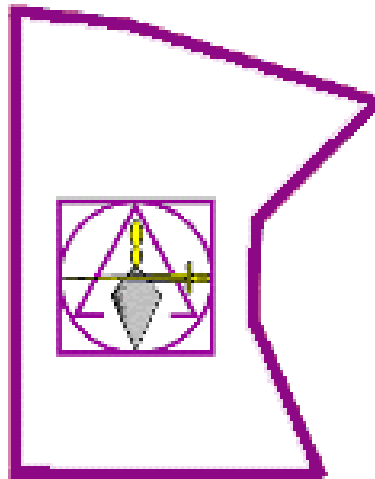


Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

**153rd
Grand Assembly**

**Alexandria, Minnesota
June 23, 2023**

Proceedings



Brian K. Dimatteo

Most Illustrious Grand Master



Most Illustrious Companion Brian K. Dimatteo
Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of Cryptic
Mason of Minnesota

Zabud Council No. 10 opened their Council and then brought in the Grand Council Officers, who took over their stations and then MIC Brian K. Dimatteo was brought in and given grand honors. Grand Master Brian then opened the Minnesota Grand Council.

2022-2023

Minnesota Grand Council Officers

Most Illustrious Grand Master	MIC Brian K. Dimatteo
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	RIC R. Sean Gardiner
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	RIC R. James Luchsinger, II
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer / Recorder	MIC Marvin W. Schendel
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	C Todd A. Mayer
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	IC Gerald E. Zierdt
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	IC Alan Mackenzie
Illustrious Grand Marshal	IC Joseph J. Anderson
Illustrious Grand Steward	IC Anthony J. Heimer – Excused Absent
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	IC David J. Dumonceaux
Illustrious Grand Organist	RIC William T. Hubbard / IC Justin Brown

Trustees:

Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 1 Year Term	MIC Gary A. Odegard
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 2 Year Term	MIC Ronald A. Miles
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 3 Year Term	MIC Charles R. Marston

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER IN ATTENDANCE

Charles R. Marston	2000 - 2001
Gary A. Odegard	2012 – 2013
James E. Turner, Jr.	2013 - 2014
Marvin W. Schendel	2015 - 2017
Carl F. Lidstrom	2019 – 2020
L. Greg Schultz	2020 – 2021
W. David Emery	2021 – 2022

VISITING GRAND DIGNITARIES

Representing the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International were Right Puissant Companion William G. Snyder, Deputy General Grand Master, and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri 2015, and the North Central Deputy General Grand Master, Right Puissant Companion Carl F. Lidstrom.

Representing other jurisdictions were: MIC Stan Schwellenbach, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota, and the General Grand Council Ambassador of South Dakota, MIC Jon Gonsor, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota, and the General Grand Council First Vail, MIC Bruce Crisman, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota, MIC Jeffery Nelson, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of North Dakota, and the Past Grand Master Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA, Illustrious Companion Zachary Steele, Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of North Dakota, and Jonathan Romu of Manitoba.

The Flag Presentation and Tributes

The Pledge of Allegiance was done. The star spangled banner was sung and O Canada was done.

Roll Call of the Councils

The Councils present were:

St. Paul No. 1, St Paul Minneapolis No. 2, Minneapolis

Ark No. 3, Owatonna Tyrian No. 4, Rochester

Duluth No. 6, Duluth Austin No. 7, Austin

Alpha No. 8, Fergus Falls Omega No. 9, Minneapolis

Zabud No. 10, Anoka Northfield No. 12, Farmington

Grand Master Hiram No. 13 Virtual

Central No. 14, St Peter Red Rock No. 16, Marshal

All 13 Councils were present there was a Quorum and Grand Master Brian declared the 153rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota open for the transaction of Business.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Registered (not all Attended or cast a ballot)

Grand Officers 13

Illustrious Masters 2

Deputy Masters 3

Principal Conductors of the work 3

Recorders 9

Proxy 1

Past Illustrious Masters 19

Visitors 11

Guest 7

Balloting Members 45

Total That attended session 62

2022-2023

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Illustrious Grand Organist	RIC William T. Hubbard
Illustrious Grand Arch Master	IC David J. Dumonceaux

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Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 1 Year Term	MIC Gary A. Odegard
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Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 3 Year Term	MIC Charles R. Marston

Roll Call of the Grand Representatives

Those present were thanked for their service.

Officers of Constituent Councils

Illustrious Grand Master Brian called for the two constituent Illustrious Masters to be given a round of applause.

Then the three Deputy Masters were given a round of applause.

The three Principal Conductors of the Work were given a round of applause.

The nine Recorders were then given a round of applause.

Illustrious Grand Master Brian Thanked all the officers for their service to Minnesota Cryptic Masonry.

Reading of the 152nd Proceedings

A motion was made that the named Proceedings of the 152nd Annual Assembly have been published and posted on the web site, and that such proceedings contain matter that may be considered as the minutes of the last Grand Assembly, I move that the named publication be accepted as the minutes of the 152nd Annual Assembly and be accepted by acclimation without reading.

Motion passed

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA

Recommendations for officers to be elected and appointed for the year 2023 - 2024

ELECTED OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master	R. Sean Gardiner
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	R. James Luchsinger, II
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	Gerald E. Zierdt
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 1 Yr Term	Gary A. Odegard, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee – 3 Yr Term	W. David Emery, MIPGM

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	John Helcl
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	Alan Mackenzie
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	Joseph J. Anderson
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Anthony J. Heimer
Illustrious Grand Steward	David J. Dumonceaux
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Clinton J. Christensen
Illustrious Grand Archmaster	Eric Thiem
Illustrious Grand Organist	Justin Brown

TERMS NOT YET EXPIRED

Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 2 Yr Term	Charles R. Marston, MIPGM
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**Report of the
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Brian K. Dimatteo
2022 to 2023**

To: The Grand Offices and Companions of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

From: MIC Brian K. Dimatteo, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

My Companions, I bring you greetings!

As I think back on the past seven years, and even prior to that, I am able to smile. When I was appointed to this progressive line, I was honored, and I knew it was going to be an amazing ride, but I don't think I had any idea of the scope of that time. I knew that there was a lot to be done and I felt that I was up to that task, so when I said "yes" when I was asked, I was "ready". Little did I know what exactly would be required of me.

I have had the honor of serving not only our Grand Council but other bodies in our Fraternity over the years. I look at the times we have all endured over the past ten years, and I think that few Freemasons in the future will have to go through similar. It's not lost on me that others have probably had the same feelings. Our Brothers in the 1800s, the late 20s, the 40s, 70s all likely felt the same things. Those that come after us all will have similar thoughts as THEY remark on their time in the Craft.

I want to start off with a few thanks for those important people in my life and along this journey. To MIC Marvin Schendel – the work of this Council would be impossible without your countless hours and dedication. You have been a model for me, and for others, about what "Servant Leadership" should entail. To MIC W. David Emery – you preceded me in this journey, and you, likewise have served with honor and distinction, giving advice but more so, being the steady hand on the reins. To James McNeely, whom we affectionally call IV, you did me the honor of Installing me a year ago. You are a fountain of knowledge in Freemasonry, and I am Honored to call you friend, companion and Brother.

To the officers of the Grand Council – you have spent hours, days, miles in serving our Councils and this Grand Council. You have spent time away from your families and jobs, and the work that you have done is exemplary. Congratulations and thank you to all of you for what you have done and will continue to do. I would be remiss if I didn't call out my thanks to Roberto Sean Gardiner – someone who I worked with in the Grand Commandery line, who appointed me to the Grand Chapter line. I thank you for your friendship and Brotherhood. Finally, to Jim Luchsinger for everything and every recognition and piece of advice you have given to me. There are few men that I hold in as high regard as I do you. Thank you.

My Companions, I want to spend a few moments to talk about our Youth organizations. As many of you know, I am extremely active with our Job's Daughters, and am starting to finally get a chance to be involved with DeMolay. Our youth are at a critical impasse right now. How many of you know that we are to the point where, if things don't change, we will lose our Grand Bethel and autonomy to the Supreme Council of Job's Daughters? Similarly, we are to the point where in a year, we may install our LAST Grand Guardian (the female titular adult leader)? While DeMolay are growing, they have similar challenges at the local Chapters as well. We have issues and challenges not only in getting youth, but also getting adult volunteers. There are any number of explanations / excuses why someone cannot help the youth. My Companions, it doesn't have to be a huge amount of time spent working with them, although, none of us would turn you away, but it can be as simple as going to one meeting a term. Believe me when I say that they stand a bit straighter, speak a bit slower and move a bit more deliberately when they see their Uncles in the audience.

This year I have instituted a program for the Jobs Daughters to help them grow, and was able to use some of the Grand Master's stipend not just for my own travel, but in support of this beautiful Order. If you have a chance, please reach out to your local Bethel or Chapter, or if you have a mind to help found a new one at your Lodge, contact either me or Aaron Brendel for DeMolay. You won't be sorry for any moment you get to spend with these amazing young men and women.

Our Premier philanthropy, the Cryptic Masons Medical Research fund also needs your help. We, in Minnesota, have a strong history of supporting this great charity. As past Grand Masters have shared, as have our deputies, it is one of the only charities that focuses on Men at our age. They quite often, at Department conferences, start with everyone standing and then seat those who have PAD, Diabetes, etc. And by the time they get to the end of the diseases that we study and attempt to cure, there are very few people left standing. Please consider giving and giving generously to this great organization.

A year ago, there was a challenge to this Grand Council that happened, not in our Assemblies, but in our Commanderies. There was a resolution at the Grand Commandery to remove the Council as a requirement for entry. This was defeated, but it is a concern for your Grand Officers, and for your Councils. The inclusion of our beautiful Ritual as a precursor for Commandery Orders is not about forcing people into the Council as a stepping stone to Commandery. The inclusion of the Council as a requirement of Commandery is more, at least to me, about a completion of our York Rite Degrees and Orders. We would not take out Chapter or Blue Lodge as a requirement for membership, any more than you would exclude your brother Hank from Christmas Dinner with your family.

