

GREETINGS FROM THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER
of the Grand Council of Canada

At the season of Easter we are reminded of the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of eternal life to those who follow and serve Him. May the joy and happiness of the Easter eggs and bunny rabbits help to remind you that as children of God and inheritors of His Kingdom we must serve Him. The beautiful white lilies remind us of the beautiful spring flowers and new life of purity. As members of the Allied Masonic Degrees and students, researchers and teachers, let us re-dedicate our efforts to serve our brotherhood.

London Council #68 are preparing to host our first Grand Council on Saturday, October 19th 1985. The committees are anxious to know how many expect to attend. Would you mark your calendar and drop me a note indicating your intentions? Mail to: Box 3471, London, Ontario N6A 4K8. The detailed agenda and program are already in the formative stage.

Due to the sudden passing of our Deputy Grand Master, Rt.Ven.Bro. Reginald Forest-Jones, it was necessary that your Grand Master appoint a successor immediately to carry out our detailed program. Because of his experience as President of our Association and the proven leadership qualifications with adequate time available to serve us faithfully, I requested Rt.Ven. Bro. Glenson Jones of Ottawa to advance and assume the duties of Deputy Grand Master. He has confirmed by telephone his acceptance of this position and its responsibilities. I hope that my choice will be accepted by our brethren.

We will acknowledge the work and contribution of our friend Reg. - a true scholar of Masonry and one whom we all admired! In your busy life, as you read this, will you pause a moment, right now, to say a prayer for our late Right Venerable Brother Reginald Forest-Jones and give thanks for a life well spent.

To those Councils who are on the fringes of acceptance of our Grand Council because of confusion created in the last five years, we now humbly beg that you make your decision to be full fledged participants of our Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Please forward the necessary documents to our Grand Secretary as soon as possible. The steady progress of the Allied Masonic Degrees in my twenty years membership has been on sound Masonic principles. As we lay the foundation of our Grand Council, may it be true to our ideals.

If I can be of any assistance to your Council, please contact me.

You will be pleased with the report you receive from the Grand Master of A.M.D. of the U.S.A., Most Ven. Charles Glassmire, in his address in February in Washington D.C., where he acknowledged and gave his blessings to the continuing success of our Canadian Grand Council. "The baby has matured to fly on its own!" May they always be proud of our accomplishments!

In harmony and friendship may this Easter blessing reach our - GOD BLESS!

Fraternally,
John B. Carson.

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The Masonic Press

Drink deep, my Brethren,  
with a right good will,  
Long life, long health to the Masonic Press,  
And wish them more of well-deserved success;  
For they e're stive our longing minds to fill  
With true Fraternal Knowledge,  
which doth thrill  
And sooth and succour with a sweet caress,  
Giving us joy - dispelling weariness,  
So powerful is their watchword,  
Wisdom their device,  
Light is their Banner, it triumphant waves -  
Their Armour is a weak and puny pen,  
Yet tho' tis weak - it kills all sin & vice,  
And takes away the vileness that depraves,  
And makes us feel once more that we are men.

## IN THE BEGINNING . . .

by Bro. R.J. Meek,  
Council of Nine Muses  
Grand Historian, Grand Chapter of B.C.

We say that Freemasonry began in its present form in 1717, and quite rightly as abundant evidence proves. We also refer to traditional history, ancient customs, and various practices lost in the mists of antiquity. All of these references intimate a culture which left evidence by way of hieroglyphics, sculptures, and forgotten writings. To look beyond these into the primeval past is admittedly precarious and speculative. I don't intend to take you on a fairy-tale journey, but one along which we can see fleeting glimpses of the earliest expressions of thought of primitive man.

Traditions and rituals, secrets, signs, and the appeal of belonging to an 'in' group is ingrained within all of us. This appeal is probably goes back to men of the very earliest times, to the many generations of hunters, fishermen and gathers during the very long Paleolithic Age. An age estimated by archaeologists as 800,000 to 1,000,000 years long.

We are fortunate in having a great deal of knowledge of the early days of Rome and Greece. The statues, pottery, temples, and writings of the period give us a vivid picture of life two and three thousand years ago. In Egypt and Mesopotamia we can go back possibly another three thousand years or so. These clearly identified artifacts are collectively known as Historical Archaeology and give us some of our first Masonic references.

We may recall the opening words in the beautiful tracing board lecture of the E.A. Degree: 'The usages and customs of Freemasonry have ever corresponded with those of the Egyptian philosophers to which they bear a near affinity. It is extremely probable that there were thinkers in Ancient Egypt who could be called philosophers by today's standards. Men who could 'look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions'. Men who conceived some of the symbols we use today, and who were capable of thinking and conveying their thought on the superhuman level.

