

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

Of the State of New York

2013-2014

191st Annual Assembly



M.: I.: Leonard W. Mason

Most Illustrious Grand Master

2013-2014

August 22nd -- 23rd

Clarion Hotel

Batavia, New York

MINUTES OF THE 190TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The 190TH Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th, 2013 at the Clarion Hotel, Batavia, 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 Nun Da Waga Council No. 92 on Friday August 16th at 7:30PM. The Most Illustrious Richard Anderson, Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Council were received, and by order of the Grand Master. MIGM Anderson was greeted with Private Grand Honors he orderd all Grand Line Officers to assumed their stations and places in the Council. .

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 190th 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 MIGM Anderson Advised all Companions present that they must register with the Credentials & Registration Committee in order to vote...he advised all present that the Registration desk was located in the main lobby. MIGM Anderson stated he would allow all Councils a vote even though some Councils had filed late Returns...a point of Order was raised by MI Richard Hadley, PGM & by MI Harvey Payne, PGM that MIGM Anderson could not circumvent the General Regulations or By-Laws to allow the delinquent Councils a right to vote at the Annual Assembly. The MIGM Anderson order the Grand Recorder then read the names of the 8 delinquent Councils were not eligible to vote at this Assembly190th Assembly. Columbian #1, Rotica #12, Doric #19, Ahwaga #30, Joseph Warren Cryptic #37, Flatbush #80, Oneonta #87 and North Shore #88 for failing to submit Annual Returns or Election forms by July 10th.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Grand Master then appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of R.:I.: Kenneth E. Kohlhagen as Chairman, together with R.:I.: Jerold A. Brade, and R.:I.: Vern Rupert. Ill. Dennis Parmerter, Comp. Michael Rhodes, Comp. Robert Ball.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1] A Motion that the minutes of the 189th Annual Assembly as distributed on the Proceedings CD be approved
 - 2] 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 2013 Proceedings CD, be approved.
 - 3] A Motion that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except are such time as provided by the Constitutions.
 - 4] A motion that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business at 1:45 PM on Saturday, August 17, 2013;and that nominating speeches be limited to three [3] minutes and that seconding speeches to two [2] minutes.
 - 5] A Motion that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so.
- All Motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Copies of all Reports can be found in the hand out packet at the Registration desk

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE REPORT:

The report of the Committee on the Condition and Extension of the Rite was given by R.:I.: Leonard W. Mason, Deputy Grand Master; a motion was made to accept the report, seconded and passed unanimously

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

The Grand Lecturer's Report was given by R.:I.: Stewart W. Card. A motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report.

The following Assistant Grand Lecturers were recognized: R.:I.: Robert Bukowski, V.:I.: Steven P. Koch, V.:I.: Dennis S. Davis, and V.:I.: Edward Powley. They were each personal thanked by the Grand Master for their work in the past Cryptic Year.

REPORT ON THE WEB SITE:

A report on the Web Site was given by R.:I.: John Gallant, Webmaster, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report.

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

The report was given by R.:I.: Leonard W. Mason, a motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report..

LIUBRARY AND MUSEUN COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report was received.

RITUAL COMMITTEE:

R.:I.: Stewart W. Card gave an oral Ritual Committee report A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report as given.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTOTIAN:

R.:I.: James Reichman gave an oral report, a motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report as give.

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; King Hiram Council #18 and North Shore Council #88.

A proposed addition to the General Regulation in Article 1 section 6 (i) to read Change the statement to read: To grant dispensations to Councils to hold special assemblies for the transaction of all regular business to other locations and/or times than their regular stated assemblies.

Article I Section 10-1 9c0 Change the statement to read- To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Council. To receive all requests for dispensations, prepare and submit same to the Grand Master for his review and approval.

Article III section 46- A Committee on Jurisprudence, to consist of three (3) or five (5) Members.

A motion was made seconded and pass unanimously as accept the report as read and explained.

REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:

The report of R.:I.: Mark Adler will be found in the hand out packet due to his absence due to illness.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES:

The report was printed in the handed out packet M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts asked that the report be spread upon the minutes; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:

The report was printed in the hand out packet given by M.:I.: Donald Harrison and can also be found in the hand out packet M.:I.: Harrison asked the reports be accepted be spread up on the minutes as printed in the

[cont] hand out. M.:I.: Harrison spoke on the Escrow Fund and the Operating Budget. After a short discussion...a motion was made and seconded to raise the Grand Council per capita dues by \$5.00 to \$20.00 per year, a question was called...after a long and heated discussion on the motion, a second motion was made to table the first motion for a year. A vote was called for results were 32 to table with 15 against tabling, the matter was tabled till reach on the increase could be conducted and the matter will be held over till the Annual Assembly #191 in August of 2014.

REPORT OF THE REVIEW AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The report was printed in the hand out and M.:I.: Harrison that it be spread upon the minutes as printed the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REORT:

The report was printed in the hand out and M.:I.: Harrison that it be spread upon the minutes as printed the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CONCORDAND BODIES AND YOUTH COMMITTEES:

The report was given orally by M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts due to printing issues and were later places at the Registration desk anyone wishing a copy, a motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to accept the oral report. It was also reported the Order of the Junior Stars had disbanded.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

The report was given by M.:I.: Victor S. Versace who also gave the Annual report of the Membership of the Grand Council for the previous year. A motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to accept the reports as read

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

The report was given by R.:I.: Leonard W. Mason he asked that it be spread upon the minutes as printed the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

M.:I.: Richard Anderson 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 17th, 2013 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and ladies, followed by the Necrölogy Report, labor to resume in the Secret Vault following the Necrology.

VESPERS SERVICE:

The Vespers Service was conducted under the direction of all Grand Chaplains.

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED:

The MIGM Richard Anderson gaveled the 190th Annual Assembly to order and it was reconvened at 8:45AM on Saturday August 18th, 2013.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

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

Connecticut
District of Columbia
New Hampshire
Ohio
Ontario, Canada
Pennsylvania

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: [cont.]

Rhode Island and the Province Plantations
Vermont

Burt Larson, Deputy for the York Rite College

Additionally, the following Concordant Bodies were greeted:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New York State.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New York State

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Grand Master and Line Officers, Grand Lodge of the State of New York

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

NECROLOGY REPORT:

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

M.:I.: Paul B. Matthews, PGM gave a eulogy for M.:I.: Jay Kosseff who past during the pervious year.

LABOR RESUMED IN THE SECRET VAULT:

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

RECOGNITION OF 2011-2012 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

The District Deputies Grand Masters were recognized and personally thanked by M.:I.: Anderson.

MIGM Anderson asked R.:I.: Richard Schultz to stand fast while the other DDGM'S were seated.

MIGM Anderson then presented R.:I.: Richard Schultz with the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award at this time...as R.:I.: Schultz had to return to New York City after the TIM degree.

RECEPTION AND GREETING OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS:

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

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

MIGM Anderson asked that M.:W.: & Companion Bruce Widger be escorted West of the Alter

Whereupon, Companion Widger was presented his Commission as The Grand Representative of Michigan near The Grand Council of New York, Grand Honors were then given.

The list of Grand Representatives was called...those present were presented in the East, and personally thanked By M.:I.: Anderson, and were given Grand Honors.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO OUR VISITORS:

MIGM Anderson presented Honorary membership certificates to all our Visiting Grand Master from our Sister Jurisdictions.

REMARKS FROM OUR VISITORS:

MIGM Eagle of Ohio on behalf of all our Visiting Grand Master or visiting Officers thanked the Grand Master Anderson and the Grand Council of New York for the courtesies extended to all the visitors

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

M.:I.: Richard Anderson turned the gavel of authority over to the Deputy Grand Master Mason, and gave his Grand Master's Address. The Deputy Grand Master ordered the Address turned over to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, the gavel was returned 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. The report was presented by M.:I.: Charles Roberts, President. Awards were then presented. The meeting was then closed @ 11:55 AM.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

Most Worshipful James Sullivan honored us with his words of Wisdom. And thanked the Grand Master and Grand Council for all the courtesies extended to him and the Grand Line of Grand Lodge.

LUNCHEON:

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

RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The Annual Assembly was reconvened at 1:00PM

ISH-SODI AND AWARDS:

The report was given, and awards presented by R.:I.: Harley R. DeShane along with MIGM Anderson.

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

M.:I.: Charles M. Robert reporting for the Committee on the Grand Master's address made a motion to Accept the Grand Master Address, seconded and passed unanimously to spread the Grand Master's message Upon the minutes as received.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:

The time and place for the 191th Annual Assembly will be August 22-23, 2014, Clarion Hotel, Batavia NY.

CREDENTIALS:

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

There were 15 Illustrious Masters
 3 Deputy Masters
 4 Principal Conductors of the Work
 59 Past Illustrious Masters
 35 Select Masters
 35 Ladies
 TOTAL 129 PRESENT
 Total 106 voting Companions

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following Companions were appointed tellers for the elections: Paul B. Matthews Dave Tabor, Ted Poulen. The Companions were reminded to the time limitations on nominating and seconding speeches.

The gavel was turned over to M.:I.:E. William Whittaker to conduct the election of Officers for the 2013-2014 Cryptic year. R.:I.: Philip Chandler was elected to the Grand steward position over Ill. Comp. Parella who in turn cast all his ballots to RI Chandler to make the vote unanimous.

All Line officers were "moved up" one position as they were unchallenged. The Grand Treasurer MI Donald Harrison and Grand Recorder MI Victor S. Versace were elected to succeed themselves as there were no other nominations from the floor? The nomination of Officers were then closed by unanimous motion.

ELECTED GRAND LINE:

M.:I.:G.:M.: Leonard W. Mason Dep. Grand Master R.:I.: Harley R. DeShane, Grand PCW
R.:I.: Charles V. Bunton, Grand Treasurer M.:I.: Donald Harrison, Grand Recorder M.:I.: Victor S.
Versace, Grand Capt. of the Guard R.:I.: Gary R. Hutchurson, Grand Conductor of the Council R.:I.:
Curtis A. Banks, Grand Marshal R.:I.: Steve P. Koch, Grand Standard Bearer R.:I.: Richard C. Fowler,
Grand Steward R.:I.: Philip J. Chandler, Appointed Grand Sentinel R.:I.: Michael Rhodes

ELECTED OF GRAND TRUSTEE::

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts was elected to a three (3) term as Grand Trustee.
M.:P.: Regional DDGM of General Grand Council International Bud Wagner presented MI Charles M.
Roberts a Medal and made him a member of the College of the Perseverations of the Secret Vault.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

DEPARTUER:

The MIGM Richard Anderson was given Private Grand Honors and departed the Assembly under escort of the
Grand Marshal.

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

The tiled installation of M.:I.: Leonard W. Mason took place, with MI Charles M. Roberts was the installing
Marshal and RI & Rev. Charles Lee was the Installing Chaplain after which the Annual Assembly was declared
closed.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS:

The open installation of Grand Line Officers was then conducted by M.:I.: E. William Whittaker assisted by
MI Charles M. Roberts was the installing Marshal and R.:I.: & Rev. Charles Lee was the Installing Chaplain.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE CONFERRAL:

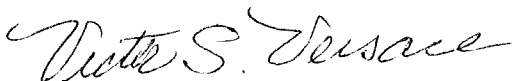
The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was conferred on all newly elected Illustrious Masters, in accordance with
Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council.

THE GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET:

Took place at 7:00PM. Where presentations and awards were made and handed out by the Grand Master
Anderson. Words of wisdom were given by the three youth groups, and by our distinguished Visitors
in concluding with Most Worshipful Grand Master Sullivan.

MIGM Anderson was then presented his Past Grand Master's jewel and apron.
The benediction was given and all assembled retired to the collation room.

Respectfully submitted,



M.:I.: Victor S. Versace, PGM
Grand Recorder,

MIGM REPORT 2014

I began this report several times, there have been multiple revisions as my reflections as Grand Master have fluxuated, these last few weeks. First I am pleased to report that to the best of my knowledge, the Constituent Councils have improved. Adoniram Council No. 36 in District No. 1 has submitted a new set of by-laws which have been accepted and approved by the Juris Prudence Committee. Their new meeting location has been established in Whitestone Masonic Temple for this fall.

Ahwaga Council No. 30 in District No. 7 has submitted a change in their by-laws to relocate their meeting location to Vestal, NY. It appears that there is increased interest in Council participation in this area.

There was a discussion because three demits had been requested after they had decided to relocate. Therefore, I contacted the Illustrious Master to verify the reasons for these demits and requested he contact the Worshipful Master of the Lodge they were renting from to resolve any questions that had arisen in the Council. After he had lunch with the Master it was determined that the problem of having the entry door unlocked prior to meetings and having the heat on or available to be increased for meetings was an oversight on the part of a member of the Lodge. The decision had been made to relocate and there was no desire to continue at the original location so therefore the dispensation was issued.

King Hiram No. 18 in District No. 6 has relocated to a new location in Seneca Falls to hold their meetings. During the last few years they have been plagued with numerous problems relating to the previous building they used.

I issued eight dispensations this year, the majority of which were mostly for holding meetings on non-meeting nights or a different location than where the regular meetings were held. Two were for the relocation of the two Councils.

While discussing demits, it brought to mind a concern I have regarding demits. Presently, the process for a demit is to submit the request to the Council Recorder and it is usually immediately granted. I recommend that each Council should have a committee to review demits. This would provide at least one member who could politely contact the person making the request, to see if the Council could possibly help in resolving the situation to avoid that membership ending.

Needless to say, the individual making this contact must be discrete and only share information of this type, on a need to know basis, to possibly resolve the potential loss.

I am not aware of any other Councils with serious problems. However, some Councils have a looming crisis such that their membership has not been replenished over a period of time. One of the suggestions I made this year, on my visits, was to develop a group that would put on the "What is Cryptic Masonry" as a program for Chapters and Commanderies as an informative program. This program is very similar to the Fervency and Zeal Program sponsored in RAM Chapters. This could be by

organized in or by Councils and/or Districts. It could be a solution and means to get companions involved while improving membership and with the additional benefit of being educational.

