

- The election will run simultaneously in all 40 Districts at the same time.
- The election will be run under the auspices of Grand Lodge.
- The election will be conducted using software provided by Grand Lodge.
- Registration of every voter will be required to verify voter eligibility, acquire voter contact information (email) and for affiliated members of multiple lodges to choose the lodge they will vote under.
- Registration and voting will be conducted electronically only.
- Ballots will not allow for write in names in 2025 (i.e. no late nominations will be accepted).
- The election of the District Deputy Grand Master will be conducted independently from any District meetings held in the spring of 2025.

Nomination Process:

- Individual nomination forms must be submitted under the signature of the proposer and the nominee to the DDGM no later than May 30, 2025. The only nomination form accepted will be the fillable PDF form for 2025 provided by Grand Lodge.
- There will be no ability to add or remove candidate names after May 30, 2025.
- The DDGM is accountable for validating the eligibility of each nominee (according to the Constitution of Grand Lodge) and for ensuring the completeness of the nomination forms prior to submitting the District eligible candidates form to Grand Lodge.
- All District Deputy Grand Masters must complete the District eligible candidates form with the names of all eligible candidates nominated for the office of DDGM in their District and submit as the fillable PDF form provided by Grand Lodge.
- The **District eligible candidates form AND the individual nomination forms** must both be provided to Grand Lodge **by June 01, 2025**.

Election timelines:

- Voter registration will take place from Monday June 9, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Friday June 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- Voting will take place on Monday June 16, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- If required, a second ballot run-off election will be held on Tuesday June 17, 2025. See further details below.
- Results will be distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.
- Once available, the DDGM may further announce and distribute the results to the lodges.

Ballot Preparation:

- There will be only one election for all DDGMs.
- Specific ballots will be created for each of the 40 Districts.
- A voter registered in a lodge in a District will see only the ballot applicable to the District for such lodge.
- Ballots will not allow for write-in names in 2025 (no last-minute nominations).
- Grand Lodge will appoint an Election Administrator and a Scrutineer.

Voter Registration:

Registration is required to:

- Obtain the voter contact information (email address);
- Validate the voter eligibility;
- Assign every eligible voter to the lodge/District in which he is an active member in good standing;
- Allow an affiliated member to select which lodge/District he wishes to vote in;
- Assign a unique voter ID;
- Distribute any election communications required; and
- Receive results of the election as soon as reasonably available.

Masters and Wardens must register in the lodge in which they hold such office:

- Officers as recorded in the ontariomasons.ca site as of very early June 2025 will vote in such office for the 2025 elections.
- Officers installed/invested in June 2025 that serve a full term of 12 months will remain recorded under such office for the 2026 elections.
- This allows officers to be eligible to vote once in any given full term of 12 months.

The Secretary of the lodge must always ensure officers are up to date in the new system.

Registration will require the voter to supply:

- His Email Address (not validated – be very careful entering the email address);
- His Grand Lodge Certificate Number;
- His Last Name;
- His Given Names (not validated); and
- His Lodge Number.

Do NOT unsubscribe to registration or voting emails:

- If you unsubscribe to all - **you will not receive your voting link.**
- If you unsubscribe to notices - you will not receive notice for next election (e.g. second ballot run-off or voting for Grand Lodge Officers).

Voting:

- Once successfully registered, each voter will be sent a unique voter ID link at the start of the voting period to the email address provided in the registration step.
- Voting will require the voter to click on the unique voter ID link in the ballot.
- Once the voter has clicked on the voter ID link he will be presented with his electronic ballot.
- Once the ballot has been completed the voter will submit the ballot.
- Once the voter has submitted his ballot he will not be able to vote again.

Questions/Issues during the Registration or Voting period:

- Send an email to grandlodgeon@electionbuddy.com stating your full name, Grand Lodge certificate number, lodge number and your issue/question.
- **Please DO NOT email or copy the Grand Lodge Office.**

Run-off Election for DDGM:

In any District where there are more than two candidates duly nominated there is a possibility that on the first ballot, one candidate may not receive a majority of all votes cast.

- Ballots will not allow for write in names in 2025 (i.e. no late nominations will be accepted) except for the office of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge.
- Because every eligible voter will be enfranchised with electronic voting, the use of the proxy was eliminated in 2021.

Nomination Process:

- Candidates MUST submit nomination forms as per the current Constitution of Grand Lodge (including candidate information and photograph).
- The nomination process for Grand Lodge Officers remains the same as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge with a deadline of April 01, 2025.
- Final lists of candidates will be prepared and distributed as specified in the Constitution of Grand Lodge on or before April 30, 2025.

Election Process and timelines:

- Voter registration will take place from Monday July 7, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Friday July 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- Voting will take place on Monday July 14, 2025 starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT until Tuesday July 15, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. EDT.
- If required, a second ballot run-off election will be held on Tuesday July 15 and Wednesday July 16, 2025. See further details below.
- Results will be announced at the Grand Lodge banquet on Wednesday evening July 16, 2025 and subsequently distributed to all voters as soon as reasonably possible.

Ballot Preparation:

- The ballots will list the nominees for each elected office in alphabetical order.
- Grand Lodge will appoint an Election Administrator and a Scrutineer.

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- Validate the voter eligibility;
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- Allow an affiliated member to select which lodge/District he wishes to vote in;
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The Secretary of the lodge must always ensure officers are up to date in the new system.

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- His Last Name;
- His Given Names (not validated); and
- His Lodge Number.

Voters who successfully registered for the election of the DDGM will NOT be required to register a second time in order to vote for the Grand Lodge Officers. Their prior registration will be automatically carried forward to the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

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Run-off Election for Grand Lodge Officers:

A candidate for the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all votes cast. Therefore, if there are more than two candidates for an office there is a possibility that on the first ballot, one candidate may not receive a majority of all votes cast. If that is the case, a second ballot run-off election will be held as soon as possible.

The election administrator will confirm that a second ballot run-off election is required. The election administrator will see that all names are removed from the ballot for that Office except for the two candidates that placed first and second on the original ballot. The election administrator will see that the names of all eligible voters registered for the first ballot are carried over to the second ballot run-off election (therefore no pre-registration for the second ballot run-off election is required). Eligible voters will receive an automated email advising him that there will be a second ballot run-off election.

Any second ballot run-off election will then proceed as follows:

