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**Cryptic Masons
International**

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David Alan Grindle was born on July 2, 1946, to Donald Edward and Geraldine Lou (Rolston) Grindle in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. He lived in the same house for all but 13 days of 22 years. He graduated from Springfield Shawnee High School in 1964. He was one of five students who received sponsorships to General Motors Institute (GMI) (now Kettering University) in Flint, Michigan. His sponsor was Frigidaire Division of General Motors Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. He was enrolled in Electrical Engineering. While at GMI, David joined Eta Mu Chapter, Sigma Nu Fraternity which had a house in Flushing, Michigan. After two years, he felt he was being stifled in his work experiences and transferred schools. He became a student in the School of Education at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. He majored in Mathematics and minored in Physics. He graduated in 1968.

He accepted a Hardware Test Job at International Business Machine Corporation in Poughkeepsie, New York. He only worked there for 4 1/2 months when he received a draft notice from his Clark County, Ohio, Draft Board. While working during a 60 day delay, he was able to evade the draft by joining the United States Air Force. David began his military service on November 20, 1968. He retired as a Major, O-4, after 20 years as a Navigator/Weapons Systems Officer/Electronic Warfare Officer with over 2100 Flying hours in T-41, T-37, T-38, T/ET-29, EB-57, F-4C/D/E, and F/EF-111A. He was stationed mostly in the Western United States, and in Okinawa, Korea, and Germany.

After retiring, he worked as a substitute teacher for almost two years. Dave was then hired as an Information Technology Programmer Analyst for the Idaho Department of Water Resources. After 16 years, he retired in 2006 as an Information Technology Systems Integration Analyst.

He married Karen Gwen Schooler Frank in September 2001. Together, they have three (3) Adult children, David Edward Grindle, Tharrin Raymond Frank, and Heidi Lynn (Frank) Olson. They have nine Grandchildren and one Great-Grandson.

They are members of Community United Methodist Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They both participate in the choir.

Masonic Biography

Lodge

Dave was raised as a Master Mason in Teikoku Lodge #19 of the Grand Lodge of Japan on December 30, 1974 as a courtesy for St Andrews Lodge #619 of the Grand Lodge of Ohio F&AM. He is an Endowed Member of St Andrews Lodge. He is past member and Past Master of Elmore Lodge #30, Grand Lodge of Idaho. He affiliated and transferred his Life Membership to

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Capital City Lodge #93 in Boise, Idaho, and is twice Past Master. He served the Grand Lodge Of Idaho as District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District from 1997-1999. He is also a Life Member of Acacia Lodge #118, Grand Lodge of Oregon and served one year as Senior Warden. He is a member of Kootenai Lodge #24, Hayden, Idaho

He served the Grand Lodge of Idaho as the Credentials Committee Chairman in 1997, 1998, and 2005; he also served on the Information Technology Committee in 2006-07.

Chapter

Dave was exalted as a Royal Arch Master in March 1994 in Mountain Home Chapter Royal Arch Masons #24. He served as High Priest in 1998. He became a Life Member of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho. He affiliated and transferred his Life Membership to Boise Chapter #3 where he was Excellent High Priest in 2007. He is also a Life Member of Anchorage Chapter #3, Anchorage, Alaska; Springfield Chapter #48, Springfield, Ohio; Zadoc Chapter #34, Ontario, Oregon; and Oriental Chapter #19, Seattle, Washington.

He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1998 and was Excellent President in 2007-08.

He was appointed as the Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho. In 2002, he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter. He served as Grand High Priest in 2009-10.

He was appointed as the General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Idaho for the Triennium of 2005-08.

He is a recipient of the Ephraim Kirby Award of the General Grand Chapter in 2016

Council

Dave was Greeted a Select Master in 1994 in Idaho Council #1. He served as Illustrious Master in 1999 and became a Life Member. He was received into the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1999 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2004. In 1999, he was appointed as the Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Idaho. He advanced through the line until he was elected as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council in 2002. He served as Illustrious Grand Master of Idaho in 2005.

He is an Endowed Member of Springfield Council #17, Springfield, Ohio, and a Life Member of Anchorage Council #1, Anchorage, Alaska; Baker Council #16, Ontario, Oregon; and Seattle Council #6, Renton Washington.

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He ran for the office of General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, in 2006-08 and was elected and installed at the Triennial Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, in September 2008. He announced his candidacy for General Grand Master in 2015 and was elected and installed at the Triennial Assembly in Portland, Oregon, in August 2017.

He is a recipient of the Order of the Secret Vault of the General Grand Council in the initial presentations of 2012

Commandery

Sir Knight David was knighted as a Knight of the Temple in 1994 in Idaho Commandery #1. He served as its Eminent Commander in 2000 and became a Life Member. He is also a Life Member of Anchorage Commandery #2, Anchorage, Alaska; Baker Commandery #9, Ontario, Oregon; Rainier Commandery #28, Renton, Washington; and Marvin E. Fowler Commandery #7, Washington, District of Columbia. He is a member of Palestine Commandery #33, Springfield, Ohio.

He was appointed Eminent Grand Sentinel of the Grand commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho in 2000. He advanced through the line until he was elected Grand Recorder in 2002. He served as Grand Commander in 2007-08.

Dave has served the Grand Commandery of Oregon as the District #6 Supervisor. He is the Senior Warden of the Oregon Past Commander's Association. He is a charter member and a Past Preceptor (2006-07) of the Idaho Chapter of Knights Preceptor. He currently is the Deputy Grand Preceptor of the Grand Chapter of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor.

He served as Grand Commandery Coordinator for the Grand Encampment in 2009-11.

He is a recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2009.

Other Masonic Affiliations

Dave has the following other Masonic and Non-Masonic Affiliations:

1. St. Michael Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign and Recorder
2. Idaho Priory #13, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Past Prior and Registrar
3. Redemption Tabernacle No. XL, Holy royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Past Preceptor, Knight Commander, and Registrar
4. Tri-Valley York Rite College #178, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Past Governor, Life Member, Recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross, Associate Regent, Grand Governor of Idaho

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7. National Sojourners, Willamette Valley Chapter #529 and Spokane Chapter #102, Member in Perpetuity.
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10. Member of the Valley of Dayton, AASR, NJ
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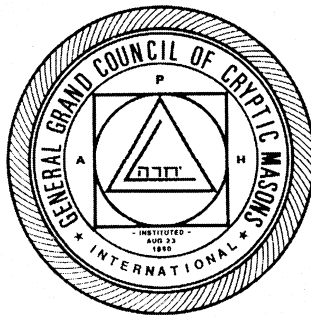
47th Triennial Assembly Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2020

(All times in Universal Time Constant)

- 1800 Preliminary Credentials Report
Quorum Determination
- 1810 Open 47th Triennial Assembly
Prayer
Universal Pledge
Welcome
- 1825 Motions
Motion to allow Virtual Triennial
Motion to approve Pre submitted Reports (except Allocation, Charters & Dispensations Report, Jurisprudence Report, 2020-23 Budget)
- 1845 Allocation
- 1905 Memorial Service
- 1920 Report of the Charters & Dispensations Committee)
- 1950 Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
- 2030 Report of the Finance Committee (2020-23 Budget)
- 2100 Credentials Report
- 2110 Election
Mark Irwin Motion on sole candidates
- 2115 Election of General Grand Treasurer
- 2120 Recess General Grand Council
CMMRF Corporate Meeting
- 2125 Monty Open
- 2130 Report of the Executive Secretary
- 2150 Report of the Chairman of the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine
- 2230 Election of At-Large Board Members
- 2235 Install At-Large Members
- 2240 Close CMMRF Meeting
- 2245 Reconvene General Grand Council
Further Business (Remarks of TIGM Cooke, MWB Steven L. Hall (ID), MWB Alexander A. Escasa (HI)
Closing Prayer
- 2315 Close Triennial
- 2330 Install the 48th Triennium Officers
Installing GGM (MPC David A. Grindle)
Installing GGR (RPC Steven A. Balke)
Installing GG Chaplain (Most Rev E. Jeffrey Craig)

The
General Grand Council
Of
**Cryptic Masons
International**
Held
VIRTUALLY
September 26, 2020



Most Puissant David A. Grindle
General Grand Master
Presiding

Forty-Seventh Triennial Assembly, Virtual

**FORTY-SEVENTH TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
VIRUALLY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

At 1:00 PM EDT, the General Grand Master called the 47th Triennial Assembly to order on Zoom.

The roll of the General Grand Officers was called.

M.P. General Grand Master	David A. Grindle
R.P. Deputy General Grand Master	Monty J. Glover
R.P. Gen. Grand Prin. Cond. of Work	William G. Snyder
R.P. General Grand Treasurer	Charles L. Hollinger
R.P. General Grand Recorder	Stephen A. Balke
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R.P. General Grand Captain of Guard	Russell E. Bridges
R.P. General Grand Cond. of Council	Gheorghe Vilceanu
R.P. General Grand Marshal	Terrance L. Rybarczyk
R.P. General Grand Steward	Mark E. McGee
R.P. General Grand Musician	Stephen C. Monrotus
R.P. General Grand Sentinel	John A. Bridegroom

Regional Deputy General Grand Masters present were:

Africa Regional Deputy	Kpakpovi M. "Marc" Adote
Asia-Pacific Regional Deputy	Jonathan Chua
Canada Regional Deputy	Bryan D. Bechler
Central America Regional Deputy	Marcos D. OSTRANDER M.
East Central Regional Deputy	Stephen R. Striggow
Europe Regional Deputy	Norman R. Draine
South America Regional Deputy	Leonardo P. Sant'Anna
North Central Regional Deputy	Anthony T. Johnson
Northeast-North Regional Deputy	Charles A. McCollum
Northeast-South Regional Deputy	James B. Walsh
Northwest Regional Deputy	Robert A. Farrow
South Central Regional Deputy	John L. Logan
Southeast Regional Deputy	Larry R. Gillespie
Southwest Regional Deputy	James G. Baum

Introductions

The General Grand Master acknowledged the presence of dignitaries on the Zoom Call:

Past General Grand Masters: Perry B. Anderson, 2002-05; Maurice C. Himes, 2005-08, Lawrence O. Weaver, 2013-17.

Grand Encampment Officers: SK Jeffrey Norman Nelson, Most Eminent Grand Master who is also a Past Grand Illustrious Master of North Dakota.

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MWB Stephen L Hall, Grand Master of Masons in Idaho and MWB Alexander A. Escasa , Grand Master of Masons in Hawai'i.

On the call of the roll of Grand Councils, it was determined that nine (9) Affiliated Grand Councils were present, and therefore, there was a quorum to conduct business.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

A preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was given stating that there were 45 Affiliated Grand Councils represented and 15 Subordinate Councils represented.

The report was received.

The General Grand Master appointed the Tellers for the Assembly.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of the 46th Triennial Assembly as they were published on the website. Motion passed.

It was moved by the General Grand Recorder and seconded by MIC C. David Williams III that the Advanced Proceedings Reports with the exception of the General Grand Master's Address, the Jurisprudence Report, the Report of the Charters and Dispensations Committee Report, and the Finance Committee Report to include the budget be approved as printed. The motion passed.

APPROVED PRE-PRINTED REPORTS

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER RP MONTY J. GLOVER

The report has been misfiled and not located for inclusion

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK RP WILLIAM G. SNYDER

To the officers and companions of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International:

Several of you in attendance at this Virtual General Grand Assembly were in attendance at my first public remarks as a candidate for this office in 2017. It was in Des Moines, Iowa, in August, 2017, and I stated that there had to be changes made at the General Grand Council. Quote: "You cannot be a great International organization until you have become a great National

organization.”

At Portland, you gave me the honor of being a part of the solution to the problem and hopefully you will agree that changes have been made and that the General Grand Council has returned to the role for which it was established: The protection and preservation of the Cryptic Rite and the strengthening of the Grand Councils in the United States and elsewhere.

In becoming the General Grand Council that our ancestors envisioned, we made changes in the way that the General Grand Council operates. The General Grand Master recognized and adopted many suggestions offered by the Deputy General Grand Master and myself as well as incorporating ideas from our General Grand Treasurer and General Grand Recorder.

My primary assignment was to make it clear to any Grand Council that I visited or communicated with that the Degrees and Philosophy of the Cryptic Rite are of equal importance to any of the York Rite Degrees and Orders. Thus, I sought to promote and conduct the “Work” as being important and worthy of respect in our Masonic Halls. The General Grand Board of Trustees made this a new tradition for the office of the General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Perhaps this should be made a goal of your Grand Council’s Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

I have found situations where the Cryptic Rite is belittled by our fellow Companions or Brothers. I have found that there are some who want to “change” the way Freemasonry operates so that their favorite body is in the driver’s seat. For those who belittle or diminish the Cryptic Rite, I simply note that you are ignorant. Ignorant of our recorded history, of our unrecorded history and legends and have no understanding of the true ancientness of the eternal lessons of our Degrees. I doubt that you have ever actually tried to understand the meaning and implications of the lessons of our Degrees.

Oh, I bet someone reading this is now feeling uncomfortable. Let me be clear, during the past three years, I have acted to protect, preserve and promote the Cryptic Rite, in doing so, I have asked all of you to stop being comfortable or complacent. Be Cryptic! While I am a Scottish Rite 33rd Degree, a Templar Knight, a beholder of the Holy Royal Arch, and a past Grand Lodge officer, I endeavor to give equal importance to those Orders and Degrees and their ruling institutions. But none of you have the right to treat the Cryptic Rite as nothing, Masonic fluff, or just something you do between Royal Arch and obtaining Knighthood.

I enjoyed meeting and enjoying Cryptic fellowship with so many of you and look forward to working with my successor in office to carry on the new tradition.

Please contemplate the following proposition.

THE PATH FORWARD: ROYAL ARCH ALL THE WAY OR SOMETHING MORE? OR LESS?

