

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of the State of New York
2024-2025

202nd Annual Assembly



M.: J.: Daniel D. Elliott
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2024-2025 A. Dep.

August 15th & 16th, 2025
The Desmond Hotel
Albany NY

AGENDA FOR THE 202nd ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

1) The Opening of the 202nd Annual Assembly

The Call To The 202nd Annual Assembly Of The Grand Council Cryptic Masons Of The State Of New York

2) The Minutes Of The 201st Annual Assembly Of The Grand Council Cryptic Masons Of The State Of New York

3) The Annual Reports Of The Grand Line Officers

<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>	<i>Grand Principal Conductor of the Work</i>	<i>Grand Captain of the Guard</i>
<i>Grand Conductor of the Council</i>	<i>Grand Marshal</i>	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
<i>Grand Steward</i>	<i>Judge Advocate</i>	<i>Grand Historian</i>
<i>Grand Archivist</i>		

4) The Annual Committee Reports

<i>By-Laws Review & Jurisprudence</i>	<i>Long Range Planning</i>
<i>Condition & Extension of the Rite</i>	<i>Membership</i>
<i>Masonic Education & Communications</i>	<i>Concordant Bodies & Youth</i>
<i>Library & Museum</i>	<i>Vespers & Necrology</i>
<i>Ritual (See Grand Lecturer's Report)</i>	<i>Northeast Cryptic Festival</i>
<i>Northeastern York Rite Conference</i>	<i>Masonic Veterans (None)</i>
<i>Website</i>	

5) Annual Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

6) Grand Lecturer's Annual Report and the AGLs Annual Reports

7) Annual Grand Treasurer's Report

<i>Financial Accounting for 2024-25 Budget</i>	<i>Escrow Accounting for 2024-25</i>
<i>Budget for 2024-25 Comparison</i>	<i>Financial Review/Audit for 2024-25</i>

8) Annual Grand Recorder's Report

<i>The Office of the Grand Recorder</i>	<i>Financial's for 2024-25</i>
<i>Proposed Budget for 2025-2026</i>	

9) Annual Report of the Trustees of Grand Council

10) Annual Awards Report

11) The Annual Allocution of the Most Illustrious Grand Master

12) The Annual Grand Council Charity Corporation Meeting

<i>Agenda</i>	<i>Minutes</i>	<i>Annual Summary</i>	<i>Financial Review/Audit</i>
<i>Charitable Distribution</i>	<i>Election of Directors</i>		<i>Charity Fund Awards Presentations</i>

13) The Report on the Most Illustrious Grand Masters Address

14) The Report of the Registration and Credentials Committee

15) The Election of Officers

16) The Address of The Newly Installed Most Illustrious Grand Master

17) The Conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree

18) The Remarks of The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of NY

19) The Closing of The 202nd Annual Assembly

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE CALL TO THE 202nd Annual Assembly

May 2025

Official Notice is hereby given that the **Two Hundred and Second Annual Assembly** of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 15, 2025 and continuing through Saturday, August 16, 2025**. You will need to let the Grand Recorder's Office know of your attendance as soon as possible. **SOONER THE BETTER!**

HEADQUARTERS: The Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel at 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211. Room Reservations with The Crowne Plaza Albany - Desmond Hotel made by direct Room Link or by phone line: (518) 869-8100. Mention that you are with The Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY for the \$154.00 room rate plus tax. Group Code is "GRQ." Rooms must be reserved by July 24, 2024.

REGISTRATION: Friday, August 15, 2025: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 16, 2025: 7:30 – 10:00 AM outside the meeting room. Registration and Credentials **will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 16th**. Certificates of Appointment as Proxies for the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, bearing the Council Seal, should be presented to the Credentials Desk before the Opening of the Grand Council. **Aprons are to be worn in all Tiled Sessions. Don't forget to bring yours.**

RESERVATIONS: Hotel and Meal Reservation Form is enclosed or you can go to the website: www.nycryptic.org and download a copy. **All Reservations must be made by US Mail ONLY - No Emails or Phone Call Reservations! Cut Off Date for Meals is Absolute--There Will Be No Reservations Accepted after August 11, 2025!**

The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

- 12:00 - 1:00 PM** Lunch: Grand Line Officers & Past Grand Masters on your own
1:00 - 5:00 PM Conference: Grand Council Line Officers & Past Grand Masters
1:00 - 5:00 PM Hospitality Suite will be open
6:00 - 7:30 PM Welcome Buffet – Informal! All are Welcome. **Reservations & Tickets required**
BRING WITH YOU! (Dress Code: Casual Dress for All - **Purple Night** - All Wear Purple)
- 7:45 PM** Opening of the 202nd Annual Assembly
(Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket & Purple Tie;
Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple or Black Tie;
Companions: Jacket and Tie. All Wear Aprons If Available!)
- Business Conducted:**
Grand Council Officers will open the Grand Council per Grand Council Ritual
Roll Call of Councils; Previous Minutes; Appointment of Committees
Resolutions by PMIGMs
Reports of:
Education, Membership & Public Relations; Library & Museum; Ritual Committee;
Grand Lecturer and Awards; Condition & Extension of the Rite; Grand Historian;
Jurisprudence & By-Laws Committee;
- 8:45 PM** Vesper Service (The Offering for the evening will go to the Grand Council Charity Fund)
9:30 PM Order of the Larks Conferral
10:00 PM Recess. Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM.

Saturday, August 16, 2025

(Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: Morning Suits; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: Purple Jackets or Tuxedo/Black/Purple Tie; Companions: Jacket & Tie; All Wear Aprons if Available)

Breakfast on Your Own

- 8:15 AM** **Assembling** of NY Distinguished Guests, Ladies and other Guests Admitted
8:30 AM **Reception** of NY Distinguished Guests
9:00 AM **Necrology Ceremony** - Ladies and Non-members excused following the Ceremony
9:45 AM **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**
Business Conducted:
Roll Call of AGLs; Roll Call & Recognition of DDGMs; Recognition of Past Grand Masters; Roll Call & Recognition of Grand Representatives; Reports of: Trustees of Grand Council; Grand Treasurer; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master; Grand Recorder; Presentation of Honorary Memberships; Remarks from Visitors; Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address.
10:45 -11:15 AM **Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation**
11:15 AM **Address** of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of NY or that of his personal representative.

Recess For Lunch

- NOON** **LUNCHEON** (Reservation and Tickets required - BRING WITH YOU!)

Reconvene Business of the Annual Assembly

- 1:15 PM** **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**
Business Conducted: Reports of: Ish Sodi & Awards; Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address; Time & Place Committee; Credentials; Unfinished Business; Election of Officers; Tiled Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect; Closing of the 202nd Annual Assembly by Grand Council Officers.
3:00 PM **Public Installation** of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters and AGLs - Ladies & Guests Invited
4:15-5:30 PM **Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree (Open Only for the Cast and Candidates and Limited number of qualified members of the Grand Council)**
(Per Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council, ALL newly elected Illustrious Masters are required to receive this degree prior to presiding in his elected office.)
6:00 PM **Social Hour** prior to the Grand Council Annual Banquet - Cash Bar
7:00 PM **GRAND BANQUET**
(With Remarks and Presentation of Awards - Reservations & Tickets required - BRING WITH YOU!)
{Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket and Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions: Purple Jacket / Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie; Ladies: Semi-Formal)
9:30 PM Hospitality Suite will be open until 11:30 PM.

Attested To:


M.:I.:Daniel D. Elliott
Most Illustrious Grand Master


M.:I.:John A. Gallant
Grand Recorder

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The 201st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday, August 23rd and Saturday, August 24 2024 at The Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211.

OPENING BY THE GRAND MASTER AND OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL:

Grand Master, Most Illustrious Donald R. Kunego was introduced by the Acting Grand Marshal, Right Illustrious A. Harry Williams and given Grand Honors. M.:I.: Kunego welcomed all to the 201st Annual Assembly.

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:

A constitutional quorum of Grand Council Officers and of Constituent Councils was determined to be present. The Grand Assembly was opened by Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego and the Grand Line officers in ample form on Friday, August 23rd at 8:00 PM. Grand Chaplain Charles M. Roberts gave the invocation. The Grand Post of Masonic War Vet's Honor Guard presented the colors. It was declared by the Grand Recorder that all councils present were entitled to vote.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The following companions were assigned to committees, Credentials: M.:I.: David H. Raymond, Comp. Mike Miller and R.:I.: Steven Howard, with M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts as advisor. Committee on Grand Master's address: M.:I.: Richard Fowler, M.:I.: Francis Karwowski and M.:I.: Garry Hutchurson.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Committee on Standard Resolutions for this assembly made the following Resolutions. They were seconded, voted upon and passed:

- A) M.:I.: Richard Fowler: Moved that that the Minutes of the 201st Annual Assembly be approved when finalized by the Grand Recorder's office for publication and posting on the Grand Council Website.
- B) M.:I.: Gary Hutchurson: Moved that the Annual Reports of the elected Grand Council line officers with the exception of the Deputy Grand Master which are to be published as part of the 201st Annual Proceedings be approved.
- C) M.:I.: Francis Karwowski: Moved that all Companion Select Masters in Good Standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except at such time, as provided by the Constitutions.
- D) M.:I.: Charles Roberts: Moved that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business at 1:45 PM on Saturday, August 24, 2024; and that the nominating speeches be limited to three (3) minutes and seconding speeches to two (2) minutes.
- E) M.:I.: Richard Fowler: Moved that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so.

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE REPORT:

The motion to accept the submitted report on the Condition and Extension of the rite and spread it upon the minutes was made by R.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott Deputy Grand Master it was seconded, voted upon and passed.

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

R.:I.: Frank Fancher stated that he has a "Short and Sweet" report. He reported that we have new rituals printed and available for purchase. He and the ritual committee are working on the Super Excellent Master Degree ritual to work with a reduced cast. It is becoming a long task but he wants to make it "right". He made the motion to have the report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

The Roll Call of the Assistant Grand Lectures for the Districts were made. The AGLs came to the East, were Greeted by the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer and accorded Grand Honors.

REPORT ON THE WEB SITE:

The web site report was given by M.:I.: John Gallant, Grand Recorder. He made the motion to have the report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

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

The Masonic Education, Membership and Public Relations report was given by R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu Grand PCW. He complimented our Grand Lecturer and AGLs on the Schools of Instruction they are holding. He reported on our Facebook page and recommended that our Companions join the group. At this time we have about one hundred and forty members. He highlighted a York Rite event that was put on by the NYC – First District and how well it was received by Brothers and Companions who were there. R.:I.: Kerimoglu made the motion to have the report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT: (No Report)

RITUAL COMMITTEE: (Given as part of the Grand Lecturers Report)

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

R.:I.: Carl J. Klossner presented the Long Range Planning Committee report. He referenced that the report will be in the electronic proceedings when published on the web site for the Companions to review. He congratulated Grand Master Kunego and the Grand Line Officers on a very successful 200th ceremony. R.:I.: Klossner made the motion to spread this report upon the minutes, it was seconded and passed.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN:

The report was presented by R.:I.: A. Harry Williams, the Grand Historian. He was able to update the Grand Lodge reading program to have the Cryptic Council section changed with more appropriate books. He made the motion to have the submitted report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND ARCHIVIST:

The report was presented by R.:I.: Richard Powell, the Grand Archivist. His primary task was to create a set of brochures for preserving our Personal Masonic artifacts and recording a Brothers Masonic Legacy. He made the motion to have the submitted report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE:

The report of the Judge Advocate was presented by M.:I.: Gallant, Grand Recorder. R.:I.: Paul G. Huck, Judge Advocate, worked with the Jurisprudence committee for the year to review proposed amendments and Council By-Laws.. He made the motion to have the submitted report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

The report of the Jurisprudence and By-Laws Committee was given by M.:I.: Richard Fowler. There was one Council requesting By-Laws changes. Motions were made to approve the requested changes, they were seconded and approved. He presented an amendment change to the Constitutions and By-laws to add the term "Past Grand Masters" to the list of those who compose the Grand Council. He made the motion to have the submitted report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

The Grand Trustees report was presented on behalf of M.:I.: Ken Lockard by M.:I.: Gallant. M.:I.: Gallant made the motion to have the report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:

The Grand Treasurers report was given by M.:I.: David H. Raymond. He presented a number of highlights on the General Fund and Escrow accounts and was happy to report that we are "still in the black". It has been a pleasant time this year. We did change Banks this year and he Thanked M.:I.: Roberts and M.:I.: Gallant for all their help. He made the motion to have the report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF THE REVIEW AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The Audit Committee report was given by R.:I.: Steven W. Howard, Grand Sentinel. He stated that the Audit Committee found the records of our Grand Treasurer in proper order. He made the motion to have the report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Budget Committee report was made by M.:I.: David H. Raymond, the Grand Treasurer. The overall numbers are consistent with last year. With a beginning balance \$42,316.74, a projected income

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of \$40,011.00, expenditures of \$42,767.00, the projected balance as of July 31, 2025 will be \$39,560.24. With the expected per-capita for the year, we are projecting a budget in the red. However, as can be expected, not all line items are expended resulting in the budget being “ok” at the end of the year. M.:I.: Raymond moved to have report spread upon the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

Deputy Grand Master R.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott presented his report. He admitted that it was a very busy year for him. He attended a number of events over the year. Some of the highlights include the 200th Anniversary day. Along with his Cryptic duties, he has also been installed as a Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter Order of Easter Star. The hardest part of the year was the passing of his Mother. He Thanked all the Companions for their well wishes during that time and he has an amazing stack of cards from everyone. He is looking forward to a better year and traveling more. He moved to have his report spread upon the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

VESPERS SERVICE:

The Vespers Service was conducted under the direction of M.:I.: Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain. A copy of the Order of Service is appended to these minutes to be included in the proceedings of this assembly. A collection of \$590.00 was offered by the Companions and presented to the Charity Corporation.

CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

Prior to the Call, M.:I.: Donald R. Kunego extended a round of applause for R.:I.: Gerald Irwin, Grand Musician, who was providing the musical accompaniment for our Grand Assembly. M.:I.: Kunego announced that Grand Council will resume in the morning at 8:30 AM with the reception of distinguished visitors follow by Necrology Report. Grand Council officers will be in their places at 8:15 AM. Ladies and guests are invited to take their seats by 8:30 AM. Labor will resume following the Necrology Report. He reminded everyone that room 156 is our hospitality room. R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu, Grand Conductor of the Council, called the Companions for Labor to Refreshment to resume their labor in the Secret Vault at the sound of the gavel in the East. Labor was suspended at 9:30pm.

THE NOBLE ORDER OF LARKS:

The second annual conferral of the special and unique Noble Order of the Larks degree was performed following the end of the Friday night Grand Council session. The “Grand Lark” reported that \$280 dollars was collected by the flocks of Larks and donated to the Grand Charity Corp.

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED:

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was reconvened in Public Session by Grand Master, M.:I.: Donald R. Kunego on Saturday, August 24th at 8:30am.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

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The following delegations were received and greeted personally in the East by Grand Master, M.:I.: Donald R. Kunego, Deputy Grand Master R.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu:

R.:I.: Reginald Page, Deputy Grand Master of Maine,

M.:I.: William C. Hare, Jr. Grand Master of Maryland,

M.:I.: Manuel Ferreira III, Grand Master of Massachusetts,

R.:I.: Earl Cole, Jr. Deputy Grand Master of New Hampshire,

M.:P.: Mark David Gall, Grand Master of Pennsylvania,

M.:I.: Roland E. Woodard, Grand Master of Vermont,

M.:I.: Marvin E. Williams, Grand Master of PHA Grand Council of NY,

M.:E.: Steven R. Shearer, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the State of NY,

R.:E.: R. Conrad Johnson, Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of the State of NY,

Illustrious David Barnes, Representing G. Michael Morris of the Council of Deliberation of NY, AASR,

R.:P.: Paul Smith, DDGGM North-East Dist., General Grand Council International,

R.:W.: John Haslam, Sr., Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of NY.

R.:W.: Peter Unfried, the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York entered and announced that Most Worshipful Steven A. Rubin Grand Master of Masons in the State of NY was about to enter. He was received by Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego, given Grand Honors and was seated in the East.

NECROLOGY REPORT:

The Necrology Report was given under the direction of the Grand Chaplain: M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts. M.:I.: Roberts gave the eulogy for M.:I.: Edward Patrick Fagan, Jr., MIGM (2000-2001) and the 26 Companions who have left us. See the submitted written Necrology Service for details. M.:I.: Roberts moved that the report be spread upon the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT:

R.:P.: Paul Smith the DDGGM of the General Grand Council International and the previous recipients of the Order of the Secret Vault conferred the public Degree, for the last time, upon M.:I.: Donald Kunego and R.:I.: Stuart Card.

LABOR RESUMED IN THE SECRET VAULT:

Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego excused all non-Cryptic Masons, Ladies and guests from the assembly room and then graveled the 201st Annual Assembly to Order and it was reconvened at 9:45 AM Saturday, August 24th 2024.

Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego called for a representative of Dunkirk Council #25 to the East. He presented the Grand Masters Special Recognition Award to the Companions of Dunkirk Council. Past Grand Master M.:I.: Francis I. Karwowski escorted Right Illustrious Companion Richard McCarter Clark to the East. Companion Clark was presented with the Giles Fonda Yates Award.

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RECOGNITION OF 2023-2024 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

As the Grand Recorder read the roll, each individual present assembled in the East where Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego greeted each.

- District 1 - R.:I.: Grant Held (Present)
- District 2 - R.:I.: Harry Williams (Present)
- District 4 - R.:I.: David Barnes (Present)
- District 6 - R.:I.: Steven Howard (Present)
- District 7 - R.:I.: Charles L. Hill (Excused)
- District 8 - R.:I.: James Kaim, Jr. (Present)
- District 9 - R.:I.: Michael B. Seeloff (Present)

M.:I.: Kunego raised the Council and R.:I.: A. Harry Williams Acting Grand Marshal, lead the Companions in presenting Grand Honors to the DDGMs.

RECEPTION AND GREETING OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS:

As the Grand Recorder read the roll, each individual present assembled in the East where Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego greeted each.

- Most Ill. John Mauk Hilliard, 1990-91 (Excused)
- Most Ill. Joseph A. Peloso, 1993-94 (Excused)
- Most Ill. Donald Harrison, 2003-2004 (Excused)
- Most Ill. Stephen A. Licht, 2004-2005 (Excused)
- Most Ill. Charles M. Roberts, 2005-2006
- Most Ill. Francis I. Karwowski, 2007-2008
- Most Ill. Arnold E. Palmer, 2009-2010, (Excused In a Care Facility)
- Most Ill. David H. Raymond, 2010-2011
- Most Ill. Richard C. Anderson, 2012-2013 (Excused)
- Most Ill. Leonard W. Mason, 2013-2014, (Excused In a Care Facility)
- Most Ill. Garry R. Hutchurson, 2016-2017
- Most Ill. Richard C. Fowler, 2018-2019
- Most Ill. Phillip J. Chandler, 2019-2021 (Excused)
- Most Ill. John A. Gallant, 2021-2022

M.:I.: Kunego raised the Council and R.:I.: Williams lead the Companions in presenting Grand Honors to the Past Grand Masters.

ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

As the Grand Recorder read the roll, each Grand Representative present assembled in the East where M.:I.: Kunego greeted them.

It was announced that R.:I.: John Haslam, Sr. (New Hampshire), R.:I.: William M. Korn (Ohio) and R.:I.: Garry W. Krom (Utah), are the newest Grand Representative near the Grand Council of NY. They were presented with their appointment patent and letter. M.:I.: Kunego raised the Council and R.:I.: Williams lead the Companions in presenting Grand Honors to the Grand Representatives.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO OUR VISITORS:

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As the Grand Recorder read the esteemed list, the visiting Grand Masters assembled in the East where M.:I.: Kunego greeted each and presented them with their Certificates.

