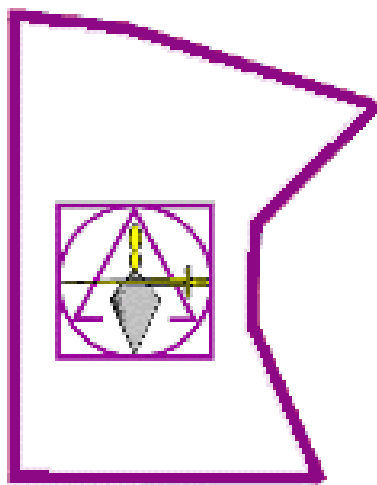


# **Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

**155<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Assembly**

**St. Cloud, Minnesota  
June 27, 2025**

**Pre – Printed Reports**



**Ralph James Luchsinger, II  
Most Illustrious Grand Master**

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**Rules of  
For  
Grand  
Cryptic  
Minnesota**

*Grand Council Cryptic Masons  
of  
MINNESOTA  
Organized December 12, 1870  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
Ralph James Luchsinger, II  
2024 - 2025*

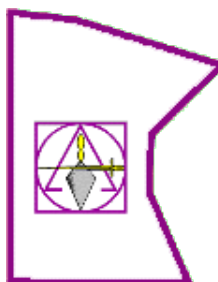
**Order  
  
Council of  
Masons of**

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.



Most Illustrious Companion Ralph James Luchsinger, II  
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.**

**2024-2025  
Minnesota Grand Council Officers**

Most Illustrious Grand Master	MIC R. James Luchsinger, II
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	RIC Gerald E. Zierdt
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	RIC Alan Mackenzie
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer / Recorder	MIC Marvin W. Schendel
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	IC W. David Emery
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	IC Joseph J. Anderson
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	IC Anthony J. Heimer
Illustrious Grand Marshal	IC David J. Dumonceaux
Illustrious Grand Steward	IC Clinton J. Christensen
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	IC Philip T. Bodle
Illustrious Grand Archmaster	IC Clifford H. Isley, MIPGM
Illustrious Grand Organist	IC Justin A. Brown
Illustrious Grand Education Officer North	Scott C. Giannone
Illustrious Grand Education Officer South	James Zelinski-Feeney

**Trustees:**

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

**Report of the  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
Ralph James Luchsinger, II  
2024 to 2025**

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

From: MIC Ralph James Luchsinger, II, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

RE: Grand Illustrious Master Report of 2024-2025

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for 2024 and 2025. I have tried hard to leave our councils just a little better than I found them.

My goals for this year were to visit every council in the state; encourage education at every meeting; and place a York Rite Emissary in every lodge. In short, I did not achieve these lofty goals. I did, however, make a pretty good attempt at it. I was able to visit most of the councils. Education is still not at the level we are shooting for, but we have made progress. The Emissary program is moving forward (at turtle speed), but we are making progress. I'm looking forward to signing up a substantial number at Grand Session.

I am pleased to announce a bit of really good news; we will be rechartering a council this year. Thanks to the hard work of Companion Reverend Terry Tilton PGM, Companion Phil Bodle and several other Companions we will be bringing back a council on the Range. It will be named Iron Range Council and rechartered at Grand Session this year.

**Visitation and Travel**

I attended the South Dakota Grand Session in Heron, SD, September 19 to 21, 2024; Northcentral York Rite Session in Sioux Falls, SD, October 25 & 26, 2024; Alpha Council #8 Installation in Underwood, MN on November 14, 2024 and most of the councils within the State.

**Ritual Update**, over the past year the Grand Council officers have been working on cleaning up and updating our ritual. This is a project that has been ongoing for several years. I'm pleased and proud to announce that the project has been completed. The updated ritual books will be published, printed and available at the Grand York Rite Session in June. The updated ritual will also be available online on our web site. I would like to thank all the

Grand Officers for their help in updating our Council Ritual. With a special thank you to Companion David Dumonceaux, his wife Carol, and Companion Greg Schultz, PGIM for their hard work in completing this extended project. Good job Companions, my hats off to you.

**The York Rite Emissary Program** is up and running. We currently have 35 companions enrolled in the program and 29 lodges covered. Per Grand Lodge we have 114 lodges, so as you can see, we have a lot of openings. Please sign up. See Companion Jimmy Turner PGIM, Companion Greg Schultz PGIM, or myself if you are interested. We would love to have you in the program. Our goal is to put a York Rite Emissary in every active lodge. The function of the Emissary is to keep their lodge informed of York Rite activities and events. To help the Emissaries do this we are working on an Emissary Guide which we hope to publish later this year. We are also working on placing the program under the supervision of one of the York Rite bodies to ensure its ongoing progress. I strongly believe that the Emissary Program is key to the ongoing growth of the York Rite.

**The 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.

**The York Rite Grand Representative Program;** as of now we have not received a response from General Grand Council on our proposal. Therefore, we must assume that General Grand is not interested in moving forward with the program as this time. We do, however, get occasional requests from other jurisdictions and individuals to act as our representative. We will continue to honor these requests going forward. Companion Greg Schultz, PGIM and I believe in this program so we will continue to encourage General Grand to implement our standardized Grand Representatives program.

Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve and as your Illustrious Grand Master, it has truly been an honor and a privilege. I look forward to continuing to serve the Cryptic Council and our new Illustrious Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph James Luchsinger II, KYGCH, OPC  
Illustrious Grand Master



# **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**

Grand Illustrious Master and Companions, it has been my pleasure to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota as the Grand Deputy Illustrious Master for the 2024/2025. I have had the privilege of traveling to most of our Councils of Minnesota and those of the North Central Department and visit with our companions. I was able to 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 to discuss joint membership solutions, a project which needs much more attention going forward. Although we are separate legal entities, it is important for our future growth and functionality. As I traveled, I found it very 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, the momentum we were generating was lost during the pandemic of several years ago and many of our companions 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 a reason to want to join the York Rite.

In the coming year, we need to focus our efforts on helping several of our struggling outstate councils. We are rapidly becoming very much a large city organization. With the dying of Blue Lodges in smaller rural communities, our smaller councils are also disappearing. Postal letters and emails are no longer the attraction and motivation for younger members. Grand Illustrious Master Jim has been working on a joint York Rite project to upgrade our very stale and unimpressive website. This is another project that needs to gain momentum in the coming year. One of my primary efforts during the coming year will be toward our outstate companions and helping to generate new interest and help with the recruitment of new members and the welcoming back of old.

