

**Freemasonry In Ottawa District One
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada
In The Province of Ontario
Masonic Year 2020-21**



"Masonry has been through times when we were unable to meet in lodge before. And Freemasonry came back stronger than ever. The future is bright. Freemasonry is needed in this world."

Quote from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David James Cameron
from his Address to Ontario Masons, July, 2020.

A year in the life of the Fifteen Lodges which comprise Ottawa District One
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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 virtual events held during Masonic Year 2020-21.

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 2020-21 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 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 2020 and June 2021.

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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 a number of Directives to Lodges in Ontario. In these Directives, M.W. Bro. Cameron suspended meetings, or gatherings, of Masons for an indefinite period - at least until the virus is contained or eliminated. Additional updates were also issued by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling.

As a result, in-person Lodge meetings in District One, (and indeed the entire Province of Ontario), did not occur after March 16, 2020. Lodge Meetings did not recommence during this Masonic Year (July 2020 - June 2021). Some Lodge's did take advantage of electronic means and held "virtual" meetings via video applications such as Zoom. It must be noted that no ritual was performed during the virtual meetings. They were simply used as a means to keep the Brethren in touch with one another and to provide support.

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

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The Grand Master's Address, July 2020

GRAND LODGE

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



Grand Master's Address 2020

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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

David J. Cameron
July 2020

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of
Ontario.

Brethren,

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be holding an annual communication for the first time in our history. Instead, the Board of General Purposes is holding a virtual meeting by videoconference to cover off those items which are legally essential.

Never-the-less, we felt it important to produce a document in lieu of the "Proceedings" for two reasons. Firstly, to inform the brethren of the activities of the Grand Master and the other officers and committees of your Grand Lodge, along with the statistics collected this year which may be of value in making plans and projections. And secondly, in order that the brethren of the future may know and appreciate the past.

It is for these brethren that I briefly recount the course of the pandemic. In late 2019, a novel coronavirus that had never been seen in humans before emerged. There was no vaccine available and no known cure. It was thought to have been contained overseas, so life here continued as usual, with regular lodge meetings and special gatherings to celebrate anniversaries, amalgamations and Robbie Burns nights. The first Grand Master's reception was held, in his home district.

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a pandemic. On March 12 the Premier of Ontario announced the closure of schools. And on March 13, the Grand Master suspended all Masonic meetings and events. Citizens were asked to stay home except to buy groceries, medicines, go to medical appointments, or to do essential work such as working in hospitals or keeping the food-chains open. The strategy worked and the epidemic curve was flattened so that our medical system was not overwhelmed.

Things started to open up gradually after that, but since those most at risk of serious complications included the elderly, large gatherings in confined spaces which included seniors were not advised. At the time of writing, lodge meetings had not yet recommenced.

The big issue on everyone's mind before the pandemic hit was our decrease in membership. Lodges were struggling to keep up their charitable programs and pay for their aging buildings which were too large for their present needs. How COVID-19 and our enforced hiatus will affect these is yet to be seen. But if history has any bearing, there is hope.

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After the Influenza pandemic of 1918-20 the Craft saw a period of great growth. This has traditionally been attributed to the desire of soldiers returning from the Great War to continue the fellowship they had experienced in the forces, but was there also an effect from forced isolation?

The report of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan found in our Proceedings of 1920 says: "Although practically four months were lost as a result of the influenza epidemic, the year just past has been the most successful in the life of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The growth in almost all our Lodges has been exceptional, but, nevertheless, I believe, healthy. Men to-day are looking around for methods for exercising their keen sense of brotherhood, and the fact that our Lodges are having such remarkable growth is to my mind an evidence that they are turning to Freemasonry for the realisation of that desire."

The Grand Secretary of Indiana noted a large number of deaths due to influenza, but also that "Masonry, not only in Indiana, but throughout the entire country, had become enormously popular. Indiana Lodges had always been careful as to the quality of the material; but, he said, 'a note of warning may not be out of place that extraordinary care be observed when floods of petitions are pouring in.'"

It was reported that the Grand Master of Prince Edward Island had managed to visit every lodge on the island "although influenza raged and the roads were bad, and was happy to be able to report a marked improvement in the work." He said: "Much more importance than heretofore is being given in our Lodges to the matter of instruction. This is being accomplished by lectures, addresses, reading of papers, and by use of question-boxes. During my Masonic career I have never heretofore witnessed such a keen desire for knowledge and information as is being displayed by the Brethren at the present time, especially as exhibited in the search and inquiry after the real meaning and intent of the Masonic rites, ceremonies, and symbols."

Our own Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Frederick Harcourt, seems to have agreed with these sentiments. One hundred years ago at our annual communication in July 1920, he said:

"I occasionally debate with myself as to what should be the aims of Free Masonry in this 20th Century, having regard to its conditions and the unrest due chiefly to the War. We are taught that Masonry is a progressive science. In what direction?

...

We are advised by our ancient charges to acquire more knowledge of geometry and other sciences, a thing difficult of accomplishment for the ordinary member in this practical age of rush and competition, the wherewithal to support a family being the first consideration. Still we must

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progress. We must not get into a rut. ... Generally diffused education on the right lines is a most valuable national asset. To quote an old saying, 'We must educate our Masters, otherwise there will be a narrow outlook and true progress will become impossible.'

...

At the risk of being accused of needless repetition I wish to say to you, brethren, that in my opinion our Order should not depart from its traditions. Its great charm is its mysticism, its exclusiveness as regards other organizations. Its portals are open to every reputable man. Its only advertisement should be the exemplary lives its members lead, its object to educate those members both as citizens and individuals so that the world may know the aims and ideals of Masonry."

We are presently living through a difficult time. The pandemic of COVID-19 forced us to suspend all Masonic meetings and events for a while. However, the brethren have turned their attention to education, and looking after each other; keeping in touch by phone, e-mail and videoconferencing; aiding the vulnerable including widows; reading, contemplating, and working on correspondence courses. We have shown where our current passions lie, and the historical thread of where they came from. As our thoughts turn to the future, we can follow those threads, as we envision our course.

NECROLOGY

As Masons we respect those who have gone before us and left us a shining example of the ideal of a Freemason. I recognize the many brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above during the past year. For the sake of brevity I will mention only a few.

V.W. Bro. Rui (Roy) M. Gomes **Assistant Grand Chaplain – 2019**

V.W. Bro. Rui (Roy) M. Gomes was born in Mozambique and attended Witwatersrand University, graduating as an engineer. After immigrating to Canada he started his own business. Always a pleasure to chat with, he was very active in Masonic Education in his own lodge, and in Toronto in general. He was appointed Assistant Grand Chaplain, a launching post for many into Grand Lodge service. Unfortunately he passed away this year while in office.

R.W. Bro. T. Richard Davies **Past Grand Senior Warden – 1985**

R.W. Bro. T. Richard Davies served as Grand Treasurer from 1994 to 2010. A member of the Board of General Purposes from 1979, he had been Vice President of the Board, a member of the Committee of Benevolence and Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee. He was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. Having grown up in the Depression and worked his way up from junior bank clerk to Senior Vice President at the TD Bank, he was well suited to prudently manage our resources.

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R.W. Bro. James T. Cassie **Past Grand Senior Warden – 1993**

R.W. Bro. James T. Cassie was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1986. R.W. Bro. Cassie served on the Board of General Purposes for many years and as Vice Chairman from 1994 - 2003. He was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. His commitment to the Masonic Foundation of Ontario was unwavering. He served as a Director twice from 1989 – 1999 and from 2001 – 2007 and as the Chairman of the Finance Committee from 2007 – 2014. To celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Foundation in 1987, Jim served as Project Chairman of the “Help Nip Drugs in the Bud” campaign and surpassed the goal of raising one million dollars. He also served on the “HELP-2-HEAR” Millennial Project Campaign Committee in 1999 raising two million dollars over two years.

R.W. Bro. David E. Jacklin **District Deputy Grand Master – 1988**

R.W. Bro. David E. Jacklin was an honorary member of the Board of General Purposes for twenty years. Having served as the District Deputy Grand Master of Chatham District in 1998, he remained active in his community as well as in Freemasonry. For over forty years, he practiced as a Criminal Defence lawyer in the Chatham and surrounding area. R.W. Bro. Jacklin’s charismatic spirit always lit up a room, and he enjoyed ‘holding court’ regularly at the Legion as well as the “Election Central” room at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. His sense of humour was second to none. He was truly a unique soul - a trusted confidant, prudent advisor, gentle spirit, enjoyable friend and an excellent Mason.

R.W. Bro. George E. Hinds **District Deputy Grand Master – 1990**

R.W. Bro. George E. Hinds was a long-standing and well-respected member of the Board of General Purposes. He served as DDGM of Toronto District 3 in 1990, and was appointed to the Board in 2001. George served our Board of General Purposes in a variety of capacities. The most notable was his service regarding the numerous phases involved in the completion and constitutional recognition of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, Province of Ontario and Jurisdiction. Appropriately, he was appointed to serve as their Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge. George was always impeccably dressed with impressive gold jewelry and his warm smile and demeanour made him a welcome addition to any meeting.

R.W. Bro. Wallace Edmond McLeod **Past Grand Senior Warden - 1974**

R.W. Bro. Wallace Edmond McLeod, a graduate of the University of Toronto and Harvard University, was Professor of Classics at U. of T.. Some of his non-Masonic research interests were ancient archery, Greek pre-history, and the poetry of Homer and Hesiod. He was appointed to the Board of General Purposes in 1972 and became Past Grand Senior Warden when elected in 1974. He subsequently became an honorary member of the Board from 1989-1992 and was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. He faithfully served our Grand Lodge as Grand Historian from 1980 until 2009. R.W. Bro. McLeod made a tremendous contribution to Masonic education and research both here in Ontario and

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abroad. In 1982-1983 he served as Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, U.G.L.E., the world's premier research lodge. His annual Grand Historian reports to Grand Lodge were always interesting, touched with humour and so well delivered.

Bro. Antonino Buttafuoco

Bro. Antonino Buttafuoco was an Italian Mason. He was a doctor in Bergamo, Italy who worked on the front line treating coronavirus victims. He himself became infected and passed away on March 18. We remember him, and all the brethren who succumbed to this epidemic.

PAST RANK

Pursuant to Section 73 of the Book of Constitution, I recommend the rank of Past Master be conferred upon the following:

Bro. Carlton Frederick Brown, Battlefield Lodge No. 61

Bro. David Fraser, Fidelity Lodge No. 650

Bro. Jason King, Georgina Lodge No. 343

Bro. Trevor McGregor, Chaudiere Lodge No. 264

Bro. Gordon Wyse, Mount Zion Lodge No. 28

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON MEDAL

Seventy-five years ago the first William Mercer Wilson Medals were awarded to brethren who "fully earned the esteem and the respect of [their] brethren for good work well done."

On the recommendation of the Awards Committee, it was my honour to present this most prestigious award to:

Bro. Paul Kester Laver, Victoria Lodge No. 398

Bro. Roman Mark Lipovsek, Chinguacousy Lodge No. 738

Bro. Charles William Lough, Durham Lodge No. 306

Regrettably due to the COVID-19 situation and the cancellation of all Masonic events, the Grand Master has not yet been able to present Bro. Lough with his medal.

APPOINTMENTS

Acting in accordance with and under the authority of Section 131(e) of the Constitution, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of R.W. Bro. Murray Coulter and V.W. Bro. Michael MacDonald as Honorary Members of the Board of General Purposes, for two years and one year, respectively, to replace their predecessors.

The members of the Board of General Purposes, having had their terms extended, I appoint the following brethren to replace those who have retired:

R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Michael Gatcke (for two years)

R.W. Bro. Richard Henri Cadotte (for one year)

V.W. Bro. Stephen Maizels (for one year).

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RECOGNITION OF 100 YEARS

In accordance with Section 394 of the Book of Constitution, I am pleased to grant permission for the following lodges to wear gold braided regalia, effective the dates indicated:

- Buchanan Lodge No. 550, Hamilton on May 26, 2019
- Border Cities Lodge No. 554, Windsor on June 13, 2019
- Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558, Ottawa on September 9, 2019
- St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560, Ottawa on December 31, 2019
- Ashlar Lodge No. 564, Ottawa on January 28, 2020
- Hullett Lodge No. 568, Londesboro on June 2, 2019
- Antiquity Lodge No. 571, Toronto on June 14, 2020

RECOGNITION OF 200 YEARS

In accordance with Section 394.1 of the Book of Constitution, I am pleased to grant permission for the following lodges to wear the 200 year crest on the aprons of its Master Masons and Installed Masters, effective the dates indicated:

- St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Toronto on December 27, 2022

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I am pleased to accept the following brethren as our Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges on the recommendations of their respective Grand Masters:

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| • Quebec | Andre O. Boivin |
| • Kentucky | Christopher D. Knight |
| • Mississippi | Jared Francis Stanley |
| • São Paulo, Brazil | Udibel José da Costa |

I am pleased to recommend to the Grand Masters of their respective Grand Lodges the following worthy brethren as Grand Representatives of their Grand Lodge near our Grand Lodge:

- M.W. Prince Hall of Ontario and Jurisdiction Errol A. Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES

50th Anniversary

Bytown Lodge No. 721	Ottawa, ON	October 18, 2019
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100th Anniversaries

Ionic Lodge No. 549	Hamilton, ON	September 4, 2019
Tuscan Lodge No. 551	Hamilton, ON	September 5, 2019
Nation Lodge No. 556	Spencerville, ON	September 11, 2019

150th Anniversary

Zeredatha Lodge No. 220	Uxbridge, ON	September 16, 2019
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225th Anniversaries

The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3	Kingston, ON	August 9, 2019
The Barton Lodge No. 6	Hamilton, ON	March 11, 2020

CEREMONIES AND DEDICATIONS

Grand Lodge Especial Communication to dedicate new lodge premises for:

- Wentworth Lodge No. 166, Stoney Creek January 21, 2020

AMALGAMATIONS AND VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF WARRANTS

With the assistance of the Deputy Grand Master I was pleased to be able to preside over six ceremonies of amalgamation and four Voluntary Surrender of Warrants. Specific details of these amalgamations and surrenders can be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGE

On September 5, 2019 Heredom Lodge U.D. was granted dispensation to meet. The Ceremony of Instituting a Lodge was held on November 23, 2019 at the Weston Masonic Temple in Toronto. Although it is only the third lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction to declare itself an Observant lodge, I know there are other lodges which are using a similar model to enhance the experience of candidates and members alike.

CONFERENCES

I participated on the planning committee for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America which was held in Louisville, Kentucky in February 2020. The valuable BeAFreemason.org program was introduced by the Scottish Rite, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, and the Shrine International and offered to all North American Grand Lodges.

As President of the Conference of Grand Masters of Canada (the "All Canada Conference") I presided over the annual meeting. Due to COVID-19 this meeting was changed to a one-day videoconference which focussed on what the various Grand Lodges were doing in response and their plans for resuming labour.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS AND MASONIC BODIES

Sat, Aug 10	Rainbow Girls Grand Sessions	Burlington
Sat, Aug 16	Prince Hall Ont. & Juris. Annual Communication	Montreal
Aug 24-25	Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session	Toronto
Oct 24-27	Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador	Marystown
Sat, Nov 16	Moore Sovereign Consistory, Scottish Rite	Hamilton
Nov 30 - Dec 9	Grande Loge Nationale Française	Paris
Dec 12-14	Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia	Washington
Thurs, Dec 27	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thurs, Sept 19	International Plowing Match	Verner
Sun, Sept 29	Scottish Rite 150th play	Hamilton
Mon, Sept 30	Lodge of Instruction	Cambridge

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Sun, Oct 6	H.M. Chapel Royal of the Mohawks	Brantford
Fri, Jan 17	Tuscan Lodge No. 195 Irish Whiskey Tasting	London
Sat, Feb 8	Valentine's Charity Ball	Ottawa

AD HOC TASK FORCES

Two ad hoc task forces were created this year. A group of faith leaders chaired by the Grand Chaplain examined the three questions asked of candidates. They recommended several changes to the Ritual Committee in order to bring those questions more in line with our modern understanding of the G.A.O.T.U.. Another task force looked at the format of future Annual Communications. They were to report at the 2020 Annual Communication. And the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee was tasked with clarifying the concepts of recognition, amity and who can use our lodge rooms. This will be brought to the floor at the 2021 Annual Communication.

RULINGS OF THE GRAND MASTER

The long-standing edict allowing the wearing of Craft regalia at meetings of our youth groups was continued. It is recommended that this policy be included in the Constitution.

With the invaluable assistance of the Grand Secretary, several policies were created for the internal use of the office as guidelines. These included Masonic podcasts, the use of unconsecrated rooms, gender reassignment, and virtual meetings.

Dispensation was given for a brother who was physically challenged and terminally ill to complete his degrees in a timely manner.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 all in-person Masonic meetings and events were cancelled for an indefinite period. The Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each lodge were given authority 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. Adjustments were made to the timing of elections and Installations. Allowance was made for missed Official Visits and the collection of data. (Researchers of the future, please make note that the data for this year may be incomplete.)

As it continued to be unsafe to hold large gatherings, an edict was made that the current Grand Lodge officers would have their terms extended by one year. Lodges were given several similar solutions regarding their officers. The Annual Communication was cancelled and a videoconference of the Board of General Purposes was convened to deal with the business that was necessary.

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DISCIPLINE

The Worshipful Master of Lodge 'w' was removed from office under section 232 of the Book of Constitution. The Immediate Past Master was appointed to act as the Worshipful Master until another election could be held.

The Worshipful Master of Lodge 'x' was removed from office under section 232 of the Book of Constitution. A new election was directed to take place.

Lodge 'y' was placed under probation from December 2019 – March 2020. The lodge has not yet fulfilled the conditions imposed upon it and therefore remains under probation.

A lodge Secretary was suspended for failure to submit the Lodge semi-annual return after repeated notifications.

A brother was moved from Masonic disability status to suspended status for the period of one year for failure to respond to repeated directives to submit a request to be relieved from Masonic disability.

In several other situations, lodges requested involvement by Grand Lodge in the resolution of internal lodge disputes. While reluctant to do so, Grand Lodge did on several occasions make rulings to end the stalemates caused by these disputes.

On a positive note, Lodge 'z', which had been under probation, did fulfill all the conditions placed upon it and as of February 03 2020 the probation was lifted.

RECOGNITIONS

I would like to convey my appreciation to all those who were so helpful this past year:

The Grand Secretary for his guidance, support and friendship.

Lou Domjan, the Chief Operating Officer and the office staff Mrs. Gail Nickerson, Mrs. Stacey Birks, Mrs. Kathy White, Mrs. Barb Lee and Mrs. Anne Domjan for their always cheerful and helpful demeanour,

The Grand Treasurer for insightful advice on many situations,

The Deputy Grand Master for taking my ideas and bringing them to fruition, The Management Committee and the Board for their willingness to work toward change in the way we do things.

The retiring members of the Board of General Purposes, for all their years of valuable contributions: R.W. Bros. Fred Halpern, Les Armstrong, Robbie Manz, and Dale Graham.

The Grand Wardens and Grand Registrar for faithfully accompanying me on my travels around the Province,

The Grand Director of Ceremonies for all his work making sure things go smoothly and his constant positivity,

My own district and lodges for putting up with my absence, and My wife, Jill, and my son, James, for their love and support.

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CONCLUSION

We now find ourselves in challenging times. We have been unable to gather in person. We have lost members to the virus. The finances of some lodges are strained, and the finances of many members as well. When we resume labour we will have to confront this.

But the crisis has also shown our resiliency and the benefits of being connected with a fraternity. You have done an awesome job of reaching out and keeping in touch with your brethren. Your caring has been a lifeline to many.

When we start to meet again this spirit will carry us through for the first months as we rejoice in each other's company. But I truly believe that in the longer term, the road to our future lies in concentrating on ritual, education and mentoring, those things that our forefathers employed so effectively. When new men join us, as they will after this crisis, they must find a solid, active fraternity, focussed on our core activities.

Masonry has been through times when we were unable to meet in lodge before. And Freemasonry came back stronger than ever. The future is bright. Freemasonry is needed in this world.

Freemasonry: The Once and Future Thing.

