

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of the State of New York
2011-2012

189th Annual Assembly



M.: V.: George B. Whitmer
Most Illustrious Grand Master
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August 17th & 18th, 2012
Dunkirk Clarion Hotel
Dunkirk NY

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York



THE CALL TO THE 189TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

June 2012

Official notice is hereby given that the One Hundred Eighty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 17, 2012** at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 30 Lake Shore Drive East, Dunkirk, NY, continuing through **Saturday, August 18, 2012..**

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: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 30 Lake Shore Drive East, Dunkirk, NY 14048
(716) 366-8350

REGISTRATION: Friday August 17, 2012: Noon to 9:30 PM and Saturday, August 18, 2012: 7:30-10:00 AM

In the Main Lobby. Registration and Credentials **will close at 10:00 AM** on Saturday August 18th. 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 worn in Tiled Sessions.**

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 ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2012

10:00 AM	Conference: Directors of the Grand Charity Corp.	<i>Bayside A</i>
1:00-3:15 PM	Conference: Grand Council Line Officers, Past Grand Masters District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturer	<i>Bayside A</i>
3:30-5:00 PM	New District Deputies to meet with Deputy Grand Master	<i>Bayside A</i>
1:00-5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite will be open	<i>Room 109</i>
5:30 PM	Gather for Social Time prior to Welcome Buffet	<i>Patio</i>
6:00 PM	Welcome Buffet - Informal: All are Welcome. Reservations Required	<i>Patio</i>
7:30 PM	Opening of the 189th Annual Assembly by Dunkirk Council # 25 (Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket & Purple Tie: Appointed Officers and DDGMs: Tuxedo & Purple/Black Tie: Companions: Jacket and Tie. All wear Aprons!)	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
	Business Conducted: Reception of Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council Officers: Roll Call of Councils, Previous Minutes: Appointment of Committees: Resolutions: Roll Call and Recognition of DDGMs: Roll Call of AGLs; <u>Reports of Committees</u> : Website Masonic Education and Communications; Membership; Library and Museum; Ritual; Grand Lecturer and Awards; Condition & Extension of The Rite; Grand Historian; Jurisprudence & By-Laws Committee; Grand Trustees; Grand Treasurer; Grand Fraternal Correspondent; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master.	
9:15 PM	Vesper Service	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
9:45 PM	Recess. Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM	<i>Room 109</i>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012

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

Breakfast on Your Own

8:15 AM	Assembling of Distinguished Guests	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
8:30 AM	RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY (Open Assembly - Ladies invited)	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
10:15 AM	RECONVENE TILED MEETING (Ladies and non-Cryptic Masons excused) Business Conducted: Recognition of Past Grand Masters; Roll Call and Recognition of Grand Representatives; Report of Grand Recorder; Most Illustrious Grand Masters Address.	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
11:15 AM	Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation	
11:45 AM	Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York	
NOON	LUNCHEON (Reservations required)	<i>Lighthouse Ballroom</i>
1:00 PM	RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Business Conducted: <u>Reports of</u> ; Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Masters Address; Time and Place Committee; Ish Sodi & Awards; Credentials; Election of Officers; Unfinished Business; Tiled installation of The Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect; Closing of the 189 th Annual Assembly.	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
3:00 PM	PUBLIC INSTALLATION of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters.	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
4:15 PM	Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree (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.)	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
6:00 PM	Social Hour for the Most Illustrious Grand Master	<i>Bayside Lobby</i>
7:00 PM	GRAND MASTERS BANQUET (with Remarks and Presentation of Awards - Reservations Required) (Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs - white Jacket And Purple Tie; Appointed Officers and DDGMs - White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions - Tuxedo or Dark Suit and Tie; Ladies - Semi Formal)	<i>Lighthouse Ballroom</i>
9:00 PM	Hospitality Suite will be open until Midnight	<i>Room 109</i>

LADIES PROGRAM

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Breakfast On Your Own

8:30 AM	Open Assembly (Ladies Invited)	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
10:45 AM	Ladies Program Luci/Desi Museum Tour and Lunch - Jamestown NY Reservations Required (Board Buses in front of Hotel)	
1:00 - 2:30PM	Hospitality Suite is Open	<i>Room 109</i>
3:00 PM	Public Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters	<i>Bayside B & C</i>
6:00 PM	Social Time For The Most Illustrious Grand Master	<i>Bayside Lobby</i>
7:00 PM	Grand Masters Banquet with Remarks and Presentation of Awards (Reservations Required. Dress Code - Ladies - Semi-Formal)	<i>Lighthouse Ballroom</i>
9:30 - Midnight	Hospitality Suite will be Open	<i>Room 109</i>

Fraternally yours,

M .: I .: George B. Whitmer
Grand Master

Attest:

M .: I .: Joseph P. Pozefsky
Grand Recorder

GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

This year has been enjoyable with the visitations and meeting many new companions. It started in August 2011 with the 188th Annual Grand Council Assembly in Owego. It was well organized and the program presented the Annual Assembly in a new light.

Later that month I attended the Grand Council International in Raleigh, NC with MIGM George Whitmer and Deputy Master Richard Anderson. This was a first for me and it was enlightening to see how the other York Rite organizations interacted.

Early in September I attended the Northeastern Regional York Rite Conference with Steven Wing in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. This was more exposure to the interaction of the York Rite bodies.

Later that month I attended the reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander of New York State, James MacConnell in Batavia.

Early in October I attended the Grand Council of Ohio's Annual Grand Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. It was the second visit to Ohio and good to renew acquaintances.

Shortly after that visit I attended MIGM George Whitmer's reception in Dunkirk, NY.

The following week I attended Right Eminent Grand Commander of New York State David Shire's reception in Niagara Falls.

In early February I made my official visit to my home Council, Hamburg Council No. 91. It was one of the three in my assigned District. It was good to get back home and again visit with many friends.

The first weekend in March was the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation held in Albany.

My second visit to a Council in my assigned District was to Dunkirk Council No.5. They performed an excellent degree that evening.

The Tri State Festival was next in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. All three degrees were **displayed** which was very good. One comment that I believe should be made is that this is the second time I have heard of a candidate for the Super Excellent Degree that did not receive a membership card for receiving the degree. The first was received in Cheektowaga and the other in Feeding Hills.

I am not sure that the candidate from Skoi Yase No. 75 in Geneva, who took the degree in Cheektowaga, ever received his card and the last I knew there were three from the central part of the state lacking theirs from Massachusetts.

Later that month I made my third visit in my assigned District was to Buffalo Keystone Council No 17. They also performed a degree and did an excellent job.

Later in April I attended Pennsylvania's Annual Grand Assembly. It was a pleasure to renew acquaintances and observe the Order of the Silver Trowel. They do a very nice job in full costume and the actor performing the part of David helps bring it to life.

The following week I attended The Grand High Priest's reception in Utica. Most Excellent Michael T. Dunn was well received with a great turnout.

A month later I attended the Ontario Grand Council Annual Assembly in St. Catharines, Ont.

My last visit for this year was to The Vermont Grand Council Annual Assembly in Colchester, Vt. They share their annual days with the Vermont Grand Commandery and the Vermont Grand Chapter. This helps reduce costs for members of all organizations.

The visits mentioned were to promote Cryptic Masonry through out New York State. It is suggested that all Grand Line Officers visit the Councils in the District assigned to them so that the members in that District will be able to recognize them and be more familiar with Cryptic Masonry.

Many of the visits were made with the Deputy Master, R.I. Richard Anderson. We did this as a means to reduce the costs incurred.

