Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

2020-2021

198th Annual Assembly



M.: I.: Phillip J. Chandler Most Illustrious Grand Master 3020-3021 A.Dep.

> August 20th & 21st, 2021 The Desmond Hotel Albany NP

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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of Rew York Most Illustrious John A. Gallant, PMIGM Grand Recorder 2180 Plank Road, Lima, NY 14485-9407 GrandRecorder@NYCryptic.org

September 2, 2023

To the Companions reviewing the 198th Grand Assembly Proceedings file.

Due to the "soft ending" of the isolations due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the summer of 2021 there were no formal printed proceedings for our 198th Grand Assembly. The handouts consisted of the 197th Proceedings, which due to the pandemic the Grand Assembly was canceled along with verbal reports and limited printed reports.

These Pseudo-Proceedings are an "after the fact" bundling of materials relevant to the Companions for the 198th Grand Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Most III. John A. Gallant Grand Recorder Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New York

June 6, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally,

Attest:

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

 $R \therefore I \therefore$ Kenneth R. Howe, Jr. Grand Recorder



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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE CALL TO THE 198th Annual Assembly

JUNE 2021

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

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

<u>REGISTRATION</u>: Friday, August 20, 2021: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 21, 2021: 7:30 – 10:00 AM opposite the meeting room. Registration and Credentials will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 21st. Certificates of Appointment as Proxies for the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, bearing the Council Seal, should be presented to the Credentials Desk before the Opening of the Grand Council. Aprons are to be worn in all Tiled Sessions. Don't forget to bring yours.

<u>RESERVATIONS:</u> Hotel and Meal Reservation Form is enclosed or you can go to the website: www.nycryptic.org and download a copy. All Reservations must be made by US Mail ONLY - No Emails or Phone Call Reservations! Cut Off Date for Meals is Absolute--<u>There Will Be No Reservations</u> Accepted after August 14, 2021 whatsoever because of Covid restrictions!

The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021

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

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<u>Saturday, August 21, 2021</u> (Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: Morning Suits; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: Purple Jackets or Tuxedo/Black/Purple Tie; Companions: Jacket & Tie; All Wear Aprons if Available)

Breakfast on Your Own

8:30 AM Reception of NY Distinguished Guests	
9:00 AM Necrology Ceremony - Ladies and Non-members excused following the Ceremon	iy
9:45 AM RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY	
 Business Conducted: Roll Call of AGLs; Roll Call & Recognition of DDGMs; Recognition of Past Grand Masters; Roll Call & Recognition of Grand Representatives; <u>Reports of</u>: Trustee of Grand Council; Grand Treasurer; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master; Grand Recorder; Presentation of Honorary Memberships; Remarks from Visitors; Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address. 10:45 -11:00 AM Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of I or that of his personal representative. 	s t
Recess For Lunch	
NOON LUNCHEON (Reservation and Tickets required)	
Reconvene Business of the Annual Assembly	
1:15 PM RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Business Conducted: Reports of: Ish Sodi & Awards; Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address; Time & Place Committee; Credentials; Unfinished Business; Election of Officers; Tiled Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect; Closing of the 198 th Annual Assembly by Grand Council Officers.	
3:00 PM Public Installation of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters and AGLs - Ladies & Guests Invited	
4:15-5:30 PM Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree (Open Only for the Cast and Candidates and Limited number of Grand Council Officers due to Covi (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.)	id)
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 Tic Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions: Purple Jacket / Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie; Ladies: Semi-Formal)	e;
9:30 PM Hospitality Suite will be open until 11:30 PM.	
Fraternally, Attest:	

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M.: I.: Phillip J. Chandler Most Illustrious Grand Master R∴I∴ Kenneth R. Howe, Jr. Grand Recorder



THE 198th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AUGUST 20 - 21, 2021