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,

Illustrious Master Jerry Zierdt  
Grand Deputy Illustrious 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:**

**Report of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,**

It was my pleasure this year to serve the Companions of Minnesota as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. I was able to visit some of the councils in Minnesota during the year, as well as attend and take part in the one day to Council in April. As a group we worked on redoing our ritual book. I attended Grand Sessions in North Dakota, South Dakota, as well as Iowa this year, as well as the North Central Conference. I served on committees assigned including Finance, General Assembly, Promotions and Unfinished Business. I look forward to serving again as needed.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alan Mackenzie".

Alan Mackenzie (6)

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

## **Report of the Grand Captain of the Guard**

To: MIC R. James Luchsinger, II Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Cryptic Council of Minnesota

From: IC Joe Anderson, Grand Captain of the Guard

It has been a pleasure to serve you as your Grand Captain of the Guard 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.

How important it is to collect further knowledge by having an educational program during your Assembly. Some of the Council's have added educational programs, Masonic related or otherwise, to attract attendance. It is a process that will take a bit to take effect but it will be a positive.

Minneapolis Council hosted a great Cryptic Council one day on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. All the Companions in the cast stepped up and did a great job and set an impression onto our new Council Companions. Congratulations to those who will be honored for your service at the Grand Session. Including all of the Council's with positive growth. Please continue your devotion to the Craft.

Looking forward to the Grand Session and seeing you in my future travels.

Sincerely submitted,

IC Joseph J. Anderson, 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:**

**No officer's Report Submitted - see CMMRF reports**

# Report of the Grand Marshal

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

5/19/2025

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

Re: 2024-2025 Report of the Grand Marshal

As Grand Marshal, I attended the Grand Officer's meetings regularly. I was not able to participate in the One day to Council Festival due to being out of town for work. I have travelled extensively in the state of New Mexico, attended York Rite meetings and brought greetings from the Grand Illustrious Master. I will attend the MN Grand York Rite Session and will perform all the duties of my office. I have worked extensively on the rewrite of the Council Ritual.

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 Marshall.

Fraternally:

*David J. Dumonceaux*

David J Dumonceaux

Grand Marshal for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN 2024-2025

## **Report of the Grand Steward**

**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 learned much and it has been a great opportunity to get to better know the other Grand Council officers as well as the Companions of this jurisdiction.

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 most of the Grand Officers meetings, participated in the One-Day to Council festival, and remained active in my council serving as Chaplain.

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 Steward

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons 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:**

My Companions,

During the 2024-2025 term, I visited a few councils and many Masonic Lodges to promote Cryptic Masonry, which I feel was well received. It was quite enjoyable to be invited to discuss Cryptic Degrees with Brothers who are interested in continuing their Masonic Journey.

I regularly attended Grand Council Meetings and Events as able to with occasional absences due to work and medical issues.

I attended and participated in the One Day to Council this year which was a wonderful experience.

I regularly attended Duluth Council #6 meetings and participated in degree work. I have been working with Cryptic Masons and Royal Arch Masons on the Iron Range to assist them with starting a new council on the Iron Range!

I have truly enjoyed serving the Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and look forward to serving the Companions of our great state for many years to come.

Fraternally,

**I.C. Philip T. Bodle, PIM, KYCH**

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:**

There was a steep learning curve for me this year. Thankfully there are many Companions that stepped up to help. The biggest responsibility for me this year was the one- day event. I called and spoke with some of the outstate Councils and found that they do not do the degree work themselves. I then contacted Companion Joe Anderson and asked for his help in getting the companions needed for the parts. With the work of Comp Joe all of the parts were filled and the day went very well. I want to take this time to Thank Companion Joe and all the Companions that took the time to fill the parts.

With the knowledge of so few of our Councils doing any of their own degree work we need to take some time to think about next year's one-day event. There are probably some companions that know the work and live in outstate but are hesitant to take a part because of the time required to drive to the cities for practice. That leaves our Councils that are in the cities to do most if not all of the parts in the degrees. Not sure it's fair for those Councils to be responsible to do all the parts. I think that the reality is the Councils in the cities will carry the load of the event. I'm not sure how to deal with this situation, if you have a suggestion please take the time to talk with the new Archmaster. I want to thank the Education Officers, Comp Scott and Comp James, for your work this year. Comp Scott has included a report.

Clifford Isley

Grand Archmaster



**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: 3/15/25

1. York Rite Code to be changed: ( ) Chapter/ ( X ) Council/ ( ) Commandery

1. PORTION to be changed: ( ) Constitution/ ( ) Bylaws/ ( X ) Regulations

1. ARTICLE NUMBER: XVII ARTICLE NAME: Membership data system

1. SECTION NUMBER: SECTION NAME (if any):

1. PARAGRAPH LETTER: PARAGRAPH NAME (if any):

1. SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:

1. SUB-SUB-PARAGRAPH NUMBER:

1. REGULATION NUMBER:

CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS:

CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS:

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

ARTICLE XVII: Whatever the current membership data system in use,

Authorized by the Grand York Rite bodies

See attached Amendment for consideration

RATIONALE: There has not been a set of rules on the use of a membership data system since its inception last year into the York Bodies of Minnesota. This lays out the regulations, rules, responsibilities and liabilities on the use of this program.

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.)

Joseph J. Anderson Grand Cpt Gen./Recorder Minneapolis #2

Printed Name Signature Office Body No.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Whatever the current membership data system in use authorized by the Grand York Rite Bodies**

#### **Section 1. Current membership data system.**

The authorized membership data system authorized by the Grand York Rite Bodies will be the official digital repository of all membership records of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

#### **Section 2. Use of Data/Content.**

Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the membership data system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re-export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

#### **Section 3. Users Must:**

A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities. B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data. C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information. D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities. E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or misleading entry known to the user as such. F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry. G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities. H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

#### **Section 4. Your Login and Password.**

A. To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However, you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user of or visitor to the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

**Section 5. Illustrious Master Responsibilities:**

A. Shall ensure the utilization of the membership data system to manage all membership records of the Council in a timely manner. B. If necessary: May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a council's membership records and will comply with the Recorder responsibilities in Section 6.

C. Shall notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any changes to the office of Recorder or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

**Section 6. Council Recorder Responsibilities:**

A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the membership data system Administrators and the Grand Recorder's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the system.

B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all council membership records in the data, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.

C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Council

D. Recorder's and IT Representatives shall log in to membership data system no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.