I will attend St. Johns Day in Utica near the end of June and I believe this end the traveling for this year. (Grand PCW Year)

Respectfully Submitted,

R. I. Leonard Mason

June 27, 2012

To Joseph Pozefsky Grand Recorder and the Grand Master George Whitmer

Officers Report

Report of my year as Grand Standard Bearer for the year 2011 – 2012

I attended the Cryptic Grand Council in August of 2011 and performed my duties as assigned

1. In September of 2011 I represented the Cryptic Council at the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar at Batavia New York
2. I represented the Grand Council at the RAM Grand Chapter in Albany in February of this year
3. I visited other Councils in my area .

I attended other functions throughout the year as the Grand Standard Bearer and enjoyed my time. Due to a medical problem I was unable to attend St. John's Day in Utica.

Fraternally Yours,

Garry Hutchurson



R.:I.: Curtis Alan Banks
Grand Steward (2011-2012)



Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York

July 1, 2012

Greetings and Salutation Companions All,

I bring you fraternal greetings on behalf of The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York serving as it's Grand Steward for the year 2011-2012. The Most Illustrious George B. Whitmer, and the remaining elected and appointed Grand Line Officers, continue to be at all of our companions "call" to assist whenever and wherever we can. One of my duties was to travel to the various councils to do 3 primary things:

1. Get to meet and know the companions of the various Districts & Councils
2. Have the companions get to meet and know who I am
3. What are some ideas, suggestions, implementations, etc. that you would like to see our Grand Council do, have or use.

For those that know me in my role as Grand Lecturer know that is pretty much what I did in addition to qualifying those in regards to ritual. Our order is small, but rich in it's zeal amongst the companions. We have a progressive line ahead of me that is looking and listening to change. We have committed ourselves into taking on ALL challenges. Will we solve and do everything...probably not - but the concerns WILL be heard and not fall on deaf ears.

When I decided to accept the nomination prior to it coming to the floor -- I spoke to several of our Past Grand Masters and told them all the same thing....If I do decide to go in the line and if the companions elect me to serve as such, I am not just going to join to "wear another apron". My messages and talks and conversations are such that an apron and jewel is not necessary -- the attentive ear, the instructive tongue and the faithful breast are the prerequisites that I only bring with me and ask for in return. My wife, Katrina, stands 100% in my corner, as she did when I served this Grand Body as its Grand Lecturer and thank YOU and the other companions in your councils and districts for the support and courtesies that you all showed me during those Conventions. I continue to ask for similar support as I "move up the ranks" in this elected neophyte position towards the Grand East. I have much to learn, a lot to absorb, and plenty of patience.

I had the honor and privilege to come to the 8th District to implement this type of discussion. Most talks were done during the meeting -- didn't take no more than 30 minutes to maximum 45 minutes. If discussion was warranted, it was done during collation (before or after the meeting), or in some cases it was a hybrid of both. The main point was **communication** and to bring it back to those of us that are listening so we can have volume in the speaker system to make change happen, if it warranted.

While this is a copy of the letter I sent to each Council I am happy to report that I met with ALL councils and was received with anticipation and vigor and zeal as though it was a "homecoming" of sorts. Whether we had 9 companions or 19 companions I appreciated all the hospitalities extended to me as the message was delivered and received!

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My visits to the 8th District were as follows:

*Nun Da Waga Council No. 92 [Attica, NY - Monday 02/27/12]
Palmyra Council No. 26 [Palmyra, NY - Thursday 04/05/12]
Hornellsville Council No. 35 [Hornell, NY - Thursday 04/12/12]
Doric Council No. 19 [Pittsford, NY - Wednesday 04/18/12]
Skoi Yase Council No. 75 [Geneva, NY - Monday 05/21/12]*

I was happy to see so many of the Grand Line members, past & present, not scheduled to make visits come out and support this "new kid on the block" and I thank them for that at this time (Len Mason, Harley DeShane, Rich Anderson, Garry Hutcherson, Dave Raymond, Mark Isaacs, Bill Whittaker, Jose Valencia, etc.). It was nice to see us join in and grab parts in the opening where and when needed as well. I think it shows companions all that we are here to WORK and not just rest on whatever laurels we have been afforded.

It was my hopes and ardent desire that council members of Bath Council No. 40 join with one or more of the councils above to allow me the same opportunity for us to fellowship and make concrete plans and discussions regarding the future of Cryptic Masonry amongst your council and in NYS in general. Explanations of merger was given to me at a later date and time.

Companions, this was not, in my opinion, a night slated specifically for this...it is another companion visiting your council, wanting to speak and get to know one another -- especially our future officers, who may be in line at some point should I continue to be elected by you, your council and cryptic companions of NYS in general as I too move up the lines.

Thank you, again, for your continued support and I look forward to seeing each of you in our various masonic circles, inclusive of Cryptic!

Yours in the Cryptic Rite,



Zealously & Fraternally

R.:I.: Curtis Alan Banks
Grand Steward



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Grand Lecturer (2008-2012)



Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York

July 1, 2012

Greetings and Salutation Companions All,

My report to you all comes with a sense of satisfaction. Satisfaction that I have been able to accomplish a goal that many of us in the craft today, from Symbolic Masonry onwards and upwards to additional teachings of our time honored institution by way of concordant and appendent bodies, have lost "touch" and focus with – and that is to have FUN! Being Grand Lecturer of this august body of brothers was by far one of the MOST rewarding accomplishments in my short bio of a Masonic career. A brother asked me one time "Curtis where do you find the time to do all of this" and I looked at him as I squeezed the hand of my lovely bride of near 7 years, looked in to HER eyes and said "It's easy my brother when you have a SUPPORT mechanism in place that knows and understands what you are doing and looks at the benefits that come with it." Not to mention it was also easy for her to allow me to "play", considering that she got me for two years as her Patron in two different OES chapters, but that's another story for another time! With all kidding aside, I have nothing but love for my wife, my partner, my confidant, Sister Katrina Banks, who I often would hear those sentimental words right before going to bed...

"Did you check your Masonic calendar for what you have to do and where you have to go tomorrow/ this week?"

I want to thank the Districts who, while during the transformation of leadership was going on, still wanted me and requested that I conduct Grand Lecturer Conventions. YOU, the companions, asked for it and wanted it – was I to say no? Calling out names always leaves you with the risk of forgetting and/or eliminating a name or two that you should've remembered/called. To save embarrassment I am just going to call out ONE name of a companion who from the time I was appointed Grand Lecturer to now – has ALWAYS shown great interest and enthusiasm in Cryptic Masonry and wanting to help it grow. Not by means of any acknowledgement – except for the tireless amounts of texts, emails & phone conversations we had. **V:I: Steven P. Koch**, has been a continuous inspiration to his council, his district, York Rite and even in that "other" rite (smile) he is being acknowledged (and by the time this is being read/reviewed) as a DISTINGUISHED Meritorious Service Award recipient in the Scottish Rite, the "RED HAT", the HIGHEST honor a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret can receive by approval and vote of his Valley and State! Notice that most of our "busy bee's" here, are active ALL over masonry in BOTH rites! I thank him for being that silent pillar to and for me and making sure that Cryptic District# 2 unfolded it's arms and welcomed me in their councils for work and instruction. Did we have FUN? You be we did! So much fun that he and R:I: Louis Irizarry, II either will have something to share soon after my report – or has already been announced!

The reigns of being Grand Lecturer were indeed fulfilling. The chariots will be commandeered by a well abled companion who has consistently showed me that he is more than willing to not just accept another apron, another title, or another responsibility – but to TRULY embrace it and call it/make it his own. As my predecessor M:I: Rex Long and other GL's before him told me –

don't do what I do or did, do what YOU do, make it your own, and enjoy what you do

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These words ring true today as they did four years ago. I know we have a wealth of knowledge to be learned from this companion and I ask that as many of you stay around after the elections and for the installation of officers to share in congratulating him when his name is announced and he assumes that office of Grand Lecturer. Get to know him as so many of you have gotten to know me and I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart that made my job bittersweet to the end.

