

Lodges of Instruction - Sessions

Date	Location	Host Lodge & Coordinator	Districts
Saturday Oct. 3 9:00 am	Brampton 955 Clark Blvd. Brampton	T.W.W.A. Mehdi Pakzad	Tor. West Tor. H.V. Tor. D.V. York
Monday Oct. 5 7:00 pm	Guelph 21 Chapel Lane Guelph	Wyndham No. 688 Marlo Adanza	Wellington
Tuesday Oct. 6 7:00 pm	Cambridge 1 Groh Ave. Cambridge	Preston No. 297 Carl Snider	Waterloo
Wed. Oct. 7 7:00 pm	Stoney Creek 1 King St. W. Stoney Creek	Wentworth No. 166 Cory McCarthy	Hamilton South Hamilton North
Tuesday Oct. 13 7:00 pm	Shelburne 377 William St. Shelburne	Lorne No. 377 Denis Trepanier	Grey
Wed. Oct. 14 7:00 pm	Port Elgin 1213 Goderich St. Port Elgin	Aldworth No. 235 Thomas Boulding	Bruce
Thursday Oct. 15 7:00 pm	Goderich 39 West St. Goderich	Maitland No. 33 James McFadden	Huron
Friday Oct. 16 7:00 pm	Simcoe 28 Peel St. Simcoe	Norfolk No. 10 Scott Gillies	Wilson Brant
Saturday Oct. 17 9:00 am	Burlington 459 Brant St. Burlington	Burlington Reunion No. 165 Nilesh Deshmukh	Hamilton North Hamilton South
Thursday Oct. 22 7:00 pm	Windsor 986 Ouellette Ave. Windsor	Rose No. 500 Kent McMillan	Essex County Chatham
Friday Oct. 23 7:00 pm	St. Thomas 42703 Fruit Ridge Line., St. Thomas	St. Marks No. 94 Alan Jones	St. Thomas London East London West Chatham

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

RITUAL BY DEFINITION, is “a ceremonial act or action regularly repeated in a precise manner” and “a set of actions or words performed in a regular way, often as part of a ceremony.” In Masonic terms, our Ritual is the instrument that binds us to our convictions, our tenets, and our principles. Learned Brethren who have served before us have long reminded us that our Ritual is rich with lessons, and that it is our responsibility to explore its deeper meanings and mysteries. Time and again we are reminded that we have but one opportunity to leave a lasting impression on a new candidate—not only at his initiation, but throughout his Masonic journey. It is therefore incumbent upon us to embrace the teachings of our Ritual, not only in their literal form, but especially for the enduring lessons they convey. This process of absorbing the value of our Ritual is time-tested and has prevailed throughout the ages.

Our LOI team, led by M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell, our Custodian of the Work, has been highly successful in bringing the lessons of our Ritual and our protocols to Brethren throughout our jurisdiction. These dedicated Brethren are committed to strengthening our understanding, of our Ritual, our Mechanics and the associated Protocols. The focus of our LOI team centers on reinforcing consistency, and encouraging excellence in the work, so that Lodges across our jurisdiction may continue to uphold the highest standards of our Craft.

As we move forward into the new Masonic year, let us recommit ourselves to the study and practice of Ritual. Our Custodian has provided a full schedule of Lodges of Instruction coming to a District near you. Please take the time to register and attend our Lodges of Instruction, rest assured, you will find the experience rewarding and a benefit for all our Brethren. .

Arthur M. DiCecco
Grand Master



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IN 1996, THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED ROTATION of Lodges of Instruction was established, with every District being visited at least once every four years. When the COVID pandemic was declared in 2020, the Lodges of Instruction were suspended until further notice.

After the pandemic, we noticed, several Masons are a little rusty in doing ritual work. Grand Lodge is here to help, and we have organized an aggressive schedule throughout the jurisdiction. We have selected 11 Host Districts, commencing October 3, 2026. The focus this year will be on the three degrees, the Ceremony of Installation, and some facets of Protocol and Etiquette. The agenda for a three-hour morning or evening session is divided into several segments.

While sessions are limited to those who are Master Masons, I particularly encourage Junior Lodge Officers to attend. It is also open for Masters, Past Masters, Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, and those who desire to proceed through the chairs. After all, you are the ones who will be responsible for performing the ritual within your lodges.

We all know that the Ritual can make a lasting impression on those who receive it. We trust you know the spoken word; we hope to complement this by showing you how to properly perform the Mechanics of the Work so that a memorable ceremony will be the ultimate result.

Donald A. Campbell
Custodian of the Work

Publications and resources used:

Beyond The Pillars, 2016
Book of the Work, 2024
Ceremony of Installation and Investiture, 2025
Constitution of the Grand Lodge, 2025
The Freemason at Work, Revised, 1992
Freemasons' Guide and Compendium, 2006
Guidelines for Lodge Officers, 2024
The Masonic Manual, 2014
Meeting The Challenge, 2021
The Memorial Services, 2019
Questions and Answers, 2024
Whence Come We, Vol.1, 1980—Vol. 2, 2011

These, and many other Masonic books, tapes and videos are available for purchase from the Grand Lodge Office. They may also be borrowed from the Grand Lodge Library. Please contact:

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Timetable and Session Programme

<i>Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Length</i>
6:30 - 6:55 pm 8:30 - 8:55 am	REGISTRATION	25 min.
7:00 - 7:10 pm 9:00 - 9:10 am	Welcome Introduction of G.L. Officers & Team	10 min.
7:10 - 7:35 pm 9:10—9:35 am	Protocol and Etiquette	25 min.
7:35 - 8:00 pm 9:35 - 10:00 am	Entered Apprentice Degree	25 min.
8:00 - 8:25 pm 10:00 - 10:25 am	Fellow Craft Degree	25 min.
8:25 - 8:40 pm 10:25 - 10:40 am	BREAK	15 min.
8:40 - 9:00 pm 10:40 - 11:00 am	Installation Ceremony (<i>Installed Masters only</i>)	20 min.
	Break Out Sessions (<i>for Master Masons</i>)	20 min.
9:05 - 9:30 pm 11:05 - 11:30 am	Master Mason Degree	25 min.
9:30 - 9:55 pm 11:30 - 11:55 am	Question Period	25 min.
9:55 - 10:00 pm 11:55 - 12 Noon	Appreciation	5 min.
10:00 pm 12 Noon	ADJOURNMENT	



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