But what about the dim and shadowy man before our ancient philosopher? We can reason by sheer logic that there must have been thinking men before writing was developed - the Old Man of the Tribe, perhaps the Medicine Man or Shaman if we use the term in its beneficent meaning.

Prehistoric Archaeology, a rather indefinite era, is loosely termed the Stone Age and is divided into the Old Stone Age - Paleolithic, and the New Stone Age - Neolithic, and it is the Late Stone Age to which I refer. An era from about 6,000 or 7,000 B.C. back about 30,000 years. Neanderthal Man had disappeared and Cro-Magnon Man lived around the Mediterranean, following the retreating ice into central and northern Europe. The Upper Paleolithic age started with the Aurignacian, then the Solutrean and finally the Magdalenian - all named after the places in Western Europe where typical artifacts of the era were found. During these times the last of the great ice ages came to an end, and now man lived in a less harsh environment, and for the first time leisure in form of visual art came into existence.

Most of what we know of Upper Paleolithic and Neolithic Man is derived from the stone artifacts he left behind in considerable numbers. His stone-working techniques improved slowly through the centuries. He began to grind and polish instead of striking and flaking. Some animals - the sabre-toothed tiger, the mastodon and hairy mammoth became extinct. Man looked with new eyes at the world around him.

During the thousands of years in this era we have reason to believe that man started to think in the abstract, that ritual in the embryonic form of magic was practiced, and men gathered in secret places to initiate their boys as hunters and to become full members of the tribe. And with these feeble gropings into the supernatural there came feelings of awe and reverence - possibly to the sun, the moon, and the stars, but also to the spirits of the animals that favoured man by letting him kill their bodies for the very lives of the hunter and his family.

We begin to find artifacts with embellishments and decoration. We can only guess that wood, bone, fur, and other forms of perishable articles also carried elementary decoration, probably even symbols. Beads and perforated shells are found indicating that man searched for - and found - beauty in the dawn before earliest

civilization. These expressions of art were probably a game, a play-function, something which distinguished man from animals.

One important source of information of Upper Paleolithic life is found in cave paintings, some of the finest being in Spain and France. During the last war, some young boys discovered Lascaux Caves in south-west France - possibly the most vivid and beautiful of all the known painted caves.

We can state with a high degree of certainty that men of the early Upper Paleolithic Age - the Aurignacian - had an ability to think in the abstract. The Lascaux paintings were created some 20 to 25,000 years ago. Amongst the many paintings are several male figures with masks of animals. Their entire culture was based on hunting, and the association of ideas clearly indicates a symbolism - elementary and primitive - but nevertheless it had all the elements for what later became 'the men's house' as Bro. Fort Newton calls the first crude Lodges.

Today only in the remotest parts of Australia can one find primitive man so closely attuned to the spirits and ancestors of the beasts he hunted and respected. A great deal of magic was associated with the ceremonies of primitive man, mainly to ensure success in finding and killing game. I wonder how many strange customs and beliefs we of today cherish as we set out to hunt and fish. Surely within all of us males there exists a bit of the hunter, a vestige of our cave man ancestors who stalked stronger and fiercer animals than himself.

Several art forms give us a clue to the non-material culture of early man. We have no idea of pre-historic music but the few snatches of verse which have persisted have been the basis upon which researchers conclude that rhythm was deeply ingrained in the human psyche. A few rock paintings from Africa and Europe show drums and dancing figures. Here again is an illustration of a culture with time for leisure and fun, for song and verse, dance and ritual.

There is no doubt whatsoever that primitive man, and I think we can go back some 25,000 years with a high probability of truth, had a concept of a spirit world. All primitive cultures which have been studied by anthropologists have indicated this.

Some concepts were very cruel and based on a fear complex while others held to a more benign view. But the underlying motif through all such systems of thought was the littleness of man compared to the Great Spirit. That above our petty ways, usually above the clouds somewhere, there existed a Great Someone. He would meet that Person when he journeyed to the Happy Hunting Grounds, or Nirvana, or under the sea, over a river, or - eventually, in Heaven.

Associated with the Great Spirit concept was the firm belief that man would live again in a far away place. That Man will never never die. The universality of the belief in the individual's indestructiveness possibly was the central theme of many associations of early man. We understand that the few primitive societies today, notably the aborigines of Australia adhere to such a system of beliefs. These eventually evolved over thousands of years into the sophisticated systems of today. Refined and profound thoughts which we have systematized into religion, philosophy, Freemasonry, and our entire code of ethics. Culture in its highest form.

