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M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree, KGC

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PART 1 -- ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

1] OPENING – M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel, SGC

The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel, SGC, opened the 39th Annual Assembly at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

In the absence of:

Grand Junior Warden

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Grand Inner Guard

The following brethren acted *pro tempore*:

M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes

Ven. Bro. Kris Toijonen

R. Ven. Bro. Dan McCoy

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

The national anthems of Canada and the United States of America were sung by the assembled brethren.

2] INVOCATION & NECROLOGY

The Grand Chaplain led in prayer for the Annual Assembly after which the Necrology report was given. His report is included among the Reports for 2023.

The Grand Secretary was asked to amend the Grand Chaplain's report to include the death of V. Ven. Bro. Roland Mansell of Borealis Council. [Amended after the meeting]

3] WELCOME REMARKS

The Grand Master welcomed all to this 39th Grand Session.



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He noted that this Grand Council had been formed during the lifetime of most brethren in attendance.

He extended his thanks to the host councils-- Peace #224 and Northern Equinox #226-- for all their work in preparation, and to Alcan Chapter No. 91 of the Order of the Eastern Star for their excellent BBQ yesterday.

He noted that we continue to develop friendships at such informal events.

4] RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Ven. Bro. Kris Toijonen [Acting Grand D of C] introduced the following Distinguished Visitors.

- Bro. Kevin D. Riley, Junior Warden, David E. Bailey, Jr. Council #531, Pensacola, FL
- R. Ex. Comp. Dan McCoy, Grand Second Principal, Royal Arch Masons of BC + Yukon

The brethren were given Grand Honours.

The brethren were escorted to the East and greeted by the SGM and Deputy GM before resuming their seats.

5] QUORUM REPORT

The presence of 15 or more members of Grand Council, representing 3 or more Constituent Councils, shall form a quorum for the conduct of Grand Council business. No Grand Council business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

Constitution (2009) section 32



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M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui, Acting Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported that by the opening of the Assembly, we had

- **_35_ Brethren registered from _11_ Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada Councils**
- of whom **_19_ may vote**
- as well as **_1_ Visitor.**

Therefore, a Quorum existed to allow us to conduct our business.

MOTION: M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui
SECOND: R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant

THAT: the Quorum report be received.
CARRIED

M. Ven. Bro. Dupel reminded the brethren that the ballot would be open until 12 noon. He announced that the Election Board consisted of M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui, Bro. Nik Sellwood, and Bro. Calvin Jonas.

61 REGRETS

The Grand Secretary has received the following Regrets:

- M. Ex. Comp. Jimmy Catala, Grand First Principal, Royal Arch Masons of BC + Yukon
- M. Wor. Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, GM, England & Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas
- M. Ven. Bro. Harold David Paroissien, SGM of Australia
- M. Ven. Bro. Pierre Meste, SGM of France
- M. Ven. Bro. William Miller, USA, Past SGM USA
- R. Ven. Bro. Joe MacIntyre, USA



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- M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj, Past SGM
- M. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner, Past SGM
- R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson, at a Shrine function as a Potentate
- R. Ven. Bro. Ted Burt, Grand Junior Warden
- R. Ven. Bro. Richard Allgood
- R. Ven. Bro. Ted Yorke, Keystone #172
- R. Ven. Bro. Brian James, Grand Treasurer-elect
- Ven. Bro. Hans Tanzer
- Ven. Bro. Dan Crocker, SM, Atlantic Council #225

7] MINUTES OF THE 38th GRAND SESSION

MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant

THAT: the minutes of the 38th Annual Grand Assembly, held in Winnipeg on August 13, 2022, be accepted as circulated.

The SGM advised that the presentation to M. Ven. Bro. Shoemaker did not take place.

MOTION CARRIED as amended.

7a] BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / OLD BUSINESS

None



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8A] RECOGNITION OF PAST SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTERS

Ven. Bro. Kris Toijonen [Acting Grand D of C] announced the Past Sovereign Grand Masters. Those in attendance assembled at the altar.

