

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
SHELDON L. EDWARDS, SR.**

Sheldon Lee Edwards was born January 23, 1934, in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. He is the youngest of four children, born to Thomas and Alvretta Carey Edwards. His father was a carpenter boss, employed in the Anthracite Mining industry, a Master Mason of Acacia Lodge #579, Taylor, Pennsylvania, Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Irem Temple of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. The family moved to Delaware in January of 1942 to pursue employment opportunities. Sheldon graduated from Henry C. Conrad High School in 1951, and began a career as a maintenance electrician, retiring from the Chrysler Corporation, Newark Assembly plant, October 29, 1995, with 37 years service. Sheldon is the father of three children, Sheldon, Jr., Jeffrey, and Dianna. Dianna is a member of Naomi Chapter No. 20, O.E.S. in Stanton.

In 1988 he married Nancy L. Heintzelman, a member of Ruth Chapter No. 19, O.E.S. in Claymont. She also was born in Pennsylvania, in Lewistown, of a Master Mason father and Eastern Star mother. Sheldon and Nancy now reside in Beech Hill, adjacent to the North Star area of New Castle County.

In 1959, Sheldon was entered on November 10th, passed February 1, 1960 and raised March 14, 1960, the result of a petition signed by his Brother, Forrest C. Edwards, and Brother-in-law, Richard E. Crozier. His sister, Alvretta, is a member of Five Points Chapter No. 13, O.E.S., in Newport. Another Brother Thomas, now deceased, is the only other sibling not connected to the Masonic Fraternity. His further Masonic career is as follows:

Blue Lodge:

President Chrysler Delaware Square Club	1964
Worshipful Master Armstrong Lodge	1977
Lodge Organist	
High Noon Lodge #38, Charter Member	1978
Delaware Lodge of Research	1997

Scottish Rite:

Delaware Consistory	1961
Holder of Yellow Ribbon	(24 Candidates Credited)

Shrine

A.A.O.N.M.S. Nur Temple	1970
Shrine Club of Delaware	1971
Nur Temple Provost Guard Charter Member	1970
International Shrine Provost Guard	
Mid Atlantic Shrine Provost Guard	
Provost Marshal	
International Association of Turtles - Turtle Club	

York Rite:

Chapter

St. Johns Chapter #4, R.A.M., Life Membership	1978
Order of High Priesthood	1983
Grand Representative Grand Chapter to the Philippines	
Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Delaware	1997-98
Keystone Travelers 1990's Past Grand High Priests	
Deputy General Grand High Priest for the North Eastern Masonic Region & General Grand Master of the First Veil of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International	General 1999 - 2002

Council

Gunning Bedford Council #1, R. & S.M.				1978
Cryptic Masons Youth Medal				1987
Adoniram Council #2, R.& S.M.				1991
Super Excellent Masters Degree				1993
Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree				1994
Illustrious Master Adoniram Council				1985
Grand Representative of Grand Council to Germany				
Most Illustrious Grand Master				1999-2000
Commandery				
St. John's Commandery #1				1979
Eminent Commander, St. John's #1				1992
Grand Representative of Grand Commandery to the Grand Master's Club			Phillippines	
Other				
Joshua Association – Life Member				
Joshua Association – 2nd Vice President				1999
First State York Rite College #45, Dover, Delaware				
Knight York Cross of Honour				1996
Red Cross of Constantine				1997
Order of Old Saratoga (New York)				
Honorary Memberships				
Royal Arch Mason:				
District of Columbia	Kentucky		New York	
Ohio	Rhode Island		Vermont	
Council:				
New York	Pennsylvania		Rhode Island	
Order of the Eastern Star				
Initiated in Five Points Chapter No. 13, Newport				1960
Naomi Chapter No. 20, Charter Member				1961
Worthy Patron – Naomi Chapter				1971; 1981; 1985; 1988-89; 1994-95; 1997-98; 1999-2000
Holder of "A" certificate				
Grand Organist				1979-80; 1988-89
Worthy Grand Patron				1983-84
Grand Representative to Pennsylvania				1980
Member GRODELS (Grand Representative of Delaware)				
Member Past Matrons & Past Patrons Naomi Chapter				
Member Past Matrons & Past Patrons of Delaware				
Member Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of Delaware				
Appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Member				
Shrine Hospital Committee				1997-2000
Honorary Memberships:				
Florida	Georgia	Illinois	Mississippi	
Missouri	Puerto Rico	West Virginia		
Subordinate Chapters:				
Mizpah No. 2	Georgetown No. 9		Victory No. 15	
St. John's No. 4	Newark No. 10		Unity No. 16	
Adah No. 5	Kent No. 11		Esther No. 17	
Radiant No. 6	Frankford No. 12		Laurel No. 18	
Sussex No. 7	Five Points No. 13		Ruth No. 19	
Caesar Rodney No. 8	Brandywine No. 14			
Job's Daughters:				
Associate Bethel Guardian – Bethel #13, Stanton				
Honorary Memberships				
Bethel No. 3	Bethel No. 4		Bethel No. 5	
Bethel No. 11	Bethel No. 13			
Member Grand Guardian I.O.J.D. Delaware				
Order of DeMolay				
Adult Secretary Advisor – Newport Chapter				1963
DeMolay Legion of Honor				
Philalethes Society				

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE**

A Special Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was convened at 9:30 A.M., October 16, 1999 by Most Illustrious Grand Master Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. for the purpose of participating in a one day Council, Commandery, Shrine festival. This class was named to honor Most Worshipful William T. Wadkins, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware. The Most Illustrious declared each of the Councils duly opened for the purpose of receiving and balloting upon any petitions that had been duly presented to them. Following such action, the members of Joppa and Adoniram Council presented the Royal Master Degree on 13 Royal Arch Masons in a most proficient manner. This labor being completed, the members of Gunning Bedford Council assumed their stations for a very proficient conferral of the Select Masters Degree upon the same class. Most Worshipful Grand Master Wadkins welcomed the new Cryptic Masons and commended the respected members of the cast for their outstanding conferrals. The labors for this Special Assembly being completed, Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards, closed the Grand Council in ample form at 11:20 A.M.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE**

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 11, 2000, A. Dep. 3000. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master William J. Littel with prayer by Grand Chaplain R. Nelson Biggs followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Sheldon L. Edwards was then received into the Grand Assembly and afforded Grand Honors.

The following Grand Officers were in their respective stations:

GRAND OFFICERS

M. I. Grand Master	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
R. I. Deputy Grand Master	William J. Littel
R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	John Losten
M. I. Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
M. I. Grand Recorder, p. t.	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
I. Grand Chaplain	R. Nelson Biggs
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Albert H. Westerside
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	Maurice C. Barnes
I. Grand Marshal	Warren F. Schueler, Sr..
I. Grand Steward	Wayne T. Slack
I. Grand Sentinel	David F. Coady

The Most Illustrious Grand Master announced that due to the very recent untimely death of his mother-in-law, the Grand Secretary, M. I. Donald D. Thomas, would not be present and M. I. Mark E. Irwin would be serving as Grand Recorder for the session.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987	Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1994
C. Granville McVey, 1989	Charles Henry Lengel, Jr. 1995
Richard A. Scarlott, 1991	John Basil Dorsey, 1996
James Albert Pletz, 1993	Mark E. Irwin, 1997
Franklin R. Townsend, 1998	

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

James R. Herrington	Illustrious Master
Robert V. McDowell, III	Deputy Master

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

Archie W. Bethard, III, PIM	Illustrious Master
Jon B. Cottrell	Deputy Master

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

James B. Walsh, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work
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THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM	Illustrious Master
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM	Deputy Master
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM	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 73rd Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in the Proceedings.

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 the Proceedings.

ADMISSION OF SELECT MASTERS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved all Select Masters in good standing, as listed in the Grand Council Register, were admitted by

courtesy.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Distinguished Visitors from the neighboring jurisdictions and the several Masonic Bodies of the State of Delaware were presented at the Altar, as follows:

CONNECTICUT

Ernest J. Smith	Most Puissant Grand Master
Richard A. Eppler	Most Puissant Past Grand Master
Andrew Weimann	Most Excellent Grand High Priest

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

F. William Hershiser	Deputy Grand Master
Solomon Zeidman	Grand Recorder, MIPGM
Scott Applebee	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Robert Matsudiera	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Robert Bussler	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
Frederic W. Gore	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
David B. Board	Right Eminent Grand Commander

MAINE

Paul Adams.	Right Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
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MARYLAND

Robert H. McWilliams	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Edward A. Foreman, Jr.	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Caulder B. Morris	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Robert B. Malwitz	Most Excellent Grand High Priest

MASSACHUSETTS

Richard E. Monroe	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Marlin E. Whitney	Very Illustrious Grand Sentinel
John C. Sutterley	Right Eminent Grand Commander

NEW JERSEY

Frank L. Blades	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Warren L. Pangborne	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

NEW YORK

Donald Harrison	Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Oliver D. Mereness	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Dale A. Tynan	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Donald Lounsberry	Right Excellent Grand King
Charles J. Reilly	Right Excellent Grand Secretary
David C. Goodwin	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Frank M. Kaminsky	Eminent Grand Sentinel

PENNSYLVANIA

William H. Gearhart	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Charles R. Nebel	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
William E. Clepper	Right Eminent Grand Commander

John M. Lewis
Lyle R. Schwalm

RHODE ISLAND

Arthur Soder	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Earl S. Palmer	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Robert J. Allen	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

VERMONT

Russell A. Golant	Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master
Belford A. Belles	Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Willis J. Morse	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Palmer E. Martin	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Herbert H. Hartford	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
David E. Cumming	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
Donald C. Brown	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
Gleason W. Ayres	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest

VIRGINIA

George 'Kingfish' Stevens	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
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CANADA EAST

Cecil E. Decker	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer
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ONTARIO

Albert A. Mortlock	Past First Grand Principal
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Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions noted how much he had enjoyed his visitation to many of their jurisdictions and sincerely hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware as enjoyable. Cryptic Grand Honors were then afforded the visitors.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS, INTERNATIONAL

William Schoene, Jr.	Most Excellent General Grand High Priest
Sheldon L. Edwards	District. Deputy General Grand High Priest, Northeast Region

The following Masonic leaders of Delaware were then presented at the Altar and introduced by Most Illustrious Richard A. Scarlott:

M.E. Richard L. Weaver	Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Delaware
S. K. Robert V. McDowell, III	Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Delaware, Active for Delaware, A.A.S.R.
Ill. Warren F. Schueler, Sr., 33°	Deputy for Delaware, A. A. S. R.,
Ill. Harold T. J. Littleton, 33°	Active Emeritus Member, A. A. S. R.
C. Granville McVey	Grand Governor for Delaware,

	York Rite Sovereign College of North America
Kt. C. William Tulloch	Puissant Sovereign Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Kt. James A. Pletz	Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70, K.Y.C.H.
Kt. Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	Rep. Dist. 4, Convent General, K.Y.C. H.
Dad G. Thomas Taylor	Executive Officer for Delaware, International Order of DeMolay

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 74th Annual Assembly.