You may have noticed that above, I talked about service. I want to reiterate that it is not the title that drew me, or that should draw you to lead a Chapter, a Council or Commandery, whether local or at the state level. We serve our Companions and Sir Knights. We serve our communities, our families, our Lodges. We serve something larger than ourselves when we take on these roles. I want to thank our Illustrious Masters for their service to our Councils and to our Craft in general. You are the reasons why we are able to continue with our good works, and your service is critical.

I have often heard people complain that we “can’t expect every officer to be at all the meetings. After all, this is a voluntary organization”. My companions, this is true, but only to a point. It is truly a volunteer organization up to the point where you take the obligation at the altar in the installation ceremonies. It doesn’t matter if it is a local Council, or this Grand Council or the General Grand level. When you accept the officer’s position, you have gone from a voluntary participant to participating in the job, the business, of leading a Council. I urge you to remember this as you face the decision on whether to serve or not. The benefits gained are numerous, but the work can be difficult, long hours, many miles of travel or sleepless nights.

Finally, if you thought I would forget my family, you are mistaken. They have given up time with me, allowing me to go out and “Play” at Freemasonry. They have all supported me in my Masonic activities. I came to our Fraternity later in life, as a first generation Mason. They have learned along side of me what it means to be a Mason. To my daughters, Frani and Gabbi, you will never really know how proud of you I am. Your time in Jobies, your coming to my events and helping serve food, or clean Lodge, or any number of other things. Thank you to my little girls who have become outstanding young women. To my wife, Wendy. I could fill pages with the things that she has done for me over the years. She has stood by me, traveled with me, met and talked with my friends, Brothers, their ladies. She has endured being called “Lady” even though she would tell me often, she’s not a Lady, she’s a “Broad”. What ever title she bears, the one that I value most is my love. Thank you for everything you do not only for me, but for our Gentle Craft, for our Job’s Daughters, and everyone you touch.

Companions, the hours are short, but the days are long. These few words can never express the truth any better. As this year comes to a close, I look forward to continuing in my service to the Craft and our Council. I thank you for spending some time reading just these few words. I promise you I won’t read this word for word at our Assembly. I wish you all the best, and know that you have all touched me deeply and have a lasting part in my life.

I remain, most humbly and appreciatively

Most Illustrious Companion Brian K. Dimatteo

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Appointment of Tellers

The following Illustrious Companions were appointed to serve as tellers Philip Bodle, Chairman, assisted by Tim Galvin, and Kay Moss.

The Grand Recorder, MIC Marvin W. Schendel, was asked to give instructions on the use of the Ballot to all. Instructions were given.

We had two Resolution from the floor and two Resolutions that were submitted to the Recorder to be read at this time.

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MINNESOTA
FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES



<p><u>For Grand Secretary/Recorder's Use Only</u></p> <p>Date Received: _____</p> <p>Number: _____</p>
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Proposed resolutions must be received by the Grand Secretary/Recorder by April 15 to be included in the Advanced Proceedings and for distribution to the Jurisprudence Committee and Constituent Bodies.

DATE:

1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ (X) Council/ () Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: (X) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: IV ARTICLE NAME: Officers and their election
4. SECTION NUMBER: 4.02 SECTION NAME (if any): Elected Officers
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
8. REGULATION NUMBER:
 (Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED: The first four officers named in section 4.01 shall be elected by secret, written ballot and majority vote.
10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):
11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions): The first four officers named in section 4.01 shall be elected by secret, written ballot and majority vote. In the event there is only a single nominee for an elected office, the Most Illustrious Grand Master may declare the nominee elected by acclamation.
12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:
 (Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)
13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):
14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
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Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.

Resolution passed, unanimously

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1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ (X) Council/ () Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: (X) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: V ARTICLE NAME: Meetings
4. SECTION NUMBER: 5.042 SECTION NAME (if any): Voting Procedure
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:
8. REGULATION NUMBER:
 (Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED: All voting in the Grand Council shall be by the usual sign except for the election of officers which must be by written ballot.
10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions): All voting in the Grand Council shall be by the usual sign except for the election of officers which must be ~~by written ballot.~~
11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions): All voting in the Grand Council shall be by the usual sign except for the election of officers which must be according to section 4.02.
12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:
 (Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)
13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):
14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three members of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
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Resolution passed, unanimously

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DATE: 4/9/2023

1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ (X) Council/ () Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: (X) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: IV ARTICLE NAME: Officers and their Election
4. SECTION NUMBER: SECTION NAME (if any):
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: .01
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: .a
8. REGULATION NUMBER:
(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:
10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):
11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

4.01.a The titles by which the officers of this Grand Council shall be addressed are as follows:

- .a.01 Grand Master - "Most Illustrious;"
- .a.02 Grand Deputy Master, Grand Principal of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder - "Right Illustrious,"
- .a.03. all other officers - "Illustrious."
- .a.04. All Past Officers not currently in Grand Office shall be addressed as "Companion".

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:
(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 11 above.)
13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed): Return to the practice of all Companions being equal, while officers are temporarily elevated by their peers and return to their peers when completing their term of office. Remove Honorifics from all but current officers. Past officers can still be addressed by Companion John Smith, PGM.
14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (

R. Sean Gardiner _____ Deputy Grand Master _____
 Printed Name Signature Office Body No.

Resolution Failed

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1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ (X) Council/ () Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: () Constitution/ () Bylaws/ (X) Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: XI ARTICLE NAME: Finance
4. SECTION NUMBER: 11 SECTION NAME (if any):
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): Grand Council Financed
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: .03
7. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: 4
8. REGULATION NUMBER:
(Sections 9 – 13 will require additional pages which should be typed and attached to this cover sheet.)
9. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

\$15.00 Plus the General Grand Council Per-Capita for each member reported in good standing by a Council in its last annual return, *unless* a member has his dues remitted while serving stateside or in foreign countries in the Armed Forces of the United States during times of war or conflict. This resolution will apply to any Cryptic Council member who is serving in the United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, and the United States Coast Guard; or in their respective reserves either serving stateside or serving in foreign countries during times of war or conflict. These companions will have their dues remitted by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Such dues remittance will begin to those active or reserve military personnel serving as of January 1,2011

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

~~\$45.00~~ Plus the General Grand Council Per-Capita for each member reported in good standing by a Council in its last annual return, *unless* a member has his dues remitted while serving stateside or in foreign countries in the Armed Forces of the United States during times of war or conflict. This resolution will apply to any Cryptic Council member who is serving in the United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, and the United States Coast Guard; or in their respective reserves either serving stateside or serving in foreign countries during times of war or conflict. These companions will have their dues remitted by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Such dues remittance will begin to those active or reserve military personnel serving as of January 1,2011

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

\$20.00 Plus the General Grand Council Per-Capita for each member reported in good standing by a Council in its last annual return, *unless* a member has his dues remitted while serving stateside or in foreign countries in the Armed Forces of the United States during times of war or conflict. This resolution will apply to any Cryptic Council member who is serving in the United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Army, and the United States Coast Guard; or in their respective reserves either serving stateside or serving in foreign countries during times of war or conflict. These companions will have their dues remitted by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Such dues remittance will begin to those active or reserve military personnel serving as of January 1,2011

12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

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13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

To allow for the Grand Council of MN to subscribe to MMS for membership thus reducing the work of the constituent Council Recorders and Grand Recorder in maintaining the rolls of the Councils. As expenses have continued to increase and membership has been on a multi-year decline additional funds are necessary for the operations of the Grand Council.

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and

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<u>R. Sean Gardiner</u>				
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
<u>Marvin W. Schendel</u>				
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
<u>Brian Dimatteo</u>				
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
<u>David Dumonceaux</u>				
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
<u>David W. Emery</u>				
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.

Friendly amendment to raise it \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 failed
Resolution to raise the Per Capita to \$20.00 + General Grand Per Capita- passed

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA

The following officers were elected and appointed for the year 2023 – 2024

Only one Companion was nominated for each elected position and they were each declared elected by acclamation.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master	R. Sean Gardiner
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	R. James Luchsinger, II
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	Gerald E. Zierdt
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	John Helcl
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	Alan Mackenzie
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TERMS NOT YET EXPIRED

Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 2 Yr Term	Charles R. Marston, MIPGM
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Audit Committee Report

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Officers and the members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

The audit committee reviewed the ledger accounts of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and found all is in order.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

James E Turner, Jr, MIPGM

Charles R Marston, MIPGM

Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

2022-2023 BUDGET

INCOME		Budget	Actual	Difference
Per Capita				
\$15.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$17.50	411	\$ 7,192.50	\$ 7,127.50	\$ (65.00)
Life Member Per Capita	185	\$ 3,237.50	\$ 1,976.49	\$ (1,261.01)
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	45	\$ 675.00	\$ 645.00	\$ (30.00)
Miscellaneous Income		<u>\$ 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,944.07</u>	<u>\$ 2,244.07</u>
	SUB TOTAL	\$11,805.00	\$12,693.06	\$ 888.06
Investment Income				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$11,805.00	\$14,968.06	\$ 3,163.06
EXPENSES				
GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES				
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,297.39	\$ (202.61)
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ (550.00)
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Grand Arch Master		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Triennial Fund		\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (400.00)</u>
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 4,247.39	\$ (1,352.61)
Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram		\$ 800.00	\$ 820.49	\$ 20.49
Internet/Web Site/ Shared		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Supplies		\$ 450.00	\$ 1,454.71	\$ 1,004.71
Postage		\$ 70.00	\$ 45.44	\$ (24.56)
Proceedings		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (250.00)
General Meeting Expense		\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ (600.00)
Grand Session Expense		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 565.18	\$ (434.82)
Printing		<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 592.17</u>	<u>\$ 492.17</u>
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 4,227.99	\$ 107.99
General Grand Council per-capita	596-42LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 1,387.50	\$ 2.50
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Life Membership		\$ -	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 1,390.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through		<u>\$ 62.50</u>	<u>\$ 62.50</u>
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,085.00	\$ 5,815.00	\$ 3,730.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,805.00	\$14,290.38	\$ 2,485.38
	TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 677.68	\$ 677.68