For many years, two presumptions have been maintained in the historical development of the American York Rite. One is that all Cryptic Masons were exalted as Royal Arch Masons before receiving any of the three degrees of the Cryptic Rite. The second is that all Knights Templars are Royal Arch Masons before the conferral of the chivalric Orders. In many ways, this has been beneficial to the cause of the American York Rite in that all members of any York Rite body were both Master Masons and Capitular Masons, sharing a common foundation of knowledge and experience. Other than the circumstances of the Capitular Rite being first well-established within the United States, it could be argued by some that there is no historical or compelling reason for a Cryptic Mason or a Templar to also have been exalted as a Royal Arch Mason. However, within the purview of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, there is a logical, rational explanation for the interconnected roles of the four York Rite bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery are seen as important steps in the progress of a Freemason.

This exemplifies the reasoning behind York Rite Unity or a United York Rite. The four bodies must work in harmony for all to succeed. Obstacles and impediments to any of the four bodies serves to undermine the true purposes of all the bodies.

In the expansion of the American York Rite onto the world stage, this same pattern has been followed. Within the United States, there may arise a dispute between Grand Officers of the York Rite or even contention with Grand Lodge Officers. However, these are generally amicably resolved and rarely become more than a few passing moments of tension or strife. Peace and Harmony prevails.

However, given the relative rapid progress on the International front, the teaching of some of the basic principles and tenets of our American York Rite is often overlooked. As the result of haste or misunderstanding, some of our Companions outside the United States falsely believe that one body or the other has a claim to be superior to the others. Thus, one body asserts control over all and effectively destroys the intentions of the chartering General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council or Grand Encampment or serves to vex the proper jurisdictions of the recognized Grand Lodges. I have knowledge of unfair and unjust actions taken in such situations, all to the detriment of Freemasonry in those jurisdictions.

The Cryptic Rite has historically been divided on the question of being required as a gateway to the Templar Orders. However, we have cheerfully accepted the role of the Grand Chapter as the gateway to the Cryptic Rite.

There are a chosen few who do not view the Cryptic Rite as necessary or useful to their Masonic life. There are many others who recognize the value

of the Cryptic Rite and how essential its lessons are to an understanding of Freemasonry.

I suggest and recommend to the Cryptic Craft that you seriously consider, in a deliberate and dispassionate manner, the interconnections of the American York Rite. Is it possible that it would be best to dispense with the necessity of all Cryptic Masons being Royal Arch Masons? Or should we consider expanding the definition of what is necessary for one to be a Cryptic Mason? Can a Scottish Rite Mason of the Lodge of Perfection be considered a Royal Arch Mason? Should the Royal Arch requirement be a matter of determination by each jurisdiction?

My recommendation, based upon my experiences, is:

However, I urge you to take this up during these next three years and make decisions that preserve the fundamentals of the American York Rite throughout the world.

Fraternally submitted,
Willilam G. Snyder
General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND TREASURER

RP CHARLES L. HOLLINGER

To the officers and companions of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International:

It has been an honor to serve you and the craft this 47th Triennium for this third term in office. I again thank you for the opportunity you have afforded me to travel around the jurisdictions, which has further expanded acquaintances and allowed me to develop friendships with our Companions around the globe. The training I provided the constituents who attended the Regional Conferences, I believe addressed the needs and concerns identified previously, enabling me to have better met your expectations of this office and the General Grand Council.

Included in this report you will find copies of the Budget vs. Actuals for each fiscal year of this Triennium. Additionally, the three year Triennial expenditures vs. percent of total are included to provide a perspective of what it takes run operations of the General Grand Council Balance.

The Intuit on-line accounting system accommodates the budget management process, being fully accessible to all General Grand officers requiring knowledge of transactions real time 24/7, to include complete up to date auditable accounting ledgers and historical data for pro forma projections. Quarterly reporting was maintained, disseminated, and remains on record, electronically. The Intuit QuickBooks software was again changed several times during this Triennium, which have improved its use and reporting. The ability to run a Budget vs. Actual report for the period of a Triennial remains

unavailable.

Investments managed by Edward Jones have been regularly assessed and our due diligence has kept your monies working to maximize return with only the necessary cash available to handle day to day financial needs. The asset allocation of each account was maintained and managed in order to leverage opportunities. The Corporate Foundation endowment, funded primarily by the Order of the Secret Vault, First Responders Award and Lady of the Council was set aside until a \$100K funding was reached before income could be taken. As of the end of this Triennium, July 31, 2020 the Corporate account balance had reached \$192.9K - an increase of \$55.1K over the three year starting balance of \$137.8K August 2017. The \$100K threshold sum was reached in 2016 of the previous triennium. This account was established to provide income as planned to offset per capita should funding be needed for operations. The Life Membership account balance ended with a balance of \$179.6K after distribution this Triennium. The Operational/Administrative account concluded with a balance of \$190.6K. Total return on these accounts for each FY20 account respectfully were: Corporate 5.09%, Operational 7.04% and Life 5.11%, though the three year Triennium figures were Corporate 8.89%, Operational 3.56% and Life (1.11)%

The single largest expenditure remains in the line item for travel, contributing to 26.38% of the 47th Triennium expenditures totaling \$112.8K. It continues to be under-funded compared to the reality of additional out-of-pocket expenditure levels required to support travel, particularly to constituents outside continental United States (OCONUS). An amenable solution remains to be discussed with OCONUS member countries, as late per capita continues to contribute to budget short falls throughout the Triennial period.

Assistance of the General Grand Recorders, RP Brian Bechler and RP Stephen Balke throughout this 47th Triennium has ensured the teamwork necessary in the execution of this office of the General Grand Council. Their cooperation has kept the organization fully funded and properly invested for the future.

I appreciate the confidence you have entrusted in me to fulfill the duties of this office and the opportunity to contribute to international brotherhood of the General Grand Council the past nine years. Every effort has been made to meet the challenges of this office with order and decorum, applying my skills to ensure a sound financial future of our General Grand Council. The decision to lay down the keys of the treasury, not stand for re-election to the office of Grand Treasurer and retiring my position to another person who will faithfully have the passion and zeal as I have for the organization was announced through the Decryption communication tool. Thank you for allowing me to serve; the friendships developed, and camaraderie fostered throughout these memorable years are cherished and will continue to flourish.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
CHARLES L. HOLLINGER
General Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND RECORDER

STEPHEN A. BALKE

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International:

The unfortunate and unforeseeable personal circumstances presented to Right Puissant Companion Bryan Bechler within his first year of service to the General Grand Council afforded me an opportunity to serve with this team as his successor. While I am grateful for the opportunity and trust given me by the Companions, I do wish it had been under different circumstances. For just over two years, I have had the opportunity to continue his work and the transition from Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle, who served this office well for three Trienniums.

As might be expected during any transition, there have been adjustments and adaptations during these two years, yet, I believe that we have accomplished much and are staged to continue this work into the next Triennium. As many of the projects that affect this office are technology oriented, and, I was also a part of an OUTSTANDING Technology Committee, please see the report of the Committee on Technology for the many items that fall under the committee's purview. Those items which have been accomplished in this office are:

1. Continued creation and distribution of the Cryptic Freemason Magazine through the end of the Triennium.
2. Redesign of many of the forms for submission and templated format of future forms and reports of the General Grand Council to conform to both branding and data capture optimization.
3. Fulfillment processes implemented to ensure that our Recorders and Grand Recorders are informed, that appropriate Good Standing is verified for any orders, and tracking is documented and available.
4. Creation and adoption by the Trustees of certificates for our awards and service recognition.
5. Leveraging video conferencing applications, and in addition to having regular and noted meetings of the officers, we have started meeting with the Grand Recorders and Recorders of Subordinate Councils to keep a regular update of events, activities, and news communicated by and between Jurisdictions in each Region.
6. Realignment of the Chart of Accounts to the Universal Chart of Accounts (UCOA), which maps directly to the IRS Form 990 Tax Return.
7. Transfer of database from Access to open source and web enabled underway.
8. Successful move of the office of the General Grand Recorder to New Mexico.
9. Development of information and presentation materials and templates to be used by our Regional Deputy General Grand Masters, General Grand Officers and our constituent members to inform our Companions of the programs and services available.

While many of these items would be considered a “work in progress”, we are making a great deal of headway in accomplishing the goals of customer service, effective communication, and inclusive reporting. As our team has grown to include many Companions with varied talents, the work is becoming more clearly defined and distributed. It has been a productive and pleasant experience working with the Trustees, Grand Recorders, Regional Deputies, Committees and many Companions worldwide to bring the Craft to its present condition; which is staged for continued growth and prosperity through cooperative, communicative and transparent work for the Craft.

On a personal note, I would like to thank both of our General Grand Clerks for this Triennium. Lady Karen Grindle has dedicated many years to setting and maintaining a high standard of response – ability for the office of the General Grand Recorder. Lady Michele Balke has taken up the challenge and is not only accompanying me on this journey, but also continuing to set and implement standards and procedures for excellent customer service, communication and transparency.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I hope to continue to work with such an outstanding team.

Fraternally submitted,
Stephen A. Balke
General Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPLAIN RPC (MOST REVEREND) E. JEFFREY CRAIG

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International:

This Triennial we were fortunate in that the Supreme Architect did not call any of our Past Most Puissant General Grand Masters or any of our current General Grand Council Leadership Team home to that “House Not Made With Hands.” They continue to be readily available to us to lend advice and counsel.

However, it is with a heavy heart that we must advise you of the passing of ___ Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International during this past three years. The roll of their names and Councils is filed in the office of the General Grand Recorder and was not available at the time of the writing of this report as all annual returns had yet to be filed.

All will be well and truly missed.

Unfortunately, due to the time constraints imposed upon us due to the virtual session timing we are unable to hold an appropriate Memorial Service at this Triennial session to celebrate and remember our departed Companions. However, a moment of silence will be held during the virtual sessions in their honor, and all Companions are urged to celebrate them in their own

private manner when the time permits.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of having been asked to serve as your General Grand Chaplains for this past General Grand Council Triennial.

As your term as Most Puissant General Grand Master comes to an end, may the Blessings of our Gracious Lord go with you for your dedication to our Fraternity, and the Companions in His Service.

In His Service, Grace and Peace,

++E. Jeffrey Craig
R.P.C. The Most Reverend E. Jeffrey Craig
General Grand Chaplain

R.P.C. Rev. Charles M. Roberts
Assistant General Grand Chaplain

R.P.C. Rev. James R. Herrington
Assistant General Grand Chaplain
All of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

RPC RUSSELL E. BRIDGES

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, Officers, and Members of
the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International:*

Since being appointed General Grand Capt. of the Guard in Maggie Valley in July of 2017 I have traveled throughout the US and UK with many different orders in Masonry. While most were not Council related I never missed an opportunity to talk Cryptic Masonry when possible. I attended SC Grand York Rite sessions for 2018 and 2019. NC Grand York Rite session for 2018 (2019 was cancelled). In 2019 I attended the recognition of the NC Grand York Rite and NC Prince Hall Grand York Rite bodies representing MPGM David Grindle and brought congratulations to both bodies on this occasion. The GGC newsletter has met with success and many positive comments. I look forward to helping the next Gen. Grand Master during his triennial.

Fraternally Submitted,
Russell E. Bridges
General Grand Captain of the Guard

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL

RPC GHEORGHE VILCEANU

No Report Submitted

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND MARSHAL
TERRANCE L. RYBARCYK

No Report Submitted

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND STEWARD
RPC MARK E. McGEE

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers, and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:

I would like to thank the General Grand Master for the appointment and the opportunity to serve the General Grand Council during the past three years. It has been a great experience that will ever be remembered.

Listed below are some of the meetings I was honored to attend.

Attended all three of the North East Regional York Rite Conferences, and all three of the Grand York Rite Sessions of New Jersey. I was also able to attend the Grand York Rite Sessions of Delaware, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, along with some of New Jersey Grand York Rite presiding officers.

In addition, I attended the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar 67th Triennial, all three of the Knight Templar Easter Sunrise Services, and the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction annual sessions in Rochester, NY and Indianapolis, IN.

I also had the opportunity to serve as a member of the General Grand Council's Committee of Finance and Accounts. It was an honor to serve with these dedicated and professional Cryptic Masons.

Additionally, I participated in numerous York Rite Festivals and numerous meetings of subordinate bodies and appendant bodies in New Jersey. This was a great experience, General Grand Master thanks again for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark E. Megee
General Grand Steward

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND SENTINEL
RPC JOHN A BRIDEGROOM

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers, and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the General Grand Council during the 2017-2020 Triennium. It has been a very rewarding experience, and to have taken a small part in the advancement of the Cryptic Rite and the wonderful work that the General Grand Council is doing has been a privilege I will long remember.

During the course of the Triennium, I had the opportunity to represent the General Grand Council on your behalf at the Grand Conclaves of both Michigan and Indiana. I enjoyed serving in my position while I travelled to many national meetings, such as the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, The Royal Order of Scotland, and the many orders that meet at Masonic Week in Crystal City Virginia. I also attended the Grand Conclaves of Ohio and Missouri as well and have tried my best to be a strong representative of the General Grand Council wherever I travelled. In addition, I had the pleasure of working with the General Grand Recorder to make great strides in the online presentation of the General Grand Council, working on both the Weekly Decryption as well as the General Grand Council website. We worked hard to revise and improve the General Grand Council Ritual, improving the graphics and diagrams also. We designed and created the Veterans Medal, the First Responders Jewel, and improved the certificates for the Cryptic Mason of the Year, the Youth Leadership Award and the Order of the Secret Vault.

While the tasks were numerous, it was always enjoyable, and that is a testament to the leadership team and their ability to encourage and inspire those laboring in the quarries. I wish to personally thank Stephen Balke, General Grand Recorder, for keeping me involved and being a joy to work with. I would like to also thank William Snyder, General Grand Principle Conductor of the Work, for being incredibly supportive and working so hard to bring the value and importance of the Cryptic Rite into the forefront of Freemasonry.

It has been an honor to serve as the General Grand Sentinel, thank you for your trust in me and for bringing me along this wonderful journey.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Bridegroom, PMIGM, OSV
Right Puissant General Grand Sentinel

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
AFRICA**

RPC KPAKPOVI M. "MARC" ADOTE

No Report Submitted

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
ASIA-PACIFIC**

RPC JONATHAN EDWARD L. CHUA

General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers and members of the General Grand Council International:

Let me start by thanking Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle for the trust and confidence. It has been a pleasure serving the General Grand Council as the Regional Deputy General Grand Master for Asia Pacific.

