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Special February Newsletter: Love Around the World





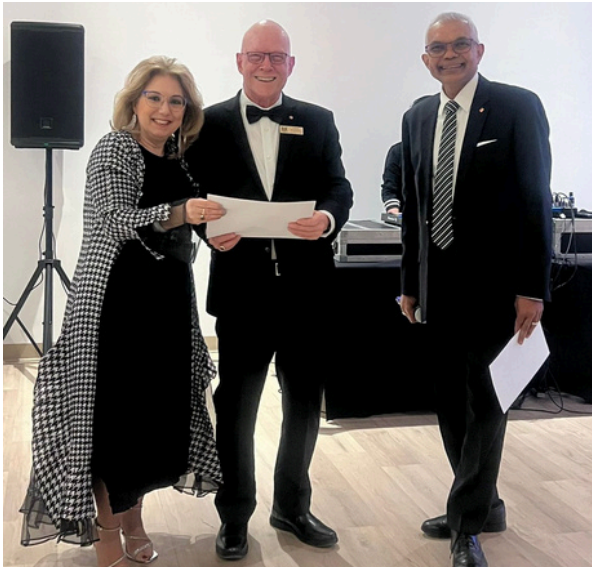


Toronto Don Valley District Freemasons gathered at York Masonic Temple for a night of celebration, fellowship, and family at the annual Ladies and Partners Night. With over 90 attendees from across the district, the event—aptly themed “Love Around the World”—was a vibrant reminder that Freemasonry is more than just meetings and ritual. It’s about brotherhood, unity, and the people who stand by us.

The evening kicked off with a lively reception featuring appetizers, sponsored wine, and soft drinks, setting the stage for a night filled with good company and great conversations. The strong presence of younger Masons and their spouses reinforced the District’s ongoing efforts to foster an inclusive and welcoming environment beyond the Lodge room.

“I encourage all Brethren to continue supporting our District and Lodge events, whether by attending or sponsoring,” said R.W. Bro. Reddy Sampath, DDGM. “Our gatherings are always open to family and friends, and it’s through these moments that we truly strengthen our bonds.”

With that same spirit, our DDGM reminded the Brethren of the importance of attending Lodge meetings, Official Visits, and Installations—moments that solidify our sense of community. He also had a message for those who couldn’t make it: “For all the Brethren, family, and friends who weren’t with us tonight—you were missed. We look forward to seeing you at the next event.”



A Night of Recognition, Charity, and Celebration

The celebration continued in the Banquet Hall with a three-course dinner, a raffle draw, and a DJ spinning tunes that had everyone on their feet. More than just a night of revelry, Ladies and Partners Night was one of two signature events planned for the Masonic year, with proceeds supporting district charities, including Caritas (which focuses on mental health and addiction services) and the Last Post Fund.

One of the night's key highlights was the Recognition of Excellence, where District Chairmen and Advisors were honored for their dedication and service. Keeping with the evening's theme of family involvement, spouses were invited to present the certificates alongside the DDGM. For those attending solo, Nancy Benetton-Sampath, wife of R.W. Bro. Reddy Sampath, graciously assisted in the presentations, reinforcing the importance of family in our Masonic journey.



Mark Your Calendars: The Next Big Event!



With the success of Ladies and Partners Night, excitement is already building for our next signature event—The District Gala—set for **Saturday, May 10, at the Summit Golf & Country Club**. More details will be shared soon!

“It’s through your unwavering support and participation that we continue to grow as a Masonic family,” our DDGM reminded us. “Together, we build our community on a foundation of honesty, fellowship, and mutual respect.”

**Toronto Don Valley District Freemasons:
Forward together, stronger as one.**

More Upcoming District Events

Five Toronto Districts Day of Masonry with the Grand Master

Saturday, March 15, 2025

York Masonic Temple

8:30 AM | \$30/person

Amalgamation Ceremony Uniting St. Andrew's No. 16 and St. George No. 367

Friday, March 21, 2025

York Masonic Hall

The banquet starts at 6:00 PM.

The Ceremony of Amalgamation at 7:30 P.M

York Lodge No. 156 St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 22, 2025

York Masonic Hall

6:30 PM | \$70/person E-transfer to schatzker@rogers.com

TDV District Blood Donor Clinic

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Hillcrest Mall, 9350 Yonge St. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 5G2

from 10:00 AM

TDV District Axe Throwing Tournament

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Backyard Axe Throwing League 1600 Steels Ave W. Unit 12

6:30 PM | \$82/person (Alcohol is extra) Tickets at [Eventbrite](#)

DDGM's Reception

Dufferin Lodge No. 570

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Thornhill Masonic Temple

Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM

Banquet after lodge



Message from the Social Media & Communications Chairman

As we close this edition of the **Toronto Don Valley District Newsletter**, I want to thank you for your continued engagement. Our District thrives because of your dedication—not just in Lodge, but in the way we uphold our values in daily life.

February: A Month of Love & Brotherhood

February is about love—not just Valentine’s Day, but the love we share as Masons through **brotherhood, unity, and service**. It’s also the birth month of **Bro. George Washington**, a leader who embodied Masonic integrity.

Closer to home, our **Ladies and Partners Night** was a powerful reminder of the bonds that unite us. From Official Visits to Lodge meetings and charity work, we continue to build a strong Masonic family. Stay Connected

Your participation matters! Keep engaging, attending events, and sharing the light of Freemasonry. Forward together, stronger as one.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
W. Bro. J. Paul Gomez
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Thank you for reading!

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