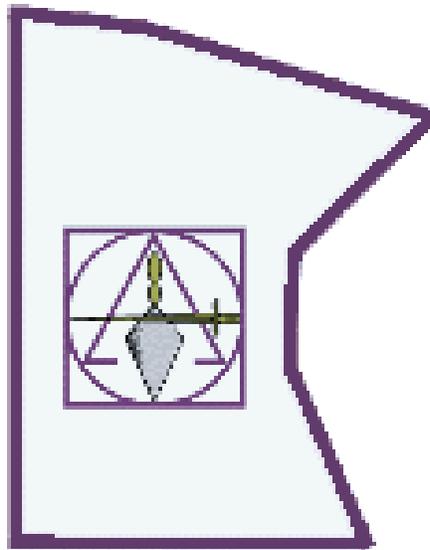


**The Proceedings  
Of  
The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota  
148<sup>th</sup>  
Grand Assembly**

**St. Cloud, Minnesota  
June 22, 2018**



**Clifford H. Isley  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
2017 – 2018**



**Most Illustrious Companion Clifford H. Isley  
Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of Cryptic  
Mason of Minnesota**

IC Clinton Christensen Illustrious Master of Northfield Council No. 12 who acted as the opening Master and James S. McNeely, IV, who was the opening Marshal. They were thanked by MIC Cliff, for doing a good job.

The 148<sup>th</sup> Grand council Assembly was then opened in regular form by MIGM Clifford H. Isley and his corps of officers at 8:00 AM at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, St. Cloud, MN on JUNE 22, 2018

## **2017-2018 Minnesota Grand Council Officers**

Most Illustrious Grand Master	MIC Clifford H. Isley
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	RIC Terrance L. Rybarczyk
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	RIC Carl F. Lidstrom
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer / Recorder	MIC Marvin W. Schendel
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	IC R. James Luchsinger, Jr.
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	IC David McCormick, II
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	IC L. Greg Schultz
Illustrious Grand Marshal	IC Douglas A. Beach
Illustrious Grand Steward	IC W. David Emery
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	IC Brian K. DiMatteo
Illustrious Grand Organist	IC William T. Hubbard
Illustrious Grand Arch Master	MIC Ronald A. Miles

### Trustees:

Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 1 Year Term	MIC Ronald A. Miles
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 2 Year Term	MIC Charles R. Marston
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee 3 Year Term	MIC Hugh C. Swift, Jr.

# **INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS**

Hugh Swift, Jr.	1993
Jerry R. Korstad	1998
Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	2003
Kevin V. Jones	2005
Ronald A. Miles	2009
Gary A. Odegard	2012
James E. Turner, Jr.	2013
Marvin W. Schendel	2016-2017

## **INTRODUCTION OF VISITING GRAND DIGNITARIES**

RPC Anthony T. Johnson, North Central Deputy Grand Master- Representing the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International; he is also MIPGM of Nebraska.

Right Puissant General Grand Marshal Terrance L. Rybarczyk, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Intl.

MIC Wade E. Sheeler, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Iowa.

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

IC Roger H. Hansen, Grand Captain of the Guard, South Dakota.

MIC Ronald L. Penfold, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, North Dakota.

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

MIC Parker W. Dow, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Wisconsin.

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

MIC David A. Shaw, Illustrious Grand Master, of the Grand Council of Nebraska.

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

RPC Roger M. Firestone Past Illustrious Grand Master of the District of Columbia, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Personal Representative of the Grand Master, MWB Edward R. Halpaus.

**Blessing by the Grand Chaplain IC R. James Luchsinger, II**

## **The Flag Presentation and Tributes**

The Flag of the United States of America was presented by Northfield Commandery No. 12.

The Tribute to the US Flag was presented by MIC Hugh C. Swift, Jr.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Cliff welcomed all to the 148<sup>th</sup> Session and then called on MIPGM Marvin W. Schendel 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,
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 Cliff declared the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota open for the transaction of Business.

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

All of the Grand Officers were present with the exception of Trustee Charles R. Marston who was excused.

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

Those present were thanked for their service.

## **Officers of Constituent Councils**

Illustrious Grand Master Cliff then asked the constituent Illustrious Masters to rise, announce their name and their Council. 6 Councils were represented, and they were given a round of applause.

Then the five Deputy Masters were asked to stand and give their names and Councils, and they were applauded.

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

The Recorders were then asked to rise and announce their names and Councils, and they received a round of applause.

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

# Reading of the 147<sup>th</sup> Proceedings

A motion was made that the named Proceedings of the 147<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	11
Illustrious Masters	6
Deputy Masters	4
Principal Conductors of the work	3
Recorders	7
Past Illustrious Masters	21
Visitors	2
Guest	12
Balloting Members	52

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**REPORT OF THE  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
CLIFFORD H. ISLEY**

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

Greetings companions,

I want to say that it has been an honor to serve you as Illustrious Grand Master. I also want to say that it has been an honor to have served with the other Grand officers, they are a group of hard working officers and Minnesota is blessed to have them.

This past year has seen great enthusiasm for Cryptic masonry. We had degree work and new members from Fergus Falls to St Peter to Rochester to the Duluth area and the metro area. The local Councils are working hard, and their efforts are showing great results. I think that when the membership numbers are tallied for the year we will be surprised. Keep up the good work.

The York Rite Masonry education program is moving along to near completion. If you go onto the [mnyorkrite.org](http://mnyorkrite.org) website, you will see what is available for you to help learn more about the York Rite bodies.

This was not my first time as a leader in one of the York Rite bodies. I hopefully learned a few things about this thing called "leadership" and would like to pass on some of my thoughts.

Know who you are. There will be detractors to how you lead, but do not allow them to take charge of what you want to do. I have found that I will take what my detractors are saying and make sure that I have not let the train go off the track. You have been elected to be the leader because of who you are, always remember that.

