

**MINUTES OF THE 195<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

The 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 at The Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211.

**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 the Host Council on Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. The Officers of Grand Council were received into the Council and formed lines for the reception of R.:I.: Richard C Fowler, Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master. R.:I.: Fowler was greeted with Private Grand Honors and ordered all Grand Line Officers to assume their stations and places in the Council. R.:I.: Richard C Fowler called the Grand Council to order. Grand Sentinel arrived late and special credit was offered by M.:I.: Charles M Roberts for the aid of M.:I.: Joseph P. Pozefsky, adviser to credentials committee, R.:I.: Daniel Elliot, R.:I.: David Barkstadt, R.:I.: Robert Ball, R.:I.: Ken Kohlhagen, and Ill. Gil Calderon for stepping up to help out with registration. R.:I.: Ken Kohlhagen will report tomorrow.

**ENTERED:** Concordant Bodies Grand Lines were announced and received. The Deputy Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York entered and announced that Right Worshipful Richard J. Kessler Deputy Grand Master was about to enter.....he entered and was greeted by R.:I.: Richard Fowler and was given Grand Honors and was seated in the East. The Grand Marshal entered the Council and announced that the Most Worshipful William M Sardone Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was about to enter...he entered the Council and was greeted in the East by R.:I.: Richard Fowler and was given Grand Honors and was seated in the East.

**OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:** A constitutional quorum of Officers and of Constituent Councils was determined to be present, and The Acting Most Grand Master, Richard Fowler declared the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York opened in ample form.

**CONDUCTION OF BUSINESS**

R.:I.: Fowler appointed the committee on the Grand Master's Address as follows: M.:I.: E. William Whittaker (Chairman), M.:I.: Frank Karwowski, and M.:I.: Richard C. Anderson.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- 1) A motion was made that the minutes for the 194<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Assembly as printed in the package will be printed on the 2017-2018 Proceeding's CD to be distributed as amended and approved, seconded and carried. By MI Joseph Pozefsky.
- 2) A motion was made that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be allowed to remain as visitors in this Grand Assembly except such as prohibited by the Constitutions. Seconded and approved. By MI Francis Karwowski.
- 3) A motion was made that all reports from the Grand Line Officers, The Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master and Judge Advocate inclusively be printed on the 2017-2018 Proceeding's CD. Moved, seconded and carried. By MI Donald Harrison.
- 4) A motion was made that the election of officers be the order of business at 1:45 PM Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and nominating speeches be limited to three (3) minutes, and seconding speeches to two (2) minutes. Seconded and carried. By MI E. William Whittaker.

5) A motion was made that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so. Seconded and carried. By MI Joseph Peloso.

**REPORTS:**

**Condition and Extension of the Rite:** As printed in the packet. Nothing to add to it. Moved seconded carried.

**Grand Lecturer's Report - R.:I.: Stuart Card:** Ritual must be inspiring and well presented. AGL Job is important and must be handled with enthusiasm.

- a) Proposed changes to ritual committee, considers proposal and approved or disapproved with be presented for approval or disapproval to the Companions.
- b) Proposal each new companion must go through each of the Eight Arches with Due Guard and Sign of each Arch. Moved and defeated
- c) Adding a coin. No altering of ritual. Suggested that Councils acquire said coin but that no coin added to the ritual. Moved, no second. By rules of order, motion dies.
- d) Ahishar's Soliloquy added to ritual as an option. Motion move and seconded. Passed.
- e) Add ruffians to degree. Distraction to soliloquy.

3) Call of AGL's:

- District 1: V.:I.: Grant S. Held (Not present)
- District 2: V.:I.: Melvin J. Birnbaum (Excused)
- District 4: V.:I.: Richard S. Transue
- District 6: V.:I.: Keith F. Volkert (Not present)
- District 7: V.:I.: William J. Beckenhaupt (Not present)
- District 8: V.:I.: Michael E. Rhodes (Excused)
- District 9: V.:I.: Gerald Coleman (Excused)

Acting Illustrious Grand Master raised Council and led Grand Honors

**Report on Web Site Committee:** R.:I.: John Gallant, Hat tip to Ken ....Report is in packet move to have it spread upon the minutes. Seconded and passed.

**Report on Masonic Education and Communications:** R.:I.: John Gallant...Report is printed in packet, nothing to add. Moved to be accepted as printed. Seconded and passed.

