



THE GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF ONTARIO

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER 2023:

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Most Illustrious the Past Grand Masters, Grand Council Officers, and my Companions, I welcome you most cordially to our 123rd Annual Assembly.

We are very honoured to have M. W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, with us today. We cordially welcome him to our Grand Assembly, congratulate him on being installed as our Grand Master and wish him good health, prosperity, and happiness as he leads Masonry into the future for success in our great Province of Ontario.

We are also delighted to have in attendance the Most Excellent Companion Paraag Suchak the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario and R. Ex. Comp. Jeffrey Baker the Grand Third Principal. We wish them well for their time in office and many more years to come. I must point out that our Grand Principals are very active Cryptic Masons and I thank them for their dedication to Cryptic Masonry. I would be remised if I do not express my sincere thanks to our Grand First Principal and his wife Feeroza for all the courtesies extended to my Office at their Grand Convocation this past April. It was truly an enjoyable weekend. At this time we mourn the death of our Grand Second Principal R. Ex. Comp. George B. Fairbairn's brother. Our Grand Second Principal is attending the funeral this weekend in Ottawa.

We are pleased to have Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett 33° Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada and congratulate him on his election to this high office.

Also joining us today is M. Em. Kt. Geoffrey C. Perry G.C.T Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. He is also a very active Cryptic Mason and we cordially welcome him to our Grand Assembly.

Representing M. Ill. Kt. Comp. Peter J. Whitehead G.C.C. M. Ill. Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, is our own M. Ill. Kt. Comp. David P. Hardie G.C.C. Past Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada.

Representing M. Ven. Bro. Robert Dupel S.G.C. Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, is M. Ven. Bro. T. Bilardino Segui S.G.C. Past Sovereign Grand Master. Bro. Dupel is being installed today as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grande Loge du

Québec and we wish him all the very best for the future. Comp. Dupel is a member of Gedeliah Council No. 16 in Ottawa and currently the Ill. Deputy Master.

The number of our visiting dignitaries is very impressive and stands a testimony for the travels we have done and the friendships we have established.

We welcome,

- From the York Rite Sovereign College of North America M. Pre. Em. Dist. Bro. J. William Riggs KCPC, KGCY Governor General. He is also the Most Eminent Grand Preceptor, Knight Grand Commander in rank of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests Grand College of America and a PMEGHP of Kentucky.
- From the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, and its Provinces Overseas R. W. Bro. Bryce B. Hildreth Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Court of the Masonic Order of Athelstan of the United States of America. He is also the Deputy Governor - General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Iowa, a PMEGHP of Iowa and a Past Grand Master-General of the Convent General KYCH.
- From the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and its Jurisdictions R. Ill. Kt. Comp. Stanton T. Brown II, the Grand Senior General. He is also the Chancellor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.
- From the Grand Council of Missouri R. P. Comp. William G. Snyder, a PMIGM of Missouri and the Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.
- From the Grand Council of Michigan M. Ill. Comp. Robert E. Cooper MIGM, R. Ill. Comp. Christopher Potts Deputy Grand Master, R. Ill. Comp. Al McKay Grand Captain of the Guard, M. Ill. Comp. Ryan J. Groat PMIGM, M. Ill. Comp. Gary L. Paquet PMIGM and Past Grand Commander and M. Ill. Comp. Robert O. Troutman PMIGM and the Grand Recorder.
- From the Grand Council of Ohio M. Ill. Comp. Michael L. Terry MIGM and M. Ill. Comp. Stephen C. Hill PMIGM. Comp. Hill is a frequent visitor to our Grand Council, and we thank him for that.
- From the Grand Council of District of Columbia M. Ill. Comp. Donald L. McAndrews PMIGM and PMEGHP.
- From the Grand Council of Pennsylvania M. Puissant Comp. Richard W. Fesler Jr. Most Puissant Grand Master.
- From the Grand Council of Minnesota R. Ill. Comp. R. Sean Gardiner Deputy Grand Master. He is also a PMEGHP and Past Grand Commander.
- From the Grand Council of Delaware M. Ill. Comp. G. Thomas "Tom" Taylor, III PMIGM. He is the current M. Ex. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch

Masons of Delaware and the R. Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the work of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

- From Grand Council of Iowa M. Ill. Comp. John M. Klaus PMIGM and M. Ill. Comp. Richard L. Bowersox PMIGM.
- V. Em. Steven Wing Personal Representative District 3, to the Grand Master General, Convent General KYCH and a Past Grand Commander.
- From the Ontario Council Thrice Illustrious Masters T. Ill. Master Don Martyn.

