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**Grand Master's Address to the Companions at the 193rd Grand Assembly**

***"IF WE BUILD IT THEY WILL COME"***

As we go forward into our new year, we have to look forward as to where we are going. We must look down the road to the future, we must have ideas and a sense of what must be done to grow our order and what programs and ideas we need for this to happen.

My slogan for this year is "IF WE BUILD IT THEY WILL COME." This year we will be concentrating on membership. Membership is the life blood of all organizations especially in our Councils. It is and will ever be dependent on our Royal Arch Companions, and RAM is dependent on the Blue Lodge. Therefore, if we are to bring in new members, we must try to get new members for both the Blue Lodge and for Royal Arch so we can hopefully encourage their journey with us into Cryptic Masonry. We must promote Masonry to all, and bring into the craft candidates worthy of our York Rite and to let them know we, as Cryptic Masons, are an important and integral part of this process, especially for the York Rite. We want to encourage them to follow through in the concordant bodies and continue their growth in Masonry. As the concordant bodies teach and develop us the mantra of "More Light in Masonry" becomes more of a reality and should spark interest to learn even more.

Cryptic Masonry offers much to all Masons. It has many lessons in its degrees and ideals. We are an old part of the craft as we celebrate our 193rd year here in New York State and have been vibrant and exciting for all who have come to the Cryptic Rite.

We have three beautiful degrees that bring into knowledge what Hiram Abiff was thinking before his death, and his soliloquy is considered one of the most beautiful in all of Freemasonry. We also find that King Solomon knew the future as to when Jerusalem would fall and how to prepare for that end, and lastly we see the last day of Jerusalem and all the story and intrigue of its demise. This completes what we call the Circle of Perfection for York Rite and our Cryptic story is an important part of the whole story we promote in the York Rite.

My vision for this coming year is to expose Cryptic Masonry more within the craft and to build our membership so we can grow and build Cryptic Masonry for the future.

I hope I can count on your support to "Build So They Will Come."

Zealously,

Most Ill. Garry R. Hutchurson  
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