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A Ghost of the Third Degree

An extract from "Did You Know" by Wes Cook

During the last half of the 19th century, a combination of religion and secret society swept most of the Indian tribes of the western plains from Canada to Mexico. It was known as the Ghost Dance and was almost unanimously accepted by all tribes except the Navaho, Pueblo or Columbia river tribes. It was started by a Paiute Indian by the name of Wovoka who claimed to be a Messiah. During the ceremony, the novice "died" and fell unconscious to the ground, whereupon the group formed a circle around him, chanting and singing, and the "dead" man eventually returned to life. It was actually founded on a hope common to all humanity - that of death and the Resurrection. However the tribes carried it to stages of religious frenzy which was mixed with self-hypnosis and the Indian Agency outlawed it. In a number of instances Federal troops were called upon to prevent the Ghost Dance.

Next Meeting: July 6, 1985
12 noon lunch
1 pm. Council meets
downstairs meeting room
check billboard
2:00 pm. Assn. meets
Nadawasaga Inn
Alliston, Ont.
(57 km North on Hwy 400,
18 km West on Hwy 89)

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Special Mailing

This issue completes the second full year of publication of The Architect. Much has happened in that time and many interesting papers have been published.

This historic occasion has brought both joy and sadness. Sadness that those pioneers of twenty-five years ago who made the initial effort are not able to be with us and that there are still some who remain on the fringe who do not wish to make our Grand Body one hundred percent, mostly for individual reasons. We are sorry that some egos were hurt by progress but the originals wanted it then, not now! It has been a joy to be part of the effort and planning to make our first Grand Council something to be remembered. The response from the brethren and companions has been overwhelming. The local committee of three sections are trying to out perform each other. I know you will be pleasingly surprised. Out of Grand Council, London Council #68 will be three Councils - London, St. Thomas and Sarnia. Ye Antient Order of Corks will be

understudied by the Chatham Council team with Ven. Bro. Robert Purdy as our future Grand Bung. Our Deputy Grand Master has returned from a trip to England where he was favourably received and his report is elsewhere in this issue of the Architect.

At Grand Council we have two committees who will give their reports - future places of meeting - constitution. If you have input please contact the Chairman or the Grand Secretary.

We still have some Councils who are not committed to our Grand Council. If your Council is in this category, get involved now to join prior to August 31st, 1985 for full participation. Our Grand Secretary - Treasurer has worked diligently for the good of the Order and has given yeoman service. It is difficult to always agree with him but in his heart and mind he only wants the best and a secure foundation for our Grand Council. Someone must put forth the effort and try to resolve the small items that divide us and work together with love and harmony for the good of all of us. Agreement is by consensus. We are flexible to change if it is for the better. The best is what our Grand Secretary strives to obtain on our behalf. If you don't agree with what is happening you cannot make any changes by refusing to participate. Everyone is welcome to participate with ideas, suggestions and progressive legislation. Will you have input! Will you put aside personal differences for the benefit of all members' edification through our Order!

The Grand Council takes in all members - each has a contribution - we are sending the information and invitation to each and every member. Please arrange to be with us. Your reservation is expected!

If I can be of any assistance to your Council please contact me.

May you have a safe and pleasant summer season refreshed with good health and happiness for our future labours together. May God richly bless you and keep you.

Fraternally,

John B. Carson,
Sovereign Grand Master

During his visit, Bro. Jones was invited to attend several meetings. He was present at the conferring of the St. Lawrence the Martyr, Knights of Constantinople, Grand Tilers of Solomon and Secret Monitor degrees. He was especially interested in observing the regalia which was used and the manner in which the degrees were carried out.

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Masonic Research Papers Available

The Heritage Lodge #730, Ontario's research lodge is re-publishing the series of 107 Masonic research papers which were originally published by the Canadian Masonic Research Association during its existence from 1949 to 1976.

Subjects include Chinese Freemasonry, Mohawk Valley Loyalist Masons, Rev. John Beardsley, George Canning Longley, Col. William J.B. McLeod Moore, Joseph Brant, the Knights of St. John, Early Masonry in the Canadian West, John Ross Robertson, Rudyard Kipling, Making Masons At Sight, Rituals in Canadian Jurisdictions, Fables fallacies and fictions of Freemasonry, Craft, Mark, Royal Arch, Cryptic Rite, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, 107 papers in all.

These will be published in three hard covered volumes totaling over 2000 pages. The pre-publication price is \$55.00. Cheques should be made out to: Project CMRA.

Please send orders to:
Project C.M.R.A. Chairman,
C.E. Balfour Le Greslely,
213 Riverside Drive,
TORONTO, Ontario, M6S 4A8

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M.V.Bro. John B. Carson

The first Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada, has been a member of the Order for over 20 years, joining London Council #68 as a Charter member in 1964.

