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**William Gene “Bill” Snyder
General Grand Master
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The Life and Times of William Gene “Bill” Snyder**

Bill's terrestrial life cycle began on 16 August 1953 at the maternity ward of the Conley Osteopathic Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. His parents were William O. Snyder and Jeanette L. Snyder nee Thompson.

Early in his life, his parents moved the family to the southern Independence, Missouri area and the Raytown School District. Bill's father was a successful grocery store operator in the Independence and Kansas City markets with the last store known as Snyder's Supermarket.

Although he could have followed in father's path, Bill became an attorney with a 35-year career in advising and representing the government of Jackson County, Missouri wherein Bill served as a Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and as the acting County Counselor.

It has been speculated by Masonic historians that Bill was a Cryptic Mason from birth.

However, Masonic records indicate that Bill petitioned for the Craft Degrees in Missouri in 1998 and was initiated in January 1999, passed and raised in February 1999. He received the York Rite degrees and Orders in March 1999 immediately preceding his Ceremonial to become a Noble of Ararat Shrine.

Bill met the jewel of his life, Carrie Ann Plattner, in 2005. She died from illness on 1 October 2014.

Bill served as Master of Independence Lodge No. 76 in Independence, Missouri and he is a dual member of McDonald Lodge No. 324. Bill qualified for the KYCH after presiding over the Independence York Rite bodies.

In Cryptic service, Bill served as the Illustrious Master of Independence Council No. 49 and Kansas City Council No. 45.

Bill was appointed as a Regional Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri as well as a Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Bill was appointed to the Grand Council advancing line by one of his many Missouri mentors, Dan Smothers. He served as the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the 2015-2016 term wherein he extended the Cryptic Family line of Kawakami – Harrison – Brown – Smothers by his appointment of Aaron M. Shoemaker, a longtime associate in his Masonic travels.

Bill was granted Honorary Past Grand High Priest honors by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri in 2026 from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

He was also invested as an Honorary General Conference Thrice Illustrious Grand Master by the General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal & Select Masters, PHA in 2025.

Bill first traveled to Masonic (AMD) Week in 2000 and avidly learned about the variety of organizations and philosophies involved in the Masonic Family throughout the world. This study led him to propose speculations concerning the possible origins of Freemasonry and the possible roles of the Cryptic Degrees in the development of modern Freemasonry.

Bill either joined or was invited to membership in virtually all the Masonic elements that have been active at Masonic Week.

Bill's Masonic Resume includes membership and service as the presiding officer in all the following invitational bodies in Missouri:

Knight York Cross of Honour (Missouri Priory No. 17), KYGCH, Past Prior

Allied Masonic Degrees (Santa Fe Council No. 417), Past Sovereign Master

Knight Masons USA (Charlemagne Council No.79), Past Excellent Chief, Past Grand Superintendent for Missouri

York Rite Sovereign College (Harry S Truman No. 167), Past Governor, Grand Governor at Large, Preceptor General 2026-2028

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (Our Lord's Tabernacle LIV), Past Preceptor

Red Cross of Constantine (Mary Conclave), Past Sovereign

Masonic Order of Athelstan USA (Court of Discovery #3) Past Master and Treasurer, Grand Burgh

Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, (Immanuel Chapel #10) Past Master, awarded rank of Past Grand Almoner.

Bill is notably a Scottish Rite Mason of the Southern Jurisdiction having joined the Valley of Kansas City in 2000 and received Coronation as a 33rd in 2015.

Among other honors, Bill is an OPC (Order of the Purple Cross of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America) and an OSV (Honored Companion of the Secret Vault of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International).

Bill determined that he would stand as a candidate for election as the General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work at the 2017 Triennial in Portland. He advanced in 2020 to Deputy General Grand Master and thence to General Grand Master in 2023 at Branson, Missouri.

As a General Grand Officer, Bill has placed an emphasis upon the Rule of the Solomonic Three in the administration of the General Grand Council as well as other bodies of the Masonic Family. He plans to remain an advocate in support of the next GGCCMI Administration for increased CMMRF donations through a stronger State Chairman program, a Cryptic Retention Program, and Cryptic and Capitular Education initiatives in a Cryptic Education Foundation.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER

49th Triennial Assembly (2025-2026), General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International

Companions,

On March 26, 2025, I was obligated and installed as the Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, following the acceptance of the resignation of the then Deputy General Grand Master, Right Puissant Companion George Thomas Taylor III. I am deeply grateful to Most Puissant General Grand Master William "Bill" Snyder for the confidence he placed in me by entrusting me with the responsibilities of this distinguished office. I accepted this appointment with humility, dedication, and a sincere commitment to faithfully serve the Cryptic Rite.

Assuming the duties of Deputy General Grand Master brought with it significant responsibilities and high expectations. From the outset, I recognized the importance of serving with greater efficiency, maintaining a spirit of enthusiastic service, and increasing my travels to represent the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International wherever called upon. My objective has been to provide visible leadership, strengthen communications, and support the growth and welfare of Cryptic Masonry throughout our jurisdictions.

The additional responsibilities of my new office required a substantial investment of time and attention. As a result, I was initially unable to devote the level of attention I desired to my responsibility as President of the Board of Trustees of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. Unfortunately, no formal transition or professional development training had been established for assuming the presidency of the Foundation, a role historically held by the preceding Deputy General Grand Master.

Despite this initial challenge, I remain steadfast in my commitment to mastering the responsibilities of the office, strengthening the Foundation's core mission of supporting vital medical research, and advancing its important charitable work.

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation has undergone a comprehensive review by the Board of Trustees, with strategic future changes set to be discussed during this 49th Triennial Assembly. To enhance administrative efficiency and outreach, key operational improvements are being evaluated for implementation—potentially under the purview of the 50th Triennial Board of Trustees:

Enhanced Communication: Increasing direct, personal engagement from the Executive Secretary with State Chairs, Grand Recorders, Most Illustrious Grand Masters, and Dais Officers.

Leadership Development: Partnering with Indiana University to provide targeted professional development and training resources.

Recognition & Stewardship: Conducting a thorough review of all recognition programs, including pins, wooden awards, sales of new store items, and new award items, alongside strategies to promote sustained monthly contributions.

Serving the companions of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, has been one of the greatest honors of my Masonic journey. I am sincerely grateful for the confidence, friendship, and support extended to me throughout this triennium. It has been my privilege to serve alongside dedicated officers and faithful companions whose commitment to Cryptic Masonry continues to inspire me. Together, we have worked to preserve our traditions while preparing our fraternity for a higher, brighter future.

Fraternally submitted,
William Keith Powell
Deputy General Grand Master

Report of the General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
49th Triennium (2023–2025), General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International

To the Most Illustrious General Grand Master, Officers, and Companions:

It was my distinct honor to be elected as Principal Conductor of the Work on August 14, 2023, in Branson, Missouri. I remain deeply grateful to the Companions for the trust and confidence placed in me to serve in this distinguished office.

At the outset of the 49th Triennium, I had the privilege of serving as a member of the General Grand Council alongside Most Illustrious Companion William "Bill" Snyder, General Grand Master, and Right Illustrious Companion George "Tom" Taylor III, Deputy General Grand Master.

Shortly after my election, while attending my cousin's wedding in Idaho, I suddenly experienced a severe vision issue in my left eye. Upon returning home, my ophthalmologist diagnosed a detached retina that required immediate surgery, followed by a lengthy 12-week recovery. Unfortunately, the retina detached a second time, necessitating emergency surgery and an additional 10-week recovery period. While these unexpected medical challenges delayed the start of my official travels, they ultimately deepened my appreciation for the steadfast support, prayers, and encouragement of my Cryptic Masonic family.

I set forth across the many member jurisdictions to fulfill my duties as assigned by Most Puissant General Grand Master Snyder. Across all regions, I found Companions enthusiastic to engage with the General Grand Council, share their insights on local and international Masonic matters, discuss the work of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF), review regional contribution totals, and receive official General Grand Council updates.

Following the resignation of the Deputy General Grand Master on March 26, 2025, and in accordance with the updated Constitution and Bylaws, I was obligated and installed as Deputy General Grand Master. I humbly assumed the duties of this office while continuing my service as a Board Member and President of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

As I conclude this report, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to every Companion for the unwavering encouragement, friendship, and support extended to me throughout this triennium. Serving the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, has been one of the greatest honors of my Masonic journey. I remain committed to our shared labor as we enter the 50th Triennium (2026–2029) and look forward to working together to strengthen Cryptic Masonry for future generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,
William Keith Powell
General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND RECORDER

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

I want to thank everyone who supported me in assuming the office of General Grand Recorder. It was a challenging as well as a rewarding experience.

The biggest accomplishment was moving all of the General Grand Council inventory and records from New Mexico to DeMolay International in December 2023. After taking an initial inventory in January 2024, DeMolay began filling all orders received by the General Grand Recorder. Initially, there were issues with delays in shipping orders including Annual Session awards. After working with DeMolay, they hired a person to handle the orders and beginning in July 2024, the orders were handled timely. Unfortunately, the person who was hired left DeMolay in March 2026 and it took a few months to get a replacement, but they are now on board and starting to get orders processed timely with some hiccups.

This move and startup are a model for other National and International bodies to handle their fulfillment. I have been in discussions with some of those organizations who are looking into contracting with DeMolay. In addition, due to the central location of DeMolay International and its proximity to the Kansas City Airport, the facility could be held for meetings and the studio on site could allow for educational videos to be produced there.

The move from New Mexico to Kansas City cost the General Grand Council over \$5,000 to complete. With all of the awards and records stored at DeMolay, future changes of General Grand Recorder will have minor costs of shipping some items.

When I took over as General Grand Recorder, I began consolidating various repositories of records regarding Life Membership, College of Preservation, and the Permanent Members list. They are now in a central database housed on Drop Box.

I updated all request forms to fillable PDFs to make the input easier by Companions requesting awards. All of the awards since I took over are also included in this database. I updated all of the award certificates so that they were mail merges in Word. I would create a PDF from those merges and place them on a shared drive that DeMolay could access.

All request forms are attached to an invoice in QuickBooks that allows a packing list to be generated that lets DeMolay know exactly what to send. In addition, all bills that are paid through QuickBooks have the supporting invoice or expense form attached to the record so that they can be matched in a financial review. This also includes Annual Returns being attached to an invoice that gives the total membership and then subtracts out the number of Life Members. These totals can then be used to determine how much per capita should be used from the Life Fund each year.

The General Grand Council website at <https://crypticmasons.org/> has been completely redesigned, taking the input from the Companions to make it easier to find information. In addition, the store was updated to provide all the pertinent information needed for Life Memberships, recognition presentations and award requests. Many thanks go to Max Borenstein and Will Highsmith who did an outstanding job in making the redesign and the updates to the store possible.

The printing of the revised Ritual approved at the Special Triennial Session at Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2021 was completed and made available to the Grand and Subordinate Council Recorders. Many thanks to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Oklahoma, Clyde Schoolfield for his comprehensive review and revision to include all approved changes since the start of the General Grand Council in 1880.

I was called on by the General Grand Master to represent him at several Grand Councils including Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Arizona, Nebraska, Nevada, Brazil, Philippines, UGIC, Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and European York Rite Conferences. I was greeted with friendship and hospitality at each event. I learned different programs and techniques to make Cryptic Masonry stronger. I was also able to share the benefits and resources that General Grand Council has to offer. I also encouraged support of CMMRF at these visits explaining the important breakthroughs being made at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

I pledge my assistance in the transition to the next General Grand Recorder.