For Accommodations

Contact Directly:	The Crown Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel
	any Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211
	518-869-8100 and state you wish to make a reservation
	ptic Masons of the State of New York Annual Assembly
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Group Hotel Room Chec	k-In Time is: 4:00 PM, Earlier possible if single arrival.
	u have any difficulty with reservations
Our Hotel Liaison Cor	ntact is Jack Roddy, Sales Manager (518) 640-6077
	nail: JRoddy@desmondhotels.com
Room Reservations are \$117	7.00 plus tax. Rooms must be Reserved by <u>August 6, 2021</u>
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	rn this form below with your payment by <u>August 14, 2021</u>
	In US Funds) to: Grand Council Cryptic Masons of NY
	heck should state: Registration & Meals. Thank You.
	∴ I∴ Charles M. Roberts, Asst. Grand Recorder
150 Meadowi	briar Road, Rochester, NY 14616-2339
Friday Avguet 20th C.00 DW	1-585-259-3796
Friday, August 20 6:00 Piv	/ Welcome Shaker Buffet (\$50.00)
Saturday August 21st NOON	(Casual Dress for All) No. \$ Men's Lunch (\$38.00) No. \$ unch & Program (\$38.00) No. \$
Ladies' Lu	unch & Program (\$38.00) No. \$
(Ladies: Casual D	ress / Men: Morning Suite/Tux/Business Suit)
(Men: White Dinner Jacke	M The 198 th Annual Banquet of the Grand Council et / Tuxedo or Dark Suit and Ladies: Semi- Formal)
Roasted NY Sirloin of	Beef (\$50.00) No \$
Chicken Francaise	Beef (\$50.00) No. \$
Salmon Piccata	(\$45.00) NO \$ se Side of this Sheet for details on Meals)
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	TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$
Name:	Lady's Name:
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Council Name and Number:	
Grand Body:	
Street Address:	
City:	State/Province:
Zip Code:	Phone Number:
PLEASE SEND THIS FORM IMMEL	DIATELY SO YOU WILL HAVE YOUR RESERVATIONS MADE! THANK YOU!

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MEAL DESCRIPTIONS

Friday's Welcome Buffet:

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

Saturday Lunch (Men & Women):

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

Saturday Banquet:

Social Hour: 6:00 PM

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

Dinner: 7:00 PM

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

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

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

Reservations made by US Mail Only!

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

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

2020 - 2021 Elected And Appointed Officers

Grand Master

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Grand Recorder

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Grand Conductor of the Council

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Grand Standard Bearer

R∴I∴ Richard S. Transue (#87) 1770 Southside Drive Oneonta, NY 13820 607-652-2188 Email: GrandStandardBearer@NYCryptic.org

Deputy Grand Master

R∴I∴ John A. Gallant (#19) [Deborah] 2180 Plank Road Lima, NY 14485-9407 585-245-2953 E-Mail: DeputyGrandMaster@NYCryptic.org

Grand Treasurer

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Grand Captain of the Guard

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Grand Marshal

R∴I∴ Richard Kerimoglu (#7) 3 Eastman Terrace Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 917-885-3006 E-mail: GrandMarshal@NYCryptic.org

Grand Steward

R∴I∴ Henry G. Abel III (#1) [Na] 73 Dryden Rd Montclair, NJ 07043-2420 646-372-5311 Email: GrandSteward@NYCryptic.org

Grand Trustee (2020)

M∴I∴ Richard C. Anderson (#92) 70 North Water St., P.O. Box 56 Pike, NY 14130-0056 585-493-2203 *(Home)* E-Mail: RAnderson53@rochester.rr.com

Grand Trustee (2021)

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E-Mail:

Grand Lecturer

R∴I∴ Stuart W. Card (#12) [Brenda] P.O. Box #61 Newport, NY 13416-0061 315-845-6249 E-mail: cards@ntcnet.com

Grand Chaplain

R∴I∴ (Rev.) Stenrick B. Adams (#78) [Sharon] 963 Troy Ave Brooklyn, NY 11203-4117 917-518-7924 *(Cell)* E-Mail: Adams.SB25@gmail.com

Grand Chaplain

R∴I∴ (Rev.) Mark D. Isaacs (#31) [Linda] 371 Wurtemburg Road Rhinebeck, NY 12572-3545 845-876-7697 *(Home)* E-Mail: ziegenfussu@gmail.com

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M∴I∴ Charles M. Roberts (#19) [Leslie] 158 Meadowbriar Road Rochester, NY 14616-2339 585-621-3796 (Home) E-Mail: AsstGrandRecorder@nycryptic.org

Grand Trustee (2022)

M∴I∴ Garry R. Hutchurson (#19) [Wendy] 1004 Johnson Road Churchville, NY 14428-9305 585-746-8992 (Home) E-Mail: Ghutchurson@yahoo.com

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R∴I∴ Robert G. Ball (#92) [Kristy] 158 Water St. Perry, NY 14530-1340 585-245-1749 E-mail: GrandSentinel@NYCryptic.org

Grand Chaplain

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R∴I∴ Kenneth J. Lockard (#76) [Mary Ann] 28 Pleasant Lane East Hampton, NY 11937 631-324-1373 (*Home*) E-mail: kenlockard@me.com

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All Emeriti Officers of this Grand Council will be noted in the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Council.

