</li><li>• Pursuant to the notice of motion given at the last regular meeting of the Lodge and pending receipt of a favourable report from a committee of inquiry, to vote on the restoration to membership of W. Bro. Pierre Naud.</li><li>• To initiate an eligible candidate.</li></ul>
Emergent	October 17, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 6, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To conduct our annual Remembrance Service.</li><li>• A Table Lodge of instruction will be held in the banquet hall following the meeting.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 20, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The work of the evening will be to conduct a Lodge of Sorrow.</li></ul>

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Regular	December 4, 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending a favourable report from the investigating committee, to ballot on the application for membership by initiation of, Mr. Kenneth Andrew Bradley, recommended by V.W. Bro. Quinn and R.W. Bro. Jim Cale.</li> <li>• To pass an eligible Brother to the Second Degree.</li> <li>• Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2019	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 15, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prove an eligible Brother in the third degree.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 5, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive a distinguished delegation of present and past Grand Lodge Officers, including the Most Worshipful Brother David J. Cameron, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free &amp; Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother Norman A. Lyons, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.</li> <li>• To receive reports, accounts, petitions and communications and to carry out the business of the Lodge, including Masonic Education.</li> <li>• To prove an eligible Brother in the Third Degree.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 4, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie, District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 1, on his Official Visit to Edinburgh Lodge.</li> <li>• To Initiate an eligible candidate.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 1, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Events
Regular	May 6, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a>.</li> </ul>

\* "M" – minutes; "S" – summons. Some Lodges were reluctant to share their minutes outside of the Lodge. As a result, the historical summary was prepared from the Lodge Summons. Therefore, in some instances the information may not be entirely accurate as it is based on planned activities rather than the actual events that transpired. While the Summons records what the Lodge planned to do, numerous events can take place which prevents the planned from becoming the achieved – for example, a candidate may not be ready, principal officers are absent due to their public or private avocations, weather related snowstorms may result in the cancellation of a meeting etc., etc.

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**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 4, 2019**

Dear Brethren, now as this summer is slowly winding to its close and the 2019/20 Masonic Season is almost commenced, let us pause to reflect on how the GAOTU has blessed us all!

After Installation in early May, Karen and I flew off to Spain to walk the Via de la Plata, our fourth Camino! Only 600 kms under the Spanish Sun, gives real meaning to, 'only Englishmen and Mad Dogs are out in the Spanish Noon Day Sun!' I am not English so that must make me a Mad Dog???

While I de-stressed and emptied my mind perambulating Spain, our Junior Warden Brother Rod Harasemchuk was busy putting together the Founders' Dinner which by all reports went off very well. Well Done Rod!!

In mid-July we had a very respectable "perfect" delegation of seven Edinburgh Lodge members attend Grand Lodge. I know it was a real eye opener for the lads who had not been there before, eh, Rod and Paul! I believe it shows that Grand Lodge is greater than the Sum of all its Parts. Good fraternal FUN was had by all! Grand Lodge instructed us to plan for the future and we will!

On behalf of our Lodge, I would like to congratulate the new District 1 DDGM, Right Worshipful Brother Jeffrey Christie and also, the new District 2 DDGM, Right Worshipful Brother John Hawkins. Further congratulations must go to the newly minted Very Worshipful Brother Douglas Robar, well earned for supporting our past DDGM Right Worshipful Brother Adam Thompson last year as District Secretary. Likewise, congratulations go to Very Worshipful Brother Terrance Davies for a similar stellar duty as District 2 Secretary! Finally, Very Worshipful Brother George Ingraham was deservedly recognized for his Masterful work on behalf of Bytown Lodge! Well Done, All.

Continuing the FUN, our Junior Warden, Rod, with the help of Brother Bruce Ludlow, my dear wife, Karen and many other Brethren and ladies hit it out of the park again with our annual Edinburgh Summer BBQ, held this year at Creekside. The weather was wonderful, the food fantastic and the babble of contented voices floated on the country air! Truly a magical afternoon!

Now that we are on the brink of this Masonic year, I would like to thank all the brethren for putting your trust in me. I promise to work as diligently as I can so we have a successful year, and I hope to instill that same work ethic in all our Officers and Members. The more one puts in, the more one gets out!

I plan to focus on a couple of simple themes this year. First, let us look forward to our personal futures to be better Men and to make our Lodge a better Lodge. To be successful, one has to have a plan; if you don't have a plan you can't manage your plan! We will work on setting out a successful plan for our collective future. MAN AND LODGE!

Finally, you have heard me say, 'We will have FUN!' If we have FUN, everything happens just a little easier!! As a learned mentor said to me back in '84; 'Let's have FUN, while we are getting it Done!' We did have FUN and we had Success!

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As we move forward into the future, let's PLAN to have FUN and be the BEST we can be!Ultreya, Onwards  
Sincerely & Fraternally,  
David Brown, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 2, 2019**

Brethren,

The first month of this Masonic Season went by in a blur, seems like only yesterday we were prepping for the Edinburgh BBQ! We had some FUN!

At our first meeting, with the able assistance of our IPM, W. Bro. Brian Hay, a gentleman, now, Brother Richard Walker was duly made a Mason. At our emergent meeting after going through the degrees to the top, we celebrated with Brother Gaston Michaud as he proved his proficiency in the Third Degree and is ready to move along in his Masonic Journey!

Now as we enter October, the month of Harvest and Thanksgiving, let us give thanks for all we have and all we share amongst our Brethren and fellow Citizens in this great country of Canada. However, let us always remember those who, for whatever reason, are suffering in some way. As Freemasons, be generous to them with your bounty at this time of Thanksgiving.

