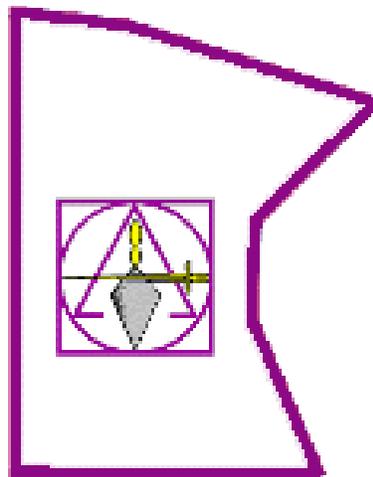


**The Proceedings  
Of**

**The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

**151<sup>st</sup>  
Grand Assembly**

**Alexandria, Minnesota  
June 25, 2020**



**Lowell Gregory Schultz  
Most Illustrious Grand Master**



Most Illustrious Companion L. Greg Schultz  
Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of Cryptic  
Mason of Minnesota

The Grand Assembly virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at 1:00PM Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 By the Most Illustrious Grand Master James S. McNeeley, IV, of CT. who then introduced the Grand Officers of Minnesota and presented MIC L. Greg Schultz with the Gavel and the “Dusty old Beaver” from Owatonna.

## **2020-2021 Minnesota Grand Council Officers**

Most Illustrious Grand Master	MIC L. Greg Schultz
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	RIC W. David Emery
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	RIC Brian K. DiMatteo
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer / Recorder	MIC Marvin W. Schendel
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	IC Ronald L. Jensen
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	IC R. Sean Gardiner
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	IC R. James Luchsinger, II
Illustrious Grand Marshal	IC Gerald E. Zierdt
Illustrious Grand Steward	IC Alan Mackenzie
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	IC Douglas A. Beach
Illustrious Grand Organist	IC William T. Hubbard
Illustrious Grand Arch Master	IC

### 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 Gary A. Odegard

## **PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER IN ATTENDANCE**

Charles R. Marston	2000 - 2001
Ronald A. Miles	2009 - 2010
Gary A. Odegard	2012 - 2013
Marvin W. Schendel	2015 - 2017
Carl F. Lidstrom	2019 - 2020

## **VISITING GRAND DIGNITARIES**

Representing the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International were Right Puissant Companion Stephen A. Balke, General Grand Recorder, and the North Central Deputy General Grand Master, Right Puissant Companion Carl F. Lidstrom. MIC Gary Wyne, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, and the Executive Secretary of the CMMRF, Anthony “AJ” Johnson, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Nebraska, and the General Grand Council International Historian.

Our Most Worshipful Brother Rolf Widstrand, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

Representing other jurisdictions were: MIC Chadwick Burks, Past Grand Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Arizona, and the General Grand Chapter Scribe, MIC Leland Burlison, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, , Right Illustrious Companion Dennis Newman, Grand Recorder of Nebraska, Companion Frank Borden, Nebraska, MIC Stan Schwellenbach, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota, MIC George E. Bauder, Grand Recorder and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of South Dakota, MIC Herbert E. Cook, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota, RIC Bruce Crisman, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota, MIC, IC Gary Waack, Grand Steward of the Grand Council of South Dakota, MIC James S. McNeely, IV, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Connecticut, MIC Jeffery Nelson, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of North Dakota, and the Grand Master Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA.

# The Flag Presentation and Tributes

The Color Guard from Zion Commandery No. 2 presented the colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

## 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
Grand Master Hiram No. 13 Virtual	
Central No. 14, St Peter	Red Rock No. 16, Marshal

All 13 Councils were present there was a Quorum and Grand Master Greg declared the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota open for the transaction of Business.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

### Registered (not all Attended or cast a ballot)

Grand Officers	12
Illustrious Masters	7
Deputy Masters	3
Principal Conductors of the work	2
Recorders	8
Past Illustrious Masters	21
Visitors	13
Guest	13
Balloting Members	47
Total That attended session	73

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

Most Illustrious Grand Master	MIC L. Greg Schultz
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	RIC W. David Emery - Excused
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	RIC Brian K. DiMatteo
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer / Recorder	MIC Marvin W. Schendel
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	IC Ronald L. Jensen
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	IC R. Sean Gardiner
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	IC R. James Luchsinger, Jr.
Illustrious Grand Marshal	IC Gerald E. Zierdt
Illustrious Grand Steward	IC Alan Mackenzie
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	IC Douglas A. Beach - Excused
Illustrious Grand Organist	IC William T. Hubbard
Most Illustrious Grand Arch Master	IC
Trustee	MIC Ronald A. Miles
Trustee	MIC Charles R. Marston
Trustee	MIC Gary A. Odegard

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

Those present were thanked for their service.

## **Officers of Constituent Councils**

Illustrious Grand Master Greg called for the Seven constituent Illustrious Masters to be given a round of applause.

Then the three Deputy Masters were given a round of applause.

The three Principal Conductors of the Work were given a round of applause.

The eight Recorders were then given a round of applause.

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

# Reading of the 150<sup>th</sup> Proceedings

A motion was made that the named Proceedings of the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly have been published and posted on the web site, and that such proceedings contain matter that may be considered as the minutes of the last Grand Assembly, I move that the named publication be accepted as the minutes of the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and be accepted by acclimation without reading.

Motion passed

## THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA

Report of the Nominating Committee MIC Hugh C. Swift, Jr., Chairman

2021 - 2022

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master	W. David Emery
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	Brian K. Dimatteo
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	R. Sean Gardiner
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

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Illustrious Grand Chaplain	Jerry B. Oliver
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	R. James Luchsinger, II
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	Gerald E. Zierdt
Illustrious Grand Marshal	Alan Mackenzie
Illustrious Grand Steward	Joseph J. Anderson
Illustrious Grand Sentinel	Trent B. Gilbertson
Illustrious Grand Archmaster	Carl F. Lidstrom, 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	Gary A. Odegard, MIPGM

## **Appointment of Tellers**

The following Illustrious Companions were appointed to serve as tellers MIC James S. McNeely, IV, Chairman, assisted by Joseph J. Anderson, and David Dumonceaux

The Grand Recorder, MIC Marvin W. Schendel was asked to give instruction on the use of the Ballot to all. Instructions were given.

The ballot box was declared open.

*Grand Council Cryptic Masons  
of*

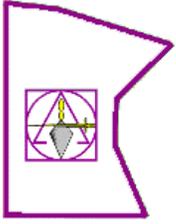
*MINNESOTA*

*Organized December 12, 1870*

*Most Illustrious Grand Master*

*Lowell Gregory Schultz*

*2020 - 2021*



**Report of the  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
L. Greg Schultz  
2020 to 2021**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you, as your Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. I want to thank the Grand Council Officers and their ladies for all their hard work behind the scenes during this trying year.

It has been an interesting year at best, to say the least. The pandemic has forced us to look at things in a completely different way and we have certainly learned a few things from that. Some of which we can certainly embrace in the future. Although we long to go back to the old ways, I believe we can take a few things we started doing during the pandemic with us.

Prior to this year I had never attended a Zoom meeting, now a week can not go by where I do not attend several. A silver lining to that has been seeing Companions who do not usually attend in person meetings, for various reasons, were willing and able to attend Zoom meetings. I can foresee us having hybrid meetings in the future that will allow more Companions to attend on a regular basis, that is a good thing.

