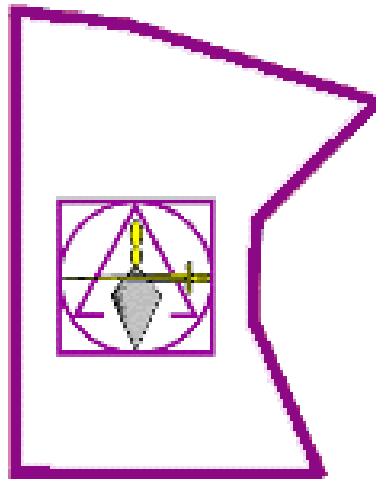


Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

**154th
Grand Assembly**

**St. Cloud, Minnesota
June 28, 2024**

Pre – Printed Reports



**Roberto Sean Gardiner
Most Illustrious Grand Master**

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Rules of Order For Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

The business of all Masonic Grand Bodies will be conducted by “Masonic Tradition” and not by Robert’s Rules of Order.

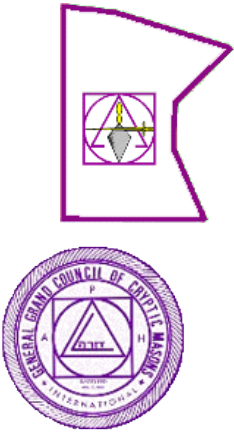
Must submit legislation so it is received at least 45 days prior to the Grand Session or if it is brought forward at the Grand Session it would need to pass by 100%.

The following Rules are for the discussion of any resolution or business before this Grand Assembly.

1. Resolutions will be presented by the Jurisprudence Committee.
2. The time allowed for each person to speak on a resolution will be 2 minutes.
3. A Companion may speak only once upon a resolution, either for or against.
4. Only two (2) Companion will be allowed to speak in support of a resolution and two (2) Companion will be allowed to speak against a resolution.
5. Any Companion wishing to speak will approach a microphone; state his name and the name and number of his Council. He will not start speaking until he has been recognized by the presiding officer.
6. After debate, if questions on a resolution or any other discussion remain, they shall be directed to the Chair of the Jurisprudence Committee.
7. There will be no personal attacks or vendettas during these business meetings.
8. There will be no discussion of politics or religion.

*Grand Council Cryptic Masons
of
MINNESOTA*

*Organized December 12, 1870
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Roberto Sean Gardiner
2023 - 2024*



Most Illustrious Companion Roberto Sean Gardiner
Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of Cryptic
Mason of Minnesota

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

2023-2024
Minnesota Grand Council Officers

Most Illustrious Grand Master	MIC R. Sean Gardiner
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	RIC R. James Luchsinger, II
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	RIC Gerald E. Zierdt
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer / Recorder	MIC Marvin W. Schendel
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	IC John E. Helcl, II
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	IC Alan Mackenzie
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	IC Joseph J. Anderson
Illustrious Grand Marshal	IC Anthony J. Heimer
Illustrious Grand Steward	IC David J. Dumonceaux
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	IC Clinton J. Christensen
Illustrious Grand Organist	RIC Justin A. Brown

Trustees:

Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 1 Year Term	MIC Gary A. Odegard
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 2 Year Term	MIC Charles R. Marston
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 3 Year Term	MIC W. David Emery

**Report of the
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Roberto Sean Gardiner
2023 to 2024**

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

From: MIC Roberto Sean Gardiner, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

RE: Grand Illustrious Master Report of 2023-2024

Companions! Thank you for granting me the privilege of serving you while traveling this path. I have learned much about the craft. Delved into the meanings of our ritual. The history of our craft. The past leadership that developed and grew the Cryptic Rite. The influence Cryptic Masonry has had on our other Rites and Masonic bodies. The desire of other jurisdictions to adopt and learn from our Rite. All this knowledge shared with me in conversations with great companions, both within and without Minnesota. Thank you for that opportunity. I can only hope that in some small way I can share what I have learned with companions on their own journeys. Not only have I learned about the craft, but I have also been encouraged in my personal and professional development. I was pushed out of my comfort zone to achieve more light in all aspects of my life. To quote Gary Gygax “Of course as children, we all, in all cultures and societies, learn behavior from observation, imitation, and encouragement of various kinds.” Thank you for being my example and encouragement.

As I come to the end of this leg of my Masonic journey, I have caught myself reflecting on all the work the Companions have undertaken while looking to the future. We have made improvements to how our Councils and the Grand Council operates. The slew of resolutions we have tackled year after year attests to our push to improve and grow. Although we have accomplished much for the betterment of the craft, as well as our own development, our work is not complete.

The strength of our Councils is built upon the foundation left by our predecessors and the conviction of our companions. An example from just this past year is our Grand Record and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Most Illustrious Companion Marvin Schendel and Most Excellent Companion Joe Anderson have worked tirelessly to implement MMS this year. They have updated and corrected our membership rolls to provide accurate reporting which will be a tremendous benefit to our Councils and Chapters in the future. They exemplify visionary leadership. I charge you and each of you to take up the mantle of similar work and continue to improve how we operate and how we deliver the lessons of Cryptic Masonry. “Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.”, Brother Harry S. Truman.

Brother Truman touched on a very important aspect, the need for skillful leaders. “The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on Leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as

leaders and continually develops them”, John Maxwell. “I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.”, Ralph Nader. One of the many objectives of our craft is to recognize good men and develop them into great leaders. We need to identify and encourage those visionaries within our bodies that can lead us into the future. Visionaries that identify and implement the changes to better our craft. And while our constituent Councils should teach and develop leaders, our Grand Council should identify and inculcate the experienced visionary leaders from our Councils. Our Grand Council officers need to be men of vision and action, held accountable to you the Companions. I admonish our Companions to always remember the purpose of the Grand Council is to help administer the affairs of the craft and make the management of the Councils easier and more efficient. Do not suffer inaction or divisiveness for divisiveness’s sake but seek those that are willing to administer to the needs of our Councils and Companions, those willing to labor in the heat of the day alongside us.