David J. Cameron
Grand Master

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APPENDIX: GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

July 29- Aug 1	Regional meetings	
Fri, Aug 9	Ancient St. John's 225th	Kingston
Sat, Aug 10	Rainbow Girls Grand Sessions	Burlington
Wed, Aug 14	Management meeting	Hamilton
Sat, Aug 16	Prince Hall Ont. & Juris. Annual Communication	Montreal
Mon, Aug 19	PGLO Toronto	Toronto
Aug 24- 25	Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session	Toronto
Mon, Aug 26	Hiram Lodge No. 336	Ridgetown
Wed, Aug 28	Coronation Lodge No. 466	Elmvale
Wed, Sept 4	Ionic Lodge No. 549 100th	Hamilton
Thurs, Sept 5	Tuscan Lodge No. 551 100th	Hamilton
Sat, Sept 7	Board meeting	Ajax
Tues, Sept 10	Beach Lodge No. 639	Niagara
Wed, Sept 11	Nation Lodge No. 556 100th	Spencerville
Sat, Sept 14	Alma Lodge No. 72 Family BBQ	Cambridge
Mon, Sept 16	Zeredatha Lodge No. 220 150th	Uxbridge
Tues. Sept 17	Temple Lodge No. 597 Extinguishing	London
Thurs, Sept 19	Plowing Match	Verner
Mon, Sept 23	Chinquacousy No. 738 WMW Presentation	Brampton
Wed, Sept 25	Management meeting	Hamilton
Sat, Sept 28	St. John's Lodge No. 20 at Peterborough	Peterborough
Sun, Sept 29	Scottish Rite 150th play	Hamilton
Mon, Sept 30	Lodge of Instruction	Cambridge
Wed, Oct 2	Waterloo Lodge No. 539	Waterloo
Thurs, Oct 3	Prince Edward Lodge No. 18	Picton
Sun, Oct 6	H.M. Chapel Royal of the Mohawks	Brantford
Thurs, Oct 10	King Solomon's Lodge No. 22	Toronto
Wed, Oct 16	Wyndham Lodge No. 688	Guelph
Fri, Oct 18	Bytown Lodge No. 721 50th	Ottawa
Sat, Oct 19	Renfrew Lodge No. 122	Renfrew
Oct 24-27	GL Newfoundland and Labrador	Marystown
Sat, Nov 2	Tuscan Lodge No. 551 100th gala	Hamilton
Wed, Nov 6	Management meeting	Hamilton
Sat, Nov 9	WMW presentation Harding Lodge No. 477	Woodville
Thurs, Nov 14	Mt. Sinai-Pillars Lodge No. 522, GM GLQ	Thornhill
Sat, Nov 16	Moore Consistory	Hamilton
Mon, Nov 18	Amalgamation of Nos. 501, 632 and 645	Toronto
Wed, Nov 20	Amalgamation of Acacia 61 and Battlefield 714	Hamilton
Sat, Nov 23	Kroy Lodge No. 676 Ladies' Night	Toronto
Tues, Nov 26	Grand River Lodge No. 151 Homecoming	Waterloo
Thurs, Nov 28	Ionic Lodge No. 526	Ottawa
Nov 30 - Dec 9	Grande Loge Nationale Française	Paris
Wed, Dec 11	Jerusalem Lodge No. 31	Bowmanville

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Mon, Dec 16	Management meeting	Hamilton
Thurs, Dec 19	Templum Lucis Lodge No. 747	Stratford

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Sat, Jan. 4	DDGM mid-term	Whitby
Wed, Jan 8	St. John's Lodge No. 20 Master's Dinner	London
Sat, Jan 11	Board meeting	Toronto
Mon, Jan 13	Cassia Lodge No. 116	Ravenswood
Thurs, Jan 16	Amalgamation of Unity Lodges Nos. 606 & 710	Brampton
Fri, Jan 17	Tuscan Lodge No. 195 Irish Whiskey Tasting	London
Tues, Jan 21	Wentworth Lodge No. 166 Temple Dedication	Stoney Creek
Wed, Jan 22	St. Andrew's Lodge No. 593 Burns Supper	Hamilton
Fri, Jan 24	Amalgamation to Reunion Lodge No. 103	St. Catharines
	Electric Lodge No. 495 Burns Supper	Hamilton
Sat, Jan 25	Battlefield Lodge Scottish Degree & Burns Supper	Hamilton
Tues, Jan 28	Cedar Lodge No. 270	Oshawa
Wed, Jan 29	Management meeting	Hamilton
Wed, Feb 5	Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 with GM Manitoba	Ottawa
Thurs, Feb 6	North Dundas Lodge No. 320	Winchester
Sat, Feb 8	Valentine's Charity Ball	Ottawa
Feb 12- 20	Conference of GMs of NA	Louisville KY
Sat, Feb 22	Masonic Education Day	Hamilton
	Heritage Lodge No. 730 Black Tie Banquet	Markham
Tues, Feb 25	Oriental Lodge No. 181 Surrender of Warrant	Vienna
Thurs, March 5	Humber No. 305 with GSW Saskatchewan	Weston
Fri, March 6	Waterloo GM banquet	Kitchener
Sat, March 7	Board meeting	Cambridge
	Sarnia District Ladies' Night	Wyoming
Wed, March 11	Management meeting	Hamilton
	The Barton Lodge No. 6	Hamilton

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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

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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 three Great-Grandchildren, Colby Lawrence Barry Barber, Eloise Danielle Sullivan and Florence Elizabeth Barber.

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

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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 New York. He is also a member of the Provincial Emergency Service Degree Team. He has served in a variety of capacities including the Local Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee for the International Plowing Match in Carleton Place, a Member of the Navan and Crosby IPM Committees and as a Member of the Grand Lodge 150th Anniversary committee. In addition he has served as the Grand Lodge Representative to the Amalgamation Committees in Ottawa, Cornwall, Kingston and Bath, was a founding Director of the Masonic Chip Foundation, Co-Chair of the Local Committee on Arrangements for the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge in Ottawa and has Chaired four Grand Master Reception 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 Renaud and her husband, Budd live in Carleton Place. He also is a proud grandfather to six beautiful grandchildren, Olivia, Alisha, Tristan, Camryn, Rowan and M.J.

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

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Due to the Coronavirus, which has had an impact on Freemasonry throughout Ontario, R.W. Bro. Christie's term as DDGM was extended from 2019 to 2021. This is based on the Grand Master's Directive dated May 13, 2020 in which he stated: "All Grand Lodge Officers, both elected and appointed, will remain in their positions for an extra year."

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. Andrew Hale, District Secretary, Ottawa District One

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Andrew was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and moved to Ottawa when he was 4 years old. He attended Hopewell Public School, Ridgemont High School, then Carleton University to study Psychology. An avid skier, Andrew lived in Whistler, B.C. after university and worked for Blackcomb Mountain in the human resources department. He then returned to Ottawa to attend Algonquin College to study Business Marketing. He has been married to Elizabeth (MacIntosh) since 1996 and they have two children, Robert and Katherine. They enjoy spending time at their cottage on Otter Lake, in Rideau Lakes Township.

Andrew was initiated into Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558 in January 2004, passed in February and raised in March. He was installed as Worshipful Master in May 2010 & again in 2011. Andrew has headed the Kaps For Kids Charity from 2004 to present which helps supply toques and caps to kids undergoing cancer treatment at CHEO.

Andrew has worked in the Promotional Product industry since 1995, and is a Promotional Product Professionals of Canada award recipient. He owns and runs his own business, Red Planet Promotions Inc. and provides custom printed promotional products, clothing, printing, graphic design and displays to his many clients across Canada. He is also a Senior Associate at Supernova Energy Solutions, which is a solar electricity EPC company specializing in engineering, procuring, and constructing solar electricity projects.

Andrew has also trained in martial arts for many years in the discipline of Jiu-Jitsu & Fang Shen Do Kung Fu.

He achieved the rank of Black Belt (Shodan) in Jiu-Jitsu on December 15th, 2013.

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

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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, 31 and Joe 27. 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.



Due to the Coronavirus, which has had an impact on Freemasonry throughout Ontario, V.W. Bro. Robar's term as Grand Steward was extended from 2019 to 2021. This is based on the Grand Master's Directive dated May 13, 2020 in which he stated: "All Grand Lodge Officers, both elected and appointed, will remain in their positions for an extra year."

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



District Chaplain
V.W. Bro. John Guinn



District Event Coordinator
Bro. Joe Burchill



District Photographer
AASR Liaison
W. Bro. Ron Taylor



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



District Secretary
W. Bro. Alan Christie



Shrine Liaison
R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley



Grand Lodge Programs
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark



Historian
W. Bro. Neil Lillico



District Charity,
Masonic Foundation
W. Bro. Jim Bowman



Webmaster
Bro. Colin Mackenzie



York Rite Liaison
V.W. Bro. Gord Echlin



Protocol, Education & Instruction
V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson



Senior Warden Mentoring
W. Bro. Steve Elias



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



District Benevolence
V.W. Bro. James Keith

Completions of W. Bro. Neil Lillico
District Photographer

Please Note: The District Chairmen from 2019-20 were all asked to serve again in Masonic Year 2020-21 due to the Coronavirus. The above photo is the same one used in the 2019-20 District One History.

District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Sorted Tables

Table 1 - Sorted by District Chair/Responsibility

District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2020-21	Rank	First Name	Last Name
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.	Andrew	Hale
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

District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2020-21	Rank	First Name	Last Name
District Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro.	Jeffrey A.	Christie
Liaison: Shrine	R.W. Bro.	Dennis	Saikaley
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Table 3 - Sorted Alphabetically by Last Name

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District Management (By-Laws, Regalia & Planning)	W. Bro.	John	Barber
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District Chairmen, Ottawa District One, Photos and Reports

District Benevolence - V.W. Bro. James Keith



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District Chaplain - V.W. Bro. John Guinn



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



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



This Historical Document is R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie's District Report.

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District Event Coordinator - Bro. Joe Burchill



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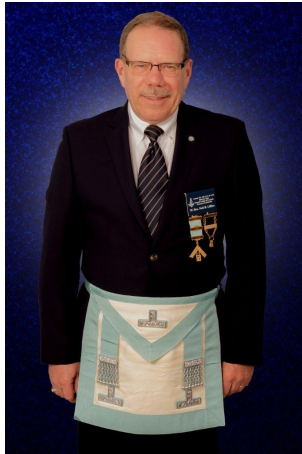
District Grand Lodge Programs - W. Bro. Matt Weedmark



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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

July 15, 2021

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 2020-21 Masonic Year. As I noted on the Acknowledgements page this was a different sort of year, due to the Coronavirus.

Despite not having any "in-person" Lodge meetings for the entire 2020-21 Masonic Year, I have included any information that I received from the Lodges in Ottawa District One. Based on the limited information I acquired, I have prepared a monthly summary of activities by Lodge, based solely upon the summonses and Master's Messages that came into my possession. There were a few instances where a Lodge may also have sent a photo/screenprint of virtual meetings and I've included them as well.

Hopefully the 2021-22 Masonic Year will return to more normalcy and permit us to meet again in Lodge and other social settings.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

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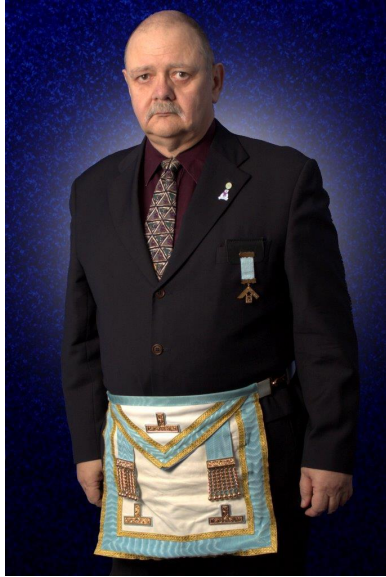
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District Photography - W. Bro. Ron Taylor



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District Secretary - W. Bro. Andrew Hale



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

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District Senior Warden Mentoring - W. Bro. Steve Elias



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District Webmaster - Bro. Colin Mackenzie



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Liaison: Scottish Rite - W. Bro. Ron Taylor



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Ottawa District One Events

District Meetings

District Meeting 1 - July 15, 2020 - 7pm via Zoom

Minutes

Attendance

J. Christie, D. Brown, J. Yeo, J. Guinn, A. Christie, A. Hale, J. Burchill, S. Marshall, N. Voulgaridis, G. Simpson, S. Elias, C. MacKenzie, E. Ghias-Begloo, M. Weidmark, I. Hooker, E. Lakkis, M. Lavoie, D. Robar, N. Lillico, R. Taylor.

Updates from the Board of General Purposes meeting – Wednesday July 15 2020 10 am
Brief and efficient

Grand Secretary comments

No Constitutional amendments will be considered this year, will be held until next year

Grand Treasurer comments

Finances are not in bad shape, we were more resilient than much of the market.
Membership continues to decline, and may in the future require an increase in assessments per capita.

Grand Master / Deputy

New Scottish Rite program in the US (Be a Mason) directed at non-members presented
Members of the board voted to extend the terms of the Grand Master and Deputy to three years

Grand Master delivered his address, eloquently

On reopening, we will proceed cautiously

GM Address

Will be available online tomorrow, July 16th.

Masonic Foundation

Finances are where they should be

Auditor has retired, a new auditor and firm has been selected

Due to Covid, in consultation with CRA, a decision has been made to move the next Audit into the future when the offices are open

Charitable projects from districts can be extended at request of a district, we intend to extend our activities with REaCT

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A withdrawal of funds which have been collected will be sent to the Foundation over the first year.

Round Table

Cornerstone will be amended in the future to be directed by DD's rather than a Grand Lodge Committee

Would Grand Lodge consider a YouTube advertising campaign?

Most recent amendments to membership advertisements are Not just a Man a Mason

Reopening date unchanged, may be beyond August 31st

Will additional meetings of the Board take place prior to January?

None that we will expect this form of communication following

Many updates are on the Grand Lodge website around programs

Lodges in financial distressed were not discussed in depth at the meeting this morning

Lodge Centennial celebrations were not addressed

New application for benevolence should have been received, a new form is also available through Jim Keith

Requests have been lower than anticipated over Covid, but Grand Lodge stands ready

No requests have been received at the district level in the past 6 months

A revised district budget, with assessments against the new year costs, will be developed

Some Members of Edinburgh lodge may host a non-masonic event in August, an creekside family BBQ

Outstanding reports from chairman would be appreciated, are generally only a few paragraphs

Close 7:25

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District Meeting 2 - October 27, 2020 7:30pm via Go To Meeting

Agenda

1. Welcome – DDGM
2. Invocation – V.W. Bro. John Guinn
3. Approval of previous Previous Minutes
4. Confirmation of ChairmenMentoring ChairmanOffers of Education
5. GL Notice October 9, 2020
 - Dues / Suspensions / Demits / Memorial Services
6. Lodge communication with members
 - Summons
 - Education
7. Finances
 - Audited Statement 2019
 - 2020 Draft Budget 2020-2021
 - Next Assessment
8. Round Table
9. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Minutes

District 1 Meeting held on October 27, 2020 at 7:30pm

The Virtual meeting was opened at 7:35 pm on GO TO MEETINGS up to 25 attendees!

1. Welcome - DDGM - R. W. Bro. Jeff Christie
2. Invocation - V.W. Bro. John Guinn
3. Approval of Previous Minutes - Approved.
4. Confirmation of Chairmen
 - Mentoring Chairman – V.W. Bro Glenn Simpson has assumed this new role – watch for new approaches
 - Offers of Education – approach the District Chairman for Education in a Lodge or via a virtual meeting. Approach the DDGM if required.
5. GL Notice of October 9th, 2020 from the Grand Secretary was reviewed
 - Discussion and recommendations made regarding Dues/Suspensions/Demits and Memorial Services.
 - It was proposed that there will be leniency on dues and suspensions .
6. Lodge Communication with members
 - Summons: Lodges should be communicating with members. The Summons could be renamed to Communication or other. Please include the DDGM in the circulation list.
 - Education: There will be more to come from Grand Lodge via the District Secretary.
7. Finances

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Audited Statement for 2019/2020 approved by R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling.
The Draft Budget 2020/2021 was approved.
Next Assessment will be distributed shortly.

8. Round Table - N/A

9. Next meeting - N/A Adjournment - 8:00pm.

Virtual GO TO MEETING Meeting had multiple technical difficulties. The application went offline approximately seven times.

General consensus that a virtual ZOOM meeting will be a better choice next time.

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District Meeting 3 - March 22, 2021 via Zoom

Agenda

- 1 Greetings / Welcome
- 2 Invocation – V.W. Bro. John Guinn
- 3 Virtual Grand Lodge
- 4 Process to elect next DDGM
- 4a Those who have expressed interest in the Office (maybe in years to come)
- 5 Proposed Constitutional Amendments
- 6 Issues from the “floor”
- 7 Adjournment / timing of next meeting.

Minutes

Virtual meeting was opened at 7:35 pm on ZOOM with up to 54 attendees!

1. Welcome - DDGM - R. W. Bro. Jeff Christie
2. Invocation - V. W. John Guinn
3. Virtual Grand Lodge
 - Large initiative / this may change how Grand Lodge operates from now on
 - June election for DDGM / July for other Grand Lodge Officers.
 - Register twice to vote:
 - for DDGM – between June 12 and 17, 2021
 - for other GL Officers – between July 12 and 18, 2021
4. Process to Elect next DDGM
 - DD nomination form in – Jeff to process
 - Only one name has been submitted – V. W. Bro. Glenn Simpson: Edinburgh.
 - W. Bro.'s Jim Bowman & Kosta Hatzis interested for later years
 - Vote June 19 and 20, 2021
 - Dues to Grand Lodge due end of June/21 – does this affect DDGM voting?
5. Proposed Constitutional Amendments
 - Proposed doubling of GL Fees – see March Communiqué for explanation
 - Elimination of Proxy Vote July 19 and 20, 2021
6. Issues From The Floor
 - No issues from the floor.
 - Jeff thanked the District for their support after Paula's passing and for his term
7. Adjournment / Timing Next Meeting
 - Next meeting June 9th, 2021 – in time to discuss registration for DDGM voting.

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District Meeting 4 - June 9, 2021 via Zoom

Minutes

The Virtual meeting opened at 7:35 pm on ZOOM with up to 40 attendees.

1. Welcome - DDGM - Jeff Christie
2. Invocation - John Guinn
3. Virtual Grand Lodge
 - a. Who can vote? All past masters and Officers.
 - b. Register online to vote between June 12 and 17 2021.
 - c. Voting takes place June 18th and June 19th, 2021.
 - d. Registering once also includes registration for Grand Lodge voting.
4. Process to Elect next DDGM
 - a. Only one name has been submitted.
5. Proposed Constitutional Amendments
 - a. None
6. Issues From The Floor
 - a. No issues from the floor.
7. The Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

District Divine Services

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, there were no District Divine Services held this Masonic Year.

Remembrance Day Service

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, no Remembrance Day Service was held this Masonic Year.

Valentine's Charity Ball

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, the Valentine's Charity Ball was not held this Masonic Year.

Valentine's Charity Ball - Photos

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, the Valentine's Charity Ball was not held this Masonic Year.

The Water Buffalo's Table Lodge



Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, the annual Table Lodge was not held this Masonic Year.

Grand Master's Reception

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, a Reception for the Grand Master was not held this Masonic Year.

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Worshipful Masters, Ottawa District One, Photo Collage



Doric 58
Ehsan Ghias-Begloo



St. John's 63
Matt Weedmark



Mississippi 147
Stuart Marshall



D.D.G.M
Jeff Christie



District Secretary
Alan Christie



Civil Service 148
Abraham R. Garcia



Goodwood 159
Marc Lavoie



Lodge of Fidelity 231
Jordie Yeo



Prince of Wales 371
Ian Hooker



Carleton 465
Sean Downey



Russell 479
Jim Bowman



Hazeldean 517
Paul Parent



Sidney Albert Luke 558
Napoleon Voulgaridis



St. Andrews 560
Elias Lakkis

Compliments of Mr. Bill Ryan Taylor
District Photographer



Acacia 561
Don Learning



Temple 665
Alain Meere



Edinburgh 736
David Brown

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

Lodge No.	Lodge Name	W.M First Name	W.M. Last Name
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
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Table 3 - Sorted by W. M. - Last Name Alphabetically

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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
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Ottawa District One - Lodge Activities

Summary of Lodge Activities by Individual Lodge

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21

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

Doric Lodge No. 58 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 17, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 15, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 5, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You are hereby summoned to attend virtual meetings on Thursday, November 5, 2020 and Thursday November 19, 2020 @ 19:00 hours in the comfort of your own home.The brethren are requested to be properly dressed from the waist up.To get an update from the brethren on their continued success to combat the dreary Covid 19 virus.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To pursue our quest in the advancement of our Masonic ideals.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	November 19, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are hereby summoned to attend virtual meetings on Thursday, November 5, 2020 and Thursday November 19, 2020 @ 19:00 hours in the comfort of your own home. The brethren are requested to be properly dressed from the waist up. To get an update from the brethren on their continued success to combat the dreary Covid 19 virus. To pursue our quest in the advancement of our Masonic ideals
Regular	December 17, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 21, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 18, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 18, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of

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			<p>your own home on 18 March 2021 @ 19:00 hrs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And, to a social gathering “virtual” Zoom meeting on 4 March @ 19:00 hrs. • <i>Please Note: The Masters Message from the March Summons indicated that a virtual meeting was held in February 2021. However, no summons was received by the District Historian.</i>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	March 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 15, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of your own home on 15 April 2021 @ 19:00 hrs.
Emergent	April 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

* “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 17, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, October 15, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, November 19, 2020

My Brethren,

It is November and winter is upon us. The darker and colder days and nights are coming. Not only has the condition of the pandemic not been getting better recently, but it has been going in a gloomier path. But We, the Masons, are taught to brighten and warm up our hearts by the Masonic principles and teachings. What this year more than ever has taught us is how to put those principles into action and thrive.

Masonic teachings show us how to be selfless and work towards the common good. The month of November, and specifically the concept of the Remembrance Day also reminds us of the same values. That we must endure what is necessary to ensure a brighter future for all. We will flourish once again when we are back in session. In the meantime, we must keep the faith, uphold our hopes of the future, and keep practicing charity.

Every November in Doric, we normally commemorate our fallen brethren with our annual "Empty Chair Ceremony". This year, I invite you to continue keeping them in our thoughts and prayers and allow the vision they had, be the light to our own path. Moreover, in the absence of in-person meetings, we will continue our "virtual gatherings" socially on Thursday November 5th at 7:00pm when I hope to see as many of you as possible and hear good news about you and your loved ones; and for another educational conversation on Thursday November 19th, at 7pm.

Last month's virtual educational conversation session was another great success. I personally enjoyed the discussions, particularly with our special "visitor", W. Bro. Tharaldsen and his contribution to the conversation. I hope he continues to join us, as the rest of you. Please contact me if you wish to present an education piece in our upcoming sessions.

