

**Freemasonry In Ottawa District One  
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada  
In The Province of Ontario  
Masonic Year 2021-22**

**The Grand Lodge of A.F & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario  
Covid-19 Directives issued between July 2021 and July 2022**

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*"The future is uncertain, but then again, it has always been uncertain. We have adapted amazingly well during these times, with Education at the forefront of our activities. Ahead lies a push for excellent Ritual and effective Mentoring. And the time when we return to labour will be here before you know it."*

Quote from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David James Cameron  
from his Address to Ontario Masons, July, 2021.

A year in the life of the Fifteen Lodges which comprise Ottawa District One  
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## **District History, Ottawa District One 2021-22**

### **Acknowledgements**

I would like to thank R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, 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, and even some in-person events held during Masonic Year 2021-22.

Thanks and appreciation is also extended to 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 2021-22 Masonic Year.

It was another year of uncertainty and change as evidenced by the number of Directives (10) issued by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. As the pandemic waxed and waned during the year, Lodges were forced to adapt to changing conditions as the virus reinvented itself and took on different mutations. Much like the Coronavirus, Lodges in Ottawa District One also adapted to the changing conditions and managed to hold on-line meetings which kept the Brethren in touch with one another, if only virtually.

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 2021 and June 2022.

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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 take place during the past Masonic Year (July 2020 - June 2021). In fact, Lodge Meetings did not recommence until November/December 2021. Even then, the in-person Lodge Meetings were short-lived as the Omicron Variant of Covid spread throughout the world. In mid-December 2021 to the end of January 2022 in-person meetings were cancelled by command of the Grand Master.

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 2021

# GRAND LODGE

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



## Grand Master's Address 2021



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Please Note: The cover page of the Grand Master's Address is page 1. The back of the cover page is blank, (i.e., page 2). Therefore, the actual Address begins on page 3.

### **GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS David J. Cameron July 2021**

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,

For the second year in a row, COVID-19 has prevented us from holding this meeting in person. So that the brethren of the future may know and appreciate the past, the Grand Historian has ably documented the effects of the pandemic on the functioning of lodges and Grand Lodge, and the responses that were so effectively taken. I commend R.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns for this report and all the other work he has done for the Craft as he retires from Grand Lodge office.

This has been a year unlike any other. Lodges have not met in person at all.

For some it was a year of isolation and loneliness,  
for some a time of frustration,  
for some, a time to read, a time to contemplate what it is about Freemasonry that attracts us,  
and for some a time of great challenge.  
Yet we have overcome. We have all overcome.

We had a huge pivot to videoconferencing. Previous to the pandemic Grand Lodge had investigated the use of videoconferencing for the Board and committees to use to alleviate some of the travel involved in meetings, and to help with inclement weather. Little did we know how useful that would be. We were able to quickly change to meeting on-line which allowed the Grand Master's COVID response team to meet regularly as well as, eventually, the Management Committee, the Board and all Grand Lodge committees. Being shut up at home with time on their hands several committees started meeting weekly. The amount of work they accomplished was incredible. Virtually all of our programs have been reviewed and updated, several moved to on-line formats, an updated Strategic Plan has been created, and we have thoroughly planned and assessed the long awaited Information Technology upgrade for the office. An Accessibility policy was adopted and on-line training for all staff, DDGMs and the Board was implemented.

Lodges and Districts have also taken to on-line videoconferencing and webcasting for educational lectures as well as social interaction. We have joined and hosted top-notch speakers from around the world, and some of our members have given presentations to international audiences. It has been fabulous for Masonic enlightenment.

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There have been over fifteen brethren who have completed the distance-learning Masonic Arts and Sciences Course during the lockdown and now are Fellows of the College of Freemasonry. Five of those brethren began and finished their studies during the lockdown.

Because of the uncertainty of whether we would be able to gather today, early on we started planning for the contingency of requiring virtual proceedings. An interesting convergence occurred in that the Board had been working since 2019 on some proposed changes to the Annual Communication such as on-line voting from home and this year we have been forced into trying it. This will give us an idea of whether we want to move permanently to this method.

### **AD HOC TASK FORCES**

#### **Annual Communication Task Force**

The Annual Communication Task Force under the capable direction of the Grand Treasurer continued the work started at the previous Crieff retreat and made a number of recommendations. Highlights are:

- Electronic voting.
  - Election of the DDGM to be conducted in the district or from home.
  - Board Meeting to be conducted as a separate virtual meeting in June.
  - Annual Communication - Two-day format (week-end vs. week-day).
  - Flexibility for location of Annual Communication.
  - Another task force be set up at a future date to consider Regionalization.
- Constitutional amendments were proposed to enable these proposals should we wish to proceed with any of them.

#### **Three Questions Task Force**

A task force of members from a variety of faith traditions convened by the Grand Chaplain at my request last year looked at some aspects of our Ritual from a theological standpoint. The Ritual Committee weighed their suggestions as well as other considerations and made changes which will be forthcoming in the new Book of the Work when it is reprinted. Since the changes are pretty simple (although very significant) I announced them in the December Communiqué.

#### **Corporate Review Task Force**

R.W. Bro Murray Coulter, with the help of R.W. Bro. Lou Domjan, R.W. Bro. Jim Sutherland and outside counsel, has reviewed our situation in regards the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. It was discovered that our Grand Lodge Corporation had not enacted an organizational by-law at the time of incorporation in 2010 nor at any time since and that the ONCA will prescribe for us a "default" by-law if we do not enact our own. The proposed form of "By-Law No.1" contains provisions specifying that the "members" of the Corporation are the same persons as comprise Grand Lodge, identifies its directors and officers in accordance with corresponding positions in Grand Lodge and states that the terms of the Constitution will apply to any matters not otherwise specified in the by-law.

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### **RULINGS OF THE GRAND MASTER**

To meet the contingencies this year I had to allow some deviations from the Constitution. In addition to the powers given them last year, the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each lodge were allowed to authorize the remittance of the dues of any member without requiring notice of motion or a vote (with the proviso that it be ratified at the next regular in-person meeting). As time went on, further adaptations were needed to allow lodges to vote on By-Law updates, building issues, amalgamations, and unfortunately, closings. And still more in order to vote on-line for DDGMs, Grand Lodge officers and Constitutional amendments, and to enable this Annual Communication and a transition to the incoming team.

The United Grand Lodge of England considers that the two women's Grand Lodges in England would be completely regular except that they admit women. They do not foresee ever recognizing them, nor any inter-visitation, but they are aware of the public relations advantage of working with them on information campaigns. Indeed, we have found that a substantial number of the inquiries coming to us via the BeAFreemason.org system and our own website, are from women. Rather than bluntly turning them away, we have been referring them to the Order of Women Freemasons, the body which has lodges in Ontario. I see this as a positive move in raising our public image.

After discussion with the Oshawa Temple Building Corporation I have granted permission under Section 150 (b) of the Constitution for the Heritage Lodge No. 84, Order of Women Freemasons, to continue to use the Oshawa Temple Building craft lodge room for their meetings and ceremonials.

Our ongoing relationship with the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario and Jurisdiction has been of great benefit to both us and them. It is noted that unfortunately we do not have similar relations with most of the Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the United States. To start to rectify that, we have written to the Prince Hall Grand Lodges that are recognized by the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario and Jurisdiction, that border on Ontario, asking if they would be interested in pursuing mutual recognition. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania at their mid-year session unanimously voted to extend recognition to our Grand Lodge. Our Grand Secretary, in the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, will recommend that we extend recognition to them. We also happily look forward to good relationships with the other Prince Hall Grand Lodges as they become able to meet to consider our query.

The third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is subsiding and with the miracle of rapid vaccine development it is now looking like we may be able to resume lodge meetings in September. All lodge secretaries will want advice in August so they can send out a summons; more information should be forthcoming from the Province by the end of this month so we will send out a bulletin as soon as we can. Since we still do not know when having large gatherings will



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be wise, we cannot book dates for Anniversaries and Grand Master's receptions yet. The Grand Secretary will let you know when we can start to consider them.

A century ago as we were coming out of another pandemic, we saw a rapid growth in our numbers. Listen to the words of M.W. Bro. Frederick Harcourt in 1921:

"Our membership at June 24, 1921, is estimated at about 88,000. So far as the number is concerned, it is most gratifying to those who wish to see our Order grow rapidly. I must confess that I am not one of them. I feel at times apprehensive that this abnormal growth may react unfavourably on us at some time in the future ... May my fears be groundless. Still, brethren, I must again sound the note of warning. ... Historical instances innumerable can be given of what has been aptly called 'The imbecile tyranny of numbers.'"

Imbecile tyranny of numbers. I wonder what he meant. For the past several years I have railed against an obsessive focus on declining numbers, but I think our past Grand Master was referring to something else, the opposite in fact - letting ourselves be overwhelmed by trying to take on more members than we can adequately manage. And I think in fact that his fears were justifiable. The huge spikes that occurred after each World War lessened the ability to properly mentor new members. And a generation later poorly mentored brothers could not themselves mentor others as they had no grounding to look back on. We became a social club that does community charity work. Those things are good but we could be so much more. And we may be in the same situation again - we already have a huge waiting list through our website and BeAFreemason.org, and I'm sure there are individual lodges that have lists of men we don't even know about. As we return to our labour let us recall the words of E.F. Schumacher and look at lodges "As If People Mattered", not at the economics of running a building, a fund-raising machine, or a political hierarchy. That is, let us thoughtfully and methodically initiate, befriend and mentor, then pass and mentor, then raise and mentor new brethren, and continue to mentor them as they pass through all the stages of this life.

### NECROLOGY

In 1624 John Donne wrote:

*No man is an Iland, intire of itselfe; every man  
is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine;  
if a Clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe  
is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were,  
as well as if a Manor of thy friends or of thine  
owne were; any mans death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in Mankinde;  
And therefore never send to know for whom  
the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.*

(John Donne, *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions, Meditation XVII*, 1624)

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We are each diminished by a loss of even one of our brothers. A listing of our brethren who have departed will be contained in the Proceedings. I will highlight but a few:

**H.R.H. Prince Phillip**, Duke of Edinburgh, member of Navy Lodge No. 2612 E.R.

**R. W. Bro. Bruce Garnet McLean**      **District Deputy Grand Master 1966**  
Bruce joined Dufferin Lodge No. 364, Melbourne in 1957. He was Worshipful Master in 1964 and District Deputy Grand Master of St. Thomas District in 1966. He was active in Mocha Jeepsters, Classic cars, and the Strathocha Shrine Club. Bruce was elected Potentate of Mocha Shriners in 1992. He was also a Past Charter Member of the Glencoe District Lions Club.

**R.W. Bro. Paul J. Mullen**      **Grand Senior Warden 1992**  
Paul was initiated in 1970 at the age of 26. He was Master of St. John's Lodge No. 20 in 1980. Appointed to the Board of General Purposes in 1990 he served on the Seminars Committee and then the Benevolence Committee. R.W. Brother Mullen was also a Past Most Wise Sovereign of the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, and a 33° Honorary Inspector General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. Wanting to belong to a lodge using the "Canadian" ritual as well as one using the "Irish" ritual, he affiliated with King Solomon's Lodge No. 378. An exemplary Mason, Paul was often found in lodge sitting beside Entered Apprentices, encouraging the journey and supporting their beginnings.

**R.W. Bro. Ziggy Martin Loos**      **Grand Registrar 1998**  
Ziggy lived through the darkness of WWII in Germany, then made Canada his home in 1956. He was initiated in Island Lodge No. 128, Grand Lodge of Quebec. He was treasurer of Dorchester Lodge No. 4. He moved to Alexandria, Ontario and joined Lancaster Lodge No. 207. He became Worshipful Master in 1993. Ziggy also served as Worshipful Master of Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741 in 2005.

**V.W. Bro. Allan Percival Sweetman**      **Grand Steward 2003**  
Al was well known and admired in Sudbury-Manitoulin District and the London Districts. He was very active in many appendant and concordant bodies but still found time to be a very frequent visitor in Craft Masonry. Initiated in Garden Lodge No. 641 in 1967 he affiliated with Bethel Lodge No. 699 after moving to Sudbury; in 2014 when he moved to London to be nearer family he affiliated with Harmony Lodge No. 388. Some of his other activities included Governor of Excalibur York Rite College No. 101 in 1999 and London York Rite College No. 67 in 2018. His ever present smile will be missed all over the Grand Jurisdiction.

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### **Bro. Robert "Bob" Martin Hagadorn William Mercer Wilson Recipient 2003**

Bob was a member of Reunion Lodge No. 103 having been Secretary and Treasurer of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103 for many years. He developed an online presence for all Lodges of Niagara District A. In 2003 he was awarded the prestigious William Mercer Wilson Award. He was a member of the Niagara Woodcarvers Association and worked on many carvings in the Niagara Region including, "Welcome to Port Dalhousie" and "Mel Swart Lake Gibson Conservation Area".

We regret our present inability to gather in person to commemorate our brethren who this year have passed to the Grand Lodge Above, but are ever hopeful of participating in memorial services when we are able to return to our labours.

### **PAST RANK**

I recommend the rank of Past Master be conferred upon the following:

- **Garry Stuart Perkins**, Corinthian Lodge No. 96
- **Romeo A. Ignacio**, Ashlar St. Clair Lodge No. 247
- **Robert Neil McNicol**, Northern Light Lodge No. 266

I further recommend that the rank and title of Past Grand Senior Warden (Honorary) be conferred on V.W. Bro. Michael John MacDonald.

### **WILLIAM MERCER WILSON MEDAL**

The William Mercer Wilson Medal is the highest honour Masonry can give to one of its brothers. It is 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, this honour was awarded to:

- **Bro. Reid Delano Brown**, Trafalgar Lodge No. 712
- **Bro. Edward Hugh Carney**, Parthenon Lodge No. 267
- **Bro. Stanley Glide Durward**, King Edward Lodge No. 464

Unfortunately we were not able to gather to present these distinguished brothers with their awards, but will do so when we can.

### **GRAND MASTER'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Established in 1988 by M.W. Bro. William R. Pellow to recognize exceptional services rendered by members of this Grand Lodge, it is the personal award of the Grand Master. This year I am pleased to announce three recipients who have each contributed to the advancement of Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Michael John Moor, Grand Chaplain 2003, was instrumental in revising many of the ceremonies which Grand Lodge uses, such as those for amalgamations and the investiture of Very Worshipful Grand Lodge officers. In fact, I would dare say he was the original author of most of them.



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R.W. Bro. Melvyn James Duke, Honorary Past Grand Senior Warden 1997, served as the Secretary of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario for the past twenty-five years. He has led this important steward of our charity work with dedication and steadfastness.

V.W. Bro. Kris David Nickerson, Assistant Grand Secretary 2009, has for over twenty years put in countless hours, both on committees and in programming and maintaining computer systems for our Grand Lodge. Indeed he brought us into the digital age when he set up an electronic voting system in 1998. As the Proceedings of that year state, "Bro. Kris Nickerson has worked tirelessly on this project and without his expertise, this could not have been completed."

### RECOGNITION OF 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

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:

- Trillium Lodge No. 575, Toronto on January 24, 2021
- Harmony Lodge No. 579, Windsor on April 19, 2021
- Remembrance Lodge No. 586, Thornhill on June 29, 2021
- Astra - Mt Dennis Lodge No. 599, Weston on February 14, 2022
- Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602, Hamilton on February 20, 2022
- Campbell Lodge No. 603, Campbellville on March 14, 2022

### APPOINTMENTS

Acting in accordance with and under the authority of Section 131(e) of the Constitution, I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of R.W. Bro. Michael J. Locke and R.W. Bro. Michael J. MacDonald as Honorary Members of the Board of General Purposes.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representative System has been mostly ignored as of late. In fact, several Canadian Grand Lodges have or are phasing it out. However, in this digital age there is great potential for increased learning from our brethren in our sister jurisdictions. To this end I recommend to the Grand Masters of these Grand Lodges the following brethren as Grand Representatives of their Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • R.W. Bro. Ronald Leroy M. Findlater | Nova Scotia                |
| • R.W. Bro. Robert James Fleming      | Arizona                    |
| • R.W. Bro. Aires Joseph DeMello      | Colorado                   |
| • R.W. Bro. William Clayton Thompson  | Delaware                   |
| • R.W. Bro. Gangadeen Charles Singh   | Maryland                   |
| • R.W. Bro. Alan McGregor Tibbetts    | Minnesota                  |
| • R.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland             | Oregon                     |
| • R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman           | Prince Hall Connecticut    |
| • R.W. Bro. Arthur Michael Di Cecco   | Prince Hall Maryland       |
| • R.W. Bro. Daniel John Glenney       | Prince Hall North Carolina |

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- R.W. Bro. Maher Eid Prince Hall Pennsylvania
- R.W. Bro. Lanny Ross Salmon Utah
- R.W. Bro. Leslie Franklin Armstrong Wyoming
- R.W. Bro. Daniel Graham Cuba
- R.W. Bro. Dario Natale Mancuso Italy
- W. Bro. Damon Allan Malta
- R.W. Bro. William David Armstrong New South Wales
- R.W. Bro. Tony R. Fernando Brazil - Rio Grande Do Sul

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

- Brazil - Rio Grande Do Sul R.W. Bro. Rodrigo Werlang Isolan

### AMALGAMATIONS

#### January 18, 2021

Amalgamation of The Builders' Lodge No. 177 and Chaudière Lodge No. 264 in Ottawa 2 District to become The Builders' Lodge No. 177

#### April 14, 2021

Amalgamation of The Harmony Lodge No. 57 and Lincoln Lodge No. 544 in Hamilton B District to become The Harmony Lodge No. 57

### SURRENDER OF WARRANTS

Victory Lodge No. 547	Toronto Humber Valley District	Dec. 1, 2020
Leopold Lodge No. 397	Sarnia District	Dec. 9, 2020
Gore Bay Lodge No. 472	Sudbury-Manitoulin District	Dec. 31, 2020
Blair Lodge No. 314	North Huron District	June 24, 2021

### CONFERENCES

Conference of Grand Masters of North America which was held virtually. This conference allows us to interact with Masonic leaders from across the United States, mostly, and get updates from their national organizations.

Conference of Grand Masters of Canada (the "All Canada Conference") was also held virtually. This very valuable conference always sees much useful sharing of information among our Canadian Grand Lodges.

Engage 2020, a virtual Conference of the Masonic Renewal Committee provided useful insight and tips.

Our biannual Board Retreat was held by two Saturday morning videoconferences. Despite the change in how we had to operate it was amazingly successful in formulating our new Strategic Plan.

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### DISCIPLINE

One would think that with people staying home as per public health orders, there would be no discipline issues to deal with; sadly this was not the case. And with the inability to hold Masonic trials, it fell on the Grand Master to rule under Section 85 of the Constitution. Several brothers were suspended as detailed in the report of the Discipline Committee. As well, I regrettably had no alternative but to act under Sec. 85 to suspend the warrant of Lodge A despite repeated attempts to resolve numerous leadership and administrative issues.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

First off, we all owe a huge thank-you to the Grand Secretary and the Chief Operating Officer for all the work they have put in to make the electronic elections and this virtual communication so successful. I also wish to thank them, the Custodian and the Deputy Grand Master for being on the COVID task force, and a special thank-you to M.W. Bro. Mumby for all his work as he retires as Custodian and M.W. Bro. Don Campbell takes over.

And a big thank you also to R.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher as he retires as Assistant to the Custodian and head of Protocol and Etiquette after 14 years of diligent service.

I acknowledge and thank R.W. Bro. Michael Jenkyns for his writings on our past as he retires as Grand Historian and V.W. Bro. Marshall Kern takes over. I give appreciation to R.W. Bros. Murray Coulter and Michael MacDonald for their legal guidance on the Constitution, the Corporation, and other issues.

A huge shout out to the office staff Mrs. Gail Nickerson, Mrs. Stacey Birks, Mrs. Barb Lee and Mrs. Anne Domjan for holding the office together in spite of mostly working remotely.

I raise a glass to the retiring members of the Board of General Purposes and thank them for all their valuable contributions.

Enormous thanks to R.W. Bro. Ed Standish for his insightful predictions and constant wisdom.

I gratefully thank the Deputy Grand Master for his steadfast commitment to R.E.M., the Management Committee and the Board for doing so much to reassess our programs and policies, and the Past Grand Masters for their ever cheerful counsel and support.

My endless gratitude to all the District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and Worshipful Masters for staying on another year and despite that, still not being able to complete everything to which they had looked forward, And to Jill who, instead of travelling all over Ontario, had to put up with me always hogging the good videocam.

### CONCLUSION

As society opens up and we all try to satisfy our need for social interaction I think our brethren will flock to lodge. We will also have an incredible number of petitions. Indeed, some lodges already have a significant backlog. Grand Lodge has referred over 500 inquirers to lodges and that does not include those seekers who have contacted individual lodges directly. For the sake of those men we must not rush them into the Craft and through the degrees, but at the

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same time we must keep them interested and involved. The Five Steps to Application process is a good guide. When we can return to doing ritual we will want to present it in an excellent manner. So we will need several rehearsals before we stand in front of a candidate. I'm reminded of an old musicians' joke. After his meal a tourist in New York City, wanting to see some sights, asks his waiter how to get to Carnegie Hall. The waiter responds, "Practice, practice, practice."

The future is uncertain, but then again, it has always been uncertain. We have adapted amazingly well during these times, with Education at the forefront of our activities. Ahead lies a push for excellent Ritual and effective Mentoring. And the time when we return to labour will be here before you know it.

The Management guru Peter Drucker said: "The question that faces the strategic decision maker is not 'what his organization should do tomorrow.' It is, 'what do we have to do today to be ready for an uncertain tomorrow?'"

Let us get ready now for the uncertainties of tomorrow. Get out your ritual books.

David J. Cameron  
Grand Master



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## APPENDIX: GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

### Virtual Events with other Grand Jurisdictions and Masonic Bodies

July 27	Welcome the Grand Master of Quebec to Niagara District A
Aug 15	Annual Assembly of Allied Masonic Degrees
Sept 3	Scottish Rite meeting
Sept 12	Masonic Library and Museum Association Annual Meeting
Sept 16	Welcome the District Grand Master of Lebanon (Grand Lodge of Scotland) to Toronto East District
Sept 23	Grand Lodge of Paraguay Installation
Sept 28	Welcome DGM of Manitoba to Niagara District A
Oct 8	Masonic Leaders' meeting
Oct 9	Grand Lodge of California Installation
Oct 14	York Rite Bodies of Ontario
Dec 12	Grand Orient of Paraná, Brazil Installation
Dec 12	Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia Installation
Dec 15	Welcome Grand Historian of Massachusetts to Sharon Lodge No. 97
Dec 18	Sapere Aude Lectures (Tbilisi, Georgia) speaker
Dec 19	Ninth International Masonic Town Hall (South Africa)
Jan 12	Welcome W. Bro. Robert Cooper of Scotland to Sharon Lodge No. 97
Jan 23	Open Lectures on Freemasonry (Turkey)
Feb 9	Freemasons Without Borders (England)
Feb 12	The Masonic Society (Indiana)
Feb 13	Masonic Foundation of Ontario
Feb 20	Conference of Grand Masters of North America
Feb 22	Rubicon Masonic Society (Kentucky)
Feb 23	Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America
Apr 8	Essa Lodge No. 6278 E.R.
Apr 10	Ninth International Conference on Freemasonry at U.C.L.A. (California)
Apr 19	Wilberforce Lodge No. 2134 E.R.
	Grand Lodge of the Philippines Installation Banquet
Apr 24	Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ontario
May 1	All Canada Conference of Grand Masters
May 26	Annual Grand Assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario
June 7	St Alban Birmingham Lodge No. 233, Maryland (International Masonic Lodges Named For St. Alban)
June 24	Toronto Valley Scottish Rite
June 26	Magnus Geometres Conversation with a Mason (District Grand Lodge of Lebanon, Grand Lodge of Scotland) interview

### Special Virtual Events

Oct 23	Havelock Lodge No. 238 150th Anniversary
Nov 15	Sankey Lecture by Prof. Cécile Révauger from Bordeaux, France

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Jan 18	Virtual celebration of Amalgamation of Builder's Lodge No. 177 and Chaudière Lodge No. 264
Feb 23	London Health Sciences Foundation virtual tour
Mar 2	St. George Lodge No. 243 150th Anniversary
Mar 28	Sankey Lecture by Prof. Margaret Jacob from U.C.L.A.
Apr 14	Virtual celebration of Amalgamation of Harmony Lodge No. 57 and Lincoln Lodge No. 544
May 25	Antiquity Lodge No. 571 Centennial
June 2	Durham Lodge No. 66 175th Anniversary
June 5	Masonic Education Committee speaker
June 29	Remembrance Lodge No. 586 Centennial
July 10	Grand Chaplain's Charity Comedy Night

### Other virtual visits

July 21	Toronto Humber Valley District
Aug 31	Niagara A District
Sept 15	Acacia Lodge No. 561
Sept 26	Hamilton Past Masters' Association
Oct 6	Centennial Lodge No. 684
Oct 15	Nipissing Lodge No. 420 Book Club discussion on Plato's <i>Republic</i> .
Oct 20	St John's Lodge No. 68
Oct 28	Markham Union Lodge No. 87
Nov 10	Grand River Lodge No. 151
Nov 12	Trafalgar Lodge No. 712
Nov 19	Brant District
Dec 17	Templum Lucis Lodge No. 747 Panel Discussion with Andrew Hammer
Jan 11	Temiskaming District
Jan 19	Corinthian Lodge No. 330
Dec 14	Grand Lodge office staff virtual holiday party
Dec 21	Wilson District
Jan 20	Toronto East District
Jan 25	Hamilton B District
Feb 3	Bridgewood Lodge No. 713
Feb 8	David T. Campbell Lodge No. 706
Feb 9	Grand River Lodge No. 151 hosting Jefferson Lodge No. 553, St. Clair Shores MI
Feb 23	Heredom Lodge U.D.
Mar 1	Trinity Lodge No. 521
Mar 3	Hamilton C District
Mar 9	St John's Lodge No. 20
Mar 22	Ashlar Lodge No. 610
Mar 29	Ottawa Masonic Association
Apr 1	Arkona Lodge No. 307
Apr 30	St. George's Lodge No. 15
May 1	Prince Edward District



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May 11	Waterloo District
June 1	Barrie Tri-lodge meeting
June 3	Peterborough District
June 5	Heritage Lodge No. 730
June 8	Sharon Lodge No. 97
June 14	Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119 and Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746

## **Grand Lodge Officers 2021-22**

### **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.

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

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



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

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

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

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

Initiated, Passed and Raised in Dalhousie Lodge No. 52 and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1984/1985. Charter member and Charter Senior Deacon of Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741 in Ottawa. Served as Worshipful Master in 1994/1995. Charter member of Millennium Lodge No. 743, Toronto. Honorary Life Member of Bonnechere Lodge No. 433, Eganville, St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, Lancaster Lodge No. 207, Lancaster, Rising Sun Lodge No. 85 Athens, Mount Zion Lodge No. 39, Brooklyn, New Light Lodge 744. Waterloo, Oakridge Lodge No. 708, London, Bytown Lodge No. 721, Ottawa, Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan, Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa, Doric Lodge 455, Little Current, Adanac Lodge 614, St. Catharines, Salem Lodge No. 368, Brockville, Maple Leaf Lodge 119, Bath, Ashlar Lodge No. 564, Ottawa, Acacia Lodge No. 561, Ottawa, Brock Daylight Lodge No. 745, St. Catharines, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736, Ottawa, Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp, Merrickville Lodge No. 55 Merrickville, Wilson Lodge No. 113, Waterford, Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie, St. John's 21A, Vankleek Hill, Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Sudbury, Pembroke Lodge NO. 128, Pembroke, Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Richmond, Astra Lodge No. 682, Toronto Dist. 2, Humber Lodge no. 305, Toronto District 2, Acacia-Ogdensburg Lodge 128, Ogdensburg New York, The Beaches No. 473, Toronto District 3, Wellington Lodge No. 271 Erin, The Ancient Landmarks No. 654 Hamilton C,

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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. M.W. Bro. Mumby stepped down from his duties as the Custodian of the Work in 2021.

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 four Great-Grandchildren, Colby Lawrence Barry Barber, Eloise Danielle Sullivan, Florence Elizabeth Barber and Gabriel Stephen Sullivan.

M.W. Bro. Donald Mumby, Past Grand Master - Passed to the Grand Lodge  
Above April 18, 2022



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

April 19, 2022

Dear Brethren,

It is with the deepest regret and profound sense of a great loss that I notify you of the death of another Past Grand Master.

**M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby**  
**November 17, 1939 - April 18, 2022**

**Grand Master**  
**July 2003- July 2005**

**Passed to the Grand Lodge above April 18, 2022**

M.W. Bro. David J. Cameron, Grand Master, asks all lodges to drape the Warrant in black for the month of **May, 2022** in memory of and as a mark of respect for M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby.

We shall be ever grateful for his services and shall cherish his memory in our hearts.

Fraternally, Garry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Garry".