John was born and raised in London, Ontario where he still makes his home. He has managed his own insurance brokerage firm for over twenty years as well as diversifying into five other corporations.

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News From England

During the last two weeks of May, Rt.V.Bro. Glenson Jones, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Canada, paid a fraternal visit to our sister Grand Council in England. Here he received a very warm welcome.

The discussions with the Grand Secretary touched upon many topics, including those of recognition, inter-visitation, ritual uniformity.

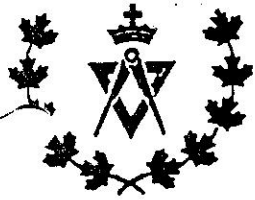
The Grand Council of AMD of England and Wales was pleased to extend to us the same relationship that they have with the Grand Council of the USA. Our Grand Council has been invited to send representatives to their annual communication at the end of October.

Bro. Carson was initiated into Union Lodge #380 in March 1950 and served as Worshipful Master in 1966. He joined London Chapter #150 in October, 1950 and became it's First Principal in 1961.

The Preceptory and Cryptic Rite also claimed the interest of this hard-working Mason. Over the years he has presided over both and has achieved grand rank in both.

His other memberships include Mocha Temple AAONM Shrine, Huron Conclave #2 Red Cross of Constantine, London York Rite College #67 and Ontario Priory #49 York Cross of Honour.

Most Ven. Bro. Carson has shown great energy and commitment in all of his endeavors and has certainly gained great respect in our Order. We are fortunate to leaders of his caliber in our grand ranks.



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Greetings from the Association

Dear Brothers and Companions:

Our summer respite is shortly coming to an end, and it is hoped by your executive that you and yours enjoyed your summer and that all are ready to return to their Masonic labors refreshed and full of strength and vigor.

The meeting hosted by Three Sovereigns Council and Ven.Bro. Carter proved very interesting. Thank you for your hospitality.

Those Councils who do not belong to our Association are missing out. What better way to prove your point, then to join a group of Brethren, who act as a sounding board. Maybe by sounding off we can arrive at a solution which will strengthen the Allied Masonic Degrees, in general.

Lets all attempt to give everything we can. Don't be a taker; be known as a giver. I dare you to act as a real Mason. Join in, give of your talents, time and let's all stop our belly aching because things don't seem to go our way or that conclusions result that are different from the way we think they should be.

If you think the Association does not meet the needs of your Council, do something about it. Join in and change the effort through the true Masonic process, democratically. Let me know your views, don't put your head in a basket.

Your executive awaits your reaction. Contact me at Unit 1003 - 6151 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 1Z4 or Rt.Ven. Bro. Bill Dixon, Chairman of our Committee of Concern, at 65 Miramar Cres., Scarborough, Ont., M1J 1R5. We will make time for the problems at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will again be hosted by Richmond Hill Council, and we express our gratitude to Ven. Bro. Norm Clegg and his officers. The date is September 21, 1985. The place is Maple Masonic Temple, Maple, Ont. (north of Major MacKenzie Drive on Keele Street) The Grand Tyler of Solomon will be the Degree starting at 8:30 am.

Greetings From The Grand East

Call to Arms! We must return to the trenches -- work is the lot of man. As we return to labours in our Councils, we must pause to give our blessings and prayer of thankfulness for our pleasant time of refreshment, hopeful that each one is renewed to carry on the tasks allotted.

We are making the final preparations for our first Canadian Grand Council. The response from our neighbours to the south and our mother Grand Council has been most gracious and exceeding all expectations.

Your Grand Master was invited to participate in the Michigan association of Councils at Holly, Michigan. I was pleased to have several members of London Council No. 68 as my travelling companions, from Wyoming our Senior Warden Bro. Bob Parker, from St. Thomas our Junior Warden, Bro. George Anderson and our Junior Deacon, Bro. Laurence Marshall, as well as founding members, Bro. Hugh Fackrell and Past Sov. Master, Ven.Bro. Fred Longthorne and from London our Secretary, Ven.Bro. Ed Carson and Bro. Tom H. Johnson the librarian of London Masonic Temple. We were warmly received and graciously introduced. We met a very friendly group of renowned Masons from Michigan and Ohio. We heard an inspiring address by the DGM on the Grand Council of the USA, Rt.Ven.Bro. Ray Loose from Ohio. Fraternal visits of Councils is a very rewarding experience.

The Grand Tilers of Solomon degree team of London Council # 68 has been invited to exemplify that degree for Thistle and Rose Council # 27, Detroit, Michigan on Wed., 11 Sept., 1985 in the Detroit Masonic Temple.

