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REPORT ON THE WEBSITE AUGUST 2016

M. Ven. Sovereign Grand Master, distinguished brethren and brethren all:

For a number of years, R. Ven. Bro. Tom Wieclawski had organized and kept our website current. In 2014 he moved out of Saskatchewan and resigned from this Committee of the Grand Council. The Grand Secretary took it on, all the while looking for someone with expertise to take over.

At the Grand Assembly last year, I put forth a proposal (which was passed) that an honorarium be paid to have our website changed to a platform other than Joomla which was then being used. That work was completed and we now use Wordpress as our platform, the behind-the-scenes place where the site is constructed and kept. The address stays the same, however, at <http://amdcanada.ca/>

Bro. Mike Bayrak from Edmonton has volunteered to assist in maintaining the website. He has some ideas to make it more accessible and interactive for our members. Thank you, Mike.

There are two proposals we would like the members to consider and discuss at this Assembly, or in the next month or two at their own Council meetings.

1. Councils to maintain their own page -- Although some councils have their own website, each council currently has its own page on the Grand Council website. To consolidate and have a single-source of information for AMD Canada, the webmaster is requesting a member or two, preferably the secretary, from each council to act as webmaster and maintain and update their council's page as they see fit. This will require a user account login for each member to the Wordpress site as a 'contributor'. The webmaster will act as administrator to these user accounts. Page content would include calendar and meeting information, officers, photos, and a blog. The most recent updated information from any council, district, or Grand Council, would appear on the main page as a newsfeed common to social media. There also may be the possibility of linking council, district, and grand council Twitter and Facebook accounts to their respective pages via a permalink or RSS/XML feed URL set for their page in Wordpress.
2. Private Discussion Group -- To facilitate interaction, communication, and education between the various councils and AMD brethren across the jurisdiction, the webmaster will create a private discussion forum with various related topical groups, and administered by an appointed group approved by the Grand Secretary, with such experience. Members of AMD Canada would be sent an invite email with registration instructions. Each council would have their own



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forum to post agendas and minutes and discuss various topics as they see fit. It would be preferable if each council's webmaster would manage their members.

We look forward to making <http://amdcanada.ca/> a useful repository for Allied Masonic Degrees members across Canada.

Respectfully submitted,
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