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Balance Sheet

As of June 12, 2023

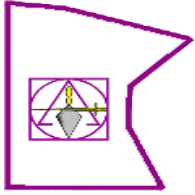
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	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 Checking	7,055.81
1001 Checking - WF Triennial Fund	1,800.00
1002 Checking - WF 150th Anniversary Fund	0.00
1003 Grand Master Hiram Council	423.00
Total 1000 Checking	9,278.81
Total Bank Accounts	\$9,278.81
Total Current Assets	\$9,278.81
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,278.81
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	6,384.30
Retained Earnings	1,766.83
Net Income	1,127.68
Total Equity	\$9,278.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$9,278.81

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Profit and Loss

July 1, 2022 - June 6, 2023



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Profit and Loss

July 1, 2022 - June 12, 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Per Capita dues	9,103.99
4002 Life membership enrollments	2,275.00
4010 Greeting fees	645.00
4011 Miscellaneous income	10.00
4015 Thrice Illustrious Master Income	215.00
4029 CMMRF Collections	205.00
Sales	2,331.57
Uncategorized Income	182.50
Total Income	\$14,968.06
GROSS PROFIT	\$14,968.06
Expenses	
5001 Illustrious Grand Master	1,297.39
5002 Deputy Grand Master	750.00
5004 Grand Treasurer / Grand Recorder	1,750.00
6000 Rent/Shared Expenses with Grand RAM	820.49
6001 Supplies	1,454.71
6002 Postage	45.44
6004 Computer, printer, and Software	500.00
6005 Communication	250.00
6012 Grand Session expenses	565.18
6014 Printing	592.17
7000 General Grand Council Per Capita	1,387.50
7002 Bond	200.00
7010 New Life Memberships	2,275.00
7020 General Grand Council Life Membership	62.50
7030 Charitable Contributions	1,890.00
Total Expenses	\$13,840.38
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,127.68
NET INCOME	\$1,127.68

Report of the Trustees

Report of the Trustees, 2022 – 2023

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

It has been with great pleasure to serve our officers and members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota as your Trustees. 2022 – 2023 completes a 12 year service to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. We sincerely hope that your Grand Council Officers and membership of the respective Councils of Cryptic Masons in Minnesota have found value in the work your Trustees have done for you since we began in 2012.

The Trustees communicated throughout the year serving the needs of Grand Offices, attending Grand Officers' meetings, Cryptic Rite Medical Research Fund, our Councils of Cryptic Masons in Minnesota, and Grand Council of Cryptic Masons finances and investments.

On the investment side of your Grand Council:

January 1, 2022 Investment Fund Value: \$70,593.48

June 30, 2022 Investment Fund Value: \$60,357.70

December 31, 2022 Investment Fund Value: \$62,025.51

March 31, 2023 Investment Fund Value: \$63,606.69

January 1, 2022 Life Membership Fund Value: \$60,145.65

June 30, 2022 Life Membership Fund Value: \$52,345.20

December 31, 2022 Life Membership Fund Value: \$53,788.52

March 31, 2023 Life Membership Fund Value: \$57,417.76

One life membership was added in 2022 which raised our Life Membership portion of our total investment fund from 85.20% to 86.72%. In 2014 our Life Membership portion of our total Investment fund was 75.5%. So far in 2023, two new life memberships have been added that increased our Life Membership portion 90.22%. Life membership increases do draw down the total investment reserves to 9.78% for our Grand Council. As of March 31, 2023, this amount is \$6,188.93. I have advised our Grand Officers to consider adding to the investment fund to increase their reserve funds. Operating funds cannot be drawn from the Life Membership portion of the total investment fund.

Our rate of return for 2022 is 3.67%, up from 2.79% in 2021. 2022 resulted in \$1,976.49 allocation for our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership per capita.

Correction from last year's Trustees report. It was reported a total of \$23,013.73 were distributed for the past 8 years, the correct amount is \$20,312.97.

For the past 9 years \$22,289.46 was distributed with an average rate of return of 4.48% and average distribution of \$2,476.61.

As of March 31, 2023, here is a list of our investment fund holdings:

American High Income Holdings
Blackrock FDS Income PTF INSTL
Cash
MFS Utilities Fund
Pimco Income INST
Professional Managed PTFL AKRE FCS INSTL
Schwab CAP TR FDLINT LCIDX
Schwab CAP TR US LRG CP VLUE
Schwab Charles FAMIL TRST OBL V
Schwab Dividend Equity FUND Select Class
Schwab Small CAP INDEX
Schwab Strategic TR US LCAP VA ETF
Schwab Strategic TR US MID-CAP ETF

Note: Above holdings are subject to change.

Every month your Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Recorder, and Trustees receive an investment report compared to the previous month. This report shows total investment, investment instruments (fund holdings), amount in each instrument, percent of total instrument, rate of return, the same for the Life Membership. The financial stability and accountability are important to all organizations, including your Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM
Charles R. Marston, PMIGM
Gary Odegard, PMIGM

Finance Committee Report

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Officers and the members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

From: RIC Sean Gardiner

RE: Deputy Grand Master's Report 2022-2023

Upon reviewing the annual finances of the Grand Council and the proposed improvements to our membership systems, we have arrived at the conclusion that a per capita increase would be necessary to sufficiently fund these efforts.

Our revenues have been impacted by an underperforming investment market and per capita that has fallen behind inflation over the last several years. This is demonstrated in the attached budget in which we re-adjusted the investment revenue to correctly show the lower return. We are showing three budgeted columns which highlight our current revenues, a five-dollar per capita increase, and a ten dollar per capita increase for your review.

Fraternally submitted,

Right Illustrious Companion R. Sean Gardiner

Deputy Grand Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Most Illustrious Companion Gary A. Odegard

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Right Illustrious Companion R. James Luchsinger

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Most Illustrious Companion Marvin W. Schendel

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

2023 – 2024 Budget

Cryptic Masons of Minnesota				
2023-2024 BUDGET				
INCOME		Budget	Budget +5	Budget +10
Per Capita				
\$15.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$17.50	442	\$ 7,735.00	\$ 9,945.00	\$ 12,155.00
Life Member Per Capita	168	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	45	\$ 675.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,125.00
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$11,110.00	\$13,545.00	\$15,980.00
Investment Income				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through			
	TOTAL INCOME	\$11,110.00	\$13,545.00	\$15,980.00
EXPENSES				
GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES				
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,000.00
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Treasurer		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Grand Recorder		\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Grand Arch Master		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,750.00
Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram		\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Internet/Web Site/ Shared		\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Postage		\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Proceedings		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 900.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,275.00
General Meeting Expense		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Printing		\$ 55.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 3,695.00	\$ 5,080.00	\$ 5,265.00
General Grand Council per-capita	611-43LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 1,315.00
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Insurance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through			
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,965.00	\$ 1,965.00	\$ 1,965.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,110.00	\$13,545.00	\$15,980.00
	TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Budget + 5 passed

Grand Recorders Report

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Officers and the members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

This past year was good to get back into a normal mode , I want to thank the Grand Offices and the Companion Recorders, for all their help and hard work this year.

The Minnesota Recorders are:

St Paul – Peter Laudert, Minneapolis – Joe Anderson, Ark – Steven Partridge,
Tyrian – Ben Mahlkie, Duluth – Alan Mackenzie, Austin – John Fair,
Alpha – David Dumonceaux, Omega – Carl Lidstrom, Zabud – Brian K. Dimatteo,
Northfield – Jerry Zierdt, Central – Matthew Lauters.

The job of Recorder involves more than just taking minutes and reports, it is tracking all the members. The Recorder does a lot of work behind the scenes to make your Council work, anything that you can do to help your Recorder is greatly appreciated by them and myself.

The 2023 – 2024 Budget shows very little change from the previous year and is a balanced budget. Your Grand Council is working to keep expenses down while providing for all the necessary tools that are needed by both the Grand Council and the Constituent Councils of Minnesota. We are asking for an increase in the per capita. The last time it was increased was in 2016.

We are investigating upgrading our database to MMS, we will need to have funds to pay for the cost of input and annual charges. The benefits are that all the changes will be done at the local level, Companions can make changes to their information as needed and there will be no need to have quarterly reports or annual reports done, as they will be available right from the MMS database. At the end of the year a simple download and a per capita bill can be issued to each Council, no need to have the time consuming reports done, and it will make the job easier for all of the recorders. With MMS the information only has to be entered into the system once and all three, Chapter, Council, and Commandery are updated. These are some of the advantages of upgrading the database.

This last year the Grand Council saw an **increase** in membership of **3%**
Tyrian Council showed a 12% increase, St Paul 10%, Minneapolis 6%, and Zabud 4%,
we had several Councils break even with no change. Great Work Companions.