One great accomplishment during the year was the formation of Grand Master Hiram Council, No. 13, a virtual Council. It was established for Companions in Minnesota that are not close by in miles or time to an established Council. I felt it was important that those Companions have a Council they can call home. The dynamics of this new Council changed during the pandemic, and we started doing virtual education programs through this Council. These education programs have been offered to all Companions with a goal of bringing in nationally known speakers on a regular basis going forward. Thank you to Most Illustrious Companion James McNeely on sharing his knowledge of Cryptic Masonry with us this past year. I plan to continue to assist the Grand Council with offering more educational opportunities in the future. I want to see these educational programs available to all the Councils to use during their regular meetings if they desire to.

As restrictions ease and we get back into doing ritual work we are going to discover quite a backlog of willing new Brothers coming into our Lodges, which offers a fantastic opportunity to bring in new Companions. So, I encourage all of us to help in their Lodges, Chapters and Councils in bringing light and further light to all these new Brothers and Companions. I genuinely believe the world needs Masonry now more than ever.

I want to thank all the Councils in Minnesota for the honors, hospitality and courtesies extended to me this year, albeit most of them were virtually. We learned together on how to do virtual installations and presentations and at the end of day it all worked out fine. Forgive me if I see some of you in person and do not recognize you right away as I am used to only looking at your face on my computer screen.

I would be remiss in not thanking everyone who pitched in to make things work this year. Past Grand Illustrious Masters, Committee members, the Companions of Ark Council, No. 3, my home Council, and all our ladies that allow us to be together. To the greatest group of Grand Officers ever, everyone contributed, and we made things work out in a difficult year, all I can say is thank you.

To my counterparts, Most Excellent Companion Carl Lidstrom and Sir Knight Sean Gardiner, Right Eminent Grand Commander. Your friendship will always have a place in my heart and although our year will probably have an asterisk next to it, we persevered. I hope to see you both on the road again next year.

And finally, a big thank you to my lady, Shirley, who allows to go hang out with the guys in the purple coats and pursue my Masonic journey.

Respectfully submitted,

*L. Greg Schultz*

MIC L. Greg Schultz

Most Illustrious Grand Master of

Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

2020 -2021

Greg explained the “Dusty Old Beaver” it is a hat that many Masters of the North Star Lodge have used over the years, Jim Partridge used it, when he was Master in `1964 and it was old then. Greg was sure that at least one previous Most Illustrious Grand Master has used it and he used it when he was Grand High Priest.

He also thanked all the Minnesota Companions; everyone pulled together and made the term year work.

He thanked all the Grand Officers, for their efforts.

He gave special recognition to James McNeely, Brian Dimatteo, Sean Gardiner, Marvin Schendel for their work on the General Grand Council technology committee which put together the zoom meetings both for the Grand Council and the General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter.

He then commented on the need for the tenants of Masonry in the world today, more than ever. If we all lived by tenants, most of the problems would be solved.

He said that we should all get involved in our own communities to make them better by leading by example as masons.

# Grand Treasurer's Report

<b>Cryptic Masons of Minnesota</b>				
<b>2020-2021 BUDGET</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Per Capita</b>				
\$15.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$17.50	422	\$ 7,385.00	\$ 7,521.55	\$ 136.55
Life Member Per Capita	222	\$ 3,885.00	\$ 1,363.47	\$ (2,521.53)
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	41	\$ 615.00	\$ 359.39	\$ (255.61)
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 950.00	\$ 630.26	\$ (319.74)
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,835.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,874.67</b>	<b>\$ (2,960.33)</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,835.00</b>	<b>\$11,224.67</b>	<b>\$ (1,610.33)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES</b>				
Illustrious Grand Master		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 781.74	\$ (718.26)
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	\$ -
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Grand Arch Master		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Triennial Fund		\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ (450.00)
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00	\$ 784.75	\$ 184.75
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,066.49</b>	<b>\$ (2,733.51)</b>
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>				
		\$ 700.00	\$ 782.30	\$ 82.30
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>				
		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Supplies		\$ 600.00	\$ 149.63	\$ (450.37)
Postage		\$ 75.00	\$ 57.60	\$ (17.40)
Proceedings		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 750.00	\$ 839.96	\$ 89.96
General Meeting Expense		\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ (600.00)
Grand Session Expense		\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ (1,200.00)
Printing		\$ 320.00	\$ -	\$ (320.00)
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,445.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,829.49</b>	<b>\$ (2,615.51)</b>
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>				
	685-35LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,525.00	\$ (15.00)
<b>Bond</b>				
		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
<b>Insurance</b>				
		\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ (400.00)
<b>Awards</b>				
	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ (450.00)
<b>General Grand Council Life Membership</b>				
	Pass Through		\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 485.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,835.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,970.98</b>	<b>\$ (4,864.02)</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,253.69</b>	<b>\$ 3,253.69</b>

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

BALANCE SHEET

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Balance Sheet

As of June 18, 2021

Cash Basis Friday, June 18, 2021 03:36 PM GMT-05:00 1/1

TOTAL

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

1000 Checking 7,456.79

1001 Checking - WF Triennial Fund 1,350.00

1002 Checking - WF 150th Anniversary Fund 0.00

1003 Grand Master Hiram Council 375.00

**Total 1000 Checking 9,181.79**

**Total Bank Accounts \$9,181.79**

**Total Current Assets \$9,181.79**

**TOTAL ASSETS \$9,181.79**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

**Total Liabilities**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity 6,384.30

Retained Earnings -456.20

Net Income 3,253.69

**Total Equity \$9,181.79**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$9,181.79**

# Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

## Profit and Loss

July 1, 2020 – June 18, 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Per Capita Dues	8,885.02
4002 Life membership enrollments	1,350.00
4010 Greeting fees	359.39
4011 Miscellaneous income	414.80
Sales	138.19
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00
Uncategorized Income	<u>77.27</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,224.67</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$11,224.67</b>
Expenses	
5001 Illustrious Grand Master	781.74
5004 Grand Treasurer /. Grand Recorder	1,500.00
5021 Grand Masters Apron	784.75
6000 Rent/Shared Expenses with Grand RAM	782.30
6001 Supplies	149.63
6002 Postage	57.60
6004 Computer, printer, and Software	839.96
7000 General Grand Council Per Capita	1,525.00
7002 Bond	200.00
7010 New Life Memberships	1,350.00
7030 Charitable Contributions	410.00
7031 CMMRF Contributions	<u>-410.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,970.98</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,253.69</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,253.69</b>

Marvin W. Schendel  
Grand Treasurer / Recorder

## Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

### 2021-2022 BUDGET

INCOME		Budget	Actual	Difference
<b>Per Capita</b>				
\$15.00/Per Member + Gen Gr @\$2.50 = \$17.50	426	\$ 7,455.00	\$ -	\$ (7,455.00)
Life Member Per Capita	175	\$ 3,062.50	\$ -	\$ (3,062.50)
Greetings Fees at \$15.00 each	45	\$ 675.00	\$ -	\$ (675.00)
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 950.00	\$ -	\$ (950.00)
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,142.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (12,142.50)</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		\$ -	\$ -
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,142.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (12,142.50)</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)
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder Travel		\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Grand Arch Master		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Triennial Fund		\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ (450.00)
Grand Masters Apron and Jewel		\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ (600.00)
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,800.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (5,800.00)</b>
<b>Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram</b>				
		\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ (800.00)
<b>Internet/Web Site/ Shared</b>				
Supplies		\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ (450.00)
Postage		\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ (75.00)
Proceedings		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Computer, Printer, and Software		\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ (750.00)
General Meeting Expense		\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ (600.00)
Grand Session Expense		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Printing		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,975.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (3,975.00)</b>
<b>General Grand Council per-capita</b>				
601-39LM to GGCCMI @ \$2.50 Each		\$ 1,317.50	\$ -	\$ (1,317.50)
Bond		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Insurance		\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ (400.00)
Awards	Jobies - Demolay - Youth Award	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ (450.00)
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through		\$ -	\$ -
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,367.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (2,367.50)</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$12,142.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (12,142.50)</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## **Audit Committee Report**

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

The audit committee reviewed the ledger accounts of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and found all is in order.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

Clifford H Isley, MIPGM

James E Turner,Jr, MIPGM

Charles R Marston, MIPGM

# Report of the Trustees

## Report of the Trustees, 2020 – 2021

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. 2020 – 2021 completes a 9-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. There were various topics of advisory were discussed.

