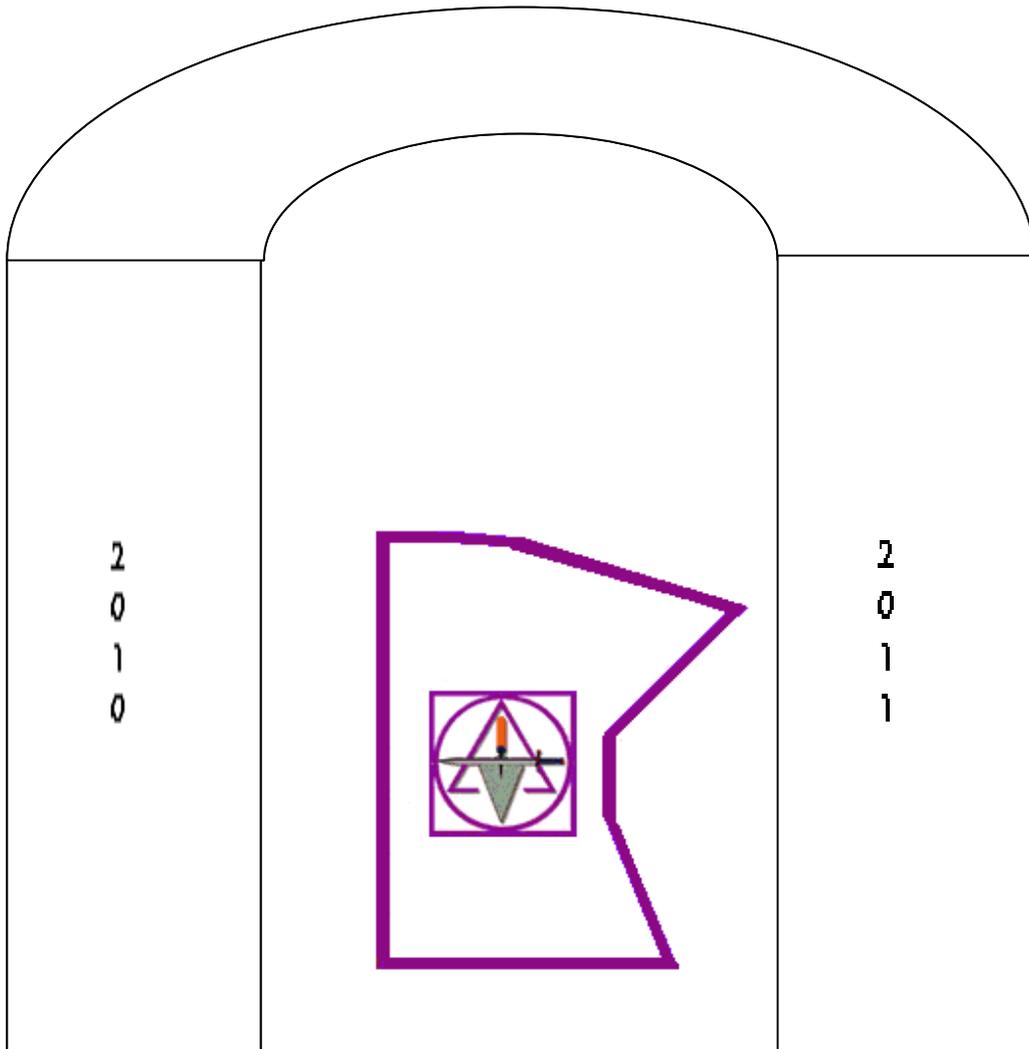


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CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
PROCEEDINGS**



141st ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY

BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

24 JUNE 2011

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons:

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it
Anno Lucis (AL), "in the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons:

Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel.
Anno Inventionis (AI.), "in the year of discovery."

Order of High Priesthood:

Date from the year of blessing of Abram by the High Priest Melchizedek,
Anno Benefacionis (A.B.), "in the year of blessing."

Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masters:

Date from the year, in which the temple of Solomon was completed,
Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.), "in the year of deposit."

Knights Templar:

Commence their era with the organization of their Order,
Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

Scottish Rite:

Same as Ancient Craft, except that the Jewish chronology is used,
Anno Mundi (AM.), "in the year of the world."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons:	Add 4,000 years to the Common Era Thus, 2011 plus 4,000 = 6011
Royal Arch Masons:	Add 530 years to the Common Era Thus, 2011 plus 530 = 2541
Order of High Priesthood:	Add 1,913 years to the Common Era Thus, 2011 plus 1,913 = 2924
Cryptic Masons/Royal and Select Masons	Add 1,000 years to the Common Era Thus, 2011 plus 1,000 = 3011
Knights Templar:	Subtract 1,118 years from the Common Era Thus, 2011 minus 1,118 = 893
Scottish Rite:	Add 3,760 years to the Common Era Thus, 2011 plus 3,760 = 5771

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**141ST ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY
2011**



PRESIDING

**HARLAN HEIDECKER - ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
DEXTER C PEHLE – GRAND RECORDER**

ELECTED

**DOUGLAS A NYGARD – ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
DEXTER C PEHLE – GRAND RECORDER**

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**GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA
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IN MEMORIAM

These proceedings are dedicated to the memory of

LAWRENCE KAUFMANN OFFENBECKER, III



“LARRY”

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA
1975-1976**

Born: 5 February 1913, Austria-Hungary

Died: 6 June 2011, Albert Lea, Minnesota

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Recipient of the GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL’S MEDAL OF HONOR

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2010 – 2011

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GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2010-11

FINANCE

Douglas Nygard (14)
Gary Odegard (12)
Dexter Pehle (12)

JURISPRUDENCE

Barnes A Sharitt Jr., (1) PMIGM
Kevin V Jones, (6) PMIGM
Hugh C. Swift, Jr. (12) PMIGM

EDUCATION

Hugh C. Swift, Jr., (12) PMIGM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Terrence Becker (6)

CHARITY

Gary Odegard (6)

NECROLOGY

James Melander (1)

CORRESPONDENCE Michael Denke ()

James Turner (1)

SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK

Joe Anderson (2)

NOT-SO SECRET VAULT

Dexter Pehle (12)

AUDIT

Rolf M Widstrand (6)
Loren A Cox (6)
Kevin V Jones (6)

INVESTMENTS

Dexter Pehle (12)
Harlan Heidecker (8)

CREDENTIALS

Dexter Pehle (12)

GRAND ASSEMBLY

Gary Odegard (12)
Terrence Becker (6)
Douglas Stevenson (6)

YORK RITE COOPERATION

Douglas Nygard (14)
Douglas Stevenson (6)
Clifford Isley (14)

AWARDS

James Turner (6)
Clifford Isley (14)



HARLAN HEIDECKER
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2010-2011

Harlan Henry Heidecker was born in August of 1936, the fifth child in a farm family of seven children. Harlan grew up on a farm near Lakota, Iowa. He and his brothers were kept busy with the usual farm chores as well as being active in sports in High School. Harlan graduated from Lakota High School in 1954 and enlisted in the Air Force after graduation. Harlan spent 4 years in the Air Force with three of the years being spent in New Mexico on a radar base as a radar operator, air traffic controller then becoming an instructor.

Harlan continued on with his education at Minneapolis Business College. Harlan not only received his automotive accounting education at Minneapolis Business College, he also met his wife, Sandy who was also attending MBC. Upon finishing their schooling, Harlan and Sandy were married and Harlan began his career as the Accounting Business Manager at the Gloege Chevrolet Dealership in Glenwood, Minnesota, Sandy's home town.

Harlan and Sandy raised their two children, Blake and Lisa in Glenwood until 1975 when they purchased and moved onto a 160 acre farm 4 miles west of Glenwood where they continue to live today. Their son, Blake is married to his high school sweetheart, Jaci, they have 3 daughters, Taryn, Hailey and Mychaela and they live in Glenwood. Daughter, Lisa is married to Michael Pelle, they have 2 sons, Gregory 14 and Joseph 11 and they live in Elk River.

Harlan was always interested in flying and airplanes and pursued his interest in flying by getting his private and then his commercial pilots license, and instrument rating. He was always very busy with all his interests, working at Gloeges, farming, flying, being involved in community activities, serving as Chairman on many, but still finding time to be involved in his church, Glenwood Lutheran, where he served on many boards and served as Church Council President for 2 years. He also served two years as the Recorder on the Federal Grand Jury in Minneapolis which was a very interesting and worthwhile endeavor for him.

Harlan was raised as a Mason in 1993 at the Valley Lodge 174 where he served in various offices including Master. He is also active in Minnewaska Chapter 129 Order of the Eastern Star, Glenwood Chapter #93, Alfa Council #8 Fergus Falls, Bethel Commandery #19 Glenwood and Zuhrah Shrine Minneapolis. Other memberships include KYCH, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Order of the High Priesthood and Ish-Sodi. He has enjoyed his many years involved in all the Masonic bodies and activities.

Harlan retired from his position at the dealership in Glenwood in December of 2007 and now enjoys his summers in Glenwood and his winters in Texas. He has enjoyed his years in the Grand Council and takes this opportunity to thank all of the Companions for their help and support over the years.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

[corrected]

141st GRAND ASSEMBLY

JUNE 24, 2011 ~ BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

The 141st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota was opened in ritualistic form by the officers and members of Alpha Council No. 8, the home Council of Most Illustrious Grand Master Harlan Heidecker in ample form. Grand Master Heidecker personally greeted and thanked all who participated.

A roll call of the Councils indicated that twelve (12) of the thirteen (13) councils were present constituting a quorum. Only Southgate Council No. 15 - Albert Lea was absent. There were five (5) Illustrious Masters, five (5) Deputy Masters, two (2) Principle Conductor of the Work, four (4) Recorders, twenty-five (25) Past Illustrious Masters, seven (7) Grand Officers, and nine (9) Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters present and voting of fifty seven (57). Twenty (20) other companions and visitors were in attendance for a total registration of eighty-seven (87). .

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was given followed by a tribute presented by PMIGM Hugh C Swift, Jr. who also gave the tribute to the flag of Canada.

Distinguished Visitors present at the Assembly included:

Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson, Grand Master of A.F. & A. M. of Minnesota

From General Grand Council, International

Right Puissant, Deputy General Grand Master George Sellars

RP Kevin Jones, General Grand Ambassador for Minnesota

RP Ronald Guthrie, Regional Deputy General Grand Master

RP Barnes Sharitt, Jr. Past Regional Deputy General Grand Master & PMIGM [MN]

From other Jurisdictions:

Jason Wolcott – Most Illustrious Grand Master, Iowa

Randall Crouch – Grand PCW, Iowa

Richard McBride – Deputy Grand Master, South Dakota

Raymond Mielke – PMIGM, Wisconsin

Louis Bartrand – PMIGM, Washington

Jeffery Nelson – PMIGM, North Dakota

Roger Firestone – PMIGM, Dist. Of Columbia

Robert Seiler – Grand Recorder, Iowa

David Mahoney – Grand Recorder - Wisconsin

Thomas Cumberland – Grand Chaplain, Mississippi

Minnesota's Past Grand Masters in attendance at parts of the Grand Sessions were: Stanley Morrill-1988; John Wentworth -1989, Hugh C Swift, Jr. -1993; William Newell-1999; Charles R Marston-2000; Carl Sudbrink-2001; Kevin Jones – 2004, Edimand Gilbertson -2005, James Fischer-2006; Leonard Pikal-2007; and Loren Schroeder-2008, Ronald Miles – 2009. Roger Morris, Past Grand Chaplain also was recognized.

There were no Amendments to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations presented for consideration.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

The Altar Cloth for Increased Membership was won again this year by Ark Council No.3 of Owatonna.

The following Illustrious Companions were elected to serve the Grand Council this next Year:

Douglas A Nygard - (14) Most Illustrious Grand Master
Gary Odegard - (12) Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
James E Turner, Jr (1) Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work
Dexter C Pehle - (12) Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder

Appointed Officers for 2011-2012 are:

Lewis Seely (14) - Grand Chaplain; Michael Denke (8) - Grand Captain of the Guard; Terrence Becker (6) - Grand Conductor of the Council; Douglas Stevenson (6) - Grand Marshall; Cliff Isley (14) - Grand Steward; Jack Roberts (1) - Grand Sentinel; and William Hubbard (4) -Grand Organist. Hugh C Swift (12) PMIGM was appointed Grand ArchMaster.

George Sellars, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, the personal representative of Most Puissant Joe Vale, General Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International was introduced and given the floor to speak. He briefed the companions on several points including the upcoming Triennial Assembly in Raleigh, North Carolina in August, the General Grand Council, the Cryptic Mason Magazine, the York Rite Web site and on the charity, the Cryptic Mason's Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF).

Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson thanked the Companions for their extraordinary effort to see that he had received the Cryptic degrees prior to the Grand sessions. He commented on the quality of the degree work and the meaningfulness of the content and indicated the pride of his membership in the Rite.

The 2010-2011 Grand Council officers were installed by PMIGM Ronald Miles in a separate public Assembly.

Awards presented at the Grand Sessions banquet included the distinguished service Cryptic Mason of the Year to Larry Amdahl of Austin # 7; and the Minnesota Youth Award given to Steve Bodeker of Glenwood Minnesota for his work with the Boy Scouts of America. Checks in support of the Masonic youth were presented to Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. The Adult Leadership Award to Mrs. Jean Shepersky of Minnesota Job's Daughters was announced. She was not present to receive it and it will be presented at a later date.

Two companions were selected and presented with the ISH-SODI award of merit. There are Lewis Seely (14) and Ron Miles (2). Honorary Awards were presented to Companions Robert Seiler, Grand Recorder of Iowa and Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

2012 Grand York Rite Sessions of Minnesota will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Suites in Bloomington, Minnesota on June 21, 22, 23, 2011.