E. Shall submit to the Grand Recorder a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Recorder by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

**Section 7. Grand Recorder Responsibilities:**

A. Shall manage and monitor all user accounts, coordinating with System Administrators for all activations and deactivations in a timely manner. B. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of grand officers of the Grand Council. C. Shall report to the Grand Illustrious Master any deficiencies in utilization of membership data system by any Council D. Shall run an Annual Statistical Report for each Council immediately following the close of the reporting year. E. Shall generate a bill for each Council based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Council, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with ARTICLE IX, Duties of Officers, Section 9.03. Annual Returns., presenting said bill to the Council Recorder no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, of which the Council Recorder should turn it, with payment, in no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.

F. Shall not allow any prior year corrections in a billing cycle due to the failure of any Council Recorder or IT Representative to manage and maintain their membership records.

# The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

## 2025 – 2026 Committees

### Finance (3)

Deputy Master (Chair) Alan Mackenzie, Joseph J. Anderson, Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM  
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) Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM, Sean Gardiner, MIPGM, Charles Marston, MIPGM,

### Credentials (3)

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

### Grand Council Annual Assembly Committee (4)

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Chair), Joseph J. Anderson, Anthony J. Heimer,  
David J. Dumonceaux, Clinton J. Christensen

### York Rite Cooperation Committee / Fraternal Promotion / Information and Education

Deputy Master (Chair) Alan Mackenzie, Principal Conductor of the Work, Joseph J. Anderson  
Grand Captain of the Guard, Phil Bodle, Grand Sentinel Scott C, Giannone

### Souvenir Program Booklet Committee

Grand Conductor of the Council (Chair) David J. Dumonceaux, Joe Anderson

### Grand Representatives

Grand Marshal (Chair) Clinton J. Christensen, Grand Steward, Phil Bodle, Grand Sentinel,  
Scott C. Giannone

### Distinguished Guest

Grand Marshal (Chair) Clinton J. Christensen, Grand Steward Phil Bodle, David J. Dumonceaux

### Awards

Grand Captain of the Guard (Chair) Anthony J. Heimer, David J. Dumonceaux

### Necrology

Grand Chaplain (Chair)

### CMMRF

Grand Conductor of the Council (Chair), David J. Dumonceaux, Clinton J. Christensen  
MIC James E. Turner

### Unfinished Business

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Chair) Joseph J. Anderson, Anthony J. Heimer

# **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 2025 is:**

James P. Zelinski-Feeney

**The recipients of the Adult Youth Leadership Award are:**

Jeremy and Lisa Hill

**The recipient of the Minnesota Youth Award is:**

Scott F. Wood

**Ish-Sodi**

**Thrice Illustrious Master**

**Awards Committee:**

Joseph J. Anderson

Anthony J. Heimer

To: MIC R. James Luchsinger, II Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Cryptic Council of Minnesota

From: IC Joe Anderson, Report on the awards committee

Many great Cryptic Council Companions are out there and are deserving of many of the honors that we provide to our members. Please continue to give support to your Council.

Minnesota Grand Council is honored to give kudos to Companion Scott Wood on receiving the Minnesota Adult Youth Leadership Award.

Companion Jeremy Hill and Lady Lisa on receiving the General Grand Council Adult Youth Leadership Award

ISH-SODI honors go to Companion Joel Porter

Several Illustrious Companions will receive the Thrice Illustrious Master degree this year.

The Cryptic Mason of the Year honors will be presented at our Grand York Rite banquet on Friday night.

Let us congratulate our 2025 recipients.

I urge each Council to make submissions to the Grand Council for these awards next year. Forms are on the website.

Sincerely submitted,

IC Joseph J. Anderson, Grand Captain of the Guard

# 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. 2024 – 2025 completes a 14-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 communicate 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, 2024 Investment Fund Value: \$69,324.38

June 30, 2024 Investment Fund Value: \$76,175.24

December 31, 2024 Investment Fund Value: \$80,023.90

April 30, 2025 Investment Fund Value: \$81,265.05

January 1, 2024 Life Membership Fund Value: \$62,579.12

June 30, 2024 Life Membership Fund Value: \$71,101.97

December 31, 2024 Life Membership Fund Value: \$74,342.20

April 30, 2025 Life Membership Fund Value: \$75,495.23

No Life Memberships were added in 2024 thru April 2025. Currently our Life Membership portion of our total investment fund as of April 30, 2025 is 92.9%. 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 7.1% for our Grand Council. As of April 30, 2025, this amount is \$5,769.82. Operating funds cannot be drawn from the Life Membership portion of the total investment fund. An investment reserve of \$5,769.82 is insufficient for our Grand Council should a need for emergency funds occur.

Our rate of return for 2024 is 3.80%, down from 4.10% in 2023. 2024 resulted in \$2,825.00 allocation for our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership per capita.

Since 2014 \$27,680.20 was distributed with an average rate of return of 4.368% and average distribution of \$2,516.38 for the 11-year period. The financial stability and accountability are important to all organizations, including your Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

As of April 30, 2025, 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.

Expect to receive more frequent investment reports. I find it valuable for you to know where your Minnesota Grand Council stands financially with their investments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM

Charles R. Marston, MIPGM

W. David Emery, 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 again this past year.

This past year we have not been asked to address topics referencing our Constitution and Regulations of our Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. When asked, we respond as quickly as possible to all requests.

As of the date of this report we have received one Resolution for review prior to our 2025 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 30, 2025, there has been one Resolution submitted to and approved by your Jurisprudence Committee to be acted upon at our 2025 Grand Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM  
Charles Marston, MIPGM  
R. Sean Gardiner, MIPGM



# **CMMRF Committee Report**

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

In 2024, Minnesota donated \$8,530.31 to CMMRF, with a grand total since inception of \$127,735.08.  
Thank you Minnesota Companions!

I have reset the chairman program this year to ensure that the next Grand Conductor of the Council will be able to carry on this important medical research funding into the future.

I have introduced the Marion Crum Fellowship award program for the state of Minnesota this year. This exciting new program rewards the small donation of \$100 with a stunning breast jewel, beautiful certificate and card.

All of the proceeds of this program go directly to CMMRF.  
You're able to purchase online at: [mcfellow.com](http://mcfellow.com)

Or mail a check payable to:  
The Marion Crum Foundation  
304 E. 1225 N.  
Chesterton IN 46304

### Special recognition for 2024 donations

Brian Dimatteo  
Roberto Sean Gardiner  
Cheryl and Sean Novack  
Bruce Scott  
Eric Thiem  
William Emery  
Marvin Felderman  
David Dumonceaux  
Austin Council  
Zabud Council  
St. Paul Council  
Minnesota Grand Council

Jeff Agan  
Steve Sandberg  
Carl Lidstrom  
Alan Mackenzie  
Douglas Brown Sr  
Peter Laudert  
Tony Heimer  
Ralph Luchsinger II

Thank you for your continued service to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and to Cryptic Masonry!

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Heimer  
MN Grand Conductor of the Council  
MN CMMRF Chairman

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## TOP TEN (10) STATES, COUNCILS AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS

	State	Amount	Council	Individual
1)	Indiana	93,204.26	KS – Washington No. 2	KS – Duttweiler Estate
2)	Kansas	75,938.74	CA – Ventura No. 15	CA – Frederick Potter
3)	Florida	67,710.32	IN – Grand Council	FL – Richard Brooks
4)	California	66,854.29	FL – Clearwater No. 34	OR – Gavin Reid
5)	Oregon	25,224.00	OR – Union No. 5	IN – Marion Crum Foundation
6)	Missouri	23,260.11	LA – Grand Council	LA – New Orleans Scottish Rite
7)	Georgia	16,665.00	FL – Tyrian No. 36	DE – G. Tom Taylor
8)	North Carolina	13,694.25	MO – Shekinah No. 24	AZ – Lawrence Weaver
9)	Louisiana	13,570.00	IN – Forest A. Wakeman No. 110	KY – Gregory Raque
10)	Alabama	12,572.00	OR – Columbia No. 19	OR – John Ridenour

## GOLD PINS WITH DIAMONDS REPRESENTING EACH \$1,000.00 IN DONATIONS WERE EARNED BY:

Peter Bard	GA	2 Diamonds	James D. Castor	IN	6 Diamonds
Terry Bisping	IN	2 Diamonds	Guy Chalmers	CA	6 Diamonds
Charles R. Bowling	IN	2 Diamonds	Monte Harris	IA	6 Diamonds
Todd Connor	FL	2 Diamonds	Lucius A. & Margaret B. Todd	SC	6 Diamonds
Brian Dimatteo	MN	2 Diamonds	Thomas Xenophon Tsirimokos	NH	6 Diamonds
Otis Benjamin Geiger II	FL	2 Diamonds	James Davis	IN	7 Diamonds
Robert K. Geiger	CA	2 Diamonds	James L Davis	IN	7 Diamonds
Ed Ghiglieri	FL	2 Diamonds	Brian Ragain	OK	7 Diamonds
Arnold S Grot	CT	2 Diamonds	Gregory A. Raque	KY	7 Diamonds
Roger K. Harrison	AL	2 Diamonds	William G. Snyder	MO	7 Diamonds
Eric Hoy	CT	2 Diamonds	Steven Q. Steele	FL	7 Diamonds
Mike Kozlik	AL	2 Diamonds	Jerry Miller	FL	8 Diamonds
Donald MacCormick	MO	2 Diamonds	Grover L. Sardeson	CO	8 Diamonds
David R. Noble	IN	2 Diamonds	James Bard	GA	9 Diamonds
Raymond A. Sipe	IN	2 Diamonds	Joe Rouse	AR	9 Diamonds

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Edward Smallwood	FL	2 Diamonds	Michael S. Smith	MO	9 Diamonds
Peter M. Stronge	AZ	2 Diamonds	Frank E. Capler Jr.	IN	10 Diamonds
Richard E. Surroz	CO	2 Diamonds	Eric J. Thiem	MN	10 Diamonds
Patrick Terry	NC	2 Diamonds	Gordon A. Davids	MD	11 Diamonds
John H. Vivian	WA	2 Diamonds	Robert W. Gregory	CO	11 Diamonds
Jeff White	CA	2 Diamonds	John L. Logan	OK	11 Diamonds
Larry White	OK	2 Diamonds	Marion Crum	FL	12 Diamonds
Sheldon Arpad	FL	3 Diamonds	Lawrence O. Weaver	AZ	12 Diamonds
Michael Aycock	NC	3 Diamonds	James D Arnold	GA	13 Diamonds
Raymond B. Casey Jr.	NC	3 Diamonds	Roberto Gardiner	MN	13 Diamonds
Carlos Correa	FL	3 Diamonds	Charles L. Hollinger	FL	13 Diamonds
Joshua Cusing	CA	3 Diamonds	John Rafine	MD	13 Diamonds
Brett A. Gordon	FL	3 Diamonds	Robert St. John	FL	13 Diamonds
James Hafling	FL	3 Diamonds	Charles D. Wood Jr.	IN	13 Diamonds
Charles G. Harper II	FL	3 Diamonds	Justin Huggins	TN	14 Diamonds
Steven Maxwell	IN	3 Diamonds	Wm Paul Wilson	AR	14 Diamonds
Edward J. Mayfield Jr.	FL	3 Diamonds	G. Thomas Taylor	DE	15 Diamonds
Stephen G. Paulsen	FL	3 Diamonds	S. Wayne Elder	TN	16 Diamonds
Alan F Rhody	AL	3 Diamonds	Alfred Mueller Jr.	FL	18 Diamonds
Stephen Roberts	IN	3 Diamonds	James R. Catania	IN	19 Diamonds
Todd Carpenter	IN	4 Diamonds	Gary Wyne	IN	20 Diamonds
Duane H. & Darlene Hickson	OR	4 Diamonds	John & Doris Pickford	FL	21 Diamonds
James W. & Lorraine E. Hill Foundation	NV	4 Diamonds	John P. Ridenour	OR	21 Diamonds
D. J. Morgan	NV	4 Diamonds	Michael C. Stoner	IN	29 Diamonds
Robert Dean Sever	FL	4 Diamonds	Carl Gilmore	FL	36 Diamonds
Chad Wagoner	MO	4 Diamonds	David W. Miller	IN	42 Diamonds
Michael & Laura Murphy	IN	5 Diamonds	Gavin B. Reid	OR	46 Diamonds
Albert E. Piatt	TN	5 Diamonds	Richard C Brooks	FL	143 Diamonds
Richard G. Young	AZ	5 Diamonds			

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### THE FOLLOWING PINS WERE AWARDED:

Bronze	\$50.00 -> \$99.99	124 Donors Achieved
Bronze with Stone	\$100.00 -> 149.99	101 Donors Achieved
Silver	\$150.00 -> \$299.99	81 Donors Achieved
Silver with Stone	\$300.00 -> \$499.99	54 Donors Achieved
Gold	\$500.00 -> \$749.99	29 Donors Achieved
Gold with Stone	\$750.00 -> \$999.99	20 Donors Achieved