M.:I.: William C. Hare, Jr. Grand Master of Maryland,

M.:P.: Mark David Gall, Grand Master of Pennsylvania,

M.:I.: Marvin E. Williams, Grand Master of PHA Grand Council of NY,

M.:I.: Roland E. Woodard, Grand Master of Vermont

M.:I.: Kunego raised the Grand Council and R.:I.: Williams lead in presenting Grand Honors to the Grand Representatives.

REMARKS FROM OUR VISITORS:

M.:I.: William C. Hare, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master of Maryland brought fraternal greetings and appreciation on behalf of the distinguished guests present today. He thanked the Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego for all the courtesies extended to him and his guests. It has been a great weekend with the companions of New York.

REMARKS FROM OUR CONCORDANT BODIES REPRESENTATIVES:

M.:E.: Steven R. Shearer, Grand High Priest, presented a quick talk and remarked on the importance of Balance. He thanked M.:I.: Kunego for the courtesies of the evening and remarked how pleasant it has been to travel with him across the region.

R.:E.: R. Conrad Johnson, Grand Commander, indicated how happy he was to be here. It has been a long year and traveling with M.:I.: Kunego, a fellow Vet and Brother has been a joy. He extended his congratulations to the entire team and it has been an outstanding year.

Illustrious David Barnes, of the NY Council of Deliberation, stated it is pleasure to be here today. He extended the greetings of Illustrious G. Michael Morris of NY and the Illustrious Waster Wheeler of the NMJ. He is proud to be a member of the AASR and a Cryptic Mason. We have a great product in Masonry and it is vital to get it out to our Companions and brothers.

REMARKS FROM OUR GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL VISITORS:

R.:P.: Paul Smith, DDGGM North-East Dist., extended the greetings MPGM William Snyder. He reminded everyone that the North-East Conference is just two weeks away. They welcome all Grand Council and Grand Chapters members to the conference. It is important to attend as there are scheduled a number of good programs to help the Grand Officers learn ways to move your Jurisdictions forward. General Grand Council is here to work with you and help out in any way. There are a number of awards that can help to present your good works. They have a First Responder's award, a Veteran's award and others that can be presented in a public setting. He reiterated how vital "Value" is in Masonry in all its phases. There is the "Third Meeting" meeting problem where we need give the newly made Mason and even a Cryptic Mason a reason to join and stay. He described the importance of the CMMRF in research. It is located at the University of Indiana and doing research that is saving lives. He is looking forward to presetting some General Grand Council Awards tonight.

In closing he stated that Cryptic masonry runs strong in NY, and Thanked M.:I.: Kunego for the courtesies extended to him.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

M.:I.: John Gallant, Grand Recorder presented his report. He discussed his membership report, we do have some gains but continue to have losses. The MMS process of transiting our Councils is continuing and will hopefully the process will be done or close to done next year. He made the motion that the Grand Recorders report and the supporting documents be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

Grand Master M.:I.: Donald Kunego turned the gavel of authority over to the Deputy Grand Master R.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott, and he gave his Most Illustrious Grand Master's Allocution. A solid round of applause was given to M.:I.: Kunego for his dedication to our craft this year. Deputy Grand Master Elliott made the motion that the Allocution turned over to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, for reporting on later today, it was seconded and approved. The gavel was returned to Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego.

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:

Grand Master M.:I.: Donald Kunego announced that it was eleven o'clock am and called M.:I.: Roberts, President of the Charity Fund Corporation to the East to convene the annual meeting. M.:I.: Roberts made the motion that the minutes of the last Charity Fund Corporation be accepted, it was seconded and approved. M.:I.: Roberts reported that this past year was challenging and the Committee is actively moving forward with long range planning, both at 5 years and 30 years, for our Grand Charity. Contributions continue to decrease and this is a real concern that less income could affect our status as a Charity Corporation. We have a window of 7 to 12 thousand dollars in income to remain tax exempt. Unfortunately, we have been at the lower end for a while. It is vital to encourage our councils and members to remember the Charity Corp for their giving. We are able to give out our charity gifts this year and we hope for to be able to do the same for next year. He reminded all our Councils that every recorder **must** turn over the charity donations given by a companion with in the month it is received. As we are all members of the Charity corp this is required by law. This year only 46% of our Councils gave a donation. We are asking all our Councils to give any amount to the Charity Corp. We are grateful to all who have donated so far. He made the motion that the Charity Fund Corporation report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved. The Charity Corporation Audit committee presented its report and made the motion that the Audit report be spread across the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego called upon M.:W.: Steven A. Rubin, Grand Master for his brief remarks. He recognized the distinguished Companions in the East and recognized our Brothers in the Military and as First responders. He reiterated how great it is to be with us this morning, all gathered together in the craft and especially in the York Rite masonry. His Motto is - "Its called Brotherhood", this simple phrase captures the essence, the spirit, the bond we all share in our gentle craft. He urged all of us to "renew your commitment and renew your efforts to our Craft". He was given a warm round of applause by the Companions.

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LUNCHEON:

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

RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The Annual Assembly was reconvened by Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego at 1:35 PM in the Assembly room.

ISH-SODI AND AWARDS:

R.:I.: Carl J. Klossner presented the report on the Ish Sodi and Awards committee. There were no companions eligible for the Ish Sodi awards this year. Membership Gains & Attendance Awards: Most Greetings and 5 or more Companions: Columbian Council No. 1 {7 new companions}, Central City Council No. 13 {6 new companions}, Joseph Warren Cryptic Council No. 37 {6 new companions}; 10% or Greater Increase in Membership: Joseph Warren Cryptic Council No. 37 {6 new companions for 24% increase}, Central City Council No. 13 {6 new companions for 16.2% increase}, Rotica Council No. 12 {3 new companions for 11.1% increase}. Best Attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly: Goshen Council No. 93 had nine companions present. The recipients were congratulated with a warm round of applause. The following Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet: Grand Council State of NY Cryptic Mason of the Year; General Grand Council International Cryptic Mason of the Year, General Grand Council International Adult Youth Leadership Award, and the Lady of the Council Award.

GRAND LECTURER'S CONVENTION AWARDS:

R.:I.: Frank Fancher, Grand Lecturer, presented the following awards from his Grand Lecturers Conventions across the Jurisdiction. The Jay Kossef Award for primary officer attendance: Dist 1: Suffolk Council #76 and Dist 4: St. George's Council #74. The Rex Long Award for best attendance: Dist 1: Suffolk Council #76, Dist 2: Goshen Council #93, Dist 4: St. George's Council #74 and Dist 8: Doric Council #19. The recipients were congratulated with a warm round of applause.

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

M.:I.: Francis Karwowski reporting for the Committee on the Grand Master's address wished to congratulate M.:I.: Kunego on his travels within the extended term. We appreciate all his work on the 200th events, the 200th unique pins and coins, the introduction of the travel passport, the special time capsule, the appointment to the office of Grand Archivist and the E. William Whittaker award. His recommendations and dispensations are all valid. They approved his Allocution, with gratitude and without reservation. M.:I.: Karwowski moved that the report be spread upon the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

R.:I.: Steven Howard presented the report of the Credentials Committee. There were 12 Illustrious Masters, (2 proxy); 2 Deputy Masters, (1 proxy); 2 Principal Conductors of the Work; 49 Past Illustrious Masters for a total of 67 registered Companions; 13 Official Visitors and 16 Ladies were present for this Annual Assembly. There were 21 of our 27 Councils represented. R.:I.: Howard made the motion to spread this report upon the minutes, it was seconded and passed.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following Companions were appointed tellers for the elections: I.: David Pritt, R.:I.: Murry Cohen and V.:I.: Steven Gobert. The Companions were reminded of the time limitations on nominating and seconding speeches by the Grand Master. The gavel was turned over to M.:I.: Richard Fowler to conduct the Election of Officers for the 2024-2025 Cryptic Year.

R.:I.: Murry Cohen nominated R.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott for the Office of Most Illustrious Grand Master. The motion was seconded by R.:I.: Louis Irizarry II. No further nominations were made. Nominations were declared closed. The Tellers found one unanimous ballot for R.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott as Most Illustrious Grand Master. The assembly extended him a round of applause. He thanked all and agreed to serve.

M.:I.: Kunego was nominated for the office of Trustee for three years. There being no other nominations, the Grand Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for the Trustee nomination. He accepted and agreed to serve.

The office of Grand Steward was now in order. The declared candidate was R.:I.: A. Harry Williams. He was placed in nomination and duly seconded. There being no other nominations, the assembly elected R.:I.: Williams by acclamation. The Grand Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for R.:I.: Williams.

The office of Grand Standard Bearer was now in order. The declared candidate was R.:I.: Steven Howard. He was placed in nomination and duly seconded. There being no other nominations, the assembly elected R.:I.: Howard by acclamation. The Grand Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for R.:I.: Howard.

A motion was made by M.:I.: Francis Karwowski and seconded that all elected Grand Line officers, with the exception of the Grand Standard Bearer and Grand Steward, be “moved up” or advanced one station in line as they were all unchallenged and that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary succeed themselves. All accepted and agreed to serve in their new Office.

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

The tiled installation of M.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott. took place, with M.:I.: Richard Fowler conducting the private installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect. The Grand Master following his private installation was escorted to the East and given Private Grand Honors. He thanked his Installing team for their fine work. He highlighted parts of his address and stated his full address would be given at the public installation ceremony.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:

The report of the Time and Place Committee for the 202nd Annual Assembly was given by M.:I.: Gallant. The 202nd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY will be held on August 15-16, 2025 at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, NY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

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CLOSING OF THE GRAND ASSEMBLY:

Most Illustrious Grand Master called upon M.:I.: Roberts for the Benediction. The 201st Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of NY was closed at 2:45pm.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS:

The Open Installation took place in the Grand Assembly room at 3:00pm. The Elected and Appointed officers of Grand Council and District Officers were installed in their several places and stations.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE CONFERRAL:

The TIM degree was conferred in the Grand Assembly room at 4:15pm. There were 16 incoming Illustrious Masters who received the TIM degree.

THE GRAND ASSEMBLY BANQUET:

The banquet took place in the Grand Assembly room at 7:00PM. The Representatives of the Youth Groups present were conducted to the head table and presented their Messages for the year. Junior Past Grand Master M.:I.: Kunego thanked them for their presentations and presented them with their gifts from Grand Council to help them with their programs. Additional presentations and awards were presented by PMIGM Kunego and Right Puissant Paul Smith, DDGGM North-East Dist of the General Grand Council International. The following awards were given: General Grand Cryptic Mason of the Year to Right Illustrious Maurice I. Cohen; General Grand Cryptic Youth Leadership Award: Mrs. Kristina Groff, the NY Cryptic Mason of the Year to Right Ill Stephen S. Goebert; the E. William Whittaker Grand Master's Award: Most Illustrious David H. Raymond, Ladies of the Council: Lady Mary Howard and Lady J. Kirsten Busch Johnson. Words of wisdom were delivered by our all distinguished Guests of the East. PMIGM Kunego gave closing remarks of thanks and introduced the Most Worshipful Steven A. Rubin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York for concluding remarks. The benediction was given and all assembled, retired in Peace and Harmony.

Respectfully Submitted,
M.:I.: John A. Gallant, PMIGM
Grand Recorder

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2024 - 2025

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2024-2025
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

By-Laws Review Committee & Jurisprudence

1. M.:I.: Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. M.:I.: David H. Raymond (#90), Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer
3. R.:I.: **Paul G. Huck (#7)**, Judge Advocate
4. R.:I.: , Grand Steward

Concordant Bodies and Youth

1. M.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Master *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: **Richard Kerimoglu (#7)**, Deputy Grand Master
3. M.:I.: John A. Gallant (#19), Grand Recorder

Condition and Extension of the Rite

1. R.:I.: **Richard Kerimoglu (#7)**, Deputy Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: **Carl J. Klossner (#12)**, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
3. R.:I.: **Frank M Fancher (#12)**, Grand Lecturer
4. All District Deputy Grand Masters

Finance and Accounts - Budget

1. R.:I.: David H. Raymond (#90), Grand Treasurer, *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: **Richard Kerimoglu (#7)**, Deputy Grand Master
3. R.:I.: **Carl J. Klossner (#12)**, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
4. M.:I.: John A. Gallant (#19), Grand Recorder
5. M.:I.: **Donald R. Kunego (#19)**, Grand Trustee
6. M.:I.: **Phillip J. Chandler (#12)**, Past Grand Master

Finance and Accounts – Review/Audit of the Grand Treasurer

1. R.:I.: **Bruce B. McQuade (#93)**, Grand Sentinel, *[Chairman]*
2. I.: Jordan E. Jaquay, (#74)
3. R.:I.: Nathan D. Lipper (#1), Grand Chaplain

Grand Master’s Address Committee

1. M.:I.: Frank Karwowski, (#74), Past Grand Master
2. M.:I.: Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master
3. M.:I.: **Donald R. Kunego (#19)**, Past Grand Master

Ish Sodi & Awards

1. R.:I.: Ernest W. Parker (#97), Grand Captain of the Guard, *[Chairman]*
2. M.:I.: John A. Gallant (#19), Grand Recorder
3. R.:I.: Garry W. Krom (#31), Grand Conductor of the Council

Library & Museum

1. M.:I.: Phillip J. Chandler (#12), Past Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: James Reichman (#36), Grand Historian
3. R.:I.: Richard J. Powell (#13), Grand Archivist
4. Grand Recorder's Office

Long Range Planning

1. R.:I.: Ernest W. Parker (#97), Grand Captain of the Guard, *[Chairman]*
2. All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

Masonic Education and Communications

1. R.:I.: Carl J. Klossner (#12), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Deputy Grand Master
3. R.:I.: Ernest W. Parker (#97), Grand Captain of the Guard
4. R.:I.: Garry W. Krom (#31), Grand Conductor of the Council
5. R.:I.: James J. Kaim Jr (#75)
6. V.:I.: Robert E. Rhoades (#31)
7. M.:I.: Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master, Adviser

Membership

1. R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Deputy Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: Carl J. Klossner (#12), Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
3. R.:I.: Ernest W. Parker (#97), Grand Captain of the Guard
4. R.:I.: Garry W. Krom (#31), Grand Conductor of the Council
5. R.:I.: Steven P. Koch (#31), Grand Marshal
6. R.:I.: **Steven W. Howard (#18)**, Grand Standard Bearer
7. R.:I.: , Grand Steward

North-East Cryptic Festival

1. R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu (#7), Deputy Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

Necrology and Memorial Service

1. M.:I.: (Rev.) Charles M. Roberts (#19), Grand Chaplain, Past Grand Master *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: (Rev.) Stenrick B. Adams (#80), Grand Chaplain
3. R.:I.: Nathan D. Lipper (#1), Grand Chaplain

Northeastern York Rite Conference

1. M.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott (#93), Grand Master, *[Chairman]*
2. All Elected Progressive Grand Line Officers

Registration & Credentials [202nd Annual] Committee

1. M.:I.: David H. Raymond (#90), Past Grand Master *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: Bruce B. McQuade (#93), Grand Sentinel
3. R.:I.: Murry Cohen, Member at Large

Ritual

1. R.:I.: Frank M. Francher (#12), Grand Lecturer, *[Chairman]*
2. R.:I.: Stuart W. Card (#12) Deputy Grand Lecturer
3. M.:I.: Richard C. Fowler (#97), Past Grand Master
4. M.:I.: Frank Karwowski, (#74), Past Grand Master
5. All Assistant Grand Lecturers

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1. M.:I.: John A. Gallant (#19), Past Grand Master, *[Co-Chairman]*
2. M.:I.: (Rev.) Charles M. Roberts (#19), Adviser to Webmaster

Masonic Veterans Liaison

1. M.:I.: Donald R. Kunego (#19), Past Grand Master, (Veteran) *[Chairman]*



Grand Line Officer Visitation Schedule

(2024 – 2025)

M.:I.: Daniel D. Elliott, Grand Master	(None)
R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu, Deputy Grand Master	(None)
R.:I.: Carl J. Klossner, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Cryptic District 6 & 7
R.:I.: Ernest W. Parker, Grand Captain of the Guard	Cryptic District 8
R.:I.: Garry W. Krom, Grand Conductor of the Council	Cryptic District 9
R.:I.: Steven P. Koch, Grand Marshal	Cryptic District 4
R.:I.: Steven W. Howard, Grand Standard Bearer	Cryptic District 1
R.:I.: , Grand Steward	Cryptic District 2

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Grand Council Past Grand Masters

Years Served	Living	Name	Council
2023-24		Donald R. Kunego	19
2022-23	X	Stephen A. Rubinstein	88
2021-22		John A. Gallant	19
2019-21		Phillip J. Chandler	12
2018-19		Richard C. Fowler	97
2016-17		Garry R. Hutchurson	19
2014-15	X	Harley R. DeShane	90
2013-14		Leonard W. Mason	91
2012-13		Richard C. Anderson	92
2011-12	X	George B. Whitmer	25
2010-11		David H. Raymond	90
2009-10		Arnold E. Palmer	19
2008-09	X	Joseph P. Pozefsky	14
2007-08		Francis I. Karwowski	74
2006-07	X	Victor S. Versace	55
2005-06		Charles M. Roberts	19
2004-05		Stephen A. Licht	92
2003-04		Donald Harrison	76
2002-03	X	Reuben E. Long	30
2001-02	X	E. William, Whitakker	19
2000-01	X	Edward P. Fagan Jr.	1
1999-00	X	Douglas J. Swan	40
1998-99	X	Paul B. Matthews	55
1997-98	X	John P. Nosal Jr.	30
1996-97	X	Jay Kosseff	31
1995-96	X	Harvey E. Payne	90
1994-95	X	Wayne E. Carrington	87
1993-94		Joseph A. Peloso	1
1992-93	X	Oliver D. Mereness	87
1991-92	X	Richard C. Hadley	12
1990-91		John Mauk Hilliard	1
1989-90	X	Earle J. Hino Jr.	17
1988-89	X	Charles F. Vanetten	91
1987-88	X	John A. Sainz	81
1986-87	X	Edmund Lynch Jr.	87
1985-86	X	Raymond R. Beardsley	19

1984-85	✘	Fred G. Hickein	87
1983-84	✘	Lester G. Weinheimer Jr.	25
1982-83	✘	Stuart Sturges	37
1981-82	✘	Robert W. Wallace	15
1980-81	✘	Charles E. Grant	85
1979-80	✘	Jerrold L. Hastings	31
1978-79	✘	Gordon W. Hathaway	12
1977-78	✘	Edward E. Hoerig	86
1976-77	✘	Robert A. L. Bentley	1
1975-76	✘	Gordon M Caner	92
1974-75	✘	H. Randall Kreger	2
1973-74	✘	Vincent D'Anza	22
1972-73	✘	Sylvanus F. Nye	17
1971-72	✘	Michael A. Mallies	4
1970-71	✘	Roy E. Vandelinder	19
1969-70	✘	Albin F. .Bruder	85
1968-69	✘	Walter R. Conlin	53
1967-68	✘	B. Franklin Slye	13
1966-67	✘	Kenneth C. Schwartz	70
1965-66	✘	John A. Baringer	72
1964-65	✘	Joseph J. Smith	36
1963-64	✘	Raymond H.. Houst	74
1962-63	✘	R. Bruce Dayton	19
1961-62	✘	James D. Seatter	79
1960-61	✘	Stanley W. Wakefield	86
1959-60	✘	Harold M. Kreason	35
1958-59	✘	Max V. Cote	81
1957-58	✘	W. Ray Converse	26
1956-57	✘	Theodore M. Binnings	4
1955-56	✘	James H. Watson	17
1954-55	✘	Edward L Flemming	31
1953-54	✘	Walter E. Price	1
1952-53	✘	Howard L. Adams	12
1951-52	✘	James G. Purdy	86
1950-51	✘	Harold I. Blessing	74
1949-50	✘	George W. .Pratt	53
1948-49	✘	Harold G. Dobson	19
1947-48	✘	Ira R. Furguson	20
1946-47	✘	Arthur A. Bryant	7
1945-46	✘	Eugene B. Sanford	22
1944-45	✘	George S. Wyman	70
1943-44	✘	Walter M. Hartmann	74
1942-43	✘	Albert G. Odell	26
1941-42	✘	Harlan S. Perrigo	1
1940-41	✘	Chester D. Crowell	17
1939-40	✘	Edward Feih	2
1938-39	✘	E. Park Waggoner	20
1937-38	✘	Charles B. Weller	70
1936-37	✘	Raymond E. Westbury	19
1935-36	✘	A. Edward Krieger	82