Dexter C Pehle
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder



Douglas Nygard
Illustrious Grand Master

GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA GRAND ASSEMBLY OF 2011 [141ST]

Ritualistic Opening

The Grand Council was opened in ritualistic form by Alpha Council No. 8, MIC Loren Schroeder, PMIGM presiding. The Grand officers of 2010-2011 were escorted into the room and greeted. Most Illustrious Grand Master Harlan H Heidecker was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. He then proceeded to introduce the Grand Officers who replaced the Alpha Council Officers. The Grand Master then introduced the members of Alpha Council who participated in the opening.:

Loren Schroeder – Illustrious Master	Rudy Denke Conductor of the Council
Earl Ihnen – Deputy Master	Carl Sudbrink – Chaplain
Doug Bogie – Principal Conductor of the Work	Hans Engebretson - Steward
Stan Morrill - Recorder	Allan Kauppi - Sentinel (Pro-Tem)
Roger Solanen Captain of the Guard	

Roll Call of the Councils

The Grand Master requested a roll call of the Councils to determine if a quorum was present. The Grand Recorder request permission to address the Assembly first and the proceeded with:

A HISTORY LESSON

“In preparation for this Grand Assembly, I discovered that I couldn’t locate the Charter for the Grand Council. In checking with MIC Stan Morrill, he informed me that he had never seen one in the many years of being Grand Recorder. The question was: Where was it?”

The Corporate Seal of the Grand Council of Minnesota reads: “Organized December 12, A.D.1870.A.DEP.2870,” however that is almost ten (10) years prior to the instituting of the General Grand Council. The questions now are, Is there one? And, Who issued it?”

I also find that there doesn’t seem to be any record of the Grand Council being registered with the State of Minnesota. So, the question now becomes; Are we legitimate?

Minnesota’s first three Councils were issued dispensations and charters from the Grand Council of Iowa, St. Paul Council No. 11, Minneapolis Council, No. 15, and Rochester Council No. 16. When the Grand Council of Minnesota was formed by virtue of there being three (3) active charters in the jurisdiction, the Council were renumbered as 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

In 1872, several Grand Councils met in New York to begin discussions regarding Cryptic degrees being done. The councils met again in 1873 in New York and again in 1874 in New Orleans. Minnesota was not represented at any of these conventions. In 1877 the Convention met in Buffalo with twenty-two (22) Grand Councils in attendance. Minnesota was represented

by George W. Cooley the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Minnesota. The Grand Council of Mississippi proposed that

“...if the General Grand Chapter of the United States shall sanction the conferring of the council degrees by the chapter, whenever the Grand Council of any State shall accept the same, then this action shall meet with our approval.”

The motion was soundly defeated 12 to 6. Minnesota requested that the convention meet again in three years and call was issued for 1880 to meet in Detroit. It identified four questions to be answered and assigned committees.

1. *Shall the Grand Council System of organization be continued? If not, shall the degrees be abandoned, or the “Mississippi Plan” be adopted?*
2. *If the Grand Council system is to be continued, what measures (if any) shall be taken to prevent a conflict between the Grand Councils and the General Grand Chapter?*
3. *What rule should be adopted as to the status of those who receive the degrees in Chapters, as well as those who have received the degrees in regular councils, but have assisted in conferring the degrees in other bodies, or been present when they were thus conferred?*
4. *What rule ought to be adopted in relation to the jurisdiction in States, etc., in which no regular Grand Council exists?*

At that 1880 convention, Cooley presented a report and resolution on behalf of the Grand Council of Minnesota and moved that a committee be appointed to study the advisability of creating a General Grand Council Royal and Select Masons and draft a constitution if the recommendation was positive. The committee report was favorable for the formation of the General Grand Council, and the committee had indeed drafted a Constitution. The report was received along with the recommendation that each Grand Council have only one (1) vote. The report was laid on the table overnight.

On August 25th, 1880, the Convention reconvened with fourteen Grand Councils present. They approved of the report and its recommendations; the recommendation to form the General Grand Council and establish the Constitution. Elections were held and Josiah Drummond of Maine, who had served as the chairman of the conventions since the beginning in 1873 was elected the first General Grand Master. George Cooley of Minnesota was elected as General Grand Recorder. The Convention minutes were printed and distributed for all Grand Councils to ratify the Constitution. On March 1st, 1881, Josiah Drummond issued a declaration stating nine (9) Grand Councils had ratified the constitution and that there then existed a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

So are we legitimate? My guess; we seem to be either the attending physician or the mid-wife at this birth. Yes! We were there, and our charter should read 25 August 1880.

With Cooley as General Grand Recorder, I’m sure that Minnesota was well cared for in the business of General Grand Council.

George Cooley went on to serve as General Grand Master in 1889-1891 and held the Fourth Triennial Assembly in Minneapolis on July 21st, 1891. Minnesota has had one other General Grand Master, Andrew P. Swanstrom, 1903-1906.

SO.. We are operating today under Charter of ALPHA Council No. 8. After this Grand Assembly, I will contact the State of Minnesota to get our registration corrected and after the Triennium in August, I will work with the General Grand Recorder to get a replacement Charter for our Grand Council.”

The Grand Recorder then proceeded to call the roll of the Minnesota Councils. All councils were represented except Southgate No. 15 – Albert Lea. The Grand Master established that a quorum was present and with a rap of his gavel declared the 141st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Minnesota open for the transaction of business.

Flag Presentations

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Hugh C Swift, Jr. led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the singing of the National Anthem, after which he gave a meaningful tribute to the flag. In the absence of Canadian companions, Companion Swift read a tribute to their flag and led the assembly in singing “O Canada.”

Ballot Box opened

Grand Master Heidecker requested PMIGM Barnes Sharitt, Ray Frandsen and John Wentworth to act as tellers. He then declared the Ballot box open.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

The following were presented to the East and given Grand Honors

Most Illustrious Companion Jason Wolcott MIGM of Iowa
Most Excellent companion Terrence Becker Grand High Priest of Minnesota
Sir Knight Forrest Miller Right Eminent Grand Commander of Minnesota
Right Puissant George Sellars Deputy General Grand Master
Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson, GM of Masons of Minnesota

Minutes of the previous Grand Assembly

Grand Recorder Pehle moved that the Proceedings as printed and distributed be accepted at the minutes of the previous Grand Assembly and to waive the reading accordingly. The motion was seconded and passed. Companion Pehle indicated that the Proceedings have been on the web site for some time and that additional distributions will be made to the Grand Representatives. He indicated that Proceedings two years were also available on the desk.

Approval of the Pre-printed Reports.

A motion was made to accept the pre-printed reports, except for the budget, was made and seconded, with the motion passing.

Recognition of Appendant Bodies

Grand Master Heidecker requested the members of the Appendant Bodies to stand and be recognized as the name of their organizations were called. The following Organizations were so recognized:

Allied Masonic Degrees
Knight Masons
York Rite Sovereign College
Red Cross of Constantine
Knight York Cross of Honor
Royal Order of Scotland
MSRICF Rosicrucians
Holy Royal Order of Knight Templar Priests
United Council of Craftsman and Engineers
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

Recognition of Grand Representatives

The Grand Recorder read the roll call of Grand Representatives. The Representatives that were present assembled in the front of the room and were recognized. Thirty three (33) Jurisdictions were represented. Grand Master Heidecker called Most Excellent Companion Hugh B Edmond MBE, Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Stirling & Clackmannan, Scotland, and the Grand representative of Minnesota near the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland to come forward and assist in the presentation of a Commission.

Companion Edmond Spoke: *“Once again, Most Illustrious Grand Master, I thank you very much for giving me the honor of presenting the Commission from the Grand Council of Scotland to Illustrious Companion Douglas Stevenson, and I would like to read it to you Douglas if you don’t mind.*

‘I, the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Scotland of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters, and with the consent of the Supreme Grand . Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint our trusted and well beloved Companion and Knight Douglas G Stevenson to be the Representative at the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Minnesota of the said Grand Council of Scotland of the Royal and Select Masters and Super Excellent Masters, given and granted by these present to our said representative who prior warrant and authority to act and

appear for us in the said Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, and to cooperate on behalf of our Grand Council in all laudable endeavors to promote the interests and posterity of Cryptic Rite Masonry

In Testament thereof, these present are subscribed by us, the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, for of, and in the name of our said Grand Council of Scotland of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters and sealed with our seal at Royal Arch Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh the Seventeenth day of December 2010, A.L. 6014.

Signed By Ian Fraser, Grand Master and Grahame J Smith, Grand Recorder.'

"It gives me great pleasure Companion Douglas, to present you with this commission. Thank you very much indeed."

Grand Master Heidecker thanked Companion Edmond for coming all this way to present the Commission.

Roll Call of Living Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Minnesota

The Grand Master asked for the roll of the living Past Grand Masters of Minnesota to be called and that those in attendance to present themselves to the East. Grand Recorder Pehle made note of the recent passing of Most Illustrious Companion Larry Offenbecker who passed away a few weeks ago, Companion Offenbecker was Grand Master in 1975-76. There were twelve (12) Past Grand Masters attending the Sessions. Those present were accorded Grand Honors.

Stan Morrill	- 1988	Kevin Jones	- 2004
John Wentworth	- 1989	Ed Gilbertson	- 2005
Hugh Swift	- 1993	Jim Fischer	- 2006
Bill Newell	- 1999	Leonard Pikal	- 2007
Carl Sudbrink	- 2001	Loren Schroeder	- 2008
Barnes Sharitt	- 2002	Ron Miles	- 2009

Report of the Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Master Heidecker turned the gavel or to the Deputy Grand Master.

"It's time for my report and it's printed in the proceedings, so I'm not going to go through the whole thing. I'd just like to read part of it and maybe say a few words t after I read part of it.

TO: The Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

A most hearty welcome to all of our Companions who have taken time out of their busy schedules to attend our One Hundred Forty-First Grand Assembly of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. To the distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions, welcome. We are

happy to have you and your ladies with us and we hope you will enjoy our new location here in Bloomington, with all the new opportunities available, especially for the ladies, the Mall of America..

When I was installed as Illustrious Grand Master last year several Companions told me that the year would go fast, and it has, as here I am going to some of my last activities as your Most Illustrious Grand Master and enjoying the opportunities to meet and greet many old and new companions and friends.

To all the Grand Council Officers and Companions, thank you for accepting your offices and for helping to make this year a success. I have appreciated the opportunity you have given me to be the Most Illustrious Grand Master and I hope I have served you well.

Also I'm going to read the end of it, this is where I have to thank my wife for the many trips she has made with me and for all the help she has been doing this session. They are down at the Hospitality Room just about all the time and they made a lot of the stuff for the companions to help their selves. So we would appreciate if you would come to hospitality room. It's at the end of the hallway. They also have a silent auction which you can look at and if you would like, you can bid too.

It was a lot of fun meeting new people, making new friends, And I'm happy to see our membership though was increasing, but sometimes that doesn't always work out that we're in the plus figures, but we're still a little bit going down but I think we're making progress. Since we have been made a prerequisite to Commandery, sometimes I think it has helped, for some it hasn't. And we just have to wait and see what happens. We hope that our Council will be consider part of the York Rite which it hasn't been. Maybe in the future we'll all have a brighter outlook and be able to have new members.

I sincerely thank our councils and companions throughout the state for their hard work and their diligence in spreading the good word and keeping the faith. And I know our Grand Officers are working in their councils, because we have acquired up to forty-seven (47) greeted members this years. I think you'll see that in the reports. But on the other hand we've had losses also. We're gaining I think.

Right now that's all I have for my report. Thank you."

The Assembly rose in applause and appreciation for the Grand Master's performance this past year.

Presentation of the Membership Altar Cloth.

Grand Master Heidecker requested the members of the Owatonna council, Ark Council No.3 to present themselves to the East to receive the Commemorative Altar Cloth signify great percentage increase in membership for the preceding year. The council increased their membership by 43%. The Grand Recorder indicated that if they were to retain it again next year for a third year in a row, they would have permanent custody of the Cloth.

Grand Recorder's report

The Grand Recorder, Companion Dexter Pehle indicated that his report was in the pre-prints and that he would like to read portions of the report to the assembly..

"Little did I realize when I accepted the office of Grand Recorder, that the year would be as taxing as it has been. First of all, I want thank MIC Stan Morrill for all the assistance that he has rendered in the transition. Without his knowledge and help the office would be in more chaos than it still is. Two things have become very evident with the transfer of offices. First and foremost is the lack of historical information regarding the Grand Councils and the individual councils. Proceedings from the Annual Assembly prior to about 1963 are non-existent. There is NO historical information about the formation and first ninety years of the Grand Council. Apparently these have been discarded over the years by unknowing individuals lacking the knowledge of their value.

And, I'd like to break away from the report for just a moment and give you some updates along those lines. As I indicated in my opening remarks that there was no charter that we could find. We have located a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Council from its origination through 1921, I believe, [Companion Schendel -#2 confirming] at the Minnesota Historical Society. And David Nystuen, who is out here with the Minnesota Museum was one of the collection people over at the Minnesota Historical Society and they are helping us to get copies of that. So we will have some record. But I make a plea to all of you. Go back to your lodges, go back to your councils, go back to your membership. If there is any council or lodge or personal library that has old proceeding, could you please make them available to the Grand Council library? We'll pay postage, we'll pay copying, and we'll make arrangement to pick them up.

If you don't want to donate them, we'll make copies for our own use and return the originals back to you. (Deputy General Grand Master Sellars indicated that he wished to address the subject when the reports was finished)

Also lacking are the original Annual reports, except for the last fifteen years or so. It is extremely difficult to research degree dates and even verify memberships without these records. Why these were lost is unknown. Most Illustrious Companion Stanley lived with this problem his entire tenure in the office as Grand Recorder. The records appear to have been lost or discarded during the many transitions of Grand Council office location.

While the business of the Grand Council is not difficult to manage, it is unique in the manner it is executed. As such, it has been necessary in the joint office with Grand Chapter to compartmentalize the operations of the four (4) distinct jobs that exist in the office, i.e., Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer-CM, Grand Secretary, and finally, Grand Treasurer-RAM. Each office task is unique in its approach to doing business for the organization. I have been trying to survey the tasks this year and have found where the tasks may be simplified or combined which will lead to a greater efficiency within the combined office. And we're going to continue to look at that.

When the Grand Sessions were moved to June, the timeliness of reporting and budgeting on a fiscal vs. calendar year basis became irrelevant. The "term" of the presiding officer seems to be more significant. Unfortunately, the timely reporting of changes in membership, new greetings, demits, and deaths are all made at year-end. It is impossible at present to be able to accurately report membership on a term basis. The solution to that would be for the Recorders of the Council to forward timely information to the Grand Council office.

And so the membership report; we started the year at 854, we greeted forty-two (42), two (2) were restored and four (4) joined, for a gain of forty-eight (48). We had twenty-four (24) demits, fifteen (15) suspensions and twenty-eight (28) deaths for a loss of sixty-seven, and an overall net change of minus nineteen (-19) or a loss of two point two (-2.2%) percentage loss. We ended the year with 835 members. That is what we will be paying our per capita on.