**Report on Library and Museum Committee:** R.:I.: Phil Chandler, moved to be accepted. Seconded and passed.

**Report on Jurisprudence and By-laws Review:** M.:I.: E. William Whittaker. By-laws Changes Joseph Warren #37. Change meeting from third Friday to the fourth Wednesday of each month Northshore Council #88 wants to increase its dues. Application came in too late for this year but was recommended for approval next year. Moved, seconded and passed.

Constitution and General Regulations: Recommend removal of the Office of Fraternal Correspondent from the Constitution Article 1 section 3. Moved, seconded, discussion, and passed.

General Regulations: Article 1 Section 3 (a) Remove the Office of Fraternal Correspondent Article 3 Section 44b: Remove report of Fraternal Correspondent. Article 4 Section 47. Remove the Office of Fraternal Correspondent on left of Grand Lecturer and change the Office of Grand Historian to the left of the Grand Lecturer. Moved, seconded and passed. Article 1 Section 6 subsection L: Addition of a new part to appoint representatives of this

Grand Council near other Grand Councils and to receive and accredit Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of other Grand Councils near this Grand Council provided that no companion be accredited to more than one Grand Council at the same time. Any Grand Representative of this Grand Council should fail to attend or make a report in writing to the Grand Council for two out of three consecutive years of the Annual Assembly of this Grand Council without an acceptable excuse should be considered as resigning of his position of such Grand Representative and the Grand Master is authorized to recommend to the Grand Council for with the Grand Representative received his commission to name another companion to fill the vacancy thus created. Moved, seconded, there was discussion: remove the word consecutive. Passed as amended.

Article 1 Section 13b: add a new section 9. Duties of the District Deputies: To hold a caucus of all Most Illustrious, Right Illustrious, and Very Illustrious Companions in their respective districts yearly before April 30<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of selecting District Deputy Grand Mater and Assistant Grand Lectures for recommendation for appointment by the Deputy Grand Master. A written report of the caucus shall be submitted within fifteen days (15) of the caucus. Moved, seconded and passed.

Article 4 Section 47: Insert just before the station of the Grand Captain of the Guard, of the Judge Advocate to left of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer is the position where he will be stationed. Moved, seconded and passed.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES:** M.:I.: Richard C Anderson. Two Funds "American High Income" and Putnam investment High Yield Trust Fund. In the report. (Up \$3,236.21) Total: (\$131,467.63) moved, seconded and passed.

**REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER:** R.:I.: George Emmons. Report is in packet. Pgs 43-46. Moved, seconded and passed.

**REPORT ON BUDGET COMMITTEE:** R.:I.: George Emmons and M.:I.: Charles M Roberts. Pgs. 49-50. 2017-18 Budget actual. Income \$36,849.00 / Expenditures of \$39,910.00. Projected balance next year \$4,209.00. Income going down. Adding to Escrow accounts. Moved, seconded and passed.

**CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:**

R.:I.: Richard Fowler ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call the Craft from Labor to Refreshment, for the purpose of conducting the Vesper Service. The Assembly will reconvene at 8:45 AM Saturday, August 18 2018 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and Ladies, followed by the Necrology Service.

**VESPER SERVICE 9:15 PM:** The Vesper Service was conducted by the Grand Chaplains. See attached Service for details.

**RECESS:** 9:45 PM Hospitality Suite will be opened till 11:30 PM.

The Grand Council was reconvened in open session by Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master R.:I.: Richard Fowler at 8:15 AM Saturday, August 18, 2018.

**8:15 AM ASSEMBLING OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** Ladies and other Guests admitted.

**8:45 AM RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**

The following delegations were received and greeted personally in the East by Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master R.:I.:Richard Fowler:

M.:P.:Clyde Casper: Most Puissant Grand Master of the State of Connecticut

M.:I.:Robert Lambert: Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of Maryland

M.:I.:Paul Smith: Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of New Hampshire along with R.:I.:Earl W. Holt, Jr. Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.

R.:I.:Steven G. Hilt, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of Ohio

M.:I.:John Hewitt, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ontario, Canada along with R.:I.:Brian Mason, Deputy Grand Master, R.:I.:Prince Salvaraj, Grand PCW, R.:I.:Gary Cornellius, Past Grand Sentinel, Past Grand Stewart and Grand Rep. to the Grand Council of the State of New York.

