

**2014 Proceedings
144th Grand Assembly
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
Of
Minnesota
June 27, 2014**

**MIC James E. Turner, Jr.
Most Illustrious Grand Master**

**Double Tree Hotel
Rochester, Minnesota**



James E. Turner, Jr.
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

James E. Turner, Jr., Jim hails originally from Wheat Ridge, Colorado, where he spent much of his youth. He moved with his family to Minnesota. After moving to Minnesota, his father started a business in

Burnsville. As a teen, Jim became active in the Boy Scouts of America where he became friends with a young man who happened to be the son of a mason. This event led to his helping charter the H.W. Hosmer DeMolay Chapter in Farmington. He served as Master Councilor received a PMC-MSA award. After graduating from Burnsville Senior High School, Jim began his career in the construction industry with Knox Lumber & Brock White LLC and for fifteen years on the maintenance team at St. John the Baptist Catholic church.

Jim is a charter member & Past Master of the Knights of St. Andrew, K.:S.: A.: of the Scottish Rite Valley of St. Paul. He and a lodge brother from Macalester Lodge helped reactivate the Thomas Montgomery Chapter Order of DeMolay serving as an advisor during the 1980's. WB Jim Turner was raised in Macalester Lodge No 290 in 1982 and served as Master there. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch in Minnesota Chapter No. one in 1987 serving in the chapter line taking parts in all the degrees, later Elected High Priest. He is a Past Ill. Master of St. Paul Council No.1, of Royal & Select Masters. He was knighted in Damascus Commandery No. 1 in 1987, served as an officer for sixteen years including Past Commander and many years as Prelate. He received Grand Prelate Emeritus from the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Jim was appointed to the MN DeMolay Executive Officer staff by the then Executive Officer Ted Kerns, and served for several years. He was later selected to the MN DeMolay Foundation Board of Directors as a representative to the St. Paul York Rite. He is Past Master of Macalester lodge #290. He has served on the Minnesota Masonic Historical Society & Museum 2003 to 2007, then later appointed 2007-2010, to the MMHSM Board of Directors. He serves or recently served as Past Sovereign Master in A.M.D Council #276, Excellent Chief Knight Masons Grand Council #34. Jim is a Past Grand High Priest (2007-08) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in MN. He currently (2013-14); is serving Minnesota York Rite as Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

He continues to be active in other Masonic bodies, and affiliations.

Jim and his wife Michelle reside in Lakeville.

His past times include photography, numismatics, and big game hunting.

**"Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined this opportunity to meet
& work with so many enlightened Master Masons.
I continue to seek further light in Masonry."**

James E. Turner, Jr. t K.:S.:A.: KYCH
M. I. Grand Master 2013-2014
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Masonic membership and affiliations for

James E. Turner, Jr. †

Scottish Rite Valley of Saint Paul, Orient of Minnesota
Consistory St. Paul A.A.S.R. Past Preceptor 32°
Knights of Saint Andrews; St. Paul Chapter No. 1 charter member
Knights of St. Andrews Chapter No.1 Past Excellent Master 32° K.:S.:A:.

Knights Templar

Knights Templar Damascus Commandery No. 1 St. Paul, MN
Past Commander-1991
Damascus Commandery Past Prelate 1996-2004
Past Commanders Association #53 of Minnesota charter member
Past Prior 2011
Knight Crusaders of the Cross MN -Knight Crusader of the North 2013-2014
**Grand Commandery Knights Templar of MN- Eminent Grand
Prelate Emeritus 2012**

Cryptic Masons

Saint Paul Council No. 1 Royal and Select Masters *Life Member
Saint Paul Council No. 1 Super Excellent Master Minnesota
MN Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN Youth Award 1996 recipient
Saint Paul Council No. 1. Past Illustrious Master -2006
Thrice-Illustrious Master MN -Order of the Silver Trowel
General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International *Life Member
Ish-Sodi MN- Sentinel
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN M.: I.: Grand Master 2013-2014

Royal Arch Masons

Overseer Chapter No. 103
Minnesota Chapter No. 1-- Past High Priest- 1992 --Life Member
Past Secretary - Minnesota Chapter No.1-- 2003-2005
Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood
Triple Tau award-two service stars
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota M.: E.: Past Grand High
Priest 2008-2009
General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International- Permanent member

Masonic Freemasonry

Macalester Lodge No. 290 A.F. & A.M. St. Paul, Minnesota
Past Worshipful Master -2011 Macalester Lodge Ambassador 2012

Affiliations:

Masonic Societus Rosicruciana Federatis (MRICF)
Star of the North College MSCRF VII °- second grade
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest City of Justice Tabernacle LXVII
Allied Masonic Degrees North Star Council No. 276
Past Sovereign Master 2011
York Rite Sovereign College Minnesota Council No. 39
Knight Masons MN Grand Council #34 - Excellent Chief 2013-14
Knights of the York Cross of Honour- Priory #24
Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A. 2013

Appointments:

MN DeMolay State Executive Staff - 1992-95
MN DeMolay Foundation Board of Directors - 1993-95
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of MN Representative to Newfoundland and
Labrador, Canada 1996 to present
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN Representative to Nebraska
2007 to 2014
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN Representative to Mississippi
2008 to present
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of MN Representative to Idaho
2009 to present
MN Masonic Historical Society & Museum 2003-07
Minnesota Masonic Historical Society & Museum- Board of Directors
2007-10

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Int'l

R.: E.: General Grand Ambassador to MN 2011-2014

Senior DeMolay: PMC-MSA
DeMolay H. W. Hosmer Chapter Farmington, MN- charter member &
Past Master Councilors Meritorious Service Award recipient
DeMolay Thomas Montgomery Chapter St. Paul, MN- Advisor
DeMolay Guy of Auvern Chapter #24003- Advisory Council St. Paul, MN; 2002
DeMolay International Alumni Association * life member

Ritualistic Opening

The opening of the 144th Grand Council Assembly was performed by the officers of St. Paul Council No. 1, with IM Russell Lane presiding. St. Paul Council No. 1 is the home Council of MIGM James E. Turner, Jr.

After which, your MIGM James E. Turner, Jr. and his corps of officers were conducted into the Grand Assembly and introduced. MIGM James E. Turner, Jr. then introduced the officers of St. Paul No. 1 and asked those present to give them a hearty round of applause for their outstanding job in opening the 144th Grand Assembly.

Roll Call of the Councils

MIGM James then asked that the roll call of our councils be called. The following council responded.

St. Paul No. 1

Minneapolis No. 2

Ark No. 3

Tyrian No. 4

Duluth No. 6

Austin No. 7

Alpha No. 8

Omega No. 9

Zabud No. 10

Northfield No. 12

Central No. 14

There were two (2) Councils absent; Southgate No. 15 and Red Rock No. 16.

A quorum was declared, and the Grand Assembly was declared open.

Visiting Dignitaries

The following visiting dignitaries were then introduced:

Most Illustrious Companion Randall E. Crouch, Past Illustrious Grand Master and Personal Representative of Most Illustrious Companion Thomas E. H. Gruis, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa.

Most Illustrious Companion Ronald D. Grass, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Nebraska.

Most Illustrious Companion John M. Laughlin, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota

Right Illustrious Companion Kurt M. Hoffman, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa.

Most Illustrious Companion Raymond E. Mielke, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin.

Most Illustrious Companion David A. Vold, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin.

Most Illustrious Companion Steven C. Smith, I, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Nebraska.

Most Illustrious Companion George E. Bauder, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota.

Most Illustrious Companion Richard A. McBride, Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Dakota.

Illustrious Companion Michael G. Mudrey, Grand Archmaster of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin.

Right Illustrious Companion Robert J. Seiler, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa.

Illustrious Companion Stephen M. Butterfield, Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of South Dakota.

Most Excellent Companion Hugh B. Edmond, Past Grand superintendent for the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Stirling and Clackmannan of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

Most Illustrious Companion Roger M. Firestone, Past General Grand Musician of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and Grand Visitor & Lecturer and Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia.

Right Puissant Companion David D. Mahoney, Regional Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin.

Right Puissant Companion Ronald W. Guthrie, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Most Worshipful Brother James A. Christensen, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

These distinguished Companions and Brother were all given Grand Honors at the appropriate time of introduction.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters

The following Past Grand Masters were in attendance at the 144th Grand Assembly.

MIC John R. Wentworth	1989
MIC Hugh C. Swift, Jr.	1993
MIC Jerry R. Korstad	1998
MIC William R. Newell	1999
MIC Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	2003
MIC Kevin V. Jones	2004
MIC Leonard G. Pikal	2007
MIC Loren R. Schroeder	2008
MIC Ronald A. Miles	2009
MIC Harlan H. Heidecker	2010
MIC Douglas A. Nygard	2011
MIC Gary A. Odegard	2013

2013 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

ABSTRACT OF MEMBERSHIP

				2013				2013		12/31/13	% CHANGE	Living Life Mem
	1/1/13	Greet	Joined	Gain	Demit	NPD	Death	LOSSES	NET			
St. Paul No. 1	84	4	1	5	2		3	5	0	84	0.00%	23
Minneapolis No. 2	191	15		15	1	7	10	18	-3	188	-1.57%	50
Ark No. 3	34			0		1	1	2	-2	32	-5.88%	4
Tyrian No. 4	33						2	2	-2	31	-6.06%	19
Duluth No. 6	119	4		4	12	8	14	34	-24	95	-20.17%	29
Austin No. 7	21	1		1		1	1	2	-1	20	-4.76%	12
Alpha No. 8	37	10		10			1	1	9	46	24.32%	20
Omega No. 9	19									19		
Zabud No. 10	50									50		
Northfield No. 12	64	15		15	2	3	3	8	7	71	10.94%	24
Central No. 14	65			0			4	4	-4	61	-6.15%	33
Southgate No. 15	37	6	1	7			1	1	6	43	16.22%	30
Red Rock No. 16	<u>29</u>			<u>0</u>					<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>	0	<u>28</u>
Total	783	55	2	57	17	20	40	77	-20	769		272

NOTE: Omega No. 9 & Zabud No. 10 did not produce their returns.