The regular meeting on October 2nd, gives us an opportunity to Initiate another gentleman into our fraternity. Also at that meeting, we will be receiving the Travelling Gavel from Doric Lodge and then will be delivering it to Acacia Lodge on Tuesday, October 15th. Mark your calendar and please plan to attend! I would like at least a perfect number (7 or more) at that ceremony.

Of very Special note, also at our Regular meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd, our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Jeffrey Christie will be visiting with us on his Fraternal Visit. We will give him a grand show and have some FUN!

The JW promises a seasonal festive board for that evening, being October, guess what the fare will be??

Moving onto the middle of the month, we will NOT be having an Emergent Meeting as there are no pressing matters at this time, BUT on Thursday, October 17th, I (with help) will be organizing a Family Evening: a visit to the Canadian War Museum at 1800 hrs. (6:00 pm) to tour the 'Highland Warriors' exhibit, which features the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, our seed Regiment, along with others. We will have the opportunity to view other Exhibits. The LeBreton Salon has some very interesting 'Big Stuff'.

This is a family event, so please plan this as a special night out and invite your partner for this event as it wraps up with a dinner at the Mill Street Brewery (pay your own). Admission to the Museum is free, so join us and explore our history! Details to follow.

We will have some FUN!

Ultreya, Onwards!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

David Brown, Worshipful Master

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**Regular Meeting Summons, November 6, 2019**

Brethren,

October was a most excellent month for Edinburgh Lodge!

At our Regular Meeting we initiated Brother George Al-Koura into the Craft. We welcomed the DDGM, Right Worshipful Brother Jeff Christie on his Fraternal Visit to the Lodge. We received the Travelling Gavel from Doric Lodge. Finally, we celebrated Brother Ewart Thornhill's 90th Birthday during the Festive Board. A busy evening!

We took a wee break as we did not have an Emergent Meeting, but we did not rest as a goodly number of Brethren, Partners and Family members toured the 'Highland Warriors' Exhibit at the War Museum. We were educated by one of our Founding Members, Colonel Dan Mackay, who is Honorary Colonel of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. We learned a breadth of knowledge about 'Highland Warriors' and all things Cameron! Thank you, Brother Mackay, you made the visit special!

After the Museum visit, we retired to break bread at the Mill Street Brewery nearby and FUN was had by all!

The month of November reminds us of the sacrifice of those who served our country to provide the Freedom we enjoy. Our Annual Remembrance Day meeting will occur at our Regular meeting followed by Edinburgh Lodge's Table Lodge of Instruction. No one will get MY Gavel!!

On Remembrance Day, Monday November 11th, we will be gathering at the Perley-Rideau Veterans' Health Centre at 10:30 am to share that Special Day with those Veterans. Later, that day, we will be parading from the Westboro Legion to the Westboro Cenotaph to lay a wreath of Remembrance. This Parade starts at 2:00 pm, please plan to attend and arrive at the Westboro Legion at 1:30 pm.

At our Emergent Night, we will perform the 'Lodge of Sorrow' to remember our Brothers who have passed to the Grand Lodge above!

We will have our Special Evening for our Ladies and Partners. They allow us to take time for Lodge, let us honour them at our Annual Ladies Social Evening on Saturday November 23rd, (1800for 1830 hours) held this year at Biagio's Italian Kitchen. Tickets are \$ 50.00 per person, please see our JW, Brother Rod Harasemchuk to purchase yours. FUN will be had!!

November will be another full and memorable month!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

David G Brown, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 4, 2019**

Brethren,

November was the solemn month of Remembrance! We remembered all the servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can live in freedom. Our traditional Remembrance Ceremony was again stoically led by V.W. Bro. Jim Keith in Lodge and Brethren who served our great country were foremost in our minds. 'We will Remember Them!'

We shared with our living veterans whilst we visited the Perley& Rideau Veterans' Health Centre on November 11th, Remembrance Day, and paraded proudly with other masons to the Westboro Cenotaph, setting an example to the gathered youth! 'Lest they



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Forget!' At our Emergent Meeting, our thoughts turned inward as we performed the 'Lodge of Sorrow', under the direction of W. Bro. Brian Hays, to the assembled Masons and guests! We remembered our brother who had passed to the Grand Lodge above in the past year. Brother John Robertson, 'Robbie', one of my favourite people was warmly commemorated. He was Special!

Throw in an 'Empty Chair' Ceremony and four DDGM Nights and the Masonic Myth of only one meeting a month is shown false! November was full and ended on a celebratory note with a MostExcellent Ladies Night expertly organized by our Junior Warden, Brother Rod Harasemchuk. Biagio's was a perfect venue and the warm babble of our guests suggested that All had a Great Time! Freemasonry is not all about running around and being busy, although it seems to be! That is the exoteric side. But it really is a self study of the Inner Man, yourself! Your life's work towards being a Perfect Ashlar. I have been guided along the path by some dear Masons and I am 'starting' to see the glimmering light in the East, the Esoteric side! My reading is now on 'Traditional Observance Lodges' and Daily Meditations for Freemasons. There are real Secrets to discover!'

You alone are your master Who else?

Subdue yourself

To discover your master.'

From 'Level Steps'

Finally, as this Christmas Festive Season envelops around us, draw near to the ones nearest and dearest to you! Wrap yourself in their loving embrace!

Merry Christmas to All!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

David G. Brown, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 15, 2020**

Brethren,

As I write this, the day is December 21st, the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year! The days lengthen from this day forward! As we make our daily progress in Masonry remember, 'Let there be light ---And there was light'.

The magical Seasonal Festival having just passed, I dearly hope that All Brethren enjoyed this special family time with those nearest and dearest to them. Let the embrace of their love stay with you throughout the year!