Brethren, in the absence of the in-person Remembrance Day Tribute at the Perley Rideau Veteran's Health Centre, I highly encourage you on this coming Remembrance Day to participate in the initiative started by our own Bro. Secretary, W. Bro. Charron, to make the Perley Rideau Centre's grounds filled with Canadian flags. Please contact Bro. Secretary for the details.

Until the warmer and brighter days when we can meet again, please stay safe, stay strong, and stay healthy.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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Ehsan Ghias-Begloo

Regular Meeting Summons, December 17, 2020

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, January 21, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 18, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 18, 2021

My Brethren,

It is March again. Time has been going by amazingly fast. It feels just like yesterday when I wrote the Words from the East for the March 2020 summons. I look back at it and I see we were preparing for lots to do: degree work, third Degree emulation, and hosting Nobles for education regarding the Shriners, and of course getting ready for transition to a new Masonic year. Indeed, lots has changed. We have not met in person in over a year. But we still have faith in what we do, we are willing and ready to give if within the length of our C.T., and hope for better and brighter days to come; and that is what March is all about, since it signifies the season of renewal.

Despite March getting a bad reputation last year, March is one of my favourite months. In my childhood, I celebrated Iranian New Year (Nowrooz, meaning “New Day”) in March, celebrating the start of the spring, the renewal of all things. Passover and Easter that normally fall in late March also resonate with the same message. Days keep getting longer and brighter (even though we lose an hour to Daylight Saving Time at the outset), and of course warmer weather. I even saw recently some Canadian geese flying back from their “ vacation in the South”. I randomly hear birds singing. I do not know their language, but I am sure they too are celebrating the more beautiful days. This is the spirit we should all have.

Another reason I personally love March is because it is the month of my Masonic birthday, same as Doric’s birthday. Last March, we were preparing to celebrate Doric’s 165th birthday when we were forced to halt all our Masonic activities. Happy Doric Birthday to all brethren. I hope we can celebrate its next birthday with a bang and in person.

Last month we again had two more great Zoom gatherings. The education discussion was outstanding. We were joined by more brethren from sister lodges, notably from Edinburgh Lodge No. 736. It is no secret that Doric is well known for its remarkable work on education. In fact, most of our remaining work from last year was on Education. Let us continue to proudly keep that tradition and reputation going. I hear interest from brethren from other lodges to join us. As long as our Zoom calls have the

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capacity for more participants, all are welcome. By all means, please invite any brother interested in joining us. By the grace of the G.A.O.T.U., we will continue our virtual education discussions until we can assemble in Lodge again.

Until then, please stay safe, healthy, and strong.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghias-Begloo, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, April 15, 2021

My Brethren,

I hope you have all been enjoying the nice weather, and have also been enjoying your Easter, Passover, and spring equinox festivities. We are entering another lockdown phase here in Ontario due to the recent increases in the COVID cases. I have been hearing a good number of you have already been vaccinated or set to be vaccinated in the near future. I thank and plea that all of you keep observing safe practices while we pass through this phase.

The GM today ordered the suspension of all masonic activities until 1st of September. He also emphasized that we will open only after “enough of our population is FULLY vaccinated”. Hopefully, that will be by the end of summer and we will get to assemble soon after. That also means there will not be any masonic activities this summer and you will get to enjoy the nice warm weather.

I have been hearing from brethren in other jurisdictions that even if they have started to reassemble, due to the health and safety guidelines, there have not been that many masonic activities they have been able to perform. They can be a great guideline for us to go forth when we reopen. Which will certainly be gradual, and we will have enough time to examine safe practices to make every member and guest feel safe and welcomed while getting “back to normal”.

In the meantime, I highly recommend that you let Bro. Secretary and I know if you have any ideas or suggestions. Moreover, as per the GM’s directives, we will have the GL elections done electronically this summer. Instructions will be forwarded to you as soon as Bro. Secretary receives them from the GL.

In “normal times” this is the time of year that we are getting ready for the Installations and the start of a new Masonic year. I must remind you that it also includes paying your dues. Please remember that your 2021-22 membership dues are due on 1 May 2021. After that you will be in arrears. Please kindly contact Bro. Secretary at your earliest convenience to enquire the amount you must pay and pay accordingly. Recently, there have been lots of talks about the future of dues. I am sure that you are aware that our rent to the Walkley Rd. Masonic Hall is set to increase. Also, the GL has increased the semi-annual assessment by \$20 per member. This will put a weight on all lodges, as all of them struggle to navigate through these uncertain times; while they do not meet, but still have bills to pay. Please rest assured that your 2021-22 dues will not increase, and it remains the same as the 2020-21 dues. Some lodges, even in our district, have already acted to increase their dues. However, after lengthy discussions with Bro. Treasure and Bro. Secretary, we have decided to leave any discussions about changes to the dues structure until we are fully open and back to normal, the

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uncertainties have diminished, and we have a better and clearer picture about the future. That being said, rest assured that the finances of the Lodge are very healthy. In the meantime, please enjoy the great nice weather. I highly recommend you to go outdoors and relish the beauties of nature if you can.

See you in our next Zoom calls. Please stay safe, healthy, and strong.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghias-Begloo, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, June 17, 2021 *(While Doric Lodge does not normally meet in June, this Summons was issued for a virtual meeting to be held on June 17, 2021.)*

My Brethren,

The hot weather has arrived in full force. Most of us are still in lockdown, but we can still enjoy some safe outdoor activities, including in the backyard or at the cottage. As per the GM's latest message, all Masonic activities remain closed at least until 1 September 2021. Though, as I and Bro. Secretary have been stressing, the GL's annual communique will be held virtually this year, and the elections of the GL officers will also take place. But most importantly, if you are eligible to vote (PMs and the principal officers), you must register to be able to vote. Please ensure you do that. I am certain Bro. Secretary will send reminders.

Brethren, a good number of you have indicated that you would like to spend more time outdoors or with your families and your CT will be short to attend two Zoom gatherings a month. Therefore, I have decided to lower the frequency of our virtual gatherings for the summer months. We will NOT meet the first Thursday of this month, but we will still meet on 17 June as planned for education, followed by some social time. If the consensus is to continue this trend or get back to two gatherings a month, we will follow accordingly. Regardless, I hope to see you all at the call this month.

Brethren, it is great to hear that currently the number of COVID cases in our province has been going down, while the vaccination numbers keep going higher, giving us hope that soon it will be safe to reopen and meet indoors at the Lodge. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy and strong, and enjoy your summer and the warm weather.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghias-Begloo, Worshipful Master

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21

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 Planned Events
Regular	September 9, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 14, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 11, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	November, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	December 9, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been

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			cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 13, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 10, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 10, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 14, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	May 12, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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St. John's Lodge No. 63 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 9, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, October 14, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, November 11, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, December 9, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, January 12, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 10, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

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Regular Meeting Summons, March 10, 2021

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Regular Meeting Summons, April 14, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 12, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

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

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
Meets the third Thursday of each Month except June, July & August

Mississippi Lodge No. 147 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 17, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 15, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A.
Emergent	October, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A.
Regular	November 19, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A.
Emergent	November, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A.
Regular	December 17, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday,

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A.
Regular	January 21, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A.
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A.
Regular	February 18, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 18, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 15, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 20 , 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Mississippi Lodge No. 147 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 17, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, October 15, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, November 19, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021.

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Regular Meeting Summons, December 17, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, January 21, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021.

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Regular Meeting Summons, February 18, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021.

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Regular Meeting Summons, March 18, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021.

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Regular Meeting Summons, April 15, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021.

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Regular Meeting Summons, May 20, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021.

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Mississippi Lodge No. 147 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
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 Planned Events
Regular	September 8, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 13, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. with us online.
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No meeting was held.
Regular	November 10, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. with us online.
Emergent	November 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No meeting was held.
Regular	December 8, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. with us online.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting was held.
Regular	January 12, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. with us online.
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting was held.
Regular	February 9, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with us online.
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting was held.
Regular	March 9, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with us online.
Emergent	March 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting was held.
Regular	April 13, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 8:00p.m. with us online.
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting was held.
Regular	May 11, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Virtual Lodge at a Regular ZOOM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. with us online. As discussed at our last meeting, this will be our last official meeting until September. Hopefully we'll be able to meet in Lodge by then!
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting was held.

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Civil Service Lodge No. 148 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 8, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020.

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Regular Meeting Summons, October 13, 2020

Greetings my brethren,

How are you doing? It is my earnest hope that you and your loved ones are safe, healthy and happy despite what's going on in our community and around the world.

You will notice that this is my first written message since March of this year, when we went on a lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It goes without saying that much has changed since then in the way we operate our day-to-day lives. Up to now, we are still unable to meet physically. Grand Lodge has cancelled all masonic meetings and social events until October 31st, and it's very probable that this could be extended.

Despite these challenges, some of the members have been able to stay in touch through technology; thanks to Bro. Horsup and Bro. Farah for introducing these tools to the lodge. This October would in fact be the sixth time we are having a gathering online. I also want to thank W.Bro. Ibrahim for taking initiative in keeping the members informed by creating this newsletter. I encourage the brethren to take advantage of this and to start attending our Zoom meetings in order to stay connected.

Finally brethren, I want to reiterate – don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance or are feeling lonely. We are here to help out one another. I look forward to the next time we physically see each other. We shall meet again.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

“Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude”

Regular Meeting Summons, November 10, 2020

Greetings my brethren,

I am glad to again see a number of you at our last Zoom meeting. It gives me a good feeling knowing that you are doing well and are healthy. To those who have missed our virtual gatherings, I encourage you to connect back to the lodge and start attending our meetings online.

Grand Lodge has extended the pause on our physical gatherings to January 31, 2021. I hope the brethren are taking this time away from the lodge to improve on their memory work. Especially our Entered Apprentices, who I'm sure are looking forward to the next step in their masonic journey, and our Junior Officers, who are keen to take on more lodge responsibilities.

I am inspired by the work that the members of our fraternity are doing despite Covid-19. They have taken this opportunity outside the lodge to continue giving back to the community by fundraising and volunteering. As an example our Grand Lodge has partnered with Feed Ontario in providing resources to food banks across the province. Helping the community and each other is what Masonry is about.

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Finally, an update on W. Bro. Ron Cooke - following health protocols, I am thankful to have been given an opportunity to visit him. Cancer has really taken a toll on his body. But despite his rough shape, he is in good spirits. He informed me that he is getting good care from his family and the nurses everyday. Let us continue to pray for our brother as he battles his illness.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W .Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

“Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude”

Regular Meeting Summons, December 8, 2020

Greetings my brethren,

The lodge is deeply saddened by the passing of W. Bro. Ronald Cooke on November 4th after his brief battle with cancer. A brother, who in my mind, personified the ideal of a Freemason.

“A man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfils his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father... The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good!”

I am very grateful that he had a huge part in my masonic journey and am truly honoured to have taken a part in his Celebration of Life ceremony.

Brethren, I know we have been on lockdown since mid-March, and the news is filled with warnings of a second wave. I bet you are getting tired of hearing about the pandemic. But there are some good updates coming up in the progress of vaccine development. I want to reiterate to the brethren to hang in there and continue to follow health protocols. There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you and your families have safe and joyous holidays.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W .Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

“Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude”

Regular Meeting Summons, January 12, 2021

Greetings my brethren,

Let me begin with wishing you a Happy New Year. I hope you had safe and enjoyable Christmas holidays with your respective households despite our current situation.

As some of you already know, the position of Lodge Treasurer had opened up with the passing of Bro. Ron Cooke to the Grand Lodge Above in November. In his stead, I have appointed V.W. Bro. John Lambie as the Interim Lodge Treasurer.

Over the past several weeks, I have assisted in the collection of the dues from the brethren who were outstanding and have been able to collect a majority of them. Bro. Lambie has done a fantastic job in keeping our lodge bank account up-to-date by

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immediately depositing those that I have submitted to him. The process of turning over the funds to the Treasurer is made seamless by the fact that he lives near me.

That being said, I would like to remind the brethren that the 2021 Lodge Dues are now due. Cheques and e-transfers are both welcome. I am grateful to those who have already sent in their dues in advance. I would also like to thank W. Bro. Sam Himyary for the past 3 years that he has done collecting outstanding funds on behalf of the lodge.

Brethren as we turn over a new page in our lives, may the new year bring you more blessings. I wish you all "Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

Regular Meeting Summons, February 9, 2021

Robbie Burns Day was on Monday, January 25th.

Despite Covid- 19, I commemorated the life of the bard by dressing up in traditional gentleman attire, eating a delicious Scottish meal, and listening to his timeless poems. All of this while social distancing. That is to say, I wore an argyle jacket and kilt, ordered takeout haggis and watched videos online in the comfort of my own home. "This is the way" we do our festivities, at least for now. Somehow, we must look for the silver lining in our current situation and find ways to remain positive amid the pandemic.

The past few days, I've reached out to a number of our older brothers to see how they are doing and what they have been up to. I must apologize that I have not yet had a chance to talk to all of you. At the same time, I would like to reiterate that if you feel the need to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to give me a ring. My contact information is in the front of the Summons. And I'm always more than happy to take your call.

Lastly, brethren, I want to remind you that our meeting in February is usually our DDGM night. As we cannot have a physical gathering, I would like for us to at least see each other during our lodge's assembly online. I also encourage each of you to invite a brother from another lodge to join us. Send them the link to our Zoom meeting for Tuesday, February 9th. We will commence at 7:30PM. I look forward to seeing you all.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

Regular Meeting Summons, March 9, 2021

Greetings my brethren,

We've had a lot of snow these past few days, but we've also had a number of sunny afternoons. In just a couple of weeks it will be Spring, and the warm weather will be upon us soon.

You may recall that March 2020 was the last time we had a regular meeting. At about this time last year, I was preparing for my vacation to the Bahamas. I had plans to bring fraternal greetings to our Caribbean brothers at the Installation in Lodge Claudius R.

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Walker No. 1808 S.C. Of course, all of those plans went out the door when the lockdown happened.

This month marks the 12 - months since we've physically seen each other. I truly miss sitting in lodge with you. Though we've been having assembly online, it just doesn't feel the same. However, a silver lining about our virtual gatherings is that I met long standing members who no longer live in Ottawa and have seen those who, due to personal circumstances, have not been in lodge in a while. So, I would like to continue encouraging the brethren to attend our zoom meetings.

As I watch the current news, the delivery of a vaccine for Covid-19 is starting to flow. We are starting to see the glimmering light at the end of the tunnel. And I'm hopeful that we'll be able to meet again soon.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

Regular Meeting Summons, April 12, 2021

Greetings my brethren,

Allow me to start by wishing you and your household a Happy Easter. I hope that you get to celebrate this holiday with your family in some semblance of normality.

As I write this message, news of Ottawa going back into Grey-zone Lockdown is proliferating. Despite the vaccine starting to roll out, the pandemic is still upon us.

So please stay healthy, be safe and continue to follow the protocols set by our provincial and local health officials. That being said, we must not forget that health is both physical and mental. If you are feeling the pains of loneliness or boredom, please reach out to me or any of our fellow brothers. This is what our fraternity is about - we are here to help each other. I would like to reiterate again the importance of staying in touch and the benefits of our zoom assembly.

Though we might not be able to physically gather, technology has given us a chance to virtually meet. So let's take advantage of this opportunity.

I would like to conclude my message with a lyrics to a song: "Lean on me when you're not strong. And I'll be your friend; I'll help you carry on. For it won't be long, til I'm going to need somebody to lean on".

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

"Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude"

Regular Meeting Summons, May 11, 2021

Greetings my brethren,

In just a few weeks, it will be Summer and the warm days will be upon us. During our normal times, this would have been the month when we install and invest our new set of Lodge Officers to lead us in the next Masonic Year. I need not say again how much things have changed since the pandemic hit, or how much we long to go back to our regular practices. It is even uncertain that we'll be back to those times and when it will happen. But I am optimistic that we will get there, and it will probably be sooner than we think. That is all we have to go by - our optimism and our hope that better days are ahead of us.

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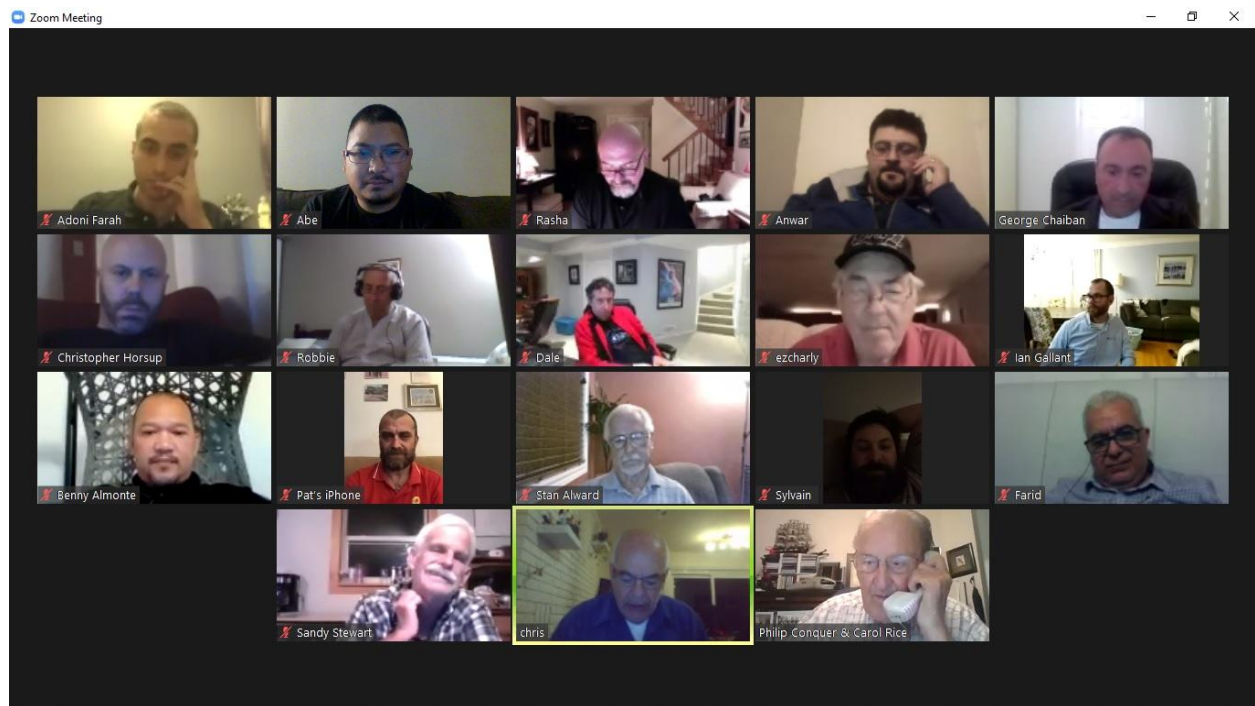
At this time, I would like to remind the Wardens and Past Masters of two sets of important dates this Summer. First relates to the election of the DDGM (June 12-17th registration and June 18-19th voting). Second relates to the election of the Grand Lodge Officers (July 12-18th registration and July 19-20th voting). Correspondences from Grand Lodge relating to these have been distributed please contact me or the Secretary if you haven't received them.

Finally brethren, I hope to see you in our next Zoom meeting – the last one for this Masonic Year. I wish you a safe and healthy Summer Break. Enjoy the warm weather with your respective families.