Let's all continue to support Cryptic Masonry! The Great Architect has plans for me to assist you, the companions, in strengthening the bonds of union and friendship! We MUST come to a common "ground" in the name and for the sake of York Rite Masonry! If WE don't come together as one, then we are going to lose many valuable companions due to the high rise and costs of travel, lodging, meals, etc. We are no longer in an arena where our assets weigh high over our expenses. We must recognize this as we move onward. I hope that you will all be with me as I continue to look for your support in the Grand Line, as this push continues to become more and more of a reality.



Zealously & Fraternally

R:.I:. Curtis Alan Banks
Grand Lecturer

CYCLE B PSALM LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

"THE CRY FROM THE DEPTHS"

Text: Psalm 130

A teacher of creative writing during my college career would exhort students to grip the reader with the very first sentence. The authors of the Psalms knew the value of a gripping first line. Psalm 130 endeavors to seize the attention of God - to please him with a new song of praise. It seeks to move him with its urgent cry of need. In this psalm all the force of the beginning is concentrated in the opening word translated 'Out of the depths':

Out of the depths, Lord, I cry to you, O Lord. (1)

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (2) (see note 1)

Jerome Creach, Professor of Old Testament, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, tells of his experience while leading a study tour of the Middle East. Once while leading a study tour of the Middle East, my group visited the chapel of the Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem.

The attraction of the chapel was a set of stained-glass windows created by the artist Marc Chagall. The windows are set within a domed ceiling so as to direct the worshiper heavenward. As we gazed at the windows, however, a member of our group noticed another feature of the chapel. Directly below the windows the floor was sunken, and in the middle of the depressed area was a pulpit. Curious about this design, we asked about this architectural feature. The hospital representative explained, "The floor beneath the windows was made this way because we believe all prayer should be offered 'out of the depths.'"

This explanation about the design of the chapel at the Hadassah hospital gave a nod, of course, to Psalm 130. This psalm is best known for its first line, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord" (verse 1). Because of this evocative opening Psalm 130 is often identified as the prototypical lament. It expresses both the key components of lament (complaint and petition) and the proper stance before God from which to pray. (2)

A vivid statement! What 'depths' are referred to - emotional, psychological, physical, social? This is not clear. The psalm, as do others, lends itself to all such contexts. However, no matter how deep this place is, the psalmist has a confidence that Yahweh can indeed hear. Such pits as we dig for ourselves, our iniquities

as the psalmist puts it, are not deep enough to hide our cries from Yahweh's ears because Yahweh is one who is not only powerful to redeem but whose nature is to forgive (v.4) and to maintain steadfast love as well as we are told in v.7. (3)

There are many kinds of 'depths;' some good. We speak of depths of meaning and depths of love. There are depths of mystery and depths of truth. However, in this psalm the depths are of trouble. Hebrew poets often spoke of the waters of chaos. They thought of waves of rubble and destruction that were sweeping the sufferers into the very jaws of the underworld, imagined as the land of darkness and death. In the depth of these chaotic waters, the sufferers were almost overwhelmed, almost gone. Their cry to the Lord was the cry from the very edge.

With its first word, the psalm begins with a most urgent cry for help; "*out of the depths, Lord, I call to you.*" It appears the singer is the representative voice of a great national assembly. He appeals to the Lord to listen to the cry: "*May your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.*" What the nature of the trouble is, we cannot be sure. Possibly the occasion is a 'day of atonement' when the people brought to focus all their wrongdoings of the preceding year, acknowledging them to be a heavy shackle that was keeping them from true life and happiness. Certainly the prayer is for the forgiving mercy of God. The people yearn for that forgiveness to break upon them like a new dawn:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? (v.3)
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. (v.4)

I wait for the Lord, my soul is waits, and in his word I hope. (v.5)
My soul waits for the Lord more than who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. (v. 6)

The watchmen keep vigil in the darkness. It seems likely the worshipers also are watching like watchmen in the city, or the priests posted on the temple walls ready to signal the moment for the morning offerings. No, the worshipers are looking for a daybreak of salvation, when the Lord will announce forgiveness of their sins and liberation from their troubles. Their plea to the Lord stresses how they wait for him in hope and trust, wholly committed to him as their only savior. Without his forgiveness, the singer says, no one could endure. No one would be left to 'fear' the Lord, that is to worship him. (4)

'Wait for the Lord' - but what concentration of waiting is meant! The eyes of the heart are set towards him, the Lord so plenteous in faithful love and redemptive power that frees and renews us.

To wait in the sense mentioned here is to live expectantly, with awareness of how God has acted in the past and with keen anticipation of what God is about to do. Waiting is thus the opposite of despair and hopelessness. Verse 6 restates this waiting with a poignant metaphor. Waiting for the Lord is like the work of the anxious watchman on the city wall who, fearing the attack of an enemy, finds relief in the arrival of dawn. The certainty of the coming light makes clear that the waiting is not delusional or unrealistic. Such is the nature of the psalmist's waiting for the Lord. (5)

Such is the plea of trust and hope, sustained also in the closing verses as the singer turns to the assembly with the same trustful thoughts:

*O Israel, hope for the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem. (v.7)*

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. (v. 8)

Here the psalms turn from personal confession to public charge: "*O Israel, hope in the Lord*" (verse 7a). The word "iniquities" appears again, thus linking the psalmist's recognition of sinfulness with Israel's failures as God's people. However, in the call for Israel to hope in God two new words appear. The first is "*steadfast love*." The Hebrew word for this is one of the most important theological words in the Psalms. It signifies God's faithfulness to God's promises, even when such faithfulness seems to be missing. The second is "*redeem*." This word speaks of God as a kinsman who buys a relative out of debt, slavery, or some such desperate circumstance. In this case, the promise is that God will purchase Israel out of the self-inflicted wounds of its own iniquity. (6)

Some render the word translated "*hope*" as "*wait*." But what concentration of waiting is meant? The eyes of the heart are set towards him, the Lord so plenteous in faithful love and the redemptive power that frees us and renews us.

It is this concentration of hope and faith that we can chiefly learn from the psalm and how far the modern mind is from such single-heartedness. There is so much to distract and dissipate our attention. When we come into the depths of trouble; when the waters of chaos begin to overwhelm us; how we need to find that concentration of faith! The psalm leads us to call to the Lord with full sincerity to center all our hope in trust and longing in him, the Faithful One, full of pity and

redeeming love. Again, in the depths of our trouble we must trust in the depths of his goodness. O the depth of his wisdom and the height of his faithfulness! A hymn expresses it, 'O the deep, deep love of Jesus!' On that we must fix our inner eye, watching more than watchmen for the morning, waiting in sure hope that the night will end and the sun of healing and blessing will rise upon us.

Professor Creach closes his commentary on Psalm 130 with these thoughts.

The psalm that follows Psalm 130 ends with the same charge to "hope in the Lord" (131:3). This may mean either that the two psalms were placed together because of the final charge or that the final charge was added (perhaps to Psalm 130) to draw them closer thematically. Regardless of how and why this pairing took place, it is worth noting that the prayer from the depths in Psalm 130 is modeled further in Psalm 131. Psalm 131 exemplifies the kind of humility and reliance on God called forth in Psalm 130. (7)

I close these instructions from this psalm with prayer thoughts John Eaton penned, concludes his ***"Psalm 130 The cry from the depths"***

Out of the depths, Lord, I call to you.

Out of the depths, Lord, multitudes cry to you.