Members are not just numbers or people, they are your Brothers, your Companion's, treat them the way that we are taught in Masonry to treat them. I have found that if you treat our members with respect you will receive respect. Respect is earned, not given. As a leader in your council you need to show respect to each of the members, you must also respect your Council as a whole. Do what is best for the Council, not just a few of the members.

You are not alone in governing your Council. Use your officers and members. Learn to delegate and when you do your job will be much easier. This will allow your members to feel a part of the Council and its success will also be their success. As leaders we want all our members to feel successful.

Please show the same respect to those officers following me as you have for me. These officers have only one thing that drives them, to make Cryptic Council in Minnesota grow.

Clifford H. Isley

MIGM, 2017-2018

## **GRAND MASTER'S ORAL REPORT**

Cliff talked about his history in Masonry and some of the lines that he was asked to participate in.

He is now a member of a small club in Minnesota Masonry and that he is number four. The club consist of Masons who have been Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Right Eminent Grand Commander. He is proud and humbled to be a member of that club.

One of the most important lessons that he has learned is that not everyone will support what you are trying to do, while you are a Grand Officer. But at the end you will have more supporters than non-supporters.

If you can put your finger on one thing that you were a positive influence on, something that you can be proud of, you will have had a successful year.

He felt that this year was a good year. All of the Councils in the state have been active and enthused. The road show has been positive for our membership.

The Grand Officers are going out and talking about what we have to offer, in a positive manner.

Minnesota York Rite is working on education, we are now set up to instruct our members, to teach them what the degrees are and what they mean.

Unity between the Chapter, Council and Commandery is good, we are all working together well.

We must talk to our new Master Masons, and let them know what we have to offer in the York Rite, to answer the questions that they do not even know to ask, who was Hiram Abif, What is the real Lost Master's Word.

Regional York Rite Centers, like Owatonna and Fergus Falls, where the Chapter, Council, and Commandery can meet on the same night, they are the same members of all three.

The Committee on Grand Representatives has been working hard, Greg and Jim have put in long hours to clean up the list.

Council has a lot to offer, it is the final chapter of the story.

There has been some talk lately, in some Blue Lodges, about which is better, York Rite or Scottish Rite, the bickering must stop. We can not argue with ourselves, we are them. The bickering is not Masonic.

Lastly he thanked all of the Grand Officers that he has served with in the three Grand lines. They have all supported him, and helped him, if he was unable to travel because of work, someone else would fill in, without the hope of fee or reward.

He has been humbled by the support that he has gotten over the years.

Motion to approve his report, seconded, and passed.

# Grand Treasurer's Financial Report

## Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

2017-2018

INCOME		Budget	Actual	Difference
<b>Per Capita</b>				
\$15.00/Per Mem + G G@\$2.50 = \$17.50	462	\$ 8085.00	\$ 6,772.50	\$ (1,312.50)
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	32	\$ 480.00	\$375.00	\$ (105.00)
Life Member Per Capita	230	\$ 4025.00	\$4,025.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Income		<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<u>\$123.65</u>	<u>\$ (176.35)</u>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,890.00</b>	<b>\$11,296.15</b>	<b>\$ (1,593.85)</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		\$1,165.00	\$ 1,165.00
Life Membership Contribution				
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 12,890.00</b>	<b>\$12,461.15</b>	<b>\$ (428.85)</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	\$1,200.00	\$ (750.00)
Grand Masters Apron		<u>\$ 375.00</u>	<u>\$ 359.00</u>	<u>\$ (16.00)</u>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,125.00</b>	<b>\$5,859.00</b>	<b>\$ 734.00</b>
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>		\$ 750.00	\$761.62	\$ 11.62
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>		\$ 100.00	\$53.00	\$ (47.00)
Supplies		\$ 50.00	\$547.95	\$ 497.95
Postage		\$ 150.00	\$74.83	\$ (75.17)
Proceedings		\$ 70.00		\$ (70.00)
Computer and Printer		\$ 1,500.00	\$1,085.55	\$ (414.45)
150th Expenses		\$ 1,000.00	\$200.00	\$ (800.00)
General Meeting Expense		\$ 150.00	\$120.04	\$ (29.96)
Grand Session Expense		\$1,000.00	\$1,158.02	\$ 158.02
York Rite Display Expense		\$ 200.00	\$402.42	\$ 202.42
Printing		<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$321.38</u>	<u>\$ (78.62)</u>
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,370.00</b>	<b>\$4,724.81</b>	<b>\$ (645.19)</b>
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	692 -34 LM to GGCCMI	\$ 1,070.00	\$1,640.00	\$ (670.00)
Life Membership Distribution	Change/interest growth-loss	\$		\$
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$200.0	\$
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>\$ 1,970.00</b>	<b>\$2,140.00</b>	<b>\$ 170.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 12,465.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,723.81</b>	<b>\$ 258.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 425.00</b>	<b>\$ (262.66)</b>	<b>\$ (687.66)</b>

## Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

### 2018-2019 BUDGET

INCOME		Budget
<b>Per Capita</b>		
\$15.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$17.50	477	\$ 8,347.50
Life Member Per Capita	222	\$ 3,885.00
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	32	\$ 480.00
Session Income		\$ -
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 300.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,012.50</b>
Investment Income		
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through	
Life Membership Contribution		\$ 1,500.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 14,512.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES</b>		
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 1,500.00
Deputy Grand Master		\$ 750.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		\$ 550.00
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder		\$ 1,500.00
Triennial Fund		\$ 450.00
Grand Masters Apron		\$ 375.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,125.00</b>
Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram		\$ 750.00
Internet/Web Site/ Shared		\$ 100.00
Supplies		\$ 500.00
Postage		\$ 150.00
Proceedings		\$ 100.00
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 800.00
150th Expenses		\$ 1,000.00
General Meeting Expense		\$ 600.00
Grand Session Expense		\$ 1,200.00
York Rite Display Expense		\$ 230.00
Printing		\$ 300.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,730.00</b>
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>	699-34LM to GGCCMI	\$ 1,107.50
Life Membership Distribution	This may change as of interest growth or loss	\$ 1,500.00
Bond		\$ 200.00
Insurance		\$ 400.00
Awards	Jobies - DeMolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	\$ -
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,657.50</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 14,512.50</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2018 – 2019 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. 2017 – 2018 completes a 6-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, 2017 Investment Fund Value: \$69,370.56 includes Life Membership Fund

