

A G E N D A

MONDAY, JUNE 19th, 2023

The Board of General Purposes will meet virtually on Monday, June 19th, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. EDT until 10:00 p.m. EDT. R.W. Bro. Jamie R. Ireland, Deputy Grand Master and President of the Board, will preside.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th, 2023

The Annual Communication / annual meeting of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday July 19th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom, Grand Master / President presiding.

THURSDAY, JULY 20th, 2023

Grand Lodge will reassemble at 8:45 a.m. in the Grand York Ballroom, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. The installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers and the newly-elected D.D.G.M.s will take place Thursday July 20th, 2023. It is essential that each new officer be present and have his new regalia with him.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS / VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Registration and voting for Grand Lodge officers will take place electronically under the guidelines distributed to all lodges separately from this summons. Voting on proposed Constitutional amendments will take place on Wednesday July 19th, 2023 on the floor of the Annual Communication.

LOCATION

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel
600 Highway 7 (Hwy 404 and Hwy 7)
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2

ACCOMMODATIONS

See separate Hotel Notice document distributed to all lodges on December 8, 2022 to reserve a room at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel at the rate of \$209 (room block is sold out). Note: Hospitality Suites are also sold out. Rooms have been added to the room block at the adjoining Best Western at the rate of \$199. Best Western: 0718GRND. [Click here to reserve](#) (very few rooms left)

ELECTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Registration and voting for District Deputy Grand Masters will take place electronically under the guidelines distributed to all lodges separately from this summons.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER PHOTOGRAPHS

All newly elected DDGMs must present themselves in the Gormley Room, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Tuesday July 18th, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday July 19th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to have their pictures taken in-person at the Annual Communication.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER INSTRUCTION CLASS

The Custodian of the Work will instruct the newly elected DDGMs Thursday morning July 20th, 2023 at 7:59 a.m. in the Aurora Room, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. This is for DDGMs ELECT ONLY. The D.D.G.M.s will see that their successors are in attendance and on time. They will also be present in Grand Lodge, with the regalia for the new D.D.G.M.s, and be prepared to invest at the proper time in the installation ceremonies. The instruction class is for the new D.D.G.M.s only. Others cannot be admitted. The D.D.G.M. elect will have with him his Past Master's apron so that he can go directly from the class to Grand Lodge. Our time for instruction is very limited – so it is essential that all assemble on time.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER REGIONAL MEETINGS

All newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters will be required to attend an in-person Regional meeting during the week of July 31st to August 3rd, 2023. Details will be provided at a later date. Attendance of all DDGMs is required.

SEMINARS

Eleven different seminars will be held on Wednesday afternoon July 19th, 2023 from 1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. on the lower Convention level.

1:00 to 1:50pm	Cornerstone R.W. Bro. Graham Tait Markham A
1:00 to 1:50pm	Condition of Masonry R.W. Bro. Ken Elligson Vaughan East
1:00 to 1:50pm	Committee of Inquiry V.W. Bro. Garry Perkins Vaughan West
1:00 to 1:50pm	College of Freemasonry R.W. Bro. Michael Kirk Aurora
2:00 to 2:50pm	Lodge Insurance Needs & Building Compliance R.W. Bros. Jeff Gatcke and Peter Sialtsis Markham A
2:00 to 2:50pm	Officer Progression R.W. Bro. Art Di Cecco Vaughan East
2:00 to 2:50pm	Conflict Resolution V.W. Bro. Garry Perkins Vaughan West
2:00 to 2:50pm	Mentoring Turning Point 2023 V.W. Bro. Stephen Maizels Aurora
3:00 to 3:50pm	Lodge Insurance Needs & Building Compliance R.W. Bros. Jeff Gatcke and Peter Sialtsis Markham A
3:00 to 3:50pm	Branding R.W. Bro. Joe DeMello Vaughan East

3:00 to 3:50pm	Remembering where you were made' a Philosophical Discussion Bro. Mitchell Allison Vaughan West
3:00 to 3:50pm	The District Secretary R.W. Bros. Victor Tavares and Ivan Bryce Aurora

If there are multiple workshops that interest your lodge, consider sending members from your lodge to each one then gather afterwards to compare notes on what is important to your lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

July 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker: M.W. Bro. Akram R. Elias, Prestonian Lecturer 2023, United Grand Lodge of England

Individual Tickets \$80
Tables of Eight (8) \$620

Tickets must be purchased online
[Click here to purchase](#)

Cutoff Date is Monday July 10, 2023.
There will be no tickets for sale at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

We are pleased to offer you a 4-COURSE DUO STEAK & SALMON DINNER.

Please refer to the details provided in the separate Banquet Notice distributed to all lodges in the April mailing.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

April 2023

Dear Sir and Brother:

By command of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that the One Hundred and Sixty Eighth Annual Communication and annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Inc. will be held in the Grand York Ballroom of the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023** at 9:00 a.m. All Masons desirous of attending will be officially welcomed following the opening of Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Special seats are available for you immediately behind the Grand Senior Warden.

DRESS CODE:

Admission to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Grand York Ballroom) will be subject to Jacket, Dress Pants, Shirt, Tie and Regalia.

REGISTRATION:

Registration to attend and to be eligible to vote on the floor of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication is not required.

D. Garry Dowling, Grand Secretary