2020-2021 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

By-Laws Review Committee & Jurisprudence

- 1. M∴I∴ Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master, [Chairman]
- 2. M .: I .: E. William Whittaker (#19 & #75), Past Grand Master
- 3. R∴I∴ Harvey E. Eysman (#88), Judge Advocate
- 4. R∴I∴ Richard M. Clark (#74), Past Grand Sentinel

Concordant Bodies and Youth

- 1. M∴I∴ Phillip J. Chandler (#12), Grand Master [Chairman]
- 2. R. I. John A. Gallant (#19), Deputy Grand Master
- 3. R: I: Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 4. R. I. Kenneth Howe, Jr. (#19), Grand Recorder

Condition and Extension of the Rite

- 1. R .: I .: John A. Gallant (#19), Deputy Grand Master, [Chairman]
- 2. R: I: Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 3. R∴I∴ Stuart W. Card (#12), Grand Lecturer
- 4. All 2019-2020 District Deputy Grand Masters

Finance and Accounts - Budget

- 1. R∴I∴ George D. Emmons (#76), Grand Treasurer, [Chairman]
- 2. R . I .. John A. Gallant (#19), Deputy Grand Master
- 3. R: I: Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 4. R∴I∴ Kenneth Howe, Jr. (#19), Grand Recorder
- 5. M .: I .: Garry R. Hutchurson (#19), Grand Trustee
- 6. M∴I∴ Richard C. Anderson (#92), Past Grand Master

Finance and Accounts – Review/Audit of the Grand Treasurer

- 1. R∴I∴ Robert G. Ball (#92), Grand Sentinel, [Chairman]
- 2. I.: Stephen J. Koferl (#76)
- 3. Comp. William E. McCauley (#76)

Grand Master's Address Committee

- 1. M .: I .: E. William Whittaker, (#19 & 75) Past Grand Master
- 2. M .: I .: Frank Karwowski, (#74) Past Grand Master
- 3. M∴I∴ Richard C. Anderson (#92), Past Grand Master

Ish Sodi & Awards

- 1. R∴I∴ Donald R.. Kunego (#19), Grand Captain of the Guard, [Chairman]
- 2. R. I. Kenneth Howe, Jr. (#19), Grand Recorder
- 3. R∴I∴ Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Conductor of the Council

Library & Museum

- 1. R. I. Phillip J. Chandler (#12), Grand Master, [Chairman]
- 2. I.: Carl J. Klossner (#12), Companion at Large
- 3. R∴I∴ Stuart W. Card (#12), Grand Lecturer
- 4. I.: Frank R. Williams (#12), Companion at Large

Long Range Planning

- 1. R.I. Donald R. Kunego (#19), Grand Captain of the Guard, [Chairman]
- 2. ALL Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

Masonic Education and Communications

- 1. R.I. Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, [Chairman]
- 2. R .: I .: John A. Gallant (#19), Deputy Grand Master
- 3. R∴I∴ Donald R.. Kunego (#19), Grand Captain of the Guard
- 4. R∴I∴ Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Conductor of the Council
- 5. R .: I .: Dennis S. Davis (#12), Past District Deputy Grand Master
- 6. I.: Carl J. Klossner (#12), Companion at Large
- 7. M.: I.: Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master, Adviser

<u>Membership</u>

- 1. R. I. John A. Gallant (#19), Deputy Grand Master, [Chairman]
- 2. R:I: Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 3. R∴I∴ Donald R.. Kunego (#19), Grand Captain of the Guard
- 4. R∴I∴ Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Conductor of the Council
- 5. R. I. Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Grand Marshal
- 6. R . I .: Richard S. Transue (#87), Grand Standard Bearer

Multi-State Cryptic Festival

- 1. R.I. Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, [Chairman]
- 2. R .: I .: John A. Gallant (#19), Deputy Grand Master
- 3. R .: I .: Donald R.. Kunego (#19), Grand Captain of the Guard