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

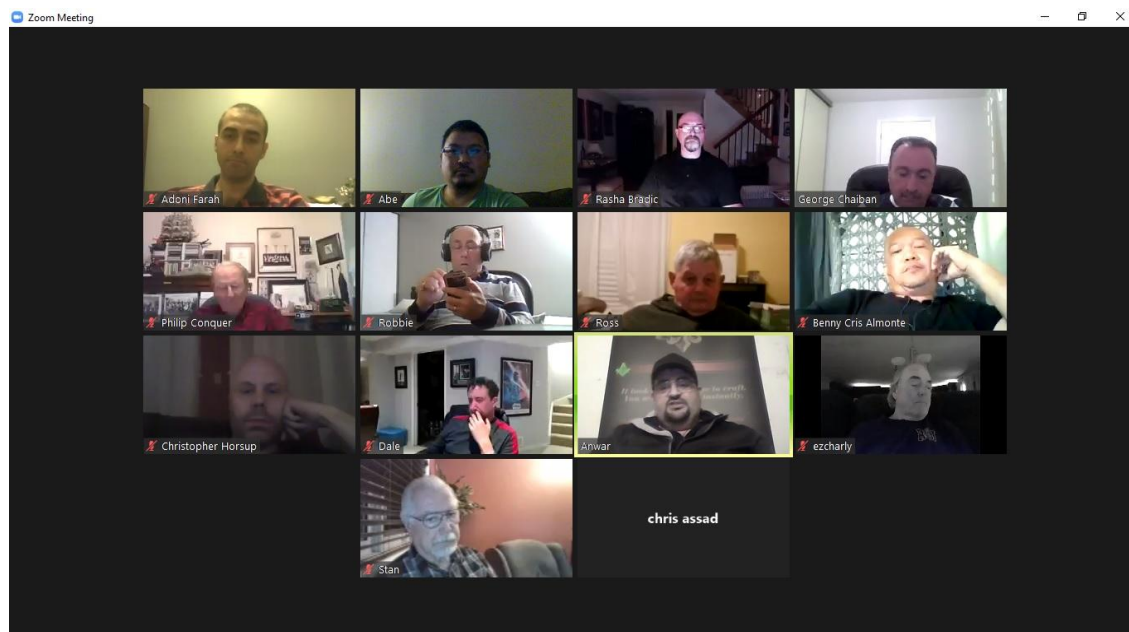
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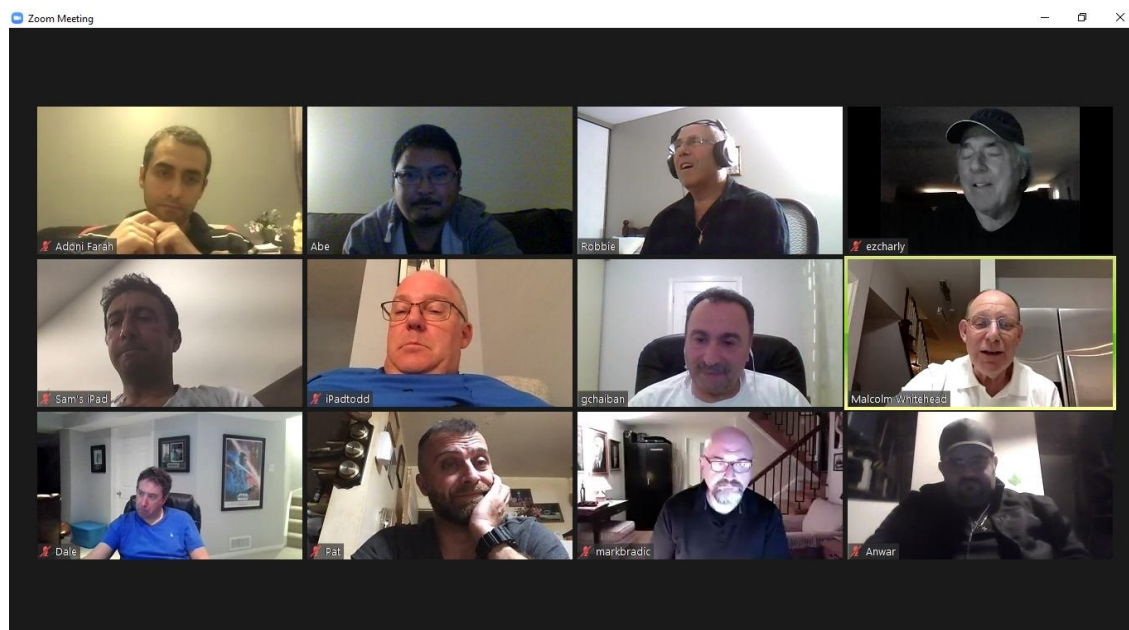


Civil Service Lodge - Zoom Meeting, September 9, 2020

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Civil Service Lodge - Zoom Meeting, October 13, 2021



Civil Service Lodge - Zoom Meeting, November 10, 2021

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21

Meets the first Tuesday of each Month except July & August

Goodwood Lodge No. 159 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 1, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 6, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	November 3, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	November 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	December 1, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have

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			been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 5, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 1, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 1, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 6, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	May 3, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	June 7, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	June, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Goodwood Lodge No. 159 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 1, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, October 6, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, November 3, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, December 1, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, January 5, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 1, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 1, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, April 6, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 4, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

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Regular Meeting Summons, June 1, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021.

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Goodwood Lodge No. 159 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
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 Planned Events
Regular	September 15, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 20, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 17, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By Grand Lodge order, until further notice, there is NO ACTIVITY at the Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa. Regular meeting: Virtual on November 17, 2020 at 7pm. Please join a virtual meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
Emergent	November 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Emergent Meeting.
Regular	December 15, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 19, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 16, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 16, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 20, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	May 18, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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

Regular Meeting Summons, September 15, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020.

[See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, October 20, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021.

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Regular Meeting Summons, November 17, 2020

No Masters Message.

Regular Meeting Summons, December 15, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, January 19, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 16, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 16, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, April 20, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021.

[See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 18, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021.

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Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
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 Planned Events
Regular	September 25, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brethren, Please join us on Zoom at our Regular Meeting time - 7:30 pm on Friday 25 Sep 20, 2020.● Agenda:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ prayer and moment of silence for the passing of V.W. Bro. Brian Edey.○ Enquiry of member welfare.○ Review of current Grand Lodge direction on reopening.○ Nominations for OMC, (Ottawa Masonic Centre), Board.○ Telephone contact tree.○ Round table
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 23, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 27, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	November 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday,

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			October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	December 25, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regularo	January 21, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 26, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 26, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 23, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 28, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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

Regular Meeting Summons, September 25, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, October 23, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, November 27, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, December 25, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, January 22, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 26, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 26, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, April 23, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 28, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

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Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21

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 24, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 22, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 26, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	November 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	December 24, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 28, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 25, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 25, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 22, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 27, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all

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			Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	June 24, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	June 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Carleton Lodge No. 465 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 24, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, October 22, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, November 26, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, December 24, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, January 28, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 25, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 25, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, April 22, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 27, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, June 24, 2021

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No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021.
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Carleton Lodge No. 465 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

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Russell Lodge No. 479, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1906

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21

Meets the third Monday of each Month except July & August

Russell Lodge No. 479 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 14, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 19, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 16, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	November 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	December 21, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> However, the W.M. of Russell Lodge provided a letter written to the Brethren as a Christmas message. The message thanked the Brethren for their kind support of three different charitable activities undertaken by Russell Lodge during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please see the Master's Message and Photo sections below for the details.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 18, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
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Emergent	February 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 15, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	April 19, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 17, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	June 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	June 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Russell Lodge No. 479 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 21, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020.

[See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, October 19, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021.

[See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, November 16, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021.

[See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, December 21, 2020

Christmas Message from the W.M. of Russell Lodge, #479

Seasons Greetings Brethren All,

I want to take a few minutes of your time to wish you, and your families a very safe and happy Christmas Season. This has been a very trying year for everyone, and I want to thank you for surviving it, and for helping those around you.

Some of our Brethren have been in touch with each other, and have helped out neighbours, family, and friends this past year. Brethren – good on you!! No matter how much the effort, even if it was just a kind word to someone who was down, this is what we as Masons should be doing.

I want to recognize the efforts of my Mother Lodge – Russell 479, and the fantastic charity work that we accomplished this year. Even without the ability to organize fundraising in any traditional method, or have proper meetings to strategize, and even collect monies, you, as members of Russell Lodge came through strong!!

Last spring, we raised \$2,100.00 by “passing the hat” – virtually/by email, and were able to assist the family of Mr. Scott Reaney, of Metcalfe, son of Bro. Gordon Reaney. Scott’s daughter, Keira, has severe physical limitations, and we helped to raise money to purchase a very special bicycle which not only helped her develop motor skills, but let her be a kid in her own neighbourhood, and go visit Grandma and Grandpa.

This fall, Russell Lodge again “passed the hat” through emails, and collected \$1,000.00 which was donated to an organization called Trotts. Trotts is a horse riding charity for children and young adults that may have Cerebral Palsy, MS, mental or emotional disorders, and many other hindrances. As seen in the picture, myself, my wife (Dr. Natt), and W. Bro. John Barber and his Lady, Diane, presented a cheque to the Trotts Foundation. Lady Diane has been a volunteer here for about 13 years, and it is a fantastic local organization to help children in need.

We, as Russell Lodge members, also geared our efforts for a fourth year to support Naomi House in Winchester, Ontario. Naomi House is a shelter for abused women who have nowhere to go, and often show up with only the clothing on their backs. And

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often, with children in tow. To go back to where they came from, often leads to dire circumstances, and even death.

The members of Russell Lodge were fortunate to team up with the members of North Dundas Lodge in Winchester for a second year in a row. Together, the two Lodges, coming from two different districts, but representing the goodness and benevolence of Freemasonry everywhere, presented the Administrator of Naomi House – Debra, with cheques and monies totalling \$1,600.00. Seen in the picture, are myself on the right of Debra, and W. Bro. Mike Valois, the Secretary of North Dundas, on the left.

Brethren, this money will go directly to the ladies in this shelter, so that they can provide essentials for themselves and children that they have. The money was given from both Lodges, with no claiming as to who gave what – that isn't important. What is important is that Masons worked together, and they made well of their labours. A great team effort!!

I also want to make note to you that we have a couple of members who are working quietly to assist Brethren abroad who are in need – real need. Without support, meals are few and far between. We have a couple of our members who have directed around \$3500 to Masons in Cuba, who are struggling under a hyper-inflation, and are not able to find enough work and money to feed their families.

We also have members, (and members of sister Lodges in Ottawa District 1), who are likewise sending goodly amounts of money to The Bahamas, where the District Chairman for Benevolence, English Constitution, and is also a PM in the Scottish Constitution, is seeing to the needs of Brethren displaced from Hurricane Dorian, and the effects of a strained economy that has no tourist supporting it. There really are families there that are struggling to pay the bills, and get food.

Our Masonic donations are getting directly into the hands of those in need. Nothing is being wasted in bureaucracy.

To the Brethren of North Dundas, I sincerely thank you for joining in with us.

To the Brethren of Russell Lodge, you continually make me proud to be a member of this great little country lodge. We roll up our sleeves, and “get ‘er done”.

I want to thank the efforts of three of our members for making this all possible – Rt. W. Bro. Ken Sharp, W. Bro. Ghislain Cormier, and W. Bro. John Barber. You three guys provide so much of the backbone of a lodge, and make my job easier.

Brethren, I will end here, and again, congratulate you all in not only achieving these acts of benevolence and charity, but by being good Masons in your families, your community, and in your professional lives.

Take care, and have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

Jim Bowman

WM, Russell #479

Regular Meeting Summons, January 18, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

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Regular Meeting Summons, February 15, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 15, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#).

Regular Meeting Summons, April 19, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 17, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

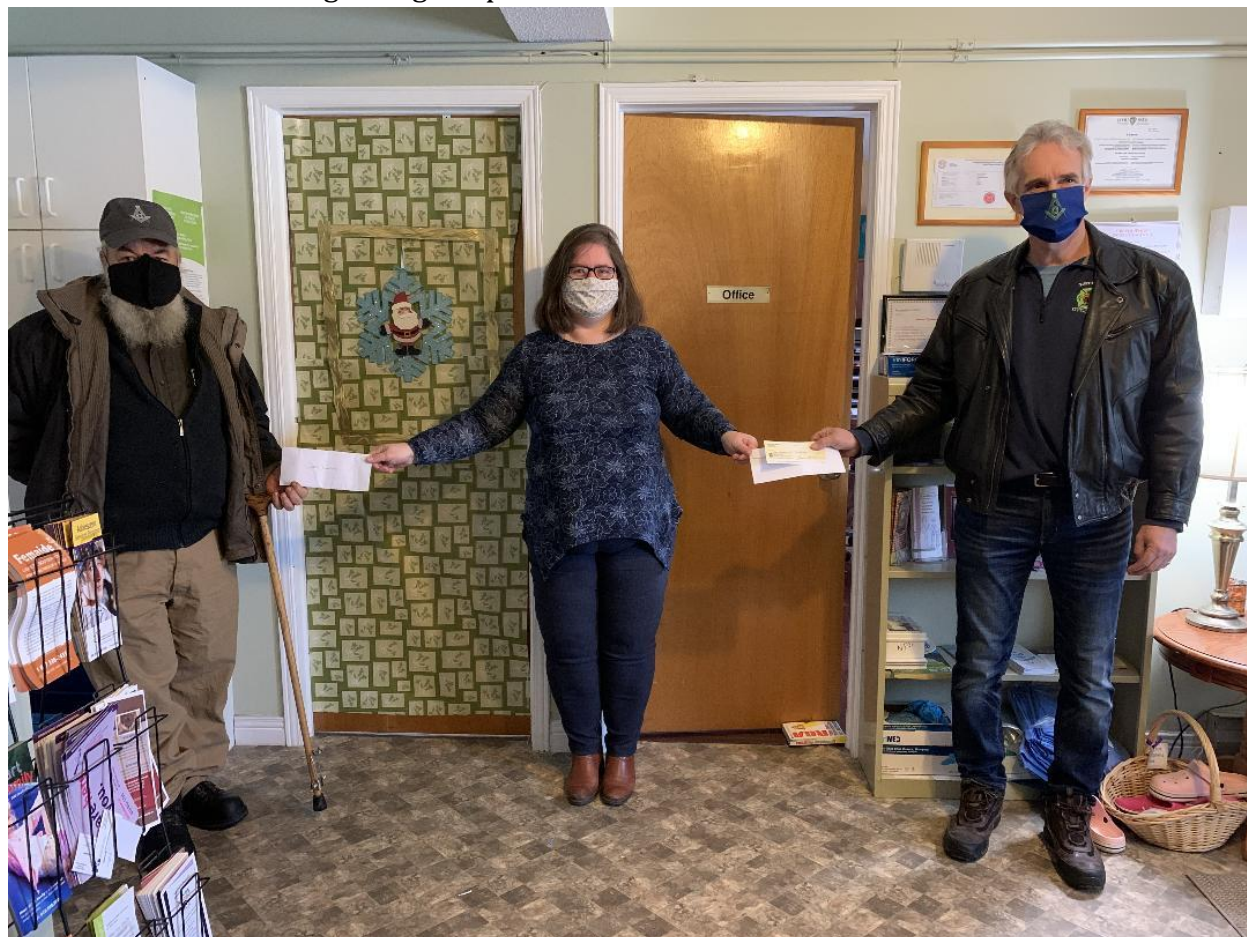
Regular Meeting Summons, June 21, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

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Russell Lodge No. 479 - Select Photos

Photos included with the December Summons. Please see the Masters Message for December for details regarding the photos.



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**Hazeldean Lodge No. 517, GRC In The Province Of Ontario Instituted
1914**

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
Meets the third Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 16, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dear Sir and Brother: By order of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Meeting of Hazeldean Lodge, is CANCELLED until further notice.• From Grand Lodge (August 17, 2020) The cancellation of all Masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until AT LEAST October 31, 2020.
Emergent	September 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A
Regular	October 21, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 18, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The cancellation of all in-person Masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until AT LEAST January 31, 2021.
Emergent	November 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The cancellation of all in-person Masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until AT LEAST January 31, 2021.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	December 16, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	December 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 20, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The moratorium on all in-person Masonic gatherings will be extended to AT LEAST April 30, 2021. All Grand Master's banquets for the spring will be converted to videoconferences if the Districts so wish. The 2021 Annual Communication will be held virtually and voting for DDGMs, other Grand Lodge officers and Constitutional Amendments will be done on-line.
Emergent	January 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 17, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 17, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled

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			until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	March 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	April 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 19, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 16, 2020

Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

A new year starts the same as the old year ends. The worldwide pandemic has contributed to huge changes in our normality. We are virtually closer, yet socially distant.

Our inability to meet in fellowship has left many in unforeseen circumstances of misfortune and calamity. Look well to your brother Mason, a phone call, a quick email or text would be appreciated by all.

Hazeldean Lodge meets at the Masonic temple; we often refer to ourselves as a temple we construct. Take this time of working on our inward temple to better ourselves for our eventual return to our external one.

We have brothers this year who are achieving milestones in their Masonic career. Do not let the cancellation of our meetings diminish the recognition they deserve. If presentations are made, please acknowledge with a quick word to the secretary to pass on.

As we receive updates from Grand Lodge, we will determine what path the lodge takes. Everyone wants to return as soon as possible but we will return when we are as safe as possible.

Paul Parent WM,
Hazeldean Lodge 517

Regular Meeting Summons, October 21, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021.

[See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, November 18, 2020

While this is not a Message from the Master, it was included as part of the Summons issued by Hazeldean Lodge for November 2020.

The dictionary definition of "Benevolence" is a start but it doesn't go far enough for Masonic values; "...an inclination to perform charitable acts...". Masonic Benevolence goes beyond awareness and an inclination. We are duty-bound to do something.

It may be a phone call, a visit, a bag of groceries, a quiet chat, a job reference. In this period of disruption and uncertainty, Masonic benevolence is needed more than ever. We cannot visit and meet together because of COVID-19 restrictions. But we can call, we can offer more concrete assistance to our Brothers where needed.

If you are aware of a need for benevolent action, please contact any one of the three Benevolent Committee Members. All contact is strictly confidential.

Regular Meeting Summons, December 16, 2020

No Masters message for December was included in the Summons.

Regular Meeting Summons, January 20, 2021

No Masters message for January was included in the Summons.

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Regular Meeting Summons, February 17, 2021

No Masters message for February was included in the Summons.
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Regular Meeting Summons, March 17, 2021
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No Masters message for March was included in the Summons.

Regular Meeting Summons, April 21, 2021
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No Masters message for April was included in the Summons.

Regular Meeting Summons, May 19, 2021
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No Masters message for May was included in the Summons.

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Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

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

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
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 Planned Events
Regular	September 9, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sidney Albert Luke meets virtually every second Wednesday of the month. The same day we would have had our Regular Meeting. Because of the Coronavirus situation we have been meeting virtually since the Lodges stopped meeting in March 2020• These started out as informal meetings just to keep in touch. No agenda, no notes, because we were not meeting officially. But we do meet.
Emergent	September 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A
Regular	October 14, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are receiving this Non Summons due to the current pandemic. The lodge members have a semi-regular Zoom call to keep in touch. The next Zoom Call is tentatively scheduled for October 24th at 8pm. Please look for the invite.• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	November 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	December 9, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 13, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 10, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	February 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 10, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	March 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	April 14, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	April 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 12, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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

Regular Meeting Summons, September 9, 2020

Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, October 14, 2020

Hello Brethren,

Brethren, This is definitely a weird time and an unprecedented situation. Lodge has now been closed for many months and we've only seen each other via electronic means. And I can attest, personally, that this is a very difficult time for many.

As difficult as this may be, let's remind each other that we're not alone. A quick phone call, a drive by, it can go a long way.

Let's help one another stay positive and let's find time to make the much needed phone calls. Remember, if anybody needs someone to talk to, I'm always willing to listen.

Brethren, I'll see you at our next zoom meeting,

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, November 11, 2020

Brethren!

Another month has arrived and with it, an-other opportunity for us to enjoy some virtualsmiles.

As Halloween has passed, and before we talk about Christmas, let us not forget about our fallen. November is the month of Remembrance. Usually, we would stand with our fellow soldiers and remember the sacrifices they have made, and the ultimate sacrifice our fallen have made.

This year, we will still stand with them, in our homes and in our hearts. I know COVID can be difficult and hard on the best of us, but by taking that minute to think about who has given what for us, for this country, it might help move things into perspective and know that, we, together, have the strength to keep pushing forward as they had the strength to give it all.

We are not only proud Masons, but proud Canadians, let us be strong, together.

S&F

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

Regular Meeting Summons, December 9, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

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Regular Meeting Summons, January 13, 2021

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 10, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 10, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, April 14, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 12, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

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Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

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**St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted
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Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
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 Planned Events
Regular	September 3, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SUMMONS FOR September 2020 Dear Sir and Brother: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master issued on August 17, 2020, the suspension of all Masonic events has been extended to at least October 31, 2020, due to the Covid- 19 pandemic. Therefore, the Worshipful Master has cancelled all meetings for the month September and October. Grand Lodge is encouraging virtual education sessions on regular lodge nights though GoToMeetings. More information to follow as it becomes available from our DDGM. He reminds you that the Lodge and Fraternity is not limited to the meetings in the Lodge room. He encourages you to maintain contact with fellow brethren, by phone, virtual meetings, or if your health and social bubbles permit in person (always respecting the guidelines of public health). This is especially relevant to those brethren whose social outlet was the Lodge meeting. Fraternally, Wladyslaw Kinastowski, Secretary
Emergent	September, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 1, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To further Masonic education by the presentation of an updated paper by V.W. Bro. Kinastowski – First Tentative Steps and follow-up discussion.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	October, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	November 5, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Virtual Gathering. St. Andrew's Lodge will meet virtually through the ZOOM App on Thursday, November 5, 2020, 7:30p.m. To further Masonic education through a remembrance themed presentation by Bro. Steven Dieter, followed by discussion.
Emergent	November 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	December 3, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will meet virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday, December 3, 2020, 7:30p.m. To further Masonic education followed by discussion.
Emergent	December 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 7, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A virtual meeting was held this evening to further our knowledge of the Scottish Bard – Robert Burns.
Emergent	January 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 4, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master issued on December 15, 2020, the suspension of all Masonic events has been extended to at least April 30, 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Worshipful Master has cancelled all in person meetings for the month of January.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will have a virtual Committee of General Purposes meeting, and a virtual gathering on the evening of our regular meeting. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend. At our regular meeting we will have a presentation by W. Bro. Adam Nesrallah, entitled: <i>The Internet: Your Information and its (Mis)Use</i>. <p>Fraternally, Wladyslaw Kinastowski, Secretary</p>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	February 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	March 4, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will meet virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday, March 4, 2021, 7:30p.m. Men's Health with Guest Speaker Dr. Salman. Event is open to non-Masons, as well as members/candidates from other Lodges.
Emergent	March 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	April 1, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGENDA: Virtual Gathering We will meet virtually through the ZOOM App on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 7:30p.m. "Lodge" of Discussion on the working tools of the First Degree.
Emergent	April 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	May 14, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGENDA: Virtual Gathering We will meet virtually through the ZOOM App on Friday, May 14, 2021, at 7:30p.m. "Lodge" of Discussion on the Perceptions of Freemasonry.
Emergent	May 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic

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			events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	June 3, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will meet virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday June 3, 2021, 7:30p.m. Virtual Bifurcated Gavel Ceremony with the Brethren from Renfrew Lodge
Emergent	June 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 3, 2020

Greetings Brethren,

This would have been the time, under normal circumstances, where we would be returning to Lodge and begin our masonic year and again gather with our brethren.

I hope that all of you have stayed safe and healthy and enjoyed what can be considered a summer holiday. In compliance with provincial and federal guidance, Grand Lodge still holds strong with not opening any Masonic Lodges through to the end of October and we will continue to adhere to their instructions.

