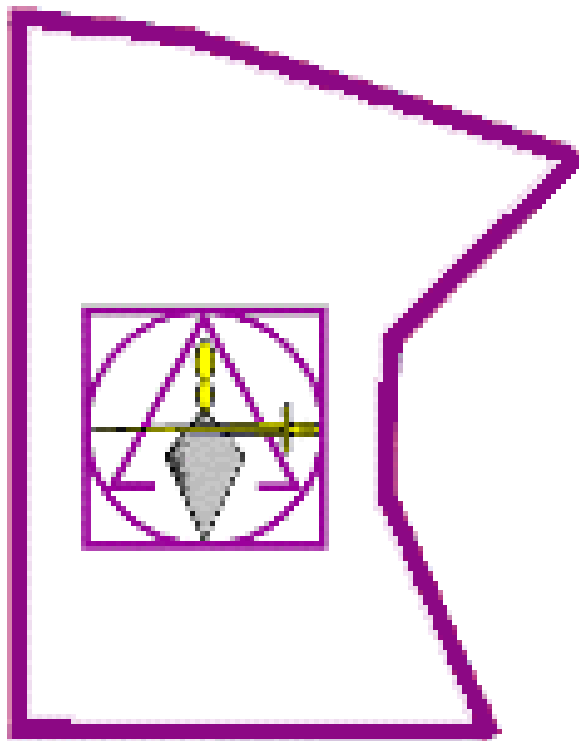


# Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

156<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Assembly

St. Cloud, Minnesota  
June 25, 2026

Pre – Printed Reports



**Gerald E. Zierdt**  
**Most Illustrious Grand Master**

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## **Adjourn**

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*Grand Council Cryptic Masons  
of  
MINNESOTA*

*Organized December 12, 1870  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
Gerald E. Zierdt  
2025 - 2026*

**Rules of  
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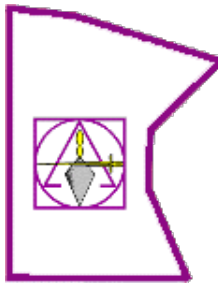
**Order  
Council of  
Masons of**

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 registered Voting 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 Gerald E. Zierdt  
Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of Cryptic  
Mason of Minnesota  
2025 - 2026

**2025-2026**  
**Minnesota Grand Council Officers**  
**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 Musician	Steve J. Sandberg
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

**Report of the  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
Gerald E. Zierdt  
2025 to 2026**

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

From: MIC Gerald E. Zierdt, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

RE: Grand Illustrious Master Report of 2025-2026

Companions all, I bring you greetings. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve the Grand Council of Minnesota as the Grand Illustrious Master for the year 2025-2026. I have tried to serve with dignity and professionalism. I pray that I leave this Grand Council in a suitable condition for the officers who will succeed me. I have been supported in my efforts by an outstanding corps of officers and I sincerely hope that they will continue in their efforts in future service to our organization. I would most certainly be remiss to not specifically thank our Grand Recorder/Treasurer, Marvin Schendel and our Grand Deputy Master, Alan Makenzie who tried most valiantly to keep me on time and on schedule, a task which my wife has known for years is virtually impossible.

Looking back a year ago as I accepted this office, I set several goals that I promised to work on in the ensuing year. The first of these was to work on the ritual presentations in our Councils. As I traveled throughout the state this year visiting our Councils, I was pleased to note that several performed full form opening. Unfortunately, due to decreasing attendance, most of our Councils are still using the short form opening. This shrinking number of companions attending their respective Council's meeting is an ongoing issue and one which I hope to address with my successor in the coming year. This decreasing attendance issue is more prevalent in our out state Councils and represents the most frustrating and distressing situation for our future.

The second goal which I proposed to work on during the year was to look into our increasing number of NPDs and demits. I am of the firm belief that this unacceptable situation in large part is due to our lack of due diligence upon the receipt of petitions for membership. We are so eager to bolster our numbers that we rush our fellow Masons into situations of which they have not been fully informed or prepared. This, coupled with poor mentorship and meetings which are nothing more than short business sessions and a lack of purpose causing them to become disillusioned and disenchanted. I was happy to note that the more of our Councils are including an educational section in their meetings. One of our Councils follows their presentation with an extensive discussion session in their social area following the close of the meeting making sure that all companions, especially newer ones receive adequate explanations and answers for their questions. While this is not practical in all situations it certainly presents an opportunity for other Councils to adopt.

Masonic education is extremely important and I happy and honored to single out two of our companions for their outstanding efforts in providing education to our Councils. Please thank Illustrious companion Eric Thiem, our Grand Education officer and Illustrious Companion, Scott Giannone, the editor, publisher and investigative reporter of the Beauceant and Buckler publication of our Grand Commandery. They are to be commended for the outstanding educational articles that they have provided throughout the year.

