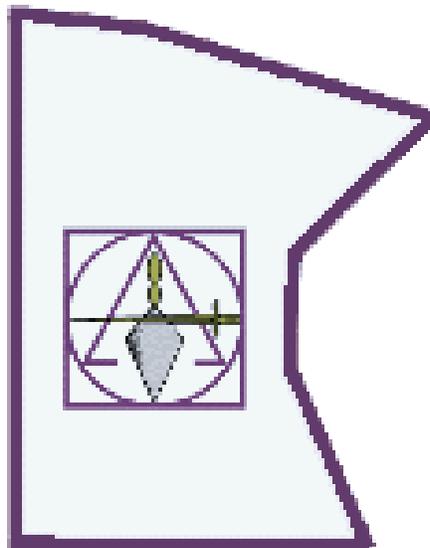


**The Proceedings  
Of  
The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota  
147<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Assembly**

**St. Cloud, Minnesota  
June 23, 2017**



**Marvin W. Schendel  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
2015 – 2017**

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**Marvin W. Schendel**  
**Most Illustrious Grand Master 2015- 2017**

The 147<sup>th</sup> Grand council Assembly was opened in regular form by MIGM Marvin W. Schendel and his corps of officers at 8:00 AM at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, St. Cloud, MN on JUNE 23, 2017



**2016-2017**

## **Grand Council Officers**

**Front Row: Left to right: Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, Carl F. Lidstrom; Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master, Clifford H. Isley; Most Illustrious Grand Master, Marvin W. Schendel; Rt. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the work, Terry L. Rybarczyk; Most Ill. Grand Treasurer/ Grand Recorder Hugh C. Swift, Jr.; Second Row: Left to Right: Ill Grand Steward, Douglas A. Beach; Ill. Grand Organist, William T. Hubbard; Most Ill. Grand Archmaster, Ronald A. Miles and Grand Trustee; Ill. Grand Marshal, L. Greg Schultz; Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council, David McCormick; Ill. Grand Sentinel, W. David Emery; Ill. Grand Chaplain, Nicholas R. Johnson. Back Row: Most Illustrious Companion Charles R. Marston, Grand Trustee. Missing is: Most Illustrious Companion Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr., Grand Trustee.**

# INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

Hugh Swift, Jr.	1993
Charles R. Marston	2000
Ronald A. Miles	2009
Gary A. Odegard	2012
James E. Turner, Jr.	2013

## INTRODUCTION OF VISITING GRAND DIGNITARIES

Right Puissant General Grand Recorder David Grindle, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Intl.

MIC George E. Bauder, North Central Deputy Grand Master- Representing the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International; he is also PMIGM of South Dakota.

MIC Leland L. Burlison, Past Grand Illustrious Master of Wisconsin.

MIC Jon A. Gonsor, Most Illustrious Grand Master of South Dakota.

MIC Richard A. McBride, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, South Dakota.

IC Stan Schwellenbach, Grand Captain of the Guard, of the Grand Council of South Dakota.

IC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand Stewart of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

IC Stacy D. Newgard, Arch Master of the Grand Council of Iowa.

IC Stephen G. Libby, Grand High Priest of Iowa.

IC Dennis A. Newman, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Nebraska.

RIC Terry L. Loper, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of Wisconsin.

IC James D. Myrhum of Wisconsin.

RPC Roger M. Firestone Past Illustrious Grand Master of the District of Columbia

IC James S. McNeely, IV, Grand Stewart of The Grand Council of Connecticut

Cliff Hartmier, First Principal of Manitoba

## The Flag Presentation and Tributes

The Flag of the United States of America was presented by Zion Commandery No. 2.

The Tribute to the US Flag was presented by Companion Donald Nolley

The Tribute to the Canadian Flag was presented by Most Excellent Companion Cliff Hartmier  
First Principal of Manitoba

Most Illustrious Grand Master Marv welcomed all to the 147<sup>th</sup> Session and then called on MIPGM Hugh Swift for a roll call of the Councils.

# **Roll Call of the Councils**

The Councils present were:

St. Paul No. 1, St Paul	Minneapolis No. 2, Minneapolis
Ark No. 3, Owatonna	Tyrian No. 4, Rochester
Duluth No. 6, Duluth	Austin No. 7, Austin
Alpha No. 8, Fergus Falls	Omega No. 9, Minneapolis
Zabud No. 10, Anoka	Northfield No. 12, Farmington
Central No. 14, St Peter	

Two Councils had no representation:

Southgate No. 15, Albert Lea  
Red Rock No. 16, Marshal

Eleven Councils present there was a Quorum and Grand Master Marv declared the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota open for the transaction of Business.

Two Councils, Zabud No. 10, Anoka and Omega No. 9, Minneapolis were called to the East and presented with their new Duplicate Council Charters.

Two Councils, Austin No. 7 and Minneapolis No. 2 were called to the East and presented with their awards from CMMRF, for their donations.

## **Roll Call of the Grand Officers**

All of the Grand Officers were present with the exception of Trustee Barnes Sharitt, Jr. who was excused, And the Grand Chaplain Nick Johnson who was excused.

## **Roll Call of the Grand Representatives**

Those present were thanked for their service.

## **Officers of Constituent Councils**

Illustrious Grand Master Marv then asked for the four constituent Illustrious Masters to rise, announce their name and their Council. 7 Councils were represented They were #1, #2, #4, #9, #10, #12, #14, and they were given a round of applause.

Then the five Deputy Masters were asked to stand and give their names and Councils, they were Councils #1, #2, #8, #9, #10, and they were applauded.

The three Principal Conductors of the Work were asked to stand and give their names and Councils, they were Councils #1, #10, #3 and were likewise applauded.

The eight Recorders were then asked to rise and announce their names and Councils, they were Councils #2, #3, #4, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10 and they received a round of applause

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

## **Reading of the 146<sup>th</sup> Proceedings**

A motion was made that the named Proceedings of the 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly have been published and distributed, and that such proceedings be accepted without reading.

Motion passed

### **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Grand Officers	10
Illustrious Masters	7
Deputy Masters	5
Principal Conductors of the work	3
Recorders	8
Past Illustrious Masters	17
Visitors	6
Guest	13

# **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee suggested the following:

## **2017 – 2018 ELECTED OFFICERS**

Most Illustrious Grand Master	Clifford H. Isley
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	Terrance L. Rybarczyk
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	Carl F. Lidstrom
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 3 Yr Term	Hugh C. Swift, Jr., MIPGM

## **APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS**

The following Illustrious Companions were appointed to serve as tellers Sean Gardiner, Chairman, assisted by James McNeely, IV and Terry Christiansen.

The ballot box was declared open and to remain open until 10:30AM

**REPORT OF THE  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
MARVIN W. SCHENDEL**

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

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you, as your Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for the past two years.

I want to thank the Grand Council Officers and their ladies for all their hard work behind the scenes, to make Minnesota Grand Council one of the strongest Grand Councils in the North Central area.

