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Brethren,

Welcome to this new submission of our AMD Canada newsletter, I would like to thank our Grand Secretary, M. Ven. Brother Brian Rountree, for stepping in to produce and edit this edition.

M. Ven. Bro. Rountree has taken on this task because of the withdrawal of Dorian Cottier from Grand Council and AMD altogether. I have replaced him in his position of GSW with R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant and with Bro. Patryck Thévenard in regard to Grand Representative to France.

We will be well served by both of these fine masons.

I would like to thank all those who attended our grand communication in Winnipeg-- a great turn out considering the present situation. All those present will agree that Keystone Council did an extremely remarkable job in putting on a great event. Bravo to them and many thanks from all of us at AMD Canada.

It was a pleasure to see the expressions on the faces of R.

Mes BBAFF. :,

Bienvenue à cette nouvelle présentation du bulletin d'information des DMA du Canada. Je tiens à remercier notre Grand Secrétaire, le Plus Vénérable Frère Brian Rountree, d'avoir pris la relève pour produire et éditer cette édition.

P. Ven. Fr. Rountree a assumé cette tâche en raison du retrait de Dorian Cottier du Grand Conseil et des DMA du Canada et de l'ordre en général. Je l'ai remplacé dans son poste de GPS par le T. Ven. Fr. Michel Vigeant et par le Fr. Patryck Thévenard en ce qui concerne le Grand Représentant en France.

Nous serons bien servis par ces deux excellents maçons.

Je voudrais remercier tous ceux qui ont assisté à notre grande communication à Winnipeg, une grande participation compte tenu de la situation actuelle. Toutes les personnes présentes conviendront que le Conseil Keystone a effectué un travail extrêmement remarquable en

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Ven.Bros. Michel Vigeant and Adam Thompson at the Grand Masters Gala when they were called up to receive the Meritorious Service Award from Grand Council -- even the SGM of France joined in the fun.

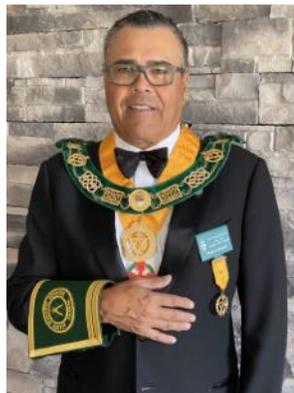
Please don't forget to send in your papers for publication in the Architect. The 2022 version will be out soon thanks to R. Ven Brother Matt Fletcher.

Any little news and photos that you wish to share in our newsletter simply send them to our Grand Secretary.

AMD is about education, research and above all learning to get better.

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M. Ven Brother Robert Dupel, SGC
Sovereign Grand Master
AMD Canada



organisant cet grand événement. Bravo à eux et un grand merci de la part de nous tous au DMA du Canada.

Ce fut un plaisir de voir les expressions des T. Ven. FF. : Michel Vigeant et Adam Thompson au Gala du Grand Maître lorsqu'ils ont été appelés à recevoir le Prix du Service Méritoire du Grand Conseil ; même le SGM de France s'est joint à la fête.

N'oubliez pas d'envoyer vos articles pour publication dans l'Architecte. La version 2022 sera bientôt disponible grâce au T. : Ven. F. : Matt Fletcher. Toutes les petites nouvelles et photos que vous souhaitez partager dans notre bulletin d'information doivent être envoyées à notre Grand Secrétaire.

Les DMA du Canada, c'est l'éducation, la recherche et surtout apprendre pour s'améliorer.

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Souverain Grand Maître,
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NEWS FROM TWO COUNCILS

CONSTANTIN CONSEIL
U.D.



August 31, 2022 saw the Initiation of three new members to Constantin Council U.D.

LONDON COUNCIL
NO. 68



At the Saturday June 25, 2022 meeting of London Council #68 we welcomed two new members: Bros. Eric Molnar and Jan Gortzak. They are shown in this picture along with our Sovereign Master Ven. Bro. Andy Dobbie, DDGM District 1, R. Ven Bro. Sheldon Stannard and Grand Junior Warden, R. Ven. Bro. Edward Burt.

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GRAND COUNCIL WAS BUSY

NORTHERN EQUINOX U.D. CONSECRATION

After *wishin' and a-hopin' and hopin' and a-wishin'* for two years, the brethren of Northern Equinox U.D. finally had their wish granted – the Council was consecrated and officially numbered on Saturday June 18, 2022.

