

INSTALLATION CEREMONY  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS  
OF THE GRAND COUNCIL  
OF THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK



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Of The State Of New York*

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## **INSTALLATION OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS**

*After the conclusion of the Annual Assembly, an open installation of Grand Council officers shall be held, so that all guests may attend; however, before the Annual Assembly is closed, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect, only, shall be installed in the tiled Grand Council and accorded Private Grand Honors.*

*The Ceremony of Installation shall begin with Assistant Grand Lecturers installed in unison by the new Most Illustrious Grand Master, his designate or the Grand Lecturer. Then the District Deputy Grand Masters are installed after the Assistant Grand Lecturers in unison by the new Most Illustrious Grand Master.*

*The Most Illustrious Grand Master or any Past Most Illustrious Grand Master shall preside at the Installation of the Grand Council Officers. Assisting him is a Grand Marshal and a Grand Chaplain.*

### **ORDER OF INSTALLATION**

**Assistant Grand Lecturers  
District Deputy Grand Masters  
Grand Historian  
Grand Musician  
Judge Advocate  
Grand Lecturer  
Grand Sentinel  
Grand Chaplain  
Grand Trustee  
Grand Steward  
Grand Standard Bearer  
Grand Marshal  
Grand Conductor Of The Council  
Grand Captain Of the Guard  
Grand Recorder  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Principal Conductor Of The Work  
Deputy Grand Master  
Most Illustrious Grand Master**

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

*This Ceremony may be lead by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or his designate or  
The Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.*

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Assistant Grand Lecturer(s)  
west of the Altar for Installation.

**Grand Marshal:** Installing Grand Officer I present to you the V.:I.: Companion(s)  
who has (have) been appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer(s) for the  
current Cryptic Year and now awaits installation.

**Presiding Officer:** \*\*\* **Companions:** Give your attention to the Installing Grand  
Chaplain for the Invocation.

**Grand Chaplain:** O Eternal God, Heavenly and gracious Father of us all, we ask  
You to bless this time of installation at this assembly, to bless  
us with Your presence. Let us see You in each other's faces,  
hear You in each other's voices and ever reflect in all our  
proceedings and ritual the love, grace, peace and harmony  
which reign before your throne forever. Amen. *(So Mote It Be)*

**Presiding Officer:** \* My Companion(s), raise your right hand, say "I," state your full  
name and repeat after me - "Do solemnly promise, that I will  
faithfully and to the best of my ability perform the duties of the  
Office of Assistant Grand Lecturer; that I will strictly conform  
to the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Council  
Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, together with General  
Regulations of the order, so far as they may come to my  
knowledge; and that I will impart the Standard Work of the  
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY throughout  
my Cryptic District."

**Presiding Officer:** V.:I.: Companion(s) it gives me great pleasure to greet you as the  
Assistant Grand Lecturer of your respective Cryptic District(s).  
Your Office is an appointed one and you will serve at the pleasure  
of the Grand Lecturer and the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Let  
this consideration induce you to be careful of forfeiting, by  
inattention to your important duties, that esteem that has raised  
you to the Office you now possess.

**It will be your duty to visit each constituent Council within your Cryptic District at least once a year during your term of office. During this visit you will assist the Companions in becoming more proficient in the Standard Work, focusing your efforts as they may request and your good judgment deem necessary. You will submit an annual report of the proficiency in the work of the Councils visited to the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Council Officers of the Grand Council. You will assist the Grand Lecturer and your District Deputy Grand Master in coordinating Conventions and Degree Festivals and otherwise as they may request.**

**With entire confidence in your fervency and zeal I now declare you installed as Assistant Grand Lecturer(s) of your respective Cryptic District(s).**

**Presiding Officer: Grand Lecturer you will now invest each Assistant Grand Lecturer with the appropriate jewel and commission of his office.**