1934-35	✘	S. Ormond Goldan	7
1933-34	✘	William F. Seber	14
1932-33	✘	Albert S. Price	25
1931-32	✘	John A. Derthick	80
1930-31	✘	Jerome L. Cheney	13
1929-30	✘	Charles H. Johnson	22
1928-29	✘	Charles M. Colton	19
1927-28	✘	George O. Linkletter	36
1926-27	✘	James A. Smith	74
1925-26	✘	George R. Hemenway	16
1924-25	✘	Joseph L. Lockhart	2
1923-24	✘	William S. Riselay	20
1922-23	✘	George S. Haswell	14
1921-22	✘	Henry A. McGruer	13
1920-21	✘	Hugh H. Kendell	53
1919-20	✘	Roland K. Mason	32
1918-19	✘	James Chambers	7
1917-18	✘	Eugene E. Hinman	22
1916-17	✘	Oliver H. Labarre	7
1915-16	✘	William H. Ellis	17
1914-15	✘	George E. Hatch	19
1913-14	✘	J. Harris Balston	7
1912-13	✘	Herbert W. Greenland	13
1911-12	✘	Martin Q. Good	1
1910-11	✘	Will L. Lloyd	22
1909-10	✘	Morris S. McKenzie	14
1908-09	✘	Frank M. Adee	37
1907-08	✘	William H. Andrews	16
1906-07	✘	Fred E. Ogden	20
1905-06	✘	Charles Stewart	4
1904-05	✘	Irving L'Hommedieu	71
1903-04	✘	John R. Gardner	7
1902-03	✘	Willard D. Brandt	19
1901-02	✘	John P. Deal	14
1900-01	✘	George McGown	26
1899-00	✘	James B. McEwan	22
1898-99	✘	Frederick Kanter	7
1897-98	✘	Abraham Oppenheimer	41
1895-97	✘	John F. Baldwin	2
1893-95	✘	George A. Newell	71
1891-93	✘	Alexander B. King	14
1889-90	✘	John N. Macomb Jr.	23
1888-89	✘	R. C. Christiance	69
1887-88	✘	John L. Brothers	20
1885-87	✘	John W. Coburn	7
1883-85	✘	Thomas Gliddon	19
1881-83	✘	John J. Martin	22
1880-81	✘	Charles W. Brown	36
1876-80	✘	George M. Osgoodby	41
1875-76	✘	John B. Sackett	20

1873-75	☠	G. Fred Wiltsie	31
1872-73	☠	John D. Williams	16
1870-72	☠	James McCredie	17
1863-70	☠	Charles H. Platt	24
1858-63	☠	Nathan O. Benjamin	7
1857-58	☠	John J. Tindale	7
1856-57	☠	Henry F. L. Bunting	7
1855-56	☠	J. B. Yates Sommers	4
1854-55	☠	M. J. Drummond	1
1859-60	☠	John B Willis	1
1849-58	☠	Jonathan Jarvis	1
1844-48	☠	Frederick W. Leeds	1
1831-43	☠	Richard Ellis	1
1828-31	☠	Henry Marsh	1
1827-28	☠	William F. Pratt	1
1826-27	☠	Gerrit Morgan	1
1825-26	☠	Oliver M. Lownds	1
1823-24	☠	Thomas Lownds	1
1822-23	☠	Oliver M. Lownds	1
1820-21	☠	Silas Lyon	1
1810-19	☠	Thomas Lownds	1

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2024-2025

Columbian Council No. 1

Masonic Hall
71 W. 23rd St.
New York, NY 10010
Second Wednesday
Jan. – Mar. 7:00PM
Charter: February 1, 1823

Illustrious Master

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Adelphic Council No. 7

Masonic Hall
71 W. 23rd. St
New York, NY 10010
Fourth Wednesday
Oct., Jan., Mar., & May 7:30PM
Charter: June 4, 1856

Illustrious Master

Ill. Arto Vandian

Recorder

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Union Council No. 2

American Legion Hall
109 6th Street
Verplanck, NY 10596
3rd Monday
Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, 7:30PM
Charter: January 11, 1881

Illustrious Master

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Rotica Council No. 12

Masonic Temple
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Vernon, NY 13476
Third Monday
Aug.-Nov., Mar.-May 7:30PM
Charter: June 5, 1856

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Central City Council No. 13

Masonic Temple
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Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-7524
Second Wednesday
Mar, Apr, Jun, Sep. Oct. 7:30PM
Charter: June 5, 1860

Illustrious Master

Ill. Robert M. Tyrrell

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Ill. Robert D. Bowles
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Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17

Cheektowaga Masonic Center
2379 Union Rd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
First Monday
Jan-Apr, Jun, Oct-Dec., 7:30PM
Charter: June 15, 1860

Illustrious Master

Ill. Donald G Williams II

Recorder

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Cheektowaga, NY 14225-3367
(716) 633-6838
hphahn@roadrunner.com

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton No. 14

Masonic Temple
67 Corning Place
Albany, NY 12207-1999
(518) 434-4768
(At call)
Sept. – May 7:30PM
Charter: June 5, 1860

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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King Hiram Council No. 18

Masonic Temple
5593 Rt. NY-34 South,
Auburn NY 13021
Third Tuesday
Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May: 7:30PM
Charter: August 7, 1878

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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Doric Council No. 19

Fairport Masonic Lodge
87 South Main St.
Fairport, NY 14450-2234
Third Wednesday
September-June 7:30PM
Charter: June 4, 1861

Illustrious Master

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Ahwaga Council No. 30

Masonic Temple
108 Lincoln Dr.
Vestal, NY 13850
Fourth Tuesday
Sept. - Oct.; Jan. - May 7:30PM
Charter: August 28, 1950

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Dunkirk Council No. 25

Masonic Temple
321 East Main St.
Fredonia, NY 14063-1413
Fourth Wednesday
September-May 7:30PM
Charter: February 2, 1866

Illustrious Master

Ill. Lester G. Weinheimer III

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King Solomon Council No. 31

Saugerties Masonic Hall
19 Russell St.
Saugerties, NY 12477
Fourth Tuesday
Sept.-Jun. 7:30pm
Charter: February 4, 1868

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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Hornellsville Council No. 35

Masonic Temple
18 North State State,
Nunda, NY 14517
Third Thursday
September-June 7:30PM
Charter: February 1, 1870

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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Joseph Warren Cryptic No. 37

15 Burke Drive
Queensbury, NY 12804

Fourth Friday
Sept-June 7:30PM
Charter: February 1, 1870

Illustrious Master

Ill. James A Cobb

Recorder

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Adoniram Council No. 36

Advance Temple
21-14 30th Ave.
Astoria, NY 11102
Second Thursday
Jan., Feb., Mar.; 7:00PM
Charter: August 24, 1890

Illustrious Master

Ill. Greg Artinger

Recorder

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Fulton Council No. 50

Masonic Temple
765 E. Seneca St.
Oswego, NY 13126
Second Thursday, 7:30PM
Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.
Charter: April 11, 1911

Illustrious Master

Ill. George Reed

Recorder

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Oswego, NY 13126
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cmc_nyc@hotmail.com

St. George's Council No. 74

Masonic Community Center
394 Princetown Road
Schenectady, NY 12306

Third Thursday
September – May 7:30PM
Charter: February 26, 1910

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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Suffolk Council No. 76

Masonic temple
85 No. Main St.
Sayville, NY 11782
Second Friday
Jan-Mar, May-Jun, Sep-Dec; 8:00pm
Charter: November 24, 1916

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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Skoi Yase Council No. 75

Masonic Temple
94 N. Exchange St.
Geneva, NY 14456

Second Wednesday
Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Oct, Nov; 7:30PM
Charter: August 26, 1913

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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Flatbush Council No. 80

Masonic Hall
71 W. 23rd St.
New York, NY 10010
Fourth Tuesday; 7:00PM
Sept., Nov., Jan. Mar. & May,
Charter: August 29, 1922

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Ill. Guillermo E. Rivas

Recorder

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Oneonta Council No. 87

Masonic Temple
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Oneonta, NY 13820
(607) 432-1412
Fourth Wednesday
Sept.-Oct., Jan.-May 7:30PM
Charter: May 23, 1927

Illustrious Master

Ill. Richard Morley

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Oxford, NY 13830
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Cayuga Council No. 90

Masonic Temple
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Trumansburg, NY 14886
Second Thursday
Sept.-Dec., Mar.-June 7:00PM
Charter: September 15, 1951

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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North Shore Council No. 88

Matinecock Masonic Bldg.
14 West Main St.
Oyster Bay, NY 11771-2216
(516) 624-9622
Fourth Monday
Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., June 8:00PM
Charter: August 28, 1944

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Hamburg Council No. 91

Masonic Temple
645 Main St.
E. Aurora NY 14052
Second Wednesday
Quarterly; 7:30PM
Charter: August 31, 1953

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Nun Da Waga Council No. 92

Masonic Temple
39 Main St.
Attica, NY 14011
Fourth Monday
Sept.-Nov., Jan.-May 7:30PM
Charter: August 31, 1953

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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Goshen Council No. 93

Masonic Lodge
9 Courtland Street
Middletown NY, 10940
Fourth Thursday
Sept.-June 7:30PM
Charter: August 27, 1956

Illustrious Master

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King David Council No. 97

Grange Hall
114 West Kirby St.
Dexter, NY 13611
Fourth Thursday
Sep., Oct., Mar.-June 7:30PM
Charter: September 08, 1995

Illustrious Master

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Recorder

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King Hiram No. 18
Fulton No. 50
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7th District:

Ahwaga No. 30
Cayuga No. 90

8th District:

Doric No. 19
Hornellsville No. 35
Skoi Yase No. 75
Nun Da Waga No. 92

9th District:

Buffalo-Keystone No. 17
Dunkirk No. 25
Hamburg No. 91

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6th District: R.:I.: Carl J. Klossner, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

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8th District: R.:I.: Ernest W. Parker, Grand Captain of the Guard

9th District: R.:I.: Garry W. Krom, Grand Conductor of the Council

Aug. 31, 2024 jag

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[vacant]	MISSOURI	[awaiting recommendation]
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4-Aug-2025



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Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions:

It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Deputy Grand Master over the past year. I am pleased to report on my travels, experiences, and observations as we continue to strengthen and expand our beloved Cryptic Rite.

This year, I had the privilege of visiting the **Grand Councils of Rhode Island and Connecticut**, where I was warmly received and inspired by the dedication of our Companions in those jurisdictions. I also proudly represented our Grand Council at the **installation of the Queen of Cassiopeia Triangle #202 in Buffalo, New York**—a meaningful ceremony that reinforced the importance of supporting our Masonic youth organizations.

I attended **all official receptions** held for the heads of our York Rite Masonic bodies—the **Grand Master, Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the Grand Commander**—demonstrating the strength of unity across the York Rite and the wider Masonic community.

A highlight of the year was participating in **St. John's Weekend in Utica, New York**, where I had the honor of **marching with the Cryptic Grand Line** in the parade, visibly showcasing our pride and commitment to the Craft.

Additionally, I was present for the **dedication of Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17**.

I am especially pleased to report that there is **active interest and development of a new Council forming in Staten Island**. This is an exciting opportunity to extend the reach of the Cryptic Rite and plant new roots in a historically underrepresented region.

While these milestones are encouraging, we must also address the reality that several Councils continue to face challenges—struggling with membership, officer development, and consistent activity.

Supporting the Growth and Vitality of Our Councils

To ensure the continued success and revitalization of both our new and existing Councils, I respectfully recommend the following initiatives:

1. **Mentorship Network**

Establish a structured mentorship program that pairs developing or struggling Councils with well-established, active ones. This network will provide ongoing support in ritual work, administrative best practices, and leadership development.

2. **District-Wide Outreach and Education**

Collaborate with other York Rite bodies to host district-wide programs that engage members of Symbolic Lodges and non-Cryptic Masons. These events should highlight the profound lessons of the Cryptic Rite and the unique value of becoming a Cryptic Mason.

3. **New Council Support Program**

Provide dedicated, long-term support for newly chartered Councils—such as the Staten Island Council—through structured planning, mentorship, and regular follow-up to ensure a strong foundation and sustainable growth.

4. **Member Engagement Initiatives**

Encourage meaningful participation through a mix of educational, fraternal, and service-oriented programming. Offering members diverse opportunities for involvement will strengthen commitment and enhance the overall vitality of our Councils.

Let us continue working together with dedication and shared purpose, so that every Council—whether well-established or newly formed—has the tools, guidance, and community support needed to thrive.

Respectfully submitted,
R.I. Richard Kerimoglu
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Council State of New York



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Annual Report – Captain of the Guard - 2024-2025

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council Officers.

First, I want to thank the members of the Grand Line for their support, encouragement and advice. With their guidance and support, I have been able, hopefully, to fulfill my responsibilities as Grand Captain of the Guard.

August 23 - 24, 2024 – I attended Grand Council Cryptic Masons of New York State, at the Desmond hotel. A lot of information is transferred, along with the direction the Grand Council is headed. Grand Council is an enjoyable occasion where you get to meet companions from all over the state who you might never meet otherwise.

September 20 & 21 2024 I attended the Grand Commandry Knight Templar State of New York, conclave. At the Crown Plaza Suffern, N.Y. with Conrad Johnson. We were recognized, at the general assembly. There was a lot of information put out, like the commandry is planning to produce a short film to give to prospective members. This would tell what they are about, along the same lines as the intro to Eastern Star.

October 19, 2024, traveled to the Desmond Hotel in Albay, for the home coming of John Scott, the new Grand Commander of Knights Templar of New York. It was a great evening, and it was good to support a great Masson.

November 2, 2024, attended Most Illustrious Danel Elliot, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. His homecoming was held at Resort World Casano, Monticello New York. in Rochester, New York. A wonderful experience, and joy to participate in, especially his bears and pins.

January 9, 2025, traveled to Nuda, to visit Holmesville Council#35, and Nun Da Waga Council # 92 was also there as a joint merger meeting. It was good to see so many officers present from both councils. They look like they are on there way to merging Councils. I reminded the companions of all our benevolent duties and the Charities Corporation.

January 15, 2025, traveled to Fairport Masonic Lodge, to visit Doric Council No.19. The Council had a dinner and extended their curtsies to the traveling party. They had a great opening with a Full Council, and we had a program. Jamie gave the Grand Master's Message, and I presented the information on our Charities Corporation. We even had a couple of the companions start their contributions to the Solomon Arch Society.

March 14,15, 2025, Attended the Grand Chapter State of New York Royal Arch Masons, in Binghamton, New York. We were recognized at the general assembly and received a lot of good information to get a sense of what the RAM was doing. It was a great opportunity to spend time with other Masonic bodies.

June 28, 2025 - Traveled to Holiday Inn, near Newark NJ airport, for the homecoming of Grand High Priest Mark Peerson, of Grand Chapter State od New York Royal Arch Masons. Mark has a disposition to neo only make you feel welcome, and he gave you an air threath you were the most important man there. I truly felt he was happy to see each one of us. .

As a Grand Line Officer, I get to visit places I would probably never visit and meet companions that I would never have met otherwise. It is a wonderful journey. I am looking forward to serving the Grand Council next year, by being elected to the position of Grand Principal Conductor of the works.

Ernie Parker - Grand Captain of the Guard

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND Conductor of the Council

2024-2025

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York.

It was a pleasure to serve the Cryptic Council as your Grand Conductor of the Council this past year. I was elected as the Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of the State of New York at the 201st Annual Assembly on August 23th and 24th of 2024.

On September 7th, 2024, I attended the Northeastern Conference in Albany, New York.

On September 13th, 2024, I attended the Apron Presentation of the Grand Lodge Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Robert Hogan in Albany, New York.

On September 21st, 2024, I attended The New York Knights Templar Conclave in Suffern, New York.

On October 3rd, 2024, I attended the New York State Prince Hall Annual Assembly in Albany, New York.

On October 19th, 2024, I attended Grand Commander, SK John Scott, Reception.

On November 2nd, 2024, I attended Most Illustrious, Dan Elliott's Reception.

On November 13th, 2024, I completed my first official visit in District 9 by visiting Hamburg Council #91 in East Aurora, New York. We began the evening with a meal that was catered by a local restaurant. We then went upstairs to the lodge room where I sat on the sidelines with DDGM, R.: I .: Robert Drzewucki. With many of the "chairs" being occupied by companions elected to those chairs, the opening went very smoothly with minimal use of the book. I congratulated all for a job well done in regards to the proficiency with which they opened their Council.

On February 26th, 2025, I completed my second visit in District 9 by visiting Dunkirk Council #25 in Lackawanna, New York. The Illustrious Master met myself and DDGM, R.: I .: Robert Drzewucki at the Lodge and took us out to dinner at a local restaurant where we meet some other companions already there. After dinner we were brought back to the lodge where Council was opened in due form. Even though most of the "chairs" were occupied by new companions recently elected to those chairs, the opening went very smoothly.

On March 13th- 15th, 2025, I attended the Grand Chapter State of New York RAM Convention in Binghamton, New York.

On April 7th, 2025, I completed my final visit in District 9 by visiting Buffalo-Keystone Council #17 in Cheektowaga, New York. Prior to Council, I met with a few of the companions at a local restaurant for fellowship. During dinner, it was explained to me that many of the companions were sick and would not be able to attend this evenings Council. Thus, many of the “chairs” would be occupied by “stand-ins” and/or, new companions. Opening went very smoothly, even with “stand-ins” and new companions.

On May 7th - 9th, I attended the 2025 Utah Grand Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On May 27, 2025, I attended the Grand Lecturer’s Convention for District 2 in Saugerties, NY

On June 21st, 2025 I participated in St. John’s Day Parade, held in Utica, New York. The weather was much warmer this year than last year, in fact, by the end of the parade most people were sweating profusely.

I would like to thank each of the Councils I visited for extending me their courtesies and fellowship on the nights of my visits. After driving from Albany to the Buffalo area, it was a pleasure to spend the extra time talking and getting to know the companions from this district.

To The Most Illustrious Dan Elliott and the Officers of the Grand Council of New York, I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving and representing the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York this past year. I am looking forward to continue in serving this organization as a member of the Grand Line.

Official Visits and attendance:

2024

8/23 + 8/24 - Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Annual Assembly in Albany, NY

9/7 – Northeastern Conference in Albany, NY

9/13 – Apron presentation – Deputy Grand Master Robert Hogan in Albany, NY

9/21 – Knights Templar State of New York Conclave – Suffern, NY

10/3 – New York State Prince Hall Annual Assembly – Albany, NY

10/19 – New York State Grand Commander John Scott’s Reception – Albany, NY

11/2 - Most Illustrious Dan Elliott’s reception in Monticello, NY

11/13 – Official visit at Hamburg Council #91 in East Aurora, NY

2025

2/26 - Official visit at Dunkirk Council #91 in Lackawanna, NY

3/13 – 3/15– Grand Chapter State of New York RAM Convention in Binghamton, NY

4/7 - Official visit at Buffalo-Keystone Council #17 in Cheektowaga, NY

5/7 – 9 – Utah Grand Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah

5/27 – Grand Lecturer’s Convention (District 2) in Albany, NY

6/21 – St. John’s Day in Utica, NY

September 2024 – July 2025

Monthly ZOOM Meeting of Grand Council State of New York

Respectfully Submitted,

R:.l.: Garry W. Krom

Grand Conductor of the Council

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York



R.: I.: Steven P. Koch
Grand Marshal 2024-2025
Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York

Another busy year in the Grand Council line which began with my attending the York Rite Conference in September 2024 and participated in the Leadership 101 session. I always leave these weekends energized and ready to move forward to improve Cryptic Masonry specifically and York Rite Masonry in general. It is a great opportunity to meet York Rite Masons from outside the state and get new perspectives and ideas. I also attended, with the rest of the Grand Line, the opening ceremonies of Grand Commandery and had the honor of introducing the Grand Line to the Grand Conclave. I closed out the month of September with my first Grand Council visit to Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council No. 14 with DDGIM R.:I.: David Barnes and AGL V.:I.: Mathias Erschen IV. It was a packed evening that followed fellowship and dinner. Much work was accomplished and it was good to see a struggling Council make steps to get stronger.