During last year as Deputy Master, I heard multiple discussions about the large quantity of candidates awaiting completion of the requested appointments as Grand Representatives. I suggested to the Grand Recorder that this year I would take the responsibility of clearing out the backlog of appointments. I am pleased to report that all names proposed have been submitted to Sister Jurisdictions and several have been returned as accepted. There was also one long delayed Companion submitted for a candidate from Texas and then this year two more names were also submitted, one from Massachusetts and one from Pennsylvania. These candidates have been sent their commissions.

There was a growing realization that we needed to document the entire Grand Representative process to give us a written procedure in place to allow the process to flow smoothly. This would be vital for the future proposed candidates from New York or those from our Sister Jurisdictions.

An effort was put forth to prepare an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure), to be used. It includes templates for all necessary letters of communication for all personnel involved. There are also Commission certificates for those from Sister Jurisdictions that only need the pertinent information added.

For this coming year, I have suggested that the new MIGM, Harley DeShane, use one of the Line Officers that has been involved this year. I believe that by appointing one person, the continuity will be maintained.

A beneficial side effect of this effort has already shown up as an increase in names of candidates submitted this spring from our own Councils and from Sister Jurisdictions.

Many other procedures need to be covered with an SOP so that we are not dependent upon memories of a single individual if he encounters a serious problem. Quite a few problems have shown up this year and could have been avoided. With the transition between Grand Recorders during the last few years, not only the Grand Recorders and Constituent Council Recorders but everyone else throughout the State have felt the loss of vital information. This cannot be accomplished in one year but it would make life much simpler and less rigorous.

After discussions with RI John Gallant about making the WEB Site a more viable tool for all members in our Council, he added many items to the WEB Site including the Officers Manual, forms used by most members, particularly, the officers of Constituent Councils, District Deputies, Assistant Grand Lecturers and Grand Line Officers. He also initiated a regular update of information so that the WEB Site is current daily.

An additional value or benefit of putting more information on the WEB Site is that it will be more difficult to loose or misplace, especially that prepared for and by future generations.

The WEB Site should always remain an entity under the control of the WEB Master and never married to another function or individual. With it standing on its own legs it will augment the information needed to operate efficiently.

This next item I believe needs to be resolved. That is the need to have a pre-entry discussion between new Cryptic candidates and the Grand Line Officers. A thorough discussion would be advantageous so that the candidate understands what will be expected of him if he is accepted. Both parties need to know what each other expects. The lack of compliance after "the decision is made" would provide both parties to intelligently discuss the difference of opinion.

This term I completed a task I have waited several years to complete. I completed my visitations to all New York Councils. I had never been assigned to visit District 1 and I was looking forward to getting the opportunity to visit it.

Unfortunately, over the years, I missed two Councils in New York.

Several years ago when I visited Union Council, they did not have enough members present to open.

This year I could not visit Adoniram Council because they did not have a place to hold their meetings.

However, I did visit five of the six Council in District 1.

In all Councils I have visited over the years, I was always greeted as a friend and Companion. This was especially true this year as I was visiting various Councils in District 1, I repeated visits to Councils some I hadn't visited in years. I revisited Goshen, Oneonta and Ahwaga.

During my travels this year I became an Honorary member in several Sister Jurisdictions. They were Rhode Island, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont and Ontario, Canada. In each I was received as if I lived there.

I also found time to visit old friends in Albany at the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation, Grand Commandery Annual Conclave in Kehonkson and Grand Lodge Annual Communication in New York City.

I also had the pleasure to visit The Rainbow Girls Annual Installation in Ellenville.

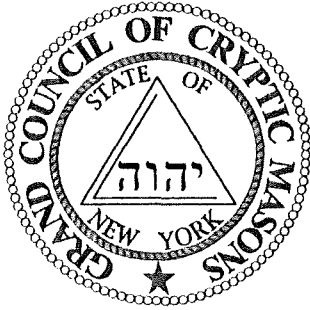
One very memorable event this year was to be invited to attend The DeMolay's Class honoring M.W. James Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in Utica. Though not joining a DeMolay Chapter while younger, this year I had the opportunity to kneel at the Altar with M.W. James Sullivan, M.W. William Thomas, our current Grand Master, R.E Raymond Roche, Grand Scribe of Grand Chapter and become a member of Sanctorum Chapter No. 1, Order of DeMolay with thirty plus other companions in the class taking the Obligation.

The Grand Line I worked with this year were eager and worked well as a team. When I look around and think of the year I became a member of Grand Council, it has made me wonder why and other times, why didn't I start earlier. It has been a great experience and very enjoyable.

If it hadn't been for a best friend, I wouldn't have been here. Thanks Dick.

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS

DATE OF ISSUE	DESCRIPTION
9/26/2013	St. George's Council to hold meeting at Northville, NY (Annual meeting location)
9/26/2013	Ahwaga Council to have Pennsylvania Council confer degree in NY
11/4/2013	Ahwaga Council to move its meeting location from Owego, NY to Vestal, NY
1/2/2014	Central City Council to hold meeting in off month, May, to confer degree
2/24/2014	Flatbush Council request to have several compnions receive Select Master at Columbian Council
5/9/2014	Adoniram Council to move its meeting place to Whitstone Masonic Temple
5/30/2014	Suffolk Council to change date of installation due to scheduling conflict
6/16/2014	Central City to confer Select Master Degree on August 13th



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July 18, 2014

Dear MI Lester G. Weinheimer
MI E. William Whittaker
MI Richard C. Anderson

It is my pleasure in appointing you as my Review Committee to review my Annual Address for 2013-2014. As you well know, you will be expected to give your report at the Grand Assembly of Cryptic Masons August 23, 2014.

I believe you will find that this year has been interesting and too short. Several moves were made in an attempt to standardize procedures and get us caught up somewhat.

May you find the report informative and satisfying?

Fraternally,

Leonard Mason
MI Grand Master

cc. Victor Versace
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Garrison, NY 10524-1169

The Annual Report from the Deputy Grand Master 2013-2014

First, I. Went to Awaga Council No. 30 on September 24th as they were having a Summons meeting on whether to change there meeting place from Owego to Vestal.

Second, I went to Central City Council No. 13 on October 6th for the Grand Lecture Convention for the 6th Cryptic District. They conferred the Royal Degree on 3 new members and he had the I.M. keep them present while he did part of his agenda. Only members present were from Central City Council plus the Grand Lecture, the AGL for the 6th District and myself.

Third, I went to St. George's Council No. 74 on Oct 17th with our M.I. Grand Master for the make up of the T.I.M. Degree. It was well done and received by the I.M.'s that could not make our Grand Council in August.

Fourth, I went with our M.I.G.M. to visit a couple of Councils in New York City area. On Jan 8th, we visited Columbia Council No.1. The M.I.G.M. gave a very well received message on many different things including the Officers Manual Disk that the recorder had in his possession. On Jan 10th, went to Suffolk Council No. 76. The M.I.G.M. again gave a well received message on what he had given at Columbia Council..

Fifth, I was asked by Past M.I.G.M. E. William Whittaker to attend King Hiram Council No. 18 on Feb 18th, as they were going to change their By-Laws and he wanted enough council members present to get this done. I had companion Wade A. Caler go with me, to make sure we had at least 9 members present. We had more than enough present, as the M.I.G.M. and the Junior Past M.I.G.M. Anderson along the R.I. Gary Hutchurson , R.I. John Gallant (D.D.G.M. for the 8th District) present.

Sixth, the M.I.G.M. and I attended Awaga Council No. 30 on Feb 25th, as they were conferring the Select Degree on 6 Royal Masters (4 from Awaga and 2 from Cayuga). Only 1 from Awaga showed up (the 2 from Cayuga Council had a Fellow Craft meeting That night).

On March 5th to 7th, Carol and I attended Grand Chapter in Albany, I requested a Suite so that I could have a Work Shop in my room on Friday afternoon. I furnished Pizza and Soda for the meeting. I suggest that if we have a Work Shop at Grand Chapter in the Future that the D.G.M. also get a Suite.

On March 28th, Carol and I went up to Rhode Island for their Grand Council. I was well received and I also got to meet again the Deputy Grand Master of General Grand Council (R.P.Milton "Sid" Roberts). I discussed a few question I had about General Grand Council and informed him that Carol and I will be attending the meeting on Sept 25th to 30th at the Adam Mark Hotel in Buffalo, N.Y.

On April 27th to 29th, Carol and I attended Pennsylvania Grand Council in Pittsburgh, along with our M.I.G.M. Len Mason and Junior Past M.I.G.M. Anderson. We were all very well received and it was a very nice occasion.

On May 28th, I traveled down to Montrose, P.A. to the home council of P.M.P.G.M. F. Dean Lewis who had just gone out as Recorder of Awaga Council No. 30. They conferred the Select Degree Pennsylvania Style on 3 Royal Masters (2 of the 3 that missed that degree at Awaga Council on Feb 25th).

I was unable to attend more Grand Councils this year due to my appointment at the VA Hospital in Syracuse for .shots in my Right Eye and lower Back problems.

Zealously,

R.:I.:Harley R De Shane
Deputy Grand Master

GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK 2013-2014

The Most Illustrious Grand Master directed each Grand Line Officer to plan his schedule of official visits and have them ready for print by October 2013. At the same time, Most Illustrious Leonard Mason was preparing to make social visits to the First Cryptic District. As councils infrequently meet, we had some overlapping. That was alright. I reminded the Most Illustrious Grand Master, that it was his evening. I was there to observe and report.

Suffolk Council No. 76

My official visit to Suffolk Council No. 76 was on January 10th. As always, Suffolk Council is a class act. Before an official visit, there is a pre-meeting dinner. Illustrious Michael Sherwood arranged that we dine at Cricket's a Four Star American restaurant located at 98 Main Street, Sayville, New York. Although it has a funny name, it is a fine dining place. (As Daddy Warbucks said, "Did I just do an advertisement?") The opening of our stated assembly was done well.

Adelphic Council No. 7

My planned visit to Adelphic Council No. 7 was January 22nd. Again, I was dis-respected. It happened previously in the Second Cryptic District. As it turns out, we had a snow storm that day. It was not a blizzard. I did check my electronic mail that day at about noon time. Later, that afternoon, the meeting was cancelled.

North Shore Council No. 88

My official visit to North Shore Council No. 88 was on January 27th. At North Shore Council, there was far too much reading. I was not sure who were installed officers or helpful substitutes. We did have the honor of having the Right Eminent Grand Commander present. Kenneth Sussman is a member of this council. When Harvey Eysman arranged things, there was always a pre-meeting dinner.

Flatbush Council No. 80

My official visit to Flatbush Council No. 80 was on January 28th. Flatbush Council shares a meeting night with its Commandery of Knights Templar. I believe this to be unfortunate. One of the bodies has to open at 6:30 p.m. This is far too early. I got a gut feeling that our assembly was being abbreviated to make time for the Orders to be given that evening.

Adoniram Council No. 36

According to the Grand Council Directory of Constituent Councils, Adoniram Council No. 36 meets on the fourth Thursday in February. Hence, I planned my official visit on Thursday February 27th and mailed out my schedule to the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work and the Recorder. In short, there was no stated assembly.

Union Council No. 2

Although, I did not get to officially visit Union Council No. 2 last year, I made it a point to instead pay them a social visit this year. As it turns out, meeting on the first Thursday in March was the day before the Annual Grand Chapter Convocation. Overall, it was a good opening and meeting.

The meetings where our Most Illustrious Master was in attendance went well. The officers in all the councils were cordial and courteous. Also, I had the chance to attend the Annual Grand Assemblies for the States of Washington and New Jersey. Next year in 2015, I aim to visit Columbian Council No. 1, Rotica Council No. 12 and Adoniram Council No. 36 (if they are still in existence).

Respectfully submitted,

Charles V. Bunton

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER 2013-2014

TO: The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

I would like to thank the Companions present at the Annual Assembly in Batavia, NY in August 2013 for reelecting me to the Office of Grand Recorder.

Grand Representatives: This past year started out where the last year ended with correspondence being received by me about Grand Representatives requests for appointments over the past several years which were never acted upon. MIGM Leonard Mason decided to help me with the clearing of the backlog by asking RI John Gallant, DDGM 8th District to help design a certificate which we didn't have on file. MIGM Mason started going over the list of Grand Representatives which was out dated...it was found some Companions had passed or moved or were non compass mentis. It was a giant undertaking but the list was whittled down...certificates were made, letters sent and new Grand Representatives were appointed by our jurisdiction and new Grand Representatives were greeted from sister Grand Councils.

I have to give a giant **"THANK YOU"** to these Companions for all the work that was done by them to help me.

Annual Election & Annual Return forms: This past year I edited the Election form to have Council Recorder add titles for all Officers and an circle yes / no if the Ill. Master needed the Tim degree. Both items were highlighted in neon yellow so that they were seen. You can't believe how many Recorders sent back the Election forms not filled out properly. Changes were also made to the Annual Return forms...same problems.

This year I sent out three [3] separate mailing for the Election forms...Annual Return forms...and the Call for the Annual Assembly. All the envelopes had "ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED" on my return label. This was done due to Recorders telling me last year [2013] that they didn't get the one big packet. Would you believe I still got the same "I didn't get the package" till I advised them there were three separate mailings? What I can't fathom is the lateness of Recorders to send in their reports on time. This year is no exception as we have several Council who lost voting privileges due to not sending in their reports.

RECORDER PROBLEMS: This past year several Council Recorders reported that they had problems with the Companions reported on last year's [2013] Annual Returns report. One Council found out that the previous Recorder hadn't collected dues in 3-4 years, or reported deaths or demitts, or NPD's for the same period of time. When the books were placed back into order it was found out that the Council had a deficit of fourteen [14] Companions. The same problem was found by another Council but the losses weren't that great.

