

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

Of the State of New York

2017-2018

195th Annual Assembly



R. : I. : Richard C. Fowler
Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master
2017-2018

August 17th & 18th, 2018

The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center
Albany, N.Y.

AGENDA FOR THE 195th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

1.) The Opening of the 195th Annual Assembly

The Call To The 195th Annual Assembly Of The Grand Council Cryptic Masons Of The State Of New York

2.) The Minutes Of The 194th Annual Assembly Of The Grand Council Cryptic Masons Of The State Of New York

3.) The Annual Reports Of The Grand Line Officers

<i>Acting MIGM</i>	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>	<i>Grand Principal Conductor of the Work</i>
<i>Grand Captain of the Guard</i>	<i>Grand Conductor of the Council</i>	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>	<i>Grand Steward</i>	<i>Grand Fraternal Correspondent (None)</i>
<i>Grand Historian (None)</i>	<i>Judge Advocate</i>	

4.) The Annual Committee Reports

<i>By-Laws Review & Jurisprudence</i>	<i>Long Range Planning (None)</i>
<i>Condition & Extension of the Rite</i>	<i>Membership</i>
<i>Masonic Education & Communications</i>	<i>Concordant Bodies & Youth</i>
<i>Library & Museum (In GPCW Report)</i>	<i>Vespers & Necrology</i>
<i>Ritual (See Grand Lecturer's Report)</i>	<i>Northeast Cryptic Festival</i>
<i>Northeastern York Rite Conference</i>	<i>Cryptic Newsletter (None)</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>Masonic Veterans (None)</i>

5.) Annual Reports From The District Deputy Grand Masters

No Summary Reports for Districts #1; #4; #7

6.) Grand Lecturer's Annual Report and the AGL Annual Reports

No Summary AGL Reports for Districts #1; #2; #6; #7

7.) Annual Grand Treasurer's Report

<i>Financial Accounting for 2017-18 Budget</i>	<i>Escrow Accounting for 2017-18</i>
<i>Budget for 2017-18 Comparison</i>	<i>Financial Review/Audit for 2017-18</i>

8.) Annual Grand Recorder's Report

<i>The Office of the Grand Recorder</i>	<i>Financials for 2017-2018</i>
<i>Proposed Budget for 2018-19</i>	

9.) Annual Report of the Trustees of Grand Council

10.) Annual Awards Report

Greetings, Attendance, Meritorious Ish Sodi, Ish Sodi, and other Awards

11.) The Annual Allocution of the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master

12.) The Annual Grand Council Charity Corporation Meeting

<i>Agenda</i>	<i>Minutes</i>	<i>Annual Summary</i>	<i>Financial Review/Audit</i>
<i>Charitable Distribution</i>	<i>Election of Directors</i>	<i>Charity Fund Awards Presentations</i>	
<i>Guest Speaker from NY Children's Tumor Foundation – Angela Dumadag</i>			

13.) The Report on The Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address

14.) The Report of the Registration and Credentials Committee

15.) The Election of Officers

16.) The Address of The Newly Installed Most Illustrious Grand Master

17.) The Conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree

17.) The Remarks of The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of NY

18.) The Closing of The 195th Annual Assembly

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE CALL TO THE 195th Annual Assembly

April 2018

Official Notice is hereby given that the One Hundred Ninety-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 17, 2018** at the **Desmond Hotel and Conference Center** at **660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211** and continuing through **Saturday, August 18, 2018**.

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

HEADQUARTERS: The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center at 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211. Room Reservations with the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center made by direct phone line: (518) 869-8100. Toll Free number to call if direct line is unavailable 1-800-448-3500. Mention that you are with The Grand Council of the State of NY for \$115.00 rate plus tax.

REGISTRATION: Friday, August 17, 2018: Noon to 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 18, 2018: 7:30 – 10:00 AM opposite the meeting room. Registration and Credentials will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 18th. Certificates of Appointment as Proxies for the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, bearing the Council Seal, should be presented to the Credentials Desk before the Opening of the Grand Council. **Aprons are to be worn in all Tiled Sessions. Don't forget to bring yours.**

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

The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018

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| 9:30 - 11:00 AM | Conference: Directors of the Grand Council Charity Corp. |
| 11:00 - 12:00 PM | Conference: Grand Council Line Officers & Past Grand Masters |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 5:00 PM | Conference: Grand Council Line Officers & Past Grand Masters |
| 1:00 - 5:00 PM | Hospitality Suite will be open |
| 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Welcome Buffet – Informal! All are Welcome. Reservations & Tickets required.
(Dress Code: Casual Dress for All) |
| 7:45 PM | Opening of the 195 th Annual Assembly
(Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket & Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: Tuxedo & Purple/Black Tie; Companions: Jacket and Tie. All Wear Aprons If Available!) |
| | Business Conducted:
Reception of Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council Officers
Roll Call of Councils; Previous Minutes; Appointment of Committees
Resolutions by PMIGMs
<u>Reports of:</u>
Website; Education, Membership & Public Relations; Library & Museum;
Ritual Committee; Grand Lecturer and Awards; Condition & Extension of the Rite; Grand Historian; Jurisprudence & By-Laws Committee; Trustees of Grand Council; Grand Treasurer; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master. |
| 9:15 PM | Vesper Service
(The Offering for the evening will go to the Grand Council Charity Fund) |
| 9:45 PM | Recess. Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM. |

Saturday, August 18, 2018

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

Breakfast on Your Own

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

Recess For Lunch

NOON LUNCHEON (Reservation and Tickets required)

Reconvene Business of the Annual Assembly

1:15 PM RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
Business Conducted: Reports of: Ish Sodi & Awards; Committee on the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address; Time & Place Committee; Credentials; Election of Officers; Unfinished Business; Tiled Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect; Closing of the 195th Annual Assembly.
3:00 PM Public Installation of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters - Ladies & Guests Invited
4:15-5:30 PM Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
(Per Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council, ALL newly elected Illustrious Masters are required to receive this degree prior to presiding in his elected office.)
6:00 PM Social Hour prior to the Grand Council Annual Banquet - Cash Bar
7:00 PM GRAND BANQUET
(With Remarks and Presentation of Awards - Reservations & Tickets required)
{Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket and Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions: Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie; Ladies: Semi-Formal}
9:30 PM Hospitality Suite will be open until 11:30 PM.

Fraternally,

Attest:

***R.: I.: Richard C. Fowler
Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master***

***M.: I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM
Grand Recorder***

MEAL DESCRIPTIONS

Friday's Welcome Buffet:

The Shaker Buffet: Soup du jour; Sliced Seasonal Fruit; Garden Salad with assorted dressings; Caesar Salad; Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter; Hunter style chicken breast; Lemon Sole with caper butter; Sliced Sirloin au poivre; Penne pasta with roasted vegetables, Pesto infused olive oil; au gratin potatoes and Chef's choice of seasonal vegetable. Desserts will be Desmond Bread Pudding with English custard; Chocolate layer cake; Mini Viennese pastries and Fresh Brewed Coffees/Teas and Lemonade.

Saturday's Lunch (Men & Women):

Courtyard Buffet: Desmond Salad Bar - mixed greens, bacon bits, garbanzo beans, croutons, sunflower seeds cucumbers, tomatoes, broccoli florets, carrot sticks, celery sticks, olives assorted dressings. Diced seasonal fruit; Soup du jour; Chef's daily salad (varies); Assorted sandwiches and wraps; Chef's daily selection of two hot entrees, to include beef, pork, chicken or seafood (varies); Chef attended pasta station (varies daily); Fresh baked rolls with butter; Desmond bread pudding with English custard; Chef's dessert selections. Fresh Brewed Coffees/Teas and Lemonade.

Saturday Banquet:

Social Hour: 6:00 PM

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

Dinner: 7:00 PM

All Entrees will include a Served Garden Fresh Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings. Fresh Assorted Baked Rolls with Creamy Butter. Chef's choice of Vegetable. Coffees/Teas/Lemonade Station. Choice of Main Entrée of one of the following:

- a.) Roasted NY Sirloin of Beef: Sliced Sirloin, demi-glace, potatoe provencale and chef 's choice of vegetable. Dessert will be NY Cheese Cake.
- b.) Chicken Francaise: Boneless Chicken Breast dredged in Parmesan Egg Batter, Lemon Butter Sauce, Vegetable Rice Pilaf and Chef's choice of vegetable. Dessert will be NY Cheese Cake.
- c.) Hoisin Glazed Salmon: Glazed piece of Salmon served over Asian Vegetable Stir Fry, Lemongrass scented rice. Dessert will be NY Cheese Cake.

PAYMENT: Checks made out to "Adelphic Council No. 7 - Grand Master's Fund"

MINUTES OF THE 194th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The 194th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday, August 18th and Saturday, August 19, 2017 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Rochester Airport, Rochester, NY.

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

A Council of Select Masters was opened by the Illustrious Master and Companions of Doric Council No. 19 and NunDaWaGa Council No. 92 on Friday August 18th at 7:45 PM. The Officers of Grand Council were received into the Council and formed lines for the reception of the Most Illustrious Garry R. Hutchurson, Most Illustrious Grand Master at 8:00 PM. M.:I.:Hutchurson was received and escorted to the East where private Grand Honors were accorded. He thanked the Companions of Doric and Nundawaga Councils for their service this evening and asked they vacate their stations and that the Grand Line Officers assume their respective stations and places for the Grand Council Annual Assembly.

ENTERED:

The Most Worshipful Jeffrey M. Williamson Grand Master of Masters in the State of NY under escort by the Grand Marshal, R.:W.:James R. Kintzel was received and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors. A welcome was extended to him by Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson and he was accorded a seat in the East.

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:

In accordance with New York State Fire Laws, the Most Illustrious Grand Master advised the Companions of the exits in case of emergency. He then 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 lobby outside the doors to the Assembly room.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson asked the Grand Recorder if any Councils where not entitled to vote at this Annual Assembly. The Grand Recorder reported that all Councils of this jurisdiction were entitled to vote.

Most Illustrious Grand Master requested that the Grand Recorder call the Roll of the Councils to determine a constitutional quorum was present. Councils present were: Columbian No. 1; Union #2; Adelphic #7; Rotica #12; Central City #13; Bloss DeWitt Clinton #14; Buffalo-Keystone #17; King Hiram #18; Doric #19; Dunkirk #25; King Solomon #31; Hornellsville #35; Adoniram #36; St. George's #74; SkoiYase #75; Suffolk #76; Faltbush #80; Oneonta #87; Northshore #88; Cayuga #90; Hamburg #91; Nundawaga #92; Goshen #93; and King David #97. Grand Recorder informed the Most Illustrious Grand Master that a quorum was duly present. Most Illustrious Grand Master then declared the 194th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of NY duly opened in ample form.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of R.:I.:Robert G. Ball #19, Co-Chairman; R.:I.:Vernon G. Rupert #92, Co-Chairman; R.:I.:Kenneth Kohlhagen #92; R.:I.:Norman P. Austin and R.:I.:George Emmons #76 if needed.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed a Committee to reply to the Grand Master's Address, consisting of M.:I.: Richard Anderson, Chairman; M.:I.:E. William Whittaker and M.:I.:Harley DeShane.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1] A Motion that the minutes of the 193rd Annual Assembly as distributed in the packet and will be printed on the 2016-17 Proceedings CD as amended be approved by M.:I.:E. William Whittaker.
- 2] A Motion that the reports of the Elected Grand Line Officers, from Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

to the Grand Judge Advocate inclusive, as are printed or will be published on the 2016-17 Proceedings CD, be approved by M.:I.:Joseph Pozefsky

- 3] A Motion that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except at such time as provided by the Constitutions by M.:I.:Donald Harrison.
- 4] A motion that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business by 1:45 PM on Saturday, August 19, 2017; and that nominating speeches be limited to three [3] minutes and that seconding speeches to two [2] minutes by M.:I.:Francis Karwowski.
- 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 by M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson.

All Motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously. Copies of all Annual Reports can be found in the handout packet at the Registration desk. All other reports will be made as part of the permanent record of this 194th Annual Assembly upon motion.

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE REPORT:

The Report of the Committee on the Condition and Extension of the Rite was highlighted by R.:I.:Curtis Banks, Deputy Grand Master. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously adopted and to be spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

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

(Report was given Saturday, August 19th) The Grand Lecturer's Report was given by R.:I.: Stuart W. Card. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report and to spread it full in the proceedings of this Assembly. No request for modifications of our present ritual was received this year. Ritual presentation has greatly improved over the past few years. So we see an upward movement in a positive way with performing the ritual. Still work to be done, too many still reading from books.

The Assistant Grand Lecturers were recognized and each personally thanked by the Grand Master for their work in the past Cryptic Year, and given Grand Honors. On motion duly seconded to receive the printed AGL reports in the packet. Motion passed unanimously to receive the reports and spread them in full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

REPORT ON THE WEB SITE:

A report on the Web Site was given by R.:I.: John Gallant, Webmaster; a motion was made, duly seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report and to spread it full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

The report was given by R.:I.: Curtis Banks. A motion was made, duly seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report and to spread it full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT:

The report was given by R.:I.:Phillip Chandler. A motion was made, duly seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report and to spread full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

RITUAL COMMITTEE: *(Report was given Saturday, August 19th)*

R.:I.:Stuart Card reported that there is no written report since no changes to the Ritual were presented this year as he mentioned in his Grand Lecturer's Report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN:

The report of R.:I.:Stephen J. Lovasz, Grand Historian as printed in the Assembly Packet was highlighted and on motion, duly seconded and passed unanimously to receive the report and to spread full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Chairman gave the following report: The committee recommends the approval of the By-Law change for Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17 and King Hiram Council No. 18. The Committee recommends its concurrence with the Grand Master action to temporary suspend the Warrant of Peekskill Council No. 55 and recommends that the Assembly suspend permanently Peekskill Council (to close it) for failure to meet and that it seems highly unlikely to meet again after much resolve these past five years by the Grand Council. On motion and duly seconded the Warrant of Peekskill Council was lifted and the Council closed permanently. All records, property and funds of the former Peekskill Council must be transmitted to Grand Recorders Office as soon as possible with a copy of the latest Roster of known membership so Companions can be notified of the Grand Council Assembly's action and their membership as at Large Members of Grand Council. The Committee recommended concurrence and endorse the Resolution for Mutual Recognition between Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of NY and Jurisdiction and that of Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY. The Assembly by unanimous voice vote approved of the Mutual Recognition Resolution. A hearty round of applause was extended. On motion and duly seconded and passed unanimously to receive the Jurisprudence Committee report and spread it full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

R.:I.:Harvey Eysman presented his report. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously adopted and to be spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:

M.:I.:Paul B. Matthews presented no report of his own. The Grand Recorder moved to receive the written highlighted report on the Grand Council of Florida as submitted by R.:I.:William J. Thomas, Grand Representative, duly seconded and passed unanimously and to be spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly. The Grand Recorder reported for information that jurisdictions are beginning to move away from exchange of Grand Representatives and having direct communication between Grand Recorder Offices for communication on proceedings, etc.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF GRAND COUNCIL: *(Report was given on Saturday August 19th)*

M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson on behalf of the Trustees of Grand Council presented the Annual Trustee Report which was printed and in the packet. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously adopted and to be made a part of the annual proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER: *(Report given on Saturday, August 19th)*

The report on the 2016-17 Operating Budget (Income and Expenses), the full reports were printed in the packet was given by R.:I.:George Emmons, Grand Treasurer. M.:I.:Roberts made a motion that the reports be accepted and spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly, it was duly seconded and passed unanimously. R.:I.:Emmons spoke on the Escrow Funds and that this coming year hopefully we will have updated these with appropriate transfer of funds from the Operating Account because of the unavailability of funds for the past several years. But with the increase in Per Capita in place we should have funds available to get these accounts up to date now. He moved the Escrow Funds report be accepted and spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly, motion duly seconded and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE: *(Report given on Saturday, August 19th)*

The report was printed in the packet and M.:I.: Donald Harrison on behalf of committee asked the report be received and spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly, the motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REORT:

The annual reports were printed in the packet and R.:I.:Emmons and M.:I.:Roberts asked that the comparison summary on 2016-17 Budget and the proposed 2017-18 Budget be accepted as presented and spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly. Motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously. There

was mention by the Grand Recorder that he will continue to downsize expenses where feasible for the 2017-18 Budget as the year proceeds.

REPORT OF THE CONCORDANT BODIES AND YOUTH COMMITTEES:

M.:I.: Roberts Grand Recorder presented this annual report as printed in the packet. It was moved and duly second and unanimously carried to receive the report and to spread it in full in the proceedings of this Assembly.

LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT:

M.:I.: Richard Anderson speaking on the behalf of the Committee highlighted the Long Range Planning report in the annual packet. He then moved to accept and spread it full in the proceedings of this Annual Assembly, the motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

REPORT BY THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: *(Report given on Saturday, August 19th)*

R.:I.: Curtis Banks highlighted his written report in the packet and moved that it be accepted and spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly. Motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

The Grand Master 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 8:30AM Saturday, August 19, 2017 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and Ladies, followed by the Necrology Report and remaining business of the Grand Council. All were invited to attend the Hospitality Room following the Vespers Service.