As I was a few years ago, I am still reminded of the motto of a friend. REPGC Patrick Sullivan taught me the value of “TEMPLE”. To Teach and Educate our members, Master and Perform our ritual, Lead and Excel the York Rite into tomorrow.

There are many ways we can Teach and Educate. We should present education at our Councils. The most common request from our companions is for more light. Let us share of our knowledge and partake in the knowledge of others in presentations at our Councils. Let us teach and educate our Companions, so that they can help others build their Masonic edifice. Develop our future leaders. Be the example for the next wave of leaders to emulate. Inspire our companions to take on the mantle of leadership, work in the quarries to break off the corners of their rough stones and share with all companions what they have learned. We can also all share our knowledge when visiting our neighboring Lodges and presenting on the benefits of Cryptic Masonry.

Master and perform our ritual at the highest level. What better way of honoring the heritage left to us than by Mastering our ritual. Let us give our new companions the experience they crave and deserve by Performing it with a high level of proficiency. I understand the prolonged level of commitment this will take, but it begins with the first step, the desire to try. Masonry didn’t become what it is in a single day, nor have any of us, it has been years of work. Let us take up this work and master our ritual. “No man can climb the ladder of success without first placing his foot on the bottom rung.”, Brother J.C. Penney.

“I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest.” Brother Theodore Roosevelt. Forgive me as I share a favorite poem by Rudyard Kipling from my dear friend and Companion Warren White.

“One man in a thousand, Solomon says.

Will stick more close than a brother.

And it’s worth while seeking him half your days

If you find him before the other.

Nine hundred and ninety-nine depend

On what the world sees in you,

But the Thousandth man will stand your friend

With the whole round world agin you.

'Tis neither promise nor prayer nor show
Will settle the finding for 'ee.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine of 'em go
By your looks, or your acts, or your glory.

But if he finds you and you find him,
The rest of the world don't matter;
For the Thousandth Man will sink or swim
With you in any water.

You can use his purse with no more talk
Than he uses yours for his spendings,
And laugh and meet in your daily walk
As though there had been no lendings.

Nine hundred and ninety-nine of 'em call
For silver and gold in their dealings;
But the Thousandth Man he's worth 'em all
Because you can show him your feelings.

His wrong's your wrong, and his right's your right,
In season or out of season.
Stand up and back it in all men's sight
With that for your only reason!

Nine hundred and ninety-nine can't bide
The shame or mocking or laughter,
But the Thousandth Man will stand by your side
To the gallows-foot and after!"

Please accept my sincere thanks for all the courtesies and gracious hospitality shown to the office I held during my visits. "The real secrets of Masonry are never told, not even from mouth to ear. For the real secret of Masonry is spoken to your heart and from it to the heart of your brother. Never the language made for tongue may speak it, it is uttered only in the eye in those manifestations of that love which a man has for his friend, which passeth all other loves." Brother William Howard Taft.

Respectfully Submitted
Companion Sean Gardiner
Grand Illustrious Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

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 R. James Luchsinger, II

RE: Deputy Grand Master's Report 2023-2024

As the Grand Deputy Illustrious Master (DIM) of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for 2023 – 2024, I have attended the Grand Officer's meetings, and many other Council and York Rite events. In addition, I served as the Area Representative for Zabud Council and have attended a number of their stated meetings. I also attended the annual York Rite Picnic in July, the General Grand Triennial in Branson MO in August, and the One Day to Masonry in January 2024. The following are my committee reports:

Finance Committee, as the chairman of the finance committee I see an urgent need to increase the budget to cover our increased costs. Last year's increase of \$5 covered the cost of moving to MMS, it did nothing to cover our normal and ongoing expenses. Inflation and the normal increase in the costs of goods and services are eating away our budget ability to support us. Our last budget increase for normal expenses was during the 2015 – 16 operational year. Therefore, it's time for an increase.

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. The York Rite Grand Representatives Program draft was completed and submitted to the General Grand Council for review and approval during the first quarter of 2023. As of January 2024, we have not received a verdict. It looks as though the Grand Representatives program may have fallen off General Grand's radar for the time being. We are however, looking forward to getting the Grand Representatives program fully implemented in the upcoming year.

The York Rite Emissary Program is up and running. We received our lapel pins and blank certificates in January 2024, and we began swearing in officers and emissaries in February. As of April 2024, we have 10 sworn emissaries in the program. We still have a number of volunteers that have not been sworn in and we are just beginning 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 actively reviewing and upgrading our educational materials. One of our ongoing goals has been to make quality 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.

I am looking forward to getting out and visiting our each of our Councils and many of our York Rite activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph James Luchsinger II, KYGCH, OPC
Deputy Illustrious Grand Master

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:

Grand Illustrious Master and Companions, it has been my pleasure to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota as it's rand Principal Conductor of the Work for the 2023/2024 year. It has been nice to now be totally free of the travel restrictions that had plagued us in previous years. I have had the privilege of traveling to most of our Councils of Minnesota and those of the North Central Department. I was a participant in presenting the degrees for our Council Festival's class of petitioners and had the honor of installing some of our local Council's officers. We met on several occasions as a Grand York Rite organization with alternating leadership serving as chairperson. As I traveled it was disappointing to see so many empty chairs in the officer ranks and on the sidelines. Reactivating and reinvigorating our local councils remains one of our greatest challenges. Unfortunately, many of our companions are still reluctant to enter our Temples or have filled their meeting nights with other activities. We also need to get back in our Blue Lodges to inspire our brothers and give them the desire to want to join the York Rite.

One of my primary efforts during the past year has been to make numerous trips and many communiques with the companions of Central Council in St Peter. We have spent many hours combing and refining the roster. Dues notices have once again been sent out and responses being received. The primary officers have been elected and installed and discussions shared with regard to the recruitment of new members.

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

Jerry Zierdt
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:

Report of the Grand Captain of the Guard,

It was my pleasure this year to serve the Companions of Minnesota as Grand Captain of the Guard. I was able to visit most of the councils of Minnesota during the year, as well as attend the one day to Council in April which was one of my highlights, seeing so many enthusiastic new members. I attended Grand Sessions in South and North Dakota this year, as well as the North Central Conference. I was chairman of the awards committee this year. I look forward to serving again as needed.

Fraternally,

Alan Mackenzie (6)
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:

From: IC Joe Anderson, Grand Conductor of the Council

Hello my fellow Companions, It was a pleasure to serve as a Grand Officer for this Grand Council. Thank you for welcoming me into your Council whenever I would come to visit. I tried to do as many as I could.

Please be active with your Council, they really do need you to help them thrive. Participation and involvement are the key to making your Council better.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joseph J Anderson
MN Grand Conductor of the Council, CC

Report of the Grand Marshal

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

This year has definitely been a busy one.

I haven't been able to travel to other councils as I had planned this year but have spread the good word and CMMRF charities on behalf of the Grand Council when I attended lodges, shrines, and other masonic organizations when able to travel around.

Work at the hospital always seems to always be hectic and overwhelming most weeks.

I'm doing my best to do visitations but will do more going forward.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you'd like me to attend a specific Council meeting in 2025!

Tony Heimer
Minnesota Grand Council Marshal

Report of the Grand Steward

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

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

Re: 2023-2024 Report of the Grand Steward

As Grand Steward, I travelled as my health would allow, attended the Grand Officers meetings regularly and participated in the One day to Council Festivals. I have also been active in the local Lodges with degree work and have raised 7 new Master Masons. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this Grand Council, I look forward to serving the Grand Council and the Companions of Minnesota in the coming years. I respectfully submit this report of the Grand Steward.

Fraternally:

David J. Dumonceaux

David J Dumonceaux
Grand Steward for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN 2023-2024

Report of the Grand Sentinel

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

Greetings Companions. I would first like to sincerely thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for appointing me to this office. It is truly an honor to serve this Grand Council and the Companions of Minnesota. I have had much to learn in my first year and it has been a great opportunity to get to better know the other Grand Council officers.

As an officer of this Grand Council, I have had the opportunity to work with some of the Companions of this jurisdiction to get better familiarized with our Minnesota Constitutions, Rules, and Regulations. I have had many conversations regarding the health of some of the Councils as a District Officer and feel as though I have a better understanding of some of the Councils outside of my own. I was able to participate in the joint Grand York Rite bodies meetings held bi-monthly, participated in the One-Day to Council festival, and remained active

in my council.

I thank every one of you for all that you do for this organization. I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clinton J. Christensen

Grand Sentinel
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Report of the Grand Arch Master

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

Here is a report from the Grand Arch Master's station for the 2023-2024 year.

The Grand Arch Master was responsible for education for the Councils throughout Minnesota.

My first education presentation was an education on the history and traditions of Rosh Hashanah for the September or October Council meeting.

The next education presentation for the Councils was on the history of Council throughout the United States.

My December education topic was on Hiram King of Tyre for the Councils in Minnesota.

Secondary to instillations being held in January, I did not present an education topic, but I wrote an education presentation on Gebal, its history and its role in Cryptic Council Masonry.

For March, I presented an education and discussion on the Royal and Select Master Degrees for the individual Councils to present and discuss with the new Companions who went through the one day to Council in February.

I wrote up a description of the Cryptic Council officer roles, duties and the similarities to other officer positions for the newest Companions for April Council meetings.

I presented an education for the individual Councils about the 12 tribes of Israel for May and will be doing a to be determined topic for the June meetings.

I have also attended many of the Grand Officer meetings via Zoom.

Eric Thiem

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
2023 – 2024 Committees

Finance (3)

Deputy Master (Chair) R. James Luchsinger, II, Gary A. Odegard, MIPGM, Gerald E. Zierdt
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) Gerald E. Zierdt, Alan Mackenzie, Joseph J. Anderson,
Anthony J. Heimer

York Rite Cooperation Committee / Fraternal Promotion / Information and Education

Deputy Master (Chair) R. James Luchsinger, II, Principal Conductor of the Work, Gerald E. Zierdt
Grand Captain of the Guard, Alan Mackenzie, Grand Sentinel, Clinton Christensen

Souvenir Program Booklet Committee

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

Grand Representatives

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

Distinguished Guest

Grand Marshal (Chair) Anthony J. Heimer, Michael C. Powles

Awards

Grand Captain of the Guard (Chair) Alan Mackenzie, Joseph J. Anderson

Necrology

Grand Chaplain (Chair) John Helcl

CMMRF

Grand Conductor of the Council (Chair), Joseph J. Anderson, MIC James E. Turner

Unfinished Business

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Chair) Gerald E. Zierdt, Alan Mackenzie

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 2024 is:

John E. Helcl, II
244 9th Ave S
South St Paul, MN 55075-2212
John.helcl@me.com 651-968-7854