It is my recommendation that each Council should appoint an Assistant Recorder and a Assistant Treasurer to assist both Officers in their duties. Grand Lodge allows the position of Assistant to the Secretary and Assistant Treasurers office. We should do likewise, in case of an emergency or death to either officer. So that the location of records and property is known. That is why the Grand Council has an Assistant to the Grand Recorder just in case of any issues that may arise due to health or problems to the Grand Recorder.

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We also have a problem with Council Recorders sending in the wrong form to report the passing of a Companion. There is a "Death Notice" form to report the passing of a Companion. It can be found on the website under forms. To many Council Recorders are sending me page 3 of the Annual Return Report to report a passing...the only problem with that is they then forget to add the passing on to their Annual Return report. A local Council Recorder sent me his return and forgot to report the passing of two [2] Companions as he had sent the wrong report to me. I will send the Death Notice form to all Council Recorders in September.

COUNCIL RECORDS: With the help of MI Paul Matthews former Grand Recorder, we have found the "old" Grand Council files on the new PC. With the files created by past Grand Recorder Pozefski I now have a better handle to redoing Council membership records. I will now be able to make out spread sheets for all Councils. Several Council Recorders have sent me membership info on spread sheet form to assist me. Right now we have lists in 3 X5 card files, numerical lists and Council file list that were not kept up.

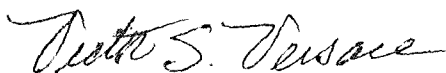
RITUAL BOOK CHANGES: Changes were proposed at the Annual Assembly and the Companions present voted to accept the verbiage changes. New pages have been printed and I will be sending the replacement pages to the Council Recorders in September to disseminate to the Companions.

Personal issues: It is said the road of life is paved with good intentions. This past year my Lady Chris and I had to be the worst year of my lives health wise. Lady Chris suffered a stroke in late September '13. In December I fell victim to food poisoning and bronchitis which went into double walking pneumonia...which went septic into a full body of blood poisoning and I had to go into the hospital for a week. The septic anti itching and antibiotic medications had me unable to function for several weeks. We thought all was going well till Lady Chris torn her knee and had to have surgery to repair the tear. Two weeks after the surgery she suffered a second stroke...and I came down with Whooping cough and was in quarantine for eight days. I thought all was well and then relapsed for another quarantine period. It was later that my doctor told me that half the people over 65 don't survive whooping cough...and that I was lucky after having the pneumonia problem.

I want to thank all the Grand Council Officers and Constitute Council's who understood our health problems and to the Companions who sent cards or called us to see how we were doing during our recuperating period. It means a lot to know someone is thinking about you!

If I am lucky enough to be reelected to the Grand Recorder's position I will do my utmost to continue bringing the Office into a smooth working position.

Zealously,



MI Victor S. Versace, PGM
Grand Recorder

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ANNUAL COUNCIL'S RETURN REPORT FOR 2013-2014

*This report is incomplete due to several Council's not sending in Annual Return Forms.

Membership as of June 30, 2013

1,348

GAINS: 2013-2014:

Greetings:	70
Affiliated:	1
Restored:	2
 TOTAL GAIN:	 73 Companions

LOSSES:

Died:	34
Demitted:	15
NPD:	26
Dropped by Chapter:	7
Expelled:	1
Indigent:	22 [not counted as a loss]
 TOTAL LOSSES:	 83 Companions...A net loss of 10 Companions this year

- [Incomplete data] TOTAL Membership as of 8/11/2014.....1,338 Companions

I can't complete my report as [3] three Councils have failed to send me Annual Returns or per capita payments for the past year.

Monies collected by the Grand Recorder and deposited in the Wells Fargo bank accounts

Grand Council & Gen. Grand Council Per capita dues collected	\$ 19,832.00
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Greeting Fees	\$ 700.00
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Ritual book sales	\$ 1,092.00
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TOTAL Monies collected and deposited	\$ 21,624.00
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Respectfully, submitted,

MI Victor S. Versace, PGM
Grand Recorder

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Subj: **Report for the Grand Cap't of the Guard for the 2013-2014 year**
Date: 6/13/2014 9:30:46 A.M. Central Daylight Time
From: ghutchurson@yahoo.com
To: VVERS131@aol.com

My year started as to being elected to the Grand Captain of the Guard at our August Assembly in Batavia Ny

I needed to make 7 visitations for Districts 6&7

In October I visited
King David Council

They were able to open with some books but they are short on membership but they have a plan to go forward and grow there council

Fulton Council they were in good shape they also could open mostly from memory. It was a full night with a degree put on and a DD visit, they look to have a good future

In February I visited King Hiram in Feburary and again in May , I enjoyed my visit but they need membership to go forward, to rebuild They have started by moving thier council to Seneca falls and they have a plan to go forward

In March& I visited Central cities Council They are in good shape and have taken many candidates over April the last two years and have more coming. Their opening and closing was excellent they have great future

I visited Rotica Council, I found them in good shape. they put on a wonderful degree, no books, there opening and closings was great as so. They are growing and seemed to be Headed in the right direction

In May I visited Ahwaga Council It was in good shape, as a blended council of companions from both NY and Pennsylvania, they do ritual well and seem to enjoy each others company and seem, to have good future

I visited Cayuga Council and they open and closed With few having to use the books, they have very good leadership, they have a good future, and they seem to work together well.

Over the year I visited 3 councils in my district for degrees or to be there for Official visits
from our grand line

I attended several work shops for the grand Line

I was at Grand Chapter in March to represent Our Grand Line

I marched in the Parade at St. John's Day

This is my report for the Years of 2013 2014

Summited by

RI Garry Hutchurson

Grand Capt Of the Guard

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**Grand Council Cryptic
Masons State of New York
Grand Conductor of the Council (2013-2014)**

July 20, 2014

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 Conductor of the Council for the year 2013-2014. The Most Illustrious Leonard Mason, 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.

Due to vocation changes as well as my schedule with being DDGM for the symbolic lodge I unfortunately was not able to attend to my duties to travel to my assigned District 4.

While I did visit and meet with a good majority of companions in the 4th Cryptic District when I was Grand Lecturer, there is much work to do with my introduction to the new companions within the last few years since I left that office. For this, I offer my humblest apology to the following councils:

Oneonta Council #87 (Robert N. Rogers III)
Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council #14 (Gerald Dievendorf)
Joseph Warren Cryptic Council # 37 (David Townsend)

I would like to offer my services to you this coming year (2014-2015) should I remain on the Grand Line and elected to advance to the next position of favor and choice, by visiting with your council to make certain that I fulfill my duties that I neglected. This will be in addition to the district to which I will be assigned. This will NOT incur any additional cost to the Grand Council as this will be on ...how do we say "...my dime".

At the same time I thank the companions of St. George's Council #74 (Ralph Rosenthal) for greeting me at dinner and their meeting. Companion Rosenthal's stewardship as it's Illustrious Master is evident by the way each of the companions pool together to open the council and conduct the business as needed. A pleasure seeing some of the Sir Knights (ie. Fred Beitter) in their Cryptic Role knowing them in their Grand Line role in the Commandery. I thank this council for it's warm reception, brotherly love and wise counsel. The council is doing well with moving it's younger members to the front of leadership and directing the council to it's continued heights of notoriety.

Each Grand Line officer is responsible for listening to critique from the masses. This is the only way, in my opinion, that a well groomed aspiring Grand Master will be able to answer to his companions. THANK YOU Companion Ralph (Rosenthal) ...my BROTHER!! You continue to make sure that I am on the right path. I will continue to listen!!

So end's my report and I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Council in 2014-2015 and beyond.

Yours in the Cryptic Rite,

Zealously & Fraternally



R:..I:.. Curtis Alan Banks

Grand Marshal 2013-2014

This past Masonic year I visited only three Councils, but they were the farthest, geographically, from home that being Region Nine, which consists of Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17, Dunkirk Council No.25 and Hamburg Council No. 91. These three Councils meet on different weeks and it originally looked like I would need to make three separate trips to the north country all while trying to avoid the snowfalls that are well known in the western part of New York State. The calendar was in my favor, however, as I was able to schedule and visit Buffalo-Keystone (first Monday meeting) and Hamburg Council (second Wednesday meeting) in the same week in April. I began the year by visiting Dunkirk Council in October, on the fourth Wednesday.

One of the most enjoyable parts of these visits is the meal time before the meeting. Some Companions are a bit nervous when a Grand Line Officer is visiting and this is a good time to show we are Companions as well. There are always new names and faces to remember as well as some familiar faces to which I can now add names mixed in with those whom I have met and know from other annual meetings. It is a time to relax and get to know something about the Council and the Companions that make it work.

On October 23, 2013, I visited Dunkirk Council. Ill. Gene Olofson and his officers performed the opening and closing with only one book open - and that by a new Companion. This was encouraging and enjoyable. A new petition was read and plans were made for Degree conferrals. Overall, Dunkirk Council appears strong and the Companions are enthusiastic about the future.

On the way home I drove through some snow showers and I remember thinking that I hope this was not a sign of things to come for the winter. Well we all know how that turned out.

With the very long hard winter behind us - finally - I was able to complete my visits. On Monday April 7th, I visited Buffalo-Keystone No. 17. Ill. Mark Robson a first time Master - in any Masonic Body and his officers ably opened and closed. The highlight of the evening was the conferral of the Select Master Degree on four new Companions. Having just conferred the same Degree in a Tri-State Festival at the end of March, it was interesting to see how another Council does their work. It was an impressive display and I am sure our new Companions enjoyed it as much as I did.

Two nights later I visited Hamburg Council No. 91. I was happy to see Ill. Gary Busenlehner, who had been struggling with health problems, attend our pre meeting dinner and preside over the Council. (I was also saddened to see that Companion Busenlehner recently laid down the working tools of life. Our prayers go out to his loved ones during this time of loss). It was an enjoyable evening (shared with our Most Illustrious Grand Master).

I would particularly like to thank R.I. Ron Baumler, District Deputy Grand Illustrious Mast of the 9th District for his Companionship and hospitality during my April visit. One of the questions I had in making this visit was - what will I do for lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. Companion Baumler escorted my to the Valley of Buffalo and the Ismailia Shrine for lunch were again, I was able to enjoy the fellowship of my Brothers.

In addition to my visits, I also attended the YRIS training session in Utica in January with Grand Chapter; the Grand Line meeting in March, at Grand Chapter; attended and participated in the Tri-State Festival in New Haven Connecticut on March 29th; and marched in the parade on St. John's Day with the Grand Council.

We still have a way to go to grow our Grand Council, but there are positive signs of growth. We just need to continue to illustrate why Cryptic Masonry is important to our Companions individual Masonic growth. If we don't talk about it - how will they know?

Respectfully submitted,

R.I.: Steven P. Koch
Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
In the State of New York

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Grand Standard Bearer
2013-2014

Companions,

This year your Grand Standard Bearer traveled over 2312 miles visiting his assigned Councils and other required Assemblies along with accompanying my District Deputy Grand Master on his Official Visits. I have enjoyed visiting and making new friends at all my visits as I represented your Grand Council.

I began my year traveling to the Most Illustrious Len Mason's reception in Batavia on October 20. It was a very enjoyable time and a great assembly of friends from all the Masonic bodies.

I visited King Solomon Council on October 22 as a Grand Line Officer and was warmly welcomed there. Their Council set up was different than most and the ritual was well performed. It was also the Official Visit of their District Deputy Grand Master who was accompanied by the Assistant Grand Lecturer.

Union Council was my next Grand Line visit which I made on November 7. These companions were also very welcoming and proficient in their ritualistic endeavors. Attendance was low as was most of the Councils are experiencing lack of members attending their assemblies. This seems to be a state wide condition.

My last visitation was to Goshen Council on April 24 after dining at the Americana Diner. What a wonderful dining experience that my wife and I enjoyed that afternoon. As we sat conversing, more and more companions showed up and tables were added to make quite a large dinner group. After adjourning to the Council Room I observed the ritual being performed competently with all their officers present and in their respective stations. Questions were asked about the attendance or lack of attendance being just local or if it was a statewide condition. They also asked if there were any plans to update the ritual books. I said I would pose them to the rest of the Grand Line at my next workshop.

It was my honor to be received at the Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons in Albany along with the rest of the Grand Cryptic Council Officers. I noted that a majority of the Grand Council Officers are also involved with the Royal Arch Masonic line in some form [Grand Reps., DDGHPs, AGLs,].

I had the pleasure of sojourning across the border to Gananoque, Ontario, Canada to be with our Deputy Grand Master Harley Deshane and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master E. William Whitaker at the conferring of the Royal Ark Mariner degree on three candidates from New York State. We hope to be able to assist them or even do the work next year on another class.

I wish to thank the companions of our Grand Council for the opportunity to serve as their Grand Standard Bearer and I look forward to continued service to our Grand Council as Grand Marshal.

Zealously,

Richard C. Fowler
Grand Standard Bearer 2013-2014

REPORT OF THE GRAND STEWARD

My Companions,

First and foremost I must say that I could not have had a better year. The Companions in the 8th District certainly went out of their way to welcome me into their Councils and make me feel right at home. At every visit there was a terrific meal and the fellowship and camaraderie was unbelievable.

The Councils in this District are to be commended for their tenacity in holding on in the very slight times for Cryptic Masons. Some Councils are doing better than others in recruitment and I think with a little help the numbers in membership could rise substantially in all the Councils of this District in the coming years.

I started off the visits with Doric Council #19 in Pittsford. Even though the attendance was very good they needed a little help in Opening. We were addressed by the Most Worshipful Leonard Mason in giving his message for the upcoming year, the DDIM then gave a short speech on Ritual and the performance of such in the District. Then I addressed the Council on what I believe the problems were in recruiting new Companions and recruitment into masonry overall. Doric Council #19 has a sound base and I look forward to seeing their numbers grow in the near future.

