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GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS STATE OF NEW YORK

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M.I. Joseph P. Pozefsky
Grand Recorder,

I have had a good year. I have been able to visit some of our Councils this Year. We visited Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Of The State of New York. I had the opportunity to go to New York City for the initiation Of our Companions from Lebanon. We attended Grand Lodge of the state of New York. St. Johns day in Utica was a great time to be had by all. Last but not lease we went to the Council of Deliberation in Syracuse New York.

I have found no major flaws in our Councils. We need to do better Ritual work. That will come with better Communications and new Companions.

Thank You for your Time and Support for me during my time of need.

R. I. George B. Whitmer
Deputy Grand Master
State of New York



**Grand Council
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Grand Principal Conductor of the Work 2010—2011

To Grand Council

My travels this year was quite wide spread even though the Official District to visit was my own District #8. Again I traveled some with R.I. Leonard Mason in his District visitations as well as Dedications/Rededications of Councils thru-out the State. He and I attended the North/East Conference in Albany, N.Y., Grand Council of PA, and the Installation of Officers of the new Council of Lebanon in New York City. I was in attendance at all the scheduled Workshops, along with supporting Cryptic Grand Line Delegations at Grand Chapter RAM and Grand Commandery Assemblies.

I visited all active Councils of the 8th Cryptic District and was pleased with this District's Outlook In general. To start, I visited Doric Council #19 in February who is blessed with leadership and capabilities for the number of membership. They were conferring the Select Master Degree the night of my visit, and much credit to their Illustrious Master.

Next visit was to Skoi-Yase Council #75 who was limited of Officers. The opening and closing with Ritual assistance and would probably need help of others for Degrees to get the much needed new members. Their leadership is supported by a Past Grand Ill. Master and Council functions are in order. Another small Membership but do find support for Charity.

Nundawaga Council # 92, which is my home Council and I am aware of their pluses and minuses. In general do a good job opening and closing but need assistance of ritual from time to time. This Council needs better attendance from existing members but are capable of doing the Degrees. Also more support toward Charity.

Hornellsville Council #35 was a very respectful and sociable meeting. Opening and closing was done well but with the Ritual book. Council affairs are in order as this Council's Recorder is the DDGM of the 8th District. Finances are close but they still contribute to Charity. However, they need to look at their Greeting Fees and their Dues. This Council has allowed Bath Council to merge with them in hopes of some support.

The last visit in this District was to Palmyra Council #26 and like the other Councils with small membership have problems with Council functions. They had not opened for some time and needed the help from the ritual. This Council has only 18 members, no candidates and high rent. They do need any support and members they can get.

I need to thank each of these Councils for their respect, fellowship and hospitality.

Thank Grand Council for this opportunity.

Fraternal Respect

Submitted by

R.I. Richard Anderson

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Grand Captain of the Guard

2010 - 2011

Companions, this year in Cryptic Masonry has been very enjoyable. My visitation year started in Rochester, attending the Grand Council Annual Assembly in August 2010. The next visit was in Albany attending the Grand Commandery Conclave in September. Later that month the Northeast Regional Cryptic Masons Conference was held in Albany.

The MIGM of Cryptic Masons, State of New York, David Raymond's reception was held in Owego early in October.

The day after the MIGM's reception was on to the Grand Assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio. This was very interesting in listening to how they established a three year task force to outline their problems and set goals to improve the Ohio Grand Council.

The reception of Sir Knight James MacConnell, Grand Commander Knights Templar State of New York was held in mid October in Batavia.

Late in October, the Rededication of St. George's Council in Schenectady was held.

In February, I attended R.I. Charles Bunton's visit to Buffalo Keystone Council and R.I. Richard Anderson's visits to Doric Council, Skoi Yase Council and Nun Da Waga Council.

Early in March 2011 was Grand Chapter, held in Albany. The workshop that was held was very informative and interesting.

A few days later I attended a testimonial in memory of MIGM Charles Van Etten in East Aurora.

Mid April was the Pennsylvania Grand Council Annual Assembly in Grantville, PA.

At the end of April, Columbian Council No. 1 conferred the Council degrees upon the candidates from Beirut, Lebanon. They were issued a dispensation to form a new Council. It will be known as Phoenician Council. This event in New York City was very historical and Columbian Council No. 1 did a fine job in conferring the degrees along with the TIM degree.

Mid May I was back in Dexter for King David Council No. 97 to have their dedication of the building they currently use as their Secret Vault.

Buffalo Keystone Council No. 17 had their building dedication in early June in Cheektowaga.

My visits to my assigned Councils were very enjoyable. I started at Rotica Council No. 12 in Vernon and found them proficient in their ritual. They added ten new members this year and were very proud of it. They are interested in helping their sister Councils when needed. Their attitude is very good and they are looking for additional projects to advance their Council.

Central City Council No. 13 was visited in Liverpool. The Council officers were mostly new this year as last year. The Master's plan was to have them all proficient by the end of this year. The officers showed interest and enthusiasm in their Council. The Illustrious Master stated that he believed that Grand Council requests excessive functions to be performed by the constituent councils and draw attention away from the Council's required tasks. All organizations need to stretch and reach out if they are to succeed and grow.

The next visit was to King Hiram Council No. 18 in Port Byron. This Council competes with a large problem of having only ten members. They did not have enough of their members present but were well supported by their sister Councils. It was the District Convention and R. I. Curtis Banks presented the points of the Super Excellent Master degree by conferring the first section. He indicated he plans to exemplify the drama section next year.

Cayuga Council No. 90 in Trumansburg was my next visit. Some rituals were used but the members seemed to be very involved with Council's activities and were looking ahead for the Table Council which they anticipated would become an annual event with a sister Council. They also were very involved with sister Council activities as well as their own.

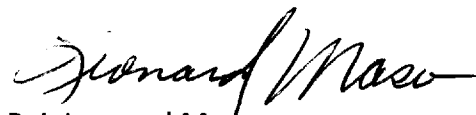
In March, I started with Ahwaga Council No. 30 in Owego. The members were really up and as they proceeded with the meeting you could feel the enthusiasm. They had been involved with several sister council events and were planning on attending more to come. Ahwaga is looking ahead for the tenth new member this year. They were accelerating the process as fast as they could so as to receive the award at Grand Council next August.

The next visit was at Fulton Council No. 50 in Phoenix. Fulton Council is a very dedicated Council with very dedicated Companions. Most of the officers new their parts and only a few had rituals open.

My last visit was the third night in a row at King David Council No. 97 at Dexter. There were a few rituals because the officers were not all members of King David. Many of their members originate from the military base and many are transferred away after a relatively short time. Al though this is discouraging, the Companions continue to work under these conditions.

My report reflects visits other than assigned District visits first and then my visits to those assigned in Districts 6 and 7.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. I. Leonard Mason

Grand Captain of the Guard



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

State of New York

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May 2011

Annual Report of the Grand Marshal

My Companions due to extreme weather this past winter and additional duties given me at my job I was unable to get to any visits in the NY city area. The length of my Cabletow remains short due to the untimely passing of one of my coworkers leaving my company even more shorthanded. In these times of economic and employment downturns I cannot refuse the added responsibilities and longer work schedule that comes with it.

However this year as Grand Marshal I have helped the Grand Master officiate at three of the four rededications that were scheduled this year. They were:

St. Georges Council #74, Schenectady

King David Council #97, Dexter, NY

Buffalo-Keystone #17, Cheektowaga

With the Grand Master's permission I also updated our Grand Council patch and as a result now have a new high resolution colorized logo to use on our letterhead and other documents

I also redesigned four out of five of our rededication displays which have given our ritual a more professional look. I will continue on the last display which will complete the set.

My employer is planning on adding more people by the end of the year which should leave me with the ability to make my visits possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leo G. Synakowski

Grand Marshal

GRAND STANDARD BEARER 2010-2011

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council,

This Grand Council year has been an eye opener for your Grand Standard Bearer. It started with the election followed by the Bicentennial Celebration of Columbian Council No. 1 in September 2010.

My official visits allowed me to see the components of our Grand Jurisdiction with a different perspective. This year I had the honor of visiting the Ninth Cryptic District in the Buffalo area.

On February 7, 2011, I visited Buffalo Keystone Council No. 17 and on February 9th, Hamburg Council No. 91. At both stated assemblies, I was received and welcomed by the Right Illustrious Albert Hoffman, District Deputy Grand Master.

The Illustrious Masters and Companions were extremely cordial. The ritual was good. However, some parts had to be read.

I know that it is the aim of each to do better and I am confident that they can. Also, they appear solvent economically.

I acknowledge with appreciation the Right Illustrious Richard Andersen and the Right Illustrious Leonard Mason. They attended these meetings with me.

With regret, I could not stay for Dunkirk Council No. 25.

On another matter, the Companions that formed the Royal Arch Chapters in Lebanon under charter from the Grand Chapter of New York, wanted to become Companions in the Cryptic Rite. Accompanying the Most Illustrious Grand Master on April 29, 2010, allowed me to see them receive a dispensation to form a Council in Lebanon under our Grand Council. I hope for them the best.

Additionally, I had a chance to fly to Washington State and an opportunity to attend their Annual Grand Assembly.

Also, I wish to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Donald Harrison and the Right Illustrious Harley DeShane for their guidance.

Fraternally,

Charles V. Bunton

June 8, 2011

To Joseph Pozefsky Grand Recorder and the Grand Master David Raymond

Officers Report

Report of my year as Grand Steward for the year 2010 – 2011

1. Visitation of St. George's Council #74: went very well as it is an old and established council. It is financially secure with a fairly new building and they have good leadership and direction. Most officers knew their parts with only a few having to read. Their Hospitality was wonderful and their companionship and comradery was their back bone. Altogether it is in great shape for the future.
2. Visitation of Bloss-DeWitt Council #14: was very enjoyable with all amenities extended. Most knew their parts and ritual for opening and closing. They are financially set for the future and their building is one of the oldest, but it is central in Albany for gaining members. They have raised 8 new companions and are growing which is a good sign. They have excellent leadership to go into the future. Overall, they are in good shape for the future and should succeed in growing and achieving their goals.
3. Dedication of a new Council Buffalo-Keystone #17 in Cheektowaga Masonic Center on June 4th. It was a great turnout of about 35 people. Lunch was served and we did the work. It ended about 3:30pm with many compliments for our efforts.

I attended other functions throughout the year as the Grand Steward and enjoyed my time. I will be representing Council at Bergen Park Days in their parade where all the Masonic Bodies will be marching.

Fraternally Yours,



Garry Hutchurson



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REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT 2010-2011

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York:

The following is the Report of the Grand Fraternal Correspondent for the Cryptic year ending August, 2011.

I would like to thank Most Illustrious David Raymond for the appointment as Grand Fraternal Correspondent.

I received the proceedings of 17 jurisdictions of Cryptic Masons or Royal and Select Masters on your behalf, as well as Proceedings from Grand Councils from previous years. Analysis has been done with an eye towards subjects, issues, problems and ideas that we may discuss among ourselves, both formally and informally. In addition, we are always looking for things that are interesting, unusual and fascinating. I included a resolution proposed in Texas for a candidate to the Grand Line to file with the Grand Recorder a "Statement of Availability" for such office, it is an interesting questionnaire. I also included a resolution on the six-man opening for Councils in the State of Washington, it is in their Constitution and they are utilizing it when necessary! Also the change in Florida to allow six Companions to open and conduct business!

"Good Communication" is always an issue and an area of concern. However, from the reports that I received from the Grand Representatives of the jurisdiction with whom we are in amity, these companions are not in touch with their counterparts or with the jurisdictions themselves.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted,

Most Illustrious Francis Iggy Karwowski

CONNECTICUT:

Proceedings of the 192nd Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, New Haven, March 13, 2010

Most Puissant Grand Master Randy Scott Stevens

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This Grand line has always conferred the work from within its own ranks. This not only serves to preserve the quality of the line, but it allows the members to develop into a strong cohesive unit. Please work hard to maintain this. You're a great group of guys, and I know for a fact that you're going to enjoy each other's company in the coming year. This serves our individual Councils more than you realize. Leadership by example is a powerful tool.
2. For the Tri-State Festival, I recommend that PMPGM Richard Eppler continue to do what he does best, putting together the degrees. He has done well for all of us, and I would like to see him do what he obviously enjoys doing. I would, however, like to see the administrative portion be done by the Tri-State Committee. This should include all formal communications with our sister jurisdictions, reserving the hall when we are the host, taking care of lunches, and making certain that when we go out of state that any financial obligations be confirmed with full accountability. In this way, all involved can enjoy a time of good companionship and the opportunity to bring further light in Masonry.
3. Financial fitness. The purpose of Freemasonry is to do more, not less. What you don't use, you lose. It is a fact of life that some things come down to good old hard cash. It should be a significant priority with this Grand Council and our individual Council's to strengthen their ability to participate in community service, programs, and our stated charity. This will go far in terms of attracting new members. People like to be part of something that is actually accomplishing something. Your active schedule *is* that something.
4. Consider two-year terms for the Grand line. It seems that just about the time that you've got things rolling, your term is over. Extending the time that you're in office may be a way in which significant changes can be made.
5. Reiterate why we're here. It is imperative that every member be able to articulate who we are, what we're about, and why this is important. When the neophyte stands at our door and wonders whether or not he should join, being able to tell him the who, what, where, when, and why may be all it takes to swing his decision.
6. Be upbeat. Remember, success has many fathers, failure is an orphan. Everyone likes a winner, and wants a piece of the action. Letting others know that this is the place where things are happening is tantamount to lighting a beacon at midnight.
7. If you're having a good time, show it. If you're not, then figure out what you want, and don't let anyone talk you out of trying to make things the way you feel they should be. No one ever got to the top of the mountain by falling there. In conclusion, remember that you have something wonderful here. Celebrate it, enjoy it, share it!

EASTERN JURISDICTION of CANADA:

Proceedings of the 143rd Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Truro, Nova Scotia, May 7, 2010

Most Puissant Grand Master John Hugh Palmer

Highlights of address;

There has been a significant change in the membership trends for this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year. We have welcomed some 56 new members into our councils. This is the highest number in the last 20 years and has given us a net increase of 29. This year also saw no decrease in membership due to suspensions which is most encouraging.

FLORIDA:

Proceedings of the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, May 16, 2011

Most Illustrious Grand Master Howard H. Gardner

Three Resolutions were presented.

- (1) A change to the Quorum to allow 6 Select Masters 4 of which are members of that particular Council, but not enough to open in ritualistic form, then a "Business Communication" may be opened, by declaration, and to act for certain limited purpose, including: Authorizing the payment of bills, Setting dates for special events, Receiving and acting on petitions for the Degrees, Election of Officers. However, no form of degree work may be

performed without opening in ritualistic manner, the required minimum Select Masters. This Resolution was adopted.

- (2) The Grand Recorder salary to be paid in increments set by the Grand Master and in arrears of the period for which payment is made. This Resolution was adopted.
- (3) Notices and Procedure. To provide for Email delivery to fulfill the requirement for Notification and Procedures, and in addition the Grand Recorder shall cause a copy of the proposals to be posted on the Grand York Right website. This Resolution was adopted.

