

**Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Assembly  
of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada  
Western Chelsea Inn, St. Thomas, Ontario  
August 12, 1995**

Opening:

The Grand Council was opened in the degree of St Lawrence the Martyr at 9:10 am by the Sovereign Grand Master, **M.V.Bro. Albert Card**. The Grand Tyler's Register showed 39 delegates from 9 Councils plus 3 visitors in attendance.

Welcome:

The S.G.M., welcomed all present, and then called off to receive special guests.

**Alderman Gordon Campbell**, representing the Mayor of the City of St. Thomas, was escorted into the room by **R.V.Bro. Anderson** and was introduced to the members of Grand Council. He welcomed all to the city. He then retired.

The SGM called on the meeting and declared that the ballot was open. It was announced that the Scrutineers were **V.Bro. Harry Turner** and **V.Bro. Alan Tibbetts**.

**V.Bro. Martyn** was appointed acting G. D. of C.

Those who had received **Grand Rank** in other Masonic Bodies in the past year were then introduced and were accorded Grand Honours:

- 1) **R.Ex. Companion Harry Turner**, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in Ontario.
- 2) **R.Ex. Companion Glenson Jones**, Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District 13 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in Ontario. He had also been appointed Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario and Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor in the British Isles and in Territories Overseas.
- 3) **R.Ex. Companion David Holt**, Grand District Superintendent of District 1 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.
- 4) **R.Ex. Companion Ralph Boone**, Grand Registrar of the Grand Chapter of RAM of Canada in Ontario and a member of the Grand Executive of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario.
- 5) **V.III. Knight Michel Sastre**, Grand Archivist of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

The Past Sovereign Grand Masters, **M.V.Bros. Glenson Jones SGM 1985, Albert Sewell SGM 1989, 1990 and 1991 and Clifford Hardy (SGM-honourary 1995)**, were then introduced and were accorded Grand Honours under the direction of **R.V.Bro. Brown**.

Two US visitors were introduced and welcomed.

**Ven.Bro. The Reverend Pat King** of William J. Reese Council #141 in Lancaster, Ohio under the Grand Council of the USA and an honorary Past SGW of our Grand Council was introduced. He is a very frequent visitor.

**Ven.Bro. John Simon-Ash** of General Knox Council No. 139 in Newburgh, New York was also introduced. He had attended last year as well.

**M.V.Bro. Jones** moved seconded by **R.V.Bro. Humphries** that as the proceedings of last Annual Assembly (Aug. 20, 1994) had been printed and sent to all councils and to all Officers, they be approved as distributed.

It was noted that the titles and ranks of three of the Installed Officers were listed incorrectly on page 8. It

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should have listed SGM - M.V.Bro. Albert Edward Card, S.G.W. - R.V.Bro. George Anderson and G. Reg. - R.V.Bro. William Laycock.

With that correction, the motion was **Carried**.

### Grand Council Officers in Attendance

<b>S.G.M.</b>	<b>M.V.Bro. Albert Card</b>	<b>G.Exec.a</b>	<b>V.V.Bro. Donald Valleau</b>
<b>P.S.G.M.</b>	<b>M.V.Bro. Glenson Jones, G. Sec.</b>	<b>G.Exec.a</b>	<b>V.V.Bro. Garry Dennis</b>
<b>P.S.G.M.</b>	<b>M.V.Bro. Albert Sewell</b>	<b>J.G.D.</b>	<b>V.V.Bro. Raymond Purslow</b>
<b>D.G.M.</b>	<b>M.V.Bro. Clifford Hardy</b>	<b>G.Chap.</b>	<b>V.V.Bro. James Curr</b>
<b>S.G.W.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. George Anderson</b>	<b>G. Tyler</b>	<b>V.V.Bro. James Smuck</b>
<b>G.Reg</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. William Laycock</b>	<b>DGM-1</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Lawrence Marshall</b>
<b>G.Exec.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. James Finch</b>	<b>DGM-2</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Gerry Kerr</b>
<b>G.Exec.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Ernest Brown</b>	<b>DGM-5</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Arthur Humphries</b>

**M.V.Bros. John Carson and Ronald Groshaw** had been present on Friday and had presented committee reports to the Grand Executive meeting. **M.V.Bro. Marcus Klawieter**, PSGM 1988, signed the register but did not attend the meeting. **R.V.Bro. James Shaw**, the J.G.W., was reported to have suffered a heart attack and was now out of intensive care in the Midland Hospital.