The recipient of the Adult Youth Leadership Award is:

Wendy Dimatteo
16101 99th Place N
Maple Grove, MN 55369-7738

The recipient of the Minnesota Youth Award is:

Stephanie Hill
2855 114th Ave NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
Stephnhill92@gmail.com 612-412-0758

Ish-Sodi

Tom Partridge – Ark #3
David P. Sarazin – Duluth #6
James O. Helms – Duluth #6
Joseph S. Kivens – Northfield #12

Thrice Illustrious Master

Awards Committee:

Alan Mackenzie
Joseph J. Anderson

Report of the Trustees

Report of the Trustees 2023 – 2024

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. 2023 – 2024 completes a 13 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, 2023 Investment Fund Value: \$64,093.98

June 30, 2023 Investment Fund Value: \$64,820.77

December 31, 2023 Investment Fund Value: \$69,324.38

March 31, 2024 Investment Fund Value: \$73,385.48

January 1, 2023 Life Membership Fund Value: \$55,582.30

June 30, 2023 Life Membership Fund Value: \$58,513.71

December 31, 2023 Life Membership Fund Value: \$62,579.12

March 31, 2024 Life Membership Fund Value: \$67,232.57

Four life memberships were added in 2023 thru March 2024 which raised our Life Membership portion of our total investment fund from 86.72% to 93.34%. In 2014 our Life Membership portion of our total Investment fund was 75.5%. Life membership increases do draw down the total investment reserves to 9.78% for our Grand Council. As of March 31, 2024, this amount is \$6,152.91. In April 2024 our Grand Council of Minnesota received a \$5,000.00 donation from the family of Stan Morrill, PMGIM. The family's check will be added to our investment fund to increase our investment reserve. Operating funds cannot be drawn from the Life Membership portion of the total investment fund.

Our rate of return for 2023 is 4.10%, up from 3.67% in 2022. 2023 resulted in \$2,565.74 allocation for our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership per capita.

Since 2014 \$24,855.20 was distributed with an average rate of return of 4.425% and average distribution of \$2,485.52 for the 10 year period. The financial stability and accountability are important to all organizations, including your Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. As of March 31, 2024, here is a list of our investment fund holdings:

AKRE Focus Institutional

American High-Income Holdings - HIGFX

Blackrock Multi-Asset Income Institutional – BIICX

Charles Schwab US MID-CAP ETF - SCHM

MFS Utilities Fund - MMUIX

Pimco Income INSTITUTIONAL - PIMIX

Schwab CAP TR US LRG CP VLUE - SWLVX
Schwab Dividend Equity FUND Select Class - SWDSX
Schwab FDMTL INTL LG CO - SFNXX
Schwab Premier Bank
Schwab Small CAP INDEX – SWSSX
Schwab Treasury OBLIG Money Fund - SNOXX
Schwab US LCAP ETF - SCHV
T. Rowe Price Floating Rate - TFAIX

Note: Above holdings are subject to change.

Apart from this past year due to recovery from my automobile accident, I have sent an investment report compared to the previous month. I will work with our two other Trustees to generate this report again; I find it valuable for you to know where your Minnesota Grand Council stands financially.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM

Charles R. Marston, PMIGM

Gary Odegard, PMIGM

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 again 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 received six Resolutions for review prior to our 2024 Grand Session. We do remind you that one of the purposes of our Grand Session is act upon Resolutions presented by our members. We do not recommend a vote for or against the Resolutions. That is decided by the members present at the Grand Session. We remind our members Resolutions can be submitted anytime during the year for our review and if approved will be acted upon at our next Grand Session.

As of today, May 15, 2024, there has been six Resolutions submitted to your Jurisprudence Committee for review. Of the six Resolutions submitted, five have been approved to be acted upon at our 2024 Grand Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CMMRF Report

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

REPORT ON THE CRYPTIC MASONS RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CMMRF) CRYPTIC MASONRY'S PHILANTHROPY

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) is the philanthropy of the General Grand Council and many Cryptic Masons across the globe. CMMRF is responsible for cutting edge research to develop novel therapeutics and diagnostics for patient care. CMMRF supports the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, (ICVBM), located at Indiana University School of Medicine and the Richard Roudebush Veteran's Administration Medical Center located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Through the basic and clinical research conducted by ICVBM and supported by CMMRF, advancements are being made to discover cures for many of today's health problems, prevent major diseases, and ultimately save lives.

Your donations help in the research that created a marrow stem treatment to reduce leg amputations, help patience with diabetes, complete a stem cell therapy phase III. There is not a cure, YET but we can create one with your continued donations to this very worthwhile philanthropy.

The board of Trustees have declared March 6th, of each year, as CMMRF day. Take the time to donate \$9 to CMMRF and its research.

Please ask your Council to donate \$1 or even \$2 per member to CMMRF at your annual meeting. Every bit counts towards a cure.

There is a very informative brochure out there and available from your Council. Please check out the website at www.cmmrf.org and to make a personal donation.

IC Joseph J. Anderson, Grand Conductor of the Council

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 R. James Luchsinger, II

RE: York Rite Cooperation Report 2023-2024

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

20 May 2024

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 578 Companions and the Grand Chapter had 1159 Companions for a total of 1737 Companions.

If we divide \$2538.00 by 1737 we get \$1.461139896 per Companion.

Therefore, rent would be allocated as follows:

Grand Council - \$844.54
Grand Chapter - \$1693.46

Please let me know if this meets with your approval.