To our Visiting Companions we say, ‘thank you’, considering the fact that many of you have travelled great a distance. I hope your time with us will be of profit and pleasure and you will make new friends and renew old friendships. May your travel back be safe, and you will take fond memories with you. If I haven’t visited your Grand Council this past year, I will try my best in the coming year.

Thank our Ladies:

First of all, I would like to thank the ladies for allowing us to be away from our homes to attend Councils, other Masonic meetings and for their support and encouragement to pursue our dreams in Masonry. Without their kindness we will never be where we are today. Companions, please thank your ladies for all what they do .

Thank the host hotel.

Our sincere thanks to the Hotel staff at the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites, 5875 Airport Road, Mississauga and for working with our committee. I believe this is a very convenient location, closer to the Toronto Pearson International Airport but of Course little pricey.

As prescribed in our Grand Constitution (2018) under Sec. 15(c), I now detail to you my Official Acts in the past year.

I wouldn’t say that my first year has been a ‘baptism of fire’, but it surely has been a busy one. I am very delighted to report to you that I have completed my Official Visits to all Councils in our Grand Jurisdiction except one. That Official Visit also will be completed on the first Saturday in June. In some instances, a second visit or a third was needed for a tyled meeting and even they have been completed.

I thank the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Recorders and Companions who made this a possibility. I enjoyed all my visits either Official or Fraternal to Installations, etc. and had a great social intercourse. I am very much impressed by the courtesies extended to my Office by all Councils and pay my gratitude to Companions who chose to be at my Official Visits despite their busy schedule. I must tell you my Companions, you have touched my heart and soul in some way or another and brighten my Masonic journey.

At my Official Visits I emphasised on Leadership which I believe lacking in many of our Masonic bodies. I explained the ingredients of being a good leader as having integrity, accountability, empathy, honesty, humility, resilience, vision, influence, positivity, and

teamwork. If you have a positive impact on others, not because of the rank or the Office you hold, but because of whom you are and that you truly care about the people around you, then you can count one more sign that may indicate you are a true leader.

Whenever present during my Official Visits, I have instructed our Grand Deputy Master to speak on the Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation and the Grand Principal Conductor of Work on the importance of increasing membership thus making our Councils stronger.

I have invested the following Grand Officers who were unable to attend the last Grand Assembly, namely R. Ill. Comp. Phil Hebert as GIG for District B, V. Ill. Comp. Michael Whetstone as Grand Organist and V. Ill. Comp. Leslie Richardson as Assistant Grand Historian. I also entrusted R. Ill. Comp. Howard F. Adams Grand Deputy Master to invest V. Ill. Comp. James Leutri as Assistant Grand Recorder and R. Ill. Comp. Russell Staye Past GIG to invest V. Ill. Comp. Michel Vigeant as Past Grand Standard Bearer. All these tasks have been completed.

In addition to visiting our Councils, I had the privilege of representing you my Companions at the following sister Grand Jurisdictions: Connecticut, Missouri, Vermont, Iowa, Michigan, New York, Colorado, South Dakota, Ohio, Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Pennsylvania, Maine, Indiana, Wisconsin, New Hampshire and the Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of State of Ohio and Jurisdiction (PHA). Canada Western Jurisdiction, which I have attended a few times before, is having their Grand Assembly as we speak and will be in my schedule for next year. Canada Eastern Jurisdiction, which I have also attended few times before, moved their Grand Session from their regular meeting date on first Saturday in May to a weekend in April. Due to a Masonic conflict, I was not able to attend. I will try my best next year.

I have also, responding to invitations, attended the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Kansas City Missouri, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada in Toronto, Convent General KYCH in Salt Lake City Utah and the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario in Burlington, Ontario.