### PLAQUES WERE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

\*INDICATES A ONE DIAMOND GOLD PIN AWARDED:

594	DE	Mark E. Irwin*	598	MD	Robert Lumbert*
596	GA	Kevin R. Deverell*	603	FL	Henry I. Jehan Jr.*
592	AL	Mike Kozlik*	604	CO	Phillip Hause*
601	SC	Robert J. Bean*	605	IN	Earl Hopkins Jr.*
599	NM	Adam Hathaway*	606	SD	Michael Argenziano*
602	WA	Jeff Craig*	610	FL	Edward Smallwood*
597	IN	Tyler D. Whittaker*	607	MN	Jeff Agan*
600	OR	Terry A. Pea*	608	MO	Stanton T. Brown II*
611	MO	Jessie Morrison*	609	NC	John Lane*
593	CA	Thomas Handell*	595	GA	Peter Bard*

### THE FOLLOWING COUNCILS AND ORGANIZATIONS EARNED PLAQUES:

III	DE	Adoniram Council No.2	XXXXIII	GA	Rome Council No.15
IV	DE	Thrice Illustrious Masters No.4	XIV	KS	Lawrence Council No.14

### SUBSEQUENT DONATIONS OF \$1,000.00 EXTENDER BARS AWARDED TO:

AL	Tuscaloosa Council No. 4 - 1 Bar(s)	IN	Greenfield Council No. 94 - 2 Bar(s)
AL	Eureka Council No. 5 - 3 Bar(s)	IN	Prather Council No. 100 - 3 Bar(s)
AL	Vulcan, KM Council No. 22 - 1 Bar(s)	IN	Forest A. Wakeman Council No. 110 - 8 Bar(s)

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AL	Metro Council No. 43 - 3 Bar(s)	KS	Washington Council No. 2 - 76 Bar(s)
AL	Gadsden Council No. 56 - 2 Bar(s)	KY	Louisville Council No. 4 - 1 Bar(s)
AL	Brundidge Council No. 69 - 2 Bar(s)	KY	Frankfort Council No. 5 - 1 Bar(s)
AL	Robertsdale Council No. 821 - 1 Bar(s)	KY	Sword & Trowel Council No. 111 - 4 Bar(s)
AR	English Council No. 14 - 1 Bar(s)	KY	Hardin Council No. 115 - 1 Bar(s)
AR	Paul C. Bush Council No. 80 - 2 Bar(s)	MD	Hiram Council No. 5 - 3 Bar(s)
AZ	Roskrige Council No. 6 - 5 Bar(s)	MD	Enoch Council No. 10 - 1 Bar(s)
AZ	Navajo Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s)	MD	Harmony Council No. 20 - 1 Bar(s)
AZ	Agaman Council No. 12 - 1 Bar(s)	ME	Bangor Council No. 5 - 1 Bar(s)
CA	California Council No. 2 - 2 Bar(s)	ME	Dunlap Council No. 8 - 1 Bar(s)
CA	Ventura Council No. 15 - 1 Bar(s)	MI	Kalamazoo Council No. 63 - 1 Bar(s)
CA	Pacific Council No. 37 - 1 Bar(s)	MN	St. Paul Council No. 1 - 5 Bar(s)
CA	Redwood Empire Council No. 46 - 1 Bar(s)	MN	Omega Council No. 9 - 1 Bar(s)
CA	Adoniram-Whittier Council No. 53 - 1 Bar(s)	MN	Zabud Council No. 10 - 2 Bar(s)
CA	Helix Council No. 58 - 1 Bar(s)	MO	Shekinah Council No. 24 - 8 Bar(s)
CO	Denver Council No. 1 - 5 Bar(s)	MO	Rolla Council No. 39 - 1 Bar(s)
CO	Sterling Council No. 19 - 1 Bar(s)	MO	York Council No. 40 - 1 Bar(s)
CO	Larimer Council No. 21 - 1 Bar(s)	MO	Carthage Council No. 41 - 1 Bar(s)
CT	Wolcott Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s)	MO	Kirksville Council No. 44 - 1 Bar(s)
CT	Columbia Council No. 9 - 1 Bar(s)	MO	Jeremiah Council No. 48 - 4 Bar(s)
DC	Washington Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s)	MO	Independence Council No. 49 - 2 Bar(s)
DE	Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 - 2 Bar(s)	MO	Lebanon Council No. 56 - 1 Bar(s)
DE	Joppa Council No. 3 - 3 Bar(s)	MS	Liberty Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Hallmark Council No. 3 - 1 Bar(s)	MS	McComb City Council No. 29 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Orlando Council No. 5 - 2 Bar(s)	MS	Barney Trice Council No. 48 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Tampa Council No. 8 - 3 Bar(s)	NC	Greensboro Council No. 3 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Adoniram Council No. 10 - 4 Bar(s)	NC	Munson Council No. 4 - 2 Bar(s)
FL	St. Petersburg Council No. 14 - 1 Bar(s)	NC	Enoch Council No. 5 - 2 Bar(s)
FL	Palatka Council No. 18 - 3 Bar(s)	NC	Charlotte Council No. 8 - 1 Bar(s)

