



GRAND COUNCIL OF THE
ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF CANADA



31st Annual Assembly
August 8, 2015

**Hilton Airport Hotel & Suites
Toronto, ON**

Part 1 – Annual Assembly

OPENING – M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj, SGC

The officers of Raymond C. Purslow 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. Prince D. Selvaraj, SGC, who closed the Council in ample form and proceeded to open the 31st Grand Council Assembly at 9:15 a.m.

The following offices were filled pro tempore:

Grand Chaplain	by	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
Grand Director of Ceremonies	by	Ven. Bro. George Sinden

MOTION TO GRAND HONORARY GRAND RANK

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

Seconded by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Dillon

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

- M. W. Bro. Douglas S. Moore, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
- M. Ven. Bro. Gabriel Gherasim, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Romania

Motion carried.



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RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

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

- M. Ven. Bro. **Douglas S. Moore** SGC, Sovereign Grand Master of AMD USA.
- 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. Ven. Bro. **Gabriel Gherasim** SGC, Sovereign Grand Master of AMD Romania.
- R. Wor. Bro. **Alan Donovan**, Honorary Grand Senior Warden (2014/15) of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and also Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- M. Ill. Comp. **George H. Gifford**, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters of Ontario.
- M. Wy. Bro. **George O'Leary**, Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor or the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan of Canada **and** the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
- M. EX. High Priest **Bryan S. Cunningham**, the Grand President of the Grand Council, Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario.
- M. Wy. Bro. **Andrew Caistek**, Immediate Past Grand Worthy Chief of the Grand Council, Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers Inc.
- R. W. Bro. **Michel J. Sastre**, VII^o, Senior Passed Master – Deputy Grand Master Mason for the Region of Canada of the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers commonly known as “the Operatives”.

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



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INVOCATION -- Grand Chaplain

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 Romania were sung by the assembled brethren.

WELCOME REMARKS

The Grand Master welcomed all to this 31st 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. Bob Alderson reported that we had 44 voting Brethren from 22 councils present. Therefore, a Quorum existed to allow us to conduct our business.

MINUTES OF THE 30TH GRAND SESSION

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

SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner

THAT the minutes of the 30th Annual Grand Assembly, held in Edmonton, AB on August 9, 2014, be accepted as printed and distributed, and as posted on our website.

CARRIED



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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

REGRETS

The Grand Secretary has received the following Regrets:

- V. Ven. Bro. Don Fraser, Grand Chaplain
- M. Ven. Bro. Cliff Hardy, PSGM (1995)
- M. Ven. Bro. Albert E. Card, PSGM (1994)
- M. Ven. Bro. Ken Whiting, PSGM (1987)
- Bro. Stephen Godfrey
- R. Ven. Bro. Michael Hammell
- M. Ven. Bro. Challappa, SGM, Allied Masonic Degrees of India
- M. W. Bro. Ralph James Berry, Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Western Australia
- V. Ven. Bro. Nick Ellis, Chair of the Credentials Committee
- Ven. Bro. William Eastwood

The Grand Master invited M. Ven. Bro. Douglas S. Moore, Jr., Sovereign Grand Master of the AMD in the United States, to address the brethren.

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. Ven. Bro. William Miller, Past SGM of the AMD in the United States, to address the brethren.



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The Grand Master invited M. Ven. Bro. Gabriel Gherasim, Sovereign Grand Master of the AMD of Romania, to address the brethren.

RECOGNITION OF OTHER VISITORS

There were no other visitors today.

RECOGNITION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

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	

Greetings were brought to the Assembly, and to M. Ven. Bro. Selvaraj, by M. Ven. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw.

The Past Grand Masters were accorded Grand Honours 9 times.



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HONOURARY PAST GRAND RANK

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

- M. W. Bro. Douglas S. Moore, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
- M. Ven. Bro. Gabriel Gherasim, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Romania

The following brethren were presented with honorary ranks in the Red Branch of Eri –

- R. Ven. Bro. Traian Popescu, Grand Secretary of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Romania as a *Knight Grand Cross*
- R. Ven. Bro. Joseph MacIntyre, Grand Superintendent in AMD, USA, as a *Knight Grand Cross*
- Ven. Bro. Howard H. Crumit, Jr., Past Sovereign Master of George C. Sellars Council #450, Bloomington Hills, MI as a *Knight Commander*.