RECEPTION OF GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then welcomed at the Altar, the following Past Grand Masters and current officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

M. W. Warren F. Schueler, Sr., P. G. M., Grand Secretary
 R. W. Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
 M.W. Benjamin F. Lloyd, Deputy Grand Secretary
 M. W. William J. Littel, P. G. M
 M. W. Harold T. J. Littleton, P. G. M.
 M. W. James A. Pletz, P. G. M.
 M. W. Albert H. Westerside, P. G. M.

RECEPTION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Most Illustrious John B. Dorsey, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, the Right Puissant Oliver D. Mereness, General Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and Personal Representative of Most Puissant Charles F. VanEtten, General Grand Master. He was accompanied by Right Puissant Mark E. Irwin, General Grand Captain of the Guard, and Right Puissant Gordon L. Kimball, Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the Northeastern Region. Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards cordially welcomed these distinguished Companions to Delaware, invited them to the East where they were afforded Cryptic Grand Honors. Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards surrendered to Right Puissant Mereness the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Council. Most Puissant Mereness thanked the Grand Master for that honor, commented on his pleasure of once again being in Delaware and given the authority to preside over this Grand Council but suggested the labors should be returned to Grand Master Edwards.

RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE

Most Worshipful William T. Wadkins, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was escorted into the Grand Council by M.W. Warren F. Schueler, Sr., PGM, and presented at the altar to Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards. The Most Worshipful was invited to the East, afforded

Symbolic Grand Honors and presented the gavel to preside over Grand Council. The Grand Master extended a warm welcome to the visitors and all present and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master then complimented Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards for his years of service not only to Cryptic Masonry, but all of Freemasonry, and thence returned to him the gavel of authority so he could preside over his Grand Session.

RECEPTION OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters in attendance assembled at the Altar. They then introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. M.I.G.M. Edwards thanked them for their past endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past year. The assembled MIPGM were then afforded Grand Honors.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Representatives arose, and were greeted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

REGRETS

The Grand Recorder expressed the regrets of the visitors who were unable to attend.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

As Most Illustrious Grand Master, it is with a great sense of love for our great fraternity, I welcome each of you, to this 74th Grand Convocation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware.

It is especially important to note the attendance of Most Worshipful William T. Wadkins, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Most Excellent William Schoene, Jr., General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, and Right Puissant Oliver D. Mereness, General Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. It is also, a rare privilege to welcome Companion and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Charles H. Lengel, Jr., who is also Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my fellow Presiding Officers, Richard L. Weaver, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, and Right Eminent Mark E. Irwin, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Delaware Knights Templar. We enjoyed many good times together, as well as some that were fruitful for our common cause.

A most deep debt of gratitude and unending love to my Lady Nancy for her full cooperation in traveling with me every step of the way, and doing all the things that is necessary to make an Office such as I held this past year a success.

The Officers of my Grand Staff were always there to help, aid, and assist without the least hesitation, and deserve the highest praise for their unswerving support.

A special thanks to our Grand Recorder Donald D. Thomas, who has given his all for Masonry, and I wish for him the very best in his future endeavors as he steps aside from the duties of his office.

The Officers and Members of the Constituent Councils are to be commended for their efforts this year. On behalf of Cryptic Masonry in our state and all have my utmost admiration and respect for their abilities to deal with whatever situation they may encounter. I, also, want to extend my congratulations to my many committees and their respective chairmen for their time and devotion to performing in such a professional and dignified manner. To you I give my warmest thanks.

My Official visits to those Councils were as follows:

Adoniram #2	Dover	Wednesday, April 7, 1999
Gunning Bedford #1	Wilmington	Wednesday, September 22, 1999
Joppa #3	Georgetown	Tuesday, December 7, 1999
T. I. M. #4	Wilmington	Wednesday, December 29, 1999

NECROLOGY

We are taught as Christians to regard earthly death as a joyful beginning to an Eternal life with loved ones, those who have gone before and those who will follow.

A number of Companions have been called this year to that long anticipated reward by the Supreme Architect of the Heavens and Earth.

The Memorials Committee will now give their report.

DISPENSATIONS

March 13, 1999

To: All Constituent Councils

Waiver of usual waiting period between reception, investigation, and balloting on petitions received during the period March 13, 1999 and March 12, 2000.

It, also, waived waiting period between the several Cryptic orders.

This waiver also granted permission to hold special assemblies to receive and ballot on petitions as long as proper notice was issued in a

timely manner, including notice to the Grand Recorder of such actions.

This likewise permitted the Constituent Councils to move their Charters to Cryptic Festival sites provided proper notice to their Constituents and the Grand Recorder was forthcoming.

Dispensation to:

Gunning Bedford Council #1, Wilmington Delaware, dated September 12, 1999.

To reschedule their regular meeting date of Wednesday, November 24th to Wednesday, November 17th to avoid conflict with travel day associated with the annual Thanksgiving holiday provided proper notice be given to all Constituents of the Council.

Dispensation to:

Joppa Council #3, dated November 7, 1999.

Permission to open Council on December 7, 1999 at 8:30 P.M. in lieu of the usual 7:30 P.M. as per their by-laws for the purpose of additional time to receive the Grand Master and his Staff. Proper notice must be given members and Grand Recorder.

SISTER JURISDICTION VISITATIONS

Visits to sister jurisdictions:

District of Columbia	March 19 – 20, 1999
Rhode Island	April 9 – 10, 1999
Pennsylvania	April 25 – 27, 1999
New Jersey	April 30 – May 1, 1999
New Hampshire	May 7 – 8, 1999
Maryland	May 10, 1999
Connecticut	June 4 – 5, 1999
Vermont	June 7 – 8, 1999
New York	August 20-21, 1999
Virginia (Contained in R.A.M.)	Nov. 19 – 20, 1999

I attended virtually all invitations to all Masonic and appendent bodies that were not in conflict with other events. Job's Daughters, DeMolay, Philalathes Society, Festivals, Joshua Assn., Brotherhood Night, George Washington Masonic Memorial Square and Compasses dedication in Alexandria, Virginia, Knight Templar Easter Sunrise service in Alexandria, York Rite Triennium in Wichita, Kansas, and uncounted Eastern Star functions to mention but a few.

I regret not being able to attend the Grand Convocations in Massachusetts and Maine due to conflicting Masonic activities.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

September 23, 1999, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Maryland for Herman Maurice Gonzalez, 24 Fox Chase Drive, Elkton, Maryland 21921.

September 30, 1999, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Maryland for James Walter Abel, 172 Bennett Lane, North East, Maryland 21901.

October 4, 1999, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Pennsylvania for Wesley A. Coote, F106-625 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 19602.

All were returned favorable and I extend my warmest regards to our sister jurisdictions for their fraternal consideration.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

May 10, 1999, Arkansas to Delaware, Companion Samuel G. Weaver

June 30, 1999, Ohio to Delaware, Companion John A. Weyrauch.

June 30, 1999, Illinois to Delaware, Companion Fred H. Koller.

August 13, 1999, New York to Delaware, David D. Goodwin. This was a special pleasure to be able to present this in person to Companion Goodwin at their Annual Grand Convocation on August 21, 1999 in Fishkill, New York. This is a rare occurrence and opportunity.

October 15, 1999, Tennessee to Delaware, Companion Esco Levon Owens.

November 7, 1999, California to Delaware, Companion Raymond G. Dainty.

Appointments of Grand Representatives to sister Jurisdictions from Delaware:

Texas	Companion James R. Herrington
Wyoming	Companion Randall C. Mullen
Georgia	Companion Archie W. Bethard
Montana	Companion Lucien T. Lenhart
England & Wales	Companion Donald D. Thomas

Northeast Regional York Rite Conference, Laurel, Maryland, September 10 – 11, 1999. A well planned and executed effort to enlighten interested Companions and to promote the education of Freemasons who attend this worthwhile program. All who promoted, organized, taught, and participated are to be highly commended.

BIRTHDAY CARDS

Birthday greeting cards designed by Lady Nancy on her computer to reflect the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was sent to each member of the Grand Staff and His Lady this Cryptic year.

DINNER THEATER

Thirty Companions of the York Rite of Delaware and Ladies and Guests attended the Three Little Bakers Christmas Buffet Dinner and show. This is the Third Annual and a fourth is already planned.

FESTIVALS

I was unable to attend the Multi Jurisdictional Royal Arch Mason Festival on Saturday, October 9, 1999, due to a previous Masonic commitment.

I did attend and assisted in a state festival for the Councils of Cryptic Masons and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar along with Nur Temple A.A.O.M.M.S. It proved a great success with thirteen Companions being anointed.

I usually hesitate to start naming names when a joint effort is made to accomplish a noble purpose, and this time will prove no different. Each of you knows who you are and the effort you devoted to this project. Thank you all for your dedication.

CONDITION OF THE RITE

This perhaps should be titled the "Right Condition", because much can be said in a positive attitude.

The Rite, from my observation, thought not in a particularly "Macho" condition, it is healthy in the fact that we are showing growth. This is not to be construed that we can sit back and rest on our laurels, but like a clock's pendulum that must be pushed at certain intervals, and in the right direction to keep producing positive results. We must push at every opportunity for new petitions and new blood of the proper ilk that will produce the results for Cryptic Masonry we most desire, quality membership, growth, goals achieved and an acceptable public image to name but a few.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I have but one, and that is a double sided one, that I failed to activate since time slipped away leaving no time to initiate.

I still believe it could be possible to implement a Daylight Council in this Grand jurisdiction being the first side of the question, and the second being the Council to make use of the Masonic Home of Delaware to do so.

A second alternative would be Newport Masonic Temple, owing to the fact that a Daylight Royal Arch Masons Chapter are currently meeting there.

I would pray action along the line of this recommendation in the not too distant future, and challenge the Council Companions of this Jurisdiction to make this happen.

CONCLUSION

I thank God for the opportunity to have served the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and the Companions of Delaware for the ensuing Cryptic year, and likewise owe them both an eternal debt of gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
Most Illustrious Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Your Grand Treasurer is pleased to report that our assets have increased this year though not quite as much as last year. I feel that 5.5% is not too hard to take. Thanks to the tight fisted manner in which our Grand Secretary Donald D. Thomas has continued the spending of his office, our finances are in good shape. We should also thank Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark E. Irwin for starting our Permanent Fund in his year of reign. That Fund is now at \$847.01 and has potential for growth in the future. I think you will be pleased when you read the figures in the Proceedings.