May the Spirit lift our prayer beyond all the din of the world's chaos. Father, may the prayer of the love of Jesus reach your heart of compassion and forgiveness.

In the depths and in the darkness, I wait for your word and I look for your light.

With you is faithful love and redemption, and you will set your world free from the long and heavy chains of all its sins.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus that finds me and lifts me up to you! (8)

Amen and Amen.

Sermon of the Rev. Charles H. Lee for the Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, August 12, 2012.

ENDNOTES:

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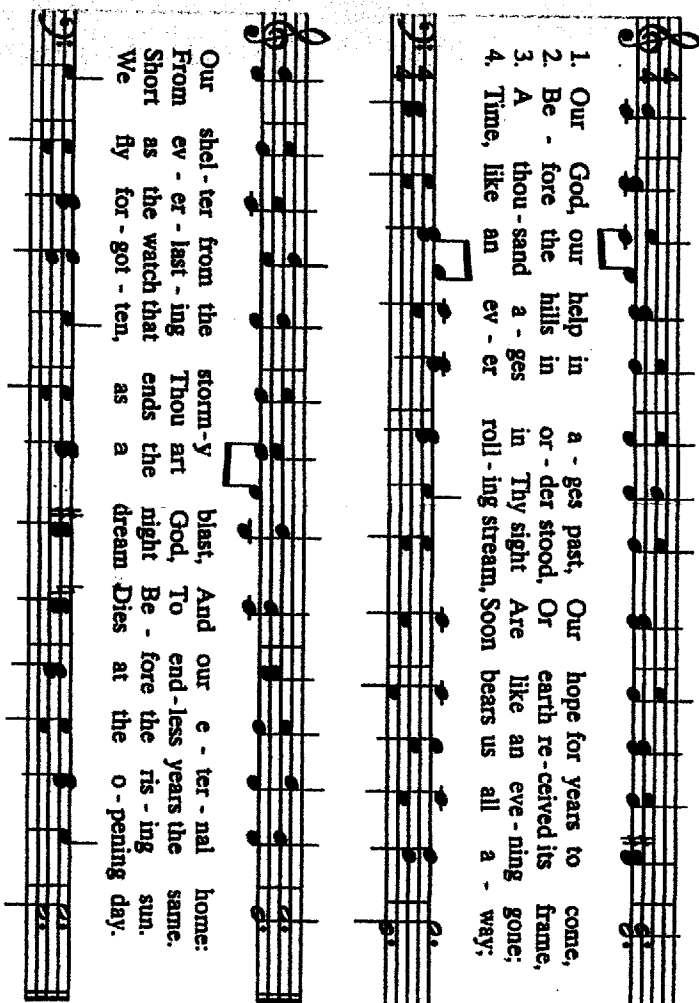
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past 210

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

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Alt. William Croft, 1708

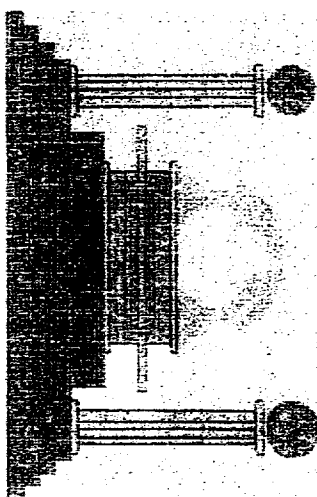
1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way.



5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

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August 17, 2012 – 9:15 PM
Vesper Service Order of Worship

Service Prelude

Call to Worship -- Psalm 133 – Responsive Reading

- L. *Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*
- P. *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments.*
- L. *As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessings; even life for evermore.*

Opening Hymn "Our God Our Help In Ages Past" (stand if able)
Verses 1, 2, 3 only

The Invocation – Unison (remain standing if able)

Almighty and everlasting God, who has created the world, the universe, and all that in them is – we invoke your presence in our midst this day and throughout this Assembly that we may be inspired by you to do all within our power to promote the cause of brotherhood between and among all members of the human family. Bless us in worship and service for we ask all in your most holy name. Amen.

Readings from The Holy Scriptures
First Psalm Lesson – Psalm 23
Second Psalm Lesson – Psalm 130

The Message R. I. & Rev. Charles H. Lee, Grand Chaplain
"A Cry From The Depths" – Psalm 130

OUR OFFERING FOR GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY FUND

Offertory Music..... Grand Musician
A Masonic Doxology.....(stand if able)
Be Thou, O God, exalted high
And as Thy Glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
"Till Thou art here, as there obeyed!"

The Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING Hymn "Our God Our Help In Ages Past" (stand if able)
Verses 4, 5 only

Closing Benediction Prayer
Service Postlude

Participants in the Service

R.I. & Rev. Charles H. Lee.....	Grand Chaplain
R.I. & Rev. Jose L. Valencia.....	Grand Chaplain
R.I. & Rev. Mark D. Isaacs.....	Grand Chaplain
R.I. Francis K. Wilcox	Grand Musician

The Hymn used in the Service is THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, c. 1990. Used with permission for convenience of use only for this service.

The Offering Received during this service will be directed to one of our Masonic Charities. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

MASONIC EDUCATION and COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The goal of this committee was to regenerate an Officer's Manual and produce it economically so that all Councils, District Deputies, AGLs, committee members and Grand Council line officers could have one. It was found that the cost would be quite significant if it was in printed form and organized. Therefore, it was decided that CDs would be provided and distributed.

It was evident that it should be a work in progress for some period of time since it must respond to the needs as various circumstances arise. Therefore, it is recommended a committee should be appointed annually to insure that as additional information is provided and discussed, the committee could include it in the Manual if they see fit.

At this time I thank the committee for their patience. The major portion was completed by MIGM Rev. Charles Roberts in as much as he had the original data used to produce the previous manual and it is greatly appreciated. The original data was adjusted to meet the expanded need for detailing officer's duties and expectations of those duties. Protocol was also expanded from the previous explanation.

During the preparation of the Manual there was discussion that there were job descriptions in the Constitutions and Regulations. This is true but they are rather vague. It suggests that a committee of Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters should review these ruling documents and clarify the language where they deem necessary and present it to the Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder has the new Manual and has already provided some discs for the spring Workshop. Some revisions have been suggested and hopefully will be included.

Report of the Jurisprudence and By-Laws Review Committee

July 6, 2012

The committee recommends approval the By-Laws changes of the following Councils; Central City No.13, Doric No. 19, Adoniram Council No. 36 and Cayuga No. 90.

A proposed addition to the General Regulation in section 14 (a) of a subpart to be 1.

1. Each Grand Line Officer will visit each Council in the district(s) assigned to him in order to receive any expense money appropriated for such in the budget.

M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Chairman

R.:I.: Richard M. Clark

R.:I.: John R. Patterson, Jr.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

189th Annual Assembly, Dunkirk, New York



ANNUAL NECROLOGY REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished East and Companions: Once again we have assembled to pay a final tribute of love and esteem for our departed Companions listed on the last page of this report.

The Grand Chaplains are honored to have the privilege of leading this Grand Assembly in a final memorial tribute to our Companions with whom we have labored in the quarries of Freemasonry. Their lives are inseparably linked to ours by solemn and binding obligations entered into before the Holy Altar of Freemasonry. Our Companions' deaths do not release us, nor would we be absolved from the duties imposed upon us by these obligations.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presiding Grand Chaplain: My Companions, for what purpose are we assembled?

All Companions Present: To honor the memory of those Companions whom death has taken from us; to contemplate our own approaching death, and by remembrance of immortality, to raise our souls above the consideration of this transitory existence.

Presiding Grand Chaplain: Companions, what sentiments should inspire us on occasions like the present?