IOWA:

Proceedings of the 105th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Portsmouth, May 12, 2007

Most Illustrious Grand Master Nathaniel Haley Sawyer

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Councils promote inter visitation to aid them in their presentations and for moral support. They should endeavor to look for new blood in doing their degree work. The same Past Masters are still doing the work from the last century. How about encouraging some new Officer to do that work. You may be surprised to find out that he can do a good job.

That the York Rite Council continue to develop the Officer Training Program being offered to the Grand Line Officers and encourage their support by the members.

That the Grand Council Super Excellent Master Degree Team continues to do the good work it does. I will continue to volunteer my services to directing this endeavor, if it is the wish of the Grand Council.

IOWA:

Proceedings of the 107th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Cedar Rapids, August 7, 2008

Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry L. Klemme

RECOMMENDATIONS

My message throughout this year has been that York Rite Masons should be mentors not only to their fellow York Rite Companions, but also to Brother Masons in their Lodges.

MAINE:

Proceedings of the 156th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, South Portland, April 23, 2010

Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert Joseph Melanson

RECOMMENDATIONS

I do have one recommendation that I would think would be of benefit to the Grand Council that being the Councils contact their Inspecting Officer when they are doing work so the Inspection can take place as soon as possible in the year, this would hopefully cut out some winter travel and could save a life and maybe make the Inspection a little more enjoyable.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Change one would be to reduce the number of officers in elective positions to the top three: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder. This would shorten the commitment required of a man to be a Grand Officer.

Change two: That no Officer in one of the Council Stations may hold a top office in any of the other York Rite Bodies. This is to prevent Officers from dividing their time and not being able to properly use their time in respect to Grand Council.

MICHIGAN:

Proceedings of the 149th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Pontiac, August 16, 2007

Most Illustrious Grand Master Warren A. Caruss

EDICTS AND DECISIONS

On January 19, 2007, I issued an edict that the words “a constitutional number of Regular Companions” were to be used in the obligations of the Royal, Select & Super Excellent Master degree as well as in the questions to the TIM in the installation of officers.

On February 06, 2007, I was asked by the Recorder of Kalamazoo No. 63 if members of the York Rite under the Jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge were recognized and if they could sit in Council, and could assistance be given to them in forming a Council in Kalamazoo. After seeking advice from the Jurisprudence Committee, I discovered that we had long ago recognized the Grand Council, PHA and that assistance could be given.

1. That the Grand Council look at ways to revitalize and retain Councils and to build new ones.
2. The Grand Council should look into the concept of Council Trustee’s for those Councils that are having severe problems, after the model of the Grand Council of Ontario.
3. That the Grand Council continue its efforts in computerizing the business of the Grand Council and seek to publish more electronically.
4. That the Grand Master and the Grand Council utilize our website for the dissemination of information and news to a greater extent

MICHIGAN:

Proceedings of the 150th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Kalamazoo, August 6, 2009

Most Illustrious Grand Master Henry L. Seitz

RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue to seek to establish new Councils, particularly in areas where Cryptic masonry has not been present for a while, always working closely with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in those efforts. Seek more and better ways to make use of advancing technologies to improve our work and reduce expenses, including making forms, the law book, manuals and perhaps even the ritual available in digital format, making it easier to update and avoiding the high cost of printing. Complete an updated history of the “150 years of Cryptic Masonry in Michigan.” While festivals will be a necessary part of our near future, strive for the time when each Council can do its own ritual, including not only opening and closing, but doing each of the three degrees. Work toward steady and assured growth of the Endowment Fund, recognizing that adverse economic conditions, such as those we are now experiencing, will frustrate those efforts time to time.

MICHIGAN:

Proceedings of the 151st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Kalamazoo, August 6, 2009

Most Illustrious Grand Master Anthony M. Chamberlin

RECOMMENDATIONS

To continue the creations of a database to enter the State Cryptic membership information into, so that the Annual Report may be automated, and updated to the Grand Council on a quarterly basis, with an annual recapitulation.

That the internet not only to be used by our Councils to receive their Annual Returns but to return them to the Grand Recorder, with the check and other signed documents being sent by regular mail. The internet is one way to make our Grand Council more accessible to the coming generations.

Continue the visitations with our Sister Jurisdictions, so that we may witness degree work conferred in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Continue to stress to all of our Councils the need to do our ritualistic work from memory and to put the rituals aside. Our ritual is the foundation on which our Councils are built. A serious appreciation and understanding of what we are imparting to the candidate is essential to make it work. The officers must seriously enlist the candidates in a joint exploration of the ceremonies and their meaning for us here and now. We must properly understand the lessons our rituals impart, we must never tire of the opportunity to communicate them to the uninitiated and promote such an understanding. To establish a level of ritual competency within our Councils by requiring all Councils of this Grand

Council to confer the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees upon a petitioner for these degrees at least once during the Cryptic year.

MICHIGAN:

Proceedings of the 152nd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Bay City, August 19, 2010

Most Illustrious Grand Master Brian K. Himes

RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue developing and revisiting the five year plan. We must always be planning for the future.

Continue the practice of visiting as many Council's as possible. It is the only way we truly know how the Councils are doing.

That every companion in this jurisdiction purchases a Life Membership in the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International at a cost of \$10.00 per person before the cost doubles at the next Triennial.

That legislation is introduced to discontinue the practice of allowing Councils to hold joint meetings where a Council can be opened by declaration. This practice has diluted our Councils ability to perform the ritualistic opening and closing ceremonies.

Now that the new ritual is available concentrate on an informative training program for the Arch Deputies.

In the name of Unity within the York Rite; that each Companion that is a Sir Knight, appeal to the Grand Commandery Officers to stop the practice of holding their committee meetings during the time that this Grand Council is in Session.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Proceedings of the 147th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Portsmouth, May 10, 2008

Most Illustrious Grand Master William Frank Curtis

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Grand Council of New Hampshire continues to strive for the best quality of ritual in our degrees. That we continue to work with our Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Commandery to promote good harmony in the business of the York Rite. That we support our Grand Lodge and our Most Worshipful Grand Master in every task that he asks us to accomplish as Masons. 30

That, knowing that our membership is derived from the Symbolic Lodge, we should return to our Blue Lodges and let the Brethren know about York Rite Masonry. That the Grand Council and the Super Excellent Master Degree Team continue to confer this degree on all our Council Companions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Proceedings of the 148th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Manchester, April 18, 2009

Most Illustrious Grand Master William Frank Curtis

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Grand Council of New Hampshire continues to strive for the best quality of ritual in our degrees. That we continue to work with our Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Commandery to promote good harmony in the business of the York Rite. That we support our Grand Lodge and our Most Worshipful Grand Master in every task that he asks us to accomplish as Masons. That, knowing that our membership is derived from the Symbolic Lodge, we should return to our Blue Lodges and let the Brethren know about York Rite Masonry. That the Grand Council and the Super Excellent Master Degree Team continue to confer this degree on all our Council Companions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Proceedings of the 149th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Lancaster, April 18, 2009

Most Illustrious Grand Master Harold M. Chase Jr.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Grand Council of New Hampshire continues to strive for the best quality of ritual in our degrees. That we continue to work with our Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Commandery to promote good harmony in the business of the York Rite.

That we support our Grand Lodge and our Most Worshipful Grand Master in every task that he asks us to accomplish as Masons. That, knowing that our membership is derived from the Symbolic Lodge, we should return to our Blue Lodges and let the Brethren know about York Rite Masonry. That the Grand Council and the Super Excellent Master Degree Team continue to confer this degree.

Finally Companions we need to get a better handle on our Visitation Dates, Only the MIGM or the Visiting Officer can approve changes to dates established at the planning session and the program should remain the same, If you need to do Degree work other than what is on the schedule, you need Dispensation from the MIGM.

NORTH CAROLINA:

Proceedings of the 134th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Hickory, March 21, 2011

Most Illustrious Grand Master Dennis R. Block

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend the continuing use of the DVD York Rite in Freemasonry in NC Blue Lodges.

Recommend the local York Rite Councils consider serving a lavish dinner served by Companions in costume. Call it "Solomon's Feast" served in a private apartment of King Solomon by candle light. Invite members of the Blue Lodge.

Recommend the local Councils call each of the Companions on the NPD list to find out their circumstances.

NORTH DAKOTA:

Proceedings of the 156th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Fargo, March 27, 2010

Most Illustrious Grand Master James V. Acker

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is a malady of Masonry today that so few Masons seem to be filling so many positions. We find Companions in more than one line at a time; even more than one Grand Line. And with many bodies having their own agendas, more especially in this locality where three jurisdictions are within but a few miles of each other, demands on time pile up. I would now like to reflect on the state of Cryptic Masonry and the rest of Freemasonry, both here and in the world at large. The Cryptic Rite is at the end of a long supply line. We cannot greet new Companions unless they come to us from the Royal Arch, and the Capitular Rite is dependent upon Master Masons choosing to seek further light in Masonry in the York bodies. And the inventory of Master Masons depends on men choosing of their own free will and accord to become Masons. All of us know the circumstances of membership decline in Ancient Craft Masonry, which is our foundation stone.

We must increase our efforts as Cryptic Masons to encourage Royal Arch Masons to obtain the light we have to offer in our beautiful degrees and not ignore this rite while seeking knowledge in other parts of Freemasonry. We are all also Royal Arch Masons ourselves and owe that Rite the duty of enticing Master Masons to continue their search for learning there. I believe that the Capitular Rite has more to offer than just the usual facile claim of providing what was promised but not given in the Lodge: The secrets of Masonry are far more profound than a simple word or two or grip that accompanies them. We, as Cryptic Masons, have the additional degrees that give us the tools to understand the meanings of the earlier rites better, and I have expounded some of those in the opening section of this talk.

And we must find ways to make Masonry the desirable institution it was fifty years ago, when Lodges could not hold raisings fast enough to accommodate all the decent young men who knocked at our doors. In those days, a Master Mason was not something just anyone could hope to be. Masons were the pillars of the community. Hundreds of fraternal organizations were formed in the 19th century for men not good enough to pass the ballot in a Masonic Lodge. If you were a Mason, everyone knew your word was good, your business was honest, your children were raised right.

Today, we are in Babylonian Exile. We have hung our harps on the trees, sat down, and sing no more but only think of the days before our decline. Unlike our ancient Brethren, no malign force has carried us away from our Temple and City and destroyed our sacred treasures. We have allowed mere time and neglect to accomplish what our enemies could not. We have permitted our meetings to become boring recitations of committee reports and bills. We have

tolerated a Masonry that does not teach Masonry – its philosophy, symbolism, and learning. No wonder we cannot get men to put down the TV remote control and petition. No wonder those who pay dues do not bother to come to Lodge, Chapter, or Council! And yet, we know there remains an emptiness in that human life which fills its time with passive entertainment instead of direct human interaction. Men (and their families) **need** to be with other people. We have the answer to the feeling of disconnectedness in our society...but people do not know we have that answer.

Each of us is a Royal Arch Mason; each of us knows what needs to be done. We need to travel over a difficult road from our Exile and labor strenuously when we come close to our goal, perhaps without knowing exactly what the fruits of our labors shall be. But if we believe the truth of what is symbolically taught in our ritual, we know that effort and reward are two sides of the same coin.

In other words, we must begin to act again like Masons. We must not rely on others to do the work. We must not be content with the status quo. We must make every effort to make our Fraternity and our particular Rite an interesting, active, and desirable place to be. No Mason should stay home because meetings of a body he belongs to are boring; he should take action to see that they are exciting and enjoyable instead. No Mason should look to the Grand Master or Master to have the answers for him or to keep him entertained. Every Master Mason is as much of a Mason as it is possible to be, and the power to change Masonry for the better is in the hands of every one of us. King Solomon did not build the Temple alone for the benefit of an idle populace; he had 153,302 masons to help him.

What does the Grand Master expect of the Master of a constituent Council? Only that he do the job he was installed for: Plan a year of interest to his Companions, provide good stewardship of the assets of his Council, and master the ritual of the Rite. I was most disappointed to hear it offered as criticism that a Council could have increased its membership but for a degree festival not having been held. It is the responsibility of **every** Council to be able to confer the degrees when it chooses or desires to do so! Perhaps it may wish to request assistance from one or two expert Companions if it needs to. But those passing through the line should view it as their duty to learn the ritual of the degrees, as well as that of opening and closing, as they pass through the various stations. The ritual of this Rite in this jurisdiction is short, compared to such others as the Master Mason's Lecture, or the work of the Principal Sojourner. You **can** do it. The title "Illustrious" should mean more than time served; no one is expected to be another King Solomon or Zerubbabel, but anyone who undertakes an obligation in Masonry should endeavor to discharge it to the best of his ability. Relying on a printed ritual or on others to do your work is not what Masonry is about.

OAKLAHOMA:

Proceedings of the 117th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, April 29, 2011

Most Illustrious Grand Master Troy Elgin Shipman

RECOMMENDATIONS

We must challenge ourselves to use our imagination and initiative to develop ways to improve the status of Cryptic Masonry.

OHIO:

Proceedings of the 181st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Sandusky, October 3-5, 2010

Most Illustrious Grand Master William E. Laughlin

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Need to continue programs that we have used over the last 3 years.
2. Recommend to continue to discourage the combining of Masonic Bodies and continue to push for the advancement of leadership in our councils.
3. We need to push hard on our new programs being introduced.
4. To continue by all means the heart of our Cryptic Rite. Our C.E.L.L. program.
5. To continue to encourage our membership of the importance of our Diabetic Kids [program].
6. To continue to support our Youth Groups as these are our future.
7. To continue the Community Service and awareness programs in our communities.
8. To continue to work on Fundraising campaigns to relieve the financial burden of our Councils.
9. Finally I recommend that before we make hasty changes to take the time to assess what the problem is.

ONTARIO:

Proceedings of the 107th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Gananoque, May 25-27, 2007

Most Illustrious Grand Master David P. Hardie

RECOMMENDATIONS

Several of the following have been undertaken and have an ongoing implication. Combined with the report on Vision above, these will provide my successor, when added to his own hopes and visions, with ample fodder for a busy term of office.

That a booklet of instruction for each job description be compiled expounding in detail not only the constitutional descriptions but items normally taken for granted as being part of that respective position.

That each year a meeting be held at Grand Council among the officers and the Grand Lecturer to help with the former and to assist in forming a tighter bond between the Principal Officers and other members of Grand Council executive.

That we look at ways to increase membership including Council Days where we invite members of the Chapters to come and enjoy fellowship. Using brochures which have an application form attached or included can help in getting the information to Companions who would be eligible for membership.

To set up a forum whereby we might encourage excellence in ritual work. Such a vision might include levels of proficiency, Medals of Merit, etc.

That steps be undertaken to make the ad hoc committee concerning Grand Reps a standing committee of Grand Council reporting to a Chairman.

That we as a Grand Council help the constituent Councils to form greater ties and visitations. Such things as a Travelling Trowel for each District or Council. Commemorative Days (celebration of the date of warranting) may be ways to accomplish this.