The full accounting is listed below. Due to a reporting error last year, the IMMA balance for 2/15/99 has been adjusted to reflect an interest payment of \$28.02 that was missed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	IMMA SAVINGS 206110-389	CHECKING ACCOUNT 372746-018	INVEST. CD's	PERM. FUND
BALANCES				
2-15-99	6075.30	33.61	12478.02	690.89
DEPOSITS				
Receipts	1797.69			140.83
Transfer	255.48	1541.51		
Interest	146.24		512.13	15.29
DISBURSEMENTS				
Transfers				
Checking	1541.51			
IMMA			255.48	
Expenses		1546.89		
BALANCES				
2-15-00	6733.20	28.23	12734.67	847.01

YEAR TO YEAR SUMMARY

ASSETS	2-15-99	2-15-00	DIFFERENCE
Checking Account	33.61	28.23	(5.38)
IMMA Savings	6075.30	6733.20	657.90
Flex CD (Accruing)	5,880.23	6136.55	256.42
Flex CD (IMMA)	6,597.79	6597.79	00.00
Perm. Fund Savings	690.89	847.01	156.12
TOTAL ASSET	19277.82	20342.88	1065.06
Total Restricted	690.89	847.01	156.12
Total Unrestricted	18586.93	19495.87	908.94
TOTAL NET WORTH	19277.82	20342.88	1065.06

NET WORTH INCREASE 5.5%

I thank all for their cooperation this year for it has made the job much easier. It has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted

C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
Grand Treasurer

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Your Grand Recorder is delighted to have the pleasure to report again this year on the activities of this office. I note with pleasure that all requests from General Grand Council, Grand Lodge, our Constituent Councils, our Sister Jurisdictions and Bodies, and the Companions of this jurisdiction have, I believe, been handled punctually and in the best interests of this Grand Council. I am well pleased to note that it has been a very successful year for this Grand Council and this office and I sincerely thank the Companions for the pleasure afforded me in serving in this capacity.

As the Grand Treasurer has noted, the net worth of the Grand Council has again increased this year and that is surely a compliment to his astute, though often Spartan, financial management. In brief:

SUMMARY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

	2/15/99	2/15/00	Difference
Checking	33.61	28.23	(5.38)
Accruing CD	5880.23	6136.65	256.42
Transferring CD	6597.79	6597.79	0.00
IMMA	6075.30	6733.20	657.90
Perm. Fund Savings	<u>690.89</u>	<u>847.01</u>	<u>156.12</u>
Total	19277.82	20342.88	1065.06

Included in the above figures is a positive adjustment from the Treasurer in the IMMA starting balance of \$28.02 for interest earned in 1999 but not posted last year.

Overall a 5.5% increase in the overall worth of this Grand Council has been realized. Regretfully, the Permanent Fund grew by only \$156.12 and 10% of that was interest on the monies previously collected. Actual receipts were but \$140.83 and most of this from recycling of aluminum cans. One would think that we can do better than that.

From a membership perspective, I would note the following, however:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	CORR	GREET	AFFIL	REIN	DIED	DEMIT	SUS.	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	208	0	11	10	0	5	1	0	214	0
ADONIRAM	60	0	5	0	0	3	0	1	61	2
JOPPA	92	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	101	0
T. I. M.	55	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	55	55
TOTALS	415	0	26	11	0	10	1	1	431	57
NET GAIN	16									

This rather remarkable growth, following last year's gain, before prior year's adjustments, is a reflection of the great benefits that can be reaped when all the York Rite Bodies join and work together. My deepest compliments to all the Companions for their steadfast and earnest labors. It is very rewarding to see three of our four councils show an increase in membership for the year.

In examining the historical data, I regret to inform you that the expectation is that deaths will continue to run at a high rate for the next several years. The challenge, at least from a membership perspective, remains to reduce the number of suspensions and demits and increase the number of Greetings. This you have done magnificently this year.

We also find, with great pleasure and convenience, more and more of our Companions accessible through the Internet. Most Puissant General Grand Sentinel from my vantage point, the ability to communicate electronically with our General Grand Recorder Ronald Fullerlove and other Grand Recorders works very, very well. I find our General Grand Recorder to be most receptive to every request we make of him and the ease of accessing him remotely over the Internet makes the activities of this office very easy.

I wish to sincerely thank the Recorders of the Constituent Bodies for their hard labors this past year. Also my deepest thanks to our Grand Treasurer whose assistance throughout the year was, and is, deeply appreciated. Lastly, my thanks to our Most Illustrious Grand Master Sheldon L. Edwards and his Lady Nancy. It has indeed been a great pleasure to work with both of you in this fraternity - I surely bid you well in all your future endeavors.

Now my Companions it is time to bid you adieu from this office. I indeed believe I leave this office in good shape.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM
Grand Recorder

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Report of the Grand Recorder was received, and the portion dealing with finances referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The Supreme Master of the Universe, in His infinite compassion, has received those companions who have laid down their working tools during the past year. These were Companions of varying abilities and talents, who used them in varying degrees to serve their Master and their fellow men. Some served as unique role models to those of us who remain; others served quietly, and were less obvious workers in the “quarries”.

Their passing again confronts us with our mortality. We will also walk where they have sojourned. We will also appear before the Throne of Grace. May we profit by their several examples—learning from their wisdom, and avoid repeating their mistakes. And may we look forward to a glad heavenly reunion.

Let us pray:

Thou, O Lord, knowest our down-sitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. We affirm that we only live because you called us into being to love, and serve you. We again remember those of your sons who have gone before us. In faith, we affirm your justice and mercy as those Companions come before you. Give us good hope, so that we may bravely walk our earthly way, and look forward to a glad heavenly reunion. Open our hearts to your love and mercy each day of our lives. May your grace bless and keep us all. Amen.

So mote it be,

(The Rev.) James R. Herrington

REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR

Degree conferrals continue to be the highlight of our Cryptic Rite. The degree teams of Council numbers 2, 3 and 4 are still portraying the ritual in excellent form. Council number 1, for the first time in several years, conferred both degrees without the assistance of any Past Illustrious Masters.

Unfortunately, the openings and closing ritual in a couple of our Councils still remain to be a concern. Open ritual books have been noted on occasion. If we do not exhibit pride in our work, we cannot expect others to join with us.

Fraternally submitted,

Franklin R. Townsend, MIGM

CONTINUANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Grand Recorder regularly moved, and it was duly seconded, that this Grand Council, in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies meeting this weekend, continue with the Liability Insurance coverage program. It is anticipated that there will be a minor increase in costs this year over last year. *Motion Carried.*

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

As in the past most of the donations to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation are in the form of memorials by the constituent Councils with a few donations with dues payments. This year several Councils made donations to Grand Council on the occasion of the official visit.

It is recommended that each Illustrious Grand Master have a fund raising project to support this worthwhile charity.

Fraternally submitted,

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT, PLANNING AND EDUCATION

Selecting a suitable date to conduct a workshop was the first hurdle and possibly the most difficult, We attempted for several months, trying to avoid conflicting dates of the several bodies, and concluded that only one seminar would be conducted this year.

February 5th, 2000, Dover Masonic Temple, Dover, Delaware was chosen. Due and timely notice was given to all those present for the T. I. M. & H. O. H. P. degrees, as well as requesting the Illustrious Masters to include the date of the workshop in their bulletins.

Right Eminent Mark E. Irwin, Grand Commander, presented a program on protocol, one I'm certain of, on which most of us could use some additional enlightening. The members present had a very informative work session. Several topics were discussed in length, and the proper procedures noted and explained.

Consensus: More planning must be devoted by this committee, as only 16 members were present, and several of them were not current line officers.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles H. Lengel, M. I. P. G. M.

**REPORT OF THE 1999 GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL
MEETING COMMITTEE**

The responsibilities of the committee include the banquet, ladies' luncheon, men's luncheon and the facilities that provide the lodging of our distinguished guests.

Transportation was provided from the Ramada Inn to the Grand Lodge located at 818 Market Street and return at the specified time.

This year the men's luncheon was catered by the food service personnel from the Masonic Home, along with several Companions from St. John's Chapter.

We thank M.E. Richard L. Weaver, Grand High Priest, for making those arrangements.

The committee would like to thank M.I.P.G.M. Franklin R. Townsend, his Lady Joyce, and P.H.P. Howard Robertson, III, for stepping in and printing the banquet programs. It was greatly appreciated. We also would like to thank the three Grands whose ladies and friends supplied the Hospitality Room in fine fashion.

The committee recommends that the incoming chairmen of the York Rite Annual Convocation Committee begin their planning as soon as possible, thereby avoiding any unexpected changes.

Some highlights that may be of interest: The banquet served a total of 206, the men's luncheon 82 and the ladies' luncheon 49.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank all who willingly gave of their time and talent to make the festivities of the weekend a success.

Fraternally submitted,

The Committee

PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Proceedings of the Grand Council for 1999 have been prepared and distributed to all sister jurisdictions, constituent bodies, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, Lombardy Hall and other interested parties in a timely manner.

Costs of preparing and mailing the Annual Proceedings continues to rise and this year we experienced a change in the manner in which the printer determined his costs. Although this change appears quite acceptable and justifiable from his perspective, it resulted in an increase cost to this body. Another one of those 'unwritten' rules of the Grand Recorder's office was that Proceedings would be distributed as follows:

- . One copy to each Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
- . One copy to each line officer in the Grand Council line for the year of the Proceeding (via the Most Illustrious Grand Master of that year)
- . Two copies to each Grand Council in which we hold fraternal recognition
- . Six copies to each Constituent Council.
- . One copy to the Grand Lodge
- . One copy to Lombardy Hall
- . One copy to the Secretary of the Scottish Rite
- . One copy to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the year of the Proceeding
- . One copy each to the presiding Grand Master and the presiding Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

A copy of the Proceeding would be available for purchase for \$1.00 per copy.

The increased cost of the Proceedings suggests to this Committee that the sale cost be raised to \$3.00 per copy and we do so advise you of same.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who submitted their reports in a timely manner and particularly those who did so in an electronic format. To all, your reports are deeply appreciated, are easily handled and we thank you for all your labors on behalf of this Grand Body. The work you have done is important not only to this Grand Body but also to those of our Sister Jurisdictions with whom we share these Proceedings.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

Upon order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the previous recipients of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year and Adult Leadership Awards were assembled at the altar. The following report was then presented.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Awards and Special Recognition is happy to recommend Companions to receive the following awards.