R.:I.:David Shuller, Deputy Grand Master of the State of Vermont

M.:E.:Alan Bryant, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the state of New York, Royal Arch Masons, along with the elected and appointed Grand Line Officers.

Sir Knight Stenrick B. Adams, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, Knights Templar along with Sir Knight Dave Hardy, Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Steven Wing, Grand Recorder and other Grand Line Officers

Right Venerable Frank Karwowski, Grand Superintendent of New York for the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America.

Most Puissant David Grindle, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International with entourage.

R.:W.:E. Oscar Allen, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Grand Honors

R.:W.:Charles M Roberts, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Grand Honors

Deputy Grand Marshal, R.:W.:John Haslam, entered and announced that R.:W.:Richard J. Kessler Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was about to enter> Grand Honors

Grand Marshal, R.:W.:Edward Bartels, entered and announced that William M. Sardone, Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was about to enter. Grand Honors.

**Necrology Report:** R.:I.:Stenrick B. Adams and M.:I.:Charles M. Roberts officiated for the Necrology Service. Special Mention for R.:I.:Frederick Beitters, Trustee of Grand Council; M.:I.:Harley DeShane, PMIGM; M.:I.:Lester B. Weinheimer, Jr. PMIGM who joined the Secret Vault above this past year. See written Necrology Service for details.

#### **ASSEMBLY RECONVENED TO LABOR:**

R.:I.:Richard Fowler excused all non-Cryptic Masons, Ladies and Guests from the Assembly room and then gavelled the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly to Order and it was reconvened at 9:45 AM Saturday, August 18, 2018.

#### **THE ROLL CALL OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS**

As the Grand Recorder read the roll, each individual present assembled in the East where R.:I.:Richard Fowler greeted each.

- District 1 - R.:I.:Henry Abel, III (Not Present)
- District 2 - R.:I.:David R. Barkstedt (Not Present)
- District 4 - R.:I.:Gerald R. Dievendorf (Not Present)
- District 6 - R.:I.:John B. Covell (Excused)
- District 7 - R.:I.:Charles L. Hill, III (Not Present)
- District 8 - R.:I.:Robert G Ball (Present)
- District 9 - R.:I.:Mark John Robson (Present)

R.:I.:Richard Fowler raised the Council and lead in Grand Honors.

### **THE ROLL CALL OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS**

As the Grand Recorder read the roll, each individual present assembled in the East where R.:I.:Richard Fowler greeted each.

- MI Joseph Peloso, 1993-94
- MI E. William Whittaker, 2001-2002
- MI Donald Harrison, 2003-2004
- MI Charles M. Roberts, 2005-2006
- MI Francis I Karwowski, 2007-2008
- MI Joseph P. Pozefsky, 2008-2009
- MI David H. Raymond, 2010-2011
- MI Richard C. Anderson, 2012-2013
- MI Leonard W. Mason, 2013-2014
- MI Garry R. Hutchurson, 2016-2017

The following PMIGM were excused due to illness: MI Hickein, MI Hino, MI Fagan, MI Versace, MI Palmer. MI Matthews was suspended. Heard nothing for MI Hilliard, MI Nosal and MI Licht.

R.:I.:Richard Fowler raised the Council and lead in Grand Honors.

### **THE ROLL CALL OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

As the Grand Recorder read the roll, each individual present assembled in the East where R.:I.:Richard Fowler greeted each. The following were present:

- RI Dennis Parmerter – Alabama - present
- RI Richard P Gunsalus – Arizona
- RI Piers A Vaughan - Arkansas - excused
- RI Daniel Jonas – California
- RI Earl L Tuttle – Connecticut
- RI Richard J Kessler – Delaware - present
- MI Edward Fagan, PGM - District of Columbia - excused
- MI Francis I Karwowski, PGM – England and Wales - present
- RI William J Thomas – Florida - excused
- RI Vernon G. Rupert - Georgia - excused
- RI Norman F Hopson – Idaho - **remove**
- RI Lewis F Barazottie – Illinois
- RI Dale A Tynan – Indiana -excused
- RI Ronald W White - Iowa