Fraternally,

Joseph J. Anderson, PGHP
Grand Chapter of MN
Grand Secretary/Treasurer

To: MIC R. Sean Gardiner, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Cryptic Council of Minnesota

From

Anthony J. Heimer, 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. 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 Anthony J. Heimer, Grand Marshall Minnesota Grand Cryptic Council 2023-2024

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				
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				
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				
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		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

Audit Committee Report

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

After though review of expenses relative income we find the checking and savings account to be in order. Balance sheets match. Investments continue to generate interest at a consistent rate of return. All paper work has been found to be in compliance with normal protocol.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Turner, Jr. – MIPGM Chairman

Charles Marston – MIPGM

W. David Emery – MIPGM

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 R. James Luchsinger, II

RE: Deputy Grand Master's Report 2023-2024

From the Deputy Grand Master's Report

Finance Committee, as the chairman of the finance committee I see an urgent need to increase the budget to cover our increased costs. Last year's increase of \$5 covered the cost of moving to MMS, it did nothing to cover our normal and ongoing expenses. Inflation and the normal increase in the costs of goods and services are eating away our budget ability to support us. Our last budget increase for normal expenses was during the 2015 – 16 operational year. Therefore, it's time for an increase.

Grand Treasurer's Report

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

The 2024 – 2025 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 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 this year to help with the regular expenses. Last year the per capita was increased to cover the added expense of MMS, which due to the efforts of the Council Recorders MMS has been implemented.

The last time the Grand Council raised the per capita for it's normal expenses was in 2016, the expenses have been held close, but it is time that we ask for help to meet the expenses, the Grand Officers are expected to travel and visit not only our Councils but also to go to the other Grand Councils in the North Central Region, along with attending the North Central Conference in Sioux Falls, SD. Those cost have increased also and an increase to those cost is reflected in the budget. They only cover a portion of the actual cost, but they do help. The Greeting Fee has not changed for many years, it is meant to be the same as the Per Capita. The new budget shows the increase.

Just a few comments on the 2023 – 2024 Budget

We were right on concerning the income.

We had several Grand Officers who elected not to have their expenses reimbursed.

The MMS did not charge us for the Data Input, due to the efforts of our PMIGM Brian Dimatteo, he did most of the work for the original input. Thank you, Brian, the Grand Chapter and Council are indebted to you for all your work setting up the starting information.

We will be seeing yearly charges for the service in the upcoming years and that is reflected in the new budget.

The Triennial Fund shows that we are over budget, we expense one third of the expense each year and put the funds into a separate fund, and when the Triennial is held, we pay out the expense in that year, which shows the entire cost.

CMMRF shows overbudget, we sent the Pass the Hat proceeds to CMMRF.

If you have any questions please see me.

I want to thank the Grand Officers for their help in keeping the cost down, while they continue to work to make this Grand Council one of the Best.

THANK YOU COMPANIONS

Marvin W. Schendel

Grand Treasurer / Recorder

Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

2024-2025 BUDGET

INCOME		Budget	Budget +5
Per Capita			
\$20.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$22.50	435	\$ 9,787.50	\$ 11,962.50
Life Member Per Capita	143	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	35	\$ 525.00	\$ 962.50
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 700.00	\$ 815.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 13,262.50	\$ 15,990.00
Investment Income			
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,262.50	\$ 15,990.00
EXPENSES			
GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES			
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,000.00
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Treasurer		\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Grand Recorder		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Grand Arch Master		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,750.00
Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram		\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Internet/Web Site/ Shared		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Supplies		\$ 450.00	\$ 432.50
Postage		\$ 136.00	\$ 136.00
Proceedings		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
General Meeting Expense		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Printing		\$ 49.00	\$ 49.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 4,310.00	\$ 4,792.50
General Grand Council per-capita	578-44LM to GGCCMI @\$2.50 Each	\$ 1,335.00	\$ 1,335.00
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
CMMRF Donations		\$ 405.00	\$ 400.00
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	\$ 62.50	\$ 62.50
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,452.50	\$ 2,447.50
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,262.50	\$ 15,990.00
	TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -

Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

2023-2024 BUDGET

INCOME		Budget	Actual	Difference
Per Capita				
\$20.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$22.50	442	\$ 9,945.00	\$ 9,649.50	\$ 295.50
Life Member Per Capita	168	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,565.74	\$ (565.74)
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	45	\$ 675.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 700.00	\$ 575.90	\$ 124.10
	SUB TOTAL	\$13,320.00	\$ 13,316.14	\$ 3.86
Investment Income				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		\$ 3,500.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$13,320.00	\$ 16,816.14	\$ (3,496.14)
EXPENSES				
GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES				
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Grand Treasurer		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Grand Recorder		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Grand Arch Master		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ (850.00)
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00	\$ 476.18	\$ 123.82
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,876.18	\$ 623.82
Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram		\$ 850.00	\$ 844.54	\$ 5.46
Internet/Web Site/ Shared		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Supplies		\$ 350.00	\$ 209.16	\$ 140.84
Postage		\$ 65.00	\$ 71.98	\$ (6.98)
CMMRF		\$ 25.00	\$ 405.00	\$ (380.00)
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,450.94	\$ 549.06
General Meeting Expense		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 1,025.00	\$ 506.58	\$ 518.42
Bank Charges		\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ (5.00)
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 4,855.00	\$ 3,933.20	\$ 921.80
General Grand Council per-capita	611-43LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 1,420.00	\$ (105.00)
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Insurance		\$ -		\$ -
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through		\$ 3,500.00	
	SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,965.00	\$ 5,570.00	\$ (3,605.00)
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,320.00	\$ 15,379.38	\$ (2,059.38)
	TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$ -	\$1,436.76	\$ (1,436.76)

