PROCEEDINGS

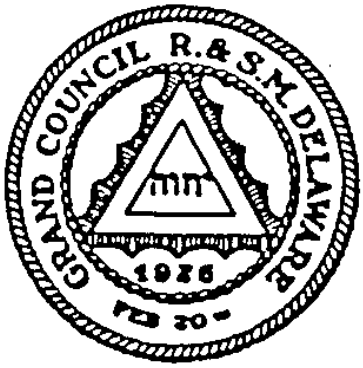
OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

CRYPTIC MASONS

OF

DELAWARE



AT ITS

NINETY SIXTH

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

ATLANTIC SANDS HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE

MARCH 12, 2022 A.D. 3022, A. Dep.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
MICHAEL PETER PIZZOLA

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MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2020-2022

Michael was born on January 21, 1964, the second of four children of Philip S. and Jean A. Pizzola.

He was born on the San Diego Naval Station in Southern California and raised in Yonkers, later Wappingers Falls, New York.

Michael enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17 in April of 1981, serving two consecutive terms, completing his service in February of 1989.

Michael is married to the beautiful Kelly and together they have four children and five grandchildren.

They reside in Georgetown, Delaware.

MASONIC RECORD

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SYMBOLIC MASONRY	**Jefferson Lodge No. 15**
Entered Apprentice	October 15, 1997
Fellowcraft	December 3, 1997
Master Mason	January 21, 1998

CAPITULAR MASONRY	**Hope Chapter No. 7**
Mark Master	August 15, 1998
Past Master	August 15, 1998
Most Excellent Master	August 15, 1998
Order of High Priesthood	December 27, 200
High Priest	2009/10, 2010/11
Grand Master of the Third Veil	2010/11, 2017/18
Grand Principal Sojourner	2019

CRYPTIC MASONRY	**Joppa Council No. 3**
Greeted	August 15, 1998
Super Excellent Master	October 16, 1998
Order of the Silver Trowel	December 27, 2006
Thrice Illustrious Master	2007/08, 2010/11
Illustrious Grand Steward	2008/09, 2009/10
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council	2017/18
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard	2019
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master	2019
Most Illustrious Grand Master	2020/2021, 2021/2022

CHIVALRIC MASONRY	**St. Andrews Commandery No. 2**
Knighted	August 15, 1998
Eminent Commander	2018/19
Grand Sword Bearer	2017/18
Grand Captain General	2019

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE	**Valley of Wilmington**
Lodge of Perfection	February 13, 1999
Princes of Jerusalem (Wilmington Council)	March 20, 1999
Wilmington Chapter of Rose Croix	March 20, 1999
Delaware Consistory	April 17, 1999
Senior Warden of the LOP/Valley of Lower Delaware	2016/1

MASONIC AFFILIATIONS

Delaware Lodge of Research

Delaware Chapter Knights Preceptor

Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club

Masonic Brotherhood Riding Club

Two-by-Two Lodge No. 15, Royal Ark Mariners

Allied Masonic Degrees (Blue Hen Council No. 388)

First State York Rite College No. 45

Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons

Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE

The Ninety-Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on Saturday, March 12, 2022, A. Dep. 3022. The Grand Council was opened at 9:12 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, David A. Laucius with opening prayer by Grand Chaplain Bruce Beck followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following officers were in their respective stations:

GRAND OFFICERS

M.I. Grand Master	Michael P. Pizzola
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	David H. Laucius
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Randall C. Mullens
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	William F. Lott, PMIGM
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	James R. Hanby Sr.
I. Grand Chaplain	Bruce Beck
I. Grand Conductor of Council	John A. Eberly
I. Grand Marshal	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	Joseph Dawson III
I. Grand Lecturer	Arthur A. Loveless Jr., PMIGM

The Deputy Grand Master, David A. Laucius, requested the Grand Marshal to retire and escort the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Michael P. Pizzola into the Grand Assembly, The Most Illustrious Grand Master was escorted west of the Altar, introduced and escorted to the Grand East where he was accorded Cryptic Grand Honors. The Deputy Grand Master, David A. Laucius tender the gavel to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Michael P Pizzola so he could preside for the 96th Annual Assembly.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master requested the Grand Recorder to call the roll of Subordinate Councils. The roll call found the following representation from each the councils:

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS
GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

Byrom Price	Illustrious Master
David Walters	Principal Conductor of the Work

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

John A. Eberly, PIM	Deputy Illustrious Master

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

Michael P. Pizzola, MIGM	Principal Conductor of the Work

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM	Illustrious Master
James G. Horn, PMIGM	Deputy Illustrious Master
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. PMIGM	Principal Conductor of the Work

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

The Grand Recorder declared that a Constitutional number of Councils were represented, that a quorum had been established and this Grand Council could rightfully proceed with its labors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 95th Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as published.

RECEPTION OF REPORTS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Grand Recorder was authorized to give Reports in brief, subject to the will and pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council. Except as may be noted herein, all Reports were received, accepted and ordered to be printed in these Proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REGRETS

The Grand Recorder reported that there was no correspondence or regrets received.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

The Grand Master requested Most Illustrious Mark Irwin to retire and introduce the distinguished guests.

SISTER JURISDICTIONS

Maryland

Randolph Disney, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Robert Chase, M.E. Grand High Priest
Robert Lumbert, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
Robert Malwitz, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Massachusetts

Ernie Bean, M.E. Grand High Priest
Dennis Gibbons, Ill. Grand Steward

New Jersey

Sean McNorton, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Vermont

David Schuler, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Virginia

Mark Pennypacker, M.E. Grand High Priest

DELAWARE APPENDANT BODIES

Michael P. Pizzola, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware

James R. Herrington, Right Eminently Distinguished Grand Governor of Delaware, York Rite Sovereign College and Right Worthy Chief Adept, Delaware College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis

John A. Eberly, Prior Jesse Green Priory #70, Knights York Cross of Honour

Mark E. Irwin, Personal Representative, District 4, Convent General Knights York Cross of Honour and the Grand Superintendent for the Chesapeake Bay Region for the Grand Council of Knight Masons

David H. Laucius, Intendant General for the Division of Delaware, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders of the United States, Mexico and the Philippines.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

Mark E. Irwin, 1997
James R. Herrington, 2005
Arthur A. Loveless, 2008
James B. Walsh, 2009
James G. Horn, 2012
William F. Lott, 2016
A. Tony Maxwell, 2017

The Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters were afforded Cryptic Grand Honors.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL

David Schuler, R.E. Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Region

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

William F. Lott, M.I. Ambassador for Delaware
James R. Herrington, R.I. Assistant Grand Chaplain
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE

James B. Walsh, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

Most Illustrious Companion Walsh was escorted to the Grand East, tendered the gavel and afforded Cryptic Grand Honors.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASONS IN DELAWARE

James R. Hanby, Sr., Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden and personal representative of Most Worshipful Jeffrey D. Haas, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.

R.W. Brother James R. Hanby, Sr. was escorted to the Grand East, tendered the gavel and given Grand Honors. R.W. Brother Hanby brought the greeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Jeffrey Haas, Sr., those of the Grand Lodge of Delaware along with his own personal greetings. He was pleased to be present at the Grand Council of Delaware this morning and wished us a most productive session.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Laucius assumed control of the gavel at the request of the Grand Master and called upon M.I. Grand Master Pizzola to give his address:

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

To the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, our guest. James B. Walsh, Deputy General Grand Master for the Mid-Atlantic Region and personal representative of our General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International, Monty J. Glover, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware Jared Card, Right Eminent Junior Past Grand Commander Randall C. Mullen of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware, Illustrious Grand Masters and staff from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, visitors and members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware and companions all, it is my great pleasure and privilege to welcome you to this Ninety-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware.

