

**Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Assembly
of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada
Viscount Gort Motor Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Sept. 25, 1993**

Opening:

The Grand Council was opened at 9:10 am by the Sovereign Grand Master, **M.V.Bro. Albert Sewell**. **M.V.Bro. Carson** gave the opening benediction.

Welcome:

The **S.G.M.**, welcomed all present.

M.V.Bro. Jones moved seconded by **M.V.Bro. Carson** that the minutes of the last annual assembly be approved as distributed. **Carried**.

M.V.Bro. Carson moved seconded by **R.V.Bro. Maydan** that the order of business be at the pleasure of the SGM. **Carried**

Grand Council Officers in Attendance

S.G.M.	M.V.Bro. Albert B. Sewell	G.Exec. R.V.Bro. George Anderson
P.S.G.M.	M.V.Bro. John B. Carson	G.Exec. R.V.Bro. John James
P.S.G.M.	M.V.Bro. Glenson Jones, G. Secretary	G.Exec. R.V.Bro. Norman Robertson
D.G.M.	R.V.Bro. Albert Card	G.Exec V.V.Bro. Ervine Wood
S.G.W.	R.V.Bro. Cliff Hardy	G.I. 1 R.V.Bro. James Finch
J.G.W.	R.V.Bro. Peter Maydan	G.I. 2 R.V.Bro. Edgar Burton
G.Tr.	R.V.Bro. Ray Kempster	G.I. 5 R.V.Bro. James MacKay

Roll Call of Past S.G.M.'s

M.V.Bros. John B. Carson and Glenson Jones were invited before the Altar and were accorded Grand Honours, lead by **V.Bro. W. Laycock**.

Grand Representative

M.V.Bro. Glenson Jones, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales and Territories Overseas, was invited before the Altar and was accorded Grand Honours, lead by **V.Bro. W. Laycock**.

M.V.Bro. John Carson, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the U.S.A., was invited before the Altar and was accorded Grand Honours, lead by **V.Bro. W. Laycock**.

R.V.Bro. Ray Kempster, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Victoria and Western Australia, was invited before the Altar and was accorded Grand Honours, lead by **V.Bro. W. Laycock**.

Welcome from Host Councils

V.Bro. George Reid, S.W. of Keystone Council # 172 welcomed all present on behalf of the two Manitoba Councils.

R.V.Bro. James MacKey, Grand Inspector of District 5, also extended his welcome.

The **S.G.M.** thanked **R.V.Bros. Cliff Hardy**, and **Dave Holt** for their excellent organization for this assembly and both were invited to speak to the assembly.

The **S.G.M.** observed that the grades of **Knight, RBE** and of **Ye Antient Order of Corks** had been conferred on Friday evening. He congratulated the casts and the candidates. He especially congratulated the Cork team for the excellence of their work.

Constitution

The **S.G.M.** then informed the Assembly that, in accordance with the directive of the Eighth Assembly of Grand Council, a committee had been struck to prepare a new Constitution, a draft had been prepared by **V.Bro. Rev. Pat King**, this had been revised by the Committee and feedback had been solicited from the Grand Executive on several occasions. The result of this effort had been mailed to all members of the Grand Executive and to the councils in August for approval at this meeting.

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. G. Jones** and seconded by **R.V.Bro. R. Kempster** that the Constitution as distributed be adopted.

It was moved by **R.V.Bro. Robertson** and seconded by **M.V.Bro. Carson** that the proposed constitution be adopted in total with the exception of those items which brethren moved to change. This was **Carried** with one negative vote.

The main motion was then presented. No items requiring change were identified. The main motion was then **Carried** with 4 negative votes. The **S.G.M.** stated that the new Constitution would be signed and proclaimed in the afternoon.

Grand Chaplain's Report

The Report of the Grand Chaplain was read by **M.V.Bro. Jones**. The name of **V.V.Bro. Frank Standing** was added to the report. A moment of silent meditation was held in memory of our departed brethren. **M.V.Bro. Jones** moved the acceptance of the report, seconded by **R.V.Bro. Kempster**. **Carried**.