June 30, 2017 Investment Fund Value: \$70,318.65 includes Life Membership Fund

December 31, 2017 Investment Fund Value: \$71,498.11 includes Life Membership Fund

April 30, 2018 Investment Fund Value: \$71,761.50 includes Life Membership Fund

January 1, 2017 Life Membership Fund Value: \$51,681.07

June 30, 2017 Life Membership Fund Value: \$53,020.26

December 31, 2017 Life Membership Fund Value: \$53,909.57

April 30, 2018 Life Membership Fund Value: \$55,256.36.

One Life Membership added on January 6, 2018 from St. Paul Council No. 1 and one member is in process of acquiring a Life Membership. Both of these amounts are included in the above amount for Life Membership, April 30, 2018.

In 2016, your Grand Council investments realized a return of 4.22% with resulted in a return of \$2,176.59 to our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership. Beginning in 2017, we moved our investments from Securities America in Nebraska to Focus Financial in Burnsville, MN. Moving our investments from Nebraska to Minnesota was a good decision based upon convenience, communication, and performance. I am in touch with our investment advisor on a regular basis via phone, e-mail, and meetings.

Our rate of return for our investments in 2017 is 6% resulting in \$3,234.57 distribution to our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership. Your Life Membership distribution based upon the December 31, 2017 value of your Life Membership fund of \$53,909.57.  $\$53,909.57 \times 6\% = \$3,234.5742$  or \$3,234.57 for distribution.

Every month for the past 6 years your Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Recorder, and Trustees receive an investment report compared to the previous month. This report shows total investment, investment instruments, amount in each instrument, percent of total instrument, rate of return on each instrument, and the same for your Life Membership. The one item I stressed 6 years ago was open communication with our investments. The financial stability and accountability are important to all organizations including your Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM

Hugh C. Swift, PMIGM

Charles R. Marston, PMIGM



Schwab One® Account of  
**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASON**

Account Number  
 [REDACTED]

Statement Period  
 April 1-30, 2018

Account Value as of 04/30/2018: \$ 71,761.50

**Change in Account Value**

	This Period	Year to Date	Account Value
<b>Starting Value</b>	<b>\$ 71,649.72</b>	<b>\$ 71,498.11</b>	
Credits	251.77	2,166.77	75100
Debits	(62.50)	(125.00)	74250
Transfer of Securities (In/Out)	0.00	0.00	73400
Income Reinvested	(251.06)	(998.97)	72550
Change in Value of Investments	173.57	(779.41)	71700
<b>Ending Value on 04/30/2018</b>	<b>\$ 71,761.50</b>	<b>\$ 71,761.50</b>	70850
<b>Total Change in Account Value</b>	<b>\$ 111.78</b>	<b>\$ 263.39</b>	70000

**Asset Composition**

	Market Value	% of Account Assets
Bank Sweep <sup>x,z</sup>	\$ 6,155.01	9%
Bond Funds	60,544.05	84%
Equity Funds	5,062.44	7%
<b>Total Assets Long</b>	<b>\$ 71,761.50</b>	
<b>Total Account Value</b>	<b>\$ 71,761.50</b>	<b>100%</b>



9% Bank Sweep [X,Z]  
 84% Bond Funds  
 7% Equity Funds

**For Your Information**

Important update:

- Your Gain/Loss is now on the following page for quicker reference.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



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



# Grand Recorders Report

## Passing's Report 2016

St. Paul No. 1: None

Minneapolis No. 2: Rudolph Bertling, Wessley B Brock, Michael B Hensen, Jay U Ipsen, Vance P Schroeder, Timothy J Thorbus, Donald Wallick, Russell S Underhill,

Ark No. 3: None

Tyrian No. 4: Lloyd Collopy, Stuart Ekblad, Leonard H Jansen, Stanley G Mann

Duluth No. 6: None

Austin No. 7: Leslie Buck

Alpha No. 8: Ward Sonsteby, Richard Sheils

Omega No. 9: None

Zabud No. 10: Mike Preston

Northfield No. 12: None

Central No. 14: Warren E Beihoffer, Glenn R Brooks, David Edick, William E Huevelmann, Clarence F Johnson, Glenn R Johnson, Lyle L Jones, Oliver J Mulford,

Southgate No. 15: Alfred A Love, E Richard Paul, Norman A Storvik

Red Rock No. 16: Donald C Bleloch, Joseph F Brown, Jens H Hansen, LeRoy W Luitjens, Clayton V Newgard, Conrad L Severson, Edward P Seisler, MD

### 2017 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	1/1/17	Greet	Restore	Joined	Gain 2017	Demit	NPD	Death	2017 Losses	NET	Total 12/31/17	%	Living LM
St Paul 1	101	10	0	1	11	3	2	0	5	6	107	+6	19
Minneapolis 2	148	4	2	0	6	3	1	8	12	-6	142	-4	32
Ark 3	32	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	32	0	4
Tyrian 4	31	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	6	-4	27	-13	11
Duluth 6	74	3	0	1	4	3	1	0	4	0	74	0	20
Austin 7	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-2	17	-11	9
Alpha 8	45	5	1	1	7	0	1	2	3	4	49	+9	18
Omega 9	19	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	20	+6	3
Zabud 10	48*	10	0	1	11	1	1	1	3	8	56	+17	21
Northfield 12	66	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	5	-4	62	-6	21
Central 14	56	4	0	0	4	2	1	8	11	-7	49	-12	33
Southgate 15	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	-3	37	-7	24
Red Rock 16	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	-7	16	-30	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>688</b>		<b>230</b>