In October, I had the honor and pleasure of attending Prince Hall's Grand Council Assembly. It was my first time attending and was interesting and enjoyable. I look forward to attending more in the future. M.:I.: Dan Elliott's Reception led off the month of November and was an enjoyable affair.

I have found that the older I get the less I like the cold weather and I usually try to wait until higher temperatures before venturing north, but this year was a little different. Fortunately what snow greeted my on the next three visits was minor, but the winds were nasty. On February March 20, 2025, I attended St. George's Council No. 74, once with R.:I.: Barnes and V.:I.: Erschen.

March began with the Buffalo-Keystone Rededication. A great time made better by my opportunity to visit my daughter, Pamela, son-in-law, Tizo and grandson Cassius who was celebrating his 2nd birthday in a few days. The following week I traveled to Binghamton to attend Grand Chapter. I ended the month with my last two official visits to Oneonta Council No. 87 on March 26th and closed out my official visits on March 28 with Joseph Warren-Cryptic Council No.37. All visits were enjoyable and the fellowship outstanding. All our Councils face challenges but I completed my visits heartened that there were dedicated Companions who were still working in the Secret Vault to promote Cryptic Masonry and help make it grow. The month of March ended with a Cryptic Festival in Middletown on the 29th.

While the end and beginning of our Cryptic year is our Grand Assembly in August, my year ended a little early as I had my left knee replaced on June 17th. As of this writing recovery is going well and I plan to see all my Companions in Albany for Grand Assembly.

In closing I would like to thank R.:I.: Barnes, and V.:I.: Erschen of the 4th Cryptic District for their companionship during my visits and the continued communication.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:I.: Steven P. Koch
Grand Marshal

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
In the State of New York

REPORT OF THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER

First, I would like to thank the Great Architect, Grandmaster Elliott, the Past Grandmasters, The Grand Line, and companions all for the opportunity to serve as the Grand Standard Bearer of this Grand Council.

My visits to the 1st Cryptic District were filled with great Brotherhood, fantastic ritual, wonderful meals, and charity, not just financial, but of time, support, and encouragement to the craft. All the Councils visited donated to our Grand Council Charities. I would like to thank and acknowledge the District Officers, RI Grand Held (DDGM), and VI Robert Yee (AGL) for their guidance and work with the District. Their love and dedication to our craft is demonstrated by their work.

In November, I traveled to take part in the Grandmasters Dinner. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who took part.

On January 22, 2025, I had the honor of visiting Adelpic Council #7. This was a wonderful evening with brotherhood, excellent ritual, and the honor of being there with the RI Grand Held and VI Robert Yee, district officers. The evening was fantastic and I was pleased to see the contributions to the Grand Council Charities.

On January 28, 2025, I had the honor of visiting Flatbush Council #88. This also was the Grand Lecturer's Convention for the 1st Cryptic District. The evening was filled with excellent ritual, a fantastic convention, led by RI Fancher, and a demonstration of excellence within District 1 Companions.

On February 12, 2025, I was welcomed by Columbian Council #1. In addition to a wonderful evening of ritual, charity, hospitality, I was able to see a portion of a Cryptic degree taking place. What a pleasure to experience this event.

In March, I attended the Grand Chapter Sessions in Binghampton NY.

On May 9, 2025, I visited Suffolk Council #76. This evening began with a fantastic meal followed by their meeting. They demonstrated their zeal for the craft in all aspects, I was pleased to see a great contribution to the Grand Council Charity Corp.

June 21, 2025, was the St. John's weekend and parade. I had the honor of taking part and seeing the wave of Brotherhood fill the air.

On June 23, 2025, I traveled to North Shore Council #88, in Oyster Bay, NY. The evening began with a great meal and fellowship, followed up by a wonderful meeting, culminating with the Instillation of Officers conducted by RI Grand Held, and assisted by VI Robert Yee.

In addition, I had the opportunity to take part in degree conferrals within District 6, several opportunities to be the Installing Officers for Councils, and taking part in a Dedication for a Council in Buffalo, NY

I thank the craft and its leaders for the chance to take part in this wonderful Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Howard

Report on Concordant Bodies and Youth Groups

As Most Illustrious Grand Master, I had the honor to travel and develop relationships with the York Rite Leaders, Scottish Rite Leaders, as well as the Youth Group Leaders. I also saw many familiar faces as I traveled with members from Amaranth and the Order of the Eastern Star. We traveled a lot throughout the year together and I'm very thankful for those friendships.

The state of the Youth Groups seems to be similar as the rest of the Concordant Bodies. Some areas of the State are growing and developing new Chapters/Assemblies/Commanderys and members. Unfortunately, some areas are losing members, closing or merging, or surrendering their Charters. Regardless of the circumstances, there is significant activity occurring throughout the state.

Overall, without looking at all the details, it appears all of our Masonic Organizations are in financially good condition, and staying active, but membership continues to be a concern. Times are changing and it looks like technology will make a difference on how we do things in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.:I.: Dan Elliott



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Report on Condition and Extension of the Right: The interest in Cryptic Councils has been encouraging, attributed largely to the impactful rituals that have captivated the attention of Companions. This renewed enthusiasm not only reflects a drive to complete the greater Masonic narrative but also a desire to engage deeply in the unique rituals and degrees that Cryptic Masonry offers. However, while this uptick in interest is promising for certain Councils, we must remain cognizant of the overarching trend of declining membership across all Masonic organizations and our weaker Councils.

Membership: The Grand Recorder's report contains comprehensive data on our current membership status. Notably, the Grand Recorder has successfully transitioned our membership information to the Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) platform over the past year. This monumental task required substantial effort and dedication, and we extend our deepest gratitude to our Grand Recorder for his tireless work and commitment to enhancing our membership management system. The implementation of MMS is expected to streamline operations, improve record accuracy, and facilitate better communication within our Councils.

North-East Cryptic Festival: This past year, we faced another setback with the cancellation of the Tri-State Festival due to ongoing scheduling conflicts. Despite our best efforts to coordinate, the logistical challenges proved insurmountable. However, we are optimistic about the future, as New York Grand Council is set to host the Tri-State Festival next year. This is a promising development that provides us with an opportunity to reinvigorate our regional fellowship and promote Cryptic Masonry.

Currently, potential locations for the festival are being evaluated, with Albany, NY being a leading candidate. We look forward to this event serving not only as a celebration of our traditions but also as a platform for recruitment, engagement, and the dissemination of knowledge about Cryptic Masonry.

Zealously,

Right Ill. Richard Kerimoglu
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

REPORT OF THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 2025

The members of this committee are: R.' I.'. Richard Kerimoglu, R.' I.'. Earnest Parker, R.' I.'. Garry Krom, R.' I.'. James Kaim Jr., R.' I.'. Robert Rhoades, M.' I.'. Richard C. Fowler and R.' I.'. Carl Klossner.

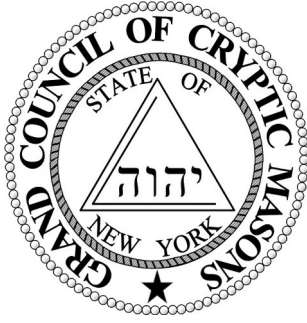
The Committee began the process of updating the education materials of Grand Council. We were fortunate to have two of our Companions, V.' I.'. Michael Miller and R.' I.'. Steven Howard, updating the first sections of our education materials. We reviewed these suggested updates and received positive responses to these changes. This is the first step of updates to be made as we go into the next year. I plan on working with this committee again next year to make more changes to update and improve our education materials.

Part I and Part II will be the information changed and updated. Under Leadership the material was reviewed and updates were made to be more in line with today's Cryptic Masonry. As you can imagine this will be an ongoing project for the next couple of years.

Part II of our leadership manual will be addressing the DDGIM and AGL positions. This will be address in the 2025-2026 year with the goal of having an updated procedure for each of these officers to visit our councils state wide. More to come in this area as well as the entire Leadership Manual.

You will see more on these as we go into the new term.

Respectfully Submitted
R.' I.'. Carl J. Klossner
Chairman of Masonic Ed and Communications Committee



**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
State of New York**

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To: The MIGM, Officers and Members of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York
North-East Cryptic Festival Update

This past year, we experienced another unfortunate setback with the cancellation of the Tri-State Festival due to ongoing scheduling conflicts. Despite dedicated efforts to coordinate, the logistical challenges ultimately proved insurmountable.

Looking ahead, however, we are encouraged by a promising development: the **New York Grand Council** is set to host the **Tri-State Festival next year**. This presents a valuable opportunity to **reinvigorate our regional fellowship** and promote the enduring values of **Cryptic Masonry**.

Potential venues are currently under evaluation, with **Albany, NY** emerging as a strong candidate. We are optimistic that this event will serve not only as a **celebration of our heritage**, but also as a vital **platform for recruitment, member engagement, and the sharing of Masonic knowledge**.

In the meantime, **New York State has taken meaningful steps to sustain local engagement** by hosting two successful Cryptic Festivals. One was held on **March 29** in **Middletown, NY**, at **Goshen Council No. 93**, and the other on **June 25** in **Astoria, Queens**, at **Adoniram Council No. 36**. Both festivals conferred the **Royal and Select Master Degrees**, offering candidates a rich and inspiring Masonic experience.

We thank everyone for their continued support and commitment to our craft. With renewed energy and collaboration, we look forward to a strong showing at the upcoming **Tri-State Festival**, and to the continued growth of **Cryptic Masonry** across our region.

Thank everyone on the Committee for their contributions. I respectfully submit this report to be spread upon the minutes.

Zealously,

Right Ill. Richard Kerimoglu
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

Jurisprudence & By-Laws Review Committee Report

July 17, 2025

We reviewed the updated By-Laws of Union Council No. 2. We found all their changes in proper form. We recommend their approval.

We reviewed the By-Laws of Nundawaga Council No. 35 and after review we recommend the merger of Hornellsville No. 35 & Nundawaga No. 92 to become known as Nundawaga No.35.

We have reviewed the By-Laws of Adoniram No.36 and they are still under review at this time.

Respectfully submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee,

M.:I.: Richard C. Fowler, Chairman

M.:I.: David H. Raymond

R.:I.: Paul G. Huck, Judge Advocate

R.:I.: Steven M. Koch

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

State of New York

Grand Historian's Report

2025

Submitted by

R:.I.: James E. Reichman

Grand Historian

Report of the Grand Historian, 2025

It is my honor to present my first report as Grand Historian. I wish to acknowledge the work of my predecessor, R:I. A. Harry Williams, whose dedication and efforts in preserving our history have set a strong foundation for the future.

As noted in last year's report by R:I. Williams, there is a photo array at the Livingston Library in Utica that contains photographs of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council. The most recent displayed photograph is of M.I. Donald Harrison (2003–2004). That initiative remains important, and I will be carrying it forward to ensure that our line of succession is preserved and displayed for generations to come.

I also wish to recognize the valuable work that R:I. Williams undertook in conjunction with R:W:. Gary L. Heinmiller, former Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. R:W:. Heinmiller developed a comprehensive spreadsheet documenting every lodge ever existing under the Grand Lodge of New York or its predecessors, including dates, locations, and other key details. I have had the privilege of working with R:W:. Heinmiller on this project and will continue advancing that work — further tracking and compiling information about earlier Cryptic Masons and extending that record into the present day. This effort will complement the new initiatives described below.

Looking ahead, the role of Grand Historian will be expanding beyond a written annual report. In collaboration with the Grand Archivist, I will be undertaking a comprehensive project to collect, preserve, and organize the history of our New York Cryptic Masons — currently numbering approximately 900 Companions. This initiative will gather not only written records, but also photographs, videos, and other media from other social media platforms and personal archives.

The collected materials will be cataloged into individual profiles that document each Companion's contributions to Freemasonry and Cryptic Masonry. These profiles will be housed in a secure digital database and server, allowing for accessible, organized, and searchable historical records. Each entry will feature dated materials and a chronological timeline, providing a rich and accurate record of our membership and their Masonic journeys.

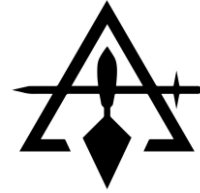
This new approach will ensure that the history of our Grand Council is preserved in a modern, living format — safeguarding not only the names and dates of our past, but the faces, voices, and labors of those who have built and continue to build our legacy.

Zealously submitted,

R:I. James E. Reichman



GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK



Grand Archivist Annual Report

7/24/2025

The true essence of Cryptic Masonry centers upon the Secret Vault where the great treasures of Masonry are stored, therefore Cryptic Masonry should take the lead in aiding in the preservation of Masonic knowledge and materials such as Masonic regalia, aprons, jewels, rings, etc..

Last year, a brochure was created entitled “Preserving Freemasonry: A Short Guide to Get You Started on Preserving Your Masonic Artifact”. This brochure provided links to some useful guides as well as contact information for the Grand Archivist.

A second brochure was created entitled “Your Masonic Legacy”. This was designed for Brethren to fill out with contact information for all the Masonic organizations to which he might belong so his family, upon his death, know who to contact to return/preserve his Masonic belongings.

Both brochures were printed and provided at the 2024 Annual Assembly. It is my wish that any remaining copies be distributed at the 2005 Annual Assembly and that we encourage our members to bring them back to any & all the Masonic Bodies that they may be members of and distribute them.

As the Grand Council does not have funds to rent out space, the creation of a physical Archive is a moot point currently. Digitization, however, can help preserve documents which may be suffering from the ravages of time. If the Grand Council website were to be modernized and expanded, it could provide pages for a Digital Secret Vault/Archive. Photos and scanned documents could then be uploaded for all to see from the comfort of, well, anywhere...

Respectfully Submitted,

R.I. Richard J Powell
Grand Archivist
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of New York

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
202nd Annual Assembly, Albany, New York
Saturday, August 16, 2025

Annual Necrology Report

MEMORIAL SERVICE

** Stand if you are able*

LIGHT THE CANDLE

This Candle is lit today to symbolize each of the lives of the 22 Companions who have entered the eternal realm of God. The flowers illustrate their growth and journey within the Circle of Perfection. The Symbolic Lodge (*Blue Flower*), The Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch (*Red Flower*) and the Cryptic Vault (*Purple Flower*). The light of the candle for eternity.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are in the presence of God

People: in our need and in our sorrow.

Leader: We are in the presence of God

People: in thankfulness of the lives we knew and shared.

Leader: We are in the presence of God

People: seeking hope and courage for the future.

Leader: We are in the presence of God

People: who has promised to be with us always, till the end of time.

ALL: IN GOD'S PRESENCE WE NOW WORSHIP THE GIVER OF ALL LIFE.

OPENING PRAYER

O comforting One, compassionate One be with us all when we suffer loss and ache with the pain of grieving. Give us a glimpse of the way it will be when love will never be taken away, when life itself will not be diminished when all that we hold most precious will live and remain with us forever. Help us, God, to focus on that which enables us to keep going. Remind us that time will never erase the memories and that for a moment we're not alone as we sit here together. We give thanks for the times we had with our departed Companions, both the ups and the downs of living life, but most of all we're grateful for love which is stronger than death. Help us to bear our sorrow without bitterness, to look forward slowly, one day at a time and to gain some comfort from those who can help us ease our pain. Be with us now as we encourage and support each other in this time of worship. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

EULOGIES: R.:I.: David Shirer, Grand Musician

R.:I.: A. Harry Williams, Grand Steward

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 130 and Isaiah 40:28-31

A REFLECTIVE THOUGHT "Out of the Depths"

M.:I.: Rev. Charles M. Roberts, Grand Chaplain

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy and peace. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven. We remember with thanksgiving all who we named today. Thank you for everything we remember and treasure about them, for all that they mean to us. Take care of them, Lord, until we all reach that time and place where every tear is dry, every question answered, and all things are made new. Lord, in your love, Hear our prayer. Father of all mercy and giver of all comfort, give hope to those who are sad,

console those who still miss someone special, grant peace to those who are angry. Help us to cast every care onto you, and guide us gently by your Holy Spirit through the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. In thankfulness for the past, help us to live our lives to the full in love and joy and peace. Lord, in your love, Hear our prayer. Loving God, we thank you for making us in your likeness, with a spirit of concern and love. Thank you for giving us one another to care for; child, parent, spouse, friend or neighbor. Bless all who work in the medical and social professions, in surgeries, hospitals, hospices, and in the community. Keep us sensitive to the needs of others and give us the grace to respond with patience and generosity. Lord in your love, Hear our prayer. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN: "He Leadeth Me"**

*** CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**

*** BENEDICTION**

Supreme Architect of the Universe, Let brotherly Love strengthen and cement us at this time of loss. May the promise of eternal life comfort us and all who we held dear. Let us go forth into the world, being made better for having known our departed Companions. We have been given the tools to build our earthly temple, may we ever live and work so that when the final role is called, we may hear, "Well done good and faithful servant." May we go now with hope and peace in the knowledge of your love. Amen.

IN MEMORIAM (2024-2025)

***Columbian Council No. 1
Adelphic Council No. 7***

***Melville B. Herron
Central City Council No. 13***

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton No. 14

Dunkirk Council No. 25

***King Solomon No. 31
Hornellsville Council No. 35
Adoniram No. 36
Joseph Warren No. 37***

Fulton No. 50

Suffolk No. 76

Oneonta No. 87

North Shore No. 88

Hamburg No. 91

Goshen Council No. 93

King David No. 97

***Vincent A. Salce
James A. Anthony
Beverley C. Duer***

***Alan J. Morgan
Anthony V. Senzarino***

Mark H. Baumbach

James J. Finke

Charles Erbsmehl

Donald Weaver, Sr.

A. Harry Williams

William L. Learn, Jr.

George E. Mantzaris

John R. Patterson

Norman A. Kruth

Jopet J.S. Benaojan

Horner A. Burch

William John James Gorski

David Shire

Mel Birnbaum

William H. Hickox

Jan Bradley Zehr

***Respectfully Submitted,
Grand Chaplains***

R.:I.: Rev. Stenrick B. Adams

R.:I.: Nathan Lipper

M.:I.: Rev. Charles M. Roberts



Grand Council Cryptic Masons
202nd Annual Assembly
Awards Committee Report, 2024-2025
Individual Achievement

- 1) General Grand Cryptic Mason of the Year
III. Victor K. Han
- 2) General Grand Cryptic Youth Leadership Award
Ms. Kelly Padivan, Adult Advisor Rainbow Chapter
- 3) Lady of the Council Award
Miss Kayla Mclean; Mrs. Deanna Cassella
- 4) M.:I.: E. William Whittaker Grand Master's Award
V. III. Robert Yee
- 5) Giles Fonda Yates Award
Rt. III. Aram M. Adishian
- 6) Grand Master's Certificate of Achievement
Adoniram Council #36

Above to be announced and presented at the Grand Council Banquet

Council Membership Gains & Attendance Awards

- 1) Most Greetings of New Select Masters in the Cryptic Year
Columbian No. 1 [9]
- 2) Greetings of 5 or More Select Masters in the Cryptic Year

Columbian No. 1 [9]	King Solomon No. 31 [6]
Adoniram No. 36 [7]	Bloss-Dewitt No. 14 [5]
Suffolk No. 78 [7]	North Shore No. 88 [5]
- 3) 10% or Greater Increase in Membership for the Cryptic Year

Adoniram No. 36 [7]	Suffolk No. 78 [7]
King Solomon No. 31 [6]	North Shore No. 88 [5]
Bloss-Dewitt No. 14 [5]	Rotica No. 12 [3]
- 4) Best Attendance at Grand Council Assembly
To be announced at the Grand Council Assembly
Goshen Council #93

Ish-Sodi Awards

1) Ish-Sodi Awards the first line signer for 5 Petitioners in the last year.