Grand Treasurer's Report

R.V.Bro. Kempster presented his Report as Grand Treasurer and the Auditor's Reports of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand

Secretary's books.

It was moved by **R.V..Bro. Kempster** and seconded by **M.V.Bro. J. Carson** that the report of the Grand Treasurer and of the Auditor be received and adopted. **Carried**

The Assembly was called off at 10:00 am for a coffee break.

The Assembly was called on at 10:25 am.

Institution of Boundary Waters Council, U.D.

R.V.Bro. C. Hardy was then invited to advance and Institute **Boundary Waters Council, U.D.** **R.V.Bro. J. James** was invited to assume the office of acting Grand Marshal. **R.V.Bro. J. MacKay** was invited to assume the office of acting Grand Chaplain.

V.Bro. James Curr was then presented and was obligated as Sovereign Master of the new Council. The Dispensation to form **Boundary Waters Council, U.D.** to be located at Fort Frances, Ontario, was read by **M.V.Bro. Jones**. This was then signed by the Grand Secretary and the S.G.M. It was presented to **V.Bro. Curr, S.M., Bro. Alan Tibbetts, S.W.** and **Bro. Paul Pirie, J.W.** along with copies of the new Constitution.

Grand Honours was accorded to the new Council. Certificates of membership and for the SM were presented by the S.G.M.

Grand Secretary's Report

The Grand Secretary **M.V.Bro. G. Jones** then read his report.

Annual Report of Grand Secretary for the year 1992-93

To the Grand Council of AMD of Canada:

Sovereign Grand Master, Officers and Members:

This Annual Report of the Grand Secretary for the year ending July 31, 1993 records a net increase of 41 resulting in a total membership of 388. This is an increase of 11.8% over the last year. We have had an increase of 128 members or 49.2% over that which we had when Grand Council was formed in 1984.

For the fiscal year ended July 31, 1993 a total of \$3,839.07 was received from the Councils and remitted to the Grand Treasurer. During that same period, the expenses amounted to \$895.58. This amounted to 61% of the budget and to 22.1% of the revenue for the year. Details are included in the audited financial reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. It is very significant that during this period the outstanding liabilities of Grand Council have been eliminated and that we have a strong cash on hand position.

Sales of stock during the year netted \$653.45 leaving a current stock of \$9,659.00. This stock is mainly in Knight and Knight Commander jewels. Our sales for those jewels amounted to \$350 last year.

Submissions from the Councils show that there were 53 admissions last year and a total of 128 degrees conferred in our 17 Councils. In addition, 78 degrees of the Red Branch of Eri were approved.

A total of 11 papers were received for consideration for the Architect. Five of these were published in the 1993 issue of the Architect. As usual, a copy of the Architect has been made available to all registrants at the Annual Assembly. Other copies are available for sale.

A chart of Council Activity has been prepared and is attached to this report. It shows four councils as well above the average. These are Medwayosh #62, Colonel By #217, Arcana #215 and Mariner's #214 in that order. I congratulate these councils on their success during this past year. It is interesting to observe that these are the oldest Council followed by three of the youngest Councils. To be fair, London Council #68 also deserves much credit. They formed themselves into four Councils a couple of years ago so its original membership is spread over London #68, Tyler's of Solomon #212, Mariner's #214 and Arcana #215. Each of these Councils is doing well.

To the Secretaries who have been so helpful over the past year, I thank you.

Many thanks also to the Sovereign Grand Master and Grand Officers for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenston T. Jones, SGC, PSGM, Grand Secretary

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. G. Jones** seconded by **M.V.Bro. J. Carson** that this report be received and adopted. **Carried**

Address of the Sovereign Grand Master

M.V.Bro. Carson was invited to take the chair while the S.G.M. gave his address.

Address of the S.G.M. -- Winnipeg -- 1993.

Since speaking to you last year at St. Thomas, it pleases me to report that your Grand Council has moved forward with confidence in its future. There have been challenges to our patience but there has never been any doubt as

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to the success of our undertaking. It is about all these events that I speak to you at this time.