All Companions Present: Calm sorrow for the absence of our Companions who have gone before us; earnest solicitude for our own eternal welfare, and a firm faith and reliance upon the wisdom and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Presiding Grand Chaplain: My Companions, in commending these sentiments to your earnest consideration, let us invoke the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe as we enter into the spirit of worship.

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN "Be Still, My Soul**

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change God faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ Who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOMILY R.:I.: Jose L. Valencia

CLOSING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN "Abide With Me"**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***BENEDICTION**

Respectfully submitted,
Grand Chaplains of the Grand Council of the State of New York

THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

- Adelphic No. 7:** Charles Grant, 6/17/11
- Central City 13:** William W. Sorn, 10/5/11 – Floyd C. Popp, 12/22/11
Hobert C. Cook, 5/6/12
- Buffalo-Keystone:** Louis J. Wunsch, 11/8/11 – Eugene Musial, 2/23/12
- Doric No. 19:** Frederick Holderly, 1/31/12 – George Todd 3/5/12
- Dunkirk No. 25:** Andrew Porter, 10/16/11, Leonard J. Taddeo, 1/24/12,
Robert W. Schaumleffel 3/9/11
- Palmyra No. 26:** William G. Cobb, 12/21/11
- Ahwaga No. 30:** Ralph Scott, 2/28/12, John Cooper, Date Unknown
Claude Rumsey, Date Unknown
- Hornellsville 35:** William W. Atwood Jr., 2/22/12
- Adoniram No. 36:** Joseph F. Reynolds, 9/28/11
- Joseph Warren Cryptic No. 37:** Louis Witney, 2008 date unknown
- Fulton No. 50:** Andrew Porter, 10/16/11
- Peekskill No. 55:** Herbert J. Kempter, 11/13/11
- St. George's 74:** Samuel S. Alpert, Frank Brandon, John C. Corp,
William B. Clark, John Curico, Robert R. Currie,
Ralph Ferri, George G. Gaetz, Gale W. Lees,
John C. McCarthy, Wayne McKibben, C. Burton Pierce.
- Skoi Yase No. 75:** Homer E. Fritz, 2/8/12
- Suffolk No. 76:** Edward Hoban, 2/6/12, C. Burton Pierce, 8/3/11
Oliver P Swank Jr., 1/16/12
- Oneonta No. 87:** Paul H. Peterson, 3/9/12 – Kenneth J. Stalter, 1/18/12
- Hamburg No. 91:** Abbott B. Henshaw, 8/3/11 – Jack Jensen, 7/24/11
- Nun Da Waga 92:** Merle L. Robinson, 2/18/12
- Goshen No. 93:** Rosario Critelli, 1/12/12

July 19, 2012

THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WEBSITE

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers and Companions All:

I would like to report that our website has been kept up-to-date throughout the year. The site continues to be an effective communication tool for Cryptic Masonry in this state and beyond. The website still gets great reviews from those who use it for its simplicity of format and content. Yet the website is still under-utilized by the Districts and their respective Councils and/or District Deputy Grand Masters and Assistant Grand Lecturers. The Cryptic Corner Newsletter continues to be posted to this site as long as it is transmitted to the webmaster..

It was my hope to implement a Statewide York Rite Calendar page or provide a link on our website to one. This is presently in the works and should be up and running in the near future. The purpose of this is to facilitate communication and knowledge about events and happenings of other NY State Masonic Bodies in hopes of avoiding conflicts and to promote together the furtherance of Freemasonry in general and York Rite in particular throughout this great State of ours.

**Respectively Submitted,
M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM, Webmaster**

Grand Council State of New York Cryptic Masons

R.:I.: James M. Keane
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2012 Report of the Grand Fraternal Correspondent

First, my thanks to M.:I.: George Whitmer for appointing me to this office. It has been a most interesting year.

Sadly, despite numerous contacts, no Annual Reports of any Grand Council were sent to me save for one report from our own Grand Recorder. Therefore, the report compiled here is taken from Grand Council websites.

Only 11 Grand Councils worldwide take advantage of this resource. Though all Grand Councils have websites, the majority of the sites are barren of information. In those jurisdictions where the Grand Council meets in conjunction with the Royal Arch and Knights Templar, those bodies submit comprehensive information but the Transactions of the Grand Councils are limited to the names of the Grand Council Officers and in some cases include a Financial Summary.

From those that publish information on-line, I was able to extract:

Hawaii:

Grand Council is 31 years young, Chartered January 9, 1981 and presently has 3 Councils, The Honolulu Council No. 1 remains the strongest of the three, but the participation must grow as evidenced by only a few members in the columns. Lastly, the Kamehameha No. 2 on the Big Island really needs a lot of help. They have fewer masons to draw from and an aging population. The Kalakaua Council No. 3, had significant growth during the past two years, but some of the key officers come from dual members.

Ritual in the Councils is reported to be excellent and inspirational, and there are plans to confer the first Super Excellent Master Degree on the islands.

North Dakota:

There are 8 Councils with 249 members but they experience a steady decline, with new members equaling the number that die and a 5% loss from the other usual reasons.

Grand Lodge membership has dropped below 3,000 men, the lowest in record.

The North Dakota Grand York Rite Combined Committee for Long Range Planning reports that there seems to be a renewed interest in the Lodge – especially by young men finding us who have no family connection to the Fraternity. It is in the interest of the York Rite to work hard at the Lodge level to make these men true Masons, and be there to encourage any interest in continuing their Masonic education and training.

New Hampshire:

There are 7 Councils. New Hampshire York Rite is progressing well with several candidates taking the degrees over the year. The recent culmination of several new Sir Knights dubbed at the Commandery Inspections is proof that the Chapters and Councils are doing the preceding degrees. We look forward to continual improvement over the next term.

Indiana

43 Councils. The Cryptic Degrees are under the direction of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, which body meets to administer Cryptic Masonry. The Grand Chapter printed a report detailing Royal Arch Masonry.

Minnesota:

13 Councils. The Grand Master requested the members of the Owatonna council, Ark Council No.3, to present themselves to the East to receive the Commemorative Altar Cloth signify great percentage increase in membership for the preceding year. The council increased their membership by 43%. The Grand Recorder indicated that if they were to retain it again next year for a third year in a row, they would have permanent custody of the Cloth.

Ohio:

‘Many touching letters’ have been received in the Grand Council office from diabetic kids who were able to go to camp last year because of the generosity of Cryptic Masons. Grand Council officers presented checks totaling \$62,000 to the six diabetic camps in Ohio to cover their enrollment. This was the 43rd year that the Grand Council has presented checks.

The State of the Rite is in good shape and improving. There seems to be a renewed excitement that is invading our Councils. We are seeing younger members shoring up our ranks. We are hearing of Councils that are doing more. It seems that the program that the Grand Council adopted a few years ago is beginning to show progress. We have learned that a good idea can't be realized in one grand term but takes many years.

Florida

Recently updated Constitution to account for all decisions made through the years. Each District Deputy is to visit each of his District's Councils at least three times per year. Therefore each Council can expect frequent visitation from Grand Council Representatives and as a by-product each Grand Line Officer will become far more familiar with Councils remote from him.

Wyoming

13 Councils. revision of the Council Six Man Short Form Opening and Closing. Companion Jack Cook stated that his Council had put the Revised Short Form to use to check it for errors and flow and stated that it was really good and moved that the revision be accepted and put into use. This motion was passed.

‘We the committee on Charters and Returns report that during the preceding year there was a Charter issued to Jackson Council #13. This charter was presented on September 17, 2010 by most Illustrious Grand Master Charles W. Smith to the membership of this new Council. We the committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Council in Jackson and wish them every success in their new Masonic endeavors.’