No Submissions

2) Meritorious Ish-Sodi Awards the first line signer for 25 Petitioners.

No Submissions

Submitted by,

R.I. Ernest W. Parker, Chairman

M.I. John A. Gallant

R.I. Gary M. Krom

The Grand Council Website Committee Report 2024-2025

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council.

I would like to thank the Grand Council for my re-appointment to the position of Chairman of the Website Committee. With the help of my committee members, our Grand Line Officers and District Officers, I am pleased to report the Web Site has continued to be a stable and on-line presence for our Grand Jurisdiction.

The primary task for me is to provide a rapid turnaround of updates to the Web Site and down-loadable documents and to be the official location of Announcements and Edicts by our Most Illustrious Grand Master.

I am pleased to say that this year in general has very easy for the Web site. There have been no major issues with our hosting or uploads of new files.

There has been minor issues with the Email forwarding support we use. In the last few months, the email servers provided by Microsoft, (i.e. hotmail.com, outlook.com and Exchange Online), have been rejecting our inbound emails due to “invalid authentication of credentials”. When this occurs our Hosting Webmaster has been working diligently to correct and update these problems to get the email flowing smoothly.

I wish to remind our District officers and our Council Recorders that our public calendar is used by our York Rite companions when checking for scheduled Cryptic Degrees. When your District or Council has scheduled a Cryptic Degree please let me know and the Degree information will be uploaded into our Calendar. The Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery calendars are also listing their Degrees to allow all our York Rite Companions to search for and attend these Degrees.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council and our companions as we prepare for another Cryptic year.

Zealously,



M.: I.: John A. Gallant
Chairman of the Grand Council Website Committee

**Grand Treasurer's Report
Operating Fund 2024-2025**

Balance- August 1, 2024

\$42,316.74

Income

R-1	Member- NY Per Capita		18757.50	
R-2	Member- GC Per Capita		2280.00	
R-3	New Member Greeting		680.00	
R-4	Permanent Funds		0.00	
R-5	Bank Interest		0.00	
R-6	Late Annual Return Fee		0.00	
R-7	Refund Host Council		12463.00	
R-8	Escrow Funds		0.00	
R-9	Miscellaneous		949.00	
		total	35129.50	
				35,129.50

Total Income

\$77,446.24

Disbursements

A-1	Annual Assembly (Meals & Hotel		21036.29	
A-2	Annual Proceedings		922.32	
B-1	Grand Master's Expenses		4733.67	
B-2	Grand Master's Apron		2391.80	
B-3	Grand Master's Jewel		0.00	
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary		2000.00	
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary		800.00	
D-1	Office Expense		2553.50	
D-2	Grand Council Storage		805.00	
D-3	Grand Council Supplies		0.00	
D-4	Grand Council Postage		374.20	
D-5	Grand Council Printing		760.00	
D-6	Telephone		0.00	
D-7	Insurance and Bonding		126.00	
D-8	Taxes		0.00	
E-1	Grand Lecturer's Expenses		313.05	
E-2	Grand Line Officer's Expenses		1800.00	
F-1	General Grand Council Per Capita		2365.00	
F-2	Youth Yearly Support		0.00	
G-1	General Grand Triennial Escrow Fund		200.00	
G-2	Ritual/Constitution Escrow Fund		100.00	
G-3	Regalia-New York Escrow Fund		200.00	
G-4	Equipment Repair/Purchase Escrow		100.00	
G-5	History Escrow Fund		200.00	
G-6	Grand Master's Fund		100.00	
H-1	Miscellaneous & Adjustment		3743.30	
	Total		45673.93	

Total Disbursement

45,673.93

Balance- July 31, 2025

\$31,772.31

Pass Through Lines

Date	Deposit #	Voucher #	For What	Amount
8/30/2024	6	24-1790	Life Membership-Rhoades	\$62.50
9/25/2024	7	24-1797	NE Conference	\$11282.60

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Escrow Funds 2024-25

	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	S-6	TOTALS
Balance as of 7/31/24	9381.78	680.96	1673.10	2557.31	1869.58	2266.72	18429.45
Income	1038.00	200.00	200.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	1838.00
Disbursements							
Balance as of 7/31/25	10419.78	880.96	1873.10	2657.31	2069.58	2366.72	20267.45

- S-1 Rituals, Constitutions, Guides, Ish Sodi Awards
- S-2 Regalia Fund
- S-3 Triennial Fund
- S-4 Equipment Purchases and Repair Fund
- S-5 History Fund
- S-6 Grand Master's Fund

Date	Account	Budget Code	Deposit	Withdrawal
30-Aug	S-1	G-2	\$100.00	
30-Aug	S-2	G-3	\$200.00	
30-Aug	S-3	G-1	\$200.00	
30-Aug	S-4	G-4	\$100.00	
30-Aug	S-5	G-5	\$200.00	
30-Aug	S-6	G-6	\$100.00	
		Total	\$900.00	
8-Sep	S-1		\$280.00	
17-Sep	S-1		\$80.00	
25-Sep	S-1		\$32.00	
25-Jan	S-1		\$80.00	
3-Feb	S-1		\$160.00	
17-Mar	S-1		\$68.00	
27-Apr	S-1		\$130.00	
25-May	S-1		\$60.00	
13-Jul	S-1		\$48.00	

Respectfully Submitted,

David H. Raymond

M.I.: David H. Raymond
Grand Treasurer 2024-25



**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
State of New York**

Report of the Audit Committee

August 6, 2025

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Line and members of Councils of the State of New York:

The accounts of the GRAND TREASURER, were examined and found to be in good order.

Audit Committee:

Victor J. P. ...
Chairman
Anthony ...

Signature Victor J. P. ...

Joseph Curran Jr.
Committeeman

Signature Joseph Curran Jr.

Timothy A. Heslop
Committeeman

Signature Timothy A. Heslop



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

Most Illustrious John A. Gallant, PMIGM
Grand Recorder
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To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Companions of Grand Council.

I wish to continue to extend my deepest gratitude to the Companions for supporting me during my third year as your Grand Recorder. I am getting closer to getting the “hang of it”. I need to thank M.:I.: Charles Roberts, Assistant to the Grand Recorder, whose Institutional knowledge continues to be invaluable to the success of this office. It is a pleasure to work with M.:I.: David Raymond, our Grand Treasurer, and I look forward to our continued work together.

I must Congratulate Most Illustrious Dan Elliott and our Grand Line on a good year. There has been a lot of activity in and around our Jurisdiction. Through their efforts it has been a memorable year and well received by everyone.

This year, most of our Council’s Annual Reports, per-capita and Elections were in before the deadline, but unfortunately a few were not. (*“Companion Recorders, the deadline is July 10th, per our Constitution. This deadline is necessary for the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer to prepare our annual reports and close out the Fiscal year.” – for the 11th year we are continuing this established dreadful trend!*) All the late paperwork came in before our Annual Assembly. Unfortunately, two of our Councils did not meet the extended deadline for their per-capita and are not entitled to representation at Grand Council.

I have an update on our progress with the Masonic Membership Solutions or MMS. I have finished uploading the Companions from all our Councils and all of them have an assigned Grand Council number recorded as part of their Degree records. The next step will be working with the MMS administrators to understand the various Cryptic reports and listings that can be used by our Recorders. This will enable us to start the migration from paper to electronic records. But, the critical task is to get all our Recorders onto the system and get them familiar with the various screens, reports and “inputting Candidate and degree data”.

This year we have lost a Council to history. The Companions of Nun Da Waga have decided to shutter their council and they have merged with Hornellsville Council. The Companions will rename the Council to Nun Da Waga Council #35. On the positive side, the Grand Master and Grand Line are looking forward to joining the Companions for a rededication in the near future.

This year we continue the loss of membership, I refer you to my report on our Membership numbers. This year due to my work on the MMS upload of our Council rosters there has been a drop in membership, but this impact is limited. There are some positive signs this year as our Greeting numbers are far greater than our Death numbers. Companions please don't lose sight of this over all membership loss, endeavor to bring more Brothers and Companions to the York Rite and our Grand Council.

With regards to the Financial condition of Grand Council, again this year it was not necessary to make a withdrawal from our permanent funds. Like last year with our lower membership numbers and expected

increase in costs, we have projected a budget in the red. We don't expect to reach the expected level of expenses and believe that the budget will settle out OK. Keep in mind that we cannot sustain this and we will need to entertain a per-capita increase for approval next year. For reference our last per-capita increase was nine years ago.

In closing, I again wish to thank the Companions for their kind assistance and patience while I continued to learn details of this Office. I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Most Ill. John A. Gallant
Grand Recorder

Annual Membership Report For The 2024-2025 Cryptic Year

This Cryptic Year is once again a continuation of our previous years with regards to membership. We had some gains but we continue to have losses as well. Our ongoing efforts with the MMS system has the primary goal of getting our Council Recorders closer to having an accurate count of membership.

The following are the statistics for the Year End report from the Grand Recorder's Office for this Grand Council:

Membership as of June 30, 2023 – 957

Greeted:	62
Affiliated:	29
Restored:	<u>13</u>
Total Gains:	104

1,061

Unfortunately membership is falling, mainly through the big two: demits and suspensions. I do need to point out an impact of our Membership efforts with MMS. There were some Councils that were carrying members who are no longer in Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. These “lost” members have been adjusted by the councils and account for a portion of the losses. There is one positive trend that I wish to point out. The most encouraging one is that our Greetings count is far greater than our Death count. We are bringing in more Companions than those who are leaving us due to death.

Died:	22
Demitted:	73
Suspended NPD:	43
Suspended in Chapter:	6
Expelled:	1
Previous Return Adjustments:	<u>0</u>
Total Losses:	145

Membership as of June 30, 2025 - 916

A complete breakdown of the membership by Council is attached.

Fraternally yours,
M.:I.: John A. Gallant
Grand Recorder

2025 Membership Numbers

Summary of Membership and Activities by Council 2024-2025

Council #	06/30/24	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Demitted	NPD	RAM-Spnd	Expelled	06/30/25	Net Gain/Loss
Columbian No. 1	132	9	0	2	1	37	0	0	0	105	(27)
Union No. 2	17	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	18	1
Adelphic No. 7	65	3	3	0	3	2	9	0	1	56	(9)
Rotica No. 12	27	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	29	2
Central City No. 13	40	3	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	37	(3)
Bloss-DeWitt No. 14	34	5	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	35	1
Buffalo-Keystone No. 17	48	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	48	0
King Hiram No. 18	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	(1)
Doric No. 19	25	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1
Dunkirk No. 25	31	1	0	6	2	2	0	0	0	34	3
Ahwaga No. 30	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	18	(1)
King Solomon No. 31	27	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	32	5
Hornellsville No. 35	20	0	17	0	1	2	0	0	0	34	14
Adoniram No. 36	19	7	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	10
Joseph Warren No. 37	31	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	25	(6)
Fulton No. 50	27	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	23	(4)
St. George's No. 74	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1
Skoi Yase No. 75	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
Suffolk No. 76	51	7	0	4	1	1	3	0	0	57	6
Flatbush No. 80	47	4	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	38	(9)
Oneonta No. 87	39	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	38	(1)
North Shore No. 88	38	5	0	0	1	3	2	2	0	35	(3)
Cayuga No. 90	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	(1)
Hamburg No. 91	33	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	31	(2)
Nun Da Waga No. 92	17	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	(17)
Goshen No. 93	44	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	44	0
King David No. 97	27	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	26	(1)
	957	62	29	13	22	73	43	6	1	916	(41)

We have a total of 27 Councils at present.

	Balance July 31, 2025		\$31,772.31
			Budget 2025-26
	INCOME	Comments	
R-1	Member NY Per Capita (916)	\$20.50 per member	\$18,778.00
R-2	Member GC Per Capita (916)	\$ 2.50 per member	\$2,290.00
R-3	New Member Greetings (5)	\$10.00 per member	\$500.00
R-4	Permanent Fund Income		\$5,000.00
R-5	Bank Interest		\$0.00
R-6	Late Annual Return Fee		\$0.00
R-7	Meal Income from Host Council for A-1		\$12,000.00
R-8	Escrow Funds		\$0.00
R-9	Miscellaneous		\$500.00
	Totals		\$39,068.00
	Disbursements		
A-1	Annual Assembly (Hotel/Meals/Etc.)		\$17,000.00
A-2	Annual Proceedings		\$800.00
B-1	Grand Master's Expense		\$5,600.00
B-2	Grand Master's Regalia		\$1,500.00
B-3	Grand Master's Jewel		\$1,000.00
C-1	Grand Recorder's Honorarium	GR=1,300/yr; AGR=700/yr	\$2,000.00
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Honorarium	GT=800/yr	\$800.00
D-1	Office Expense	GR 500 = 2000; GT 100 = 400	\$2,400.00
D-2	Grand Council Storage		\$900.00
D-3	Supplies		\$400.00
D-4	Postage		\$600.00
D-5	Printing		\$1,000.00
D-6	(TBD)		\$0.00
D-7	Insurance & Bonding		\$175.00
D-8	Taxes		\$0.00
E-1	Grand Lecturer's Expense		\$800.00
E-2	Grand Line Officers' Expenses		\$4,800.00
F-1	Gen. Grand Council Per Capita (1 year)		\$2,290.00
F-2	Youth Committee Yearly Program Support		\$500.00
G-1	General Grand Triennial Fund		\$200.00
G-2	Ritual/Constitution NY Escrow Fund		\$100.00
G-3	Regalia - New York Fund		\$1,000.00
G-4	Equipment Repair & Purchase Fund		\$100.00
G-5	History Fund		\$200.00
G-6	Grand Master's Fund		\$100.00
H-1	Miscellaneous		\$2,000.00
	Totals		\$46,265.00
	Balance as July 31, 2026		\$24,575.31

	Pass-Through Lines		
PT-1	Funds Input	NE-Conf, GM-Rec, SRICF-NE	\$0.00
PT-2	Funds Output		\$0.00
	Respectfully Submitted,		
	R.:I.: Richard Kerimoglu, DGM		
	R.:I.: Carl Klossner, PCW		
	M.:I.: John A. Gallant, Grand Recorder		
	M.:I.: David H. Raymond, Grand Treasurer		

Grand Recorder's Financial Report for 2024-2025

Balance as of August 1, 2024:

\$42,316.74

Income/Revenue

(Pass Thru)

Deposit #01	Annual Rtn-FY23	Joseph Warren-Cyrptic #37	\$635.00	
Deposit #02	Assembly	201 st Assembly Meal Checks	\$2,183.00	
Deposit #03	Assembly	201 st Assembly Meal Checks	\$1,404.00	
Deposit #04	Assembly	201 st Assembly Meal Checks	\$2,136.00	
Deposit #05	Medallions	200th Medallion Sales	\$550.00	
Deposit #06	Robert Rhodes	Gen. Grand Life Membership		\$62.50
Deposit #07	North-East Conf	Desmond Hotel – Invoice		\$11,282.60
Deposit #08	Goshen #93	Silver Trowels – Inv 2024-11	\$60.00	
Deposit #09	Cash Sales	Silver Trowels at G.Chapter	\$60.00	
Deposit #10	Annual Rtn	Goshen #93	\$1,009.00	
Deposit #11	Annual Rtn	Oneonta #87	\$917.00	
Deposit #12	Annual Rtn	Hiram #18	\$230.00	
Deposit #13	Annual Rtn	Suffolk Council #76	\$1,243.00	
Deposit #14	Annual Rtn	St. George's Council #74	\$1,390.00	
Deposit #15	Annual Rtn	Cayuga Council #90	\$296.50	
Deposit #16	Annual Rtn	Adoniram Council #36	\$507.00	
Deposit #17	Annual Rtn	King Solomon #31	\$680.00	
Deposit #18	Annual Rtn	Dunkirk Council #25	\$723.00	
Deposit #19	Annual Rtn	Columbian Council #1	\$3,126.00	
Deposit #20	Annual Rtn	Buffalo-Keystone #17	\$1,114.00	
Deposit #21	Annual Rtn	Flatbush #80	\$1,121.00	
Deposit #22	Annual Rtn	Rotica #12	\$628.00	
Deposit #23	Annual Rtn	North Shore #88	\$924.00	
Deposit #24	Annual Rtn	Hamburg #91	\$736.00	
Deposit #25	Annual Rtn	King David #97	\$641.00	
Deposit #26	Annual Rtn	Ahwaga #30	\$437.00	
Deposit #27	Annual Rtn	Central City #13	\$950.00	
Deposit #28	Annual Rtn	Hornellsville #35	\$851.00	
Deposit #29	Annual Rtn	Bloss-DeWitt Clinton #14	\$809.00	
Deposit #30	Assembly	202 nd Assembly Meal Checks	\$3,730.00	
Deposit #31	Assembly	202 nd Assembly Meal Checks	\$3,010.00	
Deposit #32	Annual Rtn	Adelphic #7	\$1,555.00	
Deposit #33	Annual Rtn	Union #2	\$401.00	
Deposit #34	Annual Rtn	Skoi Yase #74	\$345.00	
Deposit #35	Annual Rtn	Doric #19	\$478.00	

Total Income: \$34,879.50

Expenditures/Expenses

Voucher #

24-1782	Los Angeles Frat. Supply Co. Inc	Grand Master's Apron – MI Kunego	\$938.95	
24-1783	Charles M. Roberts	Greece Ridge Self Storage Rental for Grand Council c	\$805.00	
24-1784	Los Angeles Frat. Supply Co. Inc	Grand Archivist Apron (S-2)	\$239.95	
24-1785	John Gallant	Printing Costs – Proceedings (100)	\$922.32	
		Printing Costs – Archivist Fliers (2 at 1000)	\$760.00	
24-1786	John Gallant	Printing Costs – Ritual Books (125) (S-1)	\$562.50	
24-1787	Ted's Gift & Jewelry	Engraving cost for MI Kunego's PGM Jewel	\$50.00	
24-1788	Macoy Publishing	Grand Archivist Apron case and cloth bag (S-2)	\$193.40	
24-1789	Escrow Funds of Grand Council of NY For 2024-25 Escrow Transfers	General Grand Triennial Fund	\$200.00	
		Ritual/Constitution NY Escrow Fund	\$100.00	
		Regalia - NY Fund	\$200.00	
		Equipment Repair & Purchase Fund	\$100.00	
		History Fund	\$200.00	
		Grand Master's Fund	\$100.00	
24-1790	Cryptic Masons International	V.:.l. Robert Rhoades Gen Grand Life Member		\$62.50
24-1791	Crown Plaza – The Desmond Hotel	201 st Grand Assembly Hotel (GRC-900182824)	\$14,990.21	
24-1792	Grand Chapter of NY RAM	Rental of the Grand Chapter's AV Equipment for Annu	\$1,000.00	
24-1793	Michael Weisberg	Honorarium for Michael Weisberg AV Personnel	\$250.00	
24-1794	Jeffrey C. Kuhne	Honorarium for Jeffrey Kuhn AV Personnel	\$250.00	
24-1795	John Gallant	Reimbursement for Silver Trowel Jewels for IMs (50)	\$625.00	
24-1796	Crown Plaza – The Desmond Hotel	201 st #2 Grand Assembly Hotel (GRC-900182824)	\$2,046.08	
24-1797	Crown Plaza – The Desmond Hotel	North-East Conf. Hotel Expenses (Conf-632195)		\$11,282.60