Firstly, let me thank you again for the honour you accorded me in electing me your Sovereign Grand Master for the term 1992-1993. It was a pleasure to serve you, for a third term, and I am humbled by the confidence you expressed in me. The casting of ballots in an election for the office of S.G.M. of our Grand Council is not an annual event and it is an oddity when it does occur. To have been a party to such an oddity last year provides a wonderful memory and I thank you for having made it so pleasant for me.

In speaking to you today I cannot do so without making a passing reference to the highlights of my three years as S.G.M. In doing so I recall that the Treasury of our Grand Council contained approximately \$200.00 when I came to office, in Saskatoon, in September 1990. Fifteen months earlier that same Treasury had in excess of \$3,000.00 in it. My greatest disappointment has been my inability to show you where that \$3,000.00 went. The revenues of your Grand Council for that same fifteen month period are likewise unrecorded and disbursed without trace.

Your monies are now under sound financial control and management for which I extend the thanks of the Grand Council to M.V.Bro. Glenson Jones, S.G.C., our Grand Secretary, and, R.V.Bro. R.F.E. Kempster, K.C., our Grand Treasurer. The latter has brought to his office a dedication and capability not seen in that station since R.V.Bro. N.A. Robertson, K.G.C., was removed from office in July 1989. It pleases me to report that the sum of \$4,307.31 which this Grand Council, at the 1992 Grand Assembly, acknowledged as its indebtedness to R.V.Bro. N.A. Robertson, has now been fully paid to him. We thank him for his patience and understanding in this matter and extend to him our apologies that items of his property were removed, without his knowledge or consent, from his premises at 3 Carson St., Toronto. In addition, we deeply and sincerely regret that these items of his property were subsequently transported to Saskatoon, without his knowledge or consent, and unwittingly sold by brethren of this Grand Council at our 1990 Grand Assembly. I am happy to inform this Grand Council that the unsold portion of R.V.Bro. Robertson's property together with the money accruing from the sale of his property in Saskatoon have been returned to him.

I request the concurrence of this Grand Council to close the Bank Account no.242-04, National Bank of Canada, Aurora, Ontario. This bank account was opened in August 1989, by R.V.Bro. Norman Clegg, without the knowledge or consent of the Grand Executive. He was the sole signing officer until the account was frozen at my direction in March 1991 and in June 1991 both M.V.Bro. Jones and I became signing officers with R.V.Bro. Clegg. One debit only (\$120.00) has been made to this account since March 1991 and it now contains \$502.00. The debits and credits for this account are not known to this Grand Council and, understandably, our Grand Treasurer has not reported upon it. The time has come for this money to be transferred to the care and accounting of our Grand Treasurer.

The subject of Finances cannot be finalized without a word of recognition and gratitude to M.V.Bro. John Carson, who, as chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Executive, has done such a splendid job of placing this Grand Council on a sound financial basis.

It remains my steadfast advice to this Grand Council that the per capita assessment remain at \$4.00 and that it not be raised to \$10.00 as was recommended, in September 1990, at Saskatoon .

With a heavy heart I must recommend that Peel Council No. 183 be struck from the roll of constituent councils of this Grand Council. On the basis of oral reports I am forced to conclude that the Records and Resources of this council are no longer accessible by this Grand Council and therefore Peel Council No. 183 must be considered as having gone into darkness.

It is with pleasure that I report the institution of a French language council, namely Conseil Mozart s.d., at Alymer, Quebec. The brethren of this council are planning to translate the ritual into the French language in the near future. In the meantime, the council will continue to use the current ritual and liaise with Capital City Council No. 154 and Colonel By Council No. 216 in the conferral of degrees. I have told this council that it may use the French language in the conduct of its business and undertake the translation of the ritual. I ask for your consent in this matter.

The Institution of Boundary Waters Council U.D., earlier at this Grand Council, is a source of great pride and satisfaction to all present. It has been a rich and rewarding experience to institute a council at a Grand Assembly and I extend to our new councils our very best wishes for happiness and satisfaction within the Grand Council of the A.M.D. of Canada.

It is expected that this Grand Council will be petitioned in the very near future for the institution of two more councils. The strength of this Grand Council is increasing with every passing year and we can look forward to a bright and satisfying future. Much has been accomplished but much more work remains to be done.