Cryptic Mason of the Year

We the Committee take great pride in selecting Companion

David F. Coady

Illustrious Companion Coady is an ardent worker in all the quarries of Freemasonry, most particularly the York Rite Bodies and the Grand

Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware. His continued willingness to participate and lend his support to all Masonic endeavors is deeply appreciated by his Companions and Brethren in this jurisdiction. Companion Coady's efforts to interest and nurture new members into the Chapter, Council and Commandery makes him an individual well worthy of emulation.

Youth Service/Adult Leadership Award

Your Committee on Awards and Recognition is also very pleased to present for your consideration for the General Grand Council Cryptic Adult Leadership Award, an ardent worker in the quarries of Freemasonry. Our nominee is truly one of the quiet workers who, over many years, has dedicated himself to the service of the young men in Delaware.

Our nominee has been an advisor of the Newport DeMolay Chapter for almost forty years - identical to the time he has been a member of our Fraternity. During this period of time, advisory personnel have come, served their time and passed on to other activities but our nominee has prevailed. He has been through the highs and all the lows and continued to provide inspirational leadership to all that came his way. A tireless worker he has served DeMolay, many fold over, in all advisory capacities, including being coach of Newport's champion basketball teams of days gone by. On the state wide level he currently serves as State Treasurer.

Over the years, several hundred boys have proudly and respectfully addressed him as Dad. In like manner and for like reasons, we are humbled and honored to propose

J. DAVID GOSS

to receive the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International Adult Leadership Award for this year.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

Charles H. Lengel, Chairman

Both of these awards were made with great pleasure at the Friday evening Banquet where the recipients were in the company of their devoted wives.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

Support of the day camp and youth sports facility operated by the YMCA on land leased by it from the Trustee continues to be the principle activity of the Hanby Trust.

In 1999 a cash grant in the amount of \$67,800.00 was made to support

this program. This amount is considerably higher than the \$43,000.00 distributed last year and was the result of the increase in the stock market and the required distribution of the market value by the IRS.

As with previous grants the funds have been used for the general expenses of operating the camp, with particular emphasis on helping to defray the camping fees of underprivileged children.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM, Governor

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND

In 1997, the then Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark E. Irwin initiated a Permanent Fund for our Grand Council, with an opening amount of \$264.50. As of the end of this fiscal year the fund balance is \$847.01. This account has increased this past year by the modest amount of \$156.12 almost all of which from interest on the account and Aluminum Can sales. Your Committee is pleased to acknowledge an increase in the Fund but truly believes that much greater effort needs to be put forth to grow the investment. We would particularly point out that the Fund charter calls for each Grand Illustrious Master to have a program to support the Permanent Fund.

Fraternally Submitted,

C. Granville McVey, MIPGM

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT

At their stated Assembly of December 29, 1999 of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4, Companion James R. Herrington, Illustrious Master elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 was duly elected an affiliated members of that Council. The Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was then conferred upon them in a most proficient manner by the Officers of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 with M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey assuming the role of Benaiah and M.I.P.G.M. Richard L. Scarlott delivering King David's Charge. Following the degree conferral, Thrice Illustrious Master Herrington was presented with the Jewel of his office. In attendance at this meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Sheldon L. Edwards together with several members of his staff and Most Puissant Mark E. Irwin, General Grand Captain of the Guard, of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. The Most Illustrious Grand Master said that he hoped that each of our Councils would have an enjoyable year. The next degree conferral is scheduled for December 27, 2000 at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware commencing at 6:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM
Recorder, TIM No. 4

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

The Jurisprudence Committee was most pleased to be able to review the address of our Most Illustrious Grand Master Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. that was presented here this day for your listening pleasure.

We the committee are in complete agreement that our Most Illustrious Grand Master has served this Grand Council with the Zeal and Dedication that characterizes his devotion to the Cryptic Rite. His acceptance in other Grand Jurisdictions only highlights his persona as a person and Mason. Supported by his loving wife Nancy they have spread the cement of brotherly love and affection generously in their visits to other Grand Jurisdictions.

We the committee find the dispensations and waivers of jurisdiction granted by our Most Illustrious Grand Master to be with-in the rights and prerogatives of his office and therefore to be accepted without reservation.

The Grand Master's presence at many official and casual visitations to the Constituent Councils of Delaware have been beneficial and enlightening by giving encouragement to the officers and members to promote Cryptic Masonry to the Masonic fraternity. His high visibility at many of the appendant bodies only illuminates his love for masonry.

We are truly pleased by the appointment of five (5) new Grand Representatives by our Most Illustrious Grand Master to the sister jurisdiction of Texas (where everything is bigger), Wyoming (ride -em cowboy), Georgia (you all hurry back), Montana (mustang country), and England & Wales (tally-ho). These appointments will only lead to a strengthening of the bonds of brotherly love between the jurisdiction of Delaware and those jurisdictions so named.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master has not only served this Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware with distinction and honor for which we are grateful, but has been installed into the office of Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Region and also serves as the General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter R.A.M. International. Now, as if this wasn't enough to keep him busy, he is also serving as a committee member of the General Grand Chapter O.E.S. Shriner's Hospital. We the officers and members of Cryptic Masonry in Delaware can only wish for you and your loving wife Nancy, who supports you with all her heart, future happiness and good fortune in all your endeavors.

Good luck and God bless you.

Fraternally submitted,

John B. Dorsey, MIPGM

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was ordered printed in the Proceedings of the Annual Assembly.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON ADMISTRATIVE MATTERS

Jurisprudence is in receipt of a request from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of France requesting recognition of that body. We find this Grand Council of France to be in order. We thus, with pleasure, recommend that we recognize the Grand Council of France without the interchange of Grand Representatives and Proceedings. Jurisprudence moves for the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion was duly seconded and APPROVED.**

Jurisprudence is in receipt of a recommendation from the Grand Recorder which states:

Amend Article 12 which deals with deals with the Annual Returns of Councils to Grand Council to include as the last sentence:

Any Council whose returns are not so made shall forfeit and pay to the Grand Council Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for such neglect.

Jurisprudence finds this request to be in order and accepts it as a First Reading.

Fraternally submitted,

John B. Dorsey, MIPGM

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Most Illustrious Grand Master recognized Most Illustrious Frank L. Blades, Grand Master of Cryptic Mason of New Jersey, who expressed the appreciation of the guests for the hospitality and pleasures that had been extended to them and wished for our Most Illustrious Grand Master and this Grand Council continued success in all their endeavors. He noted of the close ties that existed for such a long period of time between New Jersey and Delaware and prayed that they would long continue.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Finance reports that we have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them in order. Checks were not supported by vouchers as has been recommended in the past. The portion of the Grand Recorder's Report that deals with finances should be presented in the same format as prior Grand Recorders in which revenues and expenses were itemized. The official record is the Annual Proceedings and it is the only place these items are preserved for posterity.

The net worth of this Grand Council continues to grow almost every year. The committee recommends acceptance of their reports for the year just ended.

It was unfortunate the copier broke just before Grand Sessions.

The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer are to be commended for their zeal, for all of their efforts and for their insight in guiding the finances of this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PMIGM

PROPOSED GRAND COUNCIL 2000 BUDGET

Description	1996 Actual	1997 Actual	1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Proposed
Income:	1,664.40	1,682.89	1,683.34	2,199.41	1,700.00
Expenses:					
Gen. Grand Council Per Capita	128.80	125.65	142.10	122.85	130.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	96.20	122.58	37.95	120.05	125.00
Copier/copies	65.33		34.48	17.83	45.00
Insurance Share	60.00	29.00	23.67	28.00	32.00
Postage	32.00		41.23	51.93	75.00
Printing/mailling proceedings	965.23	502.00	578.47	467.24	500.00
Annual Assembly		105.20			
Rituals		20.00			
Education Committee					
Grand Lodge for GWMNM				100.00	
DeMolay advertisement				30.00	
Miscellaneous			13.98		
Bible for DeMolay - shared cost					45.00
Total Expenses	1,422.56	979.43	946.88	1,012.90	1,027.00
Adjust expenses to proper year	-482.62	51.77	-51.77		
Adjusted Annual Expense	939.94	1,031.20	895.11	1,012.90	1,027.00
One Time Expenses:					
Gd. Council aprons/cases/jewels					2,500.00
Reimbursable Expenses:					
Dues cards				533.90	
GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	939.94	1,031.20	895.11	1,546.80	3,527.00

Note: One time expenses are paid from accrued earnings.

On motion regularly made, and seconded the above Budget was APPROVED.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Fraternally submitted,

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PMIGM

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The Most Illustrious Grand Master recognized Right Puissant Oliver D. Mereness, General Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, who provided the following address to the Companions assembled.

M. I. Grand Master, M. W. Grand Master and my Companions all.

First I want to thank for the warm greeting and for all the courtesies you have extended to my wife, Betty and me this weekend.

As most of you know I have been able to be present at your annual assembly for the past 8 years. Yes, I am even a survivor of '93. Even that did not stop me from coming back. Except for that one glitch, I have had a warm fraternal relationship from the York Rite Masons of Delaware, which I hope continues for many years.

Our General Grand Master Charles Van Etten has asked us to bring a few items to your attention.

1st He asks us to have as many family oriented programs as we can so that our families do not become disenchanted with our involvement in Masonry.

2nd To continue to support the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation. There are visual aids available from the General Grand

Recorders office. Use them to develop an awareness of your philanthropy. This might be combined with a program with your families.

3rd Plan now to attend the NE Regional conference on September 9 of this year. More information will be forthcoming but you will never have a better opportunity to attend since it will be held in New Castle. This will give you fewer excuses not to attend.

I do want to share with you a small quote from that most prolific of all writers - anonymous. I found this many years ago (1965) when I was serving as District Deputy in the Council and it is as true now as then.

“One road there is which every living thing must travel - the road to the future. The choice of where it will lead still seems to lie with us, but no one can say with certainty that this is so.

The road to the future is enigmatic, springing into being only as we set our feet to it. Revealing itself only as it becomes the past visible in the rear view mirror of history. Yet even though we must walk it under these handicaps, we have learned to read certain signposts of the past and present. How we react to these may well determine whether we march uphill to success or take the downward path to mediocrity.”

Now since I am all that is standing between us and lunch let me thank you once again for all your kindness and lets go eat.

