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### FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren,

June is now upon us and we are nearing the end of the Masonic year. I really cannot believe how quickly the year has flown by. Although it is June, there are still many things to accomplish prior to the annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July.

In May, the two Official Visit's at Wexford and Friendship lodges went extremely well. The Installation at The Beaches Lodge was another outstanding event. The District Devine Service on Sunday, May 7th was well attended again this year. I would like to thank everyone who came out and showed their support.

The Spring District Meeting on Saturday May 27th in Claremont went well and a great number of brethren from the district attended. I would like to congratulate the winner of the district awards which were as follows:

**Lodge of the Year: Brougham Union Lodge.**  
**Blood Donor Award: Alpha - Tuscan Lodge.**  
**Remembrance Service: Markham Union Lodge.**  
**Travelling Gavel Award: Markham Union Lodge.**  
**Mason of the Year: Bro. Doug Ryder.**

Over the course of my last few messages I have been reviewing some of the Grand Lodge programs that are available to lodges within our district. This month I will review the Officer Progression program.

The program is designed to become part of the training provided to the all line officers but more especially the Deacons and Wardens to better prepare them for the duties and responsibilities of their office, prior to accepting their respective chairs. It is also to assist in the transition to Worshipful Master and to understand the duties of that high and important office. Although designed with the Worshipful Master in mind, it should be directed towards lodge members well before they reach the Worshipful Masters Chair.

Who should take this course? All Masons that are willing to learn, participate and implement the skills and knowledge of the Worshipful Masters duties and responsibilities prior to assuming any of the senior officer's chairs. It could be argued that you might want to start working on the program as soon as you join the officer line up.

The focus is for the line officer to sharpen his masonic tools and refine their abilities through experience gained as an officer. Reading books and articles offered through the Grand Lodge Library and other sources. Observing what the other officers do and how they carry themselves. Participating not only in the degrees but in visiting other lodges in the district. Volunteering your skills and energy to your lodges committees. The biggest thing that you will learn from this program is that asking questions is not out of line but is to be encouraged. If you don't ask, you won't learn right from wrong, or good from bad.

Why this program so important? It is meant to reach out to the brethren with the intention of providing a consistent message in accordance with the direction provided by Grand Lodge, through numerous publications such as: The Book of Constitution, The Masonic Manual, Meeting the Challenge, Book of the Work, Towards the Square and the Mechanics of the Work. It emphasizes the importance of making a daily advancement in masonic knowledge, understanding the ritual and the history behind it, knowing more about the work than just the words in the book. In short, giving you the skills required as you take on more responsibilities in the higher officer's chairs. The knowledge gained will serve you forever.

As we are all aware, we are losing Todmorden Lodge NO. 647 on June 22nd, as they will be going into darkness following what will be an excellent Third Degree. I encourage as many members of Toronto East District to come out and join us on this historic evening and recognize the hard work of the Worshipful Master, Officers and members of the lodge in making the final chapter in Todmorden's history as memorable as possible.

Brethren, I look forward to greeting you all personally in the district this month.

May the Great Architect of the Universe look over us all and protect us in all our endeavours.

Fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Gerald J. Newall  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Toronto East District

## EVENTS

### Brock Daylight Lodge

Saturday June 10 10 am  
St. Catharines Masonic Building  
(23 Centre ST. St. Catherines)

All are invited to attend the regular meeting of Brock Daylight Lodge with special guest speaker R. W. Bro. David J Cameron Member of The Board. He will give a talk titled

### **“Change?”**

Luncheon to follow after meeting

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### 6th Annual Black Tie Gala

Saturday June 10  
Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Dancing 9 pm  
Ajax Convention Center

Guest Speaker: Jessica Holmes

\$ 100 per person See your Senior Warden

### Templum Lucis Lodge U.D.

Thursday June 15 6 pm  
Stratford Masonic Hall  
(15 Church St. Stratford)

Festive board will begin at 6 pm sharp  
Lodge Tyles at 7:30 sharp

Guest speaker during the festive board will be  
W. Bro. Andrew Hammer  
Author of Observing The Craft

Cost: \$ 35 (paid in advance)

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### Todmorden Extinguish the Lights

Thursday June 22 7:30pm  
East Toronto Masonic Temple

W. Bro. Michael Luegger will be performing a MM degree by himself prior to the “Extinguishing of the Lights”

Come and celebrate Todmorden Lodge and their members as they embark on another chapter in their Masonic experience.

### Drive Prostate Hope Golf Tournament

Saturday June 24  
Register 11:30 am Shotgun 1 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Caledon Woods Golf Club  
(15608 Regional Road 50, Bolton)

All proceeds to Prostate Hope. Hole sponsorships available.

\$ 150 per golfer \$ 45 dinner only

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### Wexford Golf Tournament

Saturday July 8

Remington Parkview Golf Club  
(6400 Steeles Ave. East )

Enjoy a wonderful day of golf, laughs, fellowship and prizes.  
Oh, did I mention food and drinks.

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### The 162<sup>nd</sup> Communication of Grand Lodge

Monday, July 17 through Thursday July 20  
Fairmont Royal York Hotel

### The Board of General Purposes

Monday July 17 & Tuesday July 18

### Table Lodge Presentation by 18th Century Degree Team

Monday July 17 6:30 pm  
Tickets: \$ 65 available from your DDGM  
Ladies and Guests Welcome.

### Grand Lodge

Wednesday July 19 & Thursday July 20

### District Meetings

Wednesday July 19  
4 pm and 5 pm in various meeting rooms on the convention floor (confirm at registration)

### GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Wednesday July 19 630 pm  
Canadian Room  
Guest Speaker  
M. W. Bro. Bryant D. Webster, PGM  
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina  
Tickets: \$ 65 each (cutoff July 12)

For a complete list of Nominees, various reports and The 2017 Summons, please visit the members section of The Grand Lodge Website at [www.grandlodge.on.ca](http://www.grandlodge.on.ca)

### SW Corn Roast & Barbeque

Saturday August 19  
WindReach Farms  
(312 Town Line Rd, Ashburn, north of Whitby off Lakeridge Rd)

Join us for this annual fun day.  
Learn about this wonderful facility and meet the new District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District

Tickets \$ 10 each / \$ 25 per family

Contact your Lodge Senior Warden for tickets.