On the investment side of your Grand Council:

January 1, 2020 Investment Fund Value: \$74,400.00 includes Life Membership Fund  
June 30, 2020 Investment Fund Value: \$64,866.13 includes Life Membership Fund  
December 31, 2020 Investment Fund Value: \$65,501.24 includes Life Membership Fund  
April 30, 2021 Investment Fund Value: \$67,132.54 includes Life Membership Fund  
January 1, 2020 Life Membership Fund Value: \$60,189.60  
June 30, 2020 Life Membership Fund Value: \$53,897.27  
December 31, 2020 Life Membership Fund Value: \$54,424.98  
April 30, 2021 Life Membership Fund Value: \$58,526.19

One Life Membership added in 2020 and another Companion completed his Life Membership installment in 2020. Interesting to point out in 2014 our Life Membership portion of our Grand Council Investment Fund total was 74.5%. In 2020, our Life Membership portion of our Grand Council Investment total was 83.09%. So far, in 2021, our Life Membership portion grew to 85.2% with one new Life Membership in March 2021.

Our rate of return for our investments in 2020 is 2.51% resulting in \$1,363.47 allocation for our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership per capita. Our Life Membership allocation for the past six years totaled \$15,618.81, per year average of \$2,603.14.

Every month for the past 9 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 9 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  
Gary Odegard, PMIGM  
Charles R. Marston, PMIGM

## **Grand Recorders Report**

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

This past year was full of challenges, I want to thank the Grand Offices and the Companion Recorders, for all their help and hard work this year. The Minnesota Recorders are: St Paul – Peter Laudert, Minneapolis – Joe Anderson, Ark – Steven Partridge, Tyrian – Aaron Simms, Duluth – Alan Mackenzie, Austin – John Fair, Alpha – Stan Feters, Omega – Carl Lidstrom, Zabud – W. David Emery, Northfield – Jerry Zierdt, Central – Cliff Isley.

The Recorders and I meet virtually each month, I have found this very helpful for me and the Council Recorders. The meetings add one more means of communication and interaction.

The job of Recorder involves more than just taking minutes and reports, it is tracking all the members. The Recorder does a lot of work behind the scenes to make your Council work, anything that you can do to help your Recorder is greatly appreciated by them and myself.

The 2021 – 2022 Budget shows very little change from the previous year and is a balanced budget. Your Grand Council is working to keep expenses down while providing for all the necessary tools that are needed by both the Grand Council and the Constituent Councils of Minnesota.

We have a good space at the Masonic Home, and I am still looking forward to it being utilized to the fullest, as soon as the Home opens up again we can get in and complete the cleanup and organizing.

Looking forward to enjoying the face-to-face meetings again. Thank you for your help and understanding this past year.

Marvin W. Schendel  
Grand Treasurer / Recorder

## The Grand Recorder's Business Report

We started off the year with 648 members we had 24 greetings, 1 restoration , and 3 joined other Councils total gains 28

We had 17 deaths, 8 demits, 24 NPDs, total losses 49, net loss of 21 for a total membership at the end of the year of 627

2020 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS													
	1/1/2020	Greetings	Joined	Restored	2020 Gains	Death	Demit	NPD	2020 Losses	Net	Total Members	%	Living LM
St Paul 1	102	2	1	0	3	3	3	12	18	-15	87	0.853	20
Minneapolis 2	130	5	1	1	7	1	3	3	7	0	130	1	30
Ark 3	47	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	7	-7	40	0.851	14
Tyrian 4	33	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	34	1.03	11
Duluth 6	69	4	1	0	5	1	0	0	1	4	73	1.058	19
Austin 7	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	-2	14	0.875	8
Alpha 8	56	6	0	0	6	3	2	3	8	-2	54	0.964	15
Omega 9	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	19	0.95	2
Zabud 10	51	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	4	55	1.078	17
Northfield 12	61	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	-2	59	0.967	14
Central 14	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	1	23
Red Rock 16	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	15	0.938	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>627</b>		<b>187</b>
* Corrected number from previous years													
Small Council = 49 or less members Large Council = 50 or more members													
Small Council Highest Increase % - Tyrian													
Large Council Highest Increase % - Zabud													

The Large Council with the largest percentage gain was Zabud Council No. 10

And the Small Council with the largest percentage gain was Omega Council No. 9

All of the Councils have submitted their reports on time and they have all paid their per capita for 2020.

# **MINNESOTA GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS NECROLOGY REPORT 2020 - 2021**

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

To say the least, 2020 and into 2021 has been a tough year with the covid-19 pandemic. But I am sad to say the roll of the workmen has been called, and several of our Companions have not responded. It is because they have laid down their working tools of the Fraternity. They were summoned to the Sublime Lodge by the Supreme Grand Master of us all.

St. Paul No. 1: Grady N. Crawford 6-17-20, Dale C. Johnson 10-09-20,  
MIC Edimand C. Gilbertson 1-5-20, Robert A. Beales 3-10-21, Harland L. Thomesen 5-25 -21  
Ark No. 3: James O. Partridge 8-15-20, Carroll Carlson 9-5-20,  
Robert S. Gulbrandson 10-22-20  
Duluth No. 6: Adolph E. Carlson 9-1-20  
Alpha No. 8: William Watkins 7-4-20, Trevor J. Warner 8-10-20, Russell Duncan 2-24-21  
Omega No. 9: John R. Harper 10-27-20

I ask that you keep each one of them in your thoughts and prayers along with their families. May we keep in mind all of those who have gone to be with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Prayer:

Eternal rest grant unto our Brothers, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon our departed Companions. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

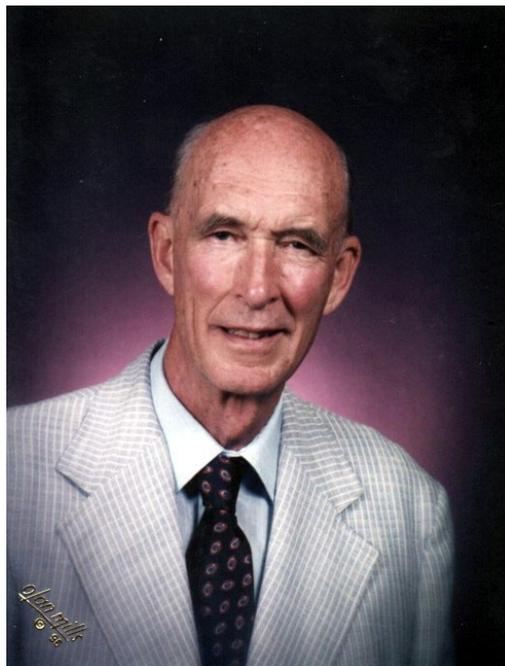
Respectfully submitted,

Ronald L. Jensen  
Grand Chaplain

## **Most Illustrious Past Grand Master**

## **Most Illustrious Past Grand Master**

MIC Edimand C. Gilbertson  
May 4, 1926 to January 5, 2021



Ed was born on May 4, 1926 in Rock Dell, Minnesota. The son of Ruth and Harold Gilbertson, Ed went to Hayfield High School and later Stewartville High School where he graduated in 1944. He lettered in basketball.

