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THE NEWS / LES NOUVELLES

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M. VEN. BRO. MATT D. A. FLETCHER, SGC
SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER 2023-2025



My dear Brethren

I send my most sincere Happy New Year greetings to you all, and my very best wishes for 2024 to be productive and profitable for you all, in every aspect of your personal, professional, and masonic lives.

Following our most fraternal and delightful Grand Council session in Fort St. John in August of 2023, our new team of officers are applying themselves diligently, and our order remains very

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healthy. The fraternal visits I have already made have confirmed the ongoing passion of our brethren for the AMD. I look forward to attending as many councils as is possible over the next year, and meeting each and every one of you that I have not had the privilege to meet previously.

This year we shall be represented at the Grand Council meetings of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA, of Great Britain, of France, and hopefully Romania, as well as the Royal Order of Eri in the UK. Strengthening our international fraternal connections increases our exposure as the most progressive masonic body in Canada and continues to forge enduring friendships between jurisdictions.

I have been successful in continuing to work on our academic 'portfolio', having published several papers in international masonic periodicals, and broadening our collaboration with other learned masonic orders and bodies. This year, I am looking at re-establishing the Council of the Nine Muses, a Council devoted to education and to enthusing and supporting our brethren in their own research and educational work.

Our AMD continues to influence other masonic bodies around the world; for example, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia have asked to reproduce a number of papers from last year's Architect for the edification of their members.

At our next Grand Council session in Montreal in August I anticipate that we shall be able to confer the Knight Commander and Knight Grand Cross degrees of the Red Branch of Eri in full form for those eligible, as well as at least one additional degree, never given before in the AMD. I hope that you will think about attending our annual convocation and enjoy the warmest fraternity of your brethren. Over the last 11 years, each Grand Council session has become even better, and I have no doubt that Montreal will be the best yet!

We have sadly encountered a couple of difficult problems in the last few months, but I have been impressed at the fraternal and non-partisan actions of those who have worked towards the resolution of these. We have many unsung heroes in our beloved Allied Masonic Degrees, and their quiet work to resolve these issues is appreciated beyond words.

My continued thanks are due to M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel for the example he has set, his guidance, and his friendship; and of course to our inestimable Grand Secretary, M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree, for being the glue that cements our Allied Masonic Degrees together.

*With much fraternal love,
Matt DA Fletcher
SGM, AMD Canada*

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THE 40TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The 40th meeting of the Grand Council will be held during August 9 and 10, 2024 in Montréal, Québec.

The Temple is located at 2295 Rue St Marc, Montréal, QC H3H 2G9. The Grand Lodge website is <https://glquebec.org/>.

Hotel Information --

Name: Hotel 2170 Lincoln (2 blocks from the Montreal Masonic Memorial Temple)

Address: 2170, Lincoln avenue, Montreal, QC H3H 2N5

For reservations: (514) 935-9224 mention that it is with the Grand Lodge of Quebec block (we have special rates)

Room types: Studio with 1 Queen bed (\$169/night plus taxes,
Suite with 1 Queen bed (\$189/night plus taxes,
Suite with 2 Double beds (\$219/night plus taxes)

Website: www.hotel2170.com

GRAND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Grand Executive held an online meeting on 1 December 2023.

Highlights include:

- Review of business brought forward at the annual assembly
- Share information about the health and activities of the Councils; consider how we [i.e. Grand Council] can support Councils in their endeavours
- Received information about the 2024 Montreal meeting
- Received a letter of offering to host 2025 by Dogwood Council
- Discussed a suggestion that we move to a 2-year term for physical meetings

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AROUND THE WORLD

ENGLAND

The annual Grand Council meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall in London on Tuesday October 24.

Presided over by M. W. Bro. Thomas Frith Jackson, Grand Master, there were appointments to, or promotion in, Grand Rank for 114 brethren from across the country. Visitors came from across the world, including Spain, South and East Caribbean, India, America, France, South East Asia, and Bolivia.



R.W.Bro. Kessick Jones, P.G.S.W.; M. W. Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, Grand Master

Photo source: 'District Grand Council of London'

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Among those in attendance was Past Sovereign Grand Master Matthew Dupee of the United States.

Photo by permission of Bro. Scott Cargill.