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

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



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

In Ottawa, he began working as an apprentice Mechanic, obtaining his Class A licence. 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee. In addition he has served as the Grand Lodge Representative to the Amalgamation Committees in Ottawa, Cornwall, Kingston and Bath, was a founding Director of the Masonic Chip Foundation, Co-Chair of the Local Committee on Arrangements for the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge in Ottawa and has Chaired four Grand Master 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. In 2021, M.W. Bro. Todd was elected as Deputy Rector's Warden at St. James Anglican Church in Carleton Place.

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.

**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.

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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.

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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**R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District  
One**

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



Glen was born and raised here in Ottawa, growing up in the Alta Vista neighbourhood before moving to the east end of town to raise a family. He obtained his undergrad degree from Carleton University and then went on to earn his Certified General Accounting designation.

Glen served in the army militia during high school and transferred to the naval reserve upon entering university, obtaining his commission in 1978. After a brief stint with the regular forces upon graduation, Glen chose to prioritize family over his love of military service and returned to Ottawa to pursue a career with the federal government. Glen retired after 25 years of service with Export Development Canada and lives in Orleans with his wife, Kim Maillet. Glen has two daughters and three grandchildren split between Ottawa and Toronto.

Glen was initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge #560 on October 4th, 1984, where he has served twice as Worshipful Master. He then went on to serve as District Secretary to M.W. Bro. Douglas Franklin, past DDGM of Ottawa District 1 and past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon. Glen affiliated with Edinburgh Lodge #736 in 2013, where he served the last 5 years as Lodge Secretary. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite.

Like his immediate predecessor, Glen also spent about 20 years singing with his church choir, which is where he met his wife, Kim. In recent years, that has given way to preferring to sit in the pews with his grandchildren and he is looking forward to when that practice can resume, as things continue to gradually reopen. Glen has also served as a volunteer at the Perley & Rideau Veterans Health Care for the past 6 years, where he very much enjoys "giving back" to those veterans who have so gallantly served our country.

## **R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill, Vice President of The Board of General Purposes**

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



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

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

He joined Acacia Lodge #561 in September 1989, serving as Worshipful Master in 1996-1997, and again in 2002-2003. In 2006 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District One. In 2008 he was appointed to the Board of General Purposes. He was re-appointed in 2010 and elected in 2012, 2014 and 2016, appointed again in 2018. In July 2019 he was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Honorary Board of General Purposes. As a member of the Board, he has chaired Long Range Planning (2009-2010) and Seminars and Workshops (2010-2014). In 2015 he was appointed to a two-year term on the Management Committee. In 2017 he was elected to a one-year term on the Management Committee. He now serves as Chairmen for Youth Initiatives.

Barry is also an affiliated member of Mississippi Lodge No. 147 in Almonte and is a past First Principal of Dochert Chapter #248 Royal Arch Masons. He was appointed Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 2008, and served a two-year term. Also on the York Rite side he is a member of Colonel By Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada and served as District Deputy Grand Master of District five in 2008-2009. Barry is also a member of St. Justin's Conclave and Adoniram Council #3 order of the High Priesthood. He is also a member of Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, Murray Chapter Rose Croix and Ottawa Consistory 32 Degrees of the A.A.S.R. Valley of Ottawa. He was to be coronated an Honorary Inspectors General 33 degrees in September of 2020, but due to the COVID pandemic the ceremony is to take place in March 2022

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.



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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

Barry was recognized for his work with the youth groups in the Ottawa area, being appointed an honorary member of the Legion of Honour, 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, 32 and Joe 28. Ken is a Past Master of Goodwood Lodge #159, (2016-18), and a Past Grand Sword Bearer (2018-2019). He is married to Brogan with a 7-year-old daughter Taylor, and a 5-year-old son Ashton. Joe was initiated as a member of Goodwood Lodge #159 in October 2017, and is serving as an officer.

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**V.W. Bro. Ron Taylor, Grand Junior Deacon, Ottawa District One**

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Ontario.



Ron was born in Montreal, grew up there and attended Verdun middle school and St. Laurent High School. He moved to Sudbury Ont. at the age of 18 and began to work at the Sudbury General Hospital as a cleaner first and then Orderly on the Psychiatric ward. Ron then moved to INCO where he worked as driller and blaster boss in the mine. When INCO had layoffs in 1978, he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces for three years as a Radio Operator. In Basic Training Ron was awarded the Commandants Shield, during his Rad Op training he was also awarded Top Student, Top Telegraphist and came first in his TQ5 training. Once his 3 yr contract with the military was completed he went back to school, graduating from St. Lawrence College in Kingston as an Electronic Engineering Technician. Ron has spent the last 38 years working in the computer field, running his own business and working for MicroAge Computer Stores and for HP/DXC Technology for the past 22 years.

Ron has been married to Lorraine for 28 wonderful years. Together they have 6 children, 10 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren. A true blessing to have such a family. Holiday gatherings are wonderful around their home.

Ron was sponsored into Freemasonry in 1994 by W. Bro. Glen Melling and V.W Bro. Ted Harvey. In 1996 he affiliated with Enterprise Lodge in Beachburg and remained a member until the Lodge went dark. In 2003 he became the Master of Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 and is currently serving as the Junior Warden of the Lodge. Ron served the District as the Computer Chairman, District Photographer from 2014 and the District Rep for the Scottish Rite.

Ron joined the Scottish Rite in 1998. He went through the chairs of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection to become the Thrice Puissant Grand Master. Ron was going through the chairs of the Murray Chapter Rose Croix when he was called to serve as the Active Member for the Valley of Ottawa.

In 2020 Ron was given the opportunity to serve the Scottish Rite as a Deputy for Ontario. Ron was blessed to have great tutelage in taking on this opportunity, has met so many more Brethren and looks forward to continuing being of service.

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Ron practiced Martial Arts for 16 yrs here in Ottawa with the same Sensei, attaining 4 black belts in Karate, Kobudo (Okinawan Weapons), Shaolin 5 animal style of Kung Fu and finally he was invited to test for the governing body of all Japanese Martial Arts in the world and was awarded a black belt through them.

Ron loves taking pictures as an amateur photographer and, he is a hobby woodworker who also uses a wood laser to continue his creativity.

**V.W. Bro. Alan Christie, Grand Pursuivant, Ottawa District One**

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

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

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

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

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

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**W. Bro. Andrew Hale, Grand Steward, Ottawa District One**

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Ontario.



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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**W. Bro. Daniel Chartrand District Secretary, Ottawa District One**

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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 AASR Liaison  
R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie



D.D.G.M.  
R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson



District Secretary  
W. Bro. Daniel Chartrand



Shrine Liaison  
R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley



Grand Lodge Programs  
W. Bro. Abe Garcia



Historian  
W. Bro. Neil Lillico



District Charity,  
Masonic Foundation  
W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis



Webmaster  
Bro. Colin Mackenzie



York Rite Liaison  
V.W. Bro. Gord Echlin



Protocol, Education & Instruction  
W. Bro. Matt Weedmark



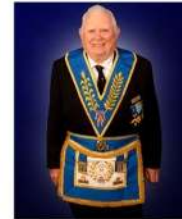
Senior Warden Mentoring  
W. Bro. Jim Bowman



District Photographer  
R.W. Bro. Al Wright



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



District Benevolence  
V.W. Bro. James Keith



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

Table 1 - Sorted by District Chair/Responsibility

<b>District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2021-22</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
District Benevolence	V.W. Bro.	James	Keith
District Chaplain	V.W. Bro.	John	Guinn
District Charity, Masonic Foundation	W. Bro.	Kosta	Hatzis
District Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro.	Glen	Simpson
District Event Coordinator	Bro.	Joe	Burchill
District Grand Lodge Programs	W. Bro.	Abe	Garcia
District Historian	W. Bro.	Neil	Lillico
District Management (By-Laws, Regalia & Planning)	W. Bro.	John	Barber
District Photography	R.W. Bro.	Al	Wright
District Protocol, Education & Instruction	W. Bro.	Matt	Weedmark
District Secretary	W. Bro.	Daniel	Chartrand
District Senior Warden Mentoring	W. Bro.	Jim	Bowman
District Webmaster	Bro.	Colin	Mackenzie
Liaison: Scottish Rite	R.W. Bro.	Jeff	Christie
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

<b>District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2021-22</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Liaison: Scottish Rite	R.W. Bro.	Jeff	Christie
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District Event Coordinator	Bro.	Joe	Burchill
District Webmaster	Bro.	Colin	Mackenzie

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Table 3 - Sorted Alphabetically by Last Name

<b>District Chair/Responsibility Masonic Year 2021-21</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
District Management (By-Laws, Regalia & Planning)	W. Bro.	John	Barber
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District Event Coordinator	Bro.	Joe	Burchill
District Secretary	W. Bro.	Daniel	Chartrand
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District Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro.	Glen	Simpson
Liaison : Scottish Rite	W. Bro.	Ron	Taylor
District Grand Lodge Programs	W. Bro.	Matt	Weedmark
District Photography	W. Bro.	Al	Wright



## 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. Kosta Hatzis



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**District Deputy Grand Master - R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson**



This Historical Document is R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson's District Report.

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### District Event Coordinator - Bro. Joe Burchill



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### District Grand Lodge Programs - W. Bro. Abe Garcia



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**District Historian - W. Bro. Neil Lillico**



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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
Ottawa District One  
District Historian's Final Report

July 15, 2022

R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, District Deputy Grand Master, Ottawa District One.

Dear R.W. Sir:

I am pleased to provide a report outlining my activities undertaken for the 2021-22 Masonic Year. As I noted on the Acknowledgements page this was a different sort of year, due to the Coronavirus.

Despite not having "in-person" Lodge meetings for most of the 2021-22 Masonic Year, I have included any information that I received from the Lodges in Ottawa District One. Using the 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 2022-23 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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**District Management (By-Laws, Regalia and Planning) - W. Bro. John Barber**



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## District Photography - R.W. Bro. Al Wright

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**District Protocol, Education and Instruction - W. Bro. Matt  
Weedmark**



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**District Secretary - W. Bro. Daniel Chartrand**



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

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### District Senior Warden Mentoring - W. Bro. Jim Bowman



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### District Webmaster - Bro. Colin Mackenzie



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Liaison: Scottish Rite - R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie



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



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



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## **Ottawa District One Events**

### **District Meetings**

#### **District Meeting 1 - August 26, 2021 - 7pm via Zoom**

##### **Agenda**

**Agenda Ottawa District 1 Masons  
District Meeting  
August 26, 2021 - 7:30pm  
(Via Zoom)**

1. Word of Welcome – DDGM
2. Invocation - District Chaplain
3. Approval of previous minutes
4. Announcement of District Chairmen for 2021-2022
5. Presentation of the Budget for 2021-2022
6. Vision for the ensuing Masonic Year
7. Details for the ensuing Masonic Year
8. Approval of the Budget
9. Nomination of financial reviewers
10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

##### **Minutes**

**Ottawa District 1 – District Meeting  
Thursday, August 26, 2021  
7:30 PM  
(Via Zoom)**

1. Glen Simpson, Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) of Ottawa District 1 welcomed all the attendees to the first District meeting. A total of 68 brethren were present and 6 regrets. All the Lodges in the District were represented.
2. John Guinn, Chaplain Ottawa District 1 gave the invocation.
3. The minutes of the District meeting dated June 9, 2021 were adopted as distributed.
4. The DDGM provided the brethren present with a brief outline of his vision for the coming year. This vision comprises three key themes that he feels are necessary to ensure a successful reopening despite the many uncertainties facing the District.
  - a) The first theme is communication. The DDGM will make every effort to communicate to the Lodges information, directives and the like received from Grand Lodge. He encouraged all the Lodges to share their experiences with their sister Lodges.

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b) The second theme is cooperation. Lodges are encouraged to share their resources with sister Lodges particularly as it applies to the performance of ritual and degree work.

c) The third theme is community. The challenge we all face as a community of brothers is to foster a District of 15 Lodges, not just a Lodge in particular. Let's not leave any of our sister Lodges behind.

d) The DDGM expressed his desire to work on the reunification of the two Districts. He sees this endeavour as inevitable and indicated that it would be beneficial if, during his mandate, we could collectively move the yard stick forward towards achieving this objective.

### 5. District Chairman:

The DDGM introduced his Committee Chairmen for the 2021-22 Masonic Year.

a) Benevolence: V.W. Bro. Jim Keith; Jim will continue to serve the District this year but has agreed to train his replacement during the coming year.

b) Chaplain: V.W. Bro. John Guinn

c) Charity & Masonic Foundation: W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis. The DDGM indicated that this year's District Charity is the Perley Rideau Foundation.

d) District Management: W. Bro. John Barber – W. Bro. Barber's mandate will be expanded to work with his counterpart in District 2 to remove the variances that currently exist in the bylaws of our two Districts.

e) Grand Lodge Programs: W. Bro. Abe Garcia - W. Bro. Garcia addressed the concerns raised by Lodges regarding the Cornerstone Program. He indicated that he has spoken to Grand Lodge and they confirmed that those Lodges who are currently designated as part of the program are to remain as program designates. When the Lodges are allowed to reopen other Lodges may be added to the program. Those Lodges who are interested in the program are encouraged to get in touch with W. Bro. Garcia.

f) Historian: W. Bro. Neil Lillico

g) Photography: R.W. Bro. Al Wright – R.W. Bro. Wright replaces V. W. Bro. Ron Taylor who will be serving our Grand Lodge this year as a Grand Lodge officer.

h) Protocol, Education & Instruction: W. Bro. Matt Weedmark

i) Senior Warden Mentoring: W. Bro. Jim Bowman

j) Event Coordinator: Bro. Joe Burchill – The DDGM indicated that his predecessor created this position and he decided to keep the position during his mandate. It is expected that Brother Burchill will use his position to assist Lodges in understanding the rules and protocols related to COVID.

k) Webmaster: Bro. Colin Mackenzie

l) Liaisons:

R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie – Scottish Rite

V.W. Bro. Gord Echlin – York Rite

R. W. Bro. Denis Saikaley – Shrine

The DDGM indicated that all chairmen are encouraged to seek assistance from the brethren when warranted. He also encouraged the chairmen to make use of synergies between the various committees.

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6. The DDGM informed the brethren that he has created an Advisory Committee to assist him during his term. The members of the Committee are: R.W. Bro. Jeff Christie; R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson; R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill; R.W. Bro. Brian Adams and R.W. Bro. Charles Singh.

The DDGM reiterated that the brethren are encouraged to pass on advice or suggestions to him at any time.

7. The brethren raised a question regarding the status of the Grand Lodge Mentoring Program. The DDGM indicated that the District representative for this year is W. Bro. Matt Weedmark and that his name has been passed on to the Grand Lodge coordinator.

8. The DDGM invited the District Secretary to present the proposed budget for the 2021-22 Masonic Year. The DDGM informed the brethren that the cost for budget item for regalia is less than previous years as his regalia was provided to him as a gift from a previous DDGM and therefore the District will not be incurring any cost for this expenditure.

The District Secretary went on to present the budget indicating that the items found in the budget are similar to those that were approved for the previous DDGM at the District meeting dated August 28, 2019 and that only the amounts of certain items have been increased due to inflation. He also pointed out that the rate per kilometre for both himself and the DDGM were those currently authorized by the Treasury Board of the Canadian Federal Government.

R. W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley indicated that while he has no objections to the items or the amounts found in the proposed budget, he will be presenting a motion at the next meeting amending the District by-laws so that the rate per kilometre for both the DDGM and the District Secretary be those used by the Grand Lodge. R.W. Bro. Saikaley went on to add that he would be providing the District Secretary with the exact wording for the motion.

V. W. Bro. Vlad Kinastowski indicated that the kilometre rate for the District Secretary was previously approved at the Emergent District meeting of June 9, 2016.

9. The DDGM outlined his vision for the coming year by informing the brethren of the following items.

- a. The current District Trestle Board currently in circulation is a draft and is subject to change. Therefore, the dates contained therein should be taken with a grain of salt. He hopes to be able to provide Lodges with an up- dated version as soon as we are given the word from Grand Lodge to reopen.
- b. Lodges are strongly encouraged to start issuing summons and to hold regular Zoom meetings.
- c. The DDGM indicated that he will be reviewing each Lodge's website to ensure these are up-to-date.
- d. Lodges are strongly encouraged to visit other Lodges when we reopen.

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- e. Worshipful Masters, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are also encouraged to promote and participate in the District tradition of Travelling Companions.
- f. Elections and Installations – The DDGM indicated that the Grand Lodge has not given guidance or special dispensation to hold elections or installations. Getting lodges to reopen in the first place is the first priority of Grand Lodge. Extraordinary measures regarding elections and installations will flow naturally from that.
- g. The DDGM stated that the annual assessment for the 2021-22 Masonic Year will likely be in the order of \$2.00 per member.
- h. Lodges are asked to send their June version of the semi-annual return to the District Secretary so that a good estimate of the number of members per lodge can be established.

10. Budget approval – W. Bro. Henry Harrison moved that the 2021-22 DDGM's District budget be approved as presented. V.W. Bro. Doug Robar seconded the motion.

**Motion Approved**

A copy of the approved budget can be found in Appendix "B" of these minutes.

R.W. Bro. Les Richardson requested that a note be added to the approved budget stating that the reduction in the overall amount and the amount of \$2.00 charged by the DDGM for the assessment of each member for the 2021-22 Masonic Year were made possible due to the significant opening balance in the District bank account (\$7,141.73) and the fact that the District will incur no costs for the DDGM's regalia.

11. Nomination of financial reviewers – The brethren present moved that R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley and R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling be appointed as financial reviewers for the 2021-22 Masonic year.

**The motion was approved unanimously.**

V.W. Bro. Jim Keith reminded the brethren to download the Grand Lodge Guide for Benevolence and to refer to section 8 of the Constitution when dealing with requests for assistance. He went on to add that he expects every Lodge to be vigilant and look out for requests for assistance.

V.W. Bro. John Guinn informed the brethren that he expects the District Divine Service will be held sometime in November.

All requests made by Lodges to the District Secretary to amend the District Trestle Board have been actioned.

12. The District meeting was adjourned in harmony at 8:30 pm.

W. Bro. Daniel Chartrand, District Secretary

# District History, Ottawa District One 2021-22

## Minutes - Appendix "A"

### Appendix "A" Attendees/Regrets – District Meeting Ottawa District 1 August 26, 2021

Glen Simpson	Stuart Marshall	Daniel Charron
Daniel Chartrand	Robert Booth	Dave Kidd
Brian Hay	Adam Thompson	Joe Burchill
Abe Garcia	Mike Jackson	Alan Christie
Wilbert Paul	Allan Statham	Jeff Christie
Steve Statham	Joe Bampton	Al Wright
Doug Robar	Andy Naish	Brian Adams
David Brown	Dennis Saikaley	Wladyslaw Kinastowski
Wayne Levere	Paul Parent	Blake Farmer
Jim Keith	Neil Lillico	Larry Harvey
Richard Reeve	Ed Denbeigh	Doug Dockrill
Henry Harrison	Jim Cale	Gord Lewis
Angus Gillis	John Guinn	Kosta Hatzis
Ehsan Ghias-Begloo	Mike Cadotte	Doug Sonnenburg
Peter Schmidt	Ron Ashworth	Steve Young
Brian Griffin	Ron Campbell	Robert Tate
Don Learning	Scott Newman	Matt Weedmark
Derek Brook	Simon Cridland	
Dario Mancuso	Rob Blake	<b><u>Regrets</u></b>
Colin Mackenzie	Steve Plummer	Jim Bowman
Ghislain Cormier	Elias Lakkis	John Moor
Don Healy	Anthony St. Dennis	Ian Hooker
Robert Tate	Leslie Luck	Geoff Sheppard
Sam Khairallah	Greg Forsyth	Anwar Ibrahim
Les Richardson	Barry Burchill	Charles Singh



# District History, Ottawa District One 2021-22

## Minutes - Appendix "B"

**Appendix "B"**  
**Actual Budget**  
**DDGM – Ottawa District One**  
**2021-2022**  
**(As Approved at the District Meeting 26/08/2021)**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Budget 2021/22</b>
Grand Lodge Hospitality Support	\$1,800
Postage, printing & miscellaneous	\$400
Website maintenance	\$150
DDGM and District Secretary regalia and cases	\$1,000
DDGM District meetings	\$100
Divine Service	\$200
Divine Service refreshments	\$100
Program for Divine Service	\$100
Dispensations	\$20
Bank fees	\$75
Donation to Perley – Remembrance Day Service	\$300
Donation to Rainbow Girls	\$150
Donation to DeMolay	\$150
Grand Master reception	\$200
District Secretary travel @ \$0.59 km.	\$450
DDGM travel expenses @ \$0.59 km.	\$1,800
<b>Total proposed budget</b>	<b>\$6,995</b>

**Notes:**

1) The amount to be assessed per member for 2021-22 Masonic is estimated to be in the order of \$2.00 per member. This small assessment, relative to the overall budget, is made possible owing to the substantial amount in the District bank account turned over by the previous DDGM (\$7,141.73). The actual assessment will be confirmed once we have received copies of the June 30, 2021 returns from all the lodges.

2) The amount budgeted for regalia this year is **not** reflective of the regular amount that should be budgeted annually. The reduced amount for this year was made possible by the fact that the DDGM's regalia for this year was donated.

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**District Meeting 2 - January 26, 2022 7:30pm via Zoom**

**Agenda**

1. Word of Welcome from the Deputy District Grand Master.
2. Invocation by the District Chaplain.
3. Approval of the minutes of the District Meeting held on August 26, 2021.
4. Old business.
5. New business:
  - a. Proposed amendment to District Bylaws.
  - b. Updates from District Chairmen.
6. Review of the District's financial statements.
7. Update from the District Deputy Grand Master.
8. Roundtable.
9. Adjournment and next District Meeting.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the District Meeting of Ottawa District 1 held Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:30 pm (Via Zoom)

1. R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) of Ottawa District 1, welcomed all the attendees to this second District meeting. There were 40 brethren present and 7 regrets.
2. John Guinn, District Chaplain, gave the invocation.
3. The minutes of the District meeting dated August 26, 2021 were adopted as distributed.
4. There was no old business arising from the previous minutes.
5. New business

a) Amendment to the Ottawa District 1 Bylaws

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley and seconded by R.W. Bro. Ed Denbeigh that the mileage rate paid in accordance with the Ottawa District 1 Bylaws should not exceed the rates as laid out and paid by the Grand Lodge of Canada at the time of the installation of the DDGM.

CARRIED

The DDGM instructed W. Bro. John Barber, District Management Chairman, to ensure this amendment is reflected in the revised District Bylaws.

b) Updates from the District Chairmen and Officers

W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis, Chairman District Charity, provided the members present with his update. He gave a brief description of the objective of this year's charity campaign and the approach he has undertaken to ensure the District raises sufficient funds to meet this objective. He indicated that he was

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very pleased with the response from some of the lodges to date and he is looking forward to seeing other lodges contribute to the District charity.

R. W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley, Shrine Liaison for the District provided the members with a brief update on the current and future activities of the Tunis Shriners.

W. Bro. Abraham Garcia, District Chairman of Grand Lodge Programs provided the members present with an update on his role and activities over the past few months. He indicated that there are a number of activities both locally and from Grand Lodge that the lodges can partake in to ensure they stay in touch and maintain the interest of their members. He also indicated that three (3) lodges in the district are Cornerstone designated. He encouraged other lodges to take the necessary steps to get their designations.

V.W. Bro. Jim Keith, District Chairman of Benevolence provided the members present with his update. He indicated that there was one application from within the District, which has been actioned by the respective lodge, forwarded to Grand Lodge for processing and approved for payment. He informed the attendees that there are new forms that can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge website. He encouraged lodges present to be continually on alert for potential cases for assistance and to maintain a high level of confidentiality when dealing with benevolence.

V.W. Bro. John Guinn, District Chaplain reported that the District is healthy and that he is always available to support the Lodges if required.

W. Bro. Neil Lillico reported that, as District Historian, he needs to be included on the distribution list of every lodge within the District.

Bro. Joe Burchill, Events Coordinator, reported he continues to work with the lodges in communicating the latest updates from the province regarding COVID public safety protocols. He also reported that he appreciated the lodges getting back to him with their respective agendas and Zoom links so that he may in turn inform the DDGM and work with the District webmaster to post these on the District website.

W. Bro. Matt Weedmark, District Chairman for Protocol, Education and Instruction informed the participants that he recently participated in a Grand Lodge mentorship workshop. He will now look to promote mentorship throughout the District and encourage the lodges to take part in the

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upcoming video series on the subject. He also indicated that he will be touching base with the lodges to identify their mentoring chair.

W. Bro. John Barber, Chairman of District Management, reported that he is currently working with his counterpart in Ottawa District 2 on the review of their respective bylaws. The objective of this review is to ensure similarity between the two documents and eventually seeing both Districts governed by the same bylaws. He reminded the attendees of the upcoming Russell Lodge bonspiel on April 2, 2022.

District Blood Donor Chairman. The DDGM reported that Grand Lodge has informed him they no longer support the blood donor initiative. As a result of this decision, the DDGM instructed W. Bro. Barber to see that the position of District Blood Donor Chairman be removed from the slate of Chairmen in the District bylaws.

### **6. Review of the District Financial Statement**

It was moved by W. Bro. Daniel Chartrand, District Secretary and seconded by V.W. Bro. John Guinn that the District financial statement be approved as distributed.

**CARRIED**

### **7. Update from the DDGM**

The DDGM reported on a recent Grand Lodge regional meeting he attended. He was pleased to report that Ottawa District 1 is among the most active of districts during the present phase of the COVID pandemic. He expressed his gratitude to the lodge officers, District Chairmen/Officers and members of his advisory committee.

Regarding prospective applicants to the craft that are being tracked by the Grand Lodge Membership Pillar, he asked that lodges provide periodic updates on their engagement with gentlemen assigned to their lodges.

The DDGM informed the attendees that the Grand Lodge is having some learning curve issues with Survey Monkey, the tool used by the lodges to submit their respective L-forms. These are being addressed and feedback from Grand Lodge is being sent to those lodges that have already submitted the L-forms.

The Grand Lodge has already informed lodges that in person meetings (with restrictions) can begin as early as January 31. Additional guidance from Grand Lodge on this matter is forthcoming.

The official visits scheduled for the month of February will continue to be virtual as indicated on the District Trestle Board.

### **8. Roundtable**

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It was suggested by R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley that a Moment of Silence be added to the Invocation item on the agenda of each District meeting to remember those who have passed away to the Grand Lodge above. The suggestion was favourably received by the attendees and V.W. Bro. John Guinn, District Chaplain, indicated that he would see that this suggestion was implemented.

**9. Adjournment and Next District Meeting**

The District meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next District Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm at a location to be determined.

W. Bro. Daniel Chartrand, District Secretary

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## **District Meeting 3 - April 27, 2022 via Zoom**

### **Agenda**

1. Word of Welcome from the District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM)
2. Invocation by the District Chaplain
3. Approval of the minutes of the District meeting held on January 26, 2022
4. Old business
  - a. DDGM presentation of the revised District Bylaws as approved at our last District meeting; and
  - b. Notice of motion on proposed further amendments to the District Bylaws
5. New business
  - a. Grand Lodge Membership Pillars initiative
  - b. Election of next DDGM and associated forms
  - c. District Donations to both DeMolay and Rainbow Girls
  - d. **Lodge installation dates**
6. Updates from the District Chairmen
7. Review and approval of the District Financial Statements
8. OMA - Inter-District Long Range Planning Committee
9. Update from the DDGM
10. Roundtable
11. Date and venue of the next District meeting
12. Adjournment

### **Minutes**

1. R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) of Ottawa District 1, welcomed all the attendees to this third meeting. There were 15 brethren present in person and 15 brethren present on Zoom. There were 9 brethren who sent in their regrets.
2. V.W.Bro. John Quinn, District Chaplain, requested that a moment of silence be held for our departed brethren and for the victims of the war in Ukraine. He then went on to give the invocation.
3. It was moved by R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikaley and seconded by W. Bro. Abe Garcia that the minutes of the District meeting dated January 26, 2022 be accepted as distributed. Carried
4. Old business



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- The DDGM presented a copy of the revised District Bylaws as amended per the minutes of our previous District meeting. He invited comments from the brethren present. Hearing none, it was declared that the revised Bylaws are now implemented. A copy of amended Bylaws is included as Appendix "A".
- The DDGM made a notice of motion that at the next meeting of Ottawa District 1, he will move or cause to be moved that the proposed additional amendments to District Bylaws as listed in Appendix "B" be approved.