I will be holding monthly virtual meetings with my officers and with the lodge as a whole and my big challenge this masonic year is to figure out how to continue our activities and keep you engaged but none the less I give you my word that I will do my best.

As we keep pushing forward through this pandemic, let us not forget to push forward our masonic studies and interest to keep us enlightened in our wonderful craft. Our lodge is filled with brethren that have tremendous knowledge and resources to aid you in your journey, do not hesitate to reach out to them. I would like to thank all of the brethren who have been contributing to thee-newsletter and if you would like to add to this, please reach out to Bro. Steve Young.

Perseverance and persistence will see us through these difficult times, keep strong brethren.

S & F,

W.M., Elias Lakkis 2019-2021

Regular Meeting Summons, October 1, 2020

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all of you and your families are staying safe. As we enter what would have been the second month of "regular" activities of the Lodge, I hope to build the momentum and keep moving forward with virtual masonic education. Our September virtual meeting went well with a good number of Brethren in attendance.

I was extremely pleased and honored to have Most Worshipful Brother Doug Franklin, Past Grand Master of the Province of British Columbia, join us for the meeting. I call on all of you to make a valiant effort to join the virtual call for our next meeting where a paper will be presented and a discussion will follow.

I would like to remind the Brethren to visit the Grand Lodge website and keep informed on the latest from our Province and where you will find a plethora of masonic education and protocol.

"Let us remember the four cardinal virtues in word and in practice and how they can assist us in our daily endeavors".

S & F,

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Regular Meeting Summons, November 5, 2020

Greetings Brethren,

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November is a special month. It is a time that we remember and thank our current and past military, police and other personnel that put their lives on the line for the well-being of others.

It is even more special to St. Andrew's as our Lodge was founded by military officers who were looking to continue that brotherly fraternity when they returned from the First World War.

At our "regular" meeting, we will do just that, we will thank and remember our current and past officers. I strongly ask that you make this meeting a priority and join the brethren in a night of remembrance.

"Let us remember the four cardinal virtues in word and in practice and how they can assist us in our daily endeavors".

S & F,

W.M., Elias Lakkis 2019-2021

Regular Meeting Summons, December 3, 2020

Season's Greetings Brethren,

As the holidays approach, let us keep vigilant and stay safe. I pray and hope that all of you and your families are doing well.

There is a lot happening in St. Andrews. R.W. Bro. Gillis proposed a candidate ZOOM series where potential candidates, friends and all Masons are invited to listen in and ask questions about our beloved fraternal order and get some sense of understanding. The kick-off virtual call was on November 14, 2020 led by R.W. Bro. Gillis and facilitated by Bro. Federico. M.W. Bro. Don Mumby was invited to speak and offer his perspective and experiences in Freemasonry. It was well attended and well received, Masons and potential candidates were very much engaged. I highly encourage all of you to dial in, you will not be disappointed. This is now a monthly virtual call with a myriad of interesting speakers and various topics of discussion that will peak the interest of any mason. This initiative is now being discussed at the district level and might be something that will be implemented at that level. Congratulations R.W. Bro. Gillis, excellent work!

Another initiative was proposed by Bro. Levere, to set up a St. Andrew's virtual library and build a repository of various books and papers on any masonic subject. Brethren will be able to visit our website and choose a book they would like to read, contact the brother that owns it and ask to borrow it. Within the next few weeks a call-out will be sent out and anyone who has a masonic library that he would like to share with the lodge, will be able to do so. Keep your eyes peeled if you are interested. This will give brethren the chance to grow their masonic knowledge and assist them in their journey to masonic enlightenment. Great suggestion Bro. Levere!

As you can see, even if we cannot meet in person, it doesn't mean that we don't keep going. It is up to each man himself to find the motivation and desire to do so. I want to remind all of you that the lodge is there for you. I am very happy for the great initiatives from the brethren and I am very proud of our lodge.

"Let us remember the four cardinal virtues in word and in practice and how they can assist us in our daily endeavors".

S & F

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Regular Meeting Summons, January 7, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all of you had a safe holiday with your families and are doing well. I want to wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2021.

We are now at the halfway point in the masonic year and things have been moving along nicely. The virtual candidate series are a great hit, so don't forget to join the next one on January 16, 2021. As well, the virtual library is being filled with masonic knowledge. If you have books to lend out, let me know.

January is a time to celebrate our beloved Bard, Robert Burns and at our regular meeting, we will be doing just that. It will be a great night of poems and cheers so don't forget to charge your scotch glasses and join the celebration.

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In addition to the Message from the W.M., St. Andrew's Summons also contained these interesting tidbits of Masonic Information

The 90° Corner

What does the "tongue of good report" mean?

If one is considered to be of good character or reputation, in Masonic technical terms that is equivalent to being "under the tongue of good report". It is required that all candidates for initiation should those about whom no tongue speaks ill. The phrase is an old one and its use dates back to the early 1800s.

Unscramble the anagram "HARSAL"

HARSAL = ASHLAR

An old word for building stone and in Masonry they are both "rough" and "perfect". Through a process of refinement, a rough ashlar is made perfect.

Regular Meeting Summons, February 4, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

Last month we had a well-attended virtual Robbie Burns celebration. Many thanks to R.W. Bro. Gillis and Bro. Myall for a great presentation. It was nice to see so many of you and yours on the call. I would like to also remind you to continue to follow the monthly candidate meetings and to lend your masonic books to the lodge library if you can.

At our regular virtual meeting in February, I would like to do something different. An idea was brought to my attention that is not of masonic nature, but nonetheless can help us in our daily lives. In modern times, we rely so heavily on the Internet. Everything we do is out in the open and most of us give out our personal information without a second thought.

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One of the Cardinal Virtues is prudence, and a presentation was put together to aid us in being prudent in our personal endeavors. W. Bro Nesrallah will give us current information on how your personal information is used and misused on the Internet, the consequences of a lack of privacy, and how to protect your personal information from identity thieves, nosy corporations and other malcontents. I'm sure you will find this helpful and I strongly recommend your participation.

"Let us remember the four cardinal virtues in word and in practice and how they can assist us in our daily endeavors".

S & F,

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Regular Meeting Summons, March 4, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

I would like to thank W. Bro Nesrallah for giving us current information on how our personal information is used and misused on the Internet, and providing us with solutions to protect ourselves on the open Internet. I hope you found it as useful as I did and are taking steps to protect yourselves, I know I did.

I would like to continue a trend of topics that help us in our daily lives. R.W. Bro. Gillis had approached me with the idea to bring in a speaker to talk about something that most men do not delve into too much detail. I think it's important and I truly believe every man has to take it more seriously. At our regular meeting in March, we will have Ottawa physician, Dr. Salman, who has accepted to join us on our call and talk about various subjects such as; men's general health, men's mental health, how Covid is affecting our day to day and more. I believe that the meeting will be of particular interest to all of us and hopefully will elicit good conversation from the brethren. I highly encourage your participation.

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Regular Meeting Summons, April 1, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

I would like to thank W. Bro. Maclean for inviting us to Luxor Daylight Lodge's zoom meeting on March 17, 2021, where the Deputy Grand Master gave a presentation and addressed the attraction of today's men to Masonry and guarding the West gate. It was a great presentation with a lot to ponder on.

At our next regular meeting, we will be holding a lodge of discussion. W. Bro. Nesrallah will open the discussion on the working tools of the first degree and how they extol the importance of accuracy, precision and intentional effort to our moral and personal growth. These lessons are self-evident in our Masonic journey, and Bro. Nesrallah will use the Renaissance Artists and their Craft as an example of how Masonic thinking, or the thinking that inspired early Masonry, is present in all noble endeavours in which humanity participates. This will be an interesting discussion and I hope to see you all in attendance.

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S & F,

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Regular Meeting Summons, May 14, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

Grand lodge virtual preparations are underway and a meet and greet had been scheduled the same day as our regular lodge gathering. Some of the brethren will need to attend these proceedings and will not be present, so our next regular meeting is postponed to Friday May 14, 2021.

We will be conducting a lodge of discussion and will be open to all prospective candidates and masons where we will be watching a few short videos about freemasonry and how the craft is perceived around the world. Some perceptions are good and some are bad and this will give a chance for anyone to ask questions in hopes to get some clarification at any stage in their masonic journey. I strongly encourage you all to attend.

I would also like to remind everyone to join the monthly Candidate Zoom Series, it's proving to be quite the informative and extremely valuable sessions.

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S & F,

W.M., Elias Lakkis, 2019-2021

Regular Meeting Summons, June 3, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

Once again we are required to do things a little different due to COVID. In June we will conduct a virtual Bifurcated Gavel Ceremony. This is a long-standing tradition between St. Andrews and Renfrew Lodge. I strongly encourage everyone to attend and support our brethren of Renfrew Lodge.

The June regular meeting will be the last meeting before summer. As I reflect on what has occurred and what we as a Lodge had to do to keep moving forward, I can't help but feel pride in our Lodge. Many initiatives took place and thrived. The Candidate Zoom Series was a tremendous success, so much so that Grand Lodge followed suit. The Masonic Library, the lodges of discussion and the guests that provided us with personal guidance, all made it work with the continued support of the brethren and my officers. Even with COVID, this year was successful.

Enjoy the summer break, keep safe and strong. I look forward to when we can meet once again in person.

Thank you all.

S & F

W.M. Elias Lakkis 2019-2021

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No photos provided.

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Acacia Lodge No. 561, GRC In The Province of Ontario - Instituted 1920

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21

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

Acacia Lodge No. 561 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 15, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dear Sir and Brother: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES• By command of the Grand Master, issued on August 17th 2020, the suspension of all Masonic events has been extended until at least October 31st 2020.• Virtual Meetup: Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSi organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plumber on September 15th at 7:30 P.M. If you require help with this application please contact Worshipful Brother Plumber before the 15th and he will happily help you out• The Committee of General Purposes: There will be no CGP meeting this month
Emergent	September 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 20, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dear Sir and Brother: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES• By command of the Grand Master, issued on August 17th 2020, the suspension of all Masonic events has been extended until at least October 31st 2020.• Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A• Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSi organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer

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			on October 20th at 7:30 P.M. If you require help with this application please contact Worshipful Brother Plummer before the 20th and he will happily help you out.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	October 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	November 17, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master all in person masonic meetings have been cancelled until January 31 2021. R. W. Bro Burchill will be giving some Masonic Education at our November meeting. W. Bro. Harrison will raise a notice of motion to donate \$500.00 to the Ottawa Mission
Emergent	November 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	December 15, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master all in person masonic meetings have been cancelled until January 31, 2021. Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on December 15th at 7:30 P.M. Notice of Motion: W. Bro. Henry Harrison will raise a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Ottawa mission.
Emergent	December 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	January 19, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI

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			<p>organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on January 19th at 7:30 P.M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work will be our annual roll call as well as Masonic education by R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
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Acacia Lodge No. 561 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 15, 2020

My Brethren,

We are living in interesting times. I hope that this note finds you and your family well and that in spite of the Covid-19 isolation, that you are holding masonry in your hearts. As sad as it was to see our Silver-to-Gold event slip from our hands, time marched on. We are now a 100 year old Lodge and will deploy our new Lodge regalia, and proudly wear our new aprons when next we meet.

W. Bros. Harrison and Lillico have been unrelenting through the darkness. They have been maintaining the Lodge business and Grand Lodge correspondence on our behalf. We will be able to resume in-person gatherings as soon as it is safe to do so. Acacia is alive and well.

W. Bro. Plummer has led several on-line get-togethers over the summer to keep us in touch. It's been fun to see how shaggy we have become when we live in bubbles and wear masks! With W. Bro. Plummer's help we can maintain our spirit of brotherhood until we can meet again in person.

This September, we will obviously not be able to hold our traditional Grand Lodge Appreciation Night or regular meetings. Likewise we could not elect and install a new slate of Officers before the lockdown.

The plan going forward is to remain dark with regard to in-person meetings and any ritual. When public health authorities deem it safe, we will cautiously resume operations, catch up on degree work, and celebrate the brotherhood we have been missing.

If you would like to join any of the virtual get togethers it would be great to see you. If you need any assistance, as always, let any Lodge officer know.

Please wear a mask, and stay safe.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, October 20, 2020

My Brethren

My thanks to everyone for keeping in touch with one another, and for supporting our virtual get togethers. It was heartwarming to have so many sign-in to our last meeting, and to even have W. Bro. Gravelle take a break to join us from his car!

Last month's presentation by the Grand Master was a thought provoking start to our year. His talk reminded us of the opportunities to live the values we share as Masons, and while tradition may constrain us in some ways, an open mind and heart does not. Even though we cannot conduct our usual Masonic Business, Ritual or voting, W. Bro. Plummer has offered to keep organizing our monthly meet up on our Regular Meeting night. With your participation as encouragement, we will keep up the effort to meet on-line, share news and maintain our bond.

As you may have all heard, W. Bro. Bruce Quinney, a Past Master and longtime member of Acacia passed to the Grand Lodge Above on October 3, 2020. As well, W. Bro. Jack Earnshaw's wife, Susan Hawe, passed away on September 15, 2020. I hope we can

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share a moment's silence at our next gathering, to reflect on our happy memories of them, the good that they represented, and the legacy they have left.

There was general consensus at our September gathering that we should plan some masonic education this month. As we are still in our anniversary year, I've asked W.Bro. Neil Lillico to give us a brief historical talk this month. He will no doubt preface and conclude his presentation with a request for personal biographies, so, well, please don't be surprised.

I look forward to seeing and hearing you on-line and hope that we will soon be able to meet again in-person.

As always, if you need any assistance, please let any Lodge officer know.

Please wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay safe.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, November 17, 2020

My Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone for making the time to join our monthly virtual meetings, and for keeping masonry in your hearts. While the isolation imposed by social distancing can be disheartening, I am glad to see everyone online and to hear your voices.

Thanks are due to W. Bro. Lillico for his historical presentation last month on life in 1920, and also to those of you who reached out to the Brethren who missed the last get together.

November is usually a special month for us, and the time when we recognize those members of Acacia who have served both in war and in peacetime. Sadly, we have to add our Empty Chair Ceremony to the list of traditions we must forego this year.

It was proposed recently that we make a donation to the Men's Mission. We were unable to hire them for GLAN this year, and will not be able to help them with work at DD Night. W. Bro. Lillico advises that our finances should be strong enough to support a donation since our budget for Festive Boards is going untouched.

Since our last meeting, we received a note from W. Bro. David Brown on behalf of the Temple Board. The renovations to the basement at Westboro have not yet been completed, and the space could be a significant source of revenue once Covid restrictions are lifted. While no work can be undertaken immediately, it would appear that the Temple Board will be seeking financial support to finish the project.

In closing, I would like to call upon anyone with ideas for Masonic education or related topics to get in touch. It was a consensus at the September meeting that regular talks are of interest, so I would like to fill up a schedule of topics and speakers.

I look forward to seeing and hearing you on-line, and hope that we will soon be able to meet again in-person.

As always, if you need any assistance, please let any Lodge officer know.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master.

Regular Meeting Summons, December 15, 2020

My Brethren,

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As the Christmas season is upon us, I would like to wish you, your family, and loved ones a safe and joyous holiday!

We usually celebrate the season with our Christmas Pot Luck but this being a “special” time, we are obligated to keep our distance. I can’t wait to have a bigger potluck, more wine, and greater mirth when the pandemic is behind us.

Our thanks go out to R.W. Bro. Burchill who treated us to a great piece of masonic education last month. The story of “Ed, Fred, and Ted” drove home the message that while we may approach the door of the Lodge for different reasons, the nature of masonry offers many paths for every brother to find fulfillment.

Since our last meeting, the 4-Lodge Centennial Committee met and decided to closeout our efforts to hold a joint celebration. Monies that were paid up front for the Banquet and Ceremony were forfeit, however, when we were forced to cancel. While we could not reclaim what was spent for the hall, banquet and band, we will not be obliged to pay out the full contract. Funds left in the bank will be divided equally among the 4 Lodges.

Your feedback last month on Charity, and the Basement Renovation, is much appreciated. Normally we use CGP for these dialogues, but, again, these are special times. I am happy to report that the Temple Board has provided the project budget, and a fuller explanation of their work. By the time we hold our next virtual meeting, you should have that material to peruse.

In closing, please remember that annual dues are payable by year-end. As disheartening as it is that we cannot meet in-Lodge, your financial support remains vital.

I look forward to seeing you on-line, and hope that 2021 will see us gathered happily again, in-person.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, January 19, 2021

My Brethren,

I trust you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas, and that the troubles we’ve endured in 2020 will soon be behind us. You may recall that at this time last year, Bro. Brook organized a presentation from the Ottawa Men’s Mission. While we cannot support them by contracting catering services right now, the Lodge has been able to send them a donation. Your encouragement to support the Mission is much appreciated and I hope we will be able to work with them again soon on some catered events, once Lodge meetings resume.

As we normally host our DDGM Official Visit in January, R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie has offered to join us at this month’s Virtual Meeting. He will also be our guest speaker and Masonic Educator. I hope that as many of you as are able will join me in welcoming R.W. Bro. Christie.

Our Annual Roll Call will be conducted at this month’s Virtual Meeting. We will count ourselves present when Bro. Secretary calls our name, and will carry messages from those brethren who are unable to attend. If you are in touch with any Brother that has

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not been at our get togethers, please take the opportunity to speak for them at Roll Call, and let us know how they are doing.

Since our report in November on the Basement Renovation at Westboro, WMTL has been looking for ways to offer something tangible in return for financial support. In this vein, we expect that they will be offering discounted credit towards the use of the Banquet Hall and Bar. The per-use cost for each credit should be known in the next month or so.

I am looking forward to seeing you in person in 2021 and hope that you are all staying safe.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, February 16, 2021

My Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone for attending last month's Annual Roll Call and especially to those of you who brought updates from Brethren who could not attend. Bro. Secretary noted that we've lost contact with Bro. Peter Taylor. Bro. Taylor's email no longer works and attempts to contact him have failed. Should you be able to help us contact Bro. Taylor, please let W. Bro. Harrison know.

The presentation by our DDGM on his "virtual official visit" was quite enlightening. It is a treat when R.W. Bro. Christie visits, and his most recent talk shed light on the work of the District Deputy, and his budget.

Alas, the pandemic drags on. Thoughts on resuming our Lodge meetings is top-of-mind, however, V.W. Bro. Gordon has offered a series of steps we should consider to smooth the process, Temple Corporation work parties continue to advance basement renovations at Westboro, and the need to convene a committee for our 2022 By-law Review has been signalled.

W. Bro. Lillico has proposed that we sell off our silver lodge regalia now that we will be wearing gold. The proposal has been adopted and the collars are being sold at a nominal cost of \$25.00 each. You now have a chance to own a piece of Acacia's history for a wall hanging or shadow box. Please contact W.Bro. Harrison if you are interested. This month there is no masonic education booked for our virtual meeting. If you have a piece you would like to present, please let me know. In the meantime, we will use our meeting to keep the calendar alive, stay in touch, and share a little mirth.

W. Bro. Stephen Plummer has been awesome about organizing our on-line get togethers and I hope you will try to join us. If you need a hand with the virtual format, please reach out to W.Bro. Plummer directly and he can help you connect.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, March 16, 2021

My Brethren,

First of all, I would like to thank Bro. Peter Taylor for reaching out and getting our mailing list up-to-date.

We'd lost contact with Bro. Taylor and were at a loss as to how we could find him. Lucky for us, he reads the printed summons' and got in touch. It is a reminder that in

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spite of email, text and social media, the printed summons is still relevant and essential.

Bro. Secretary has been in touch with some Grand Lodge Officers who may be visiting us at this month's meeting. As well, a contingent from Edinburgh Lodge will likely join in. I hope as many of you as possible can be with us this month to meet our Grand Lodge visitors, and to renew the fellowship we enjoy with Edinburgh.

Following on from your agreement at past virtual meetings, Acacia has made a donation to the WMTL in support of renovations at Westboro Temple. In return for our donation, we will be receiving credits at discounted rates to use the Banquet Hall, once the pandemic is over.

This month's Masonic Education will be given by Bro. David Kidd. Bro. Kidd is currently living in Hawaii and has done quite a bit of travelling due to work. I am looking forward to learning about his travels outside of our jurisdiction, his observations on the working of masonry in other countries, and his experience in finding and joining with Masons in distant lands.

The selling off of our silver lodge regalia is ongoing. If you are looking for an Acacia souvenir, the cost is a nominal \$25. Please contact W.Bro. Harrison if you are interested.

As always, W. Bro. Stephen Plummer has been awesome about organizing our on-line get togethers. If you need a hand with the virtual format, please reach out to W. Bro. Plummer directly and he can help you connect.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, April 20, 2021

My Brethren,

Thank-you all for attending last month's virtual meeting and for welcoming both our Grand Lodge visitors and the delegation from Edinburgh Lodge.

Since we cannot do our traditional Travelling Gavel this year, it might be worth paying a virtual fraternal visit next month. We could don attire appropriate for a Lodge meeting, and reaffirm our bonds within the district.

I've received great feedback on last month's presentation by Bro. Kidd. Based on the discussion it provoked, Bro. Kidd touched a nerve. Hopefully we can use what he taught in our post-pandemic fervour for travel.

Like many of you, I was shocked to learn of the recent arson attacks on Lodges in Vancouver. While rare, these things give pause as to what could happen while we are peacefully gathered upstairs at Westboro.

The Tyler's role has an importance beyond simply minding the Register, and his sword represents a vigilance he keeps for our benefit. When we gather again in person, it might be worth considering if the downstairs door should be locked while we are at work in the Lodge room.