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
 Balance Sheet
 As of June 10, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 Checking	9,726.07
1001 Checking - WF Triennial Fund	450.00
1002 Checking - WF 150th Anniversary Fund	0.00
1003 Grand Master Hiram Council	423.00
Total 1000 Checking	\$10,599.07
Total Bank Accounts	\$10,599.07
Total Current Assets	\$10,599.07
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,599.07
 LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	6,384.30
Retained Earnings	2,778.01
Net Income	1,436.76
Total Equity	\$10,599.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$10,599.07

Cash basis Monday, June 10, 2024

Profit and Loss
July 1, 2023 - June 10, 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Per Capita dues	12,233.24
4002 Life membership enrollments	3,500.00
4010 Greeting fees	525.00
4011 Miscellaneous income	0.00
4013 Ritual Books	210.00
Sales	75.15
Uncategorized Income	272.75
Total Income	\$16,816.14
GROSS PROFIT	\$16,816.14
Expenses	
5001 Illustrious Grand Master	1,300.00
5004 Grand Treasurer / Grand Recorder	2,750.00
5020 Triennial Fund	1,350.00
5021 Grand Masters Apron	476.18
6000 Rent/Shared Expenses with Grand RAM	844.54
6001 Supplies	209.16
6002 Postage	71.98
6004 Computer, printer, and Software	1,450.94
6005 Communication	400.00
6012 Grand Session expenses	506.58
7000 General Grand Council Per Capita	1,420.00
7002 Bond	200.00
7010 New Life Memberships	3,312.50
7020 General Grand Council Life Membership	187.50
7030 Charitable Contributions	855.00
Bank Charges & Fees	45.00
Total Expenses	\$15,379.38
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,436.76
NET INCOME	\$1,436.76

Cash basis Monday, June 10, 2024

GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MINNESOTA
FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES



For Grand Secretary/Recorder's
Use Only

Date Received: _____

Number: _____

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: 2/20/2024

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): For hundreds of years, it was the custom of the craft for past officers to relinquish their honorifics once out of office. They returned to "Brother John Smith, PGM" or "Companion John Smith, PMIGM". It wasn't until the mid 1900's that we elected to retain those honorifics as a status symbol. This would be a return to the practice of all Companions being equal. While officers are temporarily elevated by their peers, they return to their peers when completing their term of office. For the ritual states there is no higher honor than to be called Brother.

This would remove Honorifics from all but current officers. Past officers can still be addressed as

Companion John Smith, PMIGM. This does not remove the Companion's service as an officer, nor any of the rights from that service. Past Officers would still be able to wear their past regalia (aprons, jewels, and collars).

14.

15. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than one member of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

	R. Sean Gardiner		Grand Master	
	Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body

No.

	Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body

No.

	Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body

No.

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DATE: 03/30/2024

1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ (X) Council/ () Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: (X) Constitution/ () Bylaws/ () Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: VII ARTICLE NAME: Life Membership
4. SECTION NUMBER: 9 SECTION NAME (if any):
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: .02
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:

That this Grand Council establish a Life Membership Program, to be financed and administered in the following manner:

10. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):
11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

That this Grand Council establish a Life Membership Program, offered at the discretion of the Grand Council, to be financed and administered in the following manner:

1. The Grand Council may halt new purchases of the Life Membership Program by a 2/3 vote of the Grand Council Officers when not in Grand Assembly.
2. The Grand Council may reinstate purchases of the Life Membership Program by a 2/3 vote of the Grand Council Officers when not in Grand Assembly.
3. When in Grand Assembly the voting members of the Grand Council may reinstate the purchases of the Life Membership Program, if currently halted, by a 2/3 vote of those eligible to vote.

(Renumerate Sections 1 – 15.)

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):

The Life Membership Program prices have not kept up with current actuarial tables and is not earning the initially project revenues causing reduced revenues to the Grand Council affecting budgets and offerings.

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than one member of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

<u>R. Sean Gardiner</u>	<u>MIGM</u>	<u>Grand Council</u>	
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body
	<u>No.</u>		
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Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body
	<u>No.</u>		
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Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body
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DATE: 02/20/2024

1. York Rite Code to be changed: () Chapter/ (X) Council/ () Commandery
2. PORTION to be changed: () Constitution/ () Bylaws/ (X) Regulations
3. ARTICLE NUMBER: II ARTICLE NAME: Membership
4. SECTION NUMBER: 2 SECTION NAME (if any):
5. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any): Past Illustrious Masters of other Jurisdictions
6. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER: .02
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:

A Past Illustrious Master of a Council in another jurisdiction affiliated with the *General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International* may be admitted into the membership of this Grand Council with the rank of Past Illustrious Master, as follows:

- a) He is a member of a chartered council in Minnesota
 - b) He obtains a letter under the Seal of the Grand Council of which he was formerly a member, stating the fact of such membership.
 - c) He petitions the Grand Council by letter giving the following information: Name of the Minnesota Council of which he is a member: date on which he became a member.
- The above information will be verified by the Grand Treasurer-Recorder and presented to committee of three members for a report. The information will be presented to the members of the Grand Council at their Annual Assembly for a vote. An Affirmative vote of two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] is required.

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

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

A Past Illustrious Master of a Council in another jurisdiction affiliated with the *General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International* may be admitted into the membership of this Grand Council with the rank of Past Illustrious Master, as follows:

- a) He is a member of a chartered council in Minnesota

- b) He obtains a letter under the Seal of the Grand Council of which he was formerly a member, stating the fact of such membership.
- c) He petitions the Grand Council by letter giving the following information: Name of the Minnesota Council of which he is a member: date on which he became a member. The above information will be verified by the Grand Treasurer-Recorder and presented to committee of three members for a report. The information will be presented to the members of the Grand Council at their Annual Assembly for a vote. An Affirmative vote of two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] is required.

