

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS
OF MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012

CROWN PLAZA HOTEL & SUITES
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA
JUNE 22, 2012

PROCEEDINGS
GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA GRAND ASSEMBLY
OF 2012 (142ND)

Ritualist Opening

The Grand Council was opened in ample ritualistic form by the officers and members of Central Council No. 14, the home Council of Most Illustrious Grand Master Douglas Nygard, assisted and supplemented by members of Ark Council #3, Owatonna. The Grand Officers of 2011-2012 were escorted into the room and greeted. Most Illustrious Grand Master Douglas Nygard was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. He then proceeded to introduce the Grand Officers who replaced the Central Council officers. All Grand Officers were present with three exceptions. Grand Captain of the Guard, Michael Denke, Grand Marshall, Douglas Stevenson, and Grand Sentinel, Jack Roberts were, for various reasons, unable to be with us. Most Illustrious Grand Master Nygard thanked those participating in the opening of the Assembly, noting that Grand Archmaster Hugh C, Swift, Jr. had served as Illustrious Master.

Presentation of Duplicate Charter of Operation

Most Illustrious Grand Master Nygard requested that Right Puissant Companion Kevin Jones, General Grand Ambassador for Minnesota accompany Right Puissant General Grand Recorder, David A. Grindle, to the west of the altar.

"A little bit of history... in 1842 a group of Companions met in New York City to organize the Grand Councils into a body. It took then eight years to establish what is now The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the United States of America.

On August 25th in Detroit Michigan they sent out a Constitution to be ratified by the participating Grand Councils. One of those Grand Councils participating was Minnesota, because you existed before General Grand Council. As the course of events occurred in that first Triennium, those that signed and ratified the Constitution were granted a Charter. the first General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council was George Cooley, Past Grand Illustrious Master of Minnesota. So, it is my pleasure this morning to present this Charter, a duplicate, a replacement charter to the Cryptic Grand Council Of Minnesota, and all that entails, to you and to Dexter Pehle, your Grand Recorder who requested it.. It is given under the seal of The State of Minnesota, dated August 25, 1880, with this copy dated June, 2012. Its not illegal, but now is more legal than before as you predated the General Grand Councillyf

We, the General Grand Council of the United States of America, according to the

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

Ancient Customs, Constitutions, and Landmarks, do, by these Presents, hereby grant unto our Zealous Companions of St. Paul Council #1 or St. Paul, Minneapolis Council #2, of Minneapolis, Tyrian Council #4 of Red Wing, Adoniran Council #5, of Minneapolis East and Council #6, Duluth this our Warrant and Charter, hereby constituting them as the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, and further said Grand Council of Minnesota is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions to perform every and all such acts in the advancement of conforming all proceedings according to the rules and regulations of the general grand council. Given under the seal of the general Grand Signed by George C. Sellars, Most Council, in Minneapolis Minnesota this 25th day August 1880 Ad and in the year of deposit 2880. Puissant Grand Master . This is a true copy, attested to by myself on this day of August, 2012 and it is sealed with the seal of the General Grand Council.”

Flag Tributes

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Grand Archmaster, Hugh C. Swift, and followed by a Tribute to our Flag. The Canadian Flag and Tribute were presented by the Grand First Principal.

Roll Call of the Councils

The Illustrious Grand Master requested the Roll of Minnesota Councils be called. The Grand Recorder, having been given permission to address the Assembly proceeded with the call. Responding PRESENT were:

St. Paul Council #1
Minneapolis Council #2
Ark Council #3
Tyrian Council #4
Duluth Council #6
Austin Council #7
Alpha Council #8
Omega Council #9
Zabud Council #10
Northfield Council #12
Central Council #14

Neither Southgate Council #15, nor Red Rock Council #16 responded to the roll

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

call. There are no members of Grand Master Hiram Council #13 (UD), at this time, it being the general "holding Council").

A quorum was declared present, and the Assembly was officially proclaimed open.

A question was raised as to the two Councils which had not paid their annual assessments. They would be unable to cast ballots. A request was made that members present be allowed to vote and be issued a ballot. MIGM Nygard declared it appropriate and permitted the Council to vote, feeling that it was unfair to penalize members who had paid their dues even though their Councils had not. A ballot was issued.

Appointment of Tellers

The MIGM appointed Marvin Schendel, Steven Partridge and Barnes Sharitt as Tellers. Rather than open the ballot box at this time, he ordered that the Proposed Amendments be addressed first.

Roll Call of Minnesota's Past Most Illustrious Masters

The roll was called and those responding as in attendance were:

William Newell, 1999
John Wentworth, 1989
Leonard Pikal, 2007
Kevin Jones, 2004
Charles Marsden, 2001
Carl Sudbrink, 2001
Barnes Sharitt, 2002
Loren Schroeder, 2008
Ron Miles, 2009
Harlan Heidecker, 2010
Hugh C. Swift, Jr., 1993

Introductions of York Rite Officers

MIGM Nygard recognized and introduced Grand High Priest Gary Odegard and Grand Commander Clifford Isley as the new leaders of their respective Bodies, and appropriate Honors were given.

Introductions of Visiting Dignitaries

The following were presented to the East, introduced, and given Grand Honors:
MIC Richard S. Gray, MIGM of the GC of Wisconsin

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

MIC Richard L. Bowersox, MIGC of the GC of Iowa
MIC Richard McBride, MIGC of the GC of South Dakota
MIC Raymond Melke, PMIGM of the GC of Wisconsin
MIC LeLand Burleson, PIGM of the GC of Wisconsin
MIC John T. Parsons, PMIGM of the GC of Nebraska
MIC George Bowder, Grand Recorder and PIGM of the GC of South
Dakota
MIC Lewis E. Bartran, PMIGM of the GC of Washington
MIC Lawrence McGinnis, PMIGM of the GC of Western Canada
IC Rick Leraund, PGS of the GC of Western Canada
MIC Roger Firestone
RIC Prince Salvorage, GCapt. of the Guard of the GC of Ontario
RPC David D. Mahoney, Reg Deputy of the GC of CM International and
GR of the GC of Wisconsin
RPC Barnes Sheritt, PMIGM of the GC of Minnesota
RPC David A. Grindle, PMIGM of the GC of Idaho

Grand Master Nygard then introduced Sir Hugh B. Edmond, Member of the British Empire, Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Stirling and Clackmannan, Scotland and Grand Representative of Minnesota near the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and DRAM-panion.

Recognition of the Grand Representatives

The Grand Recorder read the roll call of Grand Representatives. Those present assembled in the front of the room and were recognized and thanked for their work.

Report of the Grand Recorder

The Grand Recorder moved that all reports contained in the Pre-Prints be used and accepted, rather than being read, with the exceptions of the Finance Committee Report and Budget. The Motion was seconded and passed. (*The Motion having carried, the 2012 pre-prints are attached hereto as an appendix.*) The Grand Recorder also noted that CDs of reports from 2008-2011 are available.

Report of the Session Committee

IC Joe Anderson, Chair addressed the Assembly:

Companions, I hope you are all enjoying the Session so far. This is YOUR Session. It is important that you sell your Session. Tell new Companions to attend and

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

participate. I remind you that, no matter what hotel is chosen, quota need to be met for lunches, dinners, rooms, etc. Please sign up for these, especially the meals. The fellowship and conversations at the meals are an integral part of our Sessions. Your Grand Session Committee is looking for locations for the 2014-2016 Sessions. In order to speed things along, I Move that the Committee be given authority to make that decision, by consensus of the Committee and, Further, that upon the agreement of the heads of the three bodies, that the Committee be given authority to sign contracts for these events.

The Motion was seconded, and carried. It was communicated to the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota and to the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Report of the Illustrious Grand Master

Illustrious Grand Master Douglas Nygard addressed the Assembly:

Companions, we have lots of important business to attend to, so my remarks will be brief. I will not read my Report, since it is included in the Pre-Prints [and attached in the Appendix hereto - GR note]. These Sessions don't just happen. People have to make them happen. I am referring to the Grand Session Committee which has worked all year long. Joe Anderson, Michael Powles, Carl Lidstrom, Vern Schwalbe, Marv Schendel, and all who have helped are to be commended for their dedication.

Our wives have been working hard to provide our excellent Hospitality room. Please visit it and partake in the refreshments. Proceeds from the Silent Auction they are holding will go to the charities of the Bodies. They also have gift bags for our visiting dignitaries. Please stop by to pick them up.

I want to thank our Grand Recorder/Secretary, Dexter Pehle, for his tireless efforts, and, of course to Revae for her support -- always! I wish the new Line a successful year. Finally, at the conclusion of this Session, thanks to our new Illustrious Grand Master, Gary Odegard, we will have new office space at the Masonic Home in Bloomington.

Past is Prologue, and what we accomplish today will set the pace for future Grand Councils. I'm just happy that you allowed me to be a part. Thank you.

