



Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada

Sovereign Grand Master's Address 2017

Most Venerable the Past Sovereign Grand Masters, M. Ven. Bro. Gary B. Hinson KGC, Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council AMD of USA, M. Wy. Bro. Edward Wilson, Grand Supreme Ruler of the OSM of Canada, M. Ill. Comp. John Hewitt, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Ontario, Distinguished guests, Grand Council Officers and my Brethren, Greetings.

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome you to Sarnia, Ontario to celebrate our 33th Annual Assembly of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada. I hope that you are enjoying your time with us and have set aside time to visit the area.

AMD IN CANADA

This past year has again seen growth and prosperity to the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Brethren. I had the honour to Consecrate two councils this year, Peace Council in Dawson Creek BC on October 15th, 2016 and Atlantic Council in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador on October 29th, 2016. Both of these Councils have had excellent growth during their first year of existence and are a credit to the Allied Masonic Degrees. I thank the Brethren who accompanied me to assist in these memorable experiences.

I have received word that there is a possibility of a Council being formed in Montreal.

It is great to read the notices from the Councils and see the number of candidates being initiated in many of our Councils

Visitations to Canadian Councils (see attached)

Brethren, I am pleased to report that I was able to visit 12 Councils this year, this included two that I visited last year. During my two-year term, I have visited all but one Council. Unfortunately, the meeting date of Colonel By #217 was changed at the last minute and I was unable to reschedule. At each of these meetings I was received as per protocol and Grand Honours were accorded. I enjoyed the meetings and the fellowship and met old friends and made many new ones. I had the pleasure of hearing many informative papers, taking part in Installations, degrees and some lively discussions. There is a real passion for AMD among the brethren.

Visitations to and Recognition by Other Grand Bodies (see attached)

During the year I received invitations and attended The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons British Columbia & Yukon, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, and the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor of Canada of the Brotherhood of David

and Jonathan. I was invited to bring greeting from the AMD of Canada in many of these occasions.

We were invited by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario to have a display at their Convocation. I would like to thank M. Ven. Bro. Selvaraj and V. Ven. Bro Allgood would setting up the display and the members of Medwayosh Council #62 for manning it.

I would like to thank the following Brethren for representing me at:

M. Ven. Bro Prince Selvaraj SGC	Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of USA
	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba
	Grand Council Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada
	Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Romania
Rt. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui KGC	Grand Council of R&S Masons of Ontario
Rt. Ven. Bro. Jack Colenutt KC	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan
Rt. Ven. Bro. Brian Hall KGC	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

While I was in attendance at the Grand Chapters and Grand Council in Western Canada I was representing the Cryptic Rite of Western Canada at these events.

To the Distinguished Guests and Visiting Brethren:

Brethren it is a pleasure to have you with us. We are delighted by your presence and hope that you have enjoyed your stay and that you will return home with many fond memories of this weekend

To the Most Venerable Past Grand Masters:

Thank you for your support and dedication to our Order and for your help and advice over the past year.

To our Deputy Grand Master R. Ven. Bro. Bil Sequi KGC:

Thank you for your assistance and support. This afternoon you will be taking over the helm of this great organization and I offer you my congratulations and support.

To our Grand Secretary R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree KGC and our Grand Treasurer R. Ven. Bro. Don Martyn KGC

Thank you for your work and dedication these past years. I know that the administration and finances of the AMD are on a sound footing.

To the Grand Officers, Grand Representatives and Chairman of various Committees:

Thank you for your dedication and service to this Grand Body. To the appointed Officers and Committee Chairman who are finishing their terms today I wish you the very best in your future endeavours. To the new officers I congratulate you on your appointments

To the members of Marine's Council #214 (Host council)

Thank you for the hard work in organizing this Grand session. We will leave here with happy memories of our time with you.

In Conclusion:

During my visits, I have stressed the need for research and presentation of papers and discussions, this is the purpose of AMD. I am pleased to say that the Councils stepped forward and I understand we have more papers for the Architect that we have had for many years

As I read the summons this year I have noticed that more of you are using them to disseminated masonic information. This is a great way of providing education and knowledge to the members.

I wish to share a piece from the Sovereign's Message of Capital City #154 June notice--

“I would like to share a quote from William K. Bailey, that encompasses the three characteristics of Allied Masonry:”

“I would say there are three steps in Masonry. The first step is the ritual; the second step would be the fellowship to be taken and enjoyed; and the third step would be Masonic information for enlightenment or education.”

Thank you, Brethren, for taking the time to be with us today. I am impressed to see the tremendous support you have given to your Grand Master and to your Grand Council, I wish you safe travels home and look forward to seeing you in St. John's, Newfoundland Labrador.