Most Illustrious Grand Master James E. Turner, Jr. presented the Altar Clothe, for the highest percent of increase went to Alpha Council No. 8, which had an increase of 24.32% for this past year. There were two (2) other councils which also had an increase; they are likewise highlighted in the above report.

Proposed Resolutions

The Proposed Resolutions are located in the preprint portion of this report. They were all voted down.

Election

MIC James E. Turner, Jr. selected MIC Gary Odegard, PIGM, to be chairman of the tellers committee along with IC's Raymond S. Frandsen and Allan F. Kauppi as assistants.

The following Companions were selected to serve our grand council for the ensuing year.

Michael A. Denke	Grand Illustrious Master
Terrence J. Becker	Deputy Grand Master
Marvin W. Schendel	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Hugh C. Swift, Jr., PIGM	Grand Treasurer/ Recorder

Trustees Elected were:

Ronald A. Miles, PIGM; John R. Wentworth, PIGM; Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr., PIGM

Budget

The proposed budget for the coming year was presented and passed. It is posted in the preprint, which is included in this report.

Recognitions

Northfield Council was recognized for its contributions to the CMMRF program. They received their second bar.

Todd Jovonovich, St. Paul No. 1; Ronald Jensen, Ark No.3; and Stan Feters, Alpha No. 8 were introduced as those chosen to receive the ISH-SODI AWARD for this year.

MIC James recognized those who belong too, many of the appendant bodies.

MIC James presented Honorary Memberships to those visiting Companions present and asked that we give a hearty thank you for coming to Minnesota.

Right Puissant Companion Ronald W. Guthrie, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; and the personal representative of Most Puissant Companion Lawrence O. Weaver, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International was introduced and given the floor to speak. He brought greetings from the General Grand Council and spoke about the upcoming triennial to be held in Buffalo, NY in September. He also spoke about the gains the General Grand Council is seeing in different parts of our country and around the world. He congratulated our Grand Council on the number of greetings we had this past year and hoped we continue in that endeavor. He thanked our Grand Council for all the hospitality which had been afforded him and hoped he would see many of us in Buffalo for the triennial.

He was presented with the Grand Honors and a round of applause.

Presentation of the Grand Master Apron

MIC James then presented our newly elected Grand Master, Michael A. Denke, with his Grand Masters apron and asked him to announce those who he has appointed to represent our Grand Council for the coming year. They are as follows:

Nicholas R. Johnson	Grand Chaplain
Clifford H. Isley	Grand Captain of the Guard
Terrance L. Rybarczyk	Grand Conductor of the Council
Carl F. Lidstrom	Grand Marshall
David F. McCormick II	Grand Steward
Rudolf C. Denke, Jr.	Grand Sentinel
Ronald A. Miles	Grand Archmaster
William T. Hubbard	Grand Organist

MIC James thanked everyone for coming and reminded them that Ish-Sodi Degree and the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree would be conferred this afternoon following the installation of the incoming Grand Officers.

MIC James then introduced our Most Worshipful Brother James A. Christensen, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota and had us rise and give him Grand Honors. He thanked our Grand Council for all the hospitality which has been afforded him and informed us he would speak at the grand banquet. He was given a hearty round of applause.

Awards

The following awards were given out at the Grand Session.

Thursday Evening:

The Jobies and DeMolay Youth Groups were introduced and presented with a donation from the Grand Council.

The Adult Leadership Award was presented to Companion Brian DiMatteo of Minneapolis Council No. 2; for all his endeavors to enhance our youth groups in the Anoka area.

The Minnesota Youth Award was presented to Kerry Hanson of Farmington for her efforts in resurrecting Bethel No. 88 of the Job's Daughters.

Grand Council of Minnesota

Committees

Finance (3)

Deputy Master (Chair) Terry Becker

Treasurer Recorder (Ex-officio) Harlan H. Heidecker- PMIGM

Marvin Schendel

Investment Committee (2)

Ron Miles – PMIGM

Barnes Sharitt, Jr. – PMIGM

Audit Committee (3) non Grand Line Companions

Charles Marston - PMIGM

Doug Nygard - PMIGM

Gary Odegard - PMIGM

Jurisprudence (3) / Appeals and Grievance

Ron Miles - PMIGM(Chair PMIGM)

John R. Wentworth – PMIGM

Gary Odegard - PMIGM

Credentials (3)

Grand Treasurer/Recorder Chair Hugh C. Swift, Jr.

Michael Powles

Terry Rybarczyk

Grand Council Annual Assembly Committee (3)

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Chair) Marvin Schendel

Joe Anderson

Carl Lidstrom

York Rite Cooperation Committee / Fraternal Promotion / Information and Education

David McCormick

Carl Lidstrom

Souvenir Program Booklet Committee

Joe Anderson

Grand Representatives

Rudy Denke

Awards

Cliff Isley

Necrology

Nicholas Johnson Grand Chaplain

CMMRF

Nicholas Johnson

Jim Turner, Jr. – PMIGM

Not So Secret Vault

Hugh C. Swift, Jr. - PMIGM

INSTALLATION

The installation of the 2014-15 officers started at 1:00 PM, with the following Companions presiding.

Jerry R. Korstad, PIGM	Installing Grand Master
Ronald W. Guthrie, PIGM	Installing Grand Marshall
James E. Turner, Jr., PIGM	Installing Grand Recorder
David D. Mahoney, PIGM	Installing Grand Chaplain
William T. Hubbard, PIM	Installing Grand Organist

The following officers were then presented and installed in their respective places.

Michael A. Denke	Grand Illustrious Master
Terrence J. Becker	Grand Deputy Master
Marvin W. Schendel	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Hugh C. Swift, Jr., PIGM	Grand Treasurer/Recorder
Clifford H. Isley	Grand Captain of the Guard
Terrance L. Rybarczyk	Grand Conductor of the Council
Nicholas R. Johnson	Grand Chaplain
Carl F. Lidstrom	Grand Marshal
David F. McCormick II	Grand Steward
Rudolf C. Denke, Jr.	Grand Sentinel
Ronald A. Miles, PIGM	Grand Archmaster
William T. Hubbard	Grand Organist

Trustees: Ronald A. Miles, PIGM; John R. Wentworth, PIGM; Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr., PIGM

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL

OF MINNESOTA

2014

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of Minnesota was convened in full form at 2:30 P.M. on June 27, 2014 in Rochester, Minnesota with the following Companions serving as officers:

T.I. Master	Marvin Schendel
T.I. Sr. Warden	Randy Poulson
T.I. Jr. Warden	Harlan Heidecker
T.I. Recorder	Ronald Miles
T.I. Steward	Donald DeMars
T.I. Sentinel	David Emery

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

Prologue	Ronald Miles
Abiather	Charles Marston
Joab	Ronald Miles
Adinijah	Loren Schroeder
Zadok	Raymond Frandsen
Benaiah	Kenneth Carroll
Nathan	Allan Shufelt
King David	Hugh Swift, Jr.

Marvin Schendel thanked degree director Raymond S. Frandsen and the degree cast for a job well done.

The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was presented to Russell P. Lane from St. Paul Council No. 1, Rudolf C. Denke, Jr. from Alpha Council No. 8, and Bruce Brendal from Northfield Council No. 12. We have two Companions who have paid their fee and submitted their application that have not taken the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree, Jerry Oliver and John Studell. These two Companions will take their degree at a later date.

A business meeting was held after the degree with thirty one Companions in attendance. A motion was made by Ronald Miles and seconded by Marvin Schendel to increase our fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 to cover our increase in costs. There being no discussion a vote was cast and the motion to increase our fee to \$15.00 effective in 2015 passed.

Visiting Companions in attendance were from Iowa, Nebraska, Washington D.C., Wisconsin, and Scotland. The visiting Companions were presented with their honorary membership card and The Silver Trowel booklet. Honorary member M.W. Grand Master James A. Christensen was presented with his honorary membership card and The Silver Trowel booklet.

Marvin Schendel presented the active candidates with their Council Pins, membership card, and The Silver Trowel booklet. The T.I.M. ribbons will be presented or mailed to Minnesota candidates upon receipt of the ribbons from our supplier.

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

T.I. Master	Randy Poulson
T.I. Sr. Warden	Harlan Heidecker, PIGM
T.I. Jr. Warden	Don DeMars
T.I. Recorder	Ronald Miles, PIGM
T.I. Steward	David Emery
T.I. Sentinel	Michael A. Denke, MIGM

The PTIM pin was presented by Ronald Miles to Marvin Schendel in recognition of his service.

No further business, the meeting was then closed in proper form at 3:43 P.M.

Attest: Ronald Miles, Recorder

Approved: _____

ISH-SODI DEGREE

The Minnesota Council of ISH-SODI was opened on June 27, 2014 at 4:10 PM with the following officers present:

Ronald A. Miles	Thrice Illustrious Master
Marvin W. Schendel	Deputy Master
James E. Turner, Jr.	Principal Conductor of the Work
Allan Shufelt	Recorder
David Emery	Sentinel

The Degree Cast were:

Nehemia	Hugh Swift, Jr.	Bani	Michael A. Denke
Mordecai	Kevin Jones	Sherabiah	David Emery
Ezra	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Jamin	Allan Kauppi
Secretary	Allan Shufelt	Akkub	Carl Sudbrink
Seriah	Mark Anderson	Medijah	Joseph Anderson
Chaplain	Harlan Heidecker	Kelita	Marvin W. Schendel
Hanani	Kenneth Carroll	Maaziah	Peter Kloskowski
Sentinel	Ronald A. Miles		

TIM Ronald A. Miles presented the new members with membership cards and purple ribbons:

Ronald Jensen	Ark Council No. 3, Owatonna
Stan Fetters	Alpha Council No. 8, Fergus Falls

Honorary members were:

Ronald W. Guthrie, PIGM-Iowa; General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council International.