Each Council set up a Vision Statement reflecting their purpose as a Council of Cryptic Masons and their goals as a viable Council. Every successful organization has a Vision Statement, motto etc. by which they govern their activities.

That the Grand Council authorize the Committee on Constitution to review and update the constitution especially in light of our having moved to a two year term of office for the GM, GDM, GPCW, and the GIG's.

ONTARIO:

Proceedings of the 108th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, St. Catherines, May 23-25, 2008

Most Illustrious Grand Master Bryan S. Cunningham

Highlights of address;

Membership has shown a net loss of 24 companions for a total of 1163 members. We initiated 44 new members. However, 18 were given demits, 11 were suspended and 38 died. We have no control over those who have gone to their final resting place. But for the others, we have to ask ourselves – —What are we doing wrong? There are many good programs and books available. Each council has its own particular problems and strength which should be assessed. Members of this Grand Council are available to assist and offer suggestions. However, this is the responsibility of the Thrice Illustrious Master. In order to rejuvenate interest in attendance, one must make meetings attractive, as something to be enjoyed, and not something to be endured.

ONTARIO:

Proceedings of the 109th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Sandusky, May 22-24, 2009

Most Illustrious Grand Master Bryan S. Cunningham

Highlights of address;

As you know, masonry makes good men better. Therefore its purpose is self-improvement. That is, in the intellectual, moral and philosophic sense of developing ones whole being. If we trip and fall, we pick ourselves up dust ourselves off and carry on with the aim to develop ourselves as a good citizen and as a man with a good moral foundation. Sustaining or slightly increasing our membership is crucial to our existence. Much Masonic light can be learned from our rituals. However, we are not a degree factory. Please take time to have fun at your meetings.

OREGON:

Proceedings of the 124th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Canyonville, April 9, 2010

Most Illustrious Grand Master Stanley C. Miller

RECOMMENDATIONS

Each of the Councils should continue to confer their own Degrees and/or at least walk through them once annually to maintain the proficiency of the craft. To this end, they need to meet at least twice quarterly to maintain their proficiency in opening and closing their assemblies with rituals closed.

PENNSYLVANIA:

Proceedings of the 164th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Grantville, April 27, 2010

Most Puissant Grand Master Douglas Crum

RECOMMENDATIONS

I issued 3 Decisions during this Cryptic year dealing with;
Wearing of the Cryptic Mason of the Year Neck Jewel
Change in Cryptic Mason of the Year Qualifications
E-mailing notices to Grand Council Officers

One Decision was issued to aid the Councils and the Illustrious Companions in selecting well deserved candidates for the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award. One Decision was to clarify when the Cryptic Mason of the Year Neck Jewel can be worn, and the final Decision was help reduce the Councils in their postage and monthly mailing costs.

SCOTLAND:

Proceedings of the Special Meeting of Supreme Committee held at Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh, March 20, 2010

Most Excellent Companion J.A. Fraser

NOTE: The Grand Chapter of Scotland meets and recognizes Councils in their realm; there is no Grand Council session. We received the reports of their Half Yearly Convocations of June 18th and December 17th 2010.

TEXAS:

Proceedings of the 103rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Waco, October 19-20, 2009

Most Illustrious Grand Master J. Weldon Clampitte

RECOMMENDATIONS

At the beginning of this past Cryptic Year, I only hoped that we would improve the position of our craft and become a more recognized and viable body. I am sorry to say that I cannot see where this has happened.

I wanted to see the Companions take their offices more seriously and do what they swore they would do when installed in them. To a large extent this has not occurred. Sloppy work and a lack of a positive attitude in far too many areas are hampering the ability of the craft to take the Council work more seriously. As a result, Cryptic Masonry in Texas is not doing as well as I would like to see it.

So far, we have closed one Council, moved one over a hundred miles from its original home, others have also had to move while a few others are looking real weak as far as I can tell in my Deputy reports. Attendance has waned. Far too often the installed officers and leaders do not even show up for meetings, knowing that it is their responsibility to be there. Several problems exist within our ranks.

Problem 1: Far too many companions are not even learning the simple parts in opening and closing their Assemblies, in their installed positions as they swore they would during the installation. All officers take an oath to perform their respective duty when they are installed. Why are many ignoring the oath that they took on with the holy writings?

Problem 2: At many Councils, the attendance is barely enough to open with five regular members.

Problem 3: Our degree work is not always up to par. At Festivals and at a few Councils, the work is going fine but in too many other instances, the work is being either read to candidates or recited poorly.

Problem 4: Companions are going through the chairs in far too many instances just to have the title of Past Thrice Illustrious Master to add to their Masonic Resume.

Problem 5: We are not following the rules in respect to legally electing Candidates to the Cryptic Degrees. It is supposed to be at Stated Assemblies in a timely manner. Sometimes, I am not sure that some are even being elected at all. Remember, a letter must be sent to the host Chapter and Council holding festivals advising them that you have elected candidates to receive the degrees and furnish their names. No letter, no degrees.

I feel that the time has come to suggest and recommend to our incoming Grand Master that he join with the incoming Grand High Priest and investigate the possibility of having the Committee on Work check into producing a quality film of our Chapter and Council Degrees for future use, as the remaining ritualists pass from our ranks. This is a drastic step but it may be the only way we can preserve our degree work for prosperity.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Referred to Committee on Purposes and Policies

Whereas; The Companions of the Cryptic Rite under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas deserve to know all of the relevant education, leadership and management skills and other related information or abilities of those seeking elected office in this Grand Council, so they may better choose the most qualified candidate, and

Whereas; there is a current section in the Grand Council Constitution that address statements of availability, but this article does not provide an opportunity for candidates to list their relevant education, leadership and management skills, and other related information or abilities,

Now therefore Be It Resolved: that Article VII Eligibility Section 1 (a) of the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas be amended to read as follows with the new text in bold italics:

Section 1(a) Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Council desiring to serve in any elected office as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas may, on or before the fifteenth day of July preceding each annual Assembly, file with the Grand Recorder a "Statement of Availability" for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Councils or Councils in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Council; and a photo, if available.

The Companion seeking elected office may additionally include other information he feels relevant to be considered, in order to properly document and communicate his qualifications, education, leadership and management abilities as well as other information by providing answers to questions listed in a Statement of Availability Questionnaire including but not limited to the following:

Statement of Availability Questionnaire

Why do you want to be elected the Grand Officer Line of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas?

Write a vision statement for the betterment of Cryptic Masonry in Texas while you are serving if elected to the Grand Officer Line?

What are your educational qualifications? Include all college degrees and graduate course work:

What are your leadership qualifications? Include any verifiable training programs for Capitular Masonry, any programs from any political subdivision of the government including any branch of the military or programs from private industry:

List any significant leadership and management experience:

List any significant leadership or management projects you have developed and brought to completion:

In accordance with the general provisions of Article 319 of the Grand Council Constitution, and related moral activities, please answer the following:

Since becoming a Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason, and further a Companion in the Cryptic Rite, have you been indicted, charged, arrested, or convicted of a felony or a crime or moral turpitude?

(A) Do you use profane language?

(B) Have you ever lied in order to advance yourself in any branch of Freemasonry or to intentionally harm the reputation of any Council Mason?

(C) At any time have you ever sold illegal drugs?

(D) At any time have you ever owned or been employed in a business that sold intoxicating liquor, thereby having helped to poison the moral fabric of society?

(E) At any time have you ever been in any business that promoted, participated in, or permitted prostitution?

If so list the circumstances to any of the above questions:

Such "Statement of Availability" Shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Recorder to all constituent Councils along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Council. However, this Grand Council may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability, provided that he verbally answer any questions pertaining to his criminal history education, leadership and management skill, and ability or related experience, before the Grand Council when so called for by any eligible voting member of this Grand Council prior to elections being conducted.

TEXAS:

Proceedings of the 104th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Waco, October 18, 2010

Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry G. Canada and Most Illustrious Acting Grand Master James D. Manley

Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry G. Canada

Although there are several indications of improvement, the current State of the Order is still tenuous, at best. In reviewing the reports of the District Deputies, I found many positive aspects of the current State of Cryptic Masonry in Texas. For example, many Councils are enjoying excellent attendance on a regular basis, participate in public functions and provide York Rite information programs to Blue Lodges and other bodies. Several festivals have greeted as many as twenty (20) or more new members.

Regrettably, some of our Councils are having a difficult time and may face merger or demise. While a reduction in the number of Councils is not preferred, it may well be inevitable. If it is inevitable, we must work to make the process orderly and inclusive of whatever positive impact may be possible. We must also challenge ourselves to use our imagination and initiative to develop ways to improve the status of Cryptic Masonry in Texas. Remember, improvement will not come to fruition with the efforts of one or two lone workers. If it is to be, it will be due to the combined efforts of everyone. I challenge each of you to have the courage and vision to improve the overall condition of our Cryptic Rite.

SUPPLEMENTAL ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS ACTING GRAND MASTER

Most Illustrious Acting Grand Master James D. Manley

As the acting Grand Master, it is my honor and privilege to welcome each of you to the one hundred and fourth (104th) annual assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Texas. To our honorable guests from other jurisdictions, we offer you a warm and hardy TEXAS welcome. To our distinguished guests from Texas, welcome, and thank you for your dedication and sacrifice to our great fraternity.

I ask all of you to keep our Illustrious Grand Master, Larry Gene Canada, in your prayers. Larry is still in the Brookhaven Nursing Center in Carrollton. Sadly, we are not seeing much progress in his condition and I urge you to please remember Larry and his family in your prayers each day.

There are many areas of the state where we need to energize the Councils to have programs to keep the membership involved and have more regional schools of instructions to teach the degree work. I have been handing out petitions at every lodge I have been to. This next year, I plan to visit more Councils in our state and try my best to energize the membership.

VERMONT:

Proceedings of the 156th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Killington, June 8, 2010

Most Illustrious Grand Master Douglas K. Boardman

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is my recommendation, my personal opinion that weaker Councils affiliate or consolidate with other Councils to strengthen Cryptic Masonry in the State of Vermont.

WASHINGTON:

Proceedings of the 114th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Wenatchee, May 23, 2009

Most Illustrious Grand Master Bryan Douglas Belcher

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Grand Council of Washington should consider providing awards above and beyond the two awards General Grand Council has available.
2. A representative should be appointed to act as a liaison between Grand Council of Washington and the CMMRF.
3. I encountered some Councils who had had candidates waiting for the degrees, some up to two years. This is not acceptable.
4. While we have no control over the GAOTU calling our Companions home, we do have the ability to help reduce the number of people dropping. We need to find out why Companions joined and no longer attend and work to find ways of having them attend once again.
5. A notebook should be prepared for the Grand Illustrious Master to use so he can be better prepared for his year. Information could include: dispensations, representatives, appointments, etc.

WASHINGTON:

Proceedings of the 116th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Arlington, May 16, 2011

Most Illustrious Grand Master R. Dale Fluaitt

RECOMMENDATIONS

Something needs to be done about the duties and reports of the Masters of the Arches. It states clearly in our Constitution and Masters of the Arches handbook what their responsibilities are.

This Grand Jurisdiction has a resolution for a six man opening and is as stated;

Whereas: Sec. 10.04 B.L. states, "A Council is composed of at least six(6) Companions duly assembled but no six-man opening ritual has been authorized, nor is there any guidance as to which stations the six Companions are to occupy.

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A six-man opening ritual be adopted, as attached to this resolution as Exhibit A. This six-man opening ritual is exactly like the current authorized Select Master Opening Ritual, except the words for the Treasurer and Recorder stations have been omitted, and there are a few corrections that we already use in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Since no specific ritual is specified in the Grand Council Constitution and By Laws, but only that the ritual is provided by the Grand Council, there would be no change to the Constitution and By Laws.

REPORTS FROM GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Councils with who we are in amity, we have 43 accredited Grand Representatives, as of this writing. A questionnaire was sent out earlier this year to assist them. Responses were received from 20 of those Grand Representatives. Most know their responsibilities, their counterpart and are in touch with them.

Report of Jurisprudence and By-Laws Review Committee

June 30, 2011

The Committee Recommends the approval of the merger of Bath Council No. 40 into Hornellsville Council No.35. The Bath Council agreed to accept the present By-Laws, Financial structure and officers of Hornellsville Council.

We congratulate the Grand Master on the starting of a Council in Lebanon, under dispensation.

We will not consider the By-Laws changes of Adoniram Council No. 36, due to untimely submission. They were submitted the day before this report was due, so the committee members could not review them.

M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Chairman

M.:I.: Victor S. Versace

R.:I.: Richard M. Clark

R.:I.: John R. Patterson, Jr.

July 19, 2011

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers and Companions All:

The Website Committee would like to report that our website has been kept up-to-date throughout the year. The site has been an effective communication tool for Cryptic Masonry in this state and beyond. The website still gets great reviews from those who use it for its simplicity of format and content. Yet the website is still under-utilized by the Districts and their respective Councils and/or District Deputy Grand Masters and Assistant Grand Lecturers. We had hoped that postings from these entities would have increased this year but it has not materialized. This year the Cryptic Corner Newsletter was added to the site.

It is the hope of the Website Committee to implement a Statewide York Rite Calendar page or provide a link on our website to one in the near future. The purpose of this is to facilitate communication and knowledge about events and happenings of other NY State Masonic Bodies in hopes of avoiding conflicts and to promote together the furtherance of Freemasonry in general and York Rite in particular throughout this great State of ours.

Respectively Submitted,

On Behalf of the Committee

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM, Website Committee Chairman

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
188th Annual Assembly, Owego, New York
August 20, 2011

ANNUAL NECROLOGY REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished East and Companions all. Once again we have assembled to pay a final tribute of love and esteem for our departed Companions listed on the last page of this report.

The Grand Chaplains are honored to have the privilege of leading this Grand Assembly in a final memorial tribute to their memories and whose lives are inseparably linked to ours by solemn and binding obligations entered into before the Holy Altar of Freemasonry. Our Companions' deaths do not release us, nor would we be absolved from the duties imposed upon us by these obligations.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presiding Grand Chaplain: My Companions, for what purpose are we assembled?

All Companions Present: To honor the memory of those Companions whom death has taken from us; to contemplate our own approaching death, and by remembrance of immortality, to raise our souls above the consideration of this transitory existence.

Presiding Grand Chaplain: Companions, what sentiments should inspire us on occasions like the present?

All Companions Present: Calm sorrow for the absence of our Companions who have gone before us; earnest solicitude for our own eternal welfare, and a firm faith and reliance upon the wisdom and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Presiding Grand Chaplain: My Companions, in commending these sentiments to your earnest consideration, let us invoke the assistance of the Grand Architect of the Universe for this Memorial Service.