My entire focus this year was to focus on the things I could do and not on the things I could not.

My sincere appreciation to all of the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters for their support and advice.

They contributed in no small way to the successes that became possible this year in spite of the challenges presented and to my way of thinking were pivotal in a year filled with successes.

I attended and am attending to our Cryptic Masons widows.

I personally sent out cards to every infirmed Cryptic Mason I was aware of along with a personal note.

This year I was on my phone likely more than every year combined in my lifetime.

I have learned well the value of phone contact (and Zoom) and what it means to those who mean so much to us.

I attended every assembly and conclave I had the ability to attend from sister jurisdictions (Zoom or in person) which included seven, including two Department Conferences.

I was able to attend a few Delaware Lodges to bring awareness and opportunities to share the experience of the York Rite as well as Hiram-Tacoma Lodge No. 10, Washington, DC.

I also focused on events in the public forum while wearing Grand Council (appropriate attire), to include the Lewes Annual Polar Bear Plunge (virtually) and a 5K Run/Walk in November for the Disabled American Veterans.

During this year, I also want to acknowledge the assistance I received executing programs and doing them within the confines of this year.

I believe this year I gave one Council its best opportunity to not just meet, but to thrive going forward.

I will continue to be an active participant in this Council.

I participated the best I could in the conferral of Degrees and Orders.

I fell short in getting Councils to accept dues payments electronically and to get a working Delaware York Rite Newsletter.

I will continue to press toward the completion of both.

Recommendations:

Institute the newsletter as a high priority.

This will fix the communication to all of our Companions. Electronic version only.

Certificates of recognition for years of dedicated membership, beginning at the five year mark.

Frame worthy certificates that acknowledge the receiving of the Cryptic Degrees.

Dues: Adding of Delaware's York Rite Organization web page the ability of members to pay dues electronically.

Additionally thought be given to payment methods and a life membership (monthly payments on an age scale type system).

Quarterly Zoom Conferences between the Grand Staff and dais Officers of each Council.

In closing, I hope I have left this office and Grand Council in a better condition than when I received it and I made it my highest priority to maintain peace and harmony.

I sincerely apologize if I have forgotten someone by name for the assistance this past year.

ACTION ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

It was properly moved, seconded and passed to receive the Address of the Grand Master and send it to the Jurisprudence Committee. The Deputy Grand Master then returned the gavel to the M.I. Grand Master.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Masters requested those that were Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions in Delaware to rise. There were three Grand Representatives present; M.I. Companion Michael Pizzola, Tennessee; R.I. Randall Mullens, Philippines; and M.I. Mark Irwin, North Carolina. There were at least six more Grand Representatives present who did not rise.

Report of the Grand Treasurer
Grand Council of Delaware

Here is the report of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2022.

All deposits and payments were handled through vouchers with the Grand Recorder. I appreciate the cooperative way that our Grand Recorder William Lott has helped me during the year.

The Grand Council checking account is with M&T Bank and the savings accounts in Capital One. The York Rite Fund is managed by the Grand Chapter through an investment fund with Raymond James. The Grand Chapter provides regular accounting of the income and performance of the Fund.

	Jan 31, 22	Jan 31, 21	$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Grand Council Operating Funds			
1001 · M&T Checking - 9859535644	2,177.78	1,832.29	345.49
1002 · Capital One-Grand Council Sav.	5,617.52	4,465.38	1,152.14
1003 · York Rite Fund-Operating	8,452.90	7,802.59	650.31
Total 1000 · Grand Council Operating Funds	16,248.20	14,100.26	2,147.94
1500 · Permanent Fund			
1501 · Capital One-Permanent Fund	354.61	1,028.47	-673.86
1502 · York Rite Fund - Permanent	15,496.99	14,304.75	1,192.24
Total 1500 · Permanent Fund	15,851.60	15,333.22	518.38
Total Checking/Savings	32,099.80	29,433.48	2,666.32
Total Current Assets	32,099.80	29,433.48	2,666.32
TOTAL ASSETS	32,099.80	29,433.48	2,666.32

The Grand Council funds showed an increase in funds for the year of 9.1%. The York Rite Fund provided an 8.3% return on the investments held in it for the Grand Council.

The financial future looks good for the Grand Council. The Grand Recorder and I have proposed legislation to change the fiscal year to 12/31 and this will be taken up in the Jurisprudence report.

I appreciate the trust the Companions have placed in me and look forward to serving the Grand Council in the future.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
Grand Treasurer

ACTION ON THE GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to receive the Report of the Grand Treasurer and send it to the Finance Committee.

GRAND RECORDERS REPORT

It is with pleasure that I offer this my first annual report as your Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware. I thank all that helped me find my way during this first year.

During the fiscal year I received $3892.50 for the Grand Council and transmitted the same to the Grand Treasurer with Transmittal numbers 9601 and 9602. I issued vouchers 9601 to 9608 for payment of Grand Council expenses totaling $2,085.99. These vouchers were approved by the Most Illustrious Grand Master prior to payment by the Grand Treasurer. At the end of this report is a summary of income and expenses as passed through the Grand Recorder's Office. It does not include a summary of the York Rite Investment Fund or interest earned on the Grand Council accounts held by the Grand Treasurer.

Shortly after entering office as Grand Recorder, I prepared in accordance with Standing Resolution No. 11 the Synopsis of the 95th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware and distributed the same to each subordinate council within Delaware.

I next prepared the Proceedings of the 95th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware held on Saturday March 13, 2021. I asked our Grand Treasurer and Junior Past Grand Recorder to proofread the Proceedings. After receiving recommended changes, I made the same and printed a copy as a PDF file that I sent to the Webmaster for inclusion on the Grand Council website. A PDF copy was also sent to the General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International as required by General Grand Council law.

Following the death of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Wayne Slack, I prepared an *In Memoriam* in his honor and distributed it to all subordinate councils in this jurisdiction. A list of all deaths during 2021 as shown on the Annual Returns of the Subordinate Councils has been supplied to our Grand Chaplain for the Memorial Service.

In August of 2021, I attended the Grand Recorders' Workshop and the 1st Triennial Session of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International in Minneapolis, MN. A number of constructive ideas for Grand Recorders were presented at this workshop. I have also attended monthly via Zoom the meetings of the Grand Recorders of the Mid-Atlantic Region with the General Grand Recorder, Stephen Balke.

I ordered, following the instructions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Michael Pizzola from the General Grand Council, all the Awards presented last night at the banquet. I also ordered for presentation later today, one Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's Jewel and the Apron and case for our incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master.

In accordance with IRS regulations, I issued to the Grand Recorder a 1099-NEC for 2021. I filed the same with the IRS prior to the January 31st deadline.
I distributed to all the Grand Recorders within the Mid-Atlantic Region and the Northeast Regions a copy of the call to this annual session and invited their Grand Master to attend our Annual Assembly.