It has been an honor serving the General Grand Council and I look forward to continuing to support its programs in the future. My thanks to all!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mark E. Irwin
General Grand Recorder

**Africa Regional
Deputy Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

TOGO

We give glory to the Almighty, the Most High of Heaven and Earth, whose omniscient spirit perceives all things—past, present, and future. May His Name be praised forever.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Cryptic Masons of Togo currently has 120 active Companions distributed across five Cryptic Councils: Temperance No. 01, Hope No. 02, Justice No. 03, Lucem Hermes No. 04, and Albert Pike No. 05.

The purpose of this report is to present the activities of the organization from 2023 to 2026. The report is divided into three parts: national activities, international activities, and finally conclusions and recommendations.

1. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The years 2023 and 2024 were somewhat difficult for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Cryptic Masons of Togo due to issues within the Grand Lodge of Togo, of which all Companions are foundational members at the level of the first three degrees of Masonry. This situation led to the departure of some Companions who were expelled from the Grand Lodge of Togo.

The work of the five Cryptic Councils slowed down in order to reorganize their membership. Since January 2025, when the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Togo was installed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Nationale Française alongside Grand Masters from regular Grand Lodges in Africa and elsewhere, members of the five Cryptic Councils have reconvened to update their membership records.

As of today, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Cryptic Masons of Togo has a total of 120 Companions. New applications are underway to increase membership.

To support the development of members and the dissemination of teachings, instructional workshops were organized during this reorganization period.

1.1 Instructional Workshops

Companions progressively strive to master gestures, esoteric content, symbolism, oral practice (specific to the York Rite), and the teachings of the different orders.

1.2 Reception Ceremonies

The York Rite being a system of interconnected degrees, the five Cryptic Councils and a festival allow Brothers of our obedience—whether practicing the York Rite or not—to understand the archaeometry of the Rite and grasp both its esoteric content and spiritual depth.

The content of these works and festivals follows specific objectives; therefore, activities are organized in both Capitular and Cryptic degrees.

2. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

As part of an international dynamic and upon invitation from American governing bodies under whose authority they operate, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Cryptic Masons of Togo participated in the European Regional Conference held in Baden-Baden, Germany, in 2025.

Training efforts are ongoing for Companions from countries such as Benin and Côte d'Ivoire, enabling them to request charters from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International (USA) for their respective countries.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We commend the mobilization of Companions who have resumed Cryptic work with strength and determination. We encourage all Companions devoted to Cryptic values and teachings to continue working tirelessly in charity, love, and harmony.

May the Most High, who presides over all our works by His grace and guides us in all things, assist us in our collective efforts.

GABON

The activities of the Grand Cryptic Council for Gabon can be summarized as follows:

The Grand Cryptic Council for Gabon experienced a temporary suspension of work due to a decision by the Grand Lodge of Gabon to review agreements (concordats) to ensure better cooperation.

After revising the terms, the concordat was signed for the Grand Cryptic Council of Gabon. Meetings of Grand Officers, extended to Illustrious Masters, were organized to resume work.

The current total membership stands at 76 Companions. Additional applications are underway to increase this number.

All Companions are encouraged to read and reread the rituals to ensure proper understanding and oral mastery. Instructional classes are also encouraged to maintain proficiency in gestures. May God be with them.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Regarding the development and expansion of the York Rite, particularly the Cryptic Councils, our efforts are beginning to find a favorable path.

I continue working so that Companions of the American Royal Arch Chapter for Côte d'Ivoire, currently operating under dispensation, may soon receive Provisional Charters for Cryptic Councils from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Ceremonies to confer Cryptic degrees are planned in the coming months. Those who have already received degrees in Togo continue their journey toward perfection.

MADAGASCAR AND MAURITIUS

Companions in Madagascar have experienced difficult times but continue to work within their Chapter. I encourage them to make efforts to establish Cryptic Councils so they can complete their progression through the Commandery.

BURKINA FASO

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International has granted a dispensation charter allowing Companions in this country to work within a Chapter.

I traveled to Burkina Faso in January 2026 with the Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest for Africa to conduct instructional sessions. These Companions have agreed to receive the Cryptic degrees during a York Rite festival in Togo or during reception ceremonies in Côte d'Ivoire.

This will enable them to apply for a Provisional Charter for a Cryptic Council. I continue discussions with the Grand Master to finalize this project.

Other African countries such as Benin and Ghana will follow the same process in the coming months and years.

The work of spreading Cryptic light across Africa is vast. To achieve these goals, it is essential to maintain continuous contact with Grand Masters of regular African Grand Lodges to obtain authorization allowing Companions to meet and work in joy and peace.

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European Region
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026

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 Most Puissant General Grand Master William G “Bill” Snyder for his confidence in appointing me European Region Deputy General Grand Master for the 49th Triennium. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International in this capacity.

The European Region is comprised of grand and subordinate councils from Portugal on the Iberian Peninsula to Greece and Romania in the Eastern Balkan Peninsula. Other jurisdictions include Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Serbia, and Slovenia. Each has its own distinct history and culture but are united in their enthusiasm for American York Rite Freemasonry.

I had the great pleasure of visiting most Grand Council Assemblies and several Subordinate Council Assemblies. I followed up each visit with a report to the General Grand Master and General Grand Recorder. I had the honor of representing the General Grand Master and delivering his remarks on those occasions when his duties and responsibilities in the United States prevented his attendance at assemblies in Europe.

I convened a regional meeting in Milan, Italy in 2024 and assisted in the organization and conduct of a joint regional meeting with the Grand Encampment in Baden Baden, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany, in 2025. This meeting was especially noteworthy because of the collaboration with the Grand Encampment. I am a firm believer in Benjamin Franklin’s maxim “that we must, indeed, all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.” What this means for York Rite Freemasonry is that we are stronger when we work together and must continue to do so to the extent possible.

In addition to bringing greetings from the General Grand Master at the regional meeting, topics discussed with the Companions included governance, best business and financial practices, the importance and necessity of elections, and the benefits of membership in the General Grand Council. I also issued invitations to the then upcoming 49th Triennial in Washington D.C. I stressed the importance of attending this event where among the important items of business to be transacted, will be the election and installation of the leadership for the 50th Triennium.

I had the privilege of presenting the dispensation for SIGILLUM LAZARI COUNCIL NO. 1 U.D. located at BELGRADE, SERBIA dated May 31, 2025. I also had the privilege of presenting the dispensation for HARMONY COUNCIL NO. 2 U.D. located at LJUBLJANA,

SLOVENIA dated September 5, 2025. Both dispensations were received enthusiastically and the companions set to work immediately.

On July 15, 2025, the Companions of HARMONY COUNCIL NO. 2 U.D. formally requested that a CHARTER be granted. As it appears that all conditions and requirements have been met, I endorse this petition.

Respectfully,
Jeffrey N Nelson
European Regional Deputy General Grand Master
2023-2026

**Latin American Region
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

During the 2023-2026 triennium, the Latin American Region experienced significant growth and renewed activity through the establishment and strengthening of Cryptic Masonry across the region. Efforts focused on expanding Cryptic Masonry by restoring historic councils, organizing Degree Festivals, issuing new Charters U.D., strengthening relationships with Grand Lodges and Grand Councils, and promoting closer cooperation among the York Rite jurisdictions of Latin America.

These objectives were accomplished through extensive travel, participation in regional and international Masonic meetings, the execution of a historic Concordat with the Grand Lodge of Chile, and the continued support of existing and emerging Councils throughout the region. The following is a chronological summary of the principal activities and accomplishments during the triennium.

2023

During the period of September through December 2023, efforts were undertaken to establish the Cryptic Councils in Colombia. Planning and coordination focused on organizing Degree Festivals in Barranquilla, on the Caribbean coast, and Bogotá, the middle of the country as well as in Cali located in the Western Pacific region. The objective was to establish three new Councils and initiate Cryptic Masonry in these three regions.

2024

April 25–28 – Traveled to Cartagena, Colombia in order to attend the Interamerican Masonic Confederation (CMI General Assembly).

July 26–29 – Organized and conducted a Degree Festival in Bogotá, Colombia.

August 23–25 – Traveled to Manta, Ecuador, to conduct a Degree Festival in that Pacific coastal city.

September 27–30 – Traveled to San Salvador, El Salvador by invitation of the *Gran Logia Cuscatlan* of El Salvador.

October 24–27 – Traveled to Lima, Peru for a visit to the Grand Council of Peru.

December 26–30 – Traveled to Santiago, Chile, in order to sign a Concordat with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Chile, permitting the American Grand York Rite Bodies to operate within its jurisdiction. The Concordat authorizes the Brethren belonging to the three Blue Lodges operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in Chile—Bethesda Lodge (Valparaíso), Huelen Lodge (Santiago), and St. John's Lodge (Concepción)—to receive the American York Rite Degrees and to establish Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies within that jurisdiction.

2025

January 11–16 – Traveled to Quito, Ecuador in order to visit Quito Council.

May 1–5 – Traveled to Valparaíso, Chile, to conduct a York Rite Degree Festival. The Festival was attended by Companions from the United States, Panama, Ecuador, and Chile. As a result of this effort, the Companions in Chile organized and requested the restitution of King Cyrus Chapter No. 1 in Valparaíso which had been originally chartered in 1865, and the issuance of a Charter U.D. for a Cryptic Council under the name of “Manquehue”.

June 23–30 – Traveled to Caracas, Venezuela in order to visit the Grand Council of Venezuela.

September 25–29 – Traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico in order to attend the Central American Masonic Confederation Assembly (COMACA) hosted by the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

October 9–12 – Traveled to Mexico City, Mexico, with our MIGM in order to attend the VI Latin American York Rite Conference, which was a complete success.

December 4–7 – Traveled to Monterrey, Mexico with my wife, Irene, representing our MP GGM at the traditional “Family Gala” dinner of the Cryptic Council of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon with the attendance of the Grand Masters of the regular Grand Lodges of the States of Nuevo Leon, Guanajuato, Aguascalientes, Coahuila and San Luis Potosí.

2026

March 5–8 – Traveled to Mexico City, Mexico in order to attend the invitation from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico to their 164th Annual Grand Communication as well as the Annual Communication of the American Grand York Rite Bodies chartered within that jurisdiction.

April 12–13 – Held a Degree Festival in Panama City, Panama for a number of Brethren under the jurisdiction of the *Gran Logia Occidental de Colombia* based in the city of Cali, Colombia. The delegation was headed by its GM. The Cali Brethren quickly organized and requested a RAM Chapter U.D. under the name of “Western Region of Colombia Chapter” with a request for Council Charter U.D. soon to follow.

April 29–May 4 – Traveled to Valparaíso, Chile, in order to consecrate and to present the restitution of the Charter to King Cyrus Chapter No. 1, and duly install its officers. Immediately following the RAM ceremonies, the Manquehue Council Charter U.D. was delivered and the Council officers were duly installed. The Manquehue Council has continued its work diligently by holding formal meetings, as well as ritual work, and has requested a permanent Charter be issued at the upcoming triennium.