GR Financials 2024-25

24-1798	John Gallant	Reimbursement for SK RE Scott Journal Ad.	\$150.00
24-1799	Los Angeles Frat. Supply Co. Inc	Grand Archivist Regalia and PGM jewels (S-2)	\$457.45
24-1800	Dan Elliott	Grand Master's FY24/Q1 Expenses	\$1,725.88
24-1801	Richard Kerimoglu	GLO FY24/Q1 Expenses	\$600.00
24-1802	Carl J. Klossner	GLO FY24/Q1 Expenses	\$600.00
24-1803	Garry Krom	GLO FY24/Q1 Expenses	\$600.00
24-1804	David Raymond	1st Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$200.00
24-1805	Charles M. Roberts	1st Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$175.00
24-1806	John Gallant	1st Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$325.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$81.38
		Postage	\$98.20
24-1807	Kentropolis Internet	Web Site Hosting for 2024-2025	\$140.00
24-1808	Rainbow Charities of NY, Inc.	NY Rainbow Full Page Journal Ad – 2025	\$100.00
24-1809	John Gallant	Reimbursement for Silver Trowel Jewels for IMs (50)	\$636.10
24-1810	Copy Town Ent.	Printing Costs – Ritual Books (275) (S-1)	\$1,237.50
24-1811	MMS LLC	Grand Council Account – Membership for 2024	\$276.90
24-1812	Pin World (Sid Leluan)	Tapered Dinner Collars (S-2)	\$372.50
24-1813	CNA Surety	Bond Bill for Treasurer	\$126.00
24-1814	Macoy Publishing	Grand Master Apron case and cloth bag	\$191.95
24-1815	Grand Post MWV	2025 Convention Souvenir Journal	\$75.00
24-1816	G5 Engraving	PMIGM Elliott Gold Badge	\$21.95
24-1817	David Raymond	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$200.00
24-1818	Charles M. Roberts	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$175.00
24-1819	John Gallant	2nd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$325.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$417.14
		Postage	\$148.06
24-1820	The Crowne Plaza-Desmond Hotel	Deposit for 2025 Annual Assembly	\$2,500.00
24-1821	Tyrian Chapter #219	MEGHP Peerson Reception Journal Full Page	\$125.00
24-1822	Organization of Triangles, Inc	Convention Journal Ad (Full Page)	\$90.00
24-1823	Dan Elliott	Grand Master's FY24/Q3 Expenses	\$1,625.79
24-1824	David Raymond	3rd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$200.00
24-1825	Charles M. Roberts	3rd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$175.00
24-1826	Frank Fancher	3rd Quarter GL Travel & Office Expenses for FY-2024	\$313.05
24-1827	John Gallant	3rd Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$325.00
24-1828		Travel & Office Expenses	\$360.06
		Postage	\$53.15
24-1829	Charles M. Roberts	Safety Deposit Box Fee	\$60.75
24-1830	General Grand Per-capita (957-11)	Per-capita for 2023-24 (957 members)	\$2,365.00
24-1831	General Grand Council Sales	Awards for 202nd Assembly (2 LoC)	\$250.00
24-1832	Dan Elliott	Grand Master's FY24/Q4 Expenses	\$1,132.00
24-1833	David Raymond	4th Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$200.00
24-1834	Charles M. Roberts	4th Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$175.00
24-1835	John Gallant	4th Quarter Honorarium for FY-2024	\$325.00
		Travel & Office Expenses	\$95.97
		Postage	\$53.31
24-1836	Charles M. Roberts	Postage for Assembly letters/invites	\$21.48
24-1837	John Gallant	LAFSCO Grand Master Apron case, jewels	\$1,238.95

Total Expenditures: \$45,673.93

Balance as of July 31, 2024: \$42,316.74

Total Income: \$34,879.50

Total Expenditures: **-\$45,673.93**

Checking Operating Ending Balance: \$31,522.31

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2025: \$31,522.31

Escrow Accounts for 2024-2026

August 1, 2024 Balance: \$18,429.45

Income/Revenue

Escrow #01	Annual Escrow Xfers S-1:S-6	\$900.00
Escrow #02	Ritual Sales	\$280.00
Escrow #03	Ritual Sales	\$80.00

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Escrow #04	Ritual Sales	\$32.00
Escrow #05	Ritual Sales	\$80.00
Escrow #06	Ritual Sales	\$160.00
Escrow #07	Ritual Sales	\$68.00
Escrow #08	Ritual Sales	\$130.00
Escrow #09	Ritual Sales	\$60.00
Escrow #10	Ritual Sales	\$48.00
	Bank Interest:	\$0.00
		<u>\$1,838.00</u>

Expenditures

July 31, 2025 Balance:

\$20,267.45

**Respectfully Submitted,
M.:I.: John A. Gallant, Grand Recorder**

TRUSTEES REPORT ON THE PERMANENT FUNDS
OF THE GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRENT CRYPTIC YEAR 2024-2025

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

The Trustees of the Grand Council submit the following written Annual Report on the funds held in trust for the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State New York for the 2024-2025 Cryptic Year.

PERMANENT FUNDS

PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2024: **\$166,934.26**

INCOME/REVENUE

	<u>Gains & Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
American High-Income Trust Class A Funds			
July – September 2024 – 1 st Quarter	\$913.40	5,840.749 (\$9.89)	\$57,765.01
October – December 2024 – 2 nd Quarter	\$922.39	5,934.842 (\$9.76)	\$57,924.06
January – March 2025 – 3 rd Quarter	\$872.82	6,023.843 (\$9.72)	\$58,551.75
April – June 2025 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$978.96</u>	6,124.493 (\$9.85)	\$60,326.26
	+ \$3,687.57		

June 30, 2025 Fund Value: \$ 60,326.26

	<u>Gains & Dividends</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fund Value</u>
Putnam Investments High Yield Trust A			
July – September 2024 – 1 st Quarter	\$1,595.14	21,465.352 (\$5.450)	\$116,986.17
October – December 2024 – 2 nd Quarter	\$4,087.07	22,234.523 (\$5.280)	\$117,398.28
January – March 2025 – 3 rd Quarter	\$1,623.83	22,541.241 (\$5.240)	\$118,116.10
April – June 2025 – 4 th Quarter	<u>\$1,830.71</u>	22,888.351 (\$5.360)	\$122,681.56
	+ \$9,136.75		

June 30, 2025 Fund Value: \$122,681.56

TOTAL PERMANENT FUND BALANCE on June 30, 2025: **\$183,007.82**

This year we received a Putnam special dividend of \$2,469.72 on 12/23/2024 which was reinvested. So, we had an increase in the Value of the Permanent Funds from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025 of \$16,073.56. That is a 9.63% increase in value of the fund.

DISBURSEMENTS

There were No Withdrawals from the Permanent Funds this Cryptic Year for operating expenses.

Peekskill Council No. 55 Records and Property still have not been received in the Grand Recorder's Office from the former Recorder after many attempts to get them by the Grand Officers.

We again remind the Grand Recorder, Current Grand Council Officers and Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the importance of the property held in their trust [Jewels, Collars, Aprons/Cases, Badges, etc.]. You are held responsible for their safekeeping and eventual return to the Grand Council of NY and if lost you will replace them personally. On behalf of the Grand Council Trustees, the Grand Recorder's Office holds in trust in a safety deposit box at Key Bank, 3636 Dewey Avenue, Greece, NY three Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Jewels.

We are still working on having funds transferred to Charles Schwab Investment brokerage. We held things as they are through Mark Snyder of OSAIC Wealth Inc. in Medford, NY this year due to the volatility in the market.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson (2022-2025) Chairman

M.:I.: Richard C. Fowler (2023-2026)

M.:I.: Donald R. Kunego (2024-2027)

**Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York
202nd Annual Assembly – August 15-16, 2025**

Friday, August 15, 2025 - Vesper Service

QUIET TIME (*Take a moment and center yourself to be in worship with your God*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 99:1-3 and 136:1-3*)

Leader: The LORD reigns! Let the peoples tremble.

People: God is enthroned between the cherubim. Let the earth quake.

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion; God is exalted above all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awe-inspiring name. For God is holy.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING HYMN: **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning; sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining! Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

EVENING PRAYER (*In Unison*)

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory forever. As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By Your light, your holy Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world. The Lord is our light and our salvation: our God shall make our darkness to be bright. Let our prayers rise before you as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. O Lord, we call to you; come to us quickly; hear our voices when we cry to you. Set a watch before our mouths, O Lord, and guard the door of our lips; Let our prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Let our hearts not incline to any evil thing; let us not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But our eyes are turned to you,

Lord God; in you we take refuge; do not leave us defenseless. Let our prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

(Silence kept)

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and forever. Lord, may it be Your will that we lie down in peace and rise up in peace. Let not our thoughts, our dreams, disturb us. Watch over our family and those we love. O Guardian of Israel, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, we entrust our spirits to You. Amen.

EVENING SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 121:1-2 and Isaiah 26:3

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”

AN EVENING REFLECTION

THE EVENING OFFERING

(Tonight’s Offering will be given to the Grand Council Charity Fund to support its Charitable causes)

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING *(In Unison)*

O Gracious and Loving God we are truly grateful for the blessings you bestow upon us every day. We would ask that you receive these gifts and bless them for the use of meeting the needs of others in Your Holy name. We also pray that you bless us to continue to love our neighbors as you love us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him”

From the first bright light of morning To the last warm glow of dusk; Every breath we take is sacred, For it is God’s gift to us. In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; In thanksgiving let us sing Songs of praise and adoration To our gracious Lord and King.

In the season of our plenty, In the season of our need; We will find His grace sufficient, We will find His love complete. In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; In thanksgiving let us sing Songs of praise and adoration To our gracious Lord and King.

Safe within His hand that guides us, Hidden in His healing wings; Day by day His love provides us Every good and perfect thing. In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; In thanksgiving let us sing Songs of praise and adoration To our gracious Lord and King.

BENEDICTION

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’ May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him always. Amen.”

Grand Cryptic Council of Masons State of New York

6th Cryptic District Cryptic Councils

Report by R.:I.: David Brainerd Pritt, dbp:.

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Again, thank you.

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**Report of the District Deputy Grand Master
4th Cryptic District
2024-2025**

I would like to thank the M.: I.: Daniel D. Elliott, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of New York for appointing me for a second year as District Deputy Grand Master of the 4th Cryptic District. I have enjoyed my year in this position and have continued to learn about and support the Councils in this district and Cryptic Masonry.

During this past year, I visited all four of the Councils in the 4th Cryptic District, traveling with the V.: I.: Mathias J. Erschen IV, Assistant Grand Lecturer, and R.: I.: Steven P. Koch, Grand Marshal.

We began the year with the 4th Cryptic District Grand Lecturer's Convention on Thursday, November 21, 2024, hosted by St. George's Council #74. R.: I.: Frank M. Fancher put on a good program, but once again it was not well attended by the other Councils in the District. The location has been selected because it is more or less in the center of the District, however the distance some Companions would need to travel continues to be a factor in attendance. One Council is located in Queensbury and another is in Oneonta, with about two hours of travel time between them. Also, the small numbers and ages of our Companions is clearly a factor in their willingness to travel.

My first official visit was to Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council # 14 on Thursday, December 12, 2024. There were 11 Companions of the Council present that evening. The officers mostly read their parts but with proficiency. This Council brought in 6 new Companions this year and worked with St. George's Council #74 to confer degrees on their candidates. They are in good financial condition and their records are up to date.

My next official visit was to St. George's Council #74 on Thursday, February 20, 2025. This is my home Council. This Council is strong financially and its records are in excellent shape. The officers demonstrate proficiency in opening, although some have to read their parts. Unfortunately, only 8 members were present due to illness and cable tows. This Council has conferred the Royal and Select Master Degrees a couple of times over the past few years. As indicated above, they continue to work with the other Councils in the District to confer degrees on candidates.

We visited Oneonta Council #87 on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. There were 12 Companions of the Council present; their membership is down to 36. The officers were clearly proficient in their ritual work, and almost all did their work from memory. Despite their size, they are one of the strongest Councils in this District, if not in the state. Their books are in very good condition. They have a number of excellent ritualists as members, and it shows. They also conferred the Royal and Select Master Degrees this spring on two candidates and did a stellar job.

Our next official visit was to Joseph Warren Cryptic Council #37 on Friday, March 28, 2025. They continue to struggle to have sufficient participation. There were 7 Companions of the Council present, so with the guests present, they were able to open that evening. Last year they

did bring in 7 new Companions, but as is the case in many of our Masonic bodies, they are all involved in any number of organizations and face multiple conflicting demands on their time. Their membership, despite the additions last year, is still less than 30 Companions, and they cover an area that is large and reaches all the way to Plattsburgh and the Canadian border. Their records are in good shape, but they do not have much in the way of financial assets.

In April, we also held a Caucus of the R.: I.: and V.: I.: members of the District by Zoom, with good attendance and participation. It was determined that V.: I.: Keith D. Becker be recommended for DDGIM, and Comp. Steven J. Smith be the next AGL. There was a discussion of future candidates for District Deputy Grand Illustrious Masters and Assistant Grand Lecturers. This bodes well for this District moving forward.

The biggest challenge we face in the 4th Cryptic District, and in Cryptic Masonry in general, is the declining number of Companions and the distances required for participation. Three of the four Councils in this District have around 30 members each. This will continue to be an issue, and we need to make a concerted effort to recruit Companions to become Cryptic Masons.

Again, I thank the Illustrious Grand Master for his support in allowing me to serve the Cryptic Council these past two years.

With Fervency and Zeal,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Barnes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R.: I.: David E. Barnes
District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master
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August 16, 2025

R.:I.: Jamie J. Kaim Jr.

District Deputy Grand Master

8th Cryptic District

M.:I.: Grand Master, R.:I.: Deputy Grand Master, R.:I.: Grand Principle Conductor of the works, Grand Line Officers, Companions All,

I would like to start off by thanking the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master for having confidence in me to represent him in the 8th Cryptic District of the Grand Council of New York Cryptic Masons. I have enjoyed traveling and bringing his message to the companions and raising awareness of our Cryptic Charities. I hope I have brought honor to you and our District.

It was a pleasure to work alongside R.:I.: Ernest W. Parker, Grand Captian of the Guard and V.:I.: Charles Raymond, Assistant Grand Lecturer. The bonds of companionship were strengthened and along with our work, I think we brought joy to the councils on our visits.

On January 9, 2025, I had the pleasure of presenting a Solomon Arch Jewel with a Green ribbon to M.:I.: Steve Licht at Hornellsville #35 in Nunda, NY. That evening the district officers and Grand Line Visitor made their official visits to Hornellsville #35 and Nundewaga #92 jointly. The two councils have voted to merge into Nundewaga #35 and the paperwork has been filed with the Grand Recorder. On January 15, 2025 the district officers held their official visits to Doric Council #19 in Fairport, NY. February 12, 2025 I brought the Grand Masters messege to Skoi Yase Council #75 in Geneva. I opened the Grand Lecturer's Convention on April 16, 2025 in Fairport New York and had the honor of introducing R.:I.: Frank Fancher Grand Lecturer for a great evening of ritual review. On May 21, 2025 Dispensation was granted for Doric Council #19 and Skoi-Yase Council #75 to hold a joint annual meeting where elections and installations were held for the two councils. June 11, 2025 found the district officers in Seneca Falls New York for the 16th annual Skoi-Yase council and Geneva chapter family picnic.

The 8th Cryptic District held their caucus with 10 companions discussing the future of the district and I am sure that the next Thrice Illustrious Grand Master will take their recommendations and make the best choice for his year. Bellow you will find a brief report on each Council in the district as a supplement to the 3 page report provided for each council.

Doric #19- Financially Stable, Dedicated Companions with newer Companions willing to advance in the chairs. Good Education provided by the Recorder. Active with charities. (ACTIVE)

Hornellsville #35- Financially Stable, Dedicated Members in process of merger with Nundewaga. (IN NEED)

Skoi-Yase #75- Financially Stable, struggled this year to get 9 at a meeting. Social programs and education provided by Ill. Master,. Active with charities (ACTIVE)

Nundewaga #92 - Financially Stable, unable to open since covid by themselves, companions unwilling to advance in the chairs. Chapters it draws from are no longer in existence. (DISFUNCTIONAL)

2025 Annual Report District Deputy Grand Master 9th Cryptic District

07/30/2025

Greetings Companions of all Ranks and Titles,

Passion and desire for Cryptic Masonry is ever so present in the 9th Cryptic District. We consist of three councils in Western New York; Buffalo Keystone #17 central towards Buffalo, Hamburg #91 south of Buffalo and Dunkirk #25 in Fredonia although they split 2024-2025 exploring meetings in a South Buffalo suburb location.

Each of our three councils have leadership working hard to conduct meetings of value, imparting Cryptic Masonic teachings and lessons. Companions consistently travel and support each other.

Buffalo Keystone #17 has a strong line and bench of leadership progressing through the stations and places. Officers continue to progress and change roles each year. They do not have any concerns about having the needed attendance to meet. They continue to bring in and advance Companions through the Select Master degree. Buffalo Keystone has two Companions excited to participate in District roles the next two years.

Dunkirk #25 has many Cryptically new Companions learning about Cryptic Masonry, working to improve their memorization and understanding at an exciting pace. Officers are retaining their stations and places for an additional year. They do not currently have any new candidates for the future; however, they brought is a new class this year and the year prior. Dunkirk experimented with meeting half the time in their usual Fredonia location and half the time in Lackawanna over 2024-2025. The results showed very similar attendance numbers attending regardless of the location, although the faces of those Companions were slightly different. Meeting the minimum number of Companions to Officially open is a consistent challenge.

Hamburg Council #91 has a strong base of leaders progressing through the stations and places, with an invaluable mentor as the backbone. The council in preparing to confer the degrees within their own Council for the first time in many years. Having the required number of members in attendance to officially meet is typically not a concern but the challenge did reappear this year.

Attendance and participation will likely improve with proper trestle boards, programs, communication and punctuality.

Among common challenges each council manages are, groups of younger Companions with active families, while being a great asset to have; lend to competitive schedules. Many Companions are extremely active across the Craft with leadership roles and full calendars of activities, leading to similar competitive schedules.

Each Council in the 9th Cryptic District is actively working with mentors to memorize and execute the ritual properly with consistency. Each Council this year had representation at the 9th District Grand Lecturer Convention, and we wholeheartedly express our thanks to R:. I.: Frank Fancher and Buffalo Keystone #17 for hosting. R:. I.: Gary Krom, Grand Conductor of the Council, visited each council and made each night he was with us very enjoyable and entertaining. The nuggets of history related to each Council were very personalized, informative and interesting. Best wishes to R:. I.: Krom and R:. I.: Fancher in your future endeavors. We look forward to being with you in the future.

V:. I.: Myron Deputat, Assistant Grand Lecturer 9th District was a pleasure to work with as we actively traveled. Companion Myron is a great asset to the Cryptic Craft; we look forward to his continued involvement and growth.