QUEBEC

The Grand Lodge of Quebec held its second annual Concordant Bodies Open House at the main Temple in Montreal on Saturday October 28, 2023.

The Allied Masonic Degrees was well represented and R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant, DGM, fielded many questions.

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L to R: R. Ven. Bro Joe Chiniborch, DDGM, R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant, DGM, Bro. John Leide, Grand Librarian for GLQ {as well as PGM GLQ & Past Gr 1st Principal, RAM GRQ}

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**Vous êtes invités à la première édition de
L'ORDRE LOYAL DES BISONS DES PRAIRIES
LAKE MAGOG ROCK #01 AVJC**

Ceci est un « degré amusant » non officiel

Le degré en français se déroulera le matin.
Le degré en anglais se déroulera l'après-midi.
(Ouvert à tous les Maçons et les membres des autres entités maçonniques)
(Les dames sont les bienvenues)

Date: Samedi 15 juin 2024

Heure : 10:00

Endroit: Temple Maçonnique Montréal,
2295, rue Saint-Marc, Montréal, QC H3H 2G9

Les candidats reçoivent

- Chapeau de l'Ordre Loyal des Bisons des Prairies
- T-shirt Bisons de prairies (taille unique)
- Certificat des Bisons des prairies
- Carte de membre à vie
- Dîner entre 12:00 et 14:00 après le degré en français
- Bar payant

Don: 150\$/personne

**Les dons reçus iront en soutien à l'œuvre
de charité du GM.**



**You are invited to the first edition of the
LOYAL ORDER OF THE WATER BUFFALOES
LAKE MAGOG ROCK #01 BC**

This is unofficial "Fun Degree."

The degree in English will take place in the afternoon.
The Degree in French will take place in the morning.
(Open to all Masons and members of other Masonic Bodies)

(Ladies are welcome)

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Time: 14:00

Where: Montreal Masonic Temple
2295, rue Saint-Marc, Montréal, QC H3H 2G9

Candidates receive:

- Hat of the Loyal Order of the Water Buffaloes
- Water Buffaloes T-Shirt (One size fits all)
- Water Buffaloes Degree Certificate
- Lifetime Membership Card
- Dinner between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. before English Degree
- Cash Bar

Donation: \$150/person

**The donations received will go in support of the GM
charity.**

DATE LIMITE POUR RÉSERVATION :

31 MARS 2024

Si vous avez besoin de plus d'informations, veuillez
contacter le frère David Bouffard :

waterbuffalo.lakemagogrock@gmail.com

Transfert électronique à :

waterbuffalo.lakemagogrock@gmail.com

Question: Raison

Réponse: Buffalo2024

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION:

MARCH 31, 2024

For further information, please contact Bro. David Bouffard:

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COUNCIL NEWS

YELLOWHEAD #220

Bro. Bob Lemmens was presented with his Meritorious Service Award at the meeting of the Council on September 23, 2023. At the same meeting, Ven. Bro. James Hunt was obligated and invested as Grand Director of Ceremonies.



L to R: M. Ven. Bro. John Hayes ; Bro. Bob Lemmens, MSA ; Ven. Bro. Matt Webb, S.M. ; and V. Ven. Bro. James Hunt, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

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PEACE #224

On September 23, 2023 the Council held its Installation meeting at the Dawson Creek Masonic Lodge.



Their new Sovereign Master is Ven. Bro. Chris Larsen.

Peace Council held its Winter meeting in Barkerville, B.C. on Dec. 29, 2023. The weather was co-operative.



Ven. Bro. Walker reports that there 40 present for the festive board.

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BOREALIS #223

Dec. 27 is the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, one of two Saints John who are celebrated in Masonry.





Photos: V. Ven. Bro. Bruce Zawalsky

Borealis Council held its regular meeting this evening at Acacia Masonic Hall in Edmonton. In honour of St. John's Day in Winter, the meeting was preceded by a 5-course candlelight dinner for 19 brethren. The District Deputy, R. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl, reported that there were a few Masonic guests at the dinner as it is designed to be part of an outreach program to the local Fraternity.

During the meeting that followed, two brethren were initiated into the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr. Following that was a lively discussion about the meaning of the degree. This is a practice that the Council follows after every degree as a means of helping the brethren see what makes AMD different than the rest of Masonry.

