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It has been an honour and a pleasure for me to have been appointed as the Editor of *The Architect* for the past 13 years. This publication is supposed to be a national forum for the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada to share their research and presentations with the members of all Councils. In recent years, the numbers of submissions has been dwindling and the quality of research has been declining. Too much has been just copied from the internet with little or no input by the member making the presentation. I have been in discussion with former editors as well as my assistant and we have questioned the viability of *The Architect*.

I hope that with the introduction of several new Councils (*Borealis*, *Golden Horshoe*, *Peace and Atlantic Councils*) there will be more papers where actual research is undertaken. Many of those in the past who were true members conducting original research have either gone to the Grand Council above or have left the AMD because of age or infirmity.

Since *Medwayosh Council No. 62* relocated to Owen Sound, Ontario, several of us elder members found that a two and a half hour drive each way for an evening meeting was too much. We do appreciate the travel and commitment of the Owen Sound and area members who travelled to Waterloo for years to attend our meetings. The move to Owen Sound was in the best interest of *Medwayosh* as our Hamilton members joined *Golden Horshoe Council* and there were no prospective members in K-W or Guelph. Since the move, many new members from the north have joined *Medwayosh* which is a positive sign.

As I am one of the members who demitted, I expect that Grand Council will want the position of Editor of *The Architect* to be someone who is a member. I understand that position, nevertheless, my 13 years as Editor has been a rewarding experience and I hope a benefit to the journal. If *The Architect* continues, my best wishes go to the new editor for a continued successful journal.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the AMD of Canada who have provided encouragement and support during the past year, and to R. Ven. Bro. Bruce Miller for editing the complete manuscript draft and aiding in the production of "a well turned out issue."

Thank you,

Sincerely & fraternally,



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