**Presiding Officer: \*\*\* Companions: Give your attention to the Installing Grand Chaplain for the Benediction.**

**Grand Chaplain: Almighty Father, we ask Thee to inspire these (this) newly installed Assistant Grand Lecturer(s) with the beauty of our ritual, that they (he) can assist the Companions in our Work of glorifying Thee, so all beholding it may receive the deposit of Thy Truth. Amen.**

**Presiding Officer: Companions, Grand Honors! \***

**(Note: \* Symbol Indicates Raps Of The Gavel)**

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

*This Ceremony will be lead by the newly installed Most Illustrious Grand Master.*

**M.I.G.M.:** Installing Grand Marshal present the District Deputy Grand Master(s) west of the altar for installation.

**Grand Marshal:** Most Illustrious Grand Master I present to you Right Illustrious [NAME(S)] who have been appointed District Deputy Grand Master(s) for the current Cryptic year and now await installation.

**M.I.G.M.:** \*\*\* Companions: Give your attention to the Installing Grand Chaplain for the Invocation.

**Grand Chaplain:** O Supreme Architect of the Universe, we ask You to bless these servants called by their Superior to implement his imperatives within their respective Cryptic Districts and that they may be always humble before Thee and their fellow Companions in order to emulate the statement “the first shall be last and the last shall be first.” May love, grace, peace and harmony ever be present before Thy throne forever. Amen. *(So Mote It Be)*

**M.I.G.M.:** Companions, raise your right hand, say “I”, state your Name and repeat after me. “Do solemnly promise that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability perform the duties of the Office of District Deputy Grand Master to which I have been appointed for the current Cryptic year.

I furthermore promise that I will obey and execute all commands, edicts and orders of the Most Illustrious Grand Master when issued in conformity with the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. So help me God.”

Right Illustrious Companion(s) it give me great pleasure to greet you as District Deputy Grand Master(s) of your respective Cryptic District(s). Your office is an appointed one and you will serve at the pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Let this consideration induce you to be careful of forfeiting, either by failure to execute the commands of the Most Illustrious Grand Master or inattention to his edicts and orders, that esteem that has raised you to the high office you now possess.

**It will be your duty to visit each constituent Council with your Cryptic District at least once a year during your term of office. During one of these visits you will communicate the Most Illustrious Grand Master's message to the Companions.**

**It will also be your duty to submit a written report to the Grand Council on your visits, and this report should include the condition of each council in your district.**

**You are also to see that all lawful commands, edicts, and orders issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master are duly executed and enforced.**

**With entire confidence in your fervency and zeal, I now declare you installed as District Deputy Grand Master(s) of your respective Cryptic District(s).**

**Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master you will now invest each District Deputy Grand Master with the appropriate jewel and commission of his office. Installing Grand Marshal you will assist him.**

*(After Jewels and Commissions Awarded)*

**M.I.G.M.: \*\*\* Companions, give your attention to the Grand Chaplain. Installing Grand Chaplain you will lead us in prayer.**

**Grand Chaplain: Almighty Father, as we are taught to seek your aid and blessing when beginning any significant task, we ask that it be Your will that (this) these newly installed District Deputy Grand Master(s) be equal to the tasks before (him) them and that through (his) their efforts, Cryptic Masonry, and Masonry in general, and all of humankind be blessed. Amen. *(So Mote It Be)***

**M.I.G.M.: Companions, Grand Honors! \***

**(Note: \* Symbol Indicates Raps Of The Gavel)**

## INSTALLATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

*This Ceremony may be lead by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or his designate of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.*

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Council Officers elected and appointed, with the exception of the Grand Master-Elect west of the altar for Installation.

*(The Installing Grand Marshal instructs the Grand Council Officers, elected and appointed to stand, west of the altar. The Grand Council Officers should be in line according to reverse rank. They then shall repeat the obligation together.)*

**Grand Marshal:** Installing Grand Officer the Grand Council Officers elected and appointed are in order for installation.