RI Ari Chisin – Israel  
 MI Victor Versace - Italy -excused  
 RI Russell J Barber – Kansas  
 RI George D Emmons – Kentucky - present  
 MI Paul B. Matthews, PGM - Massachusetts - Suspended  
 RI Kenneth Kohlhagen – Michigan -present  
 RI Keith F Folger – Minnesota  
 RI Kenneth J Lockhard – Mississippi - present  
 RI Norman E. Moon - Missouri  
 RI Kenneth I Sussman - Nebraska  
 MI Donald Harrison, PGM – New Hampshire -present  
 RI Joseph C Savaglio - New Jersey - excused  
 RI Wood D. Beeghly - New Mexico - excused  
 RI J Fred Velott Jr – North Carolina - present  
 RI Earl J Carlson – Ohio  
 MI E William Whittaker, PGM – Oklahoma - present  
 RI Cyril R. White - Ontario, Canada - excused  
 RI Philip A Cox - Pennsylvania  
 RI Leon Weinstein – South Carolina - present  
 MI Stephen A. Licht, PGM - Tennessee  
 RI Donald J Brugger - Texas - excused  
 RI Harvey E Eysman - Vermont - excused  
 RI Norman P Austin – Virginia - present  
 RI Paul Barrera Jr. - Washington - excused  
 RI Charles A Dellow – Wisconsin

R.:I.:Richard Fowler raised the Council and lead in Grand Honors

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:**

M.:I.: Robert B. Lumbert, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of Maryland

M.:I.: Paul Smith, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of New Hampshire

The Assembly extended them an applause Certificates will come.

**REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE VISITORS**

M.:I.:John Hewitt, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ontario, Canada brought fraternal greetings and appreciation on behalf of the distinguished guests present today. He thanked the R.:I.: Fowler for all the courtesies extended to him and his guests. It has been a great weekend with the Companions of New York.

**GRAND RECORDER:** Report is in the packet. Pgs. 46-48. M.:I.: Charles Roberts is cleaning the Rosters connecting with Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment concerning the MMS Program. Historical records being scanned to digital files. Financials covered last night and printed in the packet. Please get reports in to Grand Recorder in a timely matter to cut down on the stress. Moved report be spread across the minutes of this assembly. Seconded and passed.

**ACTING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS ALLOCUTION:** It is printed in the packet pg. 54. Spoke of traveling and visiting other Grand Councils and also Councils around the State. Applause was given after presentation. Moved, seconded and passed.

**GRAND RECORDER:** He requested a motion to accept the District Deputy Grand Master Reports as printed in the packet. It was moved, seconded and passed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** This was highlighted it was on pg. 31 in the packet. Started the year with 1204 Companions; Greeted 50, Affiliated 3, Restored 3, for a total gain of 56, putting us at 1260. Membership is however falling through Suspensions, Demits and Deaths. We had 38 Deaths, 26 Demits, 24 Suspensions for nonpayment of dues, 7 suspensions from Chapters, for a total loss of 97, leaving our membership at 1163. We must do better. Motion to accept report was seconded and passed.

**ASSISTANT GRAND RECORDER:** He moved that the Assembly accept all remaining reports in the packet not already approved and spread in full in the proceedings of this Assembly. Seconded and passed.

**REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS FROM COMMITTEE:** Grand Masters Allocution: The Committee commended Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master on stepping up and taking over, assessing his situation and moving forward. Commended him on keeping his commitments and visitations. Look forward to his leadership as he takes up the mantle of leading our Council. Respectfully submitted by M.:I.:E. William Whittaker, M.:I.: Frank Karwowski, and M.:I.: Richard Anderson. Motion to accept report made, seconded and passed.

#### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**New York Mason of the Year:** Howard C. Colegrove

**Ish Sodi:** R.:I.: David Rogland (5); R.:I.: Terry Byard (5) Council 97; I.: Jamie Kaim (8) SkoiYase Council 75

**Meritorious Ish Sodi:** M.:I.: Frank Karwowski (25 petitioners)

#### **Membership Recognition by Councils**

Adelphic Council #7: 9 Select Masters

Joseph Warren Council #37: 6 Select Masters

#### **10% increase in one year:**

Doric Council #19 (3)

Ahwaga Council #30 (3)

Joseph Warren #37 (6)

NorthShore #88 (3)

Cayuga Council #90 (3)

SkoiYase Council #75: (2)

King David Council #97 (3)

Motion made to spread upon the Minutes. Seconded and passed.

Rotica Council #12 had the most members present at this 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly.