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Representatives of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Adoniram Council No. 2 and Joppa Council No. 3 requested permission to meet the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Puissant Grand Sentinel at the altar. Permission being granted, they there presented, on behalf of their respective Councils, donations to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

Most Illustrious Palmer E. Martin, Past Grand Master of Vermont was then recognized and, on behalf of his wife Nadine and himself, presented \$67.00 to the Grand Council to be added to their contribution to the CMMRF. These monies having been collected at the Friday Night Banquet from a one-third sale of ‘snow flakes’. An equal amount was contributed to Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. The ‘snow flake’ symbolically reminds and commemorates the Great Blizzard that occurred during the Annual Meetings of 1993 stranding many of the visitors in Delaware for at least one extra day. On behalf of this Grand Council and the General Grand Council philanthropic program, Grand Master Edwards expressed his sincere appreciation to Companion Palmer and Lady Nadine.

On behalf of the foundation, Right Puissant Mereness expressed his sincere appreciation for these generous contributions.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

There being no further Committee Reports to be formally presented before this Grand Council, Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of the Grand Council for all their efforts during the past year.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Edwards announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year. The results of the Election, by acclamation, were as follows:

M. I. Grand Master	William J. Littel
R. I. Deputy Grand Master	John Losten
R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Albert H. Westerside
M. I. Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
M. I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

The Grand Recorder then noted that he had been advised by Adoniram Council No. 2 that they wish to propose the name of Illustrious Companion Archie W. Bethard for the station of Grand Captain of the Guard.

On the basis of this recommendation, Grand Master elect William J. Littel then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Archie W. Bethard
I. Grand Chaplain	Harold J. Dilks
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Maurice C. Barnes
I. Grand Marshal	James T. Elliott, Jr.
I. Grand Steward	David F. Coady
I. Grand Sentinel	Albert J. Miller

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Franklin R. Townsend with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master John B. Dorsey serving as Grand Marshal.

PRESENTATIONS

Right Puissant Oliver L. Mereness requested that Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Sheldon L. Edwards accompany him to the altar. He then presented to Most Illustrious Companion Edwards a Past Grand Master's jewel with the sincere best wishes of the Grand Council and General Grand Council.

APPOINTMENTS

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then directed the Grand Recorder to read the Committee appointments for the ensuing year. The first named to be the Chairman of each Committee:

Jurisprudence

John B. Dorsey, M.I.P.G.M.
M.I.P.G.M.
C. Granville McVey, M.I.P.G.M.
Mark E. Irwin, M.I.P.G.M.

Finance

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.
Eugene R. Small

Leadership and Education

F. R. Townsend (2000-Council)
D. Thomas (2001-Commandery)
Mark E. Irwin (2002-Chapter)

Grand York Rite Annual Meeting

R. A. Wasson (2000-Chapter)
Archie W. Bethard (2001-Council)
G. T. Taylor (2002-Commandery)
Charles J. Conley

Grand Inspectors

Franklin R. Townsend,
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. M.I.P.G.M.
Maurice C. Barnes

Constitution and Statutes

Charles W. Barkins, M.I.P.G.M.
Maynard H. Mires, M.I.P.G.M.

Youth

F. R. Townsend (2000-Council)
G. T. Taylor (2001-Commandery)
R. E. Wasson (2002-Chapter)

Awards and Special Recognition

Mark E. Irwin, M.I.P.G.M. (2000)
F. R. Townsend, M.I.P.G.M. (2001)
S. L. Edwards, M.I.P.G.M. (2002)

Memorials

Harold J. Dilks

James R. Herrington

Governor Albert T. Hanby Trust

Richard A. Scarlott, M.I.P.G.M.

General Grand Council Benevolent Foundation

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., M.I.P.G.M. Horace Patterson, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.

REMARKS OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER LITTEL

Most Worshipful William T. Wadkins, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Right Puissant Gordon Kimball, Regional Deputy General Grand Master, Right Puissant Mark E. Irwin, General Grand Captain of the Guard, Right Puissant Oliver Mereness, General Grand Sentinel, Most Excellent William Schoene, Jr., General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International. All distinguished guests from our sister jurisdictions and companions all.

It is a great honor to be able to stand here humbly today as your Illustrious Grand Master as we start this 21st century and the new millennium. What a challenge! I promise my very best efforts to lead this Grand Council. I want to congratulate our out going Grand Master Edwards for having a most successful year.

This coming year I plan to have some projects to improve York Rite Masonry and most especially Cryptic Masonry, to make our meetings more meaningful. With the wealth of good speakers here in Delaware, it will make our programs interesting and with better communications, improve the attendance. With all our Councils located within good locations throughout the state, we must work to improve the petitions for membership in all the York Rite Bodies.

I was sitting in a Chapter meeting last week, when the Illustrious Master of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, at the closing of the Chapter, spoke on Cryptic Masonry with the \$15.00 petition fee. It is the best investment Chapter members could make to receive further light in the Freemasonry. Let's continue this approach to enlighten our Blue Lodge members and strengthen our York Rite members and work towards having a one day class in the future.

The members I have selected to serve on my Grand Staff this year are all dedicated and active companions. They will all work to improve our Cryptic Masonry in Delaware.

As Masons, we are taught never to enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessings of Deity, for this purpose I direct the Grand Marshall to conduct the Grand chaplain to the Altar where he may offer up prayer to help council and guide this Grand Staff.

Companions, I thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Littel,
Most Illustrious Grand Master

VISITATION SCHEDULE

The schedule of visitations to the Constituent Councils was then announced by the Grand Recorder as follows:

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	September 27, 2000
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	April 5, 2000
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	December 5, 2000
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 27, 2000

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date and place of the 75th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, March 10, 2001, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:35 A.M. The Companions then repaired to the Fourth Floor Banquet Hall of the Grand Opera House for lunch.

ATTEST:

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM
Grand Recorder

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

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| *Harvey W. Bentley, 1926-1927 | *Royden L. Hammond, 1927-28 |
| *George O. Fearon, 1928-29 | *John McMillan, 1929-30 |
| *Cornelius E. Beatty, 1930-31 | *Herman H. Hanson, 1931-32 |
| *Harry L. Holson, 1932-33 | *Clarence B. Hess, 1933-34 |
| *J. Wallace Woodford, 1934-35 | *Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1935-36 |
| *Thomas R. Saunders, 1936-37 | *John P. LeFevre, 1937-38 |
| *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1938-39 | *Harry W. Kennedy, 1939-40 |
| *George S. Buhl, 1940-41 | *Andrew J. Bock, 1941-42 |
| *R. Earle Dickey, 1942-43 | *William H. Cantwell, 1943-44 |
| *Charles S. Cahoon, 1944-45 | *Frank B. Newell, 1945-47 |
| *Harry R. Craig, 1947 | *James Carswell, 1948 |
| *M. Haswell Pierce, 1949 | *Walter L. Conway, 1950 |
| *George E. Vandegrift, 1951 | *J. Ralph Carey, 1952 |
| *Harry V. Holloway, 1953 | *Irwin R. Murray, 1954 |
| *Howard C. Barlow, 1955 | *Henry S. Young, 1956 |
| *J. Henry McDonnell, 1957 | *Stephen E. Hamilton, 1958 |
| *Percy W. Gardner, 1959 | *Alfred E. Yeaton, 1960 |
| *F. Irving Crow, 1961 | *Emerson Keeler, 1963 |
| *Raymond A. Howard, 1964 | *John J. McClearnen, 1965 |
| Chester C. Coffin, 1966 | *Rhey H. Smith, 1967 |
| *Warren R. Gray, 1968 | *C. Ray Scarborough, 1969 |
| *Ernest H. Martyn, 1970 | *A. Warren Wheatley, 1972 |
| *James L. Crouse, 1973 | *John M. Johnson, 1974 |
| *E. Paul Wootten, 1975 | *Richard H. Thomas, 1976 |
| #James H. Durrill, 1977 | *Dallas E. Marvel, 1978 |
| Charles W. Barkins, 1979 | *Paul E. Hurter, 1980 |
| James H. Hutchins, 1981 | *Raymond M. Savage, 1982 |
| Henry G. Law, 1983 | W. Thomas Musser, 1984 |
| Donald D. Thomas, 1985 | Lewis J. Blackwell, 1986 |
| Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987 | Horace G. Patterson, Jr., 1988 |
| C. Granville McVey, 1989 | *T. Eugene Womach, 1990 |
| Richard A. Scarlott, 1991 | Maynard H. Mires, Jr., 1992 |
| James A. Pletz, 1993 | Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1994 |
| Charles H. Lengel, Jr. 1995 | John B. Dorsey, 1996 |
| Mark E. Irwin, 1997 | Franklin R. Townsend, 1998 |
| Sheldon L. Edwards, 1999 | |

GRAND TREASURERS

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *John McMillan, 1925-27 | Alfred E. Yeaton, 1969-80 |
| *Harvey W. Bentley, 1927-33 | Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86 |
| *John McMillan, 1933-52 | Henry G. Law, 1987-91 |
| *James Carswell, 1953-66 | C. Granville McVey, 1992-94 |
| *Paul Yearsley, 1967-68 | Donald D. Thomas, 1995 |
| | C. Granville McVey, 1996-00 |

GRAND RECORDERS

*Marshall M. Carpenter, 1925-38	*John J. McClearnen, 1973-75
*Harvey W. Bentley, 1938-39	Henry G. Law, 1976-80
*Marshall M. Carpenter, 1939-56	*C. Ray Scarborough, 1981-91
*Alfred H. Coe, 1957-64	Henry G. Law, 1992-94
*Raymond A. Howard, 1965-70	C. Granville McVey, 1995
#Lawrence B. Jones, 1971-72	e Donald D. Thomas, 1996-99
Mark E. Irwin, 2000	

e- Excused * - Deceased # - Suspended

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

p Chester C. Coffin	1975	NONE AWARDED	1987
* Raymond A. Howard	1976	p James A. Pletz	1988
* James L. Crouse	1977	* James Richardson	1989
Henry G. Law	1978	p Charles Lengel, Jr.	1990
* C. Ray Scarborough	1979	p Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	1991
* Robert Parke, Jr.	1980	p John B. Dorsey	1992
* Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1981	NONE AWARDED	1993
Lewis J. Blackwell	1982	John N. Phillos	1994
* J. Norman Nicklas	1983	NONE AWARDED	1995
p Richard A. Scarlott	1984	p James T. Elliott, Jr.	1996
p C. Granville McVey	1985	p Maurice C Barnes	1997
John A. Irwin	1986	p Eugene R. Small	1998
		pDavid F. Coady	1999

**RECIPIENTS OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

* Marion C.T. Townsend	1983	* Walter D. Wagner	1991
* J. Norman Nicklas	1984	p Eugene R. Small	1992
David B. Craig, Jr.	1985	George W. Taylor	1993
James H. Hutchins	1986	Robert R. Hiddeman	1994
p Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1987	NONE AWARDED	1995
Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.	1988	p Donald E. Rosenberry	1996
p James A. Pletz	1989	p G. Thomas Taylor	1997
p Franklin R. Townsend	1990	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1998
		J. David Goss	1999