\* Corrected number from previous years

Small Council = 49 or less members Large Council = 50 or more members

Small Council most new % Companions Greeted - Alpha No. 8

Large Council most new % Companions Greeted - Zabud Council No. 10

**Report passed**

## **Awarding of the Altar Cloths**

The recipient of the Altar Cloth this year are:

Small Council of 50 or less: Alpha Council No. 8, Fergus Falls

Large Council of 51 or more: Zabud Council No. 10, Anoka

**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 Council Recorders for all the help and support that they have given me this past year. Without their assistance the changeover would have been much harder. We have started reporting on a quarterly basis, this is making it much faster to make changes and to keep our data base up to date.

I also want to thank Hugh Swift for his help and guidance, he has been a great help.

To the Companions of Minnesota Cryptic Masonry, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

I believe that I am starting to get my head around the job and able to keep up with its demands. I want to thank the Grand Council Officers for their help and cooperation with the new changes, making my job much easier.

I am looking forward to working with the upcoming Grand Masters and Grand Officers as they take on their new positions and responsibilities. Together we are making Minnesota Cryptic Masonry better, and more responsive to the needs of the Companions.

More of our Councils are doing degree work, and because of this, we are not experiencing a large declining number in our annual membership. As the degree work improves, so do our numbers. It is my hope that in the very near future we will see a net increase.

Consider a life membership in the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. For more information and an application please contact me.

Again, I want to Thank You.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,  
MIC Marv Schendel, MIPGM  
Grand Treasurer / Recorder

# Living Past Illustrious Masters

## St. Paul Council No. 1

George W Carlson, Timothy R. Dixon, R. Sean Gardiner, Edimand C Gilbertson, MIPGM, Walter A Jergenson, Todd R Jovonovich, Allan F Kauppi, Russell B Lane, Monte M Miller, Ed L Morse, Kay E Moss, Jack P Roberts, Gerald Schlaepfi, Barnes A Sharitt, Jr., MIPGM, Daniel C Skoog, John A Stitely, Dean N Strand, Michael P Sullivan, Michael S Swisher, Harland L Thomesen, James E Turner, Jr., MIPGM.

## Minneapolis Council No. 2

Joseph J Anderson, Robert R Anderson, Jr., James H Appenzeller, Harlan E Brand, James O Burlingame, Sr., MIPGM, W. David Emery, Raymond S Frandsen, Kenneth P Hill, John H Jones, MIPGM, Lawrence E Leeder, Scott Livingston, R James Luchsinger, Ronald A Miles, MIPGM, Jerry B Oliver, Terrence L Rybarczyk, Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM, Vernon J Schwalbe, John B Studell, Christopher A Wendover.

## Ark Council No. 3

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

## Tyrian Council No. 4

Zeb J Dudek, William T Hubbard, Jerry R Korstad, MIPGM, David F McCormick, II, Allan R Shufelt, Philip G Soderberg.

## Duluth Council No. 6

Kevin Acker, Alan G Adams, David S Bouschor, MIPGM, David W Dahlgren, Donald W DeMars, James F Edgar, Sr., Albert E Farmer, Roger D Johnson, Kevin V Jones, MIPGM, Lauren R Lampi, Rual L Lee, Alan Mackenzie, Brian McVean, Roger A Morris, Wayne H Petersen, David A Schilling, Adam Stevenson.

## Austin Council No. 7

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

## Alpha Council No. 8

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

## Omega Council No. 9

Russell Amling, MIPGM, Lloyd E Hanson, Carl F Lidstrom, Charles A Munson, Michael C Powles, Hugh C Swift, Jr., MIPGM.

## Zabud Council No. 10

Kenneth Carroll, Brian K Dimatteo, W David Emery, Keith A Kennedy, Anton L Mogensen, Sean Novack.

## Northfield Council No. 12

Mark A Anderson, Douglas A Beach, Steven Bernhardt, Bruce V Brendal, Kenneth W Carroll, Joe R Gonzalez, George A James, Jr., Nicholas Johnson, Richard C Kachman, Charles R Knapper, David A Kvestad, Carl F Lidstrom, James S McNeely, IV, Charles A Munson, Gary A Odegard, MIPGM, Dexter C Pehle, Randall L Poulson, L Greg Schultz, Raymond C Sporre, Hugh C Swift, Jr., MIPGM, Gerald E Zierdt.

## Central Council No. 14

Russell K Amling, MIPGM, Clifford H Isley, MIPGM, Matthew Lauters, Charles R Marston, MIPGM, Jens C Mikkelsen, Douglas A Nygard, MIPGM, Hugh C Swift, Jr., MIPGM, Michael A Vukson, MIPGM.

## Southgate Council No. 15

Steve Eide

## Red Rock Council No. 16

# Announcements and Awards

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

The recipient of the Minnesota Youth Award was John Murray for his work with the Minnesota Jobs Daughters.

The Adult Leadership Award was presented to Toni Murray for her work with the Minnesota Jobs Daughters.

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

The Minnesota Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters has received applications for the degree and membership for the following:

Scott W Livingston, Minneapolis Council No. 2

Thomas Hendrickson, Omega Council No. 9

Michael A Hilgert, Zabud Council No. 10

Clinton Christensen, Northfield Council No. 12

If you have been elected and served as the Illustrious Master of your Council and have not received the TIM degree make sure to stop by and fill out an Application. You will enjoy time spent.

