

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of the State of New York
2022-2023

200th Annual Assembly



R. V. Donald R. Kunego
Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master
2022-2023 A. Dep.

August 18th & 19th, 2023
The Desmond Hotel
Albany NY

AGENDA FOR THE 200th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

1) The Opening of the 200th Annual Assembly

The Call To The 200th Annual Assembly Of The Grand Council Cryptic Masons Of The State Of New York

2) The Minutes Of The 199th Annual Assembly Of The Grand Council Cryptic Masons Of The State Of New York

3) The Annual Reports Of The Grand Line Officers

<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 Steward</i>
<i>Grand Steward</i>	<i>Grand Historian</i>	<i>Judge Advocate</i>

4) The Annual Committee Reports

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

5) Annual Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

6) Grand Lecturer's Annual Report and the AGLs Annual Reports

7) Annual Grand Treasurer's Report

<i>Financial Accounting for 2022-23 Budget</i>	<i>Escrow Accounting for 2022-23</i>
<i>Budget for 2022-23 Comparison</i>	<i>Financial Review/Audit for 2022-23</i>

8) Annual Grand Recorder's Report

<i>The Office of the Grand Recorder</i>	<i>Financial's for 2022-2023</i>
<i>Proposed Budget for 2023-2024</i>	

9) Annual Report of the Trustees of Grand Council

10) Annual Awards Report

11) The Annual Allocation of the 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>

13) The Report on the Most Illustrious Grand Masters 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

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

19) The Closing of The 200th Annual Assembly

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE CALL TO THE 200th Annual Assembly

May 2023

Official Notice is hereby given that the **Two Hundred Annual Assembly** of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 18, 2023 and continuing through Saturday, August 19, 2023**. You will need to let the Grand Recorder's Office know of your attendance as soon as possible. **SOONER THE BETTER!**

HEADQUARTERS: 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 \$139.00 rate plus tax. Group Code is "GCM", <[Reservation Link](#)>, Rooms reserved by July 27, 2023

REGISTRATION: Friday, August 18, 2023: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 19, 2023: 7:30 – 10:00 AM opposite the meeting room. Registration and Credentials will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 19th. 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. **All Reservations must be made by US Mail ONLY - No Emails or Phone Call Reservations! Cut Off Date for Meals is Absolute--There Will Be No Reservations Accepted after August 14, 2023 whatsoever!**

The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023

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 BRING WITH YOU! (Dress Code: Casual Dress for All)
7:45 PM	Opening of the 200th Annual Assembly (Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket & Purple Tie; Appointed 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 <u>Reports of:</u> 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)
9:30 PM	Yellow Dog Degree Conferral
10:00 PM	Recess. Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM.

Saturday, August 19, 2023

(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

8:15 AM Assembling of NY Distinguished Guests, Ladies and other Guests Admitted
8:30 AM Reception of NY Distinguished Guests
9:00 AM Necrology Ceremony - Ladies and Non-members excused following the Ceremony
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; Reports of: Trustees 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
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 - BRING WITH YOU!)

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 200th 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 Attendees due to Room Size)***
(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 - BRING WITH YOU!)
{Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket and Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions: Purple Jacket / Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie; Ladies: Semi-Formal}
9:30 PM Hospitality Suite will be open until 11:30 PM.

Attested To:



R.:I.:Donald R. Kunego
Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master



M.:I.:John A. Gallant
Grand Recorder



Contact Directly: The Crown Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel
660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211 [**<Reservation Link>**](#)

GROUP CODE "GCM"

If you have any difficulty with reservations

Room Reservations are \$139.00 plus tax. Rooms must be Reserved by July 27, 2023

1-607-279-7419; email: davehraymond@yahoo.com

No. \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM IMMEDIATELY SO YOU WILL HAVE YOUR RESERVATIONS MADE! THANK YOU!

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; Chef's dessert selections (varies). 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; 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

Dual Plate Main Entrée: Filet Mignon and Grilled Herb Chicken Breast. All dinners 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 - Desmond Bread Pudding and English Custard.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

Reservations made by US Mail Only!

No Reservations after Cut-Off date of August 14, 2023

Checks made out to: Grand Council Cryptic Masons of NY

Memo Area of Your Check State: Reservations and Meals.

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MI John Gallant called Grand Council order, Grand Chaplain Stenrick Adams gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Singing of our National Anthem.

MI John Gallant pointed out the fire exits per protocol and admonishes all to register their attendance per Covid protocol. He reminded the companions present that the Registration Desk is outside the door.

Prior to the roll call, it was recorded that Fulton Council #50 is temporarily suspended as reports were not in on time. The Grand Recorder calls the roll and finds a quorum present. MI Grand Master declares 199th Grand Council duly opened.

The following companions were assigned to committees, Credentials: RI Robert Ball / III Robert Hyman / III Mike Driver, and Companion Paul Simonson; Committee on Grand Master's Address: (chairman), MI Francis Karwowski, MI Richard Fowler, and MI David Raymond.

The Committee on Standard Resolutions for this assembly made the following Resolutions. They were seconded, voted upon and passed:

- 1) MI Francis Karwowski: Motion made the minutes of the 199th Assembly as printed and amended will be published.
- 2) MI Richard Fowler: Moved that the reports of Elected Council Grand Line Officers, From Deputy Grand Master through Judge Advocate which are printed and will be published be approved.
- 3) MI David Raymond: Moved that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors the annual Grand Assembly except such time as provided by the Constitution.
- 4) MI Gary Hutcherson: Move the election of officers be the order of business at 1:45PM or thereabouts on Saturday, August 20nd, 2022 with nominating speeches be held to 3 minutes and seconds be limited to 2 minutes.
- 5) MI Ted Harrison: Move that our visiting Grand masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary members of this Grand Council be made so.

The following Reports were presented:

Report on Committee of Condition and Extension of the Rite: No report at this time. Will be reported and voted on later. Long Range Planning: RI Rich Kerimoglu, Spoke about 200th Anniversary and 5 year plan on membership posted in reports. Ritual Committee: RI Stu Card announced that for the first time in many years the Grand Lecturer had offered Conventions in every district throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Companions have discovered errata in the new ritual books (mostly typos). Appealed to Grand Council for the latitude to make necessary corrections in the next edition of Ritual Books. Work for next year will be "Super Excellent Master" Short form. Approved by incoming Grand Master. He thanked all who served on Grand Lecturer's Committee.

List of all AGL's was read by MI Charles Roberts and called to the front to be recognized. MI John Gallant and RI Stu Card, thanked them for their service and called for Grand Honors.

Grand Council Web Site Committee: MI John Gallant, spoke that the goal is to attempt to upload to the Web Site in a timely manner. Grand Council emails have been put in place to avoid posting personal emails. Grand bodies working on a coordinated calendar to avoid conflicts. As each body has its own website, they will be overlaid so all scheduled events will be available at a glance. Intent is to make website simple and accessible. Committee on Masonic Education by RI Steve Rubinstein: Moved report be approved as posted. Seconded and passed. Library & Museum Committee: MI Phil Chandler / postpone until Saturday as Chairman is not here. Grand Historian Report: RI Garry Crom related that the first Grand Council was held in New York and all subsequent Grand Councils were to follow. Received requests for info from Grand Council of England and Grand Council of Texas. Reported that at the 180th Grand council it was passed that all proceedings would be put on CD and distributed. RI Gary suggested that one copy would be in paper form and given to the Grand Historian for historical record.

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Also, at the 165th Grand Council it was determined that each subsequent Grand Council deposit \$50.00 in escrow account for the purpose of helping to offset cost of the 200th year Celebration. Move that the 200th year committee be able to access those funds for that purpose. Moved seconded / passed. MI Charles M Roberts announced that \$1934.00 has be allocated by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary's offices and is ready for disbursement.

Jurisprudence and by-laws review committee: MI Richard Fowler received, along with Judge advocate for approval, the following:

Bylaws changes for Cayuga Council #90. Section 2 time and place. Section 7 remove word "and Recorder" add "or recorder". add section 9; Ill Master, Recorder, and Treasure will conduct business of The Council when Council is dark or otherwise unable to meet. Moved / 2nd / Passed

Following by-laws changes in Flat Bush Council #80. Article 5: fees and dues. Add section 9. A collation assessment of (\$25.00) be added to council dues annually to supplement expenses such as food, libations and room reservations. The installed Deputy Master will be responsible for the expenditures in conjunction with the treasurer and with advice of the Ill Master to provide food and libation to the companions on behalf of the Council. Moved seconded / passed.

For our Grand Council Constitutions they presented: Article 1 section 4. Assembly's, Add new section 4c. In the event of a State or National Emergency, whereby the annual assembly of Grand Council will be impossible, dangerous or unhealthy to meet in person the assembly may be held by any other electronic means at the discretion of the Grand Master and guided by the rules as may be proscribed. Quorum will be maintained as if it were an in-person assembly. Move / second / passed.

MI Fowler gave tribute to the late E William Whittaker for his invaluable service for his many years as Chairman. Moved that the report be accepted. second / motion carried.

Trustee's Report: Gary Hutchurson / pg 60 in proceeding, move the report be accepted. Second / passed.

Grand Treasurers report: RI Kenneth Lockard. Operating Fund for 2021-2022 – \$26,226.27 starting / exp \$51,000.00 / \$29,246.10 end of year total. Escrow fund – \$16,181.97 motion to accept report. Second / Passed.

Audit Committee: MI Harrison. Grand Master, Grand line, and members of the Council of New York found that the accounts of the Grand treasurer were audited and found to be in good order. Audit Committee MI Don Harrison PGM, RI William E McCaully. Moved / second Carried.

The Budget Committee: MI Charles M Roberts 2022-2023 beginning balance \$29,246.10 / projected income \$43,472.00 / expenditures \$43,225.00 / projected balance July 31, 2023 / \$29,493.10 moved to have report spread upon the minutes. Seconded / passed

Deputy Grand Master's report: RI Steven Rubinstein Thanked Grand Council for affording him the opportunity to serve. Looks forward to ensuing year. Asked that his complete report be spread upon the minutes. Seconded and passed.

Vesper's Service: Grand Chaplain: Lead by MI Charles M Roberts, Reading: lead by RI Stenrick Adams. / Hymn /Scripture Psalms RI Stenrick Adams / Responsive reading: MI and Rev Charles M Roberts. / Offering will go to Grand Council Charities. Prayer: MI and Rev Charles M Roberts / Second Reading: Epistle of James / Homily: MI Charles M Roberts / Reading: Epistle of James, MI and Reverend Charles M Roberts Grand Chaplain / Closing Hymn: Hallelujah / Closing Prayer: MI Charles M Roberts Grand Musicians: RI Eric Howd / RI Gerald Irwin / RI David Shire

MI John Gallant announced that Grand Council will resume in the morning at 8:30 AM with the reception of Distinguished visitors follow by Necrology Report. Grand Council Officers will be in their places at 8:20 AM. Ladies and guests invited to take their seats by 8:30 AM, Labor will resume following the Necrology Report. Reminded everyone that Room 156 is our hospitality room.

Grand Conductor of the Council: Called the Companions for Labor to Refreshment to resume their labor in the Secret Vault at the sound of the Gavel in the East.

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On Saturday: Aug 20, 2022, at 8:30 AM, MI Grand Master John Gallant called to resume labor in the Secret Vault Grand Council called to order: Invocation was given by MI & Rev Charles M Roberts

Introduction of Guests: The following delegation and representatives were received:

Connecticut: MP James McNeely, GM

Maine: MI Timothy Libby, GM

Maryland: MI Robert Lumbert, PGM & Ambassador

Massachusetts: MI Andrew Maninos, GM; RI Michael S. Bickford, Grand Chaplain; MI Donald Carriger, Ritual PDGM; RI George Herbolsheimer, DGM; RI Manuel Ferreira III, PDGM; RI John Riggles II, PDGM;

New Jersey: MI Sean McNorton, GM

Ohio: MI David Weimer, GM; RI Curtis Miller, Grand Chaplain; VI John Caterbury, Grand Aide; VI Ronald Bokan, Grand Aide;

Ontario: MI Prince Selvaraj, GM

Pennsylvania: MI Richard Fesler, GM

Vermont: MI Josh Retchless, GM; RI Jon Husford, Grand PCW; MI David Schuler, PGM;

AMD: Right Venerable Brother Oscar Alleyne, Grand Chaplain

GC RAM NY: ME Jason Sheridan, GHP; RE Larry Barnard, Grand King ; RE Steven Shearer, Grand Scribe; RE Mark Peerson, Grand Captain of the Host; RE Jamie J. Kaime Jr, Grand Principal Sojourner; GC KT NY: REGC SK Dennis S. Davis; DGC SK David Barkstedt; Grand Generalissimo SK Conrad Johnson; Grand Prelate SK & Rev. Charles Roberts; Grand Recorder SK Steven Wing; Assistant Grand Recorder SK David Lathers; Grand Senior Warden SK John Mullen; Grand Junior Warden SK Earl G. Wilkinson; Grand Standard Bearer SK Kenneth P. Jordan;

GGCCMI: RP William Snyder, Deputy General GM; RP Thomas G. Taylor, General Grand PCW; RP Sandy Karstens, N/E Regional Deputy General GM; RP & Rev. Charles Roberts, Assistant Grand Chaplain; MI Gary Wyne, CMMRF

Grand Lodge of NY: RW Robert Hogan, Senior Grand Warden; RW Peter Stein, Junior Grand Warden; RW Lawrence Kania, Senior Grand Deacon; RW Donald Williams II, Grand Standard Bearer;

Right Worshipful Stephen A. Rubin, Deputy Grand Master was escorted to the East by Deputy Grand Marshal RW Peter Unfried, received by Grand Master Gallant and accorded Grand Honors
Most Worshipful Richard J. Kessler, Grand Master was escorted to the East by Grand Marshal RW John Haslem, received by Grand Master Gallant and accorded Grand Honors

The Masonic War Vets Posted the Colors, MW Richard J Kessler dismissed the War Vets with thanks.

Necrology Report: was given under the direction of MI & Rev Charles M Roberts. Eulogies were given for MI Fred Higgins and MI E William Whittaker. Spoke of remembering all those who have gone on. Refer to the printed Necrology report for details.

The work of Grand Council was suspended, and The College of Preservation was duly opened. Two awards presented by the General Grand Council by RP William Snyder DGGM. MI Charles Roberts escorted MI John Gallant west of the altar. MW Richard J Kessler escorted RI Ken (Rick) Howe Grand Recorder, west of the alter. The Order of the Secret Vault was conferred on the companions. Following the Ceremony MI Charles M Roberts announced that the College of Preservation be duly closed.

MI John Gallant dismissed Ladies and guests. It was announced that the bus to the Ladies program was waiting to leave. The 199th Annual assembly was called to order.

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MI John Gallant called the DDGM's to the East for recognition.

Grand Secretary called the roll: District #1 - RI Joshua DeLeon; District #2 - RI Melvin J Birnbaum; District #4 - RI Robert N Rogers; District #6 - RI Brian D Moore; District #7 - RI Wade Caler; District #8 - RI Terry Mehlenbacher; District #9 - RI Mark Seeloff.

MI John Gallant thanked them for their service and they were accorded Grand Honors.

Visiting MIGM's were presented their certificates Honorary membership in the Grand Council:

MI Josh Retchless, GM; MI Prince Selvaraj, GM; MI David Weimer, GM; MI Timothy Libby, GM. They were accorded Grand Honors.

MI Jim McNeely was invited to the East to say a few words on behalf of visiting dignitaries.

Gave thanks for hospitality as they all felt the sensation of being with family. Hugs and Handshakes. We are family.

Recognition of Past Grand Masters who are with us today. The Grand Recorder read the list of all past Grand Masters present. MI John M Hilliard; MI Joseph A Poloso; MI Donald Harrison; MI Steve Licht; MI Charles M Roberts; MI Francis Karwowski; MI David Raymond; MI Gary Hutchurson; MI Richard C Fowler; MI Philip J Chandler. MI Gallant thanked them for their advice and council through-out his tenure in office. They were accorded Grand Honors.

ME Jason Sheridan Grand High Priest Grand Chapter RAM spoke on how the Grand Chapter is concentrating on the Chapters of New York State and assure them that they were appreciated and loved. Make sure the right kind of members enter our lodges.

RE Dennis Davis Grand Commander Grand Commandery spoke of the pleasure he and his Lady Diana experienced traveling with MI John and his Lady Deborah. The pre-eminence of the York Rite Bodies which they all shared. Promise that they will continue to serve the craft after they are done.

Grand Master Kessler asked to have all the heads of the Grand bodies gather for a picture.

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives to the Grand Council of New York was done. MI Gallant thanked the Reps for their service and they were accorded Grand Honors by MI Gallant.

MI John invited General Grand Council Deputy Grand Master, RP William Snyder, for his remarks. RP Snyder presented greeting from General Grand Master Monty Glover who could not be here. He presented a number of interesting topics.

Grand Secretaries report:

RI Kenneth R Howe Jr, Grand Recorder reported that this will be his last report as your Grand Recorder. He referred to Secretary's report as posted in the minutes. "Thank you" for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Recorder for these last several years. Our Grand Recorder was thanked by the Companions. He was accorded Grand Honors from MI John Gallant.

MI John Gallant turned the gavel to Deputy Grand Master Rubinstein, and he gave his Grand Masters Address. The Deputy Grand Master ordered the Address turned over to the Committee on the Grand Masters Address, for report upon later. The gavel was returned to the Grand Master.

MI John Gallant presented the Deputy Grand Master RW Steven A Rubin to speak a few words.

MI John Gallant called the Assembly to recess for the purpose of calling the Charities Corporation to order. President MI Charles M Roberts opened the Corporation with a prayer. He referenced the report in the proceedings for review. It has been a rough year with the death of MI Whittaker. Overall; the

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Charity Corporation is healthy as we continue to receive gifts. The Charity corporation Awards were presented.

MI John Gallant asked MW Grand Master RJ Kessler for his remarks. He spoke of family. He discussed that we are indeed part of a great family and admonished all to remember that. The Grand Master held up a trowel and told that it was presented to him by GM Carl Smith. "Never forget that we are all working in the quarries of humanity until our dying breath; always remember!!!"

Following the Grand Masters remarks, MI John Gallant called craft from labor to refreshment for Lunch. The craft was called from refreshment to Labor at 1:15pm.

Assistant Grand Secretary moved that the Library report be moved as MI Phil Chandler is not present.

The Ish Sodi and Awards Committee, RI Don Kunego with the assistance of RI Dan Elliot presented their awards. The recipients were given a round of applause.

MI Dick Fowler gave the report on the Grand Masters address. The committee approved of the Grand Master's work, that he left the Grand Council better and that it would continue to grow and prosper.

Report of time and place of our 200th Grand Council: August 18th & 19th at the Desmond Hotel in Albany.

The Credentials Committee report was given by RI Bob Hyman. There were:

- Illustrius Masters: total 11
- Deputy Masters: total 4
- PCW: Total 4
- Past Masters: Total 44
- Companions: Total 26
- Other Jurisdiction Visitors: Total 21
- Grand Total: 141 / 36 Ladies

MI John Gallant reported that the Time is the appointed hour for Elections. The three tellers were appointed. Past Grand Master MI Dick Fowler will run the elections. RI Ted Harrison nominated : RI Steve Rubinstein for Most Illustrious Grand Master. There being no further nominations it was moved that the nominations be closed. Moved that RI Steve Rubinstein be elected by acclimation. It was moved by MI Chuck Roberts that all Grand Council Officers be moved up on station except for the Grand Steward, Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. MI Dick Fowler moved that the office of Grand Steward be open for nominations, Companion Garry Krom was nominated by RI David Barkstedt. There being no further nominations it was move that the nominations be closed. It was moved that RI Ken Lockard succeed himself as Grand Trasurer. The nomination for Grand Recorder be opened. MI David Raymond – nominated MI John Gallant for the ensuing year. Being no other nominations. Nominations declared closed. Elected by acclimation. Trustee: MI Charles M Roberts nominated MI Gary Hutchurson to be elected Trustee for the ensuing three years. There being no other nominations, nominations declared closed and MI Hutchurson elected by acclimation.

MI Dick Fowler declared that the election closed and handed gavel back to MI John Gallant who dismissed the team of tellers with thanks.

MI John Gallant reported that the TIM degree will be immediately following the Public Installation. The Grand Master's banquet is scheduled for 7:00pm.

Grand Master, MI John Gallant retired west of the altar under the escort of the Grand Line he was granted Private Grand Honors and escorted from the Assembly.