I took over the function of Regional Deputy General Grand Master in 2018 after my term as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines. The position of Regional Deputy General Grand Master was left vacant following the untimely departure of my predecessor Right Puissant Companion Danilo C. Datu Sr. while serving as Regional Deputy General Grand Master for nearly a year. The late Right Puissant Companion Danilo C. Datu Sr. had dedicated most of his Masonic life in the service of York Rite Freemasonry in the Philippines and was one of my mentors in my York Rite journey.

The Asia Pacific region covers the Councils in the Philippines, Guam, Taiwan, and Japan. Taiwan and Japan, each has one active council under the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines currently has seventeen active Councils in the country and one active Council in Guam. Of the eighteen active Councils, two charters were issued during this triennium.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines holds their Annual Grand Assembly every third Friday of October. I attended the Annual Assemblies where I was warmly welcomed by the Companions from the different parts of the archipelago, as well as Guam. Last year, we are fortunate to have a Companion of Taipei Council No. 1 attending our Grand Sessions. Although Grand Sessions in the Philippines and the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of China are scheduled a few days apart, I am still hopeful that more companions from Taiwan and Japan will join in our Grand Sessions in the coming years. This will be an opportunity to form friendships and strengthen the bonds between the Companions within the Asia Pacific region.

Membership growth has been the greatest challenge the Councils in the region are facing. In 2018, a Philippine law was passed which impeded not only the membership growth of our Grand Council but that of the entire Freemasonry in the Philippines. Republic Act No. 11053 entitled An Act Prohibiting Hazing and Regulating Other Forms of Initiation Rites of Fraternities, Sororities, and Other Organizations, and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8049, Entitled "An Act Regulating Hazing and Other Forms of Initiation Rites in Fraternities, Sororities, and Organizations and Providing Penalties Therefor" prompted MW Romeo S. Momo, the Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines then, to issue a circular suspending the conferral of degrees in all lodges under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. In consonance with this, all appendant bodies in the Philippines issued a similar circular suspending the conferring of degrees in their respective bodies. It took several months before

the Grand Master lifted the suspension, and for the appendant bodies to issue their respective circulars lifting the suspension of the same. Such suspension resulted to the decline in membership of Masonic organizations in this jurisdiction.

Last year, things turned brighter as the Philippines has recorded one of the highest gains in membership with 105 new members conferred in 2019.

Signs of growth are already evident until 2020 came with an unexpected event that caught us by surprise. The news of COVID-19 has brought much of the world to a screeching halt. Most businesses shut their doors while assemblies and gatherings are prohibited. This prompted the Grand Lodges in most jurisdictions to suspend all Lodge meetings to prevent the spread of the virus. Hence, the Philippine Grand Sessions this coming October 16-17, 2020 will be done virtually via Zoom.

As I write this report, most Councils have shifted to virtual meetings except for Taipei Council No. 1 wherein they conferred the Cryptic Degrees to 4 new Companions last July 4, 2020.

I commend the Companions for their efforts in keeping their Councils active. During my visits, I have observed that conferring of degrees or conducting educational programs have contributed to the retention of membership and attendance during assemblies. Not only will the Companions appreciate and get the chance to refresh their memories of the Cryptic degrees, but membership will also grow in the process. However, this can only be done if we find a solution to this pandemic. For now, our tasks will be limited while we make use of technology to ensure the safety of our Companions.

In closing, I would, again, like to thank Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle for the opportunity to serve as Regional Deputy General Grand Master. To the officers of the General Grand Council, Ambassadors and Companions in my region, I am grateful for your all-out support throughout this journey. There are no words to sum up what all of this has meant to me.

To my peers in the General Grand Council and Companions withersoever dispersed, I pray that you and your loved ones continue to be safe and in good health.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Jonathan Edward L. Chua
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Asia Pacific

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
CANADA
RPC BRYAN D. BECHLER**

General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers, Most Illustrious Companions, and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:

As Masons, we're taught that your family and job come first. When I was elected General Grand Recorder in 2017, I envisioned doing a number of things during my term. After the Triennial in Portland, my job took a turn and required far more time than I had anticipated. Coupled with my elderly mother (now 94) dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia added to the mix. With me residing in Washington State and her in Southern California, it made the position become far more challenging than first anticipated. I tendered my resignation after discussions with MPC David Grindle. I learned a lot during that first year and appreciate all of the support I received. I want to thank RPC Stephen Balke for being willing to assume the duties of the position for the past two years.

In 2018, MPC David Grindle created the position of Deputy General Grand Master, Canada to which I was appointed. I'd like to thank him for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Belonging to three Cryptic Rite Councils in Western Canada, having served as Thrice Illustrious Master (two times) and as the Grand Inspector General, Lower Mainland District in British Columbia, this position fit well. Canada has three Grand Councils: The Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal & Select Masters which consists of the following Councils: British Columbia & Yukon (nine Councils), Alberta (three Councils), Saskatchewan (two Councils) and Manitoba (three Councils); the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Ontario (20 Councils); and The Supreme Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, consisting of the following Councils: Newfoundland (two Councils), Nova Scotia (seven Councils), New Brunswick (three Councils), Prince Edward Island (one Council) and Quebec (three Councils).

While the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International has the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF), the three Grand Councils in Canada have The Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1984 by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario. In 2012, the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction and the Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada joined in its work.

The following is from the Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation web site: The Royal and Select Masters are an organization of Masons dedicated to gaining more knowledge about Freemasonry and to providing assistance to persons afflicted with any form of neurodegenerative diseases. The Foundation seeks Capital Donations and uses all of the investment income and non-capital donations to fund research to find a cure for neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Unlike many charitable organizations and Foundations, The Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation is operation completely by volunteers and has NO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE in its operation. Therefore 100% of the gifts we receive are used for the purpose designated. If a Donation is made in memory of a person, a card is sent

to the Family.

None of the Grand Councils in Canada are members of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International. I was hoping to attend their sessions in 2019; however, due to work and family and the conflict of schedules between my position as Grand Marshal for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Washington and the Grand York Rite of Washington, I wasn't able to attend. With the pandemic of 2020, sessions were either cancelled or officers were carried over until 2021.

I would encourage any members residing in the United States to make an effort to attend any of the three Grand Councils in Canada. I believe you will enjoy the ritual work done, the differences in regalia, and the opportunity to see both the similarities and differences each one present.

Sincerely and fraternally,
RPC Bryan D. Bechler
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Canada

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
EAST CENTRAL REGION
RPC STEPHEN R. STRIGGOW**

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers, Most Illustrious Companions, and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:

The East Central Region in the last Triennium was very busy, until March 14, 2020.

The Triennium started off with the Grand York Rite of Kentucky following the Triennial in Portland. I had the pleasure of representing the General Grand Council in Kentucky 3 times, hopefully a fourth if they are able to hold their Grand Session in September. Visiting the Companions of Kentucky is a wonderful experience.

Visitation was made to the Grand Council of Ohio three times and we greatly enjoyed the Companions of Ohio. They always attend the East Central Regional Conference and it is great to see them there.

Visitations were made to the Grand Council of Indiana Session twice, unfortunately the third session had to be postponed and held as a virtual session. It is always great visiting the Companions of Indiana.

Visitations were made to the Grand Council of Michigan twice. They are planning a virtual Grand Session with an in-person Installation on August 22nd. The OSV will be conferred between the session and installation.

Each year the second weekend of March is set aside for the East Central Regional Conference. This Triennium it was held in Fort Wayne Indiana together with the East Central Region of the General Grand Chapter and the East Central Department of Grand Encampment.

It was great working with the East Central Deputy General Grand High Priest Donald L. Galway and East Central Department Commander Gerald G. Pugh. Unfortunately, in March of this year as we gathered, the order came down that no meetings were to be held by the MIGM in concurrence with the Grand Lodge of Indiana. As we were already there and there was no one from Indiana there, we finished our meeting and went home.

I would like to thank Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle for appointing me the East Central Regional Deputy for the 2017-2020 Triennium. It was an honor, privilege, and pleasure to visit and work with the jurisdictions of the East Central Region and the Officers of the General Grand Council. Although I will no longer be the Deputy, I look forward to working with the newly appointed Deputy and enjoying the Jurisdictions of the Region.

Fraternally.

Stephen R. Striggow

Regional Deputy General Grand Master

East Central Region

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER EUROPE

RPC NORMAN R. DRAINE

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers, and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:

I would like to start by thanking the Most Puissant General Grand Master David A. Grindle for the trust and confidence he placed in me these past three years. I would also like to thank all the elected Grand Council Officers for their continued, support and assistance over the last three years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the ambassadors of the nine countries that are members of General Grand Council.

Europe with its diversity of languages, religions, and cultures does at times present some challenges, but by listening to everyone and respecting their differences these challenges are usually resolved, and the European Grand Councils along with their members are enthusiastic and work well together.

Forty-Seventh Triennial Assembly, Virtual

During the past three years I have attended at the Following Grand Council Assemblies,

France, Paris December 2nd. 2017

Greece, Athens March 2nd and 3rd. 2018, it was also the joint European conference. Due to unusual snow levels in the UK I arrived in Athens three days late and missed the conference. I was picked up at the airport and driven straight to the lodge building, changed in the bathroom and was escorted into the temple in time to witness the illustrious Grand Master close the meeting. I had to get to Athens as I was hand carrying the handouts for the conference which were distributed later.

Cyprus, Larnaca March 4th. 2018

Portugal, Lisbon March 8th. 2018

Croatia, Zagreb March 17th. 2018

Austria, Vienna April 26th. 2018

Italy, Naples May 5th. 2018

Germany, Hannover May 17th. 2018 Constituted a new Council.

Romania, Bucharest June 9th. 2018

Germany, Frankfurt October 28th. 2018 Attended a meeting of Council members to explore the possibility and viability of creating a new Grand Council of Germany.

France, Paris November 30th. and December 1st. 2018

Germany, Frankfurt January 12th. 2019 Instituted the officers of the new Grand Council of Germany UD.

Portugal, Lisbon March 1st. and March 2nd. 2019 This also included the Joint European conference.

Greece, Athens March 7th. 2019

Austria, Vienna April 6th. 2019

Italy, Rome May 4th. 2019

Romania, Bucharest May 11th. 2019

France, Paris December 5th. 2019 Due to fly to Paris but only got as far as Amsterdam, French air traffic controllers on strike, all flights to Paris cancelled. Meeting was cancelled and I returned to UK the next day.

Cyprus, Nicosia March 3rd. 2020

Greece, Athens March 7th. 2020 Meeting cancelled due to covid-19.

Portugal, Lisbon March 14th. 2020 Meeting cancelled due to covid-19.

To date no Grand Council in Europe has scheduled an Annual Assembly

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for the remainder of the year. I must point out that at this moment in time covid-19 appears to be on the rise again in many European countries.

During my travels over the past three years accompanied by my wife we have been made very welcome, and received nothing but wonderful hospitality in every country

The European Jurisdiction holds two Joint Conference's per Triennium, it does not normally hold one in the election year. I am sure a joint Conference will be planned for 2021, date and venue to be announced.

About Conference's, I would like to see a more comprehensive presentation on CMMRF at the European Conference's, as over the past years I doubt if many contributions have been received from Europe.

Respectfully submitted

Norman R. Draine

REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
FOR EUROPE

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER LATIN AMERICA

RPC MARCOS D. OSTRANDER M.

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers
and members of the General Grand Council International:*

York Rite Latin America Regional Meeting: Attended the Latin America Regional Meeting 24-27 April 2019 in San Jose, Costa Rica. The Regional Meeting in Latin America presently scheduled on a Triennial format has attracted very good attendance from the brethren in Latin America as well as high level delegations from the General Grand Chapter RAM International, the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA. Our companions from Mexico will be our hosts for the upcoming Regional Meeting of Latin America in 2022.

Central America: The Grand Council of Central America UD has been working regularly during the term of the present triennium; this Grand Council includes the chartered councils in the countries of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Attended all of the annual assemblies of the Grand Council of Central America UD beginning with San Salvador, El Salvador 13-15 October 2017; Tegucigalpa, Honduras 12-14 October 2018; San Jose, Costa Rica 27-29 September 2019. Last year our GGIM David Grindle visited the Guatemala City Council 28 September 2019 and the San Salvador Council on 29 September 2019.

Colombia: Presently a fine group of Colombian companions is hard at

work in organizing and reestablishing their York Rite Bodies in Colombia. A strong effort is ongoing in the capital city of Bogota, the Caribbean cities of Barranquilla and Cartagena as well as reactivating the work in the city of Cali. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has considerably delayed our Colombian companions in their efforts however, due to their dedication and enthusiasm we avidly foresee a steady future growth of the York Rite in Colombia.

Ecuador: The Quito Council UD is working in an exceptionally well-disciplined and regular manner. Have visited the Quito Council on numerous occasions during the present triennial and represented the GGCCMI 21-24 March 2019 in delivering their charter UD and participating in their formal installation ceremony. A formal agreement of amity and goodwill between the Equinoctial Grand Lodge of Ecuador (GLEDE) and the GGCCMI during the present triennial formalized the presence of our General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International within the jurisdictional territory of the above referenced Grand Lodge. The companions in the port city of Guayaquil continue in their labors to organize and be able to request dispensation for their respective charter.

Mexico: During the present triennial, the work in Mexico has been under the direct supervision of our GGIM David Grindle who has maintained communication with our chartered bodies in Mexico. The highlight of the present period was the well-attended meeting organized for our Mexican companions by our General Grand Illustrious Master in Las Cruces, New Mexico last year and the results of which will surely be included in his triennial report.

Panama: The Grand Council of Panama and subordinate councils continue with their well-established rate of steady growth and their customary level of proficiency in their ritual work. Attended the Grand Council of Panama Annual Convocations in January of 2018, 2019 as well as the convocation and installation of the newly elected Grand Illustrious Master and subordinate officers on January 14, 2020.