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FL	Sanford Council No. 20 - 1 Bar(s)	NC	Gastonia Council No. 15 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Lauderdale Council No. 24 - 2 Bar(s)	NC	Washington Council No. 17 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Ft. Myers Council No. 25 - 2 Bar(s)	NC	Solomon of the Trowell Council No. 24 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Golden Triangle Council No. 28 - 1 Bar(s)	NC	Fayetteville Council No. 27 - 2 Bar(s)
FL	Gulf Council No. 29 - 2 Bar(s)	NC	Goldsboro Council No. 33 - 2 Bar(s)
FL	Clearwater Council No. 34 - 30 Bar(s)	NC	Lenoir Council No. 38 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Tyrian Council No. 36 - 8 Bar(s)	NE	Omaha Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s)
FL	Melbourne Council No. 38 - 2 Bar(s)	NH	Adoniram Council No. 3 - 3 Bar(s)
GA	Ballard Council No. 16 - 1 Bar(s)	NM	Hiram Council No. 1 - 3 Bar(s)
GA	Summit Council No. 19 - 1 Bar(s)	NV	Reno Council No. 4 - 1 Bar(s)
GA	Euclid Council No. 33 - 1 Bar(s)	NV	Capital Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s)
GA	Walton C. Griffin Council No. 36 - 1 Bar(s)	OK	Lawton Council No. 21 - 2 Bar(s)
GA	Austell Council No. 47 - 1 Bar(s)	OK	Tulsa Council No. 22 - 1 Bar(s)
GA	Calhoun Council No. 61 - 1 Bar(s)	OK	Woodward Council No. 52 - 1 Bar(s)
GA	Jessup Council No. 70 - 2 Bar(s)	OK	t GHP Assn Council No. Pas - 1 Bar(s)
GA	Marietta Council No. 74 - 4 Bar(s)	OR	Union Council No. 5 - 13 Bar(s)
GA	NEGA Council Conv - 1 Bar(s)	OR	Hiram Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s)
GA	11th District - 1 Bar(s)	OR	Columbia Council No. 19 - 6 Bar(s)
IA	Gebal Council No. 5 - 1 Bar(s)	OR	Centennial Council No. 24 - 2 Bar(s)
IA	Scott Council No. 53 - 3 Bar(s)	RI	Pawtucket Council No. 4 - 1 Bar(s)
ID	Emerald Council No. 8 - 1 Bar(s)	SC	Cephas Council No. 13 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Indianapolis Council No. 2 - 1 Bar(s)	SD	Black Hills Council No. 3 - 2 Bar(s)
IN	Emil L. Steffey Council No. 3 - 1 Bar(s)	TN	Nashville Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Ft. Wayne Council No. 4 - 2 Bar(s)	TN	Mt. Moriah Council No. 95 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Angola Council No. 27 - 1 Bar(s)	TN	Clarksville Council No. 105 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Grant County Council No. 28 - 1 Bar(s)	TN	B.E. Wooten Council No. 119 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	LaPorte Council No. 32 - 1 Bar(s)	UT	Zion Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Columbus Council No. 54 - 1 Bar(s)	WA	Seattle Council No. 6 - 2 Bar(s)
IN	Dekalb Council No. 57 - 1 Bar(s)	WA	Bellingham Council No. 16 - 1 Bar(s)

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IN	Salem Council No. 61 - 1 Bar(s)	WA	Alpha Council No. 20 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Anderson Council No. 69 - 1 Bar(s)	WA	Zadock Council No. 23 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Valparaiso Council No. 86 - 3 Bar(s)	WY	Wyoming Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Bloomington Council No. 87 - 2 Bar(s)	WY	Gillette Council No. 11 - 1 Bar(s)
IN	Noblesville Council No. 89 - 1 Bar(s)		

### ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CERTIFICATES WERE EARNED BY:

Oklahoma	Woodward Council No. 52 - \$5 per Member	Wisconsin	Chippewa Council No. 25 - \$5 per member
Oregon	Occidental Council No. 12 - \$5 per Member		

MEMORIAL DONATIONS:    46

HONORARIUM DONATIONS:    10

#### CMMRF INCOME

#### GRANTS TO (ICVBM) INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Contributions            \$ 343,018.54      2024                            \$ 371,250.00

CMMRF Day                \$ 20,996.11      **Total-to-date**        **\$ 6,695,714.86**

Wills / Bequeaths    \$ 138,772.72

Misc. Income            \$        907.85

**TOTAL    \$ 503,695.22**

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

## **CMMRF Status report**

### **Diseases on Which the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine Is Focusing**

#### **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 2 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. We are now using induced pluripotent stem cells that have been genetically modified to lack expression of what are called major histocompatibility antigens. Because these cells lack these antigens, they can be transplanted into an unrelated patient without the patient's immune system recognizing them and thus they will be more effective as they will last longer.

6 We have not made new progress on diabetes recently for several reasons. First, the stock of induced pluripotent stem cells from which we create the insulin producing beta cells has been on hold as the National Institute of Health and Rutgers University have had significant issues with folks working in the lab and a shortage of reagents to grow the cells. Also, we have not been able to get the alginate, the material that we use to encapsulate the cells, due to supply line issues. We hope that this will be resolved in the spring.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

James E Turner, Jr, MIPGM

# **York Rite Cooperation Committee Report**

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

**From: David J. Dumonceaux, Chairman of the York Rite Bodies Cooperation  
Committee. - Grand Council of Cryptic of MN Representative.**

**Re: 2024-2025 Report of the Chairmen of the York Rite Bodies Cooperation  
Committee**

The purpose of this committee is to promote unity between the three York Rite Bodies, at the same time maintaining each body's unique identity. As a member of this committee for the Grand Cryptic Council, and a Past Grand of the Chapter and Commandery, I have seen several items that have been worked on that will make our York Rite Bodies of Minnesota display a more cohesive front. Our website has been a topic of much discussion for several years. While not directly involved in this, many discussions have been had as to how to present the York Rite Bodies of Minnesota not only to our Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights, but the rest of the world. These conversations are yielding progress, and our web presence is getting better. Also, we have members from the different bodies step up and help the other bodies when the need arises. Such as helping ailing Chapters, Councils and Commanderies and putting on degrees. Another program that has been started is the York Rite Ambassador program, to bring a unified message to our Blue Lodges about the Bodies of the Minnesota York Rite.

While this committee is not responsible for any of the above programs, I believe it has some oversight of these programs and how well they are working.

I respectfully submit this report of the York Rite Bodies Cooperation Committee.

Fraternally:

*David J. Dumonceaux*

David J Dumonceaux  
Chairman of the YRBCC

Grand Marshal for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN 2024-2025

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

31 May 2025

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.

Cost is calculated based upon the current annual reported memberships to the General Grands.

The Grand Council for 2024 had 577 Companions and the Grand Chapter had 1102 Companions for a total of 1679 Companions.

If we divide \$2538.00 by 1679 Companions, we get \$1.51 per Companion.

Therefore, rent would be allocated as follows:

Grand Council - \$871.27

Grand Chapter - \$1,666.73

I hereby submit this into the annual preprints for Grand Chapter and Grand Council

For acceptance.

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

## Grand Representative Chairman

### From the Grand Illustrious Master's Report

**The York Rite Grand Representative Program;** as of now we have not received a response from General Grand Council on our proposal. Therefore, we must assume that General Grand is not interested in moving forward with the program as this time. We do, however, get occasional requests from other jurisdictions and individuals to act as our representative. We will continue to honor these requests going forward. Companion Greg Schultz, PGIM and I believe in this program so we will continue to encourage General Grand to implement our standardized Grand Representatives program.