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The Installing team consisted of Installing Master MI Don Harrison / Installing Marshall MI Frank Kowowski They proceeded to install the Illustrious Grand Master Elect. MI. Stephen Rubinstein. The charge given by MI Don Harrison. The new Grand Master was greeted with Private Grand Honors

MI Grand Master Rubinstein, thanked all in the Jurisdiction for having faith in him to electing him Grand Master. Theme for this year is "Honor the past and challenge the future" He spoke of the gavel that he would be using, as it had been passed down for two generations. MI Steve looked forward to serving this Grand Council for the ensuing year.

MI Grand Master Rubinstein proceeded to close the Council, asking his good friend from Massachusetts to lead us in prayer. He declared the 199th Grand Council State of New York closed.

It was announced that the public installation will be at 3:00pm, all past and present officers will stay for pictures.

The Evening Banquet honoring MI Past Grand Master Gallant was held at 7:00pm, the MC was RI Rich Kerimoglu. Presentations were given by representatives of the Masonic Youth Groups. Words of Wisdom were delivered by our distinguished guests. The following Awards were given: Giles Fonda Yates Award – RI Ken (Rick) Howe; Cryptic Mason of the Year - RI Robert Ball; Ladies of the Council – Ms. Mavis Hyman, Ms Marion Lockard, Ms Cathy Howe; Masonic Youth Leader – Br. Peter Brusco; General Grand Cryptic Mason of the Year - RI David Barkstedt. MI Gallant was presented his past Masters Jewel and Apron and the honor of being made a permanent voting member of General Grand Council. RI Rich Kerimoglu introduced the Most Worshipfull Richard J Kessler, Grand Master of Masons Grand Lodge of New York. He spoke with delight of knowing each person who received awards, spoke of the fact that this world needs Masonry more than ever. Admonished all to remember the vows made as a Mason and to donate to his wife, Joanne's special charity the "Battle Within", The Banquet was closed with all present joining in to Ray Charles singing "America"

Respectfully Submitted:
RI Kenneth R. Howe, Jr.
Past Grand Recorder

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

2022 - 2023

Elected And Appointed Officers

Grand Master

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Grand Treasurer

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Grand Recorder

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Grand Captain of the Guard

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2022-2023

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1. M.I.: Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. M.I.: David H. Raymond (#90), Past Grand Master
3. R.I.: Harvey E. Eysman (#88), Judge Advocate
4. R.I.: Steven P. Koch (#31), Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

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1. M.I.: Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Master *[Chairman]*
2. R.I.: Donald R. Kunego (#19), Deputy Grand Master
3. M.I.: John A. Gallant (#19), Grand Recorder

Condition and Extension of the Rite

1. R.I.: Donald R. Kunego (#19), Deputy Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. R.I.: Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
3. R.I.: Stuart W. Card (#12), Grand Lecturer
4. All District Deputy Grand Masters

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1. R.I.: Ken Lockard (#76), Grand Treasurer, *[Chairman]*
2. R.I.: Donald R. Kunego (#19), Deputy Grand Master
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4. M.I.: John A. Gallant (#19), Grand Recorder
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6. M.I.: Phillip J. Chandler (#12), Past Grand Master

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2. I.: Laurence Tuck (#88), Companion at Large
3. R.I.: Nathan D. Lipper (#1), Grand Chaplain

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1. M.I.: Frank Karwowski, (#74), Past Grand Master
2. M.I.: Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master
3. M.I.: Phillip J. Chandler (#12), Past Grand Master

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1. R.I.: Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Grand Captain of the Guard, *[Chairman]*
2. M.I.: John A. Gallant (#19), Grand Recorder
3. R.I.: Carl J. Klossner (#12), Grand Conductor of the Council

Library & Museum

1. M.I.: Phillip J. Chandler (#12), Past Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. Grand Recorder's Office

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1. R..I.. Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Grand Captain of the Guard, *[Chairman]*
2. All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

Masonic Education and Communications

1. R..I.. Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, *[Chairman]*
2. R..I.. Donald R.. Kunego (#19), Deputy Grand Master
3. R..I.. Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Grand Captain of the Guard
4. R..I.. Carl J. Klossner (#12), Grand Conductor of the Council
5. R..I.. Melvin Birnbaum (#2), Past District Deputy Grand Master
6. V..I.. Michael Livschitz (#1), Past Asst. Grand Lecturer
7. M..I.. Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master, Adviser

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1. R..I.. Donald R.. Kunego (#19), Deputy Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. R..I.. Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
3. R..I.. Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Grand Captain of the Guard
4. R..I.. Carl J. Klossner (#12), Grand Conductor of the Council
5. R..I.. Ernest Parker (#97), Grand Marshal
6. R..I.. Keith A. Becker (#37), Grand Standard Bearer
7. R..I.. Garry Krom (#31), Grand Steward

North-East Cryptic Festival

1. R..I.. Donald R.. Kunego (#19), Deputy Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

Necrology and Memorial Service

1. M..I.. (Rev.) Charles M. Roberts (#19), Grand Chaplain, Past Grand Master *[Chairman]*
2. R..I.. (Rev.) Stenrick B. Adams (#80), Grand Chaplain
3. R..I.. Nathan D. Lipper (#1), Grand Chaplain

Northeastern York Rite Conference

1. M..I.. Stephen A. Rubinstein (#88), Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

Registration & Credentials [200th Annual] Committee

1. M..I.. David H. Raymond (#90), Past Grand Master *[Chairman]*
2. R..I.. Joshua DeLeon (#88), Grand Sentinel
3. Comp. Vincent J. Spampinato (#76), Member at Large

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2. V..I.. Frank M. Francher (12) Deputy Grand Lecturer
3. M..I.. Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master
4. M..I.. Frank Karwowski, (#74), Past Grand Master
5. All Assistant Grand Lecturers

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2. M.:I.: (Rev.) Charles M. Roberts (#19), Adviser to Webmaster

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1. R.:I.: Steven P. Koch (#31), Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work *[Chairman]*

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R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu, Grand Captain of the Guard	Cryptic District 6 & 7
R.:I.: Carl J. Klossner, Grand Conductor of the Council	Cryptic District 2
R.:I.: Ernest Parker, Grand Marshal	Cryptic District 1
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Grand Council

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



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Acting Grand Master November 2022-August 2023

Deputy Grand Master August – November 2022

TO: M.:I.: John A. Gallant

Grand Master Recorder

R.:I.: Kenneth J. Lockard

Grand Treasurer

SUBJECT: Annual Report[s] - 2022-2023 for the
Deputy Grand Master August – November 2022
Acting Grand Master November 2022-August 2023

I was honored and humbled to have been elected and installed to the office of Deputy Grand Master on August 20, 2022.

During the time in office as Deputy Grand Master, I was privileged to represent the Grand Council at the Annual Session of the A.A.S.R. Council of Deliberation in Syracuse, New York. At the event, I was honored to receive the John Homa 32° Award for Distinguished Military in honor of my service in the U.S. Army. Also, I worked with M.:I.: Steven A. Rubinstein, to design a hanging Jewel and matching label pin, commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Grand Council.

In November of 2022, I became the Acting Grand Master due to the sudden and untimely passing of M.:I.: Steven A. Rubinstein. I was honored to represent the Grand Council at the following functions during 2023:

- Joint Sessions of Royal and Select Masons of South Carolina, Conway, South Carolina.
- Annual Assembly, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Binghamton, New York.
- Annual Session of the A.A.S.R. Council of Deliberation in Syracuse, New York.
- Annual Assembly, Grand Lodge of the State of New York, New York City.
- Annual Conference, Masonic War Veterans, Alexandria Bay, New York.
- Annual Session, Royal and Select Masons of Connecticut, Cromwell, Connecticut.
- St. Johns Day, Utica, New York.

A Committee was formed to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Grand Council. A separate report will be submitted to outline the plans and activities for the event scheduled for September 23rd, 2023.

I enjoyed traveling throughout New York and South Carolina visiting various Councils and Masonic events representing the Grand Council. Traveling in New York with members of the Grand Line, DDGM's and AGLs and meeting many Companions of various Councils throughout the jurisdiction was very rewarding.

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

Zealously,

Right Ill. Donald R. Kunego

Acting Grand Master

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



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Grand Principal Conductor of the work Annual Report for 2022-2023

As soon as the 2022 Grand Assembly was completed on Saturday August 20, 2022, I hit the ground running and attended the NY DeMolay Convention at Camp Turk on Sunday August 21st. I spoke on behalf of the Grand Council and represented Council in the Order of the Tribune. I then had another opportunity to speak on behalf of M.:I.: Steve Rubinstein at the NY Grand Commandery in Utica on September 16th. I was then able to attend the Installation of Officers for my 2 local Rainbow Assemblies on September 18th.

On October 6th, I was in Ocean City, Maryland, where I attend the Supermen Forest Sessions for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. I met my Grand Council Counterpart, R.:I.: Charles Varn, Grand PCW for South Carolina. We are both on the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Board, for Supreme Forest.

My state visits continued on October 8th in Albany, where I represented and spoke on behalf of the Grand Council at the Organization of Triangle for Girls Semi-Convention. Later that evening, I drove up to the Desmond to attend the Reception for M.:I.: Steve Rubinstein. The following weekend was just as busy, as I attended the Grand Chapter for the Order of Eastern Star, State of New York. I was introduced and spoke Saturday morning, October 15th. Later that evening I was installed as District Grand Lecturer for the Orange-Rockland-Westchester District.

During the Spring of 2023, I conducted my Council Visits in District 4. They were Joseph Warren #37 on February 24th, Boss-Dewitt Clinton #14 on April 14th, St. George's #74 on April 20th, and Oneonta #87 on April 26th. All the reports for those Councils were submitted.

I attended the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons early in March. R.:I.: Don Kunego represented the Grand Council during that convention, so I didn't have to speak. However, I had a great time.

My state visits continued at the end of March as I attended the 3rd Youth Group State Convention. This was the International Order of Rainbow for Girls at Villa Roma. I spoke on behalf of the Grand Council again and participated in the Order of Deborah.

I also had the opportunity to visit Grand Councils in other jurisdictions. I was able to attend 2 out of state conventions. The first one was in Pennsylvania on April 16th and 17th in Harrisburg. I attended the sessions along with R.:I.: Bruce Bogerd, Grand Rep to PA. We had a great time. I then drove up to New Hampshire to attend their York Rite Sessions on May 12th

and 13th. I was introduced along with M.:E.: Larry Bernard, Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of RAM of NY.

I then concluded my year at St.John's Day on June 24th, where we marched in the parade and ducked the rain drops. As of the writing of this report, I have also been invited to attend the Grand Council of Prince Hall of NY which will be on July 22nd at the Desmond. That should conclude the year and I look forward to next year's travels.

This concludes my report. Respectfully submitted.

Zealously,

Right III. Daniel D. Elliott
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Annual Report of the Grand Captain of the Guard 2022-2023

To: The MIGM, Officers and Members of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York

It was an honor to serve the Cryptic Council as your Grand Captain of the Guard for the ensuing year. Thank you once again for giving me this opportunity.

This year, I began planning my visitations with the 6th and 7th District and worked with both the DDGM and AGL in order to have joint visits done as much as possible. Visits began with Rotica Council #12 on October 16th and continuing with Cayuga #90 on November 10th, Central City #13 on April 12th 2023, Ahwaga #30 on April, 25th, King David #97 on April 27th, Fulton #50 on May 11th and finally wrapping it up with King Hiram #18 on May 16th. All of the Councils visited were able to open and with a mix of Companions using Ritual books and others from memory did excellent work getting their Councils to open. All of the Councils held their regular business meetings and introductions took place of the DDGM, AGL and myself and all were given the opportunity to speak. The 200th anniversary, Cryptic charities were all mentioned by myself and medals were brought in order for the Companions to view and the option to purchase them. To all of the Councils, thank you for the honors accorded to me and the DDGM and AGL.

I also attended Grand Council, Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter sessions during the year together with the GHP, MIGM and Grand Commander's receptions. Also on April 23rd I represented Grand Council at Empire DeWitt Clinton Commandery's wreath laying in Greenwood Cemetery at the DeWitt Clinton gravesite and participated in the wreath laying. If anyone ever has a chance this is an excellent event to attend and be a part of. June 11th I represented Grand Council at the Grand Assembly in Vermont and as always had an enjoyable time with everyone there. Then finally, being in the parade at St Johns day is always great.

In closing, as always all of the visitations were enjoyable and, participate in Masonic fellowship and meet the Companions throughout the state I look forward to continuing visits in my next District and always enjoy traveling to meet everyone. Thank you to everyone for the fellowship this year. I ask that this report be accepted.

Zealously,

R.I. Richard Kerimoglu

Grand Captain of the Guard

Grand Council Cryptic Mason New York

Report from the Grand Conductor of the Council:

The start of my travels as Conductor of the Council in August of 2022, I attended the Northeast Conference in Albany, September 9th and 10th. On Friday I attended the Cryptic Council meeting in conjunction with Royal Arch Chapters from the North East. On Saturday I Knights Templar Meeting, the first year I could attend due to attending the Leadership Conference the last three years.

My next appearance was at the Grand Commandery Conclave on the Weekend of September 16th, 17th and 18th. This was followed by my attendance at Council of Deliberation on September 23rd, 24th and 25th. Then the weekend of October 8th I attend the Official Reception for Most Illustrious Stephen Rubinstein in Albany.

On October 27th I made my first Official Visit in the 2nd Cryptic Council, Goshen Council #93. I was fortunate enough to make this visit with R.'I.'. Steven P. Koch, DDGM, with this and each of my visits throughout the year! R.'I.'. Daniel Elliot was present because Goshen Council is his home Council. Goshen Council is located in Middletown New York. This was a delightful meeting with R.'I.'. Koch's message and my discussion of the Charities for Council. On November 8th I traveled to King Solomon's Council #31 located in Saugerties, NY. I was welcomed with dinner with the companions of both Chapter and Council. The companions met for the Official Visit of R.'I.'. Koch and also V.'I.'. Williams, AGL. It was a well-attended and informative meeting. I again presented a brief background of my Masonic Career and a short discussion of the Council Charities. As soon as the meeting ended the Companions presented set up for their Chapter Meeting. They do both meetings on the same night due to the closing of their original meeting location. To save time they moved to this set up so the companions would not be out more nights each month.

On November 19th I attended the Grand Commanders Official Reception in Albany. This is when I found out M.'I.'. Stephen Rubinstein had passed away suddenly. I attended the R.E.G.C Barksted's Reception representing Grand Council.

On February 2, 2023 I journeyed to Mount Kisco for my final Official Visit at Union Council #2. Unfortunately, this trip was cut short due to the I.'M.'. coming down with COVID as well as another member have a surgical procedure. With this said the District Leadership team, DDGM and AGL, were there with me and three members of the Council. Although we were unable to open, we had a nice discussion on our Council Charities and the 200th Anniversary Jewel.

I will add at this point I found each of the Councils I visited able to handle opening and closing on a par with each other. I couldn't judge this for Union Council, but throughout the two years of my travels, each Council worked with books at a minimum.

On the weekend of March 10th and 11th I attended the Grand Meeting of the Royal Arch Masons. It was a pleasure to be present to represent Grand Council during the ceremony of reception and the banquet that evening. I also attended the planning meeting run by Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Kunego. We were planning the upcoming 200th Anniversary celebration on September 23rd in Albany.

On June 9th and 10th I attended the Council of Deliberation's spring meeting in Syracuse. Finally, I attended St. Johns Weekend in Utica, NY. On Saturday June 24th I marched in the traditional Masonic Parade around the Masonic Care Community grounds with several of the Grand Council Line members. Yes, after the parade many of us got soaked packing up!

This completed my travels for the 2022-2023 Cryptic Year. I have to admit, I had a great time meet the Companions of the 2nd Cryptic District. One of my most favorite things to see in each of my visits is the enthusiasm of the members of each of the Districts. It appears from what I have seen, we are coming out of the Pandemic shut down and are making a recovery!

Presented by R.'I.'. Carl J. Klossner, Grand Conductor of the Council.

Respectfully Submitted: R.'I.'. Carl J. Klossner, GCC

Rf Carl J. Klossner, G.C.C.

Annual Report - Grand Marshal – 2022-2023

To: The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and Grand Council Officers.

First, I want to thank the members of the Grand Line for their support, encouragement and advice. With their guidance and support, I have been able, hopefully, to fulfill my responsibilities as Grand Marshal.

August 19 - 20, 2022 – I attended Grand Council in Albany. At the assembly I was promoted to the position of Grand Marshall.

September 9 -10, 2022 – I attended the Northeast York Rite training session at the Desmond Hotel, where I completed the second courses 201. It was also an opportunity to receive all the information from General Grand Chapter, and General Grand Council. Also reports from all the Charities, and their accomplishments from the previous year.

September 16-17 2022- I attended the 209th Grand Conclave of New York Commandery, in Albany New York. It was a fitting end to SK Dennis Davis tenure, and the election for SK David Barkstead for the ensuing year. It was a great opportunity to refresh old acquaintances and make new ones

October 8, 2022 Attended Most Illustrious Stephen Rubinstein homecoming in Albany, New York. It was a joy to perform the duties of Marshall, exactly as Stephen wished it to be. It gave him great pleasure to be honored by his close friends and companions. A wonderful experience, was had by all.

November 19, 2022 Attended Grand Commander SK David Barkstead homecoming in Albany, NY. There were many Grand Council Line members in attendance, and we were well treated by our host.

January 11, 2023 - Traveled to New York City to visit Columbia Council No 1, that meets in the grand lodge building. With my GPS sending me a block off, it took me 45 minutes of circling before I entered the building. Once in the lodge room, had a time figuring out there were two sets of elevators. So, after all this I was late; but their ritual was spot on, and a pleasure to witness. It was also enlightening to see the candidate swear upon his book the "Baraget Gita". I also met John Hillard the oldest Most Illustrious Master of Cryptic council of New York.

January 12, 2023 – Visited Adoniram Council No 36, and there were only six members and myself present for the meeting, so we had a school of instruction. The companions were very eager to learn their parts. I noted they were using copies of the work, due to not being able to get books of the work. Later I found out the books are accessible from the Grand Secretary, and they were happy for the information.

The program was a talk on symbols, accepting of the remains, and the issue of Hiram had to be dug up, cleansed and then buried. It was very inspirational.

January 13, 2023 – Traveled to west Long Island to Suffix Council no 76, I now understand the terms of traveling on the Long Island Expressway as traveling on the Long Island Expressway parking lot.

January 23, 2023 - Traveled to Long Island to visit North Shore Council No 88 at Oyster Bay, the home lodge of past master Stephen Rubinstein. The Lodge that Teddy Roosevelt was raised as a Master mason with the first floor as a museum of Teddy Roosevelt, and the town that held General George Washington spy network during the Revolution. Many of the decorations and the furniture came from the Lodge building in western New York, that had suffered loss's following a fire. They had good ritual, even though there only had 8 members present, I made the ninth person present.

January 24, 2023 – Visited Flatbush Council No 80 and had to get there early for the meeting due to commandery meeting right afterward. We had an opening and closing, and a little business, and of course I was allowed to talk, and I highlighted the charities, and Grand Counsel desire to help their Council to grow and thrive. Immediately following the meeting Flatbush Commandery was opened, leaving most of the companions, to change uniforms and open.

January 25, 2023 – Visited Adelpic Council No 7, at grand Lodge. Their ritual was truly great to watch. There were so many familiar faces, to reacquaint with. They were very kind to me and extended me all the courtesies of my office. And after a great meeting we stepped out for a bite, and coalition.

March 9-11, 2023 - Attended Grand Royal Arch Convention, in Binghamton N Y with other Grand Council officers, where we were received. It was a great opportunity to spend time with other Masonic bodies.

Contacted all the Councils that had a charter date ending in a 5- or 10-year date, and inquired if they were having an anniversary. There were no celebrations being planned so the Grand Line was not needed this year.

I am looking forward to September 23, 2023, for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New York 200th year Celebrations to be held in Albany, New York.

As a Grand Line Officer, I get to visit places I would probably never visit, and meet companions that I would never have met otherwise. It is a wonderful journey. I am looking forward to serving the Grand Council next year, by being elected to the position of Grand Conductor of the Council.

Ernie Parker - Grand Marshall

OFFICER'S REPORT – GRAND STANDARD BEARER

Cryptic Year: 2022-2023

During the 2022-2023 Cryptic year, I had the distinct honor of serving as your Grand Standard Bearer, dedicating my unwavering efforts to the preservation and promotion of our esteemed Masonic fraternity. I enthusiastically engaged in a multitude of significant events and interactions that exemplify our unwavering dedication to the timeless principles of Freemasonry.