Medwayosh Council # 62 is adjusting to the great loss and sudden passing of their secretary, the late Rt.Ven.Bro. Reginald Forest-Jones. This is the founding Council in Canada. Reg had commenced on the history A.M.D. in Canada over twenty-five years. The immediate Past SM has assumed the secretary duties and has volunteered to have a draft presentation ready for our Grand Council in October. We are deeply indebted

SHARP. The Association will start at 10:30 am. Hope to see you then. All are welcome.

Yours fraternally,

Rt.Ven. Bro. Markus P. Klawieter, President

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NOTICE from Editor

Please note my new address and phone # on the newsletter banner. Notices and articles from both individuals & Councils always welcomed by the The Architect.

to Ven.Bro. Ken Whiting for his dedication. The members of Medwayosh Council will be the credential committee for our first Grand Council. This Council is unique in that each meeting place is in a different location to serve the area where the members live along #401 highway. This concept may be beneficial to other Councils. They have members ready to deliver papers, which is really what A.M.D. is all about -- education -- in a tutorial atmosphere. It is an inspiration to participate in their meeting.

Please make a special effort to attend our Grand Council on October 19th, 1985. We are confident you will be glad you did!

Fraternally,

John B. Carson,
Sovereign Grand Master

The Ceremony of Installation

by Bro. Ivor A. Wilkins, SW

Medwayosh Council #62, 29 July, 1985

After Retirement, busy as I am, I still seem to find a little time to read. I would like to read to you information that I have read about the Ceremony of Installation, more particularly about the General Charge, which comes at the end of the ceremony. It is possible that some Brethren may be interested in knowing where the ceremony originated. Most of it is done exactly the same way as it was done in England two hundred years ago. * If you were to visit an English Lodge, when the Master is installed, nearly the whole ceremony would be familiar to you. There is one notable exception, one piece or ritual that was made in Canada. That is The General Charge delivered to the Lodge at the end of the Ceremony.

I don't know if you have ever listened to it carefully. It comes at the end of a long evening, when you may be tired, and for that reason it may be abbreviated if the work is running late. The General Charge, in it's entirety, is magnificent and contains the whole essence of Masonry.

Of the 12 paragraphs in the General Charge, only the first and last are used in England.

First Paragraph - Such is the nature of our institution, that some of necessity rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The brethren elected and appointed to assist in the government of this Lodge are too well acquainted with the principles of Free Masonry and the rules of propriety to exceed the power with which they have been entrusted, and you are of too generous a disposition to envy their preferment. I trust therefore that we have but one aim, to please each other and unite in the Grand Design of being happy and communicating Happiness.

Last Paragraph - Finally my Brethren, as our fraternity has been formed and maintained in perfect unanimity and concord. in which we

The reason that the ten middle paragraphs are strictly Canadian, and are found only in our Grand Lodge, and in those Grand Lodges that sprang from us and adopted our ritual.

The first general charge was first put into print in 1874 and published in 1876. The man responsible was Otto Klotz, a native of Germany. He came to Canada as a young man. He was a very successful business man and a Hotel Keeper in Preston, Ontario, and a devoted Mason. He never aspired to the chair of Grand Master, according to one story, because he was self conscious about his strong German accent. In recognition of his services to Grand Lodge he was given the rank of Past GM (Honorary) in 1885.

One of our own Past GMs, MW Bro. William Kirk Bailey devoted considerable time in tracing the sources from which Bro. Klotz drew the General Charge and has been quite successful in tracking them down. I would like to share the results of his researches.

Paragraph 2 - (Masonry, my Brethren, according to the general acceptance of the term, is an art) is another old piece of work, for it comes from the introductory address to what in England is called, The First Lecture. It apparently first saw print in 1798, in Brown's Master Key.

Paragraph 3 - (Freemasonry, from it's origin to the present time, in all it's vicissitudes, has been the steady unvarying friend of man) and going down to, (there is no right without the supremacy of the law, no high destiny without earnest perseverance and no real greatness without self denial) is taken from the GMs address, delivered to the Grand Lodge of Canada on July 11, 1860 by our first GM, William Mercer Wilson.

Paragraph 4 - (A Freemason's Lodge is a temple of peace, harmony and brotherly love) and Paragraph 5 - (The object, however, of meeting in the Lodge, is of a two fold nature, namely moral instruction and social intercourse), came from an address given on a Ladies' Night on December 27, 1864, held at Alma Lodge # 72 in Galt Ontario, by the WM, V.W. Bro. Otto Klotz.

Paragraphs 6 thru 11, on the ideal of a Fr= Mason were likewise composed by Bro. Klotz, and appear at the end of an article entitled, The History of Freemasonry, which was published in the (Canadian) Craftsman for March 15th, 1868.