My 2nd Visit was Nun Da Waga Council #92. The attendance was lite but they did very well with the Ritual for being so early in the year. My speech was again on recruitment and why we as Masons and Companions aren't more persistent in our recruitment of younger Brothers and Companions. I also spoke about the charities and the importance of supporting them. I also attended a Select Master Degree at Nun Da Waga Council later in the year. A Companion who missed the Degree at Rotica Council #12 rode out with me to Attica to attend the Degree.

I then visited Palmyra Council # 26. Attendance was very lite and they had many substitutes in the chairs for Opening and Closing. At this meeting I stressed the Most Illustrious' message and then continued into the recruitment lecture again. I again spoke about the charities and the importance of them.

Skoj-Yase Council #75 could not Open on the night of my visit. We had a fantastic dinner at a local restaurant before heading over to the Temple. They had a business meeting which lasted about an hour and a half before I headed home. Having only twenty five Companions in this Council shows how much Cryptic Masonry so desperately needs a huge recruitment drive in the very near future.

Hornellsville #35. The Grand Lecturer and I split the evening for our visit. It was by far the largest gathering of all in the District. I would refer you to the Grand Lecturer's Report for his comments. I spoke briefly on Masonry and the need for more attendance at our meetings, especially at our Degrees.

In conclusion, I had a very good year as the Grand Steward and wish to thank all the Companions in the 8th Cryptic District for their hospitality in receiving me as they did.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip J. Chandler
Grand Steward

TRUSTEES REPORT ON THE PERMANENT FUNDS
OF THE GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRENT CRYPTIC YEAR 2013-2014

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

The Trustees of the Grand Council submit the following written Annual Report on the funds held in trust for the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State New York for the 2013-2014 Cryptic Year.

Grand Master's Fund (St. George's Council) Balance as of June 30, 2013: \$3,354.76

Withdrawals for 2013-14: \$576.00

Grand Master's Fund (St. George's Council) Balance as of June 30, 2014: \$2,778.76

PERMANENT FUND

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2013:

\$110,213.69

INCOME/REVENUE

Gains &

<u>American High-Income Trust Class A Funds</u>	<u>Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
July – September 2013 – 1 st Quarter	\$ 515.04	3,067.885 (\$11.22)	\$34,421.67
October – December 2013 – 2 nd Quarter	\$ 562.50	3,117.353 (\$11.36)	\$35,413.13
January – March 2014 – 3 rd Quarter	\$ 529.56	3,163.638 (\$11.47)	\$36,286.93
April – June 2014 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$ 522.61</u>	3,208.944 (\$11.58)	\$37,159.57
	+ \$2,129.71		

June 30, 2014 Fund Value: \$37,159.57

Gains &

<u>Putnam Investments High Yield Trust A</u>	<u>Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
July – September 2013 – 1 st Quarter	\$1,176.98	9,907.276 (\$7.920)	\$78,465.63
October – December 2013 – 2 nd Quarter	\$1,144.77	10,049.615 (\$8.070)	\$81,100.39
January – March 2014 – 3 rd Quarter	\$1,059.77	10,179.967 (\$8.150)	\$82,966.73
April – June 2014 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$1,073.47</u>	10,310.561 (\$8.280)	\$85,371.45
	\$4,454.99		

June 30, 2014 Fund Value: \$85,371.45

TOTAL REINVEST INCOME FOR THE YEAR FROM FUNDS: + \$6,584.70

DISBURSEMENTS

There were NO withdrawals from American High-Income Trust or from Putnam Investments Funds during this time period for Grand Council operational expenses. Thank you to all for making this possible.

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on Hand as of June 30, 2014:

\$122,531.02

The financial market this year has shown strong signs of growth. We had an increase of \$12,317.33 in the Permanent Fund or a 10.05% increase since our last Annual Assembly. We are looking closely at the market because with record highs we may be due for a correction in the market.

The Trustees realize that the 2014-2015 Budget for the Grand Council may need resources from the Permanent Fund and therefore allocates \$5,000.00 - \$7,000.00 for such. Grand Council must plan now for its financial future. Your Trustees were charged at the 2013 Annual Assembly to review the financial history and make a suggested and sound proposal concerning Grand Council Per Capita for the coming year (See attached documentation). It is our recommendation that a SEVEN DOLLAR increase in Per Capita be adopted to cover anticipated increases over the next several years and it be implemented to address the long term budget concerns.

Finally, we remind the Grand Recorder that the current Grand Council Officers' & Past Grand Master jewel/apron forms must be signed and be current each year for such current and past Officers. We encourage all Present and Past Grand Officers to have a rider on your homeowners insurance to cover the cost of replacement of the property held in your trust (jewels, collars, aprons and etc.) if lost or stolen. We also thank R.:I.:Harley DeShane for his generous advancement of funds for the purchase of new Grand Line Officers' jewels/aprons/cases and the Trustees are working on a plan to reimburse him for such but we remind the

Grand Line they should avoid making decisions on major unbudgeted expenditures without the input from the Finance Committee and the Trustees on a plan for payment for such major unbudgeted expenditures.

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

August 19-20, 2005

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON PER CAPITA OF GRAND COUNCIL

Whereas income to the Grand Council General Fund has not been sufficient to meet annual expenses, and

Whereas to meet the annual deficits, monies have had to be allocated from the income to the Permanent Fund for the last several years, and

Whereas the last known increase in the Annual Grand Council Per Capita was approved at the 176th Annual Assembly held August 20-21, 1999 when the Per Capita was approved to be increased two dollars (from \$8.00 to the present \$10.00) per annum, beginning with the 2000-2001 Cryptic Year,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

that the Annual Per Capita per individual companion of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons be increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per annum, (an increase of \$5.00) beginning with the 2006-2007 Cryptic Year. (Constituent Councils should be billed \$15.00 for Per Capita per member when billing of Councils in May of 2006.)

Fraternally & Respectfully Submitted,

R.: I.: Charles M. Roberts, Deputy Grand Master

R.: I.: Victor S. Versace, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

August 22-23, 2014

To: The Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Grand Council Officers and Members of Constituent Councils:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT FOR GRAND COUNCIL

Whereas income to the Grand Council General Fund is not sufficient to meet annual expenses, and

Whereas to meet past annual deficits, monies had to be allocated from the income to the Permanent Fund for this purpose, and

Whereas the last known increase in the Annual Grand Council Per Capita was approved at the 182nd Annual Assembly held August 19-20, 2005 when the Per Capita was approved to be increased by five dollars (from \$10.00 to the present \$15.00) per annum, beginning with the 2006-2007 Cryptic Year, and prior to that was increased by two dollars at the 176th Annual Assembly held August 20-21, 1999 (from \$8.00 to \$10.00)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

that the Annual Per Capita Assessment per individual companion of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons be increased from \$15.00 to \$22.00 per annum, (an increase of \$7.00) beginning with the 2015-2016 Cryptic Year. The breakdown of this proposed Per Capita increase would be as follows: an anticipated increase in Per Capita for General Grand Council International of \$1.50 and the other \$5.50 for anticipated increases in operational costs for the Grand Council of New York. The Constituent Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction should be billed \$22.00 for Per Capita per member when the annual return is sent out to the respective Councils in 2015.

Fraternally & Respectfully Submitted,

M.: I.: Charles M. Roberts, Trustee (2013-2016), Chairman

M.: I.: Edward P. Fagan, Jr. Trustee (2012-2015)

M.: I.: David H. Raymond, Trustee (2011-2014)

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York
Grand Lecturer & Ritual Committee Report 2012 – 2013

At the 2012 Annual Assembly, two proposals for changes to the ritual were presented. The committee recommended in favor of one and against the other. Grand Council voted to approve the former. Thus far no proposals have been received by the committee for consideration at the 2013 assembly.

In the past year, Festivals and Conventions were held in some but not all Districts. At a Convention, one Companion stumped us with this question: in Cryptic Masonry, is there a voting sign, other than that used in Lodge? Recourse to references and well-informed Companions has turned up nothing; if any reader of this report has a contribution to make on this topic, please contact us. In the coming year, Festivals and Conventions will be held in each District, or jointly by adjacent Districts.

In my travels around the jurisdiction, I have found many zealous Companions, but have yet to witness a single Council opening with letter-perfect ritual from memory. While it is understood that exigencies such as the unexpected absence of an officer may require that a Companion be prompted or refer to a code book, this should be the exception; sadly, for several years now in our jurisdiction, it has instead been the rule.

Our ritual is what distinguishes us from all other organizations. It is the means by which we transmit the unique message of Cryptic Masonry. It is the structure into which we pour our energies to provide the transformative experience that an initiatory degree should be, that it *must* be to have any value to the initiate. If we do not do it well, we are wasting our time and allowing our Craft to degenerate into nothing but an empty vessel.

Leaders and great men formerly sought to be accepted among us; now they mostly evaluate us as having nothing to offer them. Young men are joining Freemasonry in search of something. Some candidates are better informed esoterically than those of us conferring degrees upon them. Masonic education does not end, but begins, with ritual.

To address this, the Custodians of the Work in Grand Lodge have launched the Ritual Renaissance program. Perhaps Grand Council should do something along these lines. Whatever else you do in Cryptic Masonry, we ask you to remember the central and essential role of our ritual, and to give it the respect, attention and effort it deserves.

Zealously,

RI Stuart W. Card
Grand Lecturer
Chairman, Ritual Committee

REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT FOR THE YEAR 2014

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York:

The following is the Report of the Grand Fraternal Correspondent for the Cryptic year ending August, 2014.

As I am revisiting this office this year, I would like to thank Most Illustrious Leonard Mason for the honor of serving as Grand Fraternal Correspondent. It has been a privilege to be one of your officers. Please accept my thanks.

The Proceedings of 1 jurisdictions of Cryptic Masons or Royal and Select Masters on your behalf. Analysis has been done with an eye towards subjects, issues, problems and ideas that we may discuss among ourselves, both formally and informally. In addition, we are always looking for things that are interesting, unusual and fascinating.

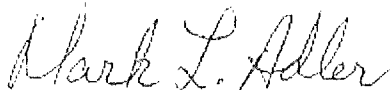
Over the past few years, there are two major themes which have become apparent.

The first area concerns the declining membership. For many years, we have credited death as the major cause of attrition in our ranks. As we can see within this report, the Grim Reaper can still be credited with stealing our membership, oftentimes a considerable percentage. However, the categories of "Dimits" and "Suspensions" show results that the drop in then current membership can be credited to an act of conscious choice; that Cryptic Masons are *choosing not to continue* their memberships.

This writer has additional data suggesting that this is also true in Royal Arch Masonry and the Knights Templars.

"Good Communication" is always an issue and an area of concern. However, from the reports that I received from the Grand Representatives of the jurisdiction with whom we are in amity, these companions are not in touch with their counterparts in those jurisdictions or with the jurisdictions themselves.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,



Rt. Ill. Mark L. Adler
Grand Fraternal Correspondent

OKLAHOMA: "How rewarding and humbling it has been."

Annual Assembly, April 26th, 2013, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 1:00 PM; Councils: 18 Membership: 1,365; Net Change: -26

M.: I.: William Pearce, Grand Master for 2012 - 2013, addressed the question of declining membership and its impact on the financial stability of Cryptic Masonry by appointing a committee to recruit new members and to retain the existing membership where possible.

In the year 2013 - 2014, net membership experience a gain of 29.

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons continues to support the Order of DeMolay and hopes that it will serve as a source of future membership in the Masonic fraternity. This support continued into the 2013 - 2014.

REPORTS FROM GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Councils with whom we are in amity, we have 38 accredited Grand Representatives, as of this writing. A questionnaire was sent out earlier this year to assist them. Responses were received from 13 of those Grand Representatives. The information from those questionnaires is as follows:

- 1) Are you in touch with your counterpart:
YES 3
NO 10
- 2) Have you been ever attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction you represent? (If "No", please explain why)
YES 3
NO 10
- 3) Do you regularly attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York? (If "No", please explain why not)
YES 10
NO 3
- 4) Are you in possession of the latest Proceedings of the jurisdiction you represent?
YES 3
NO 10
- 5) If your answer to question #5 above is "Yes", to the best of your knowledge, does either the Grand Recorder or Grand Fraternal Correspondent of New York possess a copy of these proceedings
YES 0

Alaska - R.: I.: Harold Aldrich reported that Alaska is very difficult to keep on contact. Since a friend that was active in all Masonic Bodies in Alaska has moved to the lower 48, I have had no contact with the Bodies in Alaska.

England & Wales - M.: I.: Francis Karwowski reported that Travelling to the Grand Council of England is something I cannot do at this time. I do attend the Grand Assembly of New York if I do not have a conflict in my schedule.

Georgia - R.: I.: Vernon Rupert reported that I have never received information about their Annual Assembly. I do not have any information available.

Idaho - R.: I.: Norman Hopson reported that I am not in touch with my counterpart. I have not attended the Grand Assembly of Idaho because of distance, their schedule, and my recent health problems. I have not attended the Grand Assembly of New York, but I have been to several.

Israel - R.: I.: Ari Chisin White reported that we don't have a Grand Rep in Israel. It is time to ask for a Grand Rep in Israel.

Michigan - R.: I.: Kenneth Kohlhausen reported that I have been in touch with my counterpart in the past. I cannot attend their Grand Assembly this year as it is one day before ours. I acquired their proceedings from their website. I hope to meet my counterpart at the Triennial in Buffalo in September.

New Hampshire - M.: I.: Donald Harrison reported that I just came back from this year's Grand Assembly of New Hampshire, but missed the prior two years due to family commitments. I am not sure whether their Grand Representative received a copy of their proceedings. I don't have one as yet.

Oklahoma - M.: I.: E. William Whittaker reported that last year, they had a growth in membership.