Two Councils have nominated candidates for the ISH-SODI Award of Merit.

Duluth Council – IC Donald W. DeMars

And St Paul Council – IC Ed L. Morse

Honorary Membership to Illustrious Companion Brian K. Dimatteo, Grand Sentinel

At the Saturday evening Banquet

David Dumonceaux of Alpha Council No. 8; was presented with the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award.

Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM was awarded the honor of being made a Companion of the Secret Vault.

Hugh C. Swift, Jr., MIPGM received the Ronald L. Thomas, General Grand Council, Ritualist Award, with all three degree bars. He is the first in Minnesota to earn the award and the first in the North Central Region to have all three Degree Bars.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Cryptic Rite Brenda Isley and Sue Lidstrom were each awarded the designation of Lady of the Council.

## **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, Thrice Illustrious Master of the MN Council of Ish-Sodi, Preceptors – Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Sovereigns – Red Cross of Constantine, Chief Adept – S.R.I.C.F., Deputy Grand Governor – Sovereign York Rite College of N. A.

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

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

Allied Masonic Degrees; Knight Masons; Masonic Order of 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; Societatis Rosicruciana, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Cryptic Mason of the Year Recipients; Minnesota Youth Leadership Recipients; and ISH-SODI Recipients, Service Members and Veterians, and any Police Officers or Fire Fighters.

## **Remarks from the visiting Distinguished Guests**

Wade Sheeler, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Iowa, invited all to attend their Grand Session August 9 – 11, 2018 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. And then he invited all KYCH members to attend the 2018 Annual Conclave September 13-15, 2018 in Des Moines. M. E. Bryce B. Hildreth is the Convent General. He then congratulated MIC Cliff on all that Minnesota is doing.

David Shaw, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Nebraska. Thanked all for the hospitality and congratulated MIC Cliff on his well-run meeting. He invited all to attend the NE Grand Session in Columbus Nebraska on April 4,5 and 6 of 2019.

Richard McBride, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of The Grand Council of South Dakota, invited all to attend their Grand Session at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls on September 20-22, 2018, And also to the North Central Regional Conference at the Sheridan in Sioux Falls on October 26, and 27, 2018.

James S. McNeely, IV, Grand High Priest of Connecticut, and the Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council of Connecticut, and a member of the Grand Council of Minnesota, brought greetings from Most Puissant Grand Master Charles D. O'Neill and announced that on May 18, 2019 Connecticut Grand Council, the Oldest Grand Council in the World will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and presented MIC Cliff with a commemorative Coin which their Grand Council had struck. And invited all to attend the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and invited everyone to his Grand Session April 30<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

## **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 our Honorary Members, motion was seconded and passed. The following were then called to the east to receive their certificates:

RPC Anthony T. Johnson, North Central Deputy Grand Master- Representing the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International; he is also MIPGM of Nebraska.

MIC Wade E. Sheeler, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Iowa.

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

MIC Ronald L. Penfold, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, North Dakota.

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

MIC David A. Shaw, Illustrious Grand Master, of the Grand Council of Nebraska.

IC Terry L. Loper, Illustrious Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Wisconsin.

# REPORT OF THE CMMRF COMMITTEE

A report of the CMMRF Committee was called for and IC Greg Shultz came forward and gave a report on the giving in Minnesota. They 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 how Minnesota is doing in comparison with the other Grand Jurisdictions in the North Central Region.

## Donations for states in the North Central Region:

Minnesota	\$1,566.00
North Dakota	\$0
South Dakota	\$0
Wisconsin	\$1,075.00
Iowa	\$ 500.00
Nebraska	\$1,748.00

## Minnesota Council donations:

St, Paul #1	\$1,030.00
Ark #3	\$ 128.00
Tyrian #4	\$ 22.00
Austin #7	\$ 51.00
Zabud #10	\$ 335.00

Duluth Council No. 6 received an Extender Bar for their Nine Arch Triangle Plaque, and Donald DeMars received his Nine Arch Triangle Plaque. Zabud Council No. 10 also received an Extender Bar for their Nine Arch Triangle Plaque. The Grand Master then congratulated them and they all received round of applause. MIPGM James E. Turner, then gave a short talk on what the CMMRF is doing to help improve the health of all.

**L. Greg Schultz Chair CMMRF Committee**  
**Grand Conductor of the Council**  
**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

The Grand Master's hat was passed and \$275.00 was received from the Companions in attendance. When that was added to our total it put Minnesota in the lead, surpassing Nebraska. MIC Cliff then urged all the Councils to continue raising donations for CMMRF.

Motion to accept the report was made and seconded, motion passed

## **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	Terrance L. Rybarczyk
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	Carl F. Lidstrom
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	L. Greg Schultz
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 3 Yr Term	Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM

All agreed to accept their new offices. Grand Master Elect Terry was then asked for his appointments and comments. The new appointed officers are:

Illustrious Grand Chaplain	Vernon J. Schwalbe
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	W. David Emery
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	Douglas A. Beach
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Brian K. Dimatteo
Illustrious Grand Steward	R. Sean Gardiner
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	R. James Luchsinger, II
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	Charles R. Marston, MIPGM
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 2 Yr Term	Hugh C. Swift, Jr., MIPGM

# **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 one Resolution this past year to be presented at our 2018 Grand Session. The Jurisprudence Committee determined the Resolution to be in proper format to be presented at our 2018 Grand Session.

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 Resolution, 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

MIC Cliff then introduced Right Puissant Companion Anthony T. "AJ" Johnson, North Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, for his comments and remarks.

He brought greetings from MPGGM David Grindle, RPDGGM Monty Glover, and RPPGGPCW Bill Snyder. The General Grand has a lot going on around the world and the General Grand officers are working hard and traveling extensively.