Kurt Hoffman, Deputy Grand Master; Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa.

Steven C. Smith II, PMIGM, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Nebraska

Ronald Grass, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Nebraska

James A. Christensen, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota.

Hugh Edmond, Past Grand superintendent, Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Sterling and Clackmannan of Scotland.

James D. Myrhum, Past TIM ISH-SODI< KYCH Waukesha Council No. 29, Waukesha, WI.

Carl F. Lidstrom, Northfield Council No. 12, Farmington, MN.

Certificates will be sent to new members and honorary Certificates will be sent to honorary members.

The minutes of the 2013 meeting were approved as read.

A motion from Joseph Anderson to adopt a jewel and ribbon, to be purchased from James Fischer and also a Past TIM pin to put on the ribbon for next year and also the ISH-SODI AWARD to be given to new members beginning in 2015. Motion was 2nd and approved.

Nomination of the new slate of officers for 2014-2015 were as follows:

Marvin W. Schendel	Thrice Illustrious Master
James E. Turner, Jr.	Deputy Master
W. David Emery	Principal Conductor of the Work
Allan Shufelt	Recorder
Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	Sentinel

They were declared installed by Ronald A. Miles, PTIM.

Comments by James Christensen, MWGM, Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota.

Our meeting was closed at 5:15 PM with the Circle of Friendship.

Attest: Allan Shufelt, Recorder

Approved: Ronald A. Miles, PTIM

Thomas G. Lee	Oct. 12, 1903	T. Montgomery
Charles J. Bevan	Oct. 10, 1904	T. Montgomery
Charles S. Schurman	Oct. 9, 1905	T. Montgomery
Wm. Clark Allen	Oct. 8, 1906	T. Montgomery
A. B. Johnson	Oct. 7, 1907	John Fishel
Albert Bush	Oct. 12, 1908	John Fishel
John T. Johnson	Oct. 11, 1909	John Fishel
Newton H. Wilson	Oct. 10, 1910	John Fishel
Frederick H. Young	Oct. 9, 1911	John Fishel
Adalph W. Mertens	Oct. 7, 1912	John Fishel
George Markert	Oct. 13, 1913	John Fishel
William Tweedie	Oct. 12, 1914	John Fishel
John H. LaVaque	Oct. 11, 1915	John Fishel
Jas. G. Houghton	Oct. 9, 1916	John Fishel
Norman B. Patton	Oct. 8, 1917	John Fishel
Samuel T. Irvine	Oct. 7, 1918	John Fishel
Samuel H. Greene	Oct. 13, 1919	John Fishel
B. P. Montgomery	Oct. 11, 1920	John Fishel
Sigord A. Rhode	Oct. 10, 1921	John Fishel
Oscar L. Schutz	Oct. 9, 1922	John Fishel
August Klagstad	Oct. 8, 1923	John Fishel
Carl E. Van Cleve	Oct. 15, 1924	John Fishel
William A. Jones	Oct. 14, 1925	John Fishel
Robert Firth	Oct. 13, 1926	John Fishel
Albert Ihm	Oct. 12, 1927	John Fishel
John H. Keller	Oct. 10, 1928	John Fishel
John P. Eaton	Oct. 9, 1929	John Fishel
Christian Roug	Oct. 15, 1930	John Fishel
Isaac F. Seeley	Nov. 15, 1931	John Fishel
Walter Gladson	Oct. 14, 1932	John Fishel
Edward J. Newman	Oct. 12, 1933	John Fishel
William E. Rumble	Oct. 10, 1934	John Fishel
Frank H, McCluskey	Oct. 9, 1935	John Fishel
Fred G. Wright	Oct. 14, 1936	John Fishel
Isaac M. Cochran	Oct. 13, 1937	John H. Anderson
A. W. Torrance	Oct. 12, 1938	John H. Anderson
J. Arthur Jensen	Oct. 11, 1939	John H. Anderson
Luli B, Mitchell	Oct. 9, 1940	John H. Anderson
William A. Mossberg	Oct. 15, 1941	John H. Anderson
R. F. Wolterstorff	Oct. 14, 1942	John H. Anderson
Robert M. Reed	Oct. 13, 1943	John H. Anderson
W. V. Blomquist	Oct. 11, 1944	John H. Anderson
Emil A. Wold	Oct. 10, 1945	John H. Anderson

Archie A. Love	Oct. 9, 1946	John H. Anderson
Charles C. Mierow	Oct. 15, 1947	John H. Anderson
Charles T. Fox	Oct. 13, 1948	John H. Anderson
Neil S. Dungay	Oct. 12, 1949	John H. Anderson
C. O. Sundwall	Oct. 11, 1950	John H. Anderson
Edgar W. Johnson	Oct. 10, 1951	John H. Anderson
J. Merritt Freeman	Oct. 15, 1952	John H. Anderson
Wm. H. Robinson	Oct. 14, 1953	John H. Anderson
John C. Friedrich	Oct. 13, 1954	John H. Anderson
Carl W. Brown	Oct. 8, 1955	John H. Anderson
Arthur N. Haugen	Oct. 13, 1956	John H. Anderson
Hans C. Rust	Oct. 19, 1957	John H. Anderson
Harry A. White	Oct. 18, 1958	Emil A. Wold
Norman M. Knutson	Oct. 10, 1959	Emil A. Wold
Robert F. Shumway	Oct. 29, 1960	Emil A. Wold
William H. Spry	Oct. 14, 1961	Emil A. Wold
Walter O. Rosenquist	Sept. 29, 1962	Emil A. Wold
Ralph W. Bell	Sept. 28, 1963	Emil A. Wold
Edward Sandels	Oct. 3, 1964	Emil A. Wold
Robert D. Reid	Oct. 9, 1965	Emil A. Wold
James T. Stark	Oct. 29, 1966	Emil A. Wold
William A. Riek	Oct. 14, 1967	Emil A. Wold
Rudolph F. Runez	Oct. 13, 1968	Emil A. Wold
A. Grant Burleigh	Oct. 18, 1969	Emil A. Wold
J. O. Burlingame	Oct. 17, 1970	Ed Sandels
Lewis Aten	Oct. 9, 1971	Ed Sandels
Robert Stauff	Oct. 14, 1972	Ralph W. Bell
Lynn Gonsolus	Oct. 20, 1973	Ralph W. Bell
Irvin Dutcher	Oct. 26, 1974	Ralph W. Bell
Lawrence Offenbecker	Oct. 18, 1975	Ralph W. Bell
John H. Jones	Oct. 30, 1976	Ralph W. Bell
William E. Green	Apr. 21, 1978	Ralph W. Bell
Memo O. Hoen	Apr. 20, 1979	L. Offenbecker
Glenn Guildner	May 2, 1980	L. Offenbecker
David S. Bouschor	Apr. 24, 1981	L. Offenbecker
Hans A. Hansen	May 7, 1982	L. Offenbecker
Robert Blau	Apr. 29, 1983	L. Offenbecker
Martin Thompson	May 4, 1984	L. Offenbecker
Russell K. Amling	Apr. 26, 1985	Memo O. Hoen
LuVern Jensen	May 10, 1986	Memo O. Hoen
Robert R. Vance	Apr. 24, 1987	Memo O. Hoen
Stanley D. Morrill	Apr. 23, 1988	Joseph S. Ewalt
John R. Wentworth	Apr. 23, 1989	Stanley D. Morrill

Alvin G. Hanson	Apr. 20, 1990	Stanley D. Morrill
Michael Vukson	Apr. 19, 1991	Stanley D. Morrill
Donald Briggs	Apr. 24, 1992	Stanley D. Morrill
Hugh C. Swift, Jr.	Apr. 16, 1993	Stanley D. Morrill
Dennis B. Wingrove	Apr. 22, 1994	Stanley D. Morrill
F. James Zwickey	May 18, 1995	Stanley D. Morrill
Norman A. Aune	May 3, 1996	Stanley D. Morrill
Robert R. Anderson, Sr.	Apr. 11, 1997	Stanley D. Morrill
Jerry R. Korstad	Apr. 24, 1998	Stanley D. Morrill
William R. Newell	May 14, 1999	Gerald Schlaeppi
Charles R. Marston	May 19, 2000	Gerald Schlaeppi
Carl L. Sudbrink	May 18, 2001	Stanley D. Morrill
Herbert L. Snyder, Jr.	May 23, 2002	Stanley D. Morrill
Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.	May 16, 2003	Stanley D. Morrill
Kevin V. Jones	May 24, 2004	Stanley D. Morrill
Edimand C. Gilbertson	May 20, 2005	Stanley D. Morrill
James A. Fischer	June 23, 2006	Stanley D. Morrill
Leonard G. Pikal	June 23, 2007	Stanley D. Morrill
Loren R. Schroeder	June 27, 2008	Stanley D. Morrill
Anthony P. Keane, Jr.	June 25, 2009	Stanley D. Morrill
Ronald A. Miles	July 13, 2009	Stanley D. Morrill
Harlan H. Heidecker	June 26, 2010	Dexter C. Pehle
Douglas A. Nygard	June 24, 2011	Dexter C. Pehle
Gary A. Odegard	June 22, 2012	Monte Miller
James E. Turner, Jr.	June 28, 2013	Hugh C. Swift, Jr.
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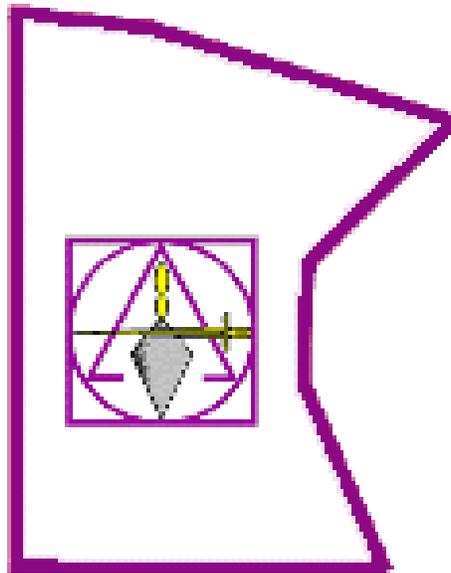
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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

**144th
Grand Assembly**

**Rochester, Minnesota
June 27, 2014**

Pre – Printed Reports



**James E. Turner, Jr.
Most Illustrious Grand Master**

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Rules of Order
For
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

The business of all Masonic Grand Bodies will be conducted by “Masonic Tradition” and not by Robert’s Rules of Order.

