



# Grand Council

## Allied Masonic Degrees of

Officers of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada and Brethren; Greetings.

It is my privilege to report to you on our Sovereign Grand Master's address for the period ending Aug. 2016 as required by Sec. 113 of our Grand Constitution. First of all I would like to thank all the past Sovereign Grand Masters for their gracious input to make this report possible.

We join hands with our Sovereign Grand Master in welcoming our distinguish visitors from the Grand Council AMD of USA, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, the Grand Supreme Ruler of the OSM of Canada and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Council of the order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England, Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas. Bro. Jackson has travelled many a miles and deserves a very hearty welcome.

We are very delighted to note that AMD has seen continues growth in the past year and two Councils have been consecrated, and also two more on the way in the very near future. We thank the Brethren who accompanied our Sovereign Grand Master in these endeavours and encourage many to attend the future ones. A very positive statement which we like to hear is that the recognition to AMD is expanding and that the Grand Lodge of Alberta has extended amity. This is due to the diligent leaders we have and our hard working members who continue to do a fine job in spreading the word about AMD. Our Sovereign Grand Master has stressed the impotence of presenting more papers, visitation among Councils and improving summonses. We believe this, combined with better memorised ritual, will help to improve and retain membership.

We thank our Sovereign Grand Master for taking appropriate action to fill the position of DDGM District 5 which became vacant due to the untimely death of R. Ven. Bro. Eastwood KC DDGM elect, and personally investing R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson KGC on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2016.

We are saddened by the decision made by R. Ven. Bro. John Reynolds KGC to retire as the long standing Editor of the Architect, after 13 years of service. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

We are delighted by the visitations of our Sovereign Grand Master to most of the constituent Councils and other Grand Masonic Bodies, amongst his very busy schedule. We join him in thanking and congratulating the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and various other Grand Officers for their dedication and services to this Grand Council.

We, the past Sovereign Grand Masters humbly accept his sincere appreciation to us and pledge continues support to him and our beloved Order. We join our Sovereign Grand Master in thanking the members of Victoria Council No. 213 for providing this fantastic weekend to remember. They have done an excellent job.

Here are some of the comments by our Past Sovereign Grand Masters;

"...I have read the address of our SGM and feels that it reflects well his stewardship. The AMD seems to be in good hands and I am pleased to offer my congratulations and best wishes to him..... " - Glenson Jones, SGC, PSGM.

"...I read with interest the 2016 Address of our SGM. I laud his travels and energy spent on our behalf and I agree with him that as we continue to grow and spread the word about AMD of Canada, it will gain honour and respect. Every SGM has a destiny to expand and increase the reputation of the Order and I acknowledge that M. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner has fulfilled that component of his mandate with diligence and dignity. I also agree that his team of Officers have accomplished their duties with great skill and competence....." - M. Ven. Bro. Lawrence Halliday SGC, PSGM.

"I find that our Grand Master has been diligent in his duties and active in his travels he has been a great representative for the Grand Council of the AMD of Canada and I look forward to his continued stewardship in the coming year. I also look forward to seeing him once again in Sarnia for the Grand Session in August of 2017. I regret that family matters preclude my attending Grand AMD this year, first for me in 15 years but I wish for him and the whole of Grand Council a most prosperous and joyous Grand Session...." - M. Ven. Bro. Arthur D. Payne, SGC. PSGM.

"... Our Sovereign Grand Master must be commended on his first year in office. The future looks very bright to the A.M.D. His visits to so many Councils and other Masonic bodies' shows to us that A.M.D. will go forward and make steady gains in the future..." - Clifford C.P. Hardy SGC, PSGM.

Bob; you have made us proud. Your dedication and leadership to this Grand Council has exceeded our expectations. You have worked diligently to bring this Grand Body to the

forefront of the Canadian Masonry. You are to be congratulated and thanked for the services rendered.

We wish you nothing but the best, good health and happiness for the coming year. May your future be bright; your hard work brings prosperity to AMD and the blessings from the heavens.

Most sincerely and fraternally submitted, on behalf of M. Ven. Brethren Glenson Jones, Clifford C.P. Hardy, Lawrence M. Halliday, Arthur D. Payne and Peter D. Park,

***Prince D. Selvaraj***, Chairman.

I move, seconded by M. Ven. Bro. Clifford C. P. Hardy SGC, PSGM that this report be received and spread over the minutes of this Grand Council.