**Presiding Officer:** \*\*\* Right Illustrious Companions, raise your right hand, say "I", state your name and repeat after me: "Do solemnly promise that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected or appointed, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Council of the State of New York, together with the General Regulations of the Order, so far as they may come to my knowledge. So help me God."

Installing Grand Chaplain lead us in prayer.

*(After the Obligation, whole all of the Companions present are standing, the Grand Chaplain recites the following prayer.)*

**Grand Chaplain:** Most Holy and Glorious Lord, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, we approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy Blessing on these Companions, selected to assist our Most Illustrious Grand Master in conducting the business of this Grand Council, and are now humbly before Thee. Fill their hearts with fear, that their tongues and actions may promote Thy glory. Make them steadfast in Thy service. Grant them wisdom, that they may teach Thy judgments and Thy laws. Animate their hearts and strengthened their endeavors. Bless them, O Lord, and bless the work of their hands. Accept us in mercy. Hear Thou, from heaven, Thy dwelling place, and forgive our transgressions. Amen. *(So Mote It Be) \**

*(The Grand Marshal will present each of the Grand Council Officers in order, according to rank, and invest him with the jewel of his office, when they shall be charged by the Installing Officer, respectively. The Grand Council Officer elect or appointed will be at the sign of fidelity when charged. After each charge, the Grand Marshal shall conduct the Grand Council Officer, so charged, to his proper station of the Grand Council.)*

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Historian for installation.

**CHARGE TO GRAND HISTORIAN**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been appointed Grand Historian of the Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. It shall be your duty to compile an accurate record of all important and noteworthy events that may occur during the year, to keep and maintain all historical records and documents of the Grand Council and when called upon, to supervise the publication of such records. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Historian to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Musician(s) for installation.

**CHARGE TO GRAND MUSICIAN(S)**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been appointed Grand Musician(s) of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. It shall be your duty to provide appropriate music at the Annual Assembly and such other special occasions as the Most Illustrious Grand Master may require. It is therefore, necessary that you be punctual in your attendance and cooperate cordially with the Most Illustrious Grand Master, so that the business of the Grand Council is attractively accompanied and those present have added pleasure and profit from your work. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Musician(s) to his (their) station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Judge Advocate for installation.

**CHARGE TO JUDGE ADVOCATE**

To you, my companion, is assigned a most important duty for which your legal training and/or experience of Civil and Masonic Law so aptly prepares you. The primary duty of the Judge Advocate is to be the legal adviser and counsel to the Most Illustrious Grand Master in matters affecting the Grand Council or its subordinate councils, and shall perform such other duties as the Grand Master may direct.



**You, in conjunction with the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Council, are the interpreters of the Constitution and General Regulations of this Grand Council, and may at any time be called upon by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and other Officers and members of the Grand Council to give advice on the legality of their actions and decisions insofar as they affect the good of the organization.**

**You are also charged with protecting the integrity of our organization and keeping alight the torch of truth and fidelity that symbolizes the high and ennobling ideals of the Masonic Order. Protect wisely that heritage.**

**Finally, when authorized by the Grand Council in Annual or Special Assembly, you may be requested to act as its attorney in law or fact. The Judge Advocate therefore shall be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in the State of New York.**

**Presiding Officer: Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Lecturer for installation.**

#### **CHARGE TO GRAND LECTURER**

**Right Illustrious Companion: You have been appointed Grand Lecturer of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. To you is assigned the important duty of imparting instruction to the Officers and Members of the constituent Councils on the opening and closing ritual together the ritual of the degrees of the Order. To this end it will be necessary for you to prepare yourself by careful study of the Cryptic ritual, forms and ceremonies that have been enjoined upon us to preserve, so that your instruction at all times may be ready and accurate. In your examinations of the proficiency of our Officers, you will see that due attention is paid to our rules and regulations and that the ancient Landmarks be not infringed, and in case you shall observe any failure on the part of any Council to pay strict obedience to our rules and laws, you are to report the same to the proper authority. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Lecturer to his station.**