Vermont - R.: I.: Harvey Eysman reported that I have never been able to have contact with my counterpart in Vermont, and only occasionally see the GM at the Annual Assembly, if he comes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Most Illustrious Grand Master, my Grand Council Companions, and all my Companions: The 2013-2014 Cryptic year, has been relatively quiet. The only legislation that has been proposed (as at the date of this writing) are amendments to the General Regulations (set forth below), a propounding of which has been sent to every Illustrious Master and Recorder in the State. No formal opinions were issued this year, but frequent consultations and conferences with the Grand Master were had on general matters, and as in past years, requests for informal advices and opinions were rendered to the Grand Recorder's Office, with the permission of the Grand High Priest.

As we have experienced this year, we receive, almost on a regular basis, requests for advice on both Cryptic and general Masonic law from the membership and from Committee Chairmen, and we must emphasize that these opinions are unofficial and gratuitous, as they were not solicited by or through the Grand Master who alone functionally enjoys the prerogative of seeking counsel from the Judge Advocate.

When we receive calls from the Companions requesting legal opinions upon matters of Cryptic law, we prefer to respond to these questions, both as a courtesy to the Companions and as a matter of Masonic education, but it is clearly to be understood that these opinions do not carry the sanction of the Grand Council, and that only the Grand Master may, with any degree of authority, advise the Companions on Cryptic law.

As we have iterated in past years, the proper procedure to secure a formal opinion is to pose the question in writing to the Grand Master. If he deems it appropriate, he may seek our counsel, and we may be requested to issue either a formal, written opinion or an informal opinion. It should be understood that the Grand Master is the primary source of all Cryptic legal authority in this Grand jurisdiction and while the Grand Council itself is not in session. Where an issue involves civil law, of course, one must retain private counsel.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, we have enjoyed working with and serving you, the Grand Council, and all the Companions this year. We also extend our appreciation to our Grand Recorder and to his Office for the input, support, and assistance, he gives, and we respectfully move that our report be entered into the proceedings of this Assembly.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Section 8 of the Constitution provides that a proposition to amend the Constitution may be adopted if submitted in writing at one Annual Assembly, laid-over to the next for consideration, and then consented to by a two-thirds

majority vote of the Members present; the amendment, however, may be adopted at the Annual Assembly at which it was presented, if by a unanimous vote.

Section 58 of the General Regulations provides that the General Regulations may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at any Annual Assembly.

PROPOSITIONS BEFORE THE GRAND COUNCIL

The following Sections of the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, will be submitted in writing in 2014 and held over for consideration and a final vote in 2015, unless adopted in 2014 by unanimous vote of the members present:

(Removed text ~~deleted~~; Added text underlined)

NONE

The following Sections of the General Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, will be submitted for a final vote in 2014 :

(Removed text ~~deleted~~; Added text underlined)

The following amendment to the General Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, to wit: Article I., (THE GRAND COUNCIL), Section 3, (Grand Officers, How Selected), subsection (a) thereof, is hereby proposed:

(Removed text ~~deleted~~; Added text underlined)

Section 3 - Grand Officers, How Selected

(a) The officers of this Grand Council, ~~with the exception of~~ excepting the Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturer, District Deputies Grand Master, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Judge Advocate, Grand Historian, Grand Musician, and Grand Sentinel ~~and Assistant to the Grand Recorder~~ shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by ballot; ~~and~~ and by a majority of the votes cast.

For the purposes of clarity, the provision, if and when adopted, will read as follows:

(a) The officers of this Grand Council, excepting the Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturer, District Deputies Grand Master, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Judge Advocate, Grand Historian, Grand Musician, and Grand Sentinel shall be elected

at the Annual Assembly by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast.

The following amendment to the General Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, to wit: Article I., (THE GRAND COUNCIL), Section 6, (GRAND MASTER), an amendment to subsection (l) thereof, is hereby proposed:

New text is underlined; deleted text is ~~crossed out~~.

(l) To appoint Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and to receive and accredit Past Illustrious Masters as Representatives of such other Grand Councils near this Grand Council or demand their resignation; provided, however, that no Companion shall be accredited as Representative of more than one Grand Council at the same time, ~~nor hold elected or appointive Grand Council office~~. Any Grand Representative to this Grand Council who shall fail, without valid excuse, to attend, or make a report in writing, at two out of three consecutive Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be considered ~~as to have offered to resign~~ resigning his position as such Grand Representative, and the Grand Master is ~~authorized~~ empowered to accept such offer of resignation, or not, in his sole discretion, and if accepted to recommend to the Grand Council from which the Grand Representative received his commission, the name of some other Companion to fill the vacancy thus created. Should the Grand Master's request to a Grand Council for the appointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York not be effected within six (6) months after the request has been made, the Grand Master shall be empowered, in his sole discretion, to withdraw such request, through notice from the Grand Recorder and to recommend the Companion for appointment to another Grand Council. If a Grand Council shall not have responded to a request for such an appointment after the passage of one (1) year from the date upon which a request therefor shall have been made, the Grand Master shall, through notice from the Grand Recorder withdraw such request and may seek the appointment for the Companion from some other Grand Council.

For the purposes of clarity, this provision, if and when adopted, will read as follows:

(l) To appoint Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and to receive and accredit Past Illustrious Masters as Representatives of such other Grand Councils near this Grand Council or demand their resignation; provided, however, that no Companion shall be accredited as Representative of more than one Grand Council at the same time, nor hold elected or appointive Grand Council office. Any Grand Representative to this Grand Council who shall fail, without valid excuse, to attend, or make a report in writing, at two out of three consecutive Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be considered to have offered to resign his position as such Grand Representative, and the Grand Master is empowered to accept such offer of resignation, or not, in his sole discretion, and if accepted to recommend to the

Grand Council from which the Grand Representative received his commission, the name of some other Companion to fill the vacancy thus created. Should the Grand Master's request to a Grand Council for the appointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York not be effected within six (6) months after the request has been made, the Grand Master shall be empowered, in his sole discretion, to withdraw such request, through notice from the Grand Recorder and to recommend the Companion for appointment to another Grand Council. If a Grand Council shall not have responded to a request for such an appointment after the passage of one (1) year from the date upon which a request therefor shall have been made, the Grand Master shall, through notice from the Grand Recorder withdraw such request and may seek the appointment for the Companion from some other Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARVEY A. EYSMAN
Judge Advocate

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Report of Grand Council Newsletter Editor Committee 2013-2014

There were only a couple of Cryptic Corner newsletters issued during this last year. The main reason for this was a lack of input from Districts and Councils. This is something I hope to correct in 2014-2015. To that end, I am putting together some guidelines as to what type of stories we are looking for for our Cryptic Corner. It is important that we let our Companions know what we are doing. Some may also argue that it is just as important that we let those Brothers and Companions who are not Cryptic Masons know who we are and what we are doing to encourage them to join us.

The goal of the Cryptic Corner - unless told otherwise - will be to be as current, relevant and readable as possible. That means that issues should be from four to eight pages as required, but no more. The larger the issue the greater the chance that readers will skim and not read the issue and thus defeat our purposes. Photos are also great when trying to emphasize an event.

Communication is the business of all of us. The more of us who speak up and tell our stories, the louder we become and the more who will hear us. Let's be heard!

With your help, we can make it happen. Thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:I.: Steven R. Koch
Chairman Grand Council Newsletter Editor Committee
Grand Marshal
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
In the State of New York

The Grand Council Website Committee Report 2014-2015

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council.

I would like to thank Most Illustrious Leonard W. Mason for my re-appointment to the position of Chairman of the Website Committee. With the help of my committee members, who have always extended words of encouragement and good advice, I am pleased to report that I have had another successful year as chairman.

The following is a brief synopsis of my accomplishments and goals over the past year while performing my duties as Webmaster.

My primary task has been and continues to be, to provide a rapid turn around of simple changes and updates to the web site and down-loadable documents. It is my personal goal to respond to requests within a 24 hour period.

There were a number of new links for various documents for archival value and the display of living documents. Under the "archival" area, the web site has links to the Officers training manual (2011 Edition), the current release of the Grand Council Constitution and General Regulations along with it's recent change history and the Minutes from past Grand Assemblies. Under the "living" area, I added a document for tracking the Grand Line officers, DDGM's official visits and Grand Lectures conventions for Council planning and to indicate their completion. I updated and reformatted the Grand Council Grand Representatives document in a table format to be more manageable. I added a region under the picture of the Grand Illustrious Master to contain the links to the upcoming Grand Assembly and schedule.

I had the opportunity to update the "Pin" Maps with Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery listings. These updates positioned the maps for potential inclusion within their respective web sites.

As the webmaster, I have been the primary contact for keeping our public calendar up to date with Grand Master visits, Grand Line visits to other conferences, and Grand Assemblies and any other "Grand Line" related events. I look forward to the Grand Council Officers making increased use of this calendar.

The following is a brief list of the "Futures" I have planed for the upcoming year(s).

It is still a short term goal to provide selected "electronic" forms to allow Council Recorders to dynamically fill in their "end of year" information and email the report to the Grand Recorder's Office.

I have a longer term goal to investigate what would be required to provide the Grand Council website in a Mobile format. With the continued proliferation of smart phones, this will allow the web site to be viewable "on the road".

In conclusion, it has been a good year and I have had the opportunity to learn a lot during my tenure as Chairman of the Website Committee. I look forward to continuing to serve the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council and our companions.

Zealously,

R.: I.: John A. Gallant
Chairman of the Grand Council Website Committee

By-Laws Review Committee

June 23, 2014

The committee recommends approval of the following by-laws changes.

Adelphic Council No. 7 – revised in 2010 and failed to get Grand Council approval

Buffalo Keystone Council No. 17 – petition fee, dues & The General Fund

King Hiram Council No. 18 – changed months of meeting

Ahwaga Council No. 30 – Changed meeting place & dues

King Solomon Council No. 31 – Revised and updated by-laws

Hornellsville Council No. 35 – changed meeting night & amount of dues

Adoniram Council NO. 36 – Change of meeting place

The By-Laws Committee

E. William Whittaker, PMIGM, Chairman

Richard C. Anderson, PMIGM

Leonard W. Mason, MIGM

CONCORDANT BODIES AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Distinguished East, Grand Line Officers, and Companions All. This is the Annual Report of the Grand Council's Concordant Bodies and Youth Committee for the 2013-2014 Cryptic Year.

Concordant Bodies

Upon appointment by the M.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York the Concordant Bodies Working Committee consisting of Symbolic Lodge: R.:W.: William (Bill) J. Thomas, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NY (Chairman), Eric J. Benson (Secretary); Cryptic Rite: R.:I.: Curtis A. Banks, M.:I.: Rev. Charles M. Roberts; Commandery/Knights Templar: SK Stenrick B. Adams, SK W. Bruce Renner; Royal Arch Masons: M.:E.: Richard J. Kessler, R.:E.: Bruce Testut; Scottish Rite: Richard J. Powell, James D. Swan, Jr. and Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, The working group did convene twice this past Cryptic year.

The Concordant Body Working Group did not meet during the COD Session in 2013. Our first meeting for this year was held at the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masonry on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Agenda items for this meeting were: Remember the Blue Lodge Program; State-Wide Calendar issues and conflicts; the MORI System and access for Concordant Bodies (Mark Menard). It was also mentioned that Grand Commandery is part of the York Rite Information System (YRIS) and that the other York Rite Bodies of NY could join with this program too. Question is there a way to interface MORI with YRIS or vice a versa for sharing data? Not at the present time. Finally we discussed recommendations for the future of our Concordant Bodies Working Group.

The Concordant Bodies Committee has been reorganized under the new leadership of our Grand Master William J. Thomas with its membership back to being the Presiding Officer and Deputy of the Masonic Groups in New York State with the R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge of New York chairing the Committee and providing the agenda. The meetings of this committee will provide a general round table opportunity for discussions of mutual interest, and that they are closed and in executive session, except for discussions of the Remember The Blue Lodge Program. Membership is all ex officio, and will change with the annual meetings of the various bodies, except for COD which changes ad hoc. Members of this committee will have one vote at the Grand Lodge Annual Communications. We did convene under this new structure at the New York Council of Deliberation on Friday afternoon, July 25, 2014 under the leadership of R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. After brief introductions by the membership of this reorganized committee, M.:W.: Grand Master Thomas welcome all present and gave a brief history on the role of this committee in the past and then turned over the committee to Deputy Grand Master Williamson for addressing the further agenda items. M.:I.: Leonard Mason was excused from this meeting and representing our Grand Council was R.:I.: Harley DeShane, Deputy Grand Master. In the future the Committee membership will change based on the change in leadership for the bodies throughout the year. But it will always be the Presiding Officer and Deputy.

The Committee addressed the following agenda items: Educational Assistance Program Scholarship presentations. Deputy Grand Master Williamson encouraged all York Rite & Scottish Rite bodies to participate in these presentations throughout the state for presenting our awards it shows a united front in New York. Bodies not participating at present to look to see how they can. We then addressed the upcoming calendar dates for Receptions and Grand Lodge Apron presentation and other events from July 2014 through October 2016. All bodies were to establish links to the updated Website of Grand Lodge and promote these dates and hopefully this will produce less conflicts between events. These events now scheduled will take precedence for attendance of Presiding Officers of Grand Lodge and other Bodies in NY. Calendar interfacing between the bodies must be ongoing throughout our Masonic life in NY. We discussed the availability of the York Rite Informational System (YRIS) to the other York Rite Bodies. Grand Chapter has agreed to participate in YRIS. What about Grand Council? Scottish Rite has their own system in place. Questions raised: Interface of YRIS or MDS with MORI. How do we get needed access to demits, NPDs, suspensions so we can all update our membership rosters for our respective bodies. At present we get suspensions after a trial commission has reported from Grand Lodge but nothing else. It is critical that Grand Lodge provide a means to receive this data in order for us to operate efficiently and reduce costs. Grand Master Thomas is to pursue this item of how this information can be shared with duly authorized personnel of our bodies with the understanding that it is kept private and not to be shared with anyone. Deputy Grand Master Williamson

then addressed the issue of "How do we communicate?" He shared about present electronic ways but also stressed the need of the personal touch and that we as Presiding Officers must encourage respect and dialogue, exchange of ideas and provide whatever appropriate means to help enhance communications for all of our brothers Empire State Mason Magazine; Athol; etc were highlighted. We must work cooperatively and with the knowledge that Grand Lodge through our present Grand Master is encouraging the theme of "TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More." Better visibility between Grand Lodge and the Concordant Bodies and vice a versa must be coordinated and complementary.