Business and Motions

Illustrious Grand Master Nygard declared that, all Councils having received the proposed Amendments to be read before the Session, and having been duly printed in the Pre-Prints, the First Reading has been accomplished.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

He called upon Past Illustrious Grand Master, Ron Miles, for the Second Reading. All Proposed Amendments have been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committer and found to be in proper form for consideration.

AMENDMENT ONE.

Proposed: Amendment to Constitution; Change to Article IV - Officers and their election

Preamble: To change Section 4.01 Officers and their Election to make the office of Illustrious Grand Treasurer-Recorder to be held by two Companions serving as Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Illustrious Grand Recorder respectively.

Therefore, be it resolved, I recommend the following Amendment change to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Amendment to Constitution

Article IV Officers and Their Election

Section 4.01 Officers

The officers of the Grand Council shall be

- 1. Most Illustrious Grand Master**
- 2. Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master**
- 3. Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work**
- 4. Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer/ Recorder**
- 5. Illustrious Grand Chaplain**
- 6. Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard**
- 7. Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council**
- 8. Illustrious Grand Marshall**
- 9. Illustrious Grand Steward**
- 10. Illustrious Grand Sentinel**

Amend to add Section 4.01.01 to read:

The office of Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer-Recorder has the option of being held by two Companions serving respectively as Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Illustrious Grand Recorder. If so decided, each respective office would be voted upon at the annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

The Second Reading having been completed, the Amendment was Moved and Seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called, and MIGM Nygard ruled the Motion carried and the Amendment adopted with only one opposing vote.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

AMENDMENT TWO.

Proposed : Amendment to the Constitution; Change to Article IV- Officers and their Election Proposing a Board of Trustees for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Preamble: Since the beginning, the Officers and members have conducted the affairs of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. A Board of Trustees was never created to oversee their actions in the governance of our Grand Council. The creation of such a Board of Trustees would be to assist the Officers and membership by (1) providing advice, when called upon, to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Recorder or to the Grand Treasurer, (2) to direct the investments and hold title to all property, (3) to serve as a financial advisor and (4) to address circumstances beyond the guidance of any existing committee. The addition of such a Board would be of great assistance to the Grand Council Officers in managing the investments and when questions or abnormalities arise,

Therefore, be it resolved, That the following Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota be made

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 4.01 Officers

Amend to add: Board of Trustees

Section 4.02 Elected Officers

Amend to add: The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) elected Companions, the Grand Illustrious Master by virtue of his office and the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer as advisory members. The first Board of Trustees shall be elected from among the membership of the Grand Council of of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, one (1) Companion for one (1) year, one (1) Companion for two (2) years, and one Companion for three (3) years. The Companion having the highest number of votes shall be elected for three (3) years, the next highest for two (2) years, and the third highest for one (1) year. Thereafter, as vacancies occur for elected terms, the successors shall be elected for three (3) years. If any vacancies occur between Grand Convocations, the Grand Illustrious Master may appoint a member of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota to fill the position until the following Grand Convocation.

Section 4.09 Duties of Officers

Amend to add: Section 4.09.5 Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall;

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

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

.02 hold in trust all records, property, equipment and paraphernalia as may be owned or controlled by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and report annually the net worth of such.

.03 direct an annual audit of the financial condition of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and certify to the accuracy of the same at each Grand Convocation. Such audit to be conducted by auditors chosen by the Board of Trustees and acceptable to the Grand Illustrious Master; such audit to show balances, inventories of securities, properties, earnings and disbursements.

.04 serve in a financial advisory position to the Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, Such position will be in an advisory role and will not act in an arbitrary manner that would be counter productive to the benefit of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and its members.

.05 not have the authority to over ride any action voted upon by the members at the Annual Convocation.

.06 meet on a quarterly basis at a minimum. These meetings may be by email or telephone conference.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Section 5.01.1 Finance Committee

The Duties of the Finance Committees

Amend to Add to read as:

The Finance Committee, Secretary, and Treasures will submit accepted copies of the books of accounts of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota to the Board of Trustees for audit who shall then repoert on such audit at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Such accepted copies of the books of of accounts shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees not less that forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Grand Convocation.

Section 5.02 Investment Committee

Amend: Dissolve the Investment Committee as it would conflict with .01 of the Duties of the Trustees.

Section 5.05 Audit Committee

Amend: Dissolve the Audit Committee as it would conflict with .03 Of the Duties of the Finance Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

Recommendation: By approving and adhering to the above proposed Amendment to our Constitution, we will insure our future as financially strong, well governed, and productive Grand Council of Cryptic Masons.

The Second Reading having been completed, the Amendment was Moved and Seconded. There was no discussion requested, so the question was called and MIGM Nygard ruled the Motion carried and the Amendment adopted without dissent.

AMENDMENT THREE.

Proposed: Amendment to the Constitution; Change to Article V. COMMITTEES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

to Section 5.01-Committees to reflect the way the Grand Council is functioning by deletions, additions, and housekeeping changes. It would then read as follows:

Section 5.01-Committees

The Grand Master elect, before closing the assembly, shall appoint the following committees, whose term shall correspond with the Grand Master, unless by him sooner removed by appointment of his or their successors. The committees are Finance, Jurisprudence, Nominating, Education and Promotion, Annual Assembly and York Rite Cooperation.

Section 5.01.1 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members and shall be chaired by Deputy Grand Master. The duties of the Finance Committee are to:

- .01 develop a budget
- .02 recommend and approve the disbursements of the finances
- .03 approve all resolutions or motions for appropriations before being voted on by the Assembly.

The Treasurer-Recorder shall be an ex officio member, with no voting right.

Section 5.01.2 Jurisprudence Committee

The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members and shall be chaired by a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, who will be present at the Annual Assembly to rule on matters referred to this committee. The duties of the Jurisprudence Committee are to:

- .01 review all proposed legislation
- .02 review the decisions of the Grand Master relating to the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Council
- .03 report, in writing, its recommendations to the Assembly. A copy of the report shall be filed with the Grand Treasurer-Recorder for inclusion in the proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

.04 evaluate all matters of grievance referred to the committee and report their finding and recommendations to the Grand Master for his decision

.05 review all petitions for restoration from indefinite suspension or expulsion

.06 further Cryptic Masonry in the state of Minnesota by rehabilitating Council;s and forming new ones and to contact and cooperate with similar committees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery

.07 review all requests for new Councils

.08 examine the records of Councils under dispensation and report to the Grand Council their recommendations on a request for a charter.

Section 5.01.3 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters who shall identify candidates, and review their qualifications, for the elected, non line offices of Treasurer, Recorder, and Trustees of this Grand Council. They shall present the names of those selected for nomination in a written report published prior to the election of the Grand Officers.

Section 5.01.4 Education and Promotion Committee

The Education and Promotion Committee shall consist of three (3) members and shall be chaired by the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. The duties of the Education and Promotion Committee are to:

.01 conduct and maintain an active, aggressive campaign of Cryptic education and membership promotion

.02 formulate plans for such education in Subordinate Councils

.03 advise Subordinate Councils on what is available in books, pamphlets and articles on Cryptic Masonry

.04 promote membership recruitment and retention

The Grand Archmaster is an ex officio member of this committee.

Section 5.01.5 Annual Assembly Committee

The annual Assemble Committee shall consist of two (2) members and shall be chaired by the Grand Captain of the Guard. The duties of the Annual Assembly Committee are to:

.01 work with the representatives of the Grand Chapter and and Grand Commandery on the Joint York Rite Session Committee to plan the arrangements and details of the next Annual Assembly

.02 prepare a full report, within 60 days following the Annual Assembly, of all financial transactions and other pertinent activities and return the Councils share of any remaining funds to the Grand Treasurer.

Section 5.01.6 York Rite Cooperation Committee

The York Rite Cooperation Committee shall consist of three (3) members and shall be chaired by the Grand Conductor of the Council. The purpose of this

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

committee is to strengthen the unity and cooperation between the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Minnesota.

Section 5.01.7 Other Committees

The Grand Master may appoint such other committees that he deems appropriate for the good of Cryptic Masonry in Minnesota.

Section 5.02 Grand Representatives.

(No content change, just a numbering change.)

The Second Reading having been completed, the Amendment was Moved and Seconded. There was no discussion requested, so the question was called and MIGM Nygard ruled the Motion carried and the Amendment adopted without dissent.

Nomination Committee Report and Balloting

The Grand Master called for a report of the Nominating Committee as to the Offices of Trustee. Past Illustrious Grand Masters Ron Miles, John Wentworth and EC Stan Morrill were nominated. EC Stan Morrill asked that his name be withdrawn due to ill health. Grand Master Nygard asked for nominations from the floor. Grand Recorder Dexter Pehle nominated Past Illustrious Grand Master Kevin Jones. There being no other nominations, the election was held by acclamation. Grand Master Nygard directed that three determine among themselves which will serve the one year, two year, and three year terms and report back to the Session, and declared them duly elected.