5. New business:

- The DDGM reminded the brethren present that Lodges are encouraged to accommodate the changes brought forward through the Grand Lodge Membership Pillars program so as to ensure the District is in sync with those Grand Lodge business practices applicable to the tracking new members.
- The DDGM informed the brethren that documents for the nominations of our next DDGM have been sent to those interested brethren. Copies of these same documents will be sent out to all the Lodges over the next few days so that other potential candidates can have the opportunity to submit their nominations to him by the deadline of May 30, 2022.
- Detailed instructions regarding the electronic voting process were sent out by Grand Lodge to the Lodges Secretaries on Monday, April 25, 2022 for distribution to their members.
- With the switch to electronic voting for the position of DDGM and with the cancellation of the District meeting at the annual communication of Grand Lodge, the DDGM felt that the District was left without a nomination process

for the position of DDGM. In order to deal with this situation, he proceeded to entertain nominations for the position of DDGM Two candidates expressed interest. They are: W.Bo. Jim Bowman of Russell Lodge and W.Bro. Kosta Hatzis of Prince of Wales Lodge. Following a brief discussion, W.Bro. Bowman confirmed that he is prepared and willing to let his name stand for the upcoming Masonic year while W.Bro. Hatzis indicated that he would be prepared and willing to let his name stand for the position of DDGM in a subsequent year. The DDGM indicated that tonight's process does not preclude other nominees from submitting their applications to him by the deadline of May 30, 2022. It was also noted by R.W. Bro. Adam Thompson that, notwithstanding the electronic voting process now in place for the election of Grand Lodge Officers, the brethren should still make an effort to attend the annual communication of Grand Lodge this year as they will be asked to vote in-person on important constitutional amendments.

e. The DDGM requested guidance from the brethren present on the matter of providing donations of \$150.00 each to the Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay as outlined in the District budget. He informed the brethren that donations provided by the District were traditionally used for specific outings, which did not occur this year due to the COVID pandemic. Following a discussion on the matter it was moved by R.W. Bro. Don Henley and seconded by R.W. Brian Adams that the District should make a donation of \$150.00 each to the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay nonetheless. Carried

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### **6. Reports from the District Chairmen and Officers**

- The District Secretary read the report for the Chairman of District Management, W.Bro. John Barber. He went on to read that the District under the leadership of our DDGM had a successful year. He advised the District Bylaw review was a step in the right direction and thanked those brethren from both Districts who contributed to this review. The administration matters for the District moved along nicely again thanks to the leadership of our DDGM, the Lodge Secretaries and the District Secretary. The matter of regalia was dealt with as required.
- R.W. Bro. Saikaley reported as liaison for the Shrine. He indicated that activities are picking up especially, south of the border where their Headquarters are located, and went on to outline a series of events the Shrine will be hosting in the coming months
- V.W. Bro. James Keith, Chairman of Benevolence provided the brethren present with his update. He indicated that there was one application from within the District which has been actioned by the respective lodge, forwarded to Grand Lodge for processing and approved for payment. He went on to add that there are now new forms that can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge website. He encouraged lodges present to be continually on alert for potential cases for assistance and to maintain a high level of confidentiality when dealing with benevolence.
- W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis, Chairman for the District Charity, provided the members present with his update. He reminded the brethren present of the description and objectives of this year's charity campaign and went on to announce that by his estimate the District has raised \$26,000 so far for the District Charity. He thanked the brethren for their amazing support and for their confidence in his leadership.
- The District Events Coordinator, Bro. Joe Burchill presented his report. He indicated that the lodges have successfully maintained the ever-changing COVID restrictions that were put in place either by Grand Lodge or by public health authorities. He added that lodges have been very communicative and proactive concerning details of their respective DDGM visits. As installation season nears, he has already been communicating with a few lodges regarding details for these events. He plans to reach out to the other lodges 2 weeks prior to their installations to obtain details on these events so that these can be added to the District website. He concluded that the Travelling Gavel was a success despite the challenges faced by the District this year.
- Bro. Colin Mackenzie, District Webmaster, provided highlights of his written report to the District. This focused on activities relating to keeping the site up- to-date on an ongoing basis, particularly as related to the Trestle Board and District calendar. He also reported on the results of a preliminary review as to the benefits of amalgamating the two Districts' websites.

The DDGM reported that the exchange of the Silver Trowel was cancelled this year. R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemerling will need to be consulted to reschedule the event in coordination with Prince Hall next year.

Review of the District Financial Statement to-date

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The DDGM gave a brief update on the District budget as of April 19, 2022. He recalled to the brethren that the DDGM's assessment had been set low for 2021-22, with the intention of running at a deficit and drawing down the substantial balance that had been handed to him at the start of the year. The extension of the lockdown however, kept expenditures well below budget. This will result in a minimal deficit for the ensuing year and still leave a substantial balance to pass on to the incoming DDGM. The updated statement was accepted as presented.

### **OMA - Inter-District Long Range Planning Committee**

The DDGM indicated that initial discussions with District 2 had given rise to an emerging consensus of the desire to form an inter-district long-range planning committee. The current model on the table was that the OMA could serve as a host venue where discussions regarding long term planning between our two Districts could occur.

### **Update from the DDGM**

The DDGM expressed his gratitude to the lodges, his advisory committee, his District Chairmen and Officers as well as to those who made the District meeting possible. He expressed special thanks to the District Secretary for his support during the past year, as well as to Bro. Joe Burchill for his diligent attention to his duties as Event Coordinator, particularly during the ever-changing health & safety regulations relating to the pandemic.

### **Round Table**

W. Bro. Jim Bowman indicated that there will not be a hospitality suite at Grand Lodge this year. He is however planning a District special event for July 29. Details to follow.

W. Bro. David Brown indicated that Edinburgh Lodge will be hosting its annual BBQ on August 13. Details to follow.

Bro. Joe Burchill announced that Goodwood Lodge will be hosting its annual pig roast on August 20. Details on this event have already been distributed to the lodges.

R.W. Bro. Brian Adams expressed his gratitude on behalf of the District to W.Bro. Jim Bowman for his work with the Senior Warden Mentoring Group.

Bro. Daniel Charon expressed his thanks to the District Secretary for his work and support over the past year.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by W.Bro. Ab Garcia and seconded by V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm. No date was set for the next meeting.

## **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



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Ehsan Ghias-Begloo



St. John's 63  
Matt Weedmark



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Glen Simpson



District Secretary  
Daniel Chartrand



Civil Service 148  
Abraham R. Garcia



Goodwood 159  
Marc Lavoie



Lodge of Fidelity 231  
Jim Kent



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



Acacia 561  
Don Learning



Temple 665  
Alain Meere



Edinburgh 736  
David Brown

Compliments of W. Bro. Don Taylor  
District Photographer

## Worshipful Masters, Ottawa District One, Sorted Tables

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

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

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

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



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

<b>Lodge No.</b>	<b>Lodge Name</b>	<b>W.M First Name</b>	<b>W.M. Last Name</b>
479	Russell Lodge	Jim	Bowman
736	Edinburgh Lodge	David	Brown
465	Carleton Lodge	Sean	Downey
148	Civil Service Lodge	Abe	Garcia
58	Doric Lodge	Ehsan	Ghias-Begloo
371	Prince of Wales Lodge	Ian	Hooker
560	St. Andrew's Lodge	Elias	Lakkis
159	Goodwood Lodge	Marc	Lavoie
561	Acacia Lodge	Don	Learning
147	Mississippi Lodge	Stuart	Marshall
665	Temple Lodge	Alain	Meere
517	Hazeldean Lodge	Paul	Parent
558	Sidney Albert Luke Lodge	Napoleon	Voulgaridis
63	St. John's Lodge	Matt	Weedmark
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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 16, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of your own home on 21 October 2021 @ 19:00 hrs. DDGM Glen Simpson will honour Doric with his presence. As a courtesy to the DDGM, you are requested to be properly attired with a shirt, tie and jacket for this occasion. Visitors are welcome.</li><li>To acknowledge the presence of our DDGM at our monthly zoom meeting,</li><li>To greet and welcome our fellow visitors,</li><li>To keep the brethren informed of the latest developments from GL.</li><li>To conduct Masonic education.</li><li>A special presentation.</li><li>Brethren, a reminder of the Grand Master's letter last week that the current Masonic lockdown will continue until January 1, 2022.</li></ul>
Emergent	October 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	November 18, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of your own home on 18 November 2021 @ 19:00 hrs. Visitors welcomed.</li> <li>To greet and welcome our fellow visitors,</li> <li>To receive virtually the travelling gavel from S.A.L Lodge #558</li> <li>To keep the brethren informed of the latest developments from GL.</li> <li>To conduct the empty chair ceremony in honour of our "Fallen Comrades".</li> <li>To continue with our Masonic education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 16, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of your own home on 16 December 2021 @ 19:00 hrs. Visitors welcomed.</li> <li>The work of the evening will be to greet and welcome our fellow visitors; to review the latest communique from GL; to continue with our Masonic education; and to enjoy the friendship.</li> <li>Also, you are requested to attend the passing of the travelling gavel from the brethren of Doric to the brethren of Edinburgh, Wednesday, 15 December @19:30 hrs.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 20, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of your own home on 20 January 2022 @ 19:00 hrs. Visitors welcomed.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 17, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of your own home on 17 February 2022 @ 19:00 hrs. Visitors welcomed.</li> <li>To greet and welcome our fellow visitors.</li> <li>To review the latest communique from GL.</li> <li>To continue with our Masonic education.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 17, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned to attend a Virtual Zoom meeting, to be held in the comfort of your own home on 17 March 2022 @ 19:00 hrs.</li> <li>To greet and welcome our fellow visitors.</li> <li>Review the latest communique from Grand Lodge.</li> <li>Plan our reopening.</li> <li>To continue with our Masonic education.</li> <li>Enjoy the friendship.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 21, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 19, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To install the newly elected officers with their assigned responsibilities</li> <li>Following the Installation to invite the Brethren for strawberry shortcake in the dining room.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 16, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 21, 2021**

My Brethren,

I just returned from a stroll in the beautiful fall nature. I am indeed thankful for the privilege of having access to this luxury. I invite you all to also step out and enjoy the amazing scenery available to us. For this Thanksgiving, I am thankful for many other things, most notably my health. Also, I am thankful that we are in many aspects in way better shape than last year this time. Most recently, we have been in serious discussions of reopening plans for the Lodge. Also, in the past few weeks, I have been fortunate to see many of you in person after nearly 19 months. I truly hope the situation keeps getting better so I can see you all in person in Lodge very soon. The past 19 months have certainly been difficult in many aspects, but I am very pleased about where Doric currently stands, considering the situation. I firmly believe we are on the right path to “normalcy” as strong as where we left off.

It is a well known fact that Doric is a strong lodge with emphasis on excellence and education. I am truly proud that we have been continuing with the Masonic education with maximum engagement by our members, and particularly the ensuing discussions. It is indeed a delight to announce the topic of our new series of Masonic education will be on the theme of Symbolism in Masonry. As before, I look forward to seeing not only the presentations, but the discussions that follow and the new information that each one of you brings to the table. On top of that, we have restarted our mentorship programs in full force in order to ensure we are ready to resume our Masonic activities when we are back in business. I am very thrilled with the level of enthusiasm by the mentors and the mentees, especially the line officers. Time may dent our memory, but it can never erode Doric’s strength.

Brethren, it is with great pleasure to announce that we will be hosting our D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson on a visit to Doric at this month’s Zoom gathering. A large number of visitors from our sister lodges in the District are expected. I hope to see you all on the call on Thursday 21 October at 7:00pm (19:00) to welcome them. The main work of the evening will be Masonic education. I also invite you to follow our R.W. Bro. Simpson on his virtual visits. Bro. Secretary will keep you informed of those events with the links.

I hope that this Thanksgiving will be a happy moment for you and your loved ones and that the GAOTU blesses your Thanksgiving table.

Please stay safe, healthy, and strong.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghas-Begloo, Worshipful Master, Doric Lodge.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, November 18 , 2021**

My Brethren,

Good news has been coming our way, particularly reopening of the lodges. Winter and the year-end holidays and festivities are around the corner as well. Meaning happy days are just around the corner. Doric is having very nice and happy days as well. I thank you for making last month's zoom meeting, which featured the virtual official visit of our DDGM, a great success. It was indeed a new experience, but a very memorable one.

As you are aware, as of 1 November, in-person Masonic activities in Ontario have resumed. Some meetings, particularly some DDGM visits, continue virtually. Higher participation, even virtual, will allow the spirit of normalcy to come back to our Craft. I invite you to visit our sister lodges and represent Doric in whichever capacity you can. I aim to attend at least as many virtual DDGM visits as I can. And if you visit any lodges in person, please ensure you extend Doric's Fraternal Greetings on my behalf. Please consult with the district website for the updated version of the DDGM's trestle board. It was also good to see a few of you at our in-person social. Regardless of the numbers, we shall continue these events until we are fully back in-person and we can have proper festive boards.

This month's zoom meeting will also be a very interesting meeting. We will receive virtually the travelling gavel. We will also have an empty chair ceremony led by V.W. Bro. Ashworth, our November tradition. Moreover, we will continue our Masonic education on the symbolism in Masonry series. I hope to see you all at the call.

Brethren, just a reminder that your 2021-22 dues were due 1 May. If you have not paid your dues yet, please contact Bro. Secretary immediately. Until we meet soon, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely and fraternally

Ehsan Ghias-Begloo, Worshipful Master.

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 16, 2021**

My Brethren,

The cold and longer nights are here. Winter will start shortly and bring all its beauties. I normally call this time of the year the season of rebirth of light (for cultural, religious, weather, etc. precedents). Nights might be longer but are more beautiful. I just had an evening stroll in a decorated street. It was cold and quiet, but I could see the cheer in people's eyes. I hope you all experience this cheer in one way or another. You might have heard the cold season of the year is also referred to as the "crock pot season". Crock pots remind me of warm delicious chilli served at festive boards. As the light will give this season a rebirth, the light of our Lodge will also shine very soon and we will be back for in-person meetings.

Our first priorities being the election and installation ceremonies, the latter symbolically representing renewal of the slate of officers. But I must assure you that (as we have been doing so far) we will only do so considering the latest public health situation, with your health and safety in mind. We will take note of the experience of our sister lodges that have reopened (or even closed again and reopened for a second time). In the meantime, not only do I invite you to join our Zoom meetings, but also, I

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ask you to support our DDGM and attend his official visits with the length of your C.T., particularly the virtual visits. On top of our regular education virtual meeting on 16 December, I invite you to join me virtually taking the gavel to Edinburgh Lodge on Wednesday 15 December. I expect we will have an impressive attendance record once again.

My Brethren, I must remind you once again that this the season of giving, and charity being one of the principals of our beloved Craft, I humbly ask you to have those in need in your mind and heart, especially during these hard times. You can help in any shape or form. You may also join our campaign of fundraising for the District Charity. Bro. Secretary will provide you with more information. Anything you can give will be perfect. I greatly appreciate your help in these tough times.

My Brethren, 2021 with all its ups and downs is nearing its end. I ask the G.A.O.T.U. to bless you and your loved ones for the remaining days of 2021 and hope that 2022 will be a great year for all of you. I wish Happy Holidays and best of the Season, however you celebrate it.

Until we meet again, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghas-Begloo, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 20, 2022**

Brethren,

I want to take the time to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. May you continue to stay safe and I sincerely hope we may meet again in person in the not too distant future.

As you no doubt have heard, as of Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 12:01 a.m. 2022, the Province has announced increased restrictions. Our latest communique from Grand Lodge reiterates the provincial directives as follows:

- reducing social gathering limits to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.
- limiting capacity at organized public events to five people indoors.
- closing indoor meeting and event spaces with limited exceptions but permitting outdoor spaces to remain open with restrictions.

Therefore, based on the above provincial regulations, all in-person lodge meetings are cancelled at least for January and February 2022. This includes lodge meetings, rehearsals, Masonic Memorial Services, social events, etc."

Subsequently and until further notice we will continue to hold our monthly virtual meetings and will make them as interesting as possible with education to stimulate our thinking.

Take care,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghas-Begloo, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 17, 2022**

Brethren,

We are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. We will be meeting and resuming our Masonic activities in the not too distant future. In the meantime I recommend that you re-acquaint yourselves with the BOW. Make a daily effort in the advancement of your



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Masonic teachings. When was the last time you recited your obligation of the EA? Better still, can you recite the JW's charge? Why not take it upon yourself to practice a passage that you admire? Why not restudy the passage under a different perspective? We are living in difficult times. Can you associate certain passages of the BOW to today's challenges?

Grand Lodge has conducted numerous Webinars with speakers from different jurisdictions. Last Saturday I attended the webinar "Are we initiating the Initiate" given by a Right Worshipful Bro. Rabih Jarmakani from Lebanon. Most interesting and it gave me a different perspective on our ceremony. Saturday 19 Feb, the webinar planned will be "Origins of Freemasonry in the Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey." Bro Secretary will in due time send you the link. Take the time to attend and listen.

As our Most Worshipful Daniels once said "get knowledge."

Our next Regular Meeting will continue with our education. Hope to see you on the zoom. And lastly, happy anniversary to our brethren who were initiated in February some years ago. Continue with your journey.

Stay safe,

Ehsan Ghas-Begloo, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 17, 2022**

Brethren,

There is light at the end of the tunnel, and it seems unlike previous times it is not a fast approaching train, but rather beautiful bright scenery. We are finally going to reopen the Lodge symbolically, and what great timing.

First, spring is in the air, the season of rebirth. Second, daylight is getting longer and days warmer and lastly Doric is turning 167 years young this month. We will be holding our first in-person meeting on 21 April, followed by our installation on 19 May.

I invite you all to attend, if within the length of your C.T. to do so. The order of business for these two meetings will be elections, followed by installation and investiture of the officers. Brother Secretary has sent a survey to assist us in planning the meetings, as well as our social gatherings. If you have not done so, please complete and send the survey back to Bro. Secretary. We will be discussing the results of this survey at our last (hopefully) Zoom meeting this 17 March to plan for resuming our labours in-person.

I assure you that we will be taking all precautions and will follow strict Covid protocols to ensure the safety of every brother at the meeting. Although our first meeting will not be identical to how we conducted business before closure, but we are on a recovery path to "normalcy", however you may define it.

I hope to see you all on the March zoom call, and then with our meetings in April and May.

May the G.A.O.T.U. continue his blessing upon all of us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghas-Begloo, Worshipful Master

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**Regular Meeting Summons, April 21, 2022**

No meeting was held.

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 19, 2022**

Brethren,

At last, we got to meet in person, and what a great meeting it turned out. The meeting indeed showed few challenges considering the circumstances involved with the latest wave of COVID surges. However, despite that we hadn't met in over 26 months, I was very impressed with how we showed Doric's ability to reconvene as a Lodge, as though we had not closed at all. The meeting involved some presentations including receiving Doric's well-deserved Cornerstone certificate and the election of officers for the next Masonic year. I thank R.W. Bro. Simpson and the visitors who helped us make our meeting a better one.

Congratulations to the newly elected brethren to their respective offices for the coming Masonic Year. We are now ready for our installation ceremony on May 19, in full force. Apart from a few minor changes, the ceremony will be very similar to our previous installations, just like the "good old days". We will be limiting the business of the meeting to the Installation ceremony and other necessary businesses that must be dealt with before our summer recess. Considering the current situation, restrictions and all, we will continue to adhere to strict protocols during the ceremony for the safety of our brethren. I am sure it will be a great meeting and a very memorable one for all to enjoy.

Brethren, I had the privilege to meet W. Bro. James Evans, who was the Worshipful Master of Doric in the year 1972-73 and presented him with his 50-year membership pin and certificate. It has always been a highlight of my office as WM, to present these certificates of service to well deserved brothers. This was indeed more memorable since W. Bro. Evans wore the same collar almost 50 years ago that I am presently wearing. And, as a special note W. Bro. Evans is the eldest living Past Master.

Brethren, these are my last Words from the East as the sitting WM, and I have written lots of them. I must say this one is the hardest to write. No one had anticipated my term to last three years. It was indeed surprising and eventful, and I must reiterate how honoured I am that I was given the opportunity to serve Doric as WM during these past three years, an entire 1099 days.

I must admit some days I found the responsibility as W M. difficult not knowing when all the restrictions would be lifted and we could meet again in person and resume our meetings, but we made it. We not only learned to cope during these tumultuous times but we also learned to stay together strong and even strengthen our beloved Lodge.

We hear much of the decline of membership to our craft. Indeed, during the closure time, we lost few members, and while we could not accept new memberships, we did maintain our participation with our Zoom meetings. I was so happy when I saw many brethren participate during these Zoom meetings. I had the privilege to meet (in person or via Zoom) Brethren who I had only heard their names or met once in my entire 10-year Masonic journey. I was impressed by the participation of every brother during the Zoom calls. Now, after the Installation, we will be taking a 3-month summer break to re-energize and be back in full force in September.

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And, as the outgoing WM, I must tell you how strongly I feel about Doric and the full participation of the Brethren for the new year. We are ready for any challenges and it is all thanks to you, every member of Doric.

I wish the very best to the incoming slate of Officers, who I am sure will carry on our outstanding traditions.

Brethren, I hope to see you all at the Installation meeting. May the G.A.O.T.U. continue to bless us and our beloved Doric.

Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ehsan Ghias-Begloo, Worshipful Master

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No photos were provided.

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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 8, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 13, 2021	M	<p style="text-align: center;">WORK OF THE EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This meeting was a Zoom Meeting for the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, (DDGM), R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson.</li><li>The Lodge was opened and the Worshipful Master (WM), Matt Weedmark, introduced our DDGM to the lodge.</li><li>As this was a Zoom Meeting there was no work or reports to carry out.</li><li>The WM introduced his travelling companions. At this time the DDGM introduced his travelling companions and his District Chairman. He then introduced present and past Grand Lodge Officers.</li><li>The WM introduced Bro. Mark Davis who presented a great talk on the significance of the Wands used by the Deacons and the Stewards. A great talk as usual from Bro. Davis.</li><li>W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis, Chairman for the District Charity, gave a talk on the Charity about the Pearly Health Foundation. It was a very informative talk.</li><li>R.W Bro. Simpson gave his official talk. It was on the morality of Masonry at this time.</li><li>The official Zoom Meeting closed at 8.10.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 10, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby summoned, and visitors are cordially invited, to attend a zoom meeting on Nov. 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm</li> <li>Brother Mark Davis will once again be presenting an interesting piece of Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 8, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby summoned, and visitors are cordially invited, to attend a zoom meeting on Dec. 8th 2021 at 7:30 pm.</li> <li>Work of The Evening: Brother James Tye W.M.W.R will be presenting Masonic Education on the William Mercer Wilson Award.</li> <li>Brethren it has been decided by the Worshipful Master, Matt Weedmark and his officers, that our regular Meetings at the lodge building will start the Second Wednesday of January 2022.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 12, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 9, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 9, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 13, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	April 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued.</li></ul>
Regular	May 11, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued.</li></ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued.</li></ul>

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



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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 8, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 13, 2021**

No Summons was issued. However a meeting was held and the Minutes are above in the Summary of Planned Events.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 10, 2021**

Brethren,

The end is near!

I'm not talking doom and gloom, end of the world. I'm speaking to what seems to FINALLY be the end to this 18+ month long pandemic that we have all been living through. It has been a trying time for all of us, but with infection rates continuing to drop, and vaccination numbers in the Ottawa area nearing 90%, things have been looking up as of late.

As many of you are aware, Grand Lodge recently released a statement in anticipation of the province's pending exit phase announcement. This statement indicates that Lodges in Ontario are officially permitted to hold in-person meetings in their Temples with certain safety protocols in place. While I know that there are those that are very excited about getting back into the Lodge and returning to our labours; I have held discussions with Brother Senior Warden and we have decided that we will continue to hold regular meetings by Zoom online until the New Year. Between now and then, we will be having several conversations pertaining to how we will reopen and hopefully have a better idea of what we can and cannot do in the Lodge.

Worry not though Brethren. We will also be looking at options to hold informal practices and "rusty Mason" nights in-person and in the Lodge as well, so keep your eyes on communications for that.

I am excited for the return to the Lodge when I can once again see you all in person!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Matt Weedmark, Worshipful Master, St. John's Lodge No. 63

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 8, 2021**

Brethren,

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and I hope that you will all be able to take advantage of the re-opening of society to enjoy this time with family and friends.

December is a symbol of hope as so many cultures celebrate and come together. It also signals the closing of another year and the pending beginning of a new one. As we've struggled as a race to push through the difficulties of the past many months, I can't help but feel a sense of relief as we move into this holiday season. It is very easy to

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lose sight of how lucky we are to have one another, and I for one, am looking forward to spending time with my friends and family this year and will certainly not take it for granted!

I am also very excited to announce that this month marks our last online meeting before we will officially return to in-Lodge activities! I look forward to seeing you all face-to-face again rather than in a small square on my laptop screen, but before that, we will have the privilege of hearing from St. John's very own Lodge Historian and William Mercer Medal award recipient Brother Jim Tye in our December meeting.

It has been a long and tough year for many of us Brethren, but also for those that are not members of our Lodge. I'm sure I need not remind you that the core of Freemasonry is charity, so if you are able, I encourage you all to look for ways to help those in need this holiday season. Remember, charity blesses not only he who receives, but also, he who gives.

Happy Holidays and have a Happy New Year from my family to all of yours Brethren!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Matt Weedmark, Worshipful Master, St. John's Lodge No. 63

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 12, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 19, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 9, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 13, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 11, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

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Image from Zoom Meeting of St. John's Lodge, held October 13, 2021.

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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 16, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	September, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 21, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	October, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 18, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You are hereby summoned and Brother Masons of other lodges are cordially invited to attend the regular meeting of Mississippi Lodge No. 147, G.R.C. being held virtually at 7:30 PM on November 18, 2021</li><li>• Opening comments / introductions</li><li>• Welcome the DDGM</li><li>• Masonic education</li><li>• Announcements / District charity</li><li>• DDGM'S closing comments</li><li>• Junior Wardens toast</li></ul>
Emergent	November, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held</li></ul>
Regular	December 15, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 20, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned and Brother Masons of other lodges are cordially invited to attend the virtual meeting of Mississippi Lodge No. 147, G.R.C. being held via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m. Thursday January 20, 2022.</li> <li>The Grand Lodge protocol for attending meetings has been previously forwarded to you by the Master.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 17, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned and Brother Masons of other lodges are cordially invited to attend the virtual meeting of Mississippi Lodge No. 147, G.R.C. being held via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m. Thursday February 17, 2022.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 17, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By order of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned and Brother Masons of other lodges are cordially invited to attend the regular meeting of Mississippi Lodge No. 147, G.R.C. being held in the lodge room, 34A Mill Street, Almonte, Ontario at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday March 17th, 2022.</li> <li>The Grand Lodge protocol for attending meetings has been previously forwarded to you by the Master.</li> <li>Inquiry of Ill or in distress</li> <li>Presentations of Grand lodge certificates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 year pins</li> <li>50 year Past Master pin</li> <li>50 year pins.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Emergent	March, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 21, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An application for affiliation from Bro. Greg Donaldson. A member in good standing of Corinthian Lodge No. 101 in Peterborough.</li> <li>Election of Officers for Masonic Year 2022 - 23.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	April 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 19, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A favourable report from the committee of enquiry has been heard, and the application has been cleared from Grand Lodge, on the application for affiliation received, March 15, 2022 from, Fellowcraft Bro. Greg Donaldson. A member in good standing of Corinthian Lodge No.101, Peterborough Ontario.</li> <li>Installation of the Officers for the Masonic Year 2022-23,</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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**Regular Meeting Summons, September 16, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 21, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 18, 2021**

Brethren,

As you know, the November meeting is our traditional DDGM visit, always a special time for the Lodge. This year the meeting will be virtual, not as personal as hosting him and his entourage in person, but I'm sure it will be a pleasant evening nonetheless. Unfortunately, we will be missing out on our usual bountiful Festive Board. We'll have to make up for this omission at a later date.

I'm looking forward to the Lodge reopening again, as I know you are. It's been closed far too long. I am equally sure that the first couple of meetings should be interesting as we will have to get used to the ritual again. We may require a lot of prompting. Personally, I hope that I can fit into my suit again because of all the eating and snacking done during my confinement to the house.

To reiterate what Bro. Secretary said in his message, the 2022 Lodge dues are required to be paid by December 31st. Even though the Lodge has been closed for 20 months, we still have ongoing expenses which are paid with dues.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Stuart Marshall, Worshipful Master, Mississippi Lodge No. 147

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 16, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 20, 2022**

Brethren, Happy New Year! Here's hoping that you have successfully recovered from the prodigious servings of turkey and liquid cheer. Let the diets begin.

We were lucky enough to conduct the December lodge meeting in person, but with the rapidly escalating virus numbers we all felt that it might be our last for a while. In late December, Grand Lodge confirmed this premonition by instructing lodges to close again until the end of February. So, we're temporarily back to ZOOM meetings again.

I encourage you to join in. In addition to participating in the meeting, there will be ample time following the meeting to catch up with your brethren.

I look forward to seeing you on ZOOM!

Fraternally,



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W. Bro. Stuart Marshall, Worshipful Master, Mississippi Lodge No. 147

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 17, 2022**

Brethren,

With fingers crossed, the February Lodge meeting should be the last ZOOM meeting. Can't wait for regular meetings to resume. It will be interesting to see what restrictions Grand Lodge imposes when we finally open up. There is a growing sense that the constantly evolving virus will be with us for the foreseeable future, and we have to adapt to living with it, whatever that means.

On a more positive note, the Coffee Club resumed on Wednesday February 2nd, and will continue to meet every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Lodge. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and lively conversation.

There is more news, but I have to keep something for the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at our LAST ZOOM meeting.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Stuart Marshall, Worshipful Master, Mississippi Lodge No. 147

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 17, 2022**

Brethren,

There are different types of service: service to your country; service to your community; both of which are always encouraged, and for masons, service to your Lodge.

