



Charters & Dispensations Committee Report for 2023-2024

TO: The Grand Executive Committee, AMD of Canada,
Sovereign Grand Master, Officers and Members:

1 July 2024

Brethren --

As we continue to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, our Councils have resumed their normal course of meetings. The business of the Grand Council's committees also continued as they provided answers and continuity to our Order.

From the Constitution (2018)

105. The Charters and Dispensations Committee shall:

TASK 1 *(a) Consider and recommend on applications to form a Constituent Council Under Dispensation and report findings to the Sovereign Grand Master*

A Petition to Form a Council has been received from brethren in Saskatchewan. Two petitioners are AMD members of Wakamow Council and there are six Royal Arch members of Estevan Chapter. It was approved by the District Deputy and has been passed on to the Sovereign Grand Master.

TASK 2 *(b) Consider and recommend a petition for a Charter by a Council working Under Dispensation*

TASK 3 *(c) Examine the books and records of a Council under dispensation, and the District Deputy Grand Master's recommendations*

Constantin(e) Council U.D. , formed just before the pandemic shut down most activities, was Instituted virtually on 15 May 2021, as reported previously.

On 15 April 2023 brethren gathered in the Grand Lodge of Québec Masonic Temple in Montréal for the consecration of Constantine Council No. 227 at 10 a.m. Following a light lunch, the brethren gathered again for the conferral of the Knight Degree of the Red Branch of Eri on 24 candidates.

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TASK 4 *(d) Make recommendations to the Sovereign Grand Master and the Grand Executive Committee concerning matters referred to the committee.*

I have received the occasional request for a Dispensation to change a meeting date or venue. These have been dealt with in the usual manner.

Richmond Hill Council #168 indicated to me during his past year that they planned a change of venue which will be reflected in new by-laws to be submitted for approval. Once they arrive I will forward them to the appropriate committee.

I thank the members of this Grand Council for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of this Committee.

Submitted for Information Only.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Brian Rountree, Grand Secretary