Last term the focus was on getting the ritual in order and available to all the Companions of this jurisdiction. Your Grand Officers have worked hard proof reading and assembling the Six-Man opening and closing, the Royal and Select degrees, the full opening and closing, along with the installation of officers. This year we have also added the Super Excellent Master Degree. We have corrected all the errors that have been pointed out to us, that have been found, and we are continuing to correct errors as they are brought to our attention. All the ritual works are available on the Grand Council web site, [www.mnyorkrite.org](http://www.mnyorkrite.org) in the resources area. If you do not know the passwords, just ask one of the Grand Officers. If you need us to share any other ritual related material, on the web site please let us know.

We have started work on the General Grand Council's Ritual Jewel. The Recorder and the Grand Arch Master are working to setup recognition requirements for those wishing to get a Ritual Jewel.

The one day to Council is important for the rebuilding of our Councils. Those Councils that do not have enough ritual cast members of their own can bring their candidates to a one day and thus add to their ranks. If three or four Councils in an area get together and put on a one day, it strengthens that whole area, and if they need help the Grand Officers are more than willing to pitch in and lend a hand. We started working with Central Council in St. Peter. The St Peter Chapter went to St James and put 7 candidates through the Mark Master degree. It was great to see the enthusiasm in the southwest area.

If you are fortunate enough to have good ritualist in your Council or area, you are indeed blessed, but if you do not, it is my opinion that it is better to read a part well than to struggle to recite it from memory.

There are a few areas in the state that are working hard and rebuilding. The reduced meeting requirement is working well with the smaller Councils. Now they are able to focus on doing the Chapter Ritual, then the Council Ritual and still meet their obligations. It is great to see the enthusiasm growing and the excitement once the degrees start. If we give our Companions degree work they will be there to help. Just having a business meeting does not create a good enough reason for a lot of Companions to come out. You must give them something worthwhile to get involved in, and our beautiful degree work is that something. We are seeing more education presentations being presented at Council meetings, and they are always welcomed by all in attendance.

The Grand Council has also posted a set of generic By-Laws on the Grand web site. If your by-laws are not up to date, or if you are unable to find a copy of your by-laws take a look at the generic By-Laws to see if they will work for your Council. We tried to keep them simple so that they are not too cumbersome. They also are being tweaked as we get suggestions from the Councils.

We are continuing to clean up the Constitution and Regulations to make them more streamlined and easier to work with. All in all, we are working for you, trying to make this Grand Council the best. If you or your Council need some help or if you have a question, just give us a call, and we will try to help you out. We are here to serve you.

I want to thank all the Councils in Minnesota for the honors, hospitality and courtesies, that you have given to me these past two years. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

I also want to thank my home Council, Minneapolis Council #2, for all the support and extra work they have done for myself and my officers this year and last.

To all the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, thank you for your support and your leadership that you have given to me and the other Grand Officers.

No one person can take all the credit for a good term of office. It is the Officers and Committee people that deserve our gratitude for a job well done.

It has been fun traveling with my counterparts, Most Excellent Companion Cliff Isley, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and our Sir Knight Ralph James Luchsinger II, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, around the state of Minnesota and to the other Grand Jurisdictions in the North Central States area.

I need to thank my lady Marilyn for the untold hours of unseen work that she has done. For the support and love she has given me on my Masonic journey,

THANK YOU MARILYN,

AND THANK YOU MY COMPANIONS

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marvin W. Schendel*

MIC Marvin W. Schendel  
Most Illustrious Grand Master of  
Cryptic Masons in Minnesota,  
2015 – 2016, 2016 – 2017

# Grand Treasurer's Financial Report

## 2016-2017 Budget

INCOME		Budget	Income/Expense	Budget vs. Actual Difference
<b>Per-Capita</b>				
\$15.00/Member + <u>GG@\$2.00=\$17.00</u>	733	\$12,461.00	\$11,265.00	(\$1,196.00)
Greetings Fees@ \$15.00 each	25	\$ 375.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 75.00
Session Income		\$ 300.00		(\$ 300.00)
Donation			\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
TIM DEGREE			\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
ISH-SODI				
Ritual			\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00
CMMRF			<u>\$ 475.50</u>	<u>\$ 475.50</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>\$13,136.00</b>	<b>\$12,458.50</b>	<b>(\$677.50)</b>
Investment Income				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through			
Life Membership Contribution		\$3,697.00		(\$3,697.00)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$16,833.00</b>	<b>\$13,058.50</b>	<b>(\$3,774.50)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Grand Officer Expenses				
Illustrious Grand Master		\$1400.00	\$1400.00	
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	
Gr. Prin. Cond. of Work		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Grand/Recorder		\$1200.00	\$1200.00	
Other Officers		\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
Grand Masters Apron		<u>\$ 375.00</u>	<u>\$ 359.00</u>	<u>\$ 16.00</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,875.00</b>	<b>\$4,609.00</b>	<b>\$ 266.00</b>
<b>Pass Through Expense</b>				
Donation			\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
TIM DEGREE			\$ 52.32	\$ 52.32
ISH-SODI			\$ 126.00	\$ 126.00
Ritual			\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00
CMMRF			\$ 505.50	\$ 505.50
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,484.82</b>	<b>(\$1,484.82)</b>
<b>Rent/ shared with Grand RAM</b>		\$ 670.00	\$ 727.84	\$ (57.84)
Internet/Web Site/ Shared		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Supplies		\$ 600.00	\$ 490.78	\$ 109.22
Postage		\$ 350.00	\$ 29.11	\$ 320.89
Proceedings		\$ 448.00		\$ 448.00
Printing		<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 160.69</u>	<u>\$ 339.31</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,668.00</b>	<b>\$1,508.42</b>	<b>\$1,159.58</b>
Gen. Gr. Per-Capita 786-34LM to GGCCM		\$1,398.00	\$1,398.00	
L. M. Dist. May change/interest growth or loss		\$3,697.00	\$2,041.31	\$1,655.69
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Insurance		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$13,538.00</b>	<b>\$10,656.73</b>	<b>\$2,881.27</b>
<b>TOTAL PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>		<b>\$3,295.00</b>	<b>\$2,401.77</b>	<b>(\$ 893.23)</b>

# Finance Committee Report

## Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

2017-2018

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Per Capita</b>				
\$15.00/Per Mem + G G@\$2.50 = \$17.50	692	\$ 12,110.00		\$ (12,110.00)
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	32	\$ 480.00		\$ (480.00)
Session Income		\$ -		\$ -
Miscellaneous Income		<u>\$ 250.00</u>		<u>\$ (250.00)</u>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,840.00</b>		<b>\$ (12,840.00)</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through			\$ -
Life Membership Contribution		<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>		<u>\$ (3,900.00)</u>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 16,740.00</b>		<b>\$ (16,740.00)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES</b>				
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 750.00		\$ (750.00)
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 550.00		\$ (550.00)
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder		\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
Triennial Fund		\$ 450.00		\$ (450.00)
Grand Masters Apron		<u>\$ 375.00</u>		<u>\$ (375.00)</u>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,125.00</b>		<b>\$ (5,125.00)</b>
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>		\$ 750.00		\$ (750.00)
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>		\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
Supplies		\$ 900.00		\$ (900.00)
Postage		\$ 250.00		\$ (250.00)
Proceedings		\$ 70.00		\$ (70.00)
Computer and Printer		\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
150th Expenses		\$ 1,000.00		\$ (1,000.00)
York Rite Display Expense		\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)
Printing		<u>\$ 400.00</u>		<u>\$ (400.00)</u>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,170.00</b>		<b>\$ (5,170.00)</b>
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	692 -34 LM to GGCCMI	\$ 1,645.00		\$ (1,645.00)
Life Membership Distribution	Change/interest growth-loss	\$ 3,900.00		\$ (3,900.00)
Bond		\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)
Insurance		\$ 400.00		\$ (400.00)
Awards	Jobies - DeMolay - Youth Award	\$ 300.00		\$ (300.00)
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ -</u>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,445.00</b>		<b>\$ (6,445.00)</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 16,740.00</b>		<b>\$ (16,740.00)</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2017 – 2018 Budget as presented,  
motion passed

# 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. 2016 – 2017 completes a 5-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 that your Trustees have done for you since we began in 2012.