# 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.	
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	Maynard Townswick			
New York				
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	
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	Marvin W.,	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		

RIC Alan Mackenzie  
Jim Luchsinger, MIPGM, Greg Schultz, MIPGM

## **Audit Committee Report**

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

***Report of Grand Council Audit Committee***

***We the Committee are happy to  
Report that the books are clear and up to date at this point.***

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***J.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.**

	<b>Cryptic Masons of Minnesota</b>	
	<b>2025-2026 BUDGET</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Budget</b>
<b>Per Capita</b>		
\$25.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$27.50	435	\$ 11,962.50
Life Member Per Capita	143	\$ 2,250.00
Greetings Fees at \$27.50 each	35	\$ 962.50
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 815.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>
Investment Income		
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES</b>		
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 2,000.00
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 1,000.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 1,000.00
Grand Treasurer		\$ 500.00
Grand Recorder		\$ 2,250.00
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 500.00
Grand Arch Master		\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 800.00
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,750.00</b>
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>	<b>plus Scottish Rite Rent for One Day</b>	\$ 1,150.00
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>		\$ 400.00
Supplies		\$ 250.00
Postage		\$ 100.00
Proceedings		\$ -
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 500.00
MMS	Plus Dues cards	\$ 1,500.00
General Meeting Expense		\$ 150.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 750.00
Life Membership Enrollment	Pass Through	
Printing		\$ 55.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,855.00</b>
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	577-44LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,335.00
Bond		\$ 200.00
CMMRF Donations		\$ 400.00
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	\$ -
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,385.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## **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 2025 – 2026 Budget shows very little change from the previous year and is a balanced budget. Your Grand Council is continuing to work hard 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 see no need to raise the per capita this year.

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 Minnesota Grand Council one of the Best.

**THANK YOU COMPANIONS**

*Marvin W. Schendel*

Marvin W. Schendel  
Grand Treasurer / Recorder

	<b>Cryptic Masons of Minnesota</b>	
	<b>2025-2026 BUDGET</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Budget</b>
<b>Per Capita</b>		
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	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>
Investment Income		
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES</b>		
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 2,000.00
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 1,000.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 1,000.00
Grand Treasurer		\$ 500.00
Grand Recorder		\$ 2,250.00
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 500.00
Grand Arch Master		\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 800.00
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,750.00</b>
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>	<b>plus Scottish Rite Rent for One Day</b>	\$ 1,150.00
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>		\$ 400.00
Supplies		\$ 250.00
Postage		\$ 100.00
Proceedings		\$ -
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 500.00
MMS	Plus Dues cards	\$ 1,500.00
General Meeting Expense		\$ 150.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 750.00
Life Memebership Enrollment	Pass Through	
Printing		\$ 55.00
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<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	577-44LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,335.00
Bond		\$ 200.00
CMMRF Donations		\$ 400.00
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	\$ -
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,385.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

	<b>Cryptic Masons of Minnesota</b>			
	<b>2024-2025 BUDGET</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Per Capita</b>				
\$25.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$27.50	435	\$ 11,962.50	\$ 11,827.50	\$ 135.00
Life Member Per Capita	143	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,825.00	\$ (575.00)
Greetings Fees at \$27.50 each	35	\$ 962.50	\$ 742.50	\$ 220.00
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 815.00	\$ 143.68	\$ 671.32
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>	\$ 15,538.68	\$ 451.32
Investment Income				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		\$ 1,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>	\$ 16,538.68	\$ (548.68)
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES</b>				
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Grand Treasurer		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Grand Recorder		\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Grand Arch Master		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00	\$ 401.32	\$ 198.68
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,750.00</b>	\$ 7,651.32	\$ 1,098.68
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>	<b>plus Scottish Rite Rent for One Day</b>	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,171.27	\$ (321.27)
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>		\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (100.00)
Supplies	and Dues Cards	\$ 432.50	\$ 774.73	\$ (342.23)
Postage		\$ 136.00	\$ 75.04	\$ 60.96
Proceedings		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 500.00	\$ 548.68	\$ (48.68)
MMS	Dues cards	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
General Meeting Expense		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 750.00	\$ 717.59	\$ 32.41
Life Memebership Enrollment	Pass Through		\$ 1,000.00	
Printing		\$ 49.00		\$ 49.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,792.50</b>	\$ 4,787.31	\$ 5.19
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	578-44LM to GGCCM1 @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,335.00	\$ 1,335.00	\$ -
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
CMMRF Donations		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	\$ 62.50		\$ 62.50
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,447.50</b>	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 462.50
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>	\$ 14,423.63	\$ 1,566.37
	<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$2,115.05</b>	\$ (2,115.05)

# Statement of Activity

## Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

July 1, 2024-June 13, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
4000 Per Capita dues	14,652.50
4002 Life membership enrollments	1,000.00
4010 Greeting fees	742.50
4015 Thrice Illustrious Master Income	105.00
Sales	38.68
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$16,538.68</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$16,538.68</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
5001 Illustrious Grand Master	2,000.00
5002 Deputy Grand Master	1,000.00
5003 Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	1,000.00
5004 Grand Treasurer / Grand Recorder	3,250.00
5021 Grand Masters Apron	401.32
6000 Rent/Shared Expenses with Grand RAM	871.27
6001 Supplies and Dues Cards	774.73
6002 Postage	75.04
6004 Computer, printer, and Software	548.68
6005 Communication	500.00
6006 Rent & Lease	300.00
6012 Grand Session expenses	717.59
7000 General Grand Council Per Capita	1,335.00
7002 Bond	200.00
7010 New Life Memberships	1,000.00
7030 Charitable Contributions	450.00
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,423.63</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$2,115.05</b>
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	38.68
Total for Other Expenses	\$38.68
Net Other Income	-\$38.68
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$2,076.37</b>

**Statement of Financial Position**

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

As of June 13, 2025

Account	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 Checking	\$9,133.08
1001 Checking - WF Triennial Fund	900.00
1002 Checking - WF 150th Anniversary Fund	—
1003 Grand Master Hiram Council	423.00
Total for 1000 Checking	\$10,456.08
Total for Bank Accounts	\$10,456.08
Accounts Receivable	—
Other Current Assets	—
Total for Current Assets	\$10,456.08
Fixed Assets	—
Other Assets	—
Total for Assets	\$10,456.08

# **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 experienced a slight decrease, we had 43 new members and lost 53, 22 deaths, 19 demits, and 12 NPDs,

**THANK YOU COMPANION RECORDERS, AND COMPANIONS ALL**

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  
2025 - 2026

## ELECTED OFFICERS

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

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W. David Emery, MIPGM
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	Anthony J. Heimer
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	David J. Dumonceaux
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Clinton J. Christensen
Illustrious Grand Steward	Philip T. Bodle
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Scott C. Giannone
Illustrious Grand Archmaster	Clifford H. Isley
Illustrious Grand Organist	Justin A. Brown
Illustrious Grand Education Officer	Eric J. Thiem

## TERMS NOT YET EXPIRED

Rt. Illustrious Grand Trustee - 1 Yr Term	W. David Emery, MIPGM
Rt. Illustrious Grand Trustee - 2 Yr Term	Ronald A. Miles, 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 2026 Grand York Rite Session will be in St. Cloud, Minnesota at the Kelly Inn.