**R.: I.: Henry Abel, DDGM for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cryptic District** arrived and entered and was accorded Grand Honors by the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master. Henry Abel, IV was made an Honorary member.

**REMARKS:** R.:I.: Fowler called upon the following for remarks:

**Right Puissant Charles McCollum Regional Deputy Grand Master of the Northeast Region.** He spoke on membership. He stated that we must make our Councils interesting to keep our new Companions

engaged. He spoke on the upcoming Northeast Regional Conference to be held at this Hotel in three weeks. More education than it has been in the past.

**Most Puissant David Grindle, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International:** He spoke about General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. 45,000 members world-wide. Three new Grand Councils were chartered at the last Triennial. General Grand Council was chartering Councils in South, Central America and Africa. He spoke of the need to be connected and for General Grand to serve its constituent Grand Councils.

**R. I.:** **Richard Fowler** ordered that the Grand Assembly be called to recess for the purpose of holding the stated annual meeting of the Grand Council Charity Corporation. He raised the Council and ordered the R. I.: Grand Conductor of the Council to attend at the altar.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY FUND CORPORATION:** Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Fowler announced that it was eleven o'clock am and called M. I.: Charles M. Roberts, President of the Charity Fund Corporation to the East to convene the annual meeting. Directors present were R. I.: Stuart Card, III. Richard J. Kessler, and M. I.: E. William Whittaker. Excuse were R. I.: Ralph Rosenthal and R. I.: R. Conrad Johnson.

Prayer was offered up. Minutes on pg. 69 in packet moved, seconded and passed. Parkinson's Disease is still a major cause of our Charity Fund, also the Children's Tumor Foundation and our NY Youth Groups. Finances Pgs. 61-62 in the packet. On motion that the Financial Report be accepted and spread upon the minutes seconded and passed Pg. 64 Life Sponsors. Moved to accept, seconded and passed. President Roberts then introduced our Guest Speaker of the Children's Tumor Foundation, Ms. Angela . She spoke on the genetic cause of the disease and the three different types of tumors that are being treated and the progress so far for treatment of the causes. She thanked the Corporation for its support and adopting the Children's Tumor Foundation as part of its overall charitable work.

Financial Review/Audit Report: R. I.: Donald Kunego, Chairman presented the report found on Pg. 65 in the packet. He moved to accept report the report with commendation to the Directors for their diligent service to the Charity Corporation, it was seconded and passed. This year the Directors voted to recommend the following Charitable Distribution: NY Youth Groups \$1,500 each (Triangle, Rainbow, and DeMolay), Parkinson Foundation \$6,800.00, Children's Tumor Fund \$4,755.00. Motion to receive the recommendation, seconded and passed. Election to the Board of Directors. Treasurer to cast one unanimous ballot for the proposed Slate. Moved and seconded and passed.

**2017-18 Awards Certificates:**

R. I.: Steve A Rubinstein, Northshore Council #88 / Patron Level

R. I.: Earl G. Wilkinson, Rotica Council # 12 / Patron Level

Comp. Bernard Deland, King Hiram #18 / Patron Level

R. I.: Donald Brugger, Doric Council #19 / Grand Master's Level

III. James R. MacConnell from NunDaWaga Council # 92 / Grand Master's Level

**Council whose members gave \$5.00 or more per member**

Joseph Warren #57 / \$5.00 total per member

Buffalo Keystone Council #17 / \$5.26 per member

SkoiYase #75 / \$11.89 per member

NunDaWaga #92 / \$12.21 per member



Hornellsville #35 / \$15.63 per member

Doric #19 / \$17.14 per member

**Largest contributing per member** goes to King Hiram Council #18 / \$64.29 for a total of \$900.00.

Received the Memorial Bible to use for the year. Return at next Annual Assembly.

**King Solomon Arch Society:**

**Blue Medallion**

Charles H. North, from Adoniram #36

Joshua R. Deloyal, Northshore #88

Theodore C. Volkerk, St. Georges # 74

Phillip S. Arony, St. Georges #74

George A. Read, Central City #13

Wade Caler, Cayuga #90

Donald Kunego, Doric Council #19

Kenneth Lockhart, Suffolk Council #76

**Green Medallion**

Richard Kerimoglu, Adelpic Council #7

David R. Robling, King David #97

**Purple Medallion (\$1,000.00 Completed)**

Joseph Rizzo, Suffolk Council #76

Aram Adishian, Union #2

Richard S. Cancer, Oneonta #87

William L. ?????, Hornellsville #35

All business having been completed the President entertained a motion that the minutes of this Annual meeting of the Charity Corporation be approved as they will be written upon adoption of the Board of Directors and distributed to the membership at the next Annual meeting of the Corporation. Motion to accept as they will be written was duly seconded and passed. Prayer, Motion to Adjourn was moved, seconded and passed. The Charity Corporation was closed upon order.