It is understood that with the long hiatus just experienced, Masons have to get back into the habit of attending Lodge again, reconnecting with Brethren, and in some cases, re-familiarizing themselves with ritual. Metaphorically speaking, this is similar to a bear waking up from hibernation.

Now that the lodge is reopening, we require brethren to step up and volunteer for some of the many duties required to support the "business" of running the lodge. This can take many forms, such as filling a lodge chair when called upon by the incoming Worshipful Master, assisting the secretary with his many responsibilities, overseeing building maintenance, and a myriad of other jobs that have to be done. So, if you are able, I encourage you to step up and support your lodge.

As the old saying goes....."many hands make light work".

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Stuart Marshall, Worshipful Master, Mississippi Lodge No. 147

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 21, 2022**

Brethren,

Last month I addressed the issue of Lodge brethren stepping up to assist in the running of the Lodge. However, to participate in Lodge activities you must first attend Lodge meetings. It is a regrettable fact that about half of our brethren never attend Lodge. I suspect that there are a number of reasons for this, one of which is membership in the Shrine, Scottish Rite or York Rite where Lodge membership is a prerequisite.

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While membership in these Masonic organizations is encouraged and applauded, many seem to forget that a healthy Lodge is what supports your participation in the other organizations.

All this to say that you are encouraged to support your Lodge, which involves more than just paying your dues.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Stuart Marshall, Worshipful Master, Mississippi Lodge No. 147

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 19, 2022**

Brethren,

Like all journeys, my time as Worshipful Master of our Lodge has come to an end. It has been a rare privilege to lead and represent Mississippi Lodge, and I sincerely thank you for giving me that opportunity.

Moreover, I also want to thank my Brethren for all the support that was so willingly given during my tenure.

What started out as a relatively normal Masonic year suddenly ended in March 2020, just prior to our regularly scheduled meeting, when COVID-19 happened. Following that, we had to endure successive COVID variants. As a result, I can now unequivocally state that I am not a fan of ZOOM meetings. Hopefully the Lodge can look forward to a pandemic free year.

Bro. Tom Adam is about to commence his own exciting journey as Worshipful Master of our Lodge. I look forward to giving him the same support, as I know that you also will, that was so willingly extended to me. I am looking forward to enjoying the educational events that he has been working on.

THANK YOU

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Stuart Marshall, Worshipful Master, Mississippi Lodge No. 147

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No photos were 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 14, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 12, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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 12th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. with us online.</li></ul>
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 9, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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 9th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with us online.</li><li>To gather reports on the condition of the brethren.</li><li>To present a report on the Lodge Finances.</li><li>To present a report on the GL and District.</li><li>To present Masonic Education.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 23, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>(From the Master's Message in the November Summons)</i></li><li>I would like to call an in-person informal get-together on our usual Emergent Night (the 4th Tuesday of the month – November 23rd) to practice our opening and closing rituals. The brethren who are able and feel</li></ul>

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			comfortable to meet may join us for the exercise and social afterwards.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	December 14, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive petitions, pay accounts and General Business.</li> <li>• To elect the Lodge Treasurer [Ss.234(a) of Constitution.]</li> <li>• To present Master Mason Certificates to Brothers. Adoni Farah, Rasha Bradic, Patric Halcro &amp; Farid Salman.</li> <li>• To invest the officers [Ss.234(a) of Const.]: Chaplain, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Deacons, Director of Ceremonies, Stewards and Inner Guard</li> <li>• An evening of Masonic Education is planned.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 11, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Lodge at a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Lodge Room No. 1, at the Ottawa Masonic Centre.</li> <li>• To receive petitions, pay accounts and General Business.</li> <li>• Conduct a Memorial Service.</li> <li>• Present Master Mason Certificates.</li> <li>• Ballot on Petition for Initiation.</li> <li>• Present Masonic Education.</li> <li>• <b><i>Note from the District Historian:</i></b> After receiving this Summons from the Lodge Secretary, the Premier of Ontario announced further restrictions on public gatherings related to the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus. I contacted the Worshipful Master and the Lodge Secretary to ask if their plans for an in-person meeting would change due to the new restrictions. It was confirmed by the Worshipful Master that they would be reverting to a ZOOM meeting for their January meeting. Please see the addendum to the Worshipful Master's Message for details.</li> </ul>

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Emergent	January 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 8, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 8th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with us online.</li> <li>DDGM's Official Visit</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 8, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By command of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the duties of the Lodge at a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Lodge Room No. 1, at the Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa.</li> <li>To receive petitions, pay accounts and General Business.</li> <li>To present Master Mason Certificates to Bro. Adoni Farah, Radivoje, Bradic, Farid Salman &amp; Bro. Patrick Halcro</li> <li>To present 25 Year Mason Certificates to Bro. Ihab Siouti, W. Bro. Kamil Abou-Kheir, W. Bro. Patrick Desrosiers.</li> <li>To present 25 Year Past Master Pins to W. Bro. Malcolm Whitehead and V.W. Bro. John Lambie.</li> <li>To ballot on applications for initiation/affiliation/restoration on Mr. Serge Larocque, Mr. Vimoj Nair, Mr. Steve Chenier, Bro. Peter Burtch, EA? (affiliation), Bro. Imad Abou-Falah, (restoration).</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 22, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on an eligible Applicant.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 12, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement of By-Law change (Dues Increase).</li> <li>Election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year</li> <li>Ballot on Application for Initiation of Mr. Steve Chenier</li> <li>Masonic Education</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 26, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To pass eligible Brethren.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	May 10, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-Law change.</li> <li>• Election of Officers for 2022-23 Masonic Year.</li> <li>• Ballot on an Application for Initiation.</li> <li>• Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 24, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To pass eligible Brethren.</li> </ul>
Regular	June 14, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ceremony of Installation of the Worshipful Master Elect, W. Bro. Dale Barbara and the Investiture of Officers for the year 2022-2023 by a team of Past Masters and Brethren under the direction of V.W. Bro. Sandy Stewart.</li> </ul>
Emergent	June 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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



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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 14, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 12, 2021**

Greetings my Brethren,

A recent update from the Grand Master dated September 24, 2021 was sent out. It was mentioned that “for planning purposes we have now extended the moratorium on in-person Masonic gatherings, including memorial services, until January 1, 2022.” I hope that everyone has received the e- mail and had a chance to review the Grand Master’s letter.

Recently, I have been informed that we have two brothers who are going through life’s tribulations. W. Bro. Phil Conquer suffered a fall in late August and is currently recovering at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. And a week ago, Bro. Crombie Anderson lost his wife of 65 years, Eadie. Both of these gentlemen are lifetime members of Civil Service Lodge. Let us keep these two brethren in our thoughts and prayers.

Another update over the Summer, our Secretary - W. Bro. Ibrahim has initiated to streamline the lodge dues collection. With the assistance of Bro. Bradic, he created an email address where the brethren can send their dues that directly deposits into the lodge bank account. Going forward, dues are to be e-transferred to [dues@csl148.ca](mailto:dues@csl148.ca). Of course, cheques are still accepted and should be sent to our treasurer - V. W. Bro. Lambie. I thank W. Bro. Himyary for the valuable three years he has served as the dues collector for our lodge.

I would like to end my message by greeting you a Happy Thanksgiving. Despite our current situation, there are plenty of things for which we could and should be appreciative. I, for one, am thankful that my family is healthy and happy. And I wish the same to you all.

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

“Enthusiasm, Participation, Gratitude”

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 9, 2021**

Greetings my Brethren,

The Government of Ontario announced last week that they will start to lift some of the pandemic restrictions currently in place. In anticipation of the announcement, the Grand Secretary sent out a letter this month revising the end date of the moratorium on in-person Masonic assemblies to November 1, 2021.

We discussed at length in our August, September and October Zoom meetings the brethren’s opinions regarding gathering immediately when the restrictions are lifted. Some members anxiously await the Lodge to restart, but many more voiced their concerns over our elderly Brothers and gave caution about “jumping the gun”. Fortunately, the letter from the Grand Secretary gives us flexibility as it acknowledges

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“that some lodges, due to their membership or their building may not wish to open yet”.

Taking into consideration every brother’s sentiment, I have decided that our November meeting will be held virtually. This time will allow the Lodge to observe with caution what the sister Lodges in the District are doing, and to make their decision for December. I implore as many of you to attend what may be our last Zoom meeting.

In the meantime, I would like to call an in-person informal get-together on our usual Emergent Night (the 4th Tuesday of the month – November 23rd) to practice our opening and closing rituals. The brethren who are able and feel comfortable to meet may join us for the exercise and social afterwards.

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Regular Meeting Summons, December 14, 2021**

Greetings my Brethren,

A recap of last month, we had a Zoom meeting on November 9th, where our young members participated in an online ceremony of remembrance. This was to honour those who have served and are still serving in the Canadian Forces. In addition, the lodge ordered a wreath from the Legion, which was laid at the National War Memorial on Remembrance Day.

On Nov. 23rd, our lodge officers and entered apprentices attended our first in-person practice since the pandemic lockdowns. I must say that we were a little rusty, but the exercise was very much a success.

We can all agree that we’ve missed having physical interactions with our brethren. And everyone present that evening were very glad to once again have that opportunity. I would like to call another rehearsal after our CGP meeting in December.

Based on the last practice, I am confident that we have the numbers to resume in-person regular assemblies starting this month. V.W. Bro. Stewart and R.W. Bro. Gossling have promised to deliver our traditional December meal of wild game. I look forward to seeing as many of you, who are able and willing, to attend this gathering. Not only will this be a delight in the resumption of our work but a celebration of our bountiful festive board.

It is December once again and in this season of giving, let’s not forget those amongst us who are in need of assistance. In particular, I direct your attention to this year’s charity of our DDGM – The Perley Health Foundation. Finally, I would like to conclude my message by greeting you and your families: “Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Regular Meeting Summons, January 11, 2022**

Greetings my Brethren,

I wish you and your families a Happy NewYear, and hope that you got to spend the Christmas holidays with those nearest and dearest to you. May 2022 bring us all health, joy, prosperity, and better times ahead.

Our assembly in December was the first physical meeting we have had since the pandemic – a pause of 20 months. I would like to reiterate how glad I am that we are

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able to gather again in-person. I also want to express my gratitude to V.W. Bro. Sandy Stewart and his team: R.W. Bro. Gossling and Bro. Halcro for delivering a fantastic venison meal for our festive board that evening, as well as to Bros. O'Toole and Hockey for helping with the serving and clean up afterwards.

I cautiously watch the recent provincial and local news. With the emergence of the Omicron variant and the rise in the number of Covid cases, we have to be extra careful and remain vigilant. The current policy put in place by Grand Lodge allows the lodges to use discretion and follow their respective local health guidelines when deciding to have physical gatherings. The same restricts lodges from doing any ritual work. Of course, the policy changes as the situation evolves rapidly.

And so following these rules, we will continue to have our in-person regular meeting in January to conduct general lodge business, to commemorate our members who have passed away during the pandemic hiatus, and to do a couple of presentations. I hope to see you brethren who are able and feel comfortable to attend.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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*Note from the District Historian: As noted above in the Summary of Planned Events section for Civil Service Lodge, the Summons had been issued prior to the announcement by the Premier of Ontario on January 3, 2022. In email correspondence between the Worshipful Master and the District Historian, the Worshipful Master added these comments to his message above.*

January 4, 2022

Greetings my Brethren,

In light of the recent announcement made by the Provincial Government, we have received a correspondence from R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, DDGM of Ottawa District 1 which reads as follows:

"You should by now be aware of a sweeping new host of covid restrictions recently announced by the Ontario Government, which are scheduled to last pretty much throughout January. While we can expect further guidance from Grand Lodge to follow quickly on the heels of that announcement, it is clear from what I have read that **no in-person meeting of the brethren will be permitted at this time.**"

As such I am cancelling the in-person CGP and Regular Meeting we have scheduled this month. Instead, we will go back to our Virtual Meeting on January 11th.

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Regular Meeting Summons, February 8, 2022**

Greetings my Brethren,

I would like to start my message this month by extending the lodge's gratitude to R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill, PDDGM and member of the GL Board, for being the guest speaker in our January Zoom assembly and for delivering a great masonic education. I also want to thank Doric Lodge No. 58 for visiting us that evening.

Due to the alarmingly growing number of Covid cases in the Province caused by the Omicron variant, we were advised by the DDGM in January that physical meetings

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would be cancelled. Sure enough a few days later, Grand Lodge issued a directive stopping all in-person masonic gatherings until the end of February.

Our February Regular Meeting has traditionally been the evening when the District Deputy Grand Master comes to Civil Service Lodge for his Official Visit. Since we can't have our assembly physically and since some of the lodges in our district have already done their Official Visit online, I have decided that we'll follow their example. And so our meeting this month will be by Zoom.

Despite the pandemic, we are all trying to operate with some sense of normalcy as best as we can. I hope that virtual gatherings will not deter the brethren from attending and participating. After all, you can be present while in the comfort of your own home. So brethren, if you have not attended in a while, I implore you to please join us in this important meeting of the year for the lodge.

Thank you.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Regular Meeting Summons, March 8, 2022**

Greetings my Brethren,

I would like to report that the Official Visit over Zoom of the District Deputy Grand Master – R.W. Bro. Glen A. Simpson, last month to Civil Service Lodge was a success. There were 32 brethren in attendance of which 22 were our visiting brothers from the district. The DDGM and the District Secretary were impressed by our program that evening of Memorial Service and Masonic Education. I was accorded plenty of well greetings and congratulations.

These past few weeks, we've received a number of items of good news. The Provincial Government has finally lifted a number of restrictions on in-person meetings, and the Grand Lodge is now allowing the lodges to resume their labours while still following health protocols.

As a lodge, we have a lot of work to do. A number of applications arrived during our hiatus, and we have some brethren who are waiting to progress. There's also the upcoming election and installation in the next couple of months. So for March, I will ease our in-person meeting by celebrating members of our lodge who are due honours for their years of service, as well as balloting on our applicants. Perhaps even progress the brethren who are ready to take their next step.

I am grateful that we are starting to get back to normal. Let us face this good news with enthusiasm and vigor.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Regular Meeting Summons, April 12, 2022**

Greetings my Brethren,

A recap of last month. We celebrated a number of our Brethren who have reached certain milestones in their Masonic career. W. Bro. Kamil Abou-Kheir, Bro. Ihab Siouti and W. Bro. Patrick Desrosiers have all achieved their 25 years as Freemasons. At the

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same time, we gave honour to W. Bro. Malcolm Whitehead and V.W. Bro. John Lambie for having attained 25 years as Past Masters.

Also in March, we received four brothers into the Lodge - a restoration (Bro. Imad Abou-Falah) and an affiliation (Bro. Peter Burtch) and two by initiation (Bro. Serge Larocque and Bro. Vimoj Nair) in our Emergent Meeting. This is certainly great news as we try to put the pandemic behind us, rebuild the lodge and look forward to better days ahead.

Speaking of looking forward to the future, it is Spring again and it is our usual custom in April to elect from among us Brethren who will lead the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic Year. I commend all those who volunteer to serve the Lodge in this very important role. Finally, I look forward to another Emergent Meeting for our Step-up Night and to progress Brethren who are waiting to take their next step in their Masonic Journey.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Regular Meeting Summons, May 10, 2022**

Greetings my Brethren,

Last month was a reminder of an old proverb: “a stumble may prevent a fall”.

I’m sure that everyone is aware by now that a recent Covid scare has curtailed our plans in April. Traditionally we have an Election in our Regular Meeting and a Step-Up in our Emergent Meeting. Due to this matter and in consultation with Senior Past Masters, I have decided to push our election and planned degrees to the month of May. This is for the safety of the brethren and the reputation of the lodge.

And so our plan this month is to resume where we have paused – to pick amongst the brethren an expert craftsman who will lead the lodge and the officers who will assist him for the ensuing masonic year. Once again, I would like to commend those who are letting their names stand, and thank you for continuing to support our beloved lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Regular Meeting Summons, June 14, 2022**

Greetings my Brethren,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the officers who were elected last month to lead the lodge for the ensuing masonic year. I also want to congratulate the appointed officers who assisted in the performance of the work for Step-Up Night, and our two new Fellowcrafts – Bros. O’Toole and Hockey, who received the Second Degree that evening. As I relinquish the chair of King Solomon, I am confident that I’m passing the helm of the lodge to capable hands.

Something that I missed to mention in my message last month, was the passing of the Past Grand Master - M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby in late April. A Brother who personified the ideals of a Freemason and was well regarded in the community. He

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had been a great mentor to me, more especially during my term as the Worshipful Master. He will be greatly missed.

Finally, I would like to thank the brethren once again for the confidence you had bestowed upon me in May of 2019 and for the opportunity to have led the Lodge these past 37 months. I look forward with enthusiasm to the future of Civil Service Lodge, and I am forever grateful to have been part of its history.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Bro. Abraham R. Garcia

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**Message From The Incoming Master**

Greetings Brethren,

I want to thank YOU for the confidence you have bestowed upon me to once again to sit in the chair of King Solomon.

I realize that the past 2 plus years have been challenging for all, but I'm confident that we, as Masons, will come together for the common good of our Lodge. I'm excited and re-energized to see so many new and eager Brethren join the Craft. Although the next Masonic year will be an extremely busy one it certainly does not mean that we can't have some fun! Let's take huge pride in our work and make it as entertaining and enjoyable as possible!

Have a fantastic summer Brethren and see you all in September!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

W. Bro. Dale M. Barbara



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### Civil Service Lodge No. 148 - Special Tribute to Brother, Sir John A. Macdonald



Bro. John Alexander Macdonald

Sir John Alexander Macdonald, was the first **Prime Minister of Canada** (1867–73, 1878–91), lawyer, businessman, politician, (**born 11 Jan 1815 in Glasgow, Scotland; died 6 June 1891 in Ottawa**). John Alexander Macdonald was the dominant creative mind which produced the British North America Act and the union of provinces which became Canada.

He was a proud Freemason, initiated in **1844** at St. John's Lodge No. 5 in Kingston, Ontario. In **1868**, he was named by the United Grand Lodge of England as its Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) and the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden conferred upon him. On **May 11, 1869** he joined Civil Service Lodge No. 148, and was made a Honorary Lifetime Member later that year. His signature can be seen on the original Lodge By-laws.. He continued to represent the Grand Lodge of England until his death in 1891. His commission, together with his apron and earmuffs, are in the Masonic Temple at Kingston, along with his regalia as Past Grand Senior Warden. Among the books in his library was a very rare copy of the first Masonic book published in Canada, A History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia (1786).

In May 1891, Macdonald suffered a stroke which left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak. His health continued to deteriorate and he died in the late evening of **June 6, 1891**. Thousands filed by his open casket in the Senate Chamber; his body was transported by funeral train to his hometown of Kingston, with crowds greeting the train at each stop. On arrival in Kingston, Macdonald lay in state in City Hall, wearing the uniform of an Imperial Privy Counsellor. He was buried in Cataraqui Cemetery in Kingston, his grave near that of his first wife, Isabella. **S.M.I.B**





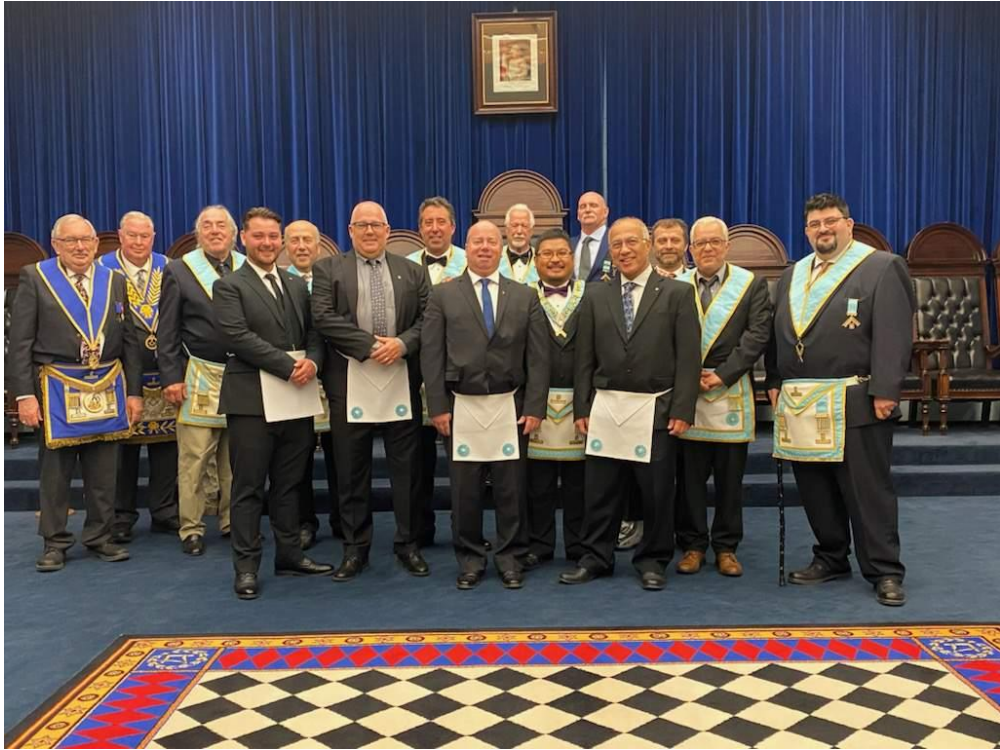
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**Goodwood Lodge No. 159, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1863**

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 7, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 5, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 1, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	November 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 7, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 4, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 1, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 1, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Marc Lavoie, hereby summons you to the following meeting, or meetings, of Goodwood Lodge No. 159 on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30 P.M.</li> <li>The Work of the evening is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conduct the business of the Lodge</li> <li>To receive the DDGM on his Official Visit</li> <li>To receive the Annual Fraternal Visit of Temple Lodge No 665.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Brethren are reminded that Proof of Vaccination against Covid-19 must be produced to enter the Lodge. Masks must also be worn in the Lodge Room.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 5, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 3, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>



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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	June 7, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued.</li></ul>
Emergent	June, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued.</li></ul>

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

<b>Regular Meeting Summons, September 7, 2021</b> No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a>
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, October 5, 2021</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, November 2, 2021</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, December 7, 2021</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, January 4, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, February 1, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, March 1, 2022</b> No Masters' Message.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, April 5, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, May 3, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, June 7, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.

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### Goodwood Lodge No. 159 - Select Photos

Although no Summons was received for June, 2022 the following photographs were provided in June, 2022.





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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 21, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	September, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 19, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 16, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dear Sir and Brother: By command of the Worshipful Master, there will be a regular meeting of Lodge of Fidelity 231 at 2140 Walkley Rd. Ottawa on Tuesday, November 16 @ 7:00 pm.</li><li>A meal prior to the regular meeting @ 5:30pm</li><li>Along with approved Lodge business, we will welcome our D.D.G.M. for his official visit at this meeting.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 21, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued.</li></ul>
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	January 18, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dear Sir and Brother: By command of the Worshipful Master, there will be a regular meeting of Lodge of Fidelity 231 ON ZOOM Tuesday, January 18 @ 7:30pm.</li> <li>• Approved Lodge business will be discussed at this meeting. Also, there will be a notice of motion to pay for the Regalia recently paid by a Brother for the Grand Rank regalia presented in November.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 15, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By command of the Worshipful Master, there will be a regular meeting of the Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 ON ZOOM Tuesday, January 15 @ 7pm.</li> <li>• Approved Lodge business will be discussed at this meeting.</li> <li>• Also, there will be a notice of motion to pay for the Regalia recently paid by a Brother for the Grand Rank regalia presented in November.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 15, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 19, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Lodge business will be discussed at this meeting.</li> <li>• There will also be some Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 17, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 21, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 19, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 16, 2021**

Greetings Brethren,

Our Grand Lodge has allowed us to return to meeting in person with restrictions. I, like many of you, who have been frustrated by the lockdowns, am delighted to be able to meet with my brothers in person and resume our work together.

Thanks, Jim Carty, for putting together a whisky tasting which raised money for the Rideau Perley Veterans Health Care Centre. The Rideau Perley just happens to be the DDGM's charity this year.

Although this was not an official Lodge of Fidelity or Masonic event it was well received, supported and a fun afternoon catching up with masons while getting to meet prospective masons.

We will have a busy schedule with the DDGM's visit, Christmas Party, degree work, elections, as well as the year end BBQ.

There are several men showing an interest in the craft and we will require to get to know them in order to protect the West gate, then form committees, as we prepare to welcome new Lodge of Fidelity brethren into our Lodge.

It will be an exciting challenging time for the brethren of the lodge who must rise to the occasion, supporting your brothers, your Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

I look forward to seeing all my brothers again.

Until then, keep healthy.

W. Bro. J. Kent

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 21, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 18, 2022**

Happy New Year Brethren.

I wish you and your families the best of health, prosperity, and happiness in 2022.

We continue to be plagued by Covid-19 and lockdowns, but we will be back in lodge picking up where we left off soon. I know that we all look forward to seeing each other and getting back to the work of the Lodge when our collective frustration will change to joy. Until then have some Patience Brethren Patience.



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I urge everyone to join the Zoom meetings which will be held for our general purpose and regular meetings while we cannot meet in person.  
Please note that all Zoom meetings will commence at 1900 hours.  
Looking forward to seeing you in 2022.  
W. Bro. Jim Kent

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 15, 2022**

Brethren, As we are nearing the end of winter and the prospect of better weather is on the horizon, so too we are expecting more freedoms as the pandemic is downgraded to an endemic.

As we await the spring flowers, the blooms of better times ahead for all with the loosening of covid restrictions. We will soon see a return to public interactions and to our normal day to day lives.

Our Grand Lodge will state a date when we will return to our masonic work.

Bearing this in mind I urge you to continue your patience and remain true and faithful to masonry and each other.

As we all have had to ride the rollercoaster of closures and openings with changes in Covid precautions and mandates, all we can do is, in the words of Baden-Powell, "Be Prepared".

Be prepared to pick up our Working Tools and at a moment's notice return to our Labours.

Be Prepared Brethren,  
With Sincerity and Fidelity  
W. Bro J. Kent

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 15, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 19, 2022**

**What Freemasonry Expects From You**

There are privileges in being a Freemason, but they are no greater than the responsibilities. If you ask Freemasonry to share with you its past, its present and its future, you should remember that the relationship is reciprocal, and that certain things are expected of you in return. You may be sure that these obligations will not conflict with those which you should already have assumed by your membership in modern society.

You will always be expected to be loyal to family, home, country and craft. You must champion the cause of the widow, the fatherless, the weak, and the distressed. You are to cultivate humility, patience, charity, and gentleness. You should have a general desire for intellectual, moral, and spiritual improvement, and a sincere wish to be of service to your fellow men.

Masonry is striving to build a better world by building better men to live in it.

W. Bro Jim Kent

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 17, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**District History, Ottawa District One  
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**Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 - Select Photos**

No photos were provided.

**District History, Ottawa District One  
2021-22**

**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 24, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 22, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 26, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	November 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 24, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No meeting was held.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	January 28, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 25, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby summoned to attend a ZOOM meeting of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371 to be held online, on Friday Feb. 25th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.</li> <li>We will be receiving the DDGM on his virtual visit.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 25, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held</li> </ul>
Regular	April 22, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	April 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held</li> </ul>
Regular	May 27, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held</li> </ul>
Regular	June 24, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive petitions, communications, and accounts.</li> <li>To confer Degrees on eligible candidates.</li> <li>To conduct all other business that may be presented.</li> </ul>
Emergent	June 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held</li> </ul>

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 24, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 22, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 25, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 24, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 28, 2022**

Brethren,

I invite you to attend our next meeting, which will include a short presentation on the work of the District Charity, some brief Masonic education, and feature the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master to Prince of Wales Lodge.

The Masonic Lodge is a refuge and retreat from the cares and strife in the outside world. It is a place of fraternal harmony and fellowship, of mutual support and generosity of spirit. The education I intend to deliver is called "Geometry is Written in the Heart" and was inspired by a talk given in William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge that has stayed with me ever since.

This world is so hard and so stony,  
That if a man is to get through,  
He need have the courage of Nelson,  
And plenty of Job's patience too.  
But a man who is kind to another  
And cheerfully helps him along,  
We'll claim as a man and a brother,  
And here's to his health in a song.