June 25 – 27, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Alan Mackenzie  
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

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

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota  
Submitted by: Companion Scott Giannone

This past year as Education Officer, I must candidly admit that my ambitions slightly outpaced my availability. Despite the best of intentions, I was unable to visit other Councils in person—a goal I had hoped to achieve. Time, as it often does, slipped through the cracks between responsibilities.

During the Cryptic Council Festival (our one-day conferral of the Cryptic Degrees), I found myself tied up with logistical duties and degree work. As such, I was unavailable for the bulk of the day to assist Companion James Feeney, who admirably led the educational segments for the candidates. I'd like to commend him for his efforts—he set a strong example for what structured education between degrees can look like.

From that experience, I came away with valuable insights into what's needed to enhance our educational offerings. While I may not have been able to contribute directly at the time, I now have a clearer vision for how to supplement our degrees with brief, visually engaging educational materials. Slide decks and handouts are in development for future use.

In looking forward, I'd like to continue talks of a recurring newsletter for the Cryptic Council—perhaps monthly or every other month—modeled loosely after the Beauseant & Buckler. There have been conversations about merging it with a similar effort for Grand Chapter. While I recognize the efficiency of a unified newsletter (and my own schedule would certainly benefit from that), I also see merit in maintaining separate publications.

The logic is simple: while most Companions in Commandery are also in Chapter and Council, the inverse is not always true. Many Royal Arch Masons stop at Chapter. A bundled Council–Commandery newsletter might make sense structurally, but it could come at the cost of reach or engagement. Then again, a single, well-organized email could serve everyone... but now I'm getting ahead of myself.

In closing, while this year didn't unfold quite as I had envisioned, the lessons learned and ideas sparked will help guide our educational efforts moving forward. I appreciate the patience and support of the Grand Council, and I look forward to growing this role in the coming years.

Fraternally,  
Companion Scott Giannone

## **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 Alan Mackenzie  
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, Andrew F. Hall, David N. Kampf, 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, 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, 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, Steve J. Sandberg.

## **Zabud Council No. 10**

Kenneth Carroll, Brian K Dimatteo, Eric Erfourth, Tony Heimer, Michael A. Hilgert, 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 Mikkelsen, 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
R. Sean Gardiner [1]	2023 – 2024

## **Passing's Report 2024 – 2025**

May 1, 2024 – May 15, 2025

**St. Paul No. 1:** Leonard C. Smith 4-12-2025

**Minneapolis No. 2:** Curtis O. Bymark 12-20-24, Raymond S. Frandsen 8-19-24,  
Keith A. Kennedy (2 & 10), 10-07-24, Ronald L. Nelson 11-02-24, Vyril D. Norby 8-26-24,  
Michael C. Powles (2 & 9), 3-30-25, M. Wiley Smith 11-29-24,

**Ark No. 3:**

**Tyrian No. 4:** Philip G. Soderberg 11-16-24

**Duluth No. 6:** Robert A. Schramm 7-27-24

**Austin No. 7:** Forrest A. Miller 2-21-25, John W. Worlein 5-16-24

**Alpha No. 8:** Robert G. Friesen 10-6-24, Michael G. Roers 1-5-25

**Omega No. 9:**

**Zabud No. 10:**

**Northfield No. 12:**

**Central No. 14:** Paul F. Walker (14 & 12), 5-28-24

**Red Rock No. 16:** Donus W. Larson 6-1-24

	2024 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS																
																MMS	
					2024				2024		Total		Living	G G	5/15/2025		Amount in
	1/1/2024	Greetings	Joined	Restored	Gains	Death	Demit	NPD	Losses	Net	Members	%	LM	LM	Members		Fund
St Paul 1	82	2	0	2	4	2	3	1	6	-2	80	0.97561	20	8	87		\$ 14,127.62
Minneapolis 2	127	4	0	1	5	8	3	5	16	-11	116	0.91339	17	10	113		\$ 18,155.50
Ark 3	27	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	29	1.07407	9	5	29		\$ 5,887.75
Tyrian 4	34	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	-2	32	0.94118	8	2	33		\$ 4,763.77
Duluth 6	64	7	0	0	7	1	4	0	5	2	66	1.03125	16	3	70		\$ 5,248.80
Austin 7	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	-2	9	0.81818	5	1	9		\$ 1,750.60
Alpha 8	54	3	0	1	4	1	2	3	6	-2	52	0.96296	11	3	50		\$ 3,037.90
Omega 9	18	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	18	1	2	1	17		\$ 755.80
Zabud 10	61	4	1	0	5	2	0	3	5	0	61	1	11	2	58		\$ 4,079.40
Northfield 12	59	3	0	0	3	1	5	0	6	-3	56	0.94915	6	7	57		\$ 6,138.15
GM Hiram 13 UD	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	10		\$ -
Central 14	29	2	0	9	11	2	1	0	3	8	37	1.27586	16	1	37		\$ 6,070.15
Red Rock 16	11	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	11	1	9	0	12		\$ 3,658.85
<b>Totals</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>582</b>		<b>\$ 73,674.29</b>
	* Corrected number from previous years																
	Small Council = 49 or less members Large Council = 50 or more members																
	Small Council most new % Companions Greeted - Duluth #6																
	Large Council most new % Companions Greeted - Central #14																
	Ten Percent increase Central #14																

# MINNESOTA GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS

## NECROLOGY REPORT

2024 - 2025

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

Grand Master of the Universe; Accept, we pray Thee, these moments of silent tribute to our departed Companions.

Help each of us to offer in their memory, a renewed strength, a cheerful spirit, and a life of deeds that will glorify Thy Name, Keep fresh, we pray Thee, the remembrance of their life's contribution to friends, to our Order, and to Thy Kingdom, and bless the Masonic and Spiritual Edifice which he erected to Thee.

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Respectfully Submitted:

W. David Emery, PIGM

Grand Chaplain