Brethren gathered at the Cariboo Lodge building in Barkerville, BC to witness and participate in the ceremony.



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The officers of Northern Equinox Council U.D. opened their meeting where three new members were initiated. Following a brief pause, M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes was invited to conduct the Ceremony of Consecration of Northern Equinox Council No. 226. This included the Installation of the Sovereign Master, Ven. Bro. Robert Walker, and the investiture of the officers.

Following lunch, the annual meeting of District 4 was held under the direction of R. Ven. Bro. Doug Choptiany, DDGM. After a brief pause in which the stage was prepared, R. Ven. Bro. Choptiany and his team from the two Edmonton Councils conferred the Knight Degree of the Red Branch of Eri upon several brethren.

A highlight of the visit was a demonstration of Cariboo Lodge's famous 'Silent Tyler.'



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The stairs are pulled up, leaving a gap below [I'm told it is a storage area]. It was installed in the early 20th century when the door to the ante-room led straight outside. The building burned down in 1936 but was re-built the following year. In 1967 a facade was added which provides a small porch before entering the building. As a result, the Silent Tyler is not used today because the door at the front of the building has a good lock.

For some history of Barkerville, visit
<https://www.barkerville.ca/history/>

Cariboo Lodge No. 4 Grand Lodge of BC + Yukon at
<https://freemasonry.bcy.ca/lodges/004/004.html>



THE 38TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Thirty-four brethren from across the country (and beyond) assembled in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Thursday 11 August 2022 in preparation for their first in-person meeting since the gathering in Edmonton in 2019. The covid pandemic had meant that the annual assemblies of 2020 and 2021 had to be held online.

We were pleased to welcome M. Ven. Bro. Christian Amine, the Sovereign Grand Master of the AMD of France.

We were disappointed that, at the last minute, M. Ven. Bro. Aaron Schoemaker of the United States was not able to join us : perhaps we will see him next year.

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Thursday morning saw the Grand Executive meeting. In the afternoon the degree of Knight of Red Branch of Eri] was conferred on several brethren.

This was followed by the enjoyment of The Masonic Order of the Bath.



← Bath

To complete the fun of the afternoon, we took part in Ye Antient Order of Corks.



← Cork officer

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The business of the Assembly took place on Saturday morning. Distinguished guests who were presented to the assembly were :



Left = M. W. Bro. Junn Manalang [G.L. of Manitoba]

Right = M. Ven. Bro. Christian Amine [A.M.D. of France]



M. Ex. Comp. Cliff Hartmier, Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba

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The important item of business was the motion on changing the membership requirement from being a Royal Arch Mason to simply a Master Mason. When the ballots were counted, the motion did not pass the required 2/3 approval required by the Constitution. (It cannot be brought forward again for three years.)

The Saturday evening banquet took place at the Hilton Ballroom and the brethren and several wives gathered for the festivities.



R. Ven. Bro. Chibu Uson served as Master of Ceremonies and led us through the usual Toasts. We sang the national anthems associated with the

- Toast to the Queen and the Craft
- Toast to the President of the United States of America
- Toast to the President of France

After dinner, it was time for several presentations.

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R. Ven. Bro. Matt Fletcher, Editor of *The Architect* presented Bro. Kris Toijonen with the Best Paper Award of 2022 for his paper 'The Order of the Round Table' which he then read.

It will appear in the 2022 issue of *The Architect*.

Next on the Agenda was the presentation of two Meritorious Service Awards.

M. Ven. Bro. John Hayes read the citation for R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson. As the nominees are totally anonymous, R. Ven. Bro. Thompson was quite surprised when his name was announced and the citation read.



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It was a slightly different matter when the second award was announced. M. Ven. Bro. Rountree enlisted the assistance of a volunteer – M. Ven. Bro. Amine – to *find* the recipient in the room. Having found him, the brethren then read portions of the citation in English and French.

Thanks are extended to M. Ven. Bro. John Hayes (chairman) and the members of the Awards Committee for their work. Both Awards are well deserved and their Councils are undoubtedly proud of their accomplishments. Who will be nominated next year?

Thanks are due to R. Ven. Bro. Chibu Uson as Master of Ceremonies as well as to all those who proposed and answered the Toasts of the evening.

As a memento of the weekend, the brethren have each received a Challenge Coin.



Next year, 2023, the Annual Assembly will be held in Fort St. John, B.C. For more information see www.AMD2023.com