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN "Be Still, My Soul**

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change God faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ Who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Psalm 30

HOMILY

CLOSING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN "Abide With Me"**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

***BENEDICTION**

Respectfully submitted,
Grand Chaplains of the Grand Council of the State of New York

THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

Columbia Council No. 1: Rev. Herbert Groce, Edward J. Harrald

Adelphic Council No. 7: Charles Grant, *PMIGM*

Rotica Council No. 12: Edward Deal, Louis Geer Jr., Manfred Liehs

Central City Council No. 13: Harold Chapman, Frank Polchlopek

Bloss DeWitt Clinton Council No. 14: Lew O. Fletcher, Robert Gay

King Hiram Council No. 18: Jack Hilyer (Dual 75)

Doric Council No. 19: Roy E. VanDelinder Jr., Lloyd Walker

Dunkirk Council No. 25: Lee T. Adams

Palmyra Council No. 26: Gary H. Bliss

Ahwaga Council No. 30: Ivan Allis, Elliot Blauvelt Sr.

Adoniram Council No. 36: John A. Kiefer, Reginald Walker, Colin Williams

Fulton Council No. 50: John Castle, Charles Hall

Peekskill Council No. 55: Paul Edwards, *Grand Historian*

St. George's Council No. 74: Charles Wood

Skoj Yase Council No. 75: William Cross, Jack Hilyer, William Marsh

Suffolk Council No. 76: Edward Harrold Jr., Frank Horbert Sr.,

Milton Martelack, Charles Raymond.

Oneonta Council No. 87: Arthur Jenkins Jr., Donald Short, Wesley Wilson

Hamburg Council No. 91: Irwin Cole Stickle

OPERATING FUND 2010/2011

BALANCE August 1, 2010 11,517.05

INCOME

R-1	Dues	24,739.00	
R-2	Fees	450.00	
R-3	Permanent Funds	0	
R-4	Miscellaneous	15,370.36	40,559.36
			52,076.41

DISBURSEMENTS

A-1	Annual Assembly	13,784.20	
A-2	Annual Proceedings	2,317.27	
B-1	Grand Master's Expense	3,510.84	
B-2	Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	350.00	
B-3	Grand Lecturer's Expense	692.00	
B-4	Grand Officers' Expense	2,100.00	
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000.00	
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00	
C-3	Office Expense	4,000.00	
C-4	Taxes	0	
C-5	Mileage & Travel	1,919.27	
D-1	Supplies	3,615.77	
D-2	Printing	21.95	
D-3	Postage	798.33	
D-4	Telephone	236.00	
D-5	Equipment Purchase & Repair	70.95	
D-6	Insurance & Bonding	126.00	
E-1	General Grand Council Per Capita	1,358.70	
E-2	General Grand Triennial Fund	0	
E-3	Regalia	0	
E-4	History Fund	0	
E-5	Miscellaneous	1,957.04	39,858.32

BALANCE July 31, 2011 12,218.09

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Harrison

M. * . I. * . Donald Harrison,
Grand Treasurer

ESCROW FUNDS 2010/2011

S-1 Rituals – Constitutions – Guides – Ish Sodi – Awards
S-2 Regalia Fund
S-3 Triennial Fund
S-4 Equipment Purchase & Repair Fund
S-5 History Fund

	<u>S-1</u>	<u>S-2</u>	<u>S-3</u>	<u>S-4</u>	<u>S-5</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Balance June 30, 2010	7,237.35	1,072.56	70.37	1,988.41	1,331.12	11,699.81
Income	991.40	0	0	0	0	991.40
Interest	3.50	.46	.12	1.05	.70	5.83
	8,228.75	1,073.02	70.49	1,989.46	1,331.82	12,697.04
Disbursements	(5,500.00)	0	0	0	0	(5,500.00)
Balance June 30, 2011	2,732.25	1,073.02	70.49	1,989.46	1,331.82	7,197.04

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Harrison

M.: I.: Donald Harrison
Grand Treasurer

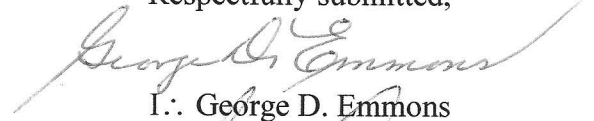
July 26, 2011

Finance and Accounts – Audits

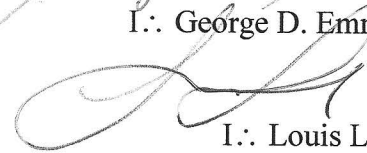
The Committee on Audits has reviewed the accounts and records kept by the Grand Treasurer M.:I.: Donald Harrison.

We have found them to be in good order and declare them approved.

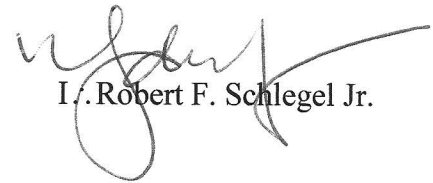
Respectfully submitted,



I.: George D. Emmons



I.: Louis Leone



I.: Robert F. Schlegel Jr.

GRAND COUNCIL OPERATING FUND BUDGET 2011 – 2012

		Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>Income</u>		<u>10-11</u>	<u>10-11</u>	<u>11-12</u>
R-1	Dues	18,750	24,739	23,200
R-2	Fees	250	450	300
R-3	Permanent Fund	7,325	0	3,900
R-4	Miscellaneous	150	15,370	150
	TOTALS	26,475	40,559	27,550
<u>Disbursements</u>				
A-1	Annual Assembly	4,500	13,784	4,500
A-2	Annual Proceedings	2,500	2,317	2,500
B-1	Grand Master's Expense	3,850	3,510	4,000
B-2	Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	860	350	2,500
B-3	Grand Lecturer's Expense	700	700	700
B-4	Grand Officers' Expense	2,450	2,100	2,450
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000	2,000	2,000
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000
C-3	Office Expense	4,000	4,000	4,000
C-4	Taxes	400	0	400
C-5	Mileage & Travel	1000	1,919	1500
D-1	Supplies	500	3,616	500
D-2	Printing	100	22	500
D-3	Postage	325	798	500
D-4	Telephone	200	236	200
D-5	Eqmt. Purchase & Repair	150	71	150
D-6	Insurance & Bonding	115	126	125
E-1	Gen. Grand Council per capita	1,250	1,359	1,450
E-2	General Grand Triennial Fund	300	300	300
E-3	Regalia - New York	50	0	50
E-4	History Fund	50	0	50
E-5	Miscellaneous	175	1,957	175
	TOTALS	26,475	40,158	27,550

To The Grand Council:

The Committee on Finance & Accounts – Budget has held its required meeting to complete the Budget and review the accounts. We find that all is in order.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.:l.: Donald Harrison, PGM, Grand Treasurer, Chairman

R.:l.: Richard C. Anderson, GPCW

R.:l.: George Whitmer, DGM

R.:l.: Leonard W. Mason, GC of the G

M.:l.: Joseph P. Pozefsky, PGM, Grand Recorder

M.:l.: E. William Whittaker, PGM

**GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT ON THE PERMANENT FUNDS
OF GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRENT CRYPTIC YEAR 2010-2011**

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Line Officers and Companions All:

The Grand Trustees of Grand Council submit the following written Annual Report on the funds in the Permanent Funds of the Grand Council of the State New York for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Cryptic Years. These reports look at the true picture of the funds based on their quarterly returns for these periods. We move that the 2009-2010 Annual Report due to mathematical errors as reported in the 187th Annual Proceedings be amended and approved as attached, along with the report of the 2010-2011 and both be spread in full in the proceedings of this 188th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of New York. We also recommend that the Savings Account at Chase Bank be closed and the funds in that account be transferred to the Checking Account of the Grand Council under the auspices of the Grand Treasurer.

PERMANENT FUND

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2010:

\$87,417.17

INCOME/REVENUE

<u>American High-Income Trust Class A Funds</u>	<u>Gains & Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
July – September 2010 – 1 st Quarter	\$ 567.26	2,642.688 (\$11.11)	\$29,360.26
October – December 2010 – 2 nd Quarter	\$ 737.24	2,708.187 (\$11.27)	\$30,521.27
January – March 2011 – 3 rd Quarter	\$ 493.49	2,751.047 (\$11.50)	\$31,637.04
April – June 2011 – 4 th Quarter	\$ 588.49	2,802.265 (\$11.40)	\$31,945.82
	+\$2,386.48		
		<u>June 30, 2011 Fund Value:</u>	<u>\$31,945.82</u>

<u>Putnam Investments High Yield Trust A</u>	<u>Gains & Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
July – September 2010 – 1 st Quarter	\$1,120.23	8,398.144 (\$7.530)	\$63,238.02
October – December 2010 – 2 nd Quarter	\$1,140.42	8,546.765 (\$7.740)	\$66,151.96
January – March 2011 – 3 rd Quarter	\$1,160.44	8,694.532 (\$7.850)	\$68,252.08
April – June 2011 – 4 th Quarter	\$1,180.44	8,844.742 (\$7.800)	\$68,988.99
	+\$4,601.53		
		<u>June 30, 2011 Fund Value:</u>	<u>\$68,988.99</u>

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on Hand as of June 30, 2011:

\$100,934.81

Chase Bank

Beginning Value (6/30/10):	\$581.75
Chase Savings Account	+ \$ 1.15 (Interest)
Ending Balance (6/30/11)	\$582.90

June 30, 2011 Fund Value: \$ 582.90

TOTAL REINVEST INCOME FOR THE YEAR FROM FUNDS & SAVINGS: + \$6,989.16

DISBURSEMENTS

There were no disbursements from the Permanent Funds or Savings during this time period.

With the financial market showing signs of continual sharp swings during this past year we still had an overall increase of \$13,517.64 or 13.39% since our last Grand Council Assembly. Hopefully the market will continue to move upward this coming year. Your Trustees recommend that we continue the investments as they are and make no necessary changes at this time. We again commend the Grand Treasurer and Grand Council Officers for staying within budget and not needing to withdraw any funds from the investments for this budget year.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, Chairman

M.:I.: Edward P. Fagan Jr.

M.:I.: Reuben E. Long



VESPERS SERVICE
Friday, August 19, 2011
9:15 PM

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

O come! Let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him, all the earth. Let our service be set forth before God as incense; and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Amen.

*THE OPENING HYMN "Abide with Me"
(Stanzas 1-3)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Reading - Exodus 30:22-33

Scripture Text - Psalms 133:1-3

THE MESSAGE "THE BLESSINGS OF
FRATERNAL UNITY"

RI Rev Charles H. Lee

THE COLLECTION

(The offering will be donated to the Grand Council
Charity Fund)

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE CLOSING HYMN "Abide with Me"
(Stanzas 4-5)

*THE BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able

Other Participants:

RI Rev Jose L. Valencia

RI Rev Mark D. Isaacs

RW Eric M. Howd (Organist)

ABIDE WITH ME

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee:
In life, in earth, O Lord, abide with me.

"THE BLESSINGS OF FRATERNAL UNITY"

Text - Psalm 133:1-3

In a world where conflict makes the news more readily than peace and harmony, and where governments can foster fear among electors for their self-interest, Psalm 133 sounds quite a different note. As we probe the images of this psalm further we find that it strikes what might even be called in our context a counter-cultural note.

Psalm 133, dated approximately 1015 BC, has been attributed to King David, toward the end of his life. Scholar Matthew Henry as well as other conjecture that David penned this psalm upon the occasion of a union between the tribes when they met unanimously to make him king. The psalm has general use by societies, smaller and larger, civil and sacred. This short three verse psalm is termed 'a Song of Ascents' - a song for going up to a high place.

For Jewish people in ancient times, The Temple was the high place in the city of Jerusalem. Having been there myself, I can attest to the fact that one literally "goes up" to Jerusalem. The city crowns the hill with The Temple situated on the "mount" - the exalted place for the highest act - the worship of God. The Jewish people sang Psalm 133 to express their joy in coming together for worship at the Temple where God promised to meet them. The Psalm imparts blessings and life to God's people, proclaiming a "oneness in faith." Themes of "abundance" and "unity" flow from its short three verses.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Unity in God is a major theme of the psalm. I seek to bring light to these words.

Brothers and Companions - do you recall the first time you heard these words? I'll remind you. You heard them early in the Entered Apprentice Degree on your first admission, led blindfold, under direction of your guide, into a Masonic Lodge. For me, it was August 8, 1961 in Manchester (Ohio) Lodge No. 317.

"The Blessings of Fraternal Unity"

In today's newer translations, reference is to "kindred." According to the *New Interpreter's Bible*, the word thus translated may also be translated "brothers" as is the translation in 12 other versions of The Holy Bible. The original Hebrew word does not mean blood relatives, but a people joined by God's grace. Though short, Psalm 133 is "highly" ambitious in its call for all people to worship God. It calls for the happiness of brotherly love.

I. What is commended?

"Brethren's dwelling together in unity" – not only not quarreling, but devouring one another - delighting in each other with mutual endearments, and promoting each other's welfare with mutual services. Sometimes it is chosen as the best expedient for preserving peace that brethren should live asunder at a distance from each other. That indeed may prevent enmity and strife as happened between Abram and Lot, described in Genesis, Chapter 13.

But the "goodness" and "pleasantness" are *for brethren to dwell together* and so *to dwell in unity, to dwell even as one* (so some read it) - as having one heart, one soul, one interest. David had many sons by many wives. It is thought that probably he penned this psalm for their instruction, to engage them to love another. If they had done this, much of the mischief that arose in his family would have been happily prevented. The tribes of Israel had long and separate interests during the government of the Judges, often with bad consequence. But, since they were united under one common head, he would have them sensibly realize how much it was likely to be for their advantage, especially since now the Ark was fixed; and with it the place of their rendezvous for public worship - the center of their unity. Now let them live in love.

II. How commendable it is?

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is!" It is good in itself, agreeable to the will of God, the conformity of earth to heaven. It is good for us, for our honor and comfort. It is pleasant and pleasing to God and all good men. It brings constant delight to those who do live in unity. *Behold, how good!* We cannot conceive or express the goodness and pleasantness of it. Behold! It is a rare thing, and admirable. Behold! Wonder that there should be so much goodness and pleasantness among men; so much of heaven on this earth! Behold! An amiable thing, which will attract our hearts. Behold it is an exemplary thing, which is to be imitated by us with a holy emulation.

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III. How is the pleasantness of it illustrated? – Through two liquids: oil and dew.

1. It is fragrant as the holy anointing oil, which was strongly perfumed, and diffused its odors, to the great delight of all the bystanders, when it was poured upon the head of Aaron, or his successor the high priest, so plentifully that it ran down the face, even to the collar or binding of the garment, v. 2.

(1.) This ointment was holy. So must our brotherly love be, with a pure heart, devoted to God. We must love those that are begotten.

(2.) This ointment was a composition made up by a divine pharmacist in a divine dispensary. God appointed the ingredients and the quantities. Thus, believers are *taught of God to love one another*. This is a grace of his working in us.

(3.) It was very precious. The likes of it was not to be made for any common use. Thus, holy love is in the sight of God, of great price; and precious indeed in God's sight.

(4.) It was grateful both to Aaron himself and to all about him. So also is holy love. It is like *ointment and perfume which rejoice the heart*. of gladness with which he was *anointed above his fellows*.

