



GRAND COUNCIL OF THE  
ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF CANADA



32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly  
August 13, 2016

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**Confort Inn & Suites  
Victoria, BC**

## Part 1 – Annual Assembly

### **OPENING – M. Ven. Bro. Robert J. Turner, SGC**

The officers of Victoria Council #213 opened their Council at 9 a.m. and received the Grand Council officers.

The gavel was handed to the Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Robert J. Turner, SGC, who closed the Council in ample form and proceeded to open the 32<sup>nd</sup> Grand Council Annual Assembly at 9:10 a.m.

The following offices were filled pro tempore:

Grand Chaplain  
Grand Senior Deacon  
Grand Junior Deacon

### **MOTION TO GRANT HONORARY GRAND RANK**

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree  
Seconded by: M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj

THAT: this Body grant the rank of **Honorary Past Grand Master** to

- M. W. Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas

Motion carried.



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## RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Director of Ceremonies retired and escorted the following distinguished visitors into the meeting--

- M. W. Bro. **Thomas Frith Jackson**, Sovereign Grand Master of the AMD in England & Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas;
- M. Ven. Bro. **William R. (Bill) Miller**, SGC, Past Sovereign Grand Master of AMD USA;
- R. Ven. Bro. **Joseph MacIntyre**, Grand Superintendent in the AMD of the USA.
- M. Ex. Companion **Anthony D'Eramo**, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon [and a member of Victoria Council #213]
- M. Wy. Bro. **Ed Wilson**, Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor or the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan of Canada

Once all had been received and placed on the dais, The Grand Director of Ceremonies led Grand Honours 9 times.

## INVOCATION & NECROLOGY

On behalf of the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Secretary led in prayer for the Annual Assembly after which the Necrology report was given.

## NATIONAL ANTHEMS

The national anthems of Canada, the United States of America, and Great Britain were sung by the assembled brethren.



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## **WELCOME REMARKS**

The Grand Master welcomed all to this 32nd Grand Session. He also indicated that although the order of business might be changed, all items will be covered before the Grand Sessions conclude.

## **QUORUM REPORT**

The presence of 15 or more members of Grand Council, representing 3 or more Constituent Councils, shall form a quorum for the conduct of Grand Council business. No Grand Council business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

*Constitution (2009) section 32*

R. Ven. Bro. Norm McEvoy reported that we had 43 voting Brethren from 15 councils present. Therefore, a Quorum existed to allow us to conduct our business.

## **MINUTES OF THE 31st GRAND SESSION**

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree, Grand Secretary

SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel

THAT the minutes of the 31st Annual Grand Assembly, held in Toronto, ON on August 7, 2015, be accepted as printed and distributed, and as posted on our website.

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

NIL



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## REGRETS

The Grand Secretary has received the following Regrets:

- M. Ven. Bro. William Laycock, SGC
- M. Ven. Bro. Arthur D. Payne, SGC
- V. Ven. Bro. Don Fraser, Grand Chaplain
- Ven. Bro Doug Franklin, Junior Warden of Victoria Council #213
- M. Ven. Bro. Lawrence Tucker, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
- M. Wor. Bro. Ian Bowman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon

## RECOGNITION OF BRETHERN HONOURED IN OTHER MASONIC BODIES

The Grand Master requested that those who have been elected or appointed to a Grand Office in other Masonic bodies stand and be recognized. The brethren were congratulated with applause.

The Grand Master invited M. Ex. Companion **Anthony D'Eramo** to address the brethren.

## RECOGNITION OF OTHER VISITORS

There were no non-Masonic visitors in attendance.



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## RECOGNITION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Grand Director of Ceremonies gathered the living Past Grand Masters at the altar and presented them to the brethren.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
1985	Glenson T. Jones	
1986	Ronald E. Groshaw	
1987	Kenneth L. Whiting	
1988	Marcus P. Klawieter	
1994	Albert E. Card	
1995	Clifford C. P. Hardy	✓
2000 - 01	William R. Laycock	
2005 - 07	Peter D. Park	✓
2007 - 09	Arthur D. Payne	
2009 - 11	Lawrence M. Halliday	✓
2011 - 13	William F. Leipert	
2013 - 15	Prince D. Selvaraj	✓

Greetings were brought to the Assembly, by M. Ven. Bro. Clifford Hardy.

The Past Grand Masters were accorded Grand Honours 9 times.