He thanked everyone for their contributions to the CMMRF, and asked how many know about the weekly decryption? Many are aware of the Email newsletter and he encouraged others to take advantage of it. He also encouraged the use of the General Grand web page.

He commended Minnesota's efforts to update the Grand Reps and said how important it is to communicate with the other jurisdictions. He also stated that he was impressed on how well the education program is going in Minnesota. He said that it is one of the things that he will be talking about at the other Grand Councils in the North Central Region. He introduced Carl Lidstrom, the General Grand Representative in Minnesota. AJ stated that if we needed anything from the General Grand that we should contact Carl or himself and they will work to get it done, as their job is to serve us. The fastest way to contact him or the General Grand, is by e-mail, they do respond to those as quickly as possible. He thanked all for the hospitality extended to him and congratulated Terry on his election and told him that if he needed anything from the General Grand that he was but an e-mail away, call on him and he will help.

MIC Cliff then called up the Grand Council and gave AJ Grand Honors and thanked him for attending.

MIC Cliff then introduced Right Puissant Companion Roger M. Firestone, past General Grand Musician of the General Grand /council of cryptic Masons International and Grand Visitor and Lecturer and Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, and the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and the personal Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Masons in Minnesota Edward R. Halpaus.

MIC Cliff then gave RPC Roger the Grand Honors.

He said that he had hoped that the Grand Master would be able to attend part of the Grand York Rite session, but that his Blue Lodge duties had him in other places around the state.

Roger stated that he was Raised in St Paul at Ancient Landmark Lodge, 41 years ago, and is a member of St Paul Chapter No. 1, and Council No. 1, and that he is still a member of those bodies.

He brings greetings from MWB Ed and stated that Ed's most important message this year is Civility, it is important that we all get along with our Brothers. It is in all of our degrees and teachings.

RPC Roger then stated that MWB Ed Halpaus has always be devoted to Masonic Education and encourages all to become members of the Philalethes society and let everyone know what the York Rite has to offer. It offers so much to the understanding of the other degrees.

He said that it was through the York Rite that gave him the opportunities in Masonry to do what he has done. He spoke on the virtues of being a Past Master and how it prepared him to go forward through the York Rite. He then complimented MIC Cliff on his comments and leadership. He then wished for the continued success of the very sound line of the Grand Council. He stated that the Grand Lodge stands behind the York Rite and supports the endeavors that the Grand York Rite is engaged upon.

He thanked all for the opportunity to be able to attend the session and stated that it was his pleasure, and honor to represent MWB Ed Halpaus to you here, and wish you the best in the upcoming year.

Grand Master Isley 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 -- 2018 – 2019*

*JUNE 22, 2018*

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The installation was conducted by MIPGM James E. Turner, Jr. as the installing Grand Master, with the assistance of MIPGM Hugh C. Swift, Jr. as Grand Marshall; and MIPGM Clifford H. Isley as Grand Recorder / Grand Chaplain. The new officers were invested with their new aprons and collars.

# Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree, June 22, 2018

## THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

The seventieth annual meeting of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of Minnesota convened in full form at 1:20 P.M., Friday, June 22, 2018 in St. Cloud, Minnesota with the following Companions serving as officers:

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

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	Ronald Miles
Abiather	Joe Anderson
Joab	Ronald Miles
Adonijah	Sean Gardiner
Zadok	James McNeely IV
Beniah	Doug Beach
Nathan	Allan Shufelt
King David	Hugh Swift, Jr.

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

The Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was presented to I.M. Scott W. Livingston, Thomas E. Hendrickson, Michael A. Hilgert, Clinton J. Christiansen, Jerry J. Acker and Thrice Illustrious ribbon were presented to the Candidates.

A business meeting was held with 28 Companions in attendance. The recorder is working on the 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 Myrhum, Roger Firestone, Leland Burlison, and Parker Dow

W David Emery presented each active candidate with his membership card, and Thrice Illustrious Master Jewel.

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

T.I. Master	R. Sean Gardiner
T.I. Sr. Warden	Alan Mackenzie
T.I. Jr. Warden	Greg Schultz
T.I. Recorder	Marvin Schendel
T.I. Steward	Carl Lidstrom
T.I. Sentinel	Christopher Wendover

W. David Emery received his PTIM pin for his service as President.

No further business, the meeting closed in proper form at 2:25 P.M.

Attest: Marvin W. Schendel, Recorder Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Minnesota Council of ISH-SODI

June 22, 2018 2:45 PM

Merriott Courtyard Hotel, St. Cloud, MN

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

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

The degree cast was:

Nehemia	Hugh C. Swift, Jr.	Bani	Terry Rybarczyk
Mordecai	W. David Emery	Sherbiah	Al Shufelt
Ezra	Monte Miller	Jamin	Greg Schultz
Seriah	Carl Lidstrom	Akkub	Raymond Frandsen
Chaplain	Ronald Miles	Hodijah	Joe Anderson
Hanani	Alan Mackenzie	Kelita	Stan Fetters
Maaziah	Steve Partridge		

Candidates receiving the degree were:

Donald W. DeMars Duluth #6

Ed L. Morse St. Paul #1

Honorary members : Brian K. Dimatteo

Side Liners present: James Myrhum, James E. Turner, Roger Firestone, Richard McBride, Kevin Jones, William Hubbard, Parker Dow, Leland Burlison, David McCormick,II

The minutes of the June 23, 2017 were approved as read.

There were no communications.

Nominations for 2018 – 2019 Officers were:

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

The Officers were declared installed by TIM Harlan Brand.

The Council was closed at 3:25PM with the circle of Friendship.

Attest: Marvin Schendel, Secretary      Approved: Jim Luchsinger, T.I.M.