(5.) Aaron and his sons were not permitted to minister unto the Lord until they were anointed with this ointment. Nor are our services acceptable to God without this holy love. If we have it not, we are nothing,

2. It is fructifying. That is, it is bearing fruit or causing another to bear fruit. It is profitable as well as pleasing. It is as the dew which brings an abundance of blessings along with it. As numerous as the drops of dew, it cools the scorching heat of men's passions, as the evening dew cools the air as it refreshes the earth. It contributes very much to our fruitfulness in every thing that is good. It moistens the heart, and makes it tender and fit to receive the good seed of the word. On the contrary, *malice and bitterness* make one unfit to receive it, It is *as the dew of Hermon*, a common hill (for brotherly love is the beauty and benefit of civil societies), *and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion*, a holy hill, it contributes greatly to the fruitfulness of sacred societies. Both Hermon and

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Zion will wither without this dew. It is said of the dew that it *tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men*, (Mic. 5:7). Nor should our love to our brethren stay for theirs to us – that is publican’s love; but should go before it – that is divine love.

Mt Hermon is a sacred landmark in ancient Palestine. The highest of its three peaks rises some 9,232 ft (2.814 miles). It’s seasonal snow melt is important; it being the headwater flow for the Jordan River.

IV. The proof of the excellency of brotherly love. Loving people are blessed people.

1. They are blessed of God, and therefore blessed indeed: *There*, where brethren dwell together in unity, *the Lord commands the blessing*, a complicated blessing, including all blessings. It is God’s prerogative to command the blessing since man can only beg for a blessing. Blessings according to the promise are commanded blessings. He has commanded *his covenant for ever*. Blessings that take effect are commanded blessings, for *he speaks and it is done*.

2. They are everlastingly blessed. The blessing God commands for those who dwell in love is *life for evermore*. This is the blessing of blessings. Those who dwell in love not only dwell in God, but do already dwell in heaven. As the perfection of love is the blessedness of heaven, so the sincerity of love is the earnest of that blessedness. Those who live in love and peace shall have the God of love and peace with them now, even though they and we shall be with Him shortly, with Him for ever, in the world of endless love and peace. How good then is it, and how pleasant! Amen and Amen.

“The Blessings of Fraternal Unity”

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DDGM Report First District 2010 – 2011

Columbian Council #1

Columbian Council meets three months of the year, January to March. My Official Visit was postponed from the January to the February meeting due to a snow storm. My Official Visit was held on February 9th, when the Council conferred the Royal Master degree on 12 candidates. In March, the Council conferred the Select Master degree and held elections & installation. In September, the Council celebrated their 200th Anniversary with a festive board dinner (attended by approximately 100 members and guests) held on Friday evening, September 10th at the Yale Club. The following morning, the Council held a formal program with the Grand Master and other members of Grand Council in attendance, commemorating the history of Columbian Council and which featured the conferring of the Super Excellent Master degree upon worthy Companions. The Council is very strong and is well-supported by its members. The Master this past year was Ill. William Thomas, the current Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge. The incoming IM is Ill. Marco Henry, an excellent ritualist. The Recorder and Treasurer have good records, and there is a thriving officer line, with several Companions waiting to enter the line. The ritual work of the Companions is very good. Columbian Council held a Special Communication in April to confer the Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master degrees on worthy Companions.

Phoenician Council U.D.

Phoenician Council U.D. was instituted on March 24, 2011 under Dispensation issued by the Grand Master, MI David H. Raymond. On April 29-30, Columbian Council No. 1 held a Special Communication to confer the degrees on 14 Companions of Cedars Chapter, RAM from Syria Lebanon. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Council Officers were present. After receiving the Royal and Select Masters Degrees on Friday April 29th, the Grand Master presided over Phoenician Council's First Assembly, and presented the Companions with the Charter for Phoenician Council Under Dispensation. The election of the principal officers was held, and the Council Officers were installed in due form. After adjoining Columbian Council on the 29th, the Order of Anointed Kings was conferred on the Illustrious Master of Phoenician Council U.D., Ill. Razmig Djinbachian, by St. George's Council of Anointed Kings, led by RI Curtis A. Banks and RI James Keane. After the ceremonies, the companions all retired to a local restaurant to celebrate. The following day, Columbian Council resumed its work and conferred the Super Excellent Master Degree on the newly greeted companions. Phoenician Council UD held its Second Assembly in Lebanon on May 27th, where Bylaws for the Council were formally approved.

Adelphic Council #7

Adelphic Council meets on 23rd Street. The Master is Ill. Alvaro Quiroga Sanchez, a current Director of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. I held my Official Visit on October 26th. The Council enacted Bylaws changes early in 2011, changing its meeting nights to the Fourth Wednesdays of the month and making modest dues & fees changes. This will help with their finances as they will share the night with another organization. The Recorder's and Treasurer's books are well kept. The Council has several leaders that regular attend, including the current Assistant Grand Lecturer VI Spiridon Arkousis, the

Recorder RI George Harrison and the Treasurer RI Leon Weinstein. The Council greeted several new companions this year. The ritual work is very good, and the Council is healthy and thriving. The Council hosted the First District's Grand Lecturer's Convention on Wednesday March 23rd. The work of the evening for the Grand Lecturer's Convention, led by the Grand Lecturer, RI Curtis A. Banks, was the Super Excellent Master Degree. The IM, AGL and the Companions of Adelpic Council helped to make the program well attended and enlightening.

Adoniram Council #36

Adoniram Council meets in Advance Temple, Long Island City, Queens. At this time last year, this Council was in complete disarray and was dysfunctional after a year-long feud between the Master and the Recorder/Treasurer. Since that time, the Council has come back to life. After failing to obtain a quorum at last year's June meeting, the Council held a Special meeting in July, elected a new Illustrious Master, Ill. Joseph Savaglio, along with a Deputy Master, Principle Conductor of the Work, Recorder and Treasurer. A meeting was held in October with Adoniram Council members participating in the ritual. On Thursday February 24th, I held my Official Visit and the Council opened and closed using 8 of their own members, although the ritual was read. This is better than their last meeting in October, when many of the seats were occupied by visitors. Two new Companions were greeted by courtesy with Suffolk Council in early February. The new Recorder and Treasurer have updated the checking account signatories, although several questions regarding the accounts still need to be resolved. The Recorder has struggled to uncover & manage the membership records (and books of the Council). The IM personally cleaned up the email list and took charge of the communication notice & mailing. Additionally, the IM has donated the collation and obtained membership badges for the members. The members enacted dues and other Bylaws changes (i.e., meeting month's flexibility) to solidify the finances and attendance. Elections were held at the June meeting on Thursday, June 23rd with the DM & PCW moving up, the Secretary becoming the PCW and the IM becoming the Recorder. The incoming IM, Ill. James Reichman, and all the elected officers seem committed and have ideas to grow and retain members. I am hopeful that this Council's worst days are behind them. The Council still has 'a ways to go yet' in getting itself together, but I see continued improvement and growth with the assistance of DDGM, AGL & other members of the District.

Suffolk Council #76

Suffolk Council meets in Sayville, Long Island in Suffolk County NY. My Official Visit was held on Friday March 11th. The IM this past year was Ill. Robert Barry. The Council conferred the Royal and Select Master degrees on worthy Companions of Suffolk and Adoniram Councils at their February meeting held on the 11th. The Grand Master and other members of Grand Council visited the Council at its meeting last September and presented Ish Sodi awards to two Companions. The Council is well organized, has several active Past IMs and has an active membership. The ritual is very good and there are several past and current Grand Council Officers that are active members. The Recorder, Ill. David Ihrig, keeps excellent records, and the Treasurer is MI Donald Harrison, past GM. The incoming IM is Ill. Kenneth Lockard. The Council is very strong.

Flatbush Council #80

Flatbush Council meets on 23rd Street on the Fourth Tuesdays of March, April, May and June. This is also the meeting night (and location) of Bay Ridge Commandery, which has undergone a resurgence in participation this past 2 years. The Council lost its meeting place in Brooklyn two years ago. At that time, most of its officers went 'missing' and it currently suffers from a lack of participation. The Treasurer passed away and the limited books and records of the Council were only passed on to the current Recorder, RI James Keane, last November. A new Illustrious Master, RI Steven Gross, was elected last June, and, being unable to attend our Annual Grand Assembly in August, received the Order of Anointed Kings at a Special meeting held (under Dispensation) on Tuesday November 23rd. My Official Visit was held on Tuesday May 24th, at which time the elections and installation of next year's officers were held. By aligning with Bay Ridge Commandery, new petitions have been received. With the active participation of several Masonic leaders, Ill. Stenrick Adams, who is the incoming IM, RI James Keane, the Recorder, and RI Curtis A. Banks, the Grand Lecturer, and others, I am strongly encouraged that Flatbush Council will come back to life.

North Shore Council #88

North Shore Council meets in Matinecock Lodge in Oyster Bay, Long Island. Last year, the Council's long time Recorder moved away from the area, and a new Recorder, Ill. Larry Tuck, step forward and the Council is moving forward. My Official Visit was held on Monday April 25th. The Royal Master Degree was conferred on 5 companions at the April meeting as well. Additionally, there are several more companions on the Trestleboard. Although he is moving out-of-state, the current IM, Ill. Robert F. Schlegel, left the Council stronger at the end of his year. This year's officers led by the Companion Stephen Lovasz, the incoming IM, and the Recorder, Ill. Larry Tuck, exhibit excellent ritual skills. The Companions are friendly and the Council is coming back to life with membership and ritual activity.

General

The Assistant Grand Lecturer, V I Spiridon Arkousis, and I have worked together, and along with other past and current Grand Council Officers have encouraged participation and ritual work within the District. I am very proud of our hard work and effort over the last two years, particularly regarding our two most problematic Councils. I am confident that these two Councils will continue to become better with participation, activity and ritual work.

The First Cryptic District is a district that can count on the hard work and efforts of several prominent York Rite Masons. I am hopeful that the District will continue its strong ritual work, participation, and membership activity under the leadership of incoming DDGM and AGL.

Respectfully submitted,

RI Richard T. Schulz
District Deputy Grand Master

District Deputy Grand Master 2nd District: 2010-2011

Union Council 2.

This Council is still having some difficulties, but is moving in a positive direction to strengthen its future. At the June meeting they voted to increase their meetings from three times a year to five times a year. More meetings will incur additional cost for meeting rentals, but some of the Companions pledged money to offset this extra cost. On my official visit they only had seven Companions in attendance, but with two visitors were able to open. They held their election of officers and the Companion that was elected Illustrious Master has not served before. This is a positive sign for the Council, rather than a Past Illustrious Master occupying that chair. A new Recorder was also elected. While the officers still read from the ritual book for opening and closing, hopefully with more meetings they will become proficient in the ritual. They keep the Companions informed with a trestle board as a form of communication, and have representation at the annual Grand Council. They were able to put on a degree with assistance from outside their Council. Membership has increased which is another positive for this Council

King Solomon Council #31.

This Council is doing extremely fine work, and is a leader in the 2nd District. They have a new trestle board with information on all bodies of the York Rite that meet at their location. They were host to the Illustrious Grand Master in March. They conferred the Royal Master Degree at the Tri State Festival in Connecticut, performing excellent ritual work by Companions of this Council. They continue to increase membership by exalting new Companions, King Solomon Council had a fine showing at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. The Companions are continuing to improve the opening and closing from memory. Each year King Solomon Council continues to improve and get stronger.

Peekskill #55

Peekskill Council has finally obtained insurance & has negotiated the use West Point Lodge as a meeting place. On the evening of my official visit, they only had five Companions present and could not open. Part of the problem has been the weather as the older Companions do not want to cross over the bridge to attend Council. Hopefully, this Council will be able to open a meeting when winter is over. They are also looking to relocate on their side of the river. The Council did lose a longtime very active member.

The core group of active Companions still has a positive attitude and this is a good sign.

Goshen Council 93.

This Council is one of the strongest Council's in the district and continues to improve. On the evening of my visit official visitation, every chair was filled by Companions of this Council, with sideliners. The number of relatively new Companions holding chairs is encouraging. With the exception of the Recorder, (Past DDGM) this Council has filled all the positions without relying on Past Illustrious Masters. Goshen Council has a trestle board to communicate with the companions. This council continues to grow in membership. Three new Companions were exalted. Ritual work on the opening and closing still needs improvement. However, the Illustrious Master opened and closed council from memory. The charity chairman promotes Grand Council Charity, and donations are being sent in from Companions of Goshen Council. This Council was the host for the Grand Lecturer's Convention, the first convention the District has had in two years. One of the most enjoyable aspects of this Council is the fun the Companions have.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MASTER 4TH CRYPTIC DISTRICT 2010-2011

22 September 2010-Apron Presentations, Oneonta Council #87

Appropriate aprons for R.I. John Raymond Nealis II DDGM Fourth Cryptic District and R.I. Francis K. Wilcox AGL Fourth Cryptic District were presented by Oneonta Council #87 at its regular Assembly which was preceded by a dinner in the social room of Oneonta Masonic Temple. Companions were welcomed by Illustrious Joseph I. Greenfield, Illustrious Master of Oneonta Council and R.I. Allen C. Lang Grand Chaplain, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, State of New York offered the Invocation. Council was opened in truly excellent form by the officers and companions. The Flag Salute was led by the Illustrious Master followed by the singing of the National Anthem accompanied by R.I. Francis K. Wilcox, Grand Musician, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, State of New York. The anthem was followed by the introduction of M.I. Fred G. Hickein, Grand Master, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, State of New York- 1984-85. Presentations were made by R.I. James W. Hemstrought Jr. DDGM 4th Cryptic District assisted by M.I. Fred G. Hickein. After being congratulated by the companions, both R.I. Companion Wilcox and R.I. Companion Nealis thanked the presenting officers as well as the companions present. R.I. Companion Nealis briefly related the key points of the Grand Master's message and shared his goals and aspirations for the Fourth Cryptic District. The Assembly was closed in due form which, again, was most impressively done.

15 October 2010 District Chairs

The following Companions have agreed to serve as chairmen for the district to work as follows:

Communications Chair – R.I. Phil Arony St. George's Council

Charity Chair – Ill. Homer Burch Oneonta Council

Youth Chair – M.I. Alan Lewis Bloss Dewitt Clinton Council

21 October 2010 Thrice Illustrious Master Degree Make-up

Following the Stated Assembly of St. George's Council a make-up of the Thrice Illustrious Master degree was portrayed for Illustrious Companions who were not able to experience the required degree when it was portrayed at the Grand Assembly of Grand Council at the R.I.T. Conference Center in Rochester New York in August of 2010. Grand Lecturer, Curtis A. Banks and his team, presented a most effective and moving portrayal of this impressive drama. The opening and closing of the council was also very impressive with the ritual being presented by officers who were comfortable and highly effective in their stations and places. Once again, St. George's Council has displayed its hospitality and dedication to the Cryptic Rite by hosting this program. A high level of companionship and brotherly love as well as true zeal for the craft is highly visible at this Cryptic Council.