May 22–26 – During a trip to Belize in order to institute a new Chapter U.D. and conduct a Royal Arch Degree Festival in the town of Dangriga, the Companions expressed their desire to establish two new Cryptic Councils in the near future. Due to the peculiar geography of Belize as a long, narrow strip of land, having one Chapter and Council located in the northern region and in the southern region as well will greatly facilitate the growth of American York Rite in the country.

June 12–14 – Traveled to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in order to hold a Royal Arch Degree Festival and present the new Companions of the Quisqueya Chapter with their Charter U.D. and duly install its officers. These ceremonies were attended in whole by the GM of the Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic who is a RA Mason. During the visit the GM expressed his interest in establishing Cryptic Masonry as soon as RAM was firmly established within his Grand Lodge jurisdiction. As such, this project remains a work in progress.

July (tbd) – While coordinating travel to Cali, Colombia in order to deliver its Charter U.D. and duly install its officers, the GM of the Grand Lodge of the Western Region of Colombia (Gran Logía Occidental) who is a RA Mason also expressed his interest in establishing Cryptic Masonry as soon as RAM was firmly established within his Grand Lodge jurisdiction. As such, this project remains a work in progress.

Note: Photographs of the events listed above were shared with our MIGM and our GGS and are maintained in our General Grand Council Archives.

Respectfully,
Marcos D. Ostrander Mulford
Latin American Regional Deputy General Grand Master
2023-2026

**Mid-Atlantic Regional
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

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

Greetings. It has been a profound honor and privilege to serve as the Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the Mid-Atlantic during this Triennium. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Most Puissant General Grand Master for this appointment and the opportunity to labor in the Secret Vault. These past three years have been a period of steady labor, transition, and renewed focus on the stewardship of our Cryptic Rite, while concurrently strengthening our relationships within the broader York Rite bodies.

STATE OF THE REGION The state of the Mid-Atlantic Region is one of resilience, optimism, and deliberate transformation. While navigating demographic shifts and statistical membership declines, our Companions are meeting this challenge not with resignation, but with renewed innovation. We recognize that sustainable growth requires actively demonstrating our relevance to the modern Mason, rather than relying on historical momentum alone.

For the first time in history, the GGCRAMI and GGCCMI recognized the need for dedicated leadership in the Mid-Atlantic states, formerly part of the Northeast Region. R.E.C. Piers A. Vaughan and I embraced this task, and it was a resounding success. Together, we hosted the first Regional Conference dedicated to Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, featuring distinguished speakers from throughout the region, including M.W./M.E. Comp. David L. Tucker (NJ), M.E./M.I. Comp. James P. Nunn (VA), and Ill. Comp. Yasser Al-Kahtib (PA). The fellowship, solidarity, and shared vision demonstrated at this sold-out event—aimed at moving the York Rite to the forefront and improving the experience for all members—exceeded our highest expectations. We are also extremely grateful for the support from the GEKT USA, in addition to our gracious host, M.W./M.E./M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson of Maryland.

Our Grand Councils remain United in a shared mission: to elevate the Companion's experience. We actively counsel local leadership to transition away from routine business meetings, encouraging them to transform gatherings into spaces of value characterized by profound Masonic education, interactive discussion, and genuine fellowship. Ensuring our time in the Secret Vault is engaging naturally attracts new, zealous Royal Arch Masons.

This regional transformation could not have occurred without the shared vision and unwavering support of my distinguished colleagues, R.E.C. Piers A. Vaughan and S.K. John H. Austin. Working side-by-side to Unite this region for the good of the York Rite, their efforts were instrumental in strengthening all three bodies. Together, we forged a path of Unity and

Prosperity, and I extend my deepest appreciation to both of these upstanding gentlemen for their invaluable partnership.

VISITATIONS It was my pleasure to represent the General Grand Council during this Triennium as I attended numerous Regional Conferences, Grand Assemblies, and local events nationwide. Rather than cataloging these travels, I will summarize the collective experience: every single engagement was deeply educational. Central to this was listening to the Companions, who provided profound insight into their triumphs, struggles, and passion for the York Rite. Observing the tools, processes, and ritual work they either had in place or lacked turned these travels into an invaluable fact-finding mission. That gathered intelligence is the foundational data driving our strategic initiatives.

FRATERNAL EDUCATION AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES A primary focus of this Triennium has been driving a deliberate shift away from passive member engagement toward active, intentional stewardship. To ensure long-term vitality, our regional education strategy focuses on equipping officers with modern management tools while grounding our Companions in the deep symbolic traditions of the Cryptic Rite.

The cornerstone of our educational efforts was the development of The Living Vault Initiative™ (LVI) by the General Grand Council. Designed as a framework for continuous member communication and structured educational advancement, this initiative successfully shifts our focus toward ongoing fraternal enrichment, while being tailored to the specific needs or requests of a Grand or Subordinate Council.

To support these curriculum changes, officer training now emphasizes effective leadership. Integrating DiSC® Profiling helps members understand distinct communication styles—significantly improving team dynamics, reducing administrative friction, and enhancing relational engagement. Furthermore, targeted SWOT Analyses are empowering leadership to identify vulnerabilities and leverage strengths, turning subjective challenges into objective, actionable data. Through these combined efforts, our officers are trained administrators leading with clarity, rather than mere placeholders. My sincere thanks to R.P.C. Paul C. Smith for educating me on effectively using this tool!

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CMMRF) The Companions of the Mid-Atlantic Region have continued their dedicated support of our philanthropy. While monetary contributions did not experience significant growth during this Triennium, highly creative plans and structured initiatives are in development to dedicate a focused fundraising effort moving forward.

CONCLUSION I profoundly thank the M.I. Grand Masters, Grand Records, and Companions for the many courtesies and fraternal hospitality extended during my travels. The future of the York Rite relies on our continued dedication to a Unified effort in education, historical preservation, and mutual support. I am confident the strong foundation we reinforced this Triennium will serve the Rite exceptionally well. Though my term as Regional Deputy

concludes, my labors continue; it remains my enduring responsibility to support and mentor my successor, as well as the Companions, every single day.

Finally, I must express my deepest gratitude to my wife, Jenn. None of my involvement or dedication during this Triennium would have been possible without her unwavering love, patience, and support. She is the steadfast anchor that allows me to commit my time and energy to our Fraternity, and I share every accomplishment of these past three years with her.

Fraternally and Zealously submitted,

Sean H. McNorton
Regional Deputy General Grand Master,
Mid-Atlantic Region

**North Central Regional
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

It was my distinct pleasure to serve as Most Puissant William “Bill” Snyder’s Regional Deputy Grand Master for the North Central Region a second time. I previously served as North Central Regional Deputy Grand Master under Most Puissant David Grindle from 2017-2020. I am grateful that both Companions had the faith that I could perform the job correctly and to the best of my ability.

The North Central Region is compiled of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and both North and South Dakota.

I attended all Grand Sessions in the North Central Region during my time as the Regional Deputy Grand Master except for two, Iowa in 2025 and Wisconsin in 2026. Other duties as the Grand Governor, Intendant General for the State of Nebraska, and General Degree Director for the Omaha Valley of the Scottish Rite prevented my participation in those sessions.

During the 2023-2026 term there were three North Central Conferences held, all in Sioux Falls South Dakota at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center. I have been responsible for the last six years and ensuring contracting for the meetings and hosted the 2023 and 2025 conferences. At the 2023 conference, the CMMRF executive representative, Companion Wynn, attended along with the General Grand Master MP Bill Synder. During the 2024 conference the Councils had Right Puissant Tom Taylor visit. During the last triennial hosted by General Grand Council, Most Puissant David Grindle and Right Puissant William “Keith” Powell were in attendance. During almost every North Central Conference the group of Companions freely exchange ideas of issues that each is dealing with in their jurisdictions. For Council and Chapter, all the Grand High Priests and Illustrious Masters are asked to come up and introduce themselves and give a brief description of what they have done and have planned

for the rest of their year for their Council. The thumb drives sent the last couple of years with updated forms and information have been most valuable in helping the jurisdictions keep up and be prepared to report back to General Grand Council. I have personally went through them, especially any changes or additions with the whole group. The North Central Conferences are done together with General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council and Grand Encampment currently. Grand Encampment discussed in 2025 doing something on their own which I believe would be a mistake in this region. The North Central Conference normally has an attendance of between 75-90 participants.

Concerning the state of Cryptic, as well as York Rite Masonry in the North Central Region, it is at a steady calm. Membership is not climbing in leaps and bounds across the region, though Minnesota seems to bring in the most people every year followed by Wisconsin and then the others. All the states host festivals to bring in new candidates. All deal with suspensions, but the real issue is keeping up the membership, deals with deaths. The average age of York Rite Masons in this region is probably well into the 60s. All of the states and jurisdiction in the North Central Region get along well with each other and that is largely in this Deputies opinion is because we rotate in the region who the Regional Deputies are between the members in the region.

It has been my pleasure to collaborate with my regional counterparts. In General Grand Chapter that is Most Excellent Companion Steven Barchus who I travelled with quite frequently. In the Grand Encampment that was first Right Eminent David Dryer, then Right Eminent Leland Burlison unfortunately who we lost to death in early 2025 and finally Right Eminent Lon Kvasager.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve and this concludes the report of the North Central Regional Deputy Grand Master.

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

**Northeast Regional
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

To the Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, Greetings.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the General Grand Council in the Northeast region, the mighty states of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. While Connecticut and Massachusetts are not members of the General Grand Council, I have

interacted with many of their officers over the last several years and their hospitality and graciousness was warmly welcomed, and I am hopeful that one day, they may join in unity with our confederation.

York Rite Conferences

The Northeast has a wonderful spirit of cooperation in our planning for our annual conference. The Red and the Purple collaboratively work together, and our “day” is a mixture of programming worthwhile to all participants. Over the course of the last three years, I led three sessions: the first was a SWOT analysis, whereby participants engaged in the typical assessments of analyzing our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. However, I added a component of SWOT reimagined, whereby we further delved into thinking about something Scary, Wild, Outrageous, and Threatening. The second year’s program saw a mission-vision-values workshop where we discussed the difference behind each of the statements and then worked together to create one of each for our session. The last in 2025, saw the presentation of the Leadership 4.0 concept and how it applies to Masonry in the modern era.

CMMRF

The Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation has been a key focus of my discussions everywhere I have visited. While many of the jurisdictions in the Northeast are small, each has participated in support of CMMRF. Early on in the Triennial, I wanted to incentivize state donation rates and so I ordered a wrestling style CMMRF Championship belt that could be awarded to the state with the most donations every year. The belt would change hands at the conference. New Hampshire won it the first two years, and last year, a non-member state, Connecticut, took the belt home for the year. Even if jurisdictions don’t belong to the General Grand Council, EVERY Mason should support CMMRF because it is the only charity that works on issues affecting Masons every day. I hope the belt continues changing hands throughout the Northeast for many years to come, and the CMMRF is a continued focus of every officer and Ambassador throughout the Rite.