Necrology and Memorial Service

- 1. R∴I∴ (Rev.) Mark D. Isaacs (#31), Grand Chaplain, [Chairman]
- 2. M .: I .: (Rev.) Charles M. Roberts (#19), Past Grand Master, Past Grand Recorder
- 3. R∴I∴ (Rev.) Stenrick B. Adams (#78), Grand Chaplain

Northeastern York Rite Conference

- 1. M∴I∴ Phillip J. Chandler (#12), Grand Master, [Chairman]
- 2. R .: I .: John A. Gallant (#19), Deputy Grand Master
- 3. R. I. Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Registration & Credentials [197th Annual] Committee

- 1. (TBD), Member at Large [Chairman]
- 2. R∴I∴ Robert G. Ball (#92), Grand Sentinel
- 3. I∴ Robert Hyman (#92), Member at Large
- 4. Comp. Paul Simonsen (#92), Member at Large

<u>Ritual</u>

- 1. R∴I∴ Stuart W. Card (#12), Grand Lecturer, [Chairman]
- 2. M. I. Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master
- 3. M∴I∴ E. William Whittaker (#19 & #75), Past Grand Master, Past Grand Lecturer
- 4. M∴I∴ Frank Karwowski, (#74), Past Grand Master
- 5. All 2019-2020 Assistant Grand Lecturers

Webmaster (www.nycryptic.org)

- 1. R. I. John A. Gallant (#19), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, [Chairman]
- 2. M.: I.: (Rev.) Charles M. Roberts (#19), Adviser to Webmaster



Grand Line Officer Visitation Schedule

M∴I∴ Phillip J. Chandler, Grand Master	(None)
R∴I∴ John A. Gallant, Deputy Grand Master	(None)
$R \therefore I \therefore$ Stephen A. Rubinstein, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Cryptic District 1
R∴I∴ Donald R. Kunego, Grand Captain of the Guard	Cryptic District 6 & 7
R∴I∴ Daniel D. Elliott, Grand Conductor of the Council	Cryptic District 9
R∴I∴ Richard Kerimoglu, Grand Marshal	Cryptic District 4
R∴I∴ Richard S. Transue, Grand Standard Bearer	Cryptic District 8
R∴I∴ Henry G. Abel, Grand Steward	Cryptic District 2

	2020-21 GRAND COUNCIL D	DISTRICT OFFICERS
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2020-2021

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Dunkirk Council No. 25

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Ahwaga Council No. 30

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Skoi Yase Council No. 75

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- 2nd District: R:I: Henry G. Abel III, Grand Steward
- 4th District: R:I: Richard Kerimoglu, Grand Marshal
- 6th District: R:I: Donald R. Kunego, Grand Captain of the Guard
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- 9th District: R: I: Daniel D. Elliott, Grand Conductor of the Council

Proposed	Grand	Council	Officer	Assignments -	- Future Years.

Officer/Dist/GC Year	19-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28
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Daniel D. Elliot - 2	9	6,7	4		GM			
Richard Kerimoglu - 1	4	2	6,7	1		GM		
Richard S. Transue - 4	8	1	9	6,7	4		GM	
Henry G. Abel III - 1	2	9	8	4	6,7	1		GM
Steward 21-22		4						

Jun. 8, 2021 jag

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK 198th Annual Assembly, Albany, New York

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Annual Necrology Report

MEMORIAL SERVICE

* Stand if you are able

LIGHT THE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: My Companions, for what purpose are we here assembled?
- <u>All:</u> To Honor the memory of those Companions whom death has taken from us; to contemplate our own approaching death, and

by remembrance of our immortality to raise our souls above the consideration of this transitory existence.

- Leader: Companions, what sentiments should inspire us on occasions like the present?
- <u>All:</u> Calm sorrow for the absence of our Companions who have gone before us; earnest solicitude for our own eternal welfare, and a firm faith and reliance upon the wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe.
- Leader: My Companions, in commending these sentiments to your earnest consideration, let us invoke the assistance and aid of the Great Architect of the Universe as we enter into the spirit of worship.