Last year we implemented a program called the York Rite Emissary program. This program involved companions stepping up and volunteering to represent the York right in their respective blue lodges. I think this is an excellent program and will prove beneficial in the future, however at this time I think we need to develop a training program for these individuals so they understand their responsibilities. In a number of the blue lodges that I have visited this year I don't see their involvement. I think with some training and guidance for these individuals, this program will prove it's worth in the future.

Our companions attending this year's Grand Session will be faced with a difficult and crucial decision. Several disgruntled, yet passionate and dedicated companions have seen fit to introduce legislation the Grand Council of Minnesota from the authority of the General Grand Council. While I personally view this action as a blight upon our wonderful organization, my message as I visited around the state as been to listen to the discussion make your own decisions and vote with your heart. I am confident that the wonderful companions of Minnesota will strike down this legislation.

I wish to congratulate Grand High Priest, MIC Scott Wood and Grand Commander, Marvin Schendel for the excellent work they have accomplished in our sister organizations. Our York Rite cooperation program, while still viable, needs to be ramped up again. While our three Grand organizations are officially separate and distinct bodies, I believe it is in the best of all that our future and our strength is that we function as a cohesive unit.

In closing I wish to again thank companions of our Minnesota councils for their gracious hospitality and warm greetings. While it can be somewhat time-consuming and the schedule boggling, I believe these visitations are far and away the most enjoyable part of this job. I also wish to thank the companions of the Grand York Rite bodies of the North Central Department for their gracious hospitality and fraternal companionship. I look forward to the future of our organization and to the continued camaraderie and companionship of those grand gentlemen who call themselves York Rite Masons.

I remain your most gracious and humble servant,

Respectfully submitted

Most Illustrious Companion, Gerald (Jerry) Zierdt  
Most Illustrious Grand Master of the 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**

Report of the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master:

It has been my honor to serve the Cryptic Masons of Minnesota this year as your Deputy Grand Master. I have enjoyed travelling and getting to know more of the Councils in Minnesota. I was able to attend Grand Sessions in North and South Dakota this year, as well as the North Central Conference in Sioux Falls. I attended and participated in the One Day Festival in March. I served on the Finance and York Rite Cooperation committees. I remain involved in all bodies of the York Rite in Minnesota as well as serving as the recorder of my home council.

I enjoyed the serving with the officers of the Grand Officers this year and if it the will of the companions I will do my best to serve in 2026 – 27 to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

Alan Mackenzie

Deputy Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN.

# **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 has been a pleasure to serve you as a Grand Officer for this term and visiting 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.

I have always been a firm believer in sharing education with our fellow Companions. There was some great insight shared with all of you this year. Please take advantage of the resources out there.

We had a fantastic Cryptic Council festival this past February. All the Companions in the cast stepped up and did great ritual work 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 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:**

Dear Members of the Minnesota Cryptic Council Masons,

I hope this message finds you well.

It has been a truly rewarding year serving as your Grand Captain of the Guard.

I have been fortunate to visit several councils and eagerly anticipate many more visits in the coming years as I continue to progress in this grand line, representing all the companions of Minnesota.

In the realm of Cryptic Masonry, the role of the Captain of the Guard symbolizes vigilance, embodied by Azariah, who oversees the security of the workforce and the sanctity of the secret vault.

The Spear and the Shield stand as powerful symbols of vigilance, while the Lesson of Diligence underscores the importance of guarding even the most profound secrets with tireless effort and unwavering integrity. Holding this esteemed position in the Grand Council of Minnesota goes beyond mere ritualistic duties; it signifies the stewardship of the York Rite itself.

From mentorship to promoting unity and preserving our rich legacy, the responsibilities of the Captain of the Guard are multifaceted and essential for the health and longevity of the Cryptic degrees.

I am honored to serve in this capacity and look forward to continuing to work alongside the Grand Illustrious Master, fellow officers, and companions to uphold the traditions and values of our council.

Respectfully yours,

Anthony J. Heimer  
Captain of the Guard  
MN Grand Cryptic Council

# 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 David J Dumonceaux  
Grand Conductor of the Council  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN

Re: Report of the Grand Conductor of the Council

MIC, IC, Companions all

It has been honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Conductor of the Council for this last capitular year. Although I have not been able to travel much, I was able to accomplish several things.

1. My home Council - Alpha #8 presented the Royal Master degree under my direction, and the companions did a wonderful job and received many accolades.
2. I have been the keeper of the CMMRF records for this last year and have given reports at our grand officer's meetings.
3. I have attended the Grand Officers meetings and have filled in for the chaplain when he was not able to attend.