The Trustees communicated throughout the year serving the needs of Grand Officers, attending Grand Officers' meetings, Cryptic Rite Medical Research Fund, our Councils of Cryptic Masons in Minnesota, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons finances and investments. Various topics of advisory were presented to your Trustees for their opinion.

On the investment side of your Grand Council:

January 1, 2016 Investment Fund Value: \$70,195.75 includes Life Membership Fund

June 30, 2016 Investment Fund Value: \$69,669.26 includes Life Membership Fund

December 31, 2016 Investment Fund Value: \$69,232.05 includes Life Membership Fund

April 30, 2017 Investment Fund Value: \$70,246.79 includes Life Membership Fund

January 1, 2016 Life Membership Fund Value: \$52,205.83

June 30, 2016 Life Membership Fund Value: \$51,903.66

December 31, 2016 Life Membership Fund Value: \$51,577.88

April 30, 2017 Life Membership Fund Value: \$52,933.86.

One Life Membership added on April 28, 2017 from Zabud Council, the amount is included in the above amount for Life Membership, April 30, 2017.

On the next page is a comparison of April 2016 Council investments to April 2017 Council investments. While our investment value decreased in 2016, we did realize a 4.22% return, which resulted in a contribution to our subordinate Councils for their Life Memberships in 2016. The decrease was due to transferring \$3,697.32 from our Investment Fund to cover the distribution for 2015 Life Memberships. \$2,176.59 returned to our subordinate Councils this year for their Life Memberships in 2016 compared to \$3,697.32 at a rate of return of 7.07%.for 2015. Unless our proposed Resolutions for a change in our investment strategy are passed our Councils can expect to receive a smaller distribution in 2018 based upon rate of return for 2017.

The Grand Council's Investment previous advisor was Securities America, Inc. from Lavista, NE. Securities America Inc. assumed our investments from Great Plains Financial Group, Fargo, ND. Beginning in January 2017 your Grand Council Trustees moved your investments from Securities America, Inc. to Focus Financial in Burnsville, MN. After interviewing several financial advisors it was determined that Focus Financial was our best choice based upon our advisor and references. Please refer to the next page for an over view of our investments with Focus Financial. With the move to Focus Financial, our investment strategy is under the guidelines set forth in the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota Constitution and Regulations. While our investments were not within the guidelines with Great Plains Financial Group and Securities of America, Inc. your Trustees felt bringing them under the guidelines was the right thing to do even though it affected our rate of return for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM

Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr., PMIGM

Charles R. Marston, PMIGM

A motion was made and seconded to accepted the report as printed. Motion passed

# First reading of the Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented and passed at this Grand Assembly

## Resolution No. 1

### Investment Fund Investments

Whereas Section 4.09.5 .01 currently reads:

The Board of Trustees shall

.01 direct investments, reinvestment and liquidate or transfer all funds of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, which are not needed for current operating expenses, into the investment instruments that are guaranteed and insured. Such investments may be jointly decided with the Grand Council or as directed by the legislation at a Grand Convocation. The Trustees shall report on the status of the investments to the Grand Council on a quarterly basis.

Whereas our current investment funds as currently defined by Section 4.09.5 .01 are in conservative investments that are particularly sensitive to short-term losses, but seeking to outperform inflation over the long run. Our current funds are in investment instruments that are guaranteed and insured. These funds are sensitive to short-term losses and pay a significant lower rate of return.

Whereas having the investments in such a manner determined by the elected officers of this Grand Council or as directed by the legislation at a Grand Convocation/Assembly holds no one specifically responsible and accountable for your investment funds. Our Trustees oversee the investment fund and they are responsible and accountable for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota investment funds. Your Trustees will not oversee any funds that they are responsible and accountable for that they have no control over.

Be now resolved to read:

.01 direct investments, reinvestment and liquidate or transfer all funds of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, which are not needed for current operating expenses, into the investment instruments that are in Moderately Conservative to Moderate Risk Tolerance Levels. Moderately Conservative investments are sensitive to short –term losses, but can tolerate some risk in an attempt to achieve a higher rate of return. Moderate investments are accept to more risk than the moderate conservative, but not willing to accept the short-term risk associated with the goal of achieving a long term return dramatically above the inflation rate. The Trustees shall report on the status of the investments to the Grand Council on a quarterly basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PGIM, Chairman Board of Trustees

## **Resolution No. 2**

### **Life Membership Program**

#### *Section 9.01 Life Membership Program*

Whereas article 7. currently reads:

All monies received by the Grand Recorder from the Constituent Councils for the purchase of Life Memberships, shall be placed in the Life Membership Fund. The principal of this Life Membership Fund shall be invested in a manner determined by the elected officers of this Grand Council.

Whereas having the Life Membership being invested in such a manner determined by the elected officers of this Grand Council holds no one specifically responsible and accountable for the Life Membership Program funds. Our Trustees oversee the investment fund and they are responsible and accountable for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota investment funds. Your Trustees will not oversee any funds that they are held responsible and accountable for that they have no control over.

Be now resolved to read:

**All monies received by the Grand Recorder from the Constituent Councils for the purchase of Life Memberships, shall be placed in the Life Membership Fund. The principal of this Life Membership Fund shall be invested in a manner determined by Section 4.09.05.01 of The Board of Trustees.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PGIM, Chairman Board of Trustees

## Resolution No. 3

*Whereas: Minnesota Cryptic Masonry has offered a Life Membership;*

*Whereas: The General Grand Council has increased their per-capita in turn increasing the cost of their life membership;*

*Whereas: The Grand Councils Life Membership program has not accounted for General Grands Per-Capita Life Membership;*

*Therefore, be it Resolved: that the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, Article VIII LIFE MEMBERSHIP; Section 9.01 Life Membership Program be amended to Read;*

### *Section 9.01 Life Membership Program*

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

1. Any member in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction, whose dues are paid to date, may purchase a life membership and be, thereby, relieved from payment of any further dues only in the Council in which he holds his life membership.
2. The purchase of a Life Membership shall be based upon the age of the purchaser at the time of said purchase and the annual dues in effect at that same time with the additional General Grand Council Life Membership fee. The formula for determining the purchase price is as follows:

Age	Factor Times Dues	Plus General Grand Life Membership Fee
18 to 40	40	GGC LM Fee
41 to 50	35	GGC LM Fee
51 to 60	30	GGC LM Fee
61 to 70	25	GGC LM Fee
71 & Up	20	GGC LM Fee

(Factor X Dues) + GGC LM Fee = Grand Council Life Membership Cost

## Resolution No. 4

*Whereas: Minnesota Cryptic Masonry has historically allowed for the demit of eligible Companions;*

*Whereas: The General Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota have not adequately documented that process;*

*Therefore, be it Resolved: that the General Regulations of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, Article XII Suspensions, Non-Affiliation, and Trials; Section 12.0430 – Section 12.0432 Now Read;*

### *Article XII SUSPENSIONS, NON-AFFILIATION, DEMIT, AND TRIALS*

#### *Section 12.0430 Demit*

Any member of a council in good standing and clear of the books, except the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master or Principal Conductor of the Work, may apply, either in writing filed with the Recorder, or orally at a Stated Assembly, for, and be granted, a demit, without vote, by order of the Illustrious Master, entered upon the minutes, which shall take effect as of the date when the request therefor was filed with the Recorder or so made to the council; and the companion so demitted immediately becomes a non-affiliate, whether the certificate of such demission is immediately issued or not - such certificate being only the written evidence of such demission.