A Recess was the called for the space of ten minutes. When back at labor, the Nominating Committee continued its Report. The following were nominated:

For Most Illustrious Grand Master - Gary Odegard
For Deputy Grand Master - James Turner
For Grand Principal Conductor of the Work - Michael Denke
For Grand Treasurer - Harlan Heidecker
For Grand Recorder - Monte Miller

Companions were instructed on how to complete the ballot. There being no further nominations, the ballot was declared open. After an appropriate time interval, the ballot was declared closed, and the Tellers were instructed to take charge of the ballot box, tally the votes cast and report their findings.

Remarks Of Distinguished Visitors

MIGM Richard L. Bowersox of Iowa:

My thanks to the Grand Council of Minnesota for the courtesy and hospitality I

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

have been enjoying. I hope you will all travel to the Iowa Grand Assembly Session on August 16 - 18 in Ames, Iowa. I certainly hope to see some Companions visit us. May I wish your incoming line a very good Council year!

MIGM Richard McBride of South Dakota:

I'm a teacher and whenever I start a new class at the beginning of a semester, I always start by teaching them the Dunbarian theory of time. Dunbar was a character in Catch 22; he thought he could extend his life by doing boring things. So the next minute or two I spend with you are contributing hours to your very existence! I would like to invite you to the Grand York Rite, September 20-22. The 20th is the arrival date and they are doing a Royal Arch Widows Degree. On the 21st, after the meeting, they're holding a Council Table Lodge so come and enjoy it. We really enjoy spending time with our friends in Minnesota and making new ones. You really contribute and sometimes you give parts. Dexter was our impromptu emcee at one of our events last year, where we gave David Dryer a pair of Groucho Marx glasses, so he could show up in disguise, so please come! Thank you.

MIC Raymond Mehlke PMIGM of Wisconsin:

Thank you Grand Master. The members of Wisconsin would like to thank you for your hospitality. Dave Mahoney and I have been traveling over here for a couple of years now. We really enjoy Minnesota. This is a very nice facility and we've enjoyed our stay here. The rooms are set up really nicely for meetings and events. We congratulate you and wish the new officers a good new year and enjoy your time in office!

Presentation of the Altar Cloth

MIGM Nygard announced the winners of the Commemorative Altar Cloth.

Companions, I have to announce that Minneapolis Council #2 had 17 greetings this year. That is over half of our new members in the past year. They are to be congratulated. This award, however, is based upon percentages. Ark Council had a very commendable increase of 9%.. Northfield Council #12, edged them out, however, with a 10.53% increase in membership. Will the MIM of Northfield come forward?

[Richard and Steve Partridge came to the East to accept the award.]

Companions, I present you with the Commemorative Altar Cloth to signify your great membership increase for the preceding year. A 10.53% gain. Congratulations to Northfield Council!

Report from the Tellers

The tellers committee reports that a total of 42 ballots were cast.

RIC Gary Odegard was elected to, and humbly accepts the post of Grand Master with 40 votes.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

RIC James E. Turner was elected to, and accepts the post of Deputy Grand Master with 40 votes.

RIC Michael Denke was elected to, and accepts by proxy, the post of Grand Principal Conductor of the Work with 40 votes.

RIC Harlan Heidecker was elected to, and accepted, the post of Grand Treasurer with 40 votes.

IC Monte Miller was elected to, and accepted, the post of Grand Recorder with 38 votes.

MIGM Nygard granted permission to destroy the ballot and declared the election completed.

PMIGM Hugh C, Swift, Jr. moved to elect and declare Dexter Pehle as Grand Recorder Emeritus in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Cryptic Masonry in Minnesota. The Motion was seconded and passed by acclamation.

Report of the Charity Committee

Deputy Grand Master Odegard reported:

The full report is in the pre-prints at page 27. I am disappointed that this year's charitable giving is down compared to the previous year. I really would like to see every single Council give at least \$1 per member in the coming year. If you do, you will receive a nice certificate from the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). This year St. Paul Council #1, Minneapolis Council #2, Tyrian Council #4, and Zabud Council #10 were recognized for achieving this goal.

One representative of each of those Councils was called forward to receive the award, with Tyrian Council #10 receiving another bar for reaching the next level of giving. MIC Odegard announced that next year, IC Jack Roberts would be chairing the committee. He asked for everyone's support.

The report continued with a general discussion of the progress in clinical trials and advancements made by the CMMRF. Discussion of its goals and research was had, and the web site address (CMMRF.Org) was given. Brochures were made available to all who wished more information about this very worthwhile project.

Finance Committee Report

The Report of the Finance Committee was made by Grand Recorder/Treasurer Dexter Pehle with the following remarks:

Thank you, Grand Master. The Finance Committee has proposed a budget, found on the pre-prints at page 26. We started the with the 2011-2012 budget and upgraded it to 2012-2013. The Grand Council has been averaging its operation at about the \$12,500 level and the same is proposed for next year; however, pending the relocation of the offices this will probably have to be revised for the year. But, at this time, I'd like to propose the initial budget for the year 2012-2013 as proposed on page 26. I move the adoption of the Report.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

The Motion was seconded and passed. The Motion and budget were adopted.

Honorary Memberships

Honorary memberships were presented to Richard S. Gray (MIGM of Wisconsin), Lawrence McGinnis (PIGM of Western Canada), Richard Mehlke (PIGM of Wisconsin), Richard Bowersox (MIGM of Iowa), and General Grand Recorder David A. Grindle, and were recognized and congratulated by Grand Master Nygard.

Personal Privilege

PIGM Ron Miles was recognized on a point of personal privilege. He noted that his fellow companions had, at the Annual Dinner last year, honored his wife with with a Lady of the Council award. He described what an honor, and surprise, it had been. He thanked his Companions of Minneapolis Council #2 for this recognition.

Report of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

RIC James E. Turner, Jr. reported:

Companions, Dexter reminded me that since my report is not in the pre-print, it might be acceptable to read it now. I'm excited about Cryptic Masonry. I believe its alive and well during my travels in Minnesota, I've found it alive and well. I've witnessed fine degree work. Now granted, I haven't been to outstate yet, but I'm hoping to get there. There are several Councils eager to offer petitions to Royal Arch companions. If we don't go to the companions in the Royal Arch to get new members, we're not going to have new members. Only four Councils can put on the Super Excellent Master degree at this time. I've also talked to several other companions about doing Super Excellent degrees with Iowa and Wisconsin involved.

It would also be the Grand Council Officer's pleasure, as well as mine, to assist those Councils who desire to be proficient in their degree work. Council degrees are now required as a prerequisite to join Commandery. As this can be a win-win for all parties. If we would only reach out to our Royal Arch companions, we could learn some of the heritage and history lessons along the way. One excellent resource that is rarely called upon is your local York Rite College. For those members who belong to the York Rite College, for those of you don't belong to the York Rite College, the members are pretty proficient in the degree work and they are an excellent resource. They are ready and able to help.

Cryptic Masonry continues to remain hidden and largely unknown to the public. Our challenge, as I see it, is to make the general public aware that we exist, and make them aware of the philanthropies that we support. One of the the many ways we can reach the general public is by the internet; the world-wide web. Many members of the symbolic lodge and Royal Arch Chapters are already doing this. I see on a daily basis,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

people are posting blogs. For those of you who don't work with the internet, or don't get on a computer, basically what they're saying is their ideas or repeating lessons or sharing knowledge. While these blogs are reaching a particular set of Council people, they can also reach the general public in a quick hurry.

Most of us have great success with e-mails; however the use of the World- Wide Web, such as Facebook, allows information to be shared more rapidly and to a larger audience. Please consider prospecting your local Chapter for good men to join our ranks. I look forward to visiting more Councils next year and would like to hear from each and every Council in Minnesota. Together let's grow our membership.

Grand Master, I submit my report.

A Motion was made and seconded and passed to accept the report as presented.

Appointments by the Grand Master-Elect

Grand Master-Elect Gary Odegard announced the following appointments to office for the following year:

Grand Chaplain - John B. Studell
Grand Captain of the Guard - Terry Becker
Grand Conductor of the Council - Doug Stevenson
Grand Marshall - Clifford Isley
Grand Steward - Jack P. Roberts
Grand Sentinel - Marvin W. Schendel
Grand Archmaster - Hugh C. Swift, JR
Grand Organist - Bill Hubbard

Plans and time for Installation were given. MIGM Nygard presented our newly elected MIGM with the Apron of his office to wear at the appropriate time.

Remarks from the Grand Recorder

Grand Recorder Dexter Pehle first reported on the data retrieval project (see the Pre-Print):

All proceedings able to be scanned have been scanned. Some Minnesota proceedings are still missing. Sixty-five percent are now in digital format. All years are covered with the exceptions of those listed in the pre-print. I'm asking that visiting councils see if any proceedings are available, especially those that are missing.