I have enjoyed working with the other companions of the Grand Council and look forward to serving you this next year. I have included the final tabulations of CMMRF donations in this report

CMMRF 2025 Donation Totals

Sums of amount donated by state

AL	\$	18,260.75	MS	\$	905.00
AR	\$	6,617.00	MT	\$	313.71
AZ	\$	3,451.00	NC	\$	12,897.33
CA	\$	3,553.00	ND	\$	500.00
CO	\$	6,121.00	NE	\$	11,683.00
CT	\$	4,195.00	NH	\$	4,850.59
DC	\$	1,935.00	NJ	\$	1,096.96
DE	\$	8,128.00	NM	\$	1,321.00
FL	\$	33,148.84	NV	\$	1,510.00
GA	\$	21,443.00	NY	\$	2,050.00
GG	\$	3,707.82	OH	\$	120.00
HI	\$	2,920.00	OK	\$	4,913.00
IA	\$	2,510.00	OR	\$	7,671.65
ID	\$	3,707.00	RI	\$	155.00
IL	\$	20.00	SC	\$	10,670.94
IN	\$	65,735.75	SD	\$	995.00
KS	\$	1,950.00	TN	\$	2,295.00
KY	\$	10,134.60	TX	\$	100.00
LA	\$	10,600.00	UT	\$	368.00
MD	\$	4,799.00	VT	\$	885.00
ME	\$	1,859.31	WA	\$	2,246.00
MI	\$	108.00	WI	\$	1,265.00
MN	\$	8,762.49	WY	\$	1,853.00
MO	\$	16,724.60	Grand Total	\$	311,056.34

Thank you.

David J. Dumonceaux  
Grand Conductor of the Council  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN

## **Report of the Grand Marshal**

**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 had the distinct pleasure of assisting in the installation of officers to St. Paul Council No. 1 as well as Minneapolis Council No. 2. Additionally, 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 Marshal

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

# Report of the Grand Steward

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

My Companions,

During the 2025-2026 term, I visited a few councils and many Masonic Lodges to promote Cryptic Masonry, and the York Rite in general, 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 with our new council, Iron Range Council #20. I have helped them with ritual work and by-law creation. They have come a long way in only a year, and I look forward to assisting them grow in the future.

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 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:**

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota  
Grand Sentinel's Report

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota as Grand Sentinel this past year. I remain grateful for the opportunity to labor alongside so many dedicated Companions and look forward to continuing my service to this Grand Council in the years ahead.

When I was appointed Grand Sentinel, I was still recovering from a C3–C7 cervical fusion surgery performed that spring. Balancing recovery, family life, professional obligations, and multiple Masonic responsibilities proved challenging at times, though I am thankful that circumstances have begun to stabilize as the year progresses.

The Grand Festival was an enjoyable and rewarding experience, and I appreciated the opportunity to assist with the degrees where needed. It also highlighted one of the continuing challenges facing our fraternity: encouraging Companions not only to attend, but to remain throughout the day in support of our candidates and one another. Fellowship remains one of our greatest strengths, and I believe continued attention should be given to ways we can improve participation, hospitality, and the overall experience of our festivals.

While the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite continues to provide a convenient location for our degree work and storage needs, future consideration may be warranted regarding parking, accessibility, safety concerns in the surrounding area, and meal accommodations for attendees.

Due to the demands of recovery and other Masonic obligations, I regret that I was unable to make official visits beyond my own Council, Alpha Council No. 8, where I currently serve as Illustrious Master.

I pray that Strength and Fortitude continue to guide this Grand Council, and that perseverance, patience, and fellowship remain with the Companions of Cryptic Masonry throughout Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

Companion Scott Giannone  
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:**

The report will be quick. The Council Festival was a great success. The success is attributable to all the companions that took the parts and did a wonderful job with their parts.

Thank You.

Our monthly education was a wonderful success this year. The Education Officer, Comp Eric Thiem was responsible for the success.

Thank You.

Clifford Isley

Grand Archmaster

## **Report of the Grand Education Officer**

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

In September I presented an article to the Grand Council describing the importance and relevance of the Sanctum Sanctorum in Masonic life. I followed up with a presentation about the meaning and significance of Cherubim for October's presentation.

In November I educated Cryptic Council Masons on the backgrounds and significance of Ahishar and Adoniram to our Masonic lives.

In December, I decided to focus on the history of Christmas, the winter solstice and history of holidays around the world focused on the winter solstice and how that is relevant to us in Masonry today. I followed up with a lighter presentation on New Year's traditions and the history of the New Year in January's educational presentation.

In February, I did a presentation on Gebal and the history of that region and how it pertains to Cryptic Council Masonry. Also in February, I participated in the Council Festival as King Solomon in the Select Master Degree. I also had a non-speaking role as a guard in the Super Excellent Degree, which I enjoyed very much.

In March, I decided to do an education on the Royal and Select Master Degrees for our newest Companions. I followed that up with an education on the History of Cryptic Council and the roles of the officers in Cryptic Council, for the benefit of the Companions in general, but the newest Companions in particular.

In May I decided to dive deeper into the Order of the Garter and the history involving that order. It was one of the degrees that was originally part of the Cryptic Council, but obviously no longer is.