Visitations

The following is a brief recap of my travel during the Triennium, at which I was attending officially, or recognized:

August 18-19, 2023	Grand Council of New York, Albany NY
September 8, 2023	Northeast York Rite Conference, Albany NY
October 25, 2023	York Rite Bodies, Manchester NH
December 10, 2023	Palestine Tabernacle HRAKTP, Tilton NH
February 18, 2024	Grand Commandery of NH Veterans Ceremony, Manchester NH
February 24, 2024	St. Anselm Chapel, St. Thomas of Acon, Concord NH
April 26, 2024	Grand Council of Maine, Portland ME
May 10-11, 2024	Grand Council of New Hampshire, Concord NH
June 9, 2024	Grand Council of Vermont, Killington VT
June 15, 2024	NH Priory KYCH, Tilton NH

July 27, 2024	Granite State Conclave RCC, Concord NH
August 17, 2024	General Grand Council Meeting, electronically attending
August 23-24, 2024	Grand Council of New York, Albany NY
September 6, 2024	Northeast York Rite Conference, Albany NY
December 7, 2024	Super Excellent Master Degree, Concord NH
February 22, 2025	St. Anselm Chapel, St. Thomas of Acon, Concord NH
March 15, 2025	Grand Council of Maine Cryptic Degree Day, Auburn ME
March 26, 2025	York Rite Bodies, Manchester NH
April 4-5, 2025	Grand Council of Rhode Island, Warwick RI
May 9-10, 2025	Grand Council of New Hampshire, Concord NH
June 8, 2025	Grand Council of Vermont, Killington VT
June 21, 2025	NH Priory KYCH, Tilton NH
July 19, 2025	Granite State Conclave RCC, Tilton NH
August 15-16, 2025	Grand Council of New York, Albany NY
September 5, 2025	Northeast York Rite Conference, Albany NY
March 27-28, 2026	Grand Council of Rhode Island, Warwick RI
April 4, 2026	Grand York Rite of NH Business Meetings, Concord NH
April 22, 2026	York Rite Bodies, Manchester NH
April 24, 2026	Grand Council of Maine, Freeport ME
May 8-9, 2026	Grand Council of New Hampshire, Manchester NH
May 27, 2026	York Rite Bodies, Manchester NH
June 7, 2026	Grand Council of Vermont, Killington VT
June 28, 2026	CMMRF Future Planning Call
August 1, 2026	Granite State Conclave RCC, Tilton NH

I am registered to attend the Triennial Assembly in Washington DC on September 1, 2026.

Awards

The General Grand Council has a number of awards at its disposal now, and I was very pleased to assist in the presentation of many of them. It was an exciting thing to be involved with the presentation of the Order of the Secret Vault on many occasions, and once the new ritual was established, it drew in past awardees to see the new modes of recognition. Congratulations to the workers who made that happen. There are some, still fairly new (such as the Youth Advocate, and the General Grand Stars) that need more publicity for awarding, information on the 5 w's, and so that there are more opportunities for our hard working companions. I only had two nominations sent to me for the Columbian Award from the Northeast region, and while both were deserving, one stood out for lengthy service in the quarries. I hope that my successor will have more luck in recruiting nominations.

Communication

There have been times during the Triennium where I was frustrated with a lack of communication; whether it was not hearing from my superiors about plans, or programs or even if there were other officers attending sessions with me. Additionally, the slowing to a trickle of the Decryption over the course of the Triennium has been saddening, and I hope that

it will pick up again in the future. We can all do better in terms of communication, myself included.

State of the York Rite

The York Rite in the Northeast is strong. There are areas in which we can improve: demits and npds are our problem, and we must address those head on, rather than letting someone go without the courtesy of a conversation. They may be uncomfortable, but unless we have them, there's no way to know where we have done wrong and where we can do better. There are some jurisdictions where the Cryptic degrees are optional in the York Rite journey. I find this to be a true travesty as it is only in those degrees do we see the circle completed-we find out why it's buried there, and the person who tells us is Hiram-the only time we ever hear from him directly. I would also note that observationally, I have seen other Masonic orders try to interfere in the sovereignty of others, and there is no place for that in our system. The facts are these: our numbers are low-which is okay in its own right-but, as MW Benjamin Franklin said, "we must hang together or we most assuredly will hang separately," and so Masonic cooperation should be paramount in the entirety of the York Rite.

To Conclude...

I would like to thank MP William G. Snyder for the opportunity to continue my service to the General Grand Council during the course of this triennium. I was honored to serve as both General Grand Marshal (East) and Ambassador for New Hampshire in the previous term, but this opportunity has given me a much greater sense of understanding the needs and challenges of my fellow jurisdictions, the ever-increasing need for our world-class charity, and the true fellowship that can only come with traveling and breaking bread with others.

I would like to thank the Companions of New Hampshire for their support of me during the term, and for showing up in good numbers at every conference during my tenure.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family: Jenn, Henry, and Maggie. They didn't always like that I was away, but they always liked that I came home-and sometimes with presents. I wouldn't be the person I am without their support, and they have my eternal thanks, and eternal love.

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Zealously,

Paul C. Smith, CSV

Northeast Regional Deputy General Grand Master
General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Northwest Regional Deputy General Grand Master Triennium Report 2023-2026

It has been an honor and privilege to complete my three-year term as the Northwest Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. I am deeply grateful to the Most Puissant General Grand Master William G. Snyder for entrusting me with this responsibility and for his steady support throughout my tenure. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the elected Grand Council Officers across the Northwest Region whose advice, encouragement, and partnership have been invaluable.

Regional Activities and Meetings

My term began with a memorable first regional meeting: a joint Northwest and Southwest gathering held in Salt Lake City. The meeting was productive and well received, though the logistics of combining two large regions proved challenging. While the experience was worthwhile, the complexity of hosting a joint session led us to return to region-specific meetings in subsequent years.

For the remaining two years, the Northwest Regional Meeting was relocated from Boise, Idaho to Spokane, Washington. This change proved highly successful. Attendance increased, engagement was strong, and we were fortunate to welcome several outstanding guest speakers who enriched the educational and fraternal value of the sessions. In 2025, we enjoyed a particularly special highlight: hosting the New Orleans Scottish Rite degree team in Spokane for a full presentation of the Scottish Rite 1st Degree. Their performance was exceptional, and the event brought tremendous excitement and fellowship to all who attended. It was a unique opportunity for our region and one that will be fondly remembered.

Travel and Jurisdictional Engagement

The Northwest region spans seven jurisdictions—Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, and Washington—covering a vast geographic area. It has been my pleasure to travel to many of these jurisdictions, even though professional and family obligations prevented me from visiting everyone. Despite the size of the region, I was able to spend meaningful time in several jurisdictions, strengthen relationships, and support local leadership whenever possible. The hospitality, commitment, and fraternal spirit shown by our Companions throughout the Northwest remain a source of pride and deep gratitude.

Closing Remarks

Serving as Regional Deputy General Grand Master has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my Masonic journey. The friendships formed, the work accomplished, and the shared commitment to the Cryptic Rite have made these three years truly meaningful. I look forward to continuing my service to the Craft in whatever capacity I may be called.

Zealously,
Rabi K. Peifer
Northwest Regional Deputy General Grand Master
General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

**South Central Regional
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

During my three-year tenure as South Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master, I was committed to fostering communication, strengthening fraternal relationships, and supporting the Grand Councils throughout the South Central Region.

A significant highlight of my service was visiting each of the six Grand Councils within the Region:

Arkansas
Kansas
Louisiana
Missouri
Oklahoma
Texas

During each official visit, I had the privilege of extending fraternal courtesies and greeting on behalf of the Most Puissant General Grand Master. These visits provided valuable opportunities to meet with the Most Illustrious Grand Master, elected officers, and companions; observe the work of each State and receive updates on the status, accomplishments, and challenges of their respective Grand Councils.

Traveling throughout the region also gave me the opportunity to observe the unique strengths, successful programs, and best practices within the Jurisdiction. By seeing firsthand what worked well in each State. I was able to share those ideas and experiences with other Grand Councils when appropriate. This exchange of knowledge encouraged collaboration, inspired new approaches to common challenges, and strengthened the South Central Region as a whole.

These personal visits reinforced the importance of communication, cooperation, and mutual support among the Jurisdictions and strengthened our shared commitment to the continued growth and success of Cryptic Masonry.

Respectfully & Fraternally,
Camille “Buddy” Guidry
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
South Central Region

**Southeast Regional
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

To the Companions and Officers of General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, thank you for the opportunity to serve you the past three (3) years. It has been a busy, sometimes frenetic period of my life that I would not have traded!

Beginning with what I considered my main responsibility; I was able to attend every Grand Session of every Grand Council in the Southeast Region for all 3 years. It is one of the most enjoyable duties of the office.

We have two (2) non-member jurisdictions in the Southeast Region. It was my hope to see both return to General Grand Council during my term. One of them, South Carolina through the tireless work of MI Companion John Bowker, the late MIC Rob Lacer, MIC Jim Barr and many other Companions is close to re-joining. A resolution was introduced at their Grand Session this year to reunite with General Grand Council and is being held over until 2027 while many of the details are being worked out. Even though I will be out of office I am still going to attend their Grand Session February.

I also travelled Jurisdictions for other local events including Table Councils in Florida and North Carolina. I was always warmly received, funds were raised to support CMMRF and I always enjoyed getting to meet brothers at the local level. I travelled to Alabama for their Draw-down dinner raffle fundraiser. The event is always a great fundraiser for CMMRF. I went to Tennessee for a district meeting and enjoyed the fellowship as well the outstanding ritual work. I also travelled to Western Tennessee to attend the consecration of a new Council. Finally, I attended the Summer Assembly in North Carolina for two (2) out the three (3) years for those of you who have not attended I urge you to go, the lectures are always informative and camaraderie even better.

I planned the General Grand Council sessions all three (3) years. The 2024 session was held in Knoxville, TN and was largely planned by RE Sir Knight Robert Waldron. He set an example to be followed in the subsequent years and made my job much easier. I wish to thank Sir Knights Rober Waldron and James McGee for their patience and counsel with my questions. Most especially I thank my counterpart from General Grand Chapter MW Bro. and RE Companion Mark Bradley for his help in working together to plan these sessions.

One of my goals was to improve communications between General Grand Council and the jurisdictions as well facilitate the sharing of ideas between the jurisdictions. As such I began periodic Zoom meetings with the Ambassadors and Special Representative and the Most Illustrious Grand Masters in the Region. It is my firm belief that these meetings were successful and hope they will be continued by my successors.

I instituted evaluations for the Council sessions, and the feedback was mostly positive and helpful when planning for the following year. I thank all of you who took the time to return your evaluation to me and most of all for your feedback.

Overall, I would say the health of the Southeast Region is good. The jurisdictions are all suffering from loss of members is Masonry in general and other non-fraternal organizations civic organizations. Once again I thank you for this opportunity to serve. I will still be around, will still visit from time to time, and am always available for advice or just for friendly chats from time to time. I remain....

Sincerely and Fraternally,
James Bard
Regional Deputy General Grand Master
South Central Region

**Southwest Regional
Deputy General Grand Master
Triennium Report 2023-2026**

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

I would like to start by saying thank you to our Most Puissant General Grand Master, William “Bill” G. Snyder, for allowing me to serve the General Grand Council as the Southwest Regional Deputy.

During the past three years I attended the Grand York Rite Sessions for all the jurisdictions in the region every year, attending the full sessions for all three bodies. I was granted the privilege of addressing the Companions in each of those sessions, bringing greetings and presenting programs from the General Grand Council. I was welcomed and received with the warmest fraternal greetings in all my travels.