In accordance with your motion passed at the 1992 Grand Assembly a committee was struck to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Western A.M.D. Grand Council. The chairman was V.Bro. D. Rennie, Bridge City

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Council No. 197, with the following as members, (a) R.V.Bro. E.S.P. Carson, London Council No. 68, (b) R.V.Bro. P. Maydan, Victoria Council No. 213, (c) R.V.Bro. J. James, Keystone Council No. 172, and, (d) the Grand Secretary and the Sovereign Grand Master as Ex Officio members. In its deliberations the committee presented many thought provoking aspects of the future of our Grand Council but expressed no preference for the establishment of a Western A.M.D. Grand Council. The latter was favoured by the member from Saskatchewan but opposed by the members from Manitoba and British Columbia, as well as, the other members of the committee. On the recommendation of the chairman the committee was dissolved on my direction. The correspondence of this committee is in the possession of the Grand Secretary.

My visits to the constituent councils were always cordial and respectful. In my visit to Bridge City Council No. 197, to which all Saskatchewan brethren were invited, there was an atmosphere of disappointment when I informed them that I would not consent to the establishment of a Western A.M.D. Grand Council. My views on that subject did not come as a surprise to the brethren as I had expressed them to their representative, V.Bro. D. Rennie, on several occasions in the past.

The amity which existed between this Grand Council and the Grand Council of U.S.A. and The Grand Council of the Order of the A.M.D. of England and Wales and the Territories Overseas continues today with unabated vigour and strength. This Grand Council is now in amity also with the Grand Council of the Order of the A.M.D. of Victoria and Western Australia and each has named a Grand Representative near the other. I am especially pleased to inform you that The Grand Council A.M.D. of the U.S.A. continues to be a source of great assistance and support to this Grand Council for which we express our gratitude.

Our Grand Council was saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of V.V.Bro. Frank Standing in October 1992. This dedicated Mason was a very active member of London Council No. 68 and was a recently appointed Member of the Grand Executive.

The ranks of the Grand Executive were brought up to strength by the appointment of V.V.Bro. Ervine R. Wood, Scarboro Council No. 175, who consented to contribute his enthusiasm, knowledge and experience in Masonry to the betterment of our Grand Council. I welcome him to the Grand Executive and wish him well in his work.

At the Grand Assembly at St. Thomas you directed me to name a Committee whose duty it would be to present a constitution to this Grand Assembly at Winnipeg. A constitution was mailed to you about four weeks ago for your consideration and hopefully for your adoption later today. This document is a unique blend of the constitutions of the Grand Councils of the U.K. and U.S.A. together with many features of Canadian Masonic jurisprudence and practices. This statute was produced by V.Bro. Pat King, a member of the Grand Council of the U.S.A., who did this work, and, out of the kindness of his heart, offered it to our Grand Council for consideration. The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer joined me in forming a committee to consider "The Pat King" constitution for presentation to you today in compliance with your directive to me at St. Thomas. It pleases me to inform you that the committee's work was forwarded to V.Bro. King for review and comment. The product at this stage was presented to the Grand Executive for study and input. This latter step was not required by the provisions of your motion but I felt it was not inappropriate to have input from the Grand Executive. In addition V.Bro. King and the committee developed a set of regulations to compliment the constitution which is now before you.

It is my hope that we, your committee, have met the demands of your motion. If we have, our thanks are extended to V.Bro. Pat King for his interest in the well being of our Grand Council and for his willingness to assist us in our plight. You will be asked to adopt this proposed constitution and, if adopted, it will be proclaimed later today. The regulations developed under authority of this new constitution will be our work for another day.