Contact the Grand Recorder-elect if you have any proceedings from previous years to get that information scanned and put into the system. Compliments to David Grindle for getting the entire General Grand on a recording and posted on the web site there. Eventually, it would be nice to to put ours on our web site, as well.

Thank you for the trust you reposed in me for allowing me to be in this

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

office. I tried to do my best. For personal reasons, I am stepping down and I appreciate you electing competent people. I'm humbled by the "Emeritus"; I don't believe I deserve it and I do appreciate all the work that you've given and all the support you've given. I leave somewhat on a sad note in that we are going to lose some councils.

Zabud has informed me that they plan to surrender their charter on the first of July [2013], and that's a sadness that is well beyond belief. I was, I believe, caused by one of my good friends at that time, who has become less of a good friend over this whole thing due to my persistence on wanting to get reports and his persistence in continually dragging his feet. We've tried two other recorders without success in trying to get the reports in.

We also have another council that went belly up this last year in Willmar and I think part of that was because we were having our Grand Sessions in Willmar. The companions there seemed to be part of it too. So it looks like those two and at least one other that did not file a report this year, which was Pipestone/Red Rock council which we think will probably end up moving its charter to someplace with better capabilities to provide and to also combine all three units together to have a centralized Masonic Center of Excellence.

You may not have always agreed with me, and that's okay. I'm not much of a fighter, more of a lover in that respect. I flee more than I fight. I've seen all sides of Masonry, the good and the bad. And, yes, my fellow companions, there is a bad side to Masonry. We had an incident up in the Northwest Corner this year where one of the Masons absconded with some monies.

You've been favored with my presence and I think my honesty and integrity as regards the money situations. In regards to trying to spend your money judiciously. But this body does need an overseer, which is why we tried to raise the Trustee legislation that we were able to get in this year. And I thank the companions for that. The Trustees and oversight is necessary.

On an annual basis, you will elect a presiding officer, who may be a caretaker or a gardener. If we get people in there who want to grow a garden, as opposed to one who wants to grow weeds, well.. sometimes we go backwards in our progress.

I thank Douglas [Nygard], the companions coming up, I thank Harlan [Heidecker] for his efforts and I thank all. I'm humbled, and.....HALLELUJAH!!!

Remarks of the General Grand Recorder

The General Grand Recorder, the Right Puissant David Grindle brought greetings from the General Grand Council and the General Grand Master who, unfortunately, is going through treatment for cancer, and is unable to attend.

He discussed Fundraising by the General Grand Council, including commemorative coins for sale, Council Preservation hat sales and sales of the two-

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

volume set of History of Cryptic Masonry, all available for sale through the General Grand Council offices.

General Grand Ambassadors Kevin Jones (Amb. to Minnesota) and George Bowder (Amb. to South Dakota) were recognized.

A challenge was issued to increase the number of companions from Minnesota who are life members in the General Grand Council. Four states are now at 100% membership. Awards available through the General Grand Council were discussed, including the Minnesota Cryptic Mason of the year award [this honor was awarded to IC Todd Jovonovich at the evening banquet] and the Columbian Medal awarded to a distinguished Companion in each region. Information is on the General Grand website.

Adjournment

MIGM Douglas Nygard temporarily adjourned the Assembly, to be reconvened in open session for the installation of officers at the appointed time and place.

Installation of Officers

At the appointed hour, Grand Master Douglas Nygard reassembled the Companions and their guests for the Public Installation of of the Officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota for 2012-2013.

Following Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the new corps of officers were escorted into the assembly and presented. Those presented were:

Most Illustrious Grand Master Gary Odegard
Deputy Grand Master James E. Turner, Jr.
Grand Treasurer Harlan Heidecker
Grand Recorder Monte M. Miller
Grand Chaplain John B. Studell
Grand Captain of the Guard Terrence J. Becker
Grand Marshall Clifford Isely
Grand Sentinel Marvin W. Schendel
Grand Archmaster Hugh C. Swift, Jr.
Grand Organist William T. Hubbard

Unable to be in attendance, and needing to be obligated and installed at a later time were Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Michael Denke, Grand Conductor of the Council Douglas G. Stevenson, and Grand Steward Jack P. Roberts.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

Following appropriate obligations, the Officers were presented the respective Jewels of their office by their Ladies of Friends and escorted to their stations or places in the Assembly. The Official Proclamation was made to all.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Gary Odegard did the declare the 142nd Annual Grand Assembly of Cryptic Masons in Minnesota closed in ample form.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

Monte M. Miller
Grand Recorder
2012-2013

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

APPENDIX TO ANNUAL PROCEEDING

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF
MINNESOTA**

**CONTAINS PRE-PRINTED COMMITTEE
REPORTS FROM 2011-2012 YEAR
AS PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED AT THE
JUNE 22, 2012 GRAND ASSEMBLY**

REPORT OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

To: Grand Officers and Members of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

I wish to thank the Officers and Companions for their confidence and for the opportunity to serve the Grand Council as Most Illustrious Grand Master for 2011-2012. My term thus far has been a very busy and rewarding experience. Installation of the 2011-2012 Grand Officers was performed by PMIGM John Wentworth, PMIGM William Newell, EC Mark Anderson, and EC William Hubbard. I owe them a debt of gratitude and thanks for their continuing friendship and support. Due to Grand Steward EC Cliff Isley's absence at the session, a Special Installation was later performed by PMIGM John Wentworth, PMIGM Hugh C. Swift Jr., EC Lewis Seely and myself.

Dispensation was granted to Grand Master Hiram Council # 13 U.D. to continue in force until the next Annual Assembly on 22 June 2012. I'm pleased to report that at the time of this writing, the holding council's membership is zero. (excepting the Grand Officers that staff the council) Routine "Time & Date" Dispensations were issued to Northfield Council # 12 and to Minneapolis Council # 2.

A Council Festival was held in Farmington hosted by Northfield Council #12 on 25 February 2012. Twenty-seven candidates were Greeted. Thanks to all the companions that participated. PMIGM Hugh C. Swift Jr. provided his usual excellent and colorful portrayal of Jeremiah. Thanks again!

Our goal has been, and I hope will continue to be, that every Council be capable of rendering at least a portion of the Council Degrees. Time has become a rare commodity in our present society leaving young men very little discretionary time at their disposal. Festivals have been organized to cope with this problem. This extremely concentrated delivery of the ritual is not the ideal situation, but the best answer conceived thus far.

Since our last session, Minnesota Cryptic Masons have lost eighteen companions to The Celestial Lodge above. Among them find PMIGM Robert Vance. All will be greatly missed by their families and brothers.

Representing Minnesota Cryptic Masons, I traveled to Ames, Iowa for their Grand Session and to Oacoma, South Dakota for their Grand Session. I journeyed to Des Moines, Iowa to attend the North Central Conference. Many thanks to the Grand Court of Minnesota Order of Amaranth, the Order of Eastern Star and the Grand Masonic Lodge of Minnesota for the cordial invitations to their respective Grand Sessions. It was a pleasure to represent the Grand Council and meet new and old friends. Attendance at the DeMolay Conclave in St. Peter and

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

the Grand Guardian Council of Minnesota Job's Daughters International at Alexandria proved gratifying to witness their activities in the world of today. Visiting as many Councils as time and weather would allow, I have always been warmly received and treated with the utmost courtesy. My "Hat's Off" to all the Illustrious Masters and Recorders for their diligent efforts during the year.

To PMIGM Leonard Pikal, please accept my thanks and gratitude for appointing me to your line and starting me on this Cryptic journey. I must express my appreciation and indebtedness to REC Dexter Pehle, Grand Treasurer/Recorder, for his devoted and tireless dedication to our craft. My Thanks to you Dexter for all the professional and personal help you've rendered me. Thanks also to GHP Gary Odegard (Deputy Grand Master) for his excellent endeavors with CMMRF. This report would be incomplete without a deeply felt Thank you to my wife of 44 years, ReVae, for her work, patience and support. We have spent many miles together and are still on speaking terms!! Amazing!

To all Grand Officers, thank you for accepting your Office and your efforts to make this year a fruitful success. Needless to say, much could not have been accomplished without the help and contributions of many companions I've met along the way. My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas A. Nygard
MIGM

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

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

During the past year, I visited a few Councils in Minnesota. I was the Charities Committee Chairman and was disappointed with the decrease in giving to the CMMRF. I attended the Iowa Grand York Rite Session held in Ames on August 11th through the 13th. I also attended the Triennial General Grand Session held in Raleigh, North Carolina, from August 25th through the 30th. The Opening Ceremony was very impressive when the flags of several nations and states are brought to the front of the hall and displayed. I strongly encourage anyone to attend a Triennial Session if they get a chance. I also attended the Grand York Rite Sessions held in Oacoma, South Dakota, and in Mandan, North Dakota. I always enjoy these York Rite Sessions because of the friendships and educational experiences. I participated in the Council Festival held in Farmington on Saturday, February 25th. It was really nice to see the sidelines full.