The following Rules are for the discussion of any resolution or business before this Grand Assembly.

1. Resolutions will be presented by the person proposing the action or his representative and the reasons for the requested action will be discussed.
2. The time allowed for each person to speak on a resolution will be 2 minutes.
3. A Companion may speak only once upon a resolution, either for or against.
4. Only one (1) Companion will be allowed to speak in support of a resolution and one (1) Companion will be allowed to speak against a resolution.
5. Any Companion wishing to speak will approach a microphone; state his name and the name and number of his Council. He will not continue speaking until he has been recognized by the presiding officer.
6. After debate, if questions on a resolution or any other discussion remain, they shall be directed to the Chair of the Jurisprudence Committee.
7. There will be no personal attacks or vendettas during these business meetings.
8. There will be no discussion of politics or religion.
9. The limitations in Rule 2 (as to time limits) and Rule 4 (as to the number of speakers for and against) may, in his sole discretion, be waived by the Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, but if so waived must be equally waived in time and number of speakers for both proponents and opponents of any resolution or motion.

Companions: Due to the fact that a large number of resolutions have been presented, let us try to work through these in the calmest possible manner. We only have so much time for discussion on each proposal.

Proposed Agenda

Ritualistic Opening
Reception of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Officers
Flag Presentation and Tributes
Roll Call of the Councils
Roll Call of the Past Illustrious Grand Master of Minnesota
Introductions of distinguished guests
Roll Call of Grand Representatives
Reading of the minutes from the Previous Grand Assembly
Grand Master's Report
Appointment of the tellers and opening of the Ballot Box
Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee – First Reading- if required
Presentation of ISH-SODI recipients
Remarks from Guests

RECESS

Closing of the Ballot Box
Recognition of Appendant Masonic Organizations
Presentation of the Altar Cloth for membership gain
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee – Second reading – if required
Approval of the 2014-2015 Budget
Report of the CMMRF Committee
Presentation of Honorary Memberships
Remarks from the General Grand Council International representative
Report of the Tellers
Introduction of the MIGM – Elect
Apron Presentation
Unfinished Business
Announcements

ADJOURN

Public Installation of 2014-2015 Grand Officers

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James E. Turner, Jr.
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

James E. Turner, Jr., Jim hails originally from Wheat Ridge, Colorado, where he spent much of his youth. He moved with his family to Minnesota. After moving to Minnesota, his father started a business in Burnsville. As a teen, Jim became active in the Boy Scouts of America where he became friends with a young man who happened to be the son of a mason. This event led to his helping charter the H.W. Hosmer DeMolay Chapter in Farmington. He served as Master Councilor received a PMC-MSA award. After graduating from Burnsville Senior High School, Jim began his career in the construction industry with Knox Lumber & Brock White LLC and for fifteen years on the maintenance team at St. John the Baptist Catholic church.

Jim is a charter member & Past Master of the Knights of St. Andrew, K.:S.: A.: of the Scottish Rite Valley of St. Paul. He and a lodge brother from Macalester Lodge helped reactivate the Thomas Montgomery Chapter Order of DeMolay serving as an advisor during the 1980's. WB Jim Turner was raised in Macalester Lodge No 290 in 1982 and served as Master there. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch in Minnesota Chapter No. one in 1987 serving in the chapter line taking parts in all the degrees, later Elected High Priest. He is a Past Ill. Master of St. Paul Council No.1, of Royal & Select Masters. He was knighted in Damascus Commandery No. 1 in 1987, served as an officer for sixteen years including Past Commander and many years as Prelate. He received Grand Prelate Emeritus from the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Jim was appointed to the MN DeMolay Executive Officer staff by the then Executive Officer Ted Kerns, and served for several years. He was later selected to the MN DeMolay Foundation Board of Directors as a representative to the St. Paul York Rite. He is Past Master of Macalester lodge #290. He has served on the Minnesota Masonic Historical Society & Museum 2003 to 2007, then later appointed 2007-2010, to the MMHSM Board of Directors. He serves or recently served as Past Sovereign Master in A.M.D Council #276, Excellent Chief Knight Masons Grand Council #34. Jim is a Past Grand High Priest (2007-08) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in MN. He currently (2013-14); is serving Minnesota York Rite as Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

He continues to be active in other Masonic bodies, and affiliations.

Jim and his wife Michelle reside in Lakeville.

His past times include photography, numismatics, and big game hunting.

**"Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined this opportunity to meet
& work with so many enlightened Master Masons.
I continue to seek further light in Masonry."**

James E. Turner, Jr. t K.:S.:A.: KYCH
M. I. Grand Master 2013-2014
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Masonic membership and affiliations for

James E. Turner, Jr. †

Scottish Rite Valley of Saint Paul, Orient of Minnesota
Consistory St. Paul A.A.S.R. Past Preceptor 32°
Knights of Saint Andrews; St. Paul Chapter No. 1 charter member
Knights of St. Andrews Chapter No.1 Past Excellent Master 32° K.:S.:A.:

Knights Templar

Knights Templar Damascus Commandery No. 1 St. Paul, MN
Past Commander-1991
Damascus Commandery Past Prelate 1996-2004
Past Commanders Association #53 of Minnesota charter member
Past Prior 2011
Knight Crusaders of the Cross MN -Knight Crusader of the North 2013-2014
**Grand Commandery Knights Templar of MN- Eminent Grand
Prelate Emeritus 2012**

Cryptic Masons

Saint Paul Council No. 1 Royal and Select Masters *Life Member
Saint Paul Council No. 1 Super Excellent Master Minnesota
MN Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN Youth Award 1996 recipient
Saint Paul Council No. 1. Past Illustrious Master -2006
Thrice-Illustrious Master MN -Order of the Silver Trowel
General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International *Life Member
Ish-Sodi MN- Sentinel
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of MN M.: I.: Grand Master 2013-2014

Royal Arch Masons

Overseer Chapter No. 103
Minnesota Chapter No. 1-- Past High Priest- 1992 --Life Member
Past Secretary - Minnesota Chapter No.1-- 2003-2005
Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood
Triple Tau award-two service stars
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota M.: E.: Past Grand High
Priest 2008-2009
General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International- Permanent member

Masonic Freemasonry

Macalester Lodge No. 290 A.F. & A.M. St. Paul, Minnesota

Past Worshipful Master -2011
Macalester Lodge Ambassador 2012

Affiliations:

Masonic Societus Rosicruciana Federatis (MRICF)
Star of the North College MSCRF VII °- second grade
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest City of Justice Tabernacle LXVII
Allied Masonic Degrees North Star Council No. 276
Past Sovereign Master 2011
York Rite Sovereign College Minnesota Council No. 39
Knight Masons MN Grand Council #34 - Excellent Chief 2013-14
Knights of the York Cross of Honour- Priory #24
Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A. 2013

Appointments:

MN DeMolay State Executive Staff - 1992-95
MN DeMolay Foundation Board of Directors - 1993-95
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of MN Representative to Newfoundland and
Labrador, Canada 1996 to present
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN Representative to Nebraska
2007 to 2014
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN Representative to Mississippi
2008 to present
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of MN Representative to Idaho
2009 to present
MN Masonic Historical Society & Museum 2003-07
Minnesota Masonic Historical Society & Museum- Board of Directors
2007-10

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Int'l

R.: E.: General Grand Ambassador to MN 2011-2014

Senior DeMolay: PMC-MSA
DeMolay H. W. Hosmer Chapter Farmington, MN- charter member &
Past Master Councilors Meritorious Service Award recipient
DeMolay Thomas Montgomery Chapter St. Paul, MN- Advisor
DeMolay Guy of Auvern Chapter #24003- Advisory Council St. Paul, MN; 2002
DeMolay International Alumni Association * life member

Report of the Illustrious Grand Master

To: The Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, Companions All.

Welcome all to this 144th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Thank you for taking the time to be with us today. I am delighted to greet every Council in attendance. I would like to welcome our General Grand Council representatives, and visiting Companions from surrounding States and Providences. Welcome to Minnesota.

I want to thank the Grand Council Officers for their service to this Grand Council, and for their work throughout the state. One of my first duties and privileges was to preside over the installation of our Grand High Priest, James Edgar last June.

Thank you to MIC, Ron Miles for taking over the as Grand Archmaster, and to MIC, Hugh Swift for undertaking those never ending duties as Grand Recorder. I have enjoyed working with you both over the years, and appreciate your wise council.