December brought with it a special evening for Brother Richard Walker, as he was passed to Fellowcraft Degree. Well done, Richard!

On that evening, we all witnessed a Mystical Miracle with the return to Lodge of Brother Ainslie Dunstone from a serious health scare. May he continue his path of recovery, knowing that the Brethren love and support him.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother David J. Cameron, enlightened us with a most thought-provoking talk about the 'Secrets and MYSTERIES' of our Craft. He presented his talk at Ionic Lodge's Emulation of the 1stDegree. A wonderful evening!

St. Andrew's Lodge followed up with a meditative presentation of the 'Antient Charges' done by candlelight. Very well performed by Right Worshipful Brother Angus Gillis and his team. It was something not to be missed!

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Brother Rod Harasemchuk, our Junior Warden, knocked it out of the park when he put together our Annual Christmas Party. Food, Fun and Frolicking was had by all, especially the Brethren's children. The laughter of the children was infectious and focused us on the Season's theme of Family FUN!

As we move into the lengthening days of January 2020, we will be enjoying our 30th Annual Robbie Burns Supper on Wednesday, January 15th with the Traditional Celebration of the Bard's birthday with Great Food, Music and Poetry. Ably organized by Worshipful Brother Brian Hay under the direction of Very Worshipful Brother Jim Keith with fantastic food provided by our Junior Warden, Brother Rod Harasemchuk.

As you read this, you will be preparing to enter the next decade in 2020. Take the opportunity to Carpe Diem and extend that to the whole year!

Happy New Year!

'Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love;' -Antient Charges

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David G. Brown, Worshipful Master

**TO OUR ABSENT BRETHREN**

To all our Brethren who are unable to attend lodge through sickness or distress. May the G.A.O.T.U. grant you a goodly portion of his love and compassion.

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 5, 2020**

Brethren, I do hope you all celebrated the beginning of the New Decade of the '20s; may they be Roaring as a century ago! Keeps with my theme of having FUN!

Karen and I took a break and left the dogs and hens to other keepers and journeyed to the Big Apple, NYC, Karen's first time. We had FUN, Steaks, Shows, Walking, Gawking!

For me, memories of the World Trade Centre and dinner at the Window of the World Restaurant before 9/11, now World Trade 1, dinner again but the World has changed!

Some things do not change though, as at our Regular (only) Meeting of Edinburgh Lodge in January we celebrated the 261st Birthday of Brother Robbie Burns, under the guidance of V.W.Bro. Jim Keith and the able direction of W.Bro. Brian Hay!

The Brethren, partners and friends enjoyed the words and memories of the Bard; V.W. Brother Duncan Carroll ably piped in the Haggis whilst V.W. Brother Glen Simpson delighted us with his Address to the 'Chieftain of the Pudding Race'. Not to be outdone, W.Bro. Tom Baker did not stop for a breath (but maybe a drink) whilst he belted out the lengthy Burns poem 'Tom o' Shanter'. The Keith Clan (Jim & Brian) added to the poetry and history in their individual ways!

Never to be forgotten, my Dear Wife, Karen, responded to W.Bro. Alex Lewis's Toast to the Lassies in her own memorable manner, wrapping her words in poetry, with an appropriate slap down! Our J.W., Brother Rod Harasemchuk and his team knocked it out of the park AGAIN with a most wonderful Burns Supper!

As the new semester of Masonry has started, Brethren of Edinburgh Lodge got back into visiting! Bytown Lodge's Burns Supper was enjoyed, while Brethren also visited The Builders Lodge of Ottawa District 2 for their DDGM Night and to keep everything in balance, Acacia Lodge of Ottawa District 1 entertained us with their DDGM night. FUN and FELLOWSHIP was had at both!

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February is shaping up to be a Historic Month for Edinburgh Lodge No. 736. At our Regular Meeting on Wednesday February 5th, 2020, the Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother David J. Cameron, along with the Grand Master of Manitoba, Most Worshipful Brother Norman A. Lyons will be visiting with us. We have planned an evening of Masonic Education in all Three Degrees and the Grand Masters will address us. I know it will be a Special Night! Shine your shoes and wear a Black Tie!

Proceeding Onwards, for our Emergent Meeting in February, as we do not have any specific work to do with respect to Degrees, I am not calling an Emergent Meeting BUT I have some ideas for an evening of Fellowship centred around some activity, a more casual night. I will advise when plans come together.

In closing, having just visited the USA recently, I looked for some inspiration from there, and in my Daily Meditation Book, 'Level Steps', I found a statement from Brother George Washington, 'So far as I am acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry. I conceive it to be founded in benevolence and be exercised only for the good of mankind ...'

A thoughtful statement, in these times!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David G. Brown, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 4, 2020**

Brethren,

Today, near the end of February, all things are good in the world. The Sunday sun is bright and fulsome. The air is clear, crisp, but warm! The G.A.O.T.U. seems to have embraced us and our Brethren in all goodness! May we spread that goodness to everyone we meet! As this wimpy winter turns tail and slithers away (hopefully this is not a bad omen) let us reflect on some of the recent happenings!

Edinburgh Lodge was truly honoured with the visitation at our regular February meeting of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother David J. Cameron, accompanied by the Grand Master of Manitoba, Most Worshipful Brother Norman A. Lyons. An evening of Masonic Education in all three degrees was Illuminating!

A few days later, my dear wife Karen and I attended the Annual Districts' Valentine's Day Charity Ball, ably chaired by Mikey Reiaich and his Team. Wonderful evening: again, in attendance, was the Grand Master, sporting Edinburgh's Tartan Tie. Again, a testament of a job well done!