The Annual Assembly was then called from Labor to refreshment, to resume labor at the sound of the gavel in the East on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 8:30 AM. The Grand Conductor of the Council attended to the altar and Grand Captain of the Guard did so notify the Grand Sentinel.

VESPERS SERVICE:

The Vespers Service was conducted under the direction of Most Illustrious Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain, at 9:15 PM. A copy of the Order of Service is appended to these minutes to be included in the proceedings of this Assembly.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was reconvened in Public session by M.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson, Most Illustrious Grand Master on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following delegations were received and greeted personally in the East by the Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson, Deputy Grand Master Banks and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Fowler: Grand Councils of Connecticut; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Ohio; Ontario Canada; Pennsylvania; Virginia; Vermont; NY Organization of Triangles, Inc.; NY International Order for Rainbow; NY DeMolay; Grand Chapter of NY, Royal Arch Masons; Grand Commandery Knights Templar of NY; General Grand Council International. See attached addendum for the list of attendees.

The Elected And Appointed Grand Lodge Officers of NY were received into the Assembly. Right Worshipful William M. Sardone, Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge of NY was received under escort and accorded Grand Honors and a seat in the East. Most Worshipful Jeffrey M. Williamson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York was received under escort and accorded Grand Honors and a seat in the East.

NECROLOGY REPORT:

The Necrology Report was given under the direction of the Grand Chaplains. M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM gave eulogies for M.:I.: Gordon W. Hathway; M.:I.: Raymond R. Beardsley; M.:I.: Reuben E. Long; M.:I.: Richard C. Hadley; R.:I.: Charles H. Lee, Grand Chaplain; and R.:I.: & M.:W.: Bruce W. Widger, Grand Representative. Highlighted as well were Ladies Lila Beardsley and Sandy Robling. See the

written Necrology Service for details.

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED TO LABOR:

Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson excused all non-Cryptic Masons, Ladies and Guests from the Assembly room and then gaveled the 194th Annual Assembly to order and it was reconvened at 10:05AM on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

RECOGNITION OF 2016-2017 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

The District Deputy Grand Masters were recognized and personally thanked by M.:I.: Hutchurson for their service this past Cryptic year. He greeted all who were present in the East and they were accorded Grand Honors. M.:I.: Roberts moved that the annual reports of the DDGMs in the packet be accepted and spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly. Motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RECEPTION AND GREETING OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS:

The Past Grand Masters were introduced and asked to rise and approach the East to be personally recognized and thanked by M.:I.: Hutchurson and they were accorded Grand Honors. Those present: M.:I.: Lester Weinheimer; M.:I.: Joseph A. Peloso; M.:I.: Paul B. Matthews; M.:I.: E. William Whittaker; M.:I.: Donald Harrison; M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts; M.:I.: Francis I. Karwowski; M.:I.: David H. Raymond; M.:I.: Richard C. Anderson; M.:I.: Harley R. Deshane. Those excused were: M.:I.: Fred G. Hickey; M.:I.: Earle J. Hino, Jr.; M.:I.: John P. Nosal; M.:I.: Edward P. Fagan; M.:I.: Victor S. Versace; M.:I.: Arnold E. Palmer; M.:I.: Leonard W. Mason.

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives was called, those present were presented in the East, and personally thanked by M.:I.: Hutchurson. All who were present were accorded Grand Honors. See attached sheet for names of those present.

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE VISITING JURISDICTIONS:

MIGM Gary L. Paquet of the Grand Council of Michigan expressed the sincere thanks and appreciation for all the hospitality and courtesies extended to the Visitors this weekend. He talked about friendship and the forging of the same and the beauty to visit other jurisdictions and how it is a pleasure to be here in NY State not only for himself but all the visiting dignitaries. He was accorded a round of applause.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO OUR VISITORS:

The Most Illustrious Grand Master with the assistance of the Grand Recorder presented Honorary Membership certificates to all our Visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters from our Sister Jurisdictions.

ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT

Upon order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Puissant Charles McCollum, Asst. RDGGM was extended the gavel of authority and assumed the East for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Secret Vault. He invited Right Puissant Rev. Charles M. Roberts, GGCC Chaplain of the East and M.:I.: Frank Karwowski, PSV Recipient to assist in convening a College of Honor for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Secret Vault upon MI David H. Raymond and MI Garry R. Hutchurson. Each was asked to give remarks if they wish. RP McCollum at the conclusion of the College of Honor ceremony returned the gavel of authority back to MI Hutchurson. Our Grand Master was quite surprised by the honor just received.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

Most Illustrious called for The Annual Report of the Grand Recorder which was given by M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts. He also gave the Annual Report on the Membership of the Grand Council for the previous year. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the reports as read and that each be made a part of the proceedings of this Annual Assembly.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ALLOCUTION:

M.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson turned the gavel of authority over to the Deputy Grand Master Banks, and he gave his Most Illustrious Grand Master's Allocation. A sounding round of applause was given to MI Hutchurson for his dedication to our Craft these past one and half years. Deputy Grand Master Banks ordered the Allocation turned over to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, for reporting on later today after Lunch. The gavel was returned to the Most Illustrious Grand Master for presiding. The Allocation is appended to these minutes.

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:

The hour being 11:00 AM the Grand Council Charity Corporation was called to order for its Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation. M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, President presided for the meeting. See attached written report for details. Certificates & Solomon Arch Awards were then presented. The Corporate meeting was adjourned upon motion at 11:40 AM.

REMARKS OF MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NY:

Our Grand Master M.:W.: Jeffrey M. Williamson addressed the Assembly. He thanked MI Hutchurson for his service even under some adverse times of last year. He highlighted what has been happening on the Grand Lodge level. His theme of "A Way Life," and the programs of Guarding the West Gate and Northstar have generated much enthusiasm and a rebuilding of our craft. He deeply regrets though the number of Masonic trials that still come before him for adjudication. He hopes that these would soon decrease in the coming years. He gave an inspiring message on Masonic relationships and living as true Masons and the important role Grand Council, though small in size to the other concordant bodies, it plays a very significant role in the historical understanding of Masonry. He thanked the Grand Council for all the courtesies that had been extended to him for the weekend and looks further to speak at the Banquet in the evening.

LUNCHEON:

Most Illustrious Grand Master ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call The Assembly to recess until 1:15 PM for lunch. The Grand Chaplain gave a blessing for lunch.

RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The Annual Assembly was reconvened by Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson at 1:20 PM in the Assembly room.

BRIEF REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED PRESIDING OFFICERS IN THE EAST

Most Illustrious Grand Master invited the M.:E.: Bruce Testut, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of NY, Royal Arch Masons to address the Assembly at this time. He gave his remarks and was accorded a round of applause.

Most Illustrious Grand Master invited the Right Eminent Grand Commander SK Richard Kerimoglu, Grand Commandery of NY, Knights Templar to address the Assembly at this time. He gave his remarks and was accorded a round of applause.

ISH-SODI AND AWARDS:

The report was given by M.:I.: Richard C. Anderson, and the awards were presented by M.:I.: Richard C. Anderson with M.:I.: Hutchurson assisting. Meritorious Ish-Sodi Awards: R.:I.: Curtis A. Banks, Flatbush Council No. 80 {27 Petitions}; R.:I.: Phillip J. Chandler, Rotica Council No. 12 {25 Petitions}. Ish Sodi Awards: R.:I.: Earl L. Tuttle, Central City Council No. 13 {5 Petitions}; Companion Grant Held, Adelphic Council No. 7 {6 Petitions}. Most Greetings this Cryptic Year: Flatbush Council No. 80 {16 New Companions}. Membership Gains & Attendance Awards: Greetings of 5 or More Companions: Columbian Council No. 1 {7 New Companions} and St. George's Council No. 74 {6 New Companions}; 10% or Greater Increase in Membership: Buffalo-Keystone No. 17 {5 New Companions for 11% increase} and King David Council No. 97 {4 New Companions for 20% increase}. Best Attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly (Not the host Council): Rotica Council #12 had 13 Companions present. The following Awards were presented at the Annual Banquet: Grand Council State of NY Cryptic Mason of the Year and NY Giles Fonda Yates Medal

Award; General Grand Council International Cryptic Mason of the Year, General Grand Council International Adult Youth Leadership Award, and the Lady of the Council Award.

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

M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson reporting for the Committee on the Grand Master's address made a motion to accept the MIGM Hutchurson's Address, and that the Committee commends him for all his hard work and accomplishments this past year even with some difficult personal and family health issues. The Committee congratulates him on all the work he was able to accomplish. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously to spread in full the Most Illustrious Grand Master's message in the proceedings of this Annual Assembly. PMIGM Anderson also congratulated the Grand Recorder and other Officers for stepping up in their roles to assist the Most Illustrious Grand Master during this year.

BRIEF REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED PRESIDING OFFICERS IN THE EAST

Most Illustrious Grand Master invited the Right Puissant Charles McCollum, Assistant Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International to address the Assembly at this time. He gave his remarks and was accorded a round of applause.

Most Illustrious Grand Master invited the Right Worshipful William M. Sardone, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NY to address the Assembly at this time. He gave his remarks and was accorded a round of applause.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:

The report of the Time and Place Committee for the 195th Annual Assembly was given by I.:Anthony Echevarria, Adelpic Council No. 7. The 195th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY will be held on August 17 - 18, 2018 at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, NY.

CREDENTIALS:

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by R.:I.:Vernon G. Rupert of Nundawaga Council No.92 Co-Chariman of the Committee as follows: There were 18 Illustrious Masters; 8 Deputy Masters; 3 Principal Conductors of the Work; 68 Past Illustrious Masters; 15 Select Masters; 17 Official Visitors and 40 Ladies were present for this 194th Annual Assembly. **TOTAL PRESENT: 169 (129 Men and 40 Ladies). Total Eligible Votes: 129.** Joseph Warren Cryptic Council No. 37 and Fulton Council #50 had no representation at this Assembly. The following Councils did not have any Council Officer representation at the Grand Assembly: Bloss DeWitt Clinton; Dunkirk; Ahwaga; Fulton; Hamburg; Goshen. Fulton Council No. 50 had no representation at all. The Most Illustrious Grand Master requested if any Council or Companion entitled to vote did not secure their ballots they must secure your ballots immediately since we are going into Elections next.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following Companions were appointed tellers for the elections: M.:I.:Joseph Pozeksky, III. Steven Shearer, and R.:I.:Ronald Baulmer. The Companions were reminded to the time limitations on nominating and seconding speeches by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The gavel was turned over to M.:I.:E. William Whittaker to conduct the Election of Officers for the 2017-2018 Cryptic Year.

R.:I.:Edmund Harrison placed in Nomination for the Office of Most Illustrious Grand Master, R.:I.:Curtis A. Banks. The Nomination was duly seconded by R.:I.:Leon Weinstein. No further nominations were made. Nominations were declared closed. The Tellers found one unanimous ballot for R.:I.:Curtis A. Banks as Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Assembly extended him a round of applause. He thanked all and agreed to serve.

A motion was made by M.:I.:Paul B. Matthews and seconded by M.:I.:Harley DeShane that all elected Grand Line Officers be "moved up" or advanced one station in line as they were all unchallenged. The Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for the slate of Grand Line Officers. One ballot was found for the slate of officers duly elected by the Tellers. All accepted to serve in their new office.

The Office of Grand Steward was now in order. The only declared candidate was I.:Richard Kerimoglu. He was placed in nomination and duly seconded. There being no other nominations the Assembly elected I.:Kerimoglu by acclamation. The tellers found one unanimous ballot for I.:Kerimoglu. He accepted to serve.

M.:I.:Charles Roberts moved that R.:I.:George D. Emmons who is running unopposed for Grand Treasurer be elected by unanimous ballot and the motion was duly seconded. The Grand Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for R.:I.:Emmons. One unanimous Ballot was found by the Tellers. He accepted to serve.

R.:I.:George Emmons moved that M.:I.:Charles M. Roberts who is running unopposed for Grand Recorder be elected by unanimous ballot and the motion was duly seconded. R.:I.:Emmons was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for M.:I.:Charles M. Roberts. One unanimous Ballot was found by the tellers. He accepted to serve. He is in hopes to have an Assistant Grand Recorder appointed this year too.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LINE:

THE ELECTED OFFICERS: M.:I.:Curtis A Banks, Most Illustrious Grand Master; R.:I.:Richard C. Fowler, Deputy Grand Master; R.:I.:Phillip J. Chandler, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; R.:I.:George D. Emmons, Grand Treasurer; M.:I.:Charles M. Roberts, Grand Recorder; R.:I.:John A. Gallant, Grand Captain of the Guard; R.:I.:Stephen A. Rubinstein, Grand Conductor of the Council; R.:I.:Donald R. Kunego, Grand Marshal; R.:I.:Daniel D. Elliott, Grand Standard Bearer; and R.:I.:Richard Kerimoglu, Grand Steward.

THE APPOINTED OFFICERS: R.:I.:Anthony Echeverria, Adelphic Council #7, Grand Sentinel; R.:I.:Stuart W. Card, Grand Lecturer; R.:I.:Kenneth J. Lockard, Assistant to Grand Treasurer; R.:I.:Jose Valencia, R.:I.:Stenrick Adams, R.:I.:Mark D. Issacs, M.:I.:Charles M. Roberts, Grand Chaplains; M.:I.:Paul B. Matthews, Grand Fraternal Correspondent; R.:I.:Harvey Eysman, Judge Advocate; R.:I.:Stephen J. Lovasz, Grand Historian; R.:I.:David E. Shire, R.:I.:Eric S. Howd, R.:I.:Gerald F. Irwin, Grand Musicians; R.:I.:John A. Gallant, Webmaster; R.:I.:Stephen P. Koch, Newsletter Editor; Assistant to Grand Recorder I.:Kenneth R. Howe, Jr., Doric Council #19.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE FOR THE GRAND COUNCIL:

It was moved by R.:I.:Curtis Banks and duly seconded by R.:I.:George Emmons that M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson be reelected as a Trustee of the Grand Council to succeed himself for the next three years. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and the Grand Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot to elect R.:I.:Anderson to a three year (3) term as Trustee of the Grand Council. He agreed to serve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Most Illustrious Grand Master called for any unfinished business at this time. It was declared that there was no unfinished business to come before this Annual Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MIGM Hutchurson announced the Time and Room for the Thrice Illustrious Master degree which will follow the Public Installation of Officers. He announced that the Public Installation would be at 3 PM in this room including Ladies and guests which are to be invited. The arrangements for the Banquet this evening (6 pm Social Hour and 7 PM dinner) and the Hospitality Room be open after Installation for short time and then after the Banquet. The Basket Raffle will take place after public installation and TIM or whenever Wendy says so.

DEPARTURE OF THE GRAND MASTER:

The Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson handed the gavel of authority to the Installing Officer for the private installation of our new Most Illustrious Grand Master, M.:I.:Charles M. Roberts and took his leave under escort from the Annual Assembly with a round of applause.

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

The tiled installation of M.:I.:Curtis A. Banks took place, with M.:I.:Roberts inviting to the East M.:I.:Frank I. Karwowski, PMIGM who conducted the private Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand

Master-Elect. The Grand Master following his private Installation and Grand Honors just highlighted his address at this time and stated his full address would be given at the Public Installation Ceremony.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF GRAND LINE OFFICERS:

The Public installation of Grand Line Officers was then conducted by M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM as Presiding Officer, M.:I.:E. William Whittaker, PMIGM as the installing Marshal and M.:I.: Frank I Karwowski as the Installing Chaplain. Full Ceremony was conducted. MIGM Banks was installed into office during the Public Installation by M.:I.: Frank I. Karwowski, PMIGM. The MIGM Banks installed his District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing Cryptic year who were present. Others not present to be invested into office and certificates will be presented to them then. The Grand Lecturer installed his District Assistant Grand Lecturers who were present. The MIGM Banks gave his address following ceremony of Installation.

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 either at this Annual Assembly on Saturday, August 19, 2017 or at the makeup TIM degree at St. George's Council No. 74 on October 21, 2017. Those Illustrious Masters receiving the degree today were as follows: Henry Colon, Columbian No. 1; Anthony Echevarria, Adelphic No. 7; Earl Wilkinson, Rotica No. 12; George Reed, Central City No. 13; G. Franklin Gaskill, Buffalo Keystone No. 17; John Burger, Doric No. 19; Wilbur Corrington, Ahwaga No. 30; Terry Mehlenbacher, Hornellsville No. 35; Luis Fujimoto, Adoniram No. 36; Keith Becker, Joseph Warren Cryptic No. 37; Richard James, St. George's No. 74; Jamie Kaim, SkoiYase No. 75; Charles Raymond, Suffolk No. 76; Gill Calderon, Flatbush No. 80; Steven Shearer, Oneonta No. 87; Joshua DeLeon, North Shore No. 88; Robert Drzewucki, Hamburg No. 91; Robert Hyman, Jr., Nundawaga No. 92 and James Babcock, King David No. 97. Ill. A. Harry Williams of King Solomon's Council No. 31 was not present today and so he needs to attend TIM makeup date.