*Section 12.0431* In the case of the loss of a demit, upon written application, and showing such loss, a duplicate of demission may issue, by vote of the Council if it is still in existence, or by the Grand Recorder in case the Council is defunct.

*Section 12.0432.* Any member of a council, except the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master or Principal Conductor of the Work, if in good standing and free from charges, may withdraw from membership therein, by written notice to that effect, filed with the Recorder. Such notice shall be disposed of in the manner and subject to the same conditions as an application for a demit. When such withdrawal is consummated, the record should show that the companion was "dropped from the roll at his own request," He will thereafter be an unaffiliated Cryptic Mason, and have no rights whatsoever, except to petition the Grand Council for restoration, and to defend himself against any charges of unmasonic conduct subsequently made against him, for which he thereafter shall be subject to discipline, as he was before withdrawal.

A 15-minute recess was called by our Most Illustrious Grand Master

The Assembly was called back to order at 10:15AM

## **Second reading of the Resolutions**

A motion was made and seconded to waive the second reading of the four resolutions.

Motions passed.

A motion to accept Resolution number one, Investment Fund Investments, was made and seconded, a call for discussion was called, after a short question and answer period, the motion was called and the vote was unanimously in favor for the acceptance of Resolution number one. Passed

A motion to accept Resolution number two, Life Membership Program, was made and seconded, a call for discussion was called, there were no questions, the vote was unanimously in favor for the acceptance of Resolution number two. Passed

A motion to accept Resolution number three, General Grand Council Life Membership, was made and seconded, a call for discussion was called, the question was asked, how much is the GGC fee, answer, 25 times the GGC per capita, which is now \$2.50 which makes the cost \$62.50 for a life membership. the vote was unanimously in favor for the acceptance of Resolution number three. Passed

A motion to accept Resolution number four, Demit, was made and seconded, a call for discussion was called, discussion followed as to what the change was, it was explained that we did not have a demit in our regulations or constitution, and this was to add the ability of our members to get a demit. The vote was unanimously in favor of the acceptance of resolution number four. Passed

# Grand Recorders Report

## Passing's Report 2016

St. Paul No. 1: Alvin F. Bohne, J. Otto Tennant  
 Minneapolis No. 2: Lyle Bigwood, Rollin Chapple, William Larson, John Moe, Jr.  
 Ark No. 3: 0  
 Tyrian No. 4: Lloyd Collopy, Richard Navratil, Robert Chesnut  
 Duluth No. 6: Melvin Fauchald, Glenn E. Lilegren  
 Austin No. 7: 0  
 Alpha No. 8: 0  
 Omega No. 9: Peter P. Kloskowski, Alan L. Midby  
 Zabud No. 10: Peter P. Klokowski,  
 Northfield No. 12: Gerald Kopischke  
 Central No. 14: John R. Wentworth, John Malmberg  
 Southgate No. 15: 0  
 Red Rock No. 16: 0

### 2016 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	1/1/16	Greet	Restore	Joined	Gain 2016	Demit	NPD	Death	2016 Losses	NET	Total 12/31/16	%	Living LM
St Paul 1	102	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	5	-3	99	-2.94	19
Mpls. 2	165	1	0	1	2	7	8	4	19	-17	148	-10.30	37
Ark 3	28	5	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	+3	31	+10.71	4
Tyrian 4	31	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	4	-2	29	-6.45	14
Duluth 6	77	4	0	1	5	3	3	2	8	-3	74	-3.89	20
Austin 7	18	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	+1	19	+5.55	10
Alpha 8	50	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	-1	49	2.00	20
Omega 9	16	0	0	10	10	1	6	1	8	+2	18	+12.50	4
Zabud 10	56	11	0	0	11	1	26	1	28	-17	39	-48.71	23
Nfld 12	68	4	0	0	4	5	0	1	6	-2	66	-2.94	23
Central 14	60	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	-4	56	-6.66	33
Southgate 15 *	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0.00	30
<b>Red Rock 16 *</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>691</b>		<b>258</b>

Southgate No. 15 & Red Rock No. 16 did not get reports in.

## **Awarding of the Altar Cloths**

The recipient of the Altar Cloth this year are:  
Small Council of 50 or less: Omega Council No. 9, Minneapolis  
Large Council of 51 or more: Northfield Council No. 12

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

I want to congratulate the current and past grand officers for putting up with my inadequate and ineptitude performance as your Grand Recorder. It is sad that I may have left your new Grand Recorder (hopefully Marv Schendel) with things I did not get accomplished. It has been an interesting time trying to learn all the ins and out of the computer age. Needless to say I didn't advance very far.

I'm out of energy and have to spend more time doings for and with my Lady Sharlene. It seems that, with my health the way it is going and her situation; we seem to be spending more and more time seeing Doctors and specialists.

So with that, I bid you a hearty farewell and hope you all the best.

With fond memories;

Fraternally;

Hugh Swift, Jr. MIPGM

Grand Recorder

A motion to elect MIPGM Hugh C. Swift, Jr. Recorder Emeritus was made and seconded, the vote was taken and it unanimous in favor. Congratulations and a round of applause was given to Hugh and a big thank you for all of his work.

## **REPORT OF THE COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

Status of Councils – Omega #9 – Charter was pulled and put on the shelf. Several of the members asked to have one more meeting to receive petitions and elect officers, Dispensation was given, they have moved the charter to Minnehaha and are doing well, they have a new set of By-Laws and are active

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

It was moved that the Visiting Companions be made Honorary Members of this Grand Council, with the rights and privileges accorded to all of our Honorary Members, motion was seconded and passed. The following were then called to the east to receive their certificates:

George Bauder, Leland Burlison, Jon Gonsor, David Grindle, Cliff Hartmier, Stephen Libby, Terry Loper, Richard McBride, James McNeely, IV, Stacy Newgard, Dennis Newman, Stan Schwellenbach.

MIC Jon Gonsor thanked all for the honors and curtisies given to him and brought greetings from the 500 Cryptic Masons of South Dakota.

# **Announcements and Awards**

The following Companions and awards were then announced by Grand Master Schendel:

The recipient of the Minnesota Youth Award was Daniel C. Goodwin for his work with the Duluth DeMolay.