### Grand Secretary's Report

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, 1995 records a net decrease of 12 members resulting in a current membership of 377. We have had an increase of 117 members or 45% over those which we had when Grand Council was formed in 1984.

In most cases the reductions were through deaths and demits due to age. Some of our founder members are passing on but fortunately many of the new admissions are much younger.

Submissions from the Councils show that there were 35 admissions during the year and a total of 53 degrees conferred in our 18 Councils. In addition, 100 degrees of the Red Branch of Eri were approved. This compares to 45 admissions, 94 council degrees and 301 Red Branch degrees approved in the previous fiscal year.

There is no change to the position of Yellowhead #187. The Grand Executive has approved a motion to withdraw the Warrant of this Council.

For the fiscal year ended July 31, 1995 a total of \$6,159 was received from the Councils. This includes \$158 in arrears. During that same period, the expenses amounted to \$3,421. The Honorariums were \$1100. Details are included in the audited financial reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Sales of stock during the year netted \$1,736 leaving a current stock value of \$9,102. This stock is mainly in Knight and Knight Commander jewels. Our sales for jewels amounted to \$1,015 last year. Our **net worth** is **\$15,725** (based upon sale value) which is an **increase of 11%** over last year.

A total of 8 papers were received for consideration for the Architect and most of these were published in the 1995 issue of the Architect. A couple of papers were written specifically for publication. As usual, a copy of the Architect has been made available to all registrants at the Annual Assembly. Other copies are available for sale.

For the second year in a row, two Councils were **7 months** late in submitting their annual returns. One Council did not submit until after the close of the fiscal year. This it has made your Grand Secretary's job very difficult and it has virtually crippled the two Councils for the past year.

Financially the AMD is in an extremely enviable position. The activity level is very good in general but a couple of Councils are experiencing some problems.

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, Glenson T. Jones, PSGM, SGC, Grand Secretary

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

The financial and statistical reports of the Grand Secretary are attached as Appendix A.

### Report of the Treasurer

The Acting Grand Treasurer, **M.V.Bro. A. Sewell**, introduced **V.Bro. W. Waddington** who read the Auditors Report (included as Attachment B to these proceedings).

It was moved by **V.Bro. Waddington** and seconded by **R.V.Bro. G. Kerr** that the report of the Auditor be received and adopted. .... **Carried**

### Report of the Finance Committee

A Grand Council budget prepared by **M.V.Bro. John B. Carson** (included as Attachment C to these proceedings) was read by the Grand Secretary.

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. G. Jones** and Seconded by **V.V.Bro. R. Purslow** that the budget proposed by the Finance Committee be received and adopted. .... **Carried.**

It was moved by **R.V.Bro. Brown** seconded by **V.Bro. Sastre** that the reports of the District Grand Masters which were read to the Grand Executive on Friday (included as Attachment D to these proceedings), be adopted as presented. .... **Carried**

### Constitutions & Jurisprudence Committee

**R.V.Bro. James Finch** reported on the activities of the Constitutions & Jurisprudence Committee.

To The S.G.M., Officers and Members of the AMD of Canada. M.V. Sir and Brethren.

This has been an easier year for the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee than was the previous year.

#### COUNCIL BYLAWS

We have re-examined the By-Laws of two Councils which were presented to us last year and one new set and have basically approved them with one important exception in all three cases. The Councils are:-

Willowdale Council No. 170, Arcana Council No. 215 and Bridge City Council No. 197.