York Rite Unity has been my overall objective for this term. I worked with Grand High Priest, James Edgar and Grand Commander, Richard Kachman from Fergus Falls, and completed degree work there. I also enjoyed Commandery Orders at the Temple in Minneapolis. It is a privilege, a pleasure, and a duty to share our work by doing excellent degrees and beautiful work in our assemblies, convocations and conclaves. At our first York Rite Grand York Rite meeting this past September, we invited a member of Owatonna Council to be in attendance and to make a presentation, which generated a lot of discussion regarding York Rite Unity. Some questions and concerns from the group were discussed. I was pleased to greet MWGM, Dave Olson at Minnehaha Lodge.

I have been pleased to see the rebuilding of Councils such as Fergus Falls, and Albert Lea. It has been communicated to me that this rebuilding was made possible by the help of one day classes. I have observed a spirit of companionship in many Councils, in their efforts to make their Councils stronger. Companions are offering help by doing the work in Chapter and promoting Commandery as well. I was pleased to travel with IC, David McCormick to present the "Altar Cloth Award" to Southgate Council #15.

Membership, Participation & Charity: Companions are Brothers who seek to discover through ritual and companionship, the further truth and beauty of Masonry.

I strongly suggest Companions and Grand Officers in uniform to visit their Lodges. I also encourage visiting among the Councils and other York Rite Bodies. We should talk to the Sr. and Jr. Wardens of every Lodge. Invite all WM to join the York Rite. I have been a Companion in Royal Arch and The Council of Cryptic Masons for over 25 years. I have seen many Companions do good work, and then drift away. I would like to see the Council Companions talk more about what they are doing, their goals for the year and how they plan to be active, as well as how they can contribute support to their Council in the future. I truly believe that our active Companions have a passion for Cryptic Masonry

and their joint effort will make all Companions feel welcome. I find that as we work with others by sharing the light, we build our own character in many ways. Teamwork within our Councils, and the willingness to help other Councils is essential to the survival and growth of the York Rite.

Another of my objectives has been to help familiarize the Companions with the **Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF)**. It is interesting to know that this charity has laid the foundation for adult stem cell research, by funding those small research projects that do not get funded by the big medical research sponsors. Minnesota has contributed to **CMMRF** for a number of years. Other philanthropies get more attention, and I wanted to increase awareness about CMMRF this year. During the 2012-2013 campaign, MN contributed \$1,302.00. Northfield Council #12 took top honors, followed by Mpls. #2 and St. Paul #1

This year in hopes of besting that number, I asked IC, Nick Johnson to chair the campaign. I believe MN has made a strong effort to forward awareness, and has made a concerted effort to give more freely. It comes as no surprise, that not only did Northfield #12 take the number one spot again, but they increased their giving by 25%. St. Paul Council #1 took second place with donations of over \$6.25 dollars per member. Zabud #10 took third place. Overall giving is up 42% over last year. Thank you IC, Nick for your efforts and thank you to all of the Companions who gave this year.

Note to all Companions: Consider awarding those "special ladies" who have served Council by offering their time, food, as well as their support, an award ... **LADY OF THE COUNCIL**. This award is a lovely pin and certificate granted by General Grand Council. I am happy to report two awards will be presented this year. It will be my pleasure to introduce this year's Ish-Sodi recipients. Adult Leadership and MN Youth Leadership awards are to be presented during this Grand Session. The Cryptic Mason of the Year will be presented at the Grand Banquet on June 28th.

I thank you for granting me the privilege to serve this Grand Council and the companions of Minnesota.

Fraternally,

James (Jim) Turner
Illustrious Grand Master

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

It has been my distinct honor to represent you this year as your Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic Minnesota Masons. Although it has been very busy year, I still had an opportunity to learn a lot both about our beloved craft and about myself. I have made many new friends and treasured my friends from long ago.

As Your DGM I helped with the out-state planning of the York Rite Festival in Fergus Falls. I took part in those degrees and watched our beloved craft grow by 12 in one day.

I am an active Member of Alpha Council # 8, and have served in many functions in that capacity.

I attended the North Dakota Grand Sessions, and plan to attend The Triennial in Buffalo NY in September (Providing traditions prevail).

Thank You for allowing me to serve, Thank for continuing my Masonic education.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Denke; Deputy Grand Master

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

REPORT: Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Companions,

My Grand Council activities, again predominately focused on supporting Duluth Council No. 6. I was very active in procuring candidates, organizing and participating in the ritual work.

I have spent a great deal of time and effort during this past year, functioning as a resource, facilitator, and proponent in the endeavor to reestablish a strong and vibrant York Rite presence in our far north border country.

I attended the Grand York Rite Sessions of South Dakota, but because of work conflicts I was unable to attend the North Central York Rite Conference in Sioux Falls.

Again this fall I plan to attend the South Dakota Sessions, and the North Central York Rite Conference. I will also be attending the Triennial General Grand Council Sessions in September.

If it is your will and pleasure, I will continue to serve you and this Grand Council.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

IC Terrence John Becker

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

**To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions
Of the Grand Council – Cryptic Masons of Minnesota**

It has been an interesting year trying to learn all there is to know about this very interesting job as your Grand Recorder. With many hours of calls being made to, Rt. Illustrious Companion Dexter Pehle, Past Grand Recorder Emeritus; and to MIPGM Gary Odegard; on how to operate the data base for the membership program; I have the membership lists for each of the councils, pretty much up to date. Then came the breaking in of a new computer operator at the print shop in Farmington, on how precise she needed to be when designing the pages for the dues cards. We got them pretty close on the second run. But it took time and therefore they were late getting to you. Sorry!!

I did not receive a report from either Omega No. 9 or Zabud No. 10. I directed the Grand Treasurer MIPGM Harlan Heidecker to send last year's and this year's Life Membership check for Zabud No. 10 to me to be deposited into the general fund; as part of their payment for the per-capita. They have 50 members in Zabud No. 10, to the best of my ability to figure. To the best of my information they haven't produced an annual return for the last 4 to 5 years. I was hoping to get dues notices to those members and cards to the Life Members.

I want to congratulate the recorders of this Grand Jurisdiction, who worked with me and hopefully understood some of the anxious moments I had when things didn't go according as planned. They did a great job in using the new yearend reports, which I had manufactured and returned them with of the records of their respective Councils with accuracy and in a timely fashion.

We, as grand officers didn't get as much accomplished this year as maybe we had planned. Such as: We didn't get the books and charter of Red Rock Council No. 16 moved to Marshall. Companion Maynard Townswick wants to be relieved of the Recorders position and understands that there is a lot to be gained by moving the charter to Marshall.

We have been in talks with the Companions of Anoka-Shekinah Chapter No. 104, about the possibility of moving Zabud Council No. 10 to their facility. They are willing to take over the membership and get that Council back up to speed. They are good ritualists and have a lot of excitement in their York Rite.

That about covers everything I think I need to talk about. I have a lot to learn yet and made a lot of mistakes this past year; hopefully; with a little tender instruction from some of the Past Grand Recorders, I can get them corrected this next year if elected into the Grand Recorders position again.

Fraternally;

Hugh Swift, Jr.
Grand Recorder

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

I was able to attend all Grand Officer Meetings. I was unable to make as many visitations of Minnesota Councils as I would have preferred to do due to my work schedule.

Clifford H Isley

Grand Captain of the Guard

**To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions
of the Grand Council – Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.**

Report of the activities of the Grand Conductor of the Council 2013 - 2014

Treasurer of Minneapolis Council # 2

Other activities outside of Minneapolis Council

June 2013 - 27 – 28 – 29 - Grand York Rite Session

July 2013

August 2013 -- 12 Council Degrees for Grand Master Olson at Minnehaha

September 2013 - 9 St Paul Council - Royal Degree

17 Duluth Council Meeting – install Becker

October 2013 - 26 – 28 - North Central Regional Conference, Sioux Falls, SD

November 23 Grand York Rite Session Planning Meeting, Minnehaha Lodge

December 1 Grand Council Officers Meeting, Minnehaha Lodge

9 St Paul Council Meeting

21 Fergus Falls one day to Chapter and Council

January 13 St Paul Council Meeting

February 10 St Paul Council Meeting

March 10 St Paul Council Meeting

April 3 – 5 Nebraska Grand York Rite Session

14 St Paul Council Meeting

May 15 Central Council #14, St Peter – Installation of Officers

Respectfully submitted;

Marvin W. Schendel; Grand Conductor of the Council

Report of the Grand Sentinel

This past year has been an exciting one for me as I fulfilled the duties and obligations of the Grand Sentinel. I have traveled to Fergus Falls and other areas to assist in conferring the degrees of our Cryptic Council and I have visited Tyrian Council #4 in Winona, Austin Chapter #7, and assisted the Most Illustrious Grand Master in presenting an altar cloth to Southgate Council #15 in Albert Lea.

I look forward to continuing my service to the Grand Council in the future and sharing fraternal relations with many of our councils. I will continue to work in growing membership in our fabulous fraternity.

Respectfully,

David McCormick, II
Grand Sentinel

Jurisprudence Committee Report, 2013 – 2014

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

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

Your Jurisprudence Committee was presented with several Resolutions this past year to be presented at our 2012 Grand Session. On our initial receipt of the various Resolutions it was determined that they were not presented in an acceptable format. After consultation with the various members who submitted the resolution they were again presented to your Jurisprudence Committee and then found to be in proper format to be presented at our 2014 Grand Session.

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

Other than the Resolutions your Jurisprudence Committee has had no further business presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMGIM; Harlan Heidecker, PMGIM; Monte Miller, PIM

Report of the Trustees, 2013 – 2014

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

It has been with great pleasure to serve our officers and members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota as your Trustees.

Your Trustees met on June 28, 2013 to discussed serving needs of Grand Officers, attending Grand Officers' meetings, Cryptic Rite Medical Research Fund, and finances and investments. Communications regarding your Grand Council Trustees and their duties have occurred throughout the year. Several topics of advisory were presented to your Trustees for their opinion.