Finally, our meeting concluded with a update on the Remember The Blue Lodge Program by R.:W.: George Emmons, Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge of NY who is the Coordinator of this program. We have awarded 201 since the inception of the program {York Rite has 114 and Scottish Rite has 87} and additional 254 Bars have been awarded since 2007. The present year had 29 awards [17 for York Rite and 12 for Scottish Rite] But we can do better--we must do better! We have enough supplies yet to continue the program. Lets get out there and promote this program. Our next meeting is schedule for March 2015 at the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of NY Convocation in Albany, NY. The respective Concordant Bodies representatives are open to receiving ideas, thoughts or comments from you to present at any of the meetings of the Committee to better the advancement of Freemasonry in this state. This meeting turned out to be a very productive one for all of Freemasonry in this State.

Youth Groups

The three remaining Youth Groups in New York State: The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, The Organization of Triangles, Inc., and The Order of DeMolay were all active this past year and represented at many Masonic functions and activities throughout the state. We regret that The Order of Constellation of Junior Stars was dissolved and no longer in the state. But the three remaining youth organizations are strong and hopefully will remain so.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly met at the Honors Haven Resort in Ellenville, NY on April 10th - 13th, 2014 and Miss Hannah Nelson was elected Grand Worthy Advisor and her theme for the year will be "Reach Out and Spread Your Wings." Although Rainbow in New York State is actually 90 years young, they will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary of Grand Assembly at this year's Grand Assembly Sessions to be held April 23rd - 26th, 2015 at Honors Haven in Ellenville, New York. A special Diamond Jubilee Celebration is being planned for Saturday Evening, April 25, 2015.

The Organization of Triangles, Inc. Biennial Convention met at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson, NY on October 11-13, 2013. Miss Ally Callaghan from Sunrise Triangle was elected the NY State Representative. Her theme for the year will be "For A Finer American Womanhood." The Organization of Triangles, Inc. Biennial Convention will meet at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson, NY on October 9-11, 2015.

Starting this coming year (2015) the York Rite Bodies will initiate a new program called the Order of Deborah. This Award will be bestowed upon one deserving young lady of NY International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and one for the Organization for Triangles, Inc. The Award will comprise of a medallion to wear and an inscribed gavel. NY Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and NY Grand Council will each be responsible to purchase one gavel for presentation to one of the girl's organizations each year since the Grand Commandery purchases a sword for the York Tribune selected each year from NY DeMolay. We are truly excited for this new award program and we hope you will support it.

The 47th Annual Convention of the Order of DeMolay in NY State met at Utica College/Masonic Care Community, Utica, NY on August 1-3, 2014 where DeMolay C. Tyler Henderson was elected NY State Master Councilor. Tyler is from Franklin Delano Roosevelt Chapter, Pleasant Valley, NY. DeMolay Luke Patterson from Knights of Antiquity Chapter on Long Island, NY was the 2014 recipient of the York Tribune Award bestowed by the York Rite Bodies of NY of which Grand Commandery presents him an award sword engraved with his name. He joins the following past recipients of the Order of York Tribune:

2005	Michael Hernandez	2006	Joseph Dombroski	2007	Robert Fiero
2008	Benedict Aventurato	2009	Dylan Arnott	2010	James Baker
2011	William Koller	2012	Thomas Perry	2013	Carl Smith Siegel, III

This year the New York Council of DeMolay conducted a special honor conferral of becoming a DeMolay on approximately 50 Masons of New York State. These men, when young, had not become DeMolays but desired to be one. They were the Charter members of Sanctorum Chapter No. 1, Order of DeMolay, an honorary Chapter of NY DeMolay. This took place at the Utica Masonic Temple, Utica, NY on March 29, 2014. The Class was in honor of Dad M.:W.: James E. Sullivan, the then Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Our own M.:I.: Leonard Mason was an inductee and exemplar at the altar. If you are interested in becoming a DeMolay we will keep you posted of any upcoming inductee ceremonies being planned. You can speak to any member of the Concordant Bodies & Youth Committee for further details.

The 48th Annual Convention of DeMolay of NY will be held at Utica College/Masonic Care Community, Utica, NY on either July 31, 2015- August 2, 2015 or August 7-9, 2015.

The Youth Organizations are grateful for the attendance of Most Illustrious Grand Master Leonard Mason and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Richardson Anderson at their annual sessions this past year. They felt deeply honored by their presence and encouraged by their warm support for their endeavors.

It is your Committee's strong recommendation that as individual Masons and Companions and as a Grand Council we take serious our charge of support and encouragement of our youth organizations in this state. They need not only our financial assistance but more than that they need us to encourage and assist them in the growth of their membership and to step up to provide adult leadership where needed. We ask each Companion and each Council of this Grand Jurisdiction to take this challenge on this coming year.

Finally, The Grand Lodge Committee on Youth has announced the Frank M. Totten Essay Contest for this year. This contest is open to any high school senior who is the child or grandchild of a Master Mason or a member of their extended family and who anticipates entering an accredited college in the fall of 2015. Essays are to be a minimum of 200 words and not to exceed 350 words - typed. 1st Prize \$1,500, 2nd Prize \$1,000, 3rd Prize \$750, 4th Prize \$500, 5th Prize \$350, Sixth Prize \$250, 7-10th Prize \$100 each. The first place winner is invited to the VIP Dinner Sunday Evening at Grand Lodge to read their essay. The topic this year is **"HOW CAN TEENAGE SUICIDE BE PREVENTED?"**

Essays are to be mailed and postmarked no later than January 15, 2015 and mailed to the Chairman of the essay contest: Mr. Cary Cohn, 3604 Anita Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793. The cover sheet of the essay submission must have your Lodge Secretary's signature and the Lodge seal. No name is to be included on the front page of the essay itself. Any further questions, please contact your Lodge Master or Secretary or R.:W.: Cary Cohn: CCohn1127@aol.com.

The 2015 forms for the Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Awards will be available after January 1st. Contact your Lodge Secretary for more information. Members of the York and Scottish Rites should contact their local Chapters, Councils, or Commanderies or the Valley Secretary or Grand Recorder about scholarships available through the concordant bodies.

I move that this Annual Report be accepted and made a part of the full proceedings of this 192nd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,
M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM, Chairman
M.:I.: Leonard W. Mason, MIGM
M.:I.: Richard C. Anderson, PMIGM

OPERATING FUND 2013/2014 Final

BALANCE August 1, 2013

3,014.83

INCOME

R-1	Dues	37,967.50	
R-2	Fees (Greetings)	240.00	
R-3	Permanent Funds	0.00	
R-4	Miscellaneous	130.00	
R-5	Host Council Return A-1	0.00	
R-6	Escrow Funds	0.00	38,337.50
			41,352.33

DISBURSEMENTS

A-1	Annual Assembly	3,069.57	
A-2	Annual Proceedings	394.99	
B-1	Grand Master's Expense	4,000.00	
B-2	Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	1,974.85	
B-3	Grand Lecturer's Expense	83.07	
B-4	Grand Officers' Expense	1,400.00	
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000.00	
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00	
C-3	Office Expense	2,900.00	
C-4	Taxes	0	
C-5	Mileage & Travel	1,129.05	
C-6	Grand Council Storage	1,440.00	
D-1	Supplies	875.15	
D-2	Printing	2,453.63	
D-3	Postage	441.51	
D-4	Telephone	373.00	
D-5	Equipment Purchase & Repair	345.00	
D-6	Insurance & Bonding	126.00	
E-1	General Grand Council Per Capita	1,337.00	
E-2	General Grand Triennial Fund	0	
E-3	Regalia	0	
E-4	History Fund	0	
E-5	Miscellaneous	309.00	25,651.82

BALANCE July 31, 2014

15,700.51

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Harrison

M. I. I. Donald Harrison, Grand Treasurer

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.:I.: Donald Harrison, PGM, Grand Treasurer, Chairman

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PGM, Grand Trustee

R.:I.: Leonard W. Mason, DGM

M.:I.: Victor S. Versace, PGM, Grand Recorder

R.:I.: Harley R. De Shane, GPCW

GRAND COUNCIL OPERATING FUND BUDGET 2013 – 2014

<u>Income</u>		Budget <u>12-13</u>	Actual <u>12-13</u>	Budget <u>13-14</u>
R-1	Dues	24,500	22,632	20,000
R-2	Fees (Greetings)	0	0	720
R-3	Permanent Fund, Investments	3,300	5,000	0
R-4	Miscellaneous	0	0	0
R-5	Refund Host Council for A-1	200	5,098	4,000
R-6	Escrow Funds	0	0	0
	TOTALS	28,000	32,730	26,720
<u>Disbursements</u>				
A-1	Annual Assembly	4,500	8,395	4,500
A-2	Annual Proceedings	1,500	0	1,000
B-1	Grand Master's Expense	4,000	3,649	4,000
B-2	Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	1,500	1,053	1,000
B-3	Grand Lecturer's Expense	700	200	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	4,261	3,600
C-4	Taxes	400	0	400
C-5	Mileage & Travel	2,000	1,706	1,875
C-6	Grand Council Storage	0	0	1,440
D-1	Supplies	500	1,452	250
D-2	Printing	500	290	300
D-3	Postage	500	222	250
D-4	Telephone	240	297	250
D-5	Eqmt. Purchase & Repair	150	0	100
D-6	Insurance & Bonding	129	127	130
E-1	Gen. Grand Council per capita	1,531	1,351	1,375
E-2	General Grand Triennial Fund	300	0	0
E-3	Regalia - New York	0	0	0
E-4	History Fund	0	0	0
E-5	Miscellaneous	100	1,505	100
	TOTALS	28,000	29,958	26,720

ESCROW FUNDS 2013/2014

S-1 Rituals – Constitutions – Guides – Ish Sodi – Awards
S-2 Regalia Fund
S-3 Triennial Fund
S-4 Equipment Purchase & Repair Fund
S-5 History Fund

	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	Totals
Balance June 28, 2013	1021.31	573.19	70.54	1,989.94	1,332.08	4,987.06
Income	946.19	0	0	0	0	946.19
Interest	.50	.06	.02	.15	.10	.83
	1968.00	573.25	70.56	1,990.09	1,332.18	5,934.08
Disbursements	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance June 30, 2014	1968.00	573.25	70.56	1,990.09	1,332.18	5,934.08

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Harrison

M. I. Donald Harrison
Grand Treasurer

2013-14 Budget Vs 2013-14 Actual
With Proposed 2014-15 Budget

Grand Council Cryptic Masons Budget 2013-2014					
			Budget 2013-14	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2014-15
	INCOME	Comments			
R-1	Member NY Per Capita (1,325)	\$15.00 per member	20,000.00	37,967.50	19,875.00
R-2	Member GC Per Capita (1,325)	\$1.00 per member	0.00	0.00	1,325.00
R-3	New Members-Greetings (35)	\$10.00 per member	720.00	240.00	350.00
R-3	Permanent Fund Income		0.00	0.00	5,000.00
R-4	Miscellaneous		0.00	130.00	100.00
R-5	Refund Host Council for A-1		4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
R-6	Escrow Funds		0.00	0.00	900.00
	Totals		26,720.00	38,337.50	31,550.00
	Disbursements				
A-1	Annual Assembly (Hotel/Meals Etc)		4,500.00	3,069.57	4,500.00
A-2	Annual Proceedings		1,000.00	394.99	1,000.00
B-1	Grand Master's Expense		4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
B-2	Grand Master's Apron & Jewel		1,000.00	1,974.85	800.00
B-3	Grand Lecturer's Expense		700.00	83.07	700.00
B-4	Grand Officers' Expense		2,450.00	1,400.00	2,450.00
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
C-3	Office Expense	GR 525 = 2100 GT 375 = 1500	3,600.00	2,900.00	3,600.00
C-4	Taxes		400.00	0.00	0.00
C-5	Mileage & Travel		1,875.00	1,129.05	1,300.00
C-6	Grand Council Storage		1,440.00	1,440.00	1,545.00
D-1	Supplies		250.00	875.15	250.00
D-2	Printing		300.00	2,453.63	500.00
D-3	Postage		250.00	441.51	250.00
D-4	Telephone		250.00	373.00	250.00
D-5	Eqmt. Purchase & Repair		100.00	345.00	100.00
D-6	Insurance & Bonding		130.00	126.00	130.00
E-1	Gen. Grand Council per capita		1,375.00	1,337.00	1,325.00
E-2	General Grand Triennial Fund		0.00	0.00	1,500.00
E-3	Ritual/Constitution NY Escrow Fund		0.00	0.00	500.00
E-4	Regalia - New York		0.00	0.00	3,000.00
E-5	Equipment Repair & Purchase Fund		0.00	0.00	500.00
E-6	History Fund		0.00	0.00	100.00
E-6	Miscellaneous		100.00	309.00	250.00
	Totals		26,720.00	25,651.82	31,550.00
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. Harley R. DeShane, DGM					
M.:L. Victor S. Versace, PGM, Grand Recorder					
M.:L. Charles M. Roberts, Chairman of GC Trustees					