30 October 2010 St. George's Council #74 100th Anniversary Celebration 1910-11

The 100th Anniversary of St. George's Council # 74 was celebrated with a reception and excellent dinner in the dining hall of the Masonic Community Center in Schenectady New York. The program was enlivened with a very interesting display of a time capsule of Council artifacts and a Re-dedication Of the Council. The Lodge Room Blessing was under the direction of M.I. David H. Raymond, Grand Master Cryptic Masons State of New York and the Officers of the Grand Line. The attractive facilities of the Masonic Center as well as the very well-appointed Council Room added greatly to the pomp and circumstance of this very tastefully presented program. I.M. James A. Lowere, his program committee, the officers and companions of

St. George's Council and the work of the Grand Master and members of the Grand Line all worked in harmony to offer a stunning showcase of Cryptic Masonry to all present. Visitors and guests not only learned of the history and heritage of St. George's Council, but also witnessed the warm fellowship of Cryptic Masonry.

11 November 2010 Official Visitation Bloss Dewitt Clinton Council # 14

It was my great pleasure to make an official visit to Bloss Dewitt Clinton Council at the Historic Albany Masonic Temple. After a dinner with the companions in the Albany Temple dining hall, I was afforded the special treat of being granted a tour of this historic Temple by some very enthusiastic companions who recognized my interest in Masonic history. The companions of this council are justly proud of their Masonic heritage and are eager to share it. For me, especially pleasing aspects of the "tour" were the fantastic old organ, the FDR artifacts and the Pike historical presence. The companions were gracious and welcoming; I am sure that all visiting companions as well as prospective members would be as impressed as I was and also feel that Bloss Dewitt Clinton is a place to find rich Masonic history as well fine hospitality and the ideals of Cryptic companionship. The Council was opened with nine companions present as some key officers were ill at the time; however, the opening and closing went well with only slight assistance needed. This is apparently a very well-run Council with I.M. Eric Benson and a number of distinguished companions offering expert and dedicated leadership. At the time of my visit, there were ten candidates in waiting for degrees which were forthcoming. I was also most impressed with the number of social and educational activities planned to inform and attract qualified new candidates. The Council actively plans for interaction with other local Masonic bodies. After presenting the highlights of the Grand Master's message, I realized that Bloss Dewitt Clinton had already reached the goals of his theme for his tenure: "Good communication makes for good growth." The dinners which precede each assembly, the use of the trestle board and multifaceted outreach activities certainly stimulate interest and growth in Cryptic

Masonry. Bloss Dewitt Clinton is certainly financially sound, benefits from sound leadership, and is actively engaged in the growth of Cryptic Masonry.

18 November 2010 Official Visitation St. George's Council # 74

I chose to make my official visitation to St. George's Council in November so that I could be a part of their November tradition of meeting at the Northville Masonic Temple; this was done under proper dispensation granted by Grand Master Raymond. This change of venue affords the companions from the Fulton-Montgomery area the opportunity to host a meeting instead of making the usual trip to Schenectady. Traditionally, the evening begins with cocktails in the social room and dinner at a very fine, local restaurant. I was treated to outstanding fellowship with many new Masonic friends over a really excellent dinner and then we retired to the Lodge Room for the Opening of the Assembly. The attendance at dinner and the meeting was 25 and it was very clear that this special evening really "cements the bonds of brotherhood." The opening, under the direction of I.M. Lowere and his officers was excellent, with a minimal amount of text use. The officers seemed at ease and very comfortable in their respective stations. One of the very strong points that I have observed during my several visits with the companions of this council is their very effective use of communications, both printed and electronic(i.e. Masons on Line and The Cryptic News Letter). Financially, this Council enjoys a healthy treasury which they use to support other Masonic bodies as well as many charitable ventures. This Council is an active and energized Council which presents an attractive array of social and educational activities for their companions and friends. Future plans include a luncheon and day spent at the races at Saratoga and a dinner/ foliage cruise on Lake George this coming September. There is also a close relationship of Masonic bodies in the geographic area of this Council. Saint George's Council proves that good communications, strong programs and strong leadership create an effective and vital Cryptic Council.

4 March 2011 Spring Workshop for Cryptic Council (Grand Chapter Convocation) Holiday Inn Albany New York

The workshop was opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. I offered my report on the state of the Councils of the Fourth Cryptic District and the progress of my work as DDGM thus far in my term. Various reports were given and the Grand Master reported on his activities and stressed his theme of communication and growth. Membership growth and retention were discussed as well as electronic and written communications. The use of the "What Is Cryptic Masonry?" program was reported to be an effective informational/recruitment tool. The session was closed with prayer.

8 April 2011 Official Visitation Joseph Warren Council # 37

Warren Council has been experiencing some difficulties this year with attendance; they did not meet in September, October, November, and December of 2010; they did open and have assemblies in January and March with an informal meeting in February. The current membership is 46 with an average attendance of 9. Their assets are limited but stable. On April 8, 2010 a stated assembly was opened with 7 Joseph Warren Council members present and 5 visitors from St. George's Council. M.I. Francis Karwowski and R.I. Phil Arony and three other members of St. George's Council conferred the Thrice Illustrious Master degree upon Ill. Gary Bolster so that he may preside at stated assemblies. The work of the evening was accomplished and Council was effectively opened and closed with the support of the visiting companions. The council is functionally and financially stable and is addressing issues of attendance and increasing membership and retention. There are four Chapters in the area which they may draw upon for prospective candidates. I have forwarded the script to the secretary for the "What Is Cryptic Masonry Program?" Other Councils within Cryptic District Four have had very good recruitment response with this program. With support from sister Councils in the District and the dedication of Joseph Warren leaders these present difficulties are manageable and I am confident that the Saratoga Companions will be

successful in revitalizing Joseph Warren Council. They enjoy the benefit of highly committed and experienced Masonic leaders.

27 April 2011 Official Visit Oneonta Council # 87

Since this is my home Council and I have been in regular attendance all year, I gave my permission to the I.M. to include the Installation of Officers on the same evening as my official visit. The assembly was preceded, as usual, by a dinner served by the companions in the dining room of Oneonta Masonic Temple. Current membership is 49 and 18 members were present for this assembly. Oneonta Council, this year, conferred both degrees upon four companions and the degree work was impeccable; the willingness of companions to take on degree roles is a strong point in this Council. The degrees are consistently portrayed “in house” and are presented in a very effective manner using the traditional and proper costumes and props. Opening and closing of Council is done entirely without rituals and is of a very high quality. Oneonta is a very healthy Council with limited but adequate financial assets. The “What is Cryptic Masonry/” program has been used for both local Lodges and Chapters with very successful results. After the business was discharged, the Installation of Officers took place in a tiled meeting. The Installing Officer was M.I. Fred G. Hickein who graciously consents to take that position every year. His authority and dignity add much to this important ceremony. All officers were duly installed and the Proclamation made. The DDGM stated the need for the Illustrious Master to attend the Grand Council Assembly for the required T.I.M. Degree. All Council members were also urged to attend the Grand Lecturer’s Convention slated for the 25th of May at Oneonta Masonic Temple.

25 May 201 Grand Lecturer’s Convention Fourth Cryptic District

After the full form opening of Council, the DDGM proclaimed the opening of the Grand Lecturer’s Convention. The Assembly opening was preceded

by a dinner served by Oneonta Companions in the Oneonta Temple dining room. Twenty –five companions were present for dinner and the convention which was conducted by Grand Lecturer R.I. Curtis A. Banks. Companions were in attendance from Bloss Dewitt Clinton, St. George’s and Oneonta Councils. R.I. Companion Banks presented a highly creative and informative explanation and examination of some of the symbolic and metaphorical details from the Super Excellent Degree. This program, coupled with the fellowship of the dinner afforded all companions present a highly enjoyable and satisfying evening. These conventions are vital to the preservation and survival of our impressive degrees and it is highly apparent that R.I. Francis Wilcox, A.G.L. 4th Cryptic District and R.I Curtis A. Banks, Grand Lecturer worked in close harmony to present this district with an outstanding convention. After the work of the Grand Lecturer was concluded, the Council was closed in due form.

Respectfully submitted

R.I. John R. Nealis II

DDGM Fourth Cryptic District

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 6TH DISTRICT: 2010-2011

Cryptic Masonry in the 6th District is neither terminally ill nor entirely healthy. We have some Councils that have greeted members in each of the past several years, others that have greeted no new members in that whole time. Most of our Councils have contributed to our charities in each of the past several years, but for the second straight year, we have two councils that have contributed nothing: fortunately one of those that did not give last year, has given this year; unfortunately one that gave last year, has not given this year. Our Councils, as such, conduct few activities other than those Constitutionally required; although their members are typically active participants in (especially the ritual of) their Commanderies, Chapters, Lodges and often Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Rotica #12 maintains its consistent record of greeting new Companions and contributing to our charities. After dedicated service, M.'I.'. Richard Hadley has retired as Recorder, turning it over to immediate past master, I.'. Dennis Davis.

Central City #13 is rebuilding: R.'.I.'. Bill Vassily's line includes no I.'. , V.'.I.'. or R.'.I.'. Companions (other than himself), and consists mostly of recently greeted Select Masters; he is training them and future prospects of this Council are good.

King Hiram #18 continues to be in the poorest health in our District, in part due to a lack of nearby Chapters. In the coming year, if they schedule opportunities for doing so, the District can help them conduct "What is Cryptic Masonry?" and/or "Fervency and Zeal" programs.

Fulton #50 has some very experienced hands but little new blood. They can be depended upon to turn out elsewhere around the District and assist with ritual work when called. Their long term future however is much in doubt.

King David #97 was re-dedicated this year. Their experienced hands continue willingly to support the District and the Grand Council but their Council needs to greet some new Companions, which is difficult in a sparsely populated area.

If the weaker Councils will recruit more aggressively and give the rest of the District the opportunity to help them greet new Companions, we all will prosper.

Zealously,

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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 8th DISTRICT: 2010-2011

DORIC COUNCIL #19

Doric Council has 34 members and meets at Northfield lodge in Pittsford. They regularly meet every month with an average attendance of ten. This is a strong Council blessed with four past Most Illustrious Masters among the membership. Also, there is a nice blend of older with younger members. They can open without the use of ritual books and to confer both degrees. This past year, they greeted two new companions. They also held a Table Council in March that was well attended. Financially, they are very stable.

PALMYRA COUNCIL #26

Palmyra Council has 17 members and meets in the Masonic Temple in Palmyra. Lack of attendance is a very real problem. The night of my official visit there were only six companions present. The death of their I.M. last year combined with recent deaths of others, and others' poor health has made opening on a regular basis a problem. They can confer the Royal Master Degree but despite having a number of area Chapters to draw from, they have no petitioners. Along with gaining new members they must also encourage more participation from current members. Financially they are sound. They did hold a Christmas party with the Tall Ceders.

HORNELLSVILLE COUNCIL #35

Hornellsville Council now has 40 members including the 13 from Bath Council #40 which merged, pending approval by the Grand Council, in April. However, due to both lack of attendance and lack of new companions, the Council has not been able to open on a regular basis for several years. Similarly, officers cannot all open and close the Council without aid of their Ritual Books. The Council can no longer confer either degree and must rely on other Councils. Financially, the Council is sound and there is a strong sense of fellowship among the Companions.

BATH COUNCIL #40

Pending the approval of the Grand Council, Bath Council was merged with Hornellsville Council in April. An ageing membership along with the decline of the Lodge and Chapter in Bath caused their collapse. Although the Lodge and Chapter in Bath are in the process of rebuilding, they are not yet strong enough to sustain the Council.

SKOI-YASE COUNCIL #75

Skoi-Yase Council has 29 members and meets in the Geneva Masonic Temple. Lack of regular attendance remains a very real problem. The night of my official visit, only five companions were present. As with other councils in this district, age and poor health limit the number who can attend with regularity. Although they can draw from four local Chapters, they have not conferred the degrees this past year. On a more positive note, there is a strong bond of Masonic fellowship among the Companions. Also, they are sound financially.

NUN-DA-WA-GA COUNCIL #92

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council #92 has 39 members and meets in the Attica Masonic Temple. They meet regularly with an average attendance of 12. This is an active and financially stable Council. The officers are proficient for the most part in opening and closing the Council. They are able to confer both Degrees. A petitioner was greeted this past year. A high degree of fellowship is present.

Respectfully submitted,
R. I. David A. Hardy

District Deputy Grand Master's Report,
9th Cryptic District 2010-2011

Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17 has moved to Cheektowaga Masonic Center and changed their meeting night. In doing so, they have seen a great improvement in the attendance of their members. Many companions who previously could not attend because of other commitments on that previous meeting night were now eager to get into line. All of them are excellent in their ritual. I also presided over their Installation and installed them with the assistance of our AGL, Mark Hatswell. I am looking forward to a good year at Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17. They are presently planning their degrees and a fair amount of activities with family and companions, including visiting other Councils in the District. With this involvement, they should be increasing their membership, for the newly activated companions have strong ties with other concordant bodies.

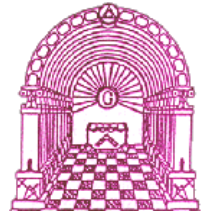
Dunkirk Council No. 25 needs some more work in their membership and attendance. The first time I attended their council meeting, I was the ninth companion needed to open their assembly. I contacted their Recorder and told him that I would be at their Installation. Several companions were surprised to see us, for I had also brought the AGL. We installed those present with the help of a guest as proxy. They are presently working on membership, for the Principal Conductor of the Work knows of one who is committed to become a member. It was stated by the Illustrious Master to plan rehearsals over the summer break. They are planning to do their own degree work and improve their ritual, which was not that bad. All in all, they are trying to move forward and need new companions in the line, so that it will now progress.

Hamburg Council No. 91 had a fantastic turnout at their Installation. Over thirty members and guests were present. They have improved in their ritual and I am eager to see their degree work in the coming year. They have many family activities and programs on their Trestle Board. For what I have seen, they are working hard to keep these standards in ritual a priority, as well as involving family and friends in Cryptic Masonry. That is why I have attended all three Council assemblies several times this year, in order to get a better consensus on how they are really doing. I will continue to do so in the coming year.

R.: I.: Albert W. Hoffman



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York



R.:I.: Curtis Alan Banks
Grand Lecturer

July 1, 2011

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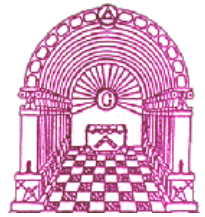
Most Illustrious David H. Raymond, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons 2010-2011
The Current 2010-2011 Cryptic Grand Line Officers
Right Illustrious, Very Illustrious, Illustrious Companions, Companions All

Greetings and Salutations!

I would like to thank M.:I.: Dave Raymond for appointing me as Grand Lecturer during his term of office 2010-2011. This was definitely a challenging year for me as the economy wielded it's downpour of misgiving in and around my abode and livelihood..namely the "pocketbook". Employment was still afforded me and my wife but the reality of loss of home, by way of mother nature and by the economy, took a toll that did two things: 1) made me appreciate the strong "backbone" that my wife Katrina has and still has as she saw me slumped over with worry and concern (many times) and still massaged my back to say "we are going to be OK". (*& yes even my ex-wife for without her understanding as well, my monetary payments to her for our son & daughter could've been unnervingly increased!..give the devil their/her due..as is said - lol*) I'm sorry but I needed to take this time to mention and record this. Katrina will not be present during our closed session to hear this, if I am afforded the opportunity to briefly recap this report, but I will make sure she reads it!