Notably, the Northeast York Rite Conference stands out as a highlight of my term. This remarkable gathering brought together passionate Freemasons from across the region. Attending enlightening educational sessions and networking with fellow York Rite members allowed me to forge deeper connections and embrace the profound teachings that guide our craft.

Throughout the year, I conducted official visits to several Councils, including Hamburg Council No. 91, Dunkirk Council, and Buffalo-Keystone Council. It was a tremendous privilege to engage in meaningful discussions, foster camaraderie, and offer guidance and support to these Companions. By reinforcing the significance of Cryptic Masonry within our community, I encouraged their active involvement, strengthening our collective bond.

In addition, I actively participated in the Grand Commandery Session of New York, where I had the proud opportunity to represent the Cryptic Council. Contributing to the deliberations shaping the future of our Order was a true testament to the unity and strength cultivated by Freemasonry. Together, we exchanged ideas and celebrated our shared heritage, inspiring a sense of purpose and shared vision.

In my continuous pursuit of personal growth and contribution to the broader Masonic community, I attended the New York State Cryptic Order of the Council of Deliberation (COD). Engaging in thought-provoking discussions, I collaborated with fellow leaders to shape the direction of the Cryptic Council. Our collective efforts ensured the continued growth and relevance of our beloved institution, safeguarding its legacy for generations to come.

Furthermore, I had the honor of actively participating in significant Masonic gatherings, including the TIM makeup degree, Grand Chapter Meeting, Council of Deliberation Meeting, and the St. Johns Day Parade at the Utica Home. These occasions presented unique opportunities for learning, growth, and camaraderie. By actively contributing to

the perpetuation of our Masonic legacy, I aimed to inspire brethren and uphold the timeless traditions that define our distinguished Order.

In addition to these remarkable experiences, I am thrilled to share my deep involvement in the planning and preparation for our upcoming 200th anniversary celebration. As a member of the organizing committee, I dedicated substantial time and expertise to ensure that this milestone event will present a truly exceptional experience, filled with joy and lasting memories.

Our collective vision for the 200th anniversary celebration is to create a one-of-a-kind experience that will be fondly remembered and talked about for generations to come. With meticulous planning and attention to detail, we are crafting a program that captures the essence of our Masonic heritage while offering a unique and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

By curating engaging presentations, interactive exhibits, and exciting activities, we aspire to present an immersive celebration that not only commemorates our rich history but also embraces innovation and fun.

Together, we aim to create an atmosphere of camaraderie, unity, and fellowship, reflecting the core values of our beloved fraternity. Our goal is to provide an unforgettable celebration that not only honors our past achievements but also inspires future generations to embrace the principles and ideals of Freemasonry.

In conclusion, I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as your Grand Standard Bearer during the 2022-2023 Cryptic year. Through my active involvement in various events and engagements, I have endeavored to embody the values and principles of Freemasonry, strengthening our bond as brethren. I eagerly anticipate continuing my journey of service to our distinguished Order, ensuring the preservation of its heritage and perpetuation of its noble ideals. Together, we will leave a lasting legacy for the next 200 years and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
R.: I.: Keith Alan Becker
Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND STEWARD

2022-2023

TO: The Most Illustrious Acting Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York.

It was my honor to serve the Cryptic Council as your Grand Steward this past year. I was elected as the Grand Steward of the Grand Council of the State of New York at the 199th Annual Assembly on August 19th and 20th of 2022.

In October of 2022, I was able to attend the reception of the Most Illustrious Stephen Rubinstein in Albany, New York. I was also able to represent Most Illustrious Rubinstein and the Grand Council at the Thrice Illustrious Master's (T.I.M.) Degree at St. George's Council #74 in Schenectady, New York.

Due to a pre-arranged and booked cruise to Alaska, I was unable to attend the Northeastern Conference in September last year (2022).

In November, while attending the Right Eminent Grand Commander David Barkstedt's reception, I was informed that Most Illustrious Stephen Rubinstein had "laid down his working tools" and ascended to "that house not made by hands" earlier that day. May God bless and keep Most Illustrious Rubinstein in His loving arms. We will all miss him.

In March 2023, I was able to attend the Grand Chapter State of New York RAM Convention in Binghamton, New York.

In April 2023, I was able to make 3 of my Official visits in District 8 with both the DDGM and AGL. My visits were to Doric Council #19, Nun-Da-Waga Council #92 and Hornellsville Council #35. My visit to Nun-Da-Waga and Hornellsville was a combined visit as both Councils are aging and having difficulty opening on their own. At Doric Council #19 in Fairport, NY, they were able to open and close with very little use of the "book". At the combined visit of Nun-Da-Waga Council #92 and Hornellsville Council #35 meeting in Attica, NY, they too did an excellent job opening with little use of the "book".

In May 2023, I was able to complete my Official visits in District 8 by visiting Soki Yase Council #75 in Geneva, NY. It was a very busy evening for this Council as it was their election night, the AGL's Official Visit, my Official Visit and the DDGM's Official Visit. The evening went well though and the opening and closing was conducted with minimal use of the "book".

In June 2023, I was able to participate in St. John's Day held in Utica, NY. The rain was able to hold off until the parade was over, and I almost made it back to my car before the rains came, and I underline "almost".

I would like to thank all the Councils for extending me their courtesies and fellowship on the nights of my visits. After my long drives from Albany, it was very much appreciated. Also, may I state that I enjoyed visiting each and every one of the Councils.

Thank you for the privilege to serve and represent the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York this past year. I am looking forward to continue to serve this organization as a member of the Grand Line.

Official Visits and attendance:

2022

8/19 + 8/20 - Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Annual Assembly in Albany

10/8 - Most Illustrious Stephen Rubinstein Reception in Albany

10/20 - T.I.M. Degree in Schenectady, NY

2023

3/9 – 3/11 – Grand Chapter State of New York RAM Convention in Binghamton

4/19 – Official Visit at Doric Council #19 in Fairport

4/24 – Official Visits at Nun-Da-Waga Council #92 and Hornellsville Council #35 in Attica

5/10 – Official Visit at Soki Yase Council #75 in Geneva

6/24 – St. John's Day in Utica

September 2022 – July 2023

Monthly ZOOM Meeting of Grand Council State of New York

Respectfully Submitted,

R.:l.:Garry W. Krom

Grand Steward

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Report of the Long Range Planning Committee

To: The MIGM, Officers and Members of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York

It was an honor to be appointed Chairman of the long range planning committee for the ensuing year. This past year the Long Range Planning Committee met and below are the minutes of the meeting. Last year I put together a report with the highlights of the meeting, but this year I am attaching the minutes so that everyone can see what was discussed and the accomplishments so far. I am beginning below with the purpose of the Long Range planning Committee which was taken from a past proceeding of Grand Council.

"That the Grand Council establishes a Long-Range Planning Committee or Vision Committee. This committee is to review the Grand Council's structure, operations, and its Annual Assembly agenda. The committee should look at making recommendations for short- and long-range goals for the Grand Council to ensure its mission, principles, and objectives for Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction. That the committee investigates the holding of joint annual sessions with other Concordant bodies in this jurisdiction to save on cost, travel, and expenditure of time by the membership. That the committee explores other worthy items of this Grand Council deemed worthy by its Grand Officer"

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2022

MINUTES

- I.** The meeting was called together at 4:12 p.m.
- II.** Those in attendance were: R.I. Ernie Parker; R.I. Stu Card; R.I. Richard Kerimoglu; M.I. Richard Fowler-PGM; M.I. John Gallant-PGM; R.I. Keith Becker and R.I. Carl Klossner.
- III.** Committee Chairman R.I. Kerimoglu began the meeting by reviewing the minutes from last year's meeting. This review sparked much conversation on our work since last year.
 - a.** 200th Anniversary-R.I. Donald Kunego and R.I. Danial Elliot have moved the proposed plan from last year to fruition. They have developed a Challenge Coin and a Lapel Pin to be used for our celebration. Cost of the Challenge Coin was to be approximately \$20.
 - b.** R.I. Garry Krom has been gathering information on the historical documents from Grand Council. He has traveled to the Utica Branch of the Livingston Library located at the Utica Masonic Temple, to review and organize information for this project.
 - c.** R.I. Danial Elliot has been working on a Facebook page. This is a work in progress.
- IV.** New Topics:
 - a.** Look at the development of a Tri-fold to have available to handout at the 200th Anniversary Celebration. The basis of this is to not only look at our history, but to look to the future of our Grand Council.
 - b.** Development of a place or places to store hard copies of our proceedings and history. A place in the east, west and currently there exists a place in the Utica Masonic Temple. But room is limited there. Suggestions were made and more work will need to be done to find places for these important documents.
 - c.** We need to create a digital copy of our proceedings as we move into the future. It will not be replacing paper copies. For the time being we must make sure everyone can open this material when they want to review our goals/progress as a Grand Council. With technology being what it is, we need to look to a more universal method that is universally available. We also have to stay aware of the biggest negative of outgrowing the ability to open past documents because our technology has surpassed the method of saving. For now we should look at using PDF.
 - d.** Our Grand Line needs to be proactive in finding our replacements. We need to create a short list of possible Grand Line officers to fill our positions when we have openings. Especially when we have unforeseen openings due to sickness

and/or family commitments. This list should never be smaller than two individuals!

- e. We need to be the lead agent for all masonic bodies in creating a short document, tri-fold maybe, to present to every mason to share with his family. This document will be a no-nonsense guide for families to follow when the mason in their family passes. It will tell the family who to contact when they have masonic regalia they no longer wish to possess. This document should also be given to the secretary/recorder/master/high priest/illustrious master/commander so they are aware of this process.

V. Fun Degrees

- a. We should look to other bodies to see what they do to add fun degrees to our Grand Council.
- b. A Fluff degree(s) to raise money for charity, to create more comradery among our companions. These are the types of activities that are remembered the longest.

VI. Future of our Grand Council meetings

- a. The costs are continually going up. The cost of all functions are going up. Currently we are focusing many of our Masonic Bodies in holding our meetings at the Desmond in Albany. Meals are starting at \$60 and going up to about \$100. Room charges are also going up. They give us a bargain, but for a two or three night it is going to run upwards of \$400 to say! We should be looking into our buildings to see how we can increase attendance and keep it within reason for our companions and their spouses to attend.

In closing we ask that this report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

Respectfully submitted:

R.I. Richard Kerimoglu.

Chairman Long Range Planning Committee



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Masonic Education and Communication Committee Report

Companions,

As a Grand Council we were able to accomplish some goals this year regarding Education and Communication. Below is a snapshot of activities that were reported to us this year.

Education:

- Some Councils/Districts have held classes on the Cryptic Masonry Education Course. This was based on the book by Robert G. Davis. We would like to see more Councils and Districts hold these education seminars.
- Schools of Instruction being held by our Grand Lecturer and Assistant Grand Lecturer

Communication:

- We continue to have monthly Zoom meetings that keep the Grand Line Officers, AGL, and DDGM's, informed of what is going on.
- We have a Facebook page, which we started this past year. Please continue to add content.
- We have contributed articles to the Empire State Magazine to make Brothers aware of Cryptic Masonry.

I also had the opportunity to speak at the Masonic-con in Middletown, NY on April 8th. I made presentations on the different Masonic Organizations with a focus on the York Rite Bodies. It was well received and fielded many questions.

I thank everyone on the Committee for their contributions. I respectfully submit this report to spread upon the minutes.

Zealously,

Right Ill. Daniel D. Elliott, Committee Chairman
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
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Grand Council

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



R.:I.: Donald R. Kunego

Acting Grand Master

Chairman, 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee

TO: M.:I.: John A. Gallant

Grand Master Recorder

R.:I.: Kenneth J. Lockard

Grand Treasurer

SUBJECT: 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee Report - 2022-2023

A Committee was formed to Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Grand Council [1823-2023]. The committee planed the following activities to honor the occasion:

- A hanging Jewel commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Grand Council was designed with a gift box and made available for a \$100.00 donation to Grand Council.
- A special limited edition Souvenir Label Pin was Designed.
- A Poker chip was also designed.
- A Time Capsule was designed and will be made available to receive items at the 200th Annual Assembly. It will be consecrated and sealed at the 200th Anniversary Celebration.
- A 200th Anniversary Celebration is planned to take place in the Albany Temple on September 23rd, 2023. The following activities are planned for the event:
 - Tour of the Temple
 - A special limited edition Souvenir Label Pin will be given to each attendee.
 - The Super Excellent Degree will be performed.
 - A "Festive Board" will be held, open to all Masons, Non Masons, Friends and Family. A complete Thanksgiving type dinner with turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing, gravy, coleslaw, warm rolls, tossed salad and a cookie platter is planned.
 - Sealing of the "Time Capsule" Ceremony.



Roles and responsibilities of the Committee Members:

Daniel Elliott: 200th Event Celebration coordination and poker chip

Richard Kerimoglu: Planning and Coordination

Carl J. Klossner: 200th Event Celebration Registration

Ernest Parker: 200th Event Celebration Reception coordination

Keith Alan Becker: 200th Event Celebration Dinner coordination, Special Degree creation and coordination at the 200th Annual Assembly

Harry Williams: Time Capsule construction and design

Stuart W. Card and Frank M. Fancher: Super Excellent Degree Coordination

Michael Hernandez: 200th Event Celebration Temple Tour and Coordination

The Committee was honored to serve and represent our Grand Council during its 200th Year.

Zealously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Ill. Donald R. Kunego". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K".

Right Ill. Donald R. Kunego

Acting Grand Master

Chairman, 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee

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



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I want to thank the Grand Cryptic Council and the Deputy Grand Master, R.: I.: Donald Kunego for the faith they have put in me by appointing me Judge Advocate in March. I do regret the reason they deemed it necessary and ask that all keep my predecessor, R.: I.: Harvey A. Eysman in your prayers as he has well served this Grand Council since before the existence of the Judge Advocate position and has served in similar positions in other New York Grand Bodies. I will do my best to live up to Harvey's example.

I have participated in several of the monthly Grand Council Officer Zoom conferences and have responded to all requests for advice I've received. Based on two of the requests, during the delivery of the Judge Advocate's Report the following two amendments to the Grand Council's Constitution and General Regulations will be presented for consideration by the Grand Council.

Pursuant to a request by the Deputy Grand Master, a new position is to be established as The Grand Archivist which shall be an appointed Position with the Title of R.: I.: and shall serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master for the ensuing year.

To create this position, the following changes need to be made to the Constitution and General Regulations.

Be it resolved that:

Article I of the Constitution, Section 3 the title of Grand Archivist is to be inserted between Grand Historian and Grand Musician.

Article I of the General Regulations, Section 3(a) paragraphs 1 & 3 – Grand Archivist is to be inserted between Grand Historian and Grand Musician.

Article IV Section 47 the station of the Grand Archivist reading "Grand Archivist shall be on the left of the Grand Historian" to be inserted between the stations of the Grand Historian and the Grand Musician.

While not to be placed within either the Constitution or the General Regulations, to enable the Companions understand the expectations of the office – the duties pertaining to it are as follows:

The Duties of the office of Grand Archivist:

1. General overview

- 1.1. The primary purposes of the Grand Archivist are to collect, organize, preserve and make accessible documents, photos, art, ephemera and artifacts relating to the history of the

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York and it's subordinate Councils.

- 1.2. The goal of the Grand Archivist is for Companions and Brothers to gain a greater understanding of our Cryptic Masonic history and provide a conduit for our widows and orphans to learn about and preserve the legacy of their deceased family members, specifically as it pertains to their Masonic accomplishments and artifacts.
- 1.3. Overall, the Grand Archivist duties are focused on preserving and protecting the rich history and tangible items of the Cryptic Rite, in the state of New York.

2. Function

- 2.1. Ensure that the contents of the Archives are preserved and protected.
- 2.2. Organize and coordinate donations of items and, as appropriate, make an electronic copy of them for preservation and ease of access.
- 2.3. Work to make the Archives accessible to interested persons, which may include: members of the Cryptic Rite Fraternity, their family, and members of the general public who are engaged in scholarly or genealogical research.
- 2.4. Publicize the Archives through periodic presentations on subjects of interest to members of the Masonic Fraternity and the general public.
- 2.5. Develop alternatives for additional storage and improved accessibility of the Archives.

3. Operation

- 3.1. The Grand Archivist , with approval of the Grand Master, can recommend appointment of an Assistant Grand Archivist(s) to work with him throughout our jurisdiction.
- 3.2. The Grand Archivist shall submit an annual report of his activities to the Grand Council by July 1st of each year.
- 3.3. The Grand Archivist shall be responsible for ensuring the security and confidentiality of all records and documents, which shall include the recommendation(s) and implementation of appropriate storage and access controls.
- 3.4. Creating and maintaining an archive of important artifacts of the Cryptic Rite, which can include, but is not limited to: regalia, jewelry, and other ceremonial objects.
- 3.5. The Grand Archivist will assist the Grand Council in developing and maintaining policies and procedures related to record-keeping and archiving.
- 3.6. The Grand Archivist shall oversee the cataloging and indexing of all records and artifacts in the archive and shall strive to make them easily searchable and accessible.
- 3.7. The Grand Archivist and the Assistant Grand Archivist(s) [if one is appointed] will, to the extent possible and practicable, provide research assistance to members of the Cryptic Masonic Fraternity and others who may be interested in the history, traditions, and culture of the organization.
- 3.8. The Grand Archivist shall serve as a liaison to other archival institutions and organizations to promote collaboration and information sharing.
- 3.9. In the discharge of his duties and responsibilities, the Grand Archivist will work to develop a comprehensive list of educational and archival institutes and professionals for the purpose of appraising, assessing, and preserving items within the archive.

- 3.10. The Grand Archivist shall develop and make available training programs on record-keeping, archiving, and preservation for members of the Masonic Fraternity.
- 3.11. The Grand Archivist shall contribute to the development of publications and other materials related to the history and traditions of the Cryptic Rite and the Masonic Fraternity more broadly.

4. Qualifications & Appointment

4.1. Qualifications:

- 4.1.1. The Grand Archivist must be an individual who possesses a bachelor's degree in one of the following subjects: history, library science, public administration, political science or similar fields. Advanced degrees in one or more of these subjects/fields, as well as any relevant certificates, archival coursework, and/or documented hands on experience with any of those items set forth in section 3 would be preferred.
- 4.1.2. A deep knowledge of the Masonic Fraternity, which should include, but is not limited to: the organizations (both past and present) that comprise it, how those organizations developed in the United States and in New York, the development and production of the numerous and varied tangible elements of the Masonic Fraternity, which can include: certificates, regalia, artwork, and ephemera.
- 4.1.3. Broadly speaking, the ideal candidate should have a working knowledge of other fraternal organizations, both past and present, which is essential in distinguishing between items of a Masonic nature and those arising from another fraternal organization, many of which used elements of Freemasonry in their degree work, regalia, and certificates.

4.2. Appointment & Apron of the Office:

- 4.2.1. The Grand Archivist shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master for the ensuing year.
- 4.2.2. The apron of the office would be the same design as the Grand Historian with the Arc of the Covenant instead of an Open Book on the front.

Per a request from the Grand Standard Bearer, which was approved during a Grand Council Officers meeting in June of this year, that the Companions should have the ability to form a Cryptic Lodge of Research, similar to the Lodges of Research within Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. To create such:

Be it resolved that the following section be added to the General Regulations under Article II and be Section 27.5

A) Nine or more Cryptic Masons may unite to form a Council for the purposes of Cryptic study and research, and a dispensation and Warrant may be issued therefor without compliance with the requirements of the provisions of Article II, Sections 19 through 25 of this Constitution. At the option of the Illustrious Master, a Council of study and research, created pursuant hereto, may limit its Installation ceremonies to the elected Officers of the Council. The territorial jurisdiction of such Council when formed shall be co-extensive with the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

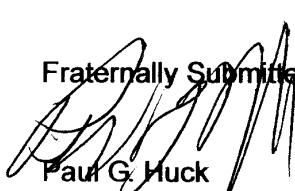
B) A Council formed under the provisions of this Section shall be without power or authority to confer degrees upon candidates or to receive members other than by affiliation.

C) A Council formed under the provisions of this Section shall not be entitled to either representation nor a vote in Grand Council as provided in Article I Section 4 of this Constitution, A council formed under the provisions of this Section shall not be required to pay any of the fees specified in Article I Section 17 of this Constitution.

D) A Council formed under the provisions of this Section may provide in its by-laws for different categories of Membership, including Corresponding and Active Membership and Fellowship, and may therein specify the rights, benefits, and limitations of each category. Such Council may accept as Corresponding Members, only such Cryptic Masons or Councils of Cryptic Masons in Good Standing in this or other Grand Jurisdictions in Masonic affiliation with this Grand Council, or organizations recognized as Masonic by this Grand Council and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, including Masonic libraries, as the by-laws of such Council may provide.