**RECIPIENTS OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MEDAL OF HONOR**

Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Near the Grand Council of Delaware</u>	<u>State or Province</u>	<u>From the Grand Council of Delaware</u>
*Eugene R. Small	ALABAMA	Samuel G. Weaver
Donald F. Taylor	ALASKA	Russell A. Kenderick
Horace G. Patterson, Jr.	ARIZONA	David W. Blood
*John Losten	ARKANSAS	Samuel G. Weaver
*James A. Pletz	CALIFORNIA	Raymond G. Dainty
Samuel L. Mellin	COLORADO	Lawrence McCurry
*Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	CONNECTICUT	Richard L. Smail
*John B. Dorsey	DIST. of COLUMBIA	Scott M. Applebee
*C. Granville McVey	EASTERN CANADA	D. D. MacIntosh
Donald D. Thomas	ENGLAND & WALES	Robert Keith Hind
Edward J. Fields	FLORIDA	Charles Lee Hollinger
*Archie W. Bethard	GEORGIA	Bobby L. Byrd
*Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	GERMANY	Walter E. Eichen
Charles E. Farrell	HAWAII	Thomas L. Wilkerson
Harry D. Newell	IDAHO	M. William Echo
*James T. Elliott, Jr.	ILLINOIS	Fred H. Koller
G. Richard Ward	INDIANA	Robert F. Price
*Wayne T. Slack	IOWA	George R. McCormick
Carl E. Buffington	KANSAS	F. Earl Riley
John A. Irwin	KENTUCKY	Douglas F. Long
*Franklin R. Townsend	LOUISIANA	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
W. Thomas Musser	MAINE	Colwyn F. Haskell
*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	MARYLAND	Clifton R. Friel
*Warren F. Schueler, Sr.	MASSACHUSETTS	Gerald H. Pass
*Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	MICHIGAN	Bart A. Porter
Charles B. Ware	MINNESOTA	Steven Score
*C. William Tulloch	MISSISSIPPI	Billy Frank Smith
*Franklin R. Townsend	MISSOURI	Alvin E. Gerstenschlager
Lucien T. Lenhart	MONTANA	Raymond O. Sweeten
D. Julian Massey	NEBRASKA	Ronald D. Grass
*David F. Coady	NEVADA	William G. Roberts
Lewis J. Blackwell	NEW HAMPSHIRE	Thomas G. LaBerge
*William J. Littel	NEW JERSEY	Robert J. Sheridan
David B. Harman	NEW MEXICO	John E. Smith
*Albert H. Westerside	NEW YORK	*David Goodwin
*Mark E. Irwin	NORTH CAROLINA	Otis V. Jones, Jr.
*Maurice C. Barnes	NORTH DAKOTA	Harley R. Kingsbury
*Richard A. Scarlott	OHIO	John A. Weyrauch
Eugene W. Knapp	OKLAHOMA	Charles L. Stuckey
Henry Y. Lutton	ONTARIO	R. Frank Russell
S. Robert Lyons	OREGON	Willie Jones
*Chester C. Coffin	PENNSYLVANIA	Edward L. Helgerman
*C. William Tulloch	PHILIPPINES	Evaristo A. Leviste
Henry G. Law	RHODE ISLAND	Herbert E. S. Clark, Jr.
*C. G. McVey	SCOTLAND	Robert B. Black
John N. Phillos	SOUTH CAROLINA	Wilson C. Hardee
Richard E. Wise	SOUTH DAKOTA	Milton Edny
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	TENNESSEE	Esco Levon Owens
*James R. Herrington	TEXAS	H. Earl Halmon
Robert J. Lomax	UTAH	William J. Westbrook
James H. Hutchins	VERMONT	Guy Oldenburg
*Albert J. Miller	WASHINGTON	William C. Cannon
*Freeman R. Smith	WESTERN CANADA	John F. Dobell
C. Parker Moore	WISCONSIN	Clarence A. McElmurry
Randall C. Mullen	WYOMING	Charles Gregg

* - Present e - Excused

**GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS
RECOGNIZED BY
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE**

ALABAMA	Arthur C. Harding	P.O. Box 320262 Birmingham, 35232
ALASKA	David A. Hunt	P.O. Box 100641 Anchorage, 99510-0641
ARIZONA	Gilbert J. Eno	2340 E. University #23 Tempe, 85281-4733
ARKANSAS	Homer F. Chamness	P.O. Box 24 Fort Smith, 72902-0024
CALIFORNIA	Kenneth G. Hope	801 Elm Avenue Long Beach, 90813
COLORADO	Gerald A. Ford	1614 Welton Street #503 Denver, 80202-4222
CONNECTICUT	Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	35 Elaine Mary Drive Windsor, 06095-1714
DISTRICT of COLUMBIA	Solomon Zeidman	1303 Evanstone Avenue Rockville, 20853
EASTERN CANADA	H.C.L. Woodhams	P.O. Box 164 Middle Musquodoboil, Halifax, NS B0N 1X0
ENGLAND & WALES	T. J. Lewis	86 St. James Street London, SW1A 1PL
FLORIDA	Wm. Robert Young	P.O. Box 1597 Cocoa, 32923-1597
GEORGIA	James E. Moseley	811 Mulberry Street Macon, 31298
GERMANY	Robert C. Simpson	Hauptstrasse1C Clausen D-66978
HAWAII	Rev. John Connell	1227 Makiki Street Honolulu, 96814
IDAHO	M. William Echo	P.O. Box 50536 Idaho Falls, 83405
ILLINOIS	Ronald E. Fullerlove	P.O. Box 157 Moline, 61266-0157

INDIANA	Thomas D. Barton	P. O. Box 221 Kingston, 46148
IOWA	John Harris Watts	P.O. Box 107 Grand Junction, 50107
KANSAS	Thomas Owen	P.O. Box 1217 Topeka, 66601
KENTUCKY	John F. Kirby	P.O. Box 489 Danville, 40423-0489
LOUISIANA	Huston F. Boothe	41325 South Preston Road Hammond, 70403
MAINE	Robert D. Chaput	29 Hillside Drive Hampden, 04444
MARYLAND	William G. Gulley	486 Williamsburg Lane Odenton, 21113
MASSACHUSETTS	Raymond F. Fleck	12 Vernon Street Norwood, 02062
MICHIGAN	Donald Himes	57347 Copper Creek Road Washington Township, 48094
MINNESOTA	Stanley Morrill	P.O. Box 401 Fergus Falls, 56538-0401
MISSISSIPPI	Fred F. Bean	P.O. Box 1030 Meridian, 39301
MISSOURI	Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	300B S. Belt, PO Box 6456 St. Joseph, 63506-0456
MONTANA	Charles F. Tesch	1923 10 th Avenue South Great Falls, 59405
NEBRASKA	Jay H. Speck	P.O. Box 292 Fremont, 68025
NEVADA	Russell M. Wilde	2321 Meadowbrook Lane Carson City, 89701-5724
NEWFOUNDLAND	Colin Forward	P.O. Box 291 Baie Verte, A0K 1B0
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Arnold M. Ashley	P. O. Box 246 Dover, 03821-0246
NEW JERSEY	Samuel Kernaghan	9 Lafayette Place

Irvington, 07111

NEW MEXICO	Arland M. Blackburn	P.O. Box 718 Farmington, 87417-0718
NEW YORK	Fred G. Hickein	9 Pine Street Oneonta, 13820-1922
NORTH CAROLINA	Robert A. Schafer	P. O. Box 17212 Rayleigh, 27619
NORTH DAKOTA	Orlando V. Ellingson	2724 Valleyview Avenue Bismarck, 58501
OHIO	Merlyn E. Meredith	34 North 4th Street Columbus, 43215
OKLAHOMA	David A. Ray	1302 Cambridge Shawnee, 74801
ONTARIO	R. Allan Cadwallader	940 Beverley Road Sarnia, N7S 3L7
OREGON	Dalvin Hollaway	Box 767 Canyonville, 97417
PENNSYLVANIA	Lee N. Whitaker	550 Bunnymead Avenue Harrisburg, 17111
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RHODE ISLAND	Sidney Cliffors	60 Freeman Parkway Providence, 02906
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TEXAS	Eldon L. Brooks	P.O. Box 296 Waco, 76703
UTAH	Owen C. Orton	4220 South 4900 West West Valley City, 84120-4823
VERMONT	Phillip D. Goss	49 East Road-Berlin Barre, 05641-5390
WASHINGTON	James W. Nisbet	149 Elm Avenue Chehalis, 98532-9010
WESTERN CANADA	Donald B. Russell	1532-30 th Ave. S.W.

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WISCONSIN

Milton F. Gregory

36275 Sunset Drive
Dousman, 53118

WYOMING

Kenneth S. Watts

506 West Park Ave.
Riverton, 82501

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

James R. Herrington	Illustrious Master
Robert V. McDowell, III	Deputy Master
Herbert J. Atkinson	Principal Conductor of the Work
William J. Littel, PIM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PIM	Recorder
Lionel Hunter	Captain of the Guard
David H. Laucius	Conductor of the Council
Charles Hart	Steward
Howard L. Robertson	Chaplain
C. Norwood Hudson	Sentinel

GREETED

James W. Abel	Herman M. Gonzalez
Anthony J. Amato	James R. Hanby
Wesley R. Bumpers	William B. Neal
Andrew J. Casey	David E. Pletz
Richard E. Crozier	Peter Tyrrell
Walter L. Douglas	Milton D. Wood

AFFILIATED

J. Harold Dilks

DEMITTED

Glenn W. Smith

SUSPENDED

NONE

DIED

John Arnold Bair	Thomas B. Kuhn
Harry E. Donaldson	Albert F. Rosevich
Alfred E. Yeaton, M.I.P.G.M.	