The Adult Leadership Award was presented to Shawn M. Torrance for his work with the Hiawatha DeMolay

These awards and announcements were presented at the banquet on Thursday evening.

The ISH-SODI recipients for this year are:

Terry Christiansen -- St. Paul Council No. 1

Alan Mackenzie – Duluth Council No. 6

William Hubbard – Tyrian Council No. 4

John B. Studell – Minneapolis Council No. 2

David N. Kampf of Minneapolis Council No. 2; was presented with the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award at the banquet on Saturday night.

## **RECOGNITION OF PRESIDING OFFICERS OF APPENDANT MASONIC BODIES**

Minnesota Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Scottish Rite Officers, Eminent Prior – MN Priory #24, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Thrice Illustrious Master – MN Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters Preceptors – Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Sovereigns – Red Cross of Constantine, Chief Adept – S.R.I.C.F., Grand Governor and Deputy Grand Governor – Sovereign York Rite College of N. A.

## ***RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF YORK RITE APPENDANT BODIES***

MIC Marv then gave us an exercise program of having us stand for the introduction of the following organizations.

Allied Masonic Degrees; Knight Masons; Athelstan; UCCofE; York Rite Sovereign College; Order of the Purple Cross; Knight of the York Cross of Honour; Red Cross of Constantine; Royal Order of Scotland; Cryptic Mason of the Year Recipients; Minnesota Youth Recipients; and ISH-SODI Recipients.

# REPORT OF THE CMMRF COMMITTEE

A report of the CMMRF Committee was called for and MIPGM James E. Turner, came forward and gave a report on the giving in Minnesota. IC Carl Lidstrom also talked about the CMMRF awards that are available.

The Grand Council of Minnesota and its constituent councils have shown tremendous support for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) of generous donations. Thank you for supporting this most worthy cause.

The chart below shows each council's total contributions for a Fiscal period from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

St.Paul 1	251.00
Minneapolis 2	298.00
Tyrian 4	45.00
Duluth 6	350.00
Austin 7	28.00
Alpha 8	100.00
Omega 9	250.00
Zabud 10	229.00
Northfield 12	450.00
MN Grand Council	505.50
Noble Stone Court 104	85.00
TOTAL	\$2,591.50

**David McCormick, Chair CMMRF Committee**  
**Grand Conductor of the Council**  
**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

The Grand Master's hat was passed for a free will offering and \$343.50 was received.

# **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS NOT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

Motion to approve all remaining pre-printed reports not yet presented and to publish them in the proceedings. Motion was seconded and passed.

## **TELLERS REPORT**

The following were Elected

Most Illustrious Grand Master	Clifford H. Isley
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	Terrance L. Rybarczyk
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	Carl F. Lidstrom
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 3 Yr Term	Hugh C. Swift, Jr., MIPGM

All agreed to accept their new offices. Grand Master Elect Cliff was then asked for his appointments. They are:

Illustrious Grand Chaplain	R. James Luchsinger, II
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	David McCormick, II
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	L. Greg Schultz
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Douglas A. Beach
Illustrious Grand Steward	W. David Emery
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Brian K. Dimatteo
Most Illustrious Grand Archmaster	Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM
Illustrious Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard

## **TERMS NOT YET EXPIRED**

Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 1 Yr Term	Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 2 Yr Term	Charles R. Marston, MIPGM

## **Motion from the Floor**

A motion came from the floor that our MIPGM Hugh C. Swift, Jr. be made Grand Recorder Emeritus, motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A hearty round of applause was given to Hugh. Thank You Hugh for all that you have done for the Grand Council over the years.

First Principal Cliff Hartmier on behalf of Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert Turner Grand Master of the Cryptic Masons of Western Canada brings his greetings and of the thanked the Minnesota Grand Council for the warm welcome and the hospitality.

# **FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

**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 in our role as members of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Your Jurisprudence Committee was presented with several Resolutions this past year to be presented at our 2017 Grand Session. The Jurisprudence Committee determined the Resolutions to be in proper format to be presented at our 2017 Grand Session. The Jurisprudence Committee approved the format for the By-Laws of one Council under dispensation in Minneapolis and for another Council that is moving their Charter to Rochester, MN.

Regarding Resolutions, your Jurisprudence committee only reviews to ensure that the resolution is submitted in proper format. We are not concerned with the topic or subject matter of the Resolution itself. That is one of the reasons your Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota holds its annual meeting.

Other than the Resolutions and the By-Laws, your Jurisprudence Committee has had no further business presented.

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

## **GENERAL GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REMARKS**

Right Puissant Regional Deputy General Grand Master George E. Bauder

Greetings and said that he had a special bit of good news for us, this would be the last time that we would be hearing from him in this position. He will be back. Over the last three years he wanted to share some experiences that he has had, not as a Minnesotan not as a South Dakotan but as a Cryptic Mason with you, you have opened your doors you have opened your hearts and you have opened your minds, to help each other and so many others throughout this area and beyond. We are too busy to notice, but he has been able to take the time from the sidelines and take notice, we are good men making a good effort, and he is proud to be among us. He expressed deep appreciation for our labors.

We should all make an effort to make it to the Triennial, in Portland, we need to get this organization back on track. we need to elect new officers that will get us back on track. We are in a bad position, we need to elect a new General Grand Master and a new General Grand Recorder, we should support Bryan Bechler and he expressed his gratitude for all that we have given him, and thank you.

Right Puissant General Grand Recorder David A. Grindle,

Thanked us for the hospitality and brings greeting from the 54,000+ Cryptic Masons worldwide, we are missing a few Grand Councils on our list of representatives, there are some Grand Councils that are under dispensation, Austria, Cypress, there is no Council in Germany, did not hear France, we need to figure out how to grow Councils here, he will issued a 10 percent gain certificate here for Omega Council. He then had everyone stand, and had them sit by age, 80 70, 60. Notice the 40-year-old Companions. We need more of them, we need to be more social. We need to organize more things where they can participate. Had a discussion about activities and things that had to be done. Participation, how do we get more, we need to do more than just read the minutes and pay the bills and close, you have to have a program. A Past Grand Master from Idaho, got up and talked about the staff, Deacons are messengers, and that is why they carry a staff. You need to get to know your new members. Need to have fellowship. The family is important, a lot of families are headed by single mothers, and thus they do not get the male connection to Boy Scouts, DeMolay, Masonry. Need to learn to communicate in their terms and their modes, I-pads, and electronic forms of all kinds. Do you know why the Companions are not attending the meetings, who reaches out to them, who is keeping in touch? He has a good friend who each day when he wakes up, has ten phone calls to make, he has ten widows and widowers who live alone in his retirement community, to speak to each day, one day he did not get one of his calls to get answered, he went to the home and found him on the floor, he called an ambulance, and they took him to the hospital where he recovered. We need to reach out to our Companions. I want to thank you for your courtesies, and is hoping to be able to return to Minnesota.

Grand Master Schendel then asked the Grand Recorder, Is there any other business to come before this Grand Council, hearing none he said I call this Assembly to recess, to resume again for the Public Installation of Officers at 4:30 P.M. today. then he ordered the Grand Conductor of the Council, to attend at the altar.

*THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF  
MINNESOTA*

*GRAND OFFICERS -- 2017 – 2018*

*JUNE 23, 2017*

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The installation was conducted by MIPGM Marvin W. Schendel as the installing Grand Master, with the assistance of PMIGM Hugh C. Swift, Jr. as Grand Marshall; and PMIGM Ronald A. Miles as Grand Recorder and MIPGM Gary A. Odegard as the Grand Chaplain. The new officers were invested with their new aprons and collars.

# The Minnesota Council of ISH-SODI

June 23, 2017 2:45 PM

Marriott Courtyard Hotel, St. Cloud, MN

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

Thrice Illustrious Master	Ronald Jensen
Deputy Master	Harlan Brand
Principal Conductor of the Work	Jim Luchsinger
Secretary	Mavin Schendel
Sentinel	Greg Schultz

The degree cast was:

Nehemia	Hugh C. Swift, Jr.	Bani	Jim Myrhum
Mordecai	W. David Emery	Sherbiah	Al Shufelt
Ezra	Sean Gardiner	Jamin	Greg Schultz
Seriah	Carl Lidstrom	Akkub	Raymond Frandsen
Chaplain	Gary Odegard	Medijah	Joe Anderson
Hanani	Ken Carroll	Kelita	Stan Feters
Hodijah	Doug Beach	Maaziah	Steve Partridge

Candidates receiving the degree were:

Alan Mackenzie	Duluth # 6
Terrance Christiansen	St. Paul # 1
William Hubbard	Tyrian # 4
John Studell	Minneapolis # 2

Honorary members : Clifford C. Hartmier, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Jon A. Gonsor, SD

The minutes of the June 24, 2016 were approved as read.  
There were no communications.

Nominations for 2017 – 2018 Officers were:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Harlan Brand
Deputy Master	Jim Luchsinger
Principal Conductor of the Work	Greg Schultz
Secretary	Marvin Schendel
Sentinel	Sean Gardiner

The Officers were declared installed by TIM Ronald Jensen.  
The Council was closed at 3:25PM with the circle of Friendship.

Attest: Marvin Schendel, Secretary      Approved: Ronald Jensen, T.I. M.

# Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree, June 23, 2017

## THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL

### OF MINNESOTA

The seventieth annual meeting of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of Minnesota convened in full form at 1:15P.M., Friday, June 23, 2017 in St. Cloud, Minnesota with the following Companions serving as officers:

T.I. Master	Don DeMars
T.I. Sr. Warden	David Emery
T.I. Jr. Warden	Marvin Schendel
T.I. Recorder	Ronald Miles
T.I. Steward	R. Sean Gardiner
T.I. Sentinel	Alan McKenzie

The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was confirmed on the candidates under the direction of Degree Director, Raymond S. Frandsen, PTIM, by the following cast

Prologue	Alan McKenzie
Abiather	Charles Marston
Joab	Ronald Miles
Adinijah	Sean Gardiner
Zadok	James McNeely IV
Benaiah	Kenneth Carroll
Nathan	Allan Shufelt
King David	Hugh Swift, Jr.

Ronald Miles thanked the degree cast for a job well done and for those who stepped in to assist in the presentation of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree.

The Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was presented to I.M. Kay Moss, St Paul Council No. 1; I.M. Chris Wendover, Minneapolis No. 2, and I.M. Sean Novack, Zabud No. 10; and A Honorary Membership and Thrice Illustrious ribbon was presented to Cliff Hartmier from Manitoba

A business meeting held prior to the degree with thirty-one Companions in attendance. A motion was made and passed to purchase a Bible, Square, and Compass to be used in our degree work. A second motion was made and passed to purchase a Trowel to used in our degree work; the trowel will be engraved noting Thrice Illustrious Masters. Funds for the purchase will be from Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Visiting Companions in attendance were James McNeely IV from Connecticut; Cliff Hartmier from Manitoba; Dennis Newman from Nebraska; Rich McBride, Jon Gonsor, Stan Schwellenbach, and George Bauder from South Dakota; Roger Firestone of Washington D.C.; and James Myrhum from Wisconsin.

Ronald Miles presented each active candidate with his membership card, and Thrice Illustrious Master ribbon.

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

T.I. Master	David Emery
T.I. Sr. Warden	R. Sean Gardiner
T.I. Jr. Warden	Alan McKenzie
T.I. Recorder	Marvin Schendel
T.I. Steward	Greg Schultz
T.I. Sentinel	Carl Lidstrom

Don DeMars received his PTIM pin for his service as President.

Ronald Miles thanked Marvin Schendel for assuming the position of Recorder.

No further business, the meeting closed in proper form at 2:45 P.M.

Attest: Ronald Miles, Recorder

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

# William R. Newell

## Obituary



William "Bill" R. Newell, 79, of Austin, died peacefully Wednesday evening, March 1, 2017, surrounded by his loving family at Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, Saint Marys Campus. Bill was born May 24, 1937, in Rochester, the son of Jesse and Ella (Aaby) Newell. He was raised in Rochester and graduated from Rochester Central High School in 1955. He attended Rochester Junior College, graduating with a degree in bookkeeping. On Dec. 9, 1961, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Putratz in Mason City, Iowa. Bill worked in Mason City at the Hoxie Food Company before taking a job as manager of the Country Kitchen in Austin. He later went to work for Continental Foods, retiring in 1988. He has been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church since 1970. Bill was a devoted Shriner and an avid Masonic Lodge member, dedicating his life to helping people. He also volunteered and served on the board of the local [Salvation Army](#). He enjoyed singing, doing karaoke, spending time at his cabin and driving his pontoon. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Newell, of Austin; daughter, Karen Luna, of Austin; son, Bruce (Julie) Newell, of Raymond; five grandchildren, Andrea (Michael) Odegaard, of Austin, Krystal Morton, of Austin, Amanda Luna, of Bloomington, Corey Newell, of Austin,

and Amanda (Jacob) Schmidt, of Rochester; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry (Mary) Putratz, of Millville, Betty (Carl) Hanson, of Stewartville, Bryan (Bev) Thaut, of Rochester, and Nita (Larry) Jung, of Ankeny, Iowa; also many wonderful nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Lauren; sister-in-law, Merna; granddaughter, Heidi Newell; great-grandson, Carter Newell; and son-in-law, Andy Luna. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Worlein Funeral Home Chapel in Austin, with the Rev. Dr. Chad Johnson, of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, and for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the Worlein Funeral Home. A Masonic Service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Worlein Funeral Home. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery in Rochester at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.worlein.com](http://www.worlein.com).

# MASONIC HISTORY

He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on Nov. 20, 1974, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on Jan. 15, 1975 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 29, 1975 in Fidelity Lodge No. 39, A.F. & A. M. and served as Master of the Lodge in 1980.

Exalted to the Royal Arch on April 6, 1978 and served as High Priest of Austin Chapter No. 14 in 1982. He served as Secretary up until the time of his passing. He was appointed to the advancing line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1982 by Most Excellent Companion Donald L. Opdahl and presided as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1989-1990. He received the Order of High Priesthood on May 8, 1982.

Greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Austin Council No. 7 on August 30, 1979; and served as Illustrious Master in 1983. He served as Treasurer/Recorder until the time of his passing. He was appointed Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council by MIC Dennis B. Wingrove in 1994 and served as the Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1999-2000. He received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree in 1983. Knighted in Bernard Commandery No. 13 on April 15, 1978 and served as Eminent Commander in 1981-82 and again in 1983-84.