In all cases the Councils felt that they should not specify the exact days of their meetings. This Committee is of the opinion that the needs of the Council must be subordinate to the good of the Grand Body and have presented arguments for and against the publication of meeting dates in Council By-Laws to the Grand Executive for a ruling.

#### GRAND EXECUTIVE

A number of issues were presented to this Committee following the Grand Executive meeting of June 3rd 1995.

The following matters were considered on behalf of the Grand Executive to whom the reports were submitted.

- 1) in the case of an Honourary Ven. Brother who has applied for the rank of Knight Commander in the Order of the Red Branch of Eri.
- 2) Prerequisite qualifications for membership in the Red Branch of Eri.
- 3) Suggestion that the term of office for the SGM and DGM be increased to a term of two years.

Respectfully submitted, **James A. Finch**, K.G.C., Chairman

It was moved by **R.V.Bro. Finch** and seconded by **R.V.Bro. Humphries** that this report be received. **Carried**

### Report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee

**M.V.Bro. Sewell** gave the Report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee.

The SGM of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada, M.V. Sir,

It is with pleasure that I report that your Committee on Grievance and Appeals had no cause to be convened during this past

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fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted, A.B.B. Sewell, PSGM, SGC

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. Sewell** seconded by **V.V.Bro. Purslow** that this report be received. **Carried**

### Report of the Charters and Dispensations Committee

**M.V.Bro. Jones** gave the Report of the Charters and Dispensations Committee. He stated that most dispensations were for change of date for Council meetings, all of which were granted. No requests had been received for Charters but that he had received an inquiry from some interested brethren.

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. Jones** seconded by **V.Bro. Martyn** that this report be received. **Carried**

### Report of the Registration Committee

The **SGM** read the report prepared by the Registration Committee.

Councils Represented	9
Delegates Present	39
Visitors Present	3

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. Card** seconded by **R.V.Bro. Laycock** that this report be received. **Carried**

The **SGM** thanked the committee for their work.

### Report of Time and Place Committee

**R.V.Bro. Anderson** gave the report of the Time and Place Committee which is summarized as follows.

Arrangements for this session were explained. The next Annual Assembly will be in **Winnipeg, Manitoba on August 9 and 10, 1996** at a location to be announced.

It was moved by **R.V.Bro. Anderson** seconded by **R.V.Bro. Laycock** that this report be received. **Carried**

### Report of Custodian of the Work

**R.V.Bro. Brown** stated that he had given the report of the Custodian of the Work (included as Attachment E to these proceedings) to the Grand Executive on Friday.

It was moved by **R.V.Bro. Brown** seconded by **V.Bro. Steele** that this report be received. **Carried**

### Report of Grand Chaplain

**V.V.Bro. Curr** gave the Necrology report which is summarized as follows.

During the past fiscal year 15 councils reported to the Grand Chaplain that a total of 15 members had died since the last report. Among those were **M.V.Bro. Norman Robertson**, PSGM, **R.V.Bro. Peter Maydan**, Deputy GM, **R.V.Bro. Raymond Kempster**, G. Treasurer, **V.Bro. John Havard**, SM of Capital City Council No. 154 and **V.Bro. Al Rae**, SM of Ontario Shores Council No. 151.

A moment of silent reflection was held.

It was moved by **V.V.Bro. Curr** seconded **R.V.Bro. Humphries** by that the report be received **Carried**

It was moved by **V.Bro. Martyn** seconded by **V.Bro. Boone** that the Report of the **Long Range Planning Committee** which had been presented by **M.V.Bro. Groshaw** to the Grand Executive Committee on Friday be received as if read. **Carried**. See Attachment F.

**V.Bro. William Love** SM of the host council, Tylers of Solomon Council No. 212, welcomed all present to the current Convocation.

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### Report on the Condition of Allied Masonry

M.V.Bro. Hardy stated that his report had been presented to the June 3, 1995 meeting of Grand Executive and had been published with the minutes of that meeting.