Where I think we fell down this last year and again I'm deviating from the report is that since now that we have become a requirement for membership in the Knights Templar orders that we have not made our degrees as available as they should be for those people who would like to do that..

There is section here on the bully pulpit which I will not read. I don't it's appropriate for me to read that out loud, the basic theme says 'Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way.'

I am proud to be Cryptic Mason. I consider it one the most meaningful of all the Masonic bodies for it teaches us the lessons of importance of faithfulness to the obligations and duties we are charged with and accept, as was Adoniram. It is for us companions to not

emulate Ahishar, the guard, and be asleep at our post. We must, like the faithful friend Zabud, guard the vaults of Cryptic Masonry. Sometimes, Cryptic Masonry is cast in the role of a neglected child, left to wander. Companions, I charge you to honor the lessons herein taught. Cryptic Masonry needs your help. Honor it; cherish it; support it.

In my opinion, the Grand Council is myopic and needs a longer term vision to its operations.

I wrote up a resolution this last year for the creation of a Good of the Order committee which would be like a Board of Trustees or Board of Directors for this Grand Council and I think it is necessary that we give it consideration and I will introduce that legislation for next year. I have consulted with the new Grand Master that should tradition prevail about the appointment of a special committee to do that function this next year, and to start to put us on the road with a vision and mission statement and overall guidance of where we need to go. Too many decisions have had to be made at my level this year and at Harlan's level without additional support and I think we need that additional support and confirmation of our thoughts.

So with that, I would like to thank the companions and especially the recorders for all the assistance you have given me for this past year. And at this time would have been the appropriate time to present the Altar Cloth, but that's already been done.

Thank You."

Remarks by Deputy General Grand Master Sellars

Grand Master Heidecker asked Right Puissant Companion Sellars if he wished to make a few remarks at this time. Companion Sellars came to the East and addressed the Assembly:

"Companions, Most Illustrious Grand Master, I couldn't help but feel for the State of Minnesota. When I heard that some months ago in regards to your quandary in regards to your charter, I wondered if I should visit here or visit a clandestine group. And facetiously now I sort of smile because you see this particular subject is not new throughout the country. And that is lost charters, lost history or no history. Now our history here is General Grand Council. It was so noted that we originated in 1880 and this wasn't yesterday. And hearing your report from my good friend and from both Stan and Dexter in regards to your history isn't any different than my state. South Dakota, New Mexico, California; are your histories up to date?"

General Grand Council has put on notice almost every place we go that we are going to be in the process of bringing that history up to date. Some Grand Recorders have taken it upon themselves to believe that's what we're going to do. We have a history. You talk about being behind, Companions, the General Grand Council had a history from its inception to about 1930. That's

the last time our history was written. And what happened during that period of time. There was a two-binder book that was put together. And I know a couple of you know about that two-binder book. But the vast majority of you in this room, I take it for granted that you didn't know it even existed. Am I right?.

Not only is our history well documented from the inception through the early 1930s but it didn't go anywhere beyond that. Everything was done on consignment. Now there was, you wrote down on a piece of paper, 'I want a copy'. You paid up front. Tremendous amount; two-binder book. I'm talking about a binder book that was about two inches thick, for twenty five bucks. Would you like to put together a two-binder book this thick today for twenty-five bucks? You can't go the McDonalds for twenty-five bucks. At least with my son and my grandsons, I look like a hundred bucks when I come in there. Isn't that correct? And our history is none existent from 1930 to present. There's no Wisconsin, there's no Minnesota, there's no Michigan, there's no Ohio, there's no nothing.

Importance of history. now later, when I'm asked to speak about General Grand I'm going to read something to you. And I spoke to Dexter about it last night. But history is not even taught in our universities anymore. American western history is non-existent.. You say 'Well, that can't be.' Well I'll tell you something, my first degree was in History and Biology, my Master's was in Engineering. But I can tell you about history. It ain't (sic) there. I went to my high school and said 'I'd like to volunteer to teach Biology and History.' The Principal said to me, 'George,' since I was the President of the Board at that time, he said to me, 'George, we don't teach History in Lance Cruise School District.' I said, 'You've got to be kidding.' They don't pay for teachers to teach history anymore. Biology? OK. My favorite subject. He said "When would like to start teaching?" I said 'Well, general Biology, Zoology, Botany, Kinesiology. Does anyone know anything about kinesiology? Gray's Anatomy, comparative anatomy. Do know what that Principal said to me? 'We don't have any history of that George. Where's your lesson plan? I said right here. [He points to his head]. History. My brethren, once you're gone, you're gone. And if there is no history, it's gone.

Douglas MacFarland, who is from South Dakota; he's a professor at the University of South Dakota, is the Chairman of our next year's Triennial group. A few of you know Doug. Great guy. What an educator, but he is a history nut. He's going to be asking you for your history. Right now you ain't(sic) got none. It's pervasive, I'm sorry to say. But I promised you companions six years ago that we were going to do something about that. Do you remember me coming here almost every year and talking about that history. The time is sixty days. Because the marching tune to that history starts in sixty days. At least I'm hoping. South Dakota needs it. North Dakota needs it. Jeff [Nelson- ND] is here. He's a fine writer. But he also knows that there may be a little ineptness there. I take responsibility. When you go like this. [gestures] the fingers points both ways. I have responsibility. There was a guy from Missouri said to George, 'Here are the two-binder books.' I said 'What two-binder books?' By that time I was General Officer. I said: 'What two-binder books?' You guys don't know about the two-binder books. In sixty days we're going

to go to press. We're going to have enough copies in case you would like them as the original two-binder books. Are you interested? If you're interested, I'm not going to do a consignment thing. I've got form here. It says 'I'm Interested.' If you want the history from its inception to 1930

And you're interested in that copy; Minnesota should be there because I know there is stuff on Minnesota in that two-binder book. And you probably don't have a copy of that. And maybe, Stan. You don't have a copy. This jurisdiction should spend the money for that two volume book and I'm going to have it available for you. I promise. Why a promise? It's coming out of George's pocket. And if I don't sell it; I'm a marketing guy, If I don't sell it, I absorb it. So guys, when you talk about Twenty-five thousand dollars to put out two hundred copies. You need the copy. You want the copy. I'm hoping you buy the copy

From 1930 to present, we're going to build that history. And have it available, at least in draft form in three years. A promise If I walk out of office three years from now I've got to have the copy of that history and that means Most Illustrious Grand Master, that Minnesota needs to do the same. My recommendation, if you don't, if you haven't talked about it to put some kind of a committee together to write your history and do it mucho pronto. Today. Immediately. It's your history. If you'd like a copy, I have the form here. If you're interested as I walk down the aisle throw me your arms up, It says here, 'I'm Interested.' Don't want your money. It may cost you seventy-five or hundred bucks now because of the binder costs, paper costs, but who cares. If you're interested, give me your hands, but you've got to be interested Most Illustrious Grand Master and companions in your history, .because it will be your history that's going to go in the next binder book. Are you with me on that subject? And that's why I wanted to talk to you when Dexter had spoke about it. Thank you very much Most Illustrious Grand Master, and I didn't mean to take up the time now which I did. But I will take up some time later. Thank you very much.

Motion to buy History Books

A motion from the floor by Illustrious Companion Chuck Munson [12] for the Grand Council to purchase two (2) copies of the history was made, seconded, and passed

Recess

Grand Master Heidecker declared a fifteen minute recess.

Return to Labor

Grand Master Heidecker declared the Assembly to once again resume Labor. He urged all companions who had not voted to do so as he was about to close the ballot. After a brief moment to allow late voters, he declared the ballot box closed and asked the tellers to take charge of the ballot and to report later.

Grand Recorder's Unfinished Business

The Grand Recorder rose to give the final credentials report as follows:

IM	DM	PCW	REC	PIM	GO	PMIGM
5	5	2	4	25	7	9

There 57 ballots issued, with 20 additional non-voting registrations for a total of 77 companions.

Companion Pehle read a correspondence on behalf of the Grand Chapter Canada (Ontario)'s Grand First Principal Roland P Mandeville with his Greetings and regrets.

Remarks from Visiting Most Illustrious Grand Master of Iowa

Most Illustrious Grand Master Jason Wolcott from Iowa was invited to the podium to address the assembly.

"Most Illustrious, Companions, Distinguished Guests, I'd like to thank you for my wife and I for the hospitalities extended to us on our stay. My name is Jason Wolcott. I am the Illustrious Grand Master of Iowa, and on behalf of the twenty-two hundred (2,200) Cryptic Masons of our state I send you greetings. Our session is going to be held on the second weekend of August. So you still have time to make reservations if you would care to join us. It's going to be on August 12th and 13th. That's a Friday and Saturday and it will be held in Ames, Iowa. If you would like to find information about our session, that's on our web page. If you just Google: "Iowa Grand York Rite." All of the forms are available there, and the phone numbers. I would definitely encourage anyone to attend. We do have something special lined up. Oh, he's still here, (alluding to Right Puissant Ron Guthrie). We do have something special on Thursday night, before the session gets started we'll be doing the Royal Arch Widow's Degree. So that will be after the informal Opening, If Illustrious Ron will allow us. Ron is putting that together. This is my fourth or fifth time to be here. I think the first year that I came up was Jim Fischer's year. And I've enjoyed coming to Willmar and my wife enjoys coming to Bloomington. I'll just throw that out there; you know, Willmar, not so much, Twin Cities, Yeh, she's more than interested to come and visit your sessions here. And it's her birthday this weekend. It's turned this into a nice time for her. But anyway, Most Illustrious, I Thank You and I'm done."

Grand Master Heidecker commented: *"I guess that an indication that we'll have to stay in Bloomington for a little while."*

Presentation of the 2011-2012 Budget

Grand Master Heidecker requested the report on the Budget to be made. The Grand Recorder on behalf of the Finance Committee presented the budget for approval with the following remarks: [The Budget was projected on a screen in the front of the room.]

"Companions, what you're seeing up here is the proposed budget put together by the Finance Committee, and you will see it for the term year once again. We are looking at the 2011-2012 situation. We had the increase in per capita last year which brings us up there. We're drawing about \$3,500 from our investment accounts to pay out our Life Memberships. We doing that at about a 6% return and expect to continue to do that. If

we go down you will see the Grand Officers' expenses are their normal expenses for travel and things like that over the year. It is a bare-bones budget in that respect.

The Grand Council Office runs about \$2,500. I must say that over last few years, Stan Morrill has been doing this out of his house and Stan has been secretary/ treasurer for quite a few organizations. As such he has been able to utilize equipment on a shared basis. And so when I took over the office I was handed a disk which had the records in QuickBooks for the financial side. I was handed an old computer which had Windows 98 Original version on it, and a few things like that. So we've had to do some scrambling because of the lack of assets, (if you would,) real assets in the Council office. Our rent is shared, our telephone is shared, our internet is shared, our postage is shared. We were able to go to a Postage meter and as part of getting that postage meter we ended up with a little over \$250 worth of free postage. And we've been sharing that over the year. The \$100 is for our National website with Dan Pushee, which has been quite a nice thing.

General Council Operations is broken down to about \$6,000. Our General Per Capita is \$1.00 a member. Our Life membership Distribution is about 6%. General Grand Council Life memberships are a "pass-through." That is an invest you make by joining the General Grand Council, and as a result we get a rebate as far as per capita on each life member. I would encourage all of you to give that consideration. It's a \$10 check. In August that's going to go up to twenty-five times the annual dues; whatever the annual dues end up doing. And those may eventually go up also. I have Life Membership application and I would like each of you to come and get one and give me a check for \$10. It's like to flood it; flood the General Grand Office with Life memberships from Minnesota, and show them that we support and want to invest in the General Grand Council.

Memberships; we are members of the Western York Rite Region. We support candidates from the western parts of the United States. Sometimes when I'm thinking Masonic, I think I'm leaning least to the East, because everything is East Coast as opposed to the West. There is something beyond Ohio as far as Masonry is concerned.

At the bottom you will see that our gain and loss is looking at a balanced budget again for this year. We have been pretty much able to hold that. Unfortunately though, the bad news is that I think we're going to have to do some investment and to a situation where we have to draw some investment earning off to buy some capital equipment to try and upgrade the office a little bit. Again we're trying to do this on a shared basis. This last year I was able to get fairly decent reconditioned computer from Micro Center and we have that dedicated now to the Offices of the Grand Treasurers and we have the new software on it. And that is a dedicated computer for that function, and that function only. It is sitting in my house. It gives me the ability to sign on-line into work which I have been doing for most of the year. I have been getting files from the office in Virginia, downloading them at the session. It's a nice way of going.

Are there any questions on the budget itself? Any comments? If Not, I would move for the adoption of the Budget as printed in the pre-printed proceedings.”

Grand Master Heidecker called for the question and the budget was approved..

Report of the Tellers

Past Most Illustrious Companion Barnes Sharitt, JR. gave the report of the tellers. Of the 57 ballots issued, 35 ballots were cast, with three (3) spoiled. Companion Sharitt indicted the Companion Douglas Nygard had been selected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for the year 2011-2012. .Companion Nygard accepted the position. Companion Sharitt continued and declared that Companion Gary Odegard had been selected to be Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Companion Odegard was honored to accept the position. Companion James Turner was chosen to be the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (or as Companion Sharitt's late Wife would call it, the P-COW). Companion Turner accepted. Companion Sharitt announced the Companion Dexter Pehle had been re-elected as Grand Recorder/Grand Treasurer. He likewise accepted. Companion Sharitt returned the ballots for destruction and the ballot box for safe keeping to the Grand Recorder. Grand Master Heidecker thanked and then dismissed the tellers.

Introduction of 2012 Legislation.

Grand Recorder asked permission to outline proposed legislation for next year's session. It had not been processed for this year's session because of a late submission and insufficient time for Jurisprudence review. Permission was granted. Companion Pehle indicated the legislation would establish a "State of the Order" committee that would function like a Board of Directors or Board of Trustees to oversee the Grand Council's operations and management. The active committee would be made up of three Past Grand Illustrious Masters, with all other PGMIGMs as ex-officio and would report to the Annual Assembly. The legislation will be submitted to Jurisprudence for consideration at next year's Grand Assembly.

Report of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund [CMMRF].