E) No Companion shall be eligible for election and installation as Illustrious Master of a Chapter of Study and Research unless he shall be or have previously been a duly Elected and Installed as Illustrious Master of a regular Council of Cryptic Masons.

Fraternally Submitted.


Paul G. Huck
Judge Advocate

July 23, 2023

The Report of the By-Laws Review and Jurisprudence Committee 2023

The Committee recommends approval of the following By-Laws changes for Buffalo-Keystone #17:

Section 2: change meeting place from Cheektowaga Masonic Center to **32nd Degree Masonic Community Center, 2379 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14227**. Months and meeting time to remain the same.

Section 3: change the amount of Annual Dues from \$40.00 [forty] to **\$60.00 [sixty]** dollars per member. All other descriptions of fees & dues remain the same.

The Committee recommends approval of the following By-Laws changes for Skoi-Yase Council #75:

Article 2, Section 1: change stated Assemblies from 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30PM except for the months of July & August to **The Stated Assemblies of this Council shall be held on the Second Wednesday of each month at 6:45PM during the months of January, February, April, May, October and November at Geneva-Ark Lodge 33 at 94 North Exchange Street in Geneva, NY.**

Article 2, Section 3: change wording from **mailed** to **sent**.

Article 3, Section 1: change date of Annual Assembly & Election of Officer from June to **May**.

Article 6, Section 1: change to read “**The fee for the degrees in this Council shall be Fifty Dollars [\$50.00] to accompany the petition**”.

Article 6, Section 2: change to fee for affiliation from \$5.00 to **\$30.00**.

Respectfully submitted by the By-Laws Review and Jurisprudence Committee,

M.: I. Richard C. Fowler, Chairman

M.: I. David H. Raymond

R.: I. Steven P. Koch

R.: I. Paul Huck, Judge Advocate

The Committee extends its appreciation to R.: I. Harvey Eysman, Past Judge Advocate, for his long standing membership and guidance to this Committee. We recommend that he be granted Emeritus by this Grand Council for his dedication to our Cryptic Council.

The Grand Council Website Committee Report 2022-2023

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, our Grand Line Officers and District Officers I am pleased to report the Web Site has continued to be a stable and on-line presence for our Grand Jurisdiction.

The primary task for me is to provide a rapid turnaround of updates to the Web Site and down-loadable documents and to be the official location of Announcements and Edicts by our Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Overall, this year the web site maintenance was not difficult. The year was “normal” with updates, messages, announcements and small corrections. We did have the added benefit of providing ordering forms for our 200th year events and special offers.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council and our companions as we prepare for another Cryptic year.

Zealously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John A. Gallant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Report of the Grand Historian, 2023

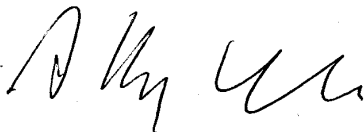
I'd like to thank M.I. Stephen A. Rubinstein for appointing me Grand Historian and to R.I. Donald R. Kunego, Acting Grand Master, for allowing me to continue. It has been a great honor, and I've learned a lot during my time in office and had a chance to meet new and thoughtful people.

- A. Unlike recent years, I received no questions from other jurisdictions about our Grand Council chartering or granting warrants for Councils or Grand Councils in what today would be another jurisdiction.
- B. The sole requests for information was from a family member and from a Historian. Both requests were received via email from the Grand Council website, both questions from non-masons. I did my best to answer them, but neither is a complete answer.
 - o The first was about the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Council, and despite repeated attempts, I was never able to find a suitable contact with the Grand Council for Prince Hall Masons in New York. I will continue to reach out.
 - o I was also asked by a historian for information and a picture of George H. Toop (Jan 15, 1836 – Nov 10, 1907, who was the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Nebraska. We had no additional information about the companion than was already known, nor a picture of the companion. I reached out to his home Council, Union Council #2, but they had no additional information or photo. I recommend to anyone needing historical information, the past Proceedings are all available online at <https://nycryptic.org/GrandCouncilProceedings.html> thanks to the hard work of our Grand Recorder.
- C. I have been working with our Acting Grand Master to obtain and prepare a time capsule for our 200th Anniversary. We are not able to use a traditional time capsule since we have neither land to bury it in, nor a building to encase it in. We will be using a secure "suitcase" that we will place in an Ark-like box that is being built, and store it in the Livingston Library in the Utica Temple with many of our other historical artifacts.
- D. There is a photo array at the Livingston Library in Utica that contains photos of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council. The last displayed photo is Donald Harrison (2003-2004). I was about to reach out to the Past Grand Masters for assistance in collecting photos when I stumbled on the report of the Library and Museum Committee from 2017, where they reported the problem of the missing photos, and they had been able to collect most of the missing photos and obtained a frame for the photo array. We are now attempting to locate the photos that were collected, we have two frames to display 16 photos and display in the Museum.
- E. M.W. William Thomas mentioned on his Facebook page that the minutes of November 10, 1811 of Columbian Council #1 that "Companions were installed Knights of the Order of St. George of Capadocia" but that is the only reference to that degree that he could

- find. Various companions discussed the topic over the next week, referencing “The Cryptic Rite” by J.Ross Robertson and “Masonic Rites and Degrees” by Ray V. Denslow. Both these books are available in the Livingston Library, but one is older than 100 years, and the other a single copy, making them both ineligible to be removed from the library. I discussed the situation with Michael LaRocco, Executive Director of the library. He suggested that if we can offer some suggestions of books that should be available, they will evaluate them when they acquire new books. I am in the process of creating such a list of Cryptic books that should be available. If you have any ideas, please send them along and I will include them in a list for the Grand Council to review and recommend. Send them to “GrandHistorian@nycryptic.org”
- F. I also discussed with V.W. LaRocco that of the 17 Reading Courses of the Library, all have 5 books in the course, except number 13 – “The Secret Vault Under the Tabernacle, The Cryptic Mason Course” which only has four books, and one of them is very light, an encyclopedia. The Reading course is an good resource for selling the Cryptic Degrees to masons. I have some ideas, but would welcome others thoughts. If you have an idea for a book that should be included in the reading course, please send them along to GrandHistorian@nycryptic.org
- G. The Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, R.W. Gary L. Heinmiller, has created an Excel spreadsheet of every lodge every existing under the Grand Lodge of New York or any other Grand Lodge which merged into the Grand Lodge. It includes dates of dispensation, location and other relevant information. I am attempting to collect such information about every constituent Council of this Grand Council, starting with our Proceedings. When I am satisfied that it is far enough along to have value to others, I will arrange publication.

Zealously submitted,

R.:L.: A. Harry Williams
Grand Historian



THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
200th Annual Assembly, Albany, New York
Saturday, August 19, 2023

Annual Necrology Report

MEMORIAL SERVICE

** Stand if you are able*

LIGHT THE CANDLE

This Candle is lit today to symbolize each of the lives of the 28 Companions who have entered the eternal realm of God.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 90)**

Leader: Lord you have been our dwelling place for generations.

People: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it has past, or like a watching in the night.

People: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

ALL: Let Us Worship You, O God The Savior Of All Lives.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. O Lord, you are near us today as we remember the lives of our departed Companions. We honor their lives, knowing that nothing in this world can separate any from your love. We celebrate the memories of each individual and ask that you comfort our grieving hearts and those of their families. Lord, some days like this feel fragile. We sorrow for all those we have lost. All that is absent in our present life. Across your world we see so much unraveling. So many more questions than answers. We pray for your still voice of calm. Help us to trust in you and your power to heal. Hold us, mold us, shape us. Make us your vessels of peace. May we show love in the midst of hate. And be your light even in the darkness. Show us how to embrace your Kingdom in a world that needs to know you. A world that needs You, O God. May Your Peace reign upon us all. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God"**

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things have done, In whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way, With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.

EULOGY: R.: I.: Jose L. Valencia, Jr., Grand Chaplain Emeritus
M.: I.: Stephen A. Rubinstein, MIGM (2022-2023)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 46 and Romans 8:35,37-39

A REFLECTIVE THOUGHT "A Circle Of Life"^[OBJ]
M.: I.: Rev. Charles M. Roberts

CLOSING PRAYER

*** CLOSING HYMN:** "I'll Fly Away"



Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly
away; To a home on God's
celestial shore, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O
Glory, I'll fly away; When I die,
hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away. I'll fly away!

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away; Like a bird from prison
bars has flown, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away; When I die,
hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away. I'll fly away!

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away; To a land where joys shall
never end, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away; When I die,
hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away. I'll fly away!

CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*** BENEDICTION**

IN MEMORIAM (2022-2023)

Columbian Council No. 1

Rotica Council No. 12

King Hiram Council No. 18

Doric Council No. 19

Dunkirk Council No. 25

Ahwaga Council No. 30

King Solomon Council No. 31

Hornellsville Council No. 35

St. George's Council No. 74:

SkoiYase Council No. 75:

Suffolk Council No. 76:

NorthShore Council No. 88

NunDaWaGa Council No. 92:

Respectfully Submitted,

Grand Chaplains

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

R.:I.:Nathan Lipper

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

Thomas G. Piper

Stephen Rumpf

Bruce H. Nichols

Howard C. Colegrove

Bruce I. Katz

Oliver T. Amesbury

Donald W. Wright

Carl Kerr

Clyde W. Card

Stanley J. Bishop

E. Donald Lounsberry

Rev. Jose' L. Valencia, Jr.

Zinas M. Mavodones

Gerald M. Cooper

Richard D. Green

James A. Lowerre

Warren H. Hyde

Norman F. Hopson

Wayne T. Slack

Robert L. Shell

David H. Montanye

Richard Broyles

Robert F. Smith, III

Robert F. Barry

Francis A. Parrella, III

Michael A. Miller

Stephen A. Rubinstein

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Grand Council Cryptic Masons
State of New York
Awards committee report 2022-2023 *(Updated)*

Individual Achievements

A. Grand Council State of New York Cryptic Mason of the year

Presented at Grand Session to:

Edward W. Mosso, St. George's Council No. 74

Steward W. Card, Rotica Council No. 12

B. General Grand Council-International Cryptic Mason of the year

Illustrious David E. Barnes, St. George's Council No. 12

C. Most Ill. Grand Master's Recognition Awards

Lady of the Council Award

Lady Brenda Card

Ish-Sodi Awards

A. ISH—SODI Awards The first line signer for 5 Petitioners since August 2022

No Companions eligible

B. Meritorious ISH—SODI Awards The first line signer for 25 Petitioners

No Companions eligible

Council Membership Gains & Attendance Awards

- A. Most Greetings of new select masters in the Cryptic year
Adelphic Council No. 7
- B. Greetings of 5 or more new Companions in the Cryptic year
Adelphic Council No. 7
- C. 10% or greater increase in membership in the Cryptic Year
Hornellsville No. 35 - 10% or more [2]
Joseph Warren No. 37 - 10% or more [3]
- D. Best Attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly
Rotica Council No. 12

Submitted by:
Richard Kerimoglu, Committee Chairman
John Gallant PMIGM
Carl J. Klossner

OPERATING FUND 2022/2023

Balance as of 31 July 2022

\$29,246.20

Income

R-1	Member NY Per Capita	35,314.00
R-2	Member GC Per Capita	4,222.50
R-3	New Member Greeting	999.00
R-4	Permanent Funds	
R-5	Bank Interest	
R-6	Late Annual Return Fee	150.00
R-7	Refund Host Council	11,574.00
R-8	Escrow Funds	
R-9	Miscellaneous	24,610.08

Subtotal: \$76,869.58

Total

\$106,115.78

DISBURSEMENTS

A-1	Annual Assembly (Meals & Hotel)	20,615.05
A-2	Annual Proceedings	350.00
B-1	Grand Master's Expenses	3,940.39
B-2	Grand Master's Apron	
B-3	Grand Master's Jewel	
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000.00
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	800.00
D-1	Office Expense	1,973.77
D-2	Grand Council Storage	780.00
D-3	Grand Council Supplies	
D-4	Grand Council Postage	658.51
D-5	Grand Council Printing	
D-6	Telephone	
D-7	Insurance & Bonding	126.00
D-8	Taxes	
E-1	Grand Lecturer's Expenses	283.56
E-2	Grand Line Officer's Expenses	2,180.52
F-1	General Grand Council Per Capita	2,640.00

F-2	Youth Yearly Program Support		
G-1	General Grand Triennial Fund	200.00	
G-2	Ritual/Constitution Escrow Fund	100.00	
G-3	Regalia-New York Fund	200.00	
G-4	Equipment Repair Purchase Fund	121.77	
G-5	History Fund	200.00	
G-6	Grand Master's Fund	100.00	
H-1	Miscellaneous & Adjustment	27,896.46	
	Subtotal:	65,166.03	
	Total		<u>\$40,949.75</u>

Balance as of 31 July 2023 \$40,949.75

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. Lockard

R.:l.: Kenneth J. Lockard
Grand Treasurer

Escrow Funds 2022/2023

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

	<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>Totals</u>
<u>Balances as of 31 July 2022</u>	7,643.79	273.91	1,271.25	2,994.43	1934.89	2,063.81	\$16,181.97
Income:	558.00	373.00	200.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	1,531.00
Interest:	7.82	.28	1.30	3.06	1.98	2.11	16.55
Sub-totals:	<u>8,209.61</u>	<u>647.19</u>	<u>1,472.55</u>	<u>3,097.49</u>	<u>2,136.87</u>	<u>2,165.92</u>	<u>\$17,729.52</u>
Disbursements:							
<u>Balances as of 31 July 2023</u>	8,209.61	647.19	1,472.55	3,097.49	2,136.87	2,165.92	\$17,729.52

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. Lockard

R.:I.: Kenneth J. Lockard
 Grand Treasurer

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF NEW YORK

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

August 2, 2023

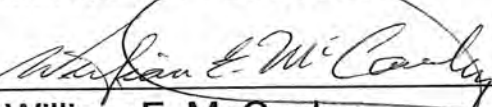
To the Grand Master, Grand Line and members of Councils of the State of New York:

The accounts of the GRAND TREASURER were examined and found in good order.

Audit Committee:


M.:I.: Donald Harrison, Chm.


R.:I.: Robert P. Bukowski


I.: William E. McCauley



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
State of New York
Most Illustrious John A. Gallant, PMIGM
Grand Recorder
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GrandRecorder@NYCryptic.org

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Companions of Grand Council.

I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to the Companions for supporting me during my Inaugural year as your Grand Recorder. It has truly been an Office with a learning curve.

I owe a number of Special Thanks to my Companions, especially M.:I.: Charles Roberts, Assistant to the Grand Recorder, who's Institutional knowledge is invaluable to the success of this office, and to R.:I.: K. Rick Howe for being it's steward for these last few years. I need to thank R.:I.: Ken Lockard for his hard work and excellent advice this year. It was wonderful to work with him. I wish him well with his future plans.

One of the interesting, and unexpected, responsibilities was the overall amount of Communications, electronic and analogue. It was far more than when I was Grand Master. I enjoyed the communications with our sister Jurisdictions in the North East region and beyond.

In particular we did complete the transactions for three Grand Representatives, two "For" New York and one "To" New York. We still have five requests in the "Pending" category. It is a disappointment that these continue to take too long.

Even with this whirlwind of a first year, unfortunately, some things are slow to change. We had six Councils who were quite late in getting the Annual Report paperwork in on time. (*Companion Recorders, the deadline is July 10th, per our Constitution, this deadline is necessary for the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer to prepare our annul reports and close out the Fiscal year.*) Luckily all the missing paperwork did come in before our Annual Assembly and all Councils are in good standing and approved to attend this Grand Assembly.

The other distressing trend that is not changing is our loss of membership, I refer you to my report on our Membership numbers. As you can see we have dropped below that psychological threshold of 1,000! Companions please don't loose sight of this level of loss, endeavor to bring more Brothers and Companions to the York Rite and our Grand Council.

With regards to the Financial condition of Grand Council, this year it was not necessary to make a withdrawal from our permanent funds. However, next year with our lower membership numbers we have projected a budget in the red. But as often occurs, next year we may not reach the expected level of expenses and the budget will settle out OK. Keep in mind we cannot sustain this and there may have to be a per-capita increase in our near future. For reference seven years ago was our last per-capita increase

In closing, I again wish to thank the Companions for their kind assistance and patience while I learn all the details of this Office. I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Most Ill. John A. Gallant
Grand Recorder

Annual Membership Report For The 2022-2023 Cryptic Year

This Cryptic Year was a continual of last year with regards to membership. We had some gains but we continue to have major losses as well. We are working with our Council Recorders on having an accurate count from all Councils.

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, 2022 – 1,062

Greeted:	21
Affiliated:	4
Restored:	<u>2</u>
Total Gains:	27

1,089

It is good news to see that as we recover from the dark times of Covid-19 we continue to build our membership for the future. Unfortunately we continually see membership falling, mainly through the big three: deaths, demits and suspensions. Perhaps the most stark indicator of this imbalance is that we have dropped below the symbolic 1000 mark.

Died:	28
Demitted:	27
Suspended NPD:	29
Suspended in Chapter:	11
Expelled:	2
Previous Return Adjustments:	<u>0</u>
Total Losses:	97

Membership as of June 30, 2023 - 992

A complete breakdown of the membership by Council is attached.

Fraternally yours,
M.:I.: John A. Gallant
Grand Recorder

Summary of Membership and Activities by Council 2022-2023

Council #	07/01/22	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Demitted	NPD	RAM-Spnd	Expelled	06/30/23	Net Gain/Loss
Columbian No. 1	129	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	129	0
Union No. 2	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
Adelphic No. 7	60	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	5
Rotica No. 12	32	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	27	(5)
Central City No. 13	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0
Bloss-DeWitt No. 14	47	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	43	(4)
Buffalo-Keystone No. 17	55	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	57	2
King Hiram No. 18	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	(1)
Doric No. 19	28	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	27	(1)
Dunkirk No. 25	34	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	32	(2)
Ahwaga No. 30	28	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	26	(3)
King Solomon No. 31	30	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	28	(2)
Hornellsville No. 35	20	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	21	1
Adoniram No. 36	27	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	20	(7)
Joseph Warren No. 37	24	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	26	1
Fulton No. 50	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0
Gr. Council (Peekskill 55)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	(1)
St. George's No. 74	71	2	0	0	6	2	1	1	0	63	(8)
Skoi Yase No. 75	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	(1)
Suffolk No. 76	61	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	55	(6)
Flatbush No. 80	59	3	0	0	0	0	14	0	2	46	(13)
Oneonta No. 87	42	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	42	0
North Shore No. 88	50	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	0	38	(12)
Cayuga No. 90	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
Hamburg No. 91	36	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	33	(3)
Nun Da Waga No. 92	27	0	0	0	1	6	3	0	0	17	(10)
Goshen No. 93	44	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	43	(1)
King David No. 97	27	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1
	1062	21	4	2	28	27	29	11	2	992	(70)

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.