Proxy forms for this Annual Assembly were sent to each subordinate council. A registry to record the attendance at this Annual Assembly has been prepared and ballots of the election of officers later today have been printed and distributed by the Credentials Committee to all voting members of this Grand Council.

In accordance with Article 12 of the Grand Council Constitution, I received annual returns from three of our four subordinate councils by the January 31st deadline. Initial per capita checks were received from the three councils by the January 31st deadline. An adjustment check from Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 for their per capita was also received by the deadline. The adjustment check from Joppa Council No. 3 was received after the deadline and will appear as income in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. As of the writing of this report, no annual report or per capita payment has been received from Adoniram Council No. 2. The membership summary which appears below therefore starts with the ending membership of Adoniram Council at the end of 2020 and assumes no additions or deletions during 2021, which this Grand Recorder knows is wrong. Therefore the ending membership number for this Grand Council as shown in the report below may understate or overstate our true membership number at the end of 2021.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

COUNCIL	START	GREET	REIN	AFFIL	ADJ	Demit	Suspension	Died	TOTAL	DUAL
G.BEDFORD	92				15	6	6	4	91	

ADONIRAM	35								35	
JOPPA	51						3	3	45	2
T. I. M.	37	2					2	3	34	34
TOTALS	215	2	0	0	15	6	11	10	205	
NET LOSS									10	

I congratulate the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Michael Pizzola, on his successful completion of two years as the Grand Master of this Grand Council. A special thanks goes out to M.I. Companion Mark Irwin for all the sage advice he gave me during this my first year as your Grand Recorder.

Fraternally, William F. Lott, PMIGM, Grand Recorder

Grand Council Crptic Masons of Delaware

Annual Financial Report - Grand Recorder

February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022

Receipts	Amount
Annual Returns	$3,892.50
Dues Cards	$0.00
Interest	$0.00
Rituals	$0.00
CMMRF	$0.00
TIM Jewels	$0.00
YR Fund Income	$0.00
Other	$0.00
Total Receipts	$3,892.50

Expenses	**Amount**
GGC Per Capita	$522.50
Grand Recorders Honorarium	$750.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	$150.00
MIGM Apron	$112.95
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	$112.53
Postage	$29.85
Website	$20.00
Annual Assembly	$0.00
Annual Assembly Per Capita	$107.50
Membership Database	$0.00
Liability Insurance	$189.71
Brotherhood Night	$45.00
Donations	$0.00
Jewels	$45.95
Engraving	$0.00
Officer Name Badges	$0.00
Total Expenses	$2,085.99
Net Income	$1,806.51

ACTION ON GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to receive the report of the Grand Recorder and refer it to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As it had previously been moved and passed that Committee reports would be given in summary form by Grand Recorder unless otherwise requested, below are the Committee reports that were received by the Grand Recorder. Those read to the Assembly will be so indicated with an asterisk (*).

YORK RITE LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION*

The Committee has been inactive this year but will be making plans to improve the educational opportunities for our Companions. Much work needs to be done to train our subordinate and Grand Officers in order to improve our bodies. The York Rite has a story to be told to our Blue Lodges, but we need to improve our meetings. We need to give a good reason for our Companions and Sir Knights to want to attend their meetings.

With this in mind, the committee proposes taking advantage of Zoom as well as in person meetings to share educational programs that will provide basic information to our officers. Much training is needed in some of the basics such as running an effective meeting.

Our Grand Officers and Committee Chairs also need direction and guidance of what is expected of them. We will be conducting workshops targeted on the basics.

We will also hold a session for our elected Grand Officers and those interested in entering the line on what is expected of them and how to plan for their year.

We will work to make these sessions informative and provide concrete tools that can be used in all aspects of your Masonic journey. These offerings however are only as good as your participation. Please take the time to avail yourself of these opportunities.

Fraternally,
Mark Irwin
Chairman

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS' COUNCIL

MINUTES
December 27, 2021

The Council was opened in form at 6:45 PM by Most Illustrious Master Jay C. Bergstrom with opening prayer and salute to the flag with the following officers in the chairs:

- T.I. Master - Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM
- TI Senior Warden - James G. Horn, PMIGM

- TI Junior Warden - Arthur Loveless, PMIGM
- Treasurer -
- Recorder - William Lott, PMIGM
- Steward - John Eberly - PIM
- Sentinel -

Attendance - 16

Thrice Illustrious Master Bergstrom recognized Grand Master Michael Pizzola who said he was happy to be here tonight.

The Thrice Illustrious Master recognized the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters present: Jay C. Bergstrom, James Herrington, James G. Horn, William Lott, Arthur Loveless, A. Tony Maxwell and G. Thomas Taylor.

The Thrice Illustrious Master also recognized G. Thomas Taylor as the Right Puissant Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

The In Memoriam from the Grand Council for Most Illustrious Companion Wayne T. Slack was read and a moment of silence was observed for the members of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council lost this year

1. Wayne T. Slack, PMIGM
2. Donald Taylor, PIM

As two candidates, Edward Adams and Joseph Dawson, were in waiting the degree of the Order was conferred upon them. At the end of the degree each was presented with his membership certificate. Ill. Companion Dawson also received his dues card and jewel.

The minutes of the December 28, 2020 meeting were read and approved as read.

The Recorder read the list of the Companions that were more than two years in arrear of dues, Bradley Driscoll and Christrian Dull. It was moved by M.I. James Herrington and seconded by R.I. David Laucius that they be dropped for non-payment of dues. Motion carried.

The bills of the evening were read:

1. Grand Council Per Capita - $476.00
2. CMMRF - $44.50
3. William Lott - $120.15

It was moved by R.P. G. Thomas Taylor, seconded by Ill. Jon Cottrel that these bills be paid when funds are available. Motion carried.

It was moved by R.P. G. Thomas Taylor, seconded by M.I. James G. Horn that the dues of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council be raised to $5 plus Grand Council Per Capita. Motion carried.

It was moved by M.I. Companion James Herrington, seconded by R.I. Companion David Laucius that the new dues rate go into effect for the 2023 dues bill. Motion carried.

It was moved by M.I. Companion James Herrington, seconded by R.I. Companion David Laucius that our next meeting be held on Tuesday evening, December 28, 2022. Motion carried.

R.P. Companion G. Thomas Taylor spoke and brought the Greetings of Most Puissant Monty Glover and the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason International. He mentioned the Zoom Triennial that will be held this coming August to discuss the finances of the General Grand Council. The traditional in-person Triennial will be held at Branson, MO. in 2023. He wished all the Happiest New Year.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Pizzola closed the Council in ample form at 8 PM with a closing prayer from M.I. Companion James Herrington.

Respectfully submitted,
William Lott, Recorder.

GOVERNORS ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST*

March 10, 2022

To: The Semi- Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware
From: The Board of Governors of the Albert Thatcher Hanby Trust
RE: Annual Report

M.W. Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, members of Grand Lodge, visitors and Brothers all. It gives me great pleasure to present to you an update on the Hanby Trust since we last met.

Due to the ongoing issues related to the covid pandemic there has not been a lot of activity since the last report last October. That said, with the coming of spring we look forward to moving to complete many of the items that the Board of Governors has labored to bring to fruition over the last several years.

The Board of Governors met in January to hear reports from Bryn Mawr Trust and from the YMCA regarding the operation of the Trust in 2020. Due to the pandemic the operation of the camp in 2020 and 2021 at the Hanby Outdoor Center was different than ever before and yet it was still a huge success. On any given week as many as 10% of the children at the camp were there thanks to the donation made by the Hanby Trust.