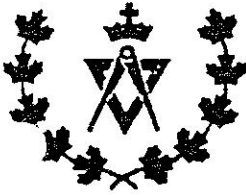
When you next have an opportunity to attend

all greatly rejoice, so may it continue until time shall be no more. May kindness and brotherly love distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons. Within your peaceful walls, may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity and may the genuine tenets of our time honored institution be transmitted through your lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

So Brethren, those are the only two paragraphs used in the English Ceremony.

an installation, keep in mind that the outline of the ceremony can be traced back more than 250 years(!); that virtually all the detail is unchanged from that used in England 2 centuries ago; and that the General Charge, the one piece of specifically Canadian ritual we use, was compiled under the auspices of our Grand Lodge just over 100 years ago.

So Brethren, I hope I have enlightened you somewhat about our Annual Installation Ceremony, and more particularly, what is being said in the General Charge, which as I said before, is magnificent and contains the very essence of Masonry.



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Greetings from the Association

As my year as president draws to a close, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Councils for the support you have extended to me and for the helpful suggestions on how we can make the Allied Masonic Degrees a valued part of Masonry.

To the executive who valued my ideas and always stood ready to assist, in brotherly love fashion, may each brother rest with the thought that they have certainly made this year one I shall long remember.

It is my sincere wish that you also can rest with the thought that you have supported our mutual endeavor with brotherly love, relief and truth. May each of you reach for a star and succeed.

To the Most Venerable Grand Master, Glenison Jones, his officers elected and appointed, I wish to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes.

To my successors, I will support you as you have supported me.

Finally, as the holiday season is upon us, may the peace of God and the prosperity of love be upon you and yours.

Fraternally, Rt.Ven.Bro. Markus Klawietter,
J.G.W., President.

Next Meeting of Canadian Association

The next meeting of the Association of Canadian Councils will be on Jan. 25, 1986 at 10:30 am. at the Maple Masonic Temple, Maple Ont. (North of Major MacKenzie Drive on Keele Street.) This will be our Annual Assembly and election of officers.

Next Meeting of Grand Executive

The next meeting of the Executive of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada will be at Maple Masonic Temple immediately following the meeting of the Association (see above).

Greetings From The Grand East

I would like to express my thanks to you all for your confidence in electing me to this high office. I promise to fulfill the duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability and I hope to be able to leave it stronger than I found it.

Our first SGM, M.Ven.Bro. John Carson, deserves much credit. He led our fledgling Grand Council from its first feeble steps to a really grand First Annual Communication in London this year. See the article on the events on that day elsewhere in this issue.

October 19, 1985 marked the end of our first full year of operation as a Grand Council in Canada. It was a time of reflection on the events of the past and on the possibilities for the future.

The Officers and members have put a lot of thought into how our Grand Council should be structured and run, and although there are still things to be worked out, much has been accomplished.

Our second group of Officers have now been elected or appointed, and duly installed or invested. I would like to congratulate each Officer on his attainment but remind them that their efforts over this next year will have a greater influence on the health of our Grand Council than whatever they may have done in the past.

In the life of a young Grand Council, there is much to be done but there is little precedent for how to approach the task. M.Ven.Bro. Peacher said to me last fall that it is seldom that anyone has the opportunity to see the formation of a new Grand Body and even more seldom that anyone has the honor of taking part in such a formation. We should be proud of the roles we play and very aware of the debt we owe to the Order for this privilege.

I call upon each officer to look very carefully at the office he holds and to make very concrete plans for what he wants to accomplish this year, both at the Grand Council level and in his own Council.

Remember that the viability of our Grand Council will depend not only upon the skills of the Sov. Grand Master but also those of every officer and of every Council. Do your part by planning now. Wishful thinking leads to regrets and lost opportunities.

Our Grand Officers have each expressed a willingness to serve as needed. I hope that each of you will assist them when required for the betterment of our Allied cause.

In closing, I wish you and yours the best of the coming season, and health and happiness for the new year.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Glenson T. Jones, KGC
Sovereign Grand Master

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Gift To Grand Council Library

As you know the Council of 9 Muses has been charged with the responsibility to develop and maintain a library for the use of researchers in Canada. A letter to this effect was sent to member Councils but our first donation has come from a brother who belongs to the Grand Master's Council, USA.

Brother Howard Warner has been a member since 1966 and knew our founder, Charlie Fotheringham, very well. Howard has been a researcher for many years and is the author of several books and a number of lodge histories. As he is living in Ottawa, he has visited Capital City Council #154 on a number of occasions.

Howard has kindly donated the following:

- Miscellanea 1964 to 1971
- Annals 1965 to 1971
- Miscellanea Index to Volumes I to IX
- Minutes of Grand College of Rites 1976
- Collectanea Vol. 1 #1 reprint
- Vols. 5-1, 8-3 & 10-2
- Collectanea Index to Vols. 7, 8 & 9

Thank You Howard. They are thankfully received and will be faithfully applied.