	Balance July 31, 2023		\$29,246.10
			Budget 2023-24
	INCOME	Comments	
R-1	Member NY Per Capita (992)	\$20.50 per member	\$20,336.00
R-2	Member GC Per Capita (992)	\$ 2.50 per member	\$2,480.00
R-3	New Members-Greetings (50)	\$10.00 per member	\$500.00
R-4	Permanent Fund Income		\$5,000.00
R-5	Bank Interest		\$0.00
R-6	Late Annual Return Fee		\$0.00
R-7	Meal Income from Host Council for A-1		\$12,000.00
R-8	Escrow Funds		\$0.00
R-9	Miscellaneous		\$500.00
	Totals		\$40,816.00
	Disbursements		
A-1	Annual Assembly (Hotel/Meals/Etc.)		\$14,000.00
A-2	Annual Proceedings		\$1,000.00
B-1	Grand Master's Expense		\$5,600.00
B-2	Grand Master's Apron		\$1,500.00
B-3	Grand Master's Jewel		\$1,000.00
C-1	Grand Recorder's Honorarium	GR=1,300/yr; AGR=700/yr	\$2,000.00
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Honorarium	GT=800/yr	\$800.00
D-1	Office Expense	GR 500 = 2000; GT 100 = 400	\$2,400.00
D-2	Grand Council Storage		\$800.00
D-3	Supplies		\$400.00
D-4	Postage		\$600.00
D-5	Printing		\$1,000.00
D-6	Telephone		\$100.00
D-7	Insurance & Bonding		\$175.00
D-8	Taxes		\$0.00
E-1	Grand Lecturer's Expense		\$1,200.00
E-2	Grand Line Officers' Expenses		\$4,800.00
F-1	Gen. Grand Council Per Capita (1 year)		\$2,480.00
F-2	Youth Committee Yearly Program Support		\$500.00
G-1	General Grand Triennial Fund		\$200.00
G-2	Ritual/Constitution NY Escrow Fund		\$100.00
G-3	Regalia - New York Fund		\$200.00
G-4	Equipment Repair & Purchase Fund		\$100.00
G-5	History Fund		\$200.00
G-6	Grand Master's Fund		\$100.00
H-1	Miscellaneous		\$2,000.00
	Totals		\$43,255.00
	Balance as July 31, 2024		\$29,493.10

			Budget 2023-24
	Pass-Through Lines		
PT-1	Funds Input	NE-Conf, GM-Rec, SRICF-NE	\$0.00
PT-2	Funds Output		\$0.00
	Respectfully Submitted,		
	R.:I.: Donald R. Kunego, DGM / A-GM		
	R.:I.: Dan D. Elliot. PCW		
	M.:I.: John A. Gallant, Grand Recorder		
	R.:I.: Kenneth J. Lockard, Grand Treasurer		
	M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, Asst Grand Recorder		

Grand Recorder's Financial Report for 2022-2023**Balance as of July 31, 2022:****\$29,246.10****Income/Revenue**

Deposit #1	Annual Rtn	2022 Returns – Multiple Councils	\$23,422.50
Deposit #2	199 Annual	199th Assembly Meals	\$6,886.00
Deposit #3	Annual Rtn	Adoniram #36 (2022 Rtn)	\$576.00
	NE Conf.	NE Conf (Pass through)	\$9,996.22
Deposit #4	North Shore	GM Rubinstein Reception,	\$4,165.00
	Rubinstein	GM Rubinstein Reception,	\$2,536.86
	GM Gallant	Lady of Council Awards	\$750.00
Deposit #5	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$1,870.00
Deposit #6	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$630.00
Deposit #7	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$420.00
Deposit #8	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$100.00
Deposit #9	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$1,025.00
Deposit #10	Annual Rtn	Flatbush #80 2022 Return	\$1,234.00
Deposit #11	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$315.00
Deposit #12	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$810.00
Deposit #13	Medallions	200th Medallion Postage	\$5.00
Deposit #14	Annual Rtn	Goshen #93 2023 Return	\$943.00
Deposit #15	200th Event	200th Anniversary Event	\$420.00
Deposit #16	Annual Rtn	King Solomon #31 2023 Rtn	\$697.50
Deposit #17	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$427.00
Deposit #18	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$405.00
Deposit #19	Assembly	200th Assembly Meals	\$2,028.00
Deposit #20	Annual Rtn	Bloss-DeWitt Clinton #14 2023 Rtn	\$1,035.00
Deposit #21	Annual Rtn	King Hiram #18 2023 Rtn	\$276.00
Deposit #22	Annual Rtn	Oneonta #87 2023 Rtn	\$976.00
Deposit #23	Annual Rtn	St. Georges #74 2023 Rtn	\$1,653.00
Deposit #24	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$210.00
Deposit #25	Annual Rtn	Buffalo-Keystone #17	\$1,265.00
Deposit #26	Annual Rtn	Doric #19	\$615.50
Deposit #27	Annual Rtn	Joseph Warren #37	\$582.00
Deposit #28	Annual Rtn	Hamburg #91	\$825.50
Deposit #29	Annual Rtn	Union #2	\$414.00
Deposit #30	Annual Rtn	Nun Da Waga #92	\$621.00
Deposit #31	200th Event	200th Anniversary Event	\$360.00
Deposit #32	Annual Rtn	Suffolk #76	\$1,403.00
Deposit #33	Annual Rtn	Adoniram #36 (2023 Rtn)	\$621.00
Deposit #34	Annual Rtn	Ahwaga #30	\$595.50
Deposit #35	Annual Rtn	Cayuga #90	\$365.50
Deposit #36	Annual Rtn	Rotica #12	\$736.00
Deposit #37	200th Event	200th Anniversary Event	\$60.00
Deposit #38	Assembly	200th Assembly Meals	\$2,660.00
Deposit #39	Annual Rtn	King David #97	\$681.00
Deposit #40	Annual Rtn	North Shore #88	\$1,147.50
Deposit #41	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$105.00

Total Income: \$76,869.58**Expenditures/Expenses**

GR Financials 2022-23

Voucher #

23-1680	Charles M. Roberts	Greece Ridge Self Storage Rental	\$780.00
23-1681	Grand Chapter of NY RAM	Rental IT Equipment for Annual Assembly	\$1,000.00
23-1682	Michael Weisberg	Honorarium for Michael Weisberg IT Personr	\$250.00
23-1683	Jeffrey C. Kuhne	Honorarium for Jeffrey Kuhn IT Personnel	\$250.00
23-1684	Escrow Funds of Grand Cou	General Grand Triennial Fund	\$200.00
	For 2022-23 Escrow Transfe	Ritual/Constitution NY Escrow Fund	\$100.00
		Regalia - NY Fund	\$200.00
		Equipment Repair & Purchase Fund	\$100.00
		History Fund	\$200.00
		Grand Master's Fund	\$100.00
23-1685	GGCCMI	GGCCMI Annual Per Capita for 2021-2022	\$2,640.00
23-1686	Masonic Service Bureau	Donation for Printing of the Annual Packets	\$350.00
23-1687	The Crowne Plaza-Desmonc	Balanced Owed to Hotel for 2022 Assembly	\$19,115.05
23-1688	The Crowne Plaza-Desmonc	Balanced Owed to Hotel for 2022 NE Confere	\$9,996.22
23-1689	RG Award Systems	Ladies Name Badges (2)	\$39.32
23-1690	Pecks Graphics LLC	Grand Line Officers Badges	\$70.56
23-1691	Poughkeepsie No. 43, KT	Grand Commander Barkstedt Journal Ad	\$75.00
23-1692	GGCCMI	6 Ladies of the Council Awards by MI Gallant	\$750.00
23-1693	The Crowne Plaza-Desmonc	Expenses of MI Rubinstein's Reception	\$6,701.86
		Expenses of MI Rubinstein's Reception	\$170.00
23-1694	Lapel Pins & More	Expenses of 18 DDGM and 18 AGL Jewels	\$803.10
23-1695	Charles M. Roberts	9 Purple Rope Jewel Hangers for AGLs	\$90.50
23-1696	Lapel Pins & More	Purchase of 200 Anniversary Jewels	\$7,975.50
23-1697	Kenneth J. Lockard	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$200.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$124.66
23-1698	John A. Gallant	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$325.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$547.51
23-1699	Charles M. Roberts	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$175.00
		Asst. Grand Recorder's Office Expenses	\$364.98
		Asst. Grand Recorder's Postage Expenses	\$77.21
23-1700	Keith A. Becker	Grand Line Officer's Expenses	\$237.09
23-1701	Richard Kerimoglu	Grand Line Officer's Expenses	\$600.00
23-1702	Kentropolis Internet Commu	Web Site Hosting for 2022-2023	\$120.00
23-1703	Rainbow Charities of NY, Inc	NY Rainbow Full Page Journal Ad	\$100.00
23-1704	John A. Gallant	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$325.00
		Grand Recorder's Postage Expenses	\$212.25
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$336.87
23-1705	Kenneth J. Lockard	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$200.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$20.27
23-1706	Charles M. Roberts	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$175.00
23-1707	Donald Kunego	Travel – Tolls & Gas	\$39.90
		GM Pins (500) and cuff-link sets	\$1,342.50
23-1708	CNA Surety	Bonding for Treasurer/Grand Council	\$126.00
23-1709	Donald Kunego	Travel – To Grand Chapter	\$639.36
23-1710	Dan Elliot	Travel Dist. 4, Rainbow, Penn.	\$381.81
23-1711	Kenneth J. Lockard	3rd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$200.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$55.23
23-1712	John A. Gallant	3rd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$325.00
		Grand Recorder's Postage Expenses	\$123.30
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$298.76
23-1713	Charles M. Roberts	3rd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$175.00
23-1714	Carl J. Klossner	Travel Dist. 2	\$143.43
23-1715	Triangle Girls Inc	Convention Journal Ad (Full Page)	\$90.00

GR Financials 2022-23

23-1716	Grand Post MWV	Souvenir Ad Journal (1/2 page)	\$50.00
23-1717	Grand Chapter GHP Receipt	Souvenir Ad Journal (Full page)	\$125.00
23-1718	Richard Kerimoglu	Regalia repair (Collar)	\$21.77
23-1719	Dan Elliot	Travel New Hampshire	\$218.19
23-1720	Kenneth J. Lockard	4 th Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$200.00
23-1721	John A. Gallant	4 th Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$325.00
		Grand Recorder's Postage Expenses	\$129.72
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$110.01
		1 Lady of the Council Awards by RI Kunrgo	\$125.00
23-1722	Charles M. Roberts	4 th Quarter Honorarium for FY-2022	\$175.00
		Asst Grand Recorder's Postage Expenses	\$50.03
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$21.59
23-1723	Garry Krom	Grand Steward Reimbursement/Dist 8 & Trav	\$600.00
23-1724	Frank Fancher	Deputy Grand Lecturer Reimbursement	\$283.56
23-1725	Donald Kunego	Travel – Hotel, Tolls & Gas	\$855.03
23-1726	Donald Kunego	200th Anniversary – Pins and Coins	\$1,678.00
23-1727	Kenneth J. Lockard	Grand Treasurer's Postage Expenses	\$66.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$33.14
23-1728	Charles M. Roberts	Safety Deposit Box Fee	\$60.75

Total Expenditures: **\$64,386.03**

Balance as of July 31, 2022: \$29,246.10

Total Income: \$76,869.58

Total Expenditures: **-\$64,386.03**

Checking Operating Ending Balance: \$41,729.65

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2023: \$41,729.65

Escrow Accounts for 2022-2023

July 31, 2022 Balance: **\$16,181.97**

Income/Revenue

Escrow #1	Annual Escrow Xfers S-1:S-6	\$900.00
Escrow #2	Rituals & Ish Sodi	\$173.00
Escrow #3	Rituals sold	\$198.00
Escrow #4	Rituals sold	\$100.00
Escrow #5	Rituals sold	\$60.00
Escrow #6	Rituals sold	\$100.00
	Bank Interest:	\$16.55
		\$1,547.55

Expenditures **(None)**

July 31, 2023 Balance: **\$17,729.52**

Respectfully Submitted,

M.A.I.: John A. Gallant, Grand Recorder

TRUSTEES REPORT ON THE PERMANENT FUNDS
OF THE GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRENT CRYPTIC YEAR 2022-2023

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 2022-2023 Cryptic Year.

PERMANENT FUNDS

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2022: \$140,423.38

INCOME/REVENUE

	<u>Gains & Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
American High-Income Trust Class A Funds			
July – September 2022 – 1 st Quarter	\$631.24	5,132.327 (\$8.86)	\$45,472.42
October – December 2022 – 2 nd Quarter	\$741.05	5,214.014 (\$9.06)	\$47,238.97
January – March 2023 – 3 rd Quarter	\$736.05	5,293.957 (\$9.18)	\$48,598.53
April – June 2024 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$771.42</u>	5,378.433 (\$9.15)	\$49,212.66
+\$2,879.76			

June 30, 2023 Fund Value: \$49,212.66

	<u>Gains & Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
Putnam Investments High Yield Trust A			
July – September 2022 – 1 st Quarter	\$1,199.97	19,204.513 (\$4.880)	\$93,718.02
October – December 2022 – 2 nd Quarter	\$1,215.03	19,448.044 (\$5.000)	\$97,240.22
January – March 2023 – 3 rd Quarter	\$1,230.45	19,689.785 (\$5.100)	\$100,417.90
April – June 2023 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$1,285.30</u>	19,942.657 (\$5.110)	\$101,906.98
+\$4,930.75			

June 30, 2023 Fund Value: \$101,906.98

TOTAL PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2023: \$151,118.64

A increase in the Value of the Permanent Funds from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023: **\$10,696.26**
That is a 7.62% increase in value.

DISBURSEMENTS

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

Peekskill Council No. 55 Records and Property still have not been received in the Grand Recorder's Office from the former Recorder after many attempts to get them by the Grand Officers.

We again remind the Grand Recorder, Current Grand Council Officers and Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the importance of the property held in their trust [Jewels, Collars, Aprons/Cases, Badges and etc.]. You are held responsible for their safekeeping and eventual return to the Grand Council of NY and if lost you will replace them personally. On behalf of the Grand Council Trustees, the Grand Recorder's Office holds in trust in a safety deposit box at Key Bank, 3636 Dewey Avenue, Greece, NY three Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters Jewels.

The Trustees recommend to the membership that they be authorized to transfer the Permanent Fund Investments held with Mark J. Snyder Royal Alliance Associates, Medford, NY to Charles Schwab Investment Firm located at Pittsford, NY effective as soon as feasibly possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson (2022-2025) Chairman

M.:I.: Richard C. Fowler (2020-2023)

M.:I.: David H. Raymond (2021-2024)

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

Friday Evening, August 18, 2023

VESPER SERVICE

** Symbol Means Stand If You Are Able.*

QUIET CENTERING

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

People: **O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life. Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our lives, O Good One.**

Leader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Sovereign, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

People: **O come, let us worship God our King. O come, let us worship and fall down before the Redeemer our King and God. O come, let us worship and fall down before the Ruler of the World, our King and God.**

*** OPENING EVENING HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

EVENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the ages! Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord? For you alone are holy. All nations shall come and worship you, for your judgements have been revealed. Glory be to the Creator and to the Redeemer and to the Sustainer God, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 24

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: Psalms 46

THE HOMILY: “Who Is Our God?”

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

*** CLOSING EVENING HYMN “O For A Thousand Tongues”**

*** THE BENEDICTION**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing:
Help us to praise. Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless, And give
Thy word success. Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad
hour. Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in every heart And
ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

“O For A Thousand Tongues”

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.*

*He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.*

*Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues
employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.*

*My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.*

Grand Chaplains

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

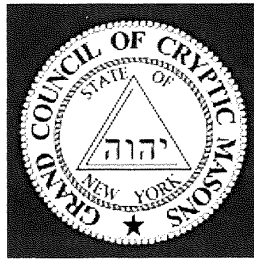
R.:I.: Nathan D. Lipper

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

Grand Musicians

R.:I.: Gerald Irwin

R.:I.: David Shire



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

R.:I.: Donald R. Kunego
Acting Grand Master
The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

July 26, 2023

Re: Report of the First Cryptic District 2022-2023:

R.:I.: Kunego, Acting Grand Master

It has been an extreme honor to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York as District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) of the First Cryptic District (1CD) for the 2022-2023 Cryptic year. Working with you and the Grand Line team has been a constant source of inspiration, and your message and vision was extremely well received by the many Cryptic Companions I interacted with during my travels.

While the passing of Most Illustrious Stephen A. Rubinstein shook us all, the manner in which you guided our Companions after assuming the helm provided the leadership necessary for Councils in the 1CD to not just carry on, but in almost all cases make progress addressing areas of concern identified in my predecessor's report. Nonetheless, areas remain where even the healthiest Councils can improve.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and the rest of the Grand Line, our Assistant Grand Lecturer, the newly installed leaders of each Council, and every other Cryptic Companion in the 1CD in 2023-2024. Next year's goal is to ensure that Councils in excellent shape strive to raise the bar even further, those needing improvement develop or continue to implement existing plans to address deficiencies, and the 1CD's struggling Council has the assistance and support necessary to change course in order to engender confidence that it is able to sustain long-term viability.

Six Councils comprise the First Cryptic District:

Columbian Council No. 1	(New York, NY)
Adelphic Council No. 7	(New York, NY)
Adoniram Council No. 36	(Astoria, Queens)
Suffolk Council No. 76	(Suffolk County, Long Island)
Flatbush Council No. 80	(New York, NY)
North Shore Council No. 88	(Nassau County, Long Island)

With one exception, the Councils in the 1CD are in substantial operating compliance with Grand Council's Constitution and General Regulations and their own By-laws, and are sound and sustainable in regard to organizational, membership and financial practices. With the exception of Adoniram Council No. 36, Assemblies in the 1CD are well attended, and most Councils conduct their own ritual and degree work, albeit with varying levels of proficiency.

For 2022-23, the operating compliance "OC" and ritual proficiency "RP" of the Councils in the 1CD may be summarized as follows:

Columbian Council No. 1:	OC: Excellent, RP: Excellent
Adelphic Council No. 7:	OC: Very Good, RP: Very Good
Adoniram Council No. 36:	OC: At Risk (Recorder/Excellent), RP: Fair
Suffolk Council No. 76:	OC: Excellent, RP: Very Good
Flatbush Council No. 80:	OC: Very Good, RP: Excellent
North Shore Council No. 88:	OC: Excellent, RP: Good

Overview of Individual Councils:

Columbian Council No. 1

The premier Cryptic Council in the world celebrated the 200th anniversary of its chartering this year. Its membership of 128 Companions far exceeds that of other Councils and its average attendance is nearly double of that needed to open. It remains unfailingly able to recruit and greet a large contingent of new Companions each year. During its three Stated Assemblies, it maintained its long tradition of conferring not only the Royal and Select Master degrees, but the Super Excellent Master degree. All degree work is done "in-house" with excellent proficiency.

Last year, my predecessor as DDGM of the 1CD encountered difficulty in assessing the financial status of this Council. One reason stated in his report was the Recorder not being present during his official visit due to a family emergency. During my official visit this year, the Recorder provided all the information necessary for me to determine that the Council is financially stable.

My official visit to Columbian Council No. 1 was very well attended and I was able to witness degree work firsthand, which was superb. Columbian Council No. 1 held an impressive and well attended 200th Anniversary Table Council and Banquet on March 8, 2023, where M.:I.: Stephen A. Rubinstein was remembered.

Columbian Council No. 1 is a superior Council that is well deserving of its outstanding reputation.

Adelphic Council No. 7

This Council has been long known for successfully greeting an impressive number of new Companions into its ranks each year and for conferring both the Royal and Select Master degrees with proficiency. Like many Masonic groups, the onset of COVID-19 impacted attendance at Assemblies by older members, but there has been steady improvement. The Royal Master degree was conferred with proficiency. Education is a strong focus, and this year the Council continued a long tradition of hosting lectures that further enlightened its Companions.

In 2021, Adelpic Council No. 7 elected and installed a new Recorder after the retirement of his long-term predecessor due to advanced age and failing health. The transition to a new Recorder, even when the chair is filled with someone as experienced and adept as his new replacement, usually presents some trials in transition, and this was the case with Adelpic Council No. 7.

Various factors hampered attempts made by the new Recorder to obtain records, keys, and the Council seal from his antecedent. This made it difficult for last year's DDGM to make a financial evaluation of the Council. Much progress in this area has been made since the last DDGM report. The Illustrious Master, Treasurer and Recorder continue to diligently work on improving the Council's financial health. I have been kept abreast of their progress and am confident that any concerns about this Council's financial health will be mitigated in the near future.

The new Recorder is to be particularly commended for surmounting challenges that made for a difficult start to his tenure, rectifying issues he inherited, and surmounting obstacles that impeded a thorough financial evaluation of the Council a year ago.

Adoniram Council No. 36

My immediate two predecessors as DDGM in the 1CD expressed substantial concerns with this Council in their reports, and, unfortunately, they remain. Some, such as the ability to consistently recruit and greet new members and perform degree work are long standing.

Adoniram Council No. 36 was able to accomplish little this year. Strictly objective criteria lead me to conclude that the ongoing viability of Adoniram Council No. 36 is at risk. The newly installed Illustrious Master and his team must work with District leadership, their counterparts in other Councils, and take advantage of the myriad resources provided by Grand Council, to reverse course. If a renewal proves unobtainable, the merger of this Council with a stronger one should be considered.

At its first Assembly in January, the Council had to rely on the Regional Officer in order to open. In February, only four Companions were present at my official DDGM Visit and both the Illustrious Master and Deputy Master were absent. There were insufficient Companions present to open its March Assembly, which necessitated a Special Assembly to be held at a later date to elect and install new officers.

Adoniram Council No. 36 faces various challenges, that are, to some extent, beyond its control. Quick fixes are not likely. It has the lowest membership in the District. It is the only Council located in Queens County, and there is only one Royal Arch Chapter in Queens from which it can reliably draw new members. The meeting location is a freestanding Masonic Temple that is not easy to navigate by elderly Companions or those with mobility issues. There is no parking lot and finding a nearby space for a car on the street is always hit or miss.