**R.:I.: ACTING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER** Fowler ordered the Council up and ordered Grand Conductor of the Council to attend at the Altar. The Council was back in session. R.:I.: Fowler mentioned about Lunch and its arrangements and then called upon **Most Worshipful William M. Sardone** for remarks. He spoke briefly with most of his remarks coming at the banquet in the evening. He enumerated responsibilities of his Grand Line. Spoke on membership. Spoke on Security. Spoke on Surviving Spouse and Loved One Program etc. He and his officers remained in the room for recess to lunch.

**RI Richard Fowler** ordered Grand PCW to announce that we would be going from Labor to Refreshment. Grand Conductor of the Council attended at the Altar. Broke for lunch to return at 1:15 PM.

**ELECTIONS:**

M.:I.:E. William Whittaker called for nominations for Grand Steward

Carl J. Klossner / Rotica Council #12 nominated by Dennis Davis

Richard Transue / Oneida Council #87

On Ballot 1: Comp Richard Transue was duly elected. Companion Transue accepted.

On motion that the other Elected Grand Line Officers move up one station respectively, duly seconded and passed. All agreed to serve.

On motion that RI Richard Fowler be duly elected as Most Illustrious Grand Master for the 2018-2019 Cryptic year, motion duly seconded and passed. He agreed to serve.

M.:I.:E. William Whittaker call for nominations for Trustees: 3 years and one year.

M.:I.:Roberts nominated M.:I.: Victor Versace for 3 year term and M.:I.: Garry Hutchurson for a one year to fill the term of RI Fred Beitter who died. No further nominations, nominations were closed and one unanimous ballot was cast for the two respective nominees. Trustee elects accepted.

M.:I.: Grand Master Elect Richard Fowler requested from the Grand Recorder if there was any more business to bring before the Council? Answer No. Business is done.

*Tellers were recognized and dismissed with thanks by M.:I.: Grand Master Elect Fowler.*

### **PRIVATE INSTALLATION**

M.:I.: Grand Master Elect Richard Fowler turned the gavel over to the Installing Master Francis I. Karwowski for the private installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect. Additional Installing Team: Installing Marshal M.:I.:E. William Whittaker and Installing Chaplain M.:I.: Charles M Roberts.

Installing Master instructs Installing Marshal to conduct Grand Master Elect West of the Altar, Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect is Obligated as Most Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of The State of New York. Invested with Jewel and Apron of his office. Most Ill. Grand Master received his Charge from Installing Grand Master. Most Ill. Grand Master Richard Fowler is escorted to the East and Private Grand Honors are given by the Installing Grand Master.

### **ADDITIONAL REMARKS**

Talk given by ME Alan Bryant, Grand High Priest speaking on Education and Instruction. All courses in the Cloud and can be down loaded. Spoke on Cooperation. Spoke about the Battle of Oriskany Ceremony & Event. He congratulated Most Ill. Richard on his elevation.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Stenrick Adams congratulated Most Ill. Grand Master Richard on his elevation. He spoke on Excellence in Masonry.

Most Ill. Grand Master Richard gave a brief synopsis his goals for his year. Theme: "The Rest of the Story."

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

M.:I.:E. William Whittaker gave instructions as to how to line up for public installation. Installation will begin promptly at 3:00 PM.

M.:I.: Grand Master Richard Fowler announced that the TIM Degree found in I Kings Ch. 8 to be conferred at 4:15PM. Be prompt for the Public installation at 3:00 PM. Banquet will be at 7:00 PM with Social Hour before at 6:00 PM.

Most Ill. Grand Master then proceeded to close the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly. Grand Chaplain Adams gave closing prayer. Rt. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work proceeded with closing the Council. Most Ill. Grand Master declared the 195<sup>th</sup> Grand Council of NY duly closed.

Respectively submitted,

R.:I.: Kenneth R. Howe, Jr., Grand Recorder