THE GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET:

Took place at 7:00PM. Youth Group Leaders gave their speeches and M.:I.: Hutchurson presented to each Youth Group a monetary gift from the Grand Council. Additional presentations and awards were presented by Grand Master Hutchurson and Right Puissant Charles McCollum, Asst. RDGGM of the General Grand Council International. Awards given were the NY Cryptic Mason of the Year to R.:I.: Phillip J. Chandler; General Grand Adult Youth Leader to R.:I.: Edward T. Bartels; General Grand Cryptic Mason of the Year to R.:I.: Vernon G. Rupert and Ladies of the Council from International were: Maureen Emmons, Nancy L. Maldari and Barbara A. Kunego. MIGM Special Recognition Award to Mrs. Mary Madison, Executive Director of Organization of Triangles, Inc. for her long time service. The NY Giles Fonda Yates Medal Award for Outstanding Service to the Craft and Community was presented to R.:I.: Jose L. Valencia, Jr. Grand Chaplain. Due to illness R.:I.: Valencia was not able to be present this evening and would receive the Award from M.:I.: Roberts at his home at a later date. MI Hutchurson was recognized by General Grand Council with a plaque for his service and he was presented his life membership card in GGC.

Words of wisdom were delivered by our all distinguished Guests of the East. MIGM Hutchurson gave some closing remarks of thanks and introduced the Most Worship Jeffrey M. Williamson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York for concluding remarks.

The benediction was given and all assembled retired in Peace and Harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM

Grand Recorder

Report of the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master 2017-2018

My Companions,

It was with great shock that I was notified that I was to be your Acting Grand Master so soon after Grand Chapter. Many plans were immediately changed and thoughts and prayers were offered to the Great Architect for guidance and support. With the knowledge of the support of family and fraternity I accepted the mantle to try to move our Grand Council forward.

I had planned on visiting those councils of the 6th and 7th Districts that I had not made an official visitation to while proceeding through the line. With that in mind, I have visited Rotica #12, Central City #13, King Hiram #18, Fulton #50 and King David #97 of the 6th Cryptic District. I also visited Ahwaga #30 and Cayuga #90 of the 7th Cryptic District during my time as Acting Grand Master.

I have represented our Grand Council as Acting Grand Master at the Quad-State Cryptic Festival held in Meriden, CT while taking part in the Royal Master Degree. I also warned them that as we were "in New York" while the degree was being performed, any cell phone interruption would be subject to the customary fee of \$25.00 to be forwarded to our Cryptic Charities. This was met with much appreciation and kind comments.

The month of May found your Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master attending Grand Lodge in New York City and experiencing the honor of sitting in the Grand East. I then traveled to St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada to represent our Grand Council at the Annual Grand Assembly of Cryptic Masons of Ontario, Canada and was received with great enthusiasm. While there I was honored with membership in their Grand Council as well as in Ontario Priory No. 49 KYCH. The following weekend I attended the homecoming of Most Worshipful Jeffrey M. Williamson, Past Grand Master in Buffalo.

June was also a busy month as I was in Killington, Vermont for their Grand York Session. What a change to see the ski paths green instead of white although there was still a patch of leftover snow at the top of the ski run. We were told that the ski season had its latest closing on record [June 1st]. The St. John's Day festivities rounded out the activities of the month with the parade and presentation of the commissions to the new Grand Lodge officers.

I had the honor to represent our Grand Council at the Annual Convention of NY DeMolay held at the Utica College Auditorium on August 4th. What a privilege to be in the presence of so many fine young men and ladies. Our future indeed looks very good.

Respectfully and Zealously submitted,

R. I. Richard Fowler,
Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master

Report of the Deputy Grand Master 2017-2018

During the period of time while in the office of Deputy Grand Master I began contemplating my ascension to the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master and what I needed to accomplish. Appointments, fundraising, travel, etc. All of this, while being "short-listed" into my office, having skipped the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work office. What a task.

I was present with our Grand Line and received at Grand Commandery in September. The next venue was the combined reception for MIGM Curtis Banks and SK Stenrick Adams, REGC of Grand Commandery New York Knights Templar. While I was on my family vacation trip to Plymouth, MA, I attended the Grand York Session of Massachusetts in Mansfield, MA. I then traveled to Grand Chapter of New York, Royal Arch Mason's Grand Convocation in March in Albany, NY where I also attended the Concordant Bodies meeting. It was during the week after Grand Chapter Convocation that I received word of my being moved up to the office of Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of New York State.

The rest of my activities will be reported under the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master's report to the companions.

Thank you for all the support, as I represented Cryptic Masons of New York as your Deputy Grand Master and as Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master this year. I look forward to my term as Most Illustrious Grand Master with much anticipation.

Respectfully and Zealously submitted,

R. I. Richard Fowler,
Deputy Grand Master

Report of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works 2017-18

Companions,

During my visits in the 6th and 7th Districts I found quite a variety of circumstances and problems facing our Councils. Some are thriving and have no problems worthy of mention. On the other side we have two that have problems which have not have been addressed for several years. Now we are looking into mergers to consolidate the Councils.

During my visits I always addressed Our Charities as they ar a huge part of who we are and why we exist. The papers for the Solomon Arch Society were always handed out and hopefully used.

Also during this year I had the pleasure of attending Grand Councils in other states. Connecticut had a very good session which I will look forward to attending again in the future.

Youth Groups

We were invited to the Grand Assembly for Rainbow in Calicoon, NY. It's always a pleasure to see the Youth exhibit their talents and skills during their Rituals and ceremonies. I really encourage all Companions to seek out the closest Youth Group in your area and attend one of their meetings. You will surely be impressed.

In my area there are several Youth Groups which seem to be supported very well with memberships that vary. I spent most of the year with the Fidelity Assembly #30 of Rainbow for Girls as it is only a short distance from my home. With fifteen Girls active and Three more joining in the fall that Assembly is doing very well.

Camp Turk

By working with the different Masonic Groups we again were able to drum up enough support and funding to sponsor sixteen children. All the Concordant Bodies and several Lodges in our area joined in this effort and I thank them all.

Library and Museum.

We are at a stand-still on the picture frames as we have not had a MI Picture for 2017 – 2018. The Grand Council Banner has been placed in a shadow box and is in place at the museum. One item I must mention is we desperately need more room for the Concordant Bodies. There is not enough space in the single room that we occupy with Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

On a personal note I was truly honored to be recognized by the American Red Cross for my participation as the Community Blood Drive Chairman for the Vernon area. In April we celebrated the 10th year anniversary of having Blood Drives at the Sconondoa Sherrill Lodge #814 in Vernon. The Blood Drives were held every 56 days and has a fantastic record of always reaching its goals. This was a Great Honor!

Zealously,

Right III. Phillip J. Chandler

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

Report of the Grand Captain of the Guard for 2017-2018

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Officers of our Grand Line who all extended words of encouragement, brotherly advice and best wishes. With their help, I have had a successful and memorable year as Grand Captain of the Guard.

This year I was able to visit all of my assigned councils in District #1.

I had a marvelous time at all six councils and I want to extend a special congratulations to Columbian and Flatbush Councils for conferring the Royal Master and Select Master degrees. Five of the six councils, Columbian, Suffolk, North Shore, Flatbush and Adelpic were able to open and close their meetings. Everyone did well and I enjoyed the ritual work. Unfortunately, things did not go as well for Adoniram, there were not enough companions present to open the Council. The companions present did discuss their future plans for the Council and the other two York Rite groups.

It is a continuing recommendation of mine that Councils either continue their tradition, or start the tradition, of holding a meal to expand the evening of fellowship and increase attendance of their members.

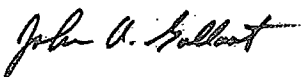
My tenure as Grand Captain of the Guard was filled with a number of events other than Official visits. I attended New York's Grand Encampment and Grand Chapter with my fellow Grand Line Officers. I was able to represent our Grand Council at the York Rite Assembly in New Hampshire. I joined our Brothers and Companions in the Oswego Masonic and York Rite float on their Independence Day Parade and participated in the Saint John's Day parade in Utica. I attended the combined Grand Council and Grand Commandery Reception. I had the pleasure to attend the annual assemblies of two of our youth groups: DeMolay and Triangle, as a representative of our Grand Council, and assisted with their ceremonies for the "Order of York Rite Tribune" and "Order of Deborah". These young men and women are truly amazing in what they can, and will, accomplish.

All in all another very exciting Cryptic year.

I wish to extend a special "Cryptic Thank You" to the DDGM of District #1: R.: I.: Henry Abel and AGL R.: I.: Grant Held. It has been a delight to work with them on both a District and Grand Council Level.

In conclusion, I have had a very enjoyable and memorable year and would like to thank all the companions I met and had the opportunity to work with in the course of the year as Grand Captain of the Guard. I look forward to continuing to serve our Grand Council.

Zealously,



R.: I.: John A. Gallant
Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council of New York

Report of The Grand Conductor of the Council For 2017-18

As a member of the Grand Line this year, I wish to thank the Past Illustrious Grand Masters, my colleagues of the Grand Line the Illustrious Masters of the Councils I visited, and especially Acting Grand Master Fowler for providing guidance, hospitality and encouragement.

Shortly after the close of the 194th Annual Session, I was on a plane *heading* to Portland, OR for the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council. On the Sunday of the sessions, I led the morning worship service as I completed my terms as Assistant/Associate General Grand Chaplain for each body.

Returning home, and focusing on my role as Grand Conductor of the Council, I headed west and attended the Northeast York Rite Conference in Albany. Then I returned to Albany a week later for the Annual Grand Commandery session.

In October, I was fortunate enough to be able to schedule all three of my Grand Line Officer visits. On October 9, I visited Union Council (Peekskill). Although they did not have enough Cryptic Masons to open, we adjourned to the social hall, where combined with members of the Chapter, we had a spirited discussion on York Rite Masonry. Fortunately, MI Edward P. Fagin was in attendance, and his comments added to the discussion. They have lost their regalia, and if there is any extra in the Jurisdiction, they would appreciate making arrangements to get it.

There being an insufficient number of companions present at King Solomon Council No. 31 (Poughkeepsie) I was not able to witness a council opening. There are three new candidates coming into the Council, but their prime concern is the problem with their building. There is no heat, and soon no other tenants. I recommended that they start looking for a new venue as soon as possible.

On the 26th, I visited Goshen Council, No. 93. There was a bevy of Grand Line Officers present and we had a great evening.

The weekend of the 13th of October, I attended the Grand Council of Massachusetts session. I accompanied RI Richard Fowler as he represented the Grand Council of New York. At that session, I was re-installed as a Grand Chaplain for Massachusetts.

On Veterans Day Weekend, my Lady and I attended the combined dinner for the MIGM and the RGC in Middletown.

Being able to rest from all but local Masonic obligations was a pleasure through the holidays and for a small time beyond. On February 10, I was aadly present at the funeral of Most Illustrious Harley DeShane. In early March I attended the Grand Chapter of NY session in Albany, always a good time. A few days later, I was present at the Super Excellent Master Degree conferred upon a special friend by Columbian Council, No. 1.

During the year I was present at all training sessions and meetings for the Grand Line.

On March, I attended the Tri-State Cryptic Festival in Meriden, CT (see report elsewhere in this packet). I continued my local Masonic activities, serving a second year as High Priest as well as the second year as Deputy Master (I will be Illustrious Master in September) and Generalissimo in my local Commandery. Altogether, a great year!!!

Fraternally,
Steve Rubinstein
RI Stephen A. Rubinstein

Report of The Grand Marshal for 2017-2018

The following Annual Report for 2017-2018 is submitted.

The following is a list of the Grand Marshal's "Official Visits" for District No. 4 attended during a very productive and worthwhile year:

<u>Council No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Description</u>
Oneonta Council #87 322 Main St Oneonta, NY 13820 Meetings: Fourth Wednesday Sept-Oct, Jan-May 7:30PM	10/25/17	7:30pm	Official Visit	Grand Line Officer
Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council #14 67 Corning Place Albany, NY 12207-1999 Meetings: Second Friday Sept - May 7:30PM	11/10/2017	7:30pm	Official Visit	Grand Line Officer
Joseph Warren Cryptic Council #37 687 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Meetings: Third Friday October-May 7:30PM	10/20/2017	7:30pm	Official Visit	Grand Line Office
St. George's Council #74 394 Princetown Road Schenectady, NY 12306 Meetings: Third Thursday October- May 7:30PM	10/19/2017	7:30pm	Official Visit	Grand Line Officer

Please note that the Grand Marshal's "Official Visits" for District No. 4 were coordinated with the DDGM's and AGL's Official Visits to maximize attendance and provide a venue to present the District's and Grand Councils' messages, goals and expectations in the most efficient manner possible.

For a comprehensive listing of all travel during the year, please refer to the attached file "Grand Marshal's Expense Summary for 2017-2018.xlsx".

During the year, I traveled in excess of 2,500 miles representing the Grand Council as the Grand Marshal and combined the various rolls, responsibilities and assignments as a member of the By-Lays Review and Jurisprudence Committees.

Traveling to regular communications, official visits, apron and award presentations with various members of the Grand Line, DDGM's and AGLs and meeting the members of various Councils throughout the State was very rewarding.

Thank you for the privilege and honor to serve and represent the Grand Council. I am looking forward to continue serving as a member of the Grand Line.

Sincerely,

Don

R.:I.: Donald R. Kunego
Grand Marshal

May God Bless Our Great Fraternity
May God Bless Our Troops and May God Bless America

Report of the Grand Standard Bearer's for 2017-2018

This has been a very busy but productive year as my first year as a Grand Line Officer. I really enjoyed the traveling and being able to meet many Companions throughout District 8. During this past Spring I was able to visit Skoi Yase, Nun da Waga, and Hornellsville Councils. Unfortunately, due to schedule conflicts and illness I was unable to make arrangement to visit Doric Council. I would still like to see if I can make an unofficial visit in the near future. I also filed a report on each individual Council to the appropriate Grand Council Officers after they were completed. Overall, I had an excellent experience and look forward to visiting other Councils in the future.

Outside of Council, I was able to attend other functions. In the Fall, I attended the Triangle Convention and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York. In the Spring, I was able to attend the Grand Assembly for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls of New York. As always, I tried to attend as many local youth meetings as possible. I also attended the Grand Chapter Session for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

Also, I was able to attend and assist in the Quad State Festival in Connecticut. We had several new Companions join our New York Councils as well as 2 from my Council (Goshen #93). I look forward to working and getting to know our new Companions.

Over the summer I plan on attending the NY DeMolay Convention in August.

Overall, I have enjoyed my time as a Grand Line Officer for Grand Council and look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

R.:.I.: Dan Elliott

Grand Standard Bearer

Report of the Grand Steward for 2017-18

Companions:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this Grand Council. I look forward to the coming years serving this Grand Line. As the newest member of this Grand Line, I very much enjoyed the year, and getting together with the Companions of the 9th District, enjoying the camaraderie with them made my visitations memorable.

My visit began with Buffalo-Keystone Council on November 6th 2017. I was warmly welcomed by everyone and treated to an excellent dinner. The Companions opened the Council and were very proficient in the work. Attendance was good and this evening included the visitation of the DDGM R.I. Mark John Robson.

On Wednesday November 8th 2017, I visited Hamburg Council 91. Once again, warmly greeted by everyone, we began the night with dinner at a local restaurant. We then assembled for the meeting and once again, I found the Companions to be proficient and the meeting was well attended. This evening also included the DDGM visitation.

On March 2nd 2018, I attended the Grand Chapter RAM together with the other Grand Council Officers. We were received by the Grand Chapter and had the opportunity to spend time with the other Masonic bodies.

April 25th 2018 was my last visit. This was to Dunkirk Council in Fredonia, NY. I was warmly greeted again and enjoyed a pre-meeting dinner with the Companions. The Council had a very good turnout for the night and the Companions were proficient on the opening. At all of the meetings, I introduced myself to the Companions and gave a short bio of who I was.

Thank you to all of the Councils in the 9th District for the warm reception and the camaraderie. It's visits like these that make traveling as a Grand Line Officer one of the most enjoyable duties. I look forward to continued visitations in the State.

Zealously,

R.I. Richard Kerimoglu

Grand Steward

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE
2017-2018

Right Illustrious Acting Grand Master, my Grand Council Companions, and Companions all: The 2017-2018 Cryptic year, despite some unfortunate problems that developed during the Cryptic year, was relatively quiet; neither was legislation proposed nor formal opinions issued. Frequent consultations and conferences with the Grand Master and the Acting Grand Master were had on general matters, and as in past years, requests for informal advices and opinions were rendered to the Grand Master and to the Grand Recorder's Office, as well as to Committee Chairmen, with the permission of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

As we have experienced each 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 and constitutionally 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 or one acting his behalf may, with any degree of authority, advise the Companions on Cryptic law.

As we have iterated in the past, the proper procedure to secure an 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.

Right Illustrious Acting Grand Master, we have enjoyed working with and serving you, the Grand Council, and all the Companions this year. We also extend considerable appreciation to our Grand Recorder for his support, counsel, and wise input, and we respectfully move that our Annual 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 first presented, if passed 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 2017 and held over for consideration and a final vote in 2018, unless adopted in 2017 by unanimous vote of the members present:

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 2017 :

NONE

Respectfully Submitted,

HARVEY A. EYSMAN
Judge Advocate

The Report of the By-Laws Review and Jurisprudence Committee 2017-18

The Committee recommends approval of the following By-laws changes for the following Councils: Joseph Warren Cryptic Council No. 37 (Change the day of meetings, from 3rd Friday to the 4th Wednesday of the month); Northshore Council No. 88 (Change in the amount of their dues).

Proposed Constitutional change:

Article I, Section 3: Remove the office of "Grand Fraternal Correspondent".