W. Bro. Harrison has passed along material from Grand Lodge which I hope you have had the chance to review. It remains to be determined what we can do at the Lodge level for elections.

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There are only a few items of silver lodge regalia remaining, so if you are looking for an Acacia souvenir, the cost is a mere \$25. Please contact W.Bro. Harrison if you are interested.

As always, my thanks are due to all of you for maintaining your interest in Masonry. Since we can't do ritual during the shutdown, I will only ask that you consider completing your biography, if you haven't already done so.

In closing, I have to say that these days when I put on a mask I remember my initiation and the lesson wherein I was "taught to be cautious."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning,

Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, May 18, 2021

My Brethren,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for the turn out at Temple Lodge for our fraternal visit on May 4. It was great to maintain our travelling tradition, and to partake of the Masonic education presented by R.W. Bros. Ireland and Christie.

At Acacia's virtual meeting this month the agenda will be light. We will wrap up the year with an informal focus on Lodge affairs and the usual wellness check. If you are in touch with any Brother who has not been joining our virtual get-togethers, I hope you will share their news at the meeting.

This year, as last, our Lodge has been obliged to remain dark. As vaccination numbers increase, though, we hold growing hope for reopening, the election of a new slate of Lodge Officers, and the resumption of Degree work.

In the interim, direction from Grand Lodge has been received and distributed by Brother Secretary. In summary:

DDGM: We will be registering for remote voting of a new DDGM from 12-17 June with actual remote voting on 20-21 June.

Other GL Officers: Remote Registration for voting will take place 12-18 July, followed by Remote voting on the 19-20 July.

Direction is expected in due course on what will be authorized for the election and installation of new officers at the Lodge level.

I have no doubt that our pandemic experiences will come to mind from now on when we reflect on the mosaic pavement in the Lodge. Our common experience of life's changing fortunes is one we can now all share when crossing that pavement.

In closing, please be assured that as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted we will be gathering again for some Breakfasts, holding our BBQ, and greeting each other warmly; hand-to-hand, Brother-to-Brother.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning

Worshipful Master

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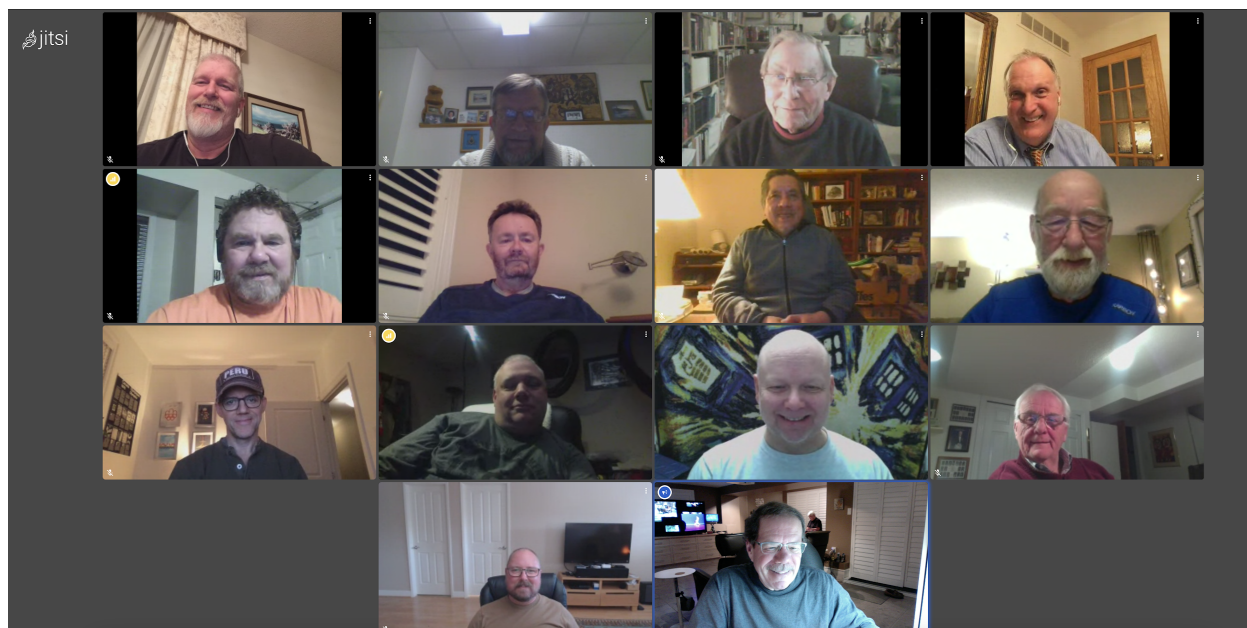


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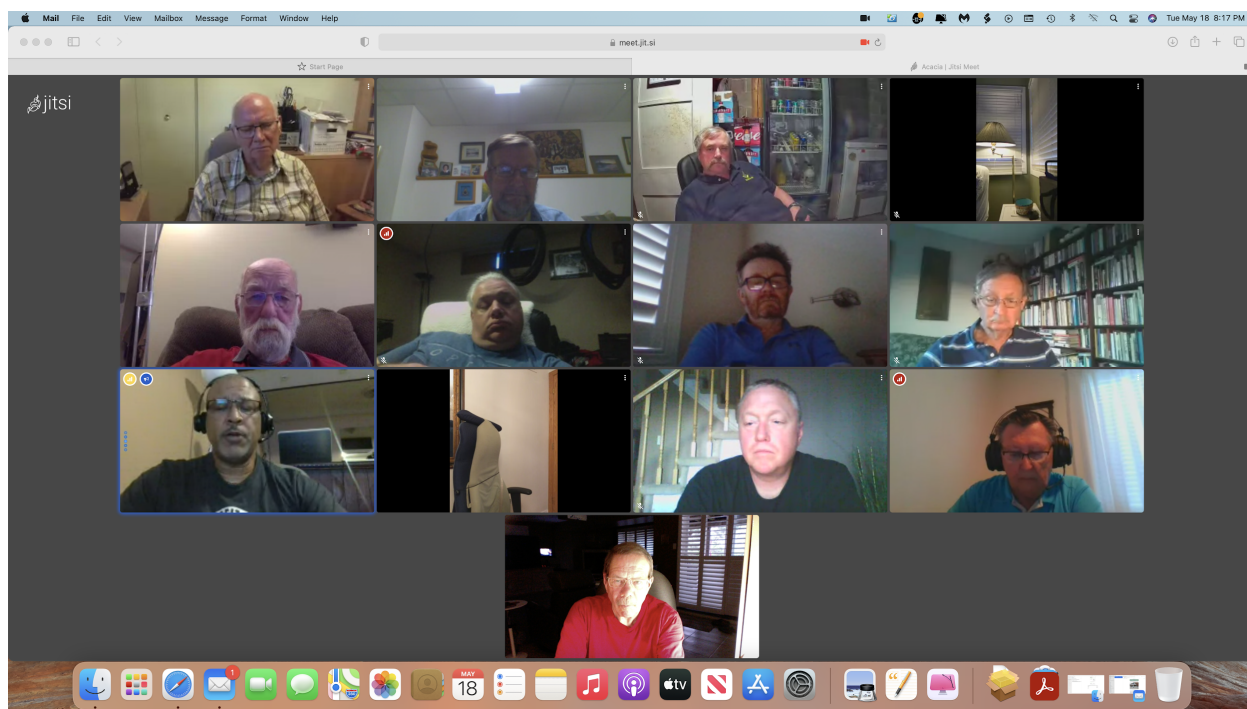


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Temple Lodge No. 665, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted 1950

Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21

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

Temple Lodge No. 665 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 1, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons Issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
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Regular	November 3, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons Issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
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Regular	January 5, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	May 4, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. See Appendix A

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Temple Lodge No. 665 - Messages from the Worshipful Master

Regular Meeting Summons, September 1, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, October 6, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, November 3, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Friday, October 9, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, December 1, 2020

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Regular Meeting Summons, January 5, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, February 2, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, March 2, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, April 6, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, May 4, 2021

No summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Thursday, April 1, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least September 1, 2021. [See Appendix A](#)

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No photos provided.

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**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted
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Summary of Events – Masonic Year 2020-21
Meets the first Wednesday of each Month except June, July & August

Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 - Summary of Events

Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	September 2, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons Issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	September 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons Issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	October 7, 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons Issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Emergent	October 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Summons Issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. See Appendix A.
Regular	November 4, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pursuant to the directives of Grand Lodge, all in-personMasonic events remain cancelled until at least January 31, 2021. That said, a wealth of virtual meetings have sprung up to help fill the void. These virtual meetings are being found helpful in maintaining the connection amongst brethren and, where possible, continuing some of the important work of lodges throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. With that in mind; You are hereby “summoned”(visitors are cordially invited) to attend the following meeting: a Zoom Meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 19:00 hrs and a Zoom meeting of this

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			<p>Lodge; Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 19:00 hrs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Zoom meeting to be held this Wednesday evening commencing at 1900 hrs., the lodge will be conducting a modified version of our usual annual Armistice Service. A copy of this service will be sent out shortly, along with the Zoom meeting link. Owing to the solemnity of the occasion, brethren are asked to dress accordingly. Officers and members are encouraged to wear a blazer & tie or business suit. As usual, service personnel are invited to wear their uniforms. Medals are to be worn. Masonic regalia is NOT to be worn.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	November 18, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With that in mind; You are hereby “summoned”(visitors are cordially invited) to attend the following meeting: a Zoom Meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 19:00 hrs and a Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 19:00 hrs.
Regular	December 2, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZOOM MEETING AGENDAS Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 1900 hrs. AND Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 1900 hrs. In a break with tradition, Edinburgh Lodge WILL be holding an emergent (Zoom) meeting this December ...because we can and because the brethren are enjoying these virtual get-togethers. As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional but heartily encouraged. A Zoom link for each will be sent out a day or two prior to each meeting.
Emergent	December 16, 2020	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a break with tradition, Edinburgh Lodge WILL be holding an emergent (Zoom) meeting this December ... because we can and because the brethren are enjoying these virtual get-togethers.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	January 6, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. • The agenda for the January 20th meeting will be to hold our regular observance of Robbie Burns Day. Details are still being finalized and a detailed agenda for that occasion will follow, closer to the meeting date. • As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional but heartily encouraged. A Zoom link for each will be sent out a day or two prior to each meeting. • Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Emergent	January 20, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. • Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. See Appendix A
Regular	February 3, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. Detailed agendas (if any) for those two meetings will follow, but whatever we're up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren. As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional but heartily encouraged. A Zoom link for each will be sent out a day or two prior to each meeting. • To remind the brethren; in accordance with the directives from Grand Lodge, all such business of the lodge conducted during this shut-down period are to be recorded and ratified in open lodge once we are able to meet again.
Emergent	February 17, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. Detailed agendas (if any) for those two

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			meetings will follow, but whatever we're up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	March 3, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuant to the directives of Grand Lodge, all in-person Masonic events remain cancelled until at least April 30, 2021. That said, a wealth of virtual meetings have sprung up to help fill the void. These virtual meetings are being found helpful in maintaining the connection amongst brethren and, where possible, continuing some of the important work of lodges throughout our grand jurisdiction. We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. Detailed agendas (if any) for those two meetings will follow, but whatever we're up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren. As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional, but heartily encouraged. The Zoom link for each appears at the top of this page.
Emergent	March 17, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. Detailed agendas (if any) for those two meetings will follow, but whatever we're up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren.
Regular	April 7, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. Detailed agendas (if any) for those two meetings will follow, but whatever we're up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren. As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional but heartily encouraged. The Zoom link for each appears at the top of this page.

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	April 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. • Detailed agendas (if any) for those two meetings will follow, but whatever we're up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren. • As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional but heartily encouraged. • The Zoom link for each appears at the top of this page.
Regular	May 5, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights. • Detailed agendas, (if any), for those two meetings will follow, but whatever we're up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren. • As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional, but heartily encouraged. • The Zoom link for each appears at the top of this page. • The brethren are always encouraged to be vigilant should they see the need arise for Masonic benevolence. • That's right. In case you have missed it so far, at the regular meeting in May, V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson will step down from the role of Lodge Secretary in order to make himself eligible to run for the office of DDGM in June. Bro. Mike Boese, Assistant Secretary, will be filling the role of Secretary until such time as elections can be held.
Emergent	May 19, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular & emergent nights.

* "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, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, October 7, 2020

No Summons issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Master on Monday, August 17, 2020 all Masonic events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. [See Appendix A.](#)

Regular Meeting Summons, November 4, 2020

IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT

St. Andrew's Lodge has announced a "Candidates Zoom" series, commencing the evening of Saturday, November 14th at 19:00 hrs. This series of Zoom meetings, organized by R.W. Bro. Angus Gillis, is intended to engage and retain the interest of prospective candidates to the Craft, who may have been left in limbo owing to the cessation of Masonic activities. I will be pleased to provide additional information to interested brethren.

A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Brethren;

Lots has happened since you received your last summons in April of this year. So much so that it is hard to know where to begin. I'll try to keep my comments as brief as possible, but you can certainly feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or require additional information.

Lodges remain closed. Pursuant to the latest communication from the Grand Lodge, all [in-person] masonic events remain cancelled until at least January 31, 2021.

Summons are back up and running. We are being encouraged to resume the issuance of summonses as a means by which to maintain connection with the brethren and keep you informed of new developments.

Zoom meetings are now a regular (and emergent!) thing for Edinburgh Lodge. Edinburgh Lodge has hosted a number of Zoom meetings since cessation of in-person activities back in the spring. Members will all have received notices of these meetings from me via email. These have been well attended and feedback has been positive. Now that we are well into what would normally have been a new masonic year, brethren have asked that these meetings occur more frequently and more regularly.

It has therefore been decided that Zoom meetings will be held regularly on the same nights that we would have held our regular and emergent meetings. You will be informed of these meetings via the summons. Zoom links will be issued via email a few days in advance of the meetings.

These meetings will typically include a few updates on lodge matters (as necessary), potentially some masonic education, an opportunity for each participant to provide a brief personal update, and then a period for open fraternization. **No ritual or degree**

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work is permitted to be conducted during these meetings and any **masonic education must be limited to** that which could be offered outside of the lodge room. For the present time, we are scheduling these meetings to commence at 1900 hrs. While brethren are encouraged to join the meetings on a timely basis, in order to minimize disruption, those unable to do so are nonetheless encouraged to join when they are able. **With the exception of the Regular meeting to be held this coming Wednesday, November 4th (see note below), the dress for these meetings is casual.** Brethren are free to leave the meetings at any time.

Government of the Lodge – Pursuant to the direction of the Grand Lodge, government of the lodge remains in the hands of the Worshipful Master, the Secretary and the Treasurer, substantially in the same way it does during our regular summer recesses. All decisions made by these brethren will be “minuted” in the monthly summonses and will be subject to ratification at the first regular meeting of the lodge following the lockdown.

I have, throughout the course of the pandemic, encouraged people to remain healthy both in body and in spirit. I sincerely hope even the most recalcitrant of brethren will consider taking advantage of the opportunity to join with their brethren from the comfort of your own home and reap the benefits that such connection has to offer.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

V.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, Secretary.

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

It brings me great JOY to write a ‘Message from the East’ once again to you all. It is the unique method, for a Master, to communicate with the Brethren. It allows the Master to really think hard and work hard to provide a worthwhile message.

During these times of uncertainty, for the whole world, each one of us is looking for some hopeful anchor! Such an anchor can be read in our Lodge Vision Statement, “To be a first-class military style Lodge with Scottish traditions”.

Tradition runs deep in Masonry, as most of you will appreciate, back to the United Grand Lodge of England, formed in 1717 or before, as I have learned from reading the ‘History of The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary’s Chapel No.1) written in 1880 and containing Freemasonry text from the 1470’s. Little has changed. The Traditions are strong and consistent. Those Traditions form the cement that holds our foundations strong. These traditions help to keep us within due bounds.

One Tradition which Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 is faithful to, is our annual Armistice Service, which we will be conducting this coming Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm (1900 Hours) over ZOOM. The ZOOM coordinates will be sent to you on Monday, November 2nd, along with the text for the Service. All are invited to attend, virtually!

I would like to sincerely thank R.W. Bro. Jim Cale and V.W. Bro. Jim Keith for combining their talents to honour this important tradition! Our Tradition of conducting this Armistice Service has gone back to the first year of our Lodge formation. Being a ‘military style’ Lodge, it is keeping with our core values of being a home to and honour our military and service members.

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It is our opportunity to reflect on their contributions in protecting us at home and abroad!

Many think of the Military Service of our Veterans in the overseas conflicts on which our freedoms are born. Many of them gave their final sacrifice for these freedoms, for which we remember them. Their experiences were trying, and each service person has their personal story! All the conflicts, Boer War, WW1, WW2, Korean Conflict, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and others have affected each veteran in their own personal way. We, as Canadians, have been protected by them and we thank them.

During this pandemic, we are ALL living through our own personal experiences and stresses. We carry on as best we can, but we also have our Front-Line Workers to help us get thorough. They keep us fed, administer to our health and guide us through this dark valley of uncertainty. We thank them all!

Traditions, like Remembrance Day, anchor our soul to our strong foundations built over time. Traditions are the way-markers of our life; they keep us grounded and guide us to proceed onwards!

Traditions, like 'The three Great Lights will guide our steps through life's uncertain way and bring us safe at length to see the bright eternal day!' (anon, Level Steps, 2004).

Let us meet, virtually, on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm (1900 Hours) to conduct our annual Armistice Service, a Tradition to centre our thoughts on those who have served and are serving! To remember and thank them all!

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, December 2, 2020
FROM THE EAST**

Brethren,

In preparation for writing this 'Message from the East', I looked back at last year's message! We were certainly busy back then! However, while we are not meeting at Westboro Masonic Hall, we are busy now, meeting virtually, via ZOOM! We have decided to hold Regular AND Emergent meetings virtually! Our Brethren are engaged and enjoying these meetings and I encourage all to ZOOM in when we have these gatherings! Seeing our Brethren, connects us!

We kept to our Tradition of remembering our Veterans, Service People and Front-Line workers who fought for our Freedoms and are keeping us safe. That moving ceremony was originally developed by W. Bro. Cliff Churchill. V.W. Bro. Jim Keith keeps that Tradition strong. Thanks to all who took part!

During our last Emergent meeting on Wednesday November 18th, there was thoughtful discussion about R.W. Bro. Jim Cale's thought exercise called 'Points to Ponder', which you all would have received. It is designed to make you think about 'Making Good Men Better'!

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Bro. Richard Walker discussed the writings of Jordan Peterson, a Canadian Psychologist, who wrote a book, which I just ordered called, '12 Rules for Life, An Antidote to Chaos'! Seems to be fitting reading at a time like this! Rule 1, 'Stand up straight with your shoulders back', a fitting action for a Mason of a Military-style Lodge! I look forward to reading this book!

I have a book that I go to for mini thought guidance, it is "Level Steps", Daily Meditations for Masons. One thought which follows with R.W. Bro. Jim Cale's exercise is:

'There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it ill behooves any of us
To find fault with the rest of us.' Anon

I look forward to more discussion on these themes! Stretch your minds!

In keeping with that thought, R.W. Bro. Jim Cale also reminded the Brethren that he has a file of Masonic Quizzes which he developed last summer and will test your Masonic knowledge, just email Jim and he will send them to you. Something to do when the snow abounds! Winter is coming!

Finally, the Christmas season is fast approaching and even though this year cannot be celebrated as we are used to, the warmth of the season can be enjoyed by those nearest and dearest to you. Embrace them all with Love in your heart. I rejoice in the birth of my Grandson, 'Colton Peter Wichers', who just turned one month old! I have not been able to hold him yet, but my heart is happy with the Joy he is spreading!

Be gentle with each other and spread Happiness! Merry Christmas!

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, January 6, 2021

Brethren,

As I write this message, we are on the eve of the Winter Solstice, December 21st, the shortest day of the year! The Day with the least LIGHT!

For most of the existence of mankind, humanity has fought against a lack of light at this time of year. In the Abrahamic religions we celebrate light during Christmas and Saint Lucy's Day for Christians, Hanukkah for Jews. Eastern religions express joy through light during Diwali for Hinduism, Sikhism and Jainism. The Lantern Festival originated in Buddhism as in the Tazaungdaing Festival, a glorious festival of light!

We are presently witnessing the Great Conjunction of the planet Jupiter and Saturn, two giant gaseous planets which appear almost as one in the Southwest sky these evenings! A wondrous Star last seen in this conjunction in 1226 AD and is called the Christmas Star which may have shone down during Jesus's birth? Humankind finds many ways to push out darkness and embrace LIGHT!

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By all accounts the year 2020 was a dark year. COVID-19 closed us down. People got sick from the virus, many died and the whole world suffered, financially and mentally! Covid snuffed out our Light, darkness visible gloomed our Lives! Many of us have suffered during this time, it has challenged our relationships, our finances, our health, both mentally and physically, our very existence! We seem to be holding on by our fingernails for salvation.

We, as Masons learn:

'The three Great Lights will guide our steps

Through life's uncertain way,

And bring us safe at length to see

The bright eternal day.' –Anon –'Level Steps'

That bright eternal day, our salvation has come from Science! Vaccines have been developed and are now being deployed throughout the world! Light and Hope have come at the darkest hour, at the Winter Solstice, giving humankind, salvation.

We must, together, have patience until the vaccines are fully rolled out and all humankind is protected. Until then, we must keep ourselves safe by following all the guidelines laid down by the medical experts. Wash your hands, limit your travel, wear masks, all the mantra of 2020. We must be patient!