I was delighted to be invited to attend the Consecration of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the United Mexican States and Charter Presentation on Saturday November 26, 2022. I have already witnessed the Consecration of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in India by the British in 2013 along with the Consecration of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees and the Consecration of the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, but this was the first time I witnessed the Consecration by the US. It was a very meaningful and solemn ceremony. In the Grand Installation that followed, I was honoured to be the Installing Chaplain. This ceremony was held in New Mexico, USA due to travel limitations.

On Saturday April 29, 2023, I was invited and was privileged to be part of the Centenary Celebrations and rededication of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba and consider myself blessed to be with them on this, their special achievement. May our Heavenly

Farther grant them many more years of success in Capitular Masonry. I was also honoured to be in my Cryptic Regalia representing the Royal and Select Masters of Ontario.

During these out of Province visitations, I was awarded with many honorary memberships. I believe that these memberships honour the office I hold more than they do me personally, but I will always cherish the occasion and remember the delightful memories they bring into my life. At the Pennsylvania Grand Council Most Puissant Comp. Richard W. Fesler, Jr. Most Puissant Grand Master surprised me with the Ernest C. Reynolds Grand Master's Fellowship Award. It was a humbling moment for me, never expected but was very thankfully received.

I have also attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on Wednesday July 20th and Thursday July 21, 2022, at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel in Richmond Hill and was very delighted to witness M. W. Bro. Thomas W. Hogeboom installed as our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Necrology:

Last year with the heaviest of hearts that we learned the passing of Canada's longest-reigning Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As Citizens of the Commonwealth, we are deeply saddened by her death. On behalf of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, I express our heartfelt condolences to members of the Royal Family during this most difficult time.

Companions, in the past year we have lost many of our Companions who were so dearer and nearer to our hearts. We have heard the Memorial Service Conducted by our Grand Chaplain and are comforted in the knowledge that this life is not the end and are blessed with the assurance that one day we will all be united.

At this time, I must remember R. Ill. Comp. Ronald K. Johnson a long-time member of Adoniram Council No.2 and a very active Mason in all Masonic bodies he belonged to. He was my sponsor into Adoniram Council and my good friend. He stood by me during the difficult times that I unexpectedly and unfortunately experienced during 2016/2017 and was my 'light house'. I was honoured to be invested by R. Ill. Comp. Johnson in the MIGM's regalia last year. I miss him, will always remember him, and cherish his memories.

Dispensations:

Several requests for dispensations were received this year for regular or general purposes, were granted and on file at the Grand Recorder's office. Explanations of these dispensations are detailed in the Grand Recorder's Report.

Condition of Cryptic Masonry in Ontario:

Full report on the Condition of Cryptic Masonry will be outlined in the reports of the Grand Deputy Master and the Grand Recorder.

During my visitations I observed a few Councils struggling to encourage members to attend their meetings. The reason could have been that my official visit was their first in-person meeting in

almost 3 years of Pandemic. But two of those Councils had the same problem even before that. COVID Pandemic still has a hold in our Grand Jurisdiction and due to this fear, our senior members are reluctant to attend Masonic meeting.

Interim Order:

In due of the above reasons and the conversations I had with Recorders of some Councils, on November 28, 2022, I issued an Interim Order which states:

"A quorum shall consist of Nine of which seven members must be of the Council and two visiting members from any other Councils. Without such quorum being present, no Council or Lodge can be opened, no business can be transacted, and no degrees can be conferred".

The full Order is attached to my report as addendum 'a.'

Super Excellent Masters Degree and Order of the Silver Trowel:

The Super Excellent Masters Degree and Order of the Silver Trowel continue to progress at an enviable rate.

- Super Excellent Masters Degree was conferred at the Field Day on Saturday October 22, 2022 in Thornhill and 15 Select Masters received this Degree. On behalf of our Grand Council, I would like to thank Adoniram Council No.2, my mother Council, for hosting the field day as they have done it for many years. The Degree was very well performed and many thanks to the wonderful drama cast.
- On Friday May 26, 2023(yesterday), at the Ontario Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, 14 Thrice Illustrious Master's received the Order of the Silver Trowel and 4 visiting Thrice Illustrious Masters were made honorary members. Once again, I thank all those who have contributed to the great success of this event.