A Past Most Illustrious / Puissant Grand Master in another jurisdiction that is recognized by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International may be admitted into the membership of this Grand Council with the rank of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, as follows:

- a) He is a member of a chartered council in Minnesota.
- b) He is a Past Illustrious master of a chartered council in Minnesota who at the time was member of a subordinate Council of this Jurisdiction.
- c) His membership in a chartered Council in Minnesota has not been interrupted since before his being Illustrious Master of a chartered Council in Minnesota.
- d) The foreign Jurisdiction in which he obtained the title and rank of Most Illustrious / Puissant Grand Master is not currently a member jurisdiction of General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.
- e) He obtains a letter under the Seal of the Grand Council of which he is a member, stating the fact of such membership.
- f) He petitions the Grand Council by letter giving the following information: Name of the Minnesota Council of which he is a member, Name of the Minnesota Council of which he served as Illustrious Master, Name of the Grand Jurisdiction in which he is Past Most Illustrious / Puissant Grand Master, the letter from (e).

The above information will be verified by the Grand Treasurer-Recorder and presented to a committee of three members for a report. The information will be presented to the members of the Grand Council at their Annual Assembly for a vote. An affirmative vote of two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] is required.

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):

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 CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than one member of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

R. Sean Gardiner		MIGM	Grand Council	
Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.

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DATE:

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:

\$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

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

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11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

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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.)

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

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

CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members. (NOTE: Must be signed by no less than one member of the Grand York Rite or by the High Priest, Illustrious Master, or Commander; or Grand Officer and attested under Seal.)

Marvin W. Schendel

	Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body
No.				

	Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body
No.				

	Printed Name	Signature	Office	Body	No.
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We, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, on behalf of the Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, presents the following resolution as follows:

Whereas, the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International has charted the regular and recognized Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Federative Republic of Brazil at the 48th Triennial of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Whereas, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota has on two occasions attended and participated in the Grand Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Whereas, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota has granted recognition at the 2023 Grand Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota recognizes and holds in amity the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Federative Republic of Brazil as the only regular Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters (Cryptic Masons) in Brazil.

Grand Recorders Report

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

I want to thank the Grand Offices and the Companion Recorders, for all their help and hard work this year.

The hard working Minnesota Recorders are:

St Paul – Peter Laudert, Minneapolis – Joe Anderson, Ark – Steven Partridge,
Tyrian – Russell Winbush, Duluth – Alan Mackenzie, Austin – John Fair,
Alpha – David Dumonceaux, Omega – Carl Lidstrom, Zabud – Brian K. Dimatteo,
Northfield – Joseph Kivens, Central – Bailey Tolzmann.

I want to personally thank each of them for their hard work and jumping in with both feet to get MMS up and running.

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.

Last year the Grand Council saw an increase in membership of 3%. This year we experienced a 5% decrease, we had 37 new members and lost 67, 32 deaths, 17 demits, and 18 NPDs, the good news is that we had three Councils that showed increases, **Northfield Council showed a 11% increase, Alpha Council 10%, and Zabud 9%,**

THANK YOU COMPANION RECORDERS,

Marvin W. Schendel
Grand Treasurer / Recorder

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA

Recommendations for officers to be elected and appointed for the year
2024 - 2025

ELECTED OFFICERS

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W. David Emery, MIPGM
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	Joseph J. Anderson
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	Anthony J. Heimer
Illustrious Grand Marshal	David J. Dumonceaux
Illustrious Grand Steward	Clinton J. Christensen
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Philip T. Bodle
Illustrious Grand Archmaster	Clifford H. Isley, MIPGM
Illustrious Grand Organist	Justin A. Brown

TERMS NOT YET EXPIRED

Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 1 Yr Term	Charles R. Marston, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 2 Yr Term	W. David Emery, MIPGM

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.

The 2025 Grand York Rite Session will be in St. Cloud, Minnesota at the Kelly Inn.

June 26 – 28, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Gerald E. Zierdt
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 year's Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Gerald E. Zierdt
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, MIPGM, 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, Michael S Swisher, Eric J Thiem, 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, MIPGM, Raymond S Frandsen, Andrew F. Hall, David N. Kampf, Scott Livingston, R James Luchsinger, II, MIGM, Ronald A Miles, MIPGM, Frank J. Namestek, Jerry B Oliver, Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM, Vernon J Schwalbe, Steven J Stromsness, John B Studell, Christopher A Wendover, Scott Wood, James P. Zelinski-Feeney.

Ark Council No. 3

Steven R. Eide, Richard "Dick" Heide, Ron Jensen, James S McNeely, IV, MIPGM, CT., Roger L Ruehling, L. Greg Schultz, MIPGM, Rick Wallace.

Tyrian Council No. 4

Zeb J Dudek, 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, Philip Bodle, David S Bouschor, MIPGM, Donald W DeMars, Albert E Farmer, Chef Christian Freeman, Lauren R Lampi, Rual L Lee, Alan Mackenzie, Brian McVean, Roger A Morris, Wayne H Petersen, David P Sarazin, David A Schilling,.

Austin Council No. 7

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, Allen Monroe, Roger Salonen, Loren Schroeder, MIPGM, Rev. Ryan Stout, Jourdain Sullivan, Russell W. Wolf, Jr.

Omega Council No. 9

Thomas E Hendrickson, Carl F Lidstrom, MIPGM, Eddie L. Morse, Charles A Munson, Michael C Powles, Steve J. Sandberg.