Paraguay: The Grand Council of Paraguay UD has continued to work in an efficient and organized manner with a strong emphasis on perfecting their ritual work. During the present triennial period the Grand Council of Paraguay together with the Grand Chapter RAM and Commanderies have inaugurated a new large meeting and social facility located in the outskirts of the capital city of Asuncion.

Peru: The Grand Council of Peru is continuing its dynamic and impressive steady growth. Presently five chartered councils are working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Peru and three additional councils may receive their charters UD in the upcoming triennial period. We observed a strong, unified highly motivated leadership during our visits to Peru so we can only foresee a most successful future development of Cryptic Rite Masonry in this country.

Venezuela: The Grand Council of Venezuela is a clear and strong exam-

ple of the maxim “where there is a will there is a way” as against many difficulties and obstacles this dedicated group of companions has been most successful in maintaining the work of the Grand Council of Venezuela UD and its three subordinate councils in active operation throughout the country. Had the opportunity to visit Venezuela in three occasions during the present triennial and can attest as to the companion’s level of commitment and quality of their work. During the present triennial period, we also successfully concluded a formal amity and goodwill agreement between the Grand Lodge of Venezuela and the GGCCMI. Our General Grand Master received an original copy of the agreement with the Grand Lodge of Venezuela as well as the agreement with the GLEDE of Quito, Ecuador, during the Latin America Regional Meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Note: Although the Covid-19 pandemic significantly reduced all masonic activities in the Latin American Region during the present year the Grand Councils and subordinate councils in the region have continued to work utilizing virtual platforms as well as through other highly creative means. We have worked closely with the Grand Councils and subordinate councils under dispensation in the region in order that they could fulfill all of our requirements and receive their permanent charters by the GGCCMI. As a result, we wholeheartedly recommend that the Central America, Paraguay and Venezuela Grand Councils as well as the Quito Council No.1, Ecuador receive their permanent charters during the course of this 47th Triennial Virtual Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcos D. Ostrander M.
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Latin America

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER NORTH CENTRAL

RPC ANTHONY T. (AJ) JOHNSON

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:*

It has been my pleasure to serve Most Puissant David Grindle and the General Grand Council over the last triennium. It has also been a pleasure serving the North Central region of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and North and South Dakota. My first Grand Session came quickly after being installed in South Dakota. The next session was in Wisconsin and at that time in their session they were considering dropping from General Grand Council.

Over these last three years I have been able to attend all three Grand Nebraska Sessions, all three North and South Dakota sessions and all three Min-

nesota sessions. In Wisconsin, I was only able to attend one session in person and the Most Puissant attended what would have been my second year as Wisconsin scheduled their Grand Session on top of South Dakota's Session. In Iowa I attended in person two of my three years in person but was unable to attend in person this last year as I was under quarantine to ensure I was not positive for the COVID-19 virus after being exposed at my place of work. COVID-19 also caused me to have to attend the majority of the states I represent for General Grand Council virtually. This included North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

I was in attendance at all three North Central Regional Conferences and had CMMRF spokesmen as guest for two and the Deputy Grand Master, as well as the Grand Principle Conductor of the work for General Grand Council as guest for two of the conferences. I was responsible for hosting the North Central Region Conference in 2019 and worked extensively with my General Grand Council and Grand Encampment representatives.

Overall, the North Central Region shares a remarkable comradery and a sense of pride that keep the region well connected and receptive to utilizing good ideas from through out the region. The Grand Illustrious Masters from each state in the region are good about attending each other's sessions as well as a good amount of the Dias officers. The COVID virus has put a damper on these face to face meetings, but even in the virtual sessions there was good attendance in respective session from each of the states.

Degree work in the region is done, but not as often in North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa as is done in Minnesota. Wisconsin teeters back and forth in degree work depending on their status with continuing in General Grand Council. I am positive though in believing that Cryptic Masonry will continue to advance in the region and there will be a relationship with General Grand Council well into the future.

Again, it has been a distinct pleasure serving the companions of the North Central Region and I know they will be in good hands with my replacement and under the leadership of General Grand Council International. This concludes the report from the North Central Region.
Fraternally

Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
North Central Region

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
NORTHEAST (NORTH)
RPC CHARLES A. MC COLLUM**

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Companions of General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:*

General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International

Following my service as Assistant Regional Deputy which began in the summer of 2016, I was appointed to serve during this Triennial as the Regional Deputy. Thus this report marks the conclusion of the fifth year of my three year term. It has been nothing but rewarding.

MP Companion Dave Grindle and his corps of General Grand Officers have made significant improvements to the way General Grand Council operates. From an updated web site to the Weekly Decryption, communication has improved. This had been an area of negative opinion in the Region for many years.

One of the best things Mark Irwin, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest and I have done in the Regional Conferences is to focus them on education and the sharing of ideas among the jurisdictions.

While fully acknowledging we do not have all the answers we solicited presentations from throughout the Region and the response was phenomenal. The Companions who presented are to be commended for their efforts, and in many cases have been sought out by their peers for additional information.

Throughout the Triennial I have visited all the Grand Jurisdictions, sometimes as the representative of General Grand. Each visit has been wonderful. The friendships I have made have extended beyond these annual visits and I hope will continue into the future.

At many of the visitations, I was pleased and honored to confer the Order of the Secret Vault on several Companions I know and respect. This is a joy for me and one of the things I look forward to most during all my visits.

While there continues to be no movement towards Massachusetts joining General Grand I have hopes that one day they may consider it. Likewise, Connecticut has chosen not to join but there is a strong sense that may be changing in the future.

While the Grand Councils in the Northeast are holding their own, there is no real growth to speak of. Many of the jurisdictions are small but they have enthusiastic leadership who are looking for ways to overcome this. One of the ways is to have the elected leadership serve two-year terms. This has the benefits of reducing the number of Companions called on to serve each year, as well as allowing the MI Grand Master to implement plans and programs to improve their Grand Councils.

With my last report I offered four recommendations. Two of them have been implemented, more education at the Conferences and an updated web-site. One has made some improvement but continues to need focus and one has no action. Therefore, I present the following recommendations:

We need to continue to improve the communication with Regional Deputies to help them make their visitations smoother. Included

should be what awards they are to present and to whom, any special message the General Grand Master wants made, and any specific efforts or programs the General Grand Council would like emphasized. MP Companion Grindle has made improvements in this area but more work is needed.

Both General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter should look towards reorganizing the regions on the east coast along the lines of the Grand Encampment. Forming a Mid-Atlantic Region would allow York Rite Leaders in those states to develop closer relationships with one another, instead of “splitting” between two regions as they go through different Grand Lines.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to our MP General Grand Master and his team of Monty, Bill, Chuck and Steve who I traveled with as we aim to serve this General Grand Council. It has been an honor and privilege and I look forward to continuing to serve wherever needed.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Charles A. McCollum
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Northeast-North

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
NORTHEAST (SOUTH)**
RPC JAMES B. WALSH

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:*

It has been an honor to have served as Regional District Deputy (Northeast-South) for the past three years.

2017 Official visitations

I have been to many Grand Council Meetings (and most of their Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery meetings).

Oct. 27-28, 2017 Maryland Grand Sessions where I assisted the General Grand Treasurer Chuck Hollinger.

2018

March 2-3, 2018 New Jersey Grand Sessions where I assisted the General Grand Stewart Mark Magee.

March 9-10 Delaware Grand Sessions, again with The General Grand Treasurer Chuck Hollinger.

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March 16-17 Washington D C Grand Sessions. along with the General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, William G. Snyder.

Sept. 6-8 Northeast Conference in Buffalo, NY.

Sat. 29th. Multistate (D.C., Del., Maryland, and Virginia) Chapter Degrees in DC. (DC also did R & S M degrees.)

Oct. 26-27 MD grand sessions. Dave Grindle was there.

Nov. 15-17 Williamsburg, VA Grand Chapter, Where I was asked to be the Senior Warden, assisting Don McAndrews in helping to confer the thrice Ill. Masters degree (Silver Trowel)

2019

March 1-2 New Jersey Grand Sessions with DGGM Monty Glover and GGS (and Grand Commander) Mark Magee.

March 7-9 Delaware Grand Sessions. I was the official and was received well. I did file a report for this event.

March 16-17 Washington D C Grand Sessions along with the General Grand PCW, Bill Snyder.

September 5-6 Northeast conference. Albany, NY Hosted by Mark Irwin and Chuck McCullum.

October 25-26 Maryland grand sessions along with GGPCW Bill Snyder.

I was not able to attend Virginia Grand Chapter meeting.

Nov. 8-9 Wash, DC celebrating their 100th year centennial. I observed RM and SM degrees on Friday, and Silver Trowel, Super Excellent Degrees and Banquet on Sat.

2020

March 6 & 7, 2020 New Jersey Grand Sessions at Tom's River. I assisted Bill Snyder

March 13-14 Delaware Grand Sessions Dave

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 the following week district of Columbia cancelled their Grand Sessions. I was supposed to be the official to go to Rhode Island to cover for chuck Hollinger and chuck McCullum. Both were committed to go to Conn., which was canceled. Maryland and Virginia also canceled, and as of July have not been called back on.

As for all of my visitations, I thank you for all the hospitalities shown to me and my Lady Jane by all of the Illustrious Masters, Grand Recorders,

Ambassadors and their Grand Councils.

I especially wish to thank General Grand Master David Grindle and my Lady Jane for supporting me this past three years, traveling with me on most of my out of state travels.

I am looking forward to working with our new General grand Master Monty Glover in the future.

Fraternally submitted,
James B. Walsh
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Northeast—(South)

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER NORTHWEST

RPC ROBERT A. FARROW

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Interna-
tional:*

This has been one of the three most amazing years of my life. I never would have imagined me having such a Masonic opportunity as I have had. I must profusely thank Most Puissant General Grand Master David A. Grindle for appointing me to this position. I must also give a deepfelt thanks to the Ambassadors that have assisted me. They are:

Dennis Oakland – Alaska
Roy Snyder – Colorado
Jeremy Vaughn – Idaho
Richard Lewis – Wyoming

Don Cerovski – Montana
Paul Gehrman – Oregon
Gary Norton – Washington

Thank you, my Companions, for your service.

I was able to visit all seven Grand Sessions each year except for this year. This year I had just returned from Alaska's sessions when the virus closed everything else down. I was very well received at all my visits. What a great group of men we are. The other jurisdictions except for Wyoming are using Zoom for their sessions.

All Grand Councils in the Northwest are strong. Many say that we are "stuck" in our ways. I believe that the way we have adopted to the disruption in our normal affairs has shown how well we can adapt if forced. The trick is doing it without being forced. How many of us knew what Zoom was a year ago? I envision a time when a Grand Illustrious Master has periodic Zoom meetings with the Illustrious Masters in his jurisdiction to check on the progress of programs he instituted and giving all a chance to trade ideas.

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The Northwest Conference has been highly successful in Boise each October. Things are getting more expensive there and financing for it will have to be reviewed. The cost of registration is no longer covering the cost of registration gifts. A special thanks to Companion Norm Lane for organizing the nuts and bolts of this each year with registration and the hotel contract.

I declare myself available to my replacement for whatever I can help him with.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert A. Farrow
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Northwest

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER SOUTH CENTRAL

RPC JOHN L. LOGAN

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:*

The South Central Region consists of the Grand Councils of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, with Texas, the only non-member of the General Grand Council.

The 47th Triennial began with M.:I.: Companion Carle L. Jackson serving as the Regional Deputy General Grand Master until his unfortunate passing on February 7, 2019. At the March 2019 session of the Grand Council of Louisiana, Most Puissant General Grand Master David Grindle announced my appointment as R. P. Companion Jackson's replacement. In addition to attending the Grand Council of Louisiana, my attendance at the Grand Councils of Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma was blessed with fraternal fellowship and hospitality.

In 2020, the Grand Council of Louisiana was the only Grand Council in the South Central Region, which was able to open their Grand Assembly in a face to face setting. Each of the other Grand Assembly Sessions was held virtually.

The South Central Conference in 2018 was held in San Antonio, TX., in 2019 in Little Rock, AR., and a virtual session was held in 2020. The 2021 South Central Conference will be held in Overland Park, KS.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for R. E. Clyde H. Schoolfield, South Central Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest for the General Grand Chapter, and Sir Knight Jack M. Harper II, South Central Department

Commander for the Grand Encampment, for their cooperation, support, and friendship. The opportunity of working with these noteworthy leaders of the fraternity during this Triennial was indeed a pleasure.

It has been an honor to serve our General Grand Council, and I offer my sincere thanks to General Grand Master Grindle for his confidence in me and the opportunity to serve during his Triennial.

Respectfully Submitted,

John L. Logan
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
South Central

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
SOUTHEAST**

RPC LARRY R. GILLESPIE

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Interna-
tional:*

I will begin this report with a "Thank You" to our Most Puissant Grand Master, David Grindle, for allowing me to serve in this capacity as Regional District Deputy Grand Master.

During this Triennial, I was dealt a setback in the loss of my wife Anita who is deeply missed each and every day.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with MP Grindle and the other Grand Line Officers. The General Grand Council has had more communication this Triennial than any other I have been involved in. I give the credit to the leadership and the General Grand Recorder's efforts.

After being installed as The Southeastern Deputy Grand Master, the first official visit was to the Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama. It is always a pleasure to visit the Companions and meet with old friends. The next visits in the Southeast normally are South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi, followed by my own state of Florida.

Each of the Grand Councils appears to be financially stable. Some of the states have had to deal with Perpetual Memberships that were not calculated with high enough buy in prices to sustain the rise in the cost of doing business. Therefore, some have dropped their membership in the General Grand Council. In doing this, they see a short term salvation, but are having to work with long term harder changes as the per capita in the General Grand Council is one of the lowest costs they incur once they have corrected their membership database. The General Grand Recorder is willing to help each Grand

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Council to work out a just solution.

In all the states, I found that there was a close working arrangement with their Grand Lodge and the Grand Master of each state.

Membership is the main problem in every state; sometimes not in getting new members, but in keeping the ones we already have. We are not doing a good job of showing ourselves off to the Blue Lodges and the general public. We need to be present at Blue Lodge projects and civic events and work side by side with each one to provide relief to our fellow man. Cryptic Masonry has a great amount of history and education to offer if we would just show it to our Brothers.