Thank you to M:. I.: Daniel Elliott, Grand Master for your leadership, support and mentorship. It was a pleasure working with you and spreading your message throughout the 9th Cryptic District.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bob

R:. I.: Robert Drzewucki

District Deputy Grand Master '24-'25

9th Cryptic District

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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York
Report of the Grand Lecturer & Ritual Committee 2024-2025

Ritual conventions were held this past year in all districts (in some form or fashion) focused primarily on the Royal Master degree. I want to thank those that came out and participated in the discussion. I visited the 7th and assisted them with a Summoned Joint meeting which was a wonderful night of brotherhood and fellowship, where they not only gave me the opportunity to talk, RI Carl was there and spoke on behalf of the DD. Lastly but not least we balloted on a few petitions to assist with the growth of the council. While not an official convention, both councils were represented and it is a path to move forward with! The goal is to help Councils in the primary function of Cryptic Masonry: performing ritual competently and with feeling, to inspire transformation of Companions. To help emphasize this the Grand council has two awards, the M.: I.: Jay Kosseff Award and the M.: I.: Rex Long Award. To win the M.: I.: Jay Kosseff Award, a Council must participate, with no more than one of its main ritual officers (IM, DM, PCW, CG, CC) absent; more than one Council can win this at the same convention. To win the M.: I.: Rex Long Award, a Council must have the largest traction of its members attend, of the Councils in its District; only one Council can win it at the same convention. Again, the use of ritual books continues to dwindle. I have seen companions fill in lasty minute with little to no use of books which has personally warmed my heart. R.: I.: Stu card started this mission during his time as Grand Lecturer and I am overjoyed to see it continued!

We also created a standardized ritual for opening and closing a Grand Lecturer's convention to cause less confusion for those that have not been Master or DD for a Lodge or Chapter Grand Lecturer's convention (see attached for records). Side note: I hope you all are supporting our other Grand Lecturers in other bodies when they come to visit the district. It is always a Treat!

The Super Excellent Master degree is something of beauty and I have tried my best to change as little as possible as will be exemplified with dispensation. I cannot thank the Councils for the warm invite as I've traveled the state so far and I would also be remiss in not thanking RI.: Card and the entire Grand line thus far for their encouragement and assistance. To my Assistant Grand Lecturers thank you for being the Ritual back bones of your respective districts. You do more than anyone knows and honestly have the most amazing job in Masonry regardless of the body. If I am re-appointed, I will see you all throughout the 2025-2026 as we discuss the Select Master Degre. We will touch on the SEM briefly.

Respectfully,

R.: I.: Frank Fancher, Grand Lecturer, for the Ritual Committee: R.: I.: Stuart W. Card,
M.: I.: Frank Karwowski, M.: I.: Richard C. Fowler, and The Assistant Grand Lecturers

Opening and Closing a Grand Lecturer's Convention for Grand Council:

Opening

DDGIM: *** “Companions, By the power invested in me by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of NY, as District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of the ___ (#) ___ Cryptic District, I, (**Full Name**), do hereby declare this Grand Lecturer's convention open. Companion Chaplain, lead us in prayer.”

Chaplain: *uses the opening prayer from the ritual book or one from his heart as appropriate.*

DDGIM: “Companion Conductor of the Council, please display the great light in Masonry.”

*(CoC goes to the alter, stops and gives the Sign of Fidelity and opens the Bible to a passage pre-discussed with the Grand Lecturer/Deputy Grand Lecturer and steps back **without** giving the Sign of Fidelity and returning to his seat.)*

DDGIM: “Companion Steward, Inform the Sentinel and invite him in. “

Steward: “Companion Sentinel, The Convention is open and you are invited in.”

DDGIM: “Companions, join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country.”

Once completed, have a companion escort the Grand lecturer to the east, afford him Grand Honors and turn the program over to him.

*DDGIM will seat the companions. **

Closing

DDGIM: *** “Companions, By the power invested in me by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of NY, as District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of the __ (#) __ Cryptic District, I, (**Full Name**), do hereby declare this Grand Lecturer’s convention closed. Companion Chaplain, lead us in prayer.”

Chaplain: *Uses the closing prayer from the Ritual Book or one from his heart as appropriate.*

DDGIM: “Companion Conductor of the Council, please close the great light in Masonry.”

*(CoC goes to the alter, stops and gives the Sign of Fidelity and closes the Bible. He steps back **without** giving the Sign of Fidelity and returns to his seat.)*

DDGIM: “Companion Steward, Inform the Sentinel.”

Steward: “Companion Sentinel, the Convention is closed.”

DDGIM: *

2024-2025 Grand Lecturer Award Winners

To win the M.: I.: Jay Kosseff Award, a Council must participate, with no more than one of its main ritual officers (IM, DM, PCW, CG, CC) absent; more than one Council can win this at the same convention.

District 1- Suffolk #76

District 2- King Solomon Council #31

District 4- St. George's Council #74

District 6- None

District 7- None

District 8- Doric #19

District 9- None

To win the M.: I.: Rex Long Award, a Council must have the largest traction of its members attend, of the Councils in its District; only one Council can win it at the same convention.

District 1- Suffolk #76

District 2- King Solomon Council #31

District 4- St. George's Council #74

District 6- Central City Council #13

District 7- None

District 8- Doric #19

District 9- Buffalo Keystone #17

Respectfully,

RI ∴ Frank Fancher

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER REPORT FOR THE 4TH CRYPTIC DISTRICT;
2024-2025

Submitted by V.∴I.∴ Mathias J. Erschen

This year DDGM David E. Barnes and I collaborated on our visits. This has worked well for us, as it has in the past.

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council #14

We visited on Nov. 12, 2024. The council did a good job opening with the use of books. Some of the officers were able to perform most of the opening from memory. This council has increased their membership markedly in the last year. I feel the new membership will improve their work with practice.

St. Georges Council #74

Our visit to St George's was on Feb. 20, 2025. This council does a good job of opening using the book. I participated in one degree conferral of the royal and select degrees, The degrees were well performed. Some parts were read. The masters part and Hiram's soliloquy were done from memory. Memorization of parts has improved.

Oneonta Council #87

We had our visit on Mar. 26, 2025. The council did its usual excellent job opening. All parts were done from memory with minimal prompting. On May 28th Dave and I visited to witness a conferral of the select degree. It was well performed from memory. The council has little need for improvement.

Joseph Warren Cryptic Council #37

We visited on Mar. 28, 2025. The opening was well performed from the book. This is a small council. Sometimes they struggle to have sufficient attendance to open, however they have grown since last year, and I feel this shows in the quality of their work. I experienced the enthusiasm of the membership and feel this bodes well for the future.

2025 Annual Report Assistant Grand Lecturer 6th Cryptic District

August, 3, 2025

Greetings Companions,

As AGL for the 6th Cryptic District I had the privilege of visiting each of the various councils of our District!

Rotica Council #12
Central City Council #13
King Hiram #18
Fulton Council #50
King David Council #97

At each Official Visit I was able to observe the Opening and Closing Ritual, which I found to be satisfactory, and conducted a School of Instruction. The School of Instruction focused on the Royal Master Degree - in particular the symbolism of the "Cherubim".

In February the Grand Lecturer's Convention was hosted by Central City Council #13. The work of our Grand Lecturer was well received.

This Spring saw multiple conferrals of both the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

VI.: Michael A Miller
AGL 6th Cryptic District

2025 Annual Report Assistant Grand Lecturer 9th Cryptic District

08/1/2025

Greetings Companions of all Ranks and Titles,

As Assistant Grand Lecturer of the 9th Cryptic District, it was my pleasure to visit the three councils in Western New York; Buffalo Keystone #17, Hamburg #91 and Dunkirk #25 over the past year. All three councils had representatives present at the Grand Lecturer's Convention on Monday, February 3rd, 2025 at Buffalo-Keystone Council #17's conferral of the Royal Master degree. The work of the evening was excellent. Additionally, I attended the temple consecration of Buffalo-Keystone #17 at the Valley of Buffalo on March 1st, 2025.

During the cryptic year, I was able to visit and observe the opening and closing ritual for each of our three councils and have the following observations:

Buffalo Keystone #17 continues to do excellent work, and the officers are proficient in the ritual. A majority of the opening and closing is memorized, and they are working toward having all parts done from memory. Additionally, Buffalo Keystone conferred the Royal and Select Master degrees in full form, from memory and in costume. Well done!

Dunkirk #25 is in a rebuilding phase. The officers open and close in full form, but not from memory. As many of the officers are planning to stay in their chairs for another year, I am sure that we will see considerable gains in proficiency!

Hamburg Council #9 has a high level of ritual proficiency, though not completely from memory and were encouraged to work on doing so. The companions are enthusiastic and do enjoy the ritual. As the officers are planning to keep their chairs for the following year, I am confident that they will continue to improve!

It was a pleasure to work and travel with R. I.: Robert Drzewucki, District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th District. Companion Roberts advice, experience and knowledge were extremely valuable and much appreciated!

I thank our Grand Lecturer R. I.: Frank Fancher for his support and guidance in serving the companions of the 9th Cryptic District over the past year. Our cryptic ritual is truly one of the treasures of masonry, and helping to preserve and promote it has truly been an honor.

Zealously,

V. I.: Myron Deputat

Assistant Grand Lecturer '24-'25

9th Cryptic District

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

Grand Illustrious Master's Allocution 2025

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Illustrious Masters, Right Illustrious, Very Illustrious, Illustrious, and Companions all.

I would first like to thank all the Cryptic Masons of the State of New York for your support and faith in me for the past year. Thank you for Electing and Installing me as your Grand Illustrious Master and to serve this Grand Body. This has been a very positive and productive year for me and for many Councils throughout the State. I enjoyed my time traveling throughout the country and developing many relationships throughout our sister jurisdictions and concordant bodies.

I was Elected and Installed your Grand Illustrious Master on August 24, 2024, right here at the famous Desmond Hotel. I started my travels off strong in the month of September by attending the Northeast York Rite Conference here at the Desmond on September 6th. On September 11th, I made the 6 hour trek up to Hamburg Council as I kept their tradition alive by presenting the Aprons to the DD and AGL of the 9th District. On the 13th, I returned to the Desmond for Right Worshipful Bob Hogan's reception. It was a great turnout and I'm happy I was able to attend. The following weekend on September 20th and the 21st, I attended Grand Commandery in Suffern to support SK Conrad Johnson and incoming Grand Commander SK John Scott. I was happy to share my year with John and looked forward to our travels together. On September 22nd, I was honored in a different capacity as my Eastern Star District held my Homecoming lunch to honor my duties as Grand Marshal for the 2024 year in the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of NY.

In October, things continued to be busy. On October 3rd, I attended the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons for our Prince Hall Companions, let by Grand Master Williams. It was also located at the Desmond of course, and I enjoyed having lunch and engaging in great Companionship with our Companions and their ladies. On the weekend of October 6th through 8th, I traveled to Ohio, to attend their Grand Council Sessions. They held all their York Rite Bodies Grand Sessions in one week. The first 2 days were for Grand Council, then next 2 were for Royal Arch, and the following 2 were for their Grand Commandery. A very busy week for many but I only stayed for the first 2 days. I had to get back to New York because the following weekend was the Organization of Triangle's Installation of Officers, which was held on October 13th in Utica, I watched a young lady named Angelina Olivera get Installed as State Representative for the Triangle Girls. Back in August I issued 3 lanterns, one to each Youth Group leader to travel with throughout their year. Angie was the only one to carry it with her throughout her term. She has turned out to be a great friend and

I'm glad to travel with her throughout the year. I then attended the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York on October 16th through the 20th. This took place at the Doubletree in Binghamton. I was the outgoing Grand Marshal and did not take any other Grand Office at the time. I also spoke on behalf of Grand Council and had to escort myself up to the East. It was unusual circumstances. The last big event I had in October was traveling to Massachusetts for their York Rite Sessions, which was October 25th. I was asked by Grand Illustrious Master, Manny to speak on behalf of the dignitaries. However, I never got a chance because all of a sudden, the hotel lost power. It turns out that a transformer blew and we were all left in the dark. Unfortunately, I had to leave early because I had to return to New York to go to work that night.

On November 2nd, I was honored to have my Reception at the Resorts World Casino in Monticello. The food was excellent, the atmosphere was electric, it was well attended by our Grand Line and members from my Council. I also wanted to thank the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Steven A. Rubin for attending and speaking. I wanted to thank everyone who attended that evening and took out journal ads to support our mission. Also, in November I was humbled to be recognized and receive the Legion of Honor from DeMolay for my contributions with the Masonic Youth Groups. It is an honor and privilege to be part of that group.

On December 16th, I attended the Rainbow Girls 100th Anniversary Celebration in Middletown, NY. That event was well attended and a milestone for our Rainbow Daughters.

In February, I attended another Rainbow event which was also in Middletown. It was the Homecoming for the soon to be outgoing Grand Worthy Advisor, Alyssa Henderson. Fun fact, Alyssa and I share the same birthday, which is August 18th. A different year of course.

March was another busy month. It started off with a Dedication for Buffalo-Keystone Council. They moved to a new venue, and we had the honor to join the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch as they did their dedication first. A nice little reception followed, and it was an excellent day for York Rite Masonry. It is the only dedication we did this year. The following week on the weekend of March 7th and 8th, I attended the York Rite Sessions of Delaware. I was ask to speak on behalf of the visiting dignitaries. This time I got through it without a power outage. However, it was held at a fire house and we met in one of their conference rooms. So, each time there was a fire call, we still heard it. On the weekend of March 13th to 15th, I attended the Grand Chapter Sessions of Royal Arch Masons of the State of NY, which was held at the Double Tree in Binghamton. I was able to see two good friends of mine exchange the baton for Grand High Priest. Most Excellent Steve Shearer finished a great year and Most Excellent Mark Peerson began his year. On March 29th, the 2nd Cryptic District

had a mini festival. We conducted the Royal and Select Master Degrees and greeted 6 new Companions.

In April I attended the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly in Utica. I spoke again on behalf of Grand Council but this time Supreme Inspector, Gale Gould had a surprise for me. The International Order of Rainbow for Girls wanted to recognize me for all the years I spent as an Advisor for Rainbow by investing me with the Grand Cross of Color. The ceremony will take place on November 15th. Again, I was honored and humbled by this award. At the end of April I attended the York Rite Sessions in Maine. I saw some familiar faces and enjoyed my time in Bar Harbor.

In May, I attended the Grand Lodge Sessions in NY city. I had the honor to speak on behalf of the Concordant Bodies. It was a long but enjoyable 3 days. Later in May, I attended the York Rite Sessions for New Hampshire. Where again, I saw many familiar faces from out New England Jurisdictions.

In June, I attended the Council of Deliberation for Scottish Rite in Syracuse on the 6th and 7th. One of the highlights of that weekend was the Leadership Training Classes that were given. It was very informative and inspiring. I learned a lot of great tools that can be used in real life. However, I had to make a quick turnaround because I had to head to Vermont for their York Rite Sessions on the 8th and 9th. I saw our good friend Woody get Installed for his 2nd year as Grand Illustrious Master of Vermont. St. John's Day was on the 21st, which I marched in the parade and attended the service on a very hot day in Utica. On the 25th I attended another mini festival at Adoniram Council. It was great to see that the Council greeted 8 new members and 12 overall for the 1st District. It was a very productive evening, and the Degree work was exceptional. It's great to see Adoniram come back and start rebuilding again. The last event in June was Most Excellent Mark Peerson's Reception. It was an enjoyable event despite having to drive through Jersey City.

The last major event that I attended was the DeMolay Convention which was on July 19th. There, my fellow York Rite Leaders and I were able to conduct the Order of Tribune to a well deserving young man. We also attended their Dinner and Installation, where Tristen Schulbalm became State Master Councilor. Later in July, I attended another Rainbow Installation, this time for my local Assembly. That was on the 25th in Middletown.

There are some jurisdictions I could not attend. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to attend Maryland, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Right Illustrious Richie Kerimoglu, Deputy Grand Master and Right Illustrious Carl Klossner, Grand PCW attended instead to represent New York. I was planning on going to Virginia but was ill and could not make it. I also had to send regrets to Texas, Brazil, and Portugal. I was also unable to attend

the Order of Amaranth in New York because of scheduling conflicts. However, I was able to make all of the Youth Group conventions in New York.

I granted 6 dispensations for various reasons, and we had 1 Dedication, which I already mentioned.

One of the charities this year was the Regina A. Elliott Nursing Scholarship in memory of my mother who passed away back on April 4th, 2024. My Lodge (Hudson River #309) also helped in setting up the program with Mount Saint Mary College, where my mom Graduated in nursing in 1972. To this date, we raised \$4,656.81. I want to thank everyone who purchased the stuffed lions, pins or just donated money to help me raise those funds.

I would like to thank the Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Illustrious Masters for their guidance and most importantly all my fellow Companions for their support during the year. I would like to thank my Eastern Star Sisters, who bought many of my stuffed Lions, for their support.

Overall, I felt this was a successful year for all of us. My goal was to create a positive year of education, ritual, and communication and I think we accomplished that. As the old saying goes, I hope that I was able to leave the Grand Council in better shape than when I found it. As we are now a quarter of the way through the 21st Century, the future will start to look a little bit different, with new technology such as AI, like ChatGPT, etc. we as Cryptic Masons will have to make those adjustments if we want to continue to move forward as an organization.

I wish everyone in the Grand Line, good luck as we continue to achieve and accomplish more in the future. Again, I will leave you with my motto. Now, is the time to get motivated, be inspired, fight like a Lion and light the fire with in.

Respectfully Submitted,

M.:I.: Dan Elliott

Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, 2024-2025.

**Report by the Committee on the Grand Master's Allocution
August 16, 2025**

The committee on the Grand Master's Allocution commends the Grand Master and recognizes his dedication to Cryptic Masonry. His representation of our state at the various conferences, Grand Assemblies as well as his involvement with our youth organizations gives us confidence in the continuation of their relationship with our Masonic Community. The dispensations, festivals as well as the dedications he attended are thankfully acknowledged. With respect to the jurisdictions he was unable to visit, that is understandable, given the length of his cabletow. His establishment of the Nursing Scholarship in memory of his mother is an act of love from a son to his mother. It will be a lasting legacy!

We want to express our gratitude to our Grand Master for his service, and we are sure that he will continue acting in our best interest. Our recommendations are a continuation of his remarkable service.

MI R. Fowler
MI D. Kunego
MI F. Karwowski

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

Annual General Meeting Albany NY

Minutes: 2024 August 24 Saturday

Attendance: M.:I.: & Rev. Charles Roberts, President; R.:I.: Conrad Johnson, 1st Vice President; R.:I.: Gerald Irwin, 2nd Vice President; R.:I.: & M.:W.: Richard J. Kessler, Secretary; R.:I.: Stuart Card, Assistant Secretary; all members of the Grand Council present at its annual assembly

Guests: from other jurisdictions and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

Open: The President called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM EDT.

Prayer: Opening and closing prayers were given by Rev. Roberts.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance had already been recited in the assembly.

Minutes: Of the 2023 meeting, were printed in the 2024 package.

Board of Directors Report, given by the President:

- The President directed everyone's attention to the printed reports and requested approval of the minutes therein of the 2023 general meeting.
 - Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed without objection, the minutes of the 2023 general meeting were approved.
- Contributions totaling significantly less than investment gains continue to endanger our status as a 501c3 public charity. Were we to be reclassified by the IRS as a private foundation, donors would no longer be able to deduct their donations from their taxable income, which would very likely lead to a further decline in contributions.
 - Fewer than half of the Councils contributed.
 - General contributions decreased.
 - Life Sponsorships decreased.
 - Solomon Arch Society donors and donations increased. Several members have already fulfilled their initial \$1000 commitment and have embarked upon subsequent commitments, which some have already completed. Those with the means to do so are encouraged to participate in one or more rounds of such planned giving.
 - The M.:I.: Grand Master donated his pin sale proceeds, for which he was thanked.
 - There was a substantial one-time bequest.
 - The latter 3 points above helped offset the former 3 points above for the past year, but it is essential we increase recurring general contributions going forward, starting this fall.
- Council Recorders were reminded to forward contributions ASAP, not significantly longer than 1 month after their receipt, and to use the forms for Life Sponsorship to recognize members.

- Investment income was approximately \$829,276.00. Total expenses (other than gifts to charities) were \$1,551.00. Charitable grants this year \$17,000.00. Net income available for charitable donations and reserves for anticipated coming year's expenses was approximately \$26,108.00 .
- Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed without objection, the proposed budget for 2024-2025 was approved.
- Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed without objection, the proposed donations to the Parkinson's Foundation, Children's Tumor Foundation, CMMRF, and Masonic youth groups, were approved.

