

MINUTES OF THE 194th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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

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

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

ENTERED:

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

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:

In accordance with New York State Fire Laws, the Most Illustrious Grand Master advised the Companions of the exits in case of emergency. He then advised all Companions present that they must register with the Credentials & Registration Committee in order to vote...he advised all present that the Registration desk was located in the lobby outside the doors to the Assembly room.

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

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

- 3] A Motion that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except at such time as provided by the Constitutions by M.:I.:Donald Harrison.
- 4] A motion that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business by 1:45 PM on Saturday, August 19, 2017; and that nominating speeches be limited to three [3] minutes and that seconding speeches to two [2] minutes by M.:I.:Francis Karwowski.
- 5] A Motion that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so by M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson.

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

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE REPORT:

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

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

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

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

REPORT ON THE WEB SITE:

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

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

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

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

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN:

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

JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

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

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REORT:

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

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

REPORT OF THE CONCORDANT BODIES AND YOUTH COMMITTEES:

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

LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT:

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

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

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

CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

The Grand Master ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call the Craft from Labor to Refreshment, for the purposes of conducting the Vespers Service. The Assembly will reconvene at 8:30AM Saturday, August 19, 2017 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and Ladies, followed by the Necrology Report and remaining business of the Grand Council. All were invited to attend the Hospitality Room following the Vespers Service.

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

VESPERS SERVICE:

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

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

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

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

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

NECROLOGY REPORT:

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

written Necrology Service for details.

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED TO LABOR:

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

RECOGNITION OF 2016-2017 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

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

RECEPTION AND GREETING OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS:

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

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

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

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE VISITING JURISIDCTIONS:

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

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO OUR VISITORS:

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

ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

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

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ALLOCUTION:

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

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:

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

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

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

LUNCHEON:

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

RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

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

BRIEF REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED PRESIDING OFFICERS IN THE EAST

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

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

ISH-SODI AND AWARDS:

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

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

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

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

BRIEF REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED PRESIDING OFFICERS IN THE EAST

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

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

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:

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

CREDENTIALS:

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LINE:

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

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

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE FOR THE GRAND COUNCIL:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

DEPARTURE OF THE GRAND MASTER:

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF GRAND LINE OFFICERS:

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

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE CONFERRAL:

The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was conferred on all newly elected Illustrious Masters, in accordance with Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council either at this Annual Assembly on Saturday, August 19, 2017 or at the makeup TIM degree at St. George's Council No. 74 on October 21, 2017. Those Illustrious Masters receiving the degree today were as follows: Henry Colon, Columbian No. 1; Anthony Echevarria, Adelpic No. 7; Earl Wilkinson, Rotica No. 12; George Reed, Central City No. 13; G. Franklin Gaskill, Buffalo Keystone No. 17; John Burger, Doric No. 19; Wilbur Corrington, Ahwaga No. 30; Terry Mehlenbacher, Hornellsville No. 35; Luis Fujimoto, Adoniram No. 36; Keith Becker, Joseph Warren Cryptic No. 37; Richard James, St. George's No. 74; Jamie Kaim, SkoiYase No. 75; Charles Raymond, Suffolk No. 76; Gill Calderon, Flatbush No. 80; Steven Shearer, Oneonta No. 87; Joshua DeLeon, North Shore No. 88; Robert Drzewucki, Hamburg No. 91; Robert Hyman, Jr., Nundawaga No. 92 and James Babcock, King David No. 97. Ill. A. Harry Williams of King Solomon's Council No. 31 was not present today and so he needs to attend TIM makeup date.

THE GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET:

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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