Ed married his life partner Idelette 'Penny' Bartsch on May 11, 1947. They enjoyed over 70 years of life together until Penny's death in 2015.

From 1944 to 1956, Ed worked at the Libby's plant in Rochester Minnesota. In 1957 and 1958, while in South Dakota, Ed worked at Missile Construction in Rapid City and as an underground miner at the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead. From 1959 to 1961 Ed worked for US Steel Corp in Virginia, Minnesota as a Research Engineer in a taconite pilot plant. Ed joined the 3M Company in 1961 and worked as an engineer in various capacities for over 34 years, retiring in 1995.

Ed valued education. He received a PhD in Engineering Management from Kennedy Western University (2000), a MA Liberal Studies from Hamline University (1987), a BA Business from the University of Minnesota (1973), and a BS Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (1959). Ed also did graduate work in Sociology and Psychology at St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota. Ed was a Licensed Professional Industrial Engineer and a member of the International Accountants Society.

Ed tried to balance reflection with connection. He accomplished this with dancing, service, travel, and reading. Ed and Penny danced for over 38 years with various square dancing, ballroom dancing, and folk dancing groups including the Minnesota Schuhplattlers and the Sundowners. An avid church goer, Ed was the treasurer at three of the churches to which he belonged. He attended Woodbury United Methodist Church for over 35 years.

Ed was active in various Masonic organizations for over 50 years achieving multiple titles and designations. Ed served as the Grand Illustrious Master of the Minnesota Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in 2005 – 2006.

Ed and Penny, with quiet persistence and great fondness, traveled to all 50 states and several countries abroad.

Reading was an important part of Ed's life. There were many years he read over 100 books, logging them on note cards to enhance his knowledge and memory.

Ed is preceded in death by his mother Ruth, father Harold, loving wife Penny, sisters-in-law Katie and Laura, brothers-in-law Bill and Frank, niece Julie, nephew Richard and grandniece Krisleah.

Ed is survived by his son, Frank (Joan) Gilbertson, grandchildren Carl and Mary Gilbertson, sister Muriel Sands, niece Shirley (Keith) Schlender, nephew Leo (Nancy) Bonsor, and other loving relatives and friends.

Ed's gentle and curious spirit will be greatly missed by his family and all those who knew him.

## **Report of Awards Committee**

All elected Illustrious Masters who have been elected and served as Illustrious Master of their Council are eligible to receive the Thrice Illustrious Master degree which will be held at a future date.

**Those elected by their Councils to receive the Ish-Sodi are**

Todd Leek – St Paul Council

David Kampf – Minneapolis Council

Trent Gilbertson – Zabud Council

Clinton J. Christensen – Northfield Council

**The recipient of the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award for 2020 is:**

Alan Mackenzie

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

Tony R. Krall

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

Tarrance Aaron

# **CMMRF Report**

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

## **CMMRF Report**

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

Companions, The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation is currently involved in cutting edge research on Peripheral Artery Disease, Stroke, COPD, Heart Failure, Juvenile Diabetes, and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms. These conditions affect the lives of millions of Americans each year. Your donations are a huge part of making this research happen.

Donations from Minnesota reached an ALL TIME HIGH of \$8,651.10 in 2020 which put us in the top 10 for the year. 16 Pins (4 Gold with Diamonds), 5 Plaques and 3 Extender Bars were awarded. 3-100% Certificates were also awarded to Minnesota Councils.

CMMRF Granted \$338,000 to the Indiana University School of Medicine in 2020.

Thank you for your continuing support of the CMMRF. In my report I have included the 2020 Foundation report and an updated history of the CMMRF. It has truly been an honor to serve on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Beach

Grand Sentinel

### **HISTORY OF THE CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.**

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, (CMMRF), was incorporated in the state of Oklahoma, March 6, 1986. The driving force behind this new corporation was Most Puissant General Grand Master Ben Mandlebaum, of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International. Companion Joe Lewis, Attorney at Law, was instrumental in quickly getting the Foundation a taxexempt status. CMMRF also had a tax attorney, James A. Hogue, PMIGM in Oklahoma. These men generously donated their time to the initial start-up of the Foundation. Earlier, at the meeting of the "General Grand Council Benevolent Foundation, Inc. held on November 11, 1985, Marion Keith Crum, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana, was elected Executive Secretary of the Foundation. Most Illustrious Companion Crum continued to faithfully serve in this position until his retirement in October 2012, a period of almost twenty-seven years.

CMMRF funds research at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. Initial research focused on the cause(s) and eventually a cure for atherosclerosis and its complications. In later years, the research has implemented adult stem cell therapies to address a variety of mature health issues but not necessarily restricted to the adult population. This research was previously funded by an Indiana corporation, which ceased to do business upon the death of Dr. Owen L. Shanteau, October 17, 1985. While CMMRF is not a part of that preceding organization and the General Grand Council was not its governing body, CMMRF is continuing the good work that it started. Dr. Shanteau met with Dr. Nils Bang at the Indiana University Medical Center in 1978 and discussed this new venture. Dr. Shanteau was able to give a grant of \$12,000.00 a year to this project, which was being done on a part time basis. The former Foundation gave the Medical Center grants totaling \$96,000.00.

Dr. Nils Bang, one of the founding researchers connected with the program, suggested that the most efficient way of investing the money donated by The Cryptic Masons International was to invest it in the salaries of young, talented investigators. Many of these investigators had papers summarizing

their work accepted for presentation at the prestigious national conference of the American Federation for Clinical Research. (In order to have papers accepted, the subject matter must have been about new findings, not previously published.) All of these Doctors have moved on to more substantial positions and are no longer at Indiana University. CMMRF assumes they are still using their experience in the various fields of research.

At the February 1996 Board of Trustees meeting in Washington D.C. The Board agreed to fund a Chair at the Indiana University Medical Center at the cost of one million dollars. CMMRF contributed two hundred thousand dollars a year for five years to endow the chair. The final payment was made in December of 2000. The University offered as an incentive to guarantee a five per cent income on the endowment plus matching it with a five percent payout from the endowment.

Sometime in 2001-2002 the CMMRF-sponsored laboratory became the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, (ICVBM). After a 3-year search for the best person to fill this newly created Chair, Dr. Keith March was selected. The creation of an endowed chair and this new Center attracted more than \$2,000,000 from non-Masonic sources. Dr. March served in this position until his resignation September 30, 2017. After an in-depth search, Dr. Jay Hess, Dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, announced on July 17, 2018, that Dr. Michael P. Murphy had been selected as the next holder of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Chair.

In 2007, a non-Masonic benefactor challenged CMMRF to match his \$50,000.00 donation to the Indiana Center of Vascular Biology and Medicine. By meeting his challenge, CMMRF contributed \$300,000.00 to ICVBM in 2007. In 2008 a Cryptic Mason donated \$20,000.00 which CMMRF matched and it enabled CMMRF to give \$240,000.00 to the Center for research. Today, upon requests, CMMRF will match \$5,000 donations, up to \$25,000.

Contributions are urgently needed. Most CMMRF donations are voluntary. Only three known jurisdictions have included CMMRF in their per capita dues. This is a decision that must be made by each Grand Council and not the General Grand Council. (CMMRF recommends that each jurisdiction consider this a worthy cause to be added to its per capita dues.) This is one reason a life sponsor program is not attractive to our members, we cannot offer them a savings for being a life sponsor. Contributions to CMMRF are tax deductible and that does have some appeal. CMMRF encourages all individuals as well as Cryptic Masons and their families to consider remembering CMMRF in their estate planning.