The First Annual Communication
Of The Grand Council Of AMD Of Canada

The feeling in London on Oct. 19th was one of enthusiasm and optimism. A lot of work had gone into preparing for the weekend and it was a great success. Credit must be given to our first Sov. Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. John Carson and to London Council #68.

There were 33 registered delegates representing 11 councils. In addition, we had two observers from York and Chatham Councils and 11 invited visitors from Thistle and Rose Council #27 and from Ye Ancient Order of Corks of the USA.

The Officers for 1985-86 were elected or appointed, and were then installed and invested by a team from Thistle and Rose Council from Detroit, Michigan.

The new Grand Officers are as follows:

Elected:

- Sov. G.M. - M. Ven. Bro. Glenson T. Jones
- D. G.M. - R. Ven. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw
- S. G.W. - R. Ven. Bro. Kenneth L. Whiting
- J. G.W. - R. Ven. Bro. Marcus P. Klawieter
- BOGP - R. Ven. Bro. William Dixon
- BOGP - R. Ven. Bro. Thomas J. Berry
- BOGP - R. Ven. Bro. Alexander Grant
- Sect. /T. - R. Ven. Bro. Norman A. Robertson

Appointed:

- S. G.D. - R. Ven. Bro. Albert B.B. Sewell
- J. G.D. - R. Ven. Bro. Russel Varley
- G. Ch. - R. Ven. Bro. Peter Maydan
- G. D. O. C. - R. Ven. Bro. Albert Card
- G. Marsh. - R. Ven. Bro. Harold Horn
- G. Tyler - V. Ven. Bro. Clifford C.P. Hardy

Three talks were given to the brethren during the course of the day. The first of these was given by R. Ven. Bro. K.L. Whiting of Medwayosh Council #62. His talk was entitled "The History Of Medwayosh Council #62, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada". He spoke of the efforts of Ven. Bro. Charles Fotheringham to bring the AMD to Canada, and of the early history of Medwayosh Council #62. His paper has been reprinted in this issue of The Architect.

The luncheon speaker was Bro. Donald Cookson of London Council #68. It was entitled "A Think Piece On The Allied Masonic Degrees". He spoke of the tasks of the Allied Masonic Degrees and of the duties of its members.

History of Medwayosh Council #62
Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada

The afternoon talk was given by M.Ven.Bro. G. T. Jones the founding SM of the Council of 9 Muses. The talk was called "The Nine Muses and The Inquiring Mind". It dealt with who the Muses were and their relevance to Masonry in general and to the AMD in particular.

by R.Ven.Bro. Kenneth L. Whiting
Senior Grand Warden
Grand Council of AMD of Canada

At 9pm a Cellar of Ye Ancient Order of Corks was formed and Ven.Bro. Robert W. Purdy of Chatham Council #123, was installed as Provincial Grand Bung for Canada and head of the Grand Cellar for the Grand Council of AMD of Canada.

The history of Medwayosh Council #62, AMD can with much justification be styled, the early history of the Grand Council of the AMD of Canada, for there can be no doubt that the efforts of those brethren that met at the home of Ven.Bro. Charles Fotheringham in early spring of 1963 led inexorably to when the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada was instituted by M.Ven.Bro. Charles E. Glassmire, Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, in the fall of 1984.

A large group of candidates received the degree with M.Ven.Bro. John Carson being one of the representative candidates. The evening was a great success and we look forward to seeing the ceremony again next year with a fully Canadian team. Plans are under way to initiate all eligible candidates to the Red Branch of Eri with full ceremony for the first three grades.

The beginning of Allied Masonic Degrees masonry in Canada started simply enough when on the 29th day of March 1963, eight interested brethren met at the home of the late Charles Fotheringham, 463 King St., Kitchener, Ontario.

Our 2nd Annual Communication will be in Ottawa on September 20, 1986. Plan to be there!

Joining with Bro. Fotheringham that evening were Bros. George H. Shannon, William E. James, William R. Cooper, Justus W. Stoner, Ivan R. Marshall, Henry Charles and Harry Degan.

S.G.M. to Give Heritage Lodge Paper

Saturday May 17, 1986 will see a meeting of Heritage Lodge #730, Ontario's research lodge, at Brockville, Ontario. Brockville is about 5 miles from Maitland which was the center of Masonry in Canada in the late 1800's.

Charles Fotheringham, being a member of the Grand Master's Council "A" of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, explained the AMD and outlined the qualifications for membership.