Subsequent to the close of nominations, earlier this year, the nominations of two brethren were challenged for non compliance with the provisions of Section 6.21 of the constitution. Both challenges were referred at once to the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence. The committee Chairman, M.V.Bro. John Carson, handled the investigation of these challenges and found them to be valid. One nominee, R.V.Bro. Falshaw, withdrew his nomination. The other nominee, R.V.Bro. A.E. Card, did not. On receiving M.V.Bro. John Carson's report which stated that R.V.Bro. Card did not possess the requisite Grade of K.G.C. for a nominee for the office of S.G.M., I saw no reason to question the findings and accepted the report. Because of the sensitive nature of the report I sought and received the assistance of our Brethren of the Grand Council A.M.D. of the U.S.A. It is my pleasure to inform you that a committee of American brethren agreed to examine R.V.Bro. A. Card's status as a nominee for the office of S.G.M. relative to the provisions of Section 6.21 of the Constitution. The committee members were M.V.Bro. E.R. Loose, P.S.G.M. (U.S.A.), S.G.C. (Canada, Hon.), V.Bro. J. Foreman, and V.Bro. Pat King. R.V.Bro. A. Card was given a copy of M.V.Bro. Carson's report and, in addition was informed that it would be reviewed by a committee of American Brethren. No appeal or protest or other communication has been received from R.V.Bro. Card. Each member of Grand Council has received a copy of the Carson Report and I have promised them a copy of the report of the Loose Committee. The latter is affixed hereto. I humbly ask for your concurrence in the action taken and the promise made in this very difficult matter. It is to be remembered that this situation developed

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because the present constitution was presented to Grand Council at St. Thomas without consideration for the consequences inherent with its adoption. As your S.G.M. I am of the opinion that the constitution which you adopted has been upheld. I am also of the opinion that the constitution which you adopted safeguards our rights collectively, as well as, individually. It follows that the protection of the constitution, in fairness, cannot be denied to those who conform to its provisions. It is a natural corollary that the protection of the constitution cannot be extended to anyone who knowingly acts outside its provisions.

Your support is requested for the conferral of the Honourary Rank of Past Senior Grand Warden on the following brethren whose distinguished service to Masonry has improved its character and raised the standards of service:

(a) R.V.Bro. G. Robert Jackson, Tylers of Solomon Council No. 212 and Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario,

(b) R.V.Bro. Ralph V. Howard, Keystone Council No. 172 one of the dedicated and early workers for A.M.D. in Canada, and,

(c) V.Bro. Paschal E. King, Jr., member of Grand Council A.M.D. of the U.S.A. and the principal architect of the constitution for the Grand Council of the A.M.D. of Canada.

We of this Grand Council cannot help but realize that we are about to close the first decade of our existence as a national masonic body. If our history were to be written today certainly one of the highlights would be the uprightness and integrity shown by the authors of the Finance Committee Report dated July 29, 1989. As the present Sovereign Grand Master I salute the authors of that report, R.V.Bro. P. Elwell and R.V.Bro. A.E. Card, for meeting with R.V.Bro. N.A. Robertson and withdrawing the substantive portions of that report. I commend R.V.Bros. Elwell and Card for their action. In addition, I hold them in the highest regard for stating in a letter dated May 31, 1990 << Further we recommend that a copy of this letter be sent to all those who have received a copy of the said report in order that the record can be put to rights.>> With such uprightness and integrity our Grand Council can look forward not only to ending its first decade in high spirits but look forward to an even brighter future. The letters to which I refer are attached to my report and are dated May 31, 1990 and September 10, 1990. Both letters are addressed to M.V.Bro. J. Carson.

To the Brethren of Keystone Council No. 172 and Westman Council No. 216 I extend the gratitude of the Grand Council for all your work and dedication in preparing this Grand Assembly. Your efforts are genuinely appreciated and we say <<Thank you>>. Our very special thanks are extended to R.V.Bro. C. Hardy and Bro. David Holt who have spear-headed this operation. Again, thanks to all for your kindness and hospitality.

In closing my third address to a Grand Assembly of this Grand Council I again say "Thank you" to you the members of Grand Council for electing me to this office. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you. Likewise I say "Thank you" to the officers who have served with me during these three years. Not only have we held the line but I am satisfied that we have made progress. My brethren as a final observation I call your attention to the vote in the U.S. Senate in the matter relating to the Impeachment and Trial of President Andrew Johnson for High Crimes and Misdemeanours in the year 1868. I remind you that Senator Edmund G. Ross of the State of Kansas cast a crucial and probably deciding vote of "Not Guilty". He did so not because of love or friendship for President Johnson. Senator Ross voted for the maintenance of the Constitution as he perceived its function. He was not sidetracked by personality conflicts or differences but voted for the good of the nation as a whole. Each of you will be casting a crucial or even deciding vote today and I ask you to do so with the same magnanimity as did U.S. Senator Edmund G. Ross when, in 1868, he made Constitution transcend personality. Thank you. Attachments (3).