I helped PMIGM Ron Miles with legislation concerning Trustees and also helped with some clean up legislation on committee structure.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Odegard

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

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

The year twenty eleven (2011) has been a very interesting year. Membership in Minnesota dipped a little over one and one-half percent (1½ %) for the calendar year. Only by virtue of the use of Festivals are we able to keep the membership at a reasonably stable amount. When Grand Commandery accepted the proposal to make membership in the Council a requirement to become a Knight Templar in Minnesota, everyone was expecting a volume of requests for degrees. The Grand Council has provide Festivals, but, the events are infrequent and too far apart both time wise and geographically. The Cryptic Councils need to be supportive of the Grand Commandery’s needs. The Commanderies need to step up their own recruitment if they want new members; it is a “team” responsibility.

The summary for the year follow, with detail attached to the report:

GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA													
2011 MEMBESHIP SUMMARY													
1/1/2011	Greet	Join	Restore	Gains	Demit	NPD	Sus/Expel	Death	Loss	Net	12/31/2011	% Δ	
834	34	3	0	37	5	25	0	20	50	-13	821	-1.56%	

First, I thank the companions that put me into this position for the past year. I am humbled by the faith that you entrusted to me to do the job. I also want to personally thank the Recorder for the work they do and for the assistance, they rendered me at various times during the year.

Of the several hats that I wore this past year, (Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder), the position of Grand Recorder was the most challenging; not because of the difficulty of the tasks associated with the position, but rather for the variety challenges that came up. Many of the office responsibilities are routine. There are things that could and should be changed to make the office of Grand Recorder more effective. Making better use of the Standing Committees would be a starting point. I recommend to the Grand Masters elected in the future, that they consider appointments that will serve beyond their individual terms. This could reduce the learning curves that committee members would experience and enable the committee to “hit the ground running,” and prevent an annual retraining for the tasks to be done.

Reporting of Greetings, demits, deaths and the other actions that affect the membership are presently done as part of the Annual Report. I would recommend to all the MN Recorders that these events be reported within thirty (30) days of the event happening. It will assist the Grand Recorder in providing timely data on the membership. Dues cards are printed with the Companion’s name and Council on the card together with a card number. If the membership event is not reported until the annual report, there will cards printed for demitted and deceased members, and no printed cards for the newly greeted members.

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

It is difficult to determine exactly when several pieces of the history of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry in Minnesota disappeared. The most surprising is the disappearance of the Charter issued by General Grand Council. Secondly, yet equally as important, are the Articles of Incorporation wherein the Grand Council of Minnesota was incorporated in Minnesota in 1870, some ten (10) years prior to the establishment of the General Grand Council. Application for a replacement Charter has been made to General Grand. It is anticipated that the duplicate Charter will to be presented at this Grand Assembly. The Historical Society has been requested to assist in in the location of the Articles of Incorporation.

Also missing are several years of Grand Council Proceedings, thus making it impossible to trace portion of the history. A Data Retrieval project was started the past year which has begun to capture in digital, searchable format, many of the bound editions of the Proceeding that are held in the Library of the Scottish Rite. [Note: There is separate report on the project]. The project needs to be expanded beyond the Proceedings to include the membership records. All it takes is time and money. I recommend that the project not be continued as a Grand Recorder Project but rather a Trustee's Project. Perhaps a Grand Historian position would be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter C Pehle [12]
Grand Recorder

2011 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

ABSTRACT OF MEMBERSHIP	GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA										2011		%	
	1/1/2011	GREET	JOINED	RESTORED	GAINS	DEMT	NPJ	SUS/EXP	DEATH	LOSSES	NET	12/31/2010	Change	indegents
ST PAUL COUNCIL No. 1	101	4			4		10		2	12	-8	93	-7.92%	
MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL No. 2	187	17			17	3	8		7	18	-1	186	-0.53%	4
ARK COUNCIL No. 3	33	5			5	1	1			2	3	36	9.09%	
TYRIAN COUNCIL No. 4	38				0			1	1	-1		37	-2.63%	
DULUTH COUNCIL No. 6	136				0	1	5			6	-6	130	-4.41%	
AUSTIN COUNCIL No. 7	23				0			1	1	-1		22	-4.35%	
ALPHA COUNCIL No. 8	49	1			1		1	3	4	-3		46	-6.12%	
OMEGA COUNCIL No. 9 [NO REPORT]	19				0				0	0		19	0.00%	
ZABUD COUNCIL No. 10 [NO REPORT]	57				0				0	0		57	0.00%	
NORTHFIELD COUNCIL No. 12	57	6	3		9			3	3	6		63	10.53%	
CENTAL COUNCIL No. 14	66				0			1	1	-1		65	-1.52%	
SOUTHGATE COUNCIL No. 15	34	1			1			1	1	0		34	0.00%	
RED ROCK COUNCIL No. 16	34				0			1	1	-1		33	-2.94%	
GRAND MASTER HIRAM COUNCIL No. 13 UD	0				0					0	0	0		
	834	34	3	0	37	5	25	0	20	50	-13	821	-1.56%	

adjusted#

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

2011 GREETINGS

Greetings

ST PAUL COUNCIL No. 1	4	Himanshu Sharma	1/10/2011	Ed Morse	1/10/2011
		Stephen Leinen	1/10/2011	Joshua Miller	1/10/2011
MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL No. 2	17	Keith Anderson	5/31/2011	Phillip E Bradley	8/30/2011
		Trevor M Corbin	5/31/2011	Michael C Crosby	1/29/2011
		Johnnie L Fair	8/30/2011	Stanley C Ferneyhough	5/31/2011
		Matthew P Fisher	8/30/2011	William F Fortner III	5/31/2011
		Trent B Gilbertson	1/29/2011	Michael A Hilgert	8/30/2011
		Peter R Hulbert	5/31/2011	Timothy R Jirak	6/20/2011
		Samuel J Koza	5/31/2011	Arrie C Nomie	8/30/2011
		Christopher J Ree	8/30/2011	Richard A Remme	1/29/2011
		Douglas R Roswold	5/31/2011		
ARK COUNCIL No. 3	5	Mikel Akers	1/19/2011	Mickey Cupkie	1/29/2011
		Greg Lewis	1/29/2011	Tom Partridge	1/29/2011
		Matt McNeil	2/2/2011		
ALPHA COUNCIL No. 8	1	Heber Ratajesak	9/8/2011		
NORTHFIELD COUNCIL No. 12	6	John R Harper	1/29/2011	Richard S McGinnis	1/29/2011
		Roger D Schmid	1/29/2011	John E Wirkkula	1/29/2011
		Thomas E Hendrickson	6/20/2011	Robert E Wood	6/20/2011
SOUTHGATE COUNCIL No. 15	1	Jake Loper [2010]	3/13/2010		

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

2011 DEATHS

DEATHS

ST PAUL COUNCIL No. 1	2	Morris Humphreys	---	Robert Collins	---
MINNEAPOLIS COUNCIL No. 2	7	Larry E Anderson	4/7/2011	Lorin L Coolidge	2/12/2011
		Richard E Hunt	12/20/2011	Douglas E Johnson	7/31/2011
		Richard B McCreary	2/22/2011	Robert J O'Donnell	1/5/2012
		Robert S Rekedal	9/19/2011		
TYRIAN COUNCIL No. 4	1	Evan Hallstrom	4/5/2011		
AUSTIN COUNCIL No. 7	1	Gilford Thompson	1/30/2011		
ALPHA COUNCIL No. 8	3	Hans Engebretson	10/24/2011	Robert Jensen [2010]	4/17/2010
		Erle Draxton	8/15/2011		
OMEGA COUNCIL No. 9					
ZABUD COUNCIL No. 10					
NORTHFIELD COUNCIL No. 12	3	Gerald R Jones	11/19/2011	<i>Larry K Offenbecker</i>	<i>6/6/2011</i>
		Thomas O Rode [2010]	12/31/2010		
CENTRAL COUNCIL No. 14	1	Lloyd M Peterson [1996]	12/6/1996		
SOUTHGATE COUNCIL No. 15	1	Larry K Offenbecker	6/6/2011		
RED ROCK COUNCIL No. 16	1	Roy L Hadrath	-2011-		
GRAND MASTER HIRAM COUNCIL No. 13 UD					
			0		
<i>italics => dual membership</i>			20		

pending data

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

It is a pleasure to report to you that the finances of the Grand Council are fine in general, but require some detailed explanation. The Grand Council investments which have been administered by Great Plains Financial of Fargo, North Dakota, have once again yielded the desired five to seven percent (5 to 7%) return-on-investment for the year, however the market value of the holdings of the Grand Council suffered a percentage drop in value. The distribution from the Life Membership Fund was at six percent (6%) for the year 2011. PMIGM Stanley Morrill, Grand Treasurer/Recorder Emeritus has been requested to oversee and manage the investments with Great Plains Financial. He has agreed to remain in that capacity.