From time to time CMMRF publishes and makes available upon request, updated brochures, flyers, and supplementary information. Currently, research videos are downloadable from our web site, [www.cmmrf.org](http://www.cmmrf.org).

In recognition of donations to CMMRF, there are six lapel pins presented to contributors for donations totaling \$50.00, \$100.00, \$150.00, \$300.00, \$500.00 and \$750.00. A plaque is presented to the Council or individual for a \$1,000.00 donation. An individual receives a gold filled 9 Arch Pin with a diamond chip for each additional \$1,000.00. After the first \$1,000.00 a Council is presented with an extender bar for its plaque for each additional \$1,000.00. These donations may be a onetime gift or an accumulation over the years since 1986.

The Board of Trustees meets at least once a year. The General Grand Master serves as the President during his triennial. The current President is David A. Grindle,, MPGGM. The Executive Secretary is Gary G. Wyne, (PMIGM, Indiana), P.O. Box 1489 Nashville, IN 47448.

Each year CMMRF has continued to grow in financial assets. Expenses are paid from investment income. As of December 31, 2019, CMMRF has received \$6,205,770.75 in contributions. CMMRF has more than \$3,788,565.90 in financial assets. CMMRF has given the Indiana University School of Medicine in excess of \$5,419,464.86. Prior to restructuring the foundation in 1986, the former foundation had given \$96,000.00 to the Medical Center for research. Cryptic Masons have given more than \$5,759,464.86 in grants from 1978 to the present time. Income from investments helps to fund these grants.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Foundation. CMMRF could not achieve its goals without your help.

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## TOP TEN (10) STATES IN CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1) Indiana \$94,587.82 Todd Carpenter , Chairman
- 2) Florida \$62,583.17 Dayle Schrock , Chairman
- 3) Georgia \$58,255.00 Robert (Rusty) Cordle , Chairman
- 4) Missouri \$12,253.01 Dr. Paul L. Daniels , Chairman
- 5) New Mexico \$9,751.00 Jeff Johnson , Chairman
- 6) Minnesota \$8,651.10 Doug Beach , Chairman
- 7) Tennessee \$8,343.31 S. Wayne Elder , Chairman
- 8) California \$7,899.59 Brett MacDonald , Chairman
- 9) Oklahoma \$6,046.60 Brian Ragain , Chairman
- 10) General Grand \$5,927.68 G. Thomas Taylor , Vice Pres.

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

Thomas Bustle Kentucky 1 Diamond(s) Saucier, Lawrence W. Florida 2 Diamond(s)  
Murray A. Conrath Florida 1 Diamond(s) Bechler, Bryan D. Washington 3 Diamond(s)  
Joseph M. Crum Florida 1 Diamond(s) Gardiner, Roberto Minnesota 3 Diamond(s)  
Darryl A. D'Angina Florida 1 Diamond(s) Huggins, Justin Tennessee 3 Diamond(s)  
Austin Drukker Florida 1 Diamond(s) Johnson, Jeffrey New Mexico 3 Diamond(s)  
Robert K. Geiger California 1 Diamond(s) Potter, Frederick J. California 3 Diamond(s)  
David A. Grindle Idaho 1 Diamond(s) Stiner, W. Keith Indiana 3 Diamond(s)  
Ronald W. Guthrie Iowa 1 Diamond(s) Young, Richard G. Arizona 3 Diamond(s)  
Monte Harris Iowa 1 Diamond(s) Catania, James R. Indiana 4 Diamond(s)  
Duane H. Hickson Oregon 1 Diamond(s) Champion, Peter California 4 Diamond(s)  
Richard L. James Louisiana 1 Diamond(s) Cole, Eric G. Florida 4 Diamond(s)  
Carl A. Jones Kentucky 1 Diamond(s) Davids, Gordon A. Maryland 4 Diamond(s)  
John H. Jones Minnesota 1 Diamond(s) Schrock, Dayle L. Florida 4 Diamond(s)  
Alan Mackenzie Minnesota 1 Diamond(s) Thompson, Roy S. Florida 4 Diamond(s)  
Steven Maxwell Indiana 1 Diamond(s) Bard, James Georgia 5 Diamond(s)  
Thomas Metcalfe Florida 1 Diamond(s) Fowler, Rodger S. Florida 5 Diamond(s)  
Dudley S Minton Florida 1 Diamond(s) Logan, John L. Oklahoma 5 Diamond(s)  
Michael & Laura  
Murphy  
Indiana 1 Diamond(s) Ulrich, David Indiana 5 Diamond(s)  
Ryan C. Nealey Georgia 1 Diamond(s) Gregory, Robert W.  
(CO)  
Colorado 7 Diamond(s)

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James Penn General

Grand

1 Diamond(s) Jones, Sean Indiana 7 Diamond(s)

Brian Ragain Oklahoma 1 Diamond(s) St. John, Robert Florida 7 Diamond(s)

Robert Reinhardt

III

New Jersey 1 Diamond(s) Friend, Paul W. Florida 9 Diamond(s)

Norman C. Ribble

Jr.

New

Mexico

1 Diamond(s) Olsen, Thomas A. Florida 9 Diamond(s)

David Rosenthal Florida 1 Diamond(s) Ridenour, John P. Oregon 10 Diamond(s)

Robert T. Ryan Florida 1 Diamond(s) Hollinger, Charles L. Florida 11 Diamond(s)

Bruce Scott Minnesota 1 Diamond(s) Schrock, Loren E. Oregon 11 Diamond(s)

Robert

Shellenberger

Florida 1 Diamond(s) Elder, S. Wayne Tennessee 12 Diamond(s)

Aaron Shoemaker Missouri 1 Diamond(s) Miller, David W. Indiana 12 Diamond(s)

Larry White Oklahoma 1 Diamond(s) Wyne, Gary Indiana 13 Diamond(s)

Randy Burkett Florida 2 Diamond(s) Mueller, Jr., Alfred Florida 14 Diamond(s)

Frank E. Capler Jr. Indiana 2 Diamond(s) Chandler, Glenn E. Florida 17 Diamond(s)

James Davis Indiana 2 Diamond(s) Pickford, John & Doris Florida 17 Diamond(s)

John C. Gray Indiana 2 Diamond(s) Stoner, Michael C. Indiana 21 Diamond(s)

Robert Morrison California 2 Diamond(s) Gilmore, Carl Florida 23 Diamond(s)

Jerry W. Reeves Mississippi 2 Diamond(s)

## THE FOLLOWING PINS WERE AWARDED:

Bronze \$50.00 -> \$99.99 72 Donors Achieved

Bronze with Stone \$100.00 -> 149.99 80 Donors Achieved

Silver \$150.00 -> \$299.99 57 Donors Achieved

Silver with Stone \$300.00 -> \$499.99 34 Donors Achieved

Gold \$500.00 -> \$749.99 31 Donors Achieved

Gold with Stone \$750.00 -> \$999.99 12 Donors Achieved

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## PLAQUES WERE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