Proposed General Regulations changes:

Article I, Section 3 (a): Remove the office of "Grand Fraternal Correspondent".

Article III, Section 44 (b) 10:

Remove the report of the "Grand Fraternal Correspondent".

Article IV, Section 47: Remove "of the Grand Fraternal Correspondent, on the left of the Grand Lecturer;" Change to read: "of the Grand Historian, on the left of the *Grand Lecturer*."

Addition to the General Regulations

Article I, Section 6 (I):

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; 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 to attend, or make a report in writing *to the Grand Recorder*, at two out of three consecutive Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council, *without acceptable excuse* shall be considered as resigning his position as such Grand Representative, and the Grand Master is authorized 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.

Article I, section 13 (b): Add new section

9. To hold a caucus of all Most Illustrious, Right Illustrious and Very Illustrious Companions in his District yearly prior to April 30. Such caucus shall have the responsibility of selecting the District Deputy Grand Master and Assistant Grand Lecturer for recommendation and appointment by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, A written report of the caucus to be submitted within 15 days of the caucus.

Article IV, Section 47: Insert just before the station of the Grand Captain of the Guard "of the Judge Advocate to the left of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer";

Respectfully submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee,

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

M.:I.: Joseph P. Pozefsky

R.:I.: Richard M. Clark

R.:I.: Harvey E. Eysman

R.:I.: Donald R. Kunego

Annual Report Of The Committee On The Condition & Extension Of The Rite 2017-18

With the grace, understanding and support of the companions of this Grand Council I have undertaken the task of keeping us together and moving forward since being elevated to Acting Grand Master. We are stronger and working together again. Communication is a MUST and we have been doing this better. Your Grand Council Officers, DDGMs and AGLs are becoming a team and we will all benefit from this.

The Education Course is still in the planning stages and will be released as soon as it has been completed, reviewed and approved by the Grand Council.

The accountability of appointed officers is still a priority of this Acting Grand Master and will continue with the next Grand Council officers. We will make changes and adjustments as necessary to make these appointments not just "token" jobs but ones that are active and worthy of having. Grand Representatives have received notice previously of what their responsibilities and duties are.

As we continue to progress we must remind all the companions that THEY are the Grand Council. We are but their elected representative and officers. We need them to communicate with us so we can assist them and do the work they expect of us. We need their opinions, thoughts and ideas whether they feel them insignificant or not so we can become better. Express them to your Illustrious Master, District Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Lecturer, or your Grand Council Officer. We will listen, converse and respond to you.

Respectfully and Zealously submitted,

R. I. Richard Fowler
Acting Grand Master [2017-2018]

Annual Report Of The Masonic Education & Communications Committee 2017-18

The projected Grand Council Education Course that was first mentioned in the 2015-16 Annual Report is still in the works. As you have noticed, the driving force behind this endeavor is no longer with us and we are regrouping to again tackle this project. It is the hope of this committee to have it available to the companions in the near future.

Many thanks go to our website administrator for the outstanding effort he has put forth to give the world an insight to our Concordant Body. Your Grand Officers have been given many kind remarks from other jurisdictions on the website and its information.

We must remember that when we use the various social media we must govern ourselves accordingly. Common sense and proper rules of conduct are essential when posting to these media sites. Let's show the World Wide Web denizens that we are good and upright men and Masons.

Fraternally & Zealously,

R. I. Richard Fowler,
Acting Grand Master

The Grand Council Website Committee Report 2017-2018

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council.

I would like to thank the Grand Council 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 very solid 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 continues to be the ability 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. I am the contact for keeping our public calendar up to date with Grand Master visits, Grand Line visits to other conferences, Grand Assemblies, other Grand Line related events and DDGM visits to our constituent Councils.

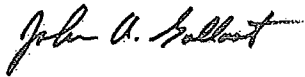
Overall, this year, the web site maintenance was not difficult. Other than the brief and hectic moment of an unexpected Grand Line change, the updates were mostly email addresses, phone numbers, messages, announcements and small corrections. We have entered into a multi-year hosting contract with Bro. Ken Stuczynski and his hosting company. It is a pleasure to not have to worry about our web site suddenly "going away", as has happened in prior years.

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

We still have our long term plan on making use of the MMS (YRIS) project. I have been in contact with the Officers of Grand Chapter and the implementation of their MMS database is almost complete. With that in place we should be able to take advantage of their Companion database to build our implementation for Grand Council.

In conclusion, it has been a good and calm year. I have had the opportunity to continue 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

The Annual Report on the Northeast Conference 2017

The Northeast Conference was held at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany NY on September 8 & 9, 2017. The Conference was coordinated this year by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA. Sir Knight James MacConnell, Northeast Department Commander was the General Chairman and M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts was the General Registrar for the NE Conference. The Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was asked to be the fiduciary holder of all receipts and pay all expenses from such receipts for the Conference since our organization holds a Tax Exempt status in New York State. The Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY is to be highly commended for this service in order to keep costs down for all the participants. The representatives from General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International in attendance Right Puissant Monty Glover, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Right Puissant David Grindle, General Grand Recorder. There were over one hundred Companions and/or Sir Knights and twenty-six ladies in attendance who enjoyed the time of fellowship and education. New York State had 16 known registrants attending and seven of them were elected or appointed officers of the Grand Council of NY. Those who attended were grateful for the presentations, training, the food and accommodations.

The 2018 Northeast Conference will again be held at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany NY on September 7 & 8, 2018. This year's Conference will be coordinated by General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International. The General Chairman will be the Northeast Regional Deputy for General Grand Chapter, Right Excellent Mark Irwin from Delaware.

Respectfully Submitted

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

NORTHEAST CRYPTIC FESTIVAL – 2018

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, over one hundred Companions from four Cryptic jurisdictions gathered in Meriden, CT to hold the Tri State Cryptic Festival at which each jurisdiction presented one of the Cryptic Degrees according to their ritual. New York conferred the Royal Master Degree upon 17 companions, Massachusetts conferred the Select Master, and Connecticut conferred the Super Excellent Master Degrees.

Of the 17 candidates, nine were from New York. They were:

Michael C. Bonilla	Adelphic Council
Carlos Luna	Adelphic Council
Seth Lee	Goshen Council
David Alston	Goshen Council
Dennis Sheehan	North Shore Council
Michael LaRocco	Flatbush Council
Michael Kos	Adelphic Council
William Gorski	North Shore Council
James Kalnnis	North Shore Council
Arto Vandtan	Adelphic Council
Steven Shapiro	Adelphic Council

I would like to thank the companions of Columbian Council, No.1 (plus two ringers) for their excellent conferral of the Royal Master Degree. They were:

Ill. Michael Livschitz	King Solomon
R.I. Stuart Card	Hiram Abiff
Comp. James Gregg	Cpt of the Guard & Historical Lecture
Comp. O'Neal Bryan	Cond of the Council
RI Richard Fowler	Steward

Also in attendance was RI David Schuler of Vermont who will be bringing his jurisdiction into the Festival in 2020.

The 2019 Festival will be hosted by the Grand Council of Massachusetts, probably in Worcester, details have not been finalized.

The Festival is a great opportunity for all Cryptic Masons to meet and greet their companions from other jurisdictions, observe the differences/similarities in the rituals and just enjoy a great day of friendship and comradeship.

Fraternally,
R.I. Steve Rubinstein

Annual Membership Report For The 2017-2018 Cryptic Year

This Cryptic Year was a continual of last year with regards to membership. We had more gains but we had major losses as well. Recorders continue to clean up their rolls so we had only a few minor corrections to make in the overall area of membership. That's a good thing since it means we are near completed on having an accurate count from all Councils as we consider entering the Membership Solutions Program of Grand Encampment. I believe once the Grand Recorder's Office secures all the present rosters from all Recorders we will be able proceed forward with this in the coming year.

The following is the statistics for the Year End report from the Grand Recorder's Office for this Grand Council:

Membership as of June 30, 2017 - 1,204

Greeted:	50
Affiliated:	3
Restored:	<u>3</u>
Total Gains:	56

1,260

This was the good news in trying to fulfill the Most Illustrious Grand Master's theme of continue to build our membership for the future. Unfortunately we continually to see membership falling, mainly through demits and suspensions more than deaths.

Died:	38
Demitted:	26
Suspended NPD:	24
Suspended in Chapter:	7
Expelled:	1
Previous Return Adjustments:	<u>1</u>
Total Losses:	97

Membership as of June 30, 2018 - 1,163

A complete breakdown of the membership by Council is attached.

Fraternally yours,
M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts
Grand Recorder

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES BY COUNCIL 2017-18

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COUNCIL	No.	6/30/2017	GREETED	AFIL.	REST.	DIED	DEMIT	SUSP. NPD	SUSP. CHAP.	EXPELLED	CORRECTION	6/30/2018	NET GAIN/LOSS
Columbian	1	126	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	127	1
Union	2	33	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	3	26	(7)
Adelphic	7	56	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	9
Rotica	12	62	1	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	54	(8)
Central City	13	53	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	50	(3)
Bloss-DWClinton	14	58	3	0	0	4	2	1	4	0	0	50	(8)
Buff-Keystone	17	57	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	56	(1)
King Hiram	18	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Doric	19	35	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	3
Dunkirk	25	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33	4
Ahwaga	30	37	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	34	(3)
King Solomon's	31	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0
Hornellsville	35	32	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	26	(6)
Adoniram	36	28	1	2	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	23	(5)
JWarren-Cryptic	37	30	6	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	30	0
Fulton	50	31	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	24	(7)
Peekskill (gr. Council)	55	17	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	13	(4)
St. George's	74	95	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-5	91	(4)
Skoj Yase	75	18	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	18	0
Suffolk	76	69	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	70	1
Flatbush	80	46	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	48	2
Oneonta	87	54	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	-2	51	(3)
North Shore	88	35	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	37	2
Cayuga	90	23	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	22	(1)
Hamburg	91	44	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	40	(4)
Nun Da Waga	92	34	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	32	(2)
Goshen	93	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0
King David	97	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3
TOTALS		1204	50	3	3	38	26	24	7	1	-1	1163	(41)

Peekskill Council No. 55 Warrant was lifted at the 194th Annual Assembly-last known members are Members-At-Large of Grand Council. So we really only have 27 Councils

Report of the Grand Lecturer & Ritual Committee 2017 – 2018

The work of the Grand Lecturer's Conventions was for the second consecutive year the degree of Super Excellent Master, which is rarely conferred, but in which there appears to be great interest. This was evidenced by Convention participants asking me to confer the degree upon them in short form, which I did, to qualify them to obtain SEM ritual books and learn the full form, in preparation for conferring it. We then used up our supply of such books; we intend to print more after reconciling several versions of that ritual, in consultation with the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Conventions were held in only 2 of our 7 Districts. As usual for the past few years, all host Councils turned out a good crowd of their own members (sadly turnout from Councils other than hosts was often low) and demonstrated good knowledge of the opening and closing rituals, *either* without errors *or* without using a book (not both).

To promote greater Convention participation, in the coming year, on the authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, we will give an award, similar to our Grand Lodge's Potts Award. For a Council to be eligible, no more than one of the following officers can be absent: IM, DM, PCW, CG, CC. To win, an eligible Council needs to have the largest *fraction* (relative percentage, not absolute number) of its members attend, of the eligible Councils in its District. If this experiment succeeds, at our next Annual Assembly we will propose that this be established permanently by vote of the Grand Council as the Kosseff-Long Award, in memory of those Most Illustrious Companions.

We will also give "Stump the [A]GL" recognition on the web site. If any Companion asks a ritual question of an AGL or the Grand Lecturer, which the latter is unable to answer correctly at the time, then after research to answer it, the question and the research findings will be posted on the web site, with recognition to the Companion who asked.

If I am re-appointed, the work of the Conventions in the coming year will be opening, closing, reception and balloting, plus any other ritual topics requested by each District. We will schedule these early in the year to maximize their value to the Councils. My job and that of the Assistant Grand Lecturers is to *help* the Councils in the primary function of Cryptic Masonry: by performing ritual competently and with feeling, to inspire transformation of hearts and minds of Companions, making us all ever better ashlar.

The AGLs and I observe Councils prosper, if they welcome each Brother who exhibits an earnest desire to learn and serve, by: working with Chapters to confer upon them our Capitular and Cryptic degrees with *inspiring* ritual; providing further education; consistently coordinating Assemblies; and usually holding festive boards after the work.

Four proposals for changes to our ritual have been received by the Ritual Committee...

1. Each newly greeted Companion, as part of his Select Master degree, must go through each of the eight (8) arches, prior to each giving the due guard and sign of the degree corresponding to the arch in numerical order (1st arch EA, 2nd FC, 3rd MM, 4th MMM, 5th PM, 6th MEM, 7th RAM, 8th RM), finally giving the sign and token of SM, as instructed, prior to entering the 9th arch. *The Ritual Committee finds this proposal well motivated, but inconsistent with the drama.*
2. Each newly received Companion, at the time of his Royal Master degree, must be given a coin struck with symbols and Scriptural references of the degree, when instructed in the manner of giving the sign of recognition. *The Ritual Committee finds value in using a suitable coin, but opposes mandating costly items.*
3. (As prelude to SM main drama, after initial interaction with KS. Candidates should be seated in the south. All Companions are in their respective stations and places. Ahishar, clad in guards uniform with helmet and spear or sword, paces back and forth near preparation room door as a guard and recites.) 'In truth this is the life of a mongrel dog. Evening after evening I walk here, up and down; back and forth; until my feet are weary and my legs scarce hold me to my path. Nine to twelve, night after night, while prying eyes sleep, they say.' (Ahishar looks to make certain no one is around and continues.) 'I could do with a little sleep myself. It would be wonderful that I were with my friends at the Inn by the city gate. Now, they know how to treat a man! But, here in the King's House, I must stand guard where no one comes near to share a word with me. Full three months have passed since anyone has passed this arch, save those who work behind there. I wonder what they work at. A precious secret it must be to make a man suffer so. And when I ask wherefore I stand guard, what answer is given? Solomon says: "Be content, good Ahishar, in due time you will receive your reward.'" (Ahishar puts down helmet as a pillow and prepares to nap.) "Guard well your post" they say to me. A foolish task it is to guard against no one.' (Ahishar continues to stretch and yawn.) 'Two long hours before low twelve. My eyes scarcely will stay open now.' (Ahishar falls asleep in front of preparation room door and remains in this position until discovered by HA in the ritual portion of the degree.) *The Ritual Committee finds Ahishar's Soliloquy suggestive that the lessons of our degrees may be more subtle than they appear, so recommends allowing this as an optional part.*
4. In the first section of the RM, after HA has concluded his talk with Adoniram, the craft have been recalled from refreshment to labor and the Companions have been seated, 3 ruffians malingering at the South, West and East gates, as in the MM degree. HA takes his customary walk around the temple and is accosted by the ruffians, who do not speak, only act out the physical movements. HA then is taken from the floor to outside the lodge room. *The Ritual Committee finds this a distraction from HA's Soliloquy, on which the Candidates should still be musing.*

Zealously, RI Stuart W. Card, Grand Lecturer, for the Ritual Committee (the AGLs)

AGL Annual Report of the 4th Cryptic District for 2017-18

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton #14, Albany
Joseph Warren Cryptic #17, Saratoga Springs
St. George's Council #74, Schenectady
Oneonta Council #87, Oneonta

To put it simply, the 4th Cryptic District is doing quite well.

All the Councils open and close with proper protocol, although some officers in each council, except Oneonta #87, refer to their books. This, however, does not greatly deter from the excellent manner in which the meeting is conducted.

Joseph Warren Cryptic Council #17 has difficulty conducting business as they are always short of officers and need fill-ins. The problem seems to have been their meeting night, which has been changed, and they are now experiencing more members being present which should help in their proceedings.

If Joseph Warren Cryptic #17 continues to increase their attendance, they should be able to perform at the same excellence as the others, they have many dedicated companions.

At the Grand Lecturer's Convention, held March 15, 2018 in Schenectady, which was well attended, the Grand Lecturer conferred the Super Excellent Master Degree on several companions in short form. The idea being to create enough Super Excellent Masters to be able to confer the degree in full form.

At a festival at St. George's Council #74 in Schenectady on April 21, 2018, the Royal & Select Master Degrees were conferred on several candidates in excellent form.

Fraternally,

V I Richard S. Transue
AGL 4th Cryptic District

AGL Annual Report of the 8th Cryptic District 2017-18

District #8 of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons is composed of four (4) Councils; Doric Council #19 in Pittsford, NY, Hornellsville Council #35 in South Dansville, NY, Skoi Yase Council #75 in Geneva, NY, and Nun Da Waga Council #92 in Attica, NY.

Doric Council #19; this Council meets on Wednesday evening and this is the evening of my Town of Perry Court duties. Thus, I did not visit this Council.

Hornellsville Council #35; We met the members of this Council for dinner in Dansville and then proceeded to the Temple. There were insufficient members present to open so our DDGM inspected the books and passed the word of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of that period to the Council.

Skoi Yase Council #75; After a hearty meal we traveled to the Council's Temple. There were insufficient Council members to open independently so we took chairs. I sat in the Captain of the Guards Station. The Council received R I Dan Elliott as official visitor and the meeting opened.

Ritual books were read at a few stations. However, the Companions who did not use the book did so with gusto and enthusiasm.