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

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<b>Regular Meeting Summons, February 25, 2022</b>
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, March 25, 2022</b>
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, April 22, 2022</b>
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, May 27, 2022</b>
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, June 24, 2022</b> Brethren, I would like to thank you all for your attendance and fine work at my installation in May. Now we jump into being Masons by doing work. We start this month with a second degree and Chuck Norris and Bacon. Profit and pleasure right off the start! I look forward to all our members who after Covid stoppage wanting to step up and helping the Lodge to do the work we need. Please join me this month at what should be a great meeting and a great night! Yours in the Faith, W. Bro. Eric Owen WM, Prince of Wales Lodge #371



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

No photos were 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 16, 2021  Please note: The meeting was moved ahead by one week to the third Thursday in September. This was to allow members of Carleton Lodge to volunteer for the Carp Fair.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby Summoned, and Visitors are cordially invited, to attend a virtual ZOOM Meeting of this Lodge to be held as follows: Virtual Zoom Meeting Thursday, September 16th, 2021. Lodge Tyles at 7:30 PM.</li> <li>From the Secretary: Due to the global COVID-19 Pandemic all Lodges were ordered closed by the Grand Master in March 2020. Therefore, no summonses were produced between March 2020 and July 2021 inclusive.</li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 28, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby Summoned, and Visitors are cordially invited, to attend a virtual ZOOM Meeting of this Lodge to be held as follows: Virtual Zoom Meeting Thursday October 28th, 2021</li> <li>To welcome R.W.Bro. Glen A. Simpson D.D.G.M. Ottawa District No. 1 on his official visit to Carleton Lodge. Dress - tie and jacket - NO REGALIA.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 25, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby Summoned, Visitors are cordially invited, to attend a virtual ZOOM Meeting of this Lodge to be</li> <li>held as follows: Virtual Zoom Meeting Thursday November 25th, 2021.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events

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Regular	December 23, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To welcome visitors.</li> <li>• To conduct the regular business of the Lodge.</li> <li>• To receive applications, petitions and to announce and vote on various motions.</li> <li>• To present a Master Masons certificate to a worthy brother.</li> <li>• NOTE: AS REQUIRED BY GRAND LODGE, Brethren attending MUST show proof of double vaccination and wear a mask - masks are available upon request.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Summary of Planned Events</b>
Emergent	December 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 27, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To welcome visitors and to conduct the regular business of the Lodge.</li> <li>• To receive applications and petitions.</li> <li>• To announce and vote on various motions,</li> <li>• Dress - Tie and jacket - NO REGALIA.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 24, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby Summoned, Visitors are cordially invited to attend a Regular Meeting of this Lodge to be held at the Masonic Temple at 3704 Carp Road, Carp, Ontario on February 24, 2022.</li> <li>• To welcome visitors and RUSTY MASONS.</li> <li>• To welcome the Brethren of Russell Lodge as they present the Ottawa District No. 1 Traveling Gavel to Carleton Lodge and,</li> <li>• To conduct the regular business of the Lodge,</li> <li>• To receive applications and petitions and,</li> <li>• To announce and vote on various motions</li> <li>• To Conduct a RUSTY MASON night of instruction.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Summary of Planned Events</b>

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Regular	March 24, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby Summoned, Visitors are cordially invited to attend a Regular Meeting of this Lodge to be held at the Masonic Temple at 3704 Carp Road, Carp, Ontario on March 24, 2022.</li> <li>• To conduct the regular business of the Lodge,</li> <li>• To receive applications and petitions and,</li> <li>• To announce and vote on various motions</li> <li>• To Conduct a night of education and instruction.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 28, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby Summoned, Visitors are cordially invited to attend a Regular Meeting of this Lodge to be held at the Masonic Temple at 3704 Carp Road, Carp, Ontario on April 28, 2022.</li> <li>• To elect the Worshipful Master and Officers for 2022-23.</li> <li>• Chilli cook-off Festive Board to follow.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 26, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By Command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby Summoned, Visitors are cordially invited to attend a Regular Meeting of this Lodge to be held at the Masonic Temple at 3704 Carp Road, Carp, Ontario on May 26, 2022.</li> <li>• To announce and vote on various motions.</li> <li>• To vote for a Tyler for Masonic Year 2022-2023.</li> <li>• To install the Worshipful Master and Officers for Masonic Year 2022-2023.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Summary of Planned Events</b>

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Regular	June 23, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the Masters' Message from May 2022, the Lodge was holding a hip of beef dinner and inviting Masons and interested non-Masons to attend. No actual Lodge meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Emergent	June 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 16, 2021**

Brethren,

I hope that each of you have enjoyed a summer full of family, fun and sunshine. As the evenings cool down and the buzz around the Carp Fairgrounds resumes, we can certainly feel Fall in the air around us and thus the beginning of a new Masonic year.

As the pandemic lingers, the only certainty is the uncertainty of what lies ahead with a potential fourth wave of Covid 19 predicted for the months ahead. Thanks to the cherished advice from Bro. Secretary we will endeavour to move toward more normal Masonic activities including monthly summonses.

Our first regular meeting of this Masonic year will be your chance to offer suggestions on how you would like lodge activities to resume. This will be our chance to set the agenda for the coming months and set some goals for what we would like to see from our fraternity in the coming Masonic year.

Finally, I would like to send a word of thanks to V.W. Bro. Wib Paul for his leadership in attaining a table rental contract for the upcoming federal election. The lodge's tables will be used by Elections Canada in the coming weeks providing some much needed fundraising.

In keeping with Carleton Lodge tradition, our monthly meeting will be held one week early in the month of September to accommodate our members who volunteer with the Carp Fair.

I look forward to seeing you virtually on Sept. 16th at 7:30pm.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Sean Downey W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 28, 2021**

Brethren,

Two years and a few weeks have passed since my first meeting as Master of Carleton Lodge; it was an evening I will always remember fondly.

Two years ago nobody could have predicted the challenges that a global pandemic would have on our lives in general and Masonry in particular.

As the seasons change and the leaves change colour, I'm reminded of the beauty of the Ottawa Valley and the kindness of our friends, neighbours and brothers. We had a great turnout for our September meeting. My sincere thank you to all Brethren who joined us on that Zoom call.

One of the main topics we discussed at our September meeting was the importance of keeping in touch. This pandemic has made it more difficult to visit and has further isolated many. Please take a moment to reach out to a Brother or a Brother's widow to say hello, whether it be by phone, email, or for an in person visit (keeping public health restrictions in mind).

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our October meeting. This month will be the official visit of our new D.D.G.M, R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson plus I am working to secure a guest speaker for a bit of Masonic Education.

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I anticipate an enjoyable evening of learning and fellowship and am looking forward to seeing you virtually on October 28th at 7:30pm.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Sean Downey, W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 25, 2021**

Brethren,

We are a step closer to resuming normal Masonic activities. Grand Lodge has lifted the moratorium on in person meetings. We at Carleton Lodge have collectively made a decision to move forward with caution. The Committee of General Purpose met in person on Nov 10th where it was decided by consensus that Lodge will not meet in person in November with the goal of meeting at the lodge for our December regular meeting. As always, the health and safety of our members is our top priority.

With the passing of Remembrance Day this month, I would like to thank the brethren who participated in the laying of the wreath at the Carp cenotaph. While there was no official ceremony this year, I'm thankful that the Lodge was able to pay our respects for those who have served and particularly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

For any brethren who are comfortable with getting together, many lodges in the district and beyond are meeting again in person. It's a good opportunity to travel and learn from the successes and challenges of other lodges as we all strive to reopen.

This month, on November 25th, we will be holding our regular meeting virtually via the zoom platform. I look forward to seeing many of you then.

Finally; I see that many brethren are celebrating Masonic milestones this month, the foremost being V.W. Bro. Gerry Turner who on November the 25th will celebrate exactly 50 years to the day in our gentle Craft. Bro. Turner is a very accomplished Mason, with pitch perfect "work" as well as belonging to several appendant bodies. Bro. Turner is a pillar of Carleton Lodge and I personally wish him all the best and hope that he can return to lodge in the future.

Congratulations V.B. Bro. Turner!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Sean Downey, W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 9, 2021**

Brethren,

As the Christmas season is now here, let us be truly thankful for all that we are blessed with our health, family, work and all of the fraternal bonds that we hold so dear.

Let us remember our widows, and those that are in need so we may look inward as to how we can in our own way to help pay it forward.

Please consider bringing a food item to our IN PERSON December meeting to support our West Carleton Food Bank.

Let us take this Christmas season as an opportunity to act according to our Masonic principles. Let us remember that his all seeing eye beholds us as well as our community in general.

The best way for us to attract potential new Mason's is to in fact act as Mason's.

From the East I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support during the past year.



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Thank you to all the Committee members, and everyone that helps at our lodge; tending the grounds, shovelling snow, keeping an eye on our lodge property, buying raffle tickets, greeting etc. It is all of our collective efforts that make our Lodge a success.

I wish everyone a safe and memorable Christmas as well as a Happy New Year !

See you in Lodge!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Sean Downey W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 27, 2022**

Brethren,

It was wonderful to close out 2021 with an in-person meeting at Carleton Lodge No. 465, the first such meeting in nearly 2 years. It felt like a return to normalcy to be able to see familiar (masked) faces and enjoy the camaraderie of being together in the lodge.

The past few weeks I have struggled with the decision as to continue to meet in person, or shift back to an online meeting for the month of January.

As many of you know, I had a personal encounter with Covid-19. Thankfully, my family's symptoms were mild and we have all fully recovered. As it turns out, my exposure was the day after our December regular meeting.

Since then, the number of infections in our community has skyrocketed. Health experts at this point are trying to determine whether the surge in case counts will lead to a surge in hospitalizations.

Based on my personal close call last month and the public health uncertainty, I have decided that for our January meeting, we will pivot back to an online meeting. My hope is that this Omicron variant will be proven to be less severe and that we will be able to meet again in person in February or March.

In the meantime, pick up the phone and call a brother to offer your love and support. The winter months can be a lonely time further enhanced by the isolation created by this pandemic.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Sean Downey W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 24, 2022**

Brethren,

Thanks to all who attended our January virtual meeting. It was decided there that every effort would be made to meet in person for February. With the loosening of public health measures, and a couple of updates from Grand Lodge, we will proceed with our Regular meeting at the Lodge this month.

After a long hiatus from practicing ritual, V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill has offered to host a session for "RUSTY MASONS" where we will review some of our Masonic signs and signals. This is a great opportunity for all of us to sharpen our skills and ask questions.

Please continue to reach out to your Masonic brethren from Carleton Lodge. Several members are not able to join us for our regular meetings for a variety of

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reasons. It's important for them to know that they remain an integral part of our fraternity and continue to have our brotherly love.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Sean Downey W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 24, 2022**

Brethren,

Thank you to all who attended our February meeting. It was wonderful to be back in the Lodge.

Special thanks to W. Bro. Jim Bowman and his brethren from Russell Lodge who presented Carleton Lodge with the Travelling Gavel.

I would also like to express my gratitude to V.W. Bro. Doug Dockrill who delivered a poignant session for "Rusty Masons" which was well received after a long hiatus from in person meetings.

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of travelling with more than a perfect number to present the Travelling Gavel on behalf of Carleton Lodge to Goodwood Lodge where we were warmly welcomed.

In speaking with other Masters and brethren from around the district, more Lodges are planning to host in-person meetings this month. Please consider travelling around the district to represent Carleton Lodge and support other Lodges as we reopen.

Continue to reach out to your Masonic brethren from Carleton Lodge. Several members are not able to join us for our regular meetings for a variety of reasons. It's important for them to know that they remain an integral part of our fraternity and continue to have our brotherly love

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Sean Downey W.M.

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 28, 2022**

Brethren,

Thanks to all who attended our March meeting. Special thanks to R.W. Bro. Barry Burchill who delivered a poignant and entertaining talk on Masonry and how it intersects with everyday life.

This month we have a busy agenda. We will be holding elections for next year's slate of officers. Please make a point of joining us in the lodge to support those who have put their name forward.

The Junior Warden is coordinating a 'Chilli Cookoff' for the evening. It will be a festive board for the ages.

Continue to reach out to your Masonic brethren from Carleton Lodge. Several members are not able to join us for our regular meetings for a variety of reasons. It's important for them to know that they remain an integral part of our fraternity and continue to have our brotherly love.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Sean Downey, W.M.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, May 26, 2022**

Brethren,

Thanks to all who attended our April meeting. Special thanks to the brethren of Renfrew Lodge #122 for their visit and for assisting in our elections.

This month we are looking forward to the installation of our Master Elect and Carleton Lodge officers for the upcoming Masonic year.

This will mark the end of my tenure in the East. It has been one of the great honours of my life to be the fourth generation from the Downey family to sit in the Master's chair. I would like to thank the brethren of Carleton Lodge for your support over the last three years.

I am confident in the solid foundation of the Lodge and optimistic for the upcoming year under the leadership of Bro. Beck.

Our June meeting this year will be an opportunity to invite friends, family members and any member of our community who may be interested in Masonry.

Please continue to reach out to your acquaintances and invite them to attend our hip of beef dinner on June 23rd.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Sean Downey, W.M.

June 2019- May 2022

**Regular Meeting Summons, June 23, 2022**

Based on the Masters' Message from May 2022, the Lodge was holding a hip of beef dinner and inviting Masons and interested non-Masons to attend.

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

No photos were 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 20, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 18, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 15, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 20, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 17, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 21, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 21, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	April 18, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Official Visit of our DDGM, R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson.</li> <li>• Under the condition of a favourable report, to conduct a ballot on the application for initiation received from M. Paul Clarke, a Planning Technician, born 1996-08-17.</li> <li>• Under the condition of a favourable report, to conduct a ballot on the application for initiation received from M. Ashok Babber, retired, born 1950-11-29.</li> </ul> <p><b>An Important Note from the WM Regarding the April 18, 2022 Meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brethren, we have had a couple of members test positive with Covid this past week. They will likely be OK for our Monday meeting, but I have a couple of conditions regarding the meeting.</i></li> <li>• <i>All Brethren present will be asked to wear a mask for the meeting. No exceptions.</i></li> <li>• <i>Keep contact minimal.</i></li> <li>• <i>We will NOT have a Festive Board afterwards.</i></li> <li>• <i>I ask that only members of Russell Lodge attend, with the exception of our DDGM and the District Secretary.</i></li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	April 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Regular	May 16, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	June 20, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	June 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 21, 2020**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 19, 2020**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 16, 2020**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 21, 2020**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 18, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 15, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 15, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 19, 2021**

Hello Brethren,

Happy Easter to those who are celebrating it.

A short message - we will be hosting our DDGM, R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson at our April meeting. This is his official visit. I hope to see as many Russell members out as possible. We will have a Festive Board afterwards, which will be under the capable hands of our Junior Warden Bill McInnis.

The meeting itself will not be too long. We will open and close the Lodge up to the 3rd Degree, and ballot on two Candidates for initiation, provided that their investigation reports are favourable.

I hope to see you there. Stay safe,

W. Bro. Jim Bowman, Worshipful Master, Russell Lodge #479

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 17, 2021**

**Regular Meeting Summons, June 21, 2021**



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**Russell Lodge No. 479 - Select Photos**

No photos were provided.

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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 15, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By order of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Meeting of Hazeldean Lodge, is CANCELLED until further notice.</li><li>• FROM GRAND LODGE (AUGUST 11, 2021) The moratorium on indoor meetings will end and these guidelines will take effect when we go into the Provincial Exit Step, or September 01, whichever comes LATER.</li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 20, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By order of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Meeting of Hazeldean Lodge, is CANCELLED until further notice.</li><li>• FROM GRAND LODGE (SEPTEMBER 24, 2021) For planning purposes, we have now extended the moratorium on in-person Masonic gatherings, including memorial services, until January 1, 2022.</li></ul>
Emergent	October 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 17, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dear Sir and Brother: By order of the Worshipful Master the Regular Meeting of Hazeldean Lodge is CANCELLED until further notice.</li></ul>
Emergent	November 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	December 15, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dear Sir and Brother: By order of the Worshipful Master the Regular Meeting of Hazeldean Lodge is CANCELLED until further notice.</li></ul>
Emergent	December 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li><li>•</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	January 19, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dear Sir and Brother: By order of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Meeting of Hazeldean Lodge. This is CANCELLED until further notice.</li> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 16, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dear Sir and Brother: By order of the Worshipful Master, you are hereby summoned to attend the Regular Meeting of Hazeldean Lodge. This is CANCELLED until further notice.</li> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 16, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Meeting via Zoom.</li> <li>Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson.</li> <li>Reception of Travelling Gavel.</li> <li>Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Emergent meetings planned, March 23, 2022 and April 6, 2022.</li> <li>The Emergent meetings will be in-person.</li> <li>March 23rd, a practice.</li> <li>April 6th, proving a Brother in the Third Degree and a practice.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 20, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ballot on Mr. Guy Bernard Raoul Franzgrote.</li> <li>Election of Officers for Masonic Year 2022-23.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The April Emergent Meeting was held April 6, 2022.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 18, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation and Investiture of Officers.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 15, 2021**

No Masters message for September was included with the Summons.

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 20, 2021**

No Masters message for October was included with the Summons.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 17, 2021**

Greetings Brethren of Hazeldean Lodge,

I find it hard to remember the feeling of being in lodge, however our bond of Fraternity has never left my heart. The past years have been hard on everyone's sense of community. Masons treasure fellowship, which is hard to practise while social distancing.

The signs are showing us the way out of the pandemic and a return to normalcy. Yielding to the directives from Grand Lodge to stop all Masonic functions. And now to proceed with caution on the reopening of lodges.

With the challenges of providing a safe space for the brethren to assemble I have decided to remain closed until January 2022. This decision will be revisited as conditions change in our community. Rest assured that when we meet again all safety protocols will be followed and the lodge will be a safe place to assemble.

I would urge all brethren if able to attend the Senior Warden's breakfast. It is a great opportunity for fellowship. The first was last month and it was great to see everyone that attended. Details are in the Summons.

During the past years many milestones have passed and we were not able to mark them in Lodge. This month is when we remember all those who were lost in war and those who returned. Take some time to reflect on the sacrifices made on our behalf.

Lest We Forget.

Sincerely And Fraternally,

Paul Parent WM, Hazeldean Lodge 517

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 15, 2021**

No Masters message for December was included with the Summons.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 19, 2022**

No Masters message for January was included with the Summons.

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 16, 2022**

No Masters message for February was included with the Summons.

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 16, 2022**

No Masters message for March was included with the Summons.

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 20, 2022**

No Masters message for April was included with the Summons.

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 18, 2022**

No Masters message for May was included with the Summons.

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**Hazeldean Lodge No. 517 - Select Photos**

No photos were 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 8, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You are receiving this Non Summons due to the current pandemic. The lodge members have a semi-regular Zoom call to keep in touch. Please look for the invite in your inbox.</li><li>• Napoleon Voulgaridis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Wed Sep 8, 2021 7pm - 8pm EST</li><li>• PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master all in person masonic meetings have been cancelled until September 1st, 2021.</li><li>• SAL would like to offer our congratulations to the Elected and Appointed GL Officers of 2021/22 and especially to R.W. Bro. Glen A. Simpson DDGM Ottawa District 1.</li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 13, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li></ul>
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	November 10, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dear Sir and Brother: You are hereby summoned to attend the regular Virtual Meeting of this lodge on Wednesday November 10th 2021. We will meet Virtually via Zoom, Ottawa Ontario starting at 8:00 PM sharp. Please see the Zoom Meeting invite on the next fold.</li></ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The work of the evening will be Masonic Education and the DDGM's Official Visit.</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	November 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 8, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 12, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 9, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 9, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 13, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 11, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 8, 2021**

Brethren!

September reaches us once again, and unfortunately, we are still in this pandemic.

Many advancements have been made since last year and we all hope that more good news will come.

Let me say that, we, as a lodge have done a great job in keeping in touch and holding on to our regular Zoom meetings.

I know our meetings aren't full of Masonic work, but simply being able to see our brothers goes a long way.

Let's keep up the good work, the brotherly love and friendship as we push through all of this together.

See you all on Wednesday.

Sincerely,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 13, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. See Appendix A.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 10, 2021**

Brethren!

Summer has gone, Fall is here and winter is around the corner which means another year has passed with COVID, but we're slowly seeing progress. Just recently, Grand lodge has given us the go ahead to start having our meeting in person at lodge and that is a great first step. This means that we are slowly going to start moving forward to normalcy, but we're in no rush to do so. The health of our brethren is our number 1 priority, but that doesn't mean we can't take extra steps to get ourselves ready for that moment where we finally sit in Lodge together...6 feet apart!

I sent out an email to get everyone's thoughts about meeting in person for our next meeting and the decision was made that we will continue our ZOOM meetings.

This will ensure everyone can at least have some good conversations and laughs. We can also explore the idea, for those who are comfortable, for in person socials, but please, do not feel pressured or obligated. We will get through this together.

Our next meeting will be our official DDGM night and we're planning to do some education. Let's get together, have some fun and remind everyone, we're not alone

S&F,

W. Bro. Napoleon Voulgaridis

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 8, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

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<b>Regular Meeting Summons, January 12, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, February 9, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, March 9, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, April 13, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.
<b>Regular Meeting Summons, May 11, 2022</b> No Summons was issued.

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

No photos were provided.

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

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 1, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master issued on August 11, 2021, the suspension of all indoor Masonic events has been extended to September 1, 2021, or when the Province of Ontario confirms commencement of the "Exit Step" whichever is later. Therefore, the Worshipful Master has concluded the September gathering will be virtual.</li><li>● AGENDA: Virtual Gathering Will meet virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday September 2, 2021, 7:30p.m. To discuss the return to "normal" and comfort level of members based on the information provided by Grand Lodge.</li></ul>
Emergent	September, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 7, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master issued on September 24, 2021, the suspension of all indoor Masonic events has been extended to January 1, 2022.</li><li>● Will meet virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday, October 7, 2021, 7:30p.m. To listen to our EA's share their impressions of the Masonic experience since their initiation. A discussion will follow.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	October 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates ZOOM Series Season 2, Episode 2 will occur virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday October 21, 2021, 7:00p.m.</li> <li>• Observant Masonry with Guest Speaker R.W. Bro. Neil Dolson.</li> <li>• Open to Masons and interested candidates. Due to the more open nature of the gathering pre-registration is required.</li> <li>• <a href="https://bit.ly/CandidateZoomSeries">https://bit.ly/CandidateZoomSeries</a></li> </ul>
Regular	November 4, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES</li> <li>• Although the Grand Master noted on October 15, 2021 that Lodges can move towards reopening, in November, with some initial guidance provided, a number of questions remain unanswered at the time of the writing of this Summons.</li> <li>• Therefore, we will have a virtual Committee of General Purposes meeting on November 1, and a virtual gathering on the evening of Thursday, November 4 where visitors from other Lodges are welcome.</li> <li>• The Regular Meeting, on November 4, 2021, will be a reflection in honour of Remembrance Day.</li> <li>• We will also host the third of the renewed Candidates Zoom Series on November 18. This is open to Masons and interested non-Masons. Preregistration is a must.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 18, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates ZOOM Series Season 2, Episode 3 will occur virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday, November 18, 2021, 7:00p.m.</li> <li>• Open to Masons and interested candidates.</li> <li>• Due to the more open nature of the gathering pre registration is required.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 2, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES</li> <li>• Given the feedback and concerns expressed by a number of the Brethren, St. Andrew's will proceed gradually towards re-opening in the new calendar year.</li> <li>• The DDGM will officially visit St. Andrew's via our virtual gathering on the evening of</li> </ul>

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			<p>Thursday, December 2, 2021 where visitors from other Lodges are welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OFFICIAL DDGM VISIT. Will meet virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday December 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Presentations on the meaning of the EA degree from Master Masons' perspectives and discussion.</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 16, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also please mark your calendars as the fourth of the renewed Candidates Zoom Series on December 16. This is open to Masons and interested non-Masons. Preregistration is a must.</li> <li>• AGENDA: "Emergent" Gathering Candidates ZOOM Series Season 2, Episode 4. Will occur virtually through the ZOOM App Thursday, December 16, 2021, 7:00p.m.</li> <li>• Discussion on what various Lodges do during the festive season. Open to Masons and interested candidates.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 6, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES</li> <li>• Given the feedback and concerns expressed by a number of the Brethren, St. Andrew's will proceed gradually towards re-opening in the new calendar year. This approach is supported by Grand Lodge.</li> <li>• Therefore, we will have a virtual gathering on the evening of Thursday, January 6, 2022 where visitors from other Lodges are welcome.</li> <li>• Progress to In-Person Meetings: 18 Brethren out of 60 responded re: return in January. Two thirds expressed reservations. At this juncture we will look to February 2022 at the earliest.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 20, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also please mark your calendars as the fifth of the renewed Candidates Zoom Series will occur on January 20, 2022. This is open to Masons and interested non-Masons. Preregistration is a must.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 3, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given the recent Provincial restrictions and feedback expressed by a number of the Brethren, St. Andrew's will proceed gradually towards re-opening. At this point March 2022 is a possibility. This approach is supported by Grand Lodge.</li> <li>Progress to In-Person Meetings: We are looking at holding our first in person meeting in March 2022. Please advise the WM and Secretary by February 12, 2022 of your intention to participate.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Summary of Planned Events</b>
Emergent	February 17, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Also please mark your calendars as the sixth of the renewed Candidates Zoom Series will occur on February 17th. This is open to Masons and interested non-Masons. Preregistration is a must.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 3, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By command of the Worshipful Master, members are summoned and visitors are invited to attend the following meetings of St. Andrew's Lodge No.560, GRC in Ontario, to be held at the Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa, Ontario.</li> <li>To approve the cumulative CGP minutes since August 2020.</li> <li>To approve cumulative meeting minutes March 2020 and October 2021 to February 2022.</li> <li>To approve the existing slate of officers.</li> <li>To read out the applications for Initiation, Affiliation and Restoration and to acknowledge demits.</li> <li>To acknowledge special milestones.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidates &amp; Masons ZOOM Series Season 2, Episode 7, will occur virtually through the ZOOM Application on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7:00p.m.</li> </ul>



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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	April 7, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To welcome a delegation from Hazeldean Lodge bringing with them the Travelling Gavel.</li> <li>• To welcome our DDGM R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson.</li> <li>• To Ballot on applications for:</li> <li>• Restoration from Moe Allaf, 4 Glenalvon Place West Hoxton, NSW, Australia</li> <li>• Affiliation Bro. Mehmet Durmusoglu 2004 Rolling Brook Dr., Gloucester, Ontario.</li> <li>• Initiation Mr. Cameron Andrews, 1474 Goth Ave., Ottawa Ontario.</li> <li>• To Honour our Brother R.W. Bro. John Moor 50 years a Past Master.</li> <li>• Note will have a gathering with toasts after the meeting NOT a full Festive Board.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note from an email dispatched from the Lodge Secretary on April 6, 2022:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Due to rising Covid infections in Ottawa, along with increasing numbers of regrets for tomorrow's (April 7, 2022) in-person meeting, the Worshipful Master has made the decision to move the meeting to a virtual format.</i></li> <li>• <i>While we will honour our Brother R.W. Bro. John Moor on Thursday, the presentation of pin and certificate will occur in May.</i></li> <li>• <i>We will also need to postpone a few additional items to our next regular meeting May:</i></li> <li>• <i>Travelling Gavel – if we can't accept it virtually;</i></li> <li>• <i>Ballot on restoration, affiliation and initiation of respective candidates; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Presentation of the Cornerstone Certificate.</i></li> </ul>
Emergent	April 21, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates &amp; Masons ZOOM Series: Season 2, Episode 8, will occur virtually through the ZOOM App on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 7:00p.m.</li> <li>• This is open to Masons and interested candidates.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 5, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome our DDGM RW Bro Simpson; and any other visitors.</li> <li>• To Elect Officers for 2022-23.</li> <li>• Ballot on applications for:</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoration of Moe Allaf, 4 Glenalvon Place, West Hoxton, NSW, Australia</li> <li>• Affiliation of Bro. Mehmet Durmusoglu, 2004 Rolling Brook Dr. Gloucester, Ontario.</li> <li>• Initiation of Mr. Cameron Andrews 1474 Goth Ave., Ottawa Ontario.</li> <li>• To Honour R.W. Bro. John Moor, 50 years a Past Master.</li> <li>• Note will have a gathering with toasts after the meeting NOT a full Festive Board.</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	May 19, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates &amp; Masons ZOOM Series: Season 2, Episode 8, will occur virtually through the ZOOM App on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:00p.m.</li> <li>• This is open to Masons and interested candidates.</li> </ul>
Regular	June 2, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct the Installation of the Worshipful Master and the Investiture of the other Officers for the year 2022-2, under the direction of the Installing Master, W. Bro. Adam Nesrallah and his team of Past Masters and members of the Lodge.</li> </ul>
Emergent	June 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 2, 2021**

Greetings Brethren,

I trust all of you had a good summer break and enjoyed time with family and friends. I hope that you and your families are doing well and staying healthy. As we begin our new Masonic year, we are once again faced with many uncertainties. Grand Lodge has sent out communication with an outline of where they stand at the moment. They have instructed us with a partial way forward until such time we receive additional guidelines from the province. In person meetings are still on hold until further notice and as such, the September meeting will be via Zoom where we will discuss the return to "normal".

The upcoming year will be a difficult one and planning has proven to be somewhat challenging due to the current Covid situation. Nonetheless, I am happy to say that we have been active as a Lodge with all the programs that have been put in place and upon our return to Lodge, we will have much business to attend to and degrees to move forward with. I hope to see you soon as I miss all my brethren.

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

Thank you all.

S & F,

W.M. Elias Lakkis 2019-2021

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 7, 2021**

Greetings Brethren,

As the uncertainty of our return to lodge continues, we will push forward with our virtual meetings. I invite you to join us at our next zoom meeting where our new Entered Apprentices will share with us their experiences and perspectives, what resonates with them and how their initiation into Freemasonry has impacted their lives so far.

Beginning in October, the Candidate Zoom Series will take place at our emergent meeting time slot. If you haven't before, I strongly recommend for all to join as you will find very interesting lectures, speakers and discussions.

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Thank you all.