420 MN JOHN H. JONES 439 FL RANDY BURKETT  
421 OR DUANE H. HICKSON 440 PA JAMES PENN  
422 NJ ROBERT REINHARDT III 441 FL THOMAS METCALFE  
423 CA ROBERT MORRISON 442 KY THOMAS BUSTLE  
424 IN TERRY TURNER 443 FL DUDLEY MINTON  
425 IN JAMES DAVIS 444 IA RONALD GUTHERIE  
426 FL ROBERT RYAN 445 FL DAVID ROSENTHAL  
427 IA MONTE HARRIS 446 LA RICHARD JAMES  
428 OK LARRY WHITE 447 FL AUSTIN DRUKKER  
429 KY CARL JONES 448 NM NORMAN RIBBLE JR.  
430 MN SEAN GARDINER 449 NM JEFFREY JOHNSON  
431 MN HUGH SWIFT JR 450 FL DARRYL D'ANGINA  
432 FL STEPHEN NELSON 451 ID DAVID GRINDLE  
433 IN MICHAEL & LAURA MURPHY 452 FL MURRAY A. CONRATH  
434 MN ALAN MACKENZIE 453 FL JOSEPH M. CRUM  
435 OK BRIAN RAGAIN 454 CA ROBERT K. GEIGER  
436 IN STEVEN MAXWELL 455 GA RYAN C. NEALEY  
437 MO AARON SHOEMAKER 456 MN BRUCE SCOTT  
438 FL ROBERT SHELLENBERGER

## THE FOLLOWING COUNCILS AND ORGANIZATIONS EARNED PLAQUES:

ARKANSAS ARKANSAS COUNCIL NO. 80 MAINE ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 12  
CALIFORNIA MARYSVILLE COUNCIL NO. 3 OKLAHOMA STILLWATER COUNCIL NO. 50  
INDIANA SAHARA GROTTO RHODE ISLAND PAWTUCKET COUNCIL NO. 4  
IOWA YORK RITE COLLEGE NO. 37  
WASHINGTON  
NAVAL COUNCIL NO. 11  
LOUISIANA MONROE COUNCIL NO. 8 RAINIER YORK RITE COLLEGE  
NO. 54

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

### Alabama

Tuscaloosa Council No. 4 - 1 Bar(s)

### Indiana (2)

Columbus Council No. 54 - 1 Bar(s)

Phenix City Council No. 82 - 1 Bar(s) Dekalb Council No. 57 - 2 Bar(s)

Alaska Anchorage Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s) Valparaiso Council No. 86 - 5 Bar(s)

### Arizona

Winslow Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s) Bloomington Council No. 87 - 2 Bar(s)

Adoniram Council No. 14 - 1 Bar(s) Greenfield Council No. 94 - 2 Bar(s)

Mesa Council No. 15 - 1 Bar(s) Prather Council No. 100 - 1 Bar(s)

Arkansas Jacks L. Sharp Council No. 91 - 1 Bar(s) Forrest A. Wakeman Council No. 110 - 5 Bar(s)

### California

Ventura Council No. 15 - 1 Bar(s)

### Iowa

Alpha Council No. 1 - 3 Bar(s)

Alhambra Council No. 25 - 1 Bar(s) Scott Council No. 53 - 1 Bar(s)

Long Beach Council No. 26 - 1 Bar(s)

### Kentucky

Earl F. Ransdell Council No. 3 - 1 Bar(s)

San Luis Obispo Council No. 38 - 1 Bar(s) Louisville Council No. 4 - 1 Bar(s)

Butte Council No. 50 - 2 Bar(s) Kenton Council No. 13 - 1 Bar(s)

### Colorado

Denver Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s) Mayfield Council No. 39 - 1 Bar(s)

Tyrian Council No. 11 - 1 Bar(s)

### Maryland

Enoch Council No. 10 - 1 Bar(s)

Larimer County Council No. 21 - 1 Bar(s) King Solomon Council No. 13 - 1 Bar(s)

Connecticut Wolcott Council No. 1 - 1 Bar(s) Harmony Council No. 20 - 1 Bar(s)

### Florida (1)

Hallmark Council No. 3 - 3 Bar(s)

### Minnesota

St Paul Council No. 1 - 5 Bar(s)

Orlando Council No. 5 - 1 Bar(s) Minneapolis Council No. 2 - 1 Bar(s)

Union Council No. 7 - 2 Bar(s) Duluth Council No. 6 - 1 Bar(s)

Tampa Council No. 8 - 1 Bar(s)

### Missouri

St. Joseph Council No. 9 - 2 Bar(s)

Bradentown Council No. 9 - 1 Bar(s) York Council No. 40 - 1 Bar(s)

Adoniram Council No. 10 - 5 Bar(s) Jeremiah Council No. 48 - 1 Bar(s)

Hiram Council No. 13 - 2 Bar(s) Liberty Council No. 50 - 1 Bar(s)

St. Petersburg Council No. 14 - 1 Bar(s) Nebraska Hastings Council No. 8 - 2 Bar(s)

Gainesville Council No. 27 - 1 Bar(s)

### Nevada

Hiram Council No. 5 - 1 Bar(s)

Golden Triangle Council No. 28 - 1 Bar(s) Capital Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s)

Gulf Council No. 29 - 1 Bar(s) New Mexico Hiram Council No. 1 - 2 Bar(s)

Seminole Council No. 30 - 2 Bar(s)

### Oklahoma

Lawton Council No. 21 - 1 Bar(s)

Crestview Council No. 33 - 1 Bar(s) Tulsa Council No. 22 - 1 Bar(s)

Clearwater Council No. 34 - 2 Bar(s) Woodward Council No. 52 - 1 Bar(s)

Lake City Council No. 35 - 1 Bar(s)

### Oregon

Hiram Council No. 7 - 1 Bar(s)

Tyrian Council No. 36 - 6 Bar(s) Adoniram Council No. 9 - 1 Bar(s)

Melbourne Council No. 38 - 3 Bar(s) Columbia Council No. 19 - 1 Bar(s)

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Florida (2)  
Athelstan Council No. 46 - 1 Bar(s) South  
Carolina  
Allendale Council No. 28 - 1 Bar(s)  
Georgia  
Canton Council No. 3 - 1 Bar(s)  
Tennessee  
Nashville Council No. 1 - 2 Bar(s)  
Zabud Council No. 64 - 1 Bar(s) Mount Moriah Council No. 95 - 2 Bar(s)  
Marietta Council No. 74 - 1 Bar(s) Rosemark Council No. 131 - 1 Bar(s)  
Tara Council No. 75 - 1 Bar(s) Washington Zadock Council No. 23 - 1 Bar(s)  
Idaho Jeremiah Council No. 9 - 2 Bar(s) Wyoming Sheridan Council No. 3 - 1 Bar(s)  
Indiana (1)  
Indianapolis Council No. 2 - 1 Bar(s)  
Ft. Wayne Council No. 4 - 1 Bar(s)  
Wayne Council No. 10 - 1 Bar(s)  
Grant County Council No. 28 - 1 Bar(s)

## ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO:

### UP TO \$10 PER MEMBER

Alabama Phenix City Council No. 82 - \$7.32  
per Member  
Minnesota Omega Council No. 9 - \$9 per Member

### UP TO \$7 PER MEMBER

Alabama Tuscaloosa Council No. 4 - \$5.83  
per Member  
Alabama Brundidge Council No. 69 - \$5.75 per  
Member

### UP TO \$5 PER MEMBER

Indiana Noblesville Council No. 89 - \$5.00  
per Member  
Oregon  
Columbia Council No. 19 - \$5 per  
Member  
Oregon  
Adoniram-OR Council No. 9 - \$5  
per Member  
Centennial Council No. 24 - \$5 per  
Member  
Hodson Council No. 1 - \$5 per  
Member  
Hiram Council No. 7 - \$5 per  
Member

