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It has been an honour and a privilege to take over the editorship of the Architect from Rt.Ven.Bro. John Reynolds, and I hope that the change in format of the Architect will be positively received by both Grand Council and the membership of the AMD of Canada.

In addition to these changes, the 2017 edition of the Architect marks a very positive uptrend in the number of submitted papers, with 27 papers included for publication. We have elected to provide some guidance to the brethren in how to write for the Architect, and have included a Guest Paper for the first time, which will hopefully encourage further valuable interaction with other Grand Councils in the future.

Some councils are not represented in the list of papers, and I hope that this can be improved upon in future years; since the presentation of a paper is a necessary qualification for the chair of Sovereign Master, one would hope for each council to submit at least one paper each year.

Appended is the table of contents of the Architect for 2017.

In other Masonic bodies which have research and the presentation of papers as a component of their work, it has been found that having an annual award for the best submitted paper is valuable in terms of encouraging participation and effort. I would therefore like to suggest that Grand Council consider implementing such an award, which could possibly take the form of a jewel, or post-nominal, which could be presented at the Annual Assembly. I suspect that this would have merit in terms of increasing submissions and interest in the research aspect of the AMD of Canada.

I would like to thank R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree for his guidance and support in producing this edition, along with editing assistance; and also to Bro. Steven Godfrey for his assistance in editing the papers.

Respectfully submitted

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