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ATLANTIC #225

Our last AMD meeting for the year was Oct. 27, 2023. At that time we here at Atlantic Council 225 held the election of officers for the coming year 2024. All offices were filled as follows:

Incoming Officers: 2023/2024

Sovereign Master -----	Bro. Larry Grandy
Immediate Past Sovereign Master -----	Ven. Bro. Daniel Crocker
Senior Warden -----	Bro. Alex Noseworthy
Junior Warden -----	Bro. Shane Foote
Secretary -----	Bro. Allan Carter
Treasurer -----	V. Ven. Bro. W.H. John Baird
Chaplain -----	Bro. James Davis
Senior Deacon -----	Bro. John Braye
Junior Deacon -----	Bro. Gary Rose
Inner Guard -----	Bro. Sunmolu Beckley
Tyler -----	Bro. Kenneth Wayne

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The words of our most Past Sovereign Master ,Ven. Bro. Daniel Crocker, and newly elected Sovereign Master, Ven. Bro. Larry Grandy, were in part one and the same with both stressing the need to make concordant bodies more aware of AMD, make more degree work available for all who want to partake and add to our Membership.

I hope this brief summary of events will, in some way, inform our brethren in other AMD Councils that we are alive and kicking.

Bro. Allan Carter
Secretary

ON THE ROAD

December 27 2023.

My wife and I are currently in Mexico City and I recently had the opportunity to visit the **PARROQUIA DE SAN LORENZO DIÁCONO Y MÁRTIR**, a large parish church constructed between the years of 1643 and 1650 and dedicated to St. Lawrence.

This old church has seen and been through much history. The original bell tower collapsed during an earthquake in 1845, a fire in 1940, which consequently resulted in major restoration. An adjacent building, originally constructed as a convent, had to be demolished due to damage caused by an earthquake in 1985.





The church was quiet that afternoon and a church employee kindly pointed out many of the interesting features of the church.

Above the altar stands the arresting figure of St. Lawrence, depicted as a young man, his left hand covering his chest and his right hand supporting that dreadful grill.



At the rear of the church St. Lawrence is depicted prostrate on the grill, his right arm shackled, yet with a look of awe on his face.

On the south wall are two portraits. One is detailing St. Lawrence's offer of the poor and destitute as the true treasure of the church. The second portrait illustrates the horrible deed.

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Fraternally,
Ven. Bro. Bryan Rodger, S.M.
Northern Equinox #226

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Is there anyone you recognize in this photo?



When and where was this taken?

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Recognize anyone from Atlantic Council at its Institution on 2015?

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Until we meet again for our June edition, may your 2024 go well!

-- Brian Rountree, Grand Secretary

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LAST NOTES

For your Calendar—

2024 – August 9 & 10 – Montreal, QC [further information is on page 3]

2025 – August – Dogwood Council has expressed an interest in hosting in Abbotsford, BC

2025 ??

Perhaps your Council or District would consider hosting our Annual Assembly in August. Contact the Grand Secretary if you are interested for information on getting started.

If your Council news is not represented here, please consider sending in a report for our Issue #9 which will (hopefully) be out in June 2024 where, among other information, we share more notes about our 40th Annual Assembly.

You can forward your reports and photos to either

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OR

M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
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IMMEDIATE PAST SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

Gr. TREASURER

Gr. SECRETARY

Gr. REGISTRAR

Gr. SR. DEACON

Gr. JR. DEACON

Gr. CHAPLAIN

Gr. HISTORIAN

Gr. LECTURER

Gr. D. of C.

Gr. INNER GUARD

Gr. TYLER

M. Ven. Bro. Matt D.A. Fletcher

M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel

R. Ven. Bro. J. Michel Vigeant

R. Ven. Bro. Richard B. Allgood

R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson

R. Ven. Bro. Brian James

M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

R. Ven. Bro. Nelson Lisboa

V. Ven. Bro. Hans Tanzer

V. Ven. Bro. Henry Wilkinson

V. Ven. Bro. Peter Guichon

V. Ven. Bro. Bob Walker

V. Ven. Bro. Bruce Zawalsky

V. Ven. Bro. James Hunt

V. Ven. Bro. W.H. John Baird

V. Ven. Bro. Junn Manalang