For a change of pace, and as we did not have work to conduct, we did not have an Emergent meeting in February but rather a relaxing Movie Night. We munched on movie chow; popcorn, hot dogs, antipasto, nachos and salsa, while watching the classic movie, 'A Man Who Would Be King' featuring, Sean Connery, Michael Caine and Richard Plummer! I think I got all the Masonic allusions in the movie. Did you?

Add in a few DDGM nights and some regular visitation, a seemingly slow month got busy!

But the FUN does not stop there. At our Regular Meeting in March, we will be initiating a worthy gentleman and welcoming our District Deputy Grand Master, Right

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Worshipful Brother Jeffrey A. Christie to Edinburgh Lodge, on this, his Official Visit! He will enliven us!

Not to be forgotten, for the Official Visit, Edinburgh will pull out all the stops and our Junior Warden, Brother Rod Harasemchuk and his team promises one of the best DDGM meals anywhere, 'Edinburgh Lodge's Famous Scottish Fare'! Scotch Eggs with Dijonnaise sauce, Scottish Meat Pies, Tatters 'n Neeps, smothered in gravy and OF COURSE, Haggis!

Proceeding onward in March, we will visit Hazeldean Lodge on a Fraternal Visit for their DDGM night.

The Season is rapidly ending, I do believe I am having FUN and am Happy! I do hope that happiness is communicated to others!

Masonic Moment from 'Level Steps'. (an allusion from the movie!)

'How should Freemasons meet? On the Level!'

Ultreya, Onwards!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David G. Brown, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 1, 2020 - From the Lodge Secretary**

Brethren;

I'm sure you're all wondering what happens next? You have all received the two recent letters from the Grand Master. While I'm sure you have taken the time to read them, I'll sum them up here briefly.

In his letter dated March 13th, the Grand Master cancelled all Masonic events for an indefinite period. Then, in his letter dated March 16th, he declared that the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each lodge be authorized to pay the bills and conduct other necessary business of the lodge until the lodge re-opens, subject of course to retroactive approval at the next regular meeting. He also stated that Committee of General Purposes meetings by video-or teleconference are allowed and encouraged.

There was, of course, lots of additional important information in these letters, both of which I encourage you to re-read and absorb.

As for the balance of the "Masonic" year:

- It seems clear that no resumption of Masonic activity will happen in April, so we will not have elections this coming month as mandated in our by-laws. Special dispensation will be required therefore as and when those are able to take place after Masonic activities resume.
- With no elections there is of course no installation. Now, there is a theoretical possibility that both elections and installation could take place prior to the summer break. As unlikely as that seems at this point, it behooves me to echo the sentiment of R.W.Bro. Cale that brethren who have agreed to play a role in the installation of the incoming WM and investiture of officers ought to remain ready to perform those roles as and when called on. That said ...
- I'm going to go out on a limb here and advise that my crystal ball indicates there will be no resumption of meetings prior to the fall.

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- As for Grand Lodge; I'll let everyone know as soon as I hear how that will be handled ...

Now you know all that I know.

Take care & stay safe.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, Secretary

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 1, 2020 - From the Worshipful Master**

Brethren,

While masonic events in our jurisdiction may have been cancelled indefinitely, the need to call into practice those masonic virtues we profess to admire has never been more important.

The DDGM met virtually late last week using the meeting application; 'ZOOM'. We discussed the Grand Master's Communications of March 13th and 16th. Our Secretary already covered off most of the main points of those letters and in this summons. Suffice to say, we do not know when we can meet in Lodge again, nor do we yet know what measures will be put in place to handle elections and installations once meetings resume. I just know that I will have to wear the Master's Collar for a while yet!

Meanwhile, our Senior Warden, Bro. Paul Richter, assisted by Bro. Scott Atkinson, is working towards using 'ZOOM' to hold a virtual CGP next week, details to follow.

Those are the technical issues we are currently facing. More important, however, are the social issues we are currently facing as a fraternity. Last week I sent you all a message concerning COVID-19. I want to reiterate what I said last week, by highlighting three key points ...

**First, follow the direction of the Governments;** Municipal, Provincial and Federal! They are all working for YOU! To keep YOU safe! Follow simple disciplines; Stay at home, self-isolate if just arriving from out of the country or in contact with a sick person!! Keep Social Distancing (Physical Distancing) of at least 2 metres if you have to go out to get supplies, etc.! DO NOT GATHER IN GROUPS!

**Secondly, reach out to other brethren;** while maintaining your distance physically, stay close to your brethren through communication. This can be a lonely, scary time, but **we will get through this TOGETHER!** Communicate amongst ALL brethren; phone, text, email - **Reach out!**

**And thirdly, don't lose hope;** In times of uncertainty, we have to trust that we will all get through this TOGETHER! Take a moment to re-read what our ritual says about "the ornaments" of a Masonic Lodge. Those words, while reflecting the struggles of today, also give us hope that we will persevere as we progress through Masonry and through Life within DUE BOUNDS, like following the edicts of the Government and our Common Sense! And remember: We are also taught to 'endeavor to be happy ourselves, and to communicate that happiness to others', words that are especially true in these times of social upheaval! Be kind to each other, have some FUN!

Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for power equal to your tasks.' Phillips Brooks - 'Level Steps' - page 35 In closing, I came across a quote from a futurist; there is always a silver lining in any time

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of darkness. We can change the world with our disciplined actions of now and our positive determination for a better tomorrow! 'One thing to remember is that we are architects of our own destiny. We create positivity with positivity, and we create fear with fear. We are —every single day —creating our future and influencing the future of the world. In times of disruption and change, we are more likely to break out of habits or complacency and make more dramatic turns in one direction or another. If we focus on positive, evolutionary, uplifting actions, attitudes, and agendas, we are more likely to create a better world than the one that preceded this pandemic.' (March 21st, 2020 by Zachary Shahan, CleanTechnica.com)

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David G. Brown, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 6, 2020**

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Friday, March 13, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled for an indefinite period. See [Appendix A](#).