Grand Master Heidecker called upon the Companion Gary Odegard to give the report of the CMMRF. Companion Odegard indicated the report was in the Pre-Prints. He thanked the Councils and companions for their tremendous support of the CMMRF this past year. The report was based on the calendar year of 2010. In 2009, Minnesota had donated \$1,272. That was an increase of 65%. And encouraged the companions to continue toward even more respectable numbers As of the Assembly, only a little over \$600 had been turned in; half of what was done in the previous year. He challenged the Councils in the state to donate at least \$1.00 per member. Council certificates are available from CMMRF for 100% member contributions. Companion Odegard spoke of the Awards program offered for individuals and Councils by the Fund. He noted that various awards for our councils in his report. He offered some of history in vascular biology and directed to the companions to the website cmmrf.org for further information about the research at Indiana University, School of Medicine. Companion Odegard will continue to receive contributions through him to ensure credit for Minnesota, for this calendar year. He

indicated the he would be standing at the door at the end of the Assembly to receive donation to this fine program.

Distinguished Guests not previously introduced.

The Grand Marshal presented the following distinguished companions:

- Most Illustrious Jason Wolcott, Grand Master of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa
- Right Illustrious Randall Crouch, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa and Grand Representative of Minnesota in Iowa.
- Right Illustrious Robert Seiler, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa
- Right Illustrious Richard McBride , Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota.
- Most Illustrious Raymond Meilke, Past MIGM of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin.
- Most Illustrious Lewis Bartrand, Past MIGM of Grand Council of Washington
- Most Illustrious Thomas Cumberland, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Mississippi
- Most Illustrious David Mahoney Past MIGM and Grand Recorder of Wisconsin
- Right Puissant Roger Firestone, Past General Grand Musician, Past MIGM of Grand Council of the District of Columbia; Grand Representative of Minnesota near Grand Council of Washington, D.C.; and a member on St Paul Council No. 1.

The visitors were accorded Grand Honors and dismissed to return to their seats in the assembly..

The Grand Marshall then proceeded to present the Distinguished Visitors representing General Grand Council. These companions were:

Right Puissant Barnes Sharitt, Past MIGM of Minnesota (2003) and Past Regional Deputy Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Right Puissant Ronald Guthrie, Past MIGM of Iowa and North Central Regional Deputy Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Right Puissant George Sellars, Past MIGM of Michigan and Deputy Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

These visitors were likewise accorded Grand Honors and dismissed to return to their seats in the assembly.

Presentation of the Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

The Grand Marshall then presented the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota.

Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson had been previously introduced. The Grand Marshall indicated the Companion Hendrickson was one of the newest Cryptic Masons having

received the degrees on Monday of this week in a special assembly. Grand Master Heidecker spoke of the honor of being at the degrees and making Most Worshipful Hendrickson a Cryptic Mason. Grand Master Hendrickson is now a member of all of the York Rite Bodies.

Honorary Memberships

Grand Master Heidecker indicated that the Grand Recorder would be mailing Honorary Membership Certificates out to the distinguished visitors.

Remarks from the Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect.

Right Illustrious Companion Douglas A Nygard, Grand Master-Elect came to the microphone and addressed the assembly:

“I want to thank you all for allowing me... Well, I’m just overwhelmed at the moment, but I’m happy to serve the Grand Council for this coming year. We have some pressing challenges coming, primarily in personnel. We have what I consider a very good line of officers to work on this. It’s fascinating to know that line of dedicated and talented men have volunteered once again to serve the Grand Council. We have essentially the same line; you elected the top three (3). We have as Grand Captain of the Guard Michael Denke. Will you stand so people will know who to aim at? Grand Conductor of the Council is also a Junior Past Grand High Priest, Terrence Becker. Will you stand please?. People do know you. Our Grand Marshal is Doug Stevenson. Our Grand Steward is Cliff Isley, who couldn’t get off work today but will be here tomorrow, for he’s also in the Commandery Line. And I have two new people; our new Chaplain is Lew Seely. Will you rise? You may remember Lew was the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery here when Bud Pettis was the Grand Commander. So many of you are already acquainted with him. Our new Grand Sentinel is Jack Roberts. Will you stand please? You may remember that Jack was the Grand Chaplain a year ago. And he, together with the Grand Chaplain of the Council and the Grand Prelate put together a very nice Necrology service last year. So he’s not a stranger to many of you either. Our Grand Archmaster is Hugh Swift who you all know. And our Organist is of course, Bill Hubbard, whose music we really appreciated.

I want to thank all those companions for volunteering to serve the Council once again. We are facing only one resolution so far, this coming year. And I think it’s overdue. We’ve been operating without Trustees for quite some time, and I think this is a very appropriate resolution that’s being put forward this coming year.

While I’m up here, this is Michael Powles’ last year coordinating this session, so if you see him hustling around out there it would be nice of you to mention what a good job he’s been doing, which he certainly has been doing. Also it’s Joe Anderson’s last year with the souvenir booklets, so if you happen to see him floating around, it would be nice of you to make a comment. With that, I thank you very much.”

Grand Master Heidecker then presented Companion Nygard his Most Illustrious Grand Master Apron, inscribed with his name and year of service.

Unfinished Business

The Grand Marshall indicated that there was no unfinished business and that he was looking forward to the comments of our Deputy General Grand Master.

Companion Joe Anderson, Co-Chair of the Session committee, addressed the assembly to thank everyone for participating in the Ad Book this year. Aging this year it was a success. He also requested the companions to recycle the nametag lanyards in the box at registration desks for the Session and the Hotel. Companion Anderson announced that there would be "break-out" sessions in the afternoon covering the subjects of the MN Masonic Museum, and Membership retention and recruitment.

Remarks by the General Grand Council Representative

Right Puissant George Sellars, Deputy Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International addressed the Grand Assembly as follows:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions; I would like to start out a little bit to make up a little bit of ground. We often don't introduce our Ambassador. Our Ambassador for the General Grand Council has been a long time Ambassador here in your state and in the future we are going to be using our Ambassadors quite extensively so. I know in my own state I was the Ambassador for twelve years and I don't think I was ever introduced once, as the Ambassador and it maybe it was because you have other titles and that takes care of all that. But Kevin Jones has been our Ambassador and I would just like to introduce Kevin if I may. Would you please receive him? [Applause]

One of the things, most of the items that we would bring up have pretty much been spoken to already, but would like to mention about the diabetes. Companions, for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research we have been advised by the doctors at Indiana University that within a very short period of time, diabetes is going to be something that has been taken care of. Now that is phenomenal. Which means to me that the boy next door to me who has had a port in his side for about four or five years and he's eleven years of age, he won't have to worry about that in the foreseeable future. They're going to have that corrected. Diabetes will be something set back. Isn't that great? I mean, that is phenomenal to know. [Applause] Stem cell research, adult stem cell research; the government, our government didn't recognize for twenty, twenty-five, thirty years and IUPU has been a forerunner of that and gone out on a limb. And with people pointing fingers, 'we were cloning people.' I can't imagine that there would be two George Sellars, I can't imagine that, I know I have a hard time believing Grand Master, that there could be two of us, right? And I said:" 'No, I don't think they would want two of me, whatsoever.' But the research they are doing, and the things that your money has been invested and is giving us reaping one-hundred percent of return. I can't find anything that I can invest in that would give me 100% return. And that's great.

The last thing I want to talk about, off the cuff again. Our General Grand Treasurer, Kenneth Chandler has been ill. He is fighting cancer. He has gone to several different locations for second opinions. Gone to the University of Michigan research center and they advised him that he's going to have to go through chemo and as well as radiation, and the outcome doesn't look real, real good for him. He has cancer that has spread from his kidneys up through his system up to behind his eye. He has a tumor behind his eye and now I understand it is in his blood and so consequently he's going to be full of cancer. And it's not good news. We will be needing a General Grand Treasurer. If any of you would like that position and you're willing to dedicate yourself for three years in the Triennial coming up, we're looking just like the Marines and the Army, we're looking for those special guys that would like to spend some time with us. We're looking for a General Grand Treasurer and I know that there is good expertise out here that you could step forward and run for that position.

Come to the Triennial, Triennial in Raleigh, North Carolina. This is your Triennial. This is your time to mingle with everyone from around the country. We are going to start roughly on the 25th of August, which is just around the corner and we will be having a couple of tours. If you haven't been down in the deep South and witnessed some of things down in that area, I would say this is the best time to do that. Convent General will be following thereafter, which is the KYCH, I would hope you would come and spend some time with us.

Now, I have the forms here, in case that you had forgotten or didn't know where to find the forms for registration, I have those forms and if you would like a copy of that form. Ron [Guthrie], would you come forward and maybe you would like to pass this out. If you would like to have one of these forms, it's on the web, incidentally, on our web page and if you would like to have a copy Ron would be more than glad to give you a copy right now.

A dear friend of mind, passed away from your jurisdiction. Larry Offenbecker has been a stalwart person for the General Grand Council. Many years ago the General Council had asked me to put together an education program and to be their education chairman. And we started a program with the help of Larry. Larry at that time was the Cryptic Freemasons editor. I think he was editor for a hundred and fifty years, because when I came on the scene as a young pup Larry was in there working. He was a good writer. He loved that job. And I remember on several occasions we sat down for lunch, and we had many discussions. And he said, 'George, how come you don't write? You must have some things on your mind I'm sure.' And I said, 'Well, I've written and had magazines written, etc., in my own state.' And he said, 'Let me see a few.' Well, I wrote an essay and I presented it to Larry, and Larry looked at the thing and he said, 'You know you write like you speak; often fractured.' Conjugations were wrong, in other words the verb tense, for those who think about languages, I said, 'Larry, think about content.' He said, 'No, I'm an English major and you get a D on this one.' And I said, 'That's better than a E; does that pass me on to the next grade?' He says, 'Not a D. You've got to get a C.' So I said, 'Well then, take a look at the essay and tell me what you think.' And so he took the

essay and looked at it and said, 'You know George; you might have something to say.' He says, 'I'll give you a B for content and still a D for English.' That's because I was brought up in the German nature and most of my writing is still, even the "r's", for those in the German language know that we go down on the "r's and come up. I still write in the German "r's", and you know what, the teachers in the olden days used to slash that across there and give me another point off. So when I got to college they said 'What language do you want to take?' and I said, 'English.' He said, 'No, no, no. We're talking about a foreign language.' I said, 'That is foreign to me.' "Are you kidding?" And I said, 'No! I had to take remedial English.' You know remedial English means beginning English. When I got to high school because I was so far behind on the English language, but then they said, 'You know; you want German, you want Russian, my mother's language. [He speaks something in Russian]. Yes, you can speak it however you want. You get A's for that. Wonderful, Your English, D's. So Larry looked at this and as a good monition to Larry and my love for that man and for what he has taught me over the years, this is sort of like a eulogy to him.

I will take a little bit of time if you'll allow me to do that. I know it's almost lunch hour and God, I don't want anything to do with not going to lunch...So to Larry;

Today we shall have remembered those who have fallen for the price of freedom. This is what we were talking about yesterday in Grand Chapter, Flag Day and last night, those who had given their lives so that we could live in democracy. It would be appropriate to recognize those who served our country and served in the battles. I trust the Masonic order will not forget them. So then my question is, Will the Masons forget? I don't think they will forget unless it is taken over by the radicals of the left of the 1960's. Some Masons believe they went away. They didn't go away; they just went underground. They are still in our Universities and our schools teaching their methodology. Will the Masons forget? Well, forget this nation is built upon strong principles of liberty, godliness, piety and morality; many of those principles that were applied by our Masonic forefathers of our nation. This is what our nation was built upon. Will we forget? In a large measure we have already forgot.

The Masonic Information Center informs us that our membership in 1928 was 1.3 million members. Then following World War II, in 1959 we reached 4.1 million members. Currently there are approximately 1.5 million members in the United States; and thousands of Masonic temples are closed. The radio and the TV make mockery of fraternalism. Greed and materialism and sexual violence are pervasive in the media, while news that depicts our gentle craft as a cult, dogmatic and right wing. Our leadership is often scoffed as old men, uncreative, paternalistic, yes, and thousands of our Masonic temples are closed. Teen age suicide is the highest we have ever seen and Christian morality is not to be taught in our schools, but atheism and immorality can. Do we know that? It's writing almost every day in the paper. And thousands of our Masonic temples are closed.

So what is important to you? What is important? What are we dealing with in the Masonic newsletters? We say we're having a fish fry to clean up the basement. Another advertisement, about a raffle at our new Masonic temple. Is it relevant, the Masonic order? The Masonic order has not always been silent and never been irrelevant. It was the Masons who brought brothers together in the quiet recesses to discuss the issues of importance of the day. The important issues of the day were addressed. Today it is no longer the case. In the 1940's and 50's we help shape the Presidency of the United States by assisting Harry Truman, a Past Grand Master of Missouri to the office. Does it make any difference?

Well, how about the Reverend Jonas Clarke. How many remember Jonas Clarke? Yes, you're not History majors, you would have known that. You remember Jonas Clarke don't you? Have you forgotten him already? We owe so much to him. He was a Pastor; a very influential Pastor, he was truly a person. The word Parson came from the word person. He was the person or Parson in a little town called Lexington. He was the most influential person of the day. Most educated; most respected, and most of the people in the town attended his church. One night he was having dinner with a few people you might remember. Brother John Hancock and Brother Samuel Adams. It was a very special and important night, the night when Paul Revere made his famous ride. In my research I cannot find or confirm that Jonas Clarke had any Masonic status, but the two men that he was confiding in asked him, the parson, the person of the day, a question. What did Jonas Clarke say? He might have said, 'I'll take some issues under consideration.' And what was the consideration? He said, 'Would your people fight if the day came? He did not hesitate. He said, 'I have trained them to do just that.' The next day the shots were heard around the world, from the parking lot of his church. His members, many of them Masons, laid down their lives against tyranny, oppression and for freedom. The Reverend Jonas Clarke looked down upon the bodies and he made this famous statement: 'From this day we will date the liberty of the world.' It began. It began my brethren. He was not afraid to speak out. In a large Masonic convention, a speaker who was asked why our leader don't speak out on the great issues of the day, the 'response was 'They don't speak out on the issues of the day because they are afraid'.. Masonry needs men of vision and ability to attack the issues of the day. Martin Luther once said, 'Though we be active in the battle, if we are not fighting where the battle is the hottest, we are the traitors to the cause.' I like those battles. I like those fights. They were afraid. I believe the membership will support you on the issues of the day.