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## UP TO \$3 PER MEMBER

Alabama

Montgomery York Rite Bodies -

\$1 per Member

Arkansas

Bush Valley Council No. 80 - \$2 per

Member

Dothan Council No. 68 - \$1.37 per

Member

Europe

Romania Grand Council - \$1 per

Member

Decatur Council No. 81 - \$1.30

per Member

Iowa

Iowa Grand Council - \$1 per Member

Gadsden Council No. 56 - \$1.49

per Member

Indiana

Valparaiso Council No. 86 - \$1.50 per

Member

Florence Council No. 74 - \$1.67

per Member

Kentucky

Louisville Council No. 4 - \$2 per

Member

Eureka Council No. 5 - \$1.26 per

Member

Minnesota

Austin Council No. 7 - \$3 per Member

Mobile Council No. 12 - <\$1 per

Member

Minneapolis Council No. 2 - \$1 per

Member

Birmingham York Rite - \$1.20 per

Member

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Grand Council- \$1 per

Member

Monroeville Council No. 95 - \$2

per Member

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: 66 HONORARIUM DONATIONS: 10

CMMRF INCOME GRANTS TO INDIANA

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Contributions \$ 317,131.69 2020 \$ 338,000.00

CMMRF Day \$ 1,714.00 Total-to-date \$ 5,419,464.86

Wills / Bequeaths \$ 15,042.11

Misc. Income \$ 351.57

## **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 definitely has not gone as hoped or planned. When the Covid 19 pandemic closed down the state every thing changed. Our plans to visit all the Councils came to an abrupt halt, degree work was cancelled and the world as we knew it changed.

Fortunately, many Councils adapted and we suddenly started attending zoom meetings on the internet. Although zoom is not the same as in person meetings Councils could still conduct business and we could see each other's faces and hear familiar voices. Although this was a short term fix it did help. We actually picked up some companions that seldom made in person meetings.

We will be traveling once again now that things are opening up.

Your grand officers have faithfully met monthly to do the work of the Grand Council. We are here to work for you. If your Council needs anything we are just a call or text away.

REC W. David Emery  
Rt Excellent Deputy Grand Illustrious Master  
2020-2021

## **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:**

This year has been a blur. Given the issues we have had with Covid 19, as well as an inability to meet in Lodges until recently, we have tried find ways to work in our Jurisdiction. Between the almost daily use of Zoom for our meetings, frequent emails and phone calls, we have worked together across the state. We have found new ways to address our business meetings, including our Grand Officer meetings. We have lost Brothers and Companions, but we have come out with a new appreciation of each other and the time that we spend together.

While I was not able to travel to Council Assemblies as often as I wished, I was able to attend the forming of King Solomon Council. This Council was formed virtually for two main reasons, both of which our Companions have asked for. First, for those Companions who are unable to attend physical meetings for any reason may attend this Council. For those outstate, or in the areas that do not have a Council (or Companions from other states who want to stay in touch) it offers a perfect solution. The second reason is to focus on Education. This education, a foundation of our Rite, has been instrumental in drawing in Companions who crave more than just a business meeting.

My Companions, I am truly grateful for all of you and all that you give to our Rite. Your willingness to return back to in-person meetings, to do the work of our Council, and to minister to the other Companions during this time is inspirational. While we have lost many of our Companions, I am mindful of the time we will get to, soon, spend together at our Annual Grand Assembly. I look forward to seeing you all at this Assembly, and I can't wait to once again have some semblance of normality.

Respectfully Submitted

RIC Brian Dimatteo, 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:**

**From: IC Sean Gardiner**

**RE: Grand Captain of the Guard Report 2020-2021**

Greetings to all the Companions of Minnesota where so ever dispersed. With our limited in-person visitations, it has been a difficult year. Many councils were able to meet virtually to continue supporting each other. And some were able to meet in person. We all look forward to the days we can all meet and work together.

This year especially demonstrated the need for creative ways to connect and provide educational programs for our Companions. Under the direction of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Greg Schultz, we examined the possibility of creating Minnesota's first virtual Council. After examining our options and reviewing our constitution and by-laws, we elected to Use the Grand Council's chartered council, Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 which was created as a holding council, to meet virtually and provide the much desired further light. The program proved to be very successful, even garnering attendance from foreign jurisdictions. Grand Master Hiram Council is open to existing Cryptic Masons who wish to gain further light in Cryptic Masonry. If you are interested, please contact our Grand Recorder for more details.

During this year I have had the privilege of serving on the General Assembly, York Rite Cooperation, Awards, and Unfinished Business committees. You can see the activities of those Committees in their individual reports.

It was my pleasure serving the Companions of Minnesota this past year.

Illustrious Companion R. Sean Gardiner  
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:

What a strange year it has been! As the Grand Conductor of the Council for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, I have done my best to support the Council while under the Covid-19 quarantine restrictions. The quarantine eliminated nearly all face-to-face contact during most of our operational year and forced us to move to a Zoom format for the Grand Officer meetings most of which I have attended.

One area where I feel we did make some real progress were committee projects. As a member of York Rite Representative Program committee, I worked with MIGM Greg this year to develop and submit a standardized Grand Representative Program for General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter. We have completed the final draft of the program and submitted it to our local representative of General Grand Council for approval.

Another program that I have been working on and have completed is the York Rite Emissary program. This program is similar to the Scottish Rite Double Eagle program and serves the same function. Once again Covid has delayed implementation of the program. Therefore, we will be looking for volunteers at our Grand Session that will be willing to represent York Rite within their Blue Lodges. To be the York Rite Emissary to their Lodge with the mission of informing Blue Lodge members about the York Rite and encourage them to participate in activities and eventually join the York Rite.

One area that really suffered this year was York Rite education. Participation in the York Rite Mentor and Advanced Study Program and the Companion Adept of the Temple Study Group dropped off dramatically this year. I am planning to push this hard this year.

I anticipate that the coming year will be one in which most of us spend our time playing catchup in all most every area. I am very much looking forward to getting out and visiting our Councils and participating in all of our York Rite activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph James Luchsinger II, KYCH, OPC  
Grand Conductor of the Council

### NOTES:

Other function and services I have been involved in representing the Grand Cryptic Council and the York Rite include: committee member of the York Rite Representative Program, committee member of the York Rite Educational Committee, committee member and mentor for the York Rite Mentor and Advanced Study Program and mentor for the Companion Adept of the Temple Study Group, member of the Grand Session Planning committee, represented the York Rite at the Big Tent Event, Scottish Rite, Minneapolis

Moving towards the future I have also begun developing the York Rite Ambassador program. The Ambassador program is intended to inform Blue Lodge members about the York Rite and encourage them to participate in activities and eventually join the York Rite.

## **Report of the Grand Marshal**

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

I think it goes without saying that this has been both an unusual year and certainly a challenging one. The year began in a virtual setting and remained in that mode throughout most of the Council's year. Companions quickly familiarized themselves with Zoom and other virtual communication equipment. Maintaining contact with Council members, especially older and isolated companions, to ensure their safety and well-being became more of the normal activity. Meeting and visiting via virtual means enabled some companions who, due to travel or work conflicts, were not usually able to attend. While the pandemic prevented the conferral of degrees we were able to continue with education. Several outstanding educational lectures were offered through our grand master Hiram virtual Council. While attendance at these presentations was not the greatest it proved that we can tap into the vast resources of the greater crypto Council community and make it a visible available to our local councils in the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Jerry Zierdt, Grand Marshall

## **Report of the Grand Steward**

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

Through this difficult year I was able to attend all the meetings of the Grand Council and several council meetings via Zoom. I was also fortunate in being able to attend the triennial session and several Grand Sessions virtually. It was my honor to serve the Companions of Minnesota for the past year and I look forward to serving in the Grand Council for the foreseeable future.