## HONOURARY PAST GRAND RANK

The following brother was honoured with Past Sovereign Grand Master rank and with the rank of Knight Grand Cross in the Red Branch of Eri —

- M. W. Bro. **Thomas Frith Jackson**, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England & Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas

The Grand Master invited M. W. Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson to address the brethren.



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The Grand Master invited M. Wy. Bro. **Ed Wilson** to address the brethren.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

*Information: At yesterday's Grand Executive meeting the Grand Secretary announced that M. Ven. Bro. Kenneth Whiting had presented his resignation as the Grand Representative of Southern Australia. Our Grand Master forwarded the nomination of our Deputy Grand Master, R. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui, as his replacement: the nomination has been approved by their Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. Robert George Paroissien.*

M. Ven. Bro. Robert J. Turner instructed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present R. Ven. Bro. Segui at the altar to be obligated as Grand Representative.

The roll call of Grand Representatives was then given and the following brethren gathered at the altar.

	<u>Grand Representative of the AMD of</u>	
M. Ven. Bro. Glenson T. Jones	England and Wales & Territories Overseas	
M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj	United States of America	✓
R. Ven. Bro. T. Bil Segui	Southern Australia	✓
M. Ven. Bro. Robert J. Turner	Western Australia	✓
R. Ven. Bro. Michel S. J. Sastre	France	
R. Ven. Bro. Noel Joseph	India	✓
R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree	Romania	✓

The Grand Representatives were acknowledged with applause.

The Grand Master invited M. Ven. Bro. **William R. (Bill) Miller** to address the brethren.



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**RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS**

The DDGMs for 2016-2017, who were present, assembled at the altar and were thanked by the Grand Master for their hard work representing him and promoting the order in their Districts.

District 1	R.Ven. Bro. Bill Lockhart	from: Chatham Council No. 123	
District 2	R.Ven. Bro. Vicky Bagwalla	from: Raymond C. Purslow Council #170	
District 3	R.Ven. Bro. Richard Hobbs	from: Wakamow Council No. 211	
District 4	R.Ven. Bro. Brian Hall	from: Yellowhead Council No. 220	✓
District 5	R.Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson	from: Colonel By Council No. 217	✓
District 6	R.Ven. Bro. Ed Wilson	from: Dogwood Council #171	✓

They were given Grand Honours 7 times.



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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Grand Secretary read the Grand Archivist's report. It had been mailed to him, but did arrive in time to be added to the website. It will be added after this meeting.

1) *The rest of the reports were all available on our website*

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Donald Martyn

THAT: the Committee reports be received and accepted.

CARRIED

**MOTIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS**

**1 -- Budget**

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Don Martyn

SECOND by: M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj

THAT: the Budget for 2017 be approved.

**2 – Time + Place for 2018**

Motion by: R. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui

Seconded by: R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson

THAT: we accept the invitation of Atlantic Council U.D. to host the 2018 Grand Sessions in St. John's, NL, on August 10 and 11.

CARRIED





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**3 -- Charters**

- A)** MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree  
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui  
THAT: this body grants the petition of Peace Council U. D. to become a Chartered Council with the number 224.  
CARRIED
- B)** MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree  
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui  
THAT: this body grants the petition of Atlantic Council U. D. to become a Chartered Council with the number 225.  
CARRIED

The members present from both Councils were requested to stand. They were received and congratulate with applause.

The Grand Master indicated that the Consecration dates would be:

Peace Council # 224 on Saturday October 15 at 1 p.m.

Atlantic Council # 225 on Saturday October 29 at 12 p.m. following a meeting of the OSM at 9 a.m.

**4 -- Rituals**

R. Ven. Bro. John Hayes, Chair of the Rituals Committee, explained the work done by Ven. Bro. Greg Smith to summarize the five Supplementary Rituals.

MOTION: R. Ven. Bro John Hayes  
Second: R. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel  
That: This Grand Council authorize the use of the five shortened forms of the Supplementary Degrees for a probationary period of two years, until the Grand Assembly of 2018, when their continuation should be considered.  
CARRIED



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**5 – Constitution & Jurisprudence**

MOTION: R. Ven. Bro. Ted Burt

Second: R. Ven. Bro. Ed Wilson

That: section 117 be removed and the rest of the sections be renumbered.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

1] R. Ven. Bro. Norm McEvoy presented a copy of his book “A Journey to the Spirit” to M. Ven. Bro. Bob Turner and to M. W. Bro. Jackson.