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Charity Corporation			
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY August 1, 2012 thru July 31, 2013			
Checking Account Balance 8/1/13			\$26,940.89
Investment Account Balances 8/1/12			
	DWS Global High Income (SGHSX)	\$99,502.94	
	Janus Balanced Fund	\$123,197.60	
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSDX)	\$114,354.58	
	Pimco Income (PONDY)	\$52,277.86	
	Ridge Worth High Income (STHTX)	\$51,930.18	
		\$441,263.16	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)		\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/13			\$468,204.05
ACTIVITY 8/1/13-7/31/14			
Income			
	Donations	\$6,455.00	
	The Solomon Arch Society	\$7,600.00	
	Dividends/Interest/Realized Capital Gains(Losses)	\$25,552.57	
	Misc	\$0.00	
Total Income			\$39,607.57
Expenses			
	Contributions to Charity	\$14,500.00	
	Operating/Administrative Expense	\$5,686.00	
Total Expense			\$20,186.00
Net Unrealized Change in Value (gain/loss)		\$19,100.01	
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/14			\$506,725.63
ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS			
Checking Account Balance			\$29,369.54
Investment Account Balances 7/31/14			
	DWS Global High Income Fund (SGHSX)	\$101,388.41	
	Janus Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$136,041.86	
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBDX)	\$120,644.55	
	Pimco Income (PONDY)	\$59,986.38	
	Ridge Worth High Income (STHTX)	\$59,294.89	
		\$477,356.09	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)		\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/14			\$506,725.63

Charity Fund Contributions
2012 - 2013

	A	B	C	D
1	Council & No.	Gift Level	S-P-GM Levels	Council Totals
2				
3	Columbian-1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Union-2	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
5	Adelphic-7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Rotica-12	\$230.00	\$165.00	\$395.00
7	Central City-13	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
8	Bloss-DeWitt Clinton-14	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
9	Buffalo-Keystone-17	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
10	King Hiram-18	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
11	Doric-19	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
12	Dunkirk-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Palmyra-26	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
14	Ahwaga-30	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
15	King Solomon-31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Hornellsville-35	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
17	Adoniram-36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18	Joseph Warren-Cryptic-37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
19	Fulton-50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Peekskill-55	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
21	St. George's-74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
22	Skoi-Yase-75	\$38.00	\$300.00	\$338.00
23	Suffolk-76	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$170.00
24	Flatbush-80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
25	Oneonta-87	\$124.00	\$100.00	\$224.00
26	North Shore-38	\$0.00	\$153.00	\$153.00
27	Cayuga-90	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
28	Hamburg-91	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
29	Nundawaga-92	\$85.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,385.00
30	Goshen-93	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
31	King David-97	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
32	Misc. Donations	\$25.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,075.00
33				
34	TOTALS	\$737.00	\$5,718.00	\$6,455.00
35				
36				

Sponsor - Patron - Grand Master Levels
1966 -2013

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<u>Council & No.</u>	<u>1966-2013</u>	<u>2012-2014</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		
2						
3	Columbian-1	46	0	46		1
4	Union-2	57	3	60		2
5	Adelphic-7	33	0	33		1
6	Rotica-12	232	3	235		6
7	Central City-13	66	1	67		6
8	Bloss-DeWitt Clinton-14	106	0	106		4
9	Buffalo-Keystone-17	59	5	64		9
10	King Hiram-18	17	1	18		6
11	Doric-19	258	4	262		8
12	Dunkirk-25	21	0	21		9
13	Palmyra-26	6	0	6		8
14	Ahwaga-30	70	3	73		7
15	King Solomon-31	66	0	66		2
16	Hornellsville-35	54	5	59		8
17	Adoniram-36	91	0	91		1
18	Joseph Warren-Cryptic-37	19	0	19		4
19	Fulton-50	26	0	26		6
20	Peekskill-55	90	2	92		2
21	St. George's-74	85	0	85		4
22	Skoi-Yase-75	81	1	82		8
23	Suffolk-76	72	2	74		1
24	Flatbush-80	31	0	31		1
25	Oneonta-87	117	1	118		4
26	North Shore-88	47	1	48		1
27	Cayuga-90	37	1	38		7
28	Hamburg-91	34	0	34		9
29	Nundawaga-92	57	5	62		8
30	Goshen-93	15	0	15		2
31	King David-97	11	2	13		6
32	Other	78	3	81		
33						
34	TOTALS	1982	43	2025		

Grand Officer's Dist. Visits

Officer	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Leonard W. Mason -9	GM							
Harley DeShane - 7		GM						
Charles V. Bunton - 1	1		GM					
Garry R. Hutchurson -8	6,7	8		GM				
Curtis A. Banks - 1	4	6.7	1		GM			
Steven P. Koch - 2	9	4 6,7		2		GM		
Richard C. Fowler - 6	2	9	4	8 6,7			GM	
Phillip J. Chandler - 6	8	1	2	4	9 6,7		GM	
2014 Steward		2	9	67	1	4	8	
District #1 - Columbian, Adelphic, Adoniram, Suffolk, Flatbush & North Shore								
District #2 - Union, King Solomon, Peekskill & Goshen								
District #4 - Bloss-De Witt Clinton, Joseph Warren-Cryptic, St. George's & Oneonta								
District #6 - Rotica, Central City, King Hiram, Fulton & King David								
District #7 - Ahwaga & Cayuga								
District #8 - Doric, Palmyra, Hornellsville, Skoi Yase & Nundawaga								
District #9 - Buffalo-Keystone, Dunkirk & Hamburg								

Grand Cryptic Council
Library & Museum Committee

There has been no additions, removals or replacements made to the Museum's collections during the 2013-2014 period. The chairperson has received compliments on the state of our material and wishes to thank those who preceded him on their job being well done.

All Cryptic Masons are encouraged to peruse our material when they have time.

Respectfully submitted,

R.'. I.'. Richard Fowler, Chairman
Grand Standard Bearer 2013-2014

Grand Council Cryptic Masons

State of New York

Awards committee report 2013-2014

Individual Achievements

- A. Grand Council State of New York Cryptic Mason of the year
Presented @ Grand Session To. ILL. Companion Donald K. Elinton Jr. - King Hiram #18
- B. General Grand Council-International Cryptic Mason of the year
To be announced at the Grand-Council Banquet
- C. General Grand Council-International Adult-Youth leadership
To be announced at the Grand Council Banquet
- D. Most Ill. Grand Master's Recognition Awards
Giles Fonda Yates Award and Lady of the Council Award
To be announced at the Grand Council Banquet

Ish-Sodi Awards

- A. ISH—SODI Awards The first line signer for 5 Petitioners since August 2003
R.I. Conrad Johnson --- Columbian Council #1 --- 7 Companions
ILL. Michael Sherwood --- Suffolk Council #76 --- 13 Companions
- B. Meritorious ISH—SODI Awards The first line signer for 25 Petitioners
No Companion eligible

Council Membership Gains & Attendance Awards

- A. Most Greetings of new select masters in the Cryptic year
Suffolk Council #76 --- Top of the list (24 new Companions)
- B. Greetings of 5 or more new Companions in the Cryptic year
Suffolk Council #76 (24) Columbian #1 (14) Rotica #12 (5)
North Shore #88 (5) St. Georges #74 (5)

C. 10% or greater increase in membership in the Cryptic Year

This award presented by General Grand Council International

Suffolk Council # 76 24 = (31% increase)

Skoi-Yase Council # 75 4 = (10% increase)

D. Best Attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly

To be announced @ Grand Council Assembly.

These are the awards with the reported figures available at this time,
As there was 4 Councils that either did not report or fully report to the
GRAND RECORDER as (July 18, 2014).

Submitted by

Richard Anderson PGIM Committee Chairman

Northeast Cryptic Festival 2014

On March 29, 2014 The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut hosted the annual Northeast Cryptic Festival, also known as the "Tri-State Festival" in New Haven Connecticut. This year the Royal Master Degree was conferred by Companions from The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and the Super Excellent Degree was conferred by the host state. The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was represented by King Solomon Council No. 31 R & S M who conferred the Select Master Degree.

The Degrees were well done and an enjoyable day was had by all. In all we greeted sixteen new Companions while over forty Companions witnessed the Super Excellent Master Degree for the first time.

Conferring the Select Master Degree was particularly significant for King Solomon Council. A number of years ago, they were at a low ebb membership-wise with their numbers almost dropping to below double digits. (There are now over twenty members and it is still growing). Over the past several years, they had conferred the Royal Master Degree at the festivals. They were determined to make a change and do something different. Their Council had not conferred the Select Degree in recent memory. Senior members could not remember the last time it was done "in house".

The cast was as follows

King Solomon - R.:I.: Steven P. Koch
Hiram, King of Tyre - I.: Charles P. Uhle
Hiram Abif - Comp. David Barkstedt
Conductor of the Council - Comp. Robert L. Hogan, Jr.
Ah'shar - R.:I.: Mark D. Isaacs
The History - Comp. David Barkstedt
Apron Presentation - Companion E. Oscar Alleyne
Charge - I.: Charles P. Uhle

Due to an illness at the last minute the Captain of the Guard was done by a visiting Companion.

As of this writing the date and place for the 2015 Tri-State Festival has not been set. We will be sure to spread the word when that time comes. It is a great opportunity to see Degrees conferred by other jurisdictions and share fellowship with our Companions from other states.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:I.: Steven P. Koch
Grand Marshal
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
In the State of New York

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Arranging to attend another meeting night can be a challenge. Therefore, as Chairman, I was conducting a luncheon/meeting on Saturday March 8th following the closing of the Installation of Grand Chapter Officers.

I was hoping that the membership was able to remain an hour or more later.

We were to meet in the hotel restaurant at the Holiday Inn.

However, only Right Illustrious Stuart Card showed up.

Good conversation was had and I got to hear his aims and aspirations in Cryptic Masonry as well as in his family and life overall. Thank you, Stuart.

Actually, I think that adequate long range planning is discussed at our workshops.

Respectfully,

Charles V. Bunton

To: The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

Companions:

The work of the Ritual Committee this year is the examination of the proper pronunciation of all names and places from the two Testaments of the Holy Bible that occur in our ritual. Inconsistencies occur in these pronunciations. To this end the following sources have been examined to produce the most uniform spellings and pronunciations.

The Oxford Self-Pronouncing Bible of the Authorized King James Version - Grand Lodge of New York edition
Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary
Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary
Volume VII - Mackey's History of Freemasonry -Appendix - Pronouncing Dictionary for use by the Masonic Fraternity.

All these sources are in agreement on the proper pronunciation of Bible names and places occurring in our rituals. There is a uniformity in these sources that hope to overcome the individual Mason from using pronunciations that are in error that often occur. This happens when they have learned a pronunciation that is not in keeping with established rules.

The names and places from the Bible were originally written in three languages. The Old Testament, in Hebrew and Aramaic. The New Testament, in Koine Greek. It is an imposition and error to expect our companions to pronounce some names and places in the original language form. There is an accepted anglicized form that is recommended not only by Grand Lodge and Grand Council but recognized secular Bible sources as well.
A new page of corrected pronunciations will be available at The Grand Council session.

We thank our Illustrious Grand Master for his confidence in the appointments to our committee.

R.:I.: Comp. William G. Vassily, Grand Lecturer, *Emeritus*
Chairman, Ritual Committee
R.:I.: Comp. Stuart Card, Grand Lecturer
R.:I.: Comp. Curtis A. Banks, Grand Conductor of the Work
All 2013-2014 Assistant Grand Lecturers

District Deputy Grand Master 1st District: 2013-2014

We were privileged to have M W Leonard W. Mason present at each of the Councils in

The First Cryptic District. This could be a good thing or a bad thing depending upon his take on

This report.

To begin Columbian Council performs Degree work at each of its meetings, as well as the business of the

Evening. I have on occasion witnessed outstanding work and above average work when certain

Principals were not in attendance. I have been assured by the Recorder that their responsibilities

Will be addressed in timely fashion.

Adelphic Council No.7 : Opening was done from memory except for fill-ins of the evening.

Membership present were some of the most enthusiastic in the craft including I M Donald Berry

And Recorder George A Harrison.

Suffolk Council No. 76 Being my home Council I can elaborate in considerable detail on its weak and

Strong points; briefly memorization is strongly encouraged as well as excellence in Degree work which

Is still being worked upon—our newest members have responded well to our enthusiasm.

Flatbush Council No.80 enacted a Degree while the Grand Master and myself were present and

The Work was impressive. Good Fellowship, Good Work and a good Night. Very promising growth

For the future.

North Shore Council No.88 I was not present for the Grand Master's Visitation, however I was con-

Fident that this Council would represent itself as well as it had in the past.

Adoniram Council has some serious issues including By-Law approval , membership and Officers

And the GrandMaster has addressed these issues personally with the appropriate people.

In summation the 1st Cryptic District shares fellowship with some of the finest mem bers of the Craft, has

Strong potential for considerable growth, and must continue on the path with dignity, dutiful attention

To its ritual, above all a warm reception to its newest members (and where are the encouraging reports

to the older members not in attendance?—eg we greeted so and so and by the way what's his name

Honored us with his presence and next time we are doing this with dinner /collation at the old place)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert p. Bukowski DDGM 1st Cryptic District

District Deputy Grand Master 2nd. District: 2013-2014

Union Council #2 - This Council is starting to get back on their feet. They had lost their recorder earlier in the year and are trying to find everything to get things in order. In other words, they are starting from scratch. However, they are doing a great job with what they have. They did have enough Companions to open the Council for my DD Visit. They do need to work on their opening and closing. I know that the Illustrious Master Micheal Quigley, who is also the Assistant Grand Lecturer is working on that issue. They will need to focus on membership and finances. They are financially stable at this time but they can use some income for the future.