1985	M. Ven. Bro. Glenson T. Jones	
1986	M. Ven. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw	
1995	M. Ven. Bro. Clifford C. P. Hardy	✓
2007 – 09	M. Ven. Bro. Arthur D. Payne	
2009 – 11	M. Ven. Bro. Lawrence M. Halliday	
2013 – 15	M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj	
2015 – 17	M. Ven. Bro. Robert J. Turner	
2017 – 19	M. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui	✓
2019 – 21	M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes	✓
Honorary	M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree	✓

8B] RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The District Deputy Grand Masters for 2021-23 were acknowledged. Those in attendance assembled at the altar.

District 1	R. Ven. Bro. Sheldon V. Stannard	
District 2	R. Ven. Bro. John Newton	
District 3	R. Ven. Bro. John Leyshon	
District 4	R. Ven. Bro. Doug Choptiany	
District 5	R. Ven. Bro. Elvis Koblavi	
District 6	R. Ven. Bro. Dan McCoy	✓



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8C] RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Ven. Bro. Kris Toijonen [Acting Grand D of C] announced The Grand Representatives of those other Grand Councils with which we are in Amity. Those in attendance assembled at the altar.

England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas	M. Ven. Bro. Glenson T. Jones	
France.....	Ven. Bro. Marc David	
India.....	R. Ven. Bro. Noel Joseph	
Romania.....	M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree	✓
United States of America.....	M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj	
Australia.....	M. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui	✓
Congo	R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant	✓

9] COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports are all available on our website

MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

SECOND by: M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui

THAT: the Committee reports submitted for information be received and accepted.

CARRIED



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9.11 Budget

MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant
THAT: the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income & Expenses be received.
MOTION Carried.

M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree then presented the 2024 budget.

MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
SECOND by: R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant
THAT: the Budget for 2024 be approved.

MOTION Carried.

INTERLUDE

The Sovereign Grand Master presented the Grand Secretary with a special book created for the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It contains copies of photos and images taken during 1869-1947 on letterpress plates. The current book is one of a limited edition of 200 copies divided between M. Wor. Bro. Marc David and M. Wor. Bro. Robert Dupel.

10] ADDRESS OF THE S.G.M.

The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel, gave his annual address to the brethren. *See Reports.*

MOTION: M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui
SECOND: M. Ven. Bro. Cliff Hardy
THAT the SGM's address is received and is to be passed to the Committee on the Sovereign Grand Master's Address for its review and comments.

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CARRIED

11] CONFERRAL OF PAST GRAND RANK

M. Ven. Bro. Dupel announced that he is awarding the rank of

Past Grand Senior Warden to R. Ven. Bro. Donald Miller Martyn

in recognition of his years of service to this Grand Council in many roles, including the past 12 years as Grand Treasurer.

The Sovereign Grand Master was pleased to grant Past DDGM status to:

District 1	R. Ven. Bro. Sheldon V. Stannard
District 2	R. Ven. Bro. John Newton
District 4	R. Ven. Bro. Doug Choptiany
District 6	R. Ven. Bro. Dan McCoy



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12] NEW BUSINESS

12.1] From the Grand Exec. Meetings

A} A Petition has been received requesting Recognition and Amity from the Grand Council of the Philippines.

The Grand Council of the Philippines was erected during Masonic Week 2022 and recognized by the various other Grand Councils whose representatives were present.

MOTION: M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree

SECOND: M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui

THAT: we recognize the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the Philippines.

CARRIED

The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Dupel, indicated that Ven. Bro. Junn Manalang [Keystone 172] has agreed to be appointed the Grand Representative of the Philippines in Canada. His name will be forwarded to their Grand Council for approval.

B] A Petition has been received requesting Recognition and Amity from the Grand Council of Gabon.

The Grand Council of Gabon was erected by the Grand Council of France on January 28, 2022. Members of the Grand Council were present at Masonic Week 2022 and were recognized by the various other Grand Councils whose representatives were present.