Iowa:

Constitutional amendments were made to establish an unnumbered Iowa-At-Large Council, in which any Companion not affiliated with a Council for 6 months will automatically become a member. Officers shall be the Grand Council Officers, dues set at \$15 and there are no Degrees conferred. They will meet one time annually and make report to the Grand Council.

Proposal is also made to coordinate the District physical boundaries with the Royal Arch and Knights Templar, and companions are appointed to review same.

Oklahoma:

Amended its Constitution with three Articles worthy of changes, which were not detailed.

The Youth Ambassador Committee has attended many of the state-wide events held by the Youth Orders this year. It is their desire that they have more York Rite members attending the DeMolay York Rite Workshop in January of each year. The York Rite Bodies give a regulation Commandery Sword to an outstanding DeMolay each year. It is a highly sought award given for outstanding service to DeMolay and the recipient is chosen by the Grand Officers.

Eastern Canada:

Under the direction of the Grand Inspector-General, the counterpart of the District Deputy Grand Master, the Degree of Super-Excellent Master is to be conferred in each District at least once every two years.

Newly established Councils may meet in either the Royal or Select Degree.

Romania:

In July 2003 a Patent was obtained and the Supreme Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Romania was set up, while the Most Excellent Companion Stefan Masu was elected Illustrious Grand Master of the Supreme Grand Council. Currently, the Supreme Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Romania has in its subordination 23 Councils in which about 500 Cryptic Masons carry out their activity.

In August 2003, at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the US, was granted the Charter and the Commandery no.1 "King Ferdinand" of Romanian Knights Templar was set up, whereas Sir Knight Stefan Masu was appointed Eminent Commander.

In May 2003 and March 2004 in Toulouse - France a group of Romanian Companions were invested as Knights of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Appendant Orders.

On June 19, 2004, in Bucharest, a prestigious delegation of the Grand Imperial Conclave of France, headed by the Most Puissant Sovereign Dominique DOYEN, proceeded to the ritual consecration of the first conclave of Romania as part of the Imperial Grand Conclave Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Appendant Orders .

On June 18-20, 2004, in Bucharest was held the Anniversary Convent consecrated to the celebration of 5 years as from the setting up of the first formations of the York Rite in Romania. The Convent enjoyed the presence of more than 20 highly important figures of the Masonic communities of Europe, America and Canada, as well as other high officers of the international organizations of which Romanian York Rite is full member.

I urge Grand Councils worldwide to take advantage of the vast resources of the Internet in providing information to their companions. To quote North Dakota's Chris Christianson of the Long Range Planning Committee: "Remember that those of us who are attending regional, national and international conferences are doing the Craft a disservice if we do not share what we have learned when we come home. We attend these meetings as representatives of our membership and need to find ways to share the information and ideas we gather when amongst Companions and Sir Knights of other jurisdictions."

I must finally note the continued loss of the Grand Fraternal Correspondent Regalia, for which Apron and Jewel, being Grand Council property, I urge the Grand Council to make strict search that they be recovered or to take action to replace them with appropriate recompense from the responsible party.

Respectfully submitted:

R.:I.: James M. Keane GFC

GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT ON THE PERMANENT FUNDS
OF GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRENT CRYPTIC YEAR 2011-2012

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Line Officers and Companions All:

The Grand Trustees of Grand Council submit the following written Annual Report on the funds in the Permanent Funds of the Grand Council of the State New York for the 2011-2012 Cryptic Year.

PERMANENT FUND

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2011:

\$100,934.81

INCOME/REVENUE

American High-Income Trust Class A Funds	Gains & <u>Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
July – September 2011 – 1 st Quarter	\$ 603.30	2,857.928 (\$10.48)	\$29,951.09
October – December 2011 – 2 nd Quarter	\$ 665.07	2,920.231 (\$10.66)	\$31,129.66
January – March 2012 – 3 rd Quarter	\$ 590.92	2,973.750 (\$11.08)	\$32,949.15
April – June 2012 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$ 591.09</u>	3,028.002 (\$10.90)	\$33,005.22
	+\$2,450.38		

June 30, 2012 Fund Value: \$33,005.22

Putnam Investments High Yield Trust A	Gains & <u>Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
July – September 2011 – 1 st Quarter	\$1,201.08	9,006.438 (\$7.040)	\$63,405.32
October – December 2011 – 2 nd Quarter	\$1,223.44	9,175.432 (\$7.330)	\$67,255.92
January – March 2012 – 3 rd Quarter	\$1,246.12	9,340.273 (\$7.620)	\$71,172.88
April – June 2012 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$1,126.78</u>	9,489.519 (\$7.610)	\$72,215.24
	+\$4,797.42		

June 30, 2012 Fund Value: \$72,215.24

Chase Bank	
Beginning Value (6/30/11):	\$581.90
Bank Interest	\$ 0.03
Ending Balance (9/13/11)	\$ 0.00

June 30, 2012 Savings Account Value: \$ 0.00

TOTAL REINVEST INCOME FOR THE YEAR FROM FUNDS: + \$7,247.80

DISBURSEMENTS

There were no disbursements from the Permanent Funds during this time period. The Savings Account Funds of \$581.93 less \$8.00 fee for Bank Check (\$573.93) were transferred to the Checking Account of the Grand Council and the savings account closed.

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on Hand as of June 30, 2012:

\$105,220.46

The financial market this year has shown slow signs of recovery and yet sizeable fluctuations too. We had only an increase of \$4,285.65 or 4.07% since our last Grand Council Assembly. Hopefully the market will show more stable growth this coming year. Your Trustees recommend for the moment that we continue the investments as they are and make no necessary changes. We again commend the Grand Treasurer and Grand Council Officers for staying within budget and not requesting any withdrawals from the permanent fund for this budget year.

The Trustees realize that the 2012-2013 Budget for the Grand Council may need resources from the Permanent Fund in the order of \$6,000 - \$7,000 to balance it. But we cannot continue on this path. Grand Council must plan now on how to increase its revenue and for ways to enhance growth of the Permanent Fund. Finally, we remind the Grand Recorder that the Grand Council Officers' & Past Grand Master jewel forms must be signed and current each year for such Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, Chairman (2010-2013)

M.:I.: Edward P. Fagan Jr. (2009-2012)

M.:I.: David H. Raymond (2011-14)

Report of the Grand Recorder August 18, 2012

My Companions,

Suffice it to say this has been one devil of a year for me personally. Three surgeries in three months sort of took me for a loop.

Anyway:

The Cryptic year for this Grand Council consists of the following statistics:

Membership as of June 30, 2011 – 1,386

Greeted	79
Affiliated	5
Restored	3

That's the good news – now for the bad

Died	40
Demitted	22
Suspended NPD	34
Suspended in Chapter	13
Expelled	2

Membership as of June 30, 2012 1,358

For a total loss of 28 for the year. A complete breakdown by Council will be included in the Proceedings CD that will be distributed and mailed in September.

Not that I want to sound pessimistic, but the Constitutional date for the submission of Annual Returns is July 10th. There were several Councils who did not meet this deadline, and it has been like herding cats to get all my paperwork done. THIS MUST CEASE if this office is to run successfully and smoothly. Most Councils hold their Election of Officers in May, and a couple even before that. I see no reason for the Grand Recorder to have to wait until the end of July to get these documents in hand. They were mailed out in early May to all Recorders. How long does it take to fill out one sheet of paper, the Affidavit of Election? So much for my complaining.

All in all, I have enjoyed serving in this capacity, and look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Council.

