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SOME WORDS FROM THE S.G.M.

Brethren,

Hope that this newsletter finds you all well, healthy and in good spirits. I am filled with mixed emotions writing my final words in the AMD newsletter to you as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Degrees of Canada. In two months, a new team led by my brother and true friend, R. V. Bro. Matt Fletcher, will take the lead. You all know how capable he is, and we must consider ourselves blessed to have him along with the new DGM to be R. V. Bro. Michel Vigeant.

All this under the guidance and wisdom of our Grand Secretary M. V. Bro. Brian Rountree, who, in my opinion, is the spirit of our beloved AMD and Grand Council.

Many thanks to our retiring Grand Treasurer R. V. Bro. Donald Martyn for all he has done for us. We wish him good health and long life.

The last few months were very interesting for AMD Canada and me as we consecrated our new Council Constantine in Montreal with news that a new Council will be starting up soon in Quebec City.

I was awarded an Esteemed Fellowship Membership from the Masonic Society on

QUELQUES MOTS DU S.G.M.

Mes BBAAFF, :

J'espère que ce bulletin vous trouvera tous en bonne santé et de bonne humeur. C'est avec des émotions mitigées que j'écris mes derniers mots dans le bulletin des DMA en tant que Souverain Grand Maître des Degrés Alliés du Canada. Dans deux mois, une nouvelle équipe dirigée par mon BAF et véritable ami, le VGM Matt Fletcher, prendra la relève. Vous savez tous à quel point il est compétent et nous devons nous considérer privilégiés de pouvoir compter sur lui et sur le nouveau VGM, le TVF. Michel Vigeant.

Tout cela sous la direction et la sagesse de notre Grand Secrétaire, le PVF. .: Brian Rountree, qui, à mon avis, est l'esprit de notre entité et de notre Grand Conseil bien-aimés.

Un grand merci à notre Grand Trésorier sortant TVF. Donald Martyn pour tout ce qu'il a fait pour nous. Nous lui souhaitons une bonne santé et une longue vie.

Les derniers mois ont été très intéressants pour les DMA du Canada et pour moi, puisque nous avons consacré notre nouveau Conseil Constantin à Montréal et que nous avons appris qu'un nouveau Conseil serait bientôt mis sur pied à Québec.

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May 27th after representing our Grand Body in Washington, DC, last February at the Masonic week where I presented a paper in front of members of the Masonic Society membership.

AMD Is growing around the world and the trend is moving fast as we are recognizing more AMD Grand Councils. The times are exciting, and I foresee a great future for all of us in what we stand for as a research and educational Masonic body.

I hope to see many of you in Fort St. John for our Annual Grand Communication and I ask you all to come together in fraternal support for our next Sovereign Grand Master and the new incoming Grand Council. Thank you for all who have supported Grand Council and me during my 2-year term. I pledge myself to the new administration and give my full support and assistance.

With all my gratitude and fraternal love.

M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel, SGC
SGM, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Le 27 mai, la Masonic Society m'a décerné le titre de " Esteemed Fellowship " après avoir représenté notre Grand Conseil à Washington, DC, en février dernier, lors de la semaine maçonnique où j'ai présenté un document devant les membres de la Masonic Society.

Les DMA se développe dans le monde entier et la tendance évolue rapidement puisque nous reconnaissons de plus en plus de Grands Conseils des DMA. Les temps sont passionnants et j'entrevois un grand avenir pour nous tous dans ce que nous représentons en tant qu'organisme maçonnique de recherche et d'éducation.

J'espère vous voir nombreux à Fort St. John pour notre Grande Communication annuelle et je vous demande à tous de vous rassembler pour apporter un soutien fraternel à notre prochain Souverain Grand Maître et au nouveau Grand Conseil. Je remercie tous ceux qui ont soutenu le Grand Conseil et moi-même au cours de mon mandat de deux ans. Je m'engage auprès de la nouvelle administration et lui apporte tout mon soutien et mon aide.

Avec toute ma gratitude et mon amour fraternel.

PVF. : Robert Dupel, SGC
SGM, Degrés maçonniques alliés du Canada.

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GRAND COUNCIL NEWS

THE 39TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The next meeting of the Grand Council will be held Thursday August 10 to Saturday August 12, 2023 in Fort St. John, British Columbia. This meeting is sponsored by Peace Council #224 and Northern Equinox Council #226.

Hotel is *Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre*

<https://www.pomeroyhotel.com/stjohn/>

\$129 / night + taxes

booking reference "AMD23"

MAIN SCHEDULE:

Thursday 7pm - Meet and Greet, West Coast Suite, Pomeroy Hotel

Friday - Business meeting and degrees, BBQ dinner (outside, weather permitting) Meetings, Rituals and Banquet to be held at the Fort St John Masonic Lodge.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION:

With permission of, and under the auspices of, Venerable Brother Jason Casselman, the "12 Foot Davis" degree will be conducted after lunch on Friday.

