



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
State of New York

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To The Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work and Recorders and Companions all:

The Grand Council extends a cordial invitation to you all to attend the in person or hybrid Assembly of the Grand Council of New York on August 20-21, 2021 at the Crowne Plaza Albany-Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY. This Annual Assembly is being planned as a Hybrid Assembly at present for the membership of NY State and our out of State Guests. We are offering this virtual means to this year's Annual Assembly so all can participate. Please see the enclosed Call for the Annual Assembly and Reservation form for meals or go to the Grand Council Website home page and download directly. We look forward to many Companions attending in person in order to gather once again for companionship after a long hiatus due to the pandemic. Your ladies are invited as well.

All nominations and appropriate paperwork accompanying the same for the Office of Grand Steward must be submitted by the Councils to the Grand Recorder's Office by July 31, 2021.

The conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree for all Illustrious Masters previously elected but unable to receive it due to Covid-19 and the newly elected Illustrious Masters for the coming year who must have it to preside legally is being planned by the Grand Council to be held at this Annual Assembly in person. Please be present and let the Grand Recorder's Office know of your attendance and look for further details on this through an email.

Finally, notice is hereby given to the Councils that the Grand Council has printed more Ritual Books which are now available for purchase via the Grand Recorder's Office. These new copies of the ritual will be in the form of soft bound covers at a price of \$8.00 for per ritual. Add \$2.00 additional if it needs to be mailed. In addition, the Grand Council has also printed the insert pages that are needed for those who wish them for updating their present three ring binder rituals at no cost.

Fraternally,

Attest:

M.:I.:Phillip J. Chandler
Most Illustrious Grand Master

R.:I.:Kenneth R. Howe, Jr.
Grand Recorder

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE CALL TO THE 198th Annual Assembly

JUNE 2021

Official Notice is hereby given that the **One Hundred Ninety-Eighth Annual Assembly** of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 20, 2021 and continuing through Saturday, August 21, 2021**. We will be under New York Covid restrictions and protocols (social distance and masks required) for all in-person gatherings. So you will need to let the Grand Recorder's Office know of your attendance as soon as possible. **SOONER THE BETTER! We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.**

HEADQUARTERS: The Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel at 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211. Room Reservations with the The Crowne Plaza Albany- The Desmond Hotel made by direct phone line: (518) 869-8100. Mention that you are with The Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY Annual Assembly for \$117.00 rate plus tax. Group Code is "GC2."

REGISTRATION: Friday, August 20, 2021: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 21, 2021: 7:30 – 10:00 AM opposite the meeting room. Registration and Credentials will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 21st. 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. **All Reservations must be made by US Mail ONLY - No Emails or Phone Call Reservations! Cut Off Date for Meals is Absolute--There Will Be No Reservations Accepted after August 14, 2021 whatsoever because of Covid restrictions!**

The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021

- 12:00 - 1:00 PM** Lunch: Grand Line Officers & Past Grand Masters on your own
1:00 - 5:00 PM Conference: Grand Council Line Officers & Past Grand Masters
1:00 - 5:00 PM Hospitality Suite will be open
6:00 - 7:30 PM Welcome Buffet – Informal! All are Welcome. Reservations & Tickets required.
(Dress Code: Casual Dress for All)
- 7:45 PM** Opening of the 198th Annual Assembly
*(Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket & Purple Tie;
Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple or Black Tie;
Companions: Jacket and Tie. All Wear Aprons If Available!)*
- Business Conducted:**
Grand Council Officers will open the Grand Council per Grand Council Ritual
Roll Call of Councils; Previous Minutes; Appointment of Committees
Resolutions by PMIGMs
Reports of:
Education, Membership & Public Relations; Library & Museum; Ritual Committee;
Grand Lecturer and Awards; Condition & Extension of the Rite; Grand Historian;
Jurisprudence & By-Laws Committee;
- 8:45 PM** Vesper Service *(The Offering for the evening will go to the Grand Council Charity Fund)*
9:15 PM Recess. Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM.

Saturday, August 21, 2021

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

Breakfast on Your Own

- 8:15 AM** **Assembling** of NY Distinguished Guests, Ladies and other Guests Admitted
8:30 AM **Reception** of NY Distinguished Guests
9:00 AM **Necrology Ceremony** - Ladies and Non-members excused following the Ceremony
9:45 AM **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**
Business Conducted:
Roll Call of AGLs; Roll Call & Recognition of DDGMs; Recognition of Past Grand Masters; Roll Call & Recognition of Grand Representatives; Reports of: Trustees of Grand Council; Grand Treasurer; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master; Grand Recorder; Presentation of Honorary Memberships; Remarks from Visitors; Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address.
- 10:45 -11:00 AM** **Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation**
11:30 AM **Address** of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of NY or that of his personal representative.