OPENING PRAYER

* OPENING HYMN:

"Amazing Grace"

- 1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now am found Was blind but now I see.
- 2. T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear And Grace, my fears relieved How precious did that Grace appear The hour I first believed.
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares We have already com T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far And Grace will lead us home, And Grace will lead us home

SCRIPTURE LESSON: PS

Psalm 23

EULOGIES:

M∴I∴ John P. Nosal, Jr. M∴I∴ Victor S. Versace R∴I∴George D. Emmons

CLOSING PRAYER

- * CLOSING HYMN: "It Is Well With My Soul"
 - 1.) When Peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatevrer my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well.....with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.
 - And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall we sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul. It is well....with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

* BENEDICTION (In Unison)

May the Lord bless and keep you. May his grace and his face shine upon you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you. And give you peace, and give you peace. Amen.



Respectfully Submitted, Grand Chaplains R.:I.:Rev. Stenrick Adams M.:I.:Rev. Charles M. Roberts



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Hamburg Council No. 91

Nundawaga Council No. 92: King David Council No. 97

Manfred Wuttke Ronald W. White John G. Butler. Jr. William Bowen Dale R. Howe Anthony Oliveri Kenneth Perry L. Ronald Edwards William C. Jones Frank G. Gordnier Roy Fynboe John P. Nosal, Jr. Robert Olmo, Jr. Paul A. Woschanke John R. Minckler Albert W. Sitts, Sr.

Daniel W. Troy Gerald W. Minns, Sr. Roy L. Hamilton Jack Weismann Edward S. Newsham James E. Thomas George J. Knorr C. Alexander Turck George J. Knorr Henry Z. Lang, Jr. Maurice Sweitzer

Roswell G. Gotham

IN MEMORIAM (2020-2021)

Union Council No. 2: Adelphic Council No. 7 Central City Council No. 13 Buffalo Keystone Council No. 17 Doric Council No. 19 Dunkirk Council No. 25

Hornellsville Council No. 35

Adoniram Council No. 36: Peekskill Council No. 55: St. George's Council No. 74: SkoiYase Council No. 75 Suffolk Council No. 76:

Flatbush Council No. 80 Oneonta Council No.87: Northshore Council No. 88

Cayuga Council No. 90: Nundawaga Council No. 92: King David Council No. 97

Ernest F. Wieting Robert Sumpter Joseph A. Foglietti. Raphael Winzing George Springett Nicholas Andin Jerome E. Erickson John H. Siggins Harold Hager William Wright, Jr. Robert Olmo, Jr. Victor S. Versace Conrad Kupinski Donald Dill George D. Emmons Willie M. Eissermann

Brian F. Carso, Sr. William H. Mueller John P. Fahey, Jr. Phillip Soyring Dean Stenshorn James R. Johnson James Philip Hall





SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES BY COUNCIL 2020-21

COUNCIL	No.	6/30/2020	GREETED	AFFIL.	REST.	DIED	DEMIT	SUSP. NPD	SUSP. CHAP.	EXPELLED	6/30/2021	NET GAIN/LOSS
Columbian	1	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	0
Union	2	21	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	0
Adelphic	7	69	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	60	(9)
Rotica	12	39	2	0	1	0	6	0	1	0	35	(4)
Central City	13	48	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	(1)
Bloss-DWClinton	14	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0
Buff-Keystone	17	61	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	58	(1)
King Hiram	18	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Doric	19	33	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	32	(1)
Dunkirk	25	33	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	30	(3)
Ahwaga	30	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	1
King Solomon's	31	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0
Hornellsville	35	22	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	19	(3)
Adoniram	36	26	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	22	(4)
JWarren-Cryptic	37	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	(1)
Fulton	50	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	27	(1)
Peekskill (Gr, Council)	55	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	(3)
St. George's	74	74	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	71	(3)
SkoiYase	75	15	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	16	1
Suffolk	76	64	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	62	(2)
Flatbush	80	51	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	48	(3)
Oneonta	87	51	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	46	(5)
North Shore	88	41	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	38	(3)
Cayuga	90	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	16	(2)
Hamburg	91	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0
Nun Da Waga	92	29	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	29	0
Goshen	93	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0
King David	97	29	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	26	(3)
TOTALS		1100	3	3	4	25	16	14	4	1	1048	(50)

Peekskill Council No. 55 Warrant was lifted at the 194th Annual Assembly-last known members are Members-At-Large of Grand Council. We have a total of 27 Councils at present.

Annual Membership Report For The 2020-2021 Cryptic Year

This Cryptic Year with the Covid-19 Pandemic still afflicting us we only had a positive gain of 10 Companions but our losses due to deaths, demits and suspension were far greater again, especially demits and suspensions.