OPERATING FUND 2011/2012

BALANCE August 1, 2011	12,218.09
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INCOME

R-1 Dues	6,444.00	
R-2 Fees (Greetings)	0	
R-3 Permanent Funds	573.93	
R-4 Miscellaneous	204.48	
R-5 Host Council Return A-1	5,147.08	
R-6 Escrow Funds	3,000.00	15,369.49
		27,587.58

DISBURSEMENTS

A-1 Annual Assembly	9,147.08	
A-2 Annual Proceedings	1,645.95	
B-1 Grand Master's Expense	0	
B-2 Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	699.75	
B-3 Grand Lecturer's Expense	700.00	
B-4 Grand Officers' Expense	1,750.00	
C-1 Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000.00	
C-2 Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00	
C-3 Office Expense	4,000.00	
C-4 Taxes	0	
C-5 Mileage & Travel	2,246.93	
D-1 Supplies	489.24	
D-2 Printing	21.60	
D-3 Postage	530.81	
D-4 Telephone	236.00	
D-5 Equipment Purchase & Repair	399.99	
D-6 Insurance & Bonding	126.00	
E-1 General Grand Council Per Capita	1,359.15	
E-2 General Grand Triennial Fund	900.00	
E-3 Regalia	0	
E-4 History Fund	0	
E-5 Miscellaneous	94.00	27,346.50

BALANCE July 31, 2012	241.08
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Respectfully submitted,

Donald Harrison

M. °. I. °. Donald Harrison, Grand Treasurer

GRAND COUNCIL OPERATING FUND BUDGET 2012 – 2013

<u>Income</u>		Budget <u>11-12</u>	Actual <u>11-12</u>	Budget <u>12-13</u>
R-1	Dues	23,200	6,444	24,500
R-2	Fees	300	0	0
R-3	Permanent Fund	3,900	574	4,300
R-4	Miscellaneous	150	5351	200
	TOTALS	27,550	12,369	29,000
<u>Disbursements</u>				
A-1	Annual Assembly	4,500	9,147	4,500
A-2	Annual Proceedings	2,500	1,020	1,500
B-1	Grand Master's Expense	4,000	4,000	4,000
B-2	Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	2,500	700	2,500
B-3	Grand Lecturer's Expense	700	700	700
B-4	Grand Officers' Expense	2,450	2,450	2,450
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000	2,000	2,000
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000
C-3	Office Expense	4,000	4,000	4,000
C-4	Taxes	400	0	400
C-5	Mileage & Travel	1500	2,212	2,000
D-1	Supplies	500	205	500
D-2	Printing	500	0	500
D-3	Postage	500	521	500
D-4	Telephone	200	236	240
D-5	Eqmt. Purchase & Repair	150	400	150
D-6	Insurance & Bonding	125	126	129
E-1	Gen. Grand Council per capita	1,450	1,359	1,531
E-2	General Grand Triennial Fund	300	900	300
E-3	Regalia - New York	50	0	0
E-4	History Fund	50	0	0
E-5	Miscellaneous	175	70	100
	TOTALS	27,550	31,034	29,000

To The Grand Council:

The Committee on Finance & Accounts – Budget has held its required meeting to complete the Budget and review the accounts. We find that all is in order.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.:l.: Donald Harrison, PGM, Grand Treasurer, Chairman

R.:l.: Richard C. Anderson, GPCW

M.:l.: Charles M. Roberts, PGM

R.:l.: Leonard W. Mason, GC of the G

M.:l.: Joseph P. Pozefsky, PGM, Grand Recorder

M.:l.: E. William Whittaker, PGM

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Charity Corporation

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY August 1, 2010 thru July 31, 2011

Checking Account Balance 8/1/11			\$24,706.17	
Investment Account Balances 8/1/11				
	American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$94,429.82		
	DWS High Income Plus Fund (SGHSX)	\$97,731.57		
	Janus Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$96,268.89		
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBRX)	\$113,664.84		
			\$402,095.12	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/11				\$426,801.29
ACTIVITY 8/1/11-7/31/12				
Income				
	Donations	\$9,764.00		
	Dividends/Interest/Realized Capital Gains(Losses)	\$24,201.11		
	Misc	\$0.00		
Total Income			\$33,965.11	
Expenses				
	Contributions to Charity	\$16,000.00		
	Operating/Administrative Expense	\$5,828.64		
Total Expense			\$21,828.64	
Net Unrealized Change in Investment Value (gain/loss)			-\$2,958.32	
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/12				\$435,979.44
ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS OF 7/31/12				
Checking Account Balance 7/31/12			\$27,074.25	
Investment Account Balances 7/31/12				
	American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$91,240.10		
	DWS High Income Plus Fund (SGHSX)	\$97,645.91		
	Janus Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$108,906.33		
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBRX)	\$111,112.85		
Total Investment Balances 7/31/12			\$408,905.19	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/12				\$435,979.44

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Charity Corporation

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY August 1, 2011 thru July 31, 2012

Checking Account Balance 8/1/11			\$24,706.17	
Investment Account Balances 8/1/11				
	American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$94,429.82		
	DWS High Income Plus Fund (SGHSX)	\$97,731.57		
	Janus Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$96,268.89		
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBRX)	\$113,664.84		
			\$402,095.12	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/11				\$426,801.29
ACTIVITY 8/1/11-7/31/12				
Income	Donations	\$9,764.00		
	Dividends/Interest/Realized Capital Gains(Losses)	\$24,201.11		
	Misc	\$0.00		
Total Income			\$33,965.11	
Expenses	Contributions to Charity	\$16,000.00		
	Operating/Administrative Expense	\$5,828.64		
Total Expense			\$21,828.64	
Net Unrealized Change in Investment Value (gain/loss)			-\$2,958.32	
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/12				\$435,979.44
ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS OF 7/31/12				
Checking Account Balance 7/31/12			\$27,074.25	
Investment Account Balances 7/31/12				
	American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$91,240.10		
	DWS High Income Plus Fund (SGHSX)	\$97,645.91		
	Janus Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$108,906.33		
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBRX)	\$111,112.85		
Total Investment Balances 7/31/12			\$408,905.19	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/12				\$435,979.44

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2012 - 2013

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- 4.) M.:l.: E. William Whittaker (#19 & 75), Past Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master
- 5.) M.:l.: William Vassily, Past Grand Lecturer
- 6.) All 2012-2013 Assistant Grand Lecturers

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- 3.) R.:l.: Stuart Card, Grand Lecturer
- 4.) All 2012-2013 District Deputy Grand Masters

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- 2.) R.:l.: Leonard W. Mason, (91), Deputy Grand Master
- 3.) R.:l.: Harley DeShane, Principal Conductor of the Work
- 4.) M.:l.: Joseph P. Pozefsky (#14), Past Grand Master
- 5.) M.:l.: Charles M. Roberts (#19) Past Grand Master, Grand Trustee

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- 2.) Ill. Kenneth J. Lockard
- 3.) Ill.: Henry Abel

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- 7.) R.:l.: Garry Hutchurson, Grand Marshal
- 8.) R.:l.: Philip S. Arony, Companion at Large

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- 7.) R.:l.: Grand Steward

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Union No. 2
King Solomon's No. 31
Peekskill No. 55
Goshen No. 93

4th District:

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton No. 14
Joseph Warren Cryptic 37
St. George's No. 74
Oneonta No. 87

6th District:

Rotica No. 12
Central City No. 13
King Hiram No. 18
Fulton No. 50
King David No. 97

7th District:

Ahwaga No. 30
Cayuga No. 90

8th District:

Doric No. 19
Palmyra No. 26
Hornellsville No. 35
Bath No. 40
Skoï Yase No. 75
Nun Da Waga No. 92

9th District:

Buffalo-Keystone No. 17
Dunkirk No. 25
Hamburg No. 91

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER VISITS:

- 1st District: Grand Marshal
- 2nd District: Grand Standard Bearer
- 4th District: Grand Conductor of the Council
- 6th District: Grand Captain of the Guard
- 7th District: Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 8th District: Grand Steward
- 9th District: Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

MINUTES OF THE 189TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The 189TH Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday August 17th and Saturday August 18th, 2012 at the Dunkirk Clarion Hotel, Dunkirk NY.