The cost of operations for the fiscal year was balanced to within <\$163>. There was one exception of an unplanned expenditure of additional \$1,500 in 2011 to recover lost historical data. The purchase of a special book scanner and the appropriate software has increased our capability to capture these documents. The equipment and software is on permanent loan to the Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum for use by other organizations, rather than sitting idle. The total cost of the Data Retrieval Project is addressed in another report.

The budget for the next fiscal year (2012) is on track without significant anomalies. The budget is contained in the Finance Committee Report.

Once again, the Council has different 'fiscal' years with which to contend. IRS - The reporting fiscal year is still March 1 through the last day of the next February. This fiscal year for year 2011 ending 29 March 2012 was been filed using the IRS Form 990n. The income and expenses for calendar year 2011 is shown on the following sheets. It reflects a clearer picture of the operation from a cash flow basis since most of the income comes in the first two months of the year. The Budget is still approved on a term year basis, July through June, to coincide with the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master's term of office, allowing for specific projects and events to be approved.

The Investment Firm handling the funds of the Grand Council has changed switched brokerage suppliers at the beginning of the second quarter of 2012. The change is totally transparent and done at no cost to the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter C Pehle
Grand Treasurer

Attachments: 2011 income/expenses, 2012-13 Budget, IRS Form 990n (2011)

Dexter C Pehle, (12)
Grand Treasurer

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS OF
MINNESOTA

INVESTMENT STATUS		2011
<i>Broker:</i> Investment Centers of America		
	Fargo, ND	
		VALUE
Year-Start ~ 1/1/2011		\$ 81325
Year-end ~ 12/31/2011		\$ 71447
<i>Estimated Annual Income</i>	<i>\$5444</i>	

Holdings are approximate

CASH	5%
EQUITIES	91%
OTHERS	84%
	<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

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

2011 INCOME/EXPENDITURES **Jan - Dec 11**

Income

600 · PER CAPITA	8,230.00
601 · FEES	230.00
602 · RITUALS SOLD	13.00
604 · DONATIONS	50.00
606 · MISC. INCOME	3,829.06

Total Income 12,352.06

Expense

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE

814 · POSTAGE	141.68
815 · PRINTING - OTHER	254.96
816 · PROCEEDINGS	87.49
820 · RENT	373.00
821 · SUPPLIES	
818 · RITUALS PURCHASED	226.50
821 · SUPPLIES - Other	315.45
<i>Total 821 · SUPPLIES</i>	<u>541.95</u>
822 · TELEPHONE	250.00
833 · EQUIPMENT	250.00
834 · SOFTWARE	80.00
836 · WEB SITE	150.00

Total GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE 2,129.08

GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS

DATA RETRIEVAL PROJECT	1,372.97
800 · ANNUAL ASSY EXPENSE	
COMPS	679.01
<i>Total 800 · ANNUAL ASSY EXPENSE</i>	<u>679.01</u>
801 · BANK CHARGES	3.00
806 · G.G.PER CAPITA	832.55
812 · LIFE MBR INT DIST.	3,445.58
825 · BOND	175.00
826 · MISC. EXPENSE	200.60
827 · OTHER EXPENSES	239.28
837 · AWARDS/CONTRIBUTIONS	
811 · JOB'S DAUGHTERS CONT.	100.00
813 · MINN YOUTH AWARD	178.21
819 · RAINBOW CONT.	100.00
<i>Total 837 · AWARDS/CONTRIBUTIONS</i>	<u>378.21</u>
838 · BANKING SUPPLIES	138.89

Total GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS 7,465.09

GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES

803 · DEPUTY GND MASTER EXPENSES	700.00
807 · GRD MASTER APRON	283.13
808 · GRD MASTER EXPENSES	1,400.00
809 · GRD P.C.W. EXPENSES	824.88
810 · GRD REC/TREAS EXPENSES	1,100.00

Total GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES 4,308.01

TIM supplies 85.95

Total Expense 13,988.13

Net Income -1,636.07

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
 ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY - 2012
 2011-2012 TERM INCOME/EXPENDITURES
 [PARTIAL]

Income			
600 · PER CAPITA		7,215.00	
601 · FEES		130.00	
602 · RITUALS SOLD		48.00	
605 · LIFE MEMBERSHIPS		750.00	
606 · MSC. INCOME		4,164.54	
609 · DUES CARDS		<u>18.06</u>	
Total Income			12,325.60
Expense			
GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE			
814 · POSTAGE		40.43	
820 · RENT		173.00	
821 · SUPPLIES			
818 · RITUALS PURCHASED	223.00		
821 · SUPPLIES - Other	<u>238.95</u>		
Total 821 · SUPPLIES		461.95	
822 · TELEPHONE		100.00	
836 · WEB SITE		<u>100.00</u>	
Total GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE			875.38
GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS			
LMENROLLMENT		750.00	
800 · ANNUAL ASSY EXPENSE			
COMPS	679.01		
Total 800 · ANNUAL ASSY EXPENSE		679.01	
806 · G.G.PER CAPITA		832.55	
812 · LIFE MBR INT DIST.		3,651.21	
825 · BOND		175.00	
827 · OTHER EXPENSES		250.00	
837 · AWARDS/CONTRIBUTIONS			
813 · MINN YOUTH AWARD	<u>78.21</u>		
Total 837 · AWARDS/CONTRIBUTIONS		78.21	
840 · TIMsupplies		85.95	
850 · DATA RETRIEVAL PROJECT		<u>2,472.97</u>	
Total GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS		8,974.90	8,974.90
GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES			
807 · GRD MASTER APRON		322.00	
808 · GRD MASTER EXPENSES		1,400.00	
809 · GRD P.C.W. EXPENSES		500.00	
810 · GRD REC/TREAS EXPENSES		<u>900.00</u>	
Total GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES			3,122.00
Total Expense			12972.28
Net Income			(646.68)

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012
2011 LIFE MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

COUNCIL		2010 \$	360\$days	2011 enrollments			total\$days	2011 \$	2011 dist	✓#	
				270 days	180 days	90 days					
1	St Paul	\$6,307.62	\$2,270,743				\$2,270,743	\$6,307.62	\$378.46	1319	\$378.46
2	Minneapolis	\$15,186.10	\$5,466,996				\$5,466,996	\$15,186.10	\$911.16	1320	\$911.17
3	Ark	\$212.00	\$76,320				\$76,320	\$212.00	\$12.72	1321	\$12.72
4	Tyrian	\$2,663.77	\$958,957				\$958,957	\$2,663.77	\$159.83	1322	\$159.83
6	Duluth	\$3,448.80	\$1,241,568				\$1,241,568	\$3,448.80	\$206.93	1323	\$206.93
7	Austin	\$1,885.60	\$678,816				\$678,816	\$1,885.60	\$113.14	1324	\$113.14
8	Alpha	\$3,037.90	\$1,093,644				\$1,093,644	\$3,037.90	\$182.27	1325	\$182.27
9	Omega	\$539.80	\$194,328				\$194,328	\$539.80	\$32.39	1326	\$32.29
10	Zabud	\$3,479.40	\$1,252,584				\$1,252,584	\$3,479.40	\$208.76	1327	\$208.76
12	Northfield	\$5,566.05	\$2,003,778				\$2,003,778	\$5,566.05	\$333.96	1328	\$333.96
14	Central	\$5,845.15	\$2,104,254				\$2,104,254	\$5,845.15	\$350.71	1329	\$350.71
15	Southgate	\$5,540.75	\$1,994,670				\$1,994,670	\$5,540.75	\$332.44	1330	\$332.45
16	Red Rock	\$3,658.85	\$1,317,186				\$1,317,186	\$3,658.85	\$219.53	1331	\$219.51
		\$57,371.79	\$20,653,844	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,653,854	\$57,371.79	\$3,442.29		\$3,442.20

NONE

0.000166666

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

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012
IRS 990n FILING [2011]

-----Original Message-----

From: epostcard@urban.org [mailto:epostcard@urban.org]
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 3:09 PM
To: mnyr@earthlink.net
Subject: Form 990-N E-filing Receipt - IRS Status: Accepted

Organization: GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
EIN: 41-6026918
Submission Type: Form 990-N
Year: 2011
Submission ID: 7800582012063dh09825
e-File Postmark: 3/3/2012 4:02:25 PM
Accepted Date: 3/3/2012

The IRS has accepted the e-Postcard described above. Please save this receipt for your records.

Thank you for filing.

e-Postcard technical support
Phone: 866-255-0654 (toll free)
email: ePostcard@urban.org

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF
MINNESOTA
% Grand Recorder
PO Box 11
Virginia, MN 55792

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012
REPORT OF THE GRAND SENTINEL

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

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve our Grand Council and Most Illustrious Companion Douglas Nygard as Grand Sentinel this year. In February, I attended the Grand Council Festival in Farmington, where I was proud to be part of the cast of the Royal Master Degree with my fellow Companions from Saint Paul Council No. 1.