Eric Thiem

Grand Education Officer

**GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MINNESOTA**  
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12. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:  
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13. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

WHEREAS, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Minnesota has long enjoyed fellowship with the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of this Grand Jurisdiction to exercise full and complete sovereignty over its affairs, finances, and Masonic relations; and

WHEREAS, the continued affiliation with the General Grand Council is no longer considered essential to the welfare, prosperity, or mission of this Grand Council; and

WHEREAS, actions taken by and on behalf of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International by its current elected Officers have become out of alignment with those of this Jurisdiction, specifically and those of Freemasonry in General;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Minnesota does hereby formally and officially withdraw it's membership and allegiance from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this withdrawal shall become effective on June 27, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder are hereby authorized and instructed to provide formal, written notification of this action to the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and to all other Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal correspondence within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all subordinate councils and their members are hereby directed to recognize and adhere to the terms of this resolution

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

	Brian K. Dimatteo		PIGM	Zabud	10
	Printed Name	Signature		Office	Body

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Art II, Sect 2.02

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

Art II, Sect 2.03

A Grand Master or a Past Grand Master of another Grand Jurisdiction in ~~communication with the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International~~ or having fraternal relations with the Grand Council of Minnesota may be presented with an honorary membership while visiting our annual Grand Assembly. This honorary membership does not allow voting privileges.

Art III, Sect 3.03

Whenever this Constitution and Regulations is silent on any subject, ~~the Constitution and General Regulations of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International,~~ Then the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota shall govern.

Art IV, Sect 4.09.1.14

~~attend the General Grand Council Triennial Assembly when held 201 during the term of office. If unable to attend, he shall issue a proxy as provided in the Constitution of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International~~

Art IV, Sect 4.09.2.03

~~it is their duty to attend the General Grand Council Triennial Assembly 214 when held during their term of office. If unable to attend, they shall notify 215 the Most Illustrious Grand Master so that he may appoint a proxy~~

Art VIII, Sect 8.01.2

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41 to 50 35      ~~GGCLM Fee~~  
 51 to 60 30      ~~GGCLM Fee~~  
 61 to 70 25      ~~GGCLM Fee~~  
 71 & up 20      ~~GGCLM Fee~~  
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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota have withdrawn from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

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Art II, Sect 2.01

~~Petition submitted to be in the form shown in "Manual for use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International".~~

Art II, Sect 2.02

~~A Council under Dispensation shall be instituted as prescribed in the 144 "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons 145 International".~~

Art III, Sect 3.01

~~To be a chartered Council, a Council U. D. must submit a petition for a charter, with the signatures of at least six (6) of its members, at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The petition must be according to the form provided for in the "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International".~~

Art III, Sect 3.04

~~When a charter is granted, a Council U. D. shall be constituted as provided in the "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International". At this ceremony, the new officers, elected and appointed, shall be installed.~~

Art IX, Sect 9.01

The Illustrious Master shall be the chief executive officer of the Council, and when present, shall preside at its meetings and open and close the same in form, enforce a due observance of the By-Laws of the Council, ~~and the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Council, and of the General Grand Council International;~~

Art XI, Sect 11.034

~~\$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

Art XV, Sect 3

This ~~medal~~ **Award** will be presented to a nominee who is a leader in one of ~~the~~ **these** youth organizations ~~recognized by the General Grand Council namely;~~ Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Order of Job’s Daughters or Boy or Girl Scouts.

11. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

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):

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota have withdrawn from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

14. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY

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

Brian K. Dimatteo		PIGM	Zabud	10
Printed Name	Signature		Office	Body

No.

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota  
2026 – 2027 Committees

Finance (3)

Deputy Master (Chair) 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:**

From: IC Anthony Heimer, Report on the awards committee

**The recipient of the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award for 2026 is:**

**To be announced at the Banquet**

**The recipient of the Adult Youth Leadership Award is:**

**To be announced at the Banquet**

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

**To be announced at the Banquet**

**Ish-Sodi**

James Zelinski-Feeney, Edward J. Gerwill, Tyren A. Schmidt, James L. Giacherio,

**Honorary** – David J. Dumonceaux, Scott C. Giannone

**Thrice Illustrious Master**

**Is Available to all Illustrious Masters and all Past Illustrious Masters**

**Awards Committee:**

Anthony J. Heimer

David J. Dumonceaux

# Report of the Trustees

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. 2025 – 2026 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. We updated our investment account at Focus Financial by adding David Emery and Jim Luchsinger.

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

One Life Membership was added in 2025. Currently our Life Membership portion of our total investment fund as of December 31, 2025 is 94.2%. 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 5.8% for our Grand Council. As of April 30, 2026, this amount is \$5,414.95.

Operating funds cannot be drawn from the Life Membership portion of the total investment fund. An investment reserve of \$5,414.95 is insufficient for our Grand Council should a need for emergency funds occur. I recommend separate account be set up for the Grand Council of Minnesota investment reserve.

Our rate of return for 2025 is 3.88%, up from 3.80% in 2024. 2025 resulted in \$3,117.33 allocation for our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership per capita.