OPENING AND RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER AND OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL:.

A Council of Select Masters was opened by the Illustrious Master and Officers of Dunkirk Council No. 25 on Friday August 17th at 7:30PM. The Most Illustrious George B. Whitmer, Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Council were received, and by order of the Grand Master, assumed the stations and places.

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:

A constitutional quorum of constituent Councils was determined to be present, and the Grand Master declared the 189th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York opened in ample form. In accordance with New York State Fire Laws, he then advised the Companions of the exits in case of emergency. The Grand Recorder then advised that all Councils were eligible to vote at this Assembly.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Grand Master then appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of R.:I.: John Sundeen as Chairman, together with R.:I.: Leland Sperry, and R.:I.: Kenneth Kohlhausen.

The Grand Master appointed a Committee on the Grand Master's Address, consisting of M.:I.: David Raymond and M.:I.: Lester G. Weinheimer.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following standard Resolutions were duly proposed, seconded, and approved by vote of the Companions:

A Motion that the minutes of the 188th Annual Assembly as distributed on the Proceedings CD be approved.

A Motion that all the reports of the elected Grand Line Officers, from Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to Grand Steward inclusive, as will be published on the 2012 Proceedings CD, be approved.

A Motion that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except at such time as provided by the Constitution.

A Motion that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business at 1:45PM on Saturday August 18, 2012; that each officer be nominated individually; and that the nominating speeches be limited to three(3) minutes and seconding speeches be limited to two (2) minutes.

A Motion that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so.

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE:

The report of the Committee on the Condition and Extension of the Rite was given by R.:I.: Richard Anderson.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT AND RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS:

The Grand Lecturer's Report was given by R.:I.: Curtis A. Banks

The following Assistant Grand Lecturers were recognized: R.:I.: Robert Bukowski, V.:I.: Steven P. Koch, V.:I.: H. David Strong, R.:I.: Mark Hatswell. They were each personally thanked by the Grand Master for their work in the past Cryptic Year.

REPORT ON THE WEB SITE:

His report on the Web Site was given by M.:I.: Charles Roberts, Webmaster.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION, MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The report was given by R.:I.: Richard Anderson.

RITUAL COMMITTEE:

The ritual Committee reports the following proposals:

No. 1 - p.47 – change to “and as an amended method of conferring the Master's Word”. The Committee recommends this be adopted. Moved, Seconded and Passed by the Companions present.

No. 2 – in the closing, change to “twenty-two from Gebal, Zabud, and our three Grand Masters.” The Committee does NOT recommend this change.

JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Chairman gave the following report:

The committee recommends approval the By-Laws changes of the following Councils; Central City No.13, Doric No. 19, Adoniram Council No. 36 and Cayuga No. 90.

A proposed addition to the General Regulation in section 14 (a) of a subpart to be 1.

1. Each Grand Line Officer will visit each Council in the district(s) assigned to him in order to receive any expense money appropriated for such in the budget.

REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:

The report was given by R.:I.: James Keane.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES:

The report was given by M.:I.: Charles Roberts.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:

The report was given by M.:I.: Donald Harrison.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The report was read by M.:I.: Harrison.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

The report was given by M.:I.: Donald Harrison.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

The report was given by R.:I.: Richard Anderson.

CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

M.:I.: Whitmer ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call the Craft from Labor to Refreshment, for the purposes of conducting the Vespers Service. The Assembly will reconvene at 8:45AM Saturday August 18th, 2012 for the admission of Distinguished Guests and ladies, followed by the Necrology Report, labor to resume in the Secret Vault following the Necrology.

VESPERS SERVICE:

The Vespers Service was conducted under the direction of R.:I.: and Reverend Charles Lee.

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED:

The Annual Assembly was reconvened at 8:45AM on Saturday August 18th, 2012.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

The following delegations were received and greeted personally by the Grand Master:

Maryland

Ohio

Pennsylvania

Province of Ontario

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Additionally, the following Concordant Bodies were greeted:

Red Cross of Constantine

Grand Chapter R.A.M.

Grand Commandery KT

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ

Grand Line Officers, Grand Lodge State of New York

The Most Worshipful James Sullivan, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York, was received under escort, invited to the East, and accorded Grand Honors.

NECROLOGY REPORT:

The Necrology Report was given under the direction of R.:I.: and Rev. Jose Valencia

LABOR RESUMED IN THE SECRET VAULT:

Following the Necrology, the ladies and non-Cryptic Masons were excused, and Labor resumed in the Secret Vault.

RECEPTION AND GREETING OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS:

The Past Grand Masters were introduced, and personally thanked by M.:I.: Whitmer.

ISH-SODI AND AWARDS:

The report was given, and awards presented by R.:I.: Harley R. DeShane.

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

The Grand Representatives were presented in the East, and personally thanked by M.:I.: Whitmer.

RECOGNITION OF 2011-2012 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

The District Deputies were recognized and personally thanked by M.:I.: Whitmer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

The report was given by M.:I.: Pozefsky. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS:

Remarks were received from M.:E.: Michael Dunn, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter State of New York
Royal Arch Masons.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

M.:I.: Whitmer turned the gavel of authority over to the Deputy Grand Master, and gave his address. The
DeputyGrand Master ordered the Address turned over to the Committee on the Grand
Master's Address, then returned the gavel to the Grand Master.

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:

The Grand Master then declared it to be the hour for the Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation. Report
was made by M.:I.: Charles Roberts, President. Awards were then presented. The meeting was
then closed.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

Most Worshipful James Sullivan honored us with his words.

LUNCHEON:

The Assembly was ordered at recess until 1:00PM for lunch.

RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The Annual Assembly was reconvened at 1:00PM

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

The report was given by M.:I.: Lester G. Weinheimer, who thanked M.:I.: Whitmer for his years of service to the Craft.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:

The time and place for the 190th Annual Assembly will be August 16-17, 2013, Clarion Hotel, Batavia NY.

CREDENTIALS:

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by R.:I.: John Sundeen:

There were 14 Illustrious Masters
 6 Deputy Masters
 4 Principal Conductors of the Work
 68 Past Illustrious Masters
 107 Select Masters
 35 Ladies

Additionally, 9 visitors and 3 lady visitors

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

All officers were "moved up" unchallenged, with the exception of Grand Recorder. Two Companions were nominated for that office, a ballot was taken, and M.:I.: Victor Versace was declared to be the new Grand Recorder. R.:I.: David Robling was elected to assume the chair of Grand Steward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was declared that there was no unfinished business to come before this Annual Assembly.

THE TILED INSTALLATION OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER-ELECT:

The tiled installation of M.:I.: Richard Anderson took place, after which the Annual Assembly was declared closed.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS:

The open installation was then conducted.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE CONFERRAL:

The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was conferred on all newly elected Illustrious Masters, in accordance with Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council.

THE GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET:

Took place at 7:00PM, with presentations to the Youth Groups invited to speak, together with the Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year award to R.:I.: John Sundeen, The General Grand Council Youth Leadership Award was presented to Mrs. Gretchen Tuttle, Deputy State Director of the Organization of Triangles. The General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year award will be presented to its recipient at a later date by M.:I.: Pozefsky.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.:I.: Joseph P. Pozefsky
Grand Recorder, 2009-2012