While we have not met in person due to covid we did correspond by email to make a decision about grants and we approved the donations for the 2021 from the Trust. These totaled $48,000 and included $28,500 for the YMCA of Delaware for camperships for the Hanby Outdoor Center, $9,500 for the Brandywine Education Foundation, $2,000 for the Delaware Law Related Education Center, INC, $2,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Delaware, $2,000 for the Delaware Aero Space Education Foundation, $1,000 for Camp Barnes, $1,000 Camp Arrowhead, and $2,000 YMCA of Delaware general account.

The Board and the Bank Trustee also have come to agreement on the remaining issues before the Chancery Court and had hoped to be back before the Court in April for final approval however due to ongoing covid issues this matter is still pending. This includes switching the Trust to a unitary trust format which will set the payout at 4% annual or the required minimum distribution whichever is greater. This will allow more certainly as to the amount available on an annual basis for planning purposes.

As mentioned in the annual report last year the YMCA has commenced Phase 1 of the renovation of the cottage on the corner of the property. This initial phase is funded by a grant of $50,000 out of the trust which had been previously approved by Chancery Court. When completed the plan is that this cottage will serve as the base of a new and expanded nature study center on the Hanby Trust property.

The Brandywine YMCA had an outstanding year of summer camp in 2021 serving over 2,700 kids over the summer. That was up by about 700 over 2020 but still down roughly 1,000 from pre-covid in 2019. Registration is already open for the summer of 2022 and with the removal of many of the covid restrictions this year promises to be one of the best ever!

The value of the Trust as of December 31, 2021, was $3,707,186 which includes investments of $1,534,286 and the land valued at $2,172,900. This was a slight decrease over where it stood at December 31, 2020 this reflects not only the annual donations from the trust but also a $50,000 addition donation from the Trust to the YMCA to cover the phase one costs of renovations to the cottage on the corner of the property. This had been approved in the Chancery Court order from 2019. At the meeting of the Board in January of 2021 the Board of Governors agreed to the Bank Trustee's advice to adjust the make of the trust investments to maximize the returns going forward while still protecting the core of the fund. This should positively impact our portfolio for 2021. The market has been tough in especially the last quarter of 2021 but we look for a rebound in 2022 as well as positive results from the completion of the timed rebalancing of the investments.

Fraternally,

James R. Hanby, Sr., Chairman, Grand Lodge of Delaware Representative

Jay Bergstrom, Grand Chapter of Delaware Representative

James B. Walsh, Grand Council of Delaware Representative

James Horn, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine Representative

Joseph Dawson, St. John's Commandery No.1 Representative

GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH

No report was received from this Committee for 2021-2022.

Joseph Dawson III, Chairman

GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING

No report was received from this Committee for 2021-2022.

Fred Palmer, Chairman

GRAND LECTURER

No report was received for 2021-2022.

Arthur Loveless, PMIGM, Grand Lecturer

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION*

As Delaware Chairman for CMMRF, my intention was to get information about the research, work and progress CMMRF has done with these contributions. Distribution of envelopes and donation forms were made available to all for contribution in exchange of recognition from CMMRF.

The past year of 2021 for CMMRF was productive with donations for Delaware totalling $4522.13. Donations from the companions of Gunning Bedford #1 totalled $1000.00 and donations from companions of Joppa Council #3 totalled $2506.13. Gunning Bedford Council #1 received one bar and Joppa Council #3 received three bars from CMMRF. The Grand Council of Delaware donationed $1016.00.

Recognition should also be given to companions G Thomas Taylor, receiving one plaque with two diamonds. Next, Mark Button, with one gold pin; James Harrington, one gold pin; Duane Scarborough, one bronze pin; John Merkley, one bronze pin and Ed Adams, one bronze pin.

Ending the year, I'd like to thank all who contributed on behalf of Delaware Councils remembering it isn't the individual amount each state gave but the total of all states combined. I'd like to offer a special thanks to Gary Wynn of CMMRF as secretary without whom I would have nothing to offer the Councils.

Ed Adams, PIM
DE Chairman, CMMRF

PERMANENT FUND*

The return of the permanent fund ended fiscal 2021 with a balance of $15851.60. It began the year with a balance of $15,333.22. The gain for the year was a gain of 518.38. The closing amount includes funds disbursed to MIGM Pizzola in accordance with Standing Resolution 15. The gain in value was due to returns on the existing accounts, particularly the York Rite Fund, which experienced an 8.3% gain for the fiscal year.

As noted above, in accordance with Standing Resolution No. 15, MIGM Pizzola requested reimbursement for expenses he incurred serving as Most illustrious Grand Master as well funds due him for attending the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Council. The Permanent Fund Committee reviewed MIGM Pizzola's request and determined that, in accordance with SR 15, he was entitled to 25% of the fund's income for each of the past two years and 75% of the current year's income, provided that his expenses were equal to or greater than the total amount. The Committee requested that the Grand Treasurer determine the amount due and make payment once the current year's income is known. Payment to MIGM Pizzola totaled $346.94 for attending the Triennial and $328.43 for serving as MIGM.

Fraternally submitted,

David H Laucius
Arthur A Loveless PGIM

AWARDS*

This year the following companions were recommended for awards and presented with them at last night's banquet or will be presented to them at a later date.

- Joseph Dawson III - Cryptic Mason of the Year
- Charles Van Heest - Service to Youth

Tony Maxwell, PMIGM, Chairman

VETERANS ASSISTANCE AND APPRECIATION

As the Chairman was never advised of his appointment to this Committee, no report was received.

David Walters, Chairman

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.I. Companion Sean McNorton, Grand Master of the Grand Council of New Jersey spoke on behalf of the visiting jurisdictions. He congratulated the 2021 Grand Officers for their accomplishments and thanked the Grand Council of Delaware for the courtesies extended to the visiting Companions. He wished the incoming Grand Officers the best for the coming year.

MEMORIALS*

A Memorial Service was held by the Grand Chaplain, Companion Bruce Beck. The following Companions who died during the 2021-2022 Cryptic Year were recognized:

- Thomas K. Baker, Joppa Council No. 3
- Robert M. Bair, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
- Forest A. Boettcher, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
- Robert D. Christman, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
- Edward W. Farrall, Joppa Council No. 3
- Milton Landis, PIM, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
- Wayne Tyrone Slack, PMIGM, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1.
- Donald F. Taylor, PIM, Joppa Council No. 3

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought before the Grand Council.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was brought before the Grand Council.

LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE*

M.I. Companion Mark Irwin, Grand Treasurer, reported that we continue to have Liability Insurance Coverage. The cost of the insurance is included in the annual per capita paid by the Councils to Grand Council. The amount for 2022-2033 is included in the budget to be presented by the Finance Committee.

The Deputy Grand Master was asked to preside and he called for the report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE*

The Jurisprudences Committee received the report of the M.I.G.M. Michael P. Pizzola timely, and we thank him for his promptness.

His statement that he "attended to our Cryptic Masons widows [']" is commendable. A detailed statement of in what manner he accomplished this would be helpful to the incoming officers so that they may consider continuing and this worthwhile and admiral feat.

Likewise, we commend him on personal contact with infirmed brother Cryptic Masons, as well as his excellent use of virtual Zoom meetings.