The Grand Master invited R. Wor. Bro. Alan Donovan, Honorary Grand Senior Warden (2014/15) and also Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, to address the brethren.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At yesterday's Grand Executive meeting it was announced that we had extended recognition to the new Grand Council of Romania and that the Grand Master had nominated R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree to be their representative near Canada.

The Grand Secretary announced that M. Ven. Bro. Albert E. Card had presented his resignation as the Grand Representative of Western Australia. Our Grand Master forwarded the nomination of our Deputy Grand Master as his replacement and the nomination has been approved by their Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. Ralph James Berry.



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R. Ven. Bro. Turner's counterpart in Western Australia will be their current Deputy Grand Master, R. Wor. Bro. Trevor John Robbins.

It was also announced that after last year's Annual Assembly, letters had been sent to the Grand Council of India. Their Grand Master has accepted our nomination of R. Ven. Bro. Noel Joseph as their representative to our Grand Council and informed us that their R. Ven. Bro. Kumarappa Venkatachalam will represent us to the Grand Council of India.

M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj called the following brethren to the altar to be obligated as Grand Representatives and receive their commissions and certificates--

- R. Ven. Bro. Traian Popescu as Grand Rep. of Canada to Romania
- R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree as Grand Rep. of Romania to Canada
- R. Ven. Bro. Robert J. Turner as Grand Rep. of Western Australia to Canada
- R. Ven. Bro. Noel Joseph as Grand Rep. of India to Canada

Our Grand Master was assisted by M. Ven. Bro. Gabriel Gherasim, Sovereign Grand Master of Romania and by M. W. Bro. Douglas S. Moore, Sovereign Grand Master of the U.S.A.

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

	Grand Representative of the AMD of	
M. Ven. Bro. Glenson T. Jones	England and Wales & Territories Overseas	
M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj	United States of America	✓
M. Ven. Bro. Ken L. Whiting	Victoria, Australia	
R. 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	✓
R. Ven. Bro. Traian Polescu	Canada	✓



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The Grand Representatives were acknowledged with applause.

The Grand Master invited M. Ill. Companion George Gifford, on behalf of the Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, to address the brethren.

RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The DDGMs for 2013-2015 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. David E. Jacklin	from: Chatham Council No. 123	(Absent)
District 2	R.Ven. Bro. Ralph Jenkins	from: Kawartha Council No. 143	
District 3	R.Ven. Bro. Richard Hobbs	from: Wakamow Council No. 211	(Absent)
District 4	R.Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes	from: Yellowhead Council No. 220	
District 5	R.Ven. Bro. Bob Alderson	from: Colonel By Council No. 217	
District 6	R.Ven. Bro. Ed Wilson	from: Dogwood Council #171	

They were given Grand Honours 7 times.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

N.B.) These reports were all available on our website

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Dillon

THAT: the Committee reports as posted on our website be received and accepted.

CARRIED

The Deputy Grand Master gave an update on our 2016 meeting in Victoria, BC., stating that it will be held at the Capital City Center Hotel. Information will be posted on our website as it is received.



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MOTIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS

1 -- Budget

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Don Martyn
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
THAT: the Budget for 2016 be approved.
CARRIED

2 – Grand Assemblies

- (i) MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Lawrence Halliday
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Dillon
THAT: The words “Annual Assembly” in the Constitution be changed to “Grand Assembly” in every instance.
CARRIED
- (ii) MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Lawrence Halliday
SECOND by: M. Ven. Bro. William Laycock
THAT: the Grand Assembly be convened only every two years.
DEFEATED

3 – Time + Place for 2017

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Dillon
THAT: we accept the invitation of Mariners Council #214 to host the 2017 Grand Sessions in Sarnia, Ontario on August 11 and 12.
CARRIED

4 -- Website

MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
SECOND by: M. Ven. Bro. William Laycock
THAT: that a knowledgeable person be engaged to re-design our website and that an honorarium of \$ 300 be made available on the completion of the project.



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5 -- Charters

- A)** MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui
THAT: this body grants the petition of Golden Horseshoe Council U. D. to become a Chartered Council with the number 222.
CARRIED
- B)** MOTION by: R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel
THAT: this body grants the petition of Borealis Council U. D. to become a Chartered Council with the number 223.
CARRIED

The members present of both Councils were requested to stand. They were received applause.

The Grand Master invited M. Wy. Brother George O'Leary, on behalf of the Order of the Secret Monitor, to address the brethren.