He was inducted into Minnesota Priory No. 24 on June 18, 1985; and served as the Eminent Prior and had received two quadrants of the Knights of the Grand Cross of Honour for his labors within the York Rite of Minnesota.

He was ordained as a charter member of City of Justice Tabernacle No. LXVII (67), Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and served as Preceptor.

He was initiated into Minnesota York Rite College No. 39 on June 20, 1987 and served as Governor in 1996-1997. On July 29, 1995, he was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross and in 1998 he was appointed to a 4 year term as Grand Governor in Minnesota by the Sovereign College of North America.

He was a charter member and Past Excellent Chief of Minnesota Council of Knight Masons No. 34.

He was also a charter member and Past Sovereign Master of Charles Stroebel Council No. 247 and Past Sovereign Master of Johnny E. Nelson Council No. 252 Allied Masonic Degrees.

On June 1, 1985 he became a Noble of Osman Temple of St Paul. He is a Past President of the Austin Shrine club and the Oriental Band.

Installed into St. Olaf Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine on October 20, 1990 and served as our sovereign Master in 2004.

He was admitted into North Star College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Gorderatis in Duluth, MN in 1990.

A charter member and Past Worthy Chief of Minnesota Council No. 79 of the Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers; beginning with its institution on November 21, 1991.

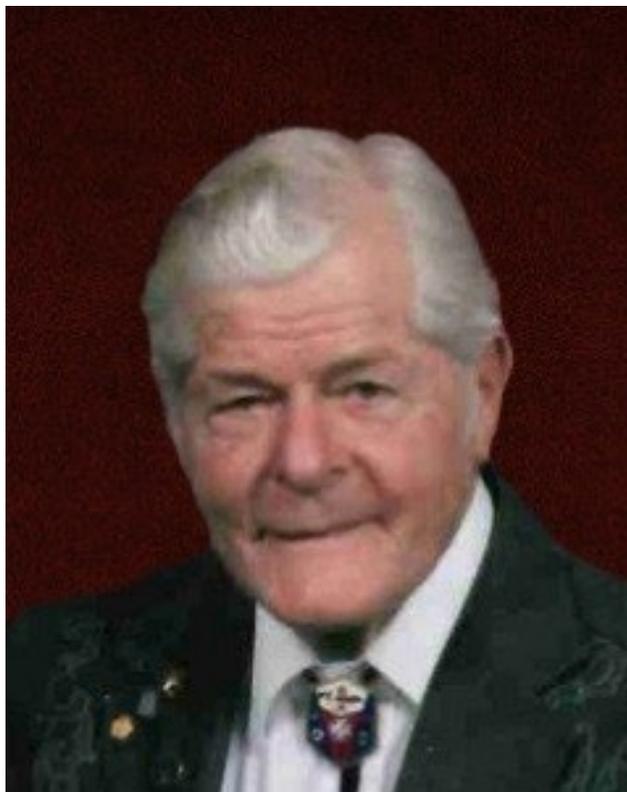
He was a member of Educational Lodge No. 1002.

He was a member of Unity Chapter No. 29; Order of the Eastern Star and had served as Worthy Patron, and held numerous other offices within that organization throughout the years.

He served on the Austin Temple Association, Advisory Council of Osman Chapter, Order of DeMolay and 2 years as Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 20, Job's Daughters.

He held many Honorary Memberships in Grand Royal Arch Chapters and Grand Councils within other Grand Jurisdictions.

# Leonard G. Pikal



## Obituary

Leonard George Pikal was born February 12, 1923, on a rural Brownton, Minnesota farm. He was the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Holetz) Pikal. Leonard attended country school in Round Grove Township, McLeod County, Minnesota and was a graduate of the Brownton High School Class of 1941. He furthered his education by attending Gustavus Adolphus College where he studied engineering, business and psychology.

On December 12, 1970, Leonard was united in marriage to Darlene Wetterstrom at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Leonard and Darlene resided in Brownton. They shared 46 years of marriage.

Leonard farmed all of his life in Round Grove Township and Glencoe Township. He was active for 50 years in the Farmer's Union, the Hutchinson Farmer's Co-op, and the Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation where he was on the state board. He loved farming and also enjoyed participating in tractor pulling at the McLeod County Fair. His 806 International Tractor won many times.

He was raised a Master Mason on February 19, 1958, in Guardian Lodge #149 and later joined Adah Chapter #31 O.E.S., both in Brownton. Leonard is a member of Glencoe Chapter #38 R.A.M.; Central

Council #14 Cryptic Masons; Hutchinson Commandery #40, Knights Templar, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Priory #24; Minnesota Council #34, Knights Masons; Universal Craftsmen of Engineers, Inc. - Minnesota Council; Minnesota York Rite College #39 - Knight Crusaders of the Cross; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests - Good Samaritan #39; Red Cross of Constantine - St. Olaf Conclave; The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Minnesota; Minnesota Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Leonard joined Zuhrah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Minneapolis in 1962, serving as Zuhrah's Crow River Shrine Club president in 1965 and 1989, also holding a charter membership in Zuhrah Antique Cars. He received the Grand Council and Cryptic Masons ISH-SODI award in 1985. Leonard was appointed to the Grand Chapter line by Kenneth D. Hauggorde G.H.P. in 1986.

Comp. Pikal has been an agriculture producer all his life and has felt that society can advance only if social, economic and environmental wellbeing are all improving because they are so inter-related and dependent on each other. This strong feeling is his reason for serving as an officer for over 30 years in his Lodge and on many local and state wide boards that work on these problems.

Leonard enjoyed dancing to old-time music and polkas with his wife Darlene. He also enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting. Leonard's favorite pastime was going to Auctions, his number, 445, was always reserved just for him. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Leonard passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care in Glencoe, Minnesota at the age of 94 years. .

Blessed be his memory.

Leonard is survived by his:

Wife, Darlene Pikal of Glencoe, MN;

Sister-In-Law, Blanche Delcourt of Maple Wood, MN;

Nephews, Leigh Pikal of Brownton, MN,

Keith Pikal of Gaylord, MN;

Many other relatives and friends.

Leonard is preceded in death by his Parents, Frank and Elizabeth Pikal, Brothers, Gordon Pikal and his wife, Agnes, Lloyd Pikal, Melvin Pikal; Sister, DeEtta Pikal.

# **Committee Reports From the Preprints**

## **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.**

This year has been an experience. As most of you know I had another obligation this year so I was unable to exert as much energy as I would like to have done. I was able to make most of the Grand Officer meetings held at the Masonic Home. On visits I made to other bodies if MIC Marv was not in attendance I would bring his greetings.

I want to thank MIC Marv for going beyond the call of duty these last two years, he is very dedicated and we should all thank him for his service.

Lastly I want to say something to our MIC Terry Becker, thank you for your inspiration, you are loved by all of us.