We noted that he attended several conferences of our sister jurisdictions and seven assembly and conclaves, as well as a few Delaware Lodges. It would be helpful for him to have included the names of these jurisdictions, assemblies and conclaves and whether any of his Grand Staff members accompanied him.

His participation in the conferral of several degrees and orders in the York Rite was commendable and it encourages upcoming officers to follow this excellent example.

There were no dispensations granted for this committee to consider.

Our Most Excellent Grand Master's recommendations were exceptionally well designed to encourage the Grand Staff to strive to promote the Cryptic Masons segment of the York Rite for the benefit of the craft.

Respectfully submitted:

J. Carl Bergstrom, MIPGM
Jae R. Eberly, PMIM
James G. Horn, PMIGM, Chairman

ACTION ON JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received and printed in the Proceeding. Motion carried. The Deputy Grand Master returned the gavel to the Grand Master.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE ACTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION*

The Committee Chairman, M.I. Companion James G. Horn presented the following amendments for consideration:

AMENDMENT 1 - Submitted by Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM & William Lott, PMIGM

Action: In Article 8 POWER OF OFFICERS first paragraph, replace "February 15th" with "December 31st".

Article 8 POWER OF OFFICERS first paragraph would then read:

The Grand Master shall have and exercise all the powers usually given to the Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and the other Officers shall have the usual powers given to Grand Officers, respectively, and all officers shall perform the duties required by the usages of Cryptic Masonry and the laws of the Grand Council - The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall establish a fiscal year ending December 31st for their annual financial reports (1978, 2019, 2022)

The Jurisprudence Committee moved for adoption and the motion carried.

AMENDMENT 2 - Submitted by William Lott, PMIGM, Grand Recorder

Action: Amend Article 8 POWER OF OFFICERS by adding the following as the third paragraph of this Article:

The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall submit an Annual Report to the Grand Council. This report shall be submitted electronically to the Grand Recorder at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The Grand Master's Annual Report shall also be submitted electronically by the date above to the Jurisprudence Committee (2022).

The Jurisprudence Committee moved for adoption and the motion carried.

AMENDMENT 3 - Submitted by William Lott, PMIGM, Grand Recorder

Action: Amend Article 10 COMMITTEES by inserting the following as a new second paragraph:

All committees whether standing or special shall submit an annual report to the Grand Council. The Committee's Report shall be submitted electronically to the Grand Recorder at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

The Jurisprudence Committee moved for adoption and the motion carried.

AMENDMENT 4 - Submitted by William Lott, PMIGM, Grand Recorder

Amend Article 12 RETURNS OF COUNCILS by replacing first sentence with the following:

The Recorder of each Council in Delaware shall make returns as of December 31st on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder electronically.

Article 12 would then read:

Article 12 RETURNS OF COUNCILS

The Recorder of each Council in Delaware shall make returns as of December 31st on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder electronically. Greeting fees, members dues, and any Grand Council assessments are payable with these Returns which shall be transmitted to the Grand Recorder no later than January 3lst in each year. (1948, 1978, 2022)

The Jurisprudence Committee moved for adoption and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE*

The finance committee approved the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and then presented the following proposed budget for the consideration of the membership.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022

	Members			**205**
	Description	2020	2021	2022
		Actual	Actual	Proposed
	Per Capita	***$13.00***	***$14.00***	***$14.00***
	Income:			
45230	Annual Returns-per capita	*2,436.00*	*3,892.50*	*2,870.00*
46420	Dues Cards	*2.80*	*0.00*	*0.00*
46440	CMMRF			
46450	TIM Jewels			
49100	Interest Income	*15.99*	*7.62*	*16.00*
49200	York Rite Fund Income	*1,166.85*	*1,567.06*	*750.00*
	Total Income	***3,621.64***	***5,467.18***	***3,636.00***
	Expenses:			
60000	Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	*590.00*	*522.50*	*512.50*
60105	Annual Assembly	*608.60*	*0.00*	*500.00*
60110	Annual Assembly per capita	*120.50*	*107.50*	*102.50*
60200	Grand Recorder Honorarium	*750.00*	*750.00*	*750.00*
60210	Grand Treasurer Honorarium	*150.00*	*150.00*	*150.00*
60220	Grand Recorder Office Expenses	*31.59*	*112.53*	*125.00*
60230	Postage	*6.02*	*29.85*	*30.00*
60250	Website	*20.00*	*20.00*	*20.00*
60260	Membership Database	*32.36*	*0.00*	*40.00*
60300	MIGM Apron and Case	*0.00*	*112.95*	*350.00*
60400	Liability Insurance	*182.78*	*189.71*	*199.71*
60420	Brotherhood Night	*0.00*	*45.00*	*45.00*
60500	Donations	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*
60600	Jewels	*0.00*	*45.95*	*50.00*
60860	Engraving	*24.38*	*0.00*	*20.00*
60900	Officer Name Badges	*0.00*	*0.00*	*200.00*
	Total Expenses	***2,516.23***	***2,085.99***	***3,094.71***
	Income over Expenses	***1,105.41***	***3,381.19***	***541.29***

Fraternally submitted,
Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM
G. Thomas Taylor, PMIGM
James B. Walsh, PMIGM, Chairman

ACTION ON FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee moved that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and printed in the Proceedings and the Budget as proposed be adopted. The motion carried.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

At this time the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Michael Pizzola, discharged all Committees with his thanks for their work during the past Cryptic year.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master for the Mid-Atlantic Region, J. B. Walsh spoke. He brought the greetings of the Most Puissant General Grand Master, Monty Glover, those of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and his own. He outlined the plans for the next Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Grand Council Session for Maryland in Ocean City, Maryland. He hoped that Delaware's leadership would attend the session. He congratulated the 2021-2022 Grand Officers and M.I. Grand Master Pizzola, and he wished the incoming Grand Master, David Laucius and his core of officers the best during the coming year. He promised to be there to support them during the coming year. He thanked the Grand Council of all the courtesy that had been extended to him and Lady Jane during the weekend.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

A Registrar has been prepared for this session for members to sign in as voting members. This list will be provided to the Grand Recorder for the preparation of the proceedings from this session. The list records 22 voting members are present and eligible to vote.

Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM
Franklin Townsend, PMIGM
William F. Lott, PMIGM, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

M.I. Companion William Lott reported on behalf of the Nominations Committee. The Committee nominated the following slate of officers for 2022-2023:

- Most Illustrious Grand Master - David H. Laucius
- Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master - Randall C.Mullen
- Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work - James R.Hanby
- Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer - Mark E. Irwin
- Most Illustrious Grand Recorder - William F. Lott

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

After receiving the report of the Nominating Committee, the M.I. Grand Master inquired three times if there were further nominations. There being no further nominations, he declared nominations closed. It was moved by Ill. Companion John Eberly, seconded and passed that M.I. Companion James B. Walsh cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented. M.I. Companion Walsh did so and the following officers were elected:

M.I. Grand Master	David H. Laucius
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Randall C. Mullens
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	James R. Hanby
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	William F. Lott, PMIGM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRAND OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

The Grand Recorder, M.I. Companion William Lott read the list of appointed officers for 2021-2022.

Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard	John Eberly.
Ill. Grand Chaplain	Edward J. Adams
Ill. Grand Conductor of Council	Fred M. Palmer
Ill. Grand Marshal	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM
Ill. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
Ill. Grand Sentinel	Joseph Dawson III
Aid to the Grand Master	Cesar E. Aniceto
Ill. Grand Lecturer	Fred M. Palmer
Ill. Assistant Grand Lecturer	Arthur A. Loveless Jr.
Ill. Assistant Grand Lecturer	Mark K. Button

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M.I. Companion Mark Irwin acting as Installing Grand Master aided by M.I. Companion James G. Horn acting as Grand Marshal installed the Grand Officers as listed above.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL AND APRON

Most Illustrious Companion Laucius was presented with the Apron of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and at a later date will receive the apron case that goes with the apron. Most Illustrious Companion Michael Pizzola was presented with his Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters Jewel.

ADDRESS OF NEWLY INSTALLED MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER DAVID H. LAUCIUS

It is my earnest desire for it to be a good year for this Grand Council. I want it to grow, to prosper, to reward its members and to have appeal for non-members. To that end I offer the following.

Communication

We need to talk to each other and communicate. All Councils need to issue meeting notices for each of their meetings and, importantly, they should include all Grand Officers and all officers of its sister councils within the jurisdiction on their Trestle Boards.

Attendance

As membership within the Craft declines and as other opportunities compete for our time, we need to make a concerted effort to attend. Critical mass is important. We need to be able to open, conduct business, and present programs. Taking to attend a meeting that does not happen results in frustration and diminishes enthusiasm.

In accordance with the importance of attendance, I ask that each member of the Grand Staff attend at least one meeting, in addition to the Grand Visit, of a council other than their home council.

Ritual

What can one say? Improvement is needed. To that end, I ask that the officers of each council work to improve and offer to personally donate $100.00 to CMMRF and $100.00 to any council that proficiently opens at least once without any officers reading their part. I ask that the Secretary of each council provide notice to the Grand Recorder and to me when – notice use of “when”, not “if”.

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation – CMMFP

Let’s support our charity. It is a good one and I ask that everyone donate according to their ability.

Membership

I once visited the NASA Space Museum in Huntsville, Alabama. A quote by Werner von Braun, the father of rocket science first in Germany and then in the United States, was prominently displayed. It said, and I paraphrase: “Early to

bed, early to rise, work like hell, and advertise." Cryptic Masonry has a sound foundation. We need to work to improve how we use it, and how we present it in our ritual. Most importantly, we need to advertise to our brethren within the Craft and Chapter.

Records

Covid changed everything. We worked differently, we met differently, and we socialized differently. Old habits are gone, replaced by new habits. Partly as a result, our records need to be reviewed and updated. I have seen this need throughout the York Rite. Therefore, I ask that each council review and assemble their membership records and minutes for the last four years looking to ensure an accurate membership record.

A committee will be appointed to review each council's records and minutes, comparing those records with those of the Grand Council. The intent is simple - to ensure that our records are accurate.

Lastly, I want Cryptic Masonry to be intellectually and socially profitable, educational, and fun. We need to promote our brotherhood. I look forward to the upcoming year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

On behalf on the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Recorder read the following Committee Appointments for 2022-2023:

Committee	Member
Awards and Recognition	A.Tony Maxwell, PMIGM*
	John D. Hiott, PMIGM
	G.Thomas Taylor III, PMIGM
Credentials	Jay C. Bergstron, PMIGM*
	William F. Lott, PMIGM
	Arthur A. Loveless Jr., PMIGM
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation	Edward J. Adams, PIM*
Finance	James B. Walsh, PMIGM*
	Arthur A. Loveless Jr., PMIGM

	G. Thomas Taylor III, PMIGM
Grand York Rite Annual Meeting	Chapter-G. Thomas Taylor III*
	Council-Robert Noble
	Commandery-TBA
Grand York Rite Leadership & Education	Council-Mark E. Irwin*
	Commandery-Michael P. Pizzola
	Chapter-TBA
Grand York Rite Youth	Commandery-S.R. Smith III*
	Chapter-Fred Palmer
	Council-Joseph Dawson III
Governor-Albert T. Hanby Trust	James B. Walsh, PMIGM
Jurisprudence	James G. Horn, PMIGM*
	Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM
	John A. Eberly, PIM
Memorial	Edward J. Adams, PIM*
Permanent Fund	Arthur J. Loveless Jr., PMIGM*-1 year
	Edward Adams, PIM - 2 years
	Randall C. Mullen, PIM - 3 years

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRAND VISITATIONS

On behalf on the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Recorder read the dates of Grand Visitations for 2022-2023:

Council	Date
Gunning Bedford Council #1	April 24, 2022
Adoniram Council #2	May 4, 2022
Joppa Council #3	October 4, 2022
Thrice Illustrious Masters Council #4	December 27, 2022

TIME AND PLACE OF 96TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed that the 97th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware be held on Saturday March 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM at a site to be determined.

CLOSING REMARKS OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master,James B. Walsh was called on for remarks. He congratulated our new Most Illustrious Grand Master and wished for him and his officers a joyful and prosperous year.

CLOSING REMARKS OF THE GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

Right Worshipful Brother James R. Hanby, Grand Junior Warden addressed the Assembly. On behalf of Most Worshipful Brother Jeffrey Haas, Grand Master of Mason in Delaware and the Grand Lodge of Delaware, he challenged Most Illustrious Grand Master Laucius and the Companions present to make the York Rite an integral part of the family of FreeMasonry in Delaware during the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Grand Council, M.I. Grand Master Laucius called on the Grand Chaplain Ill. Companion Edward Adams to offer a closing prayer. Ill. Companion Adams offered the prayer and the Most Illustrious Grand Master declared the 96th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware closed in ample form at 11:15 AM.

ATTEST:

William F. Lott, MIPGM
Grand Recorder

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

1926	*Harvey W. Bentley	1927	*Royden L. Hammond
1928	*George O. Fearon	1929	*John McMillan
1930	*Cornelius E. Beatty	1931	*Herman H. Hanson
1932	*Harry L. Holson	1933	*Clarence B. Hess
1934	*J. Wallace Woodford	1935	*Calvin E. Afflerbach
1936	*Thomas R. Saunders	1937	*John P. LeFevre
1938	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1939	*Harry W. Kennedy
1940	*George S. Buhl	1941	*Andrew J. Bock
1942	*R. Earle Dickey	1943	*William H. Cantwell
1944	*Charles S. Cahoon	1945-46	*Frank B. Newell
1947	*Harry R. Craig	1948	*James Carswell
1949	*M. Haswell Pierce	1950	*Walter L. Conway
1951	*George E. Vandegrift	1952	*J. Ralph Carey
1953	*Harry V. Holloway	1954	*Irwin R. Murray
1955	*Howard C. Barlow	1956	*Henry S. Young
1957	*J. Henry McDonnell	1958	*Stephen E. Hamilton
1959	*Percy W. Gardner	1960	*Alfred E. Yeaton
1961	*F. Irving Crow	1962	*Charles E. Green
1963	*Emerson Keeler	1964	*Raymond A. Howard
1965	*John J. McClearnen	1966	*Chester C. Coffin
1967	*Rhey H. Smith	1968	*Warren R. Gray
1969	*C. Ray Scarborough	1970	*Ernest H. Martyn
1971	*Samuel A. Wise	1972	*A. Warren Wheatley
1973	*James L. Crouse	1974	*John M. Johnson
1975	*E. Paul Wootten	1976	*Richard H. Thomas
1977	#James H. Durrill	1978	*Dallas E. Marvel
1979	*Charles W. Barkins	1980	*Paul E. Hurter
1981	*James H. Hutchins	1982	*Raymond M. Savage
1983	*Henry G. Law	1984	*W. Thomas Musser
1985	*Donald D. Thomas	1986	*Lewis J. Blackwell
1987	*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	1988	*Horace G. Patterson, Jr.
1989	*C. Granville McVey	1990	*T. Eugene Womach
1991	*Richard A. Scarlott	1992	*Maynard H. Mires, Jr.
1993	*James A. Pletz	1994	*Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1995	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1996	John B. Dorsey
1997	Mark E. Irwin	1998	Franklin R. Townsend
1999	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	2000	*William J. Littel
2001	*Albert H. Westerside	2002	*Archie W. Bethard, III
2003	Wayne T. Slack	2004	*Charles J. Conley
2005	James R. Herrington	2006	*Charles T. Hart
2007	*Richard L. Weaver	2008	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
2009	James B. Walsh	2010	*Gilbert E. Greenfield
2011	*Robert A. Benson	2012	James G. Horn
2013	Neal J. Sobocinski	2014	Jay C. Bergstrom
2015	*Lionel D. Hunter	2016	William F. Lott
2017	A. Tony Maxwell	2018	John D. Hiott
2019	G. Thomas Taylor, III	2020	Michael P. Pizzola
2021	Michael P. Pizzola		