Since 2014 \$30,797.53 was distributed with an average rate of return of 4.328% and average distribution of \$2,544.46 for the 12-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, 2026, 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, PMIGM

James Luchsinger, PMIGM

W. David Emery, PMIGM

# **Jurisprudence Committee Report**

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

## **Jurisprudence Committee Report, 2025 – 2026**

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Offices, and Member 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 three Resolutions for review prior to our 2026 Grand Session. We do remind you that one of the purposes of our Grand Session is to 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 28, 2026, there have been three Resolutions submitted to and approved by your Jurisprudence Committee to be acted upon at our 2026 Grand Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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

# CMMRF Committee Report

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

I have included the final tabulations of CMMRF donations in this report  
CMMRF 2025 Donation Totals

Sums of amount donated by state

AL	\$	18,260.75	MS	\$	905.00
AR	\$	6,617.00	MT	\$	313.71
AZ	\$	3,451.00	NC	\$	12,897.33
CA	\$	3,553.00	ND	\$	500.00
CO	\$	6,121.00	NE	\$	11,683.00
CT	\$	4,195.00	NH	\$	4,850.59
DC	\$	1,935.00	NJ	\$	1,096.96
DE	\$	8,128.00	NM	\$	1,321.00
FL	\$	33,148.84	NV	\$	1,510.00
GA	\$	21,443.00	NY	\$	2,050.00
GG	\$	3,707.82	OH	\$	120.00
HI	\$	2,920.00	OK	\$	4,913.00
IA	\$	2,510.00	OR	\$	7,671.65
ID	\$	3,707.00	RI	\$	155.00
IL	\$	20.00	SC	\$	10,670.94
IN	\$	65,735.75	SD	\$	995.00
KS	\$	1,950.00	TN	\$	2,295.00
KY	\$	10,134.60	TX	\$	100.00
LA	\$	10,600.00	UT	\$	368.00
MD	\$	4,799.00	VT	\$	885.00
ME	\$	1,859.31	WA	\$	2,246.00
MI	\$	108.00	WI	\$	1,265.00
MN	\$	8,762.49	WY	\$	1,853.00
MO	\$	16,724.60	Grand Total	\$	311,056.34

Thank you.

David J. Dumonceaux  
Grand Conductor of the Council  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN

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

Consider this:

The Marion Crum Fellowship

Be one of the first to join the Marion Crum Fellowship & support the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (C.M.M.R.F.) is an exceptional Masonic Charity which raises money to fund trials by the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology. These programs have shown real results, and have seen many of their discoveries become realities, as viable treatments for patients suffering from vascular diseases.

The Marion Crum Fellowship is an incentive to increase support for the C.M.M.R.F., and to honor one of the great pioneers in its creation. Marion Crum served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, and was the first Executive Secretary of the C.M.M.R.F., and is still active in Cryptic Masonry today! This exciting new program rewards the small donation of \$100.00 with a stunning breast jewel, beautiful certificate and card.

All of the proceeds of this program go directly to the C.M.M.R.F., and you can proudly display the certificate, and wear the breast jewel to encourage others to donate as well. You can make your donation here and we will ship the packet directly to you, or you can mail a check for \$100.00 payable to:

The Marion Crum Foundation  
304 E. 1225 N.  
Chesterton, IN 46304

Fraternally,

Jim

James Turner PMIGM, OSV, KYGCH  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

# **York Rite Cooperation Committee Report**

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

Report of the York Rite Cooperation / Fraternal Promotion / Information and Education

The York Rite Cooperation Committee has been well served by Companions Jim Luchsinger, Greg Schultz and Jim Turner. Their work on the York Rite Ambassadors Program helped spread the word on York Rite Masonry in Minnesota. This We continue to work closely with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery on sharing resources when possible and promoting each other's welfare. Thank you to Companion Scott Gionnone and Eric Theim, Eric has been an excellent education officer this year, and Scotts work for the Beauceant and Buckler which has become a great monthly publication for all York Rite Masons in MN.

Fraternally submitted,

Alan Mackenzie  
Deputy Illustrious Grand Master  
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN.

**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 appeals and grievance committee*

*We the Committee are happy to report that there have not been any appeals or grievances filed to this committee at this time.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*J.E. Turner, Jr., MEPGHP*

*R. James Luchsinger II, MEPGHP*

*W. David Emery, MEPGHP*

*Carl Lidstrom, MEPGHP*

*Michael Hilgert, MEPGHP*

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

31 May 2026

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

**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 2025 had 550 Companions and the Grand Chapter had 1039 Companions for a total of 1589 Companions.

If we divide \$2538.00 by 1589 Companions, we get \$1.597 per Companion.

Therefore, rent would be allocated as follows:

Grand Council - \$878.35

Grand Chapter - \$1,659.28

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 Treasurer/Secretary

## Grand Representative Chairman

**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 at 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 Jim Luchsinger believe in this program so we will continue to encourage General Grand to implement our standardized Grand Representatives program.