S & F

W.M. Elias Lakkis 2019-2022

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 4, 2021**

Greetings Brethren,

Every November we take a moment to 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. As you may already know, St. Andrew's Lodge was founded by brave men who were looking to continue that brotherly fraternity after returning from the First World

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War. Please join me at our next meeting as we will do just that, we will thank and remember our current and past officers. I strongly ask that you join the brethren in a night of remembrance and discussion.

We will continue the Candidate Zoom Series at our emergent meeting time slot. I strongly recommend for all to join for some very interesting lectures, speakers and discussions.

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Thank you all.

S & F

W.M. Elias Lakkis 2019-2022

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 2, 2021**

Greetings Brethren,

It is that special time of the year again where we get the chance to reflect on family, friends and loved ones. Make a difference in someone's life this holiday season and help those who are less fortunate.

At our regular meeting on December 2, 2021, we will be hosting the District Deputy Grand Master's official visit. Please make the effort to attend and show your support. That night we will hear from a few brethren who will share with us their experiences and perspectives, what resonates with them and how their initiation into Freemasonry has impacted their lives so far.

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

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Thank you all.

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W.M. Elias Lakkis 2019-2022

**Progress to In-Person Meetings**

We have heard concerns about opening too quickly given rising COVID cases numbers, health concerns, and questions about processes. Therefore, the Worshipful Master and Officers have decided to look at re-opening in 2022. By December 10, 2021, please advise the Secretary and the Worshipful Master your availability for a January 6, 2022, in-person meeting. If we can get a critical mass of Brethren, we will proceed. Otherwise, we will look to February 2022.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 6, 2022**

Greetings Brethren,

Uncertainty still looms as Covid continues to affect our lives and prolongs delays in many in-person Masonic activities including in many instances a return to Lodge. Your Lodge Officers will try and keep you informed of what is to come in the New Year.

I want to thank you all for your continued support during this challenging time. Covid has affected us and changed many aspects of how we live. Yet we have adapted. In our Lodge we have moved many activities to the virtual platform and we have maintained connections using more traditional means with those who are unable to participate

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virtually. Due to our resilience and willingness to adapt, I am certain that we will get through this together, and I look forward to seeing you all in the near future. I trust you and your families have had enjoyable holidays and I wish all of you a Happy New Year! Stay safe everyone.

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Thank you all.

S & F

W.M. Elias Lakkis 2019-2022

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 3, 2022**

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all of you and yours are staying safe and doing well. As the province starts to ease covid restrictions, I can only hope that things will start to improve. As we continue to push forward, passing the halfway point in the masonic year, things have been moving along quite nicely. The virtual candidate series continues to be a great hit with many wonderful speakers and topics. I encourage all of you to attend and show your support.

It is that time again to celebrate our beloved Bard, Robert Burns, and at our regular meeting, we will do just that. A couple of poems and cheers are in order, so don't forget to charge your scotch glasses and join us.

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Thank you all.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, March 3, 2022**

Greetings Brethren,

As provincial covid restrictions begin to ease so do the Grand Lodge instructions pertaining to the opening of the lodge and the responsibility we have to keep all brethren safe. I entrust all of you have read the various documentation on safety protocols, in-person meetings and lodge work such as conferring degrees, balloting etc. It will be a slow progression forward for the rest of the Masonic Year.

March 3, 2022, is our regular meeting and we will be attending in person. That being said, we must be prudent and ensure the health of everyone. I ask you to proceed at your comfort level as I don't want anyone to feel pressured to attend if they don't feel comfortable. I encourage you to attend the CGP Zoom meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, as we will be discussing our move forward in much more detail. Together, we will make it through this tough time. Please reach out to either Wlad or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

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Thank you all.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, April 7, 2022**

Greetings Brethren,

Our March in-person meeting went well, where we actioned some of the outstanding business needed to push us forward and even had visitors from other lodges. As provincial Covid restrictions continue to ease, so do the Grand Lodge instructions pertaining to the opening of the Lodge and the responsibility we have to keep all brethren safe. V.W. Bro. Kinastowski has sent everyone the Grand Lodge guidance documents. Please make yourselves familiar with them. We must continue to be prudent and ensure the health of everyone. I ask you to proceed at your comfort level as I don't want anyone to feel pressured to attend if they don't feel comfortable. Please reach out to either Wlad or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

April 7, 2022 is our next regular meeting and it will be a special one. Our very own R.W. Bro. John Moor will be celebrating his fifty years as a Past Master and he will be recognized for the hard work and sacrifice he has given the Lodge. Our current DDGM R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson will be in attendance as well as visitors from other lodges.

Please show your support whether in person or with a congratulatory email.

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Thank you all.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, May 5, 2022**

Greetings Brethren,

As we tread carefully around Covid, things may change at the last minute. Provincial Covid restrictions continue to ease, so do the Grand Lodge instructions. We must continue to be prudent and ensure the health of everyone. I continue to ask you to proceed at your comfort level and not feel pressured to attend lodge. Please reach out to either Wlad or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

May 5, 2022 is our next in-person regular meeting and it will be a special one. Our very own R.W. Bro. John Moor will be celebrating his fifty years as a Past Master and he will be recognized for the hard work and sacrifice he has given the lodge. Our current DDGM R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson will be in attendance as well as visitors from other lodges. Please show your support whether in person or with a congratulatory email.

We will also be holding a ballot and conducting elections for the upcoming masonic year. I strongly encourage all to attend and partake in this special and important night.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, June 2, 2022**

Greetings Brethren,

We are coming to the end of the Masonic year with our last regular meeting on June 2, 2022. We have had our challenges in navigating the Covid situation but nonetheless, the Lodge has kept steadfast, and that is because of all of you. The support that you

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have given has not gone unnoticed and I am truly thankful. I am also very humbled to be elected as the Master of the Lodge and I am happy and willing to once again lead and instruct you to the best of my abilities.

At our regular meeting, we will be holding the installation of the W.M. and the Lodge Officers who will be stepping up in the respective chairs. I invite as many of you to attend if you are able to. As we continue to get back to normal during covid, I hope that the next Masonic year we can get back in to Lodge and conduct meetings with more in-depth Masonic Ritual, events and discussions as we did prior to the pandemic. I want to wish everyone a great summer break and I hope to see my Brethren soon.

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

No photos were 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 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master all in person masonic meetings have been cancelled until September 1st, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario confirms commencement of the "Exit Step" whichever is later. Sincerely &amp; Fraternally, W. Bro. Henry Harrison, Secretary.</li><li>● Virtual Meetup Brethren, you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on September 21st at 7:30 P.M.</li><li>● Work of the Virtual Meeting: Regular Business and a talk by our Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom.</li><li>● Dress: It is the Worshipful Master's desire that the Brethren attend the Virtual meeting in business attire.</li></ul>
Emergent	September 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No meeting was held.</li></ul>
Regular	October 19, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES By command of the Grand Master all in person masonic meetings have been cancelled until January 1st, 2022.</li><li>● Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on October 19th at 7:30P.M.</li><li>● Work of the Virtual Meeting: Regular Business</li></ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress: It is the Worshipful Master's desire that the Brethren attend the Virtual meeting in business attire.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Summary of Planned Events</b>
Emergent	October 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 16, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on November 16th at 7:30 P.M.</li> <li>• The Work of the evening is regular business.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 21, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on December 21st at 7:30 P.M.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 18, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on January 18th at 7:30 P.M.</li> <li>• Work of the Virtual Meeting: Regular Business, Roll Call, receive the Travelling Gavel from Temple Lodge and the DDGM official Visit.</li> </ul>
Emergent	January 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 15, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brethren you are cordially invited to attend a virtual meetup on JITSI organized by Worshipful Brother Stephen Plummer on February 15th at 7:30 P.M.</li> <li>• PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES Acacia will be continuing Virtual meetings until further notice.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 15, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby summoned to attend: a Regular meeting of Acacia Lodge A.F. &amp; A.M. No. 561 to be held in the Lodge</li> </ul>

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			room, 430 Churchill Avenue, Ottawa on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30 PM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work of the Regular Meeting: Regular Business and a rusty Mason night.</li> <li>• Dress: It is the Worshipful Master's desire that the officers attend the regular meeting in Formal Dress.</li> <li>• NOTE: Gold Aprons can now be worn</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	March 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 19, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballot for Restoration of Mr. Chris Zuger.</li> <li>• Conduct Elections for Lodge Officers for Masonic Year 2022-23.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 26, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step-up Night for the Lodge Officers elected at the April Regular Meeting of Acacia Lodge.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 17, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investiture &amp; Installation of Officers for 2022 – 2023.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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**Acacia Lodge No. 561 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 21, 2021**

My Brethren,

I trust that you all had an enjoyable summer and that you are looking forward to gathering again soon in person.

The traditional GLAN cannot be held this year. In its place, we have a special guest to speak to us at this month's virtual meeting. Thanks go to R.W. Bro. Burchill for the suggesting the speaker, and to W. Bro. Harrison for extending the invitation.

You will notice our latest Budget delivered with this month's Summons. W. Bro. Lillico is projecting a small surplus and there is no pressure to raise dues. Likewise, the District is unlikely to raise our assessment and still has unspent money from last year to support the DDGM's work.

As we begin our first meeting of the year, three things stand ahead. We will soon be launching work to refresh Acacia's By-laws; we will be seeking a successor to relieve our long-serving Treasurer; and we will be asking Brethren to plant the thought of Masonry in the minds of worthy and honourable men they may know.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting, and to feeling once again the bonds that we share.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master.

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 19, 2021**

My Brethren,

I hope you enjoyed last month's presentation by our Deputy Grand Master and the perspectives R.W. Bro. Hogeboom shared. Your engagement in the discussion following the talk no doubt gave the Deputy a sense that the topic resonated.

For those who cannot remember, R.W. Bro. Hogeboom recommended the Netflix show, "The Young Pope" as it relates to old institutions such as ours.

By now you will have received the latest update from Grand Lodge regarding reopening. While we may not be able to gather in person until the new year, we will continue to meet via Jitsi with W.Bro. Plummer's support. We will, of course, organize practice before reopening, and will treat our first gathering as a rusty mason night.

During the discussion at our August Budget Meeting, W.Bro. Lillico shared some membership demographics. Our Lodge finances are solid, but the average age of our members is creeping higher. When we are able to hold breakfasts again we hope we can invite seekers to meet us. With that in mind, please keep your ears open to expressions of interest from good men.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's virtual meeting, and hope you will share any ideas you may have for masonic education.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master.

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**Regular Meeting Summons, November 18, 2021**

My Brethren,

By now you will have read the latest communication from Grand Lodge and may be wondering when Acacia will be meeting again in-person.

To that end, the Executive of the Westboro Temple Corporation has met to establish protocols for Lodge use of the building. Their plan will be presented to the WMTL Board of Directors the day before our November virtual meeting. I expect Bro. Sigouin will have an update for us when we meet on the 16th.

As it stands, the social distancing, contact tracing, mask wearing, and rules around eating will make for a marked departure from our customary experience. With the continued health concerns expressed by some of our members, I believe it prudent to await the further lifting of Provincial Government restrictions before resuming our ritual.

The expected availability of Westboro Temple should soon allow us to book in-person CGP's and practices. February/March 2022 appears to be the timeframe for the further lifting of Provincial health mandates, and is thus the target for the resumption of regular Acacia Lodge meetings.

It has been a difficult couple of years with the pandemic, but the Remembrance Day commemorations this month should give us perspective.

I cherish the bond that makes us brothers, and look forward to seeing you at this month's virtual meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 21, 2021**

My Brethren,

It is hard to believe that 2022 is almost upon us!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your family, and loved ones a safe and joyous holiday. While it is disheartening that we cannot again safely gather for our Christmas Pot Luck, I have every faith that 2022 will see the happy revival of our Lodge traditions.

At last month's virtual meeting you expressed unanimous support for a donation to the flood disaster relief in British Columbia. W. Bro. Lillico has actioned your request and should have a report for us at this month's meeting.

Bro. Secretary regularly reaches out to some of our more seasoned members, and has reminded me of the need to energize our Sick and Visiting activity. I have been in touch with W.Bro. Roberts to this end and look forward to some in-person visits in the New Year.

In closing, I would like to thank-you for your steady support of Acacia over the past year. Everyone's concern for one another, your ideas, and ready hand to help, gives me pride to stand among you.

I cherish the bond that makes us Brothers, and look forward to seeing you at this month's virtual meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

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**Regular Meeting Summons, January 18, 2022**

My Brethren,

I trust you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas, and wish you good health and prosperity in the New Year.

This month we will be joined by R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson for our DDGM Official Visit. I hope that as many of you as are able will join me in welcoming him to our virtual gathering.

Even though our meeting will be virtual, I would ask that you dress in jacket and tie so as to afford the DDGM the level of formality deserving of his rank.

As is our tradition in January we will be conducting our Annual Roll Call this month, and will also be receiving the Travelling Gavel from our brethren at Temple Lodge.

The Roll Call is an important opportunity to count ourselves present, and to share information about those brethren who are unable to join us. If you are in touch with any Brother that has 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.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person in 2022 when the pandemic is behind us, and hope that you are taking every precaution to stay safe until then.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 15, 2022**

My Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone for attending last month's Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson. A special thanks is also due to those who brought regrets and updates during the Annual Roll Call.

The presentation by our DDGM on his visit was quite enlightening. While some lodges have been quiet during the pandemic, the message from the DDGM is that our Lodge and District has been exceptional in keeping masonry alive through virtual meetings and education.

Now that we have received the Travelling Gavel from Temple Lodge No. 665, it falls to us to perpetuate the tradition of fraternal visitation. We will be bringing the gavel to Russell Lodge No. 479, virtually, on February 21. I hope that you will attend.

We currently have two men who've expressed interest in joining Acacia. As restrictions relax, we may soon be able to meet with these gentlemen, and hopefully progress in the regrowth of Acacia. If you've received any enquiries about Freemasonry, please engage actively, and help in growing the fraternity.

W. Bro. Lillico is still seeking personal biographies for the Lodge history. There is no time better than now to craft a few words about yourself. If you need a template or encouragement, W. Bro. Lillico stands at the ready.

I look forward to seeing you all at this month's Jitsi meeting, and hope we can soon gather again in person.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master



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**Regular Meeting Summons, March 15, 2022**

My Brethren,

Let there be light! As restrictions are lifting I am glad that we can begin again our in-person meetings. Our CGP will continue as a virtual event for now.

Your perseverance and steady support during the pandemic are a reminder of our strength as a brotherhood. It has been a long 2 years and a truly weird way to mark our 100th anniversary.

This month we will have some catch up to do on the business side, a rusty mason review after two years of absence, and the resumption of work to revitalize our membership.

My recent visits to Carleton and Edinburgh Lodges were very instructive as to how we can provide a safe and comfortable environment. Since the provincial requirement for vaccine verification has been lifted, you can expect a normal entry into the Lodge. Masks are still required.

We respect your personal choice to avoid attending lodge until it feels right. For certain, some brethren have health and home situations that will keep them away a while longer.

Since this will be our first gathering since turning 100 years, we can now wear our gold bordered aprons, and will be using our new Lodge regalia.

I look forward to greeting you again, in person, and to our upcoming elections and installation.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 19, 2022**

My Brethren,

It was a wonderful feeling to get back in Lodge last month and to see the smiles on familiar faces. Your support during our shutdown was truly amazing, and augurs well for our resumption and regrowth.

Speaking of resumption, the Temple Corporation gave an encouraging update at the recent AGM. It was welcome news to hear that the Hall rentals are slowly coming back, and that the basement renovation is almost complete save for a deep cleaning.

Our Senior Warden is calling for an in-person CGP this month. We will take advantage of the time to do a short practice in the Lodge Room afterwards.

There will be both a Regular and Emergent Meeting this month. Lodge Elections will be held at the former, and our "Step up Night" at the latter. I hope as many of you as are able will attend to cast your vote, and to support next year's slate of Officers.

While provincial Covid restrictions are lifting, the pandemic is not yet over. For certain, some brethren have health and home situations that will keep them away a while longer. We respect your personal choice to avoid attending lodge until it feels right.

I look forward to greeting you again, in person, and to our upcoming elections and installation.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

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**Regular Meeting Summons, May 17, 2022**

My Brethren,

May is here, spring is in the air, Covid is on the decline, and Installation is imminent!

As I vacate the Chair of King Solomon, I thank you for the opportunity you've given me and for the memories gathered along the way.

On May 17 we will install Bro. Frank Sigouin for the upcoming masonic year. Bro. Sigouin, as you all know, has a deep love of the Craft. His enthusiasm will be a benefit to everyone and we should be honoured to have him as our next Master.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W Bro. Glen Simpson, will be joining us in person for Installation. His presence will bring a welcome spark to the proceedings and serve to remind us of the larger body of which we are part.

When you come into the Lodge room this month, you will note that our Warrant has been draped. This is done in memory of our Past Grand Master, MW. Bro. Donald Mumby. MW Mumby was a giant among masons, Custodian of the Work, and the author of many of the rubrics in the Book of the Work. We will cherish his memory in our hearts, and hold him as an example to which we can all aspire.

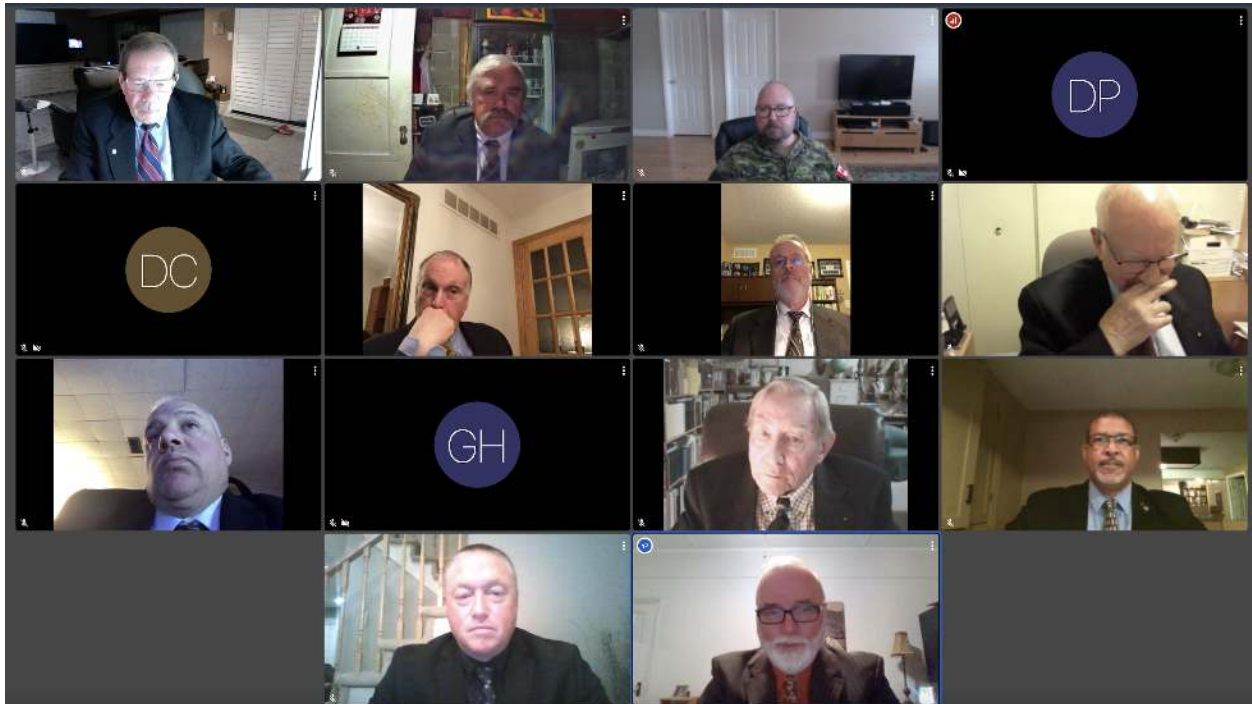
So, Brethren. We have much for which to be grateful, and much to anticipate. Please keep those who cannot join us in Lodge in your thoughts, encourage those who can travel to come out, and keep safe, always.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Donald Learning, Worshipful Master

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Acacia Lodge No. 561 - Select Photos



Acacia Lodge Virtual Meeting, September 21, 2021



Acacia Lodge Virtual Meeting, October 19, 2021

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Acacia Lodge Virtual Meeting, November 16, 2021



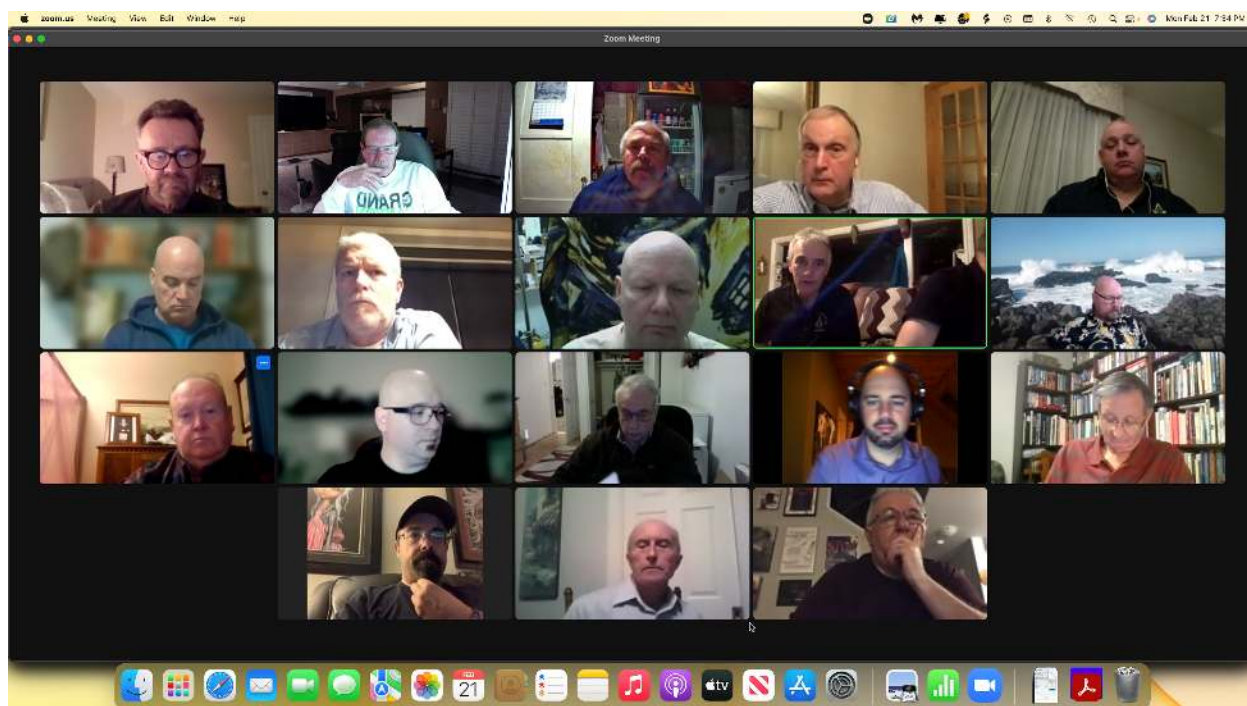
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Acacia Lodge Virtual Meeting, January 18, 2022



Acacia Lodge Virtual Meeting, February 2, 2022  
Travelling Gavel to Russell Lodge

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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 7, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. <a href="#">See Appendix A.</a></li> </ul>
Emergent	September 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	October 5, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 2, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	November 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 7, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	December 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 4, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dear Sir and Brother, The Officers and Members of Temple Lodge No. 665 are summoned to attend the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday, January 4th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. by ZOOM Technology.</li> <li>Dress Dark Business Suit with tie.</li> <li>The work of the evening will be to receive the Travelling Gavel from Edinburgh Lodge. Please note that we will take it to Acacia Lodge on Tuesday, January 18th. Method of transfer to be confirmed.</li> <li>Also, we will have a Guest Speaker, Wor. Bro. Peter Rippstein, Past Master of The Lodge of Fidelity and current Chairman of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospital for</li> <li>Children in Canada.</li> <li>Please see the attached messages from our Worshipful Master and Senior Warden.</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	January 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 1, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dear Sir and Brother, The Officers and Members of Temple Lodge No. 665 are summoned to attend the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. by ZOOM Technology.</li> <li>Dress Dark Business Suit with tie.</li> <li>The work of the evening will be to receive our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Glen Simpson on his Official Visit to Temple Lodge followed by some Masonic Education.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>
Regular	March 1, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	March 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	April 5, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	April 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 3, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Summons was issued.</li> </ul>

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



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**Temple Lodge No. 665 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 7, 2021**

No Summons was issued. Pursuant to a letter issued by the Grand Secretary on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 all Masonic events have been cancelled until Wednesday, September 1, 2021 or until the Province of Ontario enters the Covid Exit Step - whichever comes later. [See Appendix A.](#)

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 5, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, November 2, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 7, 2021**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 4, 2022**

Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren,

In December, having followed the Covid guidelines for our Regular meeting (our first official meeting since Feb 2020), we got better prepared for any re-opening in 2022. Much was discussed at CGP earlier including applications, there are two being processed (!) and membership fees, the lodge finances, reports on brethren with health issues, as well as future lodge meeting dates - CGP, Emergent and Regulars. Kudos to R.W. Bro. Trevor Hemmerling for educating us about Holland's M.W. Bro. Hermannuis van Tongeren and the plight of Masons in WWII Europe. More specifically Holland - the link to Temple being with our late brother Bro. Frans Olberg. The courage M.W. Bro. van Tongeren demonstrated in saving lives by hiding with the Group 2000 resistance is awe-inspiring. Thanks to R.W. Bro. Dennis Saikley for his reading of a 1994 poem written by Past Master W. Bro. C.S. Laurie Lund, from Civil Service Lodge. The poem was shared by W. Bro. Abe Garcia, current Worshipful Master of Civil Service Lodge. Special thanks also go to V.W. Bro. Kevin Zeigler and W. Bro. Abe Garcia for their active participation in Temple Lodge meetings.

With the close of the calendar year, come holidays. Going forward Covid and Omicron developments are impacting our health and logistics. By the time you receive this Summons, we will have moved back to meeting by Zoom until further notice. This includes CGPs, Regular and any Emergent meetings. On January 4th, we will be receiving the Travelling Gavel from Edinburgh Lodge Brethren via Zoom. On January 18, 2022 we will be presenting the Travelling Gavel to the Brethren of Acacia Lodge also by Zoom. Our District Deputy Official Meeting night in February is also expected to be by Zoom, but will be confirmed in the February Summons. While degree and ritual work is impacted, we can continue our personal development efforts in all of the seven arts and sciences masons aspire to improve. In January, we also plan on having a speaker and/or a GL Education clip from this URL: <https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/masonic-education>). Let us all also consider

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giving and receiving news by connecting with other masons if physical travelling is limited. Digital communications are enhanced nowadays making phone and video calls, emails and text messages, all the more within reach. Remember the joy of receiving someone's call and paying it forward.

As always, let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said (or not said) as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that may have an impact on someone else. In our interactions with others we must remember our cardinal values, tenets, and fundamental principles. In the process, let us keep an eye and ear out for masons that do not yet know they are masons. A beautiful system of morality, it is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We can entertain much with non-masons, just not the secrets, kept as rightful rights of passage on becoming better men and master masons. In good times as in troubled times.

Alain Meere,

Temple Lodge #665, WM 2018-

**Senior Warden's Message**

Brethren as I write this we are on the eve of 2022. We have quite frankly gone through two really challenging years. We have been locked down, locked out, forced to get together virtually. Yet we have persevered, worked together within that framework and supported each other. In other words we have personified what it is to be a Freemason.

I'll keep this very brief, Brethren. Keep looking after each other, coming to meetings whether virtual or in person and keep being the best Brother you can. We will persevere and prosper. My closing message is simple. Let 2022 be a better year. Let our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft members learn the secrets and mysteries of our craft with the mentorship of our senior members. Let our junior members rise and provide relief to our senior members and let us all work together for the betterment of the Lodge.

May God be with us in 2022.

I thank you for your continued work and support.

Scott Newman,

Senior Warden, Temple Lodge #665

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 1, 2022**

**Worshipful Master's Message**

Brethren,

A new year is upon us, calling for resilience in view of the perduring pandemic but also with the promise as always of fresh opportunities to grow and further develop ourselves individually and socially. Having followed the Covid guidelines we resumed our virtual meetings. Due to the otherwise festive period we held our COGP the same night as our January Regular meeting, earlier that night. Of note, we will not be contributing financially to the District Charity this year due to both the lack of fundraising occasions as well as to our limited resources. At our January Regular

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(virtual) meeting we benefited from (i) receiving the Travelling Gavel from a perfect number of our Edinburgh Lodge brethren, as well as from (ii) a great presentation on the Shriners Children Hospitals by W Bro Peter Rippstein, to whom we are indebted – with insights on (a) the various medical programs including burn care, orthopaedic, spinal cord, skin care and disease (see Shriners Hospital for Children); and on (b) future collaboration with health clinics for service delivery – including Research funded by Shriners, instead of opening additional brick & mortar hospitals. What a great quote recited by W Bro Rippstein (attributed to Abraham Lincoln) that “No Man Stands So Tall as When He Stoops to Help a Child”!