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, 2020 - 1	,100
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<u>1,110</u>

Died:	24
Demitted:	14
Suspended NPD:	13
Suspended in Chapter:	4
Expelled:	1
Previous Return Adjustments:	0
Total Losses:	56

Membership as of June 30, 2021 - 1,054

A complete breakdown of the membership by Council is attached.

Fraternally yours, M∴I∴Charles M. Roberts Assistant to Grand Recorder

(PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT)

Balance as of July 31, 2020:

Income/RevenueDeposit #1: NY Per Capita from Councils of NY Jurisdiction\$16,543.50Deposit #2: NY Per Capita from Councils of NY Jurisdiction\$6,639.59Deposit #3: NY Per Capita from Councils of NY Jurisdiction & Charity\$1,860.00Deposit #4: NY Per Capita from Councils of NY Jurisdiction &\$1,305.00CDC Pins and GM Pins\$3,688.75Deposit #6: NY Comptroller Office Funds from GC Corporate Trust\$3,688.75\$30,086.33

TOTAL REVENUE: \$37,388.23

Expenditures/Expenses

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	Voucher #21-1598: Charles Roberts for Greece Ridge Storage(1/2 Year)	\$	270.00
	Voucher #21-1599: Los Angeles Fraternal Supply Co. Inc.	\$	772.95
	Voucher #21-1600: Charles Roberts for Postage & Ink	\$	99.18
	Voucher #21-1601: Grand Council Charity Fund	\$	23.50
	Voucher #21-1602: Grand Council Charity Fund	\$	10.00
	Voucher #21-1603: National Custom Insignia - CDC Pins	\$	266.00
	Voucher #21-1604: Bloss DeWitt Clinton Council #14 Overpayment	\$	115.00
	Voucher #21-1605: Daniel Elliott for Expenses	\$	350.74
	Voucher #21-1606: Charles M. Roberts for Postage/Office Supplies	\$	316.18
	Voucher #21-1607: Charles M. Roberts Greece Ridge Storage (1/2 Year)	\$	330.00
	Voucher #21-1608: Charles M. Roberts for Honorarium for 6 mos.	\$	250.00
	Voucher #21-1609: Kenneth R. Howe, Jr. Honorarium for 6 mos	\$	750.00
	Voucher #21-1610: George D. Emmons Honorarium for 6 mos.	\$	500.00
	Voucher #21-1611: CAN Surety for Bond Insurance	\$	126.00
	Voucher #21-1612: Express Printing	\$	1,607.40
	Voucher #21-1613: General Grand Council Int'l for Per Capita	\$	2,727.50
	Voucher #21-1614: Kentropolis for Webhosting for 2021	\$	120.00
	Voucher #21-1615: Charles M. Roberts for Office Expense(Bank Safety box)	\$	60.75
	Voucher #21-1616: Grand Council Charity for 2 Memorial Gifts	\$	100.00
	Voucher #21-1617: Richard Kerimoglu for Expenses	\$	112.76
	Voucher #21-1618: John A. Gallant for Expenses	\$	246.19
	Voucher #21-1619: Maureen Emmons for George' Honorarium for 5 mos.	\$	375.00
	Voucher #21-1620: Kenneth R. Howe Honorarium \$ Expenses for 6 mos.	\$	868.76
	Voucher #21-1621: Charles M. Roberts Honorarium, Postage & Expenses	\$	411.84
	Voucher #21-1622: Kenneth J. Lockard Honorarium (1 1/2 mos.)	\$	125.00
	Voucher #21-1623: Kenneth J. Lockard for 1 Roll of Stamps	\$	55.00
	Voucher #21-1624: Daniel Elliott for Expenses	\$	172.21
		\$1	1,161.96

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2020-21: \$11,161.96

Balance as of July 31, 2020:	\$ 7,301.90
Total Income:	\$30,086.33
Total Expenditures:	<u>- \$11,161.96</u>
Checking Operating Ending Balance: \$26,226.27	

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2021: \$26,226.27

Respectfully Submitted,

M∴I∴Charles M. Roberts, Asst. to the Grand Recorder

\$7,301.90

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

Friday Evening, August 20, 2021

#### VESPER SERVICE

\* Symbol Means Stand If You Are Able.

#### QUIET CENTERING

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Gracious Light, pure brightness of the everlasting God in heaven, holy and blessed are Thee!