We are seeing the end of western civilization as we know it. Major colleges as I mentioned don't even teach western civilization any more. If we don't speak out, who will? The Masons will. Recently I read a book on modern liberalism. It was called Slouching towards Gomorrah. Who read the book? By Robert Bork. If you haven't, get it. He said in his book that in early years from where he was speaking he said that our culture is now being politicized, and that's what is usually turning around. William Yates called it the second coming. In his book he called it the lack of involvement. He also said in his poem; 'The best lack all convictions while the worst are full of passionate intensity.

My companions and brethren, I have been all over the country, all across the world almost and I have been confronted by the naysayers, the negative doers and the leaders of those churches and feminist leaders. All of them from the extreme left and right. You know what they have in common? Passionate intensity, while the best of us lack conviction. I would like to know, where do you stand? Where do I stand? Do we have the passionate intensity for Freemasonry? Can we stand up against the naysayers? You betcha.

And I'm going to set this aside for a moment. All of you out here, every single one of you have a responsibility. Who do you think have the most important job even within the York Rite? Remember we are the group of preservationists. Are we not? Preserve the Grand Master's Word from the Craft Lodge. Who better is equipped to do that? We. Passionate intensity. We all took it at the Altar. Don't forget it. Companions, Do you have the passionate intensity for the fight? I know you do. Stand up and be counted.

Larry looked at that and he ended up giving me a B on my essay so many years ago. Larry read this several hundreds of time at different places. And I said if you read that essay so many times, how come I only got a B. He said, 'Nothing is ever excellent.' From Larry, from me to you guys, I love that man. He had the passionate intensity.

Companions, thank you and we'll see you at the Triennial.

The assembly arose in applause and appreciation for the remarks.

Grand Master Heidecker added his comments about attending the funeral accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master Nygard and the Grand Musician, Hubbard who provided music and sang at the Masonic services since no organist was available.

Remarks from the Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota.

Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson addressed the audience.

'One of the greatest things a Grand Master can do is have the last word. I want you to know that I will take the opportunity today, because it doesn't always happen in my house. I am the husband and the father of three daughters and wife and I quickly reminded of my place in the worlds, so I'd like to be Grand Master for five minutes. I would like to thank you again for my ability to be here.

I'm going to talk a little bit tonight but I'm a big-tent Mason. I support all the Appendant bodies and as my journey started as Grand master, my Shrine said, 'You want to come to our Imperial?' And I said, Great. I'm a member of Zuhrah's Legion of Honor. The Scottish Rite has invited me to Washington, and I received a letter from Mike to be here. And I think that is extremely fitting. The Grand Masters' place is to spend time with the Craft. I'm a cop in life. I stand on the street corner, I have notebook, I talk. I listen to people, I solve problems, I interact and that's my management style as Grand Master. And we're doing a lot of great things. Quickly, we've created the Masonic Writer's Society. Is Roger Firestone still here? We have over twenty-one Masonic writers writing

for us. We're going to publish a paper at the end of the year of all their work. So we'll have a new ability. I've done something I think wonderful. Our editor of the Minnesota Mason is now complaining of too many articles to publish, which has never happened before. We've added the Masonic, revitalized the Masonic Light program. Stan Shapiro, our Grand Lodge LEO has been charged and we've been meeting. We're going to have a state-wide Masonic student seminar. So we're pushing forward with that. October second I will be running the Twin Cities Marathon. Don't ask me why. And so, creating awareness for that.

But, I mentioned to Gary one day, I believe if you're going to judge me, judge me by my actions. [Cell phone rings] I've got to get that ring tome. So I said to Gary, 'When we have the York Rite Festival I'm going to have to leave when the Cryptic Mason part comes.' He goes, Why? I said, 'I'm a proud member of the Chapter and the Commandery, but I just never got around to the Council, because it's never been convenient.' And he goes, 'Oh. Well what days are you available?' And I go, 'Oh!' I knew something was coming. So it meant a lot to me, I can judge that action. So I gave him some dates. And he said, 'How about this day? We just haven't picked a place yet.' 'OK'. And I got an invitation to go overseas on an all-expense trip, that's right now. And so on the other night. I come in almost late. It's five minutes to six, the parking lot's full and we're having dinner. Now normally the Cryptic Masons never have a dinner. And Gary is the hallway, I can hear a lot of voices going on in the Hall room and Dexter comes out. Oh my God; what did I do? I did something wrong. And I knew they pulled out all the stops. That they put this degree on for me and a couple of other brothers, extremely special.

I found the degrees to be very special. It filled the story for me. It finished the story off. And I'm a proud member of the Scottish Rite. And love the Scottish rite and I attend regularly, but it help fill that gap. But my three great Uncles, from Blooming Prairie, from Wells, which turned into Austin, and Waseca and I have other ones, but those three were very proud York Rite Masons. And they knew one day I was going to be a Mason and a DeMolay, You'll hear that story later on, I hope tonight. But the other night made me feel complete. And so it is with great pride that I am here. And one of things I must learn when I'm here is our new traditions and our ways, And I'm a great proponent I've already got one petitioner to join the York Rite in the fall. And my goal is to help spread the news and get as many participants involved and hopefully be invited and take my place among you in future years.

The Grand Master is kind of like the Snoopy cartoon, You know when Linus or Charlie Brown goes into the teacher and you hear [undecipherable mumbles]. That's a lot like some Grand Master's speeches I've heard. We're going to try and keep it short. So we can all go to lunch. Thank you for your time And please just grab me in the hallways and we can talk. There is nothing I like better than to do that. And I do slip away from time to time and be that Grand Master on the telephone, telling a Master I want to see an executable plan, bring a jacket and a tie and come to my office. I have no problems with that either. Thank you.

Grand Master Heidecker called upon the Grand Chaplain James Melander to offer a prayer as a table grace for the luncheon. Following the prayer, the Grand Assembly was adjourned until the Public Installation of Officers.

Installation of Officers.

At the appointed hour, Grand Master Heidecker reassembled the companions and their guest for the public installation of Officer of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for the term year of 2011-2012.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master John Wentworth served as installing Grand Officer and was assisted by Past Grand Master William Newell as Grand Installing Marshal. Also assisting were Illustrious Companions Mark Anderson and Grand Installing Chaplain and William Hubbard as Installing Grand Organist.

The new corps of officers were escorted into the assembly and presented to the Installing Officer and the assembly. Those presented were:

Douglas A Nygard – Grand Master
Gary A Odegard – Deputy Grand Master
James E Turner, Jr. – Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Dexter C Pehle – Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder
Lewis Seely – Grand Chaplain
Michael A Denke - Grand Captain of the Guard
Terrence J Becker – Grand Conductor of the Council
Douglas Stevenson – Grand Marshal
Jack Roberts – Grand Sentinel
Hugh C Swift, Jr., PMIGM – Grand Archmaster
William “Bill” Hubbard – Grand Organist

NOTE: Clifford Isley – Grand Steward was unable to be present due to work obligations.

Installing Chaplain Mark Anderson offered a prayer for the ceremonies. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Officers were obligated and then individually installed in their respective offices. The jewel of the office was placed around their neck by their Lady or a friend [typically Bonnie Newell]. The officer was escorted to their station or place in the assembly.

The Proclamation was given at the direction of the Installing Officer. Grand Master Nygard, thanked the installing officers and those who attended the ceremony. He then declared the 141st Annual Grand Assembly closed in ample form.

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Dexter C Pehle
Grand Recorder



Douglas A Nygard
Illustrious Grand Master

The next Grand Assembly is scheduled for June 22nd, 2012 in Bloomington, Minnesota.

THE GRAND YORK RITE AWARDS BANQUET

The Grand Banquet of the Minnesota York Rite Grand Session was held on Friday evening, June 24th in the Ballroom at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota with . Companion Reed Endersbee, Worshipful Master of Minneapolis No. 19, serving as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He noted that for the years of his memory, this was the first time the Banquet had started on time. He noted that was because there was no incoming processional.

The distinguished guests present were introduced citing their full titles.

Representing Royal Arch Masons;

Terrence Becker Grand High Priest of Minnesota and Lady Jean
James Hodge, General Grand Trustee and Lady Darlene
William Kauten, Past General Grand Regional Deputy and Lady Marlys
Lewis Bartrand, General Grand Scribe and Lady Moira

Representing Cryptic Mason;

Harlan Heidecker, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Minnesota and Lady Sandra
Ronald Guthrie, Regional Deputy General Master
George Sellars, Deputy General Grand Master and Lady Brenda

Representing Knights Templar;

Forrest Miller, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Minnesota and Lady Lois
David Dryer, North Central Department Commander and Lady Cindy
Jeffrey Nelson, Right Eminent Grand Captain General and Lady Lisa Hay

Representing the Masons of Minnesota;

Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

Companion James Melander, Grand Chaplain for Grand Council of Minnesota offered an Invocation.

Delicious meals of Walleye Pike, London Broil and Stuffed Chicken Breast was served to the over 160 Banquet attendees.

Following the meal, The audience was asked to acknowledge the dinnertime music that was provided by Grand Musician William Hubbard. MC Ellersbee introduced Michael Powles and thanked him for all the effort put in to make the weekend a success.

The Special Guests in the attendance were introduced:

Doris Kortoff, Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star of Minnesota
Ralph Johanson , Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star of Minnesota
Mark Hailer, Executive Officer in Minnesota, Order of DeMolay

Brother Hailer offered comments about DeMolay's program of Knights of DeMolay, and the new Squires program for boys ages 8-11. He spoke of the status of Minnesota DeMolay.

Kelly Jackson, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters of Minnesota
Kelly Severson, Miss Minnesota Job's Daughter – 2010/2011

Ms. Jackson spoke about the functions and organization of Job's Daughters and the Grand Bethel. Ms. Severson spoke about Job's Daughters International and its history.

Wanda Thompson, Grand Guardian, Minnesota Job's Daughters

Jimmy Harris, Associate Grand Guardian, Minnesota Job's Daughters

Jane Gross, Past Worthy Advisor, Advisory Board, Rainbow for Girls

Ms. Gross thanked the York Rite bodies for including Rainbow for Girls in the event. The Minnesota girls were in Iowa at their Annual Meeting and thus were represented by Ms. Gross. She thanked the group for the monetary gifts that provided funds for the girls to attend the Supreme meeting. She explained the organization and indicated the local Assembly was in need of support and a new home.

Brother Ellersbee called the Grand Commander Forrest Miller to the Microphone for a special presentation.

Sir Knight Miller, assisted by Companions Becker and Heidecker, called Companion Michael Powles forward and presented him with a special Certificate, signed by the Grand High Priest Terry, the Grand Master Harlan, and Grand Commander himself, in appreciation of the splendid job Michael has done in organizing and executing this Grand Session. A similar appreciation Certificate was then presented to Companion Joe Anderson for his work, especially with the Ad Book as a revenue source to the Sessions. MC Ellersbee acknowledged their efforts and added his appreciation for all the work these two Masons give beyond the Session.

Grand High Priest Terry Becker and General Grand Scribe Lewis Bartrand were introduced for special presentations on behalf of the Grand Chapter. The first award was the Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award. Companion Bartrand explained the award and how it came about. The Ladies who had received the Sweetheart award previous were asked to stand and be recognized. The Grand High Priest explained how the selection was made this year and why the recipient was so well qualified. He then announced this year's recipient, and asked Companion Rual Lee to escort her to the front Mrs. Shirley Kauppi, and her husband Allan. Companion Bartrand then read from the certificate and presented the award to Companion Allan Kauppi to pin on his wife.

The men in the room then stood and serenaded the Ladies with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

The second award given was the Meritorious Service Award in Bronze, a General Grand Chapter award selected by the Grand High Priest of each jurisdiction. Previous recipients of the Meritorious award were asked to stand and be recognized. Grand High Priest Becker spoke of the qualifications for this award as listed in the program and acknowledged that this year's recipient has done all these things throughout Masonry. Companion Lee was asked to present himself to the front to receive the award. Companion Becker presented the award to Rual Lee of Duluth, and asked him to address the assembly. Companion Lee spoke:

"Masonry is like a banquet that we all join. We all have a unique banquet, although it is common to us all. Down in the far mists of the banquet table are the empty chairs of those we have served with in the past, who have gone on to other duties. We all know their names. You have

your names, I have mine; George, Ed, Dick, Dan, Doug, so many more. No food there, no wine. Just the memories of the lessons and the experiences and the meals that we've had with these brothers. Closer to us, near our seat, are the brothers around us who we've worked years with; whom we love and consider our best of friends and brothers; Terrence, Roger, Dan, so many more. Kevin of course. Not much is said at this part of the table. We don't need a lot of words, we've worked together for many, many years. The wine is old and very good, the food is deep and nourishing, And we look farther down the rest of the table and we see those brothers who have joined after us. It's a bit raucous down there. The wine is bright and fresh, sparkling., The food spicy, The lessons of Masonry just new to them. It's a more exciting place. Sometimes we wish we were down there too, but our roles sometimes are different. Where so ever God may cast my lot, there may I be found, among my companions and brothers, With gratitude and deep humility Thank you so Much."

Companion Bartrand invited Grand High Priest Becker's wife Jean to Join him in the front for the presentation of the Past High Priest Plaque..

Companion Bartrand acknowledged our visitor from Scotland, Hugh Edmond with a Scottish Blessing the only Hugh and Bartrand's Scottish wife Moira could understand.

Grand High Priest Becker than received his regalia as Past Grand High Priest and assumed in place on the bottom of the list of Living Past Grand High Priests acknowledging the end of his term.

MC Ellersbee called Illustrious Grand Master Heidecker and Deputy General Master Sellars to the front for the Cryptic Masons Awards on behalf of the General Grand Council. The first award was the Cryptic Mason of the Year award from the General Grand Council. Companion Heidecker explained the qualifications for the award. This year's recipient was Companion Larry Amdahl of Austin. Previous Recipients were asked to stand and be recognized. Since Companion Amdahl was in Commandery Uniform, Companion Sellars was reluctant to attach the medal to the Uniform. The medal was presented to Amdahl who thanked the Grand Master for the award.