Recess For Lunch

- NOON** **LUNCHEON** (Reservation and Tickets required)

Reconvene Business of the Annual Assembly

- 1:15 PM** **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**
Business Conducted: Reports of: Ish Sodi & Awards; Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address; Time & Place Committee; Credentials; Unfinished Business; Election of Officers; Tiled Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect; Closing of the 198th Annual Assembly by Grand Council Officers.
- 3:00 PM** **Public Installation** of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters and AGLs - Ladies & Guests Invited
- 4:15-5:30 PM** **Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree (Open Only for the Cast and Candidates and Limited number of Grand Council Officers due to Covid)**
(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**
(With Remarks and Presentation of Awards - Reservations & Tickets required)
{Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket and Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions: Purple Jacket / Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie; Ladies: Semi-Formal}
- 9:30 PM** **Hospitality Suite** will be open until 11:30 PM.

Fraternally,

Attest:

M.: I.: Phillip J. Chandler
Most Illustrious Grand Master

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THE 198th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
AUGUST 20 - 21, 2021

For Accommodations

Contact Directly: The Crown Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

Front Reservation Desk 1-518-869-8100 and state you wish to make a reservation
for The Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Annual Assembly
GROUP CODE "GC2"

Group Hotel Room Check-In Time is: 4:00 PM, Earlier possible if single arrival.
If you have any difficulty with reservations

Our Hotel Liaison Contact is Jack Roddy, Sales Manager (518) 640-6077
or Email: JRoddy@desmondhotels.com

Room Reservations are \$117.00 plus tax. Rooms must be Reserved by August 6, 2021

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Please Complete and return this form below with your payment by August 14, 2021
Make Check payable (In US Funds) to: Grand Council Cryptic Masons of NY
Memo area of the check should state: Registration & Meals. Thank You.

US Mail ONLY To: M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, Asst. Grand Recorder
158 Meadowbriar Road, Rochester, NY 14616-2339
1-585-259-3796

Friday, August 20th 6:00 PM Welcome Shaker Buffet (\$50.00)
(Casual Dress for All) No. _____ \$ _____

Saturday, August 21st NOON Men's Lunch (\$38.00) No. _____ \$ _____
Ladies' Lunch & Program (\$38.00) No. _____ \$ _____
(Ladies: Casual Dress / Men: Morning Suite/Tux/Business Suit)

Saturday, August 21st 7:00 PM The 198th Annual Banquet of the Grand Council
(Men: White Dinner Jacket / Tuxedo or Dark Suit and Ladies: Semi- Formal)

Roasted NY Sirloin of Beef (\$50.00) No. _____ \$ _____
Chicken Francaise (\$45.00) No. _____ \$ _____
Salmon Piccata (\$45.00) No. _____ \$ _____

(See Reverse Side of this Sheet for details on Meals)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Title/Office: Ill.: or V.: I.: or R.: I.: or M.: I.: _____

Council Name and Number: _____

Grand Body: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY SO YOU WILL HAVE YOUR RESERVATIONS MADE! THANK YOU!

MEAL DESCRIPTIONS

Friday's Welcome Buffet:

The Shaker Buffet: Soup du jour; Sliced Seasonal Fruit; Garden Salad with assorted dressings; Caesar Salad; Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter; Dijon chicken brown veloute'; Parmesan Crusted Salmon with red pepper beurre blanc; Sirloin au poivre; Penne pasta with roasted vegetables, Pesto infused olive oil; au gratin potatoes and Chef's choice of seasonal vegetable. Desserts will be Desmond Bread Pudding with English custard; Chocolate layer cake; Mini Viennese pastries and Fresh Brewed Coffees/Teas.

Saturday Lunch (Men & Women):

Courtyard Buffet: Desmond Salad Bar - mixed greens, bacon bits, garbanzo beans, croutons, sesame seeds, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, olives, roasted peppers, pickled beets, assorted dressings. Diced seasonal fruit; Soup du jour; Chef's daily salad (varies); Assorted sandwiches; Chef's daily selection of two hot entrees, to include beef, pork, chicken or seafood (varies); Chef daily pasta selection (varies); Fresh baked rolls with butter; Desmond bread pudding with English custard; Chef's dessert selections (varies). Fresh Brewed Coffees/Teas.

Saturday Banquet:

Social Hour: 6:00 PM

An array of Imported & Domestic Cheeses with Gourmet Crackers and Heavily Garnished with Fresh Seasonal Fruit. Cash Bar will be available.

Dinner: 7:00 PM

All Entrees will include a Served Garden Fresh Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings. Fresh Assorted Baked Rolls with Creamy Butter. Chef's choice of Vegetable. Coffees/Teas Station and Dessert (Pear William Cake-vanilla chiffon cake layered with Bavarian mousse & sliced pears). Choice of Main Entrée of one of the following:

- a.) Roasted NY Sirloin of Beef: Sliced Sirloin, demi-glace, potatoe provencale .
- b.) Chicken Francaise: Boneless Chicken Breast dredged in Parmesan Egg Batter, Lemon Butter Sauce, Vegetable Rice Pilaf.
- c.) Salmon Piccata: Atlantic salmon fillet, lemon caper beurre blanc, saffron rice.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

Reservations made by US Mail Only!

No Reservations after Cut-Off date of August 14, 2021
Checks made out to: Grand Council Cryptic Masons of NY
Memo Area of Your Check State: Reservations and Meals.