Working with various General Grand Officers, we knighted several Companions to membership into the Secret Vault. One of the great honors is being able to present many of the different awards, including Cryptic Mason of the Year, Adult Youth Leadership Award, Lady of the Council and the one that allows each of us to belong and cast a vote is the Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Certificate including Membership Pin and Membership Card.

The 2018 and 2019 Southeast Regional's went very well. During my visits, I stressed that we need to work together since we all share common problems.

2020 has been a most unusual year. With the advent of the pandemic and not being able to travel, it has made face to face meetings prohibited in most jurisdictions. The General Grand Council jumped on board working with different online providers to make it possible to hold Grand Conventions by way of the internet. RP Balke, our General Grand Recorder, along with MP Grindle came up with many ways to facilitate the usage of internet meeting.

But looking on the bright side, it has given us the opportunity to reach out to all our members to meet without leaving home. This, companions, may well be the way of the future. It can be a boost to membership meeting and a way to provide Masonic presentations/information on a regular basis, using it to educate our families, friends, and potential candidates.

To all my Companions of the Southeast Regional, Thank You for your support. I look forward to meeting with you in the years to come. It has been an eventful Triennial,

Larry R. Gillespie
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Southeast

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER
SOUTHWEST**
RPC JAMES G. "JIM" BAUM

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers, and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:

I would like to begin this report with a, "Thank You", to our Most Puissant Grand Master, David Grindle, my "Cryptic Son" for allowing me serve in this capacity as Regional District Deputy Grand Master.

During this Triennial, I was dealt a setback before I got started. I was diagnosed with cancer and had undergone surgery at the time I took office. I missed the 2017 Southwest Conference. I had two of the best Ambassadors to take over and run my portion of the conference. Unfortunately, California lost a great Companion in 2019. Most illustrious Companion William "Bill" Price. Not only was he one of California ambassadors, but he was a close brother, companion, and dear friend to me.

I have missed traveling to Hawaii during my term due to medical issues. But by April 2018 I was back on the road again. I traveled to New Mexico for their sessions and was greeted with open arms. Meeting with old acquaintances and meeting new ones. Next stop was Utah, then California, Nevada, and Ending the year in Arizona. It was good to meeting new and old friends.

Now to the business at hand. Each of the Grand Councils seem to be financially stable. They each had a full line of officer and had ones waiting in the wings. In all the states, I found that there was a close working arrangement with their Grand Lodge Grand Master. In most of the states he was in a line position or had been. This is an important working arrangement.

Membership is the problem in every state. It is my belief that we need to get out in the public. Be present at civic events and work side by side with civic group providing relief to our fellow man.

Working with various General Grand Officers, we knight several new Companion to members of the Secret Vault. The best part of all the trips, beside the fellowship, was the presentation of many awards for Cryptic Mason of the Year, Leadership Award and the Lady of the Council.

The 2018 and 2019 Southwest Regionals went very well. It was the 2018 Southwest Regional that I will always remember. That was the time that the General Grand Conference of General Grand Councils, Royal and Select Masters, PHA, and the Bahamas Inc. and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International formally recognized each other. I am glad that I had a small part in recognition. (Funny, it all started in a six-way reception in the York Rite Temple, San Bernardino, California) During all my visits I stressed that we needed to work together, since we had common problems.

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Enough said. To all my Companions of the Southwest Regional, Thank You for your support. I look forward to meeting with you in the years to come.

Happy Trails to you,
James G “Jim” Baum
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
Southwest

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION MIC GARY G. WYNE

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Companions of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:*

Executive Summary for the Triennium Giving

CMMRF’s primary function is to raise funds supporting discovery research at the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM), located on the campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Indianapolis campus of the Veteran’s Administration Hospital. To that end I furnish the following table of statistics in support of our efforts and results for the calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Statistical Summary of Top Ten Contributing Jurisdictions

RANK	Jurisdiction	2017	2018	2019	3 Year Total	Percentage of 3 Year Total	Cumulative Total of Top Ten
1	FL	\$30,998.63	\$52,566.35	\$77,850.00	\$161,414.98	22.17%	\$ 623,796.90
2	IN	\$17,923.00	\$20,236.75	\$32,632.41	\$70,792.16	9.72%	\$ 580,091.18
3	KY	\$10,757.09	\$15,098.80	\$17,690.50	\$43,546.39	5.98%	\$ 373,098.46
4	OR	\$9,786.20	\$15,425.70	\$13,402.36	\$38,614.26	5.30%	\$ 112,718.34
5	CA	\$8,570.34	\$12,824.35	\$14,835.75	\$36,230.44	4.98%	\$ 703,917.65
6	CO	\$14,059.66	\$9,648.50	\$9,545.68	\$33,253.84	4.57%	\$ 284,609.57
7	NJ	\$27,460.00	\$601.00	\$243.00	\$28,304.00	3.89%	\$ 82,041.87
8	TN	\$5,896.20	\$8,121.56	\$12,431.91	\$26,449.67	3.63%	\$ 182,695.03
9	GA	\$6,876.00	\$7,596.30	\$6,704.66	\$21,176.96	2.91%	\$ 204,001.34
10	AR	\$7,021.38	\$8,030.50	\$4,811.22	\$19,863.10	2.73%	\$ 114,289.38
Top Ten Total		\$139,348.50	\$150,149.81	\$190,147.49	\$479,645.80	65.87%	\$3,261,259.72

Statistical Summary of the Fifty-Eight Remaining Tracked Jurisdictions

Remaining 58 Tracked Jurisdictions	2017	2018	2019	3 Year Total	Percentage of 3 Year Total	Cumulative Total of Remaining 58
	\$ 81,192.96	\$ 88,954.54	\$ 78,369.87	\$ 248,517.37	34.13%	\$ 2,944,511.03

Forty-Seventh Triennial Assembly, Virtual

Total contributions for the three years 2017, 2018, and 2019 were \$728,163.17		ICVBM Grants for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 were \$586,000.00.
Total cumulative contributions are \$6,205,770.75		Cumulative ICVBM Grants are \$5,081,464.86
Number of tracked Jurisdictions giving \$0.00 over the past three years: 17.		

We have been and are able to maintain our level of support through the excellent return on our investment portfolio. As it is revealed in the numbers displayed, CMMRF gives more to ICVBM than it receives. One hundred percent of our donation receipts go to discovery research at ICVBM. CMMRF is able to provide this level of support to the ICVBM by utilizing earnings from the two investment accounts.

Awards and Recognitions

For the Triennium Years 2017, 2018, and 2019 the following awards were earned:

Diamond Pins	Number of People Who Received
2 Diamonds	24
3 Diamonds	14
4 Diamonds	11
5 Diamonds	5
6 Diamonds	8
7 Diamonds	6
8 Diamonds	3
9 Diamonds	5
10 Diamonds	4
11 Diamonds	4
12 Diamonds	5
13 Diamonds	4
15 Diamonds	3
16 Diamonds	2
17 Diamonds	2
18 Diamonds	1
19 Diamonds	1
21 Diamonds	1
Total Pins	103

Individual Plaques	49
Council Plaques	38
Extender Bars	313

Research

September 30, 2017 Dr. Keith March resigned his position as the CMMRF Endowed Chairholder at the Indiana University School of Medicine. The CMMRF Chair remained vacant until July 17, 2018 when Dr. Jay Hess, Dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, informed Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle that Dr. Michael Murphy had been named the CMMRF Endowed Chair Holder.

Led By Dr. Michael Murphy, the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine is addressing the following health concerns:

1. Peripheral Arterial Disease

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2. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
 - A. Developing a Vaccine against Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Juvenile Diabetes

Summary of Support

CMMRF is the philanthropy of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International. CMMRF understands that most Masonic organizations or associations of Masons have their own specific philanthropy. CMMRF; however, is “up close and personal” to each of us. Few indeed are the individuals who can state that their life, the life of a loved one, or someone close to them has not been affected by one or more of the nine conditions listed. As Executive Secretary, I urge all levels of membership in General Grand Council to press forward in their efforts to support CMMRF through Table Council celebrations, participation in other social events, and the establishment of or continuation of some variation on a “Pennies for Progress” program. ICVBM has demonstrated it is willing and pleased to assist the Grand Council or local Council to develop a program for its CMMRF fund raising event.

A “Pennies for Progress” program continues to demonstrate that it is a painless manner to generate funds for CMMRF. A primary goal is to raise one penny per member per day. That will be \$3.65 per member for the year 2020. Companions, this amount is less than the cost of one trip to fast food, or one visit to Starbucks, or a pack of cigarettes. Yet we spend for these noted items almost without thinking multiple times over and over and begrudge that amount to this philanthropy. If a penny seems too small an amount for your jurisdiction, then consider a nickel or a dime a day. Additionally, consider achieving the One Hundred Percent Certificate for your Council. These goals are painless and quite accomplishable. Yes, it can be done. Let’s do something great together for all mankind.

For the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation,
Gary G. Wyne, PMIGM
Executive Secretary, CMMRF

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NON-AFFILIATED GRAND COUNCILS

J. DAVID CASHION, CHAIRMAN

To the General Grand Master, General Grand Council Officers & Companions all:

There has been no change in Non-Affiliated Grand Councils.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
J. David Cashion, Chairman
Charles D. Wood, Jr.
Mark D. Thompson

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

MWB ADAM HATHAWAY, CHAIRMAN

To the General Grand Master, General Grand Council Officers & Companions all:

This triennial began with the Most Puissant General Grand Master appointing Right Puissant Companion Carle Jackson to serve as Chairman of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International Education Committee. RPC Carle, having completed his temple here on earth and safely depositing his sacred treasures within the repository of the faithful breast, was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on February 7, 2019. He left us a rich Masonic legacy as a Past Master of two lodges; Past Potentate and Treasurer of Acacia Shriners; Past Grand Royal Patron of Louisiana Order of the Amaranth; Past Worthy Patron of Baton Rouge Chapter 163, Order of the Eastern Star; and Chair of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International Education Committee, to say the least.

Most Puissant General Grand Master David Grindle bestowed upon me the great honor of serving as Chairman and trusting me to follow in the footsteps of my great predecessor. I am joined in this committee by: Most Illustrious Companion Robert D. Elsloo, Most Illustrious Companion Lon A. Peden, Illustrious Companion Steven R. Goad and Illustrious Companion Benjamin F. Williams.

Upon receiving the first charge from the General Grand Master to this committee - to provide educational articles for the *Decryption*, I presumed that the articles were to be limited to the realm of Cryptic Masonry. Most Puissant Companion David explained to me that the holy mandate of Cryptic Masonry is *Preservation*: of all things Masonic, of Truth and Virtue, and of all the traditions and sacred treasures that will guide us to our Second Temple on the other side of the veil of mortality.

The call for articles to be included in the *Decryption* went out and that call was answered. Articles included topics of esoteric, historical, symbolic, moral and inspirational interests. Many thanks to the following authors who contributed their valuable time and distinguished talents in writing their respective articles:

The Symbolism of the Square	Ill. Comp. Benjamin F. Williams
Introduction to Washington's Rules of Civility	Ill. Comp. Adam L. Hathaway
The Word	Ill. Comp. S. Lane Pierce
On the Number 7	Ill. Comp. Benjamin F. Williams
Albert Mackey	Ill. Comp. Adam Hathaway
Especially in Sculpture: the Via Negativa and the Symbolism of the Secret Vault	Most Ill. Comp. Mark Z. Oldknow
Royal Masters, It's Your Time	Ill. Comp. Chadwick B. Burks
An Examination of Prayer Beads from a World Religions Perspective	Comp. James F. McCallion

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<i>The Several Secrets of the Letter G</i>	Ill. Comp. Benjamin F. Williams
Urim and Thummin	Ill. Comp. Benjamin F. Williams
After He made the form of the chariot of the supernal Adam	Ill. Comp. Benjamin F. Williams
Alpha and Omega	Comp. Phillip R. Houtz
The Degree of Royal Master	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg
The Holy Saints John: Masonic, Astronomical, and Calendrical Incorporation	Ill. Comp. Jay S. Williams
The Degree of Select Master	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg
The Degree of Super Excellent Master	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg
Freemasonry and Revolution	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg
Rituals of the York Rite	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg
Masonic Calendars	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg
Keeping your Passions within Due Bounds	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg
Who Was Zabud?	Comp. Scott A. Schwartzberg

Please look for these outstanding articles at crypticmasons.org

Very special thanks go to Illustrious Companion Benjamin F. Williams and Companion Scott A. Schwartzberg who contributed the lion's share of articles. Heartfelt thanks to Illustrious Companion Will Highsmith, Editor of the *Decryption*, who collaborated with me in all ways, making sure that the work of the authors listed above were presented in most professional and illuminating light, with massive amounts of patience and good cheer.

I challenge each of you to take some time to pray and meditate on what you can do to preserve our Craft. Masonic preservation activities include but are in no way limited to: writing articles, memorizing ritual, holding office, mentoring new members, seeking ideal candidates, teaching and research. How will you nourish your own Secret Vault and what Sacred Treasures will it hold? Do it. Teach it. Write an article about it.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
MWB Adam Hathaway, Past Illustrious Master
Chairman

COMMITTEE ON HISTORY

ANTHONY T. "AJ" JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN

To the General Grand Master, General Grand Council Officers & Companions all:

Let's start off by stating the obvious that the history for the General Grand Council was not completed during this triennial. But there were items accomplished and I am sure that historic events occurred during the triennium that will need to be included in the General Grand Council History.

One of the first items that was accomplished was a review of previous

historic items written for General Grand Council to determine the scope, layout and information that will be included in the next historic book written concerning General Grand Council. Previous works were culminations of items that happened not necessarily in General Grand Council, but within the membership. So, in this historian's eye it was not truly a history of General Grand Council.

The second thing that was done was to acquire all the historic items, that included a lot of paperwork and other items, from the former Grand Recorder and Most Puissant had for General Grand Council. These are currently being scanned in so that they can be kept electronically for future companions to utilize or have for research. A good example of this is all the proceedings that have been converted to an electronic format and are now currently available to all Cryptic Companions.