Royal Ark Mariners Degree:

Due to a request at the Grand Executive meeting in February 2023 the Grand Council has agreed to conduct the Royal Ark Mariners Degree today after we open the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. This is feasible as this year being an off year without any elections to conduct. The Degree team will be led by M. Ill. Comp. David P. Hardie, and I have no doubt that they will do an excellent job.

Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation Inc.

In support of the Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation, plans are underway to host a dinner at the School of Fine Dining at 4121 14th Ave, Markham, ON L3R 0J2 on Sept. 09, 2023. Tickets are on sale right now and I encourage all Companions to buy a ticket or two in support of this worthwhile cause. If interested, please contact me or any Grand Officer after this session. I hope the future Grand Masters will take it upon themselves to host a similar event annually, in support of the Foundation.

25/50 year Service Pins:

With the consultation of the Past Grand Masters and the Grand Executive Committee we are in the process of creating a redesigned 25 and 50 year Service pins to be presented to the Companions of this Grand Body when they arrive at this milestone.

To the members of our Councils:

I express my admiration to all Councils that undertook the task of conferring Degrees during this year. Our Companions not only keep their Councils growing but also keep this Grand Council alive. To those Companions I say, you are the future of our Order and although I stand centre stage today, today is primarily your day.

- The Impresario Irvine Berlin once remarked “The toughest thing about success is that you must keep on being successful. Talent is only a starting point. You have to keep on working on that talent, otherwise someday you’ll reach for it, and it won’t be there”.
- Albert Schweitzer is credited with saying “Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”

So, my Companions, if you Love Cryptic Masonry and believe in the lessons it teaches, I encourage you to speak to your Royal Arch Companions, promote Cryptic Masonry and what we have to offer. But always maintain Peace and Harmony in your Councils.

Membership Drive:

Last year I challenged all Companions on a membership drive. If any Companion secured at least 5 Candidates during the 2022–2023 year, first line sponsor only, I would pay for his two room nights and all meals, if he attends the 2023 Grand Assembly. So far, we have learnt that V. Ill. Comp. Brian Kiernan and R. Ill. Comp. Sheldon V. Stannard our GPCW have secured five or more applications. I thank them and congratulate them for their hard work in support of this Grand Body. I will be paying for their 2 room nights and all meals. I would like to extend this offer for next year as well, from today till the next Grand Assembly, remember Companions, five applications or more.

To our Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters:

Your attendance here today and your continued support for our beloved Order is greatly appreciated. We are very blessed to have you as our guide and to draw wisdom and directions from, whenever needed, while we move forward. Thank you.

To our Grand Deputy Master R. Ill. Comp. Howard F. Adams & Grand Principal Conductor of Work R. Ill. Comp. Sheldon V. Stannard:

It’s been a pleasure working with you in the past year. I thank you for your services to this Grand Body but only hope next year will be a better one.

To the Elected and Appointed Officers and Members of Committees:

Thank you for accepting the responsibilities of this Grand Council to move forward. You have done well. I hope you enjoyed your travels and meetings you attended and hope it will be another enjoyable year ahead.

- A quote from Niccolò Machiavelli an Italian diplomat, author, philosopher, and historian “It is not titles that honour men, but men that honour titles.”

To the members of the organizing committee:

My heartfelt ‘thank you’ to our General Chairman and his staff for ensuring that this Grand Session has gone off so well. This is a new venue for us and it’s a new Committee. On your behalf my Companions, I thank the General Chairman T. Ill. Comp. Philip Michael Penchoff and his team of dedicated members for the part they have played in making this weekend so memorable and enjoyable. A special ‘thank you’ to Comp. Robert E. Kerr MSA, our long time registration Chairman, for his hard work.

Please stand and be recognized.

To our Grand Recorder R. Ill. Comp. Richard B. Allgood:

As I approach the conclusion of my address, I must place upon a precipitously high pedestal the Grand Recorder for admirably coping with the administrative anomalies leading up to today and the smooth execution of the work at this Grand Assembly. Events such as today do not simply happen. A great deal of thought, planning and hard work is required. We have also witnessed an unusually complicated number of events, all of which has been managed with precision and dignity. Our sincere ‘thank you’ to the Grand Recorder R. Ill. Comp. Richard B. Allgood. He is the hardest working Companion of this Grand Body and all with a smile. Thank you for being so dedicated R. Ill. Sir.

