

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE CALL TO THE 194th Annual Assembly

APRIL 2017

Official Notice is hereby given that the One Hundred Ninety-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 18, 2017 at the Lexington Hotel, Rochester, NY and continuing through Saturday, August 19, 2017.**

The Grand Council extends a cordial invitation to all Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Masters, Permanent Members of this Grand Council, Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils and all Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work and Select Masters of the constituent Councils of this jurisdiction to attend.

HEADQUARTERS: The Lexington Hotel Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Avenue, Rochester, NY.
Reservations with Tricia Kolb direct phone line: (585) 295-0953, email: tkolb@innercirclehotels.com.
Mention Grand Assembly of Grand Council Cryptic Masons of NY for \$99.00 rate plus tax. Additional Front Desk number to call if Tricia is not available: (585) 328-6000.

REGISTRATION: **Friday, August 18, 2017: Noon to 9:30 PM and Saturday, August 19, 2017: 7:30 – 10:00 AM** opposite the meeting room. Registration and Credentials **will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 19th.** Certificates of Appointment as Proxies for the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, bearing the Council Seal, should be presented to the Credentials Desk before the Opening of the Grand Council. **Aprons are to be worn in all Tiled Sessions. Don't forget to bring yours.**

RESERVATIONS: Hotel and Meal Reservation Form is enclosed or you can go to the website: www.nycryptic.org and download a copy.

The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

- 9:30 - 11:30AM** **Conference:** Directors of the Grand Council Charity Corp. – **(Executive Board Room)**
11:30 – 4:00 PM **Conference:** Grand Council Line Officers & Past Grand Masters - **(Executive Board Room)**
with Lunch provided around Noon
- 1:00 – 5:00 PM** **Hospitality Suite** will be open **(Coachman Room)**
6:00 - 7:30 PM **Welcome Buffet** – Informal! All are Welcome. Reservations required.
(Dress Code: *Casual Dress for All*) - **(Rooms 1901, 1902, & 1903)**
- 8:00 PM** **Opening of the 194th Annual Assembly**
(Dress Code: *Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket & Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: Tuxedo & Purple/Black Tie; Companions: Jacket and Tie. All Wear Aprons If Available!*)
Business Conducted: (Room 1904)
Reception of Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council Officers;
Roll Call of Councils; Previous Minutes; Appointment of Committees;
Resolutions; Reports of: Website; Education, Membership & Public Relations;
Library & Museum; Ritual Committee; Grand Lecturer and Awards; Condition & Extension of the Rite; Grand Historian; Jurisprudence & By-Laws Committee;
Grand Trustees; Grand Treasurer; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master.
- 9:15 PM** **Vesper Service**
(The Offering for the evening will go to the Grand Council Charity Fund)
- 9:45 PM** **Recess.** Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM. **(Coachman Room)**

Saturday, August 19, 2017

(Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: Morning Suits; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: Tuxedo/Black Tie; Companions: Jacket & Tie; All Wear Aprons if Available)

Breakfast on Your Own

- 8:30 AM **Assembling** of Distinguished Guests (**Outside of Conference Room 1904 – Hallway**)
8:45 AM **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - (Room 1904)** - Ladies, Guests & Members Invited
9:00 AM **Reception** of Distinguished Guests
9:30 AM **Necrology Ceremony** - Ladies and Non-members excused following the Ceremony
10:00 AM **Business Conducted:**
Roll Call of AGLs; Roll Call & Recognition of DDGMs; Recognition of Past Grand Masters; Roll Call & Recognition of Grand Representatives; Reports of: Grand Fraternal Correspondent; Grand Recorder; Presentation of Honorary Memberships; Remarks from Visitors; Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address.
11:00 AM **Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation**
11:30 AM **Remarks** by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of NY

Recess For Lunch

- NOON **LUNCHEON** (Reservations required) - **Men's Luncheon in Brooks Avenue Grill**
Ladies Luncheon and Program (Room 1904)

Reconvene Business of the Annual Assembly

- 1:15 PM **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY (Room 1904)**
Business Conducted: Reports of: Ish Sodi & Awards; Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address; Time & Place Committee; Credentials; Election of Officers; Unfinished Business; Tiled Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect; Closing of the 194th Annual Assembly.
3:00 PM **Public Installation** of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters - **(Room 1904)** - Ladies & Guests Invited
4:15-5:30 PM **Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree - (Victorian Room)**
(Per Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council, ALL newly elected Illustrious Masters are required to receive this degree prior to presiding in his elected office.)
6:00 PM **Social Hour prior to the Grand Council Annual Banquet (Cash Bar)**
7:00 PM **GRAND BANQUET (Rooms 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904)**
(With Remarks and Presentation of Awards - Reservations required)
{Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket and Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions: Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie; Ladies: Formal or Semi-Formal}
9:30 PM **Hospitality Suite** will be open until Midnight. **(Coachman)**

Fraternally,

Attest:

M.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson
Grand Master

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts
Grand Recorder