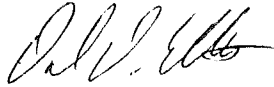
King Solomon Council #31 - This Council was the first one I visited during my term back in October. They are financially stable and have enough members to open. Most of their members can also open and close without the books. This Council has also conferred the Royal Master Degree in costume and had it memorized. They also spear headed the Tri-State Festival that took place in April of 2013 in New Windsor, NY. They have conferred degrees at other Tri-State Festivals as well. Overall, this Council is in great shape and is one of the strongest in the District. I would recommend that they continue to do what they are doing and see if they can also bring in some new and younger members.

Peekskill Council #55 - This Council has a lot of older members. They also have many members who were sick at the time of my visitation. I would recommend for them to go and see if they can get some interests for the York Rite from their Lodges. They seem to be financially stable. It looks like they have a nice place to meet at the VFW, now they just need members.

Goshen Council #93 - This is my home Council and was led this year by Illustrious Nate Metlitz. Nate has been an Illustrious Master before and came back this year to do it again. This Council has around 30 members and on average has 9 to 11 members show up to meetings. Approximately 14 are active members in their Lodges and other bodies. This Council is also very financially stable and actively contribute to Council Charities. They are also not quite there yet to confer degrees. However, a few members can open and close without their books. They have some new members that are eager to go up the line, which is a great sign for the future. I would recommend that they continue to get new members and try to learn the ritual.

I think the overall theme for the 2nd District would be membership. If each Council can bring in 5 or 6 young active members, they will all be in great shape. Just a few solid Companions can really turn a Council around. I would recommend to get out to Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters to let other Brothers know what Cryptic Council is all about.

Zealously,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. D. Elliott".

R.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott
District Deputy Grand Master
2nd Cryptic District

District Deputy Grand Master 8th District Report 2013-2014

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Most Illustrious Leonard W. Mason for my re-appointment to the position of District Deputy in this district and to all who extended words of encouragement, brotherly advice and best wishes. With their help, I have had a successful and memorable two years of office.

The following is a brief synopsis of my observations over the past year while performing my duties as District Deputy.

[Doric Council #19] Meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. The Council is able to confer its own degrees. The officers perform their ritual acceptably. There are many new companions in new office positions this year and they have planned a set of degrees for the Fall. The recorder has stated that he would like to have more interaction and feedback from the Grand Recorders office on documentation sent in.

[Palmyra Council #26] Meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Unfortunately, this year I did not have the opportunity to attend too many of it's meetings. On my two visits the officers performed their ritual acceptably. The recorder stated that he would like to see the ability to email in the yearly reports to the Grand Recorders office.

[Hornellsville Council #35] Meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month. On my visit the officers performed their ritual acceptably. The Illustrious Master made the request that an overall York Rite program be developed for the Symbolic Lodges to describe the three bodies. Their recorder also re-stated that he would like to see a Recorder's seminar at Grand Assembly.


[Skoï Yase Council #75] Meets monthly on the third Monday of the month. On my visits the officers performed their ritual acceptably. This year they did not have the opportunity to confer any degrees. There are new companions in new office positions this year and I am glad to report that at their last meeting they received a new companion.

[Nun Da Waga Council #92] Meets monthly on the fourth Monday of the month. On my visits the officers performed their ritual very well. Their recorder also re-stated that he would like to see a Recorder's seminar at Grand Assembly.

It is my opinion that overall, the 8th Cryptic District is a solid district. All of the councils are active and have well attended meetings. This year I also had the pleasure of attending some of the official visits of R.: I.: Phillip J. Chandler, Grand Steward. R.: I.: Companion Chandler was well received by the councils.

In conclusion, I have had a very pleasant and memorable two years and would like to thank all the companions I met and had the opportunity to work with in the course of my tenure as District Deputy. I look forward to continuing to serve the Most Illustrious Grand Master and our Grand Council.

Zealously,


R.: I.: John A. Gallant
DDGM 8th Cryptic District

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 9TH DISTRICT REPORT 2013-2014

It has been my great pleasure to represent the Grand Master and Grand Council in the 9th district for the past two years. Official visits were made to all three Councils and the ritual work exemplified was very good. Companions have been most cordial and welcoming.

Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on candidates in both Buffalo-Keystone #17 and Dunkirk #25 councils. Excellent ritual work was displayed. The right illustrious Steven Koch presented lapel pins to 4 candidates on his official grand line officer visit to our district.

A grand lecturer's convention well received and well attended. All three councils were represented in attendance.

I attended installation of officers in all three councils. One council has a full line of new, advancing officers. Two councils have past-Masters filling the line of officers. There is evident enthusiasm thru-out the district.

It has been a good year for Cryptic Masonry in the 9th District.

Ronald H. Bruner

District Deputy

**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Friday Evening, August 22, 2014

VESPER SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

APPROACHING GOD

The Lord is here. His spirit is with us;

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

The Lord made this day.

We rejoice and are thankful.

The prayers for this late hour are given in the name of the Holy One. To offer praise and thanksgiving; to reflect upon both our setting and work of the day; to hear and receive God's word; to again seek forgiveness; and to pray for the needy; so that, in and through God's Spirit, we may rest, and be given into the service of God.

As the Sun goes down and the Moon rises, we state our belief: Blessed is the One who created us; Blessed is the One who makes us whole; Blessed is the One who fashions us for service in His name. Alleluia!

OPENING EVENING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

We confess to God Almighty that we have sinned today in our thoughts, words, and deeds, through our own deliberate fault. Therefore we ask God to have mercy. Forgive our wrongdoings and strengthen the good in us, to prepare us for eternity. Making this prayer to the Almighty, we know that we will be pardoned, that our sins will be put into remission, that our lives are amended, and that God makes haste to help and save the people, by the grace and comfort of His Spirit. We do give thanks and praise for our deliverance. Amen.

ASSURANCE IS GRANTED *(Raising of the water from the bowl by the Leader)*

THANKS FOR OUR WORK TODAY

Today, O God, was a difficult, mild or easy day. It was both fruitful and seemingly unrewarding. Shine a light upon the work we have done and for what comes tomorrow. Give the life force to the work we have done and for what comes tomorrow. The day is done. Its work is nearly over. We have worked and lived in our places; let us be done with what took place. Thanks be to God. Now, at this hour, we look ahead for a new day that will dawn before us. Praise unto you O Lord God Almighty.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

"The Lord reigns; let the earth be glad; let the distance shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness are around him, righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him, and burns up his foes all around. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees it and trembles. Mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all people see his glory." (Psalm 97:1-6)

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
(Matthew 11:28-30 in the New RSV)*

A REFLECTIVE THOUGHT:

"Who Is In Control?"

M.:I.: & Rev. Charles M. Roberts, Grand Chaplain

THE OFFERING

LITURGY OF EVENING PRAYERS

Blessed are you - the Lord our God. God breathes into all existences, and his word changes the knowledge of the times and the seasons, so the day rolls away to be replaced by the night, and night gives way to morning. The Sun and the Moon, like all the stars, planets, and celestial beings, give us a stability to live and prosper. And may we be like the Moon, ever circling, ever renewing itself as a crown of beauty over all, in potential and fulfillment under God, as we end this day and circle in renewal towards another. Therefore, our Lord and God, we will speak of these Laws when we lie down and when we rise up, rejoicing in the wisdom given into the universe and this corner of it, for here comes our life and the length of our days, and in the Word we contemplate upon this night. May you never take your love from us and may your Kingdom come to us, as Christ expected.

Blessed are you, our God: the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the great mighty and revered God, the Most High God who bestows loving-kindness; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, the Most High God. You are in the blowing wind and the falling rain. You sustain the living and care for the dead. You support those who fall, and heal the sick. You set free the imprisoned. You keep faith with the faithless. You Lord are the King over death and restores the dead to life. You, O God, cause salvation to flourish. God says to everyone: when you grow old, I am still the same; and when you fail, I will rescue you.

We pray for people of faith. We pray for the world. We pray for the sick and needy. We pray for those departed. Be present, O Lord, in our coming sleep. Give protection through the silent hours and bring us from this weary state to a freshness of the coming day to become awake, alive, and well - to be prepared for eternity. And tomorrow: May all places throughout the world become areas of peace and homes of happiness, gardens of fulfillment; may the whole creation radiate with Your glory. And may that beautiful light coming from space above: Bathe us in its glow, coming through those clouds of offerings with their timely rains, and every day a plentiful harvest. May God's name be glorified. May our prayers and supplications be accepted, O Lord. May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life for us. Grant, God, thy refuge; and in refuge, strength; And in strength, understanding; And in understanding, knowledge; and from knowledge, knowledge of what is right; and from knowledge of what is right, the love of it; and from loving, the love of God. *(Keep a moment of silence)The Lord's Prayer.....*

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins As we forgive those who sin against us Lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil For the Kingdom, the power, and the Glory are yours, Now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING EVENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

THE BLESSING (In Unison)

The time has gone. The prayers are made. And the honor is given to the One of no time and all time. To Him be glory in this world throughout all ages, time without end. Amen.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

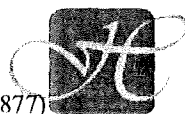
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - res - ting, un - has - ting, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor wan - ting nor was - ting, thou ru - lest in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bles - sed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would re - nder, O help us to see

al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and wi - ther and pe - rish but nought chang - est thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hi - deth thee.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.
 Tune: *Welsh melody*; harm. John Roberts (188-1877)



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The God of Abraham Praise



1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath de - pend.
 3. The heaven - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest;
 4. The God who reigns on high the great ar - chan - gels sing,

An - cient of E - ver - las - ting Days, and God of Love;
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heaven as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred li - ber - ty, and end - less rest.
 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry "Al - migh - ty King!

Je - ho - vah, great I AM! by earth and heaven con - fessed;
 I shall be - hold God's face; I shall God's power a - dore,
 There milk and ho - ney flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 Who was, and is, the same, and e - ver - more shall be:

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - e - ver blest.
 and sing the won - ders of God's grace for - e - ver - more.
 and trees of life for - e - ver grow with mer - cy crowned.
 Je - ho - vah, Lord, the great I AM, we wor - ship thee!"

Text: From *The Yigdal* of Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400;
 para. by Thomas Olivers, 1760; alt.
 Tune: Hebrew melody, *Sacred Harmony*, 1780;
 harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt



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Report of the Jurisprudence Committee

June 21, 2014

Recommends the Grand Council take action on the following changes to the general Regulations of this Grand Council.

New text is underlined; deleted text is ~~crossed out~~.

Article I. Section 3, (Grand Officer, How Selected), subsection (a)

Section 3 - Grand Officers, How Selected

(a) The officers of this Grand Council, ~~with the exception of~~ excepting the Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturer, District Deputies Grand Master, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Judge Advocate, Grand Historian, Grand Musician, and Grand Sentinel ~~and Assistant to the Grand Recorder~~ shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast.

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For the purpose of clarity, the provision, if adopted, will read as follows:

(a) The officers of this Grand Council, excepting the Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturer, District Deputies Grand Master, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Judge Advocate, Grand Historian, Grand Musician, and Grand Sentinel shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast.

Article I, Section 6, (Grand Master) subsection (l)

(l) To appoint Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and to receive and accredit Past Illustrious Masters as Representatives of such other Grand Councils near this Grand Council or demand their resignation; provided, however, that no Companion shall be accredited as Representative of more than one Grand Council at the same time, ~~nor hold elected or appointed Grand Council office~~. Any Grand Representative to this Grand Council who shall fail, without valid excuse, to attend, or make a report in writing, at two out of three consecutive Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be considered as to have offered to resign ~~resigning~~ his position as such Grand Representative, and the Grand Master is ~~authorized~~ empowered to accept such offer of resignation, or not, in his sole discretion, and if accepted to recommend to the Grand Council from which the Grand Representative received his

commission, the name of some other Companion to fill the vacancy thus created. Should the Grand Master's request to a Grand Council for the appointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York not be effected within six (6) months after the request has been made,

the Grand Master shall be empowered, in his sole discretion, to withdraw such request, through notice from the Grand Recorder and to recommend the Companion for appointment to another Grand Council. If a Grand Council shall not have responded to a request for such and appointment after the passage of one (1) year from the date upon which request therefor shall have been made, the Grand master shall, through notice from the Grand Recorder withdraw such request and may seek the appointment for the Companion from some other Grand Council.

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(1) To appoint Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and to receive and accredit Past Illustrious Masters as Representatives of such other Grand Councils near this Grand Council or demand their resignation; provided, however, that no Companion shall be accredited as Representative of more than one Grand Council at the same time. Any Grand Representative to this Grand Council who shall fail, without valid excuse, to attend, or make a report in writing, at two out of three consecutive Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be considered to have offered to resign his position as such Grand Representative, and the Grand Master is empowered to accept such offer of resignation, or not, in his sole discretion, and if accepted to recommend to the Grand Council from which the Grand Representative received his commission, the name of some other Companion to fill the vacancy thus created. Should the Grand Master's request to a Grand Council for the appointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York not be effected within six (6) months after the request has been made, the Grand Master shall be empowered, in his sole discretion, to withdraw such request, through notice from the Grand Recorder and to recommend the Companion for appointment to another Grand Council. If a Grand Council shall not have responded to a request for such and appointment after the passage of one (1) year from the date upon which request therefor shall have been made, the Grand master shall, through notice from the Grand Recorder withdraw such request and may seek the appointment for the Companion from some other Grand Council.

Article II, Section 24 (Annual Returns), subsection (a)

- (a) Each Council within this jurisdiction shall make Annual Returns to the Grand Council ~~for the term ending June 30th of all its work to May 31st~~ in each year on ~~blanks forms~~ provided by the Grand Council for that purpose, and cause the same, together with the ~~dues of the council~~ Grand Council and General Grand Council *per capita* dues to be transmitted to the Grand Recorder on or before July 10th following. A Council that fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall not be entitled to representation at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council nor shall any of the representatives of the

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Council be entitled to vote. ~~For a failure to transmit said return and to pay said dues by said date, the Council will not be allowed to vote.~~

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