The Southwest Region is unique in the large area of the country it covers, but the Companions in the region are known for their fellowship and many travel throughout the region. I have made many new friends from all the jurisdictions these past few years. Despite the size, the Southwest Regional conferences have been well attended with excellent programs and presentations. We have assigned each of the jurisdictions a sister jurisdiction in Europe and several have had communications between them. There are several Festivals put on in the region with many of them put on by multiple jurisdictions. The Colorado River Fall Festival has some of the best ritual work in the country and parts ore done my members of all the southwest jurisdictions.

I would also like to thank the Ambassadors of the Southwest Region for their courtesy and assistance when called upon. They may not get the recognition they deserve, but they have done an outstanding job in each of their jurisdictions.

I would also like to thank my counterparts, Right Excellent Companion Jeffrey E. Hamilton, Southwest Deputy General Grand High Priest, and Sir Knights TJ Robertson and Craig L.

Flagtwet, the Southwest Department Commanders for their friendship and support which helps make and keep the Southwest Region as strong as it is.

Finally, thank you to the General Grand Officers who I have met and have traveled to the Southwest. Your knowledge and friendship have made a significant impact to my life and I thank you for everything that you do and will continue to do for Cryptic Masonry,

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Phillips

Regional Deputy General Grand Master
South Central Region

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International Corp
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2021

	08/01/23	7/31/24	Difference	07/31/25	Difference	07/31/26	Difference	Difference for Triennium
ASSETS								
Current Assets								
Checking/Savings								
10000 - Assets								
10100 - Wells Fargo Checking Account	48,904.65	42,707.17	(6,197.48)	54,348.78	11,641.61	25,028.97	(29,319.81)	(23,875.68)
10500 - PayPal	9,975.79	10,454.59	478.80	7,415.23	(3,039.36)	20,323.32	12,908.09	10,347.53
Total 10000 - Assets	58,880.44	53,161.76	-5,718.68	61,764.01	8,602.25	45,352.29	-16,411.72	-13,528.15
Total Checking/Savings	58,880.44	53,161.76	-5,718.68	61,764.01	8,602.25	45,352.29	-16,411.72	-13,528.15
Accounts Receivable								
11000 Accounts Receivable	2,179.64	3,858.40	1,678.76	6,839.54	2,981.14	9,568.28	2,728.74	7,388.64
Total Accounts Receivable	2,179.64	3,858.40	1,678.76	6,839.54	2,981.14	9,568.28	2,728.74	7,388.64
Other Current Assets								
12000 - Other Current Asset								
12100 - Inventory Self-funded items	55,196.22	54,515.03	(681.19)	50,686.94	(3,828.09)	51,467.79	780.85	(3,728.43)
12200 - Inventory Benefit Program Items	22,082.10	17,013.76	(5,068.34)	28,743.33	11,729.57	28,588.64	(154.69)	6,506.54
12300 - Regalia	6,008.59	10,877.62	4,869.03	10,727.62	(150.00)	10,513.87	(213.75)	4,505.28
13500 - Supplies Inventory	1,010.00	1,010.00	-	1,010.00	-	1,010.00	-	-
Total 12000 - Other Current Asset	84,296.91	83,416.41	-880.50	91,167.89	7,751.48	91,580.30	412.41	7,283.39
12001 - Undeposited Funds	0.00	422.50	422.50	391.00	(31.50)	7,090.00	6,699.00	7,090.00
18000 - Investment Funds								
18400 - General Fund 7373	245,468.17	318,590.61	73,122.44	337,174.59	18,583.98	380,998.86	43,824.27	135,530.69
18500 - Life Membership Fund 7371	182,323.76	233,455.48	51,131.72	240,924.90	7,469.42	239,763.16	(1,161.74)	57,439.40
18600 - Program Fund 7372	242,469.58	312,916.47	70,446.89	456,233.43	143,316.96	559,085.95	102,852.52	316,616.37
Total 18000 - Investment Funds	670,261.51	864,962.56	194,701.05	1,034,332.92	169,370.36	1,179,847.97	145,515.05	509,586.46
Total Other Current Assets	754,558.42	948,801.47	194,243.05	1,125,891.81	177,090.34	1,278,518.27	152,626.46	523,959.85
Total Current Assets	815,618.50	1,005,821.63	190,203.13	1,194,495.36	188,673.73	1,333,438.84	138,943.48	517,820.34
TOTAL ASSETS	815,618.50	1,005,821.63	190,203.13	1,194,495.36	188,673.73	1,333,438.84	138,943.48	517,820.34
LIABILITIES & EQUITY								
Liabilities								
Current Liabilities								
Accounts Payable								
20000 - Accounts Payable	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	1,905.85	1,905.85	4,083.94	2,178.09	3,883.94
Total Accounts Payable	200.00	0.00	-200.00	1,905.85	1,905.85	4,083.94	2,178.09	3,883.94
Other Current Liabilities								
24000 - Other Current Liability								
24100 - Payroll Liabilities	(267.75)	68.85	336.60	115.07	46.22	114.99	(0.08)	382.74
24300 - Due to CMMRF	217.00	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	(217.00)
Total 24000 - Other Current Liability	-50.75	68.85	336.60	115.07	46.22	114.99	-0.08	165.74
Total Other Current Liabilities	-50.75	68.85	336.60	115.07	46.22	114.99	-0.08	165.74
Total Current Liabilities	149.25	68.85	136.60	2,020.92	1,952.07	4,198.93	2,178.01	4,049.68
Total Liabilities	149.25	68.85	136.60	2,020.92	1,952.07	4,198.93	2,178.01	4,049.68
Equity								
30000 - Opening Balance Equity								
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	653,833.81	653,833.81	-	653,833.81	-	653,833.81	-	-
32000 - Retained Earnings	155,311.07	161,635.44	6,324.37	351,315.54	189,680.10	538,640.63	187,325.09	383,329.56
Net Income	6,324.37	190,283.53	183,959.16	184,325.09	(5,958.44)	136,765.47	(47,559.62)	130,441.10
Total Equity	815,469.25	1,005,752.78	190,283.53	1,189,474.44	163,721.66	1,329,239.91	139,765.47	513,770.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	815,469.25	1,005,821.63	190,420.13	1,191,495.36	185,673.73	1,333,438.84	141,943.48	517,820.34

Profit and Loss				
As of July 31, 2026				
Income	General Fund	Life Member Fund	Program Fund	Total
Per Capita	\$ 208,284.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,284.50
Interest & Dividends	\$ 24,653.26	\$ 14,730.45	\$ 21,278.65	\$ 60,662.36
Inventory Sales	\$ 4.75	\$ 16,512.50	\$ 98,010.38	\$ 114,527.63
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 74.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74.63
Fees	\$ 1,560.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,560.00
Total Income	\$ 234,577.14	\$ 31,242.95	\$ 119,289.03	\$ 385,109.12
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 56,842.91	\$ 57,202.91
	\$ 234,217.14	\$ 31,242.95	\$ 62,446.12	\$ 327,906.21
Investment Value Change	\$ 152,699.47	\$ 54,319.63	\$ 315,325.10	\$ 522,344.20
Income and Investment change	\$ 386,916.61	\$ 85,562.58	\$ 377,771.22	\$ 850,250.41
Expenses				
Payroll	\$ 35,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,100.00
Office rent	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Fulfillment Expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 31,790.13	\$ 33,590.13
Maintenance	\$ 1,633.98	\$ -		\$ 1,633.98
Technology	\$ 8,055.05	\$ -	\$ 3,973.25	\$ 12,028.30
Communications (Ph, Internet, web, etc)	\$ 1,806.38	\$ -	\$ 4,844.52	\$ 6,650.90
Bank Charges (fees, wires, etc)	\$ 622.44	\$ 290.34	\$ 1,273.12	\$ 2,185.90
Legal and Accounting	\$ 137.63	\$ -		\$ 137.63
Awards and Grants	\$ 500.00	\$ -		\$ 500.00
Office Expenses	\$ 1,586.83	\$ -	\$ 3,514.56	\$ 5,101.39
Investment Advisor Fees	\$ 16,822.04	\$ 11,610.68	\$ 19,987.38	\$ 48,420.10
Postage mailling Service	\$ 771.68	\$ -	\$ 3,164.31	\$ 3,935.99
Printing and copying	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 724.89	\$ 724.89
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,920.40	\$ -		\$ 1,920.40
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Educational (Emerging Leader Training etc)	\$ 10,377.48	\$ -		\$ 10,377.48
GGM Travel (Domestic, Conf, Int'l)	\$ 40,313.86	\$ -		\$ 40,313.86
Officer Authorized travel				\$ -
DGGM Travel	\$ 35,534.27	\$ -		\$ 35,534.27
GGIPCW Travel	\$ 21,415.24	\$ -		\$ 21,415.24
GGT Travel	\$ 1,655.00	\$ -		\$ 1,655.00
GGR Travel	\$ 8,712.52	\$ -	\$ 710.18	\$ 9,422.70
Regional Deputy Travel	\$ 18,389.92	\$ -	\$ 826.50	\$ 19,216.42
Meetings	\$ 27,746.22	\$ -	\$ 2,478.95	\$ 30,225.17
International Travel	\$ 26,715.21	\$ -		\$ 26,715.21
Moving Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,743.42	\$ 5,743.42
	\$ 262,616.15	\$ 11,901.02	\$ 79,031.21	\$ 353,548.38
Gain/(Loss)	\$ 124,300.46	\$ 73,661.56	\$ 298,740.01	\$ 496,702.03
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Profit and Loss				
As of July 31, 2026				
Income	General Fund	Life Member Fund	Program Fund	Total
Per Capita	\$ 208,284.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,284.50
Interest & Dividends	\$ 24,653.26	\$ 14,730.45	\$ 21,278.65	\$ 60,662.36
Inventory Sales	\$ 4.75	\$ 16,512.50	\$ 98,010.38	\$ 114,527.63
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 74.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74.63
Fees	\$ 1,560.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,560.00
Total Income	\$ 234,577.14	\$ 31,242.95	\$ 119,289.03	\$ 385,109.12
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 56,842.91	\$ 57,202.91
	\$ 234,217.14	\$ 31,242.95	\$ 62,446.12	\$ 327,906.21
Investment Value Change	\$ 152,699.47	\$ 54,319.63	\$ 315,325.10	\$ 522,344.20
Income and Investment change	\$ 386,916.61	\$ 85,562.58	\$ 377,771.22	\$ 850,250.41
Expenses				
Payroll	\$ 35,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,100.00
Office rent	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Fulfillment Expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 31,790.13	\$ 33,590.13
Maintenance	\$ 1,633.98	\$ -		\$ 1,633.98
Technology	\$ 8,055.05	\$ -	\$ 3,973.25	\$ 12,028.30
Communications (Ph, Internet, web, etc)	\$ 1,806.38	\$ -	\$ 4,844.52	\$ 6,650.90
Bank Charges (fees, wires, etc)	\$ 622.44	\$ 290.34	\$ 1,273.12	\$ 2,185.90
Legal and Accounting	\$ 137.63	\$ -		\$ 137.63
Awards and Grants	\$ 500.00	\$ -		\$ 500.00
Office Expenses	\$ 1,586.83	\$ -	\$ 3,514.56	\$ 5,101.39
Investment Advisor Fees	\$ 16,822.04	\$ 11,610.68	\$ 19,987.38	\$ 48,420.10
Postage mailling Service	\$ 771.68	\$ -	\$ 3,164.31	\$ 3,935.99
Printing and copying	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 724.89	\$ 724.89
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,920.40	\$ -		\$ 1,920.40
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Educational (Emerging Leader Training etc)	\$ 10,377.48	\$ -		\$ 10,377.48
GGM Travel (Domestic, Conf, Int'l)	\$ 40,313.86	\$ -		\$ 40,313.86
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Gain/(Loss)	\$ 124,300.46	\$ 73,661.56	\$ 298,740.01	\$ 496,702.03
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50th Triennium Planned Budget