Third some examples of how a new proposed format for doing the next history of General Grand Council were sent to leadership for their approval. With the examples a recommendation was included. In my research, I determined that a true history of the General Grand Council had not been written and should be written up to the present day by using Triennial Proceedings and other historic documents of their actions between triennials. Then this needs to be done in the same manner for all of the regions that fall under the General Grand Council. That all being said it would be a multi-volume set and will require the efforts of all the regions to complete. It will also not be done over one Triennial, but will in the end produce a more complete history of General Grand Council given the companions are willing to support from their Grand Jurisdictions and the Regional Deputy Grand Master's encourage and help get the information to the General Grand Council Historian whoever that may be to be able to compile the information. It is very possible that regional volumes will be larger than the history of General Grand Chapter. But that is to be seen depending on the historic information and format that is used to compile them.

It has been a pleasure attempting to develop and format for the future history of our Cryptic Rite and in doing the research over the last three years. It has also been a labor of love in assuring that this research and information is put in a format that can be utilized in future year by Companions who have an interest in history and our craft. This concludes the Historical Report for this Triennial Session.

Fraternally
Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson
Grand Historian

COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COOPERATION **ALL GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS**

THE PATH FORWARD: TO RAM OR NOT TO RAM? **ROYAL ARCH ALL THE WAY OR SOMETHING MORE? OR**

LESS?

For many years, two presumptions have been maintained in the historical development of the American York Rite or Universal York Rite model. One is that all Cryptic Masons were exalted as Royal Arch Masons before receiving any of the three degrees of the Cryptic Rite. The second is that all Knights Templars are Royal Arch Masons before the conferral of the chivalric Orders. In many ways, this has been beneficial to the cause of the American York Rite in that all members of any York Rite body were both Master Masons and Capitular Masons, sharing a common foundation of knowledge and experience.

Other than the circumstances of the Capitular Rite being first well-established within the United States, it could be argued by some that there is no historical or compelling reason for a Cryptic Mason or a Templar to also have been exalted as a Royal Arch Mason. Given our often cited and apparent common history with the ancient sources of the origins of the Scottish Rite, one could argue that the Cryptic Rite does not belong in the category of the York Rite.

However, within the purview of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, there is a logical, rational explanation for the interconnected roles of the four York Rite bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery are seen as important steps in the progress of a Freemason. This exemplifies the reasoning behind York Rite Unity or a United York Rite. The four bodies must work in harmony for all to succeed. Obstacles and impediments to any of the four bodies serves to undermine the true purposes of all the bodies.

In the expansion of the American York Rite onto the world stage as the Universal York Rite, this same pattern has been followed. Within the United States, there may arise a dispute between Grand Officers of the York Rite or even contention with Grand Lodge Officers. However, these are generally amicably resolved and rarely become more than a few passing moments of tension or strife. Peace and Harmony prevails.

However, given the relative rapid progress on the International front, the teaching of some of the basic principles and tenets of our American York Rite are sometimes overlooked. As the result of haste or misunderstanding, some of our Companions outside the United States falsely believe that one York Rite body or the other has a claim to be superior to the others. Thus, one body asserts control over all and effectively destroys the intentions of the chartering General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council or Grand Encampment and serves to vex the proper jurisdictions of the recognized Grand Lodges.

Your Committee members now have knowledge of unfair and unjust actions taken in such situations, all to the detriment of Freemasonry in those jurisdictions. In some instances, entities with names of “Supreme York Rite”, “Supreme Grand Chapter” or “Supreme Grand Commandery” have been

established purporting to have the power to control all three York Rite bodies in that jurisdiction and appointing their minions to elective offices without the vote or consent of any of the York Rite members.

Please note that this is not a matter of simply sharing resources and expenses in a business-like manner as many of our York Rite bodies have done by electing one person to serve as Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder. Nor is it simply sharing the expenses of maintaining a Grand York Rite Office or the compensation of a Clerk/Assistant to the Grand Secretary or Grand Recorder. This constitutes a perversion of the Universal York Rite and a well-spring for Un-Masonic conduct and bizarre actions of a personal and political nature occurring between York Rite bodies.

The Cryptic Rite has historically been divided on the question of being required as a gateway to the Templar Orders. However, we have cheerfully accepted the role of the Grand Chapter as the gateway to the Cryptic Rite. Perhaps now is the time to either follow a more independent course or to achieve true equality in our partnership with the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment.

There are a chosen few who do not view the Cryptic Rite as necessary or useful to their Masonic life. There are many others who recognize the value of the Cryptic Rite and how essential its lessons are to an understanding of Freemasonry.

Your Committee suggests and recommends to the Cryptic Craft that you seriously consider, in a deliberate and dispassionate manner, the interconnections of the American York Rite. You are probably moved to ask “Why?” or “Why now?” We ask you to ponder the following questions that have been presented to your Committee.

Is it possible that it would be best to dispense with the necessity of all Cryptic Masons being Royal Arch Masons?

Should we consider expanding the definition of what is necessary for one to be a Cryptic Mason?

Can a Scottish Rite Mason of the Lodge of Perfection be considered a Royal Arch Mason?

Should the Royal Arch requirement be a matter of determination by each jurisdiction?

Or, as the Royal Order of Scotland, be open to Master Masons who are also Capitular, Knights Templar, or Scottish Rite?

Should we support the inclusion of those United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) Master Masons who are members of a Royal Arch Chapter under UGLE but who have not received the other American Royal Arch degrees?

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Should we ONLY establish the Cryptic Rite in a new jurisdiction if there is a Royal Arch Chapter chartered by our General Grand Chapter or create a new basis as the conditions precedent to the establishment of the Cryptic Rite in new jurisdictions?

All these questions should be discussed in a serious, dispassionate, and thoughtful manner. The answers determined for the guidance of the General Grand Council leadership and the Cryptic Rite will be of great importance. This should occur before 2023 so that you may consider the adoption of resolutions or bylaws to provide guidance to future Cryptic leaders.

However, your Committee urges you to be ready for a discussion on these matters during these next three years and to be ready to make decisions that preserve the fundamentals of the American York Rite throughout the world.

Fraternally,
The General Grand Officers

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ALLOCUTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND MASTER

MOST PUISSANT COMPANION DAVID A. GRINDLE

To the General Grand Officers and Members of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:

This is the report of the General Grand Master, David A. Grindle, 2017-2020, for the 47th Triennium.

First, I want to welcome everyone to this unique and unusual Triennial Assembly. We had extensive plans to meet in Louisville, Kentucky, but something had other plans. This pandemic has really affected all of our lives

and societies. The trustees made a decision to convert to an electronic virtual assembly so that we were protecting the health of our members, we weren't enduring the travel restrictions that exist, we weren't enduring mandatory quarantines, and we weren't disenfranchising any of our members that couldn't attend.

I would also like to welcome any of our distinguished guests from any of the appendant and concordant bodies. We are glad you are here to observe our proceedings and to participate in this new endeavor.

The last three years have been interesting, challenging, and very productive. It is difficult to report on those events.

My travels will be detailed in a separate document as an attachment to this report.

APPOINTMENTS

As the Triennium began, I was able to get all of the officer stations and the Regional Deputy General Grand Master positions filled. Some of the committees took some time to complete.

Part way through the first year there were two tragedies and a resignation. RPC Danny Datu, Philippines, Asia-Pacific RDGGM, passed away, and I requested MIC Jonathan Chua to accept the position and he accepted.

The General Grand Captain of the Guard, RPC John Belanger, Louisiana, submitted his resignation because he was changing his life priorities; I offered the position to MIC Russell Bridges, Ambassador to North Carolina, he accepted, and I installed him during the 2018 Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. At the same time, I asked MIC J. David Cashion to become the Ambassador to North Carolina, and he accepted and was installed.

The third major change was that RPC Carle Jackson, Louisiana, South Central RDGGM, died and left an additional vacancy in the Education Committee. I offered the position of South Central RDGGM to MIC John Logan, Oklahoma, and he accepted. I installed him when I visited the Grand Council of Louisiana in 2019. I asked IC Adam Hathaway, New Mexico, to become the Chairman of the Education Committee, and he accepted.

For a short time, the Office of General Grand Conductor of the Council was vacant while a Grand Chapter suspension was sorted out in Romania. The problem was resolved when the Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Romania stepped in.

The Regional Deputy Corps was disrupted by a suspension by the Grand Chapter of Brazil. RPC Leonardo Sant'Anna was suspended by the Grand Chapter and had to resign his office because of not being qualified by membership for the office. I asked MIC Kenyo Ismail to take over the responsi-

bilities of the South America RDGGM. He accepted and the regalia was shipped to him.

I had not known about the residence of one Ambassador that I had appointed and I requested his resignation because he wasn't living in the jurisdiction. MIC Smallwood offered his resignation, and I asked MIC Carl Jones, Kentucky, to become the Ambassador to Kentucky.

The General Grand Recorder, RPC Bryan D. Bechler, Washington, was having a lot of conflicts with family health problems in California and work. He was finding that he couldn't fulfill the demanding responsibilities of the General Grand Council Office he had been elected to and he resigned in September 2018. I started requesting suggestions for a replacement. Several names were submitted, and I asked MIC Steven Balke, New Mexico, if he was interested in the position. He thought it over and accepted the appointment to this important position.

There have been several losses through death and resignation within the Ambassador Corps. MIC William Price, California-North, passed away and MIC Robert Whitfield was asked to fill the position. MIC Silas Wilson, Arkansas, was expelled and MIC Joe Rouse was asked to fill the position. IC Günter G. Steurer, Austria, resigned and the position remained unfilled. IC Roy Snyder, Colorado, passed away and the position remained unfilled. MIC Erich Dobesch, Germany, was suspended by his Lodge and therefore lost his membership in Chapter and Council, and the position remained unfilled. MIC Dale Corrice, Illinois, submitted his resignation due to health concerns and he recommended that RPC Ronald Fullerlove, Illinois, become the Ambassador to Illinois. Companion Fullerlove accepted the appointment. RIC Giovanni Vinci, Italy, demitted from all of the York Rite over a problem with the Grand Chapter of Italy in the suspension of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Italy. This position remains unfilled. MIC Mario Collignon, United States of Mexico, passed away and the position remains unfilled. IC John Donohoo, Ohio, was requested to resign since his primary domicile was no longer in Ohio, and IC Martin Trent was asked if he would accept the position and he accepted.

I created a fourteenth Region and appointed RPC Bryan D. Bechler as the Canada RDGGM. There has been some resistance to this appointment from Eastern Canada. There seems to be some long standing resistance to the General Grand Council in that jurisdiction.

The last major loss came on 30 June 2020, when MIC C. David Williams, Kansas, was found dead of a heart attack at home. Companion C. David was the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. MIC Jeremy C. Vaughn, Idaho, was elevated to Chairman and MIC Todd Schulze, Missouri, was asked to join the Committee for the remainder of the Triennium.

YORK RITE COOPERATION

At the beginning of this Triennium, cooperation between the three Inter-

national York Rite Organizations was exceptional, but as the Triennium has progressed the situation has deteriorated.

A situation has arisen within the York Rite of Brazil. The General Grand Council was informed of the formation of an irregular Grand Lodge in the state of Sao Paulo. A member of this Grand Lodge is the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Brazil. This fact was presented to the General Grand High Priest, and a General Grand Chapter Board determined that the Grand Orient of Sao Paulo is a regular Masonic Body and therefore the Grand High Priest is a regular Mason. The General Grand Council continues to receive feedback on this situation, and it is all negative. We are afraid that this situation will result in the loss of all of our membership in the Chapter, Council, and Commandery.

MASONIC PRESERVATION

In 2008 in Indianapolis, then Right Puissant Companion George C. Sellars, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, identified the General Grand Council as the Preservation Body. He promoted this in the sale of caps.

In 2011 in Raleigh, Companion George had a banner identifying the General Grand Council as Preservationists. He presented a proposal to form a Constituent Council called International Preservation Council No. 1880 to assist in preserving the membership of disenfranchised Companions after their Grand Councils had withdrawn from General Grand or were never members of the General Grand.

During this Triennium, I have tried to expand this idea of Preservation to encompass all of Masonry, to include Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc. We have attempted this by establishing a website containing educational material for all Masonic Bodies. This website is called rabonni.org. It is hoped that development of this activity will continue into future Trienniums.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CORPORATE PRESERVATION FUND

Entering into this Triennium, there were several honors that the fees were being deposited into the Corporate Preservation Fund. These included the Order of the Secret Vault and the Lady of the Council fees.

We have expanded this with the development of the Veterans jewel which is available for purchase by any Cryptic Mason honorably serving or served Veteran of the six branches of the military: the Navy, the Army, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Air Force, and the Space Force. The fees raised by the sale of this jewel are deposited in the Fund after certain expenses are deducted.

Additionally, we developed a Jewel and Lapel Pin to be presented to

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First Responders. The First Responder must be nominated by a Cryptic Mason and does not have to be a Mason. The First Responders are those that are commonly the first on the scene of a disaster or performing certain duties. If the First Responder is not a Mason, he will receive a lapel pin and a certificate. If the First Responder is a Mason, he will receive a jewel and certificate with the option to obtain a lapel pin also. The funds generated minus certain expenses are deposited in the Preservation Fund.

Under consideration is the development of a jewel to recognize the contribution of Adult Leaders that work with youth in organizations other than the Masonic Youth Groups. Hopefully, this jewel will be presented early in the next Triennium. It is envisioned that one jewel will be offered to each Grand Council for presentation to a deserving Adult. Additional jewels can be purchased by a Grand Council to recognize other Adults. Again, the funds generated minus certain expenses will be deposited in the Preservation Fund. We felt that there needed to be more recognition of Adults serving youth beyond the very restrictive Adult Youth Leadership Award.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The General Grand Council Life Membership program is still a viable program. There are still several Grand Councils that are attempting to keep 100% Life Membership. It is an effort to keep them current on their entire membership.

It remains a viable alternative for a Grand Council to have Life Memberships to exempt them from paying per capita. We should continue to encourage Grand Councils, especially those that aren't members of General Grand, to have their members purchase the Life Membership to assist them in affiliating with General Grand.