<u>People:</u> Now that the sun has set, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we praise Thee for Thy blessings of this day.

<u>Leader:</u> You are worthy, at all times to be praised and to be glorified <u>People:</u> May your grace empower us to be faithful at all times.

\* **OPENING EVENING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision"

#### EVENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Behold, the God who gives me triumph! I am confident, and unafraid; for Adonai is my strength and might, and has been my deliverance. Joyfully shall you draw water from the fountains of triumph, deliverance is Adonai's; Your blessing be upon Your people. Adonai is with us; the God of Jacob is our haven. Adonai, happy is the one who trusts in You. O Adonai, grant victory! May the Sovereign answer us when we call. *(Silent Petition) Amen.* 

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 143

**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: Job 2: 1-10

THE HOMILY:

"The Lord Oversees Us" M.:I.:& Rev. Charles M. Roberts

\* CLOSING EVENING HYMN

"Shalom Chaverim"

\* THE BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

#### "Shalom Chaverim"

Shalom, chaverim. Shalom, chaverim. Shalom, shalom. L'hitraot, l'hitraot, Shalom, shalom. Farewell, my friends. Farewell, my friends. Shalom, shalom. Till we meet again, till we meet again. Shalom, shalom.

#### **Grand Chaplains**

R.:I.:& Rev. Stenrick B. Adams R.:I.:& Rev. Dr. Mark D. Issacs M.:I.:& Rev. Charles M. Roberts

> <u>Grand Musicians</u> R.:I.:Eric Howd R.:I.:Gerald Irwin R.:I.:David Shire



## Grand Council Of Cryptic Masons Of The State Of New York

M∴III∴Phillip J. Chandler, Most Illustrious Grand Master 4960 Westmoreland Road, Whitesboro, NY 13492 GrandMaster@nycryptic.org

April 5, 2021

Companions,

First of all I would like to address the COVID situation in the state. It is my sincere hope that it has not affected any of our Companions or their Families. This has been a terrible ordeal with so many lives lost we can only pray that it has run its course and we as a nation will soon be beyond it's grasp. Lady Lauri and I were very fortunate with several members of her Family being stricken with the virus that we ourselves did not become infected.

I have been relatively quiet during the pandemic and the lock down for a reason. We have had so many communications from so many different groups that my adding to them would not have helped. We have had the Governor, County Executives, local governments and Grand Lodge giving us daily or weekly updates and mandates, requirements and protocols that we had to follow. I didn't feel that my piling on would have helped anyone or anything. When it was necessary to issue a statement or Edict I did so.

But now, I would like to take the time to address certain areas pertaining to our Cryptic Rite.

- 1. <u>Opening:</u> We have Councils asking when can they meet or how can they address their necessary work if they can't meet. Remember you can still continue to have virtual assemblies and conduct all necessary business required including payment of all expenses. The only exceptions are for balloting on petitions and holding elections. This must be done in person. Companions, the numbers in our State have been getting better every day but we are still posting some new cases and are certainly still very vulnerable! I am not asking that every Council open and meet in person but will instead leave it up to each Council to decide. Each Illustrious Master will determine the number above nine to open in order to meet social distancing for his Council as per order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masonry in this state. If your area is clear and you feel it is safe to do so with the "Social Distancing Protocol" and with "Masks at all times", then yes, by all means meet in person. If not, wait a little longer. Hopefully by May or June at the latest, all will be meeting in person to elect and install officers which must be done in person.
- 2. <u>Degrees:</u> The Royal and Select Degrees have been modified for the COVID Protocols. I myself have seen the Select Master performed and it worked very well. The Royal Master was re-written by our Grand Lecturer and is also very doable. These Degrees if performed will be done using these "Protocol Degrees" until further notice. Our Grand Recorder has

the Degrees and will furnish them upon request. There is being planned a Tri-State Festival for October 9, 2021 at King Solomon's Council, in Saugerties, New York. Mark your calendars now!

We now have a large number of candidates waiting to enter our Fraternity and we must be ready to receive them as they start and continue their journey through Freemasonry. Let us all make the commitment to these new Brothers and Companions in making their journey as enjoyable and enlightening as possible. Along with that we all know that the journey should include the Degrees of the Council!