Later in January we will have brought the Travelling Gavel to our Acacia Lodge brethren, while attending their official (virtual) DDGM Night Regular meeting, attended by many members of Temple. Our COGP meeting is scheduled for Jan 27th ahead of our DDGM Night Regular meeting (Feb 1st) where we expect presentations by the DD, the District Charity Lead, and likely a presentation from a Temple brother on one’s experience in Masonry over the years. In the meantime, let us all also consider giving and taking news by connecting with other masons – if physical travelling is limited, digital is enhanced nowadays making phone and video calls, emails and text messages, all the more within reach. Remember the joy of receiving someone’s call... and paying it forward. And perfecting our ashlar (consider GL Education).

As always, let us keep up the good work and continue to make that effort where needed, in words said (or not said) as well as in acts, to reach our next round. Let us remember that whether in the moment or not, and whether we feel we progress or not, we are the role models that someone will be impacted by. And in interactions, to remember our cardinal values, tenets, and fundamental principles. And in the process, let us keep an eye and ear out for masons that do not yet know they are masons. A beautiful system of morality it is, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We can entertain much with non-masons, just not the secrets, kept as rightful rights of passage on becoming better men and master masons. In good times as in troubled times.

Alain Meere, Temple Lodge #665, WM 2018-

**Senior Warden’s Message**

I am sitting here trying to think of what to write. Our WM is a very eloquent and capable speech writer. I am more of a heavy lifter type who lets my actions speak. Both of us are essential to the smooth operation of the lodge. All of you are also essential to this lodge's prosperity and longevity.

The pandemic has been an event that I think has ground us all down. Fatigue sets in, bad habits take root. What has kept me moving forward among other things is the repeating of the mantra "this is temporary." We had a small taste of a return to lodge in December. That should whet our appetite to return as soon as time and circumstance shall allow it. We have a bunch of younger members chomping at the bit to go through the degrees, yet they have been incredibly patient. Two years. You have been waiting two years patiently. I say to you, as soon as we can, we will. Two years is but a blink in a lifetime but it is sometimes hard to see when you are in the moment.

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Please pick up your books, study and be ready for a return. It will come soon enough, as will the degrees, the festive boards, the celebrations. We can and will write the next chapter together. History will show us to be a lodge that survived, thrived and continues on. Let's be that generation in the lodge that will be regarded as the generation that wouldn't quit.

I thank you brethren for the support you have shown your officers in the last 2 years. We look forward to returning your faith in kind.

Scott Newman,

Senior Warden, Temple Lodge #665

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 1, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 5, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 3, 2022**

No Summons was issued.

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No photos were provided.

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**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736, GRC In The Province Of Ontario - Instituted  
1983**

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 1, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dear Sir and Brother, Pursuant to the directives of Grand Lodge, all in-person Masonic events remain cancelled until at least 01 Sept, 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 meetings: A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 01 September, 2021 at 1900 hrs. A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 15 September, 2021 at 1900 hrs. by invitation of W. Bro. David G. Brown, Worshipful Master.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>
Emergent	September 15, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You are hereby “summoned”, (visitors are cordially invited), to attend the following meetings: A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 01 September, 2021 at 1900 hrs. <b>A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 15 September, 2021 at 1900 hrs.</b> by invitation of W. Bro. David G. Brown, Worshipful Master.</li></ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Regular	October 6, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dear Sir and Brother, Pursuant to the directives of Grand Lodge, all in-person Masonic events remain cancelled until at least 01 January, 2022. 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 meetings: A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 06 September, 2021 at 1900 hrs. A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 20 September, 2021 at 1900 hrs. by invitation of W. Bro. David G. Brown, Worshipful Master.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Emergent	October 20, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby “summoned”, (visitors are cordially invited), to attend the following meetings: <b>A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 20 October, 2021 at 1900 hrs.</b> by invitation of W. Bro. David G. Brown, Worshipful Master.</li> </ul>
Regular	November 3, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuant to the directives of Grand Lodge, all in-person Masonic events remain cancelled until at least 01 November, 2022.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>



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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	November 17, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are hereby “summoned”, (visitors are cordially invited), to attend the following meetings: <b>A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 17 November, 2021 at 1900 hrs.</b> by invitation of W. Bro. David G. Brown, Worshipful Master.</li> </ul>
Regular	December 1, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are hereby summoned (visitors are cordially invited) to attend the following meetings ... a REGULAR (in person!) meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 01 December, 2021 at 19:30hrs.</li> <li>• **N.B. – Please arrive No Later Than 19:15hrs in order to accommodate the required registration process (contact tracing required by the government).</li> <li>• The work of the evening will be:</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1) To receive reports, accounts, petitions and communications and to carry out the business of the Lodge.</li> <li>• 2) To present a summary of that regular business which was conducted on behalf of the members of Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 since our last regular meeting (2020).</li> <li>• 3) To receive R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson, the District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District No. 1 on his fraternal visit to Edinburgh Lodge.</li> <li>• Dress for the evening will be tuxedo or highland dress or dark business suit and tie for participants. Business dress, highland dress or blazer &amp; flannels for members.</li> <li>• ** All members in attendance are required to wear facemasks while not seated at the festive board.**</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	December 15, 2021	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 15 December, 2021 at 19:30 hrs.</li> <li>• The work of the evening will be to receive the 'Travelling Gavel' (virtually) from Doric Lodge.</li> <li>• W. Bro. Eshan Ghias-Begloo, WM of Doric and his contingent will be in attendance.</li> </ul>
Regular	January 5, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuant to the directives of Grand Lodge, all in-person Masonic events remain cancelled until further notice. 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 meetings ... a Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 05 January, 2022 at 1900 hrs.</li> <li>• We'll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular &amp; emergent nights. Detailed agendas (if any) for those two meetings will follow, but whatever we're up</li> </ul>

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			to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren.
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	January, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are hereby “summoned” (visitors are cordially invited) to attend the following meetings ... a Zoom meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 19 January, 2022 at 1900 hrs.</li> <li>We’ll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on both the regular &amp; 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.</li> </ul>
Regular	February 2, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ZOOM MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, 02 February, 2022 at 1900 hrs.</li> <li>We’ll once again be holding Zoom meetings this month on the regular night. Detailed agendas (if any) for this meeting will follow, but whatever we’re up to, you can be sure to enjoy a fraternal visit with your brethren.</li> <li>As with all of these Zoom meetings; attendance is optional but heartily encouraged.</li> </ul>
Emergent	February, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IN-PERSON EMERGENT MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, 16 February, 2022 at 1930 hrs.</li> <li>This meeting will be conducted as a ‘Rusty Mason’ meeting so we can practice getting back into the groove of our ‘WORK.’</li> <li>On January 29, 2022 the following email was dispatched by the Secretary of Edinburgh Lodge: <i>Given the most recent edict of GL, the emergent meeting of Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 (16 February) has now become a CPG meeting by Zoom (starting at 1900hrs).</i></li> </ul>
Regular	March 2, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dear Sir and Brother, Pursuant to the directives of Grand Lodge, all in-person Masonic events may return to normal practices in March pending Provincial health and safety requirements/protocols.</li> <li>** N.B. – this approval is subject to change without prior notice.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With that in mind; you are hereby summoned (visitors are cordially invited) to attend the following meetings ...</li> <li>• An in-person of this Lodge; Wednesday 02 March, 2022 at 19:30hrs; and an in-person emergent meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 16 March, 2022 at 19:30 hrs. by invitation of W. Bro. David G. Brown, Worshipful Master.</li> <li>• The Work of the evening will be to receive our very own DDGM, R.W.Bro. Glen A. Simpson on his official visit to Edinburgh Lodge No. 736.</li> <li>• In addition, we plan to receive a delegation of brethren from the Prince Hall Masons who intend to pass over the Silver Trowel which binds our Lodges together.</li> <li>• We will conduct a ballot for the initiation of Tim Campbell and a ballot for affiliation from R.W. Bro. Eric Marshall (and any other brethren pending a favourable return from the appropriate investigating committees).</li> </ul>
Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	March, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are hereby summoned (visitors are cordially invited) to attend an in-person emergent meeting of this Lodge; Wednesday 16 March, 2022 at 19:30 hrs. by invitation of W. Bro. David G. Brown, Worshipful Master.</li> <li>• Pending a favourable ballot, an Entered Apprentice degree will be conducted for Tim Campbell.</li> <li>• The election of officers for the 2022/2023 year will be held.</li> <li>• Now is the time to step up and be the Lodge Secretary that you've always wanted to be!!</li> </ul>
Regular	April 6, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Work of the evening will be to tyle at 18:30 hrs in order to receive reports, accounts, petitions and communications and to carry out the business of the Lodge.</li> <li>• To call from labour to refreshment and then reconvene at 19:30 hrs to install the Worshipful Master Elect and invest of the</li> </ul>

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Meeting	Date of Meeting	*	Summary of Planned Events
Emergent	April 20, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To initiate an eligible candidate.</li> </ul>
Regular	May 4, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive reports, accounts, petitions and communications and to carry out the business of the Lodge.</li> <li>To elect and install a member as Treasurer.</li> <li>A ballot for affiliation will be held for V.W. Bro. Clifford Parfett, a member in good standing of Royal Albert Edinburgh Lodge No. 25 of the GLQ.</li> </ul>
Emergent	May, 2022	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No meeting was held.</li> </ul>

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

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**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 - Messages from the Worshipful Master**

**Regular Meeting Summons, September 1, 2021**

Brethren,

As we start another Masonic Year in September 2021 with a Summons we all acknowledge that it appears that the Covid Pandemic will be with us for a bit more. How long will we be impacted, that is anyone's guess? All I can say is, please get vaccinated if you are able, that seems to be the most sensible way out of this situation and allow us to live a more normal life!

Obviously, for the foreseeable future we will not be able to meet in Lodge and have fraternal fellowship in person. This month of September we will meet virtually on ZOOM as we have been doing for a while. We will have more structure to the meetings with reports and some masonic education, but the most important part of the Virtual Meetings is to meet up with each other and share Brotherhood.

I would like to thank our SW, Paul Richter and JW, Rod Harasemchuk for carrying the ball on the summer virtual meetings, job well done! I will be chairing the first meeting in September, but we will be flexible on who will chair the meeting virtually as we move forward into the Fall.

Grand Lodge has put forward some thoughts on how Lodges can conduct themselves with respect to installations. The subject of discussion is when and how to conduct elections, installations and succession of the new WMs and his team! Grand Lodge seems to let this decision be made by each Lodge. However, since we do not know when we might be meeting in person to recommence the Masonic Season therefore much of this discussion is academic. It can be seriously contemplated when we have more direct guidance from Grand Lodge and the Province.

Given the above, I have reflected on the situation and am managing my time and activities to allow for maximum flexibility. As a certain Mentor has mentioned to me, I have a hard time saying NO to opportunities! Given my recent health scare I have decided to back off some activities. I have resigned my position of Chair of the Valentine's Charity Ball which may or may not happen in February 2023. However, I am committed to remain on the Board of the Westboro Masonic Temple Limited for another 6 months to serve as Secretary and hopefully see the building reopen to commercial, Masonic and Concordant Bodies. We are working hard to keep our beloved building on a solid financial and structural foundation. I am planning my succession, so Board Governance is not disrupted.

Having said the above, I feel that I have the time and energy for my Family, the Building and most importantly, Our Lodge, when we can plan and conduct our in-person fraternal work!

W. Bro. David Garry Brown, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

**Regular Meeting Summons, October 6, 2021**

Brethren,

I was meditating on this Season of Thanksgiving, celebrating the bounty of the harvest, friends and family, I kept coming back to something deeper than giving thanks. I kept coming back to Gratitude!

During these times that try many of us, those difficulties can be tempered with Gratitude!

Being Thankful is a feeling, and being Grateful is an action.

Freemasonry is a progressive science, which denotes action, thus at this time of Thanksgiving put your Gratitude into action!

With this in mind, I researched Gratitude and Thankfulness and came up with many articles! I was seeking some clear words to help me understand the difference. The following article spoke to me and I pass it on for your consideration. I could not put my own thoughts in better words!

W. Bro. David Garry Brown, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

### **The Difference Between Gratitude and Thankfulness**

*Susan Rhoads, LCSW, Therapist, Senior Life Solutions*

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.

It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” - *Melody Beattie*

Thanksgiving is a holiday dedicated to the focus of being thankful. This time of year can give us that warm, fuzzy feeling when we spend time feeling thankful for the things our lives include. *The Oxford Dictionary* defines the word thankful as “pleased and relieved.” Both of those are great feelings. Everyone wants to be pleased and relieved.

But that’s just it; they’re just feelings, and feelings fade.

*The Oxford Dictionary* defines the word grateful as “showing an appreciation of kindness.” This is where the difference lies; being thankful is a feeling, and being grateful is an action.

It’s easy for us to look around the Thanksgiving dinner table and say that we are thankful. Some are surrounded by family, friends, and food and in that moment in time, we’re currently experiencing that warm, fuzzy feeling that comes with a holiday gathering; we’re thankful. We may feel thankful for their presence in our lives, and happy that everyone is well since the last gathering. However, gratitude goes much deeper than this. It is a state of being, where you feel a sense of appreciation that comes from deep within. You are at peace with the world, and appreciate that state of affairs deep within. The feeling of calm these thoughts and emotions bring to mind we find fulfilling.

Gratitude is more than just the feeling of thankfulness. Being thankful is the first step, and we have to have that initial feeling to build upon. We build upon it by redirecting our focus into making gratefulness an intrinsic part of our lives 365 days a year. Gratitude requires us to stay alert of the role of others in our lives. This is different from the fleeting nature of the act of a mere ‘thank you’ or feeling thankful one day of the year. Through gratitude, we get to make a sense of our lives and learn to credit our loved ones with the appreciation they deserve.

The key is keeping gratitude at the forefront of our lives. It’s not just thinking about how thankful we are to have all that we have. It’s about living out that gratitude through the simple things we do every day. Gratitude is the manifestation of love,



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devotion and commitment towards those who mean the most to you. It encompasses shared experiences, shared love and an understanding that the universe has conspired to keep us happy, and help us understand how connected we are to others.

Thus, my Brethren, during this time of Thanksgiving, act with Gratitude, let it shine through and be gentle on yourselves and each other.

Go beyond yourself!

Reach out in Brotherly Love! With Gratitude!

W. Bro. David Garry Brown, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

**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, November 3, 2021**

Brethren,

For myself, the rush of Fall is almost overwhelming, there is so much to do to prepare Creekside (farm) for winter, endless labours!

It was good to take a break for the family times of Thanksgiving and to celebrate our Grandson, Colton's first birthday on October 24th.

Now as we approach November, we commemorate a time-honoured tradition by pausing our busy lives to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can live in this magnificent country of Canada.

As detailed in the Summons, we, the brethren of Edinburgh Lodge and visitors will pause to give thanks to those Service men and women whilst we celebrate Remembrance Day on Wednesday November 3rd, 2021, via ZOOM.

What has become the poem of Remembrance, 'In Flanders Fields' by Guelph's own Lt. Col. John McCrae is below for your solemn contemplation!

**In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

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The brethren have heard from Grand Lodge that Lodges can meet again, in-person, commencing on November 1st, 2021. These in-person meetings must conform to Health regulations as prescribed by the Province of Ontario. The Grand Master has also stipulated that it is up to the individual Lodges as to when they will decide to meet in person.

To that end, the Principal Officers of Edinburgh Lodge have 'tentatively' decided to have our first in-person meeting of the Lodge in the Westboro Masonic Temple on Wednesday December 1st at 7:30 pm to open and conduct business. Please note, that this in-person meeting is 'tentative' and will be formalized in the December Summons when it is published near the end of November. We are informing you of this potential reopening for in-person meetings for your scheduling purposes. Grand Lodge, WMTL and Edinburgh Lodge will be monitoring the local Covid situation before we officially Summon the brethren back to Lodge.

Ultreya, onwards!

Sincerely and fraternally,

David Garry Brown, WM, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

**Regular Meeting Summons, December 1, 2021**

Brethren,

We have made it through the Pandemic of 2020, 2021 and we are going to come back to Lodge in-person on Wednesday December 1st, 2021. Certainly, a time to celebrate and congratulate each other for the care we took to do our best to be safe for our family, friends, and yourself!

This will be the first time in Lodge since that wonderful evening where we hosted the Grand Master of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother David J. Cameron along with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba! That evening of Wednesday February 5th, 2020 was an incredibly special night for Edinburgh Lodge No. 736!

We celebrated then and we celebrate now!

Welcome back to Lodge, dear Brethren of Edinburgh Lodge! It will be special in a bittersweet way! There will be many precautions to undertake to continue to keep us all safe with this continuing Pandemic, which is morphing into an Endemic, a somewhat milder health threat. However, we will follow the rules which are set out by the Federal, Provincial governments, Health Departments and Grand Lodge Protocols. We will work within those parameters to keep ourselves safe and our loved ones safe. Slowly things will become normalized.

Recently, R.W. Bro. Jim Cale presented a paper (through the Secretary) on the Health and Safety Protocols Edinburgh Lodge will utilize when we reopen. Please give it a reread! If you need a copy, please ask the Secretary or me. Much thought has been put into that paper to best adapt our reopening to the advice from the Health Experts!

With that being said, I look forward to seeing many of you in-person on Wednesday December 1st, 2021 at our regular meeting time of 7:30 pm (19:30 hours).

Please come out if you are comfortable, you will be warmly welcomed, albeit at a wee distance! This first meeting will be a simple one, we will open in the First Degree, do some business, welcome the DDGM, our own R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson on his fraternal

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visit to his Home Lodge, have a wee bit of Masonic Education, close and then enjoy fraternal socialization in the Main Hall! It will be FUN! Moving onto the Emergent Meeting on Wednesday December 15th at 7:30 pm (19:30 hours), we will be conducting that meeting virtually via ZOOM. The work of that meeting is to receive the 'Travelling Gavel' virtually from Doric Lodge. W.Bro. Eshan Ghias-Begloo, WM of Doric and his contingent will ZOOM in to our virtual meeting and pass the gavel through the ether to us! (a Secret of Freemasonry for sure!) The balance of the evening might entail Masonic Education, Holiday Cheer and chit chat!

I will close off the message with my hearty greetings for Christmas and a Happy Holidays. I wish you all the best of the season as you draw your family and friends close and enjoy their love. I pass on Brotherly Love to each and everyone of you, Brethren of Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario!

May your light shine forth in truth and harmony!

Ultreya, onwards!

Sincerely and fraternally,

W.Bro. David Garry Brown, WM, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

**Regular Meeting Summons, January 5, 2022**

Brethren,

This Covid-19 Pandemic continues to confound humanity! Just on December 1st we were able to hold our first in-person meeting in 637 days! It was wonderful to be back in Lodge, seeing the brethren in person. The expectation of being able to continue our Labours for the rest of the Masonic season looked bright!

However, the Omicron Variant of Covid-19 started to circulate with a high degree of infection rates and our Labours were shut down again! We must put our working tools aside for the time being, for how long, it is unknown!

You would have received the Trestle Board for the start of 2022, we were hopeful that we could proceed with doing some in-person Work and move some deserving Brethren through their respective degrees! That is not going to happen for now. Grand Lodge issued a statement on December 21st, 2021, restricting our labours.

Please assume, for the near future, we will revert to virtual ZOOM meetings. We will have a virtual meeting to hand over the Travelling Gavel to Temple Lodge on Tuesday January 4th, 2022. The ZOOM coordinates and timing of this event will be communicated once we have received them.

Our Regular Meeting on January 5th, 2022, will be virtual. We were going to hold an in-person Rusty Masons night, but we will have to adapt to something which we can do on ZOOM. Again, information for that evening will be forthcoming.

On Wednesday January 19th, 2022, we will be staging our Robbie Burns Night, as last year, this will be virtual. W .Bro. Brian Hay and Bro. Rod Harasemchuk will be stick handling that event. A Haggis has been snared so there will be an 'Ode to the Haggis' done with gusto!

The recent surge in the Covid situation harkens me to contemplate the Mosaic Pavement which reminds us of uncertainty! We do live in an uncertain time, unable to travel, to plan, to live fully and freely! It is stressful on all of us!

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I have recently started reading a book by Catherine Price, it is called, "The Power of Fun, how to feel alive again." As most of you know, I am prone to saying, "Have FUN and spread Happiness!" Now more than ever, we must focus on having FUN and being positive in the face of this pandemic uncertainty!

We will get through this!

Ultreya, onwards!

W. Bro. David Garry Brown WM, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

**Regular Meeting Summons, February 2, 2022**

Brethren,

As we are still in the mood of remembering Robbie Burns, it is timely to reflect on the meaning of one of his poems 'To a Mouse'! The main theme of Robert Burns' 'To a Mouse' poem is the futility of planning for a hopeful future in the face of unforeseen consequences. This theme states the way of our world for the last two years BUT we must remain HOPEFUL! Therefore, even during uncertain times, like these days, it is always useful to PLAN, as I have said frequently, 'You should have a Plan, if you have one, you can then change it!' That is why we, as Masons, have a 'Trestle Board' to plan our future WORK!

Being a Worshipful Master during this Pandemic has instructed me to be flexible, to adapt to the current situation, whether guidance of the Provincial Government or Grand Lodge Protocols, always moderated by an instinctive 'Gut Feeling' which tempers my decisions. 'To PIVOT,' to use an overused phrase of this pandemic!

This brings me to our present situation about going back to Lodge, in-person. Grand Lodge has just communicated (January 24th, 2022) that Lodges can go back to in-person meetings, with restrictions, in February.

However, I believe, for Edinburgh Lodge, an in-person meeting at our Regular Meeting in February, on Wednesday February 2nd is premature. Thus, with consultation with Senior Mentors and Principal Officers it has been decided that this Regular Meeting be held virtually over ZOOM. The Work of the evening will be to receive Reports, have Masonic Education and a Brother to Brother Check-in. I now believe that at our Emergent Meeting on Wednesday February 16th, we can go back to an in-person meeting with proper precautions. This meeting will be conducted as a 'Rusty Mason' meeting so we can practice getting back into the groove of our 'WORK.'

Finally for February, we will hold a practice on Monday February 28th for our Regular Meeting on Wednesday March 2nd. The WORK, to be done that evening, will consist of the Official Visit of the DDGM, the receipt of the Silver Trowel from the Prince Hall Masons, Reports and Balloting on Candidates for Initiation and Affiliation.

At the present moment, on the Emergent meeting in March, Wednesday March 16th we plan to hold the Election of Officers and the Initiation of a Candidate for Masonry, Mr. Tim Campbell.

It should be strongly noted that the above planning is all dependent on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and guided by the Provincial Health Authorities and Grand Lodge Protocols!

Finally, the DDGM's charity is to raise enough money to provide 15 Vital Sign Machines for the Perley Health Foundation. Each machine costs approximately \$3,000.00 and it

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is the goal of the District Charity Chairman that each Lodge aim for that goal. Thus, it should be our goal at Edinburgh Lodge to raise \$ 3,000.00 to fund one of these machines.

We had planned, in the Trestle Board, to have a number of Fundraising events, but 'in the face of unforeseen consequences,' these have not been possible!

Therefore, I am asking that EACH Brother of Edinburgh Lodge consider donating to this cause, within their own means and be CHARITABLE. Remember the N-E angle!

I personally have benefited from these machines as one monitored me during my recent heart incident AND indicated to the Doctor when to act! They are life-saving!

Attached to this 'Message from the East' is the Fundraising Plea from the District Charity Chair, W. Bro. Kosta Hatzis as circulated by Brother Secretary Mike Boese.

With that, I will close but remind myself to always plan for the future but remain flexible!

Ultreya, onwards!

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. David Garry Brown, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

**Regular Meeting Summons, March 2, 2022**

Brethren,

I do not want to tempt fate, but it does seem that we can recommence our in-person meetings! The provincial health authorities have relaxed Covid rules and Grand Lodge has followed those rules and are now permitting in-person meetings as long as the health guidelines are followed.

Therefore, I am incredibly happy to confirm that Edinburgh Lodge will restart its Work with a Regular in-person meeting on Wednesday March 2nd at 7:30 pm (19:30 hours) in the Lodge Room at Westboro Masonic Temple.

The Work of the evening will be the Official Visit of our very own DDGM, Right Worshipful Brother Glen A. Simpson on his visit to his home Lodge! We may also have a visit from the Prince Hall Masons to pass over the Silver Trowel which binds our Lodges together, although that is tentative as of now. Another very overdue piece of work is to ballot on a very patient gentleman, Mr. Tim Campbell, who is awaiting initiation and also a ballot will be held for affiliation for R.W. Bro. Eric Marshall so he can join our Lodge. Brother JW is planning to present a Festive Board after the meeting.

I am very hopeful that we can conduct this meeting and follow up during our Emergent meeting on Wednesday March 16th at 7:30 pm, where we will initiate Mr. Tim Campbell, a huge step in his Masonic journey! I know that myself and all the Officers and participants of the degree team look forward to guiding Tim to the Light!

Also, during that Emergent meeting on March 16th, Edinburgh Lodge will hold the Election of Officers who will take over the reins of responsibility for the management of the Lodge going into the next Masonic year, and I do hope it is only for about one year, not 3 years! The Installation and Investiture of the new team is planned to occur at our Regular meeting in April. More on that in the April Summons!

I want to close by reminding all the brethren of Edinburgh Lodge that we are asking for personal donations so we can assist the Perley Rideau Centre to purchase a Vital

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Signs Machine which is used to monitor their residents if they are in a health crisis! Our goal is to raise \$ 3,000.00 towards one of these machines. If you have not contributed as yet, please consider doing so! Send your donation to our Lodge Secretary, Bro. Mike Boese at '[secretary736@gmail.com](mailto:secretary736@gmail.com).' A tax donation is available to help offset part of your donation.

The Lodge will present a Motion at the March Regular meeting that the contributed donations will be 'topped' up by Lodge funds to the \$ 3,000.00 amount. However, I know that all Masons are charitable so consider this appeal from the Northeast angle! Give if it be within your means to do so! This is the Official Charity of our DDGM, R.W. Bro. Glen Simpson and I will be honoured to hand over the cheque for the full amount at his Official visit on Wednesday March 2nd, 2022.

The Perley Rideau Centre serves many Military Veterans who served our country so we can be free! As a military lodge, Edinburgh has always supported our Veterans and through this generous gift, we continue to do so!

On a very personal note, I am here as your living Worshipful Master because during my own Heart issue on November 24th, 2020, I was hooked up to the same type of Vital Signs Machine which guided my doctors to operate on me at the right time! The machines are THAT important!

See you in Lodge on Wednesday March 2nd!

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. David Garry Brown, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736

**Regular Meeting Summons, April 6, 2022**

Brethren,

On Wednesday May 1st, 2019 I was installed as the Worshipful Master of Edinburgh Lodge, certainly a highlight in my life! It will be 1,071 days until W. Bro. Brian Hay is installed as my replacement. That is 2.9342465753 years, but who's counting? Brother Indris Ben-Tahir must be counting as he always says, Worshipful Master for Life X 3!

It has been a heck of a ride! As we all know, Covid-19 stopped all our Labours 2 years ago in March 2020, in fact stopped the whole world. Each of us on this blue sphere called Earth was affected, each in our own way, physically and mentally! Now, at long last we seem to be through it or at least learning to live with this virus!??

Over the almost three years of being the Master of this Lodge, I have attempted in whatever way possible to enliven the Brethren and hopefully employ and instruct them in Masonry! You have heard me repeat one of the chief points of Freemasonry, to endeavour to be happy ourselves and to communicate that happiness to others! To have FUN!

During the time of the Covid shutdown, we of Edinburgh Lodge, worked at staying connected to the Brethren through virtual meetings via ZOOM, and while not the same as meeting in person in fraternal friendship, it helped keep us united. Our Lodge vitality could not sustain itself without many Brethren helping out in their own ways! I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all the Brethren of Edinburgh Lodge, we are truly "stronger together!" I would like to single out a couple of Senior Brethren for a special thank you, my key mentors, V.W. Bro. Al Quinn, "the



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good cop” and R.W. Bro. Jim Cale, “the bad cop.” Between them, they kept me within ‘due bounds.’ Thank you!

I thank the Brethren for putting your trust in me, I hope that I was a suitable “servant to the people.”

Now, my time as Master of this Lodge is ending and I pass it into the practiced hands of W. Bro. Brian Hay.

With that,

Ultreya, onwards!

W.Bro. David Garry Brown

WM, Edinburgh Lodge No. 736, 2019-2022

**Regular Meeting Summons, May 4, 2022**

Brethren,

During the pandemic I was given two archives of Masonic literature to pass on to the Brethren; one was a black briefcase filled with books, including *Whence Come We, Beyond the Pillars, Meeting the Challenge* (all classics) and another on the history of Freemasonry, among others. The other archive was couriered to me from the United States where someone had been cleaning out their uncle’s basement and came across some Royal Arch items for Ottawa Chapter 222. The books were mostly made up of the minutes of Royal Arch annual Grand Chapter meetings for Royal Arch, but what was fascinating is that there were many from the late 1800’s! The contents of all of these are more than I would ever read, but it did make me think about the volume of information out there on Masonry. The innumerable books, libraries, and archives spread around the world. Or how about all the movies, monuments and museums dedicated to the Craft? For a Fraternity that isn’t allowed to “make innovation in the body of Masonry” we sure have found a number of ways to say and display the same thing over the centuries!