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**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 - Select Photos**



Edinburgh Lodge, A Visit from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron  
February 5, 2020



Edinburgh Lodge, A Visit from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Cameron  
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Edinburgh Lodge, Official Visit by the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie  
March 4, 2020



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## Appendix A - Covid-19 Directives & Updates

### Grand Masters Directive - March 13, 2020



**GRAND LODGE OF  
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March 13, 2020

Brethren,

Due to the rapidly evolving Public Health advice concerning the novel coronavirus (now named COVID-19) it has been decided to cancel all Masonic events for an indefinite period. This includes lodge meetings, memorial services and social events.

Those lodges who have requested dispensations to cancel or postpone in the past two days, will be covered by this blanket dispensation. We will continue to monitor the situation and will inform you when it is safe to re-open.

Depending on the length of time this situation lasts, there will be several other administrative adjustments which we will have to make. We will inform you of these in good time.

Please remember your vulnerable brethren and check in on them by phone or e-mail regularly.

Continue to follow the advice of the health authorities and be safe.

David J. Cameron  
Grand Master

*Res quondam resque futurus*



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## Grand Masters Directive - March 16, 2020



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March 16, 2020

Brethren,

First let me thank you for your diligence in taking measures to “flatten the curve” by cancelling all your Masonic events and observing social distancing.

When I ordered all lodges and lodge events to be cancelled I said we would present administrative concessions later and I will detail some now, knowing full well that the situation will change and others will be needed.

I declare that the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each lodge be authorized to pay the bills and conduct other necessary business of the lodge until the lodge re-opens, subject of course to retroactive approval at the next regular meeting.

I would encourage all lodges to keep in touch with their brethren, both hale and vulnerable by telephone or electronic means. Committee of General Purposes meetings by video- or teleconference are allowed and encouraged.

Official Visits for the remainder of the year will unlikely be able to be completed in time for the Condition of Masonry Team to process the reports. Therefore I ask that any lodge with an Official Visit coming up simply fill in their L forms as best they can. As it is important for the members, and especially the officers of the lodge, to know the state of their lodge, it would be very good to do this in a virtual GP meeting if you can.

Sec. 269 of the Constitution allows a lodge to meet on its regular date without a summons having been sent out nine days in advance, however “no business shall be transacted thereat with respect to which a summons is required to be served by this Constitution or the by-laws of the lodge.” This includes degrees and Installations.

An Installation must occur at the first regular meeting after the elections, therefore, if your elections are postponed, so is your Installation. Be assured that next year I will be lenient when applying Sec. 229(a) on granting past rank.

The DDGM Preparation Team is working on a virtual method of presenting their seminar so that those wishing to prepare for letting their name stand for DDGM this July may qualify themselves.

Starting today, the office staff will work remotely. You may contact the office by e-mail but responses may be delayed. Please be patient.

Thank you for your understanding. We will get through this.

David J. Cameron, Grand Master

*Res quondam resque futurus*

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## Grand Secretary's Update - April 2, 2020



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## Covis-10 Update April 02 2020

April 02 2020

Brethren,

On behalf of your Grand Lodge leadership, we felt that it was once again time to communicate to you with some details of policy decisions made, event scheduling, etc. as a result of the continuing Covid-19 crisis.

First, let us express a wish that you and all your families remain healthy and strong during this period of lockdown and social isolation.

### Cancellations:

You are aware that all masonic meetings and events in the Province have been cancelled until further notice. Formally, we are now announcing that this cancellation period will extend until **AT LEAST June 01 2020. Please follow any local governmental ordinance that extends this further.**

Based on the above it will not be necessary to send out any cancellation notices via the Grand Lodge Events Digest for specific events occurring prior to June 01.

### Virtual Meetings:

Many of you have been asking about holding virtual meetings. The present policy regarding virtual meetings is to be followed:

**No virtual Lodge meetings are to be held (tyled meetings - regular or emergent)**

Committee of General Purposes meetings can be held virtually under the following conditions:

- No ritual is performed (including openings and closings)
- No dispensation is required unless specified in the lodge bylaws
- Minutes must be kept
- All business discussed and approved at a Committee of General Purposes must subsequently be presented to the Lodge for ratification
- Every effort must be made to allow any member wishing to participate in the Committee of General Purposes to attend the virtual meeting

Naturally, social gatherings and check-ins by virtual means are of course encouraged (and no minutes are required). Education discussions on any masonic topic could be presented.

### Annual Communication:

At the present time all plans are moving ahead to hold our Annual Communication in July at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. We are however busy preparing alternate plans should the situation deem necessary. Further communications will be sent out as more information becomes available.

Thus, at this time no changes are being made regarding Grand Lodge elections or elections for the position of District Deputy Grand Master. Any changes will be communicated when available.

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### Temporary Policies

As a result of the shutdown of all Lodge meetings and Events certain temporary policies have had to be implemented. In response to your many questions, these policy changes, as of this date, are as follows:

#### **Dispensations:**

Dispensation not required to cancel meetings until further notice.

#### **DDGM Official Visits:**

DDGM Official visits have been cancelled and will NOT be rescheduled. Lodges and DDGMs will complete the L-forms to the best of their ability and submit in accordance with the original timings.

#### **Paying the Bills:**

The Grand Master has already authorized the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer to pay the lodge bills during suspension of labours.