Audit Committee Report, given by R.:I.: Steven Howard:

- No materials errors or omissions were found and the President was congratulated on the clarity and completeness of the financial reports.
 - Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed without objection, the audit report, and the Corporation's financial reports to which it applies, were approved.

Elections:

- R.:I.: Roberts presided over the elections and relayed the report of the Nominating Committee.
- As per that report, R.:I.: & M.:W.: Richard J. Kessler was nominated to succeed himself for another 3 year term.
- R.:I.: Stuart Card nominated R.:I.: Dennis Davis to succeed him for a 3 year term.
- There being no other nominations, a unanimous ballot was found in favor of those nominees, who had previously agreed to serve, whereupon elections were declared closed.

Recognition of Donors: The Board to update once analysis is complete

- ??? more Life Sponsors brought the total to ???.
- ??? Councils gave at least \$5 per member. *** Other Council awards? ***
- ??? were presented purple Solomon Arch Society jewels recognizing their completion of \$1,000 each in planned giving.
- ??? were presented green Solomon Arch Society jewels recognizing their ??? of planned giving towards their \$1000 commitments.
- ??? were presented blue Solomon Arch Society jewels recognizing their joining the society by their first \$100 gifts and commitments to \$1000 of planned giving.
- *** Upon motion made, seconded, and passed by the membership, the Board's annual reports were accepted and the reported actions of the Board were ratified. *** Did we do this? We always should.

Close: There being no further business, President Roberts closed the meeting at 11:40 AM.

R.:I.: Stuart W. Card
Assistant Secretary

Grand Council Charity Fund - As of July 31, 2025

INCOME

Contributions from Companions and Council: \$4,383.00
Solomon Arch Society: \$10,800.00
GM Pin Donations: \$0.00
Basket Raffle at GC: \$920.00
Vesper Service Offering: \$590.00
Order of Larks Donations: \$280.00
St. George's OAK Donations: \$0.00
Bequest: \$0.00

TOTAL: \$16,973.00

EXPENSES

Parkinson Disease Foundation: \$12,000.00
Masonic Youth Groups (\$1,500 each): \$4,500.00
Children's Tumor Fund: \$1,500.00
CMMRF: \$2,000.00
CNA Surety Bonding Insurance: \$126.00
NY State Dept of Law: \$100.00
Mengel Metzger Barr: \$1,400.00

TOTAL: \$21,626.00

Sweep Account Interest: **\$30.79** as of the end of July
Dividends on Investments: **\$32,697.32** as of the end of July

Grand Council Charity Fund Corporation
Monthly Financials 2024-2025

INCOME	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Totals
Month													
Contributions from Companions & Councils	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$304.00	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$700.00	\$364.00	\$0.00	\$705.00	\$967.00	\$1,051.00	\$62.00	\$4,393.00
Solomon Arch Society	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$7,600.00	\$350.00	\$10,600.00
Income (GM Pin Donation)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income (Basket Raffle at Grand Assembly)	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$920.00
Veper Service Offerings	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
Order of Larks Donations	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
St. George's Oak Donation	\$2,690.00	\$0.00	\$604.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$800.00	\$564.00	\$0.00	\$1,305.00	\$0.00	\$8,651.00	\$0.00	\$16,973.00
Cash Dividends	\$2,043.71	\$3,413.81	\$2,082.26	\$1,980.05	\$5,631.87	\$1,930.87	\$2,006.94	\$3,495.86	\$2,087.47	\$2,234.45	\$3,532.98	\$2,257.05	\$32,697.32
Sweep Interest	\$9.60	\$9.85	\$2.26	\$1.57	\$1.14	\$1.38	\$1.28	\$0.71	\$0.63	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.92	\$90.79
Total Capital Gains Distributors					\$14,932.92								
Balance Sweep Account	\$28,807.74	\$13,304.50	\$10,910.76	\$10,912.33	\$29,483.54	\$30,284.92	\$13,850.30	\$15,295.42	\$16,601.05	\$17,992.75	\$17,993.50	\$27,072.55	\$27,072.55
EXPENSES													
to Parkinson D. Fd.		\$12,000.00											
to Masonic Youth		\$4,500.00											
to Children's Tumor Fd.		\$1,500.00											
to CMMRF		\$2,000.00											
Office Expenses													
NYS Dept. of Law													
Mengel Metzger Barr & Co.													
United States Treasury													
CNA Surety (Bonding Ins.)													
Lapel Pins & More, Inc. (SAS Jewels)													
Trade Purchase/Brokerage Fees													
PORTFOLIO BALANCE													
Investments (Mutual Funds)	\$ 817,517.50	\$ 828,966.30	\$ 819,441.41	\$ 842,876.43	\$ 813,624.45	\$ 827,337.94	\$ 847,211.06	\$ 823,294.64	\$ 824,050.67	\$ 849,891.91	\$ 876,108.25	\$ 884,652.75	
Sweep Account	\$ 28,807.74	\$ 13,304.50	\$ 10,910.76	\$ 10,912.33	\$ 29,483.54	\$ 30,284.92	\$ 13,850.30	\$ 15,295.42	\$ 16,601.05	\$ 17,992.75	\$ 17,993.50	\$ 27,072.55	
BALANCE	\$ 846,325.24	\$ 842,270.80	\$ 830,322.17	\$ 853,788.76	\$ 843,107.99	\$ 857,622.86	\$ 861,061.36	\$ 838,590.06	\$ 840,651.72	\$ 867,884.66	\$ 902,767.88	\$ 911,725.30	
							\$ 16,999.90						
									\$ 126.00				
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											\$ 1,400.00		
													\$ 4,894.31

INVESTMENT FUNDS DETAIL REPORT

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY FUND CORPORATION PORTFOLIO 2024-2025

	2024 Shares Total	July 31, 2024 Price	2024 End Value	2025 Shares Total	July 31, 2025 Price	2025 End Value	Difference +/-
DWS GLOBAL HIGH INCOME	19,000.6460	\$6.20	\$124,584.52	21,770.1590	\$6.30	\$137,152.00	\$12,567.48
LOOMIS SAYLES BOND INSTL.	2,943.7940	\$11.67	\$36,187.22	3,465.4580	\$11.99	\$41,550.84	\$5,363.62
PIMCO INCOME INSTL.	10,543.5340	\$10.67	\$119,191.27	12,110.7960	\$10.73	\$129,948.84	\$10,757.57
VIRTUS SEIX HIGH YIELD	16,987.3240	\$7.91	\$103,814.60	14,211.2640	\$7.88	\$111,984.76	\$8,170.16
JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED	6,836.3530	\$46.40	\$317,206.78	6,971.1000	\$49.41	\$344,442.05	\$27,235.27
SCHWAB S&P 500 INDEX	1,196.1160	\$85.28	\$102,004.77	1,220.0210	\$98.01	\$119,574.26	\$17,569.49

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY FUND

COUNCIL NAME	Donations	SAS	Total 2024-25 Giving	Gift Level	S-P-GM Level	Life Sponsors
Columbian No. 1	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		GM	0
Union No. 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Adelphic No. 7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Rotica No. 12	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00		P	2
Central City No. 13	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00		P	0
Bloss-Dewitt No. 14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Buffalo-Keystone No. 17	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00		GM	1
King Hiram No. 18	\$ 165.00	\$ -	\$ 165.00		P	0
Doric No. 19	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,500.00		GM	1
Dunkirk No. 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Ahwaga No. 30	\$ 214.00	\$ -	\$ 214.00		P	0
King Solomon No. 31	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,230.00		GM	0
Hornellsville No. 35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Adoniram No. 36	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		S	0
Joseph Warren Cryptic No. 37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Fulton No. 50	\$ 102.00	\$ -	\$ 102.00		P	0
St. George's No. 74	\$ 560.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,460.00		GM	0
Skol Yase No. 75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Suffolk No. 76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Flatbush No. 80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Oreonta No. 87	\$ 146.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,146.00		GM	1
North Shore No. 88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			0
Cayuga No. 90	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00		S	0
Hamburg No. 91	\$ 270.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 370.00		P	0
Nun Da Wa Ga No. 92	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		P	0
Goshen No. 93	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		GM	0
King David No. 97	\$ 144.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 444.00		P	0

Grand Council Cryptic Masons

of the State of New York

Charity Corporation

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY August 1, 2024 thru July 31, 2025

Checking Account Balance 8/1/2024 **\$26,108.14**

Investment Account Balances 8/1/2024

DWS Global High Income Fund (SGHSX)	\$124,584.52	
Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBDX)	\$36,187.22	
Pimco Income (PONAX)	\$119,191.27	
Virtus Seix High Income (STHTX)	\$103,814.60	
Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$317,206.78	
Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund (SWPPX)	<u>\$102,004.77</u>	
	\$802,989.16	
Misc (Cash and Checks in Hand)	\$0.00	\$802,989.16

TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/2024 **\$829,097.30**

ACTIVITY 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2025

Income		
Donations	\$4,383.00	
The Solomon Arch Society	\$10,800.00	
Special Donations(GM Pirs; Raffle; Vespers; Larks: OAK)	\$1,790.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Investment Total Assets	<u>\$916,378.30</u>	
	\$933,351.30	

TOTAL REVENUE **\$933,351.30**

Expenses		
Contributions to Charity	\$20,000.00	
Operating/ Administrative/Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$1,626.00</u>	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$ 21,626.00**

TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/2025 **\$911,725.30**

ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS OF 7/31/2025

Checking Account Balance 7/31/2025	\$ 27,072.55	\$27,072.55
Investment Account Balances 7/31/2025		
DWS Global High Income Fund (SGHSX)	\$137,152.00	
Loomis Sayles Bond Fund (LSBDX)	\$ 41,550.84	
Pimco Income (PONAX)	\$129,948.84	
Virtus Seix High Income (STHTX)	\$111,984.76	
Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (JABAX)	\$344,442.05	
Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund (SWPPX)	<u>\$119,574.26</u>	
TOTAL INVESTMENT BALANCES 7/31/2024	\$884,652.75	
Miscellaneous (Cash and Check in Hand)	\$ 0.00	

TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/2025

\$911,725.30

**2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE
GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION
August 16, 2025**

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2025 (Checking): **\$27,072.55**

INCOME/REVENUE (2025-2026)

1.) Donations from the Offering of Vesper Service:	\$ 400.00
2.) Contributions from Individuals and Councils:	\$ 4,000.00
3.) Contributions to Solomon Arch Society:	\$ 5,000.00
3.) Investment Dividends/Interest/Gains:	\$22,000.00
4.) Miscellaneous (Larks; OAK)	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$31,900.00

TOTAL REVENUE FUNDS: **\$58,972.55**

EXPENSES/EXPENDITURES (2025-2026)

1.) Office Expenses:	\$ 100.00
2.) Legal-NYS Filing Fees	\$ 100.00
3.) 990 Tax Preparation	\$ 1,600.00
4.) Postage	\$ 100.00
5.) Bond Insurance	\$ 130.00
6.) Printing	\$ 100.00
7.) Grants to Charities:	\$22,500.00
8.) Miscellaneous:	\$ 100.00
9.) Transfer to Investments	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$39,730.00

TOTAL YEAR FUNDS AVAILABLE (July 31, 2026): **\$19,242.55**

APPROXIMATE SWEEP BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2026: \$19,242.55

Suggested Charity Grants Breakdown for 2025-2026 Year

\$14,000 (Parkinson)
\$ 4,500 (NY Youth Groups)
\$ 2,000 (CMMRF)
\$ 2,000 (CTF)
\$22,500 Total Grants



1/31/2025

Oneonta Council #87

R.:I.: Robert Rogers, Recorder
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bob.rogers1037@gmail.com

I.: Richard Morley, Ill Master
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To: The Grand Recorder, Grand Line Officers, Illustrious Masters, and Council Recorders

RE: The nomination of V.:I.: William S. Morley for the station of Grand Council Steward

Greetings Companions,

On behalf of the Officers and Companions of Oneonta Council #87, meeting in Oneonta N.Y., it is my honor to place in nomination, the name of V.:I.: William S. Morley for the position of Grand Steward of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. V.:I.: Morley advised the Companions of Oneonta Council of his desire to seek this Office at the regular meeting of Oneonta Council #87 on 22 January 2025, and the Companions unanimously indicated, by properly supported motion and vote, their support for his candidacy for this Office.

V.:I.: William S. Morley has served with distinction the many Masonic Organizations he has become a member of. In addition, he has served as Grand Director of Ceremony and as District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of New York. He has also served the Grand Council as an Assistant Grand Lecturer. I have attached the Masonic Resume for V.:I.: William S. Morley to this letter for your review.

Again, it is my honor to place in nomination, the name of V.:I.: William S. Morley for the Station of Grand Steward of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons, State of New York.

Courteously,

Robert N. Rogers

Robert Rogers, Recorder, Oneonta Council #87

Attachment:

William S. Morley
4993 County Highway 14
Treadwell NY 13846
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yelrom4@yahoo.com

I am submitting the following Masonic resume as notice of my desire for candidacy for Grand Sentinel, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, State of New York.

Vision Statement

My desire as an officer of the Grand Line would be to assist councils with needs that Grand Council can provide, and provide encouragement and support to the Grand Council as well and individual Council's.

Curriculum Vitae

I was born and raised on our family farm in a small upstate New York community. I received my Bachelors Degree and worked in radio broadcasting for 14 years. Following that I entered my current career of working with individuals with developmental disabilities.

Masonic Achievements

- Raised a Master Mason in Delhi Lodge #439, 1995
- Secretary of Delhi Lodge 1998 – 2001, 2010 – 2023
- Master of Delhi Lodge 2004-2006
- District Deputy Grand Master, Delaware District 2010-2012
- Grand Director of Ceremonies, Delaware District 2012-2014
- High Priest Delaware Chapter #251 Royal Arch Masons 2008 – 2010, 2014 – 2017
- Assistant Grand Lecturer, Royal Arch Masons, 8th Capitular District
- Illustrious Master, Oneonta Council #87, Cryptic Masons 2011
- Assistant Grand Lecturer, 4th Cryptic District, Cryptic Masons 2018-2019
- Commander, Norwich Commandery, Knights Templar 2014
- Charles Smith Council, Allied Mason Degrees
- United, York Right College
- Crusade Priory, KYCH
- Kalurah, Shrine
- Scottish Rite, Valley of Schenectady

Fraternally,

William S. Morley

GOSHEN COUNCIL #93

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS STATE OF NEW YORK

To the Elected and Appointed Grand Line Officers, Illustrious Masters, Records, and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Companions,

The Officers and Companions of Goshen Council #93 fully support and endorse R.:I.: Bruce McQuade, Grand Sentinel for the Office of Grand Steward or the next available Elected Grand Line Office for the 2025-2026 ensuing year.

R.:I.: McQuade's Resume is attached. We feel he will make a great addition to the Grand Line for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Illustrious Luke Gordon

Illustrious Master

M.:I.: Dan Elliott

Grand Illustrious Master – 2024-2025

Recorder – Goshen Council #93

Bruce McQuade
Masonic Summary

Raised March 29, 2003- Hudson River Lodge #309

Master 2012 to 2016

2005 Royal Arch Mason- Highland Chapter #52

High Priest March 1, 2019

AGL-2020-2023

District Deputy 2023- 2024

2006 Cryptic Council- Goshen Council #93

Illustrious Master 2023

Grand Sentinel 2025

2009 Knights Templar 3- Cyprus Commandery #67

Commander

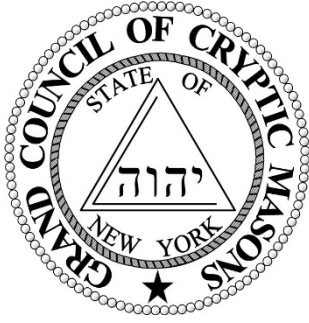
Zone Commander- Zone 3, 2022-2025

2018 Knights Preceptor- 9/14/2018

2024 Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH) Dec. 28, 2024

Trinity Priory #5

Education- Masonic Development Course, Road to the East, Royal Arch Leadership Course, Individual Development Course Student 2006, Facilitator 2007.



**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
State of New York
Most Illustrious Richard Kerimoglu
Grand Master
3 Eastman Terrace
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-3108
GrandMaster@NYCryptic.org**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Companions All,

Good afternoon.

Thank you for the honor and trust you have placed in me to serve as your **Most Illustrious Grand Master** for this ensuing year. It is both a privilege and a profound responsibility—one I do not take lightly.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to our **Most Illustrious Grand Master Dan Elliot** on a successful year. His hard work and dedication—not only in Cryptic Masonry but across all the Masonic bodies he serves—has made a lasting impact. We thank you, MI Elliot, for your leadership and devotion.

This year, my chosen theme is "**Complete the Circle.**"

As many of you know, advancement through the York Rite does not require participation in the Cryptic Rite. While this may make the path to the Commandery more accessible, we must not lose sight of the profound significance the Cryptic Degrees hold. They are not simply a step in the journey—they are the bridge that unites the Royal Arch and the Commandery, completing the symbolic circle of Masonic teachings and values.

Without the Cryptic Degrees, the York Rite experience is left unfinished. It is much like receiving only the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees in the Symbolic Lodge, without ever becoming a Master Mason. You've started something important—but you haven't completed it.

As your Grand Master, I urge each of you to reach out to our Companions and Sir Knights in the York Rite who have yet to experience the profound journey of the Cryptic Degrees. These Degrees are not merely additional steps—they are the essential keystone that completes the circle of Masonic light.

Let them *see* and *feel* the unmatched beauty, the rich symbolism, and the spiritual depth that the Cryptic degrees bring. Help them understand that without these Degrees, the story remains unfinished—the arch incomplete, the treasure still hidden.

It is our duty, and our privilege, to extend the invitation. Encourage our fellow Companions to take that final, transformative step. Let us help them complete their own circle of Masonic knowledge and light.

A Call for Grand Representatives

During this Cryptic year, I call upon each Council to seek out worthy Companions who would serve this Grand Council with honor and distinction as Grand Representatives. These appointments are vital to the

strength and unity of our fraternity, fostering connections across jurisdictions and enriching our collective journey.

At present, we have numerous openings available. I am confident that within every Council there are one or more Companions who possess the dedication, character, and Masonic spirit necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of a Grand Representative with excellence.

A list of jurisdictions with current vacancies, along with the required forms, is available on our Grand Council website. I encourage you to review this information, identify suitable candidates, and submit completed applications to our Grand Recorder for our consideration.

Let us continue to build bridges, strengthen ties, and serve the Craft together with pride and purpose.

Service and Charity

In addition to ritual and education, our obligations extend into service and charity. I ask all of you to continue supporting our **Charity Corporation** and its important causes, including the **Parkinson's Disease Foundation**, the **Children's Tumor Foundation**, and the **Cryptic Masonic Medical Research Foundation**.

I encourage every officer in this Grand Line to promote charity at every official visit by "passing the hat" a simple yet effective way to raise funds and allow each Council to contribute meaningfully to our charitable goals.

But our work must also reach out to our communities.

I ask each Council in this jurisdiction to actively support **local food pantries and soup kitchens**. Food insecurity is a reality in every community, and many families rely on these resources to meet basic needs. You can help by collecting non-perishable food items at meetings or by volunteering at local soup kitchens. Whether it's the **Utica Rescue Mission**, **South Buffalo Food Pantry** or **Dutchess Outreach in Poughkeepsie** as an example or organizations in your own town, these efforts make a real difference—and they reflect our Masonic values in action.

In closing, let us work together to ensure the success of this Grand Council. Support one another, serve your communities, and above all—**complete the circle**.

I look forward to a productive and meaningful year working alongside all of you.

Thank you, and may God bless you and this Grand Council.

Zealously,

Most Ill. Richard Kerimoglu

Grand Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York