On the investment side of your Grand Council:

June 30, 2013 Investment Fund Value: \$77,012.03 includes Life Membership Fund

May 31, 2014 Investment Fund Value: \$81,705.54 includes Life Membership Fund

December 31, 2013 Life Membership Fund Value: \$58,121.79. There has been no change in this amount since last year as a result of no life memberships have been received.

The Grand Council's Investment advisor is Great Plains Financial Group, Fargo, ND. Our investments have been under their guidance for several years. Knowing that our investment objective is to maximize returns at the lowest possible risk.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Miles, PMIGM; Kevin V. Jones, PMIGM; John R. Wentworth, PMIGM

**Grand Council of Minnesota
Profit & Loss
June 7, 2013 through June 12, 2014**

	<u>Jun 7, 13 - Jun 12, 14</u>
Income	
000 - PER CAPITA	7,130.00
001 - FEES	851.00
002 - RITUALS SOLD	48.00
003 - CHARITY CONTRIBUTION	88.00
005 - LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	770.00
008 - MISC. INCOME	3,875.85
Total Income	<u>12,758.85</u>
Expenses	
GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE	
014 - POSTAGE	100.00
015 - PRINTING - OTHER	168.65
016 - PROCEEDINGS	382.50
021 - SUPPLIES	
021 - RITUALS PURCHASED	152.50
Total 021 - SUPPLIES	<u>152.50</u>
030 - WEB SITE	200.00
Total GRAND COUNCIL OFFICE	<u>973.56</u>
GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS	
000 - ANNUAL ASBY EXPENSE	436.04
006 - G.G.PER CAPITA	765.00
012 - LIFE MBR INT DIST.	4,068.98
020 - BOND	200.00
026 - MISC. EXPENSE	143.37
037 - AWARDS/CONTRIBUTIONS	
002 - DEMOLAY CONT	100.00
006 - CMHRF	158.33
011 - JOB'S DAUGHTERS CONT.	400.00
013 - MNM YOUTH AWARD	100.00
019 - RAINBOW CONT.	-100.00
Total 037 - AWARDS/CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>358.33</u>
GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS - Other	0.00
Total GRAND COUNCIL OPERATIONS	<u>5,973.72</u>
GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES	
003 - DEPUTY GND MASTER EXPENSES	700.00
007 - GRD MASTER APRON	329.00
008 - GRD MASTER EXPENSES	1,400.00
009 - GRD P.C.W. EXPENSES	600.00
010 - GRD RECYTREAS EXPENSES	1,200.00
Total GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES	<u>4,129.00</u>
03800 - Uncategorized Expenses	158.55
Total Expense	<u>11,234.82</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,524.03</u></u>

2014-2015 BUDGET

INCOME

Per Capita			
\$10.00/MEMBER		769	7690.00
Greetings Fees	<u>25@\$15.00/ Greeting</u>		375.00
Rituals -- Sold			100.00
Invoices			
		Sub Total	8165.00
Session Distribution			300.00
Investment Income			3300.00
Life Membership Enrollments	Pass Through		
Misc. & Donations			
		TOTAL	11765.00

EXPENSES

GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES			
Illustrious Grand Master			1400.00
Deputy Grand Master			700.00
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work			500.00
Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder			1200.00
Other Officers			250.00
Grand Masters Apron			<u>375.00</u>
		SUB TOTAL	4425.00
Rent/ Shared with Grand Ram			670.00
Telephone/ Shared with RAM			
Internet/Web Site/ Shared National			100.00
Supplies			400.00
Postage			300.00
Proceedings			300.00
Printing			<u>400.00</u>
		Sub TOTAL	2170.00
			6595.00
		TOTAL	
			770.00

2014 Budget Continued

General Grand Council per-capita

Life Membership Distribution	May change as of interest growth or loss	3,000.00
Bond		175.00
Insurance		400.00
Awards	Jobies - DeMolay - Youth Award	300.00
General Grand Council Life Membership	Pass Through	0.00
Misc.		115.00
Other Expenses		150.00
	Sub Total	4910.00
	TOTAL	11505.00

Audit Committee Report

We conducted an examination of the financial records of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. We state no opinion on these records although we found no irregularities in our audit.

This examination involved random samplings of entries in the financial books and analyzing the entries for accuracy to invoices and authorizations or receipt records, verifying that proper authorizing documents existed including disbursement vouchers and invoices, and that receipts matched against supporting documents. We found no irregularities.

We researched authorization for transactions to the organizations minutes, or budgets and found no lapses in authorizations. We state no opinion on records prior to the currently closed fiscal year.

Our final action was to reconcile the book balances against the final financial institution statements for the covered period and found no discrepancies.

Respectfully,

David McCormick

Chair, Audit Committee

Awards Committee Report

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

Although there were not a lot of nominations for each of the awards, there were numerous names, which came forward for each award. I am sure the Most Illustrious Grand Master had an enjoyable time selecting those who will receive the awards.

Fraternally;

Marvin W. Schendel, Chairman

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota – Grand Assembly

**In Memoriam
Reported Deaths – 2013**

St. Paul Council No. 1

Burton R. Coleman; David R. Epling; Carl W. Tacke – 3

Minneapolis Council No. 2

Lawrence Bachman; Albert Dirks; Claire J. Einen; Robert C. Lindberg; Malcolm N. Lindquist; George E. Mokler;
Ervin D. Moser; Donald H. Singer; Erland V. Wenborg; James W. Ziebol –10

Ark Council No. 3

David Mussman – 1

Tyrian Council No. 4

Donald Jansen; Walter Ask – 2

Duluth Council No. 6

Robert P. Fernandez; Robert John; James T. Stark; Darrel L. Thompson; Bruce Tyacke; Frank Romanoski; John
A. Levasseur; Eugene M. Borgeson; Munro Braden; Stanley A. Sandal; Rolf Ulleberg; William Gunnarson;
Richard A. Peterson; Ivor R. Lerohl – 14

Austin Council No. 7

Frederick Ulrich -- 1

Alpha Council No. 8

Milton Larson – 1

Northfield Council No. 12

Lawrence M. Atkin; Joseph W. Hamre; James E. Odland – 3

Central Council No. 14

Glenn R. Johnson; Lyle L. Jones; Lewis D. Seely; Glenn R. Boons – 4

Southgate Council No. 15

Robert L. Entorf – 1

Passings for the year – 40

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota – Grand Assembly

NEW GREETINGS -- 2013

St. Paul Council No. 1 -- 4

Todd B. Leek; Dwayne A. Stich; Michael T. Thoms; Garry W. Winter

Minneapolis Council No. 2 -- 15

James M. Maxwell; Edward M. Werbachowski, Jr.; Jacob J. LaBelle; Robert G. Milliman;
Keith R. Anderson; Aaron D. Towner; Craig S. Simon; G. Roger McNear, III; Theodore E. Nash; Charles A.
Berger; Zebulon J. Linder; Michael G. Simpson; Sean C. Novack; Petrus J. Fakkeldij; Corey R. Christensen

Duluth Council No. 6 -- 4

Nickolas Rogers; William P. Bennett; Marcus L. Hardin; Christopher A. Stockland

Austin Council No. 7 -- 1

Brad McBean

Alpha Council No. 8 -- 10

Jonathan Anderson; David Dumonceaux; Ronald Wilcox; William Friese; Michael Libby;
Erick Steichen; Russell Duncan; Russell Wolf, Jr.; Charles Lindstrom; Dale Jokela

Northfield Council No. 12 -- 15

Eric M. Aasen; Dan W. Ball; Merle H. Cole; Scott A. Cummings; Darrell M. Fulton;
Stacy L. Fulton; Robert L. Howard; Donald F. Hodgdon; Joel R. Porter; Steve J. Sandberg;
Kayihan Seran; DeAndre L. Slater; Richard R. Waldie; Timothy W. Boche; David E. Olson

Southgate Council No. 15 -- 6

Tim Carroll; Lorney Ness; Adam Price; Cohen Rautenkranz; Brian Vairma; Nicholas Zago

55 new greetings this past year!!!!!!

2013 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

ABSTRACT OF MEMBERSHIP

	1/1/13	Greet	Joined	2013		NPD	Death	2013		12/31/13	% CHANGE	Life Mem
				Gain	Demit			LOSSES	NET			
St. Paul No. 1	84	4	1	5	2		3	5	0	84	0.00%	23
Minneapolis No. 2	191	15		15	1	7	10	18	-3	188	-1.57%	50
Ark No. 3	34			0		1	1	2	-2	32	-5.88%	4
Tyrian No. 4	33						2	2	-2	31	-6.06%	19
Duluth No. 6	119	4		4	12	8	14	34	-24	95	-20.17%	29
Austin No. 7	21	1		1		1	1	2	-1	20	-4.76%	12
Alpha No. 8	37	10		10			1	1	9	46	24.32%	20
Omega No. 9	19									19		
Zabud No. 10	50									50		
Northfield No. 12	64	15		15	2	3	3	8	7	71	10.94%	24
Central No. 14	65			0			4	4	-4	61	-6.15%	33
Southgate No. 15	37	6	1	7			1	1	6	43	16.22%	30
Red Rock No. 16	<u>29</u>			<u>0</u>					<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>	0	<u>28</u>
Total	783	55	2	57	17	20	40	77	-20	769		272

NOTE: Omega No. 9 & Zabud No. 10 did not produce their returns.

Fraternal Promotion & Education Report

During the past year one meeting was held and we discussed how to better promote Cryptic and Royal Arch Masonry to the Blue lodges. One topic common topic was to establish jointly within the York Rite a body of ambassadors to the lodges much like the Scottish Rites' "Double Eagles" to promote the Rite and recruit members to our chapters, councils, and commandery's. This seems like a sound concept but we need to work as a joint entity of York Rite Masons to achieve it.