Clifford H. Isley  
Deputy Grand Master

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

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

- 1. Minnesota Representative for Ohio Grand Session**
  - a. Room cost: \$495.96
  - b. Meals for event: \$57.00
  - c. Total Miles: 1,494 roundtrip
- 2. North Central**
  - a. Room cost: \$221.58
  - b. Total Miles: 587 roundtrip
- 3. Lacrosse, Wisconsin Degree Work**
  - a. Total Miles: 403 roundtrip
- 4. 9 Trips to Fergus Falls Meeting**
  - a. 550 roundtrip x 9 trips = 4,950 total miles
- 5. Fergus Falls Awards Program**
  - a. Total Miles: 550 roundtrip
- 6. Fergus Falls Practice**
  - a. Total Miles: 550 roundtrip

**TOTAL CASH OUTLAY= \$717.54**

**TOTAL MILES= 8,534**

**Terry Rybarczyk  
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:**

2016-2017 has been a very busy year for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. There has been increased activity, work on the ritual, and Grand Officer visits throughout the state.

I attended the Grand Officer's monthly meetings, the Minnesota One Day to Council, and the Nebraska Grand York Rite Session.

I also met with the York Rite membership committee. We began discussions on gathering information on our membership to allow for planning on approaches to familiarize Blue Lodge Brethren with the York Rite.

As a district representative I was assigned to two Councils, St. Paul Council No. 1 in St. Paul and Zabud Council No. 10 in Anoka. I attended their meetings on a regular basis bringing news from the Grand Council and encouraging efforts to earn The Ronald L. Thomas General Grand Council Ritualist Award.

St. Paul Council continues as a very active Council holding regular meeting, opening in full form, and greeting new candidates.

Zabud Council is also a very active Council holding regular meeting, opening in full form, and greeting new candidates.

The Grand Session planning went forward and I am looking forward to a wonderful session in St. Cloud. For 2018, we will again be meeting at the Marriott Courtyard, St. Cloud.

The Souvenir Program Booklet continued to function under the watchful care of Joe Anderson. The Booklet is important to the Grand Session Committee as it is really the only source of revenue the Session Committee has to cover expenses. The registration fee for the Grand Session is so low that it could never cover those expenses by itself and we thank those who participate in the Souvenir Program Booklet by purchasing an ad or participate in the buck a line program.

I also worked on moving Omega Council No. 9's Charter from Willmar to Minneapolis and assisted in the re-activation of Omega Council with help from members of that Council who are located in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

One of our primary duties as York Rite Masons is to bring further light in Masonry. It's in your obligations. To do that, we need to chat up our Lodge Brothers engaging them first in Chapter and then Council. The Degrees are rich in lessons and continue the Blue Lodge experience. Don't let them miss out.

**Carl F. Lidstrom**  
**Grand Captain of the Guard**  
**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

# **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:**

2016-17 has been a busy year for our Grand Council. We have grown, and strengthened our Councils. We as a Grand body are positioning ourselves to better assist our Councils and are working on programs to assist them in recruiting new members.

This year I had the privilege of chairing the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation efforts in Minnesota. What a fantastic charity we have! It helps fund some amazing research! This research helps people suffering from many different illnesses, including peripheral artery disease, congestive heart disease, diabetes, strokes, osteoarthritis and other diseases. Your support of these efforts has been tremendous. Each dollar you donated really impacts people's lives. Let's keep up our good work.

Tyrian Council #4, now of Rochester, has moved its charter to Rochester, changed to four meetings per year with all of them in Rochester. (It was formerly in Winona with meeting alternating between Rochester and Winona.) This has improved their meeting attendance and helped them gain new members. They are working on the rituals and hope to confer degrees next year.

It has been a wonderful year and I have greatly enjoyed working with the Grand Council on improving Cryptic Masonry. It has been a pleasure serving as your Grand Conductor of the Council.

**David McCormick, II**  
**Grand Conductor of the Council**  
**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

# **Awards Committee Report**

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

The Awards Committee made sure the information on the Grand Council's Web Site was up-to-date, the Grand Officers were informed of the various awards that are available, and communicated with the Councils about the awards and their due dates.

**Carl F. Lidstrom**  
**Grand Captain of the Guard**  
**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

## **Report of the Grand Archmaster**

### **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 in my office of Grand Archmaster.

To the Councils in Minnesota I express my thanks and gratitude for the fine degree work that you presented to our new members. The degree work that you presented this past year builds our foundation for the future growth of Cryptic Masonry in Minnesota.

It is with pleasure that all reports received by me this past year have stated the quality of the work. Perfect practice makes for a perfect degree presentation and without a doubt earns you congratulations for a job well done.

This past year our Cryptic Masons of Minnesota bonded together to present the work at a Festival held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Minneapolis. Thank you to all who participated whether in our degree work or as sideliner your attendance matters.

For the advancement in proficiency and growth of Cryptic Masonry in Minnesota I encourage all members to take an active role in our ritual work. Whether it is a large part or small part, whether speaking is involved or not, your contribution is appreciated.

.Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM

# **Jurisprudence Committee Report**

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

It has been with great pleasure to serve our officers and members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota in our role as members of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Your Jurisprudence Committee was presented with several Resolutions this past year to be presented at our 2017 Grand Session. The Jurisprudence Committee determined the Resolutions to be in proper format to be presented at our 2017 Grand Session. The Jurisprudence Committee approved the format for the By-Laws of one Council under dispensation in Minneapolis and for another Council that is moving their Charter to Rochester, MN.

Regarding Resolutions, your Jurisprudence committee only reviews to ensure that the resolution is submitted in proper format. We are not concerned with the topic or subject matter of the Resolution itself. That is one of the reasons your Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota holds its annual meeting.

Other than the Resolutions and the By-Laws, your Jurisprudence Committee has had no further business presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM

Charles Marston, PMIGM

Gary A. Odegard, PMIGM

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

8 June 2017

Hugh Swift, PMIGM  
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN  
Grand Recorder/ Treasurer

Re: Grand Chapter/ Grand Council Office Rent Sharing

In the past, we have discussed different ways of sharing the office rent expense. I believe we have agreed to try a person pro rating arrangement as follows:

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

Based upon the last reported memberships to the General Grands, the Grand Council had 733 Companions and the Grand Chapter had 1823 Companions for a total of 2556 Companions.

If we divide \$2538.00 by 2556 we get \$0.993 per Companion.

Therefore rent would be allocated as follows:

Grand Council - \$ 727.84

Grand Chapter - \$1810.16

Please let me know if this meets with your approval.

Fraternally,  
Gary A. Odegard, PGHP  
Grand Chapter RAM of MN  
Grand Secretary/Treasurer

# **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 congratulate the current and past grand officers for putting up with my inadequate and ineptitude performance as your Grand Recorder. It is sad that I may have left your new Grand Recorder (hopefully Marv Schendel) with things I did not get accomplished. It has been an interesting time trying to learn all the ins and out of the computer age. Needless to say I didn't advance very far.

I'm out of energy and have to spend more time doing for and with my Lady Sharlene. It seems that, with my health the way it is going and her situation; we seem to be spending more and more time seeing Doctors and specialists.

So with that, I bid you a hearty farewell and hope you all the best.

With fond memories;

Fraternally;

Hugh Swift, Jr. MIPGM

Grand Recorder

## **Unfinished Business Committee**

**There is no unfinished business to report. All submitted proposals were completed at the 2016 Grand Session.**

**RIC Terrance L. Rybarczyk, Chairman**