	Year 1 50th Budget	Year 2 50th Budget	Year 3 50th Budget	Triennium 50th Budget
Income				
Rollover from previous Triennium	\$37,984.27			\$37,984.27
Transfer from General investment	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
Transfer from Program Fund	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
46400 Other Types of Revenue	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
49000 Special Events Income				\$0.00
50000 Per Capita	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$210,000.00
Transfer from Life Fund for per capita	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$18,000.00
Total Income	\$164,484.27	\$126,500.00	\$126,500.00	\$417,484.27
Expenses				
62100 Legal/Financial Review	\$5,075.00	\$5,075.00	\$5,075.00	\$15,225.00
62840 Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62890 Rent (DeMolay International)	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00
65020 Postage mailing Service	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
65040 Office Supplies	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$2,100.00
65050 Telephone, Telecommunications	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,250.00
65060 Other Office Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
65140 Bank Fees	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
65170 Technology Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00
66000 Payroll Expenses	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$33,000.00
66100 Payroll Taxes	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$2,700.00
68100 Educational (Emerging Leader)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
68200 Conference, Convention	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$39,000.00
68300 Travel and Meetings-Officer Travel	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00
68360 Regional Deputy Travel	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$36,000.00
68370 International Travel	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$55,500.00
Triennial rebate	\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00
Insurance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Total Expense	\$156,125.00	\$126,125.00	\$126,125.00	\$408,375.00
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$8,359.27	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$9,109.27

7/31/2023
\$245,468.17 General Fund Investment-Value

7/31/2026
\$330,998.86

**50th Triennium Planned Budget
Comparison to 49th Triennium**

	Year 1			Year 2			Year 3			Triennium		
	49th Budget	49th Actual	50th Budget	49th Budget	49th Actual	50th Budget	49th Budget	49th Actual	50th Budget	49th Budget	48th Actual	50th Budget
Income												
Rollover from previous Triennium			\$37,984.27									\$37,984.27
Transfer from General investment	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Transfer from Program Fund			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00			\$75,000.00
46400 Other Types of Revenue	\$8,000.00	\$9.38	\$500.00	\$8,000.00	\$6.60	\$500.00	\$8,000.00	\$423.40	\$500.00	\$24,000.00	\$439.38	\$1,500.00
49000 Special Events Income										\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50000 Per Capita	\$70,000.00	\$65,355.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$72,892.50	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,269.50	\$70,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$208,517.00	\$210,000.00
Transfer from Life Fund for per capita			\$6,000.00			\$6,000.00			\$6,000.00			\$18,000.00
Total Income	\$103,000.00	\$65,364.38	\$164,484.27	\$103,000.00	\$97,899.10	\$126,500.00	\$103,000.00	\$120,692.90	\$126,500.00	\$309,000.00	\$283,956.38	\$417,484.27
Expenses												
62100 Legal/Financial Review	\$75.00	\$69.85	\$5,075.00	\$75.00	\$67.78	\$5,075.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$5,075.00	\$225.00	\$137.63	\$15,225.00
62840 Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$1,633.98	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,633.98	\$0.00
62890 Rent (DeMolay International)	\$2,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,600.00
65020 Postage mailing Service	\$1,500.00	\$418.16	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$144.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$209.52	\$500.00	\$4,500.00	\$771.68	\$1,500.00
65040 Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$661.20	\$700.00	\$2,500.00	\$38.98	\$700.00	\$2,500.00		\$700.00	\$7,500.00	\$700.18	\$2,100.00
65050 Telephone, Telecommunications	\$2,000.00	\$1,077.08	\$750.00	\$2,000.00	\$443.10	\$750.00	\$2,000.00		\$750.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,520.18	\$2,250.00
65060 Other Office Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$207.25	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,458.71	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$70.46	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,736.42	\$4,500.00
65140 Bank Fees	\$1,500.00	\$166.54	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$217.78	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$232.51	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$616.83	\$4,500.00
65170 Technology Expenses	\$400.00	\$2,876.98	\$3,000.00	\$400.00	\$2,869.94	\$3,000.00	\$400.00	\$2,428.14	\$3,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$8,175.06	\$9,000.00
66000 Payroll Expenses	\$21,000.00	\$14,700.00	\$11,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$11,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$11,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$35,100.00	\$33,000.00
66100 Payroll Taxes	\$1,800.00	\$514.39	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$562.43	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$843.58	\$900.00	\$5,400.00	\$1,920.40	\$2,700.00
68100 Educational (Emerging Leader)	\$5,000.00	\$10,377.48	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,377.48	\$15,000.00
68200 Conference, Convention	\$5,000.00	\$8,609.74	\$13,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,153.17	\$13,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,807.54	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,570.45	\$39,000.00
68300 Travel and Meetings-Officer Travel	\$42,000.00	\$31,709.57	\$50,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$51,715.48	\$50,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$36,381.64	\$50,000.00	\$126,000.00	\$119,806.69	\$150,000.00
68360 Regional Deputy Travel	\$3,500.00	\$6,778.82	\$12,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,964.93	\$12,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,646.17	\$12,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$18,389.92	\$36,000.00
68370 International Travel	\$2,000.00	\$4,493.93	\$18,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,084.81	\$18,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$21,136.47	\$18,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$26,715.21	\$55,500.00
Triennial rebate			\$30,000.00							\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Insurance	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Total Expense	\$98,175.00	\$85,294.97	\$156,125.00	\$98,175.00	\$79,921.11	\$126,125.00	\$98,175.00	\$80,756.03	\$126,125.00	\$294,525.00	\$245,972.11	\$408,375.00
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$4,825.00	(\$19,930.59)	\$8,359.27	\$4,825.00	\$17,977.99	\$375.00	\$4,825.00	\$39,936.87	\$375.00	\$14,475.00	\$37,984.27	\$9,109.27
45020 Dividends/Interest		\$5,937.58			\$8,087.43			\$10,628.25		\$0.00	\$24,653.26	\$0.00
45050 Other Investments		\$72,006.85			\$41,319.03			\$39,373.59		\$0.00	\$152,699.47	\$0.00
65110 Investment Advisor		(\$4,821.99)			(\$5,822.48)			(\$6,177.57)		\$0.00	(\$16,822.04)	\$0.00
Investment Gain or Loss		\$73,122.44			\$43,583.98			\$43,824.27			\$160,530.69	
Transfer to checking from above					(25,000.00)			(50,000.00)			(75,000.00)	
General Fund Investment-Value	7/31/2023	7/31/2024		7/31/2025			7/31/2026					
	\$245,468.17	\$318,590.61		\$337,174.59			\$330,998.86					

49th Triennium Life Fund Actuals
50th Triennium Planned Budget

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Triennium	
	49th Actual	50th Budget	49th Actual	50th Budget	49th Actual	50th Budget	49th Actual	50th Budget
Income								
45020 Dividends/Interest	\$5,854.99		\$4,143.72		\$4,731.74		\$14,730.45	\$0.00
45050 Value change of investment	\$48,633.16		\$7,400.72		(\$1,714.25)		\$54,319.63	\$0.00
Transfer from Life Fund for per capita		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$18,000.00
Total Income	\$54,488.15	\$6,000.00	\$11,544.44	\$6,000.00	\$3,017.49	\$6,000.00	\$69,050.08	\$18,000.00
Expenses								
65110 Investment Advisor Fees	\$3,356.43		\$4,075.02		\$4,179.23		\$11,610.68	\$0.00
65140 Bank Fees	\$51.66		\$179.18		\$54.84		\$285.68	\$0.00
Transfer to General Fund-per capita								
Total Expense	\$3,408.09	\$0.00	\$4,254.20	\$0.00	\$4,234.07	\$0.00	\$11,896.36	\$0.00
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$51,080.06	\$6,000.00	\$7,290.24	\$6,000.00	(\$1,216.58)	\$6,000.00	\$57,153.72	\$18,000.00
7/31/2023	7/31/2024		7/31/2025		7/31/2026			
\$182,323.76 General Fund Investment-Value	\$233,403.82		\$240,694.06		\$239,477.48			
46460 New Life Memembrships	\$3,496.18		\$8,785.32		\$4,231.00		\$16,512.50	\$0.00

49th Triennium Program Fund

		Actuals			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Triennium
		49th	49th	49th	49th
Income		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
45020	Dividend Interest	\$6,678.21	\$5,615.28	\$8,985.16	\$21,278.65
45050	Value Change of Investment	\$68,569.02	\$143,877.64	\$102,878.44	\$315,325.10
	Total Investment Income	\$75,247.23	\$149,492.92	\$111,863.60	\$336,603.75
46420	Inventory Sales	\$29,041.95	\$19,725.75	\$30,297.90	\$79,065.60
46430	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$779.80			\$779.80
46440	Postage	\$125.11	\$131.95	(\$271.88)	(\$14.82)
46450	Processing Fee	\$19.25	\$5.00	\$22.50	\$46.75
46470	Zoom license	\$660.00		\$725.00	\$1,385.00
49010	Special Events	\$357.00			\$357.00
	Inventory Sales	\$1,362.37	\$4,444.66	\$9,500.77	\$15,307.80
	Income from Sales	\$32,345.48	\$24,307.36	\$40,274.29	\$96,927.13
	Total Income	\$107,592.71	\$173,800.28	\$152,137.89	\$433,530.88
Expenses					
50600	Cost of Goods Sold-Die Fee	\$12,583.61		\$100.00	\$12,683.61
50700	Cost of Sales-Kilt Country			\$1,551.85	\$1,551.85
50900	Cost of Goods Sold		\$22,114.62	\$16,808.16	\$38,922.78
	Cost of Good Sold	\$12,583.61	\$22,114.62	\$18,460.01	\$53,158.24
62800	Facilities and Equipment	\$300.00	\$3,435.64	\$5,200.00	\$8,935.64
63000	Fulfillment Expenses		\$9,199.73	\$14,090.40	\$23,290.13
63500	Moving Expenses	\$5,743.42			
64000	Merchandise Cost			\$2,821.50	\$2,821.50
65000	Operations	\$5,295.45	\$5,314.95	\$406.40	\$11,016.80
66000	Other Expenses-Advisor Fees/Zoom	\$5,202.00	\$7,185.58	\$13,664.74	\$26,052.32
68300	Travel and Meetings		\$2,478.95	\$1,536.68	\$4,015.63
	Shipping Charges	\$409.15		\$193.60	\$602.75
	Tax			\$183.66	\$183.66
	Total for Expenditures	\$16,950.02	\$0.00	\$27,614.85	\$0.00
	Total Expense	\$29,533.63	\$49,729.47	\$56,556.99	\$130,076.67
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$78,059.08	\$124,070.81	\$95,580.90	\$303,454.21
7/31/2023		7/31/2024	7/31/2025	7/31/2026	
\$242,469.58	Program Fund Investment-Value	\$312,916.47	\$456,233.43	\$559,085.95	

Technology Committee Report 2023-2026

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

Your Technology Committee respectfully submits the following report for the 2023–2026 Triennium.

