



Cryptic Corner

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GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

On October 19th Cryptic Masons in the State of New York celebrated Most Illustrious Leonard Mason's elevation to Grand Master this past August. The event was relaxed and in addition



to the attendance of most of the Grand Line and a number of Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, MW James

Sullivan and much of our Grand Line and RE Piers Vaughn, Grand King of the Grand Chapter joined in the festivities.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Grand Sentinel apron to RI Michael Rhodes (pictured left).



GRAND LECTURER CONVENTIONS

To All I.M., D.M and P.C.W.'s:

I was at Central City Council No. 13 for the Grand Lecturer's Convention (as every time I go to one - I learn something) on Oct 9th, 2013. I was surprised how many I.M.s, D.M.'s and P.C.W.'s were not there from the 6th Cryptic District were not in attendance. Our M.I.G.M. Leonard Mason has pushed our Grand Lecturer to have these conventions as they are the teaching classes for our NEW OFFICERS' of all our Councils. PLEASE companions when the G.L. Convention is in your District attend, if you are unable to attend the one in Your District, then try to attend one in an adjoining one.

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R.I. Harley R. DeShane
Deputy Grand Master

REMAINING CONVENTIONS

NOV 13 WED - 9th District - Hamburg #91 - Correction

NOV 26 TUE - 7th District - Ahwaga #30

DEC 12 THU - 8th District - Hornellsville #35



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER VISITS

We are in full swing with many District Deputy Illustrious Grand Master visits complete. Does anyone have any photos of these events. That's the kind of thing we are looking for in the **Cryptic Corner**.



GRAND LINE OFFICER VISITS

Among the duties of the Grand Line Officers as they progress is to visit each of the Constituent Councils in the State. Every year officers are assigned a region. This provides the officer with an opportunity to meet the members and observe the strengths and weaknesses of the Councils in the state while giving the members the opportunity to meet the leaders of Cryptic Masonry.

A number of Grand Line Officers have already completed some of their visits. Above, for example, RI Richard

Fowler (Grand Standard Bearer) at his visit to Union Council No. 2 in the Second District.

Pictured with him is MI Edward Fagan (red jacket) and VI Michael Quigley Assistant Grand Lecturer for the 2nd District



(center rear). In the photo to the left, RI Steven Koch and his visit to Dunkirk Council No. 25 with RI James Stoll (Past Grand Sentinel) and I Gene Olofson, Illustrious Master of

the Council.



GRAND COUNCIL QUESTION OF THE YEAR

Companions – One of the reasons we join the Council of Cryptic Masons is for more Masonic Light, the first steps of which are the Royal and Select Master Degrees. We also have the opportunity to view and in some cases perform the Super Excellent Master Degree. All these Degrees have their own lessons to teach and illuminate a particular aspect of Masonry, but they are only a beginning - not an end. We must continue to ask questions and not be content that we have seen it all so now we

know it all. How many times have you watched a First or Second Degree and heard a particular phrase and suddenly it has a new meaning that you had not considered before. Why should the Council Degrees be any different? The short answer is They Are Not!

To assist us on this journey the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons is beginning a Question of the Year where the Grand Council will ask the question and request answers from our membership. Full guidelines in how to participate are below. At the end of the year all answers will be read by a panel and the entry that is deemed most thought provoking and best argued will be read at our next Grand Assembly and printed in the Cryptic Corner.

As you can see from the following photo, the broken triangle which is displayed at each Grand Assembly session, is broken on the right side. The question this year is:

Why is the Triangle Broken on the Right Side and not the Left Side or the Bottom?



Guidelines are as follows:

1. Entries can be done by and individual Companion or a Council.
2. All entries must be submitted no later than June 30, 2014.
3. All entries should be in Microsoft Word format using Times New Roman and 12 pt font.
4. Entries must include all companions associated with the answer and a contact phone number and e-mail address.
5. Entries should be forwarded to RI Steven Koch at stevenpkoch@aol.com.
6. Also include contact information so we have someone to call if there are any questions.
7. If outside sources are cited in the answer, they must be noted and included with the entry.

We encourage the free discussion of this question among Companions within our jurisdiction. Have fun with this. This is an opinion piece and therefore cannot have a wrong answer.

Thank you and we hope you enjoyed this issue of the

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