



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

Dear Companion,

Each Cryptic year our Grand Council and the General Grand Council International recognize individual Companions and Councils who have promoted and enhanced Cryptic Masonry by their service and activities. These Awards present a distinctive opportunity for you, your Companions and your Council to receive honor and recognition. There are four categories of Awards: Individual Achievements, Ish Sodi, Council Membership Gains, & Attendance and Council Support of the New York Charity Fund.

I. INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT

A. Grand Council of New York Cryptic Mason of The Year

This award is given by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York to a Companion who does outstanding work in Cryptic Masonry, one Companion from your Council may be recommended each Cryptic year.

B. General Grand Council International Cryptic Mason of The Year

This award is given by the General Grand Council International to a Companion who has done outstanding work in Cryptic Masonry. Your Council may recommend one Companion each Cryptic year who is not a Past or Present Grand Master or an advancing Grand Line Officer.

C. General Grand Council International Adult Leadership Award

This award is given by General Grand Council International to a person who has done outstanding work with youth organizations recognized by the General Grand Council such as DeMolay, Triangle Girls or Rainbow Girls to name a few. Your Council may recommend one person per each Cryptic year.

D. Most Ill. Grand Master's Recognition Award

--- Giles Fonda Yates Award --- Contributions & Accomplishments to Society of Life.

[Procedure For Recommending Individual Achievement Awards]

- A. Recommendation must be in writing (max 2 paragraphs) citing
 - (1) The recommended Companion's or person's accomplishments
 - (2) The Council's reason for recommendation
 - (3) Signed by the Illustrious Master signifying occurrence of the Council
- B. Submit to chairman of the Awards Committee [**Mid May**]
(Please refer to the Grand Officers List for the Chairman and his contact information.)
- C. Chairman will forward to Grand Master by [**End of June**]

II. ISH-SODI AWARDS

A. Ish-Sodi Award

This award is presented to every Companion who is the first line signer on five petitions for the degrees. However, the petitions must be presented and all five candidates receive both the Royal and the Select Master degrees.

[This is accumulative, after August 2003]

Each qualifying Companion will be presented a Certificate of Award and Ish-Sodi Jewel at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.



B. Meritorious Ish-Sodi Award

This special award is presented to EVERY Companion who is the first line signer on Twenty-five petitions for the Cryptic Degrees in his life time where the petitioners have received both the Royal and Select Master Degrees.

Each qualifying Companion will be presented with a Certificate of Award and a distinctive Meritorious Ish-Sodi Jewel at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.



[Application Procedure]

A. Applications must be received by the Chairman of the Awards Committee no later than **[End of June]**. (Please refer to the Grand Officers List for the Chairman)

B. Application must include the following:

- (1) Name and address of Companion receiving the award.
- (2) Names of the five (for Ish-Sodi) or twenty-five (Meritorious Ish-Sodi) Companions qualifying the recipient for the award.
- (3) Dates when each received his Royal and Select Master Degrees and/or Grand Council numbers, if available, from the Council Recorder.
- (4) Signature of Council Recorder with Seal of the Council.

III. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP GAIN AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council to recognize before the Companions present, those Councils whose zeal and efforts on Cryptic Masonry have resulted in noteworthy membership growth and exemplary support of our Grand Council.

A. Most Greetings in Cryptic Year

This award is presented to the Council having greeted the most new Select Masters during the past Cryptic year running from [July 1 to June 30].

B. Greetings of 5 or More Companions in the Cryptic Year

This award is presented to each Council having greeted five (5) or more new Select Masters during the past Cryptic year running from [July 1 to June 30].

C. 10% or Greater Increase in Council Membership in Cryptic Year

This award is presented by General Grand Council International to each Council whose membership increases 10% or greater during the past Cryptic year running from [July 1 to June 30].

[Awards Criteria]

The above awards will be based on each Council's ANNUAL REPORT to the Grand Recorder. Annual reports must be received by the Grand Recorder no later than [July 1st]. If Council's Annual Report is received after that date, it will not be considered for these awards.

D. Best Attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly

This award is presented to the Council (other than the host Council) having the most Companions in attendance at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council. All Select Masters of your Council qualify toward your Council's receiving this award and are encouraged to attend and register their attendance.

[Awards Criteria]

The above award will be based on the number of properly registered Companions reflected in the report of the Committee on Credentials and Registration as received at the Annual Assembly.

IV. SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY FUND

Charity is one of the oldest and most important hallmarks of Freemasonry. The following awards will be presented at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council to recognize before the Companions present, those Councils whose Companions have taken to heart, resulting in exemplary support of our Grand Council Charity Fund.

A. Greatest Dollar Amount Contributed in the Cryptic Year

This award is presented to the Council contributing the greatest total dollars (including Life Memberships) to the Charity Fund for the past Cryptic year which runs from **[August 1 to July 1]**.

B. Average Contribution Per Companion of \$5.00 or More

This award is presented to each Council whose total dollar contributions (including Life Memberships) to the Charity Fund for the past Cryptic year running from **[August 1 to July 1]** averages \$5.00 or more per Companion.

[Awards Criteria]

The above awards will be based on each Council's contributions to the Grand Council Charity Fund received by the Treasurer of the Charity Fund as of **[July 1st]**.

Contributions received after the above date will be credited to the next Cryptic year.

All contributions to the Charity Fund should be mailed to the Treasurer of the Charity Fund.

(Please refer to the Grand Officers List for the Treasurer of the Charity Fund and his contact information.)

I hope your Council will consider nominating a Companion for one of the Individual Achievement Awards. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Grand Council Annual Assembly.

Zealously
Chairman, Ish-Sodi & Awards Committee