Travels:

Companions, we stand here today without any Grand Representatives to connect with other Grand Councils as we have eliminated Grand Representatives a few years back. So, I urge the Grand Officers, whether you aspire to be our Grand Master or not, travel and visit many Grand Councils as possible. This will help us to learn, make friends, establish fraternal ties, and stay connected with the outside world. Otherwise, we will be like “*jing di zhi wa*”, a Chinese expression to the “frog in the well”, as the frog in the well knows nothing of the Sea.

In the past year I have attended over 110 Masonic meetings, Cryptic and others which are listed below for your contemplation.

1. May 27-29, 2022: Grand Council R&S Masters of Ontario, St. Catharines.
2. May 29, 2022: Ontario Priory No. 49 St. Catharines.
3. May 30, 2022: Salem Council No. 09, Hamilton (Official Visit) [1]
4. June 04, 2022: Grand Chapter of Connecticut, USA
5. June 04, 2022: Grand Council of Connecticut, USA
6. June 06, 2022: Enoch Council No. 10, London (Official Visit) [2]
7. June 08, 2022: Grand Council of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, USA
8. June 08, 2022: Order of the Silver Trowel of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, USA
9. June 09, 2022: Grand Chapter of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, USA
10. June 09, 2022: Order of High Priesthood of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, USA
11. June 12, 2022: Grand Council of Vermont, Killington, VT. USA

12. June 12, 2022: Vermont Priory No. 45 Killington, VT. USA
13. June 12, 2022: Grand Commandery of Vermont, Killington, VT. USA
14. June 12, 2022: Grand Chapter of Vermont, Killington, VT. USA
15. June 17, 2022: Gedeliah Council No. 16, Ottawa (Official Visit) [3]
16. June 18, 2022: Ottawa Conclave No. 1, OSM, Ottawa.
17. June 21, 2022: Huron Council No. 25 (Zoom)
18. June 25, 2022: Richmond Hill AMD Council No. 168 Richmond Hill.
19. June 25, 2022: Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada (Zoom)
20. June 28, 2022: Funeral Service for R. Ill. Comp. Michael Jenkyns, Ottawa.
21. July 09, 2022: Emmaus KTP – In gathering, Peterborough, ON.
22. July 20-21, 2022: Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Richmond Hill, ON.
23. July 23, 2022: Masonic Memorial Service for R. Ill. Comp. Ronald K. Johnson, Toronto.
24. July 29, 2022: Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, Burlington, IA. USA.
25. July 29, 2022: Holy Order of High Priesthood of Iowa, Burlington, IA. USA.
26. July 29, 2022: Order of the Thrice Illustrious Master of Iowa, Burlington, IA. USA.
27. July 30, 2022: Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa, Burlington, IA. USA.
28. July 30, 2022: Holy Grail Conclave No. 27 Order of Pilgrim Preceptors, Burlington, IA. USA
29. Aug. 02, 2022: Grand Council of UCCof E Grand Session (Zoom).
30. Aug. 04-06, 2022: York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Kansas City, Missouri.
31. Aug. 12-13, 2022: AMD Grand Assembly, Winnipeg, MB
32. Aug. 17-18, 2022: Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Toronto, ON.
33. Aug. 19, 2022: Grand Council of Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI
34. Aug. 20, 2022: Grand Council of New York, Albany, NY
35. Aug. 26-27, 2022: Convent General KYCH, Salt Lake City, Utah
36. Sept. 07, 2022: OSM Grand Executive meeting (Zoom).
37. Sept. 08, 2022: Pikes Peak Priory No. 21 Colorado, Golden, CO
38. Sept. 09, 2022: Grand Commandery of Colorado, Golden, CO
39. Sept. 10, 2022: Grand Chapter of Colorado, Golden, CO
40. Sept. 10, 2022: Grand Council of Colorado, Golden, CO
41. Sept. 12, 2022: Nineveh Council No. 3 Central Elgin, ON (Official Visit – No Quorum)
42. Sept. 16, 2022: Order of the Silver Trowel, Huron, SD
43. Sept. 16, 2022: Grand Commandery of South Dakota, Huron, SD
44. Sept. 17, 2022: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota, Huron, SD
45. Sept. 17, 2022 Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of South Dakota, Huron, SD
46. Sept. 20, 2022: Frontenac Council No. 26, Gananoque, ON. (Official Visit–No Quorum)
47. Sept. 22, 2022: Babylon Council No. 11, Chatham, ON. (Official Visit – No Quorum)
48. Sept. 24, 2022: Brougham Union Lodge No. 269, Claremont, ON. (150-year Celebration)
49. Sept. 27, 2022: Zabud Council No. 15, Belleville, ON. (Official Visit) [4]
50. Oct. 01, 2022: Northern Priory No. 84, Sudbury, ON. (Installation)
51. Oct. 02–05, 2022: Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Ohio, Sandusky, OH.
52. Oct. 07, 2022: Shekinah Council No.18, Port Elgin, ON. (Official Visit) [5]
53. Oct. 08, 2022: Richmond Hill AMD Council No. 168, Richmond Hill, ON.
54. Oct. 13, 2022: Shealtiel Council No. 21, Victoria Harbour, ON. (Official Visit) [6]
55. Oct. 15, 2022: Celebration of Life for V. W. Bro. Michael S. Ikonomidis, Ajax.