Companion Sellars commented on the activities of the Ladies at the Grand Council Installation prior to the Banquet and how the women made the ceremonies very pleasant. He went on to explain the Lady of the Council Award preceded the Grand Chapter's Sweetheart award and read the citation omitting the names. He asked the two Ladies to come forward, Patricia Miles and Sandra Heidecker. Companion Sellars asked the Ladies that had previously received the award to stand. Grand Master Heidecker commented on Lady Patricia's ongoing support for her husband Ron as he completed two Grand Lines. Companion Sellars asked the husbands to present the awards as he suffers from 'fumbleitis.' Lady Sandra thanked the Council for the award and looks forward to many more years of serving. Lady Patricia expressed her surprise and appreciated all the work that her husband and the opportunity to help him when she can. She thanked everyone.

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Grand Master Heidecker indicated that he had two more awards to give out, and asked the Bethel Queens to come up and receive a donation from the Grand Council. The girls thanked him for the check to be split between them. He also asked Jane Gross to return to receive a donation for the Rainbow girls. Ms. Gross thanked the Council on behalf of the girls.

Assisted by the Minnesota Ambassador Kevin Jones and the Regional Deputy Ronald Guthrie, Companion Sellars presented Grand Master Harlan Heidecker with his Past Most Illustrious Grand Master regalia of a certificate, a plaque and a lapel Pin.

The Adult Leadership award was announced as going to Jean Shepersky who was unable to attend the session. Arrangements will be made to award the medal at a later time. The Minnesota Youth Award went to Steven Bodoekar of Glenwood for his work with the Boy Scouts. A check of \$100 is presented. Mr. Bodoekar thanked Harlan for his award and expressed how Scouting has helped him.

In a surprise announcement, Companion George Sellars' 73rd birthday was acknowledged and the audience rose to sing him "Happy Birthday."

MC Ellersbee introduced Grand Commander Forrest Miller, Department Commander David Dryer, Grand Generalissimo Jeff Nelson, and Deputy in Minnesota of the College of Honors, Kenneth Hill for award presentation on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Sir Knight Nelson addressed the audience and expressed how he and his lady appreciated the hospitality of Minnesota. He brought the greetings and best wishes of the Most Eminent Grand Master William Howard Koon. He indicated that the awards were service well above the normal service recognitions. The first awards are the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT), a Grand Encampment award for outstanding contributions and service by a Knight Templar to Templary, Freemasonry, the community, or mankind. There were several awards given. Sir Knight Nelson read the certificate and Sir Knight Hill went into the audience to escort the recipients to the front. Awards went to Sir Knight Clifford Isley and Sir Knight Terrence Duane Christiansen. Both Sir Knights thanked their mentors for the award. Sir Knight Nelson asked the other KTC award holder to rise. Sir Knight Richard Gilchrist will receive his award at the Grand Commandery Conclave tomorrow.

The Companion of the Temple Award from the Grand Encampment was awarded to two individuals and Sir Knight Hill once again went out into the audience as Sir Knight Nelson asked the previous recipients to rise and be recognized. Ladies Marjorie Engebretson and Karen Brendal each received their awards and thanked everyone.

The final award was the Knights Templar Cross of Honor which is the highest award in Templary. Only one per jurisdiction per year is authorized by the Grand Encampment and the recipient is selected by the Grand Commander. Sir Knight Nelson read the citation. Grand Commander Forrest Miller identified Sir Knight Michael J Maxwell for his work in revitalizing Marshall Commandery. Sir Knight Maxwell said thank you, and recalled that Marshall almost lost their Commandery three years ago but are on their way back, last year having their first

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knighting in a long time. Sir Knight Nelson asked the other recipients of the Cross of Honor to come forward and greet the newest recipient.

Grand Commander Miller asked the Honored Queen of Job's Daughters to come forward and presented her with a check on behalf of the Knights Templar of Minnesota.

Grand High Priest Terry Becker was called forward to report the results of the Raffle and the silent auction. Companion Becker indicated that the silent auction raised \$675. He announced the winners and indicated the items can be picked in the Hospitality room. The Quilt Raffle ticket was pulled by Moira Bartrand. The winner, Denise Gelling . \$500 for RARA was raised. The Auction proceeds will be split between the three charities [\$225 each].

Most Worshipful Thomas Hendrickson was introduced to a standing audience. He spoke of his journey through Masonry from his days as a DeMolay through his strong ties to the Blue Lodge and the many influence upon him during his Journey. He spoke of his current involvement in the many Appendant bodies and organizations and his ongoing support of those organizations. He declared he is a man of action. He spoke of the Open Houses in October, the Back-to-the Lodge night in September as a membership reunion for the local lodges. November will be a state-wide Information Night. He feels that a strong Blue Lodge is the basis for a strong Masonic family. I closing he asked for prayers for our military men and women for safe return and he thanked everyone.

MC Ellersbee thanked everyone for attending and for the opportunity of being the Master of Ceremonies.

Sir Knight William Newell, Grand Prelate offered the Benediction.
The audience was dismissed for the evening.

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REPORT OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

TO: The Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

A most hearty welcome to all of our Companions who have taken time out of their busy schedules to attend our One Hundred Forty-First Grand Assembly of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. To the distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions, welcome we are happy to have you and your ladies with us and we hope you will enjoy our new location here in Bloomington, with all the new opportunities available such as the Mall of America, etc.

When I was installed as Illustrious Grand Master last year several Companions told me that the year would go fast, and it has, as here I am going to some of my last activities as your Most Illustrious Grand Master and enjoying the opportunities to meet and greet many old and new companions and friends.

It was an honor to appoint the following Companions to their respective offices for this year.

James Melander	Grand Chaplain
James E. Turner	Grand Captain of the Guard
Michael Denke	Grand Conductor of the Council
Terrence J. Becker	Grand Marshal
Douglas G. Stevenson	Grand Steward
Clifford Isley	Grand Sentinel
Hugh Swift, Jr.	Grand Archmaster
William T. Hubbard	Grand Organist

All of these people have been very involved in our Fraternity and their acceptance to their offices has been greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year I have been grateful to my installing officers who have been good support this past year. They are:

Installing Grand Master /recorder	Stanley D Morrill, PMIGM
Installing Grand Marshall	Loren R Schroeder, PMIGM
Installing Grand Chaplin	Peter P. Kloskowski
Installing Grand Organist	William T. Hubbard

Since our Grand Secretary/Treasurer, Stanley Morrill retired at our last Grand Session and our new Grand Secretary/Treasurer Dexter Pehle was elected, I was afforded the opportunity to assist Dexter in making the move to the new office in Virginia. Stanley, as always, was as

helpful as he could be in making the transition. We again thank Brother Stanley for his many years as our Grand Secretary/Treasurer and for all the assistance he so willingly gives.

My next event was to attend a meeting and picnic with Minneapolis Council #2 at the New Brighton Park. This park must have been fairly new, my wife Sandy was navigating with our trusty GPS and when we got to the park there were no roads shown on the screen so we drove to a couple places before we met up with everyone for a very enjoyable afternoon.

While attending the DeMolay Session in St Peter we found it to be interesting and enlightening to see our young people getting involved. Our young people are the future of Masonry. We can all be grateful to the many adult leaders for the tutoring and mentoring time they so willing give to our young men and women of the DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow Girls.

I enjoyed attending the North Central Conference in Des Moines, Iowa where PMIGM Ron Miles gave a presentation on leadership along with other presentations that were very informative and beneficial to all. I am grateful to Ron for his friendship and guidance.

We held our first Joint Officers meeting in September at the Lodge in St Cloud where our new Recorder, Dexter got a good deal of information out to our Officers, enlightening them as to their duties and responsibilities for the coming year. We had some who were unable to attend the Grand Session to be installed but they were able to attend this important meeting and were installed there. Attendance was excellent and we had a very good meeting together.

In August Sandy and I attended the Grand Session in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where we got together with some of our officers and their ladies and I attended the Session meetings and the installation of their new officers. In September we attended the session in Pierre, South Dakota, and at this one I attended the Chapter Session but became ill during the early A.M. hours so Deputy Grand Master Douglas Nygard and Grand High Priest Terrence Becker represented Council for me and I was grateful. Thanks to both of them for their able assistance. I, along with Companion Mike Denke, Grand Conductor of the Council attended the North Dakota Grand Session in Grand Forks and enjoyed spending time with our North Dakota Companions. Deputy Grand Master Doug Nygard represented the Minnesota Council for us in Nebraska as I attended our Minnesota Grand Lodge in St. Cloud, on the same weekend. Our Grand Master, John Cook, Jr. has become a good friend and a great promoter of Masonry in his travels. Our Grand Secretary/Treasurer, Dexter attended the Canada Grand Session, and represented our Grand Council. Thank you to both for their willing assistance. At this writing I am planning to attend the Grand Session in Wisconsin in June just prior to our Session.

In December I was honored to be the Installing Officer for the Northfield Council #12 in Farmington and enjoyed spending time with our Companions in the Southern part of our state.

Also, in December, Sandy and I attended the reception for Grand High Priest Terrance Becker in Duluth. We enjoyed touring the Lodge Hall in Duluth and spending time with our Companions and ladies up North. We had planned to attend Grand Commander, Forrest Millers reception in Austin, but did not due to inclement weather.

January 9th Sandy and I attended the York Rite Session Committee meeting at Minnehaha Lodge in Bloomington where we all met with the planning committee and reviewed the plans to date for the 2011 Session in Bloomington. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Planning Committee for their diligent work.

While spending time at our home in Texas we were able to attend the 31st annual Texas/Minnesota reunion. Our Grand Master John L. Cook, Jr. was there and presented Reuben Van Luik of Valley Lodge #174 of Glenwood, MN with his 50 year membership pin. We enjoyed spending time with our brothers and sisters from our home area as well as friends from many different states who winter in Texas.

My sincere thanks go out to PMIGM, Grand Archmaster, Hugh Swift for organizing a very successful festival at Northfield Council #12 in Farmington. Deputy Grand Master Douglas Nygard represented the Grand Council at the Festival as Sandy and I were spending time at our home in Texas. We greeted twenty seven new Royal and Select Masters. Many thanks to all who participated. This goes to show us that by having Festivals our membership will grow. I understand that Minneapolis Council #2 is looking forward to greeting more new members. This is more good news. We are growing and increasing our membership. Good job companions.

Dispensations were granted to:

- Minneapolis Council #2 – to move a meeting to Long Lake Regional Park.
- Northfield Council #12 – Special Festival Assembly to conduct degrees.

Appointments for Grand Representatives from the following jurisdictions were made:

- Kentucky – Kenneth Carroll
- Scotland - Douglas Stevenson
- Wisconsin – Gary Johnson

September 28th, 2010 – Minneapolis Council #2 – Approved a revision to their by-laws.

No resolutions have been presented to the Grand Council as of this writing.

Thank you Past Most Illustrious Grand Master James Fisher for appointing me to the Grand Council line in 2006. It has been a rewarding journey for my Lady and myself and we have appreciated the opportunity to serve our Grand Council.

Thank you To Grand Secretary/Treasurer Dexter Pehle for being an excellent Companion and friend and for all the assistance you have given me during this past year.

My thanks to the Grand Court of Minnesota, Order of Amaranth, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Masonic Lodge for inviting us to their Grand Sessions. We enjoyed learning about their year and meeting old and new friends.

To all the Grand Council Officers and Companions, thank you for accepting your offices and for helping to make our year a success. I have appreciated the opportunity you have given me to be your Most Illustrious Grand Master and I hope I have served you well.

I would like to close by thanking my wife Sandy for traveling with me and for helping me and for keeping me on track. It was a lot of fun meeting new people and renewing old friendships. I am happy to see our membership increasing and I sincerely thank our Councils and Companions throughout the State for their hard work and their diligence in spreading the good word and keeping the faith.

Respectfully submitted

Most illustrious Grand Master 2010-2011
Harlan H. Heidecker

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

**TO; THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA**

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Grand Council this past year. My visits to various Councils have always been met with sincere and warm hospitality. I attended South Dakota's Grand Session held in Pierre, and the North Central Conference at Des Moines, Iowa. Both meetings proved to be enjoyable and meaningful. I participated in the highly successful festival at Farmington which was very well attended. Representing Grand Master Heidecker, I attended Nebraska's Grand Session in Columbus, Nebraska. As previously reported, I have always found the Grand Officer's meetings to be a good source of information and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas A. Nygard
Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND PRINCIPLE CONDUCTOR of the WORK

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

During the past year, I visited a few Councils and attended the Grand Council Officer meetings. I was the Charities Committee Chairman again this year and was impressed with the increase in giving to the CMMRF. We had an officer meeting in St Cloud last September. I really enjoy attending those meetings because you get to see many old friends and share what is happening in Minnesota York Rite. I attended the South Dakota Grand York Rite Session held in Pierre on September 16th through the 18th. I also attended the North Central Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa, on October 23rd. Minnesota was well represented at the Conference. There were also representatives there from Nebraska, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Manitoba and South Dakota. Several good discussions were held on membership, leadership and activities that work and don't work in several states.

I attended the Council Festival held in Farmington on Saturday, January 29th. It was really nice to see the sidelines full. In fact, we had to bring in extra chairs from the dining room. Wouldn't it be nice to see lodge, chapter, council and commandery meetings overflowing all the time? I participated in the Royal and Super Excellent Master Degrees that day.

We wrapped up the year by attending Grand Lodge and the following weekend we attended the Grand York Rite Sessions in Grand Forks, North Dakota. It was an interesting trip getting there with the Red River near it's crest that weekend. A good and educational time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Odegard

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

Little did I realize when I accepted the office of Grand Recorder that the year would be as taxing as it has been. First of all, I want thank MIC Stan Morrill for all the assistance that he has rendered in the transition. Without his knowledge and help the office would still be chaos. Two things have become very evident with the transfer of offices. First and foremost is the lack of historical information regarding the Grand Councils and the individual councils. Proceedings from the Annual Assembly prior to about 1963 are non-existent. There is NO historical information about the formation and first ninety years of the Grand Council. Apparently these have been discarded over the years by unknowing individuals lacking the knowledge of their value.

ANY COUNCIL, LODGE, OR PERSONAL LIBRARY THAT HAS OLD PROCEEDINGS, PLEASE MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE GRAND COUNCIL'S LIBRARY!

[We will even pay postage and shipping, or arrange to pick them up]

If you don't want to donate them, we can make copies for our use and return your originals back for your libraries..

