



# The Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada

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Brethren:

It is a pleasure to report to you on the activities of this past year.

The Council secretaries heard from me quite often this year as I asked for information and also as I answered questions they had. As dictated by the Constitution, their annual reports for 2015 were due in my hands by February 1, 2016. **Some of them were very late! Again!** However, by the end of April, when I prepared my report to the Grand Treasurer, all of the Councils had reported and all but two paid their per capita and other fees. I need to remind the Secretaries, and the Sovereign Masters, that the Constitution clearly indicates that this matter must be dealt with by February 1 each year and that there are consequences for tardiness [see sections 201 – 203].

Having received all the reports, I can calculate our Canada-wide membership. I am pleased to inform the members of this Grand Council that our membership for the year 2015 can be summarized as follows.

COUNCIL	DEC. 31, 2014	DEC. 31, 2015	
Medwayosh #62	26	21	
London #68	17	19	
Burlington #70	17	20	
Chatham #123	36	39	
York #133	17	13	
Kawartha #143	27	26	
Capital City #154	16	16	
Richmond Hill #168	32	30	
Raymond C Purslow #170	37	36	
Dogwood #171	36	31	
Keystone #172	23	20	
Bridge City #197	11	11	
Wakamow #211	20	18	
Tylers of Solomon #212	14	14	
Victoria #213	25	21	
Mariners #214	32	32	
Colonel By #217	17	16	
Mozart #218	10	15	
Yellowhead #220	30	26	
Golden Horseshoe #222	22	25	
Borealis #223	17	16	
Peace U.D. [May 2014]	0	14	
Atlantic U.D. [June 2014]	0	31	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	482	505	without affiliations
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I also receive, and pass on to the Editor, papers that are destined for *The Architect*. In many cases, I can see that the brethren are eager to fulfill what our Sovereign Grand Master says is our primary focus: “prepare and present papers on aspects of all branches of the Craft that we may all profit and grow from the experience.” This practice of research and subsequent public speaking forms one of the requirements of the office of Sovereign Master; viz.,

- “182. (a) is a Brother of St. Lawrence the Martyr,  
 (b) has served in the office of Warden for at least one (1) full term,  
 (c) has received the grade of Knight in the Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri,  
 (d) *has given at least one paper in his Constituent Council...*”

And we will know that the Sovereign Master-elect has given that paper because it is subsequently published in *The Architect*.

As the brethren will surely remember, the past several years have seen us grow with the institution of four new Councils. Of those, two were Consecrated and given their numbers—Borealis #233 (August) and Golden Horseshoe #222 (November). I doubt not that the Sovereign Grand Master will report on these events. The request for consecration of the remaining two Councils can be found in the *Charters & Dispensations Report*.

**Nominations** for elective office were due in my hands by February 1, 2016. The following nominations were received and those brethren were acclaimed as elected by virtue of their single nomination.

<b>POSITION</b> 2016 – 2017	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>Member of</b>
GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	V. Ven. Bro. Jack M. Colenutt	Wakamow #211
GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	R. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel	Mozart Council #218
GRAND TREASURER	R. Ven. Bro. Donald M. Martyn	Kawartha Council #143
GRAND SECRETARY	R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree	Keystone Council #172
GRAND REGISTRAR	Ven. Bro. John Howden	Mariners' Council #214

Thank you to all those who sent along nominations for appointed offices. I then pass them on to the Sovereign Grand Master for his decision and announcement at the Annual Assembly.

**Invitations from Concordant Bodies** usually come to me: I consult with the Sovereign Grand Master as to his availability to attend meetings. Sometimes we are able to arrange for another brother to attend on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Master and the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Dispensations were requested during the year due to cancellations caused by weather, lack of a quorum, or conflicting Masonic events. I would remind Sovereign Masters that, if your meeting is changed for any of these or other reasons, a Dispensation is needed to hold the new meeting.

Several Councils have revised their By-laws this year. It is always a good practice to review them and keep them current. It is not too difficult to get them updated—the steps are outlined in the Constitution, sections 157-162.

## **Conclusion**

It has been a pleasure to work with the Grand Treasurer, R. Ven. Bro. Don Martyn, in arranging for timely deposits of all monies that belong to the Grand Council.

Brethren, I look forward to working for you and with you this coming year. I also look forward to receiving the Summons from every Council. Please do not be tardy in this matter: I often get inquiries about Councils and meetings so that your Summons serves as an up-to-date reference to answer such questions.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Brian Rountree, Grand Secretary