Nun Da Waga Council #92; This is my home Council and I have a lot of pride associated with the Ritual in our Council.

No Ritual books were used. But it is obvious to me that we use them at home to learn the work.

I have sent notice to R I Stu Card, Grand Lecturer that I will not be accepting the position of AGL for the 8th Cryptic District for the ensuing year. Many of my Companions whom I have crossed paths with in my Masonic travels know of the problem. Recent developments with doctors have limited my activities still further. I am free to expand on this if it is necessary.

MY OPINON: I recommend a serious education program of our Cryptic Craft for our Companions as to what these degrees are telling us. Or at least a refresher. There wasn't a GL Convention in our District, this was missed. There is a lot of education for Grand Line Officers, lets do something to educate our Companions in their Councils or Districts to prep them for Grand Line Positions or to make us better Cryptic Masons.

V.:I.: Michael Rhodes
AGL 8th Cryptic District

AGL Annual Report of the 9th Cryptic District 2017-18

Suspecting that VI Gerald T. Coleman did not submit a report, I shall offer what I can.

Dunkirk Council # 25: Has an aging but expert group of ritualists who (health permitting) can do the degrees. Their difficulty is in securing new petitioners.

Hamburg Council # 90: Is grooming a young line of officers who are developing proficiencies in the opening and closing rituals. They have many excellent ritualists on their roster on which to call for degree work. There were no petitioners this year to demonstrate that, however.

Buffalo Keystone # 17: Has greeted new Select Masters this year, and two companions are developing their proficiency in the soliloquies of Hiram Abiff which RI Richard J. Kessler has uniquely done for many years. Their officers are expected to open without the book and they do so without exception.

All three Councils have excellent stores of the regalia, costumes and necessities to perform the degrees.

Trusting that this is adequate, if embarrassingly late.

R.:I.: Mark J. Robson,
DDGM for the 8th Cryptic District

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2nd CRYPTIC DISTRICT 2017-18

I and our AGL Mel Birnbaum visited three of the four Cryptic Councils in our District. The three active Councils are all in fair shape with the promise of increased membership growth and opening and closing proficiency to occur after we have a Degrees Festival this upcoming fall.

Union Council #2-Has suffered for the past several years with poor attendance but has turned the corner with new masons interested in becoming Cryptic Masons of Union Council #2 because of new leadership. I suspect a very good upcoming year for them.

Goshen Council #93- Overall the Council is in fair shape. They are struggling with the current leadership but because the Council has a strong Past Illustrious Master's group they will get through this period. I suspect a very good upcoming year for them.

King Solomon's Council #31-Formerly of Poughkeepsie suffered this year with poor attendance because of the uncertainty of where the Council was going to move. The Council along with the Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery voted to move to Saugerties starting in September 2018. King Solomon's Council #31 also voted to change its meeting day of the month and time and will meet on the same night as the Poughkeepsie Chapter #172 with the Chapter meeting at 7 to 8 and the Council from 8 to 9. It is the Councils thought that this will help in having Royal Arch Masons become Cryptic Masons. The move to Saugerties will also provide a new offering of masons in that area interested in York Rite Masons. I suspect a very good upcoming year for them.

Peekskill Council #55- Has continued to fail to communicate and turn in any requests from Grand Council. It is our District hope that we can change this. **Side Note:** As my other position of DDGHP for the 5th Capitular District which is the same as the 2nd Cryptic District some progress has been made in getting the Chapter associated with the Council and Commandery open with regular officer's election this coming December 2018. This should if everyone does what they say they are going to do then the Chapter should be up and running by January 2019. If this can be achieved, then the Council and Commandery in this area can also be restored. This is a very promising situation that will bring York Rite Masonry into the First Westchester-Putnam District/area again.

Cryptic District 2- The District has strong support of the Illustrious Masters and their respectful Councils and work very well together in conferring Degree Festivals. The District realizes this should only be a temporary fix to gain membership in our Councils as we do not want to lessen a Council's ability and responsibility to confer its own degrees.

R. I. Dave Barkstedt
DDGM 2nd Cryptic District

Annual Report Of The 6th Cryptic District For 2017-18

Acting Grand Master Fowler and Grand Council,

This is my annual report as the District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of the 6th. Cryptic District of the Grand Council of the State of New York for the Masonic Year 2017-2018. Please note that my Cryptic activities were greatly curtailed by the spinal cord injury with associated surgeries/scans/procedures/epidurals/rehab etc. that I have undergone this past year. With this caveat here is my report.

9/13/2018: I attended the meeting of Central City Council #13 in Liverpool. This was the first meeting of the year for this Council and their new officers and I assisted with opening and closing the Council.

11/21/2017: My Official Visit to King Hiram Council #18 at the Auburn Masonic Temple. Please see my official visit report for details of this visit. I found the Council to be doing very well on it's first year in it's new home in Auburn. The excellent leadership of MI E. William Whittaker and Companion Steve Howard was duly noted. This Council has more members in the pipe line currently taking their Chapter degrees. Kudos to this Council as they have come back from almost having to turn in their charter.

03/28/2018: My Official Visit to Fulton Council #50 at Calamachus Masonic Lodge in Phoenix. This Council is having problems with enough companions to function as a Council. Only 4 or 5 members have been attending. Due to deaths and illness, many of their previously active members are no longer attending. The Council is exploring different avenues for the future. See below. My official report details the problems at length that this Council is facing. The sent letters to each members detailing their plan to affiliate with Central City Council in Liverpool.

04/11/2018: My Official Visit to Central City Council #13. See my report of this visit for details. This was only the second meeting of the year for this Council. This is the first time in several years that they have not performed Royal and Select Master. Ritual at this Council has slipped dramatically in the past year. The Illustrious Master, I George Reed, as put very little effort into leading this Council. They have had no programs and no instruction for new officers.

04/16/2018: My Official Visit to Rotical Council #12 at the Vernon Masonic Temple. Again, see my official report for this visit. Overall, this Council is doing very well. Their ritual is excellent, they are conferring both Royal and Select Master and they have a full line of young officers. The work of the Illustrious Master, Earl Wilkinson, was very good.

05/09/2018: I attended a Summoned Meeting of Central City Council #13 to consider a request from Fulton Council #50 to merge. The Illustrious Master of Fulton Council, I Tom Sawyer was present for this meeting, as was the Acting Grand Illustrious Master, RI Richard Fowler. Unfortunately this meeting quickly spiraled out of the control of I Reed and some members of Central City Council expressed "vehement opposition" to this merger before the request from Fulton Council was even read. In the end, Central City Council #13 voted 15-0 to accept the proposal of Fulton Council #50. However, Fulton Council felt the reception of their request to merge was met in a very "unbrotherly" manner, and they subsequently withdrew their proposal to merge.

05/24/2018: I attended my official visit to to King David Council #97 at the Grange Hall/Masonic Temple in Dexter. See my official report for details of this visit. They are doing very well and

performed the Select Master Degree on 3 Royal Masters that evening. Their new Illustrious Master, I James Babcock, did a very nice job of officiating the Council.

06/13/2018: I attended the meeting of Central City Council #13 primarily for the installation of officers. Before the Council had opened, the Illustrious Master, George Reed, started an angry verbal assault on RI Harvey Eysman. This meeting was poorly run and officiated. The Illustrious Master had trouble reading the ritual. He had made no arrangements for the installation of officers and in the end asked me to do, which I decline. He then asked RI Eysman to perform the installation, as he had for the past several years. 2 requests for affiliation of members from Fulton Council were received but were tabled by the IM as he stated "he had called a meeting Fulton Council for the following evening in Oswego." I then asked I Reed what authority he had to call a meeting of Fulton Council as he is not a member of that Council, and if such an important meeting had been called, then why wasn't I, the District Deputy, informed of such a meeting. I Reed had no response to my request. Thanks to the work of RI Eysman, the installation of officers was performed. This ended an extremely poor year for Central City Council #13 after several years of excellence in the district.

The AGL for the 6th Cryptic District, VI Keith Folger, attended none of my official visits over the past two years. I performed AGL duties where required.

I took a Straw Poll of all the Councils this past fall regarding any candidates for leadership positions in the 6th Cryptic District. I Ken Bates, past IM of King David Council was suggested to me as a possible candidate as the next DDGIM of the 6th Cryptic District. RI Dennis Davis then suggested that I Bill Main, another Past IM of King David Council and frequent traveling companion of Ken Bates, be considered as the AGL. At each Official Visit I asked for any candidates for DDGIM or AGL. Besides Ken Bates and Bill Main, there were no other candidates for these offices. Ken Bates' and Bill Main's name were then floated to each Council and were acceptable to each. At my Official Visit to King David Council both I Ken Bates and I Bill Main accepted my offer to nominate them as the DDGIM and AGL respectively for the 6th Cryptic District.

Update of Fulton Council #50: I have spoken repeatedly the past two weeks with I Tom Sawyer and Companion Harry Frazier, recorder. As mentioned above, they did not feel welcome to merge or affiliate at Central City Council. Currently, they have decided to move their meeting from Phoenix to Oswego in hopes of acquiring new members from Lake Ontario Chapter in Oswego. They have requested that no requests for affiliation to Central City Council be tabled until they can communicate with their membership the current plan for Fulton Council.

I anticipate attending Grand Council in Albany on August 17 & 18.

My above report outlines the importance of good leadership in the Councils. Good leadership can restore a failing Council in one year, and poor leadership can bring down a good Council in one year. All Masonic Bodies must work together to weed obvious poor leaders from positions of responsibility and to promote the growth and advancement of good leaders. Failure to do so just makes our problem exponentially greater!

John B. Covell, M.D., DDGIM
6th Cryptic District

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 8th CRYPTIC DISTRICT FOR 2017-2018

The following Annual Report for 2017-2018 is submitted. The following Councils were observed and evaluated:

Council

Doric No. 19, 17 Church St., Pittsford, NY 14534-2005

Date of Visit/Evaluation: January 17, 2018. 20 members were present.

Ritual performed with little or no prompting.

Hornellsville No. 35, (South Dansville NY)

Date of Visit/Evaluation: 10/13/2016

Could not open do to only 6 members present.

Skoï Yase No. 75, 553 Exchange St. S., Geneva, NY 14456

Date of Visit/Evaluation: October 16, 2017

6 members were present with 4 guests, we did manage to open the council. Ritual books were used.

Nun Da Waga No. 92, 39 Main St., Attica, NY 14011

Date of Visit/Evaluation: 10/24/2016

Council was opened at 7:30. Officers were knowledgeable in ritual. Some books were used.

Overall the District is struggling with securing the elected and appointed members to attend Council and with 'fill-ins' at the last minute, performing the Ritual without books is challenging.

Thank you for the privilege and honor to serve and represent the Grand Council.

Sincerely,

Bob

R.:I.: Robert G. Ball

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District 2017-2018

May God Bless Our Troops and May God Bless America

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 9th CRYPTIC DISTRICT 2017-18

I have visited each of the three Councils in the 9th District more than once this past year. RI Richard Kerimoglu's Grand Officer Visits and my official inspection visits all went well. The District as a whole is experiencing the same difficulties in attracting new members as are others; Royal Arch Chapters in some cases are not adding to the eligible candidate pool, while the active membership is aging and can no longer bear the burden of leadership and ritual performance.

Dunkirk Council No. 25 is the extreme example of this trend. Ill Gene Olofson holds the Master's seat for a fourth consecutive year. RI Jim Stoll and RI Fred Velott are doing steady work in supporting roles, but there just aren't enough new Royal Arch Masons in Chautauqua County from which to draw new Royal and Select Masters' petitions. They have not greeted a new Select Master in several years. Their ritual is excellent, so long as their health permits, and it would behoove any young ritualist to get out to visit them and draw on their experience and generosity.

Hamburg Council No. 90 has not greeted any Select Masters this year either. They do have a line of officers progressing in the chairs who were greeted over the past five years, but Ill Robert Drzewucki is repeating in the East again in 2019 because they are yet unprepared to move up. Their particular challenge is that many of their talented and enthusiastic ritualists are also serving in other Grand Lines, most notably the Grand Lodge, drawing them away from regular participation and leadership. While this may be temporary it has had its effect for the moment.

Buffalo Keystone Council No. 17 is continuing as the healthiest of the three, greeting Select Masters this Spring, and receiving some affiliations from Hamburg No. 90. They promote new companions into their officers' chairs and have not had a past IM fill the chair of Solomon during this decade. Their success can be attributed to both the vigor of their proximate Chapters and the population density of Metropolitan Buffalo. Home Council to the present Deputy Grand Master, they are well positioned to adapt to the shift in his availability and that of his line, many of whom also call BK17 home.

In all my visits I have dared to say that the viability of Cryptic Masonry may depend on the path the Grand Lodge has lately emphasized; consolidation and 'right-sizing' our organizations in the service of their continuation. The distance between Dunkirk and Hamburg is 40 miles, and to BK17 is another 5 miles. The 8 Counties at the Western most end of the State that make up the 9th District span 150 miles edge to edge. Sadly, the day is not far off that #25 and maybe #90 will have to confront the hardest of decisions. There will be a day when new Chapters, Commanderies and Councils are formed with the vigor of past eras. Meantime we are trusted with stewardship of the resources and traditions that such a day will require. May God make us steadfast to keep and perform the same.

R.: I.: Mark J. Robson

9th District Cryptic Masons, State of New York

OPERATING FUND 2017/2018

Balance as of 1 August 2017:

\$3,691.31

INCOME

R-1	Member NY Per Capita + R2 & R3	\$28,550.50
R-2	Member GC Per Capita	\$0.00
R-3	New Member Greeting	\$0.00
R-4	Permanent Funds	\$0.00
R-5	Bank Interest	\$0.00
R-6	Late Annual Return Fees	\$0.00
R-7	Refund Host Council	\$0.00
R-8	Escrow Funds	\$0.00
R-9	Miscellaneous	\$8,335.60
		\$36,886.10

Subtotal:

\$40,577.41

DISBURSEMENTS

A-1	Annual Assembly (Meals & Hotel)	\$3,338.04
A-2	Annual Proceedings	\$0.00
B-1	Grand Master's Expenses	\$4,500.00
B-2	Grand Master's Apron	\$0.00
B-3	Grand Master's Jewel	\$0.00
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	\$2,000.00
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	\$1,000.00
D-1	Office Expense	\$3,600.00
D-2	Grand Council Storage	\$800.00
D-3	Grand Council Supplies	\$103.55
D-4	Grand Council Postage	\$227.08
D-5	Grand Council Printing	\$0.00
D-6	Telephone	\$0.00
D-7	Insurance & Bonding	\$126.00
D-8	Taxes	\$0.00
E-1	Grand Lecturer's Expenses	\$0.00
E-2	Grand Line Officers' Expenses	\$1,808.00
F-1	General Grand Council Per Capita	\$2,975.00
F-2	Youth Yearly Program Support	\$80.00
G-1	General Grand Triennial Fund	\$1,200.00
G-2	Ritual/Constitution Escrow Fund	\$93.25

G-3	Regalia - New York Fund	\$719.92
G-4	Equipment Repair Purchase Fund	\$400.00
G-5	History Fund	\$200.00
G-6	Grand Master's Fund	\$0.00

H-1	Miscellaneous & Adjustment	\$10,137.26
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Subtotal:

\$33,308.10

Balance as of 31 July 2018:

\$7,269.31

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Emmons

R.: l.: George D. Emmons
Grand Treasurer

Escrow Funds 2017/2018

- S-1 Rituals - Constitutions - Guides - Ish Sodi Awards
- S-2 Regalia Fund
- S-3 Triennial Fund
- S-4 Equipment Purchases & Repair Fund
- S-5 History Fund
- S-6 Grand Master's Fund
- S-7 Peeksill Council #55

	<u>S-1</u>	<u>S-2</u>	<u>S-3</u>	<u>S-4</u>	<u>S-5</u>	<u>S-6</u>	<u>S-7 *</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Balance as of 30 June 2017	4,530.90	673.83	70.72	1,991.45	1,333.04	2,118.29	0	\$10,718.23
Income	1,289.96	400	600	400	200	0.00	651.32	\$3,541.28
Interest	2.33	0.3	0.08	0.72	0.45	0	0	\$3.88
Sub-totals	5,823.19	1,074.13	670.8	2,392.17	1,533.49	2,118.29	651.32	\$14,263.39
Disbursements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance as of 30 June 2018	5,823.19	1,074.13	670.8	2,392.17	1,533.49	2,118.29	651.32	\$14,263.39

* New Fund Established on 11/28/2017

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Emmons

R.: I.: George D. Emmons
Grand Treasurer

The Annual Report Of The Grand Recorder 2017-2018

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

This year as in the past was a very busy year in the Office of the Grand Recorder. I have continued to work on the files of the Grand Council Computer cleaning up items and creating new files for storing information. The Computer has become much more efficient and is easier to find things, there are a few files that need to be updated..

Communication is a major task of the Grand Recorders Office. I have kept up with all the written and verbal communications. Many hundreds of emails, letters and phone calls have been addressed on various matters by the Grand Recorder this year. I have assisted Recorders and Grand Line Officers with needed information to make their roles easier and more efficient. I have trained the new Assistant Grand Recorder to his role responsibilities.