Also lacking are the original Annual reports, except for the last fifteen years or so. It is extremely difficult to research degree dates and even verify memberships without these records. Why these were lost is unknown. MIC Stanley lived with this problem his entire tenure in the office of Grand Recorder. The records appear to have been lost or discarded during the transition of office location.

While the business of the Grand Council is not difficult to manage, it is unique in the manner it is executed. As such, it has been necessary in the joint office with Grand Chapter to compartmentalize the operations of the four (4) significant jobs that exist in the office, i.e., Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer-CM, Grand Secretary, and finally, Grand Treasurer-RAM. Each office is unique in its approach to doing business for the organization. I have been able to survey the tasks this year and have found where the tasks may be simplified or combined which will lead to a greater efficiency within the combined office. Additional effort will be brought to streamline the operations of the major functions, while still preserving the integrity of each.

When the Grand Sessions were moved to June, the timeliness of reporting and budgeting on a fiscal/calendar year basis became irrelevant. The period of time between the "end of the year," and the session at which the data is reported has grown to a half of a year rendering expenses

and budgets inapplicable. The “term” of the presiding officer seemed to be a more significant measurement.. Unfortunately, the timely reporting of changes in membership, new greetings, demits, and deaths are all made at year-end. It is impossible at present to be able to accurately report membership on a “term” basis. The solution to that would be for the Recorders of the Council to forward timely information to the Grand Council office when changes occur, thus allowing for the collection of data prior to the Annual report. That approach would permit the ability to send timely condolences and memorials . Also consistent with that approach would be the presentation of welcoming letter and Certificates of Degrees presented to newly greeted companions signed by the presiding Grand Master.

Membership for the Grand Council of Minnesota showed a reduction of only 2% this last year, a slowing down from previous years.

MEMBERSHIP 1/1/2010		854
Greeted	42	
Joined	4	
Restored	<u>2</u>	
TOTAL GAINS	48	
Demits	24	
NPD	15	
Suspend/Expelled	0	
Deaths	<u>47</u>	
TOTAL LOSSES	67	
	NET	<u>-19</u> [-2.2%]
MEMBERSHIP 12/31/2010		835

It was anticipated that an increase in membership would be realized since the last Grand York Rite Sessions when Cryptic Masonry was made a requirement to become a Knight Templar. The lack of an aggressive attempt to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master has slowed the influx of new members. Northfield Council No. 12 is to be commended for their festival which saw twenty three companions receiving Cryptic degrees. Festivals need to be conferred throughout the state. The Councils that are active seldom are able to confer the degrees by themselves and so a team approach is needed.

That is not to say that all active councils in Minnesota are healthy. Based on the factors of age, lack of meetings, voids in leadership and Masonic burn-out, at least two councils are ready for intervention regarding their membership. The holding Council, Grand Master Hiram Council 13 UD was formed at the 2010 Grand Assembly to preserve the memberships of those near-dormant councils. The choice would be not to merge whenever possible as members seldom respond to the new councils in which they are placed. The ability to move charters remains a possible solution.

The tasks for this next year will center on the further development of the data base. Dues cards are now being printed from the data base files. The Life Membership roster has been digitized and is now grouped by council to provide a check and balance of each Council's investment in the fund. An Grand Council Operations Manual is under development to enable an orderly transition for future personnel who may occupy the office.

Since this "bully-pulpit" has been given me, let me take advantage of it as an elder in the fraternity with near sixty years of Masonic related activities under my belt. We all have taken obligations over the years. Those of us that have been fortunate enough to have the trust reposed in us to various positions of leadership need to do some introspective reflective thinking. I personally reflect back on the obligation at the installation of officers, whatever body it is, I paraphrase, "...that I will, to the best of my knowledge and ability, perform the office with which I am now invested." For many, these seem to be idle words. We all need to ask ourselves, "Is this my Best?" Please; don't ever accept a leadership position for the pomp and bling, because that's not what it's all about. If I have one pet-peeve in Masonry it's the "caretaker leader" or "placeholder officer." Brothers and companions that take offices and then don't participate or put any effort into the duties assigned to them If you chose to be a leader, then lead. I love that old sign; *'LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET OUT OF THE WAY.'*

I am proud to be Cryptic Mason. I consider it one the most meaningful of all the Masonic bodies for it teaches us the lessons of importance of faithfulness to the obligations and duties we are charged with and accept, as was Adoniram. It is for us companions to not emulate Ahishar, the guard, and be asleep at our post. We must, like the faithful friend Zabud, guard the vaults of Cryptic Masonry. Sometimes, Cryptic Masonry is cast in the role of a neglected child, left to wander the street and gather the crumbs to survive. Companions, I charge you to honor the lessons herein taught. Cryptic Masonry needs dedication from its membership.. Honor it; cherish it; support it.

In my opinion, the Grand Council is myopic and needs a longer term vision to its operations. The direction of the Grand Council appears to be left in the hands of each presiding Grand Master individually as assisted by the Grand Recorder providing what stability that is achieved. There doesn't appear to be any individual or group of companions who are concerned with continued long term health and direction.. A resolution was introduced this year for the creation of a "Good of the Order" committee to be staffed by past Illustrious Grand Masters. The resolution was not submitted in ample time to be considered in this year's Grand Assembly, but will be re-introduced in time for next year's assembly. This committee would act as trustees for the Grand Council to provide continuity, guidance and direction. As Grand Recorder; it isn't, or shouldn't be, the duties or responsibility of that office to make some of the

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decisions that have had to have been made this last year. We need continuity to our beloved Grand Council.

I wish to thank the companions for the trust given to me in this office. I welcome any and all suggestions regarding the operations and how the Grand Council Office may assist you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter C Pehle [12]
Grand Recorder

2010 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

ABSTRACT OF MEMBERSHIP	GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA										2010		NET	12/31/2010	%
	1/1/2010	GREETED	JOINED	RESTORED	GAINS	DEMIT	NPD	SUS/EXP	DEATH	LOSSES	Change				
ST PAUL COUNCIL No. 1	106	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	1	-8	-5	101	-4.72%		
MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL No. 2	198	10	0	1	11	3	9	0	10	-22	-11	187	-5.56%		
ARK COUNCIL No. 3	23	9	2	0	11	1	0	0	0	-1	10	33	43.48%		
TYRIAN COUNCIL No. 4	42	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	-5	-4	38	-9.52%		
DULUTH COUNCIL No. 6	133	9	0	0	9	2	0	0	4	-6	3	136	2.26%		
AUSTIN COUNCIL No. 7	29	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	-6	-6	23	-20.69%		
ALPHA COUNCIL No. 8	45	6	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	-2	4	49	8.89%		
OMEGA COUNCIL No. 9	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-2	-2	19	-9.52%		
ZABUD COUNCIL No. 10	57	1	2	0	1	3	0	0	3	-6	-2	57	-3.39%		
NORTHFIELD COUNCIL No. 12	59	2	2	0	4	2	3	0	3	-8	-6	66	-8.33%		
CENTAL COUNCIL No. 14	72	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	-1	-1	34	-2.86%		
SOUTHGATE COUNCIL No. 15	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	-2.86%		
RED ROCK COUNCIL No. 16	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34			
GRAND MASTER HIRAM COUNCIL No. 13 UD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	854	42	4	2	48	24	15	0	28	-67	-19	835	-2.22%		
													adjusted #		

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

The office of Grand Treasurer for the Grand Council had to undergo changes this year of transition from the previous Treasurer to present office holder. Accounting has been done for the last several years using a version of QuickBooks. Rather than change the operation, it was decided to continue to use that series of software. A 'back-up' disk of the previous years was provided, however when the office transitioned, no software was included. . The computer that was delivered as part of the office transition was an old 386 computer with obsolete and therefore had non-supported software. The previous Treasurer was utilizing his own personal (donated) software package to keep the books of the Grand Council. He also serves as Secretary/Recorder/Treasurer for several local fraternal/social/veterans groups which all share his personal software and hardware. His approach has saved considerable money for the Grand Council and the other organizations by keeping the costs down

The decision was made to procure a new Quick Books Pro software package and computer to support the Treasurer's office. As the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch has struggled with outdated equipment, it was determined that the sharing of the costs of the software and hardware would benefit both organization; thus, both Grand Chapter and Grand Council are now running on Quick Books. A warranted reconditioned computer was procured and is dedicated to the office of Grand Treasurer for both organizations. The cost of procurement was divided between Grand Council and Grand Chapter. Donated equipment of a laser printer, an external hard drive and a scanner complete the hardware suite. Remote access is available from and to the Grand Office as the computer system provides "at-home" and "off-hours" access to the Grand Council information. It is located at the residence of the Grand Treasurer.

The financial health of the Grand Council was improved with the increase in per-capita which was realized with the Annual Reports for the year; from a deficit in 2009 to a gain in 2010. The investments, under the guiding hand of MIC Stanley Morrill, were able to gain in the gloomy marketplace. The market value of the investments at calendar year-end is shown on the following pages. MIC Stan has agreed to continue to oversee the Grand Council's investments.

Also, the income/expenses for 2010 is compared against 2009 income/expenses and the approved term budget for 2010-2011. Further, the income/expenses for the Term 2010-2011 if shown against the budget for the first eleven (11) months of the term, [7/1/2010-5/31/2011]. The figures thru 12/31/2010 were audited and the books found to be in excellent shape. The complete term of 2010-2011 will be closed and audited after June 30, 2011 and the results printed in the proceedings of the Annual Assembly.

The Grand Council has for many years received the generous support of its companions in many ways. As a result of this the expenses shown each year have reflected only the reported cost of doing business, and not the "true" cost. Budgets have been formed by "what the Grand Council can bear," rather than what does it truly cost. This year's budget is no different, although the next term's expenses will be reflecting true cost where those expenses, such as postage and printing can be uniquely separated within the joint Grand Chapter/Grand Council office. The economies of scale which are realized by the shared costs allow for the unbalance in costing for items such as telephone, internet, rent, etc.

The IRS Form 990 N has been filed for the year 2010 and updates sent to the IRS listing the Council's individual recorders.

Life Membership distribution for 2010 was paid at a six percent (6%) return. The chart of distribution is shown on the following pages.

As the Grand Treasurer, I look forward with sharpened pencil in hand, towards a continued effort to streamline the accounting processes, reducing the expenses and establishing a more realistic budget. Thank you for the confidence in my ability to keep Grand Council viable.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter C Pehle, (12)
Grand Treasurer

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INVESTMENT STATUS

2010

Broker: Investment Centers of America

Fargo, ND

	<i>VALUE</i>
Year-end ~ 12/31/2009	\$ 73,992.99
Year-end ~ 12/31/2010	\$ 81,324.96
<i>Estimated Annual Income</i>	<i>\$5,397</i>

Holdings are approximate

CASH	3%
EQUITIES	9%
OTHERS	88%
	<hr/> 100%

Investment Committee consists of the Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer. PMIGM Stan Morrill has been acting as the Council's Investment Manager and agreed to remain in that advisory role.

Dexter C Pehle
Grand Treasurer

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2010 INCOME/EXPENDITURES

EXPENSES	2009		2010		2010-2011	
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL		BUDGET	
GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES	4,591.65		5,121.17		4,050.00	
Illustrious Grand Master		1,400.00	1,400.00			1,400.00
Deputy Grand Master		700.00	700.00			700.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work		500.00	675.12			500.00
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder		1,500.00	2,100.00			1,200.00
Other Officers		0.00				0.00
Grand Master's Apron		491.65	246.05			250.00
GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE	2,257.84		1,482.24		2,050.00	
Rent		400.00	425.00			400.00
Telephone		250.00	250.00			300.00
Internet/Web Site						
Chapter Supplies		235.00				
Supplies		285.49	102.55			200.00
Postage		365.60	209.98			300.00
Proceedings						300.00
Printing		721.75	494.71			300.00
Relocation						250.00
GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS	5,252.75		2,301.89		1,479.00	
General Grand Council per capita		299.60	851.55			854.00
Life Membership Distribution		3,428.14				
Bond		144.00	175.00			125.00
Insurance						0.00
Awards			100.00			100.00
Donations		100.00	300.00			200.00
General Grand Council Life Membership			30.00			
Misc		837.01	302.84			200.00
Other Expenses			117.50			
Refunds		444.00	425.00			
		12,102.24	8,905.30	8,905.30	7,579.00	7,579.00
INCOME						
PER CAPITA		7,992.00	6,242.00			5,978.00
GREETINGS/FEES			40.00			450.00
INVOICES		426.99	130.80			
SESSION DISTRIBUTION			590.60			
INVESTMENT INCOME			2,722.47			
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENTS		1,736.00	623.00			
DONATIONS		276.00				
MISC		369.10	275.00			
		10,800.09	10,623.87			6,428.00
GAIN/(LOSS)		(1,302.15)	1,718.57			(1,151.00)

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2010-2011 TERM INCOME/EXPENDITURES

MNYRCM		2010-11	<i>thru 5/31/2011</i>
		BUDGET	actuals
INCOME			
	PER CAPITA	5,978.00	8,195.00
	GREETINGS FEES	450.00	185.00
	INVOICES		5.00
	SESSION DISTRIBUTION		75.24
	INVESTMENT INCOME [LM]		3,442.21
	GGC, INTL LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENTS		30.00
	DONATIONS		50.00
	MISC		446.79
		6,428.00	12,429.24
EXPENSES			
	GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES	4,050.00	3,983.13
	Illustrious Grand Master	1,400.00	1,400.00
	Deputy Grand Master	700.00	700.00
	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	500.00	500.00
	Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder	1,200.00	1,100.00
	Other Officers	0.00	
	Grand Master's Apron	250.00	283.13
	GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE	2,050.00	1,585.13
	Rent	400.00	225.00
	Telephone	300.00	150.00
	Internet/Web Site		50.00
	Supplies	200.00	271.55
	Postage	300.00	220.52
	Equipment		250.00
	Software		80.00
	Proceedings	300.00	
	Printing	300.00	338.06
	Relocation	250.00	
	GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS	1,479.00	5,940.99
	General Grand Council per capita	854.00	851.55
	Life Membership Distribution		3,442.21
	Bond	125.00	350.00
	Insurance	0.00	
	Awards	100.00	
	Donations	200.00	100.00
	General Grand Council Life Membership		30.00
	Misc	200.00	422.85
	Other Expenses		319.38
	Refunds		425.00
		7,579.00	11,509.25
	GAIN/(LOSS)	(1,151.00)	919.99

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2010 LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

COUNCIL		2009 \$	360\$days	2010 enrollments			total\$days	2010 dist	2010 \$	2009 checks
				270 days	180 days	90 days				
1	St Paul	\$6,307.62	\$2,270,743				\$2,270,743	\$378.72	\$6,307.62	380.27
2	Minneapolis	\$15,186.10	\$5,466,996				\$5,466,996	\$911.81	\$15,186.10	913.31
3	Ark	\$212.00	\$76,320				\$76,320	\$12.73	\$212.00	12.93
4	Tyrian	\$2,663.77	\$958,957				\$958,957	\$159.94	\$2,663.77	158.09
6	Duluth	\$3,448.80	\$1,241,568				\$1,241,568	\$207.07	\$3,448.80	210.45
7	Austin	\$1,885.60	\$678,816				\$678,816	\$113.22	\$1,885.60	121.13
8	Alpha	\$3,037.90	\$1,093,644				\$1,093,644	\$182.40	\$3,037.90	167.31
9	Omega	\$539.80	\$194,328				\$194,328	\$32.41	\$539.80	32.94
10	Zabud	\$3,479.40	\$1,252,584				\$1,252,584	\$208.91	\$3,479.40	212.28
12	Northfield	\$5,566.05	\$2,003,778				\$2,003,778	\$334.20	\$5,566.05	311.58
14	Central	\$5,845.15	\$2,104,254				\$2,104,254	\$350.96	\$5,845.15	357.8
15	Southgate	\$5,540.75	\$1,994,670				\$1,994,670	\$332.68	\$5,540.75	338.04
16	Red Rock	\$3,490.85	\$1,256,706	\$168.00			\$1,302,066	\$217.16	\$3,658.85	212.01
		\$57,203.79	\$20,593,364	\$168.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,638,724	\$3,442.21	\$57,371.79	\$3,428.14
									2010 Factor	0.000166784

Companions are reminded that Life Memberships can be purchased on a payment basis over time, with the Council benefitting from the partial payments added to the net worth of their investment.