3. <u>By-Laws:</u> Recently I was informed that the Councils are not updating their By Laws. A review of the By Laws of your Council should be done annually by the Council's By Laws Committee. If your Council has not reviewed the By Laws in several years it should be done now. If your Council doesn't have a By Laws Committee one should be appointed by the Illustrious Master immediately and this task under taken! If you find that your By Laws must be updated do so before your next meeting so they can be read then and approved during the following meeting. A copy of your updated By Laws should be sent and received by M∴I∴E. William Whittaker, Chairman of the By-Laws Review & Jurisprudence Committee on or before June 1st, 2021.

Each Council is required to have an Annual Budget which has been presented to that Council and voted upon by its membership. That eliminates financial difficulties during times in which the Council cannot meet. Perhaps Councils should all be adding a paragraph to your By Laws, such as "During an Emergency or Situation Section". This would be a statement giving the Illustrious Master, Recorder and Treasurer the ability to take care of the Council's finances during an emergency such as the pandemic or other closure. This paragraph should include the process by which this is done. This process would include any expenditure to require two signatures on any check written or cash paid out and recorded as it would be during normal times. So, if you do not have an annual Budget please prepare one and think about this clause in your By Laws. I am asking that this be undertaken ASAP! This will eliminate Councils going for months being unable to pay required bills or debts incurred during times when it is unable to meet.

4. <u>Charities:</u> Because of the lock down with all of us unable to make our visits and the Councils unable to meet in person the charitable donations have been slight to say the least. I would hope that we can improve on that as the state begins to open up for travel. I was hoping to have an increase in the Solomon's Arch donations. We did have a few last year but not what I had hoped for. I know this is due to the pandemic and I hope this will change as we begin to reopen. We have the beautiful awards available with Blue, Green and Purple ribbons which I hope to give as many as possible away before the end of my term. Please make this a priority when you start to meet again. I would ask all the Grand Line Officers to present the charities during their visits! I am also asking them to have the paperwork for the Solomon Arch Society with them during their visits . If the Grand Line Visits have already been performed the Illustrious Masters and Recorders, or any member, can secure the paperwork for the Solomon Arch Society from the Grand Council Website under the Charities link on the home page.

5. <u>Annual Assembly:</u> I would like to address the concern of our Annual Assembly in August. It is scheduled for August 20-21, 2021, at the Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY. We are making final arrangements at this time. However, we may have a limited number of in person for the annual assembly like Grand Chapter did for its Annual Convocation if so we may have to hold a hybrid format (In-person & Virtual) if that should be the case. We are looking at all possibilities and will do everything to make it a successful assembly. We will keep you informed as the date gets closer if numbers will allow greater attendance or not. The Call and the Annual Returns for this should be sent out from the Grand Recorder's Office shortly.

In Conclusion, my message to every Companion is still to seek out the entire truth and complete the story of our history which includes "Going Back to the Beginning" of our Degrees. It has always been my opinion that to complete the Masonic Journey for "Further Enlightenment" every Brother, every Companion should complete his journey by being a Council Companion. Perhaps someday things will change and we can include the Royal and Select Master Degrees in their journey by doing the Degrees in chronological order. When they become Select Masters, then and only then will All the Brothers Have, "The Rest of the Story", quoting Our Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, M : I :: Richard Fowler.

Now, I hope everyone is as ready as I am to commence with the Council's business. I would hope that every Council is ready to start reopening, performing Degrees and increasing our numbers. But that is only part of our duties. We must make sure that we are performing tasks which keep our Companions active and interested by establishing programs and functions that are enjoyable and entertaining. If we do this we will assure every Council continued success into the future.

Start a "Calling List", contact Companions who haven't been to Council in a while. See how they are and include their families and occupations in the conversation. Invite them to again attend meetings, but have meetings they will enjoy and decide to attend regularly. Have programs that include not only Masonic interests but include hobbies, historical events, anything which stirs the interest of the Companions.

Events or speakers don't have to be Masons or Companions! Invite the local Bee Keeper, Village Justice, Local or State Police, include the local Youth Groups. I know Rainbow, Triangle and DeMolay would love to attend one of your meetings! There are a million people out there that like to talk about their jobs, their businesses, historical events or themselves! Be creative in planning events so everyone can enjoy coming back to Council or continue to attend going forward!

In closing I would like to thank everyone for being patient during this last year and it is my solemn Prayer that this communication finds You and Yours Well and Safe!

Zealously,

M∴I∴Phil Chandler