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. Hardy** seconded by **R.V.Bro. Laycock** that this report be received and adopted.  
**Carried**

### Order of the Secret Monitor

In accordance with the notice of motion presented at the last Annual Assembly, **M.V.Bro. Jones** moved seconded by **R.V.Bro. Finch** that the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada divest itself of any claim relative the degree or Order of the Secret Monitor within Canada upon the institution of a Grand Conclave of the Order of Secret Monitor of Canada, and subsequently change it's Constitution and Regulations as required to delete references to that degree and Order. **Carried without negative vote.**

### Report of the Regalia Committee

**M.V.Bro. Card** displayed and explained the suggestions developed by himself and V.Bro. Fisher on insignia which could be placed on AMD aprons. This was referred to the Executive Committee.

### Reports of Grand Representatives

**M.V.Bro. Jones** was introduced as the **representative** to the **Grand Council of AMD of England and Wales and Territories Overseas**. He reported that he had been in touch with their Grand Secretary several times primarily on the subject of the Order of the Secret Monitor.

**M.V.Bro. Carson**, the **representative** to the **Grand Council of the USA**, was not present.

**R.V.Bro. Ray Kempster**, the **representative** to the **Grand Council of Western Australia and Common Territories**, had passed away last spring. **R.V.Bro. Humphries** stated that he had spoken to R.V.Bro. Kempster during his illness and reported that he had been in touch with his counterpart and had been planning to make a trip out there sometime in the future. He was thanked for his report.

**M.V.Bro. Groshaw**, the **Enlightened Knight Commander** of the **Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri**, was not present. The **Grand Secretary** reported that two Faslairts had been convened since the last annual assembly. One had been in Ottawa on June 10, 1995 with M.V.Bro. Sewell as EKC. The other was on Friday when 9 candidates had been received as Knights.

**Bro. David Holt** was introduced as the **Commander General** of the **Masonic Order of the Bath**. He reported that 13 candidates had been received on Friday.

**R.V.Bro. Anderson** reported that **Ye Antient Order of Corks** had been under the control of **V.V.Bro. Petrie** last year. Unfortunately he had been admitted to the hospital and could not be with us today. A cellar had convened on Friday and the full report would be sent to the Grand Secretary.

**M.V.Bro. Jones** was introduced as the **Grand Supreme Ruler** of the **Order of the Secret Monitor**. He gave a report which is included as Attachment G.

### Canadian Association of AMD Councils

The SGM explained that he had requested V.Bro. Stapley, the last Treasurer of the Association, to write to the secretaries of all former members of the Association to ask if they had any objection to the Association being declared disbanded and the small bank account being turned over to the Grand Council. Two replies had been received and neither was negative.

Moved by **M.V.Bro. Card** seconded by **R.V.Bro. Brown** that this be done. . . . . **Carried**

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### Address of the Sovereign Grand Master

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

To the Officers, Members and Past Sov. Grand Masters, Greetings,

12 months have passed very quickly and my term of office draws to a close.

It has been a very interesting year and one which I shall cherish. No earth-shattering events have taken place but there does seem to be a calming effect on this Grand Body and on the Allied Masonic Degrees in general. I intentionally played a low key approach, although at times it was very tempting to take exception to the odd ripple.

During my term of office, I had the pleasure of visiting several councils and am pleased to say that I was very well received everywhere I went. Unfortunately I was unable to attend as many councils as I had hoped, this was mostly due to other commitments with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. During this same period, I was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Royal Arch. This may have been a blessing in disguise because I was able to do quite a lot of 'Politicking' for the A.M.D. I was invited to give a talk on the A.M.D. in my own Lodge of Fellowship # 702 in Richmond Hill and arranged for M.Ex.Comp. Edward Elcome to present a talk on the Holy Royal Arch and Em.Kt. Charles Meldrum to explain the Knights Templar. All three talks were well received with new applications being forthcoming. Maybe other members might like to consider this approach in their own Lodges.