CRYPTIC NEWS

The General Grand Council has continued to print and distribute a version of the Cryptic Freemason Magazine. It has been the complete effort of MPC Richard Eppler of Connecticut. He has been the editor since 2008. His work has been well received, and we are very appreciative of his efforts in producing a quality document. He has decided that after 12 years it is time to hang up the pencil and step away from the computer. It is hoped that the incoming General Grand Master will find a new editor to continue the publication.

We have expanded our communication with an electronic newsletter. This was initially envisioned as a weekly publication, but there were some difficulties in the beginning. While I was in North Carolina for their Annual Sessions in 2019, I was approached by a Companion who asked how he could contribute to the General Grand Council. I gave his name to our General Grand Recorder and contact was made to find out the Companions interests. Companion Will Highsmith is now the editor and publisher of the Weekly Decryption. It has developed into a weekly publication. If you aren't receiv-

ing the Weekly Decryption, there is a link on the General Grand Council Website to subscribe to it.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

The International Jurisdictions seemed to be doing relatively well. I was able to Institute two Grand Councils under dispensation when I visited San Salvador, El Salvador, immediately after the 46th Triennial Assembly. Those Grand Councils are the Grand Council of the United States of Mexico and the Grand Council of Central America. These two Grand Councils are doing well. In November of 2018, I instituted the Grand Council of Peru under dispensation. This Grand Council consists of well-established Councils and is doing well.

The Grand Council of Germany had its Charter suspended during the last Triennium and is working to get itself back to work. I suspended the Charter of two of the Constituent Councils from Germany, Heidelberg No. 2 and Hamburg No. 8. In May of 2018, RPC Norman Draine arranged a meeting with representatives of these two Councils in Frankfurt. The representatives of Heidelberg Council came to the meeting prepared to surrender their Charter and nothing that was said appeased them. They handed me a letter signed by the Illustrious Master and the Recorder that surrendered the Charter; however, the seal that was used on the letter was of a defunct Chapter of Royal Arch Masons from the Augsburg area. This was the illegal use of a seal for the incorrect organization. The representatives of Hamburg Council No. 8 provided the requested information and were ready to comply with the General Grand Council requirements. I restored their Charter. We issued a Dispensation for the Councils in Germany to start operating as a Grand Council. The companion that was placed in the Grand Master's Station was eventually found to have been suspended from his Lodge for nonpayment of dues. He was removed as Illustrious Grand Master and Ambassador. The Deputy Grand Master was elevated to the station of Illustrious Grand Master. It has created the situation that was part of the problem with the previous Grand Council that of having the same Companion as the Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master. It is hoped that this situation will be resolved with the first election after they receive their Charter.

Some difficulties arose when the Grand Chapter of Romania suspended several Companions for nonpayment of fees. One of those suspended was the Illustrious Grand Master. The Grand Chapter would not listen to the Companions when they proved that they had paid the fees but they weren't recorded properly. I worked through a couple of Most Worshipful Grand Masters to communicate with the Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Romania and see if the situation can be peacefully resolved. The Companions were reinstated, and the Grand Council is operating fairly well. There is some confusion on their status and other Grand Councils have not been inviting them to visit. Hopefully, this will be resolved soon.

In Brazil, some trusted Companions and Sir Knights formed an organization that was to control all three Grand York Rite Bodies. This body, Su-

preme Grand Chapter, had complete control of the appointing of the officers, the database of the membership, and all of the funds of the three bodies. Access to this information was strictly limited. There was no transparency of the operations. If information was requested, the request was refused. If the requesting persisted, the individual making the request was suspended from the Grand Chapter without due process. After we received this information, I suspended the Charter of the Grand Council of Brazil, suspended Companion Paulo Curi from his Council, and formed a committee with a Past Illustrious Grand Master as the Chairman to develop a new Constitution for the Grand Council of Brazil. This Constitution has been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee and is being returned for the Councils to adopt it. Once it is adopted a Dispensation may be issued for them to begin operating as a Grand Council. We expect this to be completed by the Triennial Assembly.

In Italy, the Grand Chapter, in what seemed to be an arbitrary move, suspended the Illustrious Grand Master from the Chapter over a disagreement between a Past Grand High Priest and the Illustrious Grand Master. The Illustrious Grand Master had lined up Companions to testify at a tribunal of the Grand Orient of Italy against the Past Grand High Priest. The current Grand High Priest demanded that these witnesses appear before him and discuss what they were testifying. If they didn't appear before the Grand High Priest, they were under threat of suspension. This, I believe, was an attempt to influence the testimony of the witnesses. Rather than appear, the Companions resigned from the York Rite and in the process completely destroyed the York Rite structure in one particular area. After hearing about all of these actions, I suspended the Charter of the Grand Council to remove the Grand Council from the control of the Grand Chapter. After this suspension, I was communicating directly with the Companion that was acting as the Illustrious Grand Master, and I received an email from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter stating that if I wanted to communicate with the Illustrious Grand Master I had to go through him and the Grand High Priest. I replied and told him that I didn't have to do any such thing. I selected RPC Gheorghe Vilceanu as my representative on the continent to work with Companion Alesandro to work through what I am requiring of them to restore their Charter. It is still a long process. In the meantime, I have been informed that there exists an organization that is run by the Grand Chapter that controls all of the membership data and the financial data for all three bodies. This sounds much like the organization that was formed in Brazil. This organization will have to be disbanded or reorganized before they will get their Charter restored.

I believe that a lot of these difficulties have arisen from a lack of supervision by the General Grand Council after the issuance of Charters. It is difficult to provide the proper supervision from our locations in the United States. The effects of the current pandemic has forced us to refine our communication skills and has taken us to using technology to assist in communicating with Companions around the world. In July, we started zoom conferences with the Brazilian Companions in attempts to reassure them that they still are viable Councils and have our assistance in reforming. These increased skills may be a way to increase our ability to supervise these distant Grand Coun-

cils and have them operate in Masonically acceptable manners.

Another thing we have discovered from the writings of the meetings that formed the General Grand Council and the writings of outstanding Masons: Brother Albert Pike; Most Excellent and Most Illustrious Companion Albert Mackay; and Most Excellent Companion, Most Puissant Companion, and Illustrious Brother Josiah H. Drummond, is a set of guidelines for the operation of Councils and Grand Councils. We have deciphered these guides and put them in today's language. We are in the hope that in the future these will be adopted as Cryptic Landmarks to direct the operation of Councils and Grand Councils in recognizable and regular manners. This is another way we hope to supervise new Grand Councils.

ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL GRAND MASTER

- Issued a Dispensation to Taipei Council No. 1, Taipei, Taiwan, to allow them to use a quorum of five to open their Council for the purpose of transacting business. This Dispensation did not allow them to confer the degrees with only five Companions.
- Issued an advisory letter to all Companions stating that during the pandemic the General Grand Officers will not be required to travel. If they want to travel to any Assemblies that might be held, they would be traveling on their own.
- Issued Edict #1 instructing Councils constituent to the General Grand Council that in-person meetings were forbidden if their Grand Lodge had not provided guidance. If the Grand Lodge had issued guidance during the pandemic, they were to follow it.
- Issued Edict #2 instructing that due to the special circumstances dictating the course of the Triennial Assembly, voting would be done as one man one vote in a similar manner to the rules of the Grand Encampment.
- Two Companions who have held positions with General Grand Council and are associated with an illegal organization and irregular Masons are being stripped of their honorifics from the General Grand Council.
- The General Grand Council Trustees worked with the Grand Council of California to gather information on the General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, Prince Hall Affiliate for the United States and Bahamas and to assist in forming mutual recognition between our two organizations. The General Grand Council completed its portion of the recognition at the Southwest Regional Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, in November 2018. The General Conference completed the Recognition process at their Annual Assembly in Greenville, South Carolina, in May 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend the following to continue to improve the viability of the General Grand Council:

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- Pursuit of better cooperation among the York Rite bodies is required. Continue to support York Rite Leadership Training. The program is outstanding and should continue to be expanded to include more Masons from Master Masons to Scottish Rite and Shrine plus other Masonic Family Members.
- Continue to provide training and information on all Masonry to Preserve our Fraternity. Work to fully develop Rabboni.org as an all Masonic training and education site. Have a variety of programs, some free and some with minimal fees to compensate the developers.
- Continue to expand our recognition programs. Continue to develop the additional Youth Advocate Award to recognize those adults that work with youth in organizations other than the Masonic Youth Groups, Rainbow, Job's, DeMolay, etc.
- Continue to improve our methods of communication and support for Grand Councils. Support and improve the Weekly Decryption so that it becomes a mainstay of communication between the General Grand Council and the Masonic Community. Continue to provide virtual meeting capabilities for our Cryptic Masons worldwide. This pandemic has caused the Masonic Communities to develop various methods of staying in contact with the Brothers, and we can be there to support them. These developments have proved that expanding communication capabilities can improve participation among those who may remain at a perpetual distance.
- Continue to support the Awards Program of DeMolay International. They need the financial support to continue annually recognizing outstanding DeMolay leaders.
- The Trustees recommend that formal concordats be signed with the Grand Lodges of our International Jurisdictions. This will cement our existence in these Jurisdictions with mutual recognition.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Companions there are so many Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights that I owe a lot of thanks to.

I am very grateful to all of the Companions of the General Grand Council for allowing me to lead this organization for the last three years. It was really a privilege to have the confidence of so many Companions to trust me to perform these duties. Thank you very much. I hope I have done you proud.

I wish to acknowledge the influence and guidance that I received from Most Puissant Companion George C. Sellars, General Grand Master. We spent many hours together on different General Grand Council excursions to include several Masonic Weeks, North Carolina Summer Assemblies, and trips to International Jurisdictions.

I wish to thank Right Puissant Companion James G. Baum, Past Grand Illustrious Master of California and Southwest Regional Deputy General Grand Master 2017-20, for his friendship and guidance. I want to thank him

for adopting me into the California Cryptic Family.

I want to acknowledge the support that I have received from the Grand Council of Idaho.

There are all of the fabulous Companions that I have been associated with around the world these past twelve years. There are many fantastic Brothers and Companions out there with unlimited talents. They also are fantastic ritualists and Cryptic Masons.

Thank you to Most Illustrious Companion Richard L. Roblee, Past Illustrious Grand Master of Idaho, who started me on my journey through Cryptic Masonry by appointing me as the Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Idaho in 1999.

Thank you to the Past General Grand Masters for their counsel during the rough times of this Triennium.

I really appreciate the support and comradery of the Deputy General Grand Master and the General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. We formed a very effective team. We worked well together.

There is this wonderful lady that I met in 2001 that has been my wife for the last 19 years. She knew nothing about Masonry when we met. I introduced her to Masonry in April 2001 at the Grand York Rite Sessions of Idaho which were held in Post Falls, Idaho. From there it has been a wild ride through the three York Rite Bodies of Idaho, as Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand York Rite, campaigning for General Grand Recorder from 2006 to the 44th Triennial in Indianapolis in August 2008, through the years as General Grand Recorder from 2008 through 2017, and finally as the first Lady of General Grand Council. She has been very supportive. Thank you Lady Karen for your Love, Friendship, Counsel, and Support.

I move that this report be accepted and spread upon the minutes.

Fraternally and sincerely,
David A. Grindle, KYGCH, GGCSV
General Grand Master
47th Triennium, 2017-2020

The motion was seconded and the report was accepted and forwarded to the Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence.

ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL GRAND MASTER
Covered in the Report of the Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC JURISPRUDENCE**
JEREMY C. VAUGHN, CHARIMAN

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, Officers, and Members of
the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International:*

This report is not easy to write this triennium, nor did we expect it to happen this way. Our chairman, C. David Williams, III, PGIM (KS), unexpectedly passed away on July 1, 2020 at his home. With his passing, we lost a great deal of the records and information on the decisions made in the past three years, while leaving all of the end of triennium items left to accomplish without his guidance, leadership, and wisdom. We mourn his passing. This report will attempt to recount the actions during the past triennium and the decisions of the committee, but we beg your leave if something is unintentionally left out.

Per our law, the duties of this committee are as follows:

SECTION 402 DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC JURISPRUDENCE

The duty of the Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence is:

- A. To consider and report on all questions of Cryptic Masonic Law referred to it by the General Grand Council Elected Officers, or any Committee of the General Grand Council, including decisions of the General Grand Master during the Triennial
- B. To consider and report on all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws
- C. To monitor and correct the contents of the Constitution and By-Laws for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and misspelling in conjunction with the General Grand Recorder

In reverse order, your committee begs leave to report the following:

No requests were made of us regarding monitoring and correcting the Constitution and By-Laws as stated in subparagraph C. Neither have we advanced any issues of our own determination.

Two proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws were forwarded to us to review pursuant to subparagraph B. Resolution 47-1 concerned the honorifics granted to certain officers of the General Grand Council. Resolution 47-2 concerned changes to the procedure for filling vacancies in the offices of the General Grand Council. Both were submitted to the committee in August 2020. The committee found both resolutions to be in proper form and not otherwise in conflict with the law of the General Grand Council. However, the committee determined that neither could lawfully be brought to the floor as they were untimely pursuant to Article X of the Constitution and Section 802 of the By-Laws. Neither was presented to the voting membership in the timeline required by the law. In addition to the resolutions, we were asked to weigh in on a proposed list of landmarks for Cryptic Masonry. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that any such list, if it was to have any legitimacy and bearing on our organization, need-

ed to be presented to the voting delegates in the same way that legislation is presented. Thus, it was determined to be out of time and not able to be presented at this time.

