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The District Deputy's November Travels:

- Nov. 2 - 7:30 Beaver Chapter OV
- Nov. 4 - 7:30 Cameron 232 OV
- Nov. 5 - Palestine Chapter Installation
- Nov. 11 - 10:15 St. Thomas Cenotaph wreath
- Nov. 12 - 7:30 Prince of Wales
- Nov. 16 - 7:30 Liberty Lodge OV Sarnia
- Nov. 17 - 7:30 Dufferin Lodge Fraternal Visit
- Nov. 18 - 7:30 Malahide Lodge OV
- Nov. 20 - 7:30 Vienna Lodge OV Vienna
- Nov. 21 - 9:00am DDGM preparation Course, Masonic Centre
- Nov. 25 - 6:00 St. Thomas Christmas Dinner, Masonic Centre
- Nov. 26 - 7:30 St. Thomas United OV & Empty Chair ceremony
- Nov. 28 - 1:00pm Masonic Centre of Elgin AGM

Brethren,

If you are considering running for the office of District Deputy or District Secretary in the future, you should attend this year's DDGM Preparation Course, held right here in St. Thomas on Saturday, November 21st.

It is such a valuable course that we recommend taking it more than once!

What a great opportunity in your own backyard—and lunch is provided!

Remember, you must register in advance at:

ddgmprep@gmail.com

Coffee will be available at 8:30 a.m.

The session begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

R.W.Bro. Al Jones

DDGM Preperation Committee Member



Historians Corner

By. R.W.Bro. Dean Paddon

A rare event in Masonic history took place during the Official Visit of the DDGM, R.W. Bro. David Durham, to West Elgin Lodge last month. During the visit, a former Past Master from 1976 received his seventy-year pin. This is a rare achievement, and as many of us consider our own time in the Lodge, few of us will have the opportunity to reach such a milestone. It was wonderful to see so many brethren in attendance, both to support R.W. Bro. Durham and to honour W. Bro. Yogi.

The West Elgin Lodge building is quite modern compared with the historic Prince of Wales Lodge, where the previous Official Visit was held. West Elgin Lodge was established in 2003 through the amalgamation of McColl Lodge No. 386 in West Lorne and Rodney Lodge No. 411. McColl Lodge was one of the oldest in the district, having been established in 1879, while Rodney Lodge was formed six years later, in 1885. Rodney Lodge's previous building was closer to the centre of Rodney, on Furnival Road, before the Lodge moved to its current location on Queen Street in 1957.

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The DDGM Preparation Committee Fall in-person and online session Workshops.

Coffee served at 8:30 am,
Sessions begin at 9:00 am til 2:00 pm

HARRISTON, Saturday, October 10

37 Elizabeth Street, Harriston

PARIS, Saturday, October 24

98 Scott Avenue, Paris

OSHAWA, Saturday, November 7

91 Centre Street, Oshawa

ST. THOMAS, Saturday, November 21

42703 Fruit Ridge Line, Central Elgin

Preregistration is a must.

All Districts welcome at all sessions.

Light Lunch is supplied. Donations are welcomed.

Register at ddgmprep@gmail.com

District Trestleboard

DDGM's Official Visits & Meetings

THE ST. THOMAS UNITED LODGE NO. 44, CENTRAL ELGIN
Master: W. Bro. John Hampson
Secretary: R.W. Bro. Robert Howes
Email: st.thomas.utd.no.44@gmail.com
Official Visit: April 22, 2027
Installation: June 24, 2027
Meeting: 4th Thursday at 7:30pm

ST. MARK'S LODGE NO. 94, CENTRAL ELGIN
Master: W. Bro. John Doner
Secretary: R.W. Bro. Richard Cadotte
Email: stmarks94@gmail.com
Official Visit: April 13, 2027
Installation: January 12, 2027
Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm

WARREN LODGE NO. 120, FINGAL
Master: W. Bro. Todd Noble
Secretary: R.W. Bro. David Nichols
Email: danichols@sympatico.ca
Official Visit: May 4, 2027
Installation: June 1, 2027
Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 7:30pm

MALAHIDE LODGE NO. 140, AYLMER
Master: W. Bro. Steve Greer
Secretary: V.W. Bro. Harvey Morrison
Email: harvey.f.morrison@gmail.com
Official Visit: November 18, 2026
Installation: June 16, 2027
Meeting: 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE NO. 171, IONA STATION
Master: V.W. Bro. Gerald Galbraith
Secretary: R.W. Bro. John Muir
Email: johnmuir544@gmail.com
Official Visit: October 8, 2026
Installation: June 26, 2027 at 2pm Sharp!
Meeting: 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm

CAMERON LODGE NO. 232, DUTTON
Master: R.W. Bro. James Barber
Secretary: V.W. Bro. Craig Armstrong
Email: cameronlodge232@gmail.com
Official Visit: November 4, 2026
Installation: June 2, 2027
Meeting: 1st Wednesday at 7:30pm

DUFFERIN LODGE NO. 364, MELBOURNE
Master: W. Bro. Paul Cools
Secretary: V.W. Bro Richard Golden
Email: dufferinlodge364@gmail.com
Official Visit: March 16, 2027
Installation: June 15, 2027
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm

WEST ELGIN LODGE NO. 386, RODNEY
Master: W. Bro. Ronald Reid
Secretary: W. Bro. Steven Fodor
Email: stevefodor@hotmail.ca
Official Visit: October 14, 2026
Installation: June 9, 2027
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday at 7:30pm

Past Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Chaplain 1997-98
R.W. Bro. Michael Wellwood
Grand Senior Deacon 2004-05
V.W. Bro. Richard J. Jackson
Assistant Grand Secretary 2005-06
R.W. Bro. R. Dean Paddon
Grand Junior Warden 2014-15
R.W. Bro. Richard H. Cadotte, FCF
Grand Sword Bearer 2015-16
V.W. Bro. John Karn
Grand Senior Warden 2016-17
R.W. Bro. Nic Pawluch, FCF

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The Masonic Centre of Elgin

St. Mark's Lodge No. 94

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Warren Lodge No. 120

35746 Fingal Line, Fingal

Malahide Lodge No. 140

107 South Street West, Aylmer

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171

10256 Iona Road, Iona Station

Cameron Lodge No. 232

187 Upper Currie Road, Dutton

Dufferin Lodge No. 364

6574 Longwoods Road, Melbourne

West Elgin Lodge No. 386

201 Queen Street West, Rodney

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