The degrees that I witnessed wherever I went were, on the whole, well presented and done with enthusiasm and sincerity.

A trip was arranged to visit the Grand Council of AMD of the U.S.A. for their annual meeting in Washington and I understand a seat was reserved for me at the head table. This had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the death of a very dear friend. Maybe I will make it for next year. I would like to see more interaction between the two Grand Bodies.

At this time I would like to acknowledge R.V.Bro. Gerry Kerr, District Grand Master of District # 2, who has accompanied me on just about every visit, from St. Thomas, London, Lambeth, Richmond Hill, Markham, Thornhill and Ottawa. Our new Superintendent of the Work, R.V.Bro. Ernest Brown has really lived up to his reputation of "crossing the T's and dotting his I's" and has been very productive. Our Grand Secretary, M.V.Bro. Glenson Jones, has been very helpful and has kept things rolling. We are very fortunate to have such people and it has been a pleasure working with them. A big "Thank You" to all who have offered advice, suggestions and help, it has been greatly appreciated.

I was honoured to be asked to suggest the title and subject for the talk given by Rev. Neville Cryer, Past Master of the Quatour Coronati Lodge, London, England, "Why the Allied Masonic Degrees". Also to make a presentation to him on behalf of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada. Rev. Cryer's talk was given in the Masonic temple in Richmond Hill and was well attended and received.

I recommend confirmation of rank of the District Grand Masters and thank them for their efforts.

Throughout the world we have warring actions of men fighting their own races; India, Pakistan, Serbia and until recently, Ireland. What a terrible waste of men, women and children. To say nothing of the destruction and turmoil. Yet in a lodge room, Hindus can sit next to Muslims, Jews next to Arabs, and hold peaceful meetings and socialize together. This is Masonry as it should be, and ought to be, and can be. We can certainly do without problems in the Masonic Order. This organization should promote Brotherly love to it's fullest extent and I should encourage everyone to dispel mutterings and dissatisfaction whenever and wherever it is to be found. It has been written, sorry I do not know the Author, "Individual egos must be subordinate to the general cause and the good of this organization".

Let us show a united front and work together for the good of Masonry in general and the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada in particular.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the privilege and honour to serve you as the Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Respectfully submitted, Albert E. Card, Sovereign Grand Master

**Moved by M.V.Bro. Card and seconded by M.V.Bro. Jones** that the report of the SGM be received and referred to the Committee on the Address of the Sovereign Grand Master and published in the Annals.

..... Carried

The S.G.M. reassumed the chair.

Grand Historian

**M.V.Bro. Card** reminded the brethren that he had asked V.Bro. Stapley to assume the role of Historian for our Grand Council last year on the understanding that as our Constitution did not recognize such an office, no rank could be associated with this role. Moved by **M.V.Bro. Card** seconded by **M.V.Bro. Sewell** that the Constitution be changed to create the office of Grand Historian with the rank of V.V.Bro. and that V.Bro. Stapley be granted that rank. It was pointed out that because no notice of motion had been made at the previous Grand Assembly, a unanimous approval would be required. The motion was **Carried Unanimously**. Unfortunately, V.V.Bro. Stapley was not be present to be congratulated.

**V.Bro. Sastre** recommended that provisions be made for a budget for the Grand Historian and other committees. **M.V.Bro. Jones** recommended that this be referred to the next meeting of the Grand Executive. The **SGM** so ordered.

Elections

As no nomination had been received for the office of **Senior Grand Warden** nominations were declared open for this office.

**R.V.Bro. Anderson** nominated **V.V.Bro. J. Petrie**

**V.V.Bro. Purslow** nominated **R.V.Bro. G. Kerr**

**R.V.Bro. Kerr** thanked his nominator but declined the nomination.

It was moved by **V.Bro. Martyn** and seconded by **Bro. Holt** that nominations be closed . . . . **Carried**.

The SGM declared **V.V.Bro. Jack Petrie, Senior Grand Warden elect**.

