

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

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**Greetings From The East**

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 as and whenever 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,  
Sovereign Grand Master

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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. - V.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.

The afternoon talk was given by M.Ven.Bro. G. T. Jones of Capital City Council #154 and 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.

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.

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.

**Our second Annual Communication will be in Ottawa next fall. The date will be determined soon. We hope as well to be able to put on the Masonic Order of the Bath next year.**