All Grand Council Membership Numbers have been assigned and Recorders have been informed. The 2017-18 Grand Council Membership numbers have been finalized and Recorders should be receiving them shortly. I wish to thank the Recorders who have submitted their Rosters on Membership for the Grand Recorder's Office. Several others still need to do so in order for the Office to do a comparison to the last known data it has on membership. Grand Chapter has begun its transition into the Grand Encampment Membership Solution Program and Grand Council is in hopes to do the same once the Grand Recorder receives all rosters from Councils. We are hopeful to enter into this process this year thereby creating a new efficient way of tracking membership data by local Recorders and the Grand Recorder's Office.

The Office this year had paid to have several boxes of historical Annual Returns and Election Certificates scanned to eliminate storage space and for them to be much more accessible.

The Office continues to track and keep current all Grand Representative Appointments. I wish to thank R.:I.:John Gallant for his continued support and assistance with this program.

With regards to the financial condition of this Grand Council. The Grand Council is on a solid financial ground for the future and the Office continues to keep costs down. We have enough income at present to meet all our current expenses. All Escrow accounts this past year were brought up to current budget status. Please see attached the Grand Recorder's Financial Ledger for revenue received and vouchers issued for expenditures for details and the Grand Treasurer's Financials for complete details.

I commend most recorders to getting their Annual Returns submitted in a timely manner. I only had six to remind several times to get them in. We have made great strides forward on this front but still need to have them in on time because it puts a severe delay for membership annual report and the awards committee has difficult completing its work as well. I pray that all Recorders this coming year will meet the deadline, if not, the Constitution and General Regulations speaks of imposing penalties and we will do so this Cryptic year.

Finally, I had officially resigned in April of 2018 in order for me to run for the office of Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of F&AM of NY. I have these lasts several months assisted the Acting Grand Recorder RI Kenneth R. Howe, Jr. in order to make smooth transition in this Office to his care. It has been a sincere pleasure to serve our Grand Council as Grand Recorder these past three years, even under some tumultuous times. I do look forward to continue my Cryptic involvement wherever possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
M.:I.:Charles M. Roberts, Grand Recorder

Grand Recorder's Financials for 2017-2018

Balance as of July 31, 2017:

\$3,691.31

Income/Revenue

Deposit #1: NY Per Capita Assessments	\$28,550.50
Deposit #2: Kaiser Aluminum Corp. Proceeds & Ritual Sales	\$ 430.02
Deposit #3: Doric Council No. 19 Revenue for Northeast Conference	\$ 8,085.60
Deposit #4: Doric Council No. 19 Northeast Conference Donation	\$ 250.00
Deposit #5: Assets of Peekskill Council to Escrow	\$ 651.32
Deposit #6: Ritual Sales Columbian Council No. 1	\$ 150.00
Deposit #7: Ritual Sales Suffolk Council No. 76	\$ 161.79
Deposit #8: Ritual Sales Buffalo Keystone Council No. 17	\$ 150.00
Deposit #9: Ritual Sales Oneonta Council No. 87	\$ 97.00
Deposit #10: Ritual Sales Joseph Warren Cryptic Council No. 37	\$ 48.00
Deposit #11: Ritual Sales St. George's Council No. 74	\$ 159.90
	\$38,734.13

TOTAL REVENUE: \$42,425.44

Expenditures/Expenses

Voucher #18-1462: Final Expenses for 194 th Annual Assembly Expenses	\$ 1,338.04
Voucher #18-1463: New Grand Council Banner	\$ 1,125.75
Voucher #18-1464: John A. Gallant for Annual Assembly Supplies	\$ 32.37
Voucher #18-1465: Grand Council of NY - Escrow Funds Transfer	\$ 1,693.25
Voucher #18-1466: Charles M. Roberts -Triennial Expenses	\$ 600.00
Voucher #18-1467: NY Triangle Organization Journal Ad	\$ 40.00
Voucher #18-1468: Desmond Hotel & Conference Northeast Conference	\$ 8,085.60
Voucher #18-1469: Bay Ridge Commandery Journal Ad	\$ 65.00
Voucher #18-1470: Peck's Graphics Name Badges	\$ 220.70
* Voucher #18-1471: C. Banks MIGM 1 st Quarter Expenses	\$ 1,125.00
Voucher #18-1472: George D. Emmons 1 st Quarter Grand Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 625.00
Voucher #18-1473: Charles M. Roberts 1 st Quarter Grand Recorder's Expenses	\$ 1,255.25
Voucher #18-1474: General Grand Council International Annual Assessments	\$ 2,975.00
Voucher #18-1475: C. Banks MIGM 2 nd Quarter Expenses	\$ 1,125.00
Voucher #18-1476: George D. Emmons 2 nd Quarter Grand Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 625.00
Voucher #18-1477: Charles M. Roberts 2 nd Quarter Grand Recorder's Expenses	\$ 1,225.00
Voucher #18-1478: Desmond Hotel & Conference Center Down Payment	\$ 2,000.00
Voucher #18-1479: Donation to Masonic Brotherhood Fund (H. DeShane)	\$ 50.00
Voucher #18-1480: CAN Surety (Bond Insurance)	\$ 126.00
Voucher #18-1481: R. Fowler Deputy Grand Master Expenses	\$ 400.00
Voucher #18-1482: Grand Post Masonic War Veterans Journal Ad	\$ 50.00
Voucher #18-1483: NY Triangles Leadership Journal Ad	\$ 40.00
Voucher #18-1484: R. Fowler AMIGM 3rd Quarter Expenses	\$ 1,125.00
Voucher #18-1485: C. Banks for Scanning of Records Expenses	\$ 125.00
Voucher #18-1486: C. Banks MIGM Mileage Expense	\$ 50.00
Voucher #18-1487: Kentropolis Webhosting	\$ 259.00
Voucher #18-1488: Richard Transue (Postage)	\$ 9.39
Voucher #18-1489: Stephen Rubinstein (Postage)	\$ 3.75
Voucher #18-1490: John Bo. Covell (Postage)	\$ 4.75
Voucher #18-1491: David R. Barkstedt	\$ 6.70
Voucher #18-1492: George D. Emmons 3 rd Quarter Grand Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 625.00
Voucher #18-1493: Charles M. Roberts 3 rd Quarter Expenses	\$ 1,443.82
Voucher #18-1494: Garry Hutchurson (GM Jewel Repair)	\$ 40.00
Voucher #18-1495: Charles M. Roberts (Key Bank Safe Deposit Box)	\$ 85.35

Voucher #18-1496: Richard Kerimoglu (Gr. Officer Travel Expenses	\$ 400.00
Voucher #18-1497: Donald R. Kunego (Gr. Officer Travel Expenses)	\$ 400.00
Voucher #18-1498: Daniel Elliott (Gr. Officer Travel Expense)	\$ 208.00
Voucher #18-1499: Donald Harrison (Gift Certificate Reimbursement)	\$ 150.00
Voucher #18-1500: RG Award Systems (Name Badges)	\$ 59.22
Voucher #18-1501: R. Fowler AMIGM 4 th Quarter Expenses	\$ 1,125.00
Voucher #18-1502: Charles M. Roberts 4 th Quarter Grand Recorder's Expenses	\$ 712.00
Voucher #18-1503: John A. Gallant (Gr. Officer Travel Expenses)	\$ 400.00
Voucher #18-1504: George D. Emmons 4 th Quarter Gr. Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 625.00
Voucher #18-1405: Kenneth R. Howe 4 th Quarter Gr. recorder's Expenses	\$ 513.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2017-18: \$33,191.94

Balance as of July 31, 2018:

Total Income:	\$42,425.44
Total Expenditures:	- \$33,191.94
Balance on Hand:	9,233.50
Transfer to Escrow:	- \$1,964.19
Operating Fund Balance:	\$7,269.31

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2018: \$7,269.31

Respectfully Submitted,
M.: I.: Charles M. Roberts, Grand Recorder

PROPOSED VERSUS ACTUAL OPERATING BUDGET 2017-2018

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Balance as of 1 August 2017			\$3,691.31
<u>INCOME</u>			
R-1	Member NY Per Capita (1227)	\$24,783.00	\$25,153.50
R-2	Member Gen GC Per Capita (1227)	\$3,067.50	\$3,067.00
R-3	New Member Greeting (70)	\$700.00	\$330.00
R-4	Permanent Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
R-5	Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
R-6	Late Annual Return Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
R-7	Refund Host Council	\$8,500.00	
R-8	Escrow Funds	\$100.00	\$0.00
R-9	Miscellaneous	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$8,335.60</u>
		\$37,950.50	\$36,886.10
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
A-1	Annual Assembly (Meals & Hotel)	\$12,000.00	\$3,338.04
A-2	Annual Proceedings	\$700.00	\$0.00
B-1	Grand Master's Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
B-2	Grand Master's Apron	\$900.00	\$0.00
B-3	Grand Master's Jewel	\$250.00	\$0.00
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
D-1	Office Expense/ Travel	\$4,000.00	\$3,600.00
D-2	Grand Council Storage	\$800.00	\$800.00
D-3	Grand Council Supplies	\$400.00	\$103.55
D-4	Grand Council Postage	\$300.00	\$227.08
D-5	Grand Council Printing	\$500.00	\$0.00
D-6	Telephone	\$150.00	\$0.00
D-7	Insurance & Bonding	\$150.00	\$126.00
D-8	Taxes	\$500.00	\$0.00
E-1	Grand Lecturer's Expenses	\$900.00	\$0.00
E-2	Grand Line Officers' Expenses	\$2,800.00	\$1,808.00
F-1	General Grand Council Per Capita	\$3,067.50	\$2,975.00
F-2	Youth Yearly Program Support	\$500.00	\$80.00
G-1	General Grand Council Triennial	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
G-2	Ritual/Constitution Fund	\$400.00	\$93.25
G-3	Regalia Fund	\$400.00	\$719.92
G-4	Equipment & Repair Fund	\$400.00	\$400.00
G-5	History Fund	\$200.00	\$200.00
G-6	Grand Master's Fund	\$100.00	\$0.00
H-1	Miscellaneous	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,137.26</u>
		\$40,117.50	\$33,308.10
Balance as of 31 July 2017		\$1,524.31	\$7,269.31

Respectfully submitted,

M.: J.: Charles M. Roberts

Grand Recorder

Proposed 2018-19 Grand Council Budget		
Balance July 31, 2018		\$7,269.31
		Budget 2018-19
	INCOME	Comments
R-1	Member NY Per Capita (1163)	\$20.50 per member
R-2	Member GC Per Capita (1163)	\$2.50 per member
R-3	New Members-Greetings (50)	\$10.00 per member
R-4	Permanent Fund Income	
R-5	Bank Interest	
R-6	Late Annual Return Fee	
R-7	Refund Host Council for A-1	
R-8	Escrow Funds	
R-9	Miscellaneous	
	Totals	36,849.00
Disbursements		
A-1	Annual Assembly (Hotel/Meals/Etc.)	12,000.00
A-2	Annual Proceedings	700.00
B-1	Grand Master's Expense	4,500.00
B-2	Grand Master's Apron	1,000.00
B-3	Grand Master's Jewel	800.00
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000.00
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00
D-1	Office Expense	GR 525 = 2100 GT 375 = 1500
D-2	Grand Council Storage	800.00
D-3	Supplies	400.00
D-4	Postage	300.00
D-5	Printing	500.00
D-6	Telephone	150.00
D-7	Insurance & Bonding	150.00
D-8	Taxes	0.00
E-1	Grand Lecturer's Expense	900.00
E-2	Grand Line Officers' Expenses	3,500.00
F-1	Gen. Grand Council Per Capita (1204)	3,010.00
F-2	Youth Yearly Program Support	500.00
G-1	General Grand Triennial Fund	600.00
G-2	Ritual/Constitution NY Escrow Fund	400.00
G-3	Regalia - New York Fund	400.00
G-4	Equipment Repair & Purchase Fund	400.00
G-5	History Fund	200.00
G-6	Grand Master's Fund	200.00
H-1	Miscellaneous	1,500.00
	Totals	39,910.00
	Balance as July 31, 2019	\$4,208.31
Respectfully Submitted,		
M.I.: Charles M. Roberts, Asst Grand Recorder		
R.I.: Richard C. Fowler, DGM		
R.I.: Kenenth R. Howe, Jr., Grand Recorder		
R.I.: George D. Emmons, Grand Treasurer		

TRUSTEES REPORT ON THE PERMANENT FUNDS
OF THE GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRENT CRYPTIC YEAR 2017-2018

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 2017-2018 Cryptic Year.

PERMANENT FUNDS

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2017:

\$128,241.42

INCOME/REVENUE

American High-Income Trust Class A Funds	Gains & Dividends	Shares	Fund Value
July – September 2017 – 1 st Quarter	\$ 563.07	3,889.825 (\$10.48)	\$40,765.37
October – December 2017 – 2 nd Quarter	\$ 568.42	3,944.385 (\$10.37)	\$40,903.27
January – March 2018 – 3 rd Quarter	\$ 571.29	3,999.864 (\$10.19)	\$40,758.61
April – June 2018 – 4 th Quarter	\$ 620.29	4,060.986 (\$10.14)	\$41,178.40
	<u>+\$2,323.07</u>		
		<u>June 30, 2018 Fund Value:</u>	<u>\$41,178.40</u>

Putnam Investments High Yield Trust A	Gains & Dividends	Shares	Fund Value
July – September 2017 – 1 st Quarter	\$1,081.10	15,137.283 (\$5.930)	\$89,764.09
October – December 2017 – 2 nd Quarter	\$1,094.29	15,322.134 (\$5.930)	\$90,860.25
January – March 2018 – 3 rd Quarter	\$1,107.67	15,510.751 (\$5.800)	\$89,962.36
April – June 2018 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$1,121.39</u>	15,704.214 (\$5.750)	\$90,299.23
	<u>+\$4,404.45</u>		
		<u>June 30, 2018 Fund Value:</u>	<u>\$90,299.23</u>

Increase Value of Permanent Funds from June 30, 2017 --- to June 30, 2018: **\$3,236.21**

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2018:

\$131,477.63

DISBURSEMENTS

There were No Withdrawals from the Permanent Funds this Cryptic Year.

We again remind the Grand Recorder and Current Grand Council Officers of the importance of the property held in their trust [Jewels, Collars, Aprons/Cases, Badges and etc.]

Respectfully Submitted,

M.: I.: Richard C. Anderson, Trustee (2017-2020), Chairman

M.: I.: Victor S. Versace, Trustee (2015-2018)

R.: I.: Frederick A. Beitter, Trustee (2016-2019- *Posthumously*)

Awards Committee Report 2017-2018

Individual Achievements

- A. Grand Council State of New York Cryptic Mason of the year
Presented @ Grand Session To Rt. Ill. Companion Howard C. Colegrove
- 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
- E. Lady of the Council Award
To be announced at the Grand Council Banquet
- F. Giles Fonda Yates 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
 - 1) *R.I. David P. Robling ----- [5 Petitioners] ---- King David Council # 97*
 - 2) *R.I. Terry A. Byard ----- [5 Petitioners] ----- King David Council # 97*
 - 3) *R.I. Jamis J. Kaim Jr.-----[8 Petitioners] ----- SkoiYase Council # 75*
- B. Meritorious ISH—SODI Award ---- M.I. Frank I Karwowski
[25 petitioners] ----- St. George's Council #74

Council Membership Gains & Attendance Awards

A. Most Greetings of new Select Masters in the Cryptic Year

*Adelphic Council #7 --- Top of the list (9) New Companions **

B. Greetings of 5 or more new Companions in the Cryptic Year

*Joseph Warren Cryptic Council #37 ---- (6) **

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

This award presented by General Grand Council International

Doric Council #19 – [3] Ahwaga Council #30 – [3]

Joseph Warren Cryptic Warren #37 – [6]

North Shore Council #88 – [3] Cayuga Council # 90 – [3]

Skoi Yase Council – [2] King David Council #97 – [3]

D. Best Attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly

To be announced @ Grand Council Assembly.

Committee Comments

*Membership Count in General is Down

Count - Net Loss = 41 members

6/30/17 -- 1204 Members ----- 6/ 30/18 --- 1163 Members

31 of these members above suspended by NPD or thru RA Chapters.

Submitted by

Richard Anderson, PMIGM, Committee Chairman

Leonard Mason, PMIGM, Committee Member

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Richard C. Fowler's Allocution - 2018

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Most Illustrious, Right Illustrious, Illustrious and Companions all, welcome to the 195th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

This year as your Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master began quite suddenly with a phone call from then Most Illustrious Curtis Banks informing me that as of that call I was your Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master. This was Thursday after Grand Chapter Royal Arch Convocation in March. After the shock had cleared I began to make planning for the visitations that was expected of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. I received many supporting phone calls within the next few days and I wish to thank all the companions who called and offered their support.

I began my term as Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master by reaffirming the appointments made by my predecessor and thanking those who were serving as DDGMs, AGLs and in other offices. Upon the advice of the Grand Recorder I ordered the suspension of the sales of the Alpha/Omega coins and pins with the stipulation that the pins & coins be returned to the Grand Recorder for accounting and the monies to be sent to Curtis Banks as this was his fundraiser. After reviewing the edicts previously put forth by MI Banks, I asked that they be rescinded until further review.

My first official appearance as your Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master was in Connecticut for the Quad-State Festival on March 23rd, where New York had the honor of performing the Royal Master degree on the candidates present. I informed them at the beginning that as we [New York] were doing the degree, the usual warning about cell phones ringing with the accompanying penalty would be in force. That was accepted with much interest. Unfortunately we did not receive any contributions to our Charity that morning.