Marvin W. Schendel
Grand Treasurer / Recorder

2022 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS													
	1/1/2022	Greetings	Joined	Restored	2022 Gains	Death	Demit	NPD	2022 Losses	Net	Total Members	%	Living LM
St Paul 1	80	10	1	0	11	0	2	1	3	8	88	10%	18
Minneapolis 2	126	16	1	0	17	5	2	2	9	8	134	6%	25
Ark 3	36	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	-2	34	-6%	13
Tyrian 4	33	4	0	1	5	1	0	0	1	4	37	12%	11
Duluth 6	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0%	19
Austin 7	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	13	-7%	8
Alpha 8	50	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	-1	49	-2%	15
Omega 9	18	5	0	0	5	2	1	2	5	0	18	0%	2
Zabud 10	55	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	57	4%	17
Northfield 12	54	2	2	0	4	1	1	3	5	-1	53	-2%	11
Central 14	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0%	20
Red Rock 16	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	-2	11	-15%	10
Totals	596	42	4	1	47	16	7	9	32	15	611	3%	169
* Corrected number from previous years													
Small Council = 49 or less members Large Council = 50 or more members													
Small Council Largest Percentage Gain -							Tyrian						
Large Council Largest Percentage Gain -							St Paul						

CMMRF Report

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Report of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

It was my pleasure to serve as the CMMRF committee chairman for this year. CMMRF conducts research in pursuit of curing and / or alleviating medical conditions stemming from vascular diseases. It is the Masonic Charity that directly benefits most Cryptic Masons. Minnesota has been extremely generous in there giving this year, since last session until May 1, 2023:

St. Paul Council 1	\$3,834.72
Minneapolis Council 2	\$471
Ark Council 3	\$900
Duluth Council 6	\$510
Austin Council 7	\$200
Alpha Council 8	\$265
Omega Council 9	\$270
Zabud Council 10	\$1426.01
Northfield Council 12	\$100
Minnesota Grand Council	\$6567
Noble Stone Court – Athelstan	<u>\$110</u>
Total	\$14,653.73

Please the CMMRF website <https://www.cmmrf.org/> for more information and to make donations.

Fraternally,
Alan Mackenzie (6)
Grand Conductor of the Council

The report on Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation MEC Gary Wyne, Executive Secretary of CMMRF gave us an update on what is happening with CMMRF research.

The Grand Master's hat was passed for a collection for CMMRF
MEC Gary thanked everyone for their generosity.

CMMRF report Diseases on Which the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine Is Focusing
2023 Update

1. Peripheral Arterial disease.

a. PAD is a greater health care burden than coronary artery disease in the U.S.

Approximately 8 million Americans are afflicted with PAD.

b. Critical limb threatening ischemia, (CLTI), is the most severe form of PAD and is characterized by foot pain and gangrene. CLTI is a significant risk for amputation of the leg and has a quality of life equivalent to terminal cancer.

c. Surgical interventions have provided excellent results in treating CLTI however up to 30% of patients with CLTI will not be candidates for angioplasty or bypass and the only treatment option for relief of pain or removal of an infected ulcer is amputation. Over 153,000 amputations are performed each year ranking as the 6th costliest operation at 10.6-billion-dollar expense to our health care system.

d. Diabetic patients are especially at risk for limb amputation due to infection and more extensive hardening of the arteries. The incidence of diabetes and its vascular complications continues to rise each year.

e. The American Heart Association has recently noted that amputations due to PAD and diabetes has increased over the past ten years. The AHA issued a policy statement that there needs to be an international effort to reduce amputations by 20% by the year 2030.

f. With the support of the CMMRF the ICVBM is addressing the critical need for effective therapies to prevent amputations and has been a recognized international leader in this field.

g. With research funds we have created a diabetic mouse model of CLTI and we are testing new cell types and preparations

h. Dr. Stephen Miller, PhD., has discovered that mesenchymal stem cells grown in clusters, called spheroids, are able to regenerate skeletal muscle in the diabetic mice with limb ischemia. More excitingly, we have found that those mice treated with MSC spheroids have complete return of muscle function and limb function. Thus, a discovery that we plan to quickly translate into a clinical trial.

i. We are collaborating with Dr. David Mooney from Harvard University who has developed a gel material that can envelope the stem cell and then be injected into the muscle of a leg with PAD. In addition, with the Mason's research funds, we have purchased the Buchi Encapsulator. This device encapsulates cells which protects them from getting cleared by the recipient's immune system yet still allows the cells to secrete growth factors that stimulate new blood vessels to grow.

this novel cell population into a clinical trial.

o. Update: The ICVBM has been awarded a \$2.4 million grant to assess the safety and feasibility of using MSCs derived from induced pluripotent stem cells in a Phase I clinical trial that will treat 20 veterans with diabetes and CTLI. This will be the first time iPSC-MSCs will be used to treat cardiovascular disease.

p. We are now using induced pluripotent stem cells that have been genetically

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
James E Turner, Jr, MIPGM

Jurisprudence Committee Report

**To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:**

It has been a great pleasure to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, its Officers, and members this past year.

This past year we have been asked to address several topics referencing our Constitution and Regulations of our Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. We respond as quickly as possible to all requests.

As of the date of this report we have not received Resolutions to be acted upon at our 2023 Grand Session. We do remind you that one of the purposes of our Grand Session is act upon Resolutions presented by our members. Remember, your Jurisprudence only reviews the Resolution to ensure it is submitted in proper format. We do not recommend a vote for or against the Resolutions. That is decided by the members present at the Grand Session.

As of today, April 17, 2023, there have been no Resolutions submitted to your Jurisprudence Committee to be addressed at our 2023 Grand Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM
Charles Marston, PMIGM
Gary A. Odegard, PMIGM

Right Puissant Companion Carl F. Lidstrom, District Deputy General
Grand Master for the North Central District

Thanked everyone for their courtesies and donated the rest of his time to
Right Puissant Companion William G. Snyder, Deputy General Grand
Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Int'l.

RPC Bill thanked all and complimented Minnesota for leading the way and
setting a great example for other Grand Councils to follow. He encouraged
all to keep up the good work.

Grand Master Brian asked the Grand Record if there was any further
business on his desk, he answered that there was none, he then
declared the Grand Council at recess until the installation of Offices

Report of the Deputy Grand Master

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

From: RIC Sean Gardiner

RE: Deputy Grand Master's Report 2022-2023

Greetings to all the Companions of Minnesota where so ever dispersed. What an honor it has been to travel throughout Minnesota and our neighboring jurisdictions on behalf of our great Companions. Thank you for the honor of representing you and our Grand Council. During my travels I have been able to share the great work of our Companions; our Councils, our ritual work, our educational efforts to engage and retain our Companions.

Companions we held our first strategic planning session in a long time. We laid out several activities for the Grand Officers to work on this year. We hope these activities will improve the experiences of our Companions and Councils. Please look for updates in the coming months.

Upon the recommendation of our Grand Recorder, MIC Marvin W. Schendel, we would like to implement MMS as our statewide membership system. We are proposing a joint venture with the Grand Chapter. We anticipate this will improve the experience of our Council Recorders and tracking of membership across all our Councils. It would reduce the amount of reports the Records would need to provide to Grand Council and simplify the overall reporting.

I would like to personally thank Most Illustrious Companion Marvin W. Schendel for all the work he has done for our Grand Council and specifically for all the support and guidance he has given me over these several years. He has continuously dedicated himself to improving our Grand Council and the experiences of our Companions. I look forward to all the work he will continue to do for us all.

During this year I have had the privilege of serving on the Finance and York Rite Cooperation committees. You can see the activities of those Committees in their individual reports.

It was my pleasure serving the Companions of Minnesota this past year.

Right Illustrious Companion R. Sean Gardiner
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Report of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

Since my appointment as the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for 2022 – 2023, I have attended nearly all of the Grand Officer's meetings, and other Council and York Rite events. In addition, I served as the Area Representative for Zabud Council and have attended many of their stated meetings.

I was assigned to a number of committees this past year I have chosen to report on the following:

York Rite Grand Representative Program committee consists of MEC L. Greg Schultz and myself. Over the past several years MEC Greg and I have developed a Grand Representatives program that fulfills the needs of our York Rite bodies and should, with some minor adjustments, be suitable for any York Rite body. As with most activities, Covid-19 caused significant delays in our progress. The good news is that the York Rite Grand Representatives Program draft is complete. During the first quarter of 2023 we submitted our proposed program to the General Grand Council for review and approval. As of March 2023, we have not received a verdict, however, their initial impression appears to have been favorable. We look forward to getting the Grand Representatives program fully implemented in the upcoming year.

York Rite Emissary Program is a developing program. The basic foundation and guidelines for the program are set. As of March 2023, we have nine Companions that have volunteered to take on the role of Emissary for their Lodge. Once we have received a few more volunteers we will begin our training program. Currently there are 124 lodges in the state, but not all of them are active. The goal of the York Rite Emissary Program is to place an Emissary in each active lodge. The function of the Emissary is to keep their lodge informed of York Rite activities and events.

York Rite Education Committee has been active on a limited basis for the past several years. We had been making good progress until the onset of Covid-19. We are now in the process of reactivating and reinvigorating our education program across the York Rite. One of our ongoing goals has been to make educational materials easily available to all of our members. A goal for the upcoming year is to make additional educational materials available and downloadable from our websites. This will allow easy access to interesting and informative presentations. To add value for our members, every York Rite body should make education part of every meeting. We are always seeking volunteers to assist the Education Committee in building our library and presenting educational programs. Please consider volunteering.

Other Activities:

2023 Statewide (Masonic) Membership Conference, held at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite on March 25, 2023. SK James Henderson and I represented the York Rite at the conference, and we talked to a number of Masons about joining the York Rite. Compared to other Masonic bodies we had a rather poor showing. After speaking with the conference coordinator Br. David Hartman, I found out that no one from the York Rite had RSVP'd or signed us up for a table. With Br. Hartmann's help we found a table. SK Jim and I were able to scrounge up some items for a display, but it was meager when compared to the other bodies present. We had no backdrops (pull out signage), and few supplies. With the help of C Larry Stelmach, and SK Clint Christianson we were able to make a showing. Overall, the conference was very successful, the speakers were all very good and many very good ideas were put forth. I would estimate that there were nearly one hundred people in attendance.