The 2nd thing it did was make me realize how glad, proud, fortunate & lucky I am to have a Masonic family! I mention this because some of you companions really didn't know what was happening. Many of you didn't always see my familiar face or receive my timely emails and wondered. The many of you who reached out did my heart & soul well to know that you cared...from the Grand Line officers of ALL bodies to the brother in the NE Corner reaching out. Because of this, I was able to secure, by way of our Masonic family, some legal help from a bad 2nd mortgage that matured and spiraled out of control as well as secure the assistance of rendering a TRUE loan remodification that is actually due to take effect by the time you are all reading this in August. It was because of acts like this that my wife decided to become a member of the Eastern Star. When she saw the outpour of Masonic family support when our bags were missing in FL during our honeymoon six years ago, she wanted to become a part of that type of fellowship. Now, as she is about to hopefully ascend to the chair as Worthy Matron, she reflects on that time and ..how apropos...for her to witness MORE continued acts of good work, true work...square work! Again, this is not written to bore you, but sometimes we all need a reminder as to why we "do what we do" in masonry...and that is ultimately to practice charity & exhibit brotherly love!

Now..to put the Kleenex away and onto my actual report: It was my job to be sure that I communicate what I see as strengths and difficulties in our councils -- primarily by way of our ritual. With the help and assistance of the Assistant Grand Lecturers they continue to provide me with the audience necessary to conduct superb Grand Lecturers Conventions.



What defines the word "superb"? It is not the amount of companions, nor is it the "brass" that attends them – it is about the coordinated efforts of the District Deputy Grand Master, the AGL and myself (..we three or three such as we., etc.) This past Cryptic year I had the pleasure of being present on April 29th & 30th to witness our companions of Lebanon be greeted as Select Masters and offered the opportunity for them to become SEM's.

Again, due to the economy and my extended travels through my vocation, I was unable to conduct Conventions in the 7th, 8th & 9th Cryptic Districts. For this I extend my apologies to the AGL's (V:I.: Dave Strong, V:I.: Dave Lathers (*PREGC Knights Templars NYS*), V:I.: Mark Hatswell), the DD's (R:I.: Tim Heslop, R:I.: Dave Hardy & R:I.: Al Hoffman) & all of those companions in their respective districts mentioned...especially those who have been to my conventions the previous year(s)! I promise you that, should I be appointed Grand Lecturer for the next administration, I will make it up to you!

However, with that said, the following Districts are to be commended for hosting the 2010-2011 Grand Lecturer's Conventions which this year's school of instruction included not only the opening and closing of a council of Select Masters but also the changeover and introduction to the Super Excellent Master Degree:

District 1: ADELPHIC COUNCIL NO. 7 (HOST) – 03/23/11

V:I.: Spiridon Arkouzis [AGL], R:I.: Richard Schulz [DDGM]

District 2: UNION COUNCIL NO. 2 (HOST) – 03/24/11

R:I.: Mark N. Fytros [AGL], R:I.: Maurice (Murry) Cohen [DDGM]

**special note: This was the FIRST Convention that this District has had since I took over the office in 3 years and was WELL received.*

District 4: ONEONTA COUNCIL NO. 87 (HOST) – 05/24/11

R:I.: Francis K. Wilcox [AGL], R:I.: John R. Nealis II [DDGM]

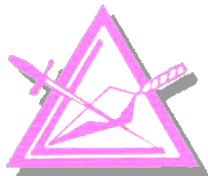
District 6: KING HIRAM COUNCIL NO. 18 (HOST) – 11/16/10

V:I.: Brian Candee [AGL], R:I.: Stuart W. Card [DDGM]

If I am appointed for the 2011-2012 term, it is my ardent desire to conduct a Cryptic Festival, as THE Grand Lecturers Convention whereby I have already looked at the TEAM of companions of the 1st, 4th & 9th Districts to run the 3 degrees, with some input from the other districts. More details will follow but we are looking at dates and more than likely will be held in the Albany/mid point area. Take care my companions and looking forward to joining you in whatever capacity that TGAOTU may have in store for me within Cryptic Masonry as HIS servant!

Zealously & Fraternaly

R:I.: Curtis Alan Banks
Grand Lecturer



RITUAL COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council:

There are no recommended changes additions or corrections in the ritual for the companions to consider this year.

Although a meeting of the committee was planned this past year, it was not possible due to Grand Council financial circumstances. To alleviate this situation, we will be setting up a closed internet group for the Ritual Committee, the same as the Custodians of the Work of Grand Lodge have, to discuss changes, additions or corrections in the ritual. Although it doesn't fully take the place of a meeting of the members of the committee, it at least offers a reasonable alternative.

The ritual book has not had a complete examination in almost ten years. After several consultations with our Grand Lecturer, R.:I.: Curtis Alan Banks, it was decided to cover the Opening and Closing of Council and the Royal Master degree in this coming year. The year following, the Select Master degree and the Manual for Council Officers would be examined. In the third year the Committee will examine the Super Excellent degree. It has also been suggested that Grand Council publish a separate book for the Super Excellent Degree. We will make our suggestions to the companions at each Grand Council session for their deliberations and decisions.

To aid this examination, a large print edition of the ritual book has been sent to the committee and the Grand Lecturer and his assistants for suggestions and notations.

To this end, we also extend to all the companions of this jurisdiction the invitation to send any errors, omissions or corrections that they have to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:I.: William G. Vassily
Chairman, Ritual Committee

Grand Master's Address
MI David H Raymond 2010-2011

RW Junior Grand Warden
RI Deputy Grand Master
MI Past Grand Masters
Companions All

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all here to the Treadway Inn for the 188th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. As you can already tell, many changes have been made to the schedule so that we can allow our ladies to participate in many more of the activities which I hope in turn will make this Annual Assembly more enjoyable for all of us. It was also a pleasure to bring back the tradition of having the Cryptic Circle sponsor the Friday Night Welcome Buffet. All the proceeds from it will be given to them so that they may make contributions to the various charities they support.. If you would like to become a member, see RI Leon Weinstein for an application. The Deputy Grand Master and his convention committee would like your feedback on what you think about the changes so that they may get ready for next year's convention.

Necrology Report

Companions, as you already have seen, another of the changes that was made was to have the Necrology Report given during the public session this morning. At this time, I would like to thank the Grand Chaplains led by RI Rev. Jose' Valencia for the fine job they did in paying tribute to our dearly departed Companions.

Long Term Plan

Early in 2010, I asked several members of the immediate Grand Line to meet with me to put a long term plan together which would improve the quality of Cryptic Masonry here in New York. We all agreed that part of that plan would be to put together a training manual for the officers, both Grand Line and for each Council, along with the need to improve communication in this jurisdiction. With this in mind, I appointed RI Leonard Mason, Grand Captain of the Guard, to head up this committee. Through his committees hard work and persistence a manual has now been developed and as of this writing is about ready to be distributed. I would like to thank RI Len and his committee for this.

As far as improving communication, a couple of big steps have been taken. Through the efforts of RI Curtis Banks and RI Stuart Card, the NYS Cryptic Group was formed. As of this date, there are approximately 100 Companions who belong to it. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, let either Curtis, Stu or myself know and we will e-mail you an invitation. The other step which was taken this year was the creation of the electronic newsletter, "The Cryptic Corner." I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Editor, RI Mark Adler, for his hard work in putting this together every month. It will continue to be published with the next edition to come out right after this Grand Council session. This newsletter is only as good as the articles it receives and I am encouraging each and every one of you to submit them as often as you can.

There were three other areas of concern which were begun to be tackled this year on a limited basis but under the new Grand Master will increase in importance. The membership committee headed by RI Richard Anderson, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, has used this last year to gather ideas throughout the jurisdiction which the various Councils have used to improve membership. They will be putting together a long term plan for growth this year. The Public Relations Committee under the direction of RI Harley DeShane, Grand Conductor of the Council, have also been hard at work gathering information and will also be putting together a long term plan this year. The importance of our Ritual and the use of books is also in the plans to be tackled this year.

Visits

During the past Cryptic Year, I was able to make the Grand Assemblies of Ohio, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Work and family commitments did not allow me to make any of the others and I give my apologies to those jurisdictions at this time.

I was also able to make the Northeast Conference, Grand Commandery of New York, Grand Commander's Reception, Grand Chapter of New York, Rainbow Annual Convention, Grand Lodge of New York, Council of Deliberation and the Annual DeMolay Convention.

I also had the pleasure of attending the following Councils::

Columbian No 1 for their 200th Anniversary Celebration.

Bath Council No. 40 so that they may have enough Companions to vote on the possible merger with Hornellsville Council No. 35.

Suffolk Council No. 76 to present the Ish Sodi Award to two deserving Companions.

Ahwagha Council No. 30 on several occasions but especially for the conferring of the Select Degree using Pennsylvania Ritual by members of their Grand Line.

King David Council No. 97 to present Companion Burt Goodnough with the New York State Cryptic Mason of the Year Award for 2009-2010.

Hamburg Council No. 91 for the dedication of the new trophy case which holds the General Grand Master's apron and jewel of MI Charles VanEtten.

King Solomon Council No. 31 to present another deserving Companion with his Ish Sodi Award.

I was welcomed with open arms at each of these visits and enjoyed myself a great deal.

Dispensations

I granted the following dispensations this past year:

Columbian Council No. 1- To perform the Super Excellent Degree at their 200th Anniversary Celebration in September 2010.

Ahwagha Council No. 30- To perform the Select Degree using Pennsylvania Ritual by Companions from Pennsylvania at their regular Assembly in September 2010.

Flatbush Council No. 80 -To allow the Illustrious Master to take the TIM Degree on November 23, 2010 after the meeting of the Commandery that evening.

St. George's Council No. 74- To allow them to hold their regular Assembly in November at the Masonic Temple in Northridge as has been their tradition in the past.

Hornellsville No.35 and Bath No.40 -To merge pending the approval of the Grand Council at their Annual Assembly in August and to be known as Hornellsville No.35 adopting the by-laws of such council.

Oneonta Council No. 87- To allow them to hold their Annual Assembly in April so that they may host the Grand Lecturer's Convention at their regular Assembly in May.

Bloss-Dewitt Council No.14 -To allow them to hold their Annual Assembly on May 6 instead of May 13 as to not conflict with a Commandery function.

Joseph-Warren Cryptic Council No. 37- To allow the Illustrious Master to take the TIM Degree at their regular Assembly in April.

Columbian Council No. 1- To allow them to do the Royal, Select and Super Excellent Degrees for the Companions from Lebanon on April 29th.

To the newly made Companions from Lebanon to form a new Council to meet in Lebanon. It is to be known as Phoenician Council Under Dispensation.

North Shore Council No. 88-To allow a Companion who has not previously served as Deputy Master or PCW to be elected Illustrious Master for the next Cryptic Year.

Phoenician Council UD

Back sometime in January, I received an e-mail from RI Richard Schulz, DDGM of the first District, who informed me that he had been contacted through RI Edmund Harrison by the Royal Arch Companions from Lebanon who formed a Chapter last year under the jurisdiction of New York that they would now like to start a Council under the jurisdiction of New York. After extensive research and discussions with some members of the Jurisprudence Committee, it was determined it could be done and I then set-up the guidelines and timetable for it. I also set up a committee consisting of RI Richard Schulz, RI Edmund Harrison and RI Curtis Banks to oversee all of the work that needed to be done. I am happy to report that the requirements were met and that on April 29th, the new Council, known as Phoenician Council UD was officially started. I would like to thank the committee for their work in putting this together, Columbian Council No. 1 and the First Cryptic District for both hosting and performing the degrees and to St. George's Council of Anointed Kings for performing the TIM Degree. I would especially like to thank the Companions from Lebanon for the pleasure of doing this for them.

Grand Council Charity Corporation

I would like to thank all the Companions who contributed to the Grand Council Charity Corp for Parkinson's Disease this past year. MI E. William Whittaker reported to me that donations were over \$8000 this year. Good job Companions.

Dedications and Re-Dedications

This year the Grand line had the pleasure of performing one Re-Dedication and two Dedications of new meeting rooms. They are as follows:

St. Georges No. 74 on October 30, 2010. They celebrated their 100th Anniversary that day.

King David No. 97 on May 14th. Their meeting room in Dexter had never been dedicated so the Grand Line took care of it that day.

Buffalo-Keystone No. on June 4th. They had moved from Williamsville to Cheektowaga so their new meeting room was dedicated. We also had the pleasure of making their Recorder, W. King Mix, a Meritorious Companion.

The Grand Line and myself would like to thank these Councils for the pleasure of performing this impressive ceremony for them.

At this time, I would like to recognize the Grand Marshal, RI Leo Synakowski for the work he did in making new posters for the ceremony. If you have not seen them, I encourage you to attend the next Dedication or Re-Dedication in your area to view them.. He did a fantastic job. Thank you Leo.

Elected and Appointed Grand Officers

At this time I would like to commend and thank all the elected and appointed Grand Officers for the fine job they did this past Cryptic Year. This Grand Council is in my opinion headed for great things and it is because of the work and dedication of all these fine officers.

I would also like to thank the Past Grand Masters for there help and words of advice throughout the year. I had some tough decisions to make during the year and their experience was invaluable.

I would like to especially thank at this time the Grand Sentinel, RI Harrison Raymond (Dad) for agreeing to serve in that capacity during my year. Even though you could not travel with me everywhere, the places we could go together were a lot of fun and even though you would never admit it, I think you enjoyed it as well. Again, thank you for serving as Grand Sentinel, it meant a great deal to me.

Recommendations

I have but one recommendation to present to the Grand Council and it is a simple one. Stick with the long term plan which was started last year. There is no question that it is working and we are starting to see its effects. As part of this plan, I am encouraging each and every Companion to continue to communicate with the Grand Line Officers and with each other as this I believe this will lead to the growth and success of this Grand Council.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for allowing me to serve this Grand Council as Grand Master for the 2010-2011 Cryptic Year. It has been a real pleasure. The friendships and memories I have made over the past six years while in the Grand Line will stay with me forever.

I would also like to wish the Deputy Grand Master and my good friend, RI George Whitmer, the best of success as he begins his term as Grand Master this afternoon. My Companions, he is one of the most amazing human beings I have ever known. As many of you know, he has shown great courage in battling his health problems the last couple of years and it is this courage and his dedication to Cryptic Masonry that will serve him and us well for the upcoming Cryptic year.

As many of you are well aware of, there is one person who has had a great influence on my life who is not here in body but here in spirit. Please indulge me as I say to her, Mom I miss you and I hope I did you proud.

Again thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master as I say God Bless America and this great Fraternity we call Freemasonry.

Fraternally Yours,

David H Raymond
Grand Master 2010-2011.