With respect to subparagraph A, your committee can report the following:

1. We have been consulted on numerous changes and adoptions of bylaws and other governing documents for the subordinate councils of the General Grand Council over the triennium. The work in this regard is largely reflected in the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. We commend the work of our companions in various jurisdictions to establish councils and spread the light of Cryptic Masonry.
2. We have reviewed the report of the General Grand Master and beg leave to report the following:
 - a. We commend the General Grand Master on the travels and visits he was able to undertake on behalf of Cryptic Masonry prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - b. We concur in his appointments and changes made throughout the triennium.
 - c. We concur with his actions with his comments regarding Sao Paulo.
 - d. We concur with and commend his comments regarding Masonic Preservation
 - e. We concur with and commend the actions and decisions of the General Grand Master with respect to expanding and growing the Corporate Fund and the Life Membership Fund.
 - f. We concur with and commend the General Grand Master concerning the growth of the Cryptic News and the Weekly Decryption. We moreover commend those Companions who have made it happen on a regular basis.
 - g. We concur with the Grand Master's actions and decisions concerning Foreign Jurisdictions. It is not easy to navigate the niceties of the greater international Masonic fraternity and the local idiosyncrasies that appear. We commend the efforts of all companions to grow and improve the Cryptic Rite in the world.
 - h. We concur with the official Actions of the General Grand Master and the edicts and decisions issued. Given the unique situation presented by the pandemic in the last few months, we do concur with the unique decisions and actions precipitated by it, with the caveat that they should not set precedence for future dispensation with the in-person triennial assembly unless then-present unique and emergent circumstances warrant the same. We know that the decisions made were not lightly considered, and we commend the leadership for the tough decisions they had to make.
 - i. We neither endorse nor repudiate the General Grand Master's recommendations. Rather, we acknowledge the propriety of him advancing his observations and defer to the voting dele-

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gates to decide whether any of them should be adopted. This should not be mistaken for our disagreement with any of his recommendations, but rather an acknowledgement that such policy matters are the province of the leadership and voting members of this body.

3. We have reviewed the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and we concur with the actions taken and congratulate all on the fruition of the hard work of many!
4. As of this writing, no other reports were referred to us for action or consideration.

Two other unique items were presented to the committee for input and interpretation.

One was a proposal by the Board of Trustees with an idea for a unique approach to the 48th Triennium in light of the havoc caused by the pandemic. In short, the idea is to convene the 48th Triennium in more than one session, with the first in 2021, to allow the membership to deal with legislative and policy issues which were waylaid by the pandemic. After each session, the Triennial would be called at refreshment for a period of time, with the final assembly to be held in 2023. As presented, we concurred with the proposal with the proviso that due and timely notice is given to the voting membership and that the other law of the General Grand Council is complied with. We agreed that such an approach was warranted by the situation at hand.

The second issue was more problematic. A letter was received by the committee which pointed out a major issue. Bluntly, no audit has been conducted of the General Grand Council's finances for at least two trienniums. We have had three Grand Recorders since the end of the 45th Triennium, without an audit. We are about to change Grand Treasurers as well. Both §§ 304 E and 311 I contemplate that an audit will be done on a triennial basis by a certified public accountant chosen by the Board of Trustees. In addition, § 404 requires that an audit committee be appointed by the General Grand Master to conduct annual reviews of the finances of the General Grand Council. Bluntly, it is not acceptable that this has not occurred. The committee is aware that the employ of a CPA to do this work costs money and that the concern has been raised as to whether we can afford such a professional. It is the opinion of the committee that we cannot afford to NOT perform such an audit and the annual reviews. Given the fact that our officers have not been traveling the past six months, there are budget savings which can be utilized to defray the expense of this audit. Therefore, it is the opinion of the committee that the following be undertaken:

1. A licensed certified public accountant who is not a member of the General Grand Council be employed by the Board of Trustees within ninety (90) days of the close of the 47th Triennium to perform an audit of the financial affairs of the General Grand Council. Further, such audit should, at a minimum, go back to the end of the 46th Triennium when MPC David A. Grindle vacated the General Grand Recorder's office. If the CPA uncovers any concerns, they should be authorized to go back to the 45th Triennium.

2. The CPA be provided a copy of the letter received by the committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence.
3. The CPA be asked to opine on the current accounting system of the General Grand Council and whether any changes should be considered by the Board of Trustees to ensure transparency and allay any concerns.
4. The report of the CPA concerning the audit be made available for review and consideration of the membership by no later than the session contemplated to be held in August 2021.
5. That the incoming General Grand Master ensure that an audit committee pursuant to Section 404 be appointed and charged to perform their duty per the Bylaws.

We wish to be clear that we have no evidence of any wrongdoing and are not expressing any judgment on any companion; rather, the concern was raised to us, and pursuant to our duties under the law, we are commenting on actions which we believe must be taken to bring the officers and committees of the General Grand Council into compliance with our laws.

We thank MPC Grindle for this opportunity to serve the General Grand Council, and offer our services in the future, should the same be desired.

Fraternally Submitted,
Jeremy C. Vaughn, PGIM (ID)
Larry N. Flowers, Sr., PGIM (KY)
Douglas E. Connell, PGIM (RI)
Glenn E. Means, PIM (MO)
Todd A. Schulze, PGIM (MO)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

David A. Grindle, Chairman

To the General Grand Council Officers and Members:

We, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, are pleased to report the following issuance of Dispensations and Charters:

- 1) Subordinate Council Dispensations issued and instituted:
 - Fiat Lux Council #18—Mexico
 - Giblin Council #10—Mexico
 - Guametria Council #11—Mexico
 - Hanif Council #17—Mexico
 - Jedidiah Council #9—Mexico
 - San Juan del Rio #21—Mexico
 - Sepulcro de Monarcas Council #14—Mexico
 - Xalapa Council #13—Mexico
 - Bethlehem Council #19—Mexico

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We move that these Councils continue under Dispensation until such time they meet all of the requirements to be chartered.

The motion was seconded and this portion of the report was adopted.

- 2) The following Subordinate Councils, having met all of the requirements for chartering, were issued charters and constituted during this Triennium:

Adam Kraft Council #18, Hanover, Germany
Alfa y Omega Council #18, Xalapa, Veracruz, México
Tangamanga Council #22, San Luis Potosi, México
Rafael D'Arrigo Carranza #2—Peru
Arequipa Council #3—Peru
Pachacutec Council #4—Peru
Ica Council #5—Peru

We move that these actions be adopted.

This motion was seconded and this portion of the report was adopted.

- 3) The following Councils were rechartered for the reason noted:
Arabia Council #9, Southwest Asia, Loyalty Change

We move that these actions be adopted.

This motion was seconded and this portion of the report was adopted.

- 4) Three Grand Councils were issued dispensations and were instituted. They are:
Grand Council of Brazil

We move that the Grand Councils of Paraguay and Venezuela continue in Under Dispensation status. The motion was seconded.

An Amendment was offered that this dispensation be held over until such time as the Grand Council can resolve some irregularities. The amendment was seconded and was adopted.

The Amended motion was then adopted.

- 5) The following Grand Councils have submitted their Annual Returns, paid their per capita, and have submitted their Constitutions and Bylaws for approval which has been completed:
Grand Council of Central America
Grand Council of Germany (Hold)
Grand Council of Paraguay
Grand Council of Peru

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Grand Council of the United States of Mexico
Grand Council of Venezuela

We move that these six Grand Councils be chartered and be constituted at a future date. The motion was seconded.

An amendment was offered to HOLD the chartering of the Grand council of Germany. The amendment was seconded and adopted.

The amended motion was adopted.

We move that this report in its entirety be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Grindle, Chairman
Monty J. Glover
Steven A. Balke

The motion to adopt this report in its entirety was seconded and adopted.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

*To the Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Officers,
and Members of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International:*

This is the **FINAL REPORT** of the Committee on Credentials for the 47th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, this 26th day of September, 2020.

The Constitutional Quorum of nine (9) Constituent Grand Councils is present at this 47th Triennial Assembly. There are several Subordinate Councils represented.

Most Puissant Companion Larry, the Committee on Credentials thanks you for the opportunity to serve the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

Respectfully submitted,
The Credentials Committee

I move for the adoption of this report. The motion was seconded and adopted.

ELECTIONS

The General Grand Master called the election of the officers for the 48th Triennium. He appointed the Regional Deputy General Grand Masters as tellers. Voting was conducted electronically.

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The General Grand Master then called for nominations for General Grand Master. Right Puissant Companion Monty J. Glover, Past Grand Illustrious Master of Hawai'i and the current Deputy General Grand Master, was duly nominated and seconded. Upon call for further nominations three times, nominations were declared closed, and Companion Glover was declared unanimously elected.

Companion Glover was asked if he accepted the election, and he said he did..

The General Grand Master then opened the floor for nominations for the Deputy General Grand Master. Companion William G. Snyder, a Past Grand Illustrious Master of Missouri and incumbent General Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, was nominated and was duly seconded. Upon call for further nominations three times, nominations were declared closed and Companion Snyder was declared unanimously elected.

Companion Snyder was asked if he accepted the decision of the Companions. He responded he did and was declared elected.

The General Grand Master then opened the floor for nominations for the General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Companion George Thomas Taylor III, a Past Illustrious Grand Master of Delaware, was duly nominated and seconded. Upon call for further nominations three times, nominations were declared closed, and Companion Taylor was declared unanimously elected.

Companion Taylor if he accepted the decision of the Companions. He responded he did, and he was declared elected.

The General Grand Master opened the floor for nominations for the General Grand Treasurer. Companion Charles A. McCollum, a Past Illustrious Grand Master of Connecticut and a member of a Council of the Grand Council of Maine, was nominated and was duly seconded. Upon call for further nominations three times, nominations were declared closed. No further nominations appearing, Companion McCollum was declared unanimously elected.

Companion McCollum was asked if he accepted the decision of the Companions. He responded he did and was declared elected.

The General Grand Master then opened the floor for nominations for the General Grand Recorder. Companion Steven A. Balke, a Past Illustrious Grand Master of New Mexico and the incumbent General Grand Recorder, was duly nominated and seconded. Upon call for further nominations three times, nominations were declared closed. No further nominations appearing, Companion Balke was declared unanimously elected.

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The General Grand Master asked Companion Balke if he accepted the decision of the Companions. He responded he did, and he was declared elected.

The General Grand Master declared the elections completed.

The General Grand Master then requested the Finance Committee present the budget for the 48th Triennium.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Council:

We, your Committee on Finance, with the advice of the Deputy General Grand Master, present the following budget for approval

General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International 48th Triennial Budget August 2020 - July 2023

UCOA	Income Category		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	48th Trienni-
Income						
52100	Per capita	Note 1	\$87,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$87,500.00	\$262,500.00
53000	Interest and Dividends	Note 2	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
54400	Inventory sales		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
54900	Miscellaneous Revenue		\$166.67	\$166.67	\$166.67	\$500.00
54900	Miscellaneous Income		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
54900	Other types of income		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
52140	Fees. UD, Charter, etc		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$900.00
26200	Donations to General Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income						\$340,400.00
Expenses						
72000	Payroll	Note 3	\$22,200.00	\$22,200.00	\$22,200.00	\$66,600.00
82100	Office rent		\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$7,200.00
82600	Maintenance		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00
81000	Gen Office Equipment Expense		\$1,333.33	\$1,333.33	\$1,333.33	\$4,000.00
82000	Technology		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
81300	Communications		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00
75200	Bank Charges		\$433.33	\$433.33	\$433.33	\$1,300.00
75300	Legal and Accounting		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00
81100	Office supplies		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
81401	Postage mailing Service		\$3,333.33	\$3,333.33	\$3,333.33	\$10,000.00
81700	Printing and copying		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
82700	Allowable depreciation		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
85500	Miscellaneous Exp - regalia/repair		\$333.33	\$333.33	\$333.33	\$1,000.00
86200	Sales tax (on equip)		\$333.33	\$333.33	\$333.33	\$1,000.00
72500	payroll Taxes		\$4,440.00	\$4,440.00	\$4,440.00	\$13,320.00
70200	Educational		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
83100	GGM Travel		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$45,000.00
83100	Officer Authorized travel	Note 4	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$105,000.00
85800	Contingency funds		\$4,333.33	\$4,333.33	\$4,333.33	\$13,000.00
85900	Miscellaneous Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses						\$339,720.00
Net Income						\$680.00

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Note 1 Per Capita income based on 35,000 members @ \$2.50 each

Note 2 Investment income from Life Membership, Operations and Corporate Fund income

Note 3 Payroll Expenses Breakdown

Contract Recorder expenses					\$27,000.00
Contract Clerical expenses					\$36,000.00
Contract Treasurer expenses					\$3,600.00
	Total				\$66,600.00

Note 4 Authorized Travel Proposed Breakdown based on position but may be redistributed as needed

Travel and Meetings, Officers					\$9,000.00
Dep. GGM Travel					\$21,000.00
GPCW Travel					\$15,000.00
Officer Authorized travel					\$30,000.00
Regional Deputy travel					\$20,000.00
International Travel other					\$10,000.00
	Total				\$105,000.00

We move that this budget be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

Monty J. Glover, Deputy General Grand Master

Robert B. Malwitz, Chmn

Mark E. Irwin

Mark E. Megee

William R. Miller

The motion was seconded and was adopted.

The General Grand Master declared business of the General Grand Council suspended and a meeting of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Corporation opened.

The General Grand Master opened the floor for nominations of the at-large members of the Board of Trustees. The following Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters were nominated: Paul Friend of Florida, Dr Joe Rouse of Arkansas, and John Ridenour of Oregon. Upon the report of the tellers, Companions Friend, Rouse, and Ridenour were elected to three year terms.

After the change to the Corporation Bylaws, one member of the board was to be elected from an International Venue. One candidate was nominated. Companion Raphael P. Soneghet, a Past Grand Illustrious Master of Brazil. The General Grand Master declared Companion Soneghet elected.

The four trustees that were elected were asked if they accepted their election, and they all said they did. The Oath of a Trustee was administered.

The meeting was then turned over to Dr Michael Murphy, Chairman of the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine at the Indiana University school of Medicine. Dr. Murphy presented the latest advances in the research.

The meeting of the CMMRF Corporation was closed.

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After it determined there was no further business to be conducted, the General Grand Master closed the 47th Triennial Assembly until our next Assembly in 2023 unless due and timely notice of special Assembly is sent.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Grindle".

David A. Grindle
General Grand Master

ATTEST:

General Grand Recorder

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Saturday, September 26th, at 3:50 p.m., the officers for the 47th Triennium were installed. The installation team consisted of the following:

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