As we get ready to break for the summer, many of us will find ourselves poolside, beachside, or just relaxing in the shade of a tree or back deck. Wherever you find yourself this summer, I would encourage each of you to pick a book related to Masonry as one of your summer reading choices (safe to say there are lots to choose from!). We are charged in the First Degree to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. Where “daily” might be a bit of a stretch, I would encourage you to make a “summer advancement” of Masonic knowledge. If things are back in full swing by the Fall, your new knowledge may come in handy!

Have a great summer, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone back again in Lodge/Chapter in the Fall.

S&F

Brian Hay, Worshipful Master



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**Edinburgh Lodge No. 736 - Select Photos**

No photos were provided.

## Appendix A - Covid-19 Directives & Updates

### Grand Secretary's Update - August 11, 2021



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### Covid-19 Update August 11 2021

August 11, 2021

Brethren,

Sometime in the near future, the Province may enter the Exit Step. We have prepared this update to help you plan for a re-opening of lodges. These guidelines are based on our interpretation of the Roadmap Exit Step document

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364#BK0>

as published on July 29, 2021. If clarifications published later differ from our interpretation or if, when the Exit Step is implemented, there are any changes to these regulations, these guidelines will be amended. In all cases, provincial, municipal and local public health regulations take priority over these.

The moratorium on indoor meetings will end and **these guidelines will take effect when we go into the Provincial Exit Step, or September 01, whichever comes LATER.**

#### **Guidelines for the Resumption of Meetings:**

##### **The following meeting guidelines are to be observed:**

The following guidelines apply to regular and emergent meetings, rehearsals, Committee of General Purposes meetings, *etc.*

Masks or face coverings **MUST** be worn at all times when entering or within the building.

Government approved signs must be posted at the entrance. A template can be found at [https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/COVID\\_19\\_bus\\_orgs\\_question\\_signage.pdf](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/COVID_19_bus_orgs_question_signage.pdf).

Contact information must be gathered for everyone who enters the building. A second sheet of paper **must** be provided at the Tyler's desk and everyone attending **must legibly print** his name and telephone number on it. This is in addition to signing the Tyler's register. This sheet of paper will be taken home by the Lodge Secretary after each meeting and must be available for health authorities if requested. Note also that this list must be kept by the Lodge Secretary for 30 days and then destroyed.

A Safety plan must be posted in the building. We will shortly put a sample template on the Grand Lodge website and will update it when there are changes.

Cleaning and disinfecting must be done according to government guidelines.

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Lodge regalia and furniture – wands, gavels, *etc.* – which can be sanitized, should have that done before and after use. Once sanitized they should only be touched by the brother who will be using them. Those that cannot be sanitized - officers' collars, VOSL – should be put out and put away by the brother who will be using them.

Hand sanitizer must be readily available around the lodge room, ante room, at the entrance and in any other place people gather.

Gloves cannot be sanitized with hand sanitizer, so they should not be worn. Grand Lodge officers will not wear gloves.

Windows and doors may be left open where practical.

There will be no singing.

### **Guidelines with respect to Distancing and Avoiding Physical Contact:**

Distancing does not seem to be a requirement under the Exit Step except when masks are removed for eating or drinking, but it is not totally clear. Because further clarification is needed degree work (including Installations) is NOT permitted at this time.

**Festive Board/Fourth degree:** The multi-page government document related to the serving of food and beverages must be followed: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/restaurant-and-food-services-health-and-safety-during-covid-19>.

#### **Balloting:**

- ballot balls should be disinfected before and after each use
- if possible hand sanitizer should be used prior to receiving the ballot balls and after depositing them
- to determine how balloting should be performed, the maintenance of social distancing should be considered

#### **Elections and Installations:**

The Book of Constitution must be observed with respect to the scheduling and performance of elections and installations.

**Election and Installation scheduling options are still under review and will be communicated later:**

Options being explored include but are not limited to:

- Current officers stay in place until next regularly scheduled installation
- Elect and Install a new set of officers now for a term to last until the next regularly scheduled installation.
- Elect and Install a new set of officers as soon as possible who will stay for an extended term (remainder of this year and the next Masonic year)

### **Additional Guidelines:**

**The following activities may commence only after we enter the Provincial Exit Step, or September 01, whichever comes LATER.**

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**Masonic Memorial Service:**

Masonic Memorial services will be permitted **(based on the highlighted note above)** in the lodge or at the funeral home as long as local and provincial health guidelines are observed as well as the policies of the facility. Graveside services are not allowed in this jurisdiction.

It is also hoped that lodges will consider holding a Memorial Service in the lodge to honour all those that have passed since the Masonic lockdown came into effect.

**Official Visits:**

An Official Visit by the DDGM will be required for every lodge during the 2021-2022 Masonic year.

**Rapid Tests/Vaccination Passports:**

Unless government regulations change, these will not be mandated.

**Finally:****Lodges not wishing to open yet:**

We acknowledge that some lodges, due to their membership or their building may not wish to open yet. They may continue to operate under the current pandemic rules. A lodge may issue a summons that says that a meeting will occur on a stated date but whether it will be virtual or in-person will be determined later. Once lodges re-open, despite whatever the summons may say, a meeting may be cancelled at short notice without penalty (provided every effort is made to contact all members).

Brethren who are at high risk or with household members at high risk may wish to observe more intense precautions or may even not wish to partake yet. That is perfectly reasonable and we would ask you to keep their circumstances in mind. Should a brother wish to maintain a 2 m distance, we will accommodate him. (Note: if you see a brother sitting or standing at a distance, ask before moving closer to him.)

**Disclaimer:**

To re-iterate, this update is to help you PLAN for a re-opening of lodges. These guidelines are based on our interpretation of the Roadmap Exit Step document

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364#BK0> as published on July 29, 2021.

If clarifications published later differ from our interpretation or if, when the Exit Step is implemented, there are any changes to these regulations, these guidelines will be amended and communicated as needed.

Fraternally,



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David J. Cameron,  
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## Grand Master's Update - September 24, 2021



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

**Grand Master**

Sept. 24, 2021

Brethren,

In the summer we had great hopes for a return to our labours in the fall. Since then vaccination rates have stagnated, the pandemic has reared its ugly head in Western Canada, and restrictions have not been lifted in Ontario. We do not know when the Province will move into its Exit Step. Our public health officials have consistently said that even those who are fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks, physically distance, and **LIMIT THEIR SOCIAL CONTACTS**.

Freemasons are committed to doing what is best for society and Grand Lodge has always kept the health and safety of our members at the forefront of our thoughts. Meeting in person is not essential to Masonry – we can stay connected in so many other ways, so we are extending the moratorium on in-person meetings. How long is up in the air, dependent on vaccination rates, level of infection in the community and government regulations.

**For planning purposes we have now extended the moratorium on in-person Masonic gatherings, including memorial services, until January 1, 2022.**

We continue to monitor all developments in health and safety regulations and if the situation changes before then, we will re-evaluate.

Outdoor social gatherings will still be allowed if they follow all the government regulations for Step 3, which include a written safety plan, signage about symptom screening, attendance lists for contact tracing, cleaning protocols, size limits and physical distancing. More if food is served.

A reminder that graveside services are not allowed by Grand Lodge.

Lodges and Districts are encouraged to continue to use available telecommunications technologies for education, social interaction, and, if needed, discussion of lodge business within the parameters that have been set up. If your lodge has not used these before, please contact your DDGM for details.

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## Grand Secretary's Update - October 26, 2021



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### **Covid-19 Update October 26 2021**

October 26 2021

Brethren,

As directed by the Grand Master, lodges **may** resume labours on November 01, 2021 subject to the conditions specified below.

**Lodges not wishing to open yet:** We acknowledge that some lodges, due to their membership or their building may not wish to open yet. They may continue to operate under the current pandemic rules. Also, lodges do not have to do degrees or installations at this time if they choose not to.

**Brethren – this document contains advice and limitations on many Masonic activities. Please ensure that the lodge officers read the entire document.**

#### **Summarizing the key points:**

Regular and emergent meetings, rehearsals, Committee of General Purposes meetings, committee meetings, etc. **may recommence starting November 01 2021** under the following restrictions:

- Proof of Vaccination is required
- Masks must be worn
- Contact tracing must be implemented
- Masonic Memorial Services can now be conducted in the funeral home or in Lodge
- Balloting on candidates – see COVID-19 procedures below
- Adaptations for presentations

In addition, as of November 01 2021

- All degree work may be performed – see conditions below
- Elections and Installations are permitted following the Constitution – see conditions below

### **Guidelines for the Resumption of Meetings:**

#### **The following meeting guidelines MUST be observed:**

These guidelines apply to **ALL** regular and emergent meetings, rehearsals, Committee of General Purposes meetings, committee meetings, etc.

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### **1. Identification and Proof of Vaccination**

**Identification and Proof of Vaccination MUST be provided (as required by the Ontario government) to attend any lodge meeting, rehearsal, Committee of General Purposes meetings, Committee meetings, etc..**

**The QR reader can be downloaded from <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/verify>**

It is the responsibility of the 'owners' of the building to ensure that proof of vaccination and active screening are implemented at the entranceway but this may be delegated to a member of the lodge which is meeting.

### **2. Masks or face coverings MUST be worn at all times when entering or within the building.**

### **3. Active Screening must be implemented.**

Government approved signs MUST be posted at the entrance AND the questions actively asked on entry. A template can be found at

[https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/COVID\\_19\\_bus\\_orgs\\_question\\_signage.pdf](https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/COVID_19_bus_orgs_question_signage.pdf)

If any of the screening questions are answered in the positive (YES), then the member must be denied admittance.

### **4. Contact tracing must be implemented.**

A second sheet of paper must be provided at the Tyler's desk and everyone attending must legibly print his name and telephone number on it. This is in addition to signing the Tyler's register. This sheet of paper will be taken home by the Lodge Secretary after each meeting and must be available for health authorities if requested. This list must be kept by the Lodge Secretary for 30 days and then destroyed.

### **5. Festive Board/Fourth degree:**

The multi-page government document related to the serving of food and beverages must be followed: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/restaurant-and-food-services-health-and-safety-during-covid-19>. As the government restrictions on the serving of food and beverages are strict, please review them carefully.

### **6. Masonic Memorial Services:**

- Masonic Memorial services can be conducted in the lodge or at the funeral home as long as local and provincial health guidelines are observed. **Graveside services are not allowed in this jurisdiction.**
- It is also hoped that lodges will consider holding a Memorial Service in the lodge to honour all those that have passed since the Masonic lockdown came into effect.

### **7. A Safety plan must be posted in the building.**

We shall soon put a sample template on the Grand Lodge website.

### **8. Cleaning and disinfecting must be done according to government guidelines.**

Hand sanitizer must be readily available around the lodge room, ante room, at the entrance and in any other place people gather.

Gloves cannot be sanitized with hand sanitizer, so they should not be worn. Grand Lodge officers will not wear gloves.



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Sanitization of Lodge regalia and furniture – wands, gavels, etc. – which can be sanitized, should have that done before and after use. Once sanitized they should only be touched by the brother who will be using them. Those that cannot be sanitized - officers' collars, VOSL – should be put out and put away by the brother who will be using them.

### 9. Ventilation.

Windows and doors may be left open where practical. HVAC systems should be set so as to limit recirculation and have as much fresh air as possible. Other ventilation solutions may be considered.

### 10. Singing is not permitted.

### 11. Visitation

Visitation is permitted at the discretion of the receiving lodge. It would be wise to call ahead.

### 12. Balloting on Applicants

Balloting on applicants is permitted according to the following procedure:

- Ballot balls should be disinfected before each use unless 24 hours have passed since last use
- The Worshipful Master will make the usual and proper announcements regarding the applicant
- The balls will be put in two containers on a table near the altar and the ballot boxes will be placed on the altar
- Hand sanitizer with a pump shall be on the table near the altar
- Each member in turn will approach the table **alone**, sanitize his hands, pick up a white and a black ball, deposit them in the appropriate boxes on the altar, and sanitize again
- The ballot box will be shown to the Wardens and the Worshipful Master as usual. The Worshipful Master will announce the results, make the declaration and declare the ballot closed.

## Guidelines for the Resumption of Degree Work:

### 13. Degree Work:

It is imperative that every applicant **PRIOR** to the night of his initiation be asked the following questions:

- Do you have proof of vaccination?
- Are you okay with some physical contact during the degree?

**The answers to both questions MUST be 'yes' prior to scheduling the initiation.**

It is imperative that all candidate uniforms must (as always) be cleaned after every use.

The candidate will simulate the kissing of the VOSL in all degrees (until further notice).

If the blindfold cannot be cleaned after each use, consider the use of a disposable blindfold.

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### 14. Elections:

Elections are permitted according to the following procedure:

- A table will be appropriately placed on which the empty ballots and pencils/pens will be located along with hand sanitizer
- A table will be appropriately placed for the scrutineers with hand sanitizer available
- The Worshipful Master will make the usual and proper announcements regarding the office being voted on
- Each member in turn will approach the altar alone, sanitize his hands, pick up a ballot, record the name on the ballot, deposit them in the ballot box, and sanitize again
- The ballot box will be placed at the scrutineers table by the Deacon.
- The Worshipful Master shall then ascertain from the scrutineers the result of the ballot, announce the findings and then make the proper declarations. He will request that the ballots be destroyed by the scrutineers
- The ballot box will be retrieved by the Deacon who will return the ballot box to the table for another ballot or place it aside at the end of balloting.

### 15. Ceremony of Installation of the Worshipful Master and Investiture of Officers:

Lodges wishing to conduct an Installation ceremony

- Masks must be worn at all times during the ceremony
- Minimum contact among participants must be maintained
- Collars, jewels, wands, etc. are to be set out on a table and officers will put their collar on themselves (except for the W. Master)
- There is to be NO Circle of Friendship – brethren are to remain in their seats
- There is to be no personal congratulations of the new Worshipful Master (hand shaking)

### Election and Installation Options:

Because of the timing of individual lodge elections and installations, it is not possible to make a blanket statement about lodge Elections and Installations. Each lodge must evaluate its own situation and ascertain the wishes of the current Lodge officers. There are three options available.

Under all three options listed below, the Book of Constitution must be followed with respect to the proper notification of elections and Installation in the Lodge Summons

#### **Option 1: Current Lodge officers remain in their positions until the next election as specified in the Lodge bylaws.**

We must protect the right of every member to have a say in who serves in the elected offices of the lodge. Just because the elected officers agree to stay on, the brethren may not be of the same opinion. Regardless of who decides that the elected officers remain in their positions for another year, the lodge members **must ratify that decision** by a resolution of confidence at the first regular or emergent meeting after our labours resume.

That resolution must take the following format: If all elected officers agree to remain in their positions a single slate of names will be presented in the resolution. If the vote is unanimous, the elected officers remain in their positions and no Installation and Investiture of Officers is required (until the next regularly scheduled election and Installation as per the lodge bylaws). If the vote is not unanimous, then an election for ALL elected officer positions must take place, followed by an Installation and Investiture

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at the next regular meeting. (That election and Installation would be for a shortened year or an extended year as per the second and third options stated below).

If ANY of the elected officers do not wish to continue on in their position, then a full election must be conducted (as per the Book of Constitution), followed by an Installation and Investiture.

Should an appointed lodge officer not wish to continue in his position, the Worshipful Master will appoint another qualified brother to fill the position until the next election.

### **Option 2: Conduct an Election and Installation for a shortened year**

Under this option an Election and Installation would place a new set of officers in the chairs until the next regularly scheduled Election/Installation as defined in the Lodge by-laws.

Under this option, Elections may be held at an emergent meeting, followed by the Installation at the next regular meeting (provided proper notice is given in the summons).

### **Option 3: Conduct an Election and Installation for an extended year**

Under this option an Election and Installation would place a new set of officers in the chairs for a partial year (until the next regularly scheduled Election/Installation as defined in the Lodge by-laws) and then those officers would continue to serve for an additional year.

Under this option, Elections may be held at an emergent meeting, followed by the Installation at the next regular meeting (provided proper notice is given in the summons).

## **Additional Items;**

### **Presenting long service pins, certificates, etc.**

People can make tributes or read the appropriate ceremony from where they are sitting or a podium. A table may be placed on the level in front of the W. Master where the item to be presented can be placed. The brother receiving the honour will put the pin on himself and pick up the certificate.

### **Presentation of Grand Lodge regalia:**

For newly appointed V.W. brethren - the Grand Lodge officer's new regalia may be placed on a table and he will don the regalia by himself. A generic template for these investitures may be found on the Grand Lodge website.

For newly elected and appointed R.W. brethren - the procedure for the Installation of the new DDGMs and other Grand Lodge officers will be communicated in the near future.

### **Scheduling Events:**

A revised policy regarding the scheduling of events to include the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master will be communicated later.

### **Finally:**

**Finally**, all other local, provincial and federal regulations must be followed.


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Brethren who are at high risk or with household members at high risk may wish to observe more intense precautions or may even not wish to partake yet. That is perfectly reasonable and we would ask you to keep their circumstances in mind. Should a brother wish to maintain a 2 m distance, we will accommodate him. (Note: if you see a brother sitting or standing at a distance, ask before moving closer to him.)

**Disclaimer:**

Further details of government restrictions are available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>. If clarifications published later differ from our interpretation or if, when the local, provincial or federal government regulations change, these guidelines will be amended and communicated as needed.

Fraternally,



D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary



David J. Cameron,  
Grand Master



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### Covid-19 Update October 29 2021

October 29 2021

Brethren,

As directed by the Grand Master, lodges **may** resume labours on November 01, 2021 subject to the conditions specified below and in the letter of October 26, 2021.

**Lodges not wishing to open yet:** We acknowledge that some lodges, due to their membership or their building may not wish to open yet. They may continue to operate under the current pandemic rules. Also, lodges do not have to do degrees or installations at this time if they choose not to.

**Brethren – this document contains additional details on re-opening activity**

#### Lodge Opening procedures:

##### 1. Active Screening and Contact Tracing:

Active screening and contact tracing are NOT the same thing. Active screening refers to the process of a member responding to the health questions that must be asked at the door. Contact tracing refers to the process of signing an additional sheet at the Tyler's desk (print name and phone number). That contact tracing sheet must be taken home by the Secretary, kept for 30 days and then destroyed. For Committee meetings, rehearsals, etc. the sheet must still be filled out and if the Secretary is not present taken home by the Chairman and kept for 30 days, then destroyed.

##### To clarify, the procedure for Active Screening:

At the entranceway (along with validating proof of vaccination):

- ask each of the health questions individually, or
- direct the brother's attention to the posted sign and ask if the answer to all the questions is no

If the answer to any of the questions is 'yes' admittance is to be denied.

Brethren waiting to be screened must be masked and must stay 2 metres from each other until screened.

##### 2. Validating Proof of Vaccination:

Proof of vaccination and one piece of personal identification is required:

Photo ID is not required. However, ID must include:

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- name
- date of birth

### **If accepting the QR code:**

- check that the name and date of birth match the ID
- scan the QR code with the app downloaded from <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/verify>

### **If accepting paper:**

- check that the name and date of birth match the ID
- check that two doses have been received and that the last one was two weeks previous

### **3. Medical Exemptions**

These will eventually be incorporated into the QR code but until then they must be examined by hand. If you are unable to be fully vaccinated for a medical reason, you need to show a written document from a physician or nurse practitioner. That document must include:

- the name and contact information of the physician or nurse practitioner who wrote the note (for example, phone number and address)
- a logo or letterhead identifying the physician or nurse practitioner
- a statement that there is a medical reason for your exemption for being fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- the time-period for the medical exemption

A member with proper proof of a medical exemption cannot be denied admittance.

Only after Proof of Vaccination (or Medical Exemption) has been established and the member has passed the Active Screening test may he be admitted to the building.

### **4. Dispensations:**

#### **Changing date of Election and Installation:**

As part of returning to labours lodges wishing to hold the Election and Installation of Officers on a date NOT specified in their by-laws will operate under a blanket dispensation issued by the Grand Master in accordance with Section 89 (f) of the Constitution. This blanket dispensation will apply from November 01 2021 until June 30 2022. Thus, lodges do not require individual dispensation. All other constitutional requirements must be observed, including the installation taking place at the next regular meeting following the Election of Officers.

The lodge must email [office@grandlodge.on.ca](mailto:office@grandlodge.on.ca) advising the dates of the next election and installation, and advise if the officers will remain in place for a shortened or extended year per Options 2 or 3 of the Covid-19 Update October 26 2021.

In addition, as per our note of April 02 2020, once labours have resumed, it is permissible to hold elections at an emergent meeting (provided proper notice is given) followed by the Installation at the next regular meeting.

#### **Remembrance Day Ceremonies:**

Lodges may participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies following all the guidelines for those activities which the government will be laying out. The Grand Master will grant permission under Section 143 of

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the Constitution for a blanket dispensation for lodges to participate, in regalia, in a public Remembrance Day Ceremony in November 2021 where a brother takes part (or brethren take part). This may include a parade, and/or laying of a wreath. Any such proceedings must be reported to the District Deputy Grand Master in compliance with Section 144 of the Constitution.

Since we published the letter of Oct. 26 the link for more information has been changed to <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/plan-safely-reopen-ontario-and-manage-covid-19-long-term> and the link for the regulation to <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364>

Fraternally,



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## Grand Secretary's Update - December 15, 2021



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### Covid-19 Update December 15 2021

December 15 2021

Brethren,  
**Reminders:**

With the surge in the Omicron variant many health regulations are changing or about to be changed.

Please remember that ALL local, provincial and Federal health regulations MUST be followed and that any Grand Lodge restrictions apply only in addition to those other restrictions

**We have received a number of questions recently which indicate that some brethren have not been made aware of the Grand Lodge restrictions. Therefore, it is necessary that we remind you of the following.**

Masks are required at ALL times when indoors (including the lodge room, ante room or any other rooms in the building) except when eating or drinking. Masks are NOT to be removed for any picture taking.

Lodges have the option to re-open or remain closed depending on the wishes of their brethren. There is NO requirement for a lodge to re-open in order to accommodate an Official Visit or an election and Installation.

Should an Official Visit not be conducted during this Masonic year, we will determine the process for the DDGM to complete his report and advise accordingly.

Finally, being in the middle of the pre Holiday season, we remind the brethren to be extremely cautious in their attendance at any Holiday social functions and to obey local health regulations for such gatherings

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## Covid-19 Update December 21 2021

December 21 2021

Brethren,

**The Omicron variant is surging and along with it the challenging imposition of further restrictions by our local, provincial and federal health agencies.**

Many health regulations are changing weekly if not daily and we are attempting to stay on top of things and keep you informed as best we can.

As we have always stated ALL local, provincial and Federal health regulations **MUST** be followed and that any Grand Lodge restrictions apply only in addition to those other restrictions.

On December 19 2021 the Ontario government applied new restrictions to meeting and event spaces – the category under which lodges fall. **The restrictions are listed below – and we note specifically point 4.** These new restrictions have forced us to apply conditions to any and all lodge meetings conducted in the near future.

**Therefore, effective immediately no ritual work may be performed in lodge. That includes all degree work and the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Lodge Officers.**

**Note: On December 19, 2021, subsection 4 (1) of Schedule 1 to the Regulation is amended by adding the following paragraphs: (See: O. Reg. 865/21, s. 1 (5))**

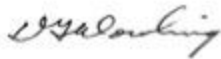
1. The total number of members of the public who are permitted to be in the indoor areas of the business or place at any one time shall not exceed 50 per cent capacity, as determined in accordance with subsection 3 (3) of Schedule 1.
2. The person responsible for the business or place must post a sign in a conspicuous location visible to the public that states the capacity limits under which the business or place is permitted to operate.
3. No more than 10 people may be seated together at any table in the rented space unless everyone seated at the table is,
  - i. a member of the same household,
  - ii. a member of up to one other household who lives alone, or
  - iii. a caregiver for any member of either household.
4. Patrons must remain seated at all times in the rented space, except,

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- i. while entering the rented space and while moving to their table,
- ii. while exiting the rented space,
- iii. while going to or returning from a washroom,
- iv. while lining up to do anything described in subparagraphs i to iii, or
- v. where necessary for the purposes of health and safety.

We also remind the brethren of the new regulations regarding indoor events – specifically family gatherings and other social functions. Please be extremely cautious in your attendance at any Holiday social functions and obey public health regulations for such gatherings.

Fraternally,



D. Garry Dowling,  
Grand Secretary



David J. Cameron,  
Grand Master

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## Grand Secretary's Update - January 4, 2022



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### Covid-19 Update January 04 2022

January 04, 2022

Brethren,

As you no doubt have heard, as of Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 12:01 a.m. 2022, the Province has announced increased restrictions.

These measures include:

- Reducing social gathering limits to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.
- Limiting capacity at organized public events to five people indoors.
- Closing indoor meeting and event spaces with limited exceptions but permitting outdoor spaces to remain open with restrictions.

Therefore, based on the above provincial regulations, all in-person lodge meetings are cancelled at least for January and February 2022. This includes lodge meetings, rehearsals, Masonic Memorial Services, social events, etc.

There may also be more intensive local restrictions in your area. Please continue to follow the advice of our public health authorities and be safe.

Fraternally,

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D. Garry Dowling,  
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## Grand Master's Update - January 24, 2022



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

### COVID-19 Update January 24, 2022

Brethren,

The Provincial government has announced a lessening of restrictions starting on January 31. The announcement was very encouraging however few details are available yet. Meeting spaces will be allowed to open at 50% capacity. It appears that, unless food or drink is served in a meeting space, there will be no requirement to remain in one's seat. I have contacted the Ministry to confirm this, which they did, however they also said there will be more clarifications and details in the coming week. The full regulation will be published January 31.

Therefore, ***if the members wish***, lodges can plan to meet in-person in February following all the public health restrictions in effect at that time. However they must check the provincial regulation and local rules before actually meeting. We will also send out an update.

Lodges not wishing to meet yet may continue with our previously announced adaptations.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
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## Grand Master's Update - January 28, 2022



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

**Grand Master**

**COVID-19 Update January 28, 2022**

Brethren,

The Provincial government has published the changes to the COVID regulations. Unfortunately there were changes from what they told us last week. In meeting and event spaces, regardless of whether one is eating or drinking or not, everyone must remain in their seats. This means we will not be able to do official openings and closings, ritual, elections or balloting. Regarding Masonic Memorial Services, the Registrar of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario has published directives for Funeral Homes which discourage the kind of movement our Memorial Service entails.

As announced, occupancy in meeting spaces will be allowed at 50% capacity.

Another new announcement is that we will not be required to collect contact tracing data, although we will still have to do active screening and show proof of vaccination (or medical exemption) at the door. Medical exemptions are now incorporated in the Verify Ontario mobile app, so that should make things a little easier.

**Therefore, as of January 31, 2022, lodges will be allowed to gather in their meeting spaces following the public health restrictions *if the members wish*, but they will not be able to do openings and closings, ritual, balloting, elections or Masonic Memorial Services. Unofficial business meetings may occur and rehearsing may be done as long as everyone remains seated.**

The full regulation can be read at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364> but a simplified summary of the parts relating to us is appended below.

The government also announced further reductions in restrictions to take place on February 21 and March 14, however the fine print for these are not yet available, and having learned our lesson, we will not be sending anything out until they are actually published!

And a reminder that you may also have local restrictions as well. Please check on these.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
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### Simplified summary of changes relating to lodges

The total capacity must not exceed 50% (as calculated from the Fire Marshall's limits).  
This must be posted at the door.

No more than 10 people may be seated together at any table.

Masks must be worn at all times.

Line-ups inside or outside the building must have physical distancing as well as masks.

Everyone must remain seated at all times except when entering, exiting, going to the bathroom or lining up.

No singing.

Self-screening signage, Active Screening, Proof of Vaccination, Cleaning, Safety Plan, etc. as detailed before.

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## Grand Master's Update - February 17, 2022



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

**Grand Master**

### COVID-19 Update February 17 2022

Brethren,

On Feb. 17 the provincial government is relaxing some restrictions, notably capacity limits and the requirement to remain in one's seat in meeting and event spaces.

**For lodges wishing to re-open:** Lodges may resume doing ritual following the guidance provided for in the documents dated October 26, 2021 and October 29, 2021 except contract tracing is no longer required. As a reminder, **active screening at the door and proof of vaccination (or medical exemption) are still required, and masks must still be worn at all times in the building** except for when eating and drinking. They are not to be removed for speaking or for photographs. There is also still a requirement to keep a two metre distance when lining up for any reason, either inside or outside. Please remember that all other local, provincial and federal regulations must be followed.

**Lodges not wishing to open yet:** Some lodges, due to their membership or their building may not wish to open yet. They may continue to operate under the previous pandemic rules.

Also, lodges do not have to do degrees or official visits at this time if they choose not to.

**Brethren not wishing to return to in-person gatherings yet:** There are brethren who, after doing a personal or family risk assessment, will not want to attend an in-person gathering at the moment. No pressure should be put on anyone, officer or member, to override their own assessment.

The government has stated there may be a further reduction in restrictions on March 1. We will update on this when we can.

Fraternally,

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