Saturday - Grand Council Meeting and Installation of Officers, Banquet

Men's lunches Friday and Saturday by donation at FSJ Lodge

LADIES PROGRAM

Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled.

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AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA

In January 2022 we heard that the Grand Council of Western Australia was closing down due to a few factors such as aging members and few Councils.

Since then, our Grand Secretary has heard from the Grand Secretary of the formerly-named South Australia, who tells us --

“We have resumed authority for Western Australia, as these councils originally came out of the former 'Grand Council for Victoria and Western Australia'. Our grand council has under our aegis the former English AMD Councils in South Australia and Queensland, and so the former name of 'Southern Australia' made little sense, given the broad geography and noting that the only other AMD presence in AUS is the English constitution District of New South Wales.”

In January 2023 their Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Chris Wallace, having read our issue 5 with its note about the upcoming sessions in Fort Saint John, sent along the regrets of the Sovereign Grand Master, M W. Bro. Paroissien. We are sorry that we cannot meet, but who knows what the future will bring in terms of travelling and meeting our brethren?

FRANCE

Dear Brethren,

On April 28, 2023, I had the honour and pleasure to represent The Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada at the annual communication of *'Les Grades Maçonniques Alliés'* in Paris, France.

Les Grades Maçonniques Alliés is our sister jurisdiction for France and her territories overseas.

This was my second visit to their Grand Communication at the Headquarters of the National Grand Lodge of France.

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I was well received as a foreign dignitary at their proceedings and I brought along the Salutations and best wishes of our Sovereign Grand Master and his Grand Council.

I was honoured with the title of Honorary Grand Senior Warden of their Grand Jurisdiction, for which I am humbled and grateful.

I will definitely return and hope some Canadian Brethren will accompany me on my next visit.

Michel Vigeant,
Grand Senior Warden,
Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada

R. Ven. Bro. Vigeant met these brethren from the Grand Council of the Congo.



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PHILIPPINES

Ven. Bro. Junn Manalang, in his capacity as the M. W. Grand Master of Manitoba, and several Manitoba brethren, recently joined a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Alberta to make an official visit the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. While there, Ven. Bro. Manalang was able to visit informally with members of the local AMD council. Unfortunately, their meeting was not held until June, after our brother had returned to Canada. They were interested to hear about our upcoming Grand Assembly. That information has been sent out by the Grand Secretary to all the Grand Councils with which we are in Amity.

AMITY

Can you name all the Grand Councils with which we are in Amity?

Check page 12 once you have created your list to see how you did.

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COUNCIL NEWS

CONSTANTINE #227

Montreal, QC, April 15, 2023

The Grand Lodge building was the scene of a busy day for the members of AMD.

We started with the consecration of Constantine Council No. 227 / Conseil Constantin No. 227 led by the Sovereign Grand Master and his officers.



The Presentation of the Charter

L to R: M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel, SGM; Ven. Bro. Marc David, Sovereign Master; M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree, Grand Secretary; Ven. Bro. Joe Chiniborch, Founding Master.

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This was followed by the installation of the officers for the newly-numbered Council.

After an enjoyable lunch that had been organized by Ven. Bro. Chiniborch, the brethren returned to the lodge room where R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant, as the Enlightened Knight Commander, and his officers conducted 19 brethren through the ceremony of the Knight Degree of the Red Branch of Eri.



Attendees at the Consecration Ceremony

It was a happy occasion as we re-united with brethren from various Councils.

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We were pleased to have a visitor – Bro. Michael J. Ernst, a member of Ouroboros Council No 469 in Pennsylvania East District in the United States. Bro. Ernst was in Montreal giving a paper at the university and learned of today's events through one of our members.

PEACE #224

Meeting at Dawson Creek Masonic Lodge, Peace Council reports on two events held this past year.



On 24 September 2022, Ven. Bro. Kris Toijonen and his officers were installed and invested for the ensuing Masonic year. The Senior Warden is Bro. Christian Larsen and the Junior Warden is Bro. Martial Pitts.

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At their regular meeting on 27 May 2023 the brethren of Peace Council gathered to present the Masters of Tyre degree. One of the candidates was V. Ven. Bro. Goran Ivankovic, Grand Tyler, who was visiting the Council at the time.

KEYSTONE #172

On Friday May 19, 2023 the Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel, was warmly and properly received into Keystone Council in Winnipeg. The Sovereign Master Pro-Tem, was Ven. Bro. Allan Hadley due to our Sovereign Master, Ven. Bro. Carlos Yopez, delivering a paper out of province.

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It was mentioned the Ven. Bro. Mason Jardine will be installed as the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on 2 June 2023.

M. Ven. Bro. Rountree presented a paper on the 148 year history of the Grand Lodge: *Taking a Hop! Skip! Jump! Through the Masonic History of Manitoba.*

In his remarks, M. Ven. Bro. Dupel talked about the importance of history. He noted that Québec now has two new Grand Officer positions: Historian and Librarian. Also, Québec still has two UGLE lodges within the province as well as the only Mark Master Mason Lodge in North America.