Zabud Council No. 10

Kenneth Carroll, Brian K Dimatteo, Eric Erfourth, Tony Heimer, Michael A. Hilgert, Keith A Kennedy, Frank J Namestek

Northfield Council No. 12

Mark A Anderson, Steven Bernhardt, Bruce V Brendal, Kenneth W Carroll, Clinton J. Christensen, James Giacherio, Joe R Gonzalez, Nicholas Johnson, Joe Kivens, David A Kvestad, Carl F Lidstrom, MIPGM, Gary A Odegard, MIPGM, David G. Orsi, Joel R. Porter, Randall L Poulson, Kayihan Seran, Hugh C Swift, Jr., MIPGM, RIC 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

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 2023 – 2024

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

St. Paul No. 1: Carl A. Kuhrmeyer – 10-31-2023

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John H. Jones, PMIGM, - 06-05-23, Thomas H. Macleod – 10-3-23

Ark No. 3: Dennis L. Hagmann – 12-28-23

Tyrian No. 4: REC William T. Hubbard – 3-14-24

Duluth No. 6: Frank A. Gustafson – 09-07-23, Richard John – 2-25-24

Austin No. 7: None

Alpha No. 8: None

Omega No. 9: None

Zabud No. 10: William L. Sutherland – 11-11-23

Northfield No. 12: John R. Matz – 08-22-23

Central No. 14: Henery N. Peters – 10-15-23

Red Rock No. 16: None

2023 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS													
	1/1/2023	Greetings	Joined	Restored	2023 Gains	Death	Demit	NPD	2023 Losses	Net	Total Members	%	Living LM
St Paul 1	88	3	1	0	4	4	4	1	9	-5	83	0.94318	20
Minneapolis 2	134	6	0	0	6	7	2	4	13	-7	127	0.94776	21
Ark 3	34	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	-7	27	0.79412	9
Tyrian 4	37	2	0	0	2	2	0	3	5	-3	34	0.91892	8
Duluth 6	69	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	7	-5	64	0.92754	17
Austin 7	13	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	-2	11	0.84615	6
Alpha 8	49	6	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	5	54	1.10204	12
Omega 9	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	2
Zabud 10	56	9	0	0	9	2	2	0	4	5	61	1.08929	16
Northfield 12	53	4	2	2	8	0	2	0	2	6	59	1.11321	12
Central 14	46	0	0	0	0	7	0	10	17	-17	29	0.63043	10
Red Rock 16	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	10
Totals	608	32	3	2	37	32	17	18	67	-30	578	• 0	143
* Corrected number from previous years													
Small Council = 49 or less members Large Council = 50 or more members													
Small Council most new % Companions Greeted - Tyrian #4													
Large Council most new % Companions Greeted – Northfield #12													
Ten Percent increase Northfield with 11% and Alpha with 10%													

MINNESOTA GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS

NECROLOGY REPORT

2023 - 2024

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: Carl A. Kuhrmeyer – 10-31-2023

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Respectfully Submitted,

John E. Helcl, II

Grand Chaplain

Most Illustrious Companion John Halberg Jones

June 17, 1943 - June 5, 2023



Raised a Master Mason on November 17, 1964, John Hallberg Jones served as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for a year and a half, from October 30, 1976 to April 21, 1978. This was due to a change in the Cryptic Council year.

During his term as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, he recommended its name change to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. This was because “it brings into the name the two specific words that describe us, namely, Cryptic Masons.”

Member No. 1

- John brought the York Rite College to Minnesota, and founded Minnesota YRC No. 39. He was the last remaining "single digit" member of the College, joining on November 18, 1973, and its first Associate Regent...he received the Order of the Purple Cross on July 1, 1974. He was also the first Grand Governor in Minnesota, for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.
- John founded Minnesota Council No. 111, Allied Masonic Degrees, and its affiliated Royal Ark Mariner Lodge. It is the oldest AMD Council in the state.

- Masonic Rosicrucianism had been dormant in Minnesota since the second decade of the 20th Century, with the demise of Northwestern College. Together with David Sinclair Bouschor, he was instrumental in returning the Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatus (Masonic Rosicrucian Society) to Minnesota, in 1980. Transferring their memberships from Colorado, the SRICF was reactivated under a new name: North Star College.

Following the merger of St. John's Chapter No. 9 and Minnehaha Chapter No. 98, to become Minneapolis Chapter No. 9, Royal Arch Masons (now again called St. John's 9), Excellent Companion Jones served as its long-time Secretary.

John told me *"My primary hobby is collecting memberships."* In addition to Freemasonry, he belonged to many other organizations, chiefly in "Heritage Societies." It is known that he belonged to *at least 79* of these groups, some familiar to the general public, some not. Examples include: *National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; First Families of Massachusetts; Flagon & Trencher: Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers; Registry of Famous and Infamous Relatives in American Families* (nine out of nine categories); *Son of a Witch; Descendants of Early Postmasters; Legion of Vikings and Valkyries; Order of Cloak and Dagger*. There may be more! And, it wouldn't surprise me if John had a hand in the creation of some of the more uniquely named organizations.

In the community, he had managed state Senatorial campaigns, and served on what was then called the Parent Teacher Association. Among other things, he was also an Honorary Chief of the Minneapolis Fire Department. Masons are often called "traveling men," and John's favorite choice of travel throughout the country was leisurely: by train.

This barely scratches the surface about "Who was John Hallberg Jones?" John is survived by his wife Lorraine, and sons David and Daniel. His contributions to the York Rite in Minnesota are innumerable, as he was a 50+ year member of the York and Scottish Rites. For those who didn't meet or know the colorful character that was JHJ, I'm sorry you failed to have the opportunity to do so. He will be missed.

Mark A. Anderson, KYCH, OPC, 33°