The biggest takeaway for me was that we must establish a **York Rite Membership Committee** composed of members from each of the four bodies, with a Chairman, Function Coordinator, Equipment Manager, and Spokesmen. Our poor showing at the Membership Conference and other Masonic functions is directly attributable to the fact that no one was in charge, or accountable. We just showed up and that must change! Membership functions, events and other activities must be addressed at every York Rite joint meeting. To emphasize the importance of this committee I would recommend that each of the three Deputies be on this committee with one of them assigned as the Chair and one as the Function Coordinator.

The **Grand Council Strategic Planning Meeting** was held on April 2, at the Minnesota Masonic Home in the York Rite offices. The meeting was a very informative and helpful get-together. During the meeting the grand officers determined a number of traits and factors that contribute to successful organizations. The planning session started us on a path towards developing goals and objectives for the upcoming year and for the future. As well as some of the milestones needed to attain our objectives. It was agreed by all present to hold follow-up planning meetings after our annual Grand Session to continue the process.

I anticipate that next year will continue to be a time of rebuilding and reenergizing our Councils and the York Rite at all levels. I am very much looking forward to getting out and visiting our Councils and participating in all of our York Rite activities.

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Ralph James Luchsinger II, KYGCH, OPC
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Report of the Grand Captain of the Guard

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota as its Grand Captain of the Guard and visiting Councils in Minnesota and the North Central Department, some for the first time. Busy schedules and conflicting obligations do not provide the opportunity for visiting all our Councils as often as desired and conversing with companions from other states. Such visitations are valuable not only for meeting companions but also for the exchange of ideas that often accompanies such interaction.

This year we have worked hard toward the reactivation of several of our Councils that have fallen by the wayside and are in danger of being lost. I have had the opportunity to work with several of our Companions from the St Peter council. We have met in St Peter on several occasions and while our efforts are producing positive results, our task is far from accomplished.

I look forward to the coming year and the opportunity to visiting councils and the blue lodges in hopes of re-inspiring some of our wayward companions.

Respectfully submitted

IC Jerry Zierdt
Grand Captain of the Guard

Report of the Grand Conductor of the Council

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

It was my pleasure this year to serve the Companions of Minnesota as Grand Conductor of the Council. I was able to visit many of the councils of Minnesota during the year, as well as attend the one day to Council in April. I attended Grand Sessions in Iowa, South and North Dakota this year, as well as the North Central Conference. I was chairman of the CMMRF committee this year and enjoyed spreading their message. The companions of Minnesota are extremely generous. I look forward to serving again as needed.

Fraternally,

IC Alan Mackenzie (6)
Grand Conductor of the Council

Report of the Grand Marshal

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

From: IC Joe Anderson, Grand Marshall

Report of the Grand Marshall

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Grand Marshall this term and visit various Council's. Know that ALL of your Grand Officers are here for you and willing to assist your Council when needed. It is our duty to do so and to visit your Council.

It has been great to see that our Councils have been presenting the Cryptic Degrees and presenting education programs on their meeting nights. There have been a few Council's pairing up with their "connected" Chapter and having a dual meeting night. It seems to work out well with attendance, added membership and combined education.

Minneapolis Council sponsored a great Cryptic Council one day on February 25th. Thank you to all of the Cryptic Masons who took part and stepped up that day. We welcomed in 30 + new Companions. Make sure they participate and get involved with your Council. Keep their interest and don't lose contact.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 2023 Grand Session and during my visitations.

Sincerely submitted,

IC Joseph J. Anderson,

Grand Marshall Minnesota Cryptic Council 2022-2023

Report of the Grand Steward

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

Companions,

I was installed halfway through the year into the Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Minnesota with the departure of Companion Trent Gilbertson.

I attended all Zabud #10 stated meetings in 2022-2023 where I also cook dinner every month for the companions of the council.

I was able to attend a Minneapolis #2 meeting earlier in the year.

I was unable to attend a council meeting in Farmington but is on my list to attend in the near future to complete my grand representation of the councils which fall under my jurisdiction.

Thank you,

IC Tony Heimer

Grand Steward of the Grand Cryptic Council of Minnesota

Report of the Grand Sentinel

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

From: David J. Dumonceaux, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of Cryptic of MN

Re: 2022-2023 Report of the Grand Sentinel

I was appointed to this position about halfway through the term when a vacancy unexpectedly came about. As Grand Sentinel, I have travelled as my health would allow, attended the Grand Officers meetings regularly and participated in the One day to Council Festivals.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of this Grand Council, I wish to thank RPC *R. Sean Gardner*, and MIC *Brian K Dimatteo* for their faith reposed, their guidance, and their counsel.

I respectfully submit this report of the Grand Sentinel

Fraternally:

David J. Dumonceaux

David J Dumonceaux

Grand Sentinel for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN 2022-2023

Report of the Grand Arch Master

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

From: David J. Dumonceaux, Grand Arch Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic of MN
Re: 2022-2023 Report of the Grand Arch Master

When I was first appointed to this position, I did not know anything about what my duties were. I was told that I was the state's education officer. My duties were to develop recognition programs and put together educational programs for the good of the order. I thought about why I was chosen to do this. I am not the best versed in Cryptic Masonry. I know enough to be dangerous, but not enough to present. So, I came up with an idea to organize, plan and present Companions, who were much better qualified than I, to present.

I set to this task. What should the topics be about: the Ritual, The floor work.... No! We all are familiar with these things. I thought, what would help make our Ritual and Floor work better? I came up with this. Having a knowledgeable Companion talk about the MEANING of each of the degrees and its parts and why it is important. This would give us insight into why we are doing what we are doing, and not just going through the motions, and help make our ritual presentation better.

I set my plan in motion by contacting the elected officers of the General Grand Council. I started with The Grand Recorder, Right Puissant Companion Steven Balke, who agreed to present on the Royal Master Degree. We set a date, planned to meet in person and combine education with fellowship. The Best laid plans always have hiccups. We had to change to Zoom only. It turned out to be a wise decision. The presentation was great, the Q&A was enlightening, and attendance was OK. There was only one issue, we forgot to record it, so others could view it later. Next, I contacted the Deputy General Grand Master, Right Puissant Companion Bill Snyder to present on the Select Master degree. We scheduled a Zoom meeting and even recorded it. Attendance was better and the information was top notch. Q&A was lively and deep.

I am working on another presentation on the Super Excellent Master degree. Detail will be forthcoming.

We are also working on a Council recognition program. That is still being flushed out.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of this Grand Council and the faith reposed in me to help educate our companions. I wish to thank RPC *Steven Balke*, RPC *R. Sean Gardner*, and MIC *Brian K. Dimatteo* for their guidance and counsel.

I respectfully submit this report of the Grand Arch Master.

Fraternally:

David J. Dumonceaux

David J Dumonceaux

Grand Arch Master for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN 2022-2023

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
2022 – 2023 Committees

Finance (3)

Deputy Master (Chair) R. Sean Gardiner, Gary A. Odegard, MIPGM, R. James Luchsinger
Grand Treasurer/ Recorder (Ex-officio)

Audit Committee (3) non-Grand Line Companions (MIPGM s)

James E. Turner, Jr., MIPGM, Charles Marston, MIPGM, W. David Emery, MIPGM

Jurisprudence (3) / Appeals and Grievance

(Chair MIPGM) Ron Miles, MIPGM, Charles Marston, MIPGM, Gary Odegard, MIPGM

Credentials (3)

Grand Treasurer/ Recorder (Chair) – Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM, Michael C. Powles,
Joseph J. Anderson

Grand Council Annual Assembly Committee (4)

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Chair) R. James Luchsinger, Gerald E. Zierdt, Alan Mackenzie, Joseph
J. Anderson

York Rite Cooperation Committee / Fraternal Promotion / Information and Education

Deputy Master (Chair) R. Sean Gardiner, Principal Conductor of the Work, R. James Luchsinger, II,
Grand Captain of the Guard, Gerald E. Zierdt, Grand Sentinel, David J. Dumonceaux

Souvenir Program Booklet Committee

Grand Conductor of the Council (Chair) Alan Mackenzie, Joe Anderson, Anthony J. Heimer

Grand Representatives

Grand Marshal (Chair) Joseph J. Anderson, Grand Conductor of the Council Alan Mackenzie,
Grand Steward, Anthony J. Heimer, Grand Sentinel, David J. Dumonceaux

Distinguished Guest

Grand Marshal (Chair) Joseph J. Anderson, Michael C. Powles

Awards

Grand Captain of the Guard (Chair) Gerald E. Zierdt, Alan Mackenzie

Necrology

Grand Chaplain (Chair)

CMMRF

Grand Conductor of the Council (Chair), Alan Mackenzie, MIC James E. Turner

Unfinished Business

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Chair) R. James Luchsinger, II, Gerald E. Zierdt

Awards Committee Report

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

The recipient of the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award for 2023 is:

Gerald E. Zierdt
933 Minjon Drive
Apple Valley, MN 55124
Falcon6569@yahoo.com 952-221-5263

The recipient of the Adult Youth Leadership Award is:

Laura Glass
5104 Lincoln Drive
Edina, MN 55436
Laura.glass@mndemolay.org 612-978-7795

The recipient of the Minnesota Youth Award is:

Bobbie Lampi
18 Fairfield Court
St Cloud, MN 56303
rlampi@charter.net 320-267-0942

Ish-Sodi

Philip T. Bodle – Duluth #6

Thrice Illustrious Master

Joel Porter – Northfield #12

Awards Committee:

Gerald E. Zierdt
Alan Mackenzie

York Rite Cooperation Committee Report

**To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic
Masons of Minnesota.**

From: RIC Sean Gardiner

RE: York Rite Cooperation Report 2022-2023

The Companions of Minnesota demonstrate the spirit of cooperation every day. As particularly demonstrated by our Most Illustrious Grand Master and his personal efforts in assisting our Youth Organizations. We must continue to grow these relationships and how we can support our Youth Organizations.