Albert B.B. Sewell, Sovereign Grand Master

Moved by M.V.Bro. Glen Jones and seconded by R.V.Bro. Norman Robertson that the report of the SGM be received and adopted and referred to the Committee on the Address of the Sovereign Grand Master.

R.V.Bro. Card then asked to speak on the subject of the challenge to his eligibility to be nominated for the office of S.G.M. He read a two page challenge to the report of M.V.Bro. Carson. See Attachment.

R.V.Bro. Hardy also spoke on the subject.

The **S.G.M.** responded that the issue was not whether R.V.Bro. Card deserved the sympathy of the members of Grand Council but rather whether the articles of the constitution were being applied rigorously and uniformly to all members of Grand Council.

R.V.Bro. James offered a vote of thanks to the S.G.M. for the sensitivity of his stewardship during the past year.

The vote was then called. Three brethren who had only recently joined the AMD asked to be allowed to abstain from the vote. The vote was 15 affirmative and 4 negative. **Carried**

The S.G.M. reassumed the chair.

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The S.G.M. then moved, seconded by **M.V.Bro. Jones** that the rank of R.V.Bro. be confirmed for the Grand Inspectors.
Carried with applause.

District 1	R.V.Bro. James A. Finch
District 2	R.V.Bro. Edgar (Ted) G. Burton
District 3	R.V.Bro. George W. Brownhill
District 4	R.V.Bro. Robert F. Gordon
District 5	R.V.Bro. James H.F. MacKay
District 6	R.V.Bro. Stanley F. Tickner

Certificates were presented including:

R.V.Bro. Ralph Howard	Honourary Senior Grand Warden
R.V.Bro. James Finch	Knight Grand Cross, RBE
R.V.Bro. George Anderson,	Knight Commander, RBE

M.V.Bro. Jones inquired how the honorary rank conferrals would be presented to **R.V.Bro. G. Robert Jackson** and **V.Bro. Rev. Pat King**. He suggested that his successor would handle this.

M.V.Bro. Sewell announced that an embroidered telephone book cover had been made by **R.V.Bro. Hardy's wife, Dianne**, and that she had donated it to be raffled at lunch. The S.G.M. stated that unknown to her, he intended to return the monies to her to be donated to the charity of her choice.

The Assembly was called off for lunch at 12:10 pm.

The raffle was won by **V.V.Bro. Ervine Wood**.

The Assembly was called on at 1:38 pm.

Report of the Credentials Committee

The Report of the Credentials Committee was read by **R.V.Bro. Card**.

31 delegates were present, representing 11 Councils.

R.V.Bro. Card moved, seconded by **Bro. D. English**, that this report be accepted. **Carried**

Report of the Committee on the Address of the Sovereign Grand Master

M.V.Bro. Jones was asked to assume the chair. **M.V.Bro. Carson** read the report of the PSGMs on the Address of the S.G.M.

To the S.G.M., Officers and members of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada: Greeting!

We, the Past S.G.M.s of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada, have reviewed the address of the SGM and present our report as follows:

This has been a year of hope and enthusiasm. Our Annual Assembly last year in St. Thomas was a resounding success. This gave us the direction and enthusiasm to yet again revise our constitution. The Grand Executive met 6 times during the past year and each time the constitutional requirement of our Grand Council occupied a large part of our deliberations. We note with satisfaction that the results of these deliberations have been speedily and universally distributed to the membership. We congratulate the SGM and his committee on the Constitution as well as the members of the Grand Executive for their time and patience in performing this momentous task.