#### **Rescheduled Elections and Installations:**

Many Lodge elections and Installations will be postponed.

All existing Lodge officers are to remain in their positions until an election can be held.

Assuming that this year's Elections and Installations will be able to be conducted sometime in the next few months, the Elections and Installations for the following masonic year will revert to the original dates identified in the Lodge bylaws.

In 2020-2021, if a new Worshipful Master does not serve 12 months, the Grand Master will authorize past rank upon request.

Once labours have resumed, Elections may be held at an emergent meeting, followed by the Installation at the next regular meeting.

#### **Resumption of Lodge meetings:**

Once labours have resumed meetings can resume with the proper issue of a summons. If the meeting is scheduled within the first nine days of labour resuming Section 269 will apply. That is, providing no member in attendance objects, the lodge may conduct ordinary business but no degree work, balloting or material business.

#### **Amalgamations/Surrenders:**

Amalgamations and Surrenders may proceed if the Terms of Reference have been approved by the membership. The ceremony may be rescheduled.

Pending Lodge Surrenders – contact the Grand Secretary.

#### **Lodge Anniversaries - Silver to Gold Ceremonies:**

If the Silver to Gold Ceremony has been cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19, permission has been granted for the brethren to wear gold braided regalia as of the next regularly scheduled meeting, provided that date is after the Date of Institution of the Lodge.

#### **Suspensions NPD:**

The names of any brethren more than 12 months in arrears must still be read out at the next regular meeting of the lodge and the Worshipful Master will then declare them suspended. The brethren will be suspended as of the date of the end of the 12 month period.

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Note that the updating of the above changes as well as the need for additional changes may be required and will be communicated as needed.

Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary



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## Grand Secretary's Update - April 8, 2020



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## Covid-19 Update April 08 2020

April 08 2020

Brethren,

As we all continue to observe our isolation and social distancing practices we trust that you and your families remain healthy.

Your Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, COO and Grand Secretary are meeting regularly to discuss issues and concerns that arise as the situation unfolds.

We know that many questions arise, especially the longer the absence from labour continues and we are doing our best to stay ahead of the situation. Many issues that arise relate to the Constitution and to existing policies and procedures. Making changes is not always an easy task. Many circumstances may point to a simple solution but under the covers there are hidden ramifications, short and long term.

We hope that you will be patient as we try and find the best possible solutions in the shortest time and then communicate these solutions to you.

### Temporary Policies new this week (Apr 08)

This week, there are several items to draw your attention to.

#### Requests for Grand Lodge Appointments:

Effective immediately all requests for Grand Lodge Appointments have been put on hold. You are asked NOT to submit any further requests until directed to do so. Once we return to our labours requests can be submitted in due form and will be processed once received.

#### Semi-Annual Returns January – June 2020:

The semi-annual returns and payment for the period January 01- June 30 2020 shall be delivered to Grand Lodge as usual on or before July 08 2020 as per the Constitution.

#### Requests for Dispensation:

You are asked to NOT submit any requests for dispensation until directed to do so. Requests may be submitted in due form once we return to our labours.

#### Invitations to attend:

Invitations for the Grand Master / Deputy Grand Master to attend have been put on hold. You are asked NOT to submit any further requests until directed to do so. Requests may be submitted in due form once we return to our labours.

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#### **Lodge Insurance Coverage:**

If our Lodge premises are vacant for several months, what are the insurance implications?

We have checked with our Grand Lodge Insurance Broker (FCA Insurance Brokers) and he has informed us that all insurance policies have a clause about checking on a building during the regular heating season – failure to do so generally results in no coverage for the damage done as a result of a burst frozen pipe (unless some proper precautions were taken). As we are past the “regular” heating season this does not apply.

For the temple corporations around the province, that are insured under the FCA Cornerstone Program, there is no occupancy requirement – other than the one noted above about frozen pipes in the winter.

‘Vacant’ has a very specific meaning with respect to insurance – it is when a building has been vacated by the occupant or owner and there is no intention to return. Based on the current situation none of the buildings would be considered to be vacant.

If you are NOT insured under the Grand Lodge FCA Cornerstone program, we suggest that you check with your insurer as each policy may be different.

#### **Virtual Meetings:**

Additional questions are being received related to holding virtual ‘meetings’. The issue of virtual ‘get togethers’ was discussed in the April 02 message. No changes have been made in that policy. Please ensure that any virtual ‘get togethers’ you plan conform to those directives.

#### **College of Freemasonry Courses:**

Have you ever wanted to take the College of Freemasonry courses and now finally you have the time? Due to the present circumstances of isolation and social distancing, the College of Freemasonry is offering the College Courses free of charge until we resume our labours. The enrollment form is on the Grand Lodge website. Why not spend at least part of your day making your daily advancement in masonic knowledge?

#### **Masonic Community related efforts:**

Brethren, we have had a number of requests related to getting our members involved in community type activities. Examples include setting up a food bank drop off at a lodge hall, helping out a Blood Donor clinic, offering rides to those still working and in need of transportation.

Regrettably these activities in one way or the other do not follow the Provincial health guidelines. For example instead of hosting a Food Bank drop off it would be much better to encourage your brethren to go directly to the food bank – the food bank employees have already taken the precautions and have the training needed to deal with the circumstances. This same logic applies to offering rides to others. There is as much risk riding in our cars as there would be in taking an Uber or taxi ride. We could however offer to pick up and deliver individually to someone shut in who does not have transportation.

Thus, while we support the sentiments behind these suggestions we really cannot support them. We can however, as we already have done, encouraged all our brethren to contribute individually where and how they can.