Back in April 2020 in my Message from the East, I quoted Zachary Shahan who said,

'One thing to remember is that we are architects of our own destiny. We create positivity with positivity, 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 of

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!'

I find that this message resonates more acutely now as we pass through this valley of darkness and gloom!

We see the hope through the vaccines providing a light at the end of this epic journey! Now is the time to think, focus on what we, each, will change in ourselves to make life better for us and all humankind!

Always have FUN and spread Happiness!

Happy New Year –2021 –Year of Light

Ultreya, Onwards!

David Garry Brown

Worshipful Master, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

Regular Meeting Summons, February 3, 2021

Brethren,

The WM is continuing to enjoy a brief respite from many of his regularly-assigned duties as he regains his strength following a recent medical procedure. We can expect he'll be back writing his inspiring missives in March. Meanwhile, I'm sure you join me in wishing him a restful mid-winter break. *Glen Simpson - Secretary.*

Regular Meeting Summons, March 3, 2021

Brethren,

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It is indeed a privilege to be sending a message from the West, even in light of the reasons why. As you are all likely aware by now, our Worshipful Master, David Brown, has been instructed to lessen his load, thereby reducing his stress levels. In light of this, it was decided that the Junior Warden, Bro. Rod Harasemchuk, and myself as Senior Warden would be endeavouring to help by taking on the task of running the virtual meetings. This measure is also concordant with the Book of Constitution which, stated loosely, says that in the absence of the Worshipful Master, it will be the duty of the Senior Warden to run the lodge in his absence. Being that we are not performing any ritual work during these virtual meetings, it only made sense when suggested that the load be taken off the Worshipful Master's plate. Obviously with his agreement!

Having said that, it is very comforting to see and hear that the Worshipful Master is doing well and we all wish him an absolute recovery and less stressful life, because we all know that he's not a man who likes to sit still for too long!

On the hinges of that statement, I would like to thank Bro. Harasemchuk for leading the meetings in February whilst I attended to my own personal responsibilities. I am certain that I'm not alone in acknowledging that he always puts in all of his effort, and as such, the meetings have been a pleasure to attend. I will be hosting/chairing the March meetings and as such, Rod has certainly set a precedent which I hope to live up to.

I would also like to say thank you to all of the brethren that are diligently working hard daily in the background to keep our masonic ship afloat whilst we are out here in these unknown seas. It is thanks to all brethren concerned that we will have a sound harbour, our cherished Temple, to return to when the fog lifts.

It is always good to see the brethren in attendance at our virtual meetings. As such, I would like to continue to encourage all brethren to join us for a catch-up on these occasions. I think it's fair to say that each one of us misses every one of you.

I wish all of you safety and prosperity further through these difficult times. Please always remember that each and every brother is at your disposal should you need to reach out.

Finally, to use a phrase that a wise man has made very familiar to us: Ulteya, onwards!

Sincerely and Fraternally

Paul Richter

Senior Warden, Edinburgh Lodge, No.736

Regular Meeting Summons, April 7, 2021

From the Lodge Secretary

DUES

Brethren:

I am pleased to advise that, for the first time in my five years as secretary, we are actually all caught up on our dues!

Thank-you!

This will allow me to turn over the job of Secretary to our Assistant Secretary in May, without burdening him with the job of chasing after arrears. And it allows us to lay off pestering the brethren for dues, until reminders start up again in November. It brings a tear to my eye ... :)

From the Worshipful Master

Brethren,

We are starting the season of rebirth; the rain of April is cleansing the Earth washing away the snow and ice. The days are longer, our mood is lifted!

We are on the verge of a rebirth of Humanity, the new normal, to quote an oft-used phrase. We have been emerging from a dark tunnel forced on us by this Covid-19 Pandemic. We have followed the rules, kept our distance, washed our hands, wore masks, and limited our activities. That all helped, but with the real impact of science and the arrival of effective vaccines, we have the real hope of moving on with our lives! In due course, be patient!

A full year ago I quoted Zachary Shahan, *'One thing to remember is that we are architects of our own destiny. We create positivity with positivity, 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 of 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 the pandemic.'*

I have meditated on this quote many times and it enlivens my mind. Out of these dark times, there is hope! The hope I want to focus on is the rekindling of Freemasonry. We have seen our Temples closed; our glimmering lights dimmed. Our fellowship limited to glowing screens during ZOOM meetings. The learned discourse has been silenced so we have not focused on the anthology of the Ritual for a year! Some Masonic Education has stirred our minds and keeps us pondering the ethereal mansion!

Amongst the various ZOOM meetings that I have attended there seems to be an undercurrent of concern on how Freemasonry will enliven the Brethren after we can commence our Labours together again. There is a concern that some Brethren will drift away and new E.A.s will not come to our West Door. There is talk that Freemasonry might not be relevant in today's time stressed, disrupted life of Good Men!

I maintain that Freemasonry is more relevant now than ever. Humans have always searched for the 'Wow of Wonder' as I see in my Grandson, Colton as he gazes at the sun glistening off the blown snow or explores new sounds, colours, faces and shapes in his new 5 -month-old life.

Men have joined Freemasonry to stretch their minds to embrace ideas that are hard to embrace. There was a reason in 1717 Freemasonry formed the Grand Lodge during the time of Enlightenment. Humankind has always searched for that breathe of clarity just beyond our conscious mind.

Literature has a behemoth number of books to give guidance to our soul, from the Sacred Books to more contemporary tomes, like 'Man's Search for Meaning' by Victor Frankl, 'Mere Christianity' by C.S. Lewis, 'The Power of Positive Thinking' by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. This continues with a 'The Road Less Travelled' by M. Scott Peck, 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' by Douglas Adams to the more recent 'The

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Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment' by Eckhart Tolle, list but a few! I even thought I might someday write a book called, 'Get off the Road to Nowhere and Get on the Path to Somewhere!', fortunately for all of you, the title is as far as I got! There is an evident quest as self-help books such as these are constant sellers!

What I am underlining here is that most of Humankind is searching for some higher understanding of our existence. That is why these books are written and consumed to quell that fire for esoteric knowledge. Each person is to embrace that knowledge as they are able. Freemasonry is said to be a progressive science as it leads its initiates on a step-by-step guide to that knowledge of self. It has been said by some that it is a better self-development course than the famous Dale Carnegie's book, 'How to win friends and influence people'!

Freemasonry has an opportunity to fulfill that craving in Humankind for knowledge of self, knowledge of that 'Meaning in Life'. An opportunity to follow true landmarks to stability! This takes us back to the quote by Zachary Shahan at the beginning, 'in times of disruption and change, we are more likely' to change!

I suggest that Freemasonry can be a dynamic instrument of positive change, NOW, as it was after the significant Wars and Pandemics of the 19th and 20th century. Freemasonry saw an uptick in numbers after the Boer, First, Second World Wars and the Spanish Flu of 1917/18. 'Out of disruption and change', people search for stability. Institutional churches and such belief systems used to offer that environment but the young men now, being of the Millennium age or the Gen Xers were not brought up in that structure and have none of those landmarks to cast their guide ropes to! But they are still searching for that Ethereal Mansion, they still have the 'Wow of Wonder'!

The question is, how do we as Freemasons satisfy that craving?

How do we become the NOW!

Ultreya, Onward!

W.Bro. David Garry Brown, April 2021

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.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

As pandemic restrictions continue to affect both the craft in general and each of us in our own individual ways, it inevitably impacts the way in which we relate with each other and keep the pilot light of Freemasonry burning strong until we are able to meet in Lodge once again. With that in mind, there are a number of initiatives, opportunities and changes the brethren should all be aware of over the course of this summer, some of which are highlighted below ...

SUMMER ZOOM MEETINGS

By popular vote, the brethren have strongly endorsed a continuation of our ongoing Zoom meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month throughout the summer. It

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is envisioned that these will be somewhat more informal meetings than those we have been having during the past few months, both in terms of agenda and attire. The only regular item that will be raised at each such meeting is benevolence.

The Zoom link will remain the same as before (see the top of this page) and meetings will continue to commence at 1900 HRS. The dates of these meetings follows, along with a couple of related notes ...

- June 2nd
- June 16th – Note that this meeting will include a program to honor our annual celebration of our Founders.
- July 7th
- July 21st – Note this date coincides with the virtual meeting of Grand Lodge earlier in the day, so there ought to be some interesting things to report on.
- August 4th
- August 18th

ELECTION OF DDGM

This is being done virtually this year in mid-June. Details have already been sent in terms of voter registration and voting. A reminder of all the pertinent details will be sent early June.

Other events & opportunities that come to light as the summer unfolds will be forwarded to the brethren as we learn of them.

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

On Wednesday May 1st, 2019 I was honoured to be installed in the Chair of King Solomon to be Worshipful Master of Edinburgh Lodge No. 736. That ceremony of installation was one of the high points of my life and I will always cherish the memory of that evening in my heart.

Who would know what would happen next! We almost got through the whole year! We had some very fulfilling gatherings, especially the visit of the Grand Master, which was our last meeting, then the Pandemic shut us and the whole world down!

As Brother Indris Ben-Tahir loves to say, 'Worshipful Master for Life', when he addresses me! He is so kind! However, all good and bad things come to an end and I am confident that my time as Worshipful Master is nearing its official end. We have a great team coming along to take over the responsibility of the Lodge when Grand Lodge allows.

Edinburgh Lodge would not be as strong and relevant as it is without the support of the mentors from whom I took advice. As well as the strong team of officers of the line who have stepped up and supported me. We have all laboured through these two years together. The Pandemic has challenged us all in our own ways, but by working together we are coming out of it stronger and closer as a Lodge.

We miss the close Fellowship of meeting in Lodge but meeting virtually through ZOOM keeps us close and unified. I look forward to our traditional meetings where we can reach out and shake each other's hands in person.

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I want to make a special note to thank our Secretary, V.W. Brother Glen Simpson for his assistance during my time in the chair. He, in his quiet understated way, kept me on the straight and narrow with sage advice and counsel. I thank him for that guidance. I make this special note as he will, with luck, be ascending to the role of District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District 1 this summer and will be challenged to lead our District out of the pandemic. He will need our support and encouragement in that challenge at this unique time!

I have been told in my life, political, business and masonry, that you cannot say thank you enough! During my time as Worshipful Master there have been many individuals who assisted me with advice and counsel. There are many who worked to make my time as Master enjoyable for myself and for our Lodge! I will not name them for fear of missing some as in a good team, all play a part. Thank you all!

I would just like to quietly mention the 'Bad Cop' and the 'Good Cop', you know who you are!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You kept me within 'Due Bounds'!

We had FUN and spread Happiness!

Ultreya, Onward!

W. Bro. David Garry Brown, April 2021

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Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 - Select Photos

No photos provided.

Appendix A - Covid-19 Directives & Updates

Grand Secretary's Update - July 16, 2020



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COVID-19 Update Especial Board Meeting July 15, 2020

July 16, 2020

Brethren,

As you are all aware, the COVID-19 lockdown prevented us from holding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge this year.

In order to conduct the necessary business and to satisfy the legal requirements of the Corporation, an Especial Meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held virtually July 15, 2020 10:00 AM. EST.

This meeting was attended by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, all honorary, elected and appointed members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Wardens, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and all District Deputy Grand Masters. The Deputy Grand Master presided over the meeting.

Under the extreme circumstances generated by the pandemic, the Board (consisting of the above named members) acted on behalf of the membership of the craft in conducting the business.

A quick summary of the business:

- All committee reports, as published and distributed to the attendees in the preliminary reports, were accepted for publishing in the final Proceedings.
- The reports of the Auditors, the Chairman of Audit & Finance and the Grand Treasurer were presented and approved.
- The report of the Management Committee was presented and approved.
- All amendments proposed for presentation this July were deferred until July 2021.
- The report of the Fraternal Relations Committee was deferred until July 2021.
- The decision of the Grand Master to extend the terms of all Grand Lodge Officers was endorsed.
- A resolution was put forth and passed that the term of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be extended for one year (until July 2022).
- The report of the Awards Committee was presented and approved
- The report of the Discipline Committee was presented and approved.

We were fortunate that the Grand Master was able to deliver his Address.

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was presented and included an endorsement of the Grand Master's decisions as well as a commendation on his leadership during the pandemic.

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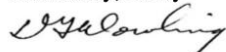
The Grand Master's Address will shortly be published on the Grand Lodge website. It will also be distributed digitally with the usual August mailing to all Lodges.

Even though the formal Communication was cancelled, formal Proceedings will be produced for historical purposes and so that the brethren may be aware of the business conducted on their behalf.

Brethren, this was a first in the history of our Grand Lodge. We thank you for your continuing support of the decisions that are being made to ensure we retain the vitality of our craft as this pandemic continues.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling,
Grand Secretary

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Grand Masters Directive - July 28, 2020



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July 28, 2020

Brethren,

As the province starts to open up again from the pandemic, I have been thinking a lot about lodges re-opening, so here are some thoughts. I was asked what category do I think lodge meetings fall into? My first response was that there really is no category that we fall neatly into. In some ways we are like churches and other places of worship, but Masonry is not a religion and our rites and ceremonies are nowhere near as important as that. So we're not in that category which is high on the list of places to re-open sooner. No, we're more like amateur sports events. We have a small group of people who come in close physical contact and a larger group who sit on the sides and watch. And yet there are important differences. One is that we generally meet inside. But more significantly, our demographic is older. A recent analysis of a small sample of lodges showed that 28% were over 80, 23% in their seventies, and 19% in their sixties. Without even counting those with chronic medical conditions, that puts 70% of our members in the high risk group. We're not in the same risk category as Little League baseball.

The push to re-open has been mostly driven by economics. People need to earn a living to feed their families. Nobody depends on Masonry to earn their living. Well, our COO and staff do, but they have been working from home to hold things together. Whether lodges meet does not impact people's financial well-being. But it does carry all the risks of transmission.

The Ontario government has announced Stage 3 of re-opening in much of the province. Indoor gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed. But that is just the headline. The framework document <https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf> puts many conditions on that. This 20 page document contains the phrase "physical distancing" 33 times. It also lists wearing a mask, frequent hand washing, cleaning parameters, and working remotely as much as possible. And recording each attendee's name and contact information to support effective contact tracing in case there is an outbreak.

The framework document refers you to other docs for more guidance in safe opening. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan#hierarchy-of-controls> is one that is for re-opening workplaces. An interesting exercise is to download this and use your word-processing program to replace "workplace" with "lodge", and "worker" with "member". Reading it then is an eye-opener! I suggest you try it.

It outlines a hierarchy of controls, from most effective to least effective. The most effective is to have everyone stay home.

It then goes on to list other measures, in decreasing effectiveness, from engineering controls like modifications to the building, to limiting attendance numbers and instituting cleaning protocols, and lastly, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). However, it goes on to say, that while wearing masks is recommended, they are not a substitute for physical distancing. They also note that gloves do not provide any more protection than hand washing or using hand sanitizer.

Res quondam resque futuris

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Since lodge meetings are in no way a must activity, we ought to follow point 1 and do the most effective thing to prevent our members becoming infected by the virus.

We do, however, recognize the importance of the brethren maintaining a relationship with their lodges.

So I ask you to picture this: if we were to go through all the safety points (ignoring the most effective, that is, staying home) what would a lodge meeting look like? We cannot do any ritual that involves contact, so that excludes all degrees and installations. (We will not be watering down the Ritual.) So, we open. The brethren are spread out around the room all with masks on. Most of the senior members self-select to not come. Some brethren cannot get in because there is not enough room. We do the business. (This can be done virtually.) We have Masonic education. (This can be done virtually.) We close and go home. (No banquets allowed.) Someone thoroughly cleans the room, halls, bathrooms, doorknobs, etc..

There is no benefit to meeting in person this way, and our membership is put at risk, 70% at high risk. Is it worth it?

When we do re-open, it will be in phases. In order to PREPARE for the first phase, Lodge and Temple leaders should now be reviewing the government guidelines above (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan>) along with a few extra points specific to Masonry which are identified below.

Lodge specific requirements for the First phase:

All local and provincial guidelines must be followed.

In the first phase of reopening the following restrictions will apply:

- **No visitors from other lodges**
- **No physical contact including shaking hands**
- **No ritual will be performed (except that required to open and close the meeting)**
- **No Installations and Investitures will be allowed**
- **No degree work will be permitted (EA, FC or MM)**
- **No fourth degrees/festive boards (no preparation or serving of food or beverages of any kind)**
- **No singing (including the National Anthem)**
- **No Masonic Memorial Services permitted**
- **No official visits by the DDGM**

In addition to the restrictions, everyone who attends a Lodge meeting must provide his name and contact information to be stored with the Lodge Secretary in case there is an outbreak and contacts need to be traced. Membership lists will only be shared with public health if a potential exposure occurs on site.

Remember that these points are the EXTRA things. You must also do the things in the government document.

No lodge will be required to open if they do not feel it is safe for their members.

Note that we are still in Lockdown mode and are not moving to the First Phase yet. And the way things are unfolding, it is looking less and less likely that we can safely open in September.

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So, it is suggested that, while waiting to be able to re-open, lodges consider having virtual education sessions on their regular lodge night, followed by a social chat on-line. They could continue with separate virtual GP meetings as well to discuss the business or roll them into one. If this is technically too much for an individual lodge, perhaps districts could do it. And pay extra attention to keeping in contact with those elderly or ill brethren who continue to self-isolate.

Brethren, we were all taught to be cautious. Masonry has been through times when we were unable to meet in lodge before. And Freemasonry came back stronger than ever.

We will watch what happens, keep reading the government bulletins, and will keep in touch.

David J. Cameron
Grand Master

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Grand Masters Letter - August 17, 2020



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Aug. 17, 2020

Brethren,

By staying home our province has flattened the curve and probably gotten through the first wave of COVID-19. But the virus is not gone. We must continue to be wary of the 3 Cs: closed spaces, crowded places and close contact. Re-opening too early in other places around the world has led to a resurgence of infections. Waiting to see the impact the opening of schools in September would seem to be wise. With the incubation period of this virus, we won't be able to assess that impact until it's almost October.

Some jurisdictions are going ahead and hoping nobody dies. Others, like Scotland, have simply called off meetings until January 2021 at the very earliest. Taking into account the conditions in our province and our neighbours, and our underlying philosophy of thinking of the health and safety of our brethren first, we will take a balanced approach.

The cancellation of all Masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until AT LEAST October 31, 2020. We will continue to monitor and adjust as the situation evolves.

So, it is suggested that, while waiting to be able to re-open, lodges have virtual education sessions on their regular lodge night, followed by a social chat on-line. Grand Lodge will be setting up GoToMeeting accounts for each district. Your DDGM can then set up a schedule for each lodge to use it in turn. It makes the most sense to have it on your regular meeting night. In the few cases where two lodges in the district meet on the same night, they will have to negotiate an alternative. Or perhaps they could both meet together – an opportunity rarely experienced in former times! The COO will be sending the details to your DDGMs.

Stay healthy and remain concerned about the health of those around you.

David J. Cameron
Grand Master

Res quondam resque futurus

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Grand Secretary's Update - August 27, 2020



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COVID-19 Update August 27, 2020 Social Gatherings

August 26, 2020

Brethren,

You will by now have read the Grand Master's message regarding the continued cancellation of all Masonic meetings and events until at least October 31, 2020.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to keep us in lockdown mode, many requests are being received about the hosting of Lodge/District/Temple Corporation social and fundraising events and about the use of Lodge/Temple Corporation facilities.

Use of Lodge or Temple Corporation Facilities during the lockdown period:

We recognize that many Lodges and Districts host social gatherings in the summer months for the purpose of raising funds for the Lodge or District. However, all Lodge meetings and events, including Masonic social events have been cancelled until at least October 31, 2020. Therefore, in effect, all Masonic buildings will remain closed to any activities. **With one or two exceptions, the usage of the premises or any part thereof is not permitted.**

The only activity involving the use of Lodge premises that would be permitted would be if the Lodge or Temple Corporation had a pre-existing contract with a for-profit business (e.g. bank) or certain not-for-profit corporations operating an essential service (e.g. Day Care) provided the business was permitted to reopen in stage 3 of the provincial guidelines.

Several examples follow to illustrate the above policy.

- Example 1: a Lodge owns a two story building – Lodge room above, bank premises below. The bank had previously operated in the premises prior to the lockdown under a lease or rental contract. The bank would be permitted to reopen for business – provided all provincial and local health guidelines were observed.
- Example 2: a daycare previously operated in the premises under a lease or rental contract. The daycare would be permitted to reopen for business provided provincial and local health guidelines were followed.
- Example 3: a Lodge permitted the use of its facilities to a local Alcoholics Anonymous group for their regular meetings prior to the lockdown under a prior lease or rental agreement. As Alcoholics Anonymous has been declared an essential service, this agreement could continue.

Permitting the use of or renting the Lodge premises for any other activities is NOT permitted.

Examples of usage **NOT permitted** include but are not limited to:

- Temple Corporation, Lodge committee or other Masonic related usage of Lodge premises

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- Club rentals or usage (Lions club, Kiwanis Club, etc.) for regular or special meetings;
- Appendant bodies (e.g. Shrine Club, Scottish Rite, York Rite) or other bodies with a masonic connection (e.g. Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile) wishing to meet or to conduct a fundraiser using Lodge premises (Banquet Hall);
- Any outside group wishing to rent the Lodge premises to host an event or fundraiser where food is prepared and/or served on site;
- The Lodge or Temple Corporation operation of a 'breakfast club' or 'coffee club' or any other activity where food and beverages are prepared/served on site;
- The usage or rental of Lodge/Temple Corporation premises by community groups for purposes such as Yoga classes, fitness classes, coffee clubs;

Any usage of Lodge or Temple Corporation premises must be conditional upon the enforcement of all provincial and local health guidelines. The Lodge/Temple Corporation is subject to the many regulations involving that use (e.g. proper cleaning and disinfecting after each use).