Among the Orders and Rites centered there were:

- The Rites of Memphis and Mizriam
- The Reformed Egyptian Rite
- The Swedenborgian Rite
- The Royal & Oriental Order of Sikha
- The Order of High Priesthood
- The Order of St. Lawrence
- The Royal Order of Eri, &
- The Grand Council of Allied Degrees.

Interest was very high and it was agreed that Bro. Fotheringham would communicate with the Grand Secretary, R.Ven.Bro. Leven M. Oglukian in Charlotte N.C., seeking dispensation to form a council in Canada, to be known as Medwayosh Council. The necessary forms were prepared indicating that the following would serve as the first officers:

M.Ven.Bro. Glenison Jones has been asked to give the paper on that occasion. His talk will be entitled "The Byways of Masonry", and will deal with the history of the Appendant Orders.

- Sovereign Master - Charles Fotheringham
- Senior Warden - George H. Shannon
- Junior Warden - William E. James
- Secretary - Justus W. Stoner
- Treasurer - William R. Cooper
- Chaplain - Ivan R. Marshall
- Senior Deacon - Carl Jantzi

Plan to attend to hear this talk and to show support for our SGM. Further details later.

Thus the hopes and prayers of the brethren were duly mailed to South Carolina and at the request of the Brethren present, Bro. Fotheringham undertook to draft the first set of by-laws.

On May 10, 1963 an acknowledgment was received from the Grand Secretary.

On June 4, 1963 a letter was received from Edward B. Horning, the secretary of Iroquois Council AMD in Buffalo N.Y. re forming a Council in Ontario. Apparently the Grand Master had commissioned Iroquois Council to assist in the institution of the new Council in Canada.

Arrangements were made to meet the Buffalo brethren at the Stuyvesant Hotel in Buffalo on July 13, 1963.

In the interim, on June 28, 1963, the dispensation arrived in Kitchener, duly signed by the Sovereign Grand Master, M.Ven.Bro. Robert H. Bowlby, and the Grand Secretary and dated June 13, 1963.

The meeting of July 13, 1963 at the Stuyvesant Hotel in Buffalo was the real beginning of the AMD in Canada.

That evening Iroquois Council #37 opened with Ven.Bro. John George Reiger, PSM presiding and the following brethren were received into the Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA, with a very proud Charles Fotheringham administering the obligation.

- George H. Shannon
- William E. James
- William R. Cooper
- Justus W. Stoner
- Ivan R. Marshall

Following the receiving of the Canadian Brethren into the AMD, a Grand Council of AMD was opened by Acting Sovereign Grand Master, Ven.Bro. Edward B. Horning.

The Acting Grand Master read his commission and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to institute a new council of AMD, to be the first in Canada and to be known as Medwayosh Council, U.D.

The ceremony was conducted with much dignity and decorum and afterwards the Acting Grand Officers extended their congratulations and those of the Sovereign Grand Master, M.Ven. Bro. Robert H. Bowlby for a long and productive life for the new council.

The Grand Council was closed and Iroquois Council proceeded with the installation of officers of Medwayosh Council U.D., with Charles Fotheringham as the first Venerable Sovereign Master.

Thus AMD was brought to Canada.

On September 23, 1963 the first invitations to become members of Medwayosh Council were extended to:

- Harold W. Nichols, Kitchener, Ont.
- Joseph W. Carson, London, Ont.
- Dr. John J. Weber, Woodstock, Ont.

The First paper presented to the new Council was delivered at the 3rd meeting (1st after the installation) by the Junior Warden, Bro. William E. James and was entitled "A Mason Looks At Masonry".

The Fifth meeting was held on March 31, 1964 was the first meeting after receiving their Charter as Medwayosh Council #62 AMD.

On the 30th of June 1964, the Sovereign Grand Master, M.Ven.Bro. Yeager attended Medwayosh Council and performed the Ceremony of Consecration.

Such is the chronological detail of the formation and consecration of Medwayosh Council and, by association and extension, The Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Much detail is extant in the minute books of Medwayosh Council of the growing pains and the happy associations of the esteemed brethren that have graced its ranks. Needless to say those Masons did their work well and we who follow have much to rejoice in what has become of their efforts, **The Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.**

This history was prepared for the first Annual Communication of the Grand Council of AMD of Canada, held in London, Ontario on October 19, 1985. It is dedicated with much respect to the memory of the founder of AMD in Canada, Ven.Bro. Charles Fotheringham.

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### On To Washington

Now is the time to start planning for the trip to the Masonic Weekend in Washington, DC. We will be going down on Friday February 14, 1986 and will be returning on Sunday February 16 of the same year!

Plan to be with us. For rides, call the Grand Secretary, Robbie Robertson, to arrange cooperative transportation. His numbers are (416) H 622-2853, W 251-2696.