We assisted in several degrees throughout the year and will assist any council needing help with degree work.

Respectfully,

David McCormick

Chair, Fraternal Promotions and Education Committee

NECROLOGY REPORT

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

It is my sad duty to report to you that the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota lost members of the Grand Council in the past year.

When I thought of that number, I had to stop. It was staggering and difficult for my young brain to comprehend. I then visited the book that Most Worshipful Brother Rex Hutchins suggested that all Masons familiarize themselves with while actively employed as a speculative Freemason, the book found on the altar in all regular and well governed lodges. I looked to the Psalms to give me comfort and arrived at the one hundred and twenty first.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Let us not forget, my dear companions: these men, our brothers, our friends, our councilors, and our counseled. They have laid down their working tools but I sense that they are still among us, helping to guide and shape us. As it pertains to the Grand Council, it is my sad duty to report the passing of Illustrious Companion Lewis Seely. He was Grand Chaplain of this Grand Council during our 2011-2012 term.

I have the regretful duty to report to you that the following Council members have laid down their working tools and have traveled to that house not built with hands eternal in the heavens.

Let us remember and keep these companions in our hearts as we continue their good work into the future.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted
Nicholas Johnson, Grand Chaplain

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Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Inc.
CMMRF State Report
 July 2013 through June 2014

Cash Basis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Orgzn</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
St. Paul 001				
1/24/2014	Kuchera, Douglas	001 St. Paul	br/GC	50.00
4/30/2014	Carlson, George W.	001 St. Paul	MC	25.00
4/30/2014	Bjorklund, Drew C.	001 St. Paul	MC	25.00
Total St. Paul 001				100.00
Tyrrian 004				
1/24/2014	004 Tyrrian Council	004 Tyrrian	\$1.00/member	35.00
Total Tyrrian 004				35.00
Duluth 006				
1/24/2014	DeMars, Donald	006 Duluth	br/GC	50.00
Total Duluth 006				50.00
Omega 009				
4/30/2014	Hanson, Lloyd E.	009 Omega	MC	25.00
Total Omega 009				25.00
Zabud 010				
2/10/2014	Felderman, Jr. Marv...	010 Zabud		125.00
Total Zabud 010				125.00
Northfield 012				
7/22/2013	Odegard, Gary A.	012 Northfield	sws	300.00
1/6/2014	Lidstrom, Carl F.	012 Northfield	bws/GMC	100.00
1/24/2014	012 Northfield Coun...	012 Northfield	\$2.66/member	200.00
1/24/2014	Zlerdt, Gerald E.	012 Northfield	silver	100.00
4/30/2014	Cole, Merle H.	012 Northfield		20.00
4/30/2014	Swift, Jr., Hugh	012 Northfield	bws/GMC/20...	100.00
Total Northfield 012				820.00
MN Grand Council				
8/6/2013	MN. Grand Council	MN Grand C...		158.33
Total MN Grand Council				158.33
TOTAL				1,313.33

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

The official charity of the General Grand Council International is the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). The purpose of the CMMRF is to raise funds dedicated to the terrible disease Atherosclerosis and its complications, also known as hardening of the arteries. There is much more information to be found on their website at www.cmmrf.org.

In 2013-2014, Minnesota contributed \$1,628.33 to the CMMRF from the following

Councils:

St Paul No. 1: \$100.00

Minneapolis No. 2: \$315.00

Tyrian No. 4: \$35.00

Duluth No. 6: \$50.00

Omega No. 9: \$25.00

Zabud No. 10: \$125.00

Northfield Council No. 12: \$820.00

Grand Council: \$158.33

I think we've done a stellar job this year and I hope we can keep going forward. I would especially like to give a hat tip to my home Council for raising an enormous amount of money for CMMRF. Companions, you really made me proud.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted,

Nicholas Johnson, Grand Chaplain

Grand Representatives Committee Report

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

It has been reported to me that MIGM James E. Turner, Jr. has appointed 4 new Grand Representatives to represent the following foreign jurisdictions within the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

They are as follows:

Monte M. Miller – Florida
Carl F. Lidstrom – Illinois
Marvin w, Schendel – Nebraska
Terrance L. Rybarczyk – Ohio

I sincerely hope the rest of the Grand Representatives are in touch with their counter parts from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Fraternally;
Carl F. Lidstrom, Chairman
Committee on Grand Representatives

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Proposed

Resolution Changes

March 21, 2014

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**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils**

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article II Chartered Councils

Preamble: To add a new section to Article II Chartered Councils to required the Grand Council to put on probationary status any constituent Council that fails to confer the Royal and Select Master Degrees with a cast composed of at least 75% of their own membership within two years after passage of this amendment, then revoke the charter of the Council if fails to meet this requirement within one year after being placed on probationary status.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Companions of Saint Paul Council No. 1 recommend the following change to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils.

Amendment to the Rules

Article II Chartered Councils

Section 2.01 Petition for Charter

To be a chartered Council, a Council U. D. must submit a petition for a charter, with the signatures of at least six (6) of its members, at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The petition must be according to the form provided for in the "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International".

Section 2.02 Information for Charter

The following must accompany the petition for charter:

- a) The dispensation
- b) Book of Records
- c) Grand Council dues for work done
- d) Additional fee for charter
- e) Copy of the proposed by-laws

Section 2.03 Grand Council Action on Chartered Petition

The Council U. D. will have no further authority until after action has been taken by the Grand Council on the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Should the report of the Committee be favorable, a charter will be issued. If not favorable, the Grand Council may continue the dispensation for one more year. If the request for charter is rejected, the Companions who have received the degrees shall be provided, by the Grand Treasurer-Recorder, a certificate of non-affiliation.

Section 2.04 Constituting a Council

When a charter is granted, a Council U. D. shall be constituted as provided in the "Manual for Use by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International". At this ceremony, the new officers, elected and appointed, shall be installed.

Section 2.05 Holding Council

SubSection .01 HOW FORMED

The Holding Council known as *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.*, shall be formed by the granting of a dispensation to said Council No. 13 U.D. each year by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in order that all rules and laws of the Grand Council would be complied with.

SubSection .02 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be limited to Companions of constituent Minnesota Councils which have lost or surrendered their charters, or who demitted when their council ceased to exist. It is open to any companion who demitted or withdrew or was suspended from a merged or consolidated council. Petitions for Affiliation are acceptable when accompanied with a certificate of Good Standing. Dual membership within Minnesota is prohibited

SubSection .03 PROPERTY, RECORDS & FINANCES

All assets, property and records of any closed Council shall become the property of the *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.* Revenues are derived from the dues of the members. Dues cards with the name *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.* and their previous Council would be issued from *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.*, using the same dues structure as their previous Council. Life Memberships shall be available based on the applicant's previous Council's dues structure. Dues notices and the collection of the dues shall be accomplished by the Grand Recorder/ Treasurer. Demitted members seeking membership shall become members by application and the paying of the current year's dues. Members suspended for Non-Payment may restore membership upon application and payment of one and one-half times (1 & 1/2) current dues.

SubSection .04 OFFICERS & MEETINGS

The Officers of this Holding Council shall only be the Grand Council Officers for each year, who will retain their membership in their home Council and not pay dues to *Grand Master Hiram Council No. 13 U.D.* . The Grand Recorder/Treasurer shall be retained as a permanent officer of the Holding Council. The Annual Meeting will be held during the Grand Assembly session each year

Amend to add Section 2.06 to read:

“SECTION 2.05 REQUIREMENT TO CONFER DEGREES

Beginning on the second anniversary of the passage of this resolution at annual Grand Session, any Council holding a charter from the Grand Council of Minnesota that has not within that time performed both the Royal and Select Master Degree with a cast composed of at least 75% of their own membership shall have their Charter placed on probationary status. If, within one year following the placement on probationary status, the Council does not meet the requirement to perform the work with at least 75% of the cast from its own membership, it shall have its Charter revoked and its members assigned either to the holding Council or, with consent of the members of both Councils, to the nearest geographically located active Council. This requirement to do the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry shall continue thereafter subjecting each Council to probationary status or revocation if the work is not done as herein required.”

*Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Saint Paul Council No. 1
Jack P. Roberts, P.I.M.
Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1*

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils**

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article XIV Awards

Preamble: To change Article XIV Awards to provide that any awards granted by the Grand Council to a constituent Council in recognition of the Council's increase in membership or total number of Companions greeted in a certain time period exclude those Companions greeted by other Councils as courtesy work or at "One-Day Festivals".

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Companions of Saint Paul Council No. 1 recommend the following change to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils.

Amendment to the Rules

Article XIV Awards

Section 1. ISH - SODI AWARD

The three principal officers of each council will recommend, prior to January first each year, one Companion from their Council who, in their opinion deserves special commendation for outstanding interest and zeal in promoting Cryptic Rite Masonry, and which member is not at the time one of the three principal or salaried officers of the Council, (remission of dues shall not be considered salary) and it is further provided that he is not one of the three principal Grand Council Officers.

From these recommendations, prior to the Grand Assembly, the three principal Officers of the Grand Council shall select the most worthy to be invested at the Grand Council Assembly, with the title of ISH-SODI with suitable certificate of such award.

The Grand Recorder-Treasurer shall keep a permanent record of all recommendations and appointments for the use of succeeding Grand Officers.

Section 2. CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

The three (3) principal officers of each Council will recommend, prior to January 1st each year, one Companion from their Council for the General Grand award.

This award will be made only for exceptional and meritorious service to Cryptic Masonry above and beyond the call of duty. No Past or Present Grand Master, or advancing line officer of the Grand Council shall be eligible for this award.