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

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| *Harry J. Guthrie, 1918 | *Frank B. Newell, 1919 |
| *George L. Dickerson, 1920 | *Cornelius E. Beatty, 1921 |
| *Harvey W. Bentley, 1922 | *David D. King, Jr., 1923 |
| *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1924 | *John McMillan, 1925 |
| *Clarence B. Hess, 1926 | *Henry M. Laws, 1927 |
| *Harry W. Kennedy, 1928 | *Thomas R. Saunders, 1929 |
| *Frank L. Harrar, 1930 | *Harry R. Craig, 1931 |
| *Howard G. Barlow, 1932 | *Andrew J. Bock, Jr., 1933 |
| *William H. Cantwell, 1934-35 | *Edward H. Naylor, Jr., 1936 |
| *George E. Vandegrift, 1937 | *James Carswell, 1938 |
| *Paul H. Horsey, 1939 | *Stephen E. Hamilton, 1940 |
| *John A. Baker, 1941 | *Henry I. Law, 1942 |
| *Howard W. Kleitz, 1943 | *Joseph Mackereth, 1944 |
| *Harry L. Skelton, 1945 | *Oliver P. Hewes, 1946 |
| *Russell C. Matchett, 1947 | *J. Irwin Shaffer, 1948 |
| *Henry S. Young, 1949 | *Raymond B. Phillips, 1950 |
| *Winston R. Sharpe, 1951 | *Alfred E. Yeaton, 1952 |
| *F. Irving Crow, 1953 | *John M. Johnson, 1954 |
| *Charles E. Green, 1955 | *Warren R. Gray, 1956-57 |
| *Raymond A. Howard, 1958 | *Paul Yearsley, 1959 |
| Carl E. Buffington, 1960 | *Powell E. Craig, 1961 |
| *Edwin Chester, 1962 | *Ernest H. Martyn, 1963 |
| *Gustave A. Peterson, 1964 | *F. Llewellyn Hanway, 1965 |
| +George S. Flumerfelt, 1966 | *J. Rowland Reed, 1967 |
| *Paul E. Hurter, 1968 | *Richard H. Thomas, 1969 |
| #Lawrence B. Jones, 1970 | *John S. Proud, 1971 |
| +Thomas C. Jones, 1972 | *Claude P. Davidson, 1973 |
| S. Robert Lyons, 1974 | *Harry V. Felmev, 1975 |
| Robert Parke, Jr., 1976 | Henry G. Law, 1977 |
| *Samuel B. Rash, Jr., 1978 | W. Thomas Musser, 1979 |
| *Kenneth J. Pyle, 1980 | *Walter D. Wagner, 1981 |
| Horace G. Patterson, Jr., 1982 | Donald D. Thomas, 1983 |
| Richard A. Scarlott, 1984 | C. Granville McVey, 1985 |
| John Losten, 1986 | #Eddie Peterson, 1987 |
| James A. Pletz, 1988 | Franklin R. Townsend, 1989 |
| William J. Littel, 1990 | Charles H. Lengel, Jr., 1991 |
| John B. Dorsey, 1992 | Eugene R. Small, 1993 |
| James T. Elliott, Jr., 1994 | Albert J. Miller, 1995 |
| Albert H. Westerside, 1996 | Warren F. Schueler, Sr., 1997 |
| Wayne T. Slack, 1998 | Randall C. Mullen, 1999 |

* Deceased + - Withdrawn # - Suspended

COMPANIONS

Abel, James W.
 Amato, Anthony J.
 Angeny, John D., IV
 Aniceto, Cesar Espinosa
 Athan, William Harry
 Atkinson, Herbert John
 Atkinson, Thomas W.
 Austin, Stephen Porter
 Bair, Robert M.
 Banning, Monte Clair, Jr.
 Battaglia, Frank Anthony
 Baunchalk, James Robert
 Benson, Robert Alan
 Bergstrom, Harry Gustaf
 Bergstrom, Jay Carl
 Biggs, Raymond Nelson
 Boas, Edward E., Jr.
 Brackin, Jay Robert
 Brackin, Harold H., II
 Brittingham, James Marshall
 Brownmiller, Paul F., Jr.
 Buffington, Carl E.
 Burke, Edward Aloysius, Jr.
 Burns, William J.
 Campbell, Charles Clark
 Candy, Walter W.
 Casey, Andrew Jack
 Chambers, Richard Arthur
 Champ, Raymond E.
 Childress, Raymond Curtis
 Christman, Robert D.
 Cline, George Tinsley
 Conley, Glen Douglas
 Conley, Charles J.
 Coughlan, Jack Coolidge
 Craig, George David
 Craig, Arthur Grooms
 Crouse, Jesse W.
 Crozier, Richard E.
 Dahlstrom, Chester Gustaf
 Dalton, Scott Alan
 Davis, Glenn Francis
 Davis, George Clinton, Jr.
 Depfer, Charles Arthur
 Diehl, Harry Alfred
 Dilks, Harold
 Dorsey, John Basil
 Douglas, Walter L., Jr.
 Dreisbach, Carl Valentine, Jr.
 Duck, James Edward
 Edwards, Sheldon Lee, Sr.
 Elliott, James Thomas, Jr.
 Elliott, Vincent Thaddeus, Jr.
 Emerson, Earl Leon, Jr.
 Feine, Jeffrey R.
 Fleming, Paul L.
 Fortner, John Nathan
 Fraser, George K.
 Fulmer, Herbert P., II
 Gaffney, James Douglas
 Garland, Richard Wade
 George, Henry, IV
 Goldsborough, Richard D., Jr.
 Gonzalez, Herman M.
 Goodier, John Jefferis
 Green, Richard E.
 Gregg, Melvin E.
 Griffith, Howard A., Jr.
 Haefner, Theodore Edmund, Jr.
 Hanby, James R.
 Harkness, James
 Hart, Charles T.
 Hart, Brian L.
 Hart, Albert J.
 Hench, Glenn G.
 Hermann, Edward Charles
 Herrington, James Robert
 Hewes, Clayton William, III
 Hewes, Clayton William, Jr.
 Hiddemen, Robert Roan
 Hinde, William Morrilee
 Hitchens, Morris G.
 Holley, Gregory Brian
 Hudson, Calvin Norwood
 Hudson, James Norwood
 Hudson, Earl L.
 Hunter, Lionel D.
 Ingman, Bayard A.
 Jamison, Ronald Clarence
 Johnson, James Albert
 Johnson, Andrew C.
 Jordan, William Edward
 Kaufman, Joseph L.
 Keiser, Frank M.
 Kostem, Altay Saygin
 Krimmel, Lyman L.
 Kurtin, Carl E.
 Lamb, Charles Harvey, Jr.
 Laucius, David Hugh
 Law, Henry George
 Lee, Vernon Eugene
 Lengel, Scott Charles

Lengel, Charles Henry, Jr.
 Littel, William Johnson
 Littleton, Harold T.J.
 Lloyd, Benjamin Franklin, Jr.
 Lloyd, Carroll Robert
 Loeb, John A.
 Lokey, Walter Farlow
 Losten, John
 Loveless, Arthur Alvin, Jr.
 Lowe, Dean E.
 Lynch, George T. Jr.
 Lynn, Kenwood L.
 Lyons, S. Robert
 Maass, Charles
 Majors, David Leroy
 Malin, Walter P., Jr.
 Marra, Michael Anthony
 Mathews, James W.
 McDonald, Charles Hunter, Jr.
 McDowell, Robert Vincent, III
 McTague, Gregory George
 McVey, Charles Granville
 Meyer, Ernest H.
 Miller, Albert Joseph
 Minard, Martin Graham
 Mower, Wayne Delong, III
 Mullen, Randall Clarence
 Musgrove, Herbert H.
 Musser, W. Thomas
 Myslewicz, Walter Michael
 Napuda, George
 Neal, William B.
 Newth, Edwin Manners
 Norris, Kenneth James
 Nutter, Bernard Allen, Sr.
 Ozlanski, Gerald S.
 Parke, Robert, Jr.
 Parsons, Walter Leslie, Jr.
 Patterson, Horace Greeley, Jr.
 Pettit, Donald G.
 Pettit, Frederick L. Jr.
 Pletz, James Albert
 Pletz, David E.
 Pollock, Edward Harry
 Price, Thomas J.
 Pyle, Richard G.
 Quarto, Michael,
 Queen, Daniel James, III
 Ragan, Thomas L.
 Randall, Elmer W. Jr.
 Reinhart, Mishler Hutton
 Rensch, Gerald Mann
 Riddell, Gilbert Harvey
 Robertson, Howard Lister, III
 Rodeheaver, David Cordner
 Roland, Frederick S.

Rosenberry, Donald E.
 Ruby, Robert John, Jr.
 Russell, Theodore Samuel
 Sarbaugh, Harry Walter
 Scarlott, Richard Alan
 Schell, Ray Arthur
 Schneck, Donald Frederick
 Schreppler, George Bernard, III
 Schueler, Warren Frederick, Sr.
 Schutz, Wayne Marvin
 Selfridge, John McIntosh
 Seward, Alvin J. Jr.
 Shoop, Benjamin H.
 Simmonds, Thomas P.
 Simpson, David William
 Simpson, William, III
 Slack, Wayne Tyron
 Small, Eugene Richard
 Smith, Harvey Clark, Jr.
 Sobocinski, Neal Jon
 Stein, Edwin L. Sr.
 Stein, Edwin Lee, Jr.
 Steinbrunner, Karl
 Stern, Ellis Eaby, Jr.
 Stewart, Samuel
 Stover, Lloyd H. Sr.
 Sutton, Ronnal G.
 Swanson, Earl G.
 Sweeny, Charles Roe
 Talbott, Richard Lee
 Taylor, George Warren
 Taylor, George Thomas, III
 Teal, James Lanier
 Thomas, Donald Davis
 Thomasson, Benjamin Allen
 Townsend, Franklin Ray
 Townsend, Raymond L.
 Tulloch, Charles William
 Twyford, Douglas Allen
 Tyrell, Peter
 Vaughan, Francis Jerome
 Velebir, Rudolph
 Ventura, Thomas Joseph, Sr.
 Waecker, James Edward, Sr.
 Walls, J. Everett, Jr.
 Wasson, Robert Edward
 Watson, Ralph B. Jr.
 Weaver, Richard Lee
 Weber, Lloyd Martin
 Westerside, Albert Henry
 White, Ronald Leroy
 Wilkerson, Alvin Ray
 Winter, Kevin M.
 Wohlhagen, Robert John
 Wood, Milton O.
 Wrang, Allan M.