**Presiding Officer: Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Sentinel for installation.**

#### **CHARGE TO GRAND SENTINEL**

**Right Illustrious Companion: You are appointed to the Office of Grand Sentinel of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the Jewel and Implement of your Office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him to guard against intruders, so should it morally serve as a constant admonition to post a Sentinel at the avenues of your actions, that no unworthy deed may intrude, or mar the symmetry of our labors. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Sentinel to his station.**

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Chaplain(s) for installation.

**CHARGE TO GRAND CHAPLAIN(S)**

**Right Illustrious and Reverend Companion(s):** You have been appointed Grand Chaplain(s) of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. Your good inclinations will undoubtedly aid you in the performance of those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their Great Creator, and which, offered by one whose holy profession it is to point to heaven and lead the way, may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the presence of our Supreme Grand Master, where happiness will be perfect as it is endless. Installing Grand Marshal, you will conduct the Grand Chaplain(s) to his (their) station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Trustee(s) for installation.

**CHARGE TO GRAND TRUSTEE(S)**

**Most Illustrious Companion(s):** You have been elected a Grand Trustee of this Grand Council for the next ensuing (*number*) Cryptic years. Your duties, though non-ritualistic in nature, along with your Companion Grand Trustees are responsible for the complete assets of this Grand Council, other than those funds maintained by the Grand Treasurer for current operations. Your love of the Cryptic craft, coupled with your abilities to conserve that which is placed in your hands for safekeeping, makes your stewardship vital to the prosperities of this Grand Council. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Trustee(s) to his (their) station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Steward for installation.

**CHARGE TO GRAND STEWARD**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Grand Steward of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year. and I now invest you with the jewel and implement of your Office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the steward to enable him to guard the entrance to the secret vault with sleepless vigilance, so should it morally serve as a constant admonition to guard the entrance of our minds, to place a watch at the door of our lips, thereby excluding us to preserve our consciences void of offense toward God and man. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Steward to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Standard Bearer for installation.

### **CHARGE TO GRAND STANDARD BEARER**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Grand Standard Bearer of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. I commit to your custody the accoutrements of this Grand Council, especially the Grand Standard, which you are to display at the Assemblies of the Grand Council and on all other proper occasions. Be faithful and zealous in upholding and defending the principles which that banner represents. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Standard Bearer to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Marshal for installation.

### **CHARGE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Grand Marshal of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel and baton of your Office. The Office to which you have been elected is one of much importance in the proceedings and ceremonies of this Grand Council. In the discharge of the duties appertaining to it, and with which you are to become quite familiar, be always fervent and zealous. Let uprightness and mercy mark your conduct and predominate in all your actions through life. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Marshal to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Conductor of the Council for installation.

### **CHARGE TO THE GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Grand Conductor of the Council of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. The Office to which you have been elected is one of which you have been elected is one of much importance in the proceedings of this Grand Council. It is your duty that the Great Light is ever giving off luster in this Grand Council and that hospitality and brotherly love be illustrated to all. Your duties are none the less important because they are subordinate in character. In your discharge of those duties which you now assume, be fervent and zealous as well. You will thus secure the respect and esteem of your Companions and the approbation of your own conscience. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Conductor of the Council to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Captain of the Guard for installation.

### **CHARGE TO THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Grand Captain of the Guard of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and now I invest you with the jewel of your Office. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the faithful and the true. Be ever attentive to the commands of your Chief, and be always near at hand to see them duly executed. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Captain of the Guard to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Recorder for installation.