As our Councils and Chapters work together to improve the experience of our Companions, the Grand Council and Chapter have been holding joint meetings as well as our usual officer meetings. The joint meetings allowed us to coordinate our efforts, address common issues, and develop common approaches to opportunities we both face. We plan to continue the joint meetings into the future.

Fraternally submitted,

Right Illustrious Companion R. Sean Gardiner
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Right Illustrious Companion R. James Luchsinger, II
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Illustrious Companion Gerald E. Zierdt
Grand Captain of the Guard
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Illustrious Companion David J. Dumonceaux
Grand Sentinel
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

8 May 2023

Marvin Schendel, PMIGM
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN
Grand Recorder/Treasurer

RE: Grand Chapter / Grand Council Office Rent Sharing

In the past, the following procedure has been used:

Monthly rent is \$211.50 or \$2538.00 per year.

Based upon the last reported memberships to the General Grands, the Grand Council had 611 Companions and the Grand Chapter had 1279 Companions for a total of 1890 Companions.

If we divide \$2538.00 by 1890 we get \$1.3429 per Companion.

Therefore, rent would be allocated as follows:

Grand Council - \$820.49
Grand Chapter - \$1717.51

Please let me know if this meets with your approval.

Fraternally,

Gary Odegard, PGHP
Grand Chapter of MN
Grand Secretary/Treasurer

To: MIC Brian K. Dimatteo, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Cryptic Council of Minnesota

From

Joseph J. Anderson, Grand Marshall, Grand Representative Chairman.

The Grand Council would like to thank all of our representatives that represent the other jurisdictions on behalf of Minnesota. Congratulations to Sean Novack for becoming the official representative to the state of Florida. If you would like to be a representative for a favorite state of yours on behalf of the Minnesota Grand Council please contact your Grand Secretary.

Sincerely submitted,

IC Joseph J. Anderson, Grand Marshall Minnesota Grand Cryptic Council
2022-2023

MINNESOTA GRAND YORK RITE REPRESENTATIVES

Minnesota Grand York Rite Representatives All Bodies

revised 5/25/2019

Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter	Grand Council	Grand Commandery	Dep. Rep
Alabama	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Todd Jovonovich
Alaska				
Arkansas				
California	Brian Dimatteo	Brian Dimatteo	Brian Dimatteo	
Colorado	Jerry Korstad	Jerry Korstad	Jerry Korstad	
Connecticut	Greg Schultz	Greg Schultz	Greg Schultz	
Delaware				
District of Columbia	Ronald A. Miles	Ronald A. Miles	Ronald A. Miles	
Florida	Sean Novack	Sean Novack	Sean Novack	
Georgia				
Hawaii	Joseph J. Anderson	Joseph J. Anderson	Joseph J. Anderson	
Idaho		Douglas Bogie		
Illinois	Carl F. Lidstrom	Carl F. Lidstrom	Carl F. Lidstrom	
Indiana	Mark A. Anderson	Mark A. Anderson	Mark A. Anderson	
Iowa	Vernon Schwalbe	Vernon Schwalbe	Vernon Schwalbe	
Kansas	Dave McCormick	Dave McCormick	Dave McCormick	
Kentucky				
Louisiana	Monte Miller	Monte Miller		
Maine				
Maryland	Alan G. Adams	Alan G. Adams	Alan G. Adams	
Massachusetts				
Michigan	James Fischer	James Fischer	James Fischer	Robert A. Beales
Mississippi	James Turner, Jr.	James Turner, Jr.	James Turner, Jr.	William T. Hubbard
Missouri	Joseph J. Anderson	Joseph J. Anderson	Joseph J. Anderson	
Montana				
Nebraska	Marvin W. Schendel	Marvin W. Schendel	Marvin W. Schendel	
Nevada	Frank Namestek	Frank Namestek	Frank Namestek	Brian Dimatteo
New Hampshire	Dan Sherry	Dan Sherry	Dan Sherry	
New Jersey	Anton Mogenson	Anton Mogenson	Anton Mogenson	
New Mexico				
New York	Maynard Townswick			
North Carolina	Doug Beach	Doug Beach	Doug Beach	
North Dakota	Stanley D. Morrill	Stanley D. Morrill	Stanley D. Morrill	
Ohio				

Oklahoma	Harlan Heidecker	Harlan Heidecker	Harlan Heidecker	
Oregon				
Pennsylvania	Ronald A. Miles	Ronald A. Miles	Ronald A. Miles	
Rhode Island				
South Carolina	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	
South Dakota	Gary A. Odegard	Gary A. Odegard	Gary A. Odegard	
Tennessee	Carl F. Lidstrom	Carl F. Lidstrom	Carl F. Lidstrom	Norman Kohlmeyer
Texas				
Utah	Ed Morse	Ed Morse	Ed Morse	
Vermont	Clint Christensen	Clint Christensen	Clint Christensen	
Virginia				
Washington				
West Virginia	Kenneth W. Carroll	Kenneth W. Carroll	Kenneth W. Carroll	
Wisconsin	Gary H. Johnson	Gary H. Johnson	Gary H. Johnson	
Wyoming	Ronald A. Miles	Ronald A. Miles	Ronald A. Miles	

Canadian Jurisdictions

Eastern Canada	X	
Ontario	X	Raul Lee
Western	X	
Alberta	John B. Studell	X
Br Columbia/Yukon		X
Manitoba	W. David Emery	W. David Emery
New Brunswick	Roger D. Salonen	X
Newfoundland/Labrador	James E. Turner, Jr.	X
Nova Scotia	Jens C. Mikkelsen	X
Ontario		X
Quebec	David S. Bouschor	X
Saskatchewan		X

Other Jurisdictions

Argentina	Michael Vukson	X
Austria		X
Belgium		X
Brazil		X
Central America	X	
England and Wales	Tom Hendrickson	
Finland		X
France		X
Germany		X
Greece	Anthony W. Lecakis	Anthony W. Lecakis
India	Sean Gardiner	Sean Gardiner
Ireland	Michael Denke	X
Italy		Donald Holberg
Mexico	Sean Gardiner	Sean Gardiner
Monaco		X
Netherlands	Todd Jovonovich	X
New South Wales	John M. Winslow	X
New Zealand		X
Panama		
Peru	X	
Philippines	John W. Worlein	Ronald A. Miles
Portugal		
Puerto Rico	X	X
Queensland	Raymond Hayward	X
Romania		Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.
Scotland	Alan Mackenzie	Alan Mackenzie
Spain	George A. James	X
South Australia		X
Switzerland		X
Taiwan	X	
Togo		X
Venezuela	Ray G. Christensen	X
Victoria		X
Virgin Islands	X	
West Australia		

Alan Mackenzie
Jim Luchsinger, MIC Greg Schultz

To: MIC Brian K. Dimatteo, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Cryptic Council of Minnesota

From

Joseph J. Anderson, Grand Marshall, Distinguished guests
Chairman

A special thank you to our visiting dignitaries from other jurisdictions for taking the time and the travel to be with us at the Minnesota Grand York Rite session. We hope you (and your lady) had a great time and great fellowship. We hope to see you at your session in the future.

Sincerely submitted,

IC Joseph J. Anderson, Grand Marshall Minnesota Grand Cryptic Council 2022-2023

Grand Council Annual Assembly Committee Report

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Officers and the members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

We believe that the 2024 Grand York Rite Session will be in St. Cloud, Minnesota

at the Kelly Inn, we are still in negotiations with them at this time.

June 27 – 29, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Ralph James Luchsinger II, KYGCH, OPC
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Unfinished Business Committee

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota:

There was no un finished business from last years Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Ralph James Luchsinger II, KYGCH, OPC
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Living Past Illustrious Masters

St. Paul Council No. 1

Drew C. Bjorklund, George W Carlson, Timothy R. Dixon, R. Sean Gardiner, RIPCW, Conrad L. Jackson, Todd R Jovonovich, Todd B Leek, Monte M Miller, Ed L Morse, Kay E Moss, Barnes A Sharitt, Jr., MIPGM, Daniel C Skoog, Dean N Strand, Michael S Swisher, James E Turner, Jr., MIPGM, Sujit R Varma.

Minneapolis Council No. 2

Joseph J Anderson, Robert R Anderson, Jr., James H Appenzeller, Harlan E Brand, W. David Emery, MIGM, Raymond S Frandsen, Michael A Hilgert, John H Jones, MIPGM, David N. Kampf, Scott Livingston, R James Luchsinger, Ronald A Miles, MIPGM, Frank J. Namestek, Jerry B Oliver, Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM, Vernon J Schwalbe, John B Studell, Christopher A Wendover, Scott Wood, Andrew F. Hall.

Ark Council No. 3

Richard "Dick" Heide, Jim Holton, Ron Jensen, James S McNeely, IV, MIPGM, CT., L. Greg Schultz, MIPGM, Hugh C Swift, Jr., MIPGM, Rick Wallace.

Tyrian Council No. 4

Zeb J Dudek, REC William T Hubbard, HRIPCW, Jerry R Korstad, MIPGM, David F McCormick, II, Allan R Shufelt, Philip G Soderberg, Joseph W. Whealdon, Glen Larson.

Duluth Council No. 6

Kevin Acker, Alan G Adams, Philip Bodle, David S Bouschor, MIPGM, Donald W DeMars, James F Edgar, Sr., Albert E Farmer, Chef Christian Freeman, Raymond Hausch, Roger D Johnson, Lauren R Lampi, Rual L Lee, Alan Mackenzie, Brian McVean, Roger A Morris, Wayne H Petersen, David A Schilling,.

Austin Council No. 7

James Fischer, MIPGM, Ronald Guthrie, MPIGGMH, Lawrence Hanson, Jerry R Korstad, MIPGM, Anthony Lecakis, Ross Mickelsen, Forrest Miller, Otto Volkert, John Worlein.