I have also met many Companions from across Minnesota, both in my capacity as Grand Sentinel, as well as Illustrious Master (2011) and Recorder (2012) of Saint Paul Council No. 1.

As a Past High Priest of Minnesota Chapter No. 1, I take every opportunity to tell those Royal Arch Masons who are not yet Cryptic Masons about the Further Light they can receive by becoming a Cryptic Mason. I am a strong and vocal supporter of our degrees and our Grand Council, and I look forward to continuing to serve our Grand Council in any way that is asked of me.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Roberts

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.

The checkbook register was in good order and the accounts balance.

Un-cleared checks from previous years should be voided. They are:

CK 1123 Zabud Council #10	\$162.12	12/30/08
CK 1208 MN Rainbow Girls	100.00	7/1/10
CK 1226 Omega Council #9	<u>212.28</u>	1/19/11
	\$474.40	
Bank Balance 12/31/2011	\$2,375.96	
Sec/Treas Balance	<u>1901.56</u>	
	difference	\$474.40

s/

Kevin Jones, PMIGM

Rolf Widstrand

James Marcucci [non-affiliated]

24 April 2012

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

It is the duty of the Finance Committee to generate and propose a budget for the ensuing year. A budget has been developed and reviewed and we are pleased to submit a balanced budget. Most of the credit for developing this budget should go to Dexter Pehle, our Grand Treasurer/Recorder. Without his help we would not be able to function the way we do. It is going to be very difficult to find an able replacement who has the desire and the talents that Dexter has.

Due to Dexter's retirement, we have been looking for a new "permanent" home for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council offices. The reason that we used the word "permanent" is so that we do not need to move the office and the archives each time we get a new Grand Treasurer/Recorder. As of May 1, we have had preliminary discussions with the Grand Commandery to see if they would like to be a part of a new Grand York Rite Office. We have also had preliminary discussions with the Minnesota Masonic Home to see if we may house our office there. We will give updated recommendations at the annual grand session. While we may gain some economies of scale with a joint office, there is nothing in the budget for relocation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Odegard

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY – 2012

2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

2012-2013

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	
	<u>\$12,500.00</u>	

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
	<u>\$12,500.00</u>	

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 support of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). In 2011, Minnesota Companions donated \$1113.00 to the CMMRF which is a decrease from 2010 giving. Donations came from Companions of the following Councils and in some cases from the Councils themselves:

St Paul No. 1	\$180.00
Minneapolis No. 2	200.00
Tyrian No. 4	39.00
Austin No. 7	25.00
Alpha No. 8	45.00
Zabud No. 1	175.00
Central No. 1	44.00
MN Grand Council	405.00

St. Paul Council No. 1, Minneapolis Council No. 2, Tyrian Council No. 4 and Zabud Council No. 10 were recognized for giving at least \$1.00 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.

I am disappointed in our giving for 2011. In 2012, I hope that we can return to 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

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

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

It is the duty of the York Rite Cooperation Committee to strengthen the unity and cooperation between the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Minnesota. The primary efforts this year were the planning of the Festivals and the planning of this Annual Assembly. All three Festivals were well attended by Companions, Sir Knights and new candidates. Under the leadership of Joe Anderson and Michael Powles, all three York Rite Bodies had a good time planning these annual sessions. The format of the sessions is a little different this year and the Committee had a good time planning the sessions with good fellowship and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Odegard

REPORT OF THE NOT SO SECRET VAULT

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

Due to the time and cost involved for each publication cycle, there was sporadic publication of the NOT SO SECRET VAULT newsletter this year. With ever-increasing first-class postage rates, an attempt to combine the publication with other mailings seemed to be the most cost effective solutions. There were newsletter mailings in:

February
March
April

June
November
December

Ideally, the newsletter could be posted on the website, or an electronic copy be sent out. An accurate e-mail addresses list for the Councils, Past Grand Masters and other recipients does not exist. The content of the newsletter may be expanded by the inclusion of local council items, schedules, photos, etc., but will require input on a timely manner from the constituent membership. An educational component would surely add to the usefulness of the publication.

It has been the responsibility of the Grand Recorder to publish the newsletter since its beginning when MIC Memo Hoen began it during his years as Grand Recorder. A template has been created for its continued publication. The only costs were for postage and colored paper stock used to differentiate the newsletters.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter C Pehle
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

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:

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

This has been a very interesting year. Numerous Councils continue to do their own degree work, but others either haven't had any candidates or take their candidates to the festivals. For those of the councils which continue to use this process; it behooves you to start teaching these new Companions the work; even if you have ask for help and/or read the parts. The Grand Officers are here to help you in that endeavor. It doesn't help anyone, especially the new Companions, if they work on what they have been taught in the degrees. So Companions, give them a small part, so they feel like they belong to our organization.

The Council Festival was a very successful event. It was held at Northfield Council No. 12 in Farmington on February 25, 2012. There were 26 candidates for the Royal Master Degree, which was conferred by St. Paul No. 1, with IC Jack Roberts presiding. The Select Master Degree was presented by Minneapolis Council No. 2, with IC James Appenzeller presiding. Both degrees were well done by these respective councils.

The lunch was served by the Companions of Northfield Council No. 12 and due to the fact that not everybody made a reservation we ran out of food. We had a total of 85 companions in the building and I had guessed about 60 to 70 would show up. It was a good thing we have a restaurant across the street.

In the afternoon session the Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred upon 32 Companions, with Illustrious Companion Raymond Frandsen presiding. The rest of the cast were mainly Companions from Northfield Council No. 12. The Most Illustrious Grand Master Douglas A. Nygard was introduced and given Grand Honors. He brought a short message about the CMMRF and what they are accomplishing in their research. It was very interesting. He then introduced his Grand Officers and the Past Grand Officers who were in attendance.

We finished the day with a circle of friendship.

Fraternally Yours;
Hugh Swift, Jr.; PIGM
Grand Archmaster

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE [LEGISLATION]

The following legislation has been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee and has been found in proper form for consideration. In compliance with the Constitution and General Regulations, the legislation is presented in a timely manner for informational purposes prior to Grand Assembly Action in June of 2012.

AMENDMENT ONE.

Proposed: Amendment to Constitution; Change to Article IV-Officers and Their Election

Preamble: To change Section 4.01 Officers and Their Election to make the office of Illustrious Grand Treasurer-Recorder the option of being held by one Companion or to be held by two Companions serving as Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Illustrious Grand Recorder respectively.

Therefore, be it resolved, I recommend the following Amendment change to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Amendment to Constitution

Article IV Officers and Their Election

Section 4.01 Elected Officers

The officers of the Grand Council shall be

1. Most Illustrious Grand Master
2. Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
3. Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
4. Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer-Recorder
5. Illustrious Grand Chaplain
6. Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
7. Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
8. Illustrious Grand Marshall
9. Illustrious Grand Steward
10. Illustrious Grand Sentinel

Amend to add Section 4.01.01 to read:

The office of Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer-Recorder has the option of being held by two Companions serving respectively as Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Illustrious Grand Recorder. If so decided, each respective office would be voted upon at the annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, MIGM, 2009-2010

Date: March 24, 2012

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

AMENDMENT TWO.

*Proposed: Amendment to Constitution; Change to Article IV-Officers and Their Election
Proposing a Board of Trustees for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota*

Preamble: Since the beginning, the Officers and members have conducted the affairs of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. A Board of Trustees was never created to oversee their actions in the governance of our Grand Council. The creation of such a Board of Trustees would be to assist the Officers and membership by (1) providing advice, when called upon, to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Recorder or to the Grand Treasurer, (2) to direct the investments and hold title to all property, (3) to serve as a financial advisor and (4) to address circumstances beyond the guidance of any existing committee. The addition of such a Board would be of great assistance to the Grand Council Officers in managing the investments and when questions or abnormalities arise,

Therefore, be it resolved, That the following Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota be made

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 4.01 Officers

Amend to Add: 11. Board of Trustees

Section 4.02 Elected Officers

Amend to Add: The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) elected Companions, the Grand Illustrious Master by virtue of his office and the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer as advisory members. The first Board of Trustees shall be elected from among the membership of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, one (1) Companion for one (1) year, one (1) Companion for two (2) years, and one (1) Companion for three (3) years. The Companion receiving the highest number of votes at the Grand Convocation shall be elected for three (3) years, the next highest for two (2) years, and the third highest for (1) year. Thereafter, as vacancies occur for elected terms, the successors shall be elected for three (3) years. If any vacancies occur between Grand Convocations, the Grand Illustrious Master may appoint a member of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota to fill the position until the following Grand Convocation.

Section 4.09 Duties of the Officers

Amend to Add: Section 4.09.5 Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall;

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

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

.02 hold in trust all records, property, equipment and paraphernalia as may be owned or controlled by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and report annually the net worth of such.