This Companion may also be a nominee for the ISH - SODI Award

Section 3. ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The three (3) principal officers, with the concurrence of the Council, will nominate one Companion or other person, who may be a non Mason or a female, for this award.

This medal will be presented to a nominee who is a leader in one of the youth organizations recognized by the General Grand Council namely; Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Order of Job's Daughters or Boy or Girl Scouts.

Section 4. MINNESOTA YOUTH AWARD

Each Council shall nominate one person or a couple that have done an outstanding job working with youth organizations in their activities and promotion of the group. The nominees need not be Masonic affiliated.

Amend to add Section 5, to read:

"SECTION 5 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The "Altar Cloth" award, or any other "membership increase" award, shall only count members greeted in a Council performing the work for its new Companions, said awards being designed to award individual Councils for performing the work, rather than merely passing out Petitions or sending candidates to other Councils to do the work."

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Saint Paul Council No. 1

Jack P. Roberts, P.I.M.

Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils**

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article V Degrees

Preamble: To change Article V Degrees to prohibit a Council from conferring the Royal and Select Master Degrees on the same day, if more than three of the candidates present are not petitioning the Council performing the degrees.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Companions of Saint Paul Council No. 1 recommend the following change to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils.

Amendment to the Rules

Article V Degrees

The degrees to be conferred in a Council are:

1. Royal Master
2. Select Master

Following said degrees, there may be conferred, in addition, as an honorary degree that of

3. Super Excellent Master Degree

These degrees must be conferred in the order named.

Amend to add the following text:

“Any constituent Council may perform the degrees of Royal and Select Master on one day, provided that the majority of the candidates for the degrees have been elected to membership in the Council performing the degrees and not more than three “courtesy” Candidates are present.”

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Saint Paul Council No. 1

Jack P. Roberts, P.I.M.

Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils**

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article V Degrees

Preamble: To change Article V Degrees to (1) prohibit the Grand Council of Minnesota from sponsoring One-Day Festivals more than once every three years, (2) require all ritual work at One-Day Festivals to be from memory, and (3) prohibit the balloting on petitioners at One-Day Festivals.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Companions of Saint Paul Council No. 1 recommend the following change to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils.

Amendment to the Rules

Article V Degrees

The degrees to be conferred in a Council are:

1. Royal Master
2. Select Master

Following said degrees, there may be conferred, in addition, as an honorary degree that of

3. Super Excellent Master Degree

These degrees must be conferred in the order named.

Amend to add the following text:

“A general One-Day Festival may be sponsored by the Grand Council and open to duly elected candidates from any constituent Council not more than once every three years and provided that: all work done at such a general One Day Festival shall be done by memory and ritual books shall not be permitted in the Council except that held by a designated “prompter”, all candidates for the degrees at the One Day festival shall have first been elected to receive the degrees in a duly constituent Council, and no balloting shall be permitted at the general One Day Festival.”

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Saint Paul Council No. 1

Jack P. Roberts, P.I.M.

Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota
Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils**

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article V Degrees

Preamble: To change Article V Degrees to prohibit the conferring of the Super Excellent Master Degree at any One-Day Festival.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Companions of Saint Paul Council No. 1 recommend the following change to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota Rules for the Regulation of Constituent Councils.

Amendment to the Rules

Article V Degrees

The degrees to be conferred in a Council are:

1. Royal Master
2. Select Master

Following said degrees, there may be conferred, in addition, as an honorary degree that of

3. Super Excellent Master Degree

These degrees must be conferred in the order named.

Amend to add the following text:

“The Super Excellent Master may not be performed on the same day as a general One Day Festival.”

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Saint Paul Council No. 1

Jack P. Roberts, P.I.M.

Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1

Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article VI Meetings

Preamble: To change Article VI Meetings to require notice to all Companions who are members of a constituent Council of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota of all meetings of the Grand Council and its committees, and to permit any Companion to attend such meetings.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Companions of Saint Paul Council No. 1 recommend the following change to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Amendment to the Constitution

Article VI Meetings

Section 6.01 Annual Assembly

An Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at such time or place as may have been designated at the previous Annual Assembly. However, should a conflict occur necessitating a change in time and or place, the Grand Master may order a change upon issuing a notice to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the assembly.

At the Annual Assembly, the official reports of the Grand Officers, and committees shall be presented and considered. The Grand Council shall consult and act on all matters concerning the interest of the Cryptic Rite in its jurisdiction.

Section 6.02 Special Assemblies

Special Assemblies may be called by the Grand Master at his discretion, due notice thereof to be given, but no business shall be transacted thereat except such as mentioned in the call.

Section 6.03 Quorums and Majorities

A majority of the Chartered Councils must be represented to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business mentioned in Section 6.01 and 6.02 of this Article, but a less number duly assembled may meet in consultation.

Section 6.04 Voting

Section 6.041 Voting Eligibility

In the transaction of the business of the Grand Council, each member of said Council shall have one (1) vote, except the Grand Master shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, upon any question other than the election of officers. Each Council present shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Dias Officer and Recorder present or by proxy, and one (1) vote for each Past Illustrious Master present; provided he is not an elected Dias Officer or Recorder of a Constituent Council. Then the Past Illustrious Master shall be entitled to only one (1) vote as a Council Dias Officer or Recorder.

Section 6.042 Voting Procedure

All voting in the Grand Council shall be by the usual sign except for the election of officers which must be by written ballot.

Section 6.043 Election or Passage requirements

A majority vote is required for the election of officers and to consummate other transactions other than amendments to this Constitution. An amendment requires a two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] majority.

Section 6.044 Blank Ballots

Blank ballots and those cast for other than eligible members of the council in good standing are void and must be counted in announcing the results.

Section 6.045 Ballot Counts

A majority vote means more than half of the votes cast, ignoring the blanks. A two thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] majority means two-thirds of the votes cast, ignoring the blanks.

Section 6.04 Jewels

Each member of the Grand Council shall appear at its annual and special assemblies properly clothed and wearing his proper jewel if an officer. The design for such jewels shall be for all, a wreath having a triangle imposed thereon and with the emblem of the office in the center, all of gold, as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master - the square and compass joined with the trowel.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master - the level joined with the trowel.

Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work - the plumb joined with the trowel

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer-Recorder - crossed keys joined with the trowel.

Illustrious Grand Chaplain - the open book.

Illustrious Grand Marshall - baton joined with the trowel.

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard - the battle axe joined with the trowel.

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council - scroll surmounted by a trowel.

Illustrious Grand Steward - crossed swords joined with the trowel.

Illustrious Grand Sentinel - sword joined with the trowel

Amend to add Section 6.04 to read:

“SECTION 6.05 OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT

All meetings of the Grand Council and all meetings of any committees established by the by-laws of the Grand Council or appointed by the Illustrious Grand Master shall be open to any member in good standing of any Minnesota chartered Cryptic Council, provided that no member shall be permitted to speak at such meeting unless granted specific permission by the presiding officer. No member shall be permitted to vote at such meeting unless he be a Grand Officer or, in the case of Committee meetings, a duly appointed member of the committee. All members of Cryptic Council in Minnesota shall be given a minimum of two weeks' notice of meetings (including time, date and location) of the Grand Council or any committee thereof except in cases of extreme emergency or where, by law, privacy is required. Such notice shall be accomplished by a posting upon the web-site of the Cryptic Council. All meetings of the Nominations Committee are private and not subject to the open meeting or notice provisions of this Section. All Committees shall be required to file an annual report, to be included in Pre-Printed Grand Session materials which must include the time, date, place, attendees and actions and Minutes of the Committee, including in **Bold Typeface**, any recommendations to be considered at the Grand Session.”

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Saint Paul Council No. 1

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Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1

Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article V Committees and Grand Representatives

Preamble: To change Article V Committees and Grand Representatives to require (1) the Grand Officers of the Grand Council meet at least twice between Grand Council Assemblies, (2) committees required in the Rules of the Grand Council meet at least three times a year, and (3) other committees appointed the Most Illustrious Grand Master meet at least once per year.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Companions of Saint Paul Council No. 1 recommend the following change to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

Amendment to the Constitution

Article V Committees and Grand Representatives

Section 5.01

The Grand Master elect, after installation, and before closing of 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, Appeals and Grievance, Fraternal Promotion, Information and Education.

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- .01 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.
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The purpose of this Committee is to strengthen the unity and cooperation between the Grand Bodies of the York Rite of Minnesota. This Grand Council Committee shall consist of the Deputy Grand Master (Chairman for the Grand Council Committee), the Grand Captain of the Guard and the Grand Sentinel.

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The Grand Master is empowered to remove from office a Grand Representative who has not attended an Annual Assembly for three (3) consecutive years or who do not report on their contacts as Grand Representatives.

Proper commissions certifying such appointments and authority shall be issued to each Representative signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer-Recorder under the seal of the Grand Council.

Amend to add Section 5.09 to read:

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All committees required by the by-laws must meet a minimum of three times in addition to any meetings held during Grand Session; the Grand Council shall meet at least twice between Grand Sessions, any committees appointed by the Illustrious Grand Master shall meet at least once, or as often as required to perform the duties or complete the task assigned.”

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Saint Paul Council No. 1

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Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1

Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Date: March 21, 2014

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Preamble: To change Article V Committees and Grand Representatives to provide that committee chairs who fail to hold required committee meetings will be ineligible for any office in the Grand Council.

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Recorder, Saint Paul Council No. 1

Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota

Date: March 21, 2014

Proposed: Amendment Change to Article V Committees and Grand Representatives

Preamble: To change Article V Committees and Grand Representatives to set a three-year term limit on membership in the Nominations and Jurisprudence Committees and as a Trustee.

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