**The overriding, all important factor is that our provincial health organizations and our government says we need to STAY HOME.**



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Note that the updating of the above changes as well as the need for additional changes may be required and will be communicated as needed.

Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary

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## Grand Secretary's Update - April 20, 2020



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## COVID-19 Update April 20 2020

April 20 2020

Brethren,

Once again, we hope that by observing the health guidelines set down by our federal and provincial Health Authorities, you and your families are staying healthy.

Let's also offer a tremendous vote of thanks to those front line workers who are putting their health and the health of their families at risk every day.

Your Grand Lodge leaders are doing their best to keep abreast and hopefully ahead of things as they develop. Once again your patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

We congratulate all those brethren who are finding innovative ways to stay in touch. We have received mail and internet links to many great Lodge Summons, District electronic Newsletters, education pieces and many more.

### Temporary Policies new this week (Apr 20)

This week, just a couple of items to communicate.

#### Cancellations:

The cancellation of all masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until **AT LEAST July 02 2020. Please follow any local governmental ordinance that extends this further.**

Based on the above it will not be necessary to send out any cancellation notices via the Grand Lodge Events Digest for specific events occurring prior to June 30.

#### Annual Communication:

We are still evaluating all aspects of the Annual Communication and the many options that we have before us. Our plans are to make the necessary decisions within the next couple of weeks. At that time, all action plans will be distributed using the same mechanism that was used to deliver this communication to you.

#### Expiry Date of Pending Applications:

Regarding Section 356 of the Book of Constitution requiring another ballot if six months expires from the date of acceptance. We note that the months that the lodge is in recess are not counted. The months that we are not in session due to COVID-19 will also not count.

In the meantime, as we stated earlier, **the overriding, all important factor is that our provincial health organizations and our governments say we need to STAY HOME.**

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Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling, Grand Secretary

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## Grand Secretary's Update - April 27, 2020



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### **COVID-19 Update April 27 2020**

April 27 2020

Brethren,

You are aware that in the latter part of April each year, a package of material is distributed to all Lodges which includes the details of our Annual Communication held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in July.

You may also have noticed that to date this year, no package has been received and therefore many of you are beginning to ask questions about the Annual Communication.

You can appreciate that the cancellation of a Lodge meeting or a District social event does not have the same ramifications associated with either the cancellation, postponement or modification of our Annual Communication. Rest assured that your Grand Lodge leadership is working overtime to find the most appropriate solution to this issue.

Presently we are still guided by the local and provincial stay-at-home guidelines which now extend to June 30, 2020. Those guidelines govern our negotiations with the Royal York Hotel, which are also ongoing at this time and which contain significant financial penalties tied to those guidelines.

We are exploring all options and the many ramifications of each in an effort to make the best choice possible for your Grand Lodge in this unprecedented time. Our goal is to communicate the action plan to you as soon as we possibly can.

In the meantime, we ask for your patience and understanding as we look for the most appropriate solution that will not compromise the health and welfare of our Masonic population. Please continue to reach out to your brethren and obey all the local and provincial health guidelines.

Fraternally, Garry

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D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary

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## Grand Masters Directive - May 13, 2020



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### **COVID-19 Update May 13, 2020 re: Annual Communication 2020**

Brethren,

It is becoming increasingly unlikely that we will be able to hold our Annual Communication scheduled for July 15-16, 2020 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. While the decision to cancel it and whether we will incur charges from the hotel hinge on government announcements, we suspect that resumption of 'normal' activity will be gradual and gatherings of large numbers of individuals in confined spaces will not likely be possible in July.

Even if we can hold a meeting in July, we do not feel that there will be adequate opportunity for you to meet the candidates or debate any constitutional amendments.

Therefore, regardless of whether we hold an annual communication or not:

**Grand Lodge Officers: Elected and Appointed:**

All Grand Lodge Officers, both elected and appointed, will remain in their positions for an extra year. This includes the elected positions of District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar and members of the Board of General Purposes. It also includes the appointed Grand Lodge officers such as the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Stewards, *etc.*

As a result, there will be no elections for District Deputy Grand Masters in July 2020.

There will be no elections for any other Grand Lodge officers in July 2020.

Only Grand Lodge appointments required to fill vacancies will be considered.

Anyone not wishing to remain for the extra year may tender his resignation to the Grand Secretary.

**Constitutional Amendments:**

All amendments submitted by the deadline will be held over for one year. New amendments can still be submitted up to Jan. 1, 2021.

If we are unable to hold the annual communication in July, we will be arranging for a virtual meeting of only those officers of Grand Lodge necessary to complete the legal requirements of our corporation.

Further details will be communicated to you by the Grand Secretary as they are confirmed.

Fraternally,

David J. Cameron, Grand Master

*Res quondam resque futurus*

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### **COVID-19 Update May 13 2020 Annual Communication 2020 - Changes**

May 13, 2020

Brethren,

This message is to identify and clarify a number of items related to the current status of the July 2020 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Please ensure that you have read the current update from the Grand Master, distributed with this document.

**District Deputy Grand Masters:**

As stated by the Grand Master, all current District Deputy Grand Masters will serve until July 2021. Therefore it will NOT be necessary to elect a successor at a District meeting this year (2020).

Based on Section 108 of the Book of Constitution, the District Deputy Grand Master will NOT be required to produce an audited financial statement of the receipts and expenses pertaining to the duties of his office until his successor is installed in July 2021.

Note however that all reports due for the current year must be submitted on time, including your P-Sum report.