As no nomination had been received for the office of **Grand Treasurer**, nominations were declared open for this office. **R.V.Bro. Brown** nominated **V.V.Bro. Ray Purslow**

**M.V.Bro. Sewell** nominated **V.Bro. William Waddington**

It was moved by **R.V.Bro. Laycock** and seconded by **V.Bro. Fisher** that nominations be closed. **Carried**.

Ballots were distributed for the office of Grand Treasurer.

The SGM stated that the Ballot would be closed at 12 noon and the Grand Council session was then called off until 1:30 pm.

Upon resumption, **V.Bro. Harry Turner** submitted the report of the scrutineers

Of the 74 envelopes, one was empty and two had spoiled ballots.

For the office of Grand Executive the following were declared elected;

**V.Bro. G.G. Dennis - 2 years**

**V.Bro. S.F. Johnson - 3 years**

For the office of Grand Treasurer, 32 votes were cast and none were spoiled.

**V.Bro. William Waddington** was declared elected.

The SGM lead congratulations for the elected brethren.

He thanked the scrutineers and directed the ballots to be destroyed.

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### Report on the Address of the SGM

The SGM asked M.V.Bro. Hardy to assume the chair.

**M.V.Bro. Sewell** gave the report of the board of Past SGM's on the address of the SGM.

To the members of the G.C. of AMD of Canada

We the PSGMs of your Grand Council have received the address of the SGM and beg to report thereon.

The attitudes and dispositions expressed by our SGM in his address find complete and profound concurrence in his predecessors in office.

His devotion to the duties of his office and attention to our interests have gained for him the praise and admiration of your PSGMs.

Finally, we recommend that you welcome him to the ranks of the PSGMs and extend to him the courtesies assigned to all who perform the functions he has, with diligence, rendered to us all.

With satisfaction, **M.V.Bros. Sewell, Jones and Hardy**

It was moved by **M.V.Bro. Sewell** and seconded by **M.V.Bro. Jones** and **M.V.Bro. Hardy** that this report be received and that the recommendations of the SGM be adopted.. . . . . **Carried Unanimously**

### Installation and Investiture

The SGM installed M.V.Bro. Clifford Hardy as the tenth Sovereign Grand Master and invested him with his collar of office.

**M.V.Bro. Clifford Hardy** acceptance speech.

M.V. Sirs, R.V. Sirs, V. Sirs and brethren all,

It is a very humbling experience to be in this chair and I think most, if not all, of you in this room have been in my position on various bodies and I am cognizant of my responsibilities in the future. Just a short story will tell you where I am coming from.

Many years ago when I was in the police force I was being assessed by my Superintendent. He gave me an excellent assessment except for one area that had difficulty. He used the word "eccentric".

I told him that in police college there was an acronym which we used a lot it was S.P.A.M.O. I said "This is neither Specific, Pertinent, Attainable, Measurable nor Obtainable. How does the word "eccentric" relate to this job, the job I am doing, so I can be a better supervisor in the future?"

He said, "Well, I don't know how to put it but, more often than not, you do what is good for the force and not what is good for Clifford Hardy!"

So that is where I am coming from. I will try never to take anything personally. We are brethren in this together. We have business to look after but there is also time for fellowship.

Together we can spread the Allied Masonic Degrees over the whole of Canada. In other parts of the world they are already working on it.

We have to work together. I will take advice but eventually the buck will stop here and I will make decisions, not for Cliff Hardy, but hopefully for the benefit of all of us.

Thank you very much for giving me this chance of occupying this chair. I never expected it after last year but I guess the Good Lord unfortunately took a couple of our brethren from us and particularly R.V.Bro. Peter Maydan.

Just for your information, my first visitation will be with Victoria Council. The Grand Secretary has kept excellent contact particularly with the outlying areas and I must congratulate him for that right off the bat so I can see that we will start off very well.

