

The State of AMD Masonry in Canada – Architect 1983 Issue 2

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At the beginning of this year (1983) there were 18 constituted AMD Councils in Canada plus one under dispensation, according to the latest information from Grand Council (*of the USA*). Of these, 14 are in Ontario, 1 in Manitoba, 2 in Saskatchewan and 1 in British Columbia. In 1979, there were only 9 Councils, and all were in Ontario. We have come a long way in those 4 years and this is due, in no small measure, to the energies of a number of dedicated Masons. We owe them all a debt of gratitude and, even though the road many not always have been smooth, our lives have been enriched by their foresight and efforts. Without pioneers, there would be no progress and we would be poorer.

At our last Association meeting, in June 1983, 10 Councils were represented: 9 from Ontario and one from Manitoba. That is 56%. That isn't bad considering the distance some of the Councils have had to come. But still ... one wonders why it was not 66% or even 86%.

You may recall that our Association was formally started in July of last year, after a couple of ineffective attempts in the previous two years. This formation meeting, (July 28, 1982) was held with the approval of Grand Council because they felt that it would be of benefit to AMD Masonry in Canada. The Sovereign Grand Master, M.V.Bro. W. Smith, attended that meeting, along with the Grand Secretary, the Grand Senior Deacon and the Grand Tyler.

With 14 of 18 Councils formally represented, a ballot was taken which approved the formation of this Association. One has to suppose that these brethren saw merit in the proposed body. It is up to us now, to take advantage of this structure and to reap the benefits thereof. To quote our Grand Master in his open letter to all Canadian Councils, "Through the Association, you have the opportunity of strengthening the influence of our Masonic Organization and to seek unity of purpose within."

"I hope that all of the Councils in Canada will take advantage of participating in the deliberations of this Association and of reaping the harvest of the shared views of it's members."