**Grand Lodge Officers (Resignations):**

Any Honorary or Appointed Grand Lodge Officers who have indicated to the Grand Master that they wish to resign their positions in July 2020 will step down as of July 15 2020 and a replacement will be named by the Grand Master. Any Elected Grand Lodge Officers who have indicated that they wish to resign their positions in July 2020 will step down as of July 15 2020 and according to Sec. 92 (d) vacancies in all other elective offices shall be filled by election at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

**Lodge Officers: Election and Installation:**

Because of the unknown date for resumption of labours and the timing of individual lodge elections and installations, it is not possible to make a blanket statement about Lodge officers remaining in their current positions for another year. Each lodge must evaluate its own situation and ascertain the wishes of the current Lodge officers. The options available are:

- Current Lodge officers could remain in their positions until the next election as specified in the Lodge bylaws



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- New elections could be held for a shortened year and then another election held at the time specified in the bylaws
- New elections could be held conditional upon the officers agreeing to serve a partial year and the next full year

In any of the above options, dispensation is required to change the date of the election and installation. As per the update of April 08 2020, requests may be submitted in due form once we return to our labours.

If elections were held at the meeting before the hiatus, the lodge may install those elected officers when we resume or opt for one of the above options.

Finally, in all three situations described above, the Book of Constitution must be followed with respect to the proper notification of elections and Installation in the Lodge Summons.

### **Nominations for Grand Lodge Office 2020:**

All nominations for Grand Lodge Office in July 2020 that were submitted prior to the deadline of April 01 2020 will be automatically held over until April 01 2021. Any withdrawals will be accepted any time between now and April 15 2021.

New nominations for office in July 2021 will be permitted prior to April 01 2021.

### **Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2020:**

As indicated in the Grand Master's message, all constitutional amendments proposed for July 2020 have been held over until July 2021. There is no need for them to be resubmitted.

Further details regarding the Annual Communication will be communicated to you as they are confirmed.

Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary

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## COVID-19 Update May 21 2020 Updates

May 21, 2020

Brethren,

This week's message contains some details that have been resolved since our announcement of May 13, 2020. Thanks to those who submitted questions.

### **A . District Projects (District Deputy Grand Masters):**

With respect to District Projects that have been set up with the Masonic Foundation of Ontario for 2019-2020, normal policies and procedures will be followed. Project may be terminated and paid out upon request at the end this Masonic year (July) or projects may be continued during the 2020-2021 Masonic year. New projects may be set up at any time by following the normal procedures.

### **B . Lodge Officers: Election and Installation:**

In our message of May 13 2020, we indicated that Lodges whose elections and installations have been deferred due to COVID-19 have three options based on a request for dispensation to change the date of the elections and/or installation.

The options available are:

1. Current Lodge officers could remain in their positions until the next election as specified in the Lodge bylaws
2. New elections could be held for a shortened year and then another election held at the time specified in the bylaws
3. New elections could be held conditional upon the officers agreeing to serve a partial year and the next full year

### **Some additional clarification on the above options:**

- If elections were held at the meeting before the hiatus, the lodge may install those elected officers at the first regular meeting after resumption of labours.
- Elections may be held on an emergent meeting after resumption of labours with the Installation scheduled for the next regular meeting (with proper notification in the summons).

If any of the elected officers chooses NOT to remain in position:

- the normal process for election and installation/investiture of a replacement officer of the lodge may be followed or
- the Worshipful Master may appoint a brother to sit in the chair and perform the duties of the office until the next regularly scheduled lodge installation as defined in the lodge bylaws (such brother shall not be installed or invested).

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With all of the above, proper notification in the Lodge Summons and dispensation are required.

### **Elections/Installations and Past Master Rank:**

Under option 2, the granting of Past Master Rank to a Worshipful Master serving less than 12 months will be considered by the Grand Master, upon request by the Lodge.

Finally, in all three situations described above, the Book of Constitution must be followed with respect to the proper notification of elections and Installation in the Lodge Summons.

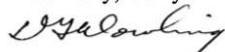
### **C . District Secretaries:**

In the announcement of May 13, the Grand Master stated that all elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers will remain in position until July 2021. Questions were raised regarding the position of the District Secretary. Based on feedback received it appears that the majority of the District Secretaries will continue to serve a second year (until July 2021).

- Should the District Secretary for some reason be unable to serve a second term, the District Deputy Grand Master will appoint a new District Secretary to serve until July 2021.
- The requests for Grand Lodge appointments for the District Secretaries of 2019-2020 have already been submitted. Therefore the Grand Master will defer consideration of those appointments until July 2021. If a District Secretary has served a shortened year and is not continuing until July 2021, an appointment for his shortened term will be considered by the Grand Master.
- Should a new District Secretary serve from July 2020-2021, a request for his appointment will have to be submitted at the proper time in 2021 for consideration by the Grand Master.

Further details regarding the Annual Communication will be communicated to you as they are confirmed.

Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary

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## Grand Secretary's Update - May 29, 2020



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## COVID-19 Update May 29 2020 Urgent Update

May 29, 2020

Brethren,

**Cancellation of the Annual Communication:**

It is with a great deal of regret that we announce the **formal cancellation of the Annual Communication** of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to be held July 13-16 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

**Cancellation of Rooms at the FRYH:**

**The Hotel has advised that all reservations booked under the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada hotel block (GRAN0720001) will be automatically cancelled.**

If your room booking was NOT made under the group reservation code, then you will have to contact the Hotel directly.

Further communication regarding plans for dealing with the fallout of the cancellation will be communicated as soon as they are known.

**Cancellation of Masonic Gatherings:**

The cancellation of all masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until AT LEAST August 31 2020. Please follow any local governmental ordinance that extends this further.

Based on the above it will not be necessary to send out any cancellation notices via the Grand Lodge Events Digest for specific events occurring prior to August 31.

Fraternally, Garry

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D. Garry Dowling,  
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