Historically low membership and poor attendance at Assemblies has been partially addressed by affiliations from other Councils. However, oftentimes affiliated Companions cease to attend Assemblies once they have served as Illustrious Master.

An assessment of this Council using quantifiable criteria, such as it only being able to open a third of its regular Stated Assemblies (and not without outside help), having averaged an attendance of fewer than seven Companions, demonstrable lack of ritual proficiency, a lengthy stretch of not having conferred any degrees, classifies this as an "at-risk" Council, particularly since most of these issues having been highlighted by previous DDGMs.

On a positive note, the work of Companion Victor Han, the Recorder when I made my official visit, was outstanding. His record keeping is meticulous, communication skills exceptional, and the material that he presented during my official visit was professionally prepared and well-organized. He is also an extraordinary ritualist. Adoniram No. 36 gained a great deal when he chose to affiliate.

However, an exceptional Recorder and a few other regular attendees cannot carry a Council. Many well regarded and active York Rite Masons are on Adoniram No. 36's roster, all fine ritualists. A turnaround plan for this Council must start with their regular presence at Assemblies.

The Illustrious Master is now I.: Victor Han. As mentioned, he has proven management skills, is an adept ritualist, and has an excellent relationship with District leadership. He has the skillset to initiate a turnaround effort at Adoniram Council No. 36, but he cannot do it alone. Several new members on the officer line, both elected and appointed are motivated, which is encouraging.

Suffolk Council No. 76

Suffolk Council No. 76 is in great shape. The Cryptic Council that requires the farthest trip for a Companion traveling from another Council is always enjoyable to visit. It holds nine Stated Assemblies a year (the highest number in the 1CD), maintains consistently high attendance, and has a diverse membership consisting of a mix of both seasoned veterans and enthusiastic young Companions. The Companions take ritual very seriously while enjoying great fellowship.

Seventeen Companions from Suffolk Council No. 76 attended my official DDGM visit. This Council easily attracts new members, performs degree work, demonstrates ritual proficiency, and is financially sound. The Recorder and Treasurer are very experienced. The officer line is stable, proficient, and enthusiastic.

Suffolk Council No.76 hosted this year's extremely well-attended Grand Lecturer's Convention, with Companions from every Council in the District, twenty-six in all, present.

Flatbush Council No. 80

If there was an award for "Most Improved Council" in the District, this year it would go to Flatbush Council No. 80.

Previous DDGMs identified issues with record keeping, a lack of clarity regarding membership rosters, poor documentation of notices, problems involving the collection of dues and the issuance of dues cards, meeting minutes not being consistently available, and financial concerns.

I am pleased to report that most of these problems have been rectified, and Flatbush Council No. 80 has made a remarkable turnaround, becoming a top Council in the District. Much of the credit for this impressive resurgence can be attributed to this year's Illustrious Master, who was passionate, dedicated, and truly hands on, demonstrating the attributes of a true leader. Facing a steep learning curve and inheriting many works in progress requiring intricate and creative solutions, the new Recorder worked indefatigably and remedied many prior deficiencies. A highly competent officer line is in place, and the Treasurer and trustees are to be commended for their work in stabilizing the Council's financial status, addressing concerns identified by previous DDGMs.

Flatbush Council No. 80 also demonstrated great improvement in performing the standard work of Cryptic Masonry this year. The AGL and I witnessed ritual done with zeal and competence.

This Council can and does confer degrees with proficiency. The Illustrious Master also devoted a portion of each Assembly to shedding additional Light upon his fellow Companions through lectures and short talks. Assemblies are well attended, recruitment of new Companions is consistent, and a packed house was present at my Official Visit. This is a Council that contains several "rising stars", and will no doubt produce future leaders of Cryptic Masonry in NYS.

North Shore Council No. 88

Any Cryptic Mason who has not visited North Shore Council No. 88 is depriving himself of a fantastic experience. Just visiting the location where its Assemblies are held is a journey worth taking, as North Shore Council No. 88 meets in the historic Matinecock Masonic Historical Society Building, one of the premier Masonic meeting places in NYS. The Lodge Room is filled with extraordinary furniture and gorgeous stained-glass windows, and the building includes a small museum containing numerous historical artifacts and exhibits highlighting the area's rich Masonic history. There is a particular emphasis on President (and Freemason) Theodore Roosevelt.

The work of Cryptic Masonry that goes on inside the building is worthy of the edifice. North Shore Council No. 88 Assemblies are consistently well attended, several new members are greeted each year, and most Companions are proficient in their ritual work, with several standouts, although there is room for improvement by others. While North Shore Council No. 88 can do its own degree work, it does so inconsistently. The potential for conferring the Cryptic degrees yearly clearly exists. This Council primarily draws members from two area Royal Arch Chapters. The Recorder and Treasurer are seasoned, highly regarded veterans, and the officer line is stable and composed of Companions who hold prominent positions in the other York Rite bodies. Given its beautiful meeting location, ample parking, prominent members, and fellowship, this is a particularly desirable Council for Royal Arch Masons in the area to join.

Respectfully and Zealously submitted,



R.:I.: Grant S. Held
District Deputy Grand Master
First Cryptic District

District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master 2022-2023

2nd Cryptic District

First, I would like to thank M.:I.: Stephen Rubinstein for entrusting me to be the District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of the 2nd Cryptic District. Being inactive for the previous five years and the passing of my beloved wife, Linda, I wanted and needed to become active again. Serving in this capacity allowed me to ease into Masonry again and enabled me to recapture those things I loved about the Craft in general and Cryptic Masonry in particular. Steve was a long time friend and his companionship and council is missed.

Each of my visits was combined with R.:I.: Carl Klossner and it was a pleasure to get to know him better during these get togethers.

During this past year, I visited the three Councils in the 2nd Cryptic District. And below are my findings and recommendations.

Union Council No. 2 is struggling. Partially due to sickness we were not able to open so we discussed the future of the Council as it was on everyone's mind. On the positive side, there are two Chapters in the area from which they can draw. Union Council now meets in Mt. Kisco when it used to meet in White Plains. While in White Plains they were able to draw from only one Chapter, reasonably – Tabernacle Chapter No. 177 which now also meets in Mt. Kisco. The second Chapter they can draw from is Buckingham-Mohegan Chapter No. 174. Historically, this Chapter was closely linked to Peekskill Council No. 55 which was closed a number of years ago. There is a desire to revive Peekskill Council, a goal I see as worthy and support. However, at this time I believe it would be ill advised. I believe that Union Council should be use all available Companions to grow and once again be self-sufficient. This will take time and bodies. Hopefully they can grow and eventually have enough Companions where they could split and reopen Peekskill Council. This will take time and a lot of work not only by the Council, but by the District in assisting with Degrees.

The Companions I met at Union Council are interested in growing the Council. They are interested in Cryptic Masonry but frustrated with the lack of growth. More attention needs to be paid to this Council. It is a large area to draw from and I believe it can come back.

King Solomon Council No. 31 is a strong Council. Full disclosure, it is also my Council. The Companions are engaged in the work of the Council and interested in doing more. The greatest struggle at this point is trying to jockey meeting on the same night as Poughkeepsie Chapter No. 172. The meeting nights were combined to create one less night out for the Companions. While a worthy and understandable goal we are still working on the best way to meet this goal while also ensuring that no individual body (Chapter or Council) is cheated of time. Work in progress.

Goshen Council No.93 is also a strong Council with Companions that are interested in the work. During my visit they were enthusiastic and, like King Solomon Council, were excited about the possibility of joining a District effort to eventually confer the Super Excellent Master Degree.

In some ways King Solomon Council and Goshen Council face the same difficulties. COVID hurt all Councils and Masonry in general. Both of these Councils were able to open and close without the use of books. This is more difficult now as we need to recapture the attention of the Companions who have gotten out of the habit of attending meetings. The struggle for new members is constant. During my visits I encouraged each Council to reach out and work together to confer Degrees. This initiative took a back seat to the Tri-State Festival that was scheduled for May and ultimately cancelled. With the next festival scheduled for May 2024, and each Council having candidates awaiting Degrees. I will be speaking to the Illustrious Masters of each Council in the 2nd District about conferring the two Degrees separately. Details must be worked out, but together we can move forward, bring in new Companions and then prepare for the Tri-State in May, hopefully with additional candidates.

This past year has been a “reset” for me personally and I believe it was a reset for Masonry coming out of COVID. During my travels and from September to date, I have seen an increase in attendance and enthusiasm. I’m already looking forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:I.: Steven P. Koch
District Deputy Grand Master, 2nd Cryptic District

4th CRYPTIC DISTRICT Annual Report 2022-2023

Due to unexpected personal complications, I could not be as active throughout the district as I had anticipated. However, I was able to make the required visits to the four Councils in my District.

All four councils in the 4th Cryptic District are functioning, although a couple not as competently as one would want.

VISITATIONS

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council No. 14 – November 11, 2022.

I was a little disappointed that only four members were present for my visit. They attributed that to their meeting night, many members being unable to meet on Fridays. Their meeting night has since been changed resulting in better attendance.

Although they were unable to open, on this particular evening, I did examine their books and found them in excellent condition.

St. George's Council No. 74 – November 17, 2022.

St. George's is a very well-run Council. The officers are competent, although some had to refer to their books for opening and closing. They do, however, confer the degrees in an outstanding manner without books. As expected, their books were in excellent condition.

Joseph Warren Cryptic Council No. 37 – March 24, 2023.

There were only five members present for my visit. Being unable to open, they had an informal gathering where we discussed the problems they were having concerning membership. The main problem seems to be the lack of active Chapters to draw from. They are unable to do their own degrees. Their books are in excellent condition.

Oneonta Council No. 87 – May 24, 2023.

An outstanding Council. The officers are very competent, performing, without books, in an excellent manner during opening/closing and the conferring of the degrees. Their books were in excellent condition.

The Grand Lecturers Convention was to be held at St. George's, but due to scheduling conflicts, had to be canceled.

Overall, the 4th Cryptic District is functioning well and will improve due to the dedication of those concerned about the "great circle of perfection".

Fraternally,
R. I. Richard S. Transue
DDGM, 4th Cryptic District.

District Deputy Grand Master 6th Cryptic District
2022-2023

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and grand Council, State of New York:

I would like to thank the Most Illustrious Stephen Rubinstein, Right Illustrious Donald Kunego, and all MIII ∴, RIII ∴, Vlll ∴, Ill ∴, and Companions all, for the blessing, opportunity, encouragement, support, and Brotherly advise passed on to me. I thank all for the honor of serving the craft.

The following is a brief synopsis of my observations over the past year while performing my duties. All Councils, regardless of location, were most welcoming, brotherly, and kind. Each Council demonstrated a strong presence in the craft and shows a bright and strong future in Council.

ROTICA COUNCIL #12: This is a strong group of Companions with many experienced members. They meet the 3rd Monday, August through November. They go dark from December through February and resume labor March through May. They conduct their own degree work in excellent form, and demonstrate excellent skill opening and closing Council.

CENTRAL CITY #13: Once again, a strong group of Companions that promote the craft. They hold assemblies 5 times a year. They are capable of conducting their own ritual and currently have a good number of interested Companions looking to further their knowledge. They demonstrated excellent work in opening and closing their assemblies.

KING HIRAM COUNCIL # 18: This a fantastic group of Companions, that work hard to promote the craft. They meet 5 times a year, and are working to increase their numbers. Meetings are filled with education and / ritual degree practice. They have had the opportunity to put on the first Council degree. Their opening and closing is excellent.

FULTON COUNCIL #50: This is an excellent group of Companions working hard to promote the craft. They have changed the Secretary Position this year and are in great shape with the incoming to continue their successful history. Their opening and closing ritual is excellent.

District Deputy Grand Master 6th Cryptic District
2022-2023

KING DAVID # 97: This is an exceptional group of Companions. They meet 7 times a year, going dark during November through February. They are devoted members of the craft, and bring a great deal of wisdom, years of experience, and love for the craft. Their ritual is excellent, and demonstrate this through their actions as well.



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June 27, 2023
742 Sleepy Hollow Road
Cortland, NY 13045

R. . I. . Donald Kunego
46 Kaymar Drive
Bergen, NY 14416-9528

Dear R. . I. . Kunego,

Please find enclosed my reports for the constituent councils of the 7th Cryptic District of the Grand Council of Cryptic Council Of the State of New York.

I visited Cayuga Council No. 90 on October 13, 2022. I found everything in order. The council enjoys continued very good attendance for most meetings. The Council will have a new first time Illustrious Master, and its newest companion will be in the officer lineup.

My second visit was to Ahwaga Council No. 30 on April 25, 2023. The Council is in general good health and attendance is improving as the post Covid recovery process continues.

It has been a privilege to represent the previous three Most Illustrious Grand Masters along with yourself in the 7th Cryptic District. I will be passing along the District Deputy responsibilities at August 2023 Grand Council.

Zealously,

R. . I. . Wade A. Caler, DDGM
7th Cryptic District

Cc; M. . I. . Gallant, M. . I. . Raymond, R. . I. . Kinne

8th Cryptic District annual report 2023

The 2023 Cryptic year has been a rebuild and recover year after COVID. Attendance at meetings appears to be down. This is in part due to declined membership numbers and the demographic age of the members.

RI: Terry Mehlenbacher visited Skoi Yase # 75. MI Stephen Rubinstein's message was given and well received. Skoi Yase is working to strengthen membership by working in close conjunction with the York Rite bodies. Skoi Yase is a stable Chapter with the property of the Chapter well maintained and accounted for.

RI: Terry Mehlenbacher inspected the records and book of Doric # 19. A copy of the MI: Stephen Rubinstein's message was given and well received. Doric has been busy helping and supporting RI Donald Kunego with the duties as acting Grand Master and preparations of Donald being elected as Grand Master. The records and properties were found to be in good order and well maintained.

RI Terry Mehlenbacher held a joint visit with Hornellsville # 35 and Nun Da Waga #92. The evening was packed full with the hard work of VI Stephen Goebert hosting the Grand Lecture Convention and visit of RI Garry Kron Grand Steward. The GM message was well received and the evening was very well attended. The records of both Nun Da Waga # 92 and Hornesville #35 were found to be in order.

In conclusion the 8th District is stable. As with all Masonic organizations the membership numbers are cause for concern. All Councils would benefit from increased membership. The Council's are doing working to encourage membership.

RI: Terry Mehlenbacher


District Deputy 8th Cryptic District

The 9th Cryptic District end of year report.

The 9th district is in good shape and had a productive year. R.: I.: Keith Becker, Grand Standard Bearer, made his official visit to each Council. His visit was very informative and well-received by each Council. I made my official visits in the months of October and November. The Illustrious Grand Master message was given and well – received and his pin given out. Hamburg Council #91 completed the Cryptic Development course and pins and certificates were presented to 9 companions. Dunkirk Council #25 completed the Cryptic Development Course, and 21 pins and certificates were presented to the companions. The Grand Lecture Convention was held in December at Buffalo-keystone Council #17 which was well attended and R.:I.: Card lectured on the Super Excellent Master Degree. Once again R.: I.: Card gave the 9th district companions excellent information on the degree. Buffalo- keystone Council #17 were forced to move from the Cheektowaga Masonic Center to the 32* Masonic Center Valley of Buffalo) due to the unexpected sale of the building. Dunkirk Council #25 did the Royal Master Degree for seven new members. They are looking forward to doing the Select Master Degree for them in September. To the Councils of the 9th District, I thank you for their support for the past four years. I enjoyed the fellowship that the companions shared with me and plan to attend many more meetings within the district.

Respectfully submitted,

R.: I.: Mark J. Seeloff

District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Cryptic District

For the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York
Report of the Grand Lecturer & Ritual Committee 2022 – 2023

Ritual conventions were held this past year in the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th Districts, focused primarily on the Super Excellent Master degree. I misinterpreted the description of some of the signs: our Deputy Grand Lecturer, V.'I.'. Frank Fancher, helped me figure this out, by reference to the SEM rituals of other jurisdictions; we need to correct the incorrect instruction I gave and make some clarifications in our SEM ritual booklet. As my presumed successor, V.'I.'. Frank intends in the coming year to focus on work other than degree conferral and to tailor each District's convention to address whatever the Companions there, through their District officers, indicate is currently of most interest. The goal is to help Councils in the primary function of Cryptic Masonry: performing ritual competently and with feeling, to *inspire transformation of Companions*.

To promote participation, we run competitions. To win the M.'I.'. Jay Kosseff Award, a Council must participate, with no more than one of its main ritual officers (IM, DM, PCW, CG, CC) absent; more than one Council can win this at the same convention. To win the M.'I.'. Rex Long Award, a Council must have the largest fraction of its members attend, of the Councils in its District; only one Council can win it at the same convention. V.'I.'. Frank will present these awards. We also have "Stump the Lecturer" recognition: if a Companion asks a ritual question that we are unable to answer correctly at the time, then after research, his name, his question and our findings will be posted on the web.

Thanks to the dedicated effort of many Companions, this was the second year in a row when the quality of the work we observed had *generally improved over the prior year* and most officers did not need to refer to their ritual books. Inventory was sufficient so new books with our basic rituals have not yet been printed, but when they are, the errata reported last year will be corrected. Demand for Super Excellent Master and Thrice Illustrious Master books is high, which is another very positive sign. Thus the Ritual Committee's priority must be to quickly but thoroughly compare our SEM and TIM rituals with those of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and other sources, propose revisions if and as needed, and prepare new booklets.

Two changes to the Royal Master text, one proposed last year and one this year, have been discussed within the committee, with no consensus. Does death terminate the "labor of man" (NY), "labor of a man" (General Grand), or "labors of a man" (proposed)? Should HA promise "award" (NY, typically used for a special achievement) or "reward" (General Grand, typically used for an expected accomplishment, consistent with subsequent claim by CC speaking for candidate as A)? If anyone wishes to make a motion to approve either or both of these changes, *now would be the time*.

After a long tenure in the best job in Freemasonry, I now step aside, to reinvigorate my business with new technologies in *trustworthy networked autonomy*, inspired in part by our Craft's ancient lessons, especially those of our Rite of Preservation. I hope you will continue to work assiduously with V.'I.'. Frank, who brings great energy and insights.

Zealously, 

R.'I.'. Stuart W. Card, Grand Lecturer, for the Ritual Committee: V.'I.'. Frank Fancher, M.'I.'. Frank Karwowski, M.'I.'. Richard C. Fowler, and the Assistant Grand Lecturers

Assistant Grand Lecturer's Report for 2nd Cryptic District 2022-2023

I had the honor to travel the district with R.:I.: Steven Koch, DDGM for the 2nd Cryptic District and Grand Conductor of the Council, R.:I.: Carl Klossner. I have broken down each Council below.

Union #2 – February 2, 2023

This council is **struggling**. They were unable to open when we visited due to the few members in attendance, and they have not opened in some time. They meet in the Kisco Lodge building in Mt Kisco, and due to financial difficulties, especially heating a large building with high ceilings, they may be forced to move. They moved to this location within the last 5 years to reduce the rent. It has been reported that symbolic lodge district leadership is not supportive of brothers joining concordant bodies which makes recruiting difficult. The Council has also reduced the number of meetings per year from 10 three years ago, to 3 this year, which makes it difficult to perfect the ritual. The local feeder Chapter is being revitalized, and gives some hope, especially if there is a Tri-State next year and several new companions can be greeted.

King Solomon #31 – November 8, 2022

This Council is my home council and has been very strong with ritual in the past. They have done the Royal Master Degree on their own in the recent past. Some Companions can do the ritual without the books. They have many Companions in Royal Arch that are interested in joining Council as well. One of the difficulties facing this Council is that when they moved from Poughkeepsie after the sale of the Poughkeepsie Temple, they opted to meet the same night as their feeder Chapter to reduce the number of nights out for the Companions, and while it sounds good in theory, the time to turn over Chapter to Council or vice versa means one body is often short changed, especially on a night of a degree. The leaders of this Council are active in other bodies and finding a way to split the meetings is difficult.

Goshen #93 – October 27, 2022

I was unable to attend this meeting due to a conflict with one of my symbolic lodges have a dedication of their new building the same night. I offered several times to visit, but was unable to reach an agreed upon date. I have witnessed ritual from this Council a couple years ago as part of a District Festival, and it was well performed and I have no doubt that it still is.