With my rapid elevation from Grand Captain of the Guard to Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master I still had my visits to make within my own Cryptic District. I visited Fulton Council #50 on March 28th and caused to open them in ample form as they have a difficult time getting the necessary number to be able to open constitutionally. Discussion concerning merging or affiliating with another Council took most of the evening. I made more trips to Fulton Council to try to get this matter taken care of. They are trying another move of location to see if that will generate interest in new members and bring some older companions out.

The month of April saw me attending Central City #13 on the 11th where we discussed the possible merger or affiliation with Fulton #50. With the wise words of our Judge Advocate many nuances were discussed and an invitation was issued to Fulton #50.

Next was Rotica #12 on the 16th and I was very well received by the Companions there. The companions there welcomed me as a frequent visitor and even the Recorder had a few enlightening remarks.

Continuing the visits in my home district I was with the companions of Cayuga #90 on April 18th. After a delicious dinner at the local restaurant we adjourned to the Trumansburg Temple for the Official Visit of the DDGM & AGL. Following their presentations, I gave a few remarks and thanked them for the support offered as I continued to represent our Grand Council.

Ahwaga Council #30 had the distinction of being the last of my visits to the constituent councils making up our Grand Council. I was welcomed there by S. K. David Dixon Goodwin, Past Most Eminent Grand

Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The evening was also the DDGM/AGL visit and I enjoyed the fellowship of the companions present.

April 26th was my regular meeting night at King David Council #97 and we received two new companions that night as the Royal Master Degree was the order of the evening. I welcomed them to the first part of the Cryptic degrees and encouraged them to continue through the rest of our beautiful degree system.

My lady Linda and I traveled to New York City in May to represent our Grand Council at the Annual Grand Lodge session. This was my first trip in over 10 years to Grand Lodge and the changes I experienced were many. The security of the building was very impressive. The electronic voting system was much appreciated when there were more than two candidates and I remembered the paper ballots of the past that took forever to count and decide the winner. Imagine my surprise when after being received by the Most Worshipful Jeffrey M. Williamson that my seat was the very first row next to the Deputy Grand Master. Those who see any pictures of the dais will see a look of astonishment on my face.

The third Tuesday of May found me in Gananoque, Ontario, Canada for the annual meeting of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge and the conferring of the Royal Ark Mariner degree. Our Grand Council was well represented with both Grand Officers and candidates. The Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Ontario and some of his officers were also present.

May 25th found Lady Linda and me traveling to St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada for the Grand Council of Ontario Annual Assembly. Of interest was the fact that they must have the Grand First Principal of the Royal Arch Masons present to open and hold their meeting. Sunday morning was the meeting of Ontario Priory #49 K.Y.C.H. and during the meeting I was made an honorary member of their Priory.

June 2nd had my lady and I traveling to Buffalo for the homecoming of Most Worshipful Jeffrey M. Williamson, Past Grand Master. We were welcomed and acknowledged during the dinner.

Not one to stay idle, Lady Linda and I traveled to Killington, Vermont to attend their Grand York Rite Session on June 10th. What a pleasurable experience it was. The countryside was breathtaking and the weather was almost perfect. Many new friends were made and some old acquaintances were renewed. I met a couple who were in Denver Colorado in 2014 while I was there for the Order of the Purple Cross. They invited me to Maine for their Annual Session as he will be the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar next year. Small world isn't it?

August 4th was the DeMolay Convention in Utica and it was my honor to represent Grand Council during their meetings. The young men and ladies of the Masonic Youth groups showed us that the future of our Fraternity is in good and capable hands.

As I look forward to the next Cryptic year I again offer to you, my companions, the promise to do my best to move our Grand Council and the Fraternity forward to bigger and better things. With the support of all the companions of New York State we can do this. We will offer the craft "The Rest of the Story".

May God bless us, our Fraternity, the Armed Forces and the United States of America!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Fowler,

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Of The State of New York

**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**
Friday Evening, August 17, 2018

VESPER SERVICE

PRELUDE

MEDITATE ON THE WORD Psalm 62:1-8

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, the one and only - I'll wait as long as he says.

ALL: Everything I need comes from him, so why not? He is the solid rock under our feet. the breathing room for our souls, an impregnable castle for our defense. I am set for life.

Leader: The God of Abraham and Sarah of old is still the God of our faith today. Coming and enfolding us all into the everlasting Love and Peace that only God can provide.

ALL: On God do we wait all of our day and night. Amen.

* **OPENING EVENING HYMN** "We Sing To You, O God"

EVENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Let us make our prayer to the God of our salvation because all our hope rests in him.

– Father, our trust is in you.

Father, you established a covenant with your people: we trust in you, for you are faithful to your word.

– Father, our trust is in you.

Send workers into the harvest, and bring the world to the knowledge and love of you.

– Father, our trust is in you.

May the unity of your people be formed by love and understanding; gather us together through the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

– Father, our trust is in you.

Help your children to create a community where justice and peace may flourish: be with us lest we labor in vain.

– Father, our trust is in you.

Be mindful of all of creation and all of your people, have mercy on us, O Lord, where we have failed to keep your covenant

– Father, our trust is in you. Amen.

THE OFFERING *(The Offering received this evening goes to the Grand Council Charity Corporation for meeting its annual donations to approved charities. The Officers will receive the gifts from the people of God)*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 31

THE HOMILY: "In God We Trust"
M.:I.: & Rev. Charles M. Roberts

*** CLOSING EVENING HYMN**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*** THE BENEDICTION**

- *Stand If You Are Able.*

"We Sing To You, O God"

*We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.*

*We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms and sheltered us against the storm.*

*You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.*

*O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.*

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you. God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you. God be with you till we meet
again.**

Grand Chaplains

R.:I.: & Rev. Jose L. Valencia, Jr.

R.:I.: & Rev. Stenrick B. Adams

R.:I.: & Rev. Dr. Mark D. Issacs

M.:I.: & Rev. Charles M. Roberts

Grand Musicians

R.:I.:Eric Howd

R.:I.:Gerald Irwin

R.:I.:David Shire

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

GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, August 18, 2018 – 11:00 AM

Convening of the Annual Meeting	President Charles M. Roberts
Invocation	
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of August 2017	Secretary Richard J. Kessler
Board of Directors Highlights for 2017-2018	President Charles M. Roberts
Financials of the Corporation for 2017-2018	Treasurer E. William Whittaker
Financial Review/Audit Report	R.:I.: Donald Kunego, Chairman
Charitable Distribution for 2017-18 year	President Charles M. Roberts
Election to the Board of Directors for 3 Years	M.:I.: Donald Harrison, Chairman
<u>Report of the Nominating Committee</u>	
R.:I.: Richard J. Kessler replacement for R.:I.: Richard J. Kessler, term expired	
R.:I.: Stuart W. Card replacement for R.:I.: Stuart W. Card, term expired	
Charity Fund Awards Presentations	Directors of the Corporation
NY Children's Tumor Foundation Speaker	Angela Dumadag
Approval of Minutes of this Annual Meeting	Secretary Richard J. Kessler
Benediction	
Adjournment	President Charles M. Roberts

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

M.:I.: & Rev. Charles M. Roberts, President (2016-2019)
R.:I.: R. Conrad Johnson, 1st Vice President (2017-2020)
R.:I.: Ralph H. Rosenthal, 2nd Vice President (2017-2020)
M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Treasurer (2016-2019)
I.: Richard J. Kessler, Secretary (2015-2018)
R.:I.: Stuart W. Card, Assistant Secretary (2015-2018)

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

General Meeting Rochester, NY

Minutes August 19, 2017

Open: President Roberts called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

Invocation: Rev. Jose Valencia

Opening Remarks:

President Roberts opened the annual meeting of the Charity Corporation

- The reports of the Charity Corporation are on last three pages in the Grand Assemblies Annual Report
 - The Directors of the Charity Corporation held all required meetings as required by our bylaws
 - Board of Directors are constantly reviewing our portfolio to ensure the best and safest return on our money
 - The Charity Corporation operating expenses were under budget for the year
 - Expenses are constantly reviewed and proposed budget will reflect less expense for the upcoming year.
 - The goal of the Board is to ensure that the highest percentage of income is directed to the chosen charities
 - The Charity Corporation has contributed approximately \$413,000 cumulatively to the Parkinson Disease Foundation
 - Donations continue to be down with some councils having zero participation
 - President Charles challenged all Councils to participate
- Motion to approve the President's Report was made, seconded and approved.**

Minutes:

Minutes of the August 20, 2016 General Meeting from Rochester, New York was approved.
A copy of the minutes is included in the annual proceedings.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the following reports

- Council Giving in Dollars
- Sponsor, Patron, & Grand Master Levels Report
- Council \$5 per Member Report
- Annual Financial Investment Report
- Current status of checking Account
- Our donations will increase from \$13,000 to \$14,500
- Operating expense was reduced from the previous year and a breakdown is available upon request
- The Charity Corporation is not charged for any financial transactions.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved.

Audit Report:

On August 15, 2016 a committee of R.:I.: Donald Kunego; chairman, R.:I.: Vernon Rupert, and Companion Steven Howard reported that the Audit Committee and found all reports, records and supporting documentation in good order.

Motion to accept the audit report was made and approved by acclamation.

President Roberts thanked the committee for their diligence and hard work.

Copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Donations: The directors recommended the following donations:

- Parkinson Disease \$ 7,500
- Order DeMolay \$ 1,500
- International Order of Triangles \$ 1,500
- Order of Rainbow \$ 1,500
- Children's Tumor Foundation \$ 2,500

The body unanimously approved the recommended giving levels.

Election of Directors:

- M.:I.: Donald Harrison, chairman of the nominating committee, nominated R.:I.: Conrad Johnson to replace R.:I.: Banks; term expired and R.:I.: Rosenthal to succeed himself as directors of the Charity Corporation for the ensuing three years.
- There were no further nominations and a motion to close nominations was made and approved.
- The president directed the Recorder to cast one ballot for the unanimous election of Companions Rosenthal and Johnson.
- The elections were closed.
- All business being conducted, President Roberts closed the general meeting at 11:45 AM.

Awards Ceremony:

Charity Award certificates and Solomon Award presentations were made.

Benediction: Rev. Charles Roberts

Adjourned: 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

R.:I.: Richard J. Kessler

Secretary

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Charity Corporation					
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY August 1, 2017 thru July 31, 2018					
Checking Account Balance 8/1/17				\$21,060.73	
Investment Account Balances 8/1/17					
	Deutsche Global High Income Fund (SGHSX)	\$101,319.10			
	Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$174,965.74			
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBDX)	\$37,302.69			
	Pimco Income (PONAX)	\$75,657.86			
	Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund (SWPPX)	\$44,670.76			
	Virtus Seix High Income (STHTX)	\$103,574.67			
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$537,490.82		
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/17			\$0.00		\$558,551.55
ACTIVITY 8/1/17-7/31/18					
Income					
	Donations	\$7,796.00			
	The Solomon Arch Society	\$6,600.00			
	Dividends/Interest/Realized Capital Gains(Losses)	\$27,532.40			
	Misc	\$0.00			
Total Income			\$41,928.40		
Expenses					
	Contributions to Charity	\$14,700.00			
	Operating/Administrative Expense	\$4,533.60			
Total Expense			\$19,233.60		
Net Unrealized Change in Investment Value (gain/loss)					
		\$11,139.64			
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/18					\$592,385.99
ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS OF 7/31/18					
Checking Account Balance 7/31/18			\$25,427.59		
Investment Account Balances 7/31/18					
	Deutsche Global High Income Fund (SGHSX)	\$98,341.78			
	Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$195,255.99			
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBDX)	\$35,986.25			
	Pimco Income (PONAX)	\$84,224.90			
	Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund (SWPPX)	\$51,055.45			
	Virtus Seix High Income (STHTX)	\$102,094.03			
Total Investment Balances 7/31/18			\$566,958.40		
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$0.00		
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/18					\$592,385.99

Council Giving in Dollars
2017-2018

	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	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Adelphic-7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Rotica-12	\$58.00	\$150.00	\$208.00
7	Central City-13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Bloss-DeWitt Clinton-14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	Buffalo-Keystone-17	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
10	King Hiram-18	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
11	Doric-19	\$50.00	\$550.00	\$600.00
12	Dunkirk-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Ahwaga-30	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
14	King Solomon-31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	Hornellsville-35	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
16	Adoniram-36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Joseph Warren-Cryptic-37	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
18	Fulton-50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
19	St. George's-74	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$283.00
20	Skoi-Yase-75	\$14.00	\$200.00	\$214.00
21	Suffolk-76	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
22	Flatbush-80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Oneonta-87	\$201.00	\$0.00	\$201.00
24	North Shore-88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
25	Cayuga-90	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
26	Hamburg-91	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
27	Nundawaga-92	\$115.00	\$300.00	\$415.00
28	Goshen-93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
29	King David-97	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
30	Misc. Donations	\$3,575.00	\$0.00	\$3,575.00
31				
32	TOTALS	\$4,446.00	\$3,350.00	\$7,796.00

2018
\$5 per Member

Council	No.	members	at\$5/member	total gift	/member
Columbian	1	126	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Union	2	33	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adelphic	7	56	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rotica	12	62	\$310.00	\$208.00	\$3.35
Central City	13	53	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bloss-DWClinton	14	58	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buffalo-Keystone	17	57	\$285.00	\$300.00	\$5.26
King Hiram	18	14	\$70.00	\$900.00	\$64.29
Doric	19	35	\$175.00	\$600.00	\$17.14
Dunkirk	25	29	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ahwaga	30	37	\$185.00	\$50.00	\$1.35
King Solomon's	31	23	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hornellsville	35	32	\$160.00	\$500.00	\$15.63
Adoniram	36	28	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JWarren-Cryptic	37	30	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$5.00
Fulton	50	31	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. George's	74	95	\$475.00	\$283.00	\$2.98
Skoi Yase	75	18	\$90.00	\$214.00	\$11.89
Suffolk	76	69	\$345.00	\$100.00	\$1.45
Flatbush	80	46	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oneonta	87	54	\$270.00	\$201.00	\$3.72
North Shore	88	35	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cayuga	90	23	\$115.00	\$100.00	\$4.35
Hamburg	91	44	\$220.00	\$100.00	\$2.27
Nun Da Waga	92	34	\$170.00	\$415.00	\$12.21
Goshen	93	37	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
King David	97	28	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$3.57
		1187			

Life sponsors by Councils
1966-2017

	A	B	C	D
1	Council & No.	1966-2018	2017-2018	TOTAL
2				
3	Columbian-1	46	0	46
4	Union-2	64	0	64
5	Adelphic-7	35	0	35
6	Rotica-12	241	2	243
7	Central City-13	69	0	69
8	Bloss-DeWitt Clinton-14	109	0	109
9	Buffalo-Keystone-17	86	5	91
10	King Hiram-18	29	12	41
11	Doric-19	284	3	287
12	Dunkirk-25	21	0	21
13	Ahwaga-30	82	1	83
14	King Solomon-31	73	0	73
15	Hornellsville-35	65	1	66
16	Adoniram-36	94	0	94
17	Joseph Warren-Cryptic-37	19	0	19
18	Fulton-50	26	0	26
19	St. George's-74	89	0	89
20	Skoi-Yase-75	88	1	89
21	Suffolk-76	81	2	83
22	Flatbush-80	33	0	33
23	Oneonta-87	124	0	124
24	North Shore-88	49	0	49
25	Cayuga-90	40	1	41
26	Hamburg-91	40	1	41
27	Nundawaga-92	78	2	80
28	Goshen-93	16	0	16
29	King David-97	20	2	22
30	Other	90	1	91
31				
32	TOTALS	2091	34	2125



Grand Council

Cryptic Masons of the State of New York
of the State of New York



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Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master

R.:I.: Phillip J. Chandler
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

R.:I.: George D. Emmons
Grand Treasurer

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

M.:I.: Charles Roberts
President of the Grand Council Charity Corporation

SUBJECT: Grand Council Charity Corporation Audit Committee Annual Report - 2017-2018

The following Annual Report for the period August 2017 - August 2018 is submitted. On August 10, 2018 at 1000hrs, upon the request from **M.:I.: Charles Roberts**, President of the Grand Council Charity Corporation, the Grand Council Audit Committee was called to order by **R.:I.: Donald R. Kunego**, Chairman with the following members present **R.:I.: John B. Covell**, and **Companion Steven Howard**. The Charity Corporation's financial records [books, records, receipts, vouchers, banking and financial investment statements] were presented for audit by **M.:I.: E. William Whittaker**, Chairman, Charity Corporation.

Upon strict examination, questioning and viewing of the records presented, the Committee agreed unanimously, to find such records to be accepted an in due order.

A 'Well Done' and 'Thank You' is recommended for the outstanding efforts dedicated to this great cause by **M.:I.: E. William Whittaker** and the members of the Grand Council Charity Corporation Committee.

The members of the Audit Committee would like to thank the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master for having the honor to serve as members of the committee.