.03 direct an annual audit of the financial condition of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and certify to the accuracy of same at each Grand Convocation. Such audit to be conducted by auditors chosen by the Board of Trustees and acceptable to the Grand Illustrious Master; such audit to show balances, inventories of securities, properties, earnings and disbursements.

.04 serve in a financial advisory position to the Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer. Such position will be in an advisory role and will not act in an arbitrary manner that would be counter productive to the benefit of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota and its members.

.05 not have the authority to over ride any action voted upon by the members at the Annual Convocation.

.06 meet on a quarterly basis at a minimum. These meetings may be by email or telephone conference.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Section 5.01.1 Finance Committee

The Duties of the Finance Committee

Amend to Add to read as:

The Finance Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer will submit accepted copies of the books of accounts of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota to the Board of Trustees for audit who shall then report on such audit at the annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Such accepted copies of the books of accounts shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Grand Convocation

Section 5.02 Investment Committee

Amend: Dissolve the Investment Committee as it would conflict with .01 of the Duties of the Trustees.

Section 5.05 Audit Committee

Amend: Dissolve the Audit Committee as it would conflict with .03 of the Duties of the Finance Committee.

Recommendation: By approving and adhering to the above proposed Amendment to our Constitution, we will insure our future as a financially strong, well governed, and productive Grand Council of Cryptic Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, Most Illustrious Grand Master, 2009-2010

Gary A. Odegard, Deputy Grand Master, 2011-2012

Date: April 2, 2012

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

AMENDMENT THREE.

Proposed: Amendment to Constitution; Change to ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

To amend Section 5.01-Committees to reflect the way the Grand Council is functioning by deletions, additions and housekeeping changes. It would then read as follows:

Section 5.01-Committees

The Grand Master elect, before closing the Assembly, shall appoint the following committees, whose term shall correspond with the Grand Master, unless by him sooner removed by appointment of his or their successors. The committees are Finance, Jurisprudence, Nominating, Education and Promotion, Annual Assembly and York Rite Cooperation.

Section 5.01.1 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) members and shall be chaired by the Deputy Grand Master. The duties of the Finance Committee are to:

- .01 develop a budget
- .02 recommend and approve the disbursements of the finances
- .03 approve all resolutions or motions for appropriations before being voted on by the

Assembly.

The Treasurer-Recorder shall be an ex officio member, with no voting right.

Section 5.01.2 Jurisprudence Committee

The Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members and shall be chaired by a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, who will be present at the Annual Assembly to rule on matters referred to this committee. The duties of the Jurisprudence Committee are to:

- .01 review all proposed legislation
- .02 review the decisions of the Grand Master relating to the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Council
- .03 report, in writing, its recommendations to the Assembly. A copy of the report shall be filed with the Grand Treasurer-Recorder for inclusion in the proceedings.
- .04 evaluate all matters of grievance referred to the committee and report their findings and recommendations to the Grand Master for his decision
- .05 review all petitions for restoration from indefinite suspension or expulsion
- .06 further Cryptic Masonry in the state of Minnesota by rehabilitating Councils and forming new ones and to contact and cooperate with similar committees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery
- .07 review all requests for new Councils
- .08 examine the records of Councils under dispensation and report to the Grand Council their recommendations on a request for a charter

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Section 5.01.3 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters who shall identify candidates, and review their qualifications, for the elected, non line offices of Treasurer, Recorder and Trustees of this Grand Council. They shall present the names of those selected for nomination in a written report published prior to the election of the Grand Officers.

Section 5.01.4 Education and Promotion Committee

The Education and Promotion Committee shall consist of three (3) members and shall be chaired by the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. The duties of the Education and Promotion Committee are to:

- .01 conduct and maintain an active, aggressive campaign of Cryptic education and membership promotion
- .02 formulate plans for such education in Subordinate Councils
- .03 advise Subordinate Councils on what is available in books, pamphlets and articles on Cryptic Masonry
- .04 promote membership recruitment and retention

The Grand Archmaster is an ex officio member of this committee.

Section 5.01.5 Annual Assembly Committee

The Annual Assembly Committee shall consist of two (2) members and shall be chaired by the Grand Captain of the Guard. The duties of the Annual Assembly Committee are to:

.01 work with the representatives of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery on the Joint York Rite Session Committee to plan the arrangements and details of the next Annual Assembly

.02 prepare a full report, within 60 days following the Annual Assembly, of all financial transactions and other pertinent activities and return the Councils share of any remaining funds to the Grand Treasurer.

Section 5.01.6 York Rite Cooperation Committee

The York Rite Cooperation Committee shall consist of three (3) members and shall be chaired by the Grand Conductor of the Council. The purpose of this committee is to strengthen the unity and cooperation between the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Minnesota

Section 5.01.7 Other Committees

The Grand Master may appoint such other committees that he deems appropriate for the good of Cryptic Masonry in Minnesota.

Section 5.02 Grand Representatives

(No content change, just a numbering change.)

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Odegard, Deputy Grand Master, 2011-2012

Date: April 4, 2012

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

REPORT OF THE DATA RETRIEVAL PROJECT

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

The Data Retrieval Project began last year during the preparation for the 2011 Annual Grand Assembly as the result of not being able to locate the Charter for the Grand Council. No record could be traced as to its disposition or even its existence. Searching for additional information showed no current reference of the organization with the Secretary of State for Minnesota.

We were fortunate to be able to locate original documentation of the founding convention and subsequent Grand Assemblies dating from 1870. These were located at the Minnesota Historical Center in St Paul. The records stored in the History Center cover only a few of the beginning years, thus great voids of information existed. Searching the Grand Council office produced a few proceedings beginning in the 1960s to the present. Nearly 100 years documented history of Grand Council was missing. Searching other possible locations, established that a significant collection of proceedings were housed at the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite's Library in Minneapolis.

An estimate of the cost of scanning these documents indicated the process to be pricey if done professionally. An alternate estimate using knowledgeable personnel at a lower overall cost came with conditions. Unique scanning equipment was required that allowed the scanning of bound books without distortion of the image typical of flatbed scanner. Specific software was also needed. An agreement was made for the Grand Council to purchase the scanner and software and then loan it to the project for scanning the documents.

The alternate estimate was accepted and retrieval began in December. 5962 pages were scanned by volume and stored as PDF files. Between the scanned files and the hard copies in the Grand Council office, all but 18 of the Grand Assemblies of Minnesota are documented.

The missing years are:

1942	1970
1945	1977
<u>1946</u>	
1952	
1954	
1955	
1956	
1957	
<u>1958</u>	
1960	
1961	
1962	
1964	
1965	
1966	
<u>1967</u>	

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

The equipment and software has now on loan to the Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum where personnel from the museum have volunteered to continue the scanning of the hard copy proceedings. That portion is presently on hold. All scanned documents will be made available on CD. There are no plans to place them on line.

General Grand has a complete set of General Grand Triennial Assemblies on-line at their website.

This action still has not produced the missing Charter. Application for replacement has been sent to the General Grand along with the required fee. The original Articles of Incorporation from 1870-1871 have not been located, although a diligent search of the State and Ramsey County records has not been made. Personnel from the MMHSM have been request to assist.

Cost of the project to date are: Scanning - \$2,100, scanning equipment - \$240; software-\$135, duplicate charter - \$50. Totaling **\$2,530**. [FY 2011-\$1,375, FY 2012 \$1.150]

The cost benefit analysis on the project is subject to debate. My judgment is that the "lost history" is valuable enough to warrant the cost.

ADDITIONAL AND FUTURE PROJECT TASKS

The location of the missing years of proceedings should be the paramount effort for this next year. The location and capture of the Articles of Incorporation should be next in priority The scanning of the hard copy proceedings is not a high priority since the records are readily available, although not searchable. Lastly, there is the membership card file that occupies multiple trays of 3x5 cards with the name, council, registration number and the date of greeting. These should be entered into the data base for tracing memberships. A rough estimate for planning purposes has been obtained from the Archives of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Library for scanning of procedures.

It is my hope that the project will find a champion for the cause. Our history is too valuable to be forgotten.

Dexter C Pehle
Grand Recorder.

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

THE REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE

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

I'm not quite sure what the MIGM wants in this report, but here goes. I have not heard anything about individual councils, chapters, doing anything within their respective communities. There have been a number of Commanderies, which have done many flag presentations and tributes.

Northfield Council No. 12, along with Corinthian Chapter No. 33 did hold an awards evening at their May meeting. It was well attended, with over 20 Companions and ladies attending. Our dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of our Eastern Star Chapter.

We did have 5 honorees present and they received their certificates and pins. Gary A. Odegard brought greetings for the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council, as MIGM Douglas A. Nygard could not be present.

There were 5 candidates attendance. MEC Gary Odegard spoke on the RARA and CMMRF and I spoke on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage program.

As far as it has come to my knowledge, this was the only awards program with dinner for any of the 3 York Rite bodies done this past year.

Let us see if we can do more of this in the future.

Respectfully;

Hugh Swift, Jr.

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA
2012 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