56. Oct. 18, 2022: Riblah Council No. 6, Sarnia, ON. (Official Visit) [7]
57. Oct. 20, 2022: Adoniram Council No. 2, Thornhill, ON. (Official Visit) [8]
58. Oct. 22, 2022: Field Day, SEMs Degree, Thornhill, ON.
59. Oct. 24, 2022: Hiram Council No. 24, Peterborough, ON. (Official Visit) [9]
60. Oct. 26, 2022: Abram Council OHP, Thornhill, ON.
61. Oct. 29, 2022: (AM) Pyramid Council No. 7, St Catharines, ON. (Official Visit) [10]
62. Nov. 03, 2022: Avon Conclave No. 23 Tavistock, ON.
63. Nov. 07, 2022: Keystone Council No. 20 Streetsville, ON. (Official Visit) [11]
64. Nov. 09, 2022: Huron Council No. 25 Tavistock, ON. (Official Visit) [12]
65. Nov. 12, 2022: Emmaus Tabernacle No. 47 KTP Milton, ON.
66. Nov. 14, 2022: Nineveh Council No. 3 Central Elgin, ON. (2nd Attempt-Cancelled due to no quorum)
67. Nov. 15, 2022: Frontenac Council No. 26 Gananoque, ON. (2nd Attempt-Cancelled due to no quorum)
68. Nov. 15, 2022: Eat & Argue Luncheon Club, Toronto, ON.
69. Nov. 16, 2022: King Cyrus Chapter No. 232 Stouffville, ON. (Installation)
70. Nov. 17, 2022: Pawating Council No. 14 Sault Ste. Marie, ON. (Official Visit) [13]
71. Nov. 19, 2022: Alpha Council No. 23 Sudbury, ON. (Official Visit - Cancelled due to no quorum/weather)
72. Nov. 21, 2022: Conestoga Council No. 17 Waterloo, ON. (Official Visit) [14]
73. Nov. 24, 2022: Babylon Council No. 11 Chatham, ON. (Official Visit) [15]
74. Nov. 26, 2022: Consecration of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the United Mexican States, Charter Presentation and Installation, Las Cruces, New Mexico
75. Nov. 28, 2022: Raymond C. Purslow AMD Council (Zoom)
76. Nov. 30, 2022: OSM Grand Executive Meeting (Zoom)
77. Dec. 03, 2022: York AMD Council No. 133 Port Credit, ON. (Installation)
78. Dec. 05, 2022: Keystone Council No. 20 Streetsville, ON. (Christmas Dinner)
79. Dec. 09, 2022: AMD Grand Executive meeting Zoon
80. Dec. 10, 2022: Raymond C. Purslow AMD Council No. 170 in-person Meeting, Toronto.
81. Dec. 15, 2022 – Jan. 25, 2023: Family Visitation in Srilanka
82. Jan. 28, 2023: Zohar Council No. 19 Thunder Bay, ON (Installation & Official Visit) [16]
83. Jan. 28, 2023: Holy Bay Conclave No 19, Thunder Bay, ON (Installation)
84. Feb. 06, 2023: Nineveh Council No. 3 (Joint Installation with Enoch No. 10), London, ON. (Official Visit to Nineveh Council No. 3), (3rd Attempt) [17]
85. Feb. 08-12, 2023: AMD Masonic Week, Arlington, Virginia.
86. Feb. 15, 2023: R&S Grand Executive meeting (Zoom)
87. Feb. 16, 2023: Adoniram Council No. 02 Thornhill, ON. (RM Degree)
88. Feb. 21, 2023: Frontenac Council No. 26 Gananoque, ON. (3rd Attempt) [18]
89. Feb. 24-25, 2023: Alabama Grand York Rite, Birmingham, AL.
90. March 02-03, 2023: Alaska Grand York Rite, Anchorage, Alaska.
91. March 09-11, 2023: Delaware Grand York Rite Sessions,
92. March 17-18, 2023: Grand Council Dist. of Columbia, Washington DC
93. March 19-21, 2023: North Carolina Grand York Rite, Raleigh, NC
94. Mar. 25, 2023: Raymond C. Purslow AMD Council No. 170 Toronto. (Installation)