Sincerely,

Don

R.:I.: Donald R. Kunego
Chairman, Charity Corporation Audit Committee

May God Bless Our Great Fraternity
May God Bless Out Troops and May God Bless America

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR THE
GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION
August 18, 2018

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2018: **\$25,427.59**

INCOME/REVENUE (2018-2019)

1.) Donations from the Offering of Vesper Service:	\$ 100.00
2.) Contributions from Individuals and Councils:	\$ 7,000.00
3.) Contributions to Solomon Arch Society:	\$ 3,000.00
3.) Investment Dividends/Interest/Gains:	\$20,700.00
4.) Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 300.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME: **\$31,100.00**

TOTAL REVENUE FUNDS: **\$56,527.59**

EXPENSES/EXPENDITURES (2018-2019)

1.) Treasurer's Salary:	\$ 1,000.00
2.) Treasurer's Expenses:	\$ 1,400.00
3.) Office Expenses:	\$ 200.00
4.) Lodging:	\$ 200.00
5.) Meals:	\$ 100.00
6.) Travel:	\$ 300.00
7.) Legal-NYS Filing Fees	\$ 100.00
8.) 990 Tax Preparation	\$ 1,100.00
9.) Payroll Taxes	\$ 200.00
10.) Postage	\$ 100.00
11.) Bond Insurance	\$ 130.00
12.) Printing	\$ 150.00
13.) Grants to Charities:	\$15,000.00
14.) Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
15.) Transfer to Investments	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: **\$30,080.00**

YEAR END FUNDS AVAILABLE: **\$26,447.59**

<u>BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2019:</u>	\$26,447.59
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**RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
Northeast York Rite Conference
Group Rate of \$115.00**

September 6-9, 2018

RESERVATION PROCEDURES

Individual Telephone Reservations

It is understood individual guests are to make reservations directly with the Hotel. These reservations must be received no later than **August 16, 2018**. Individuals should identify themselves as members of Northeast York Rite Conference at the time the individual is making their reservation. This event has been assigned a **Group ID** which is **12T0SJ**.

Local # 518-869-8100 and/or the toll free # 800-448-3500

On-Line Booking Link

<http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=2122308&hotelID=12446>

Check in time begins for all groups at 4:00 p.m. Individuals may check in earlier, depending on occupancy levels and availability of "ready" rooms. Check out time is 12 noon.

GUEST ROOM CANCELLATION POLICY

An individual guest may cancel a room reservation, and not be charged for the reservation guarantee, if notice is received by 4:00PM the day prior to arrival. Individuals must obtain a cancellation number a cancellation number from the hotel should there be any future dispute on the cancellation time.

TAX POLICY

Overnight accommodations are subject to the prevailing taxes at the time the event is conducted as required by law. Currently, the prevailing tax is an 8% state sales tax and 6% occupancy tax for a total guest room tax of 14.00%. Please note the state sales tax will pertain to all other hotel services provided. Taxes may change without prior notice.

HIGHLIGHTS THE DESMOND CAN OFFER TO YOUR ORGANIZATION

- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout entire hotel
- Airport accessibility with 24 hour complimentary on-demand shuttle
- State of the art audio-visual equipment and support
- Secured Internet access available – for private computer networking
- Multiple dining options on-site as well as room service
- Transportation to restaurants and shopping within the immediate area including Colonie Center Mall
- Fitness Facility, Indoor pool, Billiards Room, Business Center
- Complimentary Parking in a safe well-lit surface parking lot
- Complimentary newspapers in the lobby

Detach this page and mail with check
Payable to:
Grand Commandery of Delaware
c/o Mark Irwin
6420 Shutt Road
Spring Grove, PA 17362

Registration Information, please print

Name: _____
Ladies Name (If Attending) _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Title: _____

Please indicate which sessions you are attending, check all that apply.
Chapter ☐ Council ☐ Commandery ☐

Meals from other page _____
Reg Fee -- Conf. & Em. Ldr **\$10.00**
Total: _____

Please double check your meal choices and prices transferring to this page. Remember, the Registration Fee is mandatory and must be included in the total amount.

Northeast York Rite Conference

The Officers of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Grand Encampment Knights Templar United States of America welcome you to this year's Conference.

General Grand Chapter will hold their session on Friday, September 7 at 8:00 am.

General Grand Council will hold their sessions on Friday, September 7 at 1:00 pm.

Grand Encampment will hold their session on Saturday, September 8, at 8:00 AM.

Leadership 101, 201 and 401 classes of "The Emerging Leaders Program" under the direction of Past Grand Master John Palmer will be simultaneously offered at 8:00AM, Saturday.

YOU MUST REGISTER AHEAD with Ms. Glenda F. Palmer, PO Box 566, Nolensville, TN 37135-0566
Email: YRELT@comcast.net.

FOR THE LADIES:

Shopping is available at Colonie Mall an easy drive from the hotel.

The Registration fee for all men is \$10.00 per person. All Sir Knights and Companions are highly encouraged to attend.

Mark Irwin

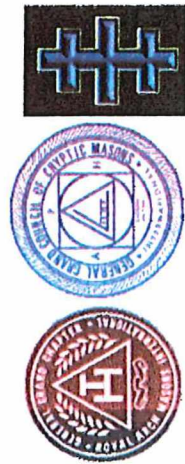
Deputy General Grand High Priest
Northeast Region

Charles A. McCollum

Deputy General Grand Master
Northeast Region

Stuart Drost

Northeast Department Commander



2018

Northeastern York Rite Conference

September 7 - 8, 2018

**Desmond Hotel and
Conference Center**
660 Albany-Shaker Rd
Albany, N.Y. 12211

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Albany, NY 12211
Phone: 518-869-8100
Toll Free: 800-448-3500

Room Rates: \$115 + 14% taxes

**Identify yourself as a member of the
Northeast York Rite Conference**

Reservations must be received no later than
August 16, 2018.

Directions:

**Just off Exit 4 on Interstate 87 -
Northway and Albany Airport Exit.**

Free Shuttle 24 hr. to Airport to hotel.

2018 Official Polo Shirt

Order Information

*Color of your choice, rib collar, button front
With pocket and Conference Logo*

Men's (Sm, Med, Large, XL) \$30.00ea
(2XL - 5XL) \$35.00ea
Name on right side +\$ 5.00ea
Shipping +actual postage

Colors

Black, White, Maroon, Green, Blue, Grey

Please use the Order Form when placing your order

Use link below:

Order before August 1, 2018

Checks and Mail to:

Milford Commandery No. 11 Uniform Store

24 Deposit Street

Milford, MA 01757

Phone: 508-482-0006

Milford Commandery is again offering conference shirts, with the proceeds going to the KT Eye Foundation. Please support their efforts for this great cause.

Some shirts will be available for sale at the conference - There will be a limited supply of shirts at the conference they will not have names on them. Any requests, comments, ordering, shipping, or information must be directed to

Milford Commandery # 11 at:

Milford Commandery Store Order Form

http://www.milfordcommandery.com/order_form.htm

Meal Reservation Form

Must be returned by 9/1/2018

Please circle your meal choice and indicate quantity next to each choice.

All meals are joint with the ladies.

Friday & Saturday morning breakfast, at your leisure, on your own, the hotel restaurant opens at 6:00 A.M.

Friday Lunch

Includes Soup, Dessert, Beverage

Chicken Caesar Salad \$27.00

Oven Roasted Turkey Wrap \$27.00

Friday Evening Banquet

Chicken Francaise \$37.00

Potato Encrusted Salmon \$45.00

Oven Roasted Vegetable Strudel \$37.00

Roast Sirloin of Beef \$47.00

Saturday Luncheon Buffet

Courtyard Buffet \$36.00

Includes hot & cold entrees, dessert, beverage

Should your diet require a special meal please indicate. We will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Prices are inclusive of all taxes and gratuities

2019 Path Forward Survey

Stephen A. Balke

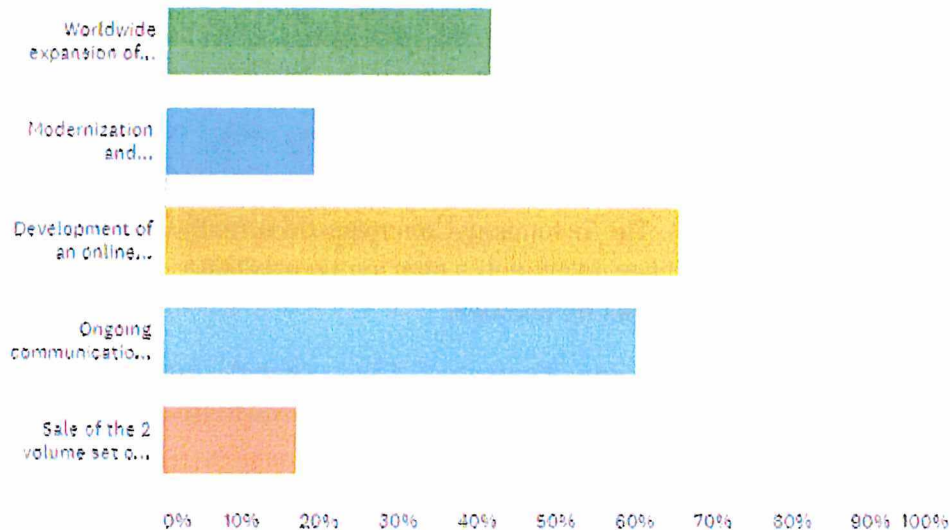
Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of New Mexico

Technology Committee Chair, GGCCMI

In May and June, the Technology Committee worked with leadership to put out a survey on GGCCMI Objectives and Improvements. The survey was short but was designed to provide the opportunity to open a channel of communication, and two of the questions were short answer. We used the Weekly Decryption email list and Facebook as our main advertisements to get participation, but only had 125 responses. We hope that we will see a continued growth in participation in future efforts. Following are the results:

What are your favorite initiatives of the General Grand Council?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



Question 1: How are you getting updates from the General Grand Council? (Multiple answer multiple choice).

Answered by 124 of 125 respondents.

- 65.32% Email Updates
- 19.35% No Info
- 32.26% Personal Contact
- 30.65% Social Media

For future updates, please use the following links to keep up with GGC activities:

- Click this link to sign up for the Weekly Decryption and receive email updates. (/index.php/en/weekly-decryption-signup)
- Click this link to "Like" the General Grand Council Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/ggccmi/>)
- Click this link to see the calendar of events so you can attend events and see our Companions. (/index.php/en/calendar)

Question 2: What are your favorite initiatives of the General Grand Council? (Multiple answer multiple choice).

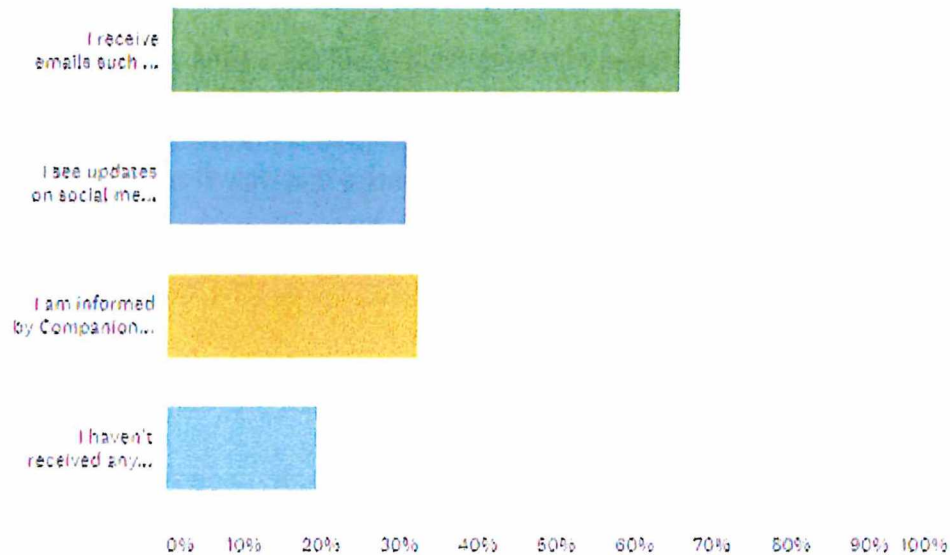
Answered by 116 of 125 respondents.

- Cryptic Masonry Worldwide – 41.38%
- Website Modernization – 18.97%
- Online Learning System – 65.52%
- Continuing the Newsletter – 60.34%

- Sell (Again) the History Set – 17.24%

How are you getting updates from the General Grand Council?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 1



Please see the General Grand Master's Cryptic New Year article (</index.php/en/news/1866-happy-cryptic-new-year-2019>) for updates on these and more programs. The Technology Committee is currently working on the "inner workings" of the website, we have just acquired new talent and a plan for the newsletter, and the online learning system is planned to be fully functional by the end of the year (or sooner).

Question 3: What initiatives or programs would you like to see? (Short answer). Answered by 82 of the 125 respondents. Of the 82, eight provided no or ambiguous answers, and four provided two each, leaving 78 contributions. The following is a synopsis:

- 33 responses regarding education – 42.31%. Ten were general with no specifics, seven were requesting more Cryptic Education, six the implementation of curriculums such as other bodies have or leveraging theirs, three requested leadership courses, two reaffirmed online education, two wanted programs for local Councils, and one each wanted to publish papers, esoteric information, and history.
- 15 of the responses referenced Communication – 19.23%. Eight of these were general, two described better outreach by GGC to local Companions, and one each for better presentations at the Regional Conferences, contributions from local companions, one encouragement regarding the Weekly Decryption, outreach to Grand Councils, and one suggested we highlight achievements of Companions locally who accomplish things for Cryptic Masonry.
- 14 of the responses referenced Membership – 17.95%. Seven were general, three suggested marketing materials, two mentioned the implementation of a membership database such as MMS or California's system, and one each mentioned proactive support and expansion to Poland.
- 8 of the responses were for Ritual – 10.26%. Four were general, two cited local translations of our ritual, one mentioned making a digital copy available, and one making DVDs of performances for education sake.
- Of the eight remaining responses, more info on CMMRF was two, and one each for more awards, creating a custom App, one for a history, one for enhancing the website, one for Youth Groups, and one suggested we evaluate our programs.

Many of these are being addressed as outlined by the General Grand Master, but what is important is to keep the conversation going through your Ambassador and Regional Deputy.

Question 4: Please share your most effective fundraiser for CMMRF. (Short answer). Answered by 79 of the 125 respondents. Of the 79, 18 were questions in return or not a suggestion, leaving 61. The following is an overview:

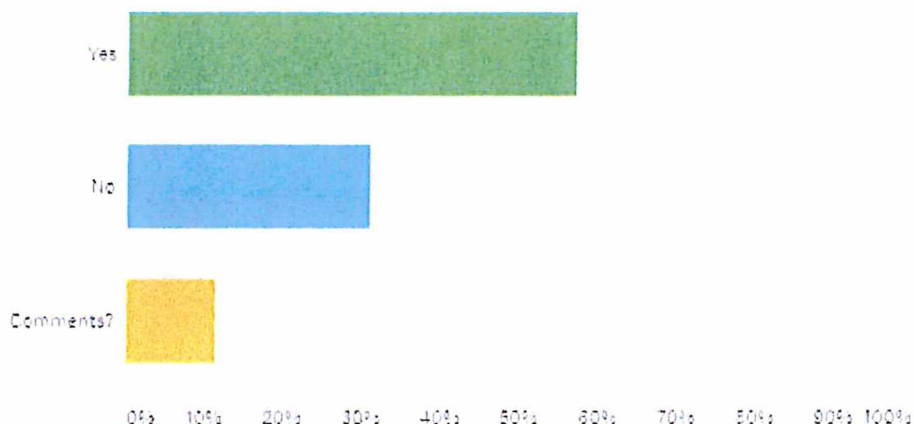
- 18 responses described events – 29.51%. Table Councils, dinners, white elephant auctions, fundraising trips, and rummage or bake sales were suggested.
- Seven responses alluded to getting contributions from members.
- Three suggested adding to member dues.
- Two retailer programs were suggested – Smile.Amazon.com, and Facebook birthday contributions.
- One suggested targeted coin (or other trinkets) sales.

For more information on CMMRF, please visit the following websites:

- <https://cmmrf.org> (<https://cmmrf.org>) – many helpful videos and information on progress on research.
- <https://ggccmi.org/index.php/en/the-history-of-cmmrf> ([/index.php/en/the-history-of-cmmrf](https://ggccmi.org/index.php/en/the-history-of-cmmrf))

Would you like to see demonstrations of a portion of the Royal Master degree available for Master Masons?

Answered: 122 Skipped: 3



Question 5: Would you like to see demonstrations of a portion of the Royal Master degree available for Master Masons? (Yes/No/Comment). Answered by 122 of 125 respondents. 70 responses were "Yes", 38 were "No".

Within the comments, four were Positive citing the benefit of a better system of expounding esoterica, one is already doing it, one said to keep it very brief, and one said it would be much like MMM for Chapter. Five were negative, stating that we should not have it be "free", one stated that the MMM isn't working, one said MMM is enough, one wanted further definition, and one said it should stay in York Rite. Five were neutral because of not enough information, they were unsure, they wanted further explanation, the link to York Rite is ignored, and one had never heard of the Royal Master.

Question 6: If you would like, please share your contact info, jurisdiction, etc. (Fill in the blanks). Answered by 63 of 125 respondents. Most gave their full contact info.

We hope the above information is useful and shows the varying perspective of our path forward. We encourage everyone to share ideas and help us to keep the communication lines open and active for the betterment of Cryptic Masonry.

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