# **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.**

A very rewarding and successful year it has been; I was very humbled and honored to be appointed the General Grand Marshal of Cryptic Masons International.

We, as a body, have grown in both size and knowledge with the strong leadership of MIC Clifford H Isley. His monthly Grand officer meetings have made a great contribution; I intend to follow this format, should tradition prevail. I logged many miles of travel during the year; attending the Ohio Grand assembly in Sandusky, Ohio as Ohio's representative to Minnesota's Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. I am very pleased by the work performed by IC James Luchsinger, on the Grand Rep. situation this past year. I believe there is a light at the end of the tunnel. I would like to thank all that helped me this past year. My travels this year are documented in my expense report, if any interest.

Ric Terrance L Rybarczyk  
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:**

2017-2018 has been a busy year for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. There has been increased activity, out of state visits, and Grand Officer visits throughout the state.

I attended the Grand Officer's monthly meetings, the Minnesota One Day to Council, and the Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska Grand, and North Dakota York Rite Sessions. I also attend the North Central Conference in Sioux Falls in October.

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, promoted contributions to CMMRF, 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 return to the DoubleTree in Rochester.

The Souvenir Program Booklet is 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 assisting Omega Council No. 9's the re-activation of that Council with help from members of that Council, the majority 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 is our obligation to perform that duty. To do that, we need to let our Lodge Brothers know the story doesn't just end with the third degree. We need to engage them and help them first move to the 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 Principal Conductor of the Work  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

# **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:**

2017-18 has been a busy year for our Grand Council. We continue to grow and strengthen our Councils. We as a Grand body continue to position ourselves to better assist our Councils and work on programs to help them grow membership. This year I served as the District officer to Tyrian Council #4 in Rochester. Tyrian Council conferred the Royal Master degree for seven candidates (one was courtesy work for St. Paul #1) on May 21. On June 18, they conferred the Select Master degree. This is tremendous for this council. They have not performed any degree work in well over a decade: and they did this with only two outside helpers! Great job Tyrian #4! I have had a wonderful five years in the Grand Line and I have greatly enjoyed working with the Grand Council on improving Cryptic Masonry. This is my last year in the line as I have decided not to advance to the Dias offices for personal reasons. Hopefully things will change for me in the future and I will be able to return to the Grand Council and complete the line. It has been a pleasure serving on the Grand Council and as your Grand Captain of the Guard.

Thank you for this fabulous opportunity!

David McCormick, II  
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:**

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota this year. My primary focus was in southeastern Minnesota. The Council Degrees were conferred in Owatonna this year for companions from Austin, Farmington, Minneapolis and Owatonna. It is always fun to bring Companions together from different Councils as we get to know each other better, do the work and of course end the evening with pie and ice cream. Unfortunately, the Council in Albert Lea continues to struggle, and some hard decisions will have to be made in the near future.

I attended and participated in the One Day Festival at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center. The work is always fantastic, and I know the new Companions enjoyed and appreciated it. It is the one time of the year we put on the Super Excellent Master Degree which is always a good time for everyone involved and watching.

We continue to work on getting the Grand Representative list up to date, which has taken considerably longer than I originally thought, but good progress has been made with the help of Jim Luchsinger and Gary Odegard. The list is finally cleaned up and there are lots of holes in it that we can begin to fill and revitalize that program. I encourage anyone interested in the program to contact me and we will get you involved with an available jurisdiction.

I wish to thank Most Illustrious Grand Master Clifford H. Isley for his leadership this year. He assigned me the task of investigating and developing the structure for York Rite Regional Centers which maybe an option for some areas of the State. We are on pace to see some growth in the Cryptic Masons in Minnesota and with an open mind to some new ideas we should be able to continue that growth to all parts of the State.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and all Cryptic Council Companions.

Fraternally,  
Greg Schultz  
Illustrious Grand Conduction of the Council

# **Report of the Grand Steward**

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

Greetings Companions

This term has gone by very quickly. We have traveled around the state visiting Councils and speaking to Blue Lodges about York Rite Masonry. Our talks have been well received and there seems to be a renewed interest in York Rite Masonry in the out state areas.

The education program is being well received. We all need to talk up York Rite Masonry and we as Grand Officers need to work together and present a united York Rite Family if we are to continue to grow.

Membership is everyone's job. Please keep up the good work.

We are your Grand officers and are here to work for you and with you. If your Council needs help please feel free to call on any of the Grand Officers.

Fraternally

W. David Emery

Grand Steward 2017-2018

## **Report of the Grand Marshal**

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

No report

**Douglas A. Beach**

## **Report of the Grand Sentinel**

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

No report

**Brian K. Dimatteo**

# **Report of the Grand Arch Master**

**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 17, 2018 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Minneapolis. Thank you to all who participated whether in our degree work or as sideline 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

# **York Rite Cooperation Committee Report**

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

It has been an exciting year for York Rite Masons! We have finally come together and are working on several joint projects. We will have a York Rite Representative program shortly. We are doing York Rite education presentations instead of individual body presentations. These have been very successful to date and have enrolled many new members in all three bodies. Unfortunately, there have been a few brother York Rite Masons who are trying to break this new spirit of cooperation; at this time, they are in the minority.

RIC Terrance L Rybarczyk

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

21 May 2018

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

Re: Grand Chapter/ Grand Council Office Rent Sharing

Last year, we agreed to try a per-person pro rating arrangement as follows:

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

Based upon the reported memberships at the end of 2017, the Grand Council had 688 Companions and the Grand Chapter had 1604 Companions for a total of 2292 Companions.

If we divide \$2538.00 by 2292, we get \$1.107 per Companion.

Therefore rent would be allocated as follows:

Grand Council - \$ 761.62  
Grand Chapter - \$1776.38

Please let me know if this meets with your approval.