The committee has remained actively engaged throughout the triennium in supporting and advancing the technological needs of the General Grand Council. Committee members have met regularly by Zoom, typically each Sunday, to review ongoing projects, discuss new initiatives, evaluate future improvements, and coordinate the continued development of the General Grand Council's digital resources.

The primary focus of the committee during this triennium has been the complete modernization of the official website of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, www.crypticmasons.org. What began as a traditional informational website has been transformed into a comprehensive communications and resource platform designed to better serve Companions, constituent Grand Councils, and visitors from around the world.

The redesigned website features an entirely new visual presentation while maintaining the dignity and traditions of Cryptic Masonry. Every page has been rebuilt with improved navigation, modern responsive design for desktop, tablet, and mobile devices, enhanced accessibility, and a greatly expanded collection of educational and historical resources.

Among the most significant additions during the triennium has been the implementation of a secure online store. Companions may now conveniently purchase educational publications, regalia, life memberships, certificates, and other official merchandise directly through the website. This capability provides a more efficient means of serving our worldwide membership while simplifying the ordering process for both customers and the General Grand Recorder's office.

Additional improvements completed during the triennium include the ongoing expansion of educational content, improved officer and jurisdictional directories, enhanced news and event publication capabilities, modern contact and communication tools, and continued refinement of the site's overall functionality and performance. The committee continues to maintain the website on a regular basis, ensuring that information remains current, accurate, and secure.

The committee also continues to support the General Grand Council's digital communication efforts through its online presence, including the official website and associated social media platforms. These resources provide an important means of communicating announcements, educational materials, Triennial Session information, and other news to Companions throughout the world.

Technology continues to evolve rapidly, and the committee believes that maintaining a modern digital presence is essential to preserving the visibility, accessibility, and effectiveness of the

General Grand Council. The website has become far more than an online brochure. It serves as a central repository for information, education, communication, and administrative resources that benefit our constituent jurisdictions and the Craft as a whole.

The Decryption is the official digital newsletter of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Published regularly, it serves as a central source of news, educational articles, historical features, leadership updates, upcoming events, and other information of interest to Cryptic Masons throughout the world.

Companions and interested visitors are encouraged to subscribe through www.crypticmasons.org. Subscribers receive each new edition directly by email, ensuring they stay informed about the latest developments within the General Grand Council while enjoying quality educational content that promotes a deeper understanding and appreciation of Cryptic Masonry.

Looking ahead, the committee intends to continue expanding the educational library, refining online services, developing additional digital resources for constituent Grand Councils, and identifying new technologies that can improve communication and operational efficiency throughout the General Grand Council.

The committee expresses its sincere appreciation to the Most Illustrious General Grand Master, the General Grand Recorder, and the General Grand Officers for their continued confidence, encouragement, and support throughout this triennium.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Irwin, Chairman
Max Bornstein, Member
Will Highsmith, Member
R. Sean Gardiner, Member

General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International
Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence
49th Triennium—Washington, D.C.

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

We wish to thank you and express our gratitude for the opportunity to address the General Assembly.

Pursuant to our bylaws, specifically **Article IV, Section 402—*Duties of the Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence***, the duties of this committee are as follows:

- 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 By-laws
- C. To monitor and correct the contents of the Constitution and By-Laws for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and miss-wording in conjunction with the General Grand Recorder

The Cryptic Jurisprudence Committee respectfully reports the following as listed below:

SUBSECTION A—Duties:

With respect to 402, subsection A, three executive orders (hereafter referred to individually as “Order”) issued by the Board of Trustees of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International (hereafter GGCCMI Board of Trustees) were submitted to Cryptic Jurisprudence Committee and reviewed.

The first Order received and reviewed was entitled, “***Executive Order, Decree, Decision and Directive***,” presented to Illustrious Companion Janotta and Companion Marius Pana, issued on April 10, 2025. This Order issued by the GGCCMI Board of Trustees concerned the subordinate councils in Germany. The Cryptic Jurisprudence Committee having reviewed the Order, finds its issuance within the powers and prerogatives of the GGCCMI Board of Trustees.

The second Order established the ***Commission on International Cryptic Masonry*** (effective July 1, 2026). The stated purpose of this commission is to consider policies, procedures and to

offer recommendations as to appropriate conditions and requirements for the chartering and maintenance of the Cryptic Rite in any jurisdiction outside the United States of America. This commission is to serve solely in advisory capacity to the GGCCMI Board of Trustees.

The third Order established the *Commission on Triennial Site Selection* (effective August 15, 2026). The stated purpose of this commission is to assist the GGCCMI Board of Trustees to consider policies, procedures and to offer recommendations as to appropriate conditions and requirements for the selection of future Triennial sites. This commission is to serve solely in advisory capacity to the GGCCMI Board of Trustees.

All three Orders were found to be in due form and issued pursuant to the powers granted the GGCCMI Board of Trustees under Article VII, Section B of the Constitution and Article III, Section 311 of the Bylaws.

ACTIONS ON RESIGNATIONS—Vacancies:

On March 26, 2025, Right Puissant Companion G. Thomas Taylor of Delaware verbally tendered his resignation as Deputy General Grand Master during a Zoom meeting of the GGCCMI Board of Trustees, followed by a written resignation. The General Grand Master accepted the resignation.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 312—*Vacancies*, subsection (B)(1) of the Bylaws, the General Grand Master advanced the General Principal Conductor of the Work William Keith Powell to the office of Deputy General Grand Master. The office of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work was declared vacant. The General Grand Master with the approval of the GGCCMI Board of Trustees appointed Past General Grand Master, Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle of Idaho, to the position of Interim General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, as the immediate Past General Grand Master, Most Puissant Companion Monty J. Glover could not accept due to his commitments and travel duties as a Deputy Grand Commander for the GEKT USA for Europe and Africa.

The Cryptic Jurisprudence Committee finds that the actions taken by the General Grand Master to address the unexpected vacancy created by Right Puissant Companion G. Thomas Taylor's resignation and the approval of his appointments by the GGCCMI Board of Trustees complied with the Bylaws.

SUBSECTION B—Duties:

For this General Session, the Cryptic Jurisprudence Committee received Resolutions 49-01 and 49-02 for review pursuant to Article IV, Section 402, subparagraph B.

Cryptic Jurisprudence presents the following background information and explanation of the two resolutions before this General Assembly. Pursuant to Article VIII-Assemblies, the General Grand Master called for a Special Session of the 48th Triennial. This was held in August 2024. At that time, a Revised Part Two—Bylaws having been found in due form by Cryptic Jurisprudence, was presented and adopted by a vote of the General Grand Council.

EMERGENT RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 49-01 (entitled, “**ARTICLE IX—SPECIAL SUBORDINATE COUNCILS**”) seeks to add a ninth article to the Bylaws, an article not previously presented for adoption before the General Grand Counsel at the Special Session aforementioned. This new article is comprised of the following sections: Section 901—George C. Sellars Preservation Council # 1880, Section 902—Josiah Drummond Holding Council #1872, and Section 903—Research Council(s).

Resolution 49-02 is a proposed amendment to Article V—Of Funds and Financial, **Section 502—Fees, Dues, Assessments, Etc., Part D—General Grand Council Life Memberships**. The proposal involves adding a new Item 11 and renumbering the current Item 11 as Item 12.).

Both Resolutions 49-01 and 49-02 are presented as emergent resolutions, as they failed to meet the requisite time standards required under Article X, Section 1002 subsection A or B of the Constitution.

Additionally, we find the following:

Pursuant to **Article X, Section 1002, subsection C—By Emergent Resolution**, such amendments when generated from a recommendation of an Officer or Committee Report and not being presented according to the required submission time (please refer to Article X, Section 1002, subsections A, B) must be submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration, and they must pass by a four-fifths (4/5th) ballot to be brought to the floor for debate. Should the emergent resolutions be approved for debate, it will require a two-thirds (2/3rd) affirmative vote for adoption.

We have reviewed both emergent resolutions and find they do not conflict with any existing bylaws. Therefore, based upon the forgoing, we find that both emergent resolutions are in due and proper form for consideration, should they be approved for debate by the General Assembly.

SUBSECTION C—Duties:

Regarding Section 402, subsection C: No requests were received regarding monitoring and correcting the Constitution and By-Laws as stated in subparagraph C. Neither have we advanced any issues of our own determination.

In conclusion:

1. 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.

- b. We concur with his appointments and changes made throughout the triennium.
 - c. We concur with and commend the General Grand Master concerning the efforts to focus on Communication, Innovation, and Transparency. We moreover commend those Companions who have aided in those efforts.
 - d. 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 delegates 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.
2. In the past, we were asked if a voting delegate could carry proxies such that they could represent more than one Grand Council at a Triennial session. Pursuant to Article VIII, Sections C, subsection 5 and subsection 6, of the Constitution, the answer is clearly no. A delegate shall represent only one Grand Council.
3. As of this writing, no other reports have been referred to us for action or consideration.

We wish to thank Most Puissant Companion William Gene Snyder for this opportunity to serve the General Grand Council, and offer our services in the future, should the same be desired.

Fraternally Submitted,

Todd A. Schulze, PMIGM (MO)

John C. Caraker PIM (MO)

Jeremy C. Vaughn, PMIGM (ID)

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Triennial Report

On March 26, 2025, I was obligated and installed as Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, following the acceptance of the resignation of the then Deputy General Grand Master, Right Puissant Companion George Thomas Taylor III. The additional responsibilities associated with my new office required a substantial investment of time and attention. As a result, I was initially unable to devote the level of attention I desired to my responsibilities as President of the Board of Trustees of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). Unfortunately, no formal transition or leadership-development process had been established for assuming the presidency of the Foundation, as the previous Deputy General Grand Master had also served as President of the Board of Trustees. Despite this challenge, I remained firmly committed to learning the responsibilities of the office, strengthening the Foundation's mission of supporting medical research, and advancing its important charitable work.

During the final two Board meetings, considerable discussion was devoted to identifying ways to increase participation, improve communication, and strengthen fundraising efforts throughout the jurisdictions. Dr. Michael Murphy was asked to provide information concerning his current research and its objectives so that the Board and our Companions could better

understand the important work being supported through the Foundation. We also discussed the importance of providing current research information to our membership so that Companions can better appreciate the direct impact of their contributions to medical research.

Another area of emphasis has been improving communication with state chairmen and sharing successful fundraising practices among the various jurisdictions. The Board encouraged greater communication between states so that successful programs and fundraising ideas could be shared and adapted by others. In an effort to further increase awareness of the CMMRF, I contracted with Brian Reagan, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, to assist in promoting the Foundation through media outreach and to utilize media opportunities to increase public awareness and encourage additional donations.

During this period, it also became necessary to identify a replacement for Ms. Miranda Hillock, who was required to leave her position with the CMMRF following a promotion and change in responsibilities at her place of employment. Her departure created the need to reorganize the Foundation's administrative responsibilities, including the duties associated with the office of Treasurer. I am pleased to report that Dr. Martha Jo Shexnider has been obtained to perform the prescribed duties of Treasurer for the CMMRF. I sincerely appreciate her willingness to accept this responsibility and contribute her time and expertise to the continued success of the Foundation.