We note with interest the progress of our Grand Council during the three year stewardship of our SGM. His sound financial management has enabled our Grand Council to grow from the \$200 bank account in September 1990 to our present situation where our debts of over \$4500 have been completely cleared and we have almost \$2000 in our two bank accounts. We note further that the stock held for sale has a sale value of almost \$10,000. All this has been accomplished without raising the per-capita dues from the level set 9 years ago. We remember that the previous SGM had recommended that the per-capita be raised immediately to \$10 per year! We applaud the fiscal responsibility which has resulted in this marvellous financial stability.

We note with pleasure the institution of two new Councils - one in Alymer, Quebec and the other in Fort Frances, Ontario, and further that there are other enquiries.

It is with sadness that we note the passing into darkness of one of our founder Councils. All of the former members had been contacted with no positive responses. We can only hope that the enthusiasm which animates many of our other councils may inspire an effort to resuscitate this council.

We applaud the action taken by your SGM in dealing with the resolution to examine the feasibility of a second Grand Council in Canada. We note with interest that the new Constitution contains two new committees which may make such resolutions unnecessary in the future. These new committees are the Long Range Planning Committee and the Committee on the Condition of Allied Masonry.

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We congratulate the SGM for encouraging the world wide interest of the Allied Masonic Degrees by establishing and maintaining close fraternal ties with the Grand Council of the Order of AMD of England and Wales and Territories Overseas and the Grand Council of the AMD of Victoria and Western Australia, as well as our mother Grand Council in the USA.

Our S.G.M. has given us three consecutive years of leadership and informed deliberations. His tact and knowledge with business acumen will be noted for its openness during these trying periods. The S.G.M. has lived within and upheld our Constitution, rules and Regulations. He has accomplished a great strengthening of our Order. His actions are deserving of the endorsement of all members who will say,

Well done!, True! and Trusty!

Respectfully and fraternally submitted

M.V.Bro. John B. Carson, PSGM

M.V.Bro. Glenson T. Jones, PSGM.

M.V.Bro. Carson moved, seconded by **M.V.Bro. Jones** that this report be received. **Carried**

M.V.Bro. Sewell resumed the chair.

Constitution

The S.G.M. then requested the Grand Secretary to attend to the new Constitution. The Grand Secretary and the Sovereign Grand Master then signed three copies of the new Constitution thus enacting the same. The S.G.M. proclaimed the Constitution thus signed to be the Constitution of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Report of the Finance Committee

M.V.Bro. Carson then reminded the members that the Grand Executive had recommended at the meeting on May 16, 1993 that the following honorariums be recommended to Grand Council in the new Constitution:

Grand Secretary \$1000.00

Grand Treasurer \$ 100.00

He then presented the following budget for the 1993-94 financial year.

Receipts

Capitation Tax (400 * \$4)	1,600.00
Sale of Grades, jewels etc.	.1000.00
Interest	.100.00
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	\$2,700.00

Expenditures

Grand Secretary Honorarium	1000.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	.100.00
Grand Master Expenses	.500.00
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Postage, Fax, Telephone	1600,00
Printing	.400.00
Typing & Stationary	.300.00
Rent	.200.00
	=====
	\$2,700.00

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. J. Carson** and seconded by **V.Bro. G. Kerr** that the budget proposed by the Finance Committee be received and adopted. **Carried.**

Report of the Time and Place Committee

R.V.Bro. Card announced that the next annual Assembly would be held in St. Thomas, Ontario and would be chaired by **R.V.Bro George Anderson** who did such an excellent job last year. After discussion on the desirability of choosing a date which would not interfere with those of any other grand body, the dates of **August 19 and 20, 1994** were chosen.

It was moved by **R.V.Bro. Card** and seconded by **R.V.Bro. Burton** that the next annual assembly be held in St. Thomas, Ontario on August 19 and 20, 1994. **Carried**

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R.V.Bro. C. Hardy stated that Keystone Council 172 was prepared to act as host for the 1995 Annual Assembly.

Installation and Investiture

The Grand Secretary read the list of elected officers. As there had been only one nomination for the office of J.G.W., and

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as that nomination had been found by the Loose Committee to be invalid at the time of nomination, the SGM appointed R.V.Bro. George Anderson, KC, to that office.