TheGrand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Charity Fund Corporation

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Charity Corporation

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY August 1, 2010 thru July 31, 2011

Checking Account Balance 8/1/10			\$27,935.55
Investment Account Balances 8/1/10			
	American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$83,982.63	
	DWS High Income Plus Fund (SGHSX)	\$92,877.12	
	Janus Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$87,626.68	
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBRX)	\$99,410.00	
			\$363,896.43
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/10			\$363,896.43
ACTIVITY 8/1/09-7/31/10			
Income	Donations	\$8,463.50	
	Dividends/Interest/Realized Capital Gains(Losses)	\$21,063.10	
	Misc	\$0.00	
Total Income			\$29,526.60
Expenses	Contributions to Charity	\$15,000.00	
	Operating/Administrative Expense	\$6,000.80	
Total Expense			\$21,000.80
Net Unrealized Change in Investment Value (gain/loss)			\$54,379.06
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/11			\$426,801.29
ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS OF 7/31/11			
Checking Account Balance 7/31/11			\$24,706.17
Investment Account Balances 7/31/11			
	American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$94,429.82	
	DWS High Income Plus Fund (SGHSX)	\$97,731.57	
	Janus Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$96,268.89	
	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBRX)	\$113,664.84	
Total Investment Balances 7/31/11			\$402,095.12
Misc (cash and checks in hand)			\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/11			\$426,801.29

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2011-2012

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- 3.) M.:I.: Charles Roberts (#19), Past Grand Master
- 4.) M.:I.: Reuben (Rex) Long (#30), Past Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master
- 5.) M.:I.: E. William Whittaker (#19 & 75), Past Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master
- 6.) All 2011-2012 Assistant Grand Lecturers

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- 2.) R.:I.: Leonard Mason, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 3.) R.:I.: Curtis A. Banks, (#1) Grand Lecturer
- 4.) All 2011-2012 District Deputy Grand Masters

Finance and Accounts - Budget

- 1.) M.:I.: Donald Harrison (#76), Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Chairman
- 2.) R.:I.: Richard Anderson, Deputy Grand Master
- 3.) R.:I.: Leonard Masons, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- 4.) M.:I.: Joseph P. Pozefsky (#14), Past Grand Master, Grand Recorder
- 6.) M.:I.: E. William Whittaker (#19 & #75), Past Grand Master

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- 2.) All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

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- 3.) R.:I.: Harley DeShane, Grand Captain of the Guard
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- 5.) R.:I.: Garry Hutchurson, Grand Marshal

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- 2.) R.:I.: Leo G. Synakowski (#14)

Northeast Regional Conference

- 1.) M.:I.: George Whitmer, Grand Master
- 2.) All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

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1st District: Columbian No. 1

Adelphic No. 7

Adoniram No. 36

Suffolk No. 76

Flatbush No. 80

North Shore No. 88

6th District: Rotica No. 12

Central City No. 13

King Hiram No. 18

Fulton No. 50

King David No. 97

7th District: Ahwaga No. 30

Cayuga No. 90

2nd District: Union No. 2

King Solomon's No. 31

Peekskill No. 55

Goshen No. 93

8th District: Doric No. 19

Palmyra No. 26

Hornellsville No. 35

Bath No. 40

Skoï Yase No. 75

Nun Da Waga No. 92

4th District: Bloss-DeWitt Clinton No. 14

Joseph Warren Cryptic 37

St. George's No. 74

Oneonta No. 87

9th District: Buffalo-Keystone No. 17

Dunkirk No. 25

Hamburg No. 91

GRAND COUNCIL

OFFICER VISITS:

1st District: Grand Marshal

2nd District: Grand Standard Bearer

4th District: Grand Conductor of the Council

6th District: Grand Captain of the Guard

7th District: Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

8th District: Grand Steward

9th District: Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

MINUTES OF THE 188TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The 188th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday August 19 and Saturday August 20, 2011 at the Treadway Inn, Owego NY.

OPENING AND RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER AND OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL

A Council of Select Masters was opened by the Illustrious Master and officers of Cayuga Council No. 90 on Friday August 19, 2011 at 7:30PM. The Most Illustrious David H. Raymond, Grand Master, and the officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York were received, and by order of the Grand Master, assumed the stations and places.

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:

A constitutional quorum of constituent Councils was determined to be present, and the Grand Master declared the 188th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York opened in ample form. In accordance with New York State Fire Laws, he then advised the Companions of the exits in case of emergency.

COUNCILS INELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

It was determined that Peekskill Council No. 55 was ineligible to vote, as their Annual Return was not submitted until August 19th, just prior to the opening of the Annual Assembly, in violation of Article 24 of the General Regulations.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Grand Master appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of: R.:I.: James Hemstrought Jr., James Zearfoss,

The Grand Master appointed a Committee on the Grand Master's Address, consisting of M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Harvey Payne, and Richard Hadley

RESOLUTIONS:

The following standard Resolutions were duly proposed, seconded, and approved by vote of the Companions:

A Motion that the minutes of the 187th Annual Assembly be approved as printed in the handout.

A Motion that all the reports of the elected Grand Line Officers, from Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to Grand Steward inclusive, as will be published on CD, be approved.

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 Constitution.

A Motion that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business at 1:45PM on Saturday August 20, 2011: that each officer be nominated individually; and that the nominating speeches be limited to three (3) minutes and seconding speeches to two (2) minutes.

A Motion that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER:

The Grand Master noted that the report be distributed in the CD to be created, and commented on the excellent work of our Grand Lecturer. R□I□ Companion Banks was accorded a round of applause by the Companions present.

RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS:

The Grand Master recognized by name and thanked those Companions who served as Assistant Grand Lecturers during the past Cryptic Masonic year. Those present were called to the East: First District, V.:I.: Richard Schultz, Second District, V.:I.: Mark Fytros, Sixth District, V.:I.: Stuart Card, Eighth District, V.:I.: David Hardy, Ninth District, V.:I.: Jeffrey Williamson. They were accorded a round of applause at the direction of the Grand Master.

MOTION CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS ON CD/DVD:

A motion was made, duly seconded, and after discussion, was approved by the Companions present and voting, to henceforth distribute the Proceedings of the Annual Assemblies on CD/DVD, commencing with the 188th Annual Assembly.

A further motion was made, seconded and passed to have the past Proceedings, which have been saved by various individuals, to be compiled, digitized, and saved on CD/DVD, and to be made available to those who wish to have them, at a cost to be determined.

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

The report was given by R.:I.: Leonard Mason.

REPORT ON THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE:

The report was given by M.:I.: Harvey Payne.

REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE:

The report was given by R.:I.: Curtis A. Banks.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN:

Due to the recent sudden passing of R.:I.: Paul Edwards, there was no report. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS REVIEW:

The report was given by M.:I.: E. William Whittaker.

GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT:

The report was given by M.:I.: Francis I. Karwowski.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES:

The report is printed and distributed, and remarks on it were given by M.:I.: E. William Whittaker.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:

Synopsis was given by M.:I.: Donald Harrison, is also printed and distributed in the handout.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Was presented on behalf of the Audit Committee by M.:I.: Donald Harrison.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Was submitted by M.:I.: Donald Harrison.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

The report was given by R.:I.: David H. Raymond.

RECOGNITION OF LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS:

The Grand Master ordered the Grand Recorder to call the roll of living Past Grand Masters of our Grand Council. The Grand Recorder noted those who were unable to attend, due to the length of their cable tow, and health not permitting. Those present were asked to assemble in the East, before the Companions, where they were recognized and accorded Grand Honors.

RECOGNITION OF THE RETIRING DISTRICT DEPUTIES GRAND MASTER:

The Grand Master then recognized the retiring District Deputies, noting that a couple of them would continue to serve the next Grand Master, and thanked them for their service to Cryptic Masonry.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

The Grand Master ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call the Grand Council from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 8:45AM Saturday, August 20th for the reception of our distinguished visitors, followed by our Necrology. Labor will resume in the Secret Vault following the Necrology.

VESPERS SERVICE:

The service was conducted under the direction of R.:I.: and Rev. Jose Valencia, with the assistance of R.:I.: and Rev. Charles Lee and R.:I.: and Rev. Mark Isaacs.

LABOR RESUMED:

The Grand Master ordered the Assembly reconvened at 8:45AM on Saturday August 20th.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

A Delegation of Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of New York was received.

Our Distinguished Visitors were received under escort and greeted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Delegations were greeted and acknowledged from the following:

Massachusetts

Michigan

New Jersey

Vermont

The Province of Ontario, Canada

Additionally, representatives from the following Masonic Grand Bodies were received:

Knights of the York Cross of Honor

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ

General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International

R.:W.: Charles Uhle, Junior Grand Warden, representing M.:W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Our ladies were also invited to partake in the morning's ceremonies.

NECROLOGY REPORT:

The report was given by the Grand Chaplains. A Memorial Service was then conducted by the Grand Chaplains.

LABOR RESUMED:

The ladies were then excused, and Labor resumed in the Secret Vault.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives of Grand Councils near the Grand Council of New York was read, and those present were asked to assemble in the East, where they were thanked and recognized by the Grand Master, and accorded a round of applause by the Companions.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:

The Grand Master presented Honorary Memberships to the visiting Grand Masters in attendance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

The Report was given by M.:I.: Joseph P. Pozefsky.

REMARKS FROM THE VISITING DIGNITARIES:

Remarks on behalf of our visitors were made by M.:I.: John Barnes, NJ, who also presented M.:I.: David Raymond with a memento of New Jersey's Grand Council's 150th Anniversary.

Remarks from the Concordant Bodies were made by R.:E.: James MacConnell, Grand Commander KT.

Remarks from General Grand Council were made by R.:P.: Frederick I. Waldron, Regional DDGGM.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER:

M.:I.: Arnold Palmer relinquished the gavel to the Deputy Grand Master and presented the Grand Master's Address to the Companions, following which R.:I.: David H. Raymond made a motion that the Grand Master's Address be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. The motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. The Deputy Grand Master then returned the gavel to the Grand Master.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:

The Grand Master declared this to be the appointed hour for the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council Charity Corporation. The Grand Master turned the gavel over to the President, M.:I.: Donald Harrison, who conducted the meeting. M.:I.: Harrison acknowledged all Directors of the Corporation, and then turned over the meeting to M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Treasurer, for his report. Motion made, seconded and approved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Audit Committee, consisting of Comp. Eric Benson, K. Ciatyk, and R.:I.: Alan C. Lewis, reported that the Audit has been completed, and the books found in order. Life Member Certificates were presented to a number of Companions of various Councils throughout the jurisdiction by M.:I.: Companion Whittaker. Motion was then made by M.:I.: E. William Whittaker that the minutes of this meeting be approved and published, which was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. M.:I.: Harrison then declared the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council Charity Fund ended.

REMARKS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND MASTER:

R.:W.: Charles Uhle conveyed the regrets of both the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and thanked the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Companions for all the courtesies extended to him.

CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

M.:I.: Raymond then ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call the Craft from Labor to Refreshment, to resume Labor at 1:00PM, after lunch..

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENED

The Grand Master called the Craft from Refreshment to Labor at 1:00PM on Saturday August 20, 2011.

REPORT OF ISH SODI AND AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The report was given by R.:I.: Harley DeShane, Grand Captain of the Guard. He announced that the Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award, and the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award, together with the General Grand Council Youth Leadership Award, would be presented at the banquet this evening.

Awards and recognitions were presented to the Illustrious Masters or representatives of the following Councils:

Ish Sodi Award:

Philip Chandler and Dennis Davis, from Rotica Council

Eric Benson, Bloss DeWitt Clinton Council

Stephen Lovasz, North Shore Council

Most Companions Greeted in this Cryptic Year

Columbian Council, 27 new Companions

Greeting five or more Companions in this Cryptic Year

Columbian, Rotica, Bloss-DeWitt Clinton and Ahwaga Councils all received certificates.

Best Attendance at this Annual Assembly

Nun-Da-Waga Council No. 92

Cayuga Council No. 90 was awarded the Kreason Memorial Bible for the greatest contribution to the Charity Fund.

Councils contributing more than \$5.00 per Companion to the Charity Fund:

Cayuga Council No. 90, \$69.23 per companion.

Doric Council No. 19, \$30.88
Skoi-Yase Council No. 75, \$21.76
Rotica Council No. 12, \$13.88
Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council No. 14, \$10.41
Nun-Da-Waga Council No. 92, \$7.50
Oneonta Council No. 87, \$6.38
King Hiram Council No. 18, \$6.25
Goshen Council No. 93, \$6.03
Peekskill Council No. 55, \$6.00
King Solomon Council No. 31, \$5.88

It was noted that ten Councils did not make contributions to the Charity Fund this year.

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

The report was presented by M.:I.: Donald Harrison, following which he made a motion to approve and accept the report. The motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF THE 189TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The report of the Committee was given. The 188th Annual Assembly will be held on August 16 and 17, 2012 at the Dunkirk Clarion Hotel, Dunkirk NY.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

The report was given.

There were twenty-four Councils represented,
Eighteen Illustrious Masters,
Seven Deputy Masters,
Six Principal Conductors of the Work,
Sixty-One Past Masters,
24 Other Companions,
33 Ladies.

Twenty-one Visitors and three ladies.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 175.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Committee's report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Grand Master then called the Assembly to order for the purposes of conducting the Election of Officers. Tellers appointed were: M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Harvey Payne, and John P. Nosal Jr. PMIGM Donald Harrison nominated Deputy Grand Master George Whitmer for the position of Grand Master. Nomination seconded by Stuart Card. Grand Master Raymond, after proper question, declared the nominations closed. DGM Whitmer accepted the office of Grand Master. PMIGM Richard Hadley made a motion that all officers be advanced one position, and the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer succeed themselves. The motion was seconded by multitudinous companions, and the officers were elected. PMIGM Raymond was nominated for the position of Grand Trustee for three years and was elected by acclamation. The Grand Lecturer, Curtis A. Banks, was nominated for the position of Grand Steward. Nomination was seconded by R.:I.: Stuart Card. After proper questioning, PMIGM Raymond declared the nominations closed, and Curtis A. Banks was declared elected to the position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Grand Master asked if there was any unfinished business to be transacted. None being reported, the Grand Council began the process of the Private Installation of the Grand Master-elect. MIGM Raymond then symbolically retired, receiving private Grand Honors, and with a round of applause from the Companions.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER-ELECT:

The Grand Master-Elect, M.:I.: George Whitmer, was duly obligated and installed by M.:I.: David Raymond, Installing Officer, assisted by M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Installing Marshal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Grand Master determined that there was no further business to be brought before the Grand Council at this time.

CLOSING THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The Grand Master closed the 188th Annual Assembly in due form. Benediction offered by R.:I.: and Reverend Jose Valencia.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

The Elected and Appointed officers of the Grand Council were installed in a Public Ceremony of Installation by M.:I.: David Raymond, Installing Officer, assisted by M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Installing Marshal, and R.:I.: and Reverend Charles Lee, Installing Chaplain.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE:

The Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master was conferred by St. George Council, Order of Anointed Kings, on all Illustrious Masters-Elect in attendance.

GRAND COUNCIL BANQUET:

The Annual Banquet was held on Saturday, August 20, 2011. At that time further awards and recognitions were presented,