Fraternally,

Alan Mackenzie, Grand Steward

## **Report of the Grand Sentinel**

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

Companions, I had the pleasure of serving the Grand Council as Grand Sentinel this past year and I can absolutely report that the state of the Council is strong!

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Beach  
Grand Sentinel

# Report of the Trustees

## Report of the Trustees, 2020 – 2021

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. 2020 – 2021 completes a 9-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. There were various topics of advisory were discussed.

On the investment side of your Grand Council:

January 1, 2020 Investment Fund Value: \$74,400.00 includes Life Membership Fund  
June 30, 2020 Investment Fund Value: \$64,866.13 includes Life Membership Fund  
December 31, 2020 Investment Fund Value: \$65,501.24 includes Life Membership Fund  
April 30, 2021 Investment Fund Value: \$67,132.54 includes Life Membership Fund  
January 1, 2020 Life Membership Fund Value: \$60,189.60  
June 30, 2020 Life Membership Fund Value: \$53,897.27  
December 31, 2020 Life Membership Fund Value: \$54,424.98  
April 30, 2021 Life Membership Fund Value: \$58,526.19

One Life Membership added in 2020 and another Companion completed his Life Membership installment in 2020. Interesting to point out in 2014 our Life Membership portion of our Grand Council Investment Fund total was 74.5%. In 2020, our Life Membership portion of our Grand Council Investment total was 83.09%. So far, in 2021, our Life Membership portion grew to 85.2% with one new Life Membership in March 2021.

Our rate of return for our investments in 2020 is 2.51% resulting in \$1,363.47 allocation for our subordinate Councils for their Life Membership per capita. Our Life Membership allocation for the past six years totaled \$15,618.81, per year average of \$2,603.14.

Every month for the past 9 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 9 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  
Gary Odegard, PMIGM  
Charles R. Marston, PMIGM

## **Jurisprudence Committee Report**

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

### **Jurisprudence Committee Report, 2020 – 2021**

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 did not receive any Resolutions this past year for review,

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

Jurisprudence Committee has had no further business presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM

Charles Marston, PMIGM

Gary A. Odegard, PMIGM

## Remarks from the Visiting Dignitaries

MIC AJ Johnson, Nebraska, who invited all to the Nebraska Grand Session in April of 2022.

MIC Stan Schwellenbach, SD, invited all to their session in September in Huron.

E-mail from Cliff Hartmier, Current MIGM of Western Canada, sent his regrets for he and MEC Nigel Osborn who wanted to attend our session, but due to the border being closed they are unable to come down. They are looking forward to being able to meet in person again soon.

The following Companions were recognized as Honorary Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota:

Stephen Balke, Chadwick Burks, Herbert Cook, Bruce Crisman, Jeffery Nelson, Dennis Newman, Gary Wyne and MWB Rolf Widstrand.

CMMRF report IC R. James Luchsinger, II, introduced MIC Gary Wyne, the Executive Secretary of CMMRF. Gary then gave an interesting report on the status of the research and fund raising of the CMMRF. Plaques were awarded to Omega Council, Sean Gardiner, St Paul Council, got 2 bars. After the presentation the “Dusty Old Beaver” was passed and \$550.00 was collected for CMMRF.

### The Tellers report

The tellers reported that they were ready to give the outcome of the elections.

Grand Master Greg, then ask if all who wished to vote, had voted. There was no response, at which point, he declared the ballot box closed.

He then asked for the results

Most Illustrious Grand Master	W. David Emery was elected
Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Master	Brian K. Dimatteo was elected
Rt. Ill. G. Principal Conductor of the Work	R. Sean Gardiner was elected
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM was elected
Most Illustrious Grand Recorder	Marvin W. Schendel, MIPGM was elected
Most Illustrious Grand Trustee - 3 Yr Term	Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM was elected

Grand Master Greg then thanked the tellers and ordered them to destroy the ballots, and then thanked them for their service and dismissed them.

Grand Master Elect W. David Emery was called on the phone at Mercy Hospital and was told that he had just been elected and he was asked if he would accept, he responded that he was humbled and honored and that he did accept. All of the elected officers also accepted.

Deputy Grand Illustrious Master Brian Dimatteo then announced the names of the appointed Officers.

A Motion was made to give IC William Hubbard the honorary title of Right Illustrious Companion Past Grand Conductor of the Work. For his labors for the Minnesota Grand York Rite Bodies.

Right Puissant Companion Carl F. Lidstrom, General Grand Council District Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, stated that he enjoyed the session and yielded the remainder of his time to Right Puissant Companion Seven Balke, General Grand Recorder.

We need Free Masonry, everything that he has been promoting to the other jurisdictions is being done here in Minnesota already. General Grand is here to help communication and information to help all of the jurisdictions. this is the first time that he has been in Minnesota and he has been working with four companions from Minnesota more than his own state of New Mexico, Sean Gardiner, James McNeely, IV, Marv Schendel, and Brian Dimatteo, who worked on two General Grand Sessions, and Minnesota has Grand Master Hiram Council, a virtual council. Minnesota is on the cutting edge and is leading the way.

He encouraged all to look at the 2 minute commercials that can be used to promote the CMMRF. He talked about the awards that are available from the General Grand Council.

The new first responder award, should be used by all lodges in the state, it is a great tool to used to recognize individuals in our home areas. The youth advocate award can be given to any youth leader, do not have to be a masonic organization. He then brought greetings form our Most Illustrious General Grand Council Grand Master, Monte Glover. And thanked all for the hospitality showed to him.

Grand Master Rolf Widstrand thanked the Grand Council for putting together great sessions and allowing him to attend and be a part of them. He thanked Greg for all of his work around the state and to Officers his best wishes for a successful year.

He talked about the masonic philanthropies and that it is what we do, for humanity.

The Grand Council will hold its 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Assembly at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Alexandria, Minnesota as part of the Grand York Rite Session next year on June 23, 24, 25, 2022.

Grand Master Greg then called the session to refreshment until the start of the installation of Grand Officers.

The session was called to labor for the purpose of installation of the 2021 – 2022 Grand Council Officers.

The following Grand Council Officers were installed in their respective stations:

Illustrious Grand Master – MIC W. David Emery

Deputy Grand Master – RIC Brian K. Dimatteo

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work - RIC R. Sean Gardiner

Grand Treasurer / Recorder – MIC Marvin W. Schendel, PMIGM

Grand Chaplain – IC Jerry B. Oliver

Grand Captain of the Guard – IC R. James Luchsinger, II

Grand Conductor of the Council – IC Gerald E. Zierdt

Grand Marshal – IC Alan Mackenzie

Grand Steward – IC Joseph J. Anderson

Grand Sentinel – IC Trent B. Gilbertson

Grand Archmaster – MIC Carl F. Lidstrom

Grand Organist – RIC William T. Hubbard

Trustees are

MIC Charles R. Marston, PMIGM

MIC Gary A. Odegard, PMIGM

and MIC Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM

MIC Marvin W. Schendel, PMIGM presided at the installation with MIC James S. McNeely, IV, MIGM - CT as the installing Marshal, PMIGM Greg Schultz, Installing Recorder, and MIC Ronald A. Miles, MIPGM, as the installing Chaplain. All of the above officers were installed into their several stations, except for the Most Illustrious Grand Master, W. David Emery, who will be installed as soon as he is released from the hospital.

There being nothing further to come before this Assembly he declared the Grand Council Closed.