M.V.Bro. John Carson then assumed that chair as Installing SGM. He appointed **R.V.Bro. Ralph Howard, KGC, PSGW(H)** as acting Grand Marshal and **R.V.Bro. Albert Card, KGC, PDGM** as acting Grand Chaplain. The following were installed or invested in their several offices with the exception of R.V.Bro. James Shaw who was unavoidably absent.

S.G.M. M.V.Bro. Norman A. Robertson, KGC	G.Sec. M.V.Bro. Glenson T. Jones, SGC
D.G.M R.V.Bro. Clifford C.P. Hardy, KGC	G.Exec. R.V.Bro. James A. Shaw, KGC
S.G.W. R.V.Bro. Peter Maydan, KGC	G.Exec. R.V.Bro. John C. James, KGC
J.G.W. R.V.Bro. George G. Anderson, KC	G.Exec. R.V.Bro. James Finch, KGC
G.Tr. R.V.Bro. Raymond Kempster, KC	

Grand Honours were accorded to **M.V.Bro. Robertson** and his officers. The Grand Officers were escorted to the stations.

M.V.Bro. Sewell invested **M.V.Bro. Robertson** with the collar and jewel of office.

M.V.Bro. Carson thanked the installing board and passed the gavel to **M.V.Bro. Robertson**.

M.V.Bro. Robertson thanked the brethren for their confidence. He went on to state that in the Virtual Past Master's Degree practiced by Royal Arch Chapters in the USA, the candidate was taught that the only way to observe that you have the authority of the Master's chair was to see if the brethren responded to your knocks. He proceeded to knock three times. When the brethren had stood, he knocked once to seat the brethren and thanked the brethren again.

R.V.Bro. Card then stood and offered his congratulations and support to the SGM. He added that he would do nothing to cause division within the Grand Council of AMD of Canada. This was greeted with applause by the brethren.

The SGM, **M.V.Bro. Robertson** thanked **R.V.Bro. Card** for his support and asked if he would accept an appointed office on the Grand Executive. **R.V.Bro. Card** accepted with thanks.

The Grand Secretary then stated that he had the pleasure of presenting the SGM with his first duties. He handed the SGM the two certificates for honorary past rank. The SGM stated that he would arrange to present these as soon as possible.

Bro. Dave English announced that the **Masonic Order of the Bath** would be conferred at 3 pm. following the close of the Annual Assembly.

M.V.Bro. Carson offered his congratulation to the SGM and to Grand Council. He observed that we have had some good times and some times of waves but that we now seem to be in a strong positive position. He encouraged all brethren to come to St. Thomas next August. He promised great food, excellent entertainment and a full ladies program.

R.V.Bro. Anderson added that St. Thomas had the world's best magicians and dancing girls.

V.Bro. Garnet Reid, SM of Keystone Council, invited the brethren to attend this evenings banquet and promised great entertainment from the Sisters of Holy Rock!!!

The Grand Secretary inquired how the subject of District or Provincial Grand Masters will be handled. The SGM stated that this subject would be addressed at the next meeting of the Grand Executive. The grouping of Councils within districts will also be addressed.

The SGM requested the Grand Inspectors to remain in office until relieved and to superintend the calling of elections for their successors when so authorized.

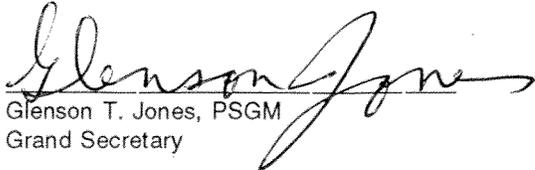
The Grand Secretary observed that the proceedings had been videotaped on our behalf by **Bro. Dave English** who had also provided a tape recorder for the use of the Grand Secretary.

Closing

The Sovereign Grand Master, **M.V.Bro. Norman Robertson**, declared the ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada closed at 2:40 pm.

Next annual assembly to be held in **St. Thomas, Ontario** on **August 19 and 20, 1994**.

Next meeting of Grand Executive to be in **Milton, Ontario** at **1 pm.** on **Sunday November 14, 1993**.


Glenson T. Jones, PSGM
Grand Secretary

5 Attachments