I would invite the various Councils, if you would like me to visit, and I am not going to push it on you, I will endeavour to visit. I am still working full time and this can be a little awkward but if you can arrange something on a Saturday or on a weekend so I don't have to take too much time off work, I would appreciate it. I really want to get out and see you and if there is anything I can do for you, I will do it. I don't know how long I will be in office, only the Good Lord knows that, but I will do my best.

Thank you very much and God bless you all.

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The brethren rose with applause.

The Elected Officers were asked to line up in the west and face the east where the SGM addressed them. **Venerable Brother Martyn** escorted them one at a time to the east where they were greeted and invested in office.

The following were Installed or Invested.

<b>S.G.M.</b>	<b>M.V.Bro. Clifford C.P. Hardy</b>	<b>G.Exec.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Ernest Brown</b>
<b>D.G.M.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. George Anderson</b>	<b>G.Exec.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Garry Dennis</b>
<b>J.G.W.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. James Finch</b>	<b>DGM-1</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Donald Cookson</b>
<b>G. Tr.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. William Waddington</b>	<b>DGM-2</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. George Fisher</b>
<b>G. Sec.</b>	<b>M.V.Bro. Glenson Jones</b>	<b>DGM-3</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. James Curr</b>
<b>G.Reg.</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. William Laycock</b>	<b>DGM-5</b>	<b>R.V.Bro. Ralph Boone</b>

The **SGM** stated that the appointments would be announced later as some adjustments had to be made.

**R.V.Bro. Finch** suggested that as our auditor had been elected as Grand Treasurer, we ought to elect a replacement.

**R.V.Bro. Fisher** nominated **V.V.Bro. Ray Purslow**.

**V.V.Bro. Segui** moved seconded by **R.V.Bro. Burton** that nominations be closed. **Carried**

**V.V.Bro. Purslow** accepted the nomination and was declared elected as Auditor.

It was announced that **Tylers of Solomon Council #212** would NOT be conferring the Grand Tylers of Solomon degree as advertised because **R.V.Bro. Jack Petrie** was in hospital and he did half of the work of the degree.

### Grand Executive

The Grand Secretary reminded the brethren that there was no budget for paying rental for Grand Executive meetings. **V.V.Bro. Don Valleau** suggested meeting at Mother's Restaurant in Scarborough where we could probably get the room for free if we ate in the restaurant. **M.V.Bro. Card** suggested that we could meet in the Thornhill temple and provide a meal for the attendees at a cost that would cover the cost of rent but still be cheaper than eating in a restaurant. **M.V.Bro. Card** was charged with exploring both these locations with the assistance of **V.V.Bro. Valleau** and reporting the results to the Grand Secretary.

Subsequently it was reported that neither location was available on that date so the Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Road Ottawa was selected. The meeting to commence at 1:30 pm.

### Announcements

**M.V.Bro. Card** announced that he had received an invitation to golden Wedding anniversary party on Sept. 9, 1995 for **R.V.Bro. Art Humphries** and invited the brethren who could be in the Ottawa area to attend.

**He** also moved, seconded by **R.V.Bro. Humphries**, a vote of thanks to the local committee, to the Registration Committee and to the staff of the hotel, which was warmly received.

**Bro. Holt** offered congratulations from Keystone Council to **M.V.Bro. Hardy** on being installed as SGM. He also congratulated him on his new 8 # 9 oz. granddaughter, Jessie.

The **SGM** stated that as the banquet was to be presided over by **M.V.Bro. Card**, he would defer to him as to the suggested dress for the evening banquet. **M.V.Bro. Card** stated that he would prefer collars and jewels to be worn with tux or white jacket if feasible.

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### Next Annual Assembly

Winnipeg, Manitoba on August 9 and 10, 1996. Details to be announced.

### Next Meeting of Grand Executive

Nov. 25, 1995 at 1:30 pm at the Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Road Ottawa.

### Closing

The Eleventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada was closed in ample form at 2:15 pm.



Glenson T. Jones, PSGM  
Grand Secretary