2] MOTION: R. Ven. Bro. Ed Wilson

Second: R. Ven. Bro. Alastair Ross

That: The Summons for the Annual Assembly be amended to read “Business suit or green jacket.”

CARRIED

3] It was announced that Ven. Bro. Matt Fletcher of Peace Council 224 will be the new editor of The Architect. However, as Committee chairs are members of the Executive Council, it was decided that the Grand Secretary would chair the Architect committee.

4] It was noticed that our attendance is 8.5 % of our total membership. How does that compare with other Masonic bodies and their annual meetings, we wonder?



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**ADDRESS OF THE S.G.M.**

The gavel was passed to the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui. The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Robert J., Turner, gave his annual address to the brethren.

MOTION: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree  
SECOND: R. Ven. Bro. Don Martyn  
THAT: the address be referred to the appropriate Committee.  
CARRIED

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj presented the report of the Committee.  
MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj  
Second by: M. Ven. Bro. Cliff Hardy  
THAT: the report be received.  
CARRIED

At 10:50 a.m.

*BRETHREN WERE CALLED FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT*

The Brethren were instructed to return in time for the 11:00 a.m. ceremony of the Installation and Investiture of the Grand Council Officers.



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## Part 2 – Installation & Investiture of Officers

At 11:00 a.m. the *BRETHREN WERE CALLED  
FROM REFRESHMENT to LABOUR*

### INVESTITURE OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj presided at the Investiture of the new Grand Council Officers for 2016-2017.

Only those brethren who were taking on new positions were involved in the ceremony, obligated and seated at their stations.

### GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

Sovereign Grand Master	M. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner	
Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Master	M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj	
Deputy Grand Master	R. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui	
Grand Senior Warden	R. Ven. Bro. Jack Colenutt	
Grand Junior Warden	R. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel	
Grand Treasurer	R. Ven. Bro. Donald Martyn	
Grand Secretary	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree	
Grand Registrar	R. Ven. Bro. John Howden	(A)
Grand Senior Deacon	V. Ven. Bro. Brian Griffin	(A)
Grand Junior Deacon	V. Ven. Bro. Victor Govan	(A)
Grand Chaplain	V. Ven. Bro. Gregory Smith	(A)
Grand Historian	V. Ven. Bro. Douglas Franklin	(A)
Grand Lecturer	R. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes	
Grand Director of Ceremonies	V. Ven. Bro. Richard Allgood	
Grand Inner Guard	V. Ven. Bro. Charles Whittle	(A)
Grand Tyler	V. Ven. Bro. Les Robinson	(A)



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Arrangements will be made for those Brethren who were not present (A in the lists above) to be invested in their home Councils this Fall.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 2015-2017**

District 1	R. Ven. Bro. William Lockhart	(A)
District 2	R. Ven. Bro. Vicky Bagwalla	(A)
District 3	R. Ven. Bro. Richard Hobbs	(A)
District 4	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Hall	
District 5	R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson	
District 6	R. Ven. Bro. Ed Wilson	

Enlightened Knight Commander, RBE R. Ven. Bro. William C. Rowney

Commander General, Masonic Order of the Bath R. Ven. Bro. Edward J. Burt

Grand Bung of Ye Ancient Order of Corks V. Ven. Bro. George Sinden

**CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

Architect	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
Archives	V. Ven. Bro. Brian D. Stapley
Auditor/Financial Advisor	Appointed by Grand Exec (Sec. 118)
Awards	M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj
Charters & Dispensations	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
Condition of Allied Masonry	R. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui
Constitution & Jurisprudence	M. Ven. Bro. Edward J. Burt
Credentials	V. Ven. Bro. John Howden
Finance & Budget	R. Ven. Bro. Jack Colenutt
Fraternal Relations	R. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel
Grievances & Appeals	M. Ven. Bro. Glenson T. Jones
Long Range Planning	R. Ven. Bro. John Bradley
Necrology	V. Ven. Bro. Gregory Smith
Rituals	M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes
Time & Place	R. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui
Webmaster	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree



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**CLOSING OF GRAND COUNCIL**

There being no further business to be brought before this Grand Council, the Grand Master closed the Grand Council at 11:30 a.m.

**SIGNED ON 11 AUGUST 2017 to signify an accurate copy of the  
Proceedings**

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Robert Turner, SGC  
Sovereign Grand Master

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Brian Rountree, KGC  
Grand Secretary