### **CHARGE TO THE GRAND RECORDER**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected Grand Recorder of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. It is with much pleasure that I install you into the Office to which you have been elected by your Companions. The qualities which should recommend a Recorder are: Correctness in recording the proceedings; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be written; regularity in attendance upon the Grand Council; integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands, and fidelity in paying the same over to the Grand Treasurer. The possession of these qualities, I have no doubt has designated you as a suitable Companion for this important Office. I have the utmost confidence, therefore, that you will discharge all the duties incumbent on you with fidelity and honor. May God grant that, when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, you may be admitted into the Grand Council above, and find your name recorded in the Book of Life. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Recorder to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Treasurer for installation.

### **CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel of your Office. You have been elected to an important and responsible station in this Grand Council. It will be your duty to number and weigh out the shekels of the sanctuary, and to provide for the helpless and the destitute. The qualities which should distinguish you are: Accuracy in keeping a true and fair account of the receipts and disbursements; fidelity in carefully preserving the property and funds of the Grand Council, and in rendering a just account of the same when required. Your interest in this Grand Council, your attachment to the Craft, and your known integrity of character are a sufficient guaranty that these

duties will be faithfully performed. Installing Marshal you will conduct the Grand Treasurer to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for installation.

**CHARGE TO THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel and insignia of your Office. As the third principal Officer of this Grand Council, it will be your duty to sound the silver trumpet at early dawn and eve of day, when the sun's first and last beams gild the mountain tops to announce high noon, and proclaim the time of rest and labor.

In the absence of your superiors, you will be required to perform their duties; and as the interests of the Grand Council should never be permitted to suffer through want of intelligence in its Officers, you will allow me to urge upon you the necessity of being always qualified and prepared to meet the emergency should any such arise.

You having been admitted to the fellowship of kings, you will be frequently reminded that the Office of Mediator is both honorable and praiseworthy. Let it, therefore, be your constant care to preserve harmony and unanimity of sentiment among the members of the Grand Council. Discountenance whatever may tend to create division and dissensions among the Companions in any of the departments of Masonry. And as the glorious sun at its meridian dispels the mists and clouds that obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the mist of jealousy and discord, should any such ever unfortunately arise. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to his station.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Deputy Grand Master for installation.

**CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

**Right Illustrious Companion:** You have been elected to the Office of Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Council for the ensuing Cryptic year, and I now invest you with the jewel and insignia of your office. The duties of this important Office to which your Companions have elected you will require your constant and earnest attention. You are to occupy the second principal seat in this Grand Council, and it will be your duty to aid and support your Most Illustrious Grand Master in all the requirements of his Office. In his absence, you will be called upon to preside in the Grand Council and discharge all those important duties that now devolve upon him.

Let it, therefore by your unremitting study to acquire such a degree of knowledge and information as will enable you, when called upon, to discharge with promptness and propriety all the important duties annexed to your station.

Although the representative of a King and elevated in rank above your Companions, yet may you never forget that in all the duties you owe to god, your neighbor and yourself, you and they, stand upon the same level of equality. Let the bright example of your predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty, and, when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, may you receive from His hand a crown of glory that shall never fade away. Installing Grand Marshal you will conduct the Deputy Grand Master to his station.

### **INSTALLATION OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal present the Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect for installation.

*(The Installing Grand Marshal escorts the Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect west of the altar and introduces him to the Installing Grand Officer)*

**Installing Grand Marshal:** Most Illustrious Installing Grand Officer, I present to you Right Illustrious Companion \_\_\_\_\_, who, having been duly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of New York for the ensuing Cryptic year, now declares himself ready for installation.

**Presiding Officer:** Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect please kneel on both knees, both hands resting on the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, say "I", pronounce your name in full, and repeat the obligation after me.

**"Do solemnly promise and swear that I will serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, for the term for which I have been elected, and will, to the best of my abilities, faithfully discharge the duties appertaining to that Office. I do furthermore promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, together with the General Regulations of the same; and inviolably**

preserve the Ancient Landmarks of the Order. So help me God and keep me steadfast to perform the same.”

You may rise. I now invest you with the jewel and insignia of your Office.