Alpha Council No. 8

Michael Denke, MIPGM, Rudolf Denke, Jr., David Dumonceaux, Stan Fetters, Kenneth Friese, Robert Friesen, Harlan Heidecker, MIPGM, Arlyn Hustad, Earl Ihnen, Harlan Johnson, Allen Monroe, Stanley Morrill, MIPGM, Roger Salonen, Loren Schroeder, MIPGM, Rev. Ryan Stout, Jourdain Sullivan.

Omega Council No. 9

John Harper, Thomas E Hendrickson, Carl F Lidstrom, MIPGM, Charles A Munson, Michael C Powles, Hugh C Swift, Jr., MIPGM, Steve J. Sandberg.

Zabud Council No. 10

Kenneth Carroll, Brian K Dimatteo, W David Emery, MIGM, Trent Gilbertson, Tony Heimer, Michael A. Hilgert, Keith A Kennedy, Frank J Namestek, Sean Novack, Eric Erfourth.

Northfield Council No. 12

Mark A Anderson, Douglas A Beach, Steven Bernhardt, Bruce V Brendal, Kenneth W Carroll, Clinton J. Christensen, James Giacherio, Joe R Gonzalez, George A James, Jr., Nicholas Johnson, Joe Kivens, Charles R Knapper, David A Kvestad, Carl F Lidstrom, MIPGM, James S McNeely, IV, MIPGM, CT., Charles A Munson, Gary A Odegard, MIPGM, Randall L Poulson, L Greg Schultz, MIPGM, Kayihan Seran, Hugh C Swift, Jr., MIPGM, Gerald E Zierdt.

Central Council No. 14

Daniel J Honetschlager, Clifford H Isley, MIPGM, Matthew Lauters, Charles R Marston, MIPGM, Jens C Mikkelson, Michael A Vukson, MIPGM.

Red Rock Council No. 16

Everett Brandenburg, Maynard Townswick.

Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters

John Hallberg Jones [2]	1976 – 1977
David S.G. Bouschor [6]	1981 – 1982
Michael A. Vukson [14]	1991 – 1992
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. [12,3,9]	1993 – 1994
Jerry R. Korstad [4,7]	1998 – 1999
Charles R. Marston [14]	2000 – 2001
Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. [1,9]	2003 – 2004
James A. Fischer [7]	2006 – 2007
Loren R. Schroeder [8]	2008 – 2009
Ronald A. Miles [2]	2009 – 2010
Harlan H. Heidecker [8]	2010 – 2011
Gary A. Odegard [12]	2012 – 2013
James E. Turner, Jr. [1]	2013 – 2014
Michael Denke [8]	2014 – 2015
Marvin W. Schendel [2]	2015 – 2016 - - 2016 - 2017
Clifford H. Isley [14]	2017 – 2018
Carl F. Lidstrom [9 & 12]	2019 – 2020
L. Greg Schultz [3]	2020 – 2021
W. David Emery [2 & 10]	2021 – 2022
Brian K. Dimatteo [10]	2022 - 2023

Passing's Report 2022 - 2023

St. Paul No. 1: Gerald Schlaeppli, 7-1-2022

Minneapolis No. 2: James R. Fisher, 10-13-2023,

James O. Burlingame, Sr, 9-13-2023, Kenneth P. Hill, 7-30-2022,

LeRoy O.E. Bach, 6-14-2022, John M. Thuirer, 3-6-2023

Ark No. 3: Michael P. Wegner, 9-27-2022, Eugene Miller, 2-27-2023

Tyrian No. 4:

Duluth No. 6: Kenneth F Smith, 8-30-2022

Austin No. 7:

Alpha No. 8: Stanley D. Morrill, 5-19-2023

Omega No. 9:

Zabud No. 10:

Northfield No. 12:

Central No. 14: Paul R. Bolin, 11-2-2022

Red Rock No. 16: Delno P Hansen, 8-14-2022

MINNESOTA GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS

NECROLOGY REPORT

2022 - 2023

TO: THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CRYPTIC COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

It is that time of year when we look back and remember all those Companions who have passed. It is also a time of celebration and joy for those who have completed their time on earth and now rest with the Great Architect of the Universe.

The following Companions have laid down their working tools:

St. Paul No. 1: Gerald Schlaeppi, 7-1-2022

Minneapolis No. 2: James R. Fisher, 10-13-2023, James O. Burlingame, Sr, 9-13-2023, Kenneth P. Hill, 7-30-2022, LeRoy O.E. Bach, 6-14-2022, John M. Thuirer, 3-6-2023

Ark No. 3: Michael P. Wegner, 9-27-2022, Eugene Miller, 2-27-2023

Duluth No. 6: Kenneth F Smith, 8-30-2022

Alpha No. 8: Stanley D. Morrill, 5-19-2023

Central No. 14: Paul R. Bolin, 11-2-2022

Red Rock No. 16: Delno P Hansen, 8-14-2022

Walter A. Jergensen – 7-6-19, Edward Zink – 8-30-19, John A. Noid – 11-6-19, David W. Dahlgren – 7-4-19, MIC Kevin V. Jones – 11-14-19, Stephen Neiswanger – 12-31-19, Leslie Lassila – 12-10-19, Lloyd E. Hanson – 6-12-19, Robert J. Pemberton – 12-23-19, John G. Boosalis – 8-1-19, William G. Boosalis – 12-1-19, Larry J. Wills – 10-12-19, Wallace C. Berger 1-28-20.

I ask that you keep each one of them in your thoughts and prayers along with their families remembering that our time here on earth is short and no one knows when our time may come. As we enjoy this Grand Session may we keep in mind all of those who have gone to be with the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd A. Mayer
Grand Chaplain

James O. Burlingame, Sr. - The Mason

John W. Burlingame, Jim's dad, became a Master Mason on April 27, 1953, and soon after encouraged his son to sign a petition for Plymouth Lodge #160. So, on May 18th Jim's petition was received by the Lodge. He was then investigated, and on August 3rd he was elected to receive the Degrees of the Lodge. Jim was initiated on September 14, 1953, passed on September 28, 1953 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 12, 1953. Since then, he has led an exemplary, Masonic life as a Speculative Mason. He, like his father before him, encouraged his son to petition the Lodge, and on August 7, 1976, James O. Burlingame, Jr. became a Master Mason in Plymouth Lodge #160 .

Jim, Sr. was appointed to the "line" in the early 70's, and in 1978 he was elected to be Worshipful Master of Plymouth Lodge; just one year after his father had gone to the Celestial Lodge above. Jim continued to be active in the Lodge and Masonry, and in 1987 he was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in the Minnesota Grand Lodge. In 1990 he was named Minnesota Mason of the Year, and again in 1994 he received that same honor. In 1999 Plymouth Lodge gave him the highest, Blue Lodge honor by presenting him with lodge's Hiram Award. In 2004 Jim was

appointed Grand Chaplain, and in 2008 he was appointed Grand Tyler in the Minnesota Grand Lodge, serving in each station for one year.

In June, 1993, Jim became Chaplain in Plymouth Lodge #160, and he served faithfully in that office until he retired after the 2012 year. He officiated at many, many Masonic services.

Jim and his lady Barbara moved to the Northridge Senior Apartments, and the Grand Master, MWB David E. Olson and the Grand Secretary WB Douglas J. Campbell joined Jim and a few other Past Masters at the apartments for lunch. Following lunch, the Grand Master presented Jim with a pin and certificate celebrating his 60 years as a Minnesota Mason. He wore that pin with pride!

Plymouth Masonic Lodge #160 AF&A	1953
Master	1978
Grand Standard Bearer	1987
Grand Chaplain	2004
Grand Tyler	2008
Minnesota Mason of the year	1990
Minnesota Mason of the year	1994
Plymouth Lodge #160 Hiram Award	1999

You always know when Jim Burlingame Sr. came in to the building. It starts with a soft hum, "Mmm hmmm ..." as his uplifting voice echoes through the halls of Plymouth Lodge. He would always greet everyone with a handshake making sure that all is well. Jim had been a member for many years and just received his 60 year membership. Although Jim was many years my senior, his personality was ageless. His unmistakable acting and powerful voice made his degree work more impactful and memorable for the candidates. It was a joy to watch him perform.

I was excited to see him honored for his service as he was very deserving. I have been a member of the lodge for the last seven years, and through those years he was a true example of an exceptional free mason, mentor, and leader for older and newer members. Jim has fulfilled many roles throughout his years, did exceptional degree work, he served as Worshipful Master and served many years as Chaplin.

Jim was truly a Mason's Mason and had won his way into our hearts. It was a pleasure knowing Him. Thank you, Jim.



Matt Lachner
Worshipful Master
Plymouth Lodge #160



Zuhrah Shrine

Zuhrah Shrine Hot Sands	1956
Crusaders (K.T. DEGREE TEAM)	1957
Funsters (clown unit)	1958
Funster President	1962
Funster Director	1972-1973
Zuhrah Workhorse	1974
Zuhrah Potentate	1989
Director of Steel Drum Band	1990

York Rite

Columbian Chapter #60 RAM 1953



High Priest	1961
Order of the High Priesthood	1963
Grand High Priest of Minnesota	1974
Minneapolis Council of Cryptic Masons #2	1954
Illustrious Master of Minneapolis Council #2	1965
Thrice Illustrious Master Degree	1965
Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Mason	1971
Zion Commandery #2 K.T.	1955
Commander, Zion Commandery #2	1963
Awarded Knight Commander of the Temple	
By the Grand Encampment KT	1997
Plymouth Chapter O.E.S. #19	1960
York Rite College	1972
York Rite College Governor	1978
Awarded Order of the Purple Cross	1978
Red Cross of Constantine	1972
Puissant Sovereign	1987
Intendant General for the Minnesota Division	1995 - 2006
Knight York Cross of Honor	1976
Royal Order of Scotland	1977
President of the DeMolay Foundation	1974 - 1979
DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor	1976
Allied Masonic Degrees, Minnesota Council #111	1979
Sovereign Master	1986
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests	1997
Very Eminent Preceptor	2007



James O. Burlingame, Sr. 33^o, Grand Cross Court of Honor

Personal Representative Emeritus to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Minnesota for the Minneapolis Valley

It's very easy to see that a lot has changed at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite since Jim Burlingame Sr. joined the Valley with the fall class in 1972. Perhaps the biggest change is that the Rite discovered one of the most dedicated and devoted Masons who had ever crossed the threshold of the building on Dupont Avenue.