GRAND TREASURERS

1925-27	*John McMillan	1927-33	*Harvey W. Bentley
1933-52	*John McMillan	1953-66	*James Carswell
1967-68	*Paul Yearsley	1969-80	*Alfred E. Yeaton
1981-86	*Chester C. Coffin	1987-91	*Henry G. Law
1992-94	*C. Granville McVey	1995	*Donald D. Thomas
1996-00	*C. Granville McVey	2001	G. Thomas Taylor, III
2002-03	John B. Dorsey	2004-08	Wayne T. Slack
2009-13	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	2014-	Mark E. Irwin

GRAND RECORDERS

1925-38	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1938-39	*Harvey W. Bentley
1939-56	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1957-64	*Alfred H. Coe
1965-70	*Raymond A. Howard	1971-72	#Lawrence B. Jones
1973-75	*John J. McClearnen	1976-80	*Henry G. Law
1981-91	*C. Ray Scarborough	1992-94	*Henry G. Law
1995	*C. Granville McVey	1996-99	*Donald D. Thomas
2000-02	Mark E. Irwin	2003-04	James T. Ruby
2005-07	Franklin R. Townsend	2008	Wayne T. Slack
2009-20	Mark E. Irwin	2021-	William F. Lott

* - Deceased # - Suspended

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

1975	*Chester C. Coffin	1976	* Raymond A. Howard
1977	* James L. Crouse	1978	* Henry G. Law
1979	* C. Ray Scarborough	1980	* Robert Parke, Jr.
1981	* Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1982	* Lewis J. Blackwell
1983	* J. Norman Nicklas	1984	* Richard A. Scarlott
1985	*C. Granville McVey	1986	* John A. Irwin
1988	James A. Pletz	1989	* James Richardson
1990	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1991	* Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1992	John B. Dorsey	1994	#John N. Phillos
1996	*James T. Elliott, Jr.	1997	*Maurice C Barnes
1998	Eugene R. Small	1999	#David F. Coady
2000	*James A. Johnson	2001	Jon B. Cottrell
2006	James G. Horn	2007	*Robert A. Benson
2012	John D. Hiott	2013	John A. Eberly
2015	Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.	2016	James L. Ferguson
2017	John W. Merkley	2019	Michael P. Pizzola
2020	George Gadsby	2021	Edward Adams
2021	Joseph Dawson III		

RECIPIENTS OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

1983	*MarionC.T. Townsend	1984	* J. Norman Nicklas
1985	*David B. Craig, Jr.	1986	*James H. Hutchins
1987	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1988	*Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.
1989	James A. Pletz	1990	Franklin R. Townsend
1991	* Walter D, Wagner	1992	Eugene R. Small
1993	*George W. Taylor	1994	Robert R. Hiddeman
1996	Donald E. Rosenberry	1997	G. Thomas Taylor, III
1998	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1999	J. David Goss
2001	Edwin Newth	2002	Carol & *Herb Fulmer
2006	Bronwyn Millman	2007	George C. Dutton
2012	Ron Keller	2013	David Painter
2015	Carl Wenke	2016	Marie Gruwell
2017	Nancy Evans	2018	Fred Palmer
2019	none	2020	Kenneth Bright
2021	George Gadsby	2022	Charles Van Heest

RECIPIENTS OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MEDAL OF HONOR

*Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993

RECIPIENTS OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL COLUMBIAN AWARD

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM - 2020

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Near Delaware	State or Province	From Delaware
Eugene R. Small	**ALABAMA**	Theodore E. Youwer
	ALASKA	Russell A. Kenderick
	ARIZONA	David W. Blood
Christopher DeAngelo	**ARKANSAS**	Wesley M. Newton
	CALIFORNIA	Brett A. McDonald
	COLORADO	Darrell Tygart
	CONNECTICUT	William F. Lott
John B. Dorsey	**DIST. of COLUMBIA**	Scott M. Applebee
	EASTERN CANADA	Cecil E. Decker
James G. Horn	**ENGLAND & WALES**	Ryan A. Williams
Jon B. Cottrell	**FLORIDA**	Charles Lee Hollinger
	GEORGIA	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr	**GERMANY**	Walter E. Eichen
	GREECE	John D. Melidonis
James B. Walsh	**HAWAII**	Thomas L. Wilkerson
	IDAHO	M. William Echo
George E. Gadsby	**ILLINOIS**	James W. Patton
	INDIANA	Robert F. Price
	IOWA	Bradley A. Reichardt
	KANSAS	Chad A. Jackson
A. Tony Maxwell	**KENTUCKY**	William J. Brown
Franklin R. Townsend	**LOUISIANA**	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
Hunter R. Walsh	**MAINE**	Robert V. Damon
	MARYLAND	Clifton R. Friel
.	**MASSACHUSETTS**	Wayne L. Robbins
Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	**MICHIGAN**	James M. Kiefer
John A. Eberly	**MINNESOTA**	James S. McNeely, IV
W. Frederick Horn	**MISSISSIPPI**	Phillip Wesley Hobson
Franklin R. Townsend	**MISSOURI**	Alvin Gerstenschlager
	MONTANA	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
	NEBRASKA	Abbott George Burkeu
John B. Dorsey	**NEVADA**	William G. Roberts
Neal J. Sobocinski	**NEW HAMPSHIRE**	Thomas G. LaBerge
	NEW JERSEY	Robert J. Sheridan
David H. Laucius	**NEW MEXICO**	John E. Smith
Geoffrey A. Fox	**NEW YORK**	Richard J. Kessler
Mark E. Irwin	**NORTH CAROLINA**	Nicholas W. Taylor
	NORTH DAKOTA	Cory R. Lien
James B. Walsh	**OHIO**	Michael Douglas Cecil
Jay C. Bergstrom	**OKLAHOMA**	Charles F. Gillentine
Bradley J. Driscoll	**ONTARIO**	Donald Kline
G. Thomas Taylor, III	**OREGON**	Robert E. Hoffmaster
Mark E. Irwin	**PENNSYLVANIA**	William L. Bryan
Randall C. Mullen	**PHILIPPINES**	Evaristo A. Leviste
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	**RHODE ISLAND**	Raymond E. Hassell
	SCOTLAND	Robert B. Black
Richard Mickles	**SOUTH CAROLINA**	Dean Tollison
	SOUTH DAKOTA	Milton Edny
Michael P. Pizzola	**TENNESSEE**	Dickie Wayland Johnson
James R. Herrington	**TEXAS**	Gary D. Dixon
Fred M. Palmer	**UTAH**	William J. Westbrook
James Teal	**VERMONT**	Guy Oldenburg
	WASHINGTON	Vance Whippo
	WESTERN CANADA	John F. Dobell
	WISCONSIN	Clarence A. McElmurry
Wayne D. Mower	**WYOMING**	Mark D. Wells

GRAND COUNCILS RECOGNIZED BY THE GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE

ALABAMA
ALASKA
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
CALIFORNIA
COLORADO
CONNECTICUT
DISTRICT of COLUMBIA
EASTERN CANADA
ENGLAND & WALES
FLORIDA
GEORGIA
GERMANY
GREECE
HAWAII
IDAHO
ILLINOIS
INDIANA
IOWA
KANSAS
KENTUCKY
LOUISIANA
MAINE
MARYLAND
MASSACHUSETTS
MICHIGAN
MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
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TENNESSEE
TEXAS
UTAH
VERMONT
WASHINGTON
WESTERN CANADA
WISCONSIN
WYOMING

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
Wilmington

Date of Charter: October 1, 1918
Stated Assembly: Fourth Wednesday of each Month
Closed: June, July, August, and December

OFFICERS

Byrom Price	Illustrious Master
Robert Noble	Deputy Master
David Walters	Principal Conductor of the Work
G. Thomas Taylor, III, MIGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Recorder
Gerald Brennan	Captain of the Guard
John Chobana	Conductor of the Council
Phillip Parke	Steward
	Chaplain
Robert Dion	Sentinel

GREETED

None

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

John Bednash	Robert Crusco
Terry Martz	Ken Norris
Ralph Snyder	Roy Watson

SUSPENDED

William Brown	Phillip Console
Erick Krauss	Andrew Parsons
John Thompson	Sheldon Walters
Robert Wowlhagan	

DIED

Forrest Boettcher	Robert Christman
Wayne Slack	Robert Bair
Milton Landis	

Adoniram Council No. 2
Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Wednesday of each Month
except October – Second Wednesday
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Maurice Little	Illustrious Master
John Eberly, PIM	Deputy Master
Charles Moller	Principal Conductor of the Work
Michael Pizzola, MIGM	Treasurer
Michael Pizzola, MIGM	Recorder
	Captain of the Guard
	Conductor of the Council
	Steward
	Chaplain
	Sentinel

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Joppa Council No. 3
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Hunter R. Walsh, PIM	Illustrious Master
Geoffrey A. Fox, PIM	Deputy Master
Michael P. Pizzola, PMIGM	Principal Conductor of the Work
James B. Walsh, PMIGM	Treasurer
William F. Lott, MIGM	Recorder
Edward Adams, PIM	Captain of the Guard
George Gadsby, PIM	Conductor of the Council
David Lorah, MIGM	Steward
W. Frederick Horn, PIM	Chaplain
James G. Horn, PMIGM	Sentinel

GREETED

None

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Christian Dull, PIM
Michael William Travers Jr.
Michael William Travers Sr.

DIED

Thomas K. Baker
Donald F. Taylor
Edward W. Farrell

Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

OFFICERS

Jay C. Bergstrom, MIPGM	Illustrious Master
James G. Horn, MIPGM	Senior Warden
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., MIPGM	Junior Warden
William F. Lott, MIPGM	Recorder
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM	Treasurer
John A. Eberly, PIM	Steward
Randal Clarence Mullen, PIM	Sentinel

AFFILIATED

Edward Joseph Adams
Joseph Dawson III

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Bradley Driscol
Christian Dull

DIED

Milton Landis
Wayne Tyrone Slack
Donald F. Taylor

Grand Council Register

First Name	Last Name	Jurisdiction
William	Lott	Delaware
Michael	Pizzola	Delaware
Bruce	Beck	Delaware
Robert	Malwitz	Maryland
Fred	Palmer	Delaware
Mark	Pennypacker	Virginia
Sean	McNorton	New Jersey
Tony	Maxwell	Delaware
Edward	Adams	Delaware
Randy	Disney	Maryland
Ernest	Bean	Maryland
Dennis	Gibbons	Massachusetts
James	Hanby	Delaware
David	Walters	Delaware
Mark	Button	Delaware
Arthur	Loveless	Delaware
George	Gadsby	Delaware
Byrom	Price	Delaware
Randall	Mullens	Delaware
David	Laucius	Delaware
James	Herrington	Delaware
James	Horn	Delaware
John	Eberly	Delaware
James	Ferguson	Delaware
James	Walsh	Delaware
Mark	Irwin	Delaware
David	Schuler	Vermont

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light." Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus 2020 plus 4000 = 6020

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world." Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus 2020 plus 3760 = 5780. After September add another year.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.), "in the year of discovery." Add 530 years to the common era. Thus 2020 plus 530 = 2550

Cryptic Rite (Royal and Select Masters) dates from the year in which the temple was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit." Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus 2020 plus 1000 = 3020.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.), "in the year of the order." From the Christian era take 1118. Thus 1118 from 2020 = 902.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACTOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 2020 plus 1913 = 3933.

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Prior to 1947, the Annual Assembly was always held on the first Wednesday in October. Most Illustrious Grand Master Frank B. Newell was elected to that office on October 3, 1945 and served until January 15, 1947. At the Annual Assembly that was held on the third Saturday on January, 15, 1977, Most Illustrious Grand Master James H. Durrill was elected to that office and served until March 11, 1978. The first Annual Assembly that was held on the second Saturday in March.

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2021

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The Ninety-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware will be held at a place to be determined on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

2020-2023

ELECTIVE

Monty J. Glover	General Grand Master
William G. Snyder	Deputy General Grand Master
George Thomas Taylor III	General Grand P.C. of the Work
Charles A. McCollum	General Grand Treasurer
Stephen Balke	General Grand Recorder

APPOINTIVE

Rev. E. Jeffrey Craig	General Grand Chaplain
Rev. Charles M. Roberts	Assistant General Grand Chaplain
Rev. James R. Herrington	Assistant General Grand Chaplain
Georghe A. Vilceanu	General Grand Captain of the Guard
Mark Edward Magee	General Grand Conductor of Council
Paul C. Smith	General Grand Marshal(East)
Danny D. Smothers	General Grand Marshal(West)
Lee David Gordon	General Grand Steward
Nicholai Mironovich Kiterer	General Grand Sentinel
Clyde Schoolfield	General Grand Lecturer
Michael Claude Sabatier	General Grand Lecturer
Robert G. Davis	General Grand Orator
Steven G. Monrotus	General Grand Musician
Anthony T. Johnson	General Grand Historian

James B. Walsh. Mid-Atlantic Regional Deputy General Grand Master