R. James Luchsinger, II, PIGM

# MINNESOTA GRAND YORK RITE REPRESENTATIVES

## Minnesota Grand York Rite Representatives All Bodies

Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter	Grand Council	Grand Commandery	Dep. Rep
Alabama				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				
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				
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				
Vermont				
Virginia				
Washington				
West Virginia				
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 Marvin W. Schendel	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		
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		
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 Clinton J. Christensen, Philip T. Bodle  
 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.**

*We the Committee are happy to Report the Grand Council account books are balanced, with one correction: a new check was issued in the amount of \$150.00 to replace a lost check issued to the Minnesota DeMolay last year. combined monies Represent a total of \$300.00 issued to the Minnesota DeMolay in total. On behalf of the audit committee, I am happy to report the books are balanced and up to date.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
J.E. Turner, Jr. MIPGM Chairman  
Charles Marston MIPGM  
W. David Emery MIPGM*

# Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

## 2026-2027 BUDGET

INCOME		Budget	Actual	Difference
<b>Per Capita</b>				
\$25.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$27.50	426	\$ 11,715.00		\$ 11,715.00
Life Member Per Capita	124	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00
Greetings Fees at \$27.50 each	28	\$ 770.00		\$ 770.00
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 1,815.00		\$ 1,815.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>		\$ 17,500.00
Investment Income		\$ -		\$ -
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through	\$ -		\$ -
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>		<b>\$17,500.00</b>
<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		\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00
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		\$ 600.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,100.00</b>		\$ 9,100.00
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>	<b>plus Scottish Rite Rent for One Day</b>	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>		\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Supplies		\$ 550.00		\$ 550.00
Postage		\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00
Proceedings		\$ -		\$ -
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00
MMS	Plus Dues cards	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
General Meeting Expense		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 850.00		\$ 850.00
Life Membership Enrollment	Pass Through			\$ -
Printing		\$ 70.00		\$ 70.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,980.00</b>		\$ 5,980.00
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	550-42LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,270.00		\$ 1,270.00
Bond		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
CMMRF Donations		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00		\$ 450.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	\$ -		\$ -
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,420.00</b>		\$ 2,420.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>		\$ 17,500.00
	<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 2026 – 2027 Budget shows very little change from the previous year and is a balanced budget. At the end of the 26-27 term the new Grand Treasurer / Recorder will need a new computer and that has been put into the 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. 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.

The Council Treasurers are:

1. Franklin Groves, 2. Christopher Wendover, 3. Steven Partridge,
4. Aaron Simms, 6. Rual Lee, 7. John Fair, 8. David Dumonceaux,
9. Carl Lidstrom, 10. W. David Emery, 12. Gerald Zierdt, 14. Michael Finstad, 16. , 20. Logan Yuretich.

I want to personally thank these Companions for their hard work and dedication.

**THANK YOU COMPANIONS**

*Marvin W. Schendel*

Marvin W. Schendel  
Grand Treasurer / Recorder

<b>2025-2026 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	\$ 11,390.00	\$ 572.50
Life Member Per Capita	143	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 3,117.33	\$ (867.33)
Greetings Fees at \$27.50 each	35	\$ 962.50	\$ 742.50	\$ 220.00
Miscellaneous Income	Ritual Sales	\$ 815.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 315.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>	\$ 15,749.83	\$ 240.17
Investment Income				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		\$ -	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>	\$ 15,749.83	\$ 240.17
<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	\$ 441.50	\$ 158.50
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,750.00</b>	\$ 7,691.50	\$ 1,058.50
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>	<b>plus Scottish Rite Rent for One Day</b>	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,178.35	\$ (28.35)
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>		\$ 400.00	\$ 441.50	\$ (41.50)
Supplies		\$ 250.00	\$ 472.33	\$ (222.33)
Postage		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Proceedings	State Registration	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ (90.00)
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ (525.00)
MMS	Dues cards	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 511.24	\$ 988.76
General Meeting Expense		\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 750.00	\$ 1,129.27	\$ (379.27)
Life Memebership Enrollment	Pass Through		\$ -	
Printing		\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 55.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,855.00</b>	\$ 4,847.69	\$ 7.31
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	577-44LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,335.00	\$ 1,335.00	\$ -
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
CMMRF Donations	Past the Hat and Auction Proceeds	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,310.00	\$ (910.00)
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	\$ -		\$ -
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,385.00</b>	\$ 3,295.00	\$ (910.00)
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,990.00</b>	\$ 15,834.19	\$ 155.81
	<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (84.36)</b>	\$ 84.36

# Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

## Statement of Activity

July 1, 2025-June 11, 2026

TOTAL

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Revenue	
4000 Per Capita dues	15,249.83
4011 Miscellaneous income	0.00
4013 Ritual Books	500.00
<b>Total for Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,749.83</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$15,749.83</b>
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Expenditures	
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	441.50
6000 Rent/Shared Expenses with Grand RAM	1,178.35
6001 Supplies	472.33
6004 Computer, printer, and Software	1,227.74
6012 Grand Session expenses	1,129.27
7000 General Grand Council Per Capita	1,335.00
7002 Bond	200.00
7030 Charitable Contributions	1,310.00
Other Business Expenses	90.00
Uncategorized Expense	1,200.00
<b>Total for Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15,834.19</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$84.36</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$84.36</b>
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# Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