King Solomon's Council hosted the Cryptic Ritual Convention on June 13, 2023. Unfortunately, it was the same night as the Valley of The Hudson's Lodge of Perfection, which hosted the 8th degree, a degree that R.W. Robert Hogan, SGW was missing to complete his passport, and many brothers from far and wide attended. The Lodge of Perfection ended up with 50 brothers in attendance, and Convention ended up with approximately 13 companions. Both R.: I.: Stu

Card and R.: I.: Frank Fancher were in attendance. The work of the evening was the Super Excellent Degree. The Companions that were present thoroughly enjoyed the work, and look forward to working with the other Councils of the District to learn the degree and help to perform it in the future.

I don't believe that each individual Councils can do all the degrees consistently without the books. However, if they team up and work together, I believe this can be accomplished. I look forward to working with the great Companions we have in our District in the future in whatever capacity they need me to assist with.

Submitted Respectfully,
R.: I.: A. Harry Williams
AGL 2nd Cryptic District

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Harry Williams".

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

GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, August 19, 2023 – 11:00 AM

Convening of the Annual Meeting	President Charles M. Roberts
Invocation	
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of August 20, 2022	Secretary Richard J. Kessler
Board of Directors Highlights for 2022-2023	President Charles M. Roberts
Financials of the Corporation for 2022-2023	President Charles M. Roberts
Financial Review/Audit Report for 2021-2022	
Financial Review/Audit Report for 2022-2023	
Charitable Distribution for 2022-2023 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.: R. Conrad Johnson replacement for R.:I.: R. Conrad Johnson, term expired	
R.:I.: Gerald F. Irwin replacement for R.:I.: Ralph H. Rosenthal, term expired	
Charity Fund Awards Presentations	Directors of the Corporation
Approval of Minutes of this Annual Meeting	Secretary Richard J. Kessler
Adjournment	President Charles M. Roberts
Benediction	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

M.:I.: & Rev. Charles M. Roberts, President (2022-2025)
R.:I.: R. Conrad Johnson, 1st Vice President (2020-2023)
R.:I.: Ralph H. Rosenthal, 2nd Vice President (2020-2023)
M.:I.: Phillip J. Chandler, Treasurer (2022-2025)
I.: Richard J. Kessler, Secretary (2021-2024)
R.:I.: Stuart W. Card, Assistant Secretary (2021-2024)

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

Annual General Meeting Albany NY

Minutes: 2022 August 20 Saturday

Attendance: M.:I.: & Rev. Charles Roberts, President; R.:I.: & M.:W.: Richard J. Kessler, Secretary; R.:I.: Stuart Card, Assistant Secretary; R.:I.: Conrad Johnson, Director; all members of the Grand Council present at its annual assembly

Guests: from other jurisdictions and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

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

Prayer: Opening and closing prayers were given by M.:I.: & Rev. Roberts.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance had already been recited in the assembly.

Minutes: Printed in the assembly's package.

Board of Directors Report, given by the President:

- The President directed everyone's attention to the printed reports in the assembly's package.
- He mourned the passing of M.:I.:E. William Whittaker and noted the significant impact on both the Grand Council and our Charity Corporation. He also mentioned his role as Grand Representative to Oklahoma.
- Despite a decrease in contributions, assumed to be temporary and related to the pandemic, and some relatively small net capital losses, the Charity Corporation is still in the black. Investment income was approximately \$20,000. Total expenses (other than gifts to charities) were approximately \$4,000, including new Solomon Arch Society jewels to recognize those who make and honor commitments to give above initial \$1,000.00. The audit will be shared with the Grand Council when completed.

Elections:

- R.:I.: & M.:W.: Richard J. Kessler presided over the elections.
- M.:I.:Donald Harrison, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee, which recommended M.:I.: & Rev. Charles Roberts for another term and M.:I.: Philip Chandler to fill the vacancy left by M.:I.:E. William Whittaker.
- There being no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was found in favor of these nominees, who agreed to serve, whereupon elections were declared closed.

Recognition of Donors:

- The web site will be updated, inter alia to show over \$500,000 having been given cumulatively to the Parkinson's Foundation and its predecessors.
- There were 21 Life Sponsors this year which brought the total to approximately 2263.

- Rotica #12, Buffalo-Keystone #17, King Hiram #18, Doric #19 and King Solomon #31 gave at least \$5 per member.
- R.:I.:Paul Huck, R.:I.:Donald Kunego and M.:I.: Francis Karwowski were presented purple Solomon Arch Society jewels recognizing their completion of \$1,000 each in planned giving.
- Upon motion made by R.:I.: Kessler, seconded by R.:I.: David Barkstedt, and passed by the membership, the reports of the Board of Directors were accepted and their actions of the Board ratified.

Close: There being no further business, President Roberts closed the meeting at approximately 11:30 AM.

R.:I.:Stuart W. Card
Assistant Secretary

Grand Council Charity Corporation
Year's Deposits and Expenditures 2022-2023

INCOME

Deposit Date	TSAS	Council No./Other	AMOUNT
8/29/2022	\$200.00	Other-Vesper Service/Basket Raffle/Pin Sales	\$1,557.00
10/12/2022	\$500.00	None	\$0.00
11/21/2022	\$2,300.00	Other-OAK	\$250.00
12/23/2022	\$600.00	Other-Donations	\$356.00
2/1/2023	\$100.00	Others-Donation	\$150.00
3/15/2023	\$300.00	Other-Donations	\$250.00
4/21/2023	\$500.00	Other-Donations	\$115.00
5/17/2023	\$700.00	Other-Donations	\$870.00
7/17/2023	\$5,200.00	Other-Donations	\$645.00
8/2/2023	\$0.00	Other-Donations	\$100.00
TOTALS	\$10,400.00		\$4,293.00

EXPENDITURES

10/12/2022	CK #304	Childrens Tumor Foundation	\$4,000.00
10/12/2022	CK #305	Parkinson Research Foundation	\$8,000.00
10/12/2022	CK #306	Cyptic Medical Research Foundation	\$1,200.00
11/8/2022	CK #307	NY DeMolay	\$1,000.00
11/8/2022	CK #308	NY International Rainbow Charities	\$1,000.00
11/8/2022	CK #309	NY Organization of Triangles	\$1,000.00
12/5/2022	Stop Payment	Reinhardt CK for SAS and Fee Charge	\$1,025.00
12/26/2022	CK #310	Mengel Metzger Barr & Co.	\$1,210.00
1/24/2023	CK #311	Charles Roberts-365 Microsoft Downloa	\$39.97
2/1/2023	CK #312	NY State Department of Law	\$100.00
5/17/2023	CK #313	CNA Surety Insurance	\$126.00
TOTALS			\$18,700.97

Grand Council Charity Fund Corporation
Monthly Financials 2022-2023

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Month</u>													
Solomon Arch Society	200.00	0.00	500.00	2,300.00	600.00	0.00	100.00	300.00	500.00	700.00	0.00	5,200.00	10,400.00
Miscellaneous Income (Pin/Basket Raffle)	1,145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,145.00
Vesper Service Offerings	412.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	412.00
St. George's OAK Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Investment Income	1,432.17	2,397.23	1,502.34	1,578.94	5,519.62	1,479.39	1,611.88	3,938.01	1,677.54	1,751.21	3,069.80	1,776.20	27,734.33
Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	356.00	0.00	150.00	250.00	115.00	870.00	0.00	745.00	2,486.00
Distributions/Capital Gains Investments					3,769.39								3,769.39
to Parkinson D. Fd.			8,000.00										
to Masonic Youth				3,000.00									
to Children's Tumor Fd.			4,000.00										
to CMMRF			1,200.00										
<u>EXPENSES</u>													
Office Expenses						39.97							
NYS Dept. of Law							100.00						
Mengel Metzger Barr & Co.					1,210.00								
United States Treasury													
CNA Surety (Bonding Ins.)										126.00			
Lapel Pins & More, Inc. (SAS Jewels)													
Stopped Payment on Check & Bank Fee					1,025.00								

2022- 2023 Grand Council Charity Fund - Sweep Account Register
Charles M. Roberts

August 20, 2022:

BALANCE SWEEP ACCT. \$15,400.76

Income/Revenue

1.) Vesper Offering Donations:	\$ 412.00
2.) GM Pin Sales:	\$ 145.00
3.) Basket Raffle:	\$1,000.00
3.) Donations for TSAS:	\$ 200.00
4.) Donations for TSAS:	\$ 500.00
5.) Donations for TSAS:	\$2,300.00
6.) St. George's OAK Donation:	\$ 250.00
7.) Contributions to Charity Fund:	\$ 356.00
8.) Donations for TSAS:	\$ 600.00
9.) Contributions to Charity Fund:	\$ 150.00
10.) Donations for TSAS:	\$ 100.00
11.) Contributions to Charity Fund:	\$ 250.00
12.) Donations for TSAS:	\$ 300.00
13.) Contributions to Charity Fund (Oneonta):	\$ 115.00
14.) Donations for TSAS:	\$ 500.00
15.) Contributions to Charity Fund (St. George's):	\$ 870.00
16.) Donations for TSAS:	\$ 700.00
17.) Contribution to Charity Fund (King Hiram):	\$ 50.00
18.) Contributions to Charity Fund (Fulton):	\$ 135.00
19.) Donations for TSAS:	\$5,200.00
20.) Contributions to Charity Fund (King Solomon):	\$ 310.00
21.) Contribution to Charity Fund (Christian RCC):	\$ 50.00
22.) Contribution to Charity Fund:	\$ 100.00
23.) Contributions to Charity Fund:	\$ 100.00
24.) Sweep Interest (8/1/22-7/31/22):	\$ 41.23
25.) Investments Income (8/1/22-7/31/22):	<u>\$7,807.33</u>
	\$22,541.56

\$37,942.32

Expenditures

1.) CK #304 - 10/2/22 Children's Tumor Foundation:	\$4,000.00
2.) CK #305 - 10/2/22 Parkinson's Disease Foundation:	\$8,000.00
3.) CK #306 - 10/2/22 Cryptic Medical Research:8/24/21:	\$1,200.00
4.) CK #307 - 11/08/22 NY State Order of DeMolay:	\$1,000.00
5.) CK #308 - 11/08/22 NY State Rainbow Charities:	\$1,000.00
6.) CK #309 - 11/08/22 Organization of Triangles Inc:	\$1,000.00
7.) Bank Stop Payment - 12/05/22 Reinhardt PA Check:	\$1,025.00
8.) CK #310 - 12/26/26 Mengel Metzger Barr & Co.:	\$1,210.00
9.) CK #311 - 1/24/23 Charles Roberts for Microsoft 365:	\$ 39.97
10.) CK # 312 - 2/1/23 Department of Law:	\$ 100.00
11.) CK # 313 - 5/17/23 CNA Surety Insurance:	<u>\$ 126.00</u>
	\$18,700.29

July 31, 2023:

BALANCE SWEEP ACCT. \$19,242.03

SGHSX

DWS Global High Income

Cryptic Year 2022-2023

Date	Buy/Sell	Shares Per Transaction	Share Price	\$ Amount	Total Shares	Total Value
8/1/2022			\$6.15		17,485.301	\$107,534.60
8/25/2022	B	73.2050	\$6.98	\$446.55	17,558.506	104,999.87
9/26/2022	B	82.910	\$5.73	\$478.39	17,641.416	\$101,085.31
10/25/2022	B	74.498	\$5.88	\$433.58	17,715.914	\$104,169.57
11/23/2022	B	79.883	\$6.00	\$479.30	17,795.797	\$106,774.78
12/8/2022	B	374.649	\$5.80	\$2,206.68	18,170.446	\$105,388.59
12/31/2022	B	108.248	\$5.80	\$627.84	18,278.694	\$106,016.43
1/25/2023	B	62,8810	\$6.00	\$376.66	18,341.575	\$110,049.45
2/22/2023	B	87.830	\$5.89	\$512.93	18,429.405	\$108,549.20
3/27/2023	B	100.628	\$5.95	\$587.67	18,530.033	\$110,253.70
4/24/2023	B	85.185	\$5.95	\$506.00	18,615.218	\$110,760.55
5/24/2023	B	89.604	\$5.87	\$525.08	18,704.822	\$109,797.31
6/26/2023	B	103.127	\$5.93	\$607.42	18,807.949	\$111,531.14
7/25/2023	B	89.503	\$5.98	\$534.33	18,897.452	\$113,006.76
7/31/2023			\$5.98		18,897.452	\$113,006.76
7/31/2023			\$5.98	\$8,322.43	18,897.452	\$113,006.76

LSBDX

Loomis Sayles Bond Fund

Cryptic Year 2022-2023

Date	Buy/Sell	Shares Per Transaction	Share Price	\$ Amount	Total Shares	Total Value
8/1/2022			\$12.02		2,771.447	\$33,312.79
8/30/2022	B	8.8020	\$11.80	\$104.21	2,780.249	\$32,806.94
9/28/2022	B	8.5830	\$11.30	\$97.59	2,788.832	\$31,513.80
10/28/2022	B	9.4850	\$11.26	\$107.09	2,798.317	\$31,509.05
11/29/2022	B	9.8530	\$11.58	\$113.61	2,808.170	\$32,518.61
12/19/2022	B	45.8180	\$11.35	\$527.37	2,853.988	\$32,392.76
1/30/2023	B	9.4320	\$11.81	\$111.02	2,863.420	\$33,816.99
2/27/2023	B	9.2450	\$11.48	\$106.23	2,872.665	\$32,978.19
3/28/2023	B	11.4300	\$11.57	\$130.42	2,884.095	\$33,368.98
4/27/2023	B	10.5830	\$11.56	\$121.71	2,894.678	\$33,462.48
5/30/2023	B	12.7820	\$11.33	\$144.44	2,907.460	\$32,941.52
6/28/2023	B	10.7110	\$11.39	\$122.11	2,918.171	\$33,237.97
7/28/2023	B	12.0100	\$11.44	\$137.15	2,930.181	\$33,521.27
7/31/2023			\$11.44		2,930.181	\$33,521.27
7/31/2023			\$11.44	\$1,822.95	2,930.181	\$33,521.27

PIMIX

Pimco Income Instl

Cryptic Year 2022-2023

Date	Buy/Sell	Shares Per Transaction	Share Price	\$ Amount	Total Shares	Total Value
8/1/2022			\$10.90		9,758.340	\$106,365.91
8/31/2022	B	41.8340	\$10.73	\$448.88	9,800.174	\$105,155.87
9/30/2022	B	52.4770	\$10.27	\$538.94	9,852.651	\$101,186.73
10/31/2022	B	52.9260	\$10.24	\$541.96	9,905.577	\$101,433.11
11/30/2022	B	51.7380	\$10.53	\$544.80	9,957.315	\$104,850.53
12/27/2022	B	99.4580	\$10.35	\$1,031.38	10,056.773	\$104,087.60
12/30/2022	B	53.0160	\$10.35	\$548.72	10,109.789	\$104,636.32
1/31/2023	B	52.2040	\$10.65	\$555.97	10,161.993	\$108,225.23
2/28/2023	B	53.8420	\$10.39	\$558.88	10,215.835	\$106,142.53
2/28/2023	S	(53.8420)	\$10.39	\$558.88	10,161.993	\$105,583.11
2/28/2023	B	53.7900	\$10.39	\$558.88	10,215.783	\$106,141.99
3/31/2023	B	53.7740	\$10.45	\$561.94	10,269.557	\$107,316.87
4/28/2023	B	54.0480	\$10.45	\$564.80	10,323.605	\$107,881.67
5/31/2023	B	54.8140	\$10.36	\$567.87	10,378.419	\$107,520.42
6/30/2023	B	54.8350	\$10.41	\$570.83	10,433.254	\$108,610.17
7/29/2023	B	54.7580	\$10.48	\$573.86	10,488.012	\$109,914.37
7/31/2023			\$10.48		10,488.012	\$109,914.37
7/31/2023			\$10.48	\$8,726.59	10,488.012	\$109,914.37

STHTX

Virtus Seix High Income

Cryptic Year 2022-2023

Date	Buy/Sell	Shares Per Transaction	Share Price	\$ Amount	Total Shares	Total Value
8/1/2022			\$5.62		15,872.988	\$89,206.19
8/31/2022	B	78.0650	\$5.51	\$430.14	15,951.053	\$87,890.30
9/30/2022	B	84.6720	\$5.27	\$446.22	16,035.725	\$84,508.27
10/31/2022	B	77.1360	\$5.38	\$414.99	16,112.861	\$86,687.19
11/30/2022	B	79.8990	\$5.47	\$437.05	16,192.760	\$88,574.40
12/30/2022	B	84.1220	\$5.41	\$455.10	16,276.882	\$88,057.93
12/30/2022	S	(84.122)	\$5.41	\$455.10	16,192.760	\$87,602.83
12/30/2022	B	89.5970	\$5.58	\$484.72	16,282.000	\$90,853.56
1/31/2023	B	77.5810	\$5.58	\$432.90	16,359.938	\$91,288.45
2/28/2023	B	78.5150	\$5.49	\$431.05	16,438.453	\$90,247.11
3/31/2023	B	88.0940	\$5.52	\$486.28	16,526.547	\$91,226.54
3/31/2023	S	(88.0940)	\$5.52	(486.28)	16,438.453	\$90,243.46
3/31/2023	B	93.8150	\$5.52	\$517.86	16,532.268	\$91,258.12
4/28/2023	B	81.2450	\$5.54	\$450.10	16,613.513	\$92,038.86
5/31/2023	B	93.055	\$5.48	\$509.94	16,706.568	\$91,551.99
6/30/2023	B	90.025	\$5.54	\$498.74	16,796.593	\$93,053.13
6/30/2023	S	(90.0250)	\$5.54	(498.74)	16,706.568	\$92,554.39
6/30/2023	B	96.2060	\$5.54	\$532.98	16,802.774	\$93,087.37
7/31/2023	B	87.8460	\$5.60	\$491.94	16,890.620	\$94,587.47
7/31/2023			\$5.60	\$7,475.11	16,890.620	\$94,587.47

JABAX

Janus Henderson Balanced Fund

Cryptic Year 2022-2023

Date	Buy/Sell	Shares Per Transaction	Share Price	\$ Amount	Total Shares	Total Value
8/1/2022			\$40.18		6,836.353	\$274,684.66
8/31/2022			\$38.83		6,836.353	\$265,455.59
9/30/2022	CD		\$35.99	\$832.67	6,836.353	\$246,040.34
10/31/2022			\$37.40		6,836.353	\$255,679.60
11/30/2022			\$39.26		6,836.353	\$268,395.22
12/22/2022	CD			\$544.76		
12/22/2022	LTCG			\$2,172.46		
12/31/2022			\$37.56		6,836.353	\$256,773.42
1/31/2023			\$39.31		6,836.353	\$268,737.04
2/28/2023			\$38.40		6,836.353	\$262,515.96
3/31/2023			\$39.20		6,836.353	\$267,985.04
4/30/2023			\$39.81		6,836.353	\$272,155.21
5/31/2023			\$39.47		6,836.353	\$269,830.85
6/30/2023	CD		\$40.42	\$1,266.09	6,836.353	\$276,325.39
7/31/2023			\$41.20		6,836.353	\$281,657.74
7/31/2023			\$41.20	\$4,815.98	6,836.353	\$281,657.74

SWPPX

Schwab 500 Index Fund

Cryptic Year 2022-2023

Date	Buy/Sell	Shares Per Transaction	Share Price	\$ Amount	Total Shares	Total Value
8/1/2022			\$63.76		1,196.116	\$76,264.36
8/31/2022			\$61.16		1,196.116	\$73,154.45
9/30/2022			\$55.53		1,196.116	\$66,420.32
10/31/2022			\$60.02		1,196.116	\$71,790.88
11/30/2022			\$63.37		1,196.116	\$75,797.87
12/9/2022	CD			\$1,172.79		
12/31/2022			\$58.76		1,196.116	\$70,283.78
1/31/2023			\$62.40		1,196.116	\$74,697.44
2/28/2023			\$60.92		1,196.116	\$72,867.39
3/31/2023			\$63.16		1,196.116	\$75,546.69
4/30/2023			\$64.14		1,196.116	\$76,718.88
5/31/2023			\$64.42		1,196.116	\$77,053.79
6/30/2023			\$68.67		1,196.116	\$82,137.29
7/31/2023			\$70.88		1,196.116	\$84,780.70
7/31/2023			\$70.88	\$1,172.79	1,196.116	\$84,780.70

Bank Sweep Account
Cryptic 2022-2023

Date	Interest	Total
8/15/2022	\$2.39	\$2.39
9/15/2022	\$3.42	\$3.42
10/15/2022	\$4.72	\$4.72
11/15/2022	\$4.18	\$4.18
11/28/2022	(0.07)	(0.07)
12/15/2022	\$1.91	\$1.91
1/15/2023	\$2.84	\$2.84
2/15/2023	\$2.79	\$2.79
3/15/2023	\$2.53	\$2.53
4/15/2023	\$3.35	\$3.35
5/15/2023	\$3.88	\$3.88
6/15/2023	\$4.61	\$4.61
7/15/2023	\$4.68	\$4.68
7/31/2023	\$41.23	\$41.23