Fraternally,

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

# MINNEOSTA GRAND YORK RITE REPRESENTATIVES

Minnesota Grand York Rite Representatives

10/4/2017

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# **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.**

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

The Grand Council Annual Assembly Committee participated in the planning of the Grand York Rite Sessions being held in St. Cloud. There were several planning meetings to make arrangement.

Initial planning was also done to plan for the 2019 Grand York Rite Sessions to be held in Rochester at the DoubleTree.

Carl F. Lidstrom  
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

## **Unfinished Business Committee**

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

There is no unfinished business to report.

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Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
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# MINNESOTA GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS

## NECROLOGY REPORT

### 2018

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

It is with much sadness that we look back at this time on the Companions that have crossed over to the Celestial Lodge above during the past year. It should also be a time of joy and celebration for they have completed their Temple, laid down their working tools and joined the Grand Architect in the realm of eternal peace and happiness.

The following Companions have crossed over to the Spiritual Realm this year:

Terrence J Becker, 3-21-18, Martin L Kleinbaum, 3-15-18, Donald L Holberg, 2-16-18, Edwin A Reiners, 1-20-18, Leonard H Jensen 12-29-17, Leslie Buch, 12-1-17, Leroy W Luitjens, 11-25-17, Jay U Ipsen, 10-29-17, Joseph F Brown, 10-21-17, Timothy J Thorbus, 10-19-17 Norman A Storvik, 8-21-17, Stuart Ekblad, 8-19-17, Wessley B Brock, 8-17-17, Russell S Underhill, 8-15-17, Clayton V Newgard, 8-13-17, Michael B Hensen, 8-12-17, Oliver J Mulford, 8-12-17, Donald L Wallick, 7-12-17, Alfred A Love, 5-30-17, Conrad L Severson, 5-16-17, Richard Sheils, 4-4-17, Ward Sonsteby, 3-30-17.

We honor each of them for a life well lived. For their contributions to our community, our Nation and our Craft. Please take a moment to reflect on their lives and their accomplishments. Remember that each of them had an impact and influence on many lives, their family, friends and Companions and we know that our Craft was made better by their participation in it.

I ask that you keep each of them in your heart and thoughts. That you take the time to say a prayer for their spouses and families, asking the Grand Architect to bless them, protect them and be with them in their time of loss. For our time here is short and only God knows how soon we shall follow them on that journey to the Celestial Lodge.

During this Grand Session may each of us reflect upon lives of all of our Brothers and Companions that have gone before! May each one of us strive to follow in their footsteps and fill the legacy they have laid down for us. Living each day to the fullest and truly being the hands and feet of the Grand Architect.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph James Luchsinger II  
Grand Chaplain

# TERRENCE JOHN BECKER

JULY 15, 1952 – MARCH 21, 2018



Terrence John Becker, born in Eureka, SD to Jacob and Gertrud Becker July 15, 1952, died peacefully at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, on March 21, 2018.

Everywhere he went, Terry made lifelong friends. He pursued Asian studies and literature at St. Olaf College, graduating in 1974. He spent a transformative semester in Thailand, studying Buddhism and forging strong bonds.

In 1976 he met Sharon Jean Nylund through mutual friends. Soon they were committed to each other and bought a home. For an otherwise romantic guy, his proposal was uncharacteristic: "Well, I suppose we might as well get married, eh?" The invitations were sent with Christmas cards and the simple ceremony was conducted in their home, attended by many friends and two cats.

Terry continued his education at St. Olaf, earning a BSN, and began his nursing career in the neonatal intensive care unit of the U of M Hospital, where he rode helicopters with high-risk moms, cradled the tiniest of people, and started a grief support program for parents.

His experience in the NICU led him to the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, and he became a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) in 1982. He signed a two-year contract to practice anesthesia in Duluth, and loved both his profession and his adopted city so much that he continued practicing there until 2014.

Along the way, Terry and Jean were blessed with three children, Matthew, Margaret, and Maxwell, who were their father's greatest pride and joy.

Terry joined the Army Reserve, then switched to the Air National Guard, 148th Medical Group. His deployments took him to nearby places like the UP, where he taught winter survival, but also faraway places like Guam, Germany, and, during Operation Enduring Freedom in the early 2000s, the Middle East. After 25 years of service, he retired as a Lt. Col.

The son and grandson of Masons, Terry joined Euclid Masonic Lodge in 1984. He loved the idea of a brotherhood whose ideals include charity and "making good men better." As always, Terry went all in. He became involved in the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and plenty of other branches. He reveled in Masonry's archaic language, rich pageantry, and deep friendships.

An astute observer recently noted that Terry was always "trying to ride two horses," not able to exclude any possibilities. His unachieved goals included studying dead languages, learning to play the piano, opening a salon where people would gather to talk philosophy, and watching all the DVDs of Great Courses he collected. He also collected second-hand dogs, old coffeemakers, fine cigars and liquors, woodworking tools, books, records, and model fire trucks. And, of course, friends.

He loved all kinds of music and respected all religions. Infamous for his honking laugh, he was full of puns, pranks, and word play. He was a man of grand gestures, an optimist, a volunteer, a tree-planter, a believer and questioner, a poet, a farmer, a marathoner, a storyteller, an incurable romantic, and a beloved family man.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents and sister Carol. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jean; children Matthew (Catherine), Chicago; Margaret (Travis), Duluth; and Maxwell (Maria), Minneapolis; and three grandchildren, Jacob, Pearl, and Theodore. He is also survived by his brothers Stephen (Janet), Hot Springs, SD; and Randy, Mazomanie, WI.

After his diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia, Terry received the gift of three more years of life through Randy's donated stem cells, for which we are all deeply grateful. The family also wishes to thank Dr. Mark Litzow and the Mayo Clinic Blood & Marrow Transplant team.