## Statement of Financial Position

As of Jun 11, 2026

<b>Assets</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Bank Accounts	
1000 Checking	\$10,795.91
1001 Checking - WF Triennial Fund	1,700.00
1002 Checking - WF 150th Anniversary Fund	0.00
1003 Grand Master Hiram Council	0.00
<b>Total for 1000 Checking</b>	<b>\$12,495.91</b>
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$12,495.91</b>
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$12,495.91</b>
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$12,495.91</b>
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Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	6,384.30
Retained Earnings	4,995.97
Net Revenue	1,115.64
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$12,495.91</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$12,495.91</b>

# 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 – Arron Simms, Duluth – Alan Mackenzie, Austin – John Fair,  
Alpha – David Dumonceaux, Omega – Carl Lidstrom, Zabud – Joe Anderson,  
Northfield – Joseph Kivens, Central – Bailey Tolzmann, Red Rock – Billy Gunther,  
and Iron Range – Logan Yuretich

I want to personally thank each of them for their hard work and jumping in with both feet to keep 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 net decrease of 29 Companions, we had 47 Gains and lost 76, 19 deaths, 34 demits, and 23 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

2026 - 2027

## ELECTED OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master	Alan Mackenzie
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	Joseph J. Anderson
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	Anthony J. Heimer
Rt. Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Rt. Illustrious Grand Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Illustrious Grand Trustee - 3 Yr Term	W. David Emery, MIPGM

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	David P. Sarazin
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	David J. Dumonceaux
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	Clinton J. Christensen
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Philip T. Bodle
Illustrious Grand Steward	Scott C. Giannone
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Eric J. Thiem
Illustrious Grand Archmaster	Gerald E. Zierdt, MIPGM
Illustrious Grand Musician	Steven J. Sandberg
Illustrious Grand Education Officer	

## TERMS NOT YET EXPIRED

Rt. Illustrious Grand Trustee - 1 Yr Term	Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM
Rt. Illustrious Grand Trustee - 2 Yr Term	R. James Luchsinger, II, 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 2027 Grand York Rite Session will be in St. Cloud, Minnesota at the Kelly Inn.

June 24 – 26, 2027

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Joseph J. Anderson  
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 Joseph J. Anderson  
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

# Living Past Illustrious Masters

## **St. Paul Council No. 1**

Drew C. Bjorklund, Terrance D. Christiansen, Timothy R. Dixon, R. Sean Gardiner, MIPGM, Conrad Jackson, Jr. Todd R Jovonovich, Todd B Leek, Monte M Miller, Kay E Moss, 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, 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, Edward J. Gerwill, Jerry R Korstad, MIPGM, David F McCormick, II, Eddie Miller, Joseph W. Whealdon.

## **Duluth Council No. 6**

Jerry J. Acker, Kevin Acker, Philip Bodle, David S Bouschor, MIPGM, George P. Downs, Albert E Farmer, Chef Christian Freeman, James Helms, Lauren R Lampi, Rual L Lee, Alan Mackenzie, Brian McVean, Roger A Morris, Wayne H Petersen, David P Sarazin, David A. Schilling, Rolf Widstrand.

## **Austin Council No. 7**

Anthony Lecakis, Ross Mickelsen, Otto Volkert.

## **Alpha Council No. 8**

Michael A. Denke, MIPGM, Rudolf C. Denke, II., David Dumonceaux, Stan Fetters, Kenneth Friese, Scott C. Giannone, Harlan Heidecker, MIPGM, Arlyn Hustad, Earl Ihnen, Allen Monroe, Roger Salonen, Loren Schroeder, MIPGM, Rev. Ryan Stout, Russell W. Wolf, Jr.

## **Omega Council No. 9**

Carl F Lidstrom, MIPGM, Thomas Hendrickson, Charles A Munson, Steve Sandberg.

## **Zabud Council No. 10**

Charles Birkman, Brian K Dimatteo, Eric Erfourth, Tony Heimer, Michael A. Hilgert, Todd A. Mayer, Frank J Namestek, Tyren A. Schmidt.

## **Northfield Council No. 12**

Mark A Anderson, Steven Bernhardt, Bruce V Brendal, 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, MIGM.

## **Central Council No. 14**

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

## **Red Rock Council No. 16**

Everett Brandenburg, Maynard Townswick.