Life membership certificates are issued upon receipt of payment-in-full.

Contact the Grand Council office for further details.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

The following is a report of the activities of June 2010, through June 2011.

I would like to start by thanking the Most Illustrious Grand Master Harlan Heidecker and all the members of the Council of Minnesota For the opportunity to serve as Grand Conductor of the Council.

This year was an exciting year. I accompanied the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Minnesota to the Grand Sessions of North Dakota. I was able to learn a lot from MIGM Harlan it was nice to shadow him and him learn from him.

I attended the grand sessions and Willmar Minnesota last year. I attended all the grand officers meetings and stayed very busy within my own council, Alpha Council #8. I served as the district representative for District Number Eight in which I attended several meetings as such.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Denke
Grand Conductor of the Council

REPORT OF THE GRAND MARSHAL

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

The following is a report of the activities of June 2010, through June 2011.

My Grand Council activities, as Grand Marshall, have again predominately focused on supporting Duluth Council No. 6. I was very active in procuring candidates, organizing and participating in the ritual work. I attended the Grand York Rite Sessions of South Dakota, North Dakota, and the North Central York Rite Conference in Des Moines.

I attended the several Grand Officers meetings throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
IC Terrence John Becker
Grand Marshall

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA
REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

The following is a report of the activities of June 2010, through June 2011.

It has been an honor to have served as the Grand Chaplain of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and I thank Most Illustrious Grand Harlan H Heidecker for the opportunity to be of service to this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,
James Melander
Grand Chaplain

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

The following is a report of the activities of June 2010, through June 2011.

The roll has been called and some of the Companions have not answered; they have been summoned from this earthly life to the Celestial Council above.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine on them,
May they rest in peace.
Amen*

Respectfully submitted,
James Melander
Grand Chaplain

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REPORTED DEATHS

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ST PAUL COUNCIL No. 1	1	William Kepler	1/13/2010		
MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL No. 2	10	John C Asmus	9/3/2010	Robert W Delorey	1/11/2011
		Gerald C Fielder [07]	0/0/2007	Frederick J Horning	0/0/2010
		Stanley H Kegel	3/27/2010	Gregory J Maeder	8/7/2010
		Eugene F Newell [08]	12/16/2008	Jack C Powell [07]	0/0/2007
		Gordon P Stensby [04]	4/2/2004	Russell E Torfin	10/23/2010
TYRIAN COUNCIL No. 4	2	Gerald Flickinger	3/27/2010	George E Underleak	9/14/2010
DULUTH COUNCIL No. 6	4	Rolf Ulleburg	1/7/2010	Stanley Samdal	3/1/2010
		William Gunnerson	4/3/2010	Richard Peterson	11/23/2010
AUSTIN COUNCIL No. 7	4	Harold Finch	1/9/2010	Glen Wilson	3/13/2010
		<i>Gerald Flickinger</i>	3/27/2010	Fred Vogel	12/31/2010
ALPHA COUNCIL No. 8	1	Sidney Michealson	9/7/2010		
ZABUD COUNCIL No. 10	--	No Report			
NORTHFIELD COUNCIL No. 12	3	Richard Herkenratt	1/7/2010	Arthur G Hoffman	8/18/2010
		James S Fodness [08]	7/13/2008		
CENTAL COUNCIL No. 14	3	Fred Davey	---	Robert Wettergren	---
		F Emil Rasmusson	---		
RED ROCK COUNCIL No. 16	--	No Report			
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**MIC LAWRENCE K OFFENBECKER, III – PMIGM [MN] 1975-1976
 FEBRUARY 5, 1913 -- JUNE 6, 2011
 GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MEDAL OF HONOR RECEPIENT – 2002**

**MIC DONALD R BRIGGS, PMIGM [MN] 1991-1992
 FEBRUARY 25 1923 – 1 JUNE 2010**

**MIC JOHN C JAMES, PMIGM [Western Canada] 1991-1992
 NOVEMBER 9, 1929 - April 18, 2011**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

We have audited the accounts and records of the Grand Council and have found them excellent, with the following noted:

DISCREPENCIES: None

RECOMMENDATIONS: Keep up the good work. Audited balances needed for starting

Signed, Kevin V Jones
Rolf Widstrand
May 24, 2011

AUDITED BALANCE SHEETS ON FILE IN OFFICE.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers And Members Of The Grand Council Of Cryptic Masons Of Minnesota

The proposed budget for 2011-2012 has been established. The budget (BALANCED !!!!) has been reviewed and is recommended for acceptance and approval by the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas A. Nygard
Gary A. Odegard
Dexter C. Pehle

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2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

		2011-2012	
		BUDGET	
INCOME			
	PER CAPITA	8,200.00	\$10/MEMBER
	GREETINGS FEES	100.00	\$5/GREETING
	INVOICES	200.00	RITUALS, DUES CARDS
	SESSION DISTRIBUTION	250.00	
	INVESTMENT INCOME	3,500.00	LM DISTRIBUTION
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENTS	0.00	FLOW THRU
	MISC & DONATIONS	250.00	
		\$12,500.00	
EXPENSES			
	GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES		4,310.00
	Illustrious Grand Master	1,400.00	
	Deputy Grand Master	700.00	
	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	500.00	
	Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder	1,200.00	
	Other Officers	250.00	TRAVEL
	Grand Master's Apron	260.00	
	GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE		2,500.00
	Rent	500.00	SHARED
	Telephone	400.00	SHARED
	Internet/Web Site	100.00	NATIONAL
	Supplies	400.00	
	Postage	400.00	
	Proceedings	300.00	
	Printing	400.00	
	GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS		5,690.00
	General Grand Council per capita	850.00	\$1/MEMBER
	Life Membership Distribution	3,500.00	FLOW THRU
	Bond	175.00	CRIMINAL
	Insurance	400.00	JEWELS/LIABILITY
	Awards	100.00	YOUTH AWARD
	Donations	300.00	JD, RAINBOW, DEMOLAY
	General Grand Council Life Membership	0.00	PASS THRU
	Misc	115.00	
	Other Expenses	150.00	
	Refunds	0.00	
	Memberships	100.00	WYRC
		\$12,500.00	
	GAIN/(LOSS)	0.00	

REPORT OF CHARITY COMMITTEE

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

Thank You, Companions, for your generous support of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). In 2010, Minnesota Companions donated \$2,103.66 to the CMMRF which is a 65% increase over 2009. Donations came from Companions of the following Councils and in some cases from the Councils themselves:

St Paul No. 1	\$20.00	Zabud No. 10	125.00
Minneapolis No. 2	220.00	Northfield No. 12	270.00
Ark No. 3	20.00	Central No. 14	200.00
Tyrian No. 4	71.00	Red Rock No. 16	274.00
Duluth No. 6	160.00	MN Grand Council	297.66
Austin No. 7	31.00	Allied Masonic Degrees	50.00
Alpha No. 8	365.00		

Minneapolis Council No. 2 and Central Council No. 14 were each awarded 2010 extender bars for their plaques for reaching another \$1,000.00 giving level. Austin Council No. 7, Alpha Council No. 8 and Northfield Council No. 12 were recognized for giving at least \$1.00 per member, in fact Alpha Councils donation was over \$5.50 per member.

The CMMRF funds research at the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM) at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Through this research, we hope the causes and eventually a cure will be found for Diabetes and many other vascular related diseases like stroke, poor circulation and wound healing. You can find out much more about the research and clinical trials, and their successes, by logging onto www.cmmrf.org.

This year I hope that we can beat our giving level in 2010. I would like to see every Council give at least \$1.00 per member. We can all do better. Thank you again for your support of this very important research. Please mail your donations to:

Gary Odegard
12882 Glen Way
Apple Valley, MN 55124

REPORT OF GRAND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

TO: The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Minnesota.

Everything is in place for an exciting Grand York Rite Session in Bloomington at the Crowne Plaza & Suites (formerly the Holiday Inn Airport) on June 23rd through the 25th. The schedules have been set, menus selected and programs have been planned for the ladies. The site selection committee has been working hard for the past couple of years under the leadership of Michael Powles and Joe Anderson to insure that the new meeting location will work out fine for all.

The Grand Assembly Committee has been working with the Grand Recorder/Treasurer Dexter to insure that the 149th Annual Assembly will be fun and informative for all attending.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Odegard

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE COOPERATION COMMITTEE

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

No article of concern has been presented to the committee as of May 1st 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas A. Nygard
Douglas G. Stevenson
Clifford H. Isley

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE & GRAND ARCHMASTER

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

Once again it has been a very rewarding year in Cryptic Masonry. I'm going to join the Education Committee and Grand Archmaster reports together this year, as I think they go hand in hand.

IT'S OUR OWN FAULT

First of all, I'll speak on the Education part of our order. With so many of our Councils, unable to open and/or do the work. Yes, I realize that when the All Powerful right hand of Death has leveled many of our Companions in the humiliation of the Grave, those Companions whom remain sometimes haven't been taught how things are to be done. It is our job to teach and continue to teach until we have taught our younger members on the way things should be done and instill in them urgency of taking the pride and putting in the effort in learning how the degrees should be conferred. In some of our Council's, there have been a large number of losses among their membership, so at this point of time, these Councils are in dire straits on how to open their Council's and/or confer the degrees. And as a word of direction, it is our job as Grand Officers to go out of our way to assist and teach the new Companions, who are now attempting to do the work.

Granted, that if these Councils, don't know whom to call, it is our job as a Grand Council to get the word out to them; so maybe this year we will as a Grand Council endeavor to help those Councils who are now in trouble.

Now on my report as your Grand Archmaster; once again it has been an interesting year. There have been a number of Council's, who have been meeting regularly and doing work. No's 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 14 are the Council's which I know about to have been opening and/or doing work.

I want to thank Our Grand Master, Harlan Heidecker for asking Northfield Council No. 12 to host the Minnesota Council Festival, which was held in Farmington. Our Illustrious Master Carl Lidstrom welcomed all before the degrees were conferred. There were 28 candidates for the Royal and Select Master Degrees in the morning and 29 for the Super Excellent Master Degree in the afternoon. It was a great day for Cryptic Masonry in Minnesota. We served 65 Companions for lunch. It was the biggest crowd of any of which I have had a part with in this Grand Jurisdiction.

I want thank all who took active part in your respective Council's and in conferring degree work around the state this year. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally;

Hugh Swift, Jr.; PIGM
Grand Archmaster

**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL
OF MINNESOTA**

The sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of Minnesota was convened in full form at 1:15 P.M. on June 24, 2011 with the following officers:

T.I. Master	Ronald Miles
T.I. Sr. Warden	Terry Becker
T.I. Jr. Warden	James McNeely IV
T.I. Recorder	Ronald Miles
T.I. Steward	Marvin Schendel
T.I. Sentinel	Randy Poulson

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	Mark Anderson
Abiather	Charles Marston
Joab	Ronald Miles
Adinijah	Barnes Sharitt
Zadok	James McNeely IV
Benaiah	Kenneth Carroll
Nathan	Allan Shufelt
King David	Hugh Swift, Jr.

PTIM Ronald Miles thanked degree director Raymond S. Frandsen and the degree cast for a job well done. The Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was presented to Jack Roberts of St. Paul Council No. 1, Charles Munson of Northfield Council No.12, David Emery of Minneapolis Council No. 2, Ronald Jensen of Ark No. 3, Carl Lidstrom of Northfield Council No.12., Richard McBride, Alpha Council No.1 Sioux Falls, S.D., Hugh B. Edmond, Grand Superintendent, Strathendrick No. 555 Banfron, Scotland. Honorary members receiving the degree were Thomas Hendrickson, Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota, Northfield Council No.12 and Thomas Cumberland of JJ Melton, No. 50, Poplarville, Missouri.

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A business meeting was held after the degree with thirty Companions in attendance. Out of state Companions in attendance were from Scotland, Iowa, South Dakota, Washington D.C. and Missouri.

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

T.I. Master	Terry Becker
T.I. Sr. Warden	James McNeely IV
T.I. Jr. Warden	Marvin Schendel
T.I. Recorder	Ronald Miles.
T.I. Steward	Randy Poulson
T.I. Sentinel	Harlan Heidecker

The PTIM pins were presented by Ronald Miles to Gary Odegard, Loren Schroeder, Ken Carroll, and Ronald Miles in recognition of their service.

No further business, the meeting was then closed in proper form.

Attest: Ronald Miles, Recorder

Approved: Gary Odegard, PTIM

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APPENDICES

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