The Grand Master invited M. Ex. High Priest Bryan Cunningham, on behalf of the Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario, to address the brethren.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

This Award is presented “in recognition of outstanding service to the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada to a brother who has devoted himself and his talents with distinction to his Constituent Council or the Order and who has fully earned the respect and esteem of his Brethren for good work, conscientiously performed and well done.”

Constitution, section 252



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The nomination came from York Council # 133 and the Award is today presented to Ven. Bro. Georgio Parisi.

Ven. Bro. Parisi was invited to the East to speak.

Ven. Bro. Parisi was given Grand Honours 3 times.

The Grand Master invited R. W. Bro. Michel Sastre, on behalf of “The Operatives,” to address the brethren.

The Grand Master invited M. Wy. Bro. Andrew Ciastek, on behalf of the Engineers, to address the brethren.

M. Ven. Bro. Gabriel Gherasim, Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Romania, presented M. Ven. Bro. Selvaraj with the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master, attested to on a suitable certificate, along with a medal from the York Rite bodies of Romania.

ADDRESS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER

The gavel was passed to the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ven. Bro. Bob Turner.
The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj, gave his annual address to the brethren.

MOTION: R. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui
SECOND: M. Ven. Bro. William Laycock
THAT: the address be referred to the appropriate Committee.
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M. Ven. Bro. Lawrence Halliday presented the report of the Committee.

MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Lawrence Halliday

SECOND by: M. Ven. Bro. William Laycock

THAT: the report be received.

CARRIED

At 11:59 a.m.

BRETHREN WERE CALLED FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT

The Brethren were instructed to return in time for the 1:15 p.m. ceremony of the Installation of the Grand Master and the Investiture of the Grand Council Officers



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Part 2 – Installation & Investiture of Officers

At 1:20 p.m. the *BRETHREN WERE CALLED
FROM REFRESHMENT to LABOUR*

INVESTITURE OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

M. Ven. Bro. William R. J. Laycock presided at the Investiture of the new Grand Council Officers for 2015-2016.

GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

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. Alastair Ross	
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. Norman McEvoy	(A)
Grand Senior Deacon	V. Ven. Bro. Larry Wong	(A)
Grand Junior Deacon	V. Ven. Bro. Gary McCormick	
Grand Chaplain	V. Ven. Bro. Don Fraser	(A)
Grand Historian	V. Ven. Bro. Colin Campbell	(A)
Grand Lecturer	R. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes	
Grand Director of Ceremonies	V. Ven. Bro. Jack Colenutt	(A)
Grand Inner Guard	V. Ven. Bro. Colin Hart	(A)
Grand Tyler	V. Ven. Bro. Bruce Allan	(A)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 2015-2017

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



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Enlightened Knight Commander, RBE
Commander General, Masonic Order of
the Bath
Grand Bung of Ye Ancient Order of
Corks

R. Ven. Bro. William C. Rowney

R. Ven. Bro. Edward J. Burt

V. Ven. Bro. George Sinden

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Architect	R. Ven. Bro. John W. Reynolds
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. Norman McEvoy
Finance & Budget	R. Ven. Bro. Alastair Ross
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. Donald A. Fraser
Rituals	M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes
Time & Place	R. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui
Webmaster	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree & Bro. Michael Bayrak

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.



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FINAL NOTICES AND REMARKS

From the Grand Secretary

Copies of the 2015 Architect, both print and CD, are available.

The DDGMs are reminded that a brief training session will take place after the close of the Assembly.

From the Grand Master

M. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner, Grand Master, announced that the Consecration ceremony for Borealis Council will be on Sat, 29 August and for Golden Horseshoe Council will be on Sat. Nov. 7.

He then gave his Address as Grand Master.

BENEDICTION

From the Grand Chaplain, A Benediction, delivered by R. Ven. Bro. the Rev. Brian Rountree.

As you leave this place
May the Great Disposer of All go with you;
May he go behind you, to encourage you;
Beside you, to befriend you,
Above you, to watch over you;
Beneath you, to lift you from your sorrows;
Within you, to give you the gifts of faith, hope and love;
And always before you, to show you the way,
Until we meet again next year.

Adapted from: Benediction by Blair Monie



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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 2:30 p.m.

**SIGNED ON 13 AUGUST 2016 to signify an accurate copy of the
Proceedings**

Robert Turner, SGC
Sovereign Grand Master

Brian Rountree, KGC
Grand Secretary