

MINUTES OF THE 190TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The 190TH Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th, 2013 at the Clarion Hotel, Batavia, NY.

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

A Council of Select Masters was opened by the Illustrious Master and Officers of Nun Da Waga Council No. 92 on Friday August 16th at 7:30PM. The Most Illustrious Richard Anderson, Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Council were received, and by order of the Grand Master. MIGM Anderson was greeted with Private Grand Honors he orderd all Grand Line Officers to assumed their stations and places in the Council. .

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

All Motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously.

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

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE REPORT:

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

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

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

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

REPORT ON THE WEB SITE:

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

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

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

LIUBRARY AND MUSEUN COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report was received.

RITUAL COMMITTEE:

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTOTIAN:

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

JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Chairman gave the following report:

The committee recommends approval the By-Laws changes of the following Councils; King Hiram Council #18 and North Shore Council #88.

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES:

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:

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

REPORT OF THE REVIEW AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REORT:

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

REPORT OF THE CONCORDAND BODIES AND YOUTH COMMITTEES:

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

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

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

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

CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

M.:I.: Richard Anderson ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call the Craft from Labor to Refreshment, for the purposes of conducting the Vespers Service. The Assembly will reconvene at 8:45AM Saturday, August 17th, 2013 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and ladies, followed by the Necrology Report, labor to resume in the Secret Vault following the Necrology.

VESPERS SERVICE:

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

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED:

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

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

The following delegations were received and greeted personally in the East by the Grand Master Anderson:
Connecticut
District of Columbia
New Hampshire

Ohio
Ontario, Canada
Pennsylvania

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: [cont.]

Rhode Island and the Province Plantations

Vermont

Burt Larson, Deputy for the York Rite College

Additionally, the following Concordant Bodies were greeted:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New York State.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New York State

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

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

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

NECROLOGY REPORT:

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

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

LABOR RESUMED IN THE SECRET VAULT:

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

RECOGNITION OF 2011-2012 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

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

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

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

RECEPTION AND GREETING OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS:

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

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

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

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

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

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO OUR VISITORS:

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

REMARKS FROM OUR VISITORS:

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

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

M.:I.: Richard Anderson turned the gavel of authority over to the Deputy Grand Master Mason, and gave his Grand Master's Address. The Deputy Grand Master ordered the Address turned over to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, the gavel was returned to the Grand Master.

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:

The Grand Master then declared it to be the hour for the Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation. The report was presented by M.:I.: Charles Roberts, President. Awards were then presented. The meeting was then closed @ 11:55 AM.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

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

LUNCHEON:

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

RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The Annual Assembly was reconvened at 1:00PM

ISH-SODI AND AWARDS:

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

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

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

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:

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

CREDENTIALS:

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

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

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

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

All Line officers were "moved up" one position as they were unchallenged. The Grand Treasurer MI Donald Harrison and Grand Recorder MI Victor S. Versace were elected to succeed themselves as there

were no other nominations from the floor? The nomination of Officers were then closed by unanimous motion.

ELECTED GRAND LINE:

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

ELECTED OF GRAND TRUSTEE::

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

DEPARTUER:

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

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

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

OPEN INSTALLATION OF ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS:

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

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE CONFERRAL:

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

THE GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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