MOTION: R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant

SECOND: M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes

THAT: we recognize the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Gabon.

CARRIED

The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Dupel, indicated that he would nominate himself for the Gabon position as the Grand Lodge of Québec is undertaking projects



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with the Grand Lodge of Gabon that means that he would travel there several times in the coming years.

R. Ven. Bro. Matt Fletcher, SGM-elect, agreed with this self-nomination.

12.2] OTHER NEW BUSINESS

A. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

M. Ven. Bro. Segui mentioned that he had been requested by the Engineers to bring to this meeting a request to be allowed to be absorbed into the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

M. Ven. Bro. Segui gave some history of the organization. It began and is based in the United States with two lodges existing in Canada. Several years ago the Engineers went co-ed and this has not sat well with the Canadian members. One lodge has closed and the one in Milton no longer desires to part of that organization.

M. Ven. Bro. Dupel received the information and request and will pass it on to R. Ven. Bro. Fletcher and the new slate of Grand Officers to deal with.

B. NOTICE OF MOTION

V. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl, of Northern Equinox Council #226, presented a Notice of Motion.

At the 2024 Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada Annual Grand Council meeting, I will cause the following motion to be brought forward.

Be it resolved that Article 11 of the Constitution of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada be amended to read:

“Grand Council shall consist of all Brothers of St. Lawrence in good

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standing who are members of a constituent Council on the Grand Council register.”

13] REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes, PSGM welcomed M. Ven. Bro. Dupel as the Most Junior PSGM and presented the report of the Committee.

MOTION by: M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes
SECOND by: M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui
THAT: the report be received.
Carried

At 11:05 a.m.

BRETHREN WERE CALLED FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT

Until 1:00 p.m.

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PART 2 BUSINESS RESUMES

FINAL BUSINESS INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS AWARDS

The Grand Council was re-convened at **1:00** p.m.

14] ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BALLOT RESULTS

M. Ven. Bro Bil Segui presented the report on the Ballot.

There were **143** ballots cast; **3** were spoiled

Officers elected for the coming term were:

Grand Senior Warden R. Ven. Bro. Richard B. Allgood

Grand Junior Warden R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson



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15] INSTALLATION & INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel, SGC, proceeded to conduct the ceremony of Installation and Investiture of the Grand Council officers for the ensuing year, 2023-24.

The Grand Officers present were then Invested. Arrangements will be made for those who were not present (A in the chart below) to be Invested in their home Councils this Fall.

GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2023-24

Sovereign Grand Master	M. Ven. Bro. Matt D.A. Fletcher
Immediate Past S.G.M.	M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel
Deputy Grand Master	R. Ven. Bro. J. Michel Vigeant
Grand Senior Warden	R. Ven. Bro. Richard B. Allgood (A)
Grand Junior Warden	R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson (A)
Grand Treasurer	R. Ven. Bro. Brian James (A)
Grand Secretary	M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
Grand Registrar	R. Ven. Bro. Nelson Lisboa (A)
Grand Senior Deacon	V. Ven. Bro. Hans Tanzer (A)
Grand Junior Deacon	V. Ven. Bro. Henry Wilkinson (A)
Grand Chaplain	V. Ven. Bro. Peter Guichon
Grand Historian	V. Ven. Bro. Bob Walker & V. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl
Grand Lecturer	V. Ven. Bro. Bruce Zawalsky (A)
Grand Director of Ceremonies	V. Ven. Bro. James Hunt (A)
Grand Inner Guard	V. Ven. Bro. John Baird (A)
Grand Tyler	V. Ven. Bro. Junn Manalang (A)

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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 2023-25

District 1	R. Ven. Bro. Andrew Dobbie	(A)
District 2	R. Ven. Bro. John Newton	(A)
District 3	R. Ven. Bro. Mike Petty	(A)
District 4	R. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl	
District 5	R. Ven. Bro. "Joe" Chiniborch	(A)
District 6	R. Ven. Bro. Jim Bennie	(A)



ADDITIONAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

DESIGNATED DEGREES & ORDERS

Enlightened Knight Commander, Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri	Ven. Bro. Jason Cassleman
Commander General, Masonic Order of the Bath	M. Ven. Bro. Cliff Hardy
Grand Bung, Ye Ancient Order of Cork	M. Ven. Bro. Bil Segui



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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Architect	Ven. Bro. Kris Toijonen
Archives	R. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl
Auditor / financial advisor	R. Ven. Bro. George Gifford
Awards	M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel
Charters + Dispensations	M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
Communications	R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson & M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree
Condition Allied Masonry	R. Ven. Bro. Richard Allgood
Constitution / Jurisprudence	R. Ven. Bro. Greg Smith
Credentials	R. Ven. Bro. Nelson Lisboa
Finance + Budget	V. Ven. Bro. Gary McCormick
Fraternal Relations	M. Ven. Bro. Prince D. Selvaraj
Grievances + Appeals	M. Ven. Bro. Glenson T. Jones
Long Range	R. Ven. Bro. Adam Thompson
Necrology	V. Ven. Bro. Peter Guichon
Rituals	Ven. Bro. Bruce Zawalsky
Time + Place	R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant
Webmaster	M. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree & V Ven Bro Goran Ivankovic





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16] AWARDS

A] ARCHITECT BEST PAPER

M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher announced that Ven. Bro. Kris Toijonen is the new Editor of The Architect.

Ven. Bro. Toijonen announced that the winner of the 2023 Best Paper Award is

- R. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl of Dogwood Council #171 for his paper

Reflections on the Chamber of Reflections

Since R. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl is a previous winner, he does not receive a second medal! M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher presented the Best Paper Award Certificate.

Honourable Mention, and an appropriate certificate, goes to

- Bro. Tyler Branch for his paper

The Importance of the Book of Hosea to the Hiram Narrative

B] MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

M. Ven. Bro. R. John Hayes announced that the 2023 recipient is

Bro. Robert Lemmens of Yellowhead Council #220

He then read the citation prepared for this Award. In addition to the information contained therein as taken from his nomination information, M. Ven. Bro. Hayes mentioned the special icon that Bro. Lemmens had created for Yellowhead Council.

The citation and award will be presented during a Yellowhead Council meeting in the Fall.



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17] PRESENTATIONS

- A] The Director of Ceremonies was asked to present
 Bro. Larry Holthe
 Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star
 British Columbia & Yukon

Bro. Holthe was greeted with applause.

- B] M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher called Bro. Kevin D. Riley to the East.

He explained that Bro. Riley had presented a paper that was included in The Architect 2022, "Comparing the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, the USA, and England." He has been a strong supporter of AMD in both the United States and Canada.

To recognize this, M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher presented Bro. Riley with a Certificate of Appreciation.

18] NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

R. Ven. Bro. Michel Vigeant provided some preliminary information about next year's meetings. They will be held at the Grand Lodge of Quebec Temple on August 9, 10 2024. The conference hotel will be the 2170 Lincoln, just two blocks away. More details will be released as soon as they available.

R. Ven. Bro. Wisdahl presented V. Ven. Bro. Bob Walker with his SM jewel and certificate for Peace Council.

19] S.G.M. INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The Sovereign Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher, SGC, gave his Inaugural Address to the brethren.

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20] CLOSING OF GRAND COUNCIL

The brethren were given some information about tonight's banquet.

M. Ven. Bro. Fletcher expressed the Thanks of the brethren to the host councils – Peace #224 and Northern Equinox #226—for their work in preparing these meetings.

There being no further business to be brought before this Grand Council, the Grand Master, M. Ven. Bro. Matt D. A. Fletcher, SGC, closed the Grand Council at 2:15 p.m. Mountain Standard Time

SIGNED ON 10 August 2024 to signify an accurate recording of the Proceedings.

M. Ven. Bro. Matt D. A. Fletcher, SGC
Sovereign Grand Master

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