**Grand Council Charity Corporation Financials
2022-2023**

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>DIVIDENDS</u>	<u>Dividends & Capital Gains</u>
Global High Income	\$8,322.43	\$8,322.43
Loomis Sayles Bond Fund	\$1,822.95	\$1,822.95
Virtus Seix High Income	\$7,475.11	\$7,475.11
Pimco Income	\$8,726.59	\$8,726.59
Janus Henderson Balanced Fund	\$2,643.52	\$4,815.98
Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund	\$1,172.79	\$1,172.79
Sweep	\$41.23	\$41.23
TOTAL:	\$30,204.62	\$32,377.08

OPERATING EXPENSES

Stop Payment on PA Check & Fee	\$1,025.00
NYS Department of Law	\$100.00
Mengel Metzger Barr & Co.	\$1,210.00
United States Treasury	\$0.00
CNA Surety Bond Insurance	\$126.00
Parkinsons Disease	\$8,000.00
Children's Tumor Foundation	\$4,000.00
Cryptic Masonic Medical Research	\$1,200.00
NY DeMolay	\$1,000.00
NY International Order of Rainbow	\$1,000.00
NY Organization of Triangles	\$1,000.00
C, Roberts for 365 Microsoft	\$39.97
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$18,700.97

TOTAL DIVIDENDS & Gains **\$32,377.08**

AMOUNT TO DISPERSE

Charitable Organizations **\$13,676.11**

CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular **\$4,293.00**
The Solomon Arch Society **\$10,400.00**

TOTAL TO INVEST **\$14,693.00**

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Grand Council Charity Fund
2022-2023 Giving Per Council

Council Name & No.	# Members	\$5 per Member	Total Gift	Actual \$ Per Member	Gift Level	S-P-GM Level	Council Total
Columbian No. 1	129	\$645.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Union No. 2	18	\$90.00	\$200.00	\$11.11	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Adelphic No. 7	60	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rotica No. 12	32	\$160.00	\$133.00	\$4.16	\$0.00	\$133.00	\$133.00
Central City No. 13	37	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bloss DeWitt Clinton No. 14	47	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buffalo Keystone No. 17	55	\$275.00	\$200.00	\$3.64	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
King Hiram No. 18	12	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$4.17	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Doric No. 19	28	\$140.00	\$1,623.00	\$57.96	\$123.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,623.00
Dunkirk No. 25	34	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ahwaga No. 30	28	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$3.57	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
King Solomon No. 31	30	\$150.00	\$1,610.00	\$53.67	\$310.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,610.00
Hornellsville No. 35	20	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adoniram No. 36	27	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Joseph Warren Cryptic No. 37	24	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$6.25	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Fulton No. 50	27	\$135.00	\$1,135.00	\$42.04	\$135.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,135.00
St. George's No. 74	71	\$355.00	\$1,070.00	\$15.07	\$870.00	\$200.00	\$1,070.00
Skoityase No. 75	20	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Suffolk No. 76	61	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flatbush No. 80	59	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oneonta No. 87	42	\$210.00	\$5,598.00	\$133.29	\$98.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,598.00
North Shore No. 88	50	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cayuga No. 90	16	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamburg No. 91	36	\$180.00	\$100.00	\$2.94	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
NunDaWaGa No. 92	27	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Goshen No. 93	44	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
King David No. 97	27	\$135.00	\$300.00	\$11.11	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00

Life Sponsors By Council 1966 - 2023

<u>Council & No.</u>	<u>1966-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Columbian No. 1	47	0	47
Union No. 2	64	1	65
Adelphic No. 7	35	0	35
Rotica No. 12	252	1	253
Central City No. 13	70	0	70
Bloss DeWitt Clinton No. 14	112	0	112
Buffalo Keystone No. 17	96	0	96
King Hiram No. 18	81	1	82
Doric No. 19	308	2	310
Dunkirk No. 25	22	0	22
Ahwaga No. 30	87	1	88
King Solomon No. 31	74	1	75
Hornellsville No. 35	69	0	69
Adoniram No. 36	94	0	94
Jospeh Warren Cryptic No. 37	21	3	24
Fulton No. 50	26	1	27
St. George's No. 74	91	0	91
SkoiYase No. 75	91	0	91
Suffolk No. 76	86	0	86
Flatbush No. 80	33	0	33
Oneonta No. 87	127	0	127
North Shore No. 88	49	0	49
Cayuga No. 90	42	0	42
Hamburg No. 91	45	1	46
NunDaWaga No. 92	83	0	83
Goshen No. 93	19	0	19
King David No. 97	32	2	34
Other	108	1	109
TOTALS	2264	15	2279

Grand Council Charity Corp. Donations Over The Years

Year		Donations		The Solomon Arch Society
2012		\$9,764.00		pre-TSAS
2013		\$7,731.00		\$6,400.00
2014		\$6,455.00		\$7,600.00
2015		\$8,381.00		\$8,750.00
2016		\$5,814.00		\$3,500.00
2017		\$7,122.00		\$3,500.00
2018		\$7,796.00		\$6,600.00
2019		\$2,693.00		\$4,050.00
2020		\$6,329.00		\$8,000.00
2021		\$6,256.50		\$7,000.00
2022		\$6,749.00		\$6,550.00
2023		\$4,293.00		\$10,400.00
2024				

Grand Council Cryptic Masons

of the State of New York

Charity Corporation

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY August 1, 2022 thru July 31, 2023

Checking Account Balance 8/1/2022		\$15,400.76	
Investment Account Balances 8/1/2022			
DWS Global High Income Fund (SGHSX)		\$107,534.60	
Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBDX)		\$33,312.79	
Pimco Income (PONAX)		\$106,365.91	
Virtus Seix High Income (STHTX)		\$89,206.19	
Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (JABAX)		\$274,684.66	
Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund (SWPPX)		\$76,264.36	
		\$ 687,368.51	
Misc (Cash and Checks in Hand)		\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/2022			\$702,769.27
ACTIVITY 8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023			
Income			
Donations		\$2,736.00	
The Solomon Arch Society		\$10,400.00	
Dividends/Interest/Realized Capital Gains (Losses)		\$31,503.72	
Miscellaneous		<u>\$1,557.00</u>	
		\$46,196.72	
TOTAL INCOME			
Expenses			
Contributions to Charity		\$16,200.00	
Operating/ Administrative/Miscellaneous Expenses		<u>\$2,500.97</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$ 18,700.97
Net Unrealized Change in Investment Value (gain/loss)		\$6,445.32	
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/2023			\$736,710.34

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ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS OF 7/31/2023

Checking Account Balance 7/31/2023

\$19,242.03

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Investment Account Balances 7/31/2023

DWS Global High Income Fund (SGHSX)

\$113,006.76

Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBDX)

\$33,521.27

Pimco Income (PONAX)

\$109,914.37

Virtus Seix High Income (STHTX)

\$94,587.47

Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (JABAX)

\$281,657.74

Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund (SWPPX)

\$84,780.70

TOTAL INVESTMENT BALANCES 7/31/2023

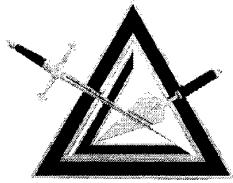
\$717,468.31

Miscellaneous (Cash and Check in Hand)

\$0.00

TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/2023

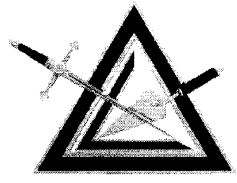
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GRAND COUNCIL

CRYPTIC MASONS

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



Charity Corporation Audit Committee

To: R. I. I. Donald Kunego
Acting Grand Master
M. I. I. Charles M. Roberts
President- NYS Grand Council Charity Corporation
R. I. I. Richard J. Kessler
Secretary- NYS Grand Council Charity Corporation

Subject: Grand Council Charity Corporation Audit Committee Report 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

The following Audit Report for the period August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022 as well as 2022-2023 is submitted. On August 16, 2023 at 13:30 (1:30 PM) hours, the Grand Council Audit Committee was called to order, with the following members present: **Most Illustrious Reverend Charles Roberts, Illustrious Jamie Kaim Jr. , and Right Illustrious Steven Howard.** The Charity Corporation's financial records [books, records, receipts, vouchers, banking, and financial investment statements] were presented by **Most Illustrious Reverend Charles Roberts,** President, New York State Grand Council Charity Corporation.

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

A "Well Done" and "Thank You" is recommended to the outstanding efforts dedicated to the great cause by **Most Illustrious Reverend Charles Roberts ,** and the members of the Grand Council Charity Corporation Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. I. I. Steven Howard
Grand Council Charity Audit Committee

Ill. I. Jamie Kaim Jr.

Grand Master's Message



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

**Most Illustrious Donald R. Kunego
Grand Master 2023-2024**



Greetings Companions, Knights, Honored Guests, [Family Members], My Brothers All,

I am honored to offer Fraternal Greetings and Best Wishes to All, on behalf of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

I would like to thank all that have provided guidance and support on my many travels throughout my Masonic Journey. And give a Special Thank You to my wife and best friend Lady Bobbie, whose encouragement and support made my Masonic Journey more enjoyable.

Companions, as members of the "Greatest Fraternity", we all share the name that we cherish, "**My Brother**". This name is the **needle** that rests upon **our moral compass** that provides guidance as we travel along the "**Alpha-Omega**" of our Masonic Journey.

My theme is "**Travel Into the Future**". The Grand Council has made a "**Travel Passport**" available to document your Journey in Cryptic Masonry. These Passports were created to encourage travel, cooperation and support while visiting Districts and Councils throughout the state. They will be available at the 200th Annual Assembly, the 200th Anniversary Celebration and from the District Deputies.

During the 200th Annual Assembly, a **Time Capsule** has been constructed and will be available to receive items donated by individuals, Councils and Districts representing Cryptic Masonry. Appropriate items to place in the time capsule would be: coins, hanging Medals, copies of Council Bylaws, and Membership listing, newspaper articles, pictures, etc... Please make every effort to ensure that your District and Council contribute to this historical event.

The Time Capsule will be consecrated and sealed during the **200th Anniversary Celebration** on September 23, 2023 at the Albany Masonic Temple. A special lapel pin has been minted as a keepsake, commemorating the **200th Anniversary Celebration** and will be a gift to those attending. Make your reservations early as you will want be a part of this historic event.

As we continued our Masonic Travels, we made individual plans to "**Travel Into the Future**" whilst seeking "**More Light**". Some have gained "**More Light**" to become a "Companion", a "Knight" or a "Sublime Prince", but we are all united as "**Brothers**".

We are "**Bonded Together**" through "**Integrity**" by being honest and having strong moral principles that unites us with a "**Life Long**" commitment to practice the Tenants of Freemasonry: "Brotherly **Love**, **Relief**, and **Truth**".

Your application for your "**Ticket**" to start your Masonic Travels, started with your first Petition. As you took your obligation and signed the By-Laws, you boarded the Masonic Train toward a Life Long Journey to "**Seek More Light**".

During this great adventure, you will have opportunities to choose your path for your "**Travel into the Future**". Some will read, some will watch, some will investigate, some will participate and some take the extra effort to "**Make History**", be the one that creates, the one that makes history. Be a planner, be a doer not just a passenger during your Travels.

During your Travels, take time out to plan your individual strategy to support our Grand Council Charity Fund. The Charity Fund approved programs are: the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the New York State Masonic Youth Groups, and currently the Children's Tumor Foundation, the Cryptic Masonic Medical Research Foundation [C.M.M.R.F.]. Rest assured that every contribution helps. Also, in addition you can become a member of the Solomon Arch Society, obtain your jewel and wear it with pride.

During your journey, you should always be optimistic. Optimism is just like enthusiasm, it's contagious. So, find ways to create an environment that supports you! Plan your travels with **Optimism, Hope** and **Confidence** in the **Future**. These qualities will give you "**Faith**" in your ability to succeed as you travel.

The **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.** said, "**Faith** is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole **staircase.....**". Sharing his optimism can be challenging as we "**Travel into the Future**". We must always remember that we are not alone. Obtaining optimistic support and encouragement from the Brothers around us provides the fuel needed to carry on. **Optimism is just like Enthusiasm, it's contagious.** So, find ways to create an environment that supports not only You, but your fellow Travelers!

During our Travels, Let us remember, honor and respect Most Illustrious Steven A. Rubenstein's theme: "**Honor the Past – Challenge the Future**".

We must continue to **Honor the Past**. The past, obviously, is our history, traditions and memories that we should study, understand and respect.

However, we must also **Celebrate the Present**: The past is a memory; the future is unknown. The present is all we truly have. The present is our time to live and continually create our evolving history.

And, we should always **Challenge the Future**: For some, the future is scary. For others, that unknown is cause for excitement rather than trepidation. There is, to be sure, a practicality in looking to the future. Think, for example of your preparation for advancement in the Craft.... **Planning for the future takes place in the present.**

Always keep in mind that today is the tomorrow you prepared for yesterday.

Preparation and practice will provide us with the knowledge for our "**Travel into the Future**" and ensures that we are prepared for that "**Tap on the shoulder**".....

Winston Churchill said, "To each, there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing...what a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared for that which could have been their finest hour."

We should keep these words as a reminder to never stop learning and to learn all we can from each task, position or opportunity given in an effort to be prepared to serve the Craft. Be prepared as best you can for whatever opportunity is presented.

This is the only way to ensure that when we receive our "**Tap on the shoulder**", we are prepared for **Our** finest hour.....

Within our Fraternity, our **Grand Line Officers** are the overseers and mentors. Our **District Deputy Grand Masters** are the "**Shepards of the Flock**" accompanied by the **Assistant Grand Lecturers**. They as a District Team, are on the front line and "Running Point" for the Masters and Officers of the Councils. I encourage that whenever possible, the Grand Line Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and Assistant Grand Lecturers coordinate their "Official Visits" so they can be together. This visitation model will present an opportunity for them and members of the Council visited, to observe and gain "**More Light**" and help identify strengths as well as areas in need of aid or improvement and help identify worthy Companions as prospective future leaders.

During your Travels, always try to have a positive attitude. As **Winston Churchill** said,
"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference"

I want to thank each of you for efforts that you have done and will continue to do for the "**Good of the Craft**" as we "**Travel into the Future**".

On behalf of myself, the Grand Line Elected and Appointed Officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, may the Great Architect Bless us with a safe and productive year and,

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.....

May God Bless Our Great Fraternity, May God Bless Our Veterans
May God Bless You and May God Bless America!

Zealously,



Most Illustrious Donald R. Kunego, Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

2023 Grand Master's Address Committee Report

Right Illustrious Acting Grand Master and the Companions of Grand Council.

With protocol already having been established. We the committee with to thank the Acting Grand Master for entering the breach. As shocking as the announcement that M.:I.: Steve Rubinstein has passed to the Celestial Vault, it must have been a shock to receive the call that you were to advance to the Grand East prior to the time expected. Your continuation of the plans for the 200th Anniversary as well as continuing the schedule the M.:I.: Rubinstein had, was and is commendable.

We acknowledge your representation of our Grand Council at several annual assemblies both within and without the State and Thank you for the work you have done on our behalf.

Everything you have done for this our Grand Council, meets with our approval and we are certain that your year as our Grand Master will be a Memorable one!

Respectively Submitted:

Most Illustrious Richard C. Fowler

Most Illustrious Frank Karwowski

Most Illustrious Phillip J. Chandler

Grand Master's Address Committee



**King Solomons Council No. 31
Saugerties, New York 12477**

April 13, 2023

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To: The Grand Secretary, Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Council Officers, Illustrious Masters, Council Recorders and Commandery Recorders

****RE: Intent to apply for NY Grand Council Steward Station**



R. V. I. V. Steven P. Koch
D.O.B. September 21, 1956

Personal Life:

Family:

Wife - Linda (Deceased)

Children: Laura Koch, Pamela Maduro married to Tizo Maduro, Grandson: Cassius

Education:

1977 - Bachelor's Degree - Empire State College (Literature and Human Resources)

Work Experience:

2022-Present - Retired

2018-2022-Mat Bus Corporation (School Bus Driver - Dodge Caravan)

2014 - 2018 - Petco

1974 – 2008 – New York Telephone/NYNEX/Verizon

Religious Life:

1999-2012 Sunday School Teacher – St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Poughkeepsie

2001-2012 Confirmation program

2010-2012 Chairman Communications Mission Team

Masonic History:

Wappingers Lodge #671:

April 5, 1999–Entered Apprentice Degree

May 3, 1999–Fellowcraft Degree

June 9, 1999–Master Mason

- Chairs Held:
 - Worshipful Master (2004 – 2006)
 - Senior Warden (2003-2004)
 - Senior Deacon (2002-2003)
 - Secretary (2006-2018)
 - Junior Deacon (2001-02)
 - Trustee (2018-2022)
 - Chaplain (2022-2023)
 - Awarded Lodge “Mason of the Year” (2007-2008 & 2008-2009)
- Additional Activities:
 - DDGM – Dutchess District (2008-2010)
 - Moderator of School of Instruction (MDC; RTTE & Master's Chair) (2004-2010)
 - Co-taught MDC & RTTE (2022-2023)
 - Advisor for FDR Chapter Order of DeMolay (2005-2011)
 - President Dutchess District Past Grand Lodge Officers Association (2010-2012)
 - Secretary/Treasurer (D.D.P.G.L.O.A) (2012-2016)
 - Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Reading Masonic Library
 - Courses completed: Under old system: Basic Masonry; Advanced Masonry; Warden's Course; District Deputy's Course; Capitular Masonry; Cryptic Masonry
 - Course 2 – 2022
 - Course 3 – 2023
 - Course 4 – In progress

Grand Lodge Committees

- Child ID (2006-2007)
- Communications (Editor NETNEWS) (2006-2013)
- MUNY (2007-2012)
- Facilitator for iDC course
- Received GM Certificate of Appreciation for NETNEWS (May 2007)
- Awards (2009-2013)
- Leadership & Educational Services (2012-2015)

Royal Arch – Poughkeepsie Chapter #172

- Chairs Held:
 - High Priest (Jan 2011 – December 2013)
 - Secretary (2013-2017)
- Addition Activities
 - DDGHP (2015-2017)
 - Grand Representative to State of Kansas
 - Capitular Development Course – Taken and taught
 - Royal Arch Capstone Course - Taken and taught

Cryptic Rite – Grand Council of the State of New York:

- Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master (2022-2023)
- Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (2016-2017)*
- Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard (2015-2016)
- Right Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council (2014-2015)
- Right Illustrious Grand Marshal (2013-2014)
- Right Illustrious Grand Standard Bearer (Appointed February 2013)
- Very Illustrious Assistant Grand Lecturer District 2 (2011 – 2013)

*Resigned for personal & family reasons

Cryptic Rite – King Solomon's Temple #31

- Chairs Held:
 - Illustrious Master (2009–2010, 2012-2013)
 - Recorder (2014-2017)
- Additional Activities:
 - Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
 - Life Member of General Order of Cryptic Masons, International

Knights Templar – Poughkeepsie Commandery #43

- Chairs Held:
 - Recorder (2009_-2015)
 - Senior Warden (2008-2009)
 - Junior Warden (2007-2008)

Scottish Rite NMJ:

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- **Valley of The Hudson:**
- Past Thrice Potent Master & Sovereign Prince (2006-2009)
- Secretary (2009-2016)
- Received Meritorious Service Award (2012)
- Co-Chair in Valley Unification with Valley of Middletown
- **NY Council of Deliberation**
- Membership Retention Committee (2011-2016)

- Wrote Table Settings - COD newsletter (2011-2015)
- Scottish Rite Day (Nov. 12, 2016)

AMD: Kmt Council #511:

- Chairs Held:
 - Sovereign Master (2015-2016)

Additional Masonic Memberships:

- Philalethes Society

Companion Koch has been here before and fully commits himself to each position he assumes. During his previous pass through the line, personal considerations made it impossible for him to do the job as it needed to be done so he resigned rather than do it poorly. Now that he is back his commitment is as strong as ever and he has once again become a tremendous asset to all the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies of which he is a member. King Solomon's Council #31 strongly believes that Companion Koch would again be a positive addition to New York Grand Council's Grand Line. We encourage your support of this fine Man and Mason.

Thank you for your consideration.
F & Z

R.'. I.'. David R. Barkstedt
Recorder