May TGDOA be ever with us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

M. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner SGC
Sovereign Grand Master (2015-2017) AMD Canada

Visits by Sovereign Grand Master 2016-2017

Aug 12-13, 2016	Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada	Victoria, BC
Aug 14, 2016	OSM Grand Conclave	Toronto, ON
Aug 17-18, 2016	Grand Imperial Conclave	Toronto, ON
Aug 19-20, 2016	Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	Toronto, ON
Sep 6, 2016	Prince of Wales Chapter #27	Regina, SK
Sep 12, 2016	Wakamow Council	Regina SK
Sep 16-17, 2016	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon	Chilliwack BC
Sep 19, 2016	Sask Conclave #14 RCC	Regina, SK
Sep 21, 2016	Mozart Council	Gatineau QC
Sep 26, 2016	Wascana Preceptory #51	Regina, SK
Sep 29, 2016	Sask Council #6	Regina, SK
Oct 4, 2016	Prince of Wales Chapter #27	Regina, SK
Oct 15, 2016	Peace Council	Dawson Creek, BC
Oct 18, 2016	Prince Albert #2 Chapter	Prince Albert, SK
Oct 24, 2016	Wascana Preceptory #51	Regina, SK
Oct 29, 2016	NFLD and Labrador Conclave #11 OSM	St. John's NFLD
Oct 29, 2016	Atlantic Council	St. John's NFLD
Oct 31, 2016	Medwayosh Council	Owen Sound, ON
Nov 14, 2016	Wakamow Council	Moose Jaw SK
Nov 15, 2016	NWMP #14 Lodge	Regina, SK
Nov 19, 2016	James A. Shaw Council	Milton, ON
Nov 21, 2016	Sask Conclave #14 RCC	Regina, SK
Nov 22, 2015	NWMP #14 Lodge	Regina, SK
Nov 28, 2016	Wascana Preceptory #51	Regina, SK
Nov 29, 2016	Sask Council #6	Regina, SK
Dec 3, 2016	London Council & Tylers of Solomon Council	London, ON
Dec 10, 2016	Chatham Council	Chatham, ON
Dec 16, 2016	Keystone Council	Winnipeg MB
Dec 20, 2016	NWMP #14 Lodge	Regina, SK
Jan 23, 2017	Wascana Preceptory #51	Regina, SK
Jan 31, 2017	Sask Council #6	Regina, SK
Feb 7, 2017	Prince of Wales Chapter #27	Regina, SK
Feb 9, 2017	Kawartha Council	Peterborough, ON
Feb 15, 2017?	NWMP #14 Lodge	Regina, SK
Feb 27, 2017	Wascana Preceptory #51	Regina, SK
Mar 13, 2017	Wakamow Council	Regina SK
Mar 18, 2017	St John the Almoner Tabernacle 102	Saskatoon, SK
Mar 18, 2017	Preceptor's Assoc	Saskatoon, SK
Mar 18, 2017	Prairie Lily York Rite College #71	Saskatoon, SK
Mar 20, 2017	Sask Conclave #14 RCC	Regina, SK
Mar 21, 2017	Prince Albert #2 Chapter	Prince Albert, SK

Mar 29, 2017	Sask Council #6	Regina, SK
Apr 3, 2017	Prince Albert #2 Chapter	Prince Albert, SK
Apr 6- 8, 2017	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in Ontario	St. Catharines, ON
Apr 10, 2017	Wakamow Council	Regina SK
Apr 17, 2017	Sask Conclave #14 RCC	Regina, SK
Apr 21-22, 2017	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec	Montreal, OC
Apr 24, 2017	Wascana Preceptory #51	Regina, SK
<i>Apr 26-27, 2017</i>	<i>Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada</i>	<i>Winnipeg, MB</i>
<i>Apr 28-29, 2017</i>	<i>Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba</i>	<i>Winnipeg, MB</i>
May 4-5, 2017	Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons Eastern Jurisdiction	Truro, NS
May 6-7, 2017	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia with jurisdiction over PEI	Truro, NS
<i>May 12-13, 2017</i>	<i>Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta</i>	<i>Camrose, AB</i>
May 25, 2017	Western Canada Priory #35 KYCH	Saskatoon, SK
<i>May 26-27, 2017</i>	<i>Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan</i>	<i>Saskatoon, SK</i>
June 3, 2017	York Council	Toronto, ON
June 3, 2017	Athelstan YRC	Toronto, ON
June 6, 2017	Prince of Wales Chapter #27	Regina, SK
June 10, 2017	BR & Yukon Priory #67 KTCH	Vancouver, BC
June 10, 2017	Joint Meeting Cryptic Councils Lower Mainland of BC	Vancouver, BC
Aug 11-12, 2017	Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada	Sarnia, ON

NOTES:

OFFICIAL VISITS IN BOLD

In Attendance represent by another Brethren as I was representing the Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada (in Italics)