## **Iron Range Council No. 20**

## 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
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
R. James Luchsinger, II [2]	2024 – 2025
Gerald E. Zierdt [12]	2025 - 2026

# Passing's Report 2025 – 2026

May 15, 2025 – May 15, 2026

**St. Paul No. 1:** George W. Carlson 01-11-2026, Donald L. Fackler 03-25-2026,  
Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr., PMIGM, 09-26-2025, Sig E. Stene 03-03-2026, Gary W. Winter 03-25-2026

**Minneapolis No. 2:** Morris Toretsky 12-30-2025

**Ark No. 3:**

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**Duluth No. 6:** Donald W. DeMars 12-18-2025, Fred R. Wefelmeyer 07-28-2025

**Austin No. 7:**

**Alpha No. 8:** Jourdan T. Sullivan 07-28-2025

**Omega No. 9:** Eddie L. Morse 11-05-2025

**Zabud No. 10:**

**Northfield No. 12:** William W. Callister 06-10-2025, Kenneth W. Carroll 07-07-2025, David E. Olson,  
PMWGM

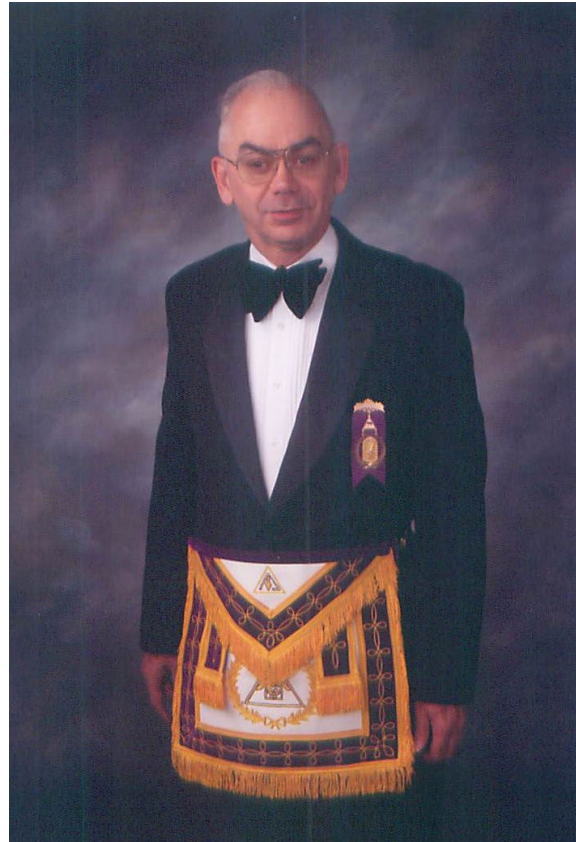
**Central No. 14:**

**Red Rock No. 16:**

**Iron Range No. 20:**

# Barnes Aldridge Sharitt, Jr.

8-28-1942 – 9-26-2025



## Barnes Masonic Record:

Past Master of his Lodge, Past High Priest of his Chapter, Past Illustrious Master of his Council in 1992, and got his Thrice Illustrious Master's degree in 1992, and was awarded the ISH SODI in 1996 and Past Commander of his Commandery, he was a member of the Past Commander's Association of Minnesota and the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Good Samaritan # 36, he was a member of the KYCH, and the York Rite College #39 and the North Star College of the SRICF. He received He went on to become the Grand High Priest of Minnesota and received the Ephraim Kirby Award and was the Custodian for Minnesota for several years. Barnes also served as Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Minnesota in 2003, and in 2013 was awarded Companion of the Secret Vault by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Int'l. He also served for three years as the Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the North Central Region of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Int'l.

2025 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS														MN		MMS
					2025					2025		Total		Living	G G	1/2/2026
	1/1/2025	Greetings	Joined	Restored	Gains	Death	Demit	NPD	Losses	Net	Members	%	LM	LM	Members	
St Paul 1	81	8	0	0	8	3	2	4	9	-1	80	0.98765	18	8	80	
Minneapolis 2	116	1	1	0	2	1	4	6	11	-9	107	0.92241	18	10	107	
Ark 3	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1	9	5	29	
Tyrian 4	32	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	1.03125	8	2	33	
Duluth 6	69	3	0	0	3	5	11	1	17	-14	55	0.7971	13	3	55	
Austin 7	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	9	1	5	1	9	
Alpha 8	50	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	5	-4	46	0.92	10	3	46	
Omega 9	18	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	19	1.05556	3	1	19	
Zabud 10	60	3	2	1	6	3	1	8	12	-6	54	0.9	10	2	54	
Northfield 12	57	4	0	0	4	2	2	3	7	-3	54	0.94737	5	6	54	
GM Hiram 13 UD	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	-10	0	0	0	0	0	
Central 14	37	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	37	1	16	1	37	
Red Rock 16	11	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	1	3	14	1.27273	9	0	14	
Iron Range 20	0	0	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	13	#DIV/0!	0	0	13	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>0.94991</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>550</b>	
* Corrected number from previous years																
Small Council = 49 or less members Large Council = 50 or more members																
Small Council most new % Companions Greeted - Omega #9																
Large Council most new Companions Greeted - St Paul #1																

# MINNESOTA GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS

## NECROLOGY REPORT

### 2025 - 2026

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