



GRAND EXECUTIVE MEETING

1 December 2023 at 6 P.M. CST

Chairman: Michel Vigeant, Deputy Grand Master

1 A] Call to Order

R. Ven. Bro. Vigeant opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Central.

B] Regrets

The Grand Secretary recorded that regrets had been received from members

- M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel
- R. Ven. Andre Dobbie
- R. Ven. Bro. John Chiniborch
- R. Ven. Bro. Nelson Lisboa

and brethren who had hoped to visit

- R. Ven. Bro. Elvis Koblavi
- V. Ven. Bro. Peter Guichon
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2 Invocation

The Grand Secretary led in prayer.

3 Welcome

The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Matt Fletcher, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

4 A] Approval of Minutes of last Executive Meeting

With the correction of the spelling of a name,

Motion: M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

Second: M. Ven. Bro., Glenson Jones:

That the Minutes of August 11, 2023 be approved.

Carried

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B] Matters arising from the Minutes.

(i) Atlantic Council

The SGM has been in correspondence with Ven. Bro. Dan Crocker, SM. There are concerns about trying to plan a year in advance for a visit by Grand Council members to confer degrees.

One brother wondered if perhaps 3 or 4 months planning could work because we would all have to plan plane flights and hotels for a weekend.

We were reminded that the DDGM should be our contact with Atlantic Council as he does have to arrange a visit there during his term.

M. Ven. Bro. Prince Selvaraj mentioned that he would be in Saint John's in Feb. 2024 for OSM and can have further discussions with the brethren.

The Grand Secretary will also continue to be in touch with the Council.

5 Proposed Agenda Topics

(i) Amity with RBE UK [update]

The Grand Secretary outlined what had transpired so far.

Their Most Enlightened Knight Commander, John Paternoster is in agreement with the arrangement. It will be brought forward at their annual meeting in May 2024.

It was pointed out that in England RBE is associated with SRIA. It is no longer a private group within SRIA. Indeed, it has always been an independent body.

In the early 20th century RBE gave Ray Schute III a charter to create the American body and be part of Allied Masonic Degrees, which was passed on to us.

This concordat “brings us back to our origins.”

(ii) Richmond Hill Council move

The Grand Secretary gave the background to this story. The Council will be meeting in Barrie and plans to change their by-laws to reflect the move. Also, they plan to change their name.

M. Ven. Bro. Selvaraj pointed out that they are one of two Councils that have permission to wear a special Richmond Hill pin on their PM jewel. The Constitution says--

279. Brethren of Medwayosh Council #62 shall be permitted to add an emblem of an Indian Head affixed to the ribbon.

280. Brethren of Richmond Hill Council #168 shall be permitted to add the Official Town of Richmond Hill Pin affixed to the ribbon.

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M. Ven. Bro. Selvaraj mentioned that the Council will get that altered, as well.

(iii) Engineers [Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers]

At the Annual Assembly in August, M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui had mentioned that several members of the Engineers had asked him about having their Canadian lodge become part of AMD [like RBE]. They were not happy with the change that allowed women to join.

We were informed that their ritual and other items are copyright so that if we did anything with their request we would have to work with the American headquarters. This came about years ago when some Canadian members wanted to organize a Canadian Grand body [which did not happen].

M. Ven. Bro. Selvaraj said that the Engineers are a recognized body by the G.L. of Illinois and other Grand Lodges. He reminded us that the men must be Master Masons, but that they could then invite female family members to be members. That would result in AMD allowing women.

M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui indicated that the Milton lodge is in trouble. However, his conclusion is that any move on this issue is not worthwhile.

(iv) 2024 meeting in Montreal, update

R. Ven. Bro. Vigeant said that Ven. Bro. Marc David, SM, and Constantine Council have been working on it.

August 9-10, 2024 at the Grand Lodge of Quebec building in Montreal. The chosen hotel is Hotel 2170 on Lincoln and is 2 blocks away.

We hope to have further information early in the new year.

<https://www.hotel2170.com>

(v) 2025 Grand Assembly offer from Dogwood Council

The Grand Secretary read the letter he had received from Dogwood Council. They do not indicate any dates for the meeting.

This will be in the hands of R. Ven. Bro. Allgood, GSW, and the Time + Place Committee. They will bring forth a motion at the August 2024 Assembly.

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6 Topics brought forward by the Brethren

(i) Two years

R. Ven. Bro. Allgood asked about the discussion that has been held on meeting every two years.

It has been discussed. It involves a constitutional change and a Notice of Motion would have to be brought to the annual meeting.

While our elected officers are already for 2 years, the appointed officers are not. That would have to be part of the motion. The motion would have to be sure to take effect in an election year since we need to have in-person Installations.

R. Ven. Bro. Allgood mentioned that the Ontario Cryptic Rite sessions are now 2 years apart.

(ii) Interested Masons

M. Ven. Bro. Segui mentioned that he had heard from several masons in Calgary who were interested in joining AMD. They knew there had been a council there and wondered to who to contact.

After discussion, it was decided he would forward their names to M. Ven. Bro. Hayes for follow-up.

(iii) Yellowhead Council 220

M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher informed us of financial difficulties within the Council. They are being addressed by R. Ven. Bro. Wisdahl, DDGM, and by M. Ven. Bro. Hayes who is a member of the council.

As a result, the following motion was presented to assist the council.

Motion: M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher

Second: R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson

THAT we remit the funds due to be paid on the forthcoming 2023 Returns form, being approximately \$300.

Carried

Remarks from the Sovereign Grand Master

M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher commented that he had been pleased to see the energy presented by the brethren at the meeting in Fort Saint John.

He again thanked everyone for attending.

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8 ADJOURNMENT

R. Ven. Bro. Vigeant declared the meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m. Central.

SIGNED ON _____ 2024 to signify an accurate copy of the Proceedings

R. Ven. Bro. J. Michel Vigeant, KGC
Deputy Grand Master

M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree, KGC
Grand Secretary

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