Referencing the Ontario government document regarding guidance in the safe re-opening of workplaces is recommended for those in charge of any Lodge or Temple Corporation facility. The document can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan>

I hope the above helps clarify the situation in general terms. If there are specific events that you are unsure about, please contact us in advance for guidance. Please note that this policy is under constant review as the pandemic situation evolves.

Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling,
Grand Secretary

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Grand Secretary's Update - September 3, 2020



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COVID-19 Update September 03, 2020 Temple Corporations

September 03, 2020

Brethren,

As mentioned previously, all decisions that are being made by Grand Lodge regarding the COVID-19 situation are under constant review and subject to change as things change. We may not always get it correct on the first try. In addition, I must reiterate that we continue to hold the health and safety of all our Masonic membership as paramount.

Last week we issued a directive regarding the usage of Masonic facilities under the direction of Temple Corporations. Grand Lodge has always recognized that Temple Corporations being separate legal entities are not governed by our Constitution and policies. The message last week was not intended to alter that relationship, but was issued solely with the health and safety of our members in mind.

We have since received a number of suggestions and concerns, particularly related to the ability of the Temple Corporations to generate revenue from their operations. We have also monitored the developments as to the enforcement of local health regulations connected to the pandemic as they relate to the reopening of some businesses, restaurants, community spaces, etc.

Therefore we have made a change to the policy related to the rental of Masonic facilities by Temple Corporations under whose authority those spaces fall.

Effective immediately, Temple Corporations may continue to rent or lease their facilities (with the exception of Craft Lodge rooms) to outside groups provided that the Temple Corporation and the renter/lessee observe all local and provincial health regulations.

Those outside groups include any Masonic or non-Masonic bodies NOT bound by the Constitution and directives of Grand Lodge.

Note that the **cancellation of all Masonic meetings and events in the Province continues to be extended until AT LEAST October 31 2020**. Masonic meetings includes, but is not limited to, Regular and Emergent Lodge meetings, Lodge Committee Meetings, Lodge Committee of General Purposes meetings and Masonic Memorial Services.

We again refer you to the Ontario government document regarding guidance in the safe re-opening of workplace. The document can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan>

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Grand Secretary

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Grand Secretary's Update - October 9, 2020



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COVID-19 Update October 09, 2020

October 09, 2020

Brethren,

The second wave of COVID-19 is unfortunately upon us. This has led to increased case counts throughout the Province and even to levels higher than they were last April. As a result, the Grand Master has extended the cancellation of in-person Masonic gatherings across the Province.

The cancellation of all in-person Masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until AT LEAST January 31, 2021. We will continue to monitor and adjust as the situation evolves.

The Grand Master wishes to congratulate all Masonic brethren in Ontario for the way that they have supported each other and for the diligence they have shown to date in their obedience to all local and Provincial Health Guidelines and hopes that we can continue this in the months ahead.

Based on the continuation of the lockdown, a number of administrative issues are highlighted below.

Lodge Dues:

I wish to draw your attention once again to the Grand Master's remarks in the October 2020 Communique which included the following directive:

"The Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each lodge have already been authorized to conduct the necessary business of the lodge until the lodge re-opens, subject to retroactive approval at the next regular meeting. I therefore decree that, until we return to labour, they may authorize the remittance of the dues of any member without requiring notice of motion or a vote. This will, like all their other decisions, be ratified at the next regular in-person meeting." Note that if lodge dues are remitted, they must be appropriately recorded in the books of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Processing of Demits

First, all demits must be processed in accordance with Sections 190-194 of the Constitution.

Second, the effective date of a demit issued in good standing (no dues owing) is the date on which the demit was submitted in writing to the Lodge Secretary.

Third, to issue a demit in good standing, the member must be fully paid up as of the date of the request of the demit.

Therefore, during the lockdown, demits can be received by the Lodge Secretary who then must determine if dues are paid up to the date of the request.

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If that is the case, the name will be read out at the next regular meeting of the lodge (whenever that will take place) and the demit in good standing will be issued following the meeting but effective the date the request was received by the Lodge. These demits in good standing are to be recorded on the first semi-annual return submitted after the demit was received in writing by the lodge Secretary.

Before a demit is issued, hopefully an investigation can be done by telephone to ascertain if remitting the brother's dues would solve the issue.

Processing Suspensions NPD

The COVID-19 update distributed on April 2, 2020 still applies on the topic of suspensions for NPD. "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. However, the brethren will be suspended as of the date of the end of the 12 month period."

Lodge dues are payable in advance. Brethren must be notified within 10 months of the date they were dues owing. Such notification would state that they would be suspended effective twelve months from the date dues were due, even though the name may not be read out in lodge until after that. This note, referencing Section 202, will identify to the brother concerned what date they will be 'effectively' suspended.

The names will still be read out at the first regular meeting after resumption of labours to complete the process as required by Section 200 (d). The letter following that meeting will simply confirm the effective date of the suspension. These suspensions are to be recorded on the first semi-annual return submitted after the effective date of the suspension.

The fact that these brethren are technically suspended (without the lodge meeting) is a bit of a moot point when no one is meeting at this time.

Again, before processing this, the Worshipful Master should try to ascertain if the brother is in need of financial assistance.

Masonic Memorial Services

Masonic Memorial Services remain under the lockdown of all Masonic activities. We deeply regret that we are not able to pay our respects to departed brethren at this time in the manner to which we are accustomed. However the risk associated with brethren gathering to perform a Masonic Memorial Service are still too great to permit this activity.

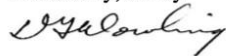
Remembrance Day Services and Parades:

Regrettably no dispensations will be issued this year for groups of Masons to participate in Remembrance Day Services or parades. While individual Masons may choose on their own to attend such events, no regalia is to be worn.

Further updates will be published as required.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Fraternally, Garry



D. Garry Dowling,
Grand Secretary

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Grand Masters Letter - December 15, 2020



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Dec. 15, 2020

Brethren,

With the vaccines coming we see light at the end of the tunnel, but as one public health doctor recently put it, it is a long tunnel. We must continue the preventive measures we have been using, and of importance to the Craft, we must continue to avoid in-person gatherings. Over the holidays we are being asked to celebrate with only those in our immediate households. Given that the vaccine will not start to be available to the general public until April, and that it takes a couple weeks after the *second* shot to develop adequate immunity, it will be quite a while until we can gather in groups of the size which we are used to. Therefore, at this time I am saddened to announce the following:

The moratorium on all in-person Masonic gatherings will be extended to at least April 30, 2021.

All Grand Master's banquets for the spring will be converted to videoconferences if the Districts so wish.

The 2021 Annual Communication will be held virtually and voting for DDGMs, other Grand Lodge officers and Constitutional Amendments will be done on-line.

Predicting the future so that events can be planned and booked is a difficult thing. If circumstances change and it becomes safe to gather earlier than these benchmarks, we will revise these dates, but I hope this at least allows you to plan. In the meantime, keep in touch – by phone, by mail or by videoconference – and stay safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

David J. Cameron
Grand Master

Res quondam resque futurus

Grand Secretary's Update - February 12, 2021

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

Temporary Business Policies during Continuation of the COVID-19 Lockdown

Overview February 2021:

The longer the COVID-19 lockdown continues, the more we will be facing pressures to permit the conducting of certain lodge business via virtual meetings. In order to accommodate the necessity of making certain decisions while in lockdown and by means of our membership voting on business online, temporary business policies are needed to ensure certain Sections of the Constitution are not violated.

Thus, the following policies are to be considered temporary only during the lockdown. Once the lockdown is ended, we must revert back to the policies and procedures for conducting our business as laid out in the Constitution.

In creating these temporary policies the paramount concern is that EVERY MEMBER of the lodge still has the opportunity to cast a vote on any business items that arise.

In any of the following situations meticulous minutes and preservation of all correspondence with any of the lodge brethren must be kept on record for audit purposes.

This document refers to the following COVID-19 Temporary Policies:

Part A:

- Applications
- Demits
- Suspensions (NPD)
- Restorations after Demits and Suspensions (NPD)
- Expenses Exceeding By-Law Limits
- Use of Ritual During Virtual Meetings

Part B:

- Amalgamations
- Voluntary Surrender of Warrant
- By-Law Amendments

Part A:

Temporary Polices for:

1. Applications
2. Demits
3. Suspensions (NPD)
4. Restorations after Demits and Suspensions (NPD)
5. Expenses Exceeding By-Law Limits
6. Use of Ritual During Virtual Meetings

1. Policy and Procedures for Applications:

Applications for Initiations and Affiliations:

Rushing to process applications when we cannot even attend meetings serves no purpose. Any new initiate becomes a Mason for life and thus there is no rush. While applications can be accepted by the Lodge Secretary, the further processing of applications for Initiation and Affiliation is not permitted during the lockdown.

Therefore, the current processes in place for the processing of applications for Initiation or Affiliation will not change during the lockdown period.

2. Policy and Procedures for Demits:

Demits:

The policy already in place for the processing of demits during the lockdown will remain in effect. That policy is stated as follows:

- all demits must be processed in accordance with Sections 190-194 of the Constitution.
- the effective date of a demit is the date on which the demit was submitted in writing to the Lodge Secretary.
- to issue a demit in good standing, the member must be fully paid up as of the date of the request of the demit (otherwise the demit is 'dues owing').
- Before a demit is issued, hopefully an investigation should be conducted by telephone to ascertain if benevolence may be required.

During the lockdown, demits can be received by the Lodge Secretary. If the member requesting a demit is up to date in his dues his name will be read out at the

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next regular meeting of the lodge (whenever that will take place) and the demit in good standing will be issued following that meeting but effective the date the request was received by the Lodge. These demits in good standing are to be recorded on the first semi-annual return submitted after the demit was received in writing by the lodge Secretary.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, a request for demit can be withdrawn by the member provided that:

- A withdrawal request is submitted to the lodge Secretary in writing
- The request has not yet been read out at the next regular meeting of the lodge
- The demit has not already been reported on a semi-annual return

The current processes in place for the processing of demits during the lockdown period will not change.

3. Policy and Procedures for Suspensions (NPD):

Suspensions NPD:

The Constitution of Grand Lodge enforces automatic suspension of a member in default of his dues for a period of 12 months. Therefore, the suspension does not require an in-person vote.

However, 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 (officially) suspended. The brethren will be suspended as of the date of the end of the 12 month period and reported on the next applicable semi-annual return.

The current processes in place for the processing of Suspensions NPD during the lockdown period will not change.

4. Policy and Procedures for Restorations from Demits and Suspension (NPD):

Restorations after Demit (Dues Owing) and Suspension NPD:

There is no reason to change the restoration process during the lockdown and thus the constitution must be followed with respect to reinstatements.

Points to note:

- During the lockdown, the committee of inquiry can conduct its business via phone or virtual conferencing rather than in person. However, a brother cannot be officially restored until the vote is taken in lodge.

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- The restoration is effective the date the vote is passed in Lodge.
- In Sec 197 (a) or (b), Sec 198 (a) or (b) and Sec 203 (a) and 203 (b), it is the date the application for restoration is made to the lodge that is the determining factor regarding the application of the three year time period.
- Regulations regarding the three-year time period still apply.

Withholding the vote until labours resume should not be an issue as there are no meetings to attend in any event.

The current processes in place for the processing of Restorations after Demits and Suspensions (NPD) during the lockdown period will not change.

5. Policy and Procedures for Expenses Exceeding By-Law Limits:

Large Expenditures of money (over By-law limit):

Any expenditures above a limit imposed by the lodge by-laws **cannot** be approved by just the Worshipful Master, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Therefore, the current processes in place for the expenditure of funds over any maximum stated in By-Laws during the lockdown period will change as follows.

The following procedure must be used to permit such expenses during the lockdown:

- a. A Notice of Motion for the proposed expense must be delivered to every member of the lodge via email or surface mail in a lodge summons.
- b. The Notice of Motion must outline the motion and would indicate that it would be discussed at a virtual meeting (which requires a prior summons) on a specific date. Minutes of that meeting must be recorded.
- c. After that virtual meeting, the minutes relating to the discussion on the motion and proper notification must be sent to all members (in the same manner as the Notice of Motion) with clear instructions on how each member can cast his vote either by email or surface mail.
- d. A specific timeframe for responding to the vote must be indicated. The timeframe must be long enough to allow adequate time to follow up and receive responses.
- e. The lodge secretary must record the vote cast and method used by each member.
- f. If the motion has been approved by the majority defined in the lodge by-laws the expense will be deemed to have been approved by the membership.

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- g. Members must be notified of the result of the vote (approved or not approved) in a summons sent to all members of the Lodge. If all members are so notified, any such approved motion does not require ratification at the first regular meeting on the lodge.

6. Policy and Procedures for use of Ritual during Virtual Meetings:

No changes will be made to the current policy of not permitting any ritual to be used during a virtual meeting. Degree rehearsals using the ritual are not permitted in a virtual meeting.

The current processes in place prohibiting any ritual to be performed in a virtual meeting during the lockdown period will not change.

Part B:

Temporary Policies for:

- 1. Amalgamations**
- 2. Voluntary Surrender of Warrant**
- 3. By-Law Amendments**

1. Policy and Procedures for Amalgamations:

The first six steps of the Grand Lodge Policy and Procedures for Amalgamation may be modified temporarily during the COVID-19 lockdown ONLY as detailed below. Steps 7 through 11 of the Policy and Procedures remain in effect as stated in the Policy and Procedures document.

Amalgamations: Policy and Procedures

- 1) To satisfy Section 159, each of the lodges considering amalgamation must adopt a resolution that amalgamation proceedings be initiated with the other lodge(s) named in the resolution. Proper notice of motion must have been given at a preceding meeting in each lodge before the resolution can be moved, seconded, discussed and voted on.

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- a. A Notice of Motion to initiate amalgamation proceedings must be delivered to every member of the lodge via email or surface mail in a lodge summons.
 - b. The Notice of Motion must outline the motion and would indicate that it would be discussed at a virtual meeting (which requires a prior summons) on a specific date.
 - c. After that virtual meeting, proper notification would again be sent to all members (in the same manner as the Notice of Motion) with clear instructions on how each member can cast his ballot either by email or surface mail.
 - d. A specific timeframe for responding to the vote must be indicated. The timeframe must be long enough to allow adequate time to follow up and receive responses.
 - e. The lodge secretary must record the vote cast and method used by each member.
- 2) To satisfy Section 160, each lodge must appoint a committee of three members to represent the Lodge in defining the terms of reference of the amalgamation. Grand Lodge recommends approving the appointment of the Committee members as a vote in open lodge.

COVID-19 Process:

- a. A vote to accept the committee members must also be taken.
 - b. Notification of the vote to accept the Committee members should be given in the same notification as the Notice of Motion above.
 - c. Instructions on how each member can cast his ballot either by email or surface mail would be included in the notification of the vote sent in Step 1.
- 3) Notification must be sent to Grand Lodge containing the text of the Notice of Motion, a copy of the Summons containing the Notice of Motion, the text of the amalgamation motion voted on by the lodge, the date of the vote, the result of the vote, and the names and contact information of the three committee members selected. At this point the lodge should inform the District Deputy Grand Master of the pending amalgamation and keep him informed as progress is made.
- COVID-19 Process: There is no change in this step (All the above information required to complete Steps 1 and 2 must still be submitted to Grand Lodge). This information may be sent via email.**
- 4) As per Section 160, the Grand Master will then appoint a member from another Lodge to act as Chairman of the Joint Committee on amalgamation. Such Chairman will have the power to vote in case of a tie.

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COVID-19 Process: No change

- 5) The Joint Committee will prepare the Report of the Joint Committee on Amalgamation in accordance with Section 161 (a). There are no rules for how the Lodge should 'approve' the report, but a vote of approval in open lodge is suggested.

COVID-19 Process:

- a. The Joint Committee shall meet virtually to draft the Terms of Reference Report.
 - b. Once a draft is prepared it must be distributed to every member, either by email or surface mail with instructions on how to respond with questions or concerns.
 - c. Another virtual meeting which requires a prior summons is then scheduled to discuss the draft report and answer all concerns.
 - d. Then, after any edits have been made, the final draft must be distributed to every member again (via email or surface mail) with notification on how (via email or surface mail) and when to vote providing a deadline which allows time for adequate follow up and the receipt of responses.
 - e. The lodge Secretary must record the vote cast and method used by each member.
 - f. The last draft of the report shall be approved by a majority of the members voting.
 - g. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be sent all draft versions of the Terms of Reference for review.
- 6) Once the final Report of the Joint Committee on Amalgamation has been approved by the Joint Committee a copy of the Report of the Joint Committee must be sent to each member of each lodge at their last known address according to Section 161 (a). The mailing to each member must clearly articulate that unless 25% of the membership (as reported on the last semi-annual return of the lodge) notify the Secretary of the lodge, in writing of their objection to such amalgamation, within ten days from the date of mailing of said notice, the amalgamation shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master approves of such amalgamation.

COVID-19 Process:

- a. The final Terms of Reference Report must be sent to each member by email or surface mail with instructions on how to respond and vote (email or surface mail) on acceptance.

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- b. The lodge secretary must record the vote cast and method used by each member.
- c. Follow up is strongly recommended to receive responses.

Note: Unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master, this temporary policy in effect during the COVID-19 lockdown does NOT permit the actual amalgamation to take place until labours resume.

2. Policy and Procedures for Voluntary Surrender of Warrant:

The policies and procedures for a Voluntary Surrender of Warrant are very similar to that of an amalgamation. Therefore the temporary policy changes for amalgamations will for the most part apply to Surrender discussions. Please consult the Grand Secretary for further details.

Note: Unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master, this temporary policy in effect during the COVID-19 lockdown does NOT permit the Voluntary Surrender of Warrant to take place until labours resume.

3. Policy and Procedures for By-Law Amendments

There is some urgency during the lockdown to enable amendments to lodge by-laws to be discussed, voted on and submitted to Grand Lodge for approval during the lockdown period.

By-Law Amendments: Policy and Procedures

305. (b) No amendment shall be made in the By-laws of a lodge, unless by "Notice of Motion" given at a regular meeting; the proposed amendment shall be duly entered in the minutes and inserted in the lodge summons for the next regular meeting, when the proposed amendment shall come up for discussion. If the amendment is regularly moved and seconded, and passed with the support of a majority of the members present, it shall, as soon as it receives the approval of the Grand Master, become law.

COVID-19 Process:

Step 1:

- a. The Notice of Motion to amend the By-Laws must be delivered to every member of the lodge via a summons sent by email or surface mail.

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- b. The proposed amendment shall be included in the summons indicating the date and time of the virtual meeting (which requires the prior summons) at which the motion will be discussed. Each member must be given clear instructions and a timeline indicating how he can submit questions or concerns if he is unable to attend the virtual meeting.
- c. All questions and concerns will be raised at the virtual meeting, discussed and results documented.
- d. The lodge Secretary must record all questions and concerns raised by each member and the resolution.
- e. If any changes are made to the proposed amendment the process must begin at Step 1 again. In such case it is recommended that the document containing the resolutions to all questions and concerns be delivered to every member with the Notice of Motion.

Step 2:

- a. The document containing the final resolutions to all questions and concerns must be distributed to every member of the lodge with clear instructions on how each member can vote on the proposed amendment either by email or surface mail.
- b. A specific timeframe for responding to the vote must be indicated. The timeframe must be long enough to allow adequate time to follow up on and receive responses. The lodge Secretary must record the vote cast and method used by each member.

306. In submitting by-laws or amendments thereof to the Grand Secretary for approval by the Grand Master, after they have been confirmed by the lodge, the following documentation signed by the Master and the Secretary under the seal of the lodge is required: (1983)

- (a) one certified copy of the lodge notice containing the notice of motion in which the proposed amendment is printed in full;
- (b) one certified copy of a complete set of the current by-laws of the lodge; (1983)
- (c) one certified copy of that portion of the minutes of the meeting at which notice of motion was given, setting out in full the proposed motion; and (1989)
- (d) a certificate in duplicate in accordance with prescribed Form 5 (page 183), that the amendments (setting them out in full) were legally carried by a majority of the members present and voting.

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The above documentation must still be submitted to the Grand Secretary after being confirmed by the lodge. However, the lodge Secretary may submit the required documentation electronically via email without the lodge seal provided the email includes the statement **“Please consider this email and its attachments approved and certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary as if they were signed by each of them under the seal of the Lodge”**.

Fraternally, submitted,
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Lou Domjan,
COO

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Brethren,

Despite the current setbacks, we still look forward to a time when we will be able to gather in-person again. When enough of our population is FULLY vaccinated the situation will change, but that will not be until the summer at the earliest, so for now we must hold firm.

Therefore the moratorium on all INDOOR Masonic gatherings is extended until at least September 1.

The moratorium on all OUTDOOR gatherings is extended until we make a subsequent announcement.

When we finally are able to have large gatherings again, there may be a huge demand to book the Grand Master at anniversaries and Grand Master's receptions and there are only so many weekends in the year. I would therefore ask the brethren of any lodge who had a major anniversary last year or will have one this year to think about joining together with other lodges in your district as well as with the District itself, and consider one joint event to invite me to. Since we don't yet know when we can have these large gatherings, we cannot start to accept bookings, but please start talking among yourselves about the concept. Your virtual district meeting may be a good time to discuss this.

Thank you and stay safe brethren.

David J. Cameron
Grand Master

Res quondam resque futurus