95. Mar. 27, 2023: Essex Council No. 12 Windsor, ON (Official Visit) [19]
96. Mar. 29, 2023: OSM Grand Executive meeting (Zoom)
97. Mar. 31-Apr. 01, 2023: Grand Council of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations
98. Apr. 03, 2023: Keystone Council No. 20 Streetsville, ON. (Installation)
99. Apr. 06, 2023: Avon Conclave No. 23 Tavistock.
100. April 08, 2023: Emmaus Tabernacle No. 47 KTP, Milton, ON.
101. April 13-14, 2023: Ontario Grand Chapter, Burlington.
102. April 15, 2023: York AMD No. 133 Port Credit.
103. April 16-17, 2023: Grand Council of Pennsylvania, Grantville, PA.
104. April 21, 2023: Grand Council of Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine
105. April 23-24, 2023: Grand Council of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN.
106. April 28, 2023: Manitoba Priory No. 69 Winnipeg, MB
107. April 28-29, 2023: Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba (100 Year Celebration)
108. May 05-06, 2023: Grand Council of Wisconsin, Jefferson, WI. USA.
109. May 10, 2023: Huron Council No. 25 Tavistock. (Installation)
110. May 11, 2023: Shealtiel Council No. 21 Victoria Harbour. (Installation)
111. May 13, 2023: New Hampshire Grand Chapter, Concord, NH. USA.
112. May 13, 2023: New Hampshire Grand Council, Concord, NH. USA.
113. May 16, 2023: Riblah Council No. 6, Sarnia. (Installation)
114. May 21, 2023: Most Illustrious Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Master's State of Ohio and Jurisdiction (PHA) Cleveland, Ohio.
115. May 24, 2023: Abram Council No. 06 OHP, Thornhill.
116. May 26-28, 2023: Grand Council of Ontario. (1st Year presiding) *

Last but not least, my greatest thanks to my wife Shanthi for her love and support and for accompanying me to many Grand York Rite Sessions. We also planned to attend several others but a medical condition she was diagnosed with in late November, underwent Surgery in early December and now continuing with Chemotherapy made it impossible for her to travel. But being such a loving and supportive wife, she encouraged me to continue with our planned travels. Up to 5 days after the therapy she is in great pain, no sense of taste and I stay by her side. After that, before the next treatment I am free to travel. Thank you, Shanthi, for being my wife.

Companions, thank you for your time. Hope to see you all during the day, at our Grand Banquet this evening and at the events tomorrow. If not, I wish you a safe journey home.

It's been an honour and a privilege to serve this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario and by doing so, to serve you my beloved Companions, as your Most Illustrious Grand Master. Looking forward to the next year.

God blesses us all and our great nation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prince D. Selvaraj

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Most Illustrious Grand Master (2022-2024)