By the time he joined the Scottish Rite, Jim had already served the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota as the Grand Illustrious Master in 1970. And he was only a couple of years away from serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as the Grand High Priest in 1974. Invested by the Supreme Council with the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1977, the words on Jim's lips must have been the infamous "I wish to proceed". In the coming years, Jim would act, direct and lead at the Scottish Rite and in 1988, he was installed as Commander of Kadosh for the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. Jim served a two year term as the Commander.

And then things got busy. In 1989, Jim served as the Potentate for Zuhrah Shrine, and was Coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary by the Supreme Council. From 1995 through 2006, Jim served the Red Cross of Constantine as Intendant General for the Minnesota Division, the highest officer in the State of Minnesota for the Red Cross.

In all his labors in Masonry, Jim saw a lot to rejoice in, and a lot that still needed work. Through his words, acts and actions, Jim set a tone that encouraged others to work together and enjoy Masonry. In 2003 when he was appointed Personal Representative to the SGIG for the Minneapolis Valley, Jim re-enforced those values, calling Minneapolis "The Happy Valley".

In 2007, the Supreme Council chose to honor James O. Burlingame Sr. by awarding him the highest individual honor it can bestow, that of the Grand Cross Court of Honor. Currently only about 77 Scottish Rite Masons in the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are members of the Court. Among them are United States Senators, celebrities, and our own Jim Sr. A true testament indeed to one of the most dedicated and devoted Masons who had every crossed the threshold of a Masonic Lodge.

If we were to build a Mount Rushmore of Masonry in Minnesota, one of the faces hewn in stone would be that of James O. Burlingame, Sr. 33^o, Grand Cross Court of Honor. From the Happy Valley, thank you, Jim. Congratulations on starting the next page in the long story of your service to Masonry.

STANLEY D. MORRILL



July 6, 1924 - May 19, 2023

Stanley D. Morrill, 98, of Fergus Falls, died Friday, May 19, 2023 at LB Broen Home in Fergus Falls. Stanley Dwight Morrill was born on July 6, 1924 to Harvey D. and Alice (Wahlgren) Morrill in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed in the Augustana Church in Fergus Falls and has been a lifelong member.

He attended the old Jefferson School and the old Fergus Falls High School graduating in 1942. He worked on the Alaska Highway from July 1942 until June of 1943. After returning to Fergus Falls, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving 28 months being discharged on December 7, 1945. He attended North Dakota Agricultural College and earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1954.

He married Rosalie Tomhave on June 22, 1946 and they celebrated 50+ years of marriage before she passed away in 1997. They had two sons, Craig (Martha) of Bloomington, MN, Earl of Grand Forks, ND and daughter, Diane also of Grand Forks, ND. In 1999 he married A. Ellen Alsbury in Texas. She passed away in 2005. He married Phyllis Fabian Hauger Shirley on July 7, 2012.

Stanley was engaged in road construction with H.D. Morrill and Son and later as Stan Morrill, Inc. for a total of 45 years before retiring in 1992.

He served as presiding officer in three state Masonic Bodies: Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, 1992 Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, 1988 and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, 1983. He also served many years as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

He served three years as Deputy General Grand Master, North Central Region of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International as well as three other appointments for the General Grand Council.

He was active in the local Masonic Bodies serving for many years as Secretary and/or Recorder as well as Secretary of Golden Rod Chapter #61 Order of the Eastern Star.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and served as Department Commander of the Department of Minnesota in 1992-1993.

Preceding him in death were his wives, Rosalie and Ellen; his parents; brothers, Ivan and Albin Morrill, and sister-in-law, Virginia Herrington of Portland, OR.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; son, Craig (Martha) Morrill of Bloomington, MN; daughter, Diane and son, Earl Morrill both of Grand Forks, ND; step-children, Daryl (Donna) Hauger of West Des Moines, IA, Terry (Connie) Hauger of Oro Valley, AZ, Jeffrey (Lauren) Hauger of Park Rapids, MN, Pauline (Timothy, deceased) Rinke of Dilworth, MN, and Philip (Cynthia) Hauger of Prior Lake, MN; daughter-in-law, Marlyce (Dayle, deceased) Hauger of Urbandale, IA, Allan (Sara) Shirley of Vergas, MN, Leslie (Norma) Shirley of Rothsay, MN, Jeffrey Shirley of Moorhead, MN, and many beloved step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren who love calling him "Grandpa".

Masonic Participation:

Corner Stone Lodge #99

Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M of MN.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of MN.

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of MN.

Grand Commandery Honor Guard.

Military Participation:

Fergus Falls VFW Post 612 and American Legion Post 30

The following Grand Council Officers were elected and installed in their respective stations:

Installing officers

MIC Marvin W. Schendel, presided at the installation with RPC William G. Snyder as the installing Chaplain and MIC W. David Emery as the installing Marshal, and MIC Brian K. Dimatteo, as the Installing Recorder.

Installed Officers:

Grand Master – MIC R. Sean Gardiner

Grand Deputy Master – RIC R. James Luchsinger, II

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work – RIC. Gerald E. Zierdt

Grand Treasurer / Recorder – MIC Marvin W. Schendel

Grand Chaplain – John E. Helcl, II.

Grand Captain of the Guard – Alan Mackenzie

Grand Conductor of the Council – Joseph J. Anderson

Grand Marshal – Anthony J. Heimer

Grand Steward – David J. Dumonceaux

Grand Sentinel – Clinton J. Christensen

Grand Archmaster – Eric Thiem

Grand Organist – Justin Brown

Trustees are – MIC Gary A. Odegard - 1Yr

MIC Charles R. Marston – 2Yr

MIC W. David Emery – 3Yr

The Minnesota Council of ISH-SODI

June 23, 2023 3:45 PM

Holiday Inn Hotel, Alexandria, MN

The Minnesota Council of ISH-SODI began with the following Officers:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Sean Gardiner
Deputy Master	Monte Miller
Principal Conductor of the Work	Alan Mackenzie
Secretary	Marvin Schendel
Sentinel	Christopher Wendover

The degree cast was:

Nehemia	John Fair	Bani	Jim Luchsinger, II, PTIM
Mordecai	Alan Mackenzie	Sherbiah	Kay Moss
Ezra	Chris Wendover	Jamin	Clint Christensen
Seriah	Carl Lidstrom	Akkub	Brian Dimatteo
Chaplain	Gary Odegard	Hodijah	Joe Anderson, PTIM
Hanani	W David Emery	Kelita	Scott Wood
Maaziah	Steve Partridge		

Candidates receiving the degree were:

Minnesota – Philip T. Bodle, Tom J. Partridge

Honorary members :

Side Liners present: Ron Jensen, Keith Myhre, Randy Poulson, and Greg Schultz

The minutes of the June 23, 2022 were approved as published.

There were no communications.

Nominations for 2023 – 2024 Officers were:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Monte Miller
Deputy Master	Alan Mackenzie
Principal Conductor of the Work	Christopher Wendover
Secretary	Marvin Schendel, PTIM
Sentinel	Clinton J, Christensen

The Officers were declared installed by TIM Sean Gardiner.

The Council was closed at 4:40 PM with the circle of Friendship.

Attest: Marvin W. Schendel, Secretary Approved: Monte Miller, T.I.M.

Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree, June 23, 2023

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

The seventy-sixth annual meeting of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of Minnesota convened in full form at 2:30P.M., Friday, June 23, 2023, in Alexandria, Minnesota with the following Companions serving as officers:

T.I. Master	L. Greg Schultz
T.I. Senior Warden	Carl Lidstrom
T.I. Junior Warden	Christopher Wendover
T.I. Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, PTIM
T.I. Steward	Monte Miller
T.I. Sentinel	Gerald E. Zierdt

The Thrice Illustrious Master's degree was conferred on the candidates under the direction of Degree Director, Marvin W. Schendel, PTIM, by the following cast

Prologue	Monte Miller
Abiather	Joe Anderson
Joab	Monte Miller
Adinijah	Brian K Dimatteo
Zadok	Joseph J Anderson
Beniah	Ronald Jensen
Nathan	Clint Christensen
King David	Christopher A. Wendover

Marv Schendel thanked the degree cast for a job well done and for those who stepped in to assist in the presentation of the Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree.

The Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree was presented to I.M. Joel Porter, Steven Stromsness, and Honorary member Zachary Steele of Fargo Council #1

A business meeting was held with 24 Companions in attendance.

L. Greg Schultz presented each active candidate with his membership card, and Thrice Illustrious Master's Jewel.

The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

T.I. Master	Carl F. Lidstrom
T.I. Sr. Warden	Christopher Wendover
T.I. Jr. Warden	Monte M. Miller
T.I. Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, PTIM
T.I. Steward	Gerald E. Zierdt
T.I. Sentinel	David J. Dumonceaux

L. Greg Schultz received his PTIM pin for his service as President.

No further business, the meeting closed in proper form at. 3:30 P.M.

Attest: Marvin W. Schendel, Recorder Approved: Carl F. Lidstrom

PTIMs, Gary A, Odagard, 2010, Marvin W. Schendel, 2014, R. Sean Gardiner, 2019, and Alan Mackenzie, 2020 – 2022

Sideliners: Carl Lidstrom, Scott Wood, Jim Luchsinger, Kay Moss,
David Dumonceaux, Eric Thiem, Jim Giacherio, Randy Poulson, Keith Myhre