At the direction of William Bill Schneider, Chairman of the CMMRF, the Board of Trustees, including Mark Irwin and myself, was asked to develop a stronger communication process involving the Regional Deputies, state chairmen, dais officers, Most Illustrious Grand Masters, and Grand Recorders. The Board proposed conducting three Zoom meetings to bring these leaders together and provide them with timely information concerning the Foundation. It was recognized that the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder of each jurisdiction are particularly important partners in ensuring that information received from the CMMRF Executive Secretary is properly communicated and distributed throughout their respective jurisdictions.

Several important recommendations resulted from these discussions. First, the use of Zoom meetings was identified as an effective and efficient method of providing information to state and regional leadership while allowing greater participation without the expense and logistical challenges associated with in-person meetings. Second, it was recommended that the Executive Secretary maintain direct communication with state leadership and provide assistance when a state chairman is replaced by the Most Illustrious Grand Master or when communication is not being received from the current state chairman. This would provide an additional level of accountability and help ensure that every jurisdiction remains connected to the Foundation.

Third, the Board of Trustees of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International recommended the establishment of a Regional CMMRF Director. Such a position would assist in coordinating communication among the CMMRF Executive Secretary, state chairmen, dais officers, Grand Recorders, the CMMRF Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. The purpose of this position would be to strengthen communication, provide assistance to the individual jurisdictions, encourage

fundraising, and ensure that information concerning the Foundation reaches the appropriate leaders in a timely and consistent manner.

Serving the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation as President of its Board of Trustees has been a tremendous honor and privilege. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the Executive Secretary, Office Manager, Treasurer, state chairmen, Board members, and, most importantly, the Companions who continue to support the Foundation and its mission. The CMMRF represents one of the most meaningful charitable efforts of our Cryptic Masonic family, and I am proud to have played a part in strengthening its operations and expanding its opportunities for service.

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your President for these past seventeen months. I sincerely appreciate the confidence placed in me and the cooperation and support I have received throughout my tenure. I look forward to seeing the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation continue to grow, improve its communication and fundraising efforts, and make an even greater contribution to medical research and the lives of those who benefit from it.

Fraternally submitted,

William Keith Powell

President, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

Deputy General Grand Master

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

TO: The Most Puissant General Grand Master

The Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master

The Right Puissant Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Members of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International

RE: Triennial Report of Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation by the Executive Secretary

Executive Summary for the Triennial Giving

CMMRF's primary function is to raise funds supporting discovery research and education 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 its efforts and results for the calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Statistical Summary of Top Ten Contributing Jurisdictions

RANK	JURISDICTION	2023	2024	2025	THREE YEAR TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF THREE-YEAR TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
1	CA	\$ 906,491.00	\$ 66,854.29	\$ 3,553.00	\$ 976,898.29	57.70%	\$ 1,711,067.61
2	FL	\$ 185,276.73	\$ 67,710.32	\$ 33,148.84	\$ 286,135.89	16.90%	\$ 1,047,145.11
3	IN	\$ 33,556.50	\$ 93,204.26	\$ 65,735.75	\$ 192,496.51	11.37%	\$ 1,013,350.19
4	KY	\$ 5,308.00	\$ 9,292.80	\$ 10,134.60	\$ 24,735.40	1.46%	\$ 415,698.56
5	GA	\$ 21,263.50	\$ 16,665.00	\$ 21,443.00	\$ 59,371.50	3.51%	\$ 355,890.34
6	CO	\$ 8,706.00	\$ 7,761.00	\$ 6,121.00	\$ 22,588.00	1.33%	\$ 328,154.67
7	TN	\$ 5,800.09	\$ 4,709.70	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 12,804.79	0.76%	\$ 287,046.14
8	SC	\$ 1,344.00	\$ 4,275.36	\$ 10,670.94	\$ 16,290.30	0.96%	\$ 284,364.25
9	NC	\$ 14,236.21	\$ 13,694.25	\$ 12,897.33	\$ 40,827.79	2.41%	\$ 273,698.59
10	MO	\$ 21,021.55	\$ 23,260.11	\$ 16,724.60	\$ 61,006.26	3.60%	\$ 239,515.34
	TOP TEN TOTAL	\$ 1,203,003.58	\$ 307,427.09	\$ 182,724.06	\$ 1,693,154.73	74.00%	\$ 5,955,930.80

Statistical Summary of the Sixty-Two Remaining Tracked Jurisdictions

REMAINING TRACKED 62 JURISDICTIONS	2023	2024	2025	THREE YEAR TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF THREE-YEAR TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
	\$ 245,215.15	\$ 221,268.13	\$ 128,332.28	\$ 594,815.56	26.00%	\$ 3,763,470.58

- ❖ Total contributions for the three years 2023, 2024, 2025 were **\$2,287,970.29**.
- ❖ Total cumulative contributions are **\$9,719,401.38**.
- ❖ Number of tracked Jurisdictions giving \$0.00 over the past three years: **19**.
- ❖ ICVBM Grants for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 totaled **\$1,161,250.00**.
- ❖ Cumulative ICVBM Grants are **\$6,990,714.86.00**

We have been and are able to maintain our level of support through the generosity of our donors, an excellent return on our investment portfolio, the efforts of our state chairmen, and the determined efforts and initiatives of G. Thomas Taylor, III, (State Chairman of Delaware), during his tenure with the CMMRF Board of Trustees. 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. Estate gifts are parsed between Indiana University support and the long-term Endowment Fund.

Awards and Recognitions

During this past Triennial the CMMRF Board of Trustees established four recognition plaques or boards to acknowledge jurisdictional giving for total amounts and per capita amounts.

This Triennial saw a significant increase in the number of recognition awards. For the Triennial Years 2023, 2024, and 2025 the following awards were earned:

Diamond Pins	Number of People Who Received
2 Diamonds	56
3 Diamonds	30
4 Diamonds	17
5 Diamonds	11
6 Diamonds	10
7 Diamonds	9
8 Diamonds	11
9 Diamonds	8
10 Diamonds	10
11 Diamonds	9
12 Diamonds	4

13 Diamonds	9
14 Diamonds	6
15 Diamonds	6
16 Diamonds	3
17 Diamonds	3
18 Diamonds	3
19 Diamonds	3
20 Diamonds	2
21 Diamonds	3
24 Diamonds	1
26 Diamonds	1
29 Diamonds	1
31 Diamonds	2
33 Diamonds	1
36 Diamonds	1
39 Diamonds	1
40 Diamonds	1
42 Diamonds	1
46 Diamonds	1
116 Diamonds	1
143 Diamonds	1
Total Pins	226

Individual Plaques	61
Council and Organization Plaques	20
Extender Bars,	809

Investment Portfolio

At its February 4, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees heard a presentation from its financial investment planner, represented by Mr. Jerald Hymen of Oppenheimer & Company. In summary, he reported that the portfolio has companies with increasing income and increasing returns on investments.

Research

At its February 4, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees received a research update from Dr. Michael Murphy. Dr. Michael Murphy presented significant progress in stem cell research for peripheral arterial disease. He highlighted a new European Union and F.D.A. approved bone marrow stimulation device developed by Zimmer Biomet. This is the fruit of more than 20 years of research. It will soon be commercially available to the patient. Executive Secretary Wyne distributed Dr. Murphy's slides to the Board for their use in prompting CMMRF.

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 person. The fruit of its research benefits most the person one sees in the bathroom mirror every morning. 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 Councils to develop a program for its CMMRF fund raising event. With the addition of a Philanthropy Manager, (PMIGM Brian Ragain of Oklahoma), more assistance and aid is available to those willing to take the initiative. Some jurisdictions have an enjoyable evening conferring the Royal Order of Zanzibar. Some jurisdictions raise funds for CMMRF with a Cigar and Whiskey Degree. Each Council is encouraged to participate in CMMRF Month. Creativity knows no limit.

Mentioned above, 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 2026. 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 begrudge that amount to this philanthropy. If a penny seems too small, (or inconvenient), 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

Resignation of the Deputy General Grand Master

The Board of Trustees accepted the verbal (during a Zoom meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 28, 2025) resignation and minutes later the written resignation of G. Thomas Taylor of Delaware. A record of his resignation can be found here:

<https://1drv.ms/v/c/207ba5b1a637ac4b/IQBLrDemsav7IIAgGIUDAAAAAdHp4kuh0jKXmTCfrPbzN4g>

Pursuant to Section 312 B of the Bylaws, the General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work was advanced to the position of Deputy General Grand Master. Declaring a vacancy in the office of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, a Past General Grand Master, Most Puissant Companion, David A. Grindle of Idaho, was appointed to the position of Interim or Acting General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

It was understood by all present that Most Puissant Companion Monty J. Glover, Immediate Past General Grand Master, could not accept the appointment due to his service and travel duties as a Deputy Grand Commander for GEKT USA for Europe and Africa. Also, Past General Grand Master Dalvin Hollaway was unable to accept the appointment owing to age and infirmity.

The viability of calling a special General Grand Assembly to conduct an election for the vacancy in the position of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work was discussed, but it was generally agreed that this might cause confusion for the forthcoming Triennial in 2026.

Section 312, Bylaws

B. Should succession occur due to a vacancy in the office of General Grand Master or Deputy General Grand Master, the remaining vacant office may be filled by:

1. Appointment of a Past General Grand Master as the interim General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work as selected by the concurrence of the Board of Trustees until such time as a Special Assembly of the General Grand Council is held, nominations received, and election held to fill the vacancy. The Past General Grand Master so appointed shall not be eligible to continue in that office or advance by election at the next regular Triennial Assembly.

2. If all of the Past General Grand Masters decline the appointment, or if the General Grand Master and the Deputy General Grand Master jointly decide not to appoint a Past General Grand Master to the vacancy, the General Grand Recorder shall issue the Board of Trustees' call for a Special General Grand Assembly for the primary purpose of an election to fill the vacancy, with three months' notice to the voting membership. The qualified member elected shall be installed in due form and assume the title and prerogatives of the office of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the balance of the Triennial term of office.

3. As an alternative to the appointment of a Past General Grand Master as an interim General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or a call for a Special General Grand Council Assembly, the General Grand Master and the remaining elected advancing line officer, acting as the Board of Trustees, may submit a panel of three eligible and qualified members for special election to the position that is conducted by an electronic ballot of the voting membership. The individual elected by such electronic ballot upon a majority of the ballots cast in due form will be installed in due form, and assume the title and prerogatives of the office of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the balance of the Triennial term of office. The General Grand Recorder shall give ninety days' notice of the special election to the Grand Recorders of the member Grand Councils, Recorders of the constituent councils under direct supervision of the General Grand Council, and the voting membership.

From: [G. Thomas Taylor](#)
To: [Bill Snyder](#)
Cc: [Keith Powell](#); [Mark Irwin](#); [Monty Glover](#); [Chuck McCullum](#); [David Grindle](#)
Subject: Resignation of the Deputy General Grand Master
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 7:55:28 PM

It is with a heavy heart that I tender my resignation as Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International, effective immediate. I have poured much hard work into the position of Principal Conductor of the Work and as the Deputy General Grand Master to date. However, I cannot continue to serve in a position where I am not trusted. I will cancel all further travel plans on behalf of the General Grand Council to include visits to the jurisdictions previously scheduled as well as the trip to Germany, at my expense, to promote the European Regional Meeting.

Fraternally

G. Thomas Taylor