**CHARGE TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

**Most Illustrious Companion:** By the voice of your Companions, you have been elevated to the highest Office within their gift; and as they rely with entire confidence upon the rectitude of your intentions, and the integrity of your character, it becomes your duty to set them an example of diligence, industry, and fidelity; to see that the Officers associated with you faithfully perform their respective duties, and that the reputation and interest of this Grand Council are not endangered by imprudence or neglect.

The important trust committed to your charge will call for your best exertions, and the exercise of your best faculties. As the representative of the wise King of Israel, it will be your duty to recite the secret traditions, to illustrate the moral principles of the Order, to cherish the worthy, and to hold in due veneration the Ancient Landmarks of our time-honored Institution.

The purple Robe, the Crown, and the Scepter are emblems of union and authority. They are to indicate to you that, while you govern your Companions with mildness, firmness, and impartiality, you are to teach them lessons of union and harmony, which are the chief supports in our great Masonic edifice. And as you are seated in the East, the place of Light and Heat, so you are to be the source of Light and Heat to those under your charge. Enlighten them with a knowledge of our traditions, our forms and ceremonies; the significance of our tools and emblems, and the general arts and mysteries of our Craft; and impart to them a portion of the warmth of zeal and devotion that burns in your own bosom.

By a frequent recurrence to the Constitution of the General and State Grad Councils, and the General Regulations of the Fraternity, together with a constant observance of the great principles inculcated in the various lectures and charges, you will be enabled to fulfill the important obligations resting upon you with honor to yourself and credit to the Craft. And may he, without whose approving smile our labors are all in vain, give strength to your endeavors, and support to your exertions.

**Installing Grand Marshal escort the Most Illustrious Grand Master  
to his station in the East.**

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## CHARGE TO THE MEMBERS

**Companions:** From the nature of the Constitution of every society, some must of necessity rule and others obey. And while justice and moderation are required of the Officers in the discharge of their official duties, subordination and respect for their rules are equally demanded of the members. The relation is reciprocal; the interests of both are inseparable, and without mutual cooperation, the labors of neither cannot stand.

Let, therefore, Brotherly love prevail among you; let each be emulous of the other in all good works, and in no other way. Let the avenues of your passions be strictly guarded; let no curious intruder find its way into the secret recesses of your refinement, to disturb the harmony which should ever prevail among the select and chosen. In so doing, you will secure the prosperity of this Grand Council, the respect of your Companions, the commendation of your own consciences, and finally, the approval of your Supreme Grand Master and a Crown of Life.

**Presiding Officer:** Installing Grand Marshal, make the necessary proclamation.

*(The Installing Grand Marshal shall then make the following proclamation from the East.)*

**Installing Grand Marshal:** I am directed by the Most Illustrious Installing Officer to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that the Officers of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York are duly and regularly installed in their respective stations, in ample form. Companions, Grand Honors, taking time from me.

**Presiding Officer:** Companions give your attention to the Installing Grand Chaplain for our closing prayer.

**Grand Chaplain:** To Thee, O God, we now commend ourselves, and the varied interests committed to our charge. Ever keep and preserve this Grand Council in purity and usefulness, and may its proceedings tend to Thy Glory and the benefit of all humanity. Amen. *(So Mote It Be)* \*

**Presiding Officer:** I extend my Congratulations to you, Most Illustrious Grand Master on your elevation and all the Officers of the Grand Council of New York. On behalf of the Installing Team we thank you for the honor of installing the Officers of Grand Council. As my last official act, I return the gavel of authority



**of this Grand Council to you, may you always wield it with wisdom and compassion.**

**Newly Installed M.I.G.M.: I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Installing Team for performing the Installation Ceremony and I like to extend my congratulations to all the Officers in their new Offices.**

*(The Most Illustrious Grand Master now would introduce his family and/or his guests to the Grand Council and finally would follow this with his message.)*