Adoniram Council No. 2

Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Wednesday of each Month except October

Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Archie W. Bethard, PIM	Illustrious Master
Jon B. Cottrell	Deputy Master
David L. Harman, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work
C. William Tulloch, PIM	Treasurer
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM	Recorder
S. Curtis Cole	Captain of the Guard
James L. Ferguson, PIM	Conductor of the Council
James T. Ruby	Steward
Paul J. Bastian	Chaplain
Charles W. Barkins, MIPGM	Sentinel

GREETED

Paul J. Bastian	Kenneth P. Brown
Paul Donald Carey	S. Curtis Cole
James T. Ruby	

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

George M. Hynson	Griffith L. Jordan
Joseph D. Scott	

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

+Roydon L. Hammond, 1923-25	*Thomas R. Brown, 1926
*Herman H. Hanson, 1927	*J. Wallace Woodford, 1928
*John P. Le Fevre, 1929-30	*Jesse H. Farlow, 1931
+Gilbert T. Chadwick, 1932	*Luther D. Shank, 1933
*Robert W. Horn, 1934-35	+Charles W. Machamer, 1936-37
+Hughlett A. Golt, 1938-39	*R. Earle Dickey, 1940-41-42-43-44
*Harry V. Holloway, 1945-46	*Alvin W. Tarvin, 1947
*G. Preston Ward, 1948	*William G. Bush, 1949
*J. Henry McDonnell, 1950	+Ralph B. Farlow, 1951
*Percy W. Gardner, 1952	*Willard S. Dickerson, 1953
*Rhey H. Smith, 1954	Paul B. Baker, 1955

+Robert E. Osborne, Jr., 1956
 *John J. McClearnen, 1958
 *John G. Davis, 1960
 *Samuel A. Wise, 1962
 *Russell W. Chidester, 1964
 #James H. Durrill, 1966
 *Robert G. Dickerson, 1968
 *Lambert E. Argo, 1970
 *William E. Walls, 1972
 Henry Y. Lutton, 1974
 +George A. McPhee, 1976
 David B. Harman, 1978
 Wm. Mason McConnell, 1980
 #John L. White, 1982
 Charles H. Ware, 1984
 Harry D. Newell, 1986
 David B. Harman, 1988
 C. William Tulloch, 1991-94
 David F. Coady, 1996
 Freeman R. Smith, 1998

*A. Floyd Short, 1957
 +Nathaniel D. Elliott, Jr., 1959
 D. Julian Massey, 1961
 +Orestes J. Sevast, 1963
 *James L. Crouse, 1965
 Charles W. Barkins, 1967
 *Billy B. Landing, 1969
 #James W. Sheck, Jr., 1971
 James H. Hutchins, 1973
 *Richard L. Titus, 1975
 Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1977
 +Robert W. Raughley, 1979
 *Harold C. Hill, 1981
 Richard E. Wise, 1983
 David B. Harman, 1985
 Robert J. Lomax, 1987
 Harry D. Newell, 1989-90
 Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1995
 Maurice C. Barnes, 1997
 Archie W. Bethard, 1999

* - Deceased + - Withdrawn # - Suspended

COMPANIONS

Andrae, George F.
 Baker, Paul B.
 Barkins, Charles William
 Bastian, Paul J.
 Bethard, Archie William, III
 Brown, Kenneth P.
 Bulkley, Wilbur J.
 Butler, Donald F.
 Carey, P. Donald
 Coady, David F.
 Cole, Stuart C.
 Collier, Jesse E.
 Cosden, Marvin P.
 Cottrell, Jon B.
 Durrill, James H.
 Edwards, Sheldon L., Sr.
 Ennis, Richard E.
 Ferguson, James L.
 Friday, A. Lewis, III
 Gill, Robert M.
 Good, Earl L.
 Gooden, James A.
 Harman, David B.
 Hiott, John D.
 Hogan, Martin F., III
 Hutchins, James H.
 Kalar, Norman S.
 Kinnamon, Franklin W., Jr.
 Knapp, Eugene W.
 Lomax, Robert J.
 Lutton, Henry Y.

Mackie, Duncan R.
 Markley, William A.
 Martine, Wayne D.
 Massey, D. Julian,
 Meredith, William C., Jr.
 Metcalf, Charles A.
 Moran, Carlton C.
 Nelson, Stanley F.
 Newell, Harry D.
 Newnam, Robert P.
 Ney, Bruce K.
 Pierson, Easley E., Sr.
 Pink, Gordon S.
 Poore, Herschel N.
 Price, Frederick W.
 Ruby, James T.
 Sammons, Ray M., III
 Sammons, Ray M. Jr.
 Seacord, John R., Jr.
 Shehorn, Richard L.
 Shirey, Harry R.
 Smith, Freeman R.
 Spruill, William F.
 Steele, Myron T.
 Sullivan, Harry M., Jr.
 Tulloch, Charles William
 Vest, Ellis J., Jr.
 Walls, John H.
 Ware, Charles B.
 Wilson, James P.
 Wise, Richard E.

Joppa Council No. 3

Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month

Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Lucien T. Lenhart, PIM	Illustrious Master
John W. Merkley	Deputy Master
John B. Walsh	Principal Conductor of the Work
Chester C. Coffin, MIPGM	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes	Recorder
Samuel L. Mellin	Captain of the Guard

GREETED

Kenneth F. Athey	Willard W. Davis	Charles E. Goepel
Richard H. LeCates	Stacey L. Lowe	Richard D. Marine
Millard E. Murray	Warren O. Pettyjohn	Michael P. Pizzola
	Leon D. Ware	

DIED

William W. Hughes, Jr.

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

*William B. Derrickson, 1923-24	*George O. Fearon, 1925
*Harry L. Holson, 1926	*W. Frank Sharp, 1927
*Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1928	*Charles S. Calhoon, 1929
*Harold W.T. Purnell, 1930	*John T. B. Carey, 1931
*Walter L. Conaway, 1932	*Charles R. Cannon, 1933
*George S. Buhl, 1934	*James P. Pierce, Jr., 1935
*M. Haswell Pierce, 1936	*K. James Hocker, 1937
*George S. Grier, 1938	*Frank J. Elton, 1939
*William G. Cason, 1940	*Walter L. Conaway, 1941-42-43
*J. Ralph Carey, 1944	*Emerson M. Keeler, 1945-46-47
Irwin R. Murray, 1948-49-50	*Cyrus E. Clendaniel, 1951
*Freeman R. Johnson, 1952-53-54	*Sudler J. Wilson, 1955-56
*C. Ray Scarborough, 1957	Herman H. Conoway, 1958
*Warren W. Edinger, Jr., 1959	Chester C. Coffin, 1960
*Elwood R. Hawkins, 1961	#Harvey G. Conner, 1962
*A. Warren Wheatley, 1963	*E. Paul Wootten, 1964-65-66
*Lester M. Greene, 1967-68	*Claude D. Ellis, 1969
*Oliver J. Foskey, 1970	*Dallas E. Marvel, 1971
*Joseph C. Bostick, 1972	*Robert E. Stewart, 1973-74
*Raymond M. Savage, 1975-76	Lewis J. Blackwell, 1977-78
*T. Eugene Womach, 1979	Samuel L. Mellin, 1980
Lewis J. Blackwell, 1981	*J. Norman Nicklas, 1982
John A. Irwin, 1983	Mark E. Irwin, 1984
*James Richardson, 1985	C. Parker Moore, 1986
Charles E. Farrell, 1987	Maynard H. Mires, Jr., 1988
Donald F. Taylor, 1989	G. Richard Ward, 1990
Edward J. Fields, 1991	Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1992-93
John N. Phillos, 1994	Maurice C. Barnes, 1995-97
Freeman R. Smith, 1998	Lucien T. Lenhart, 1999

*-Deceased +-Withdrawn #-Suspended

COMPANIONS

Athey, Kenneth Francis
 Baker, Thomas K.
 Barnes, Maurice C.
 Barrett, Melvin D.
 Bell, George L.
 Blackwell, Lewis J.
 Boltz, Paul N., Sr.
 Bounds, C. Joe
 Brecht, Howard E.
 Buck, Haywood I., Jr.
 Campbell, Thomas W.
 Campfield, Glenn M.
 Carey, James W.
 Carter, William Allen
 Clendaniel, Robert D.
 Coffin, Chester C.
 Conoway, Herman H.
 Currie, Robert W., Sr.
 Davis, Charles G.
 Davis, Everette Noel
 Davis, Roy T.
 Davis, Willard Wayne
 Dudley, William A., Jr.
 Dull, Christian L., Jr.
 Ellis, Paul E.
 Farrall, Edward H.
 Farrell, Charles E.
 Fooks, Leroy,
 Glass, Pierce W.
 Goepel, Charles E.
 Hague, Jeffrey W.
 Hastings, Bruce Samuel
 Hitchens, Michael H.
 Hopkins, Alden S., Jr.
 Hudson, Julian E.
 Irwin, Mark E.
 Irwin, John L.
 Irwin, John A.
 Jackson, Charles N.
 Jahnigen, Michael R.
 Jefferson, Ronald L., Sr.
 Jerread, Richard L.
 Johnson, Walton Avery, III
 Johnson, Walton A., Jr.
 Joline, William R.
 Kowalski, Anthony J.
 LaFontaine, Roy A., Jr.
 Lenhart, Lucien T.
 Logan, George T., Jr.
 Lowe, Stacey Lee
 Marine, Richard Dean
 Marvel, Brooks M.
 McMaster, Alfred C., Jr.
 Meade, Robert Royden
 Mellin, Samuel L.
 Merkley, John
 Mires, Maynard H., Jr.
 Moon, Frank L.
 Moore, Kenneth
 Moore, C. Parker
 Moore, Harry A.
 Mosher, Kenneth D.
 Murray, Irwin R.
 Murray, Millard F.
 Parker, James E.
 Penuel, C. Bruce
 Pettyjohn, Warren Ottwell
 Phillos, John N.
 Pizzola, Michael Peter
 Plummer, Jay F.
 Rogers, Steven L.
 Sames, Richard C.
 Scarborough, Duane S.
 Schaeffer, Mark E.
 Shepherd, Alva T.
 Shockley, John Harlan
 Simpler, D. Wayne
 Sloane, Kenneth A.
 Smith, Vernon T.
 Swartout, Richard
 Taylor, James W.
 Taylor, William I., Sr.
 Taylor, Donald F.
 Tschantre, Leon B.
 Tyndall, Joseph T.
 Van Gorder, Robert Frederick
 Wadkins, William T., Sr.
 Wadkins, William T., Jr.
 Walls, Robert Edwin
 Walsh, James B.
 Ward, G. Richard
 Ware, Leon David Ware
 Whaley, James R.
 Willey, Joshua J., Jr.
 Yerkes, Robert H., Jr.

Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992
Stated Assembly: December

OFFICERS

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM	Illustrious Master
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM	Senior Warden
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM	Junior Warden
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM	Treasurer-Recorder
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM	Steward
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Sentinel

AFFILIATED

James R. Herrington

DIED

Alfred E. Yeaton, M.I.P.G.M.

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Charles W. Barkins, MIPGM, 1992-1996
Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM, 1997-1999

COMPANIONS

Barkins, Charles William	Massey, D. Julian
Barnes, Maurice C.	McVey, Charles Granville
Bethard, Archie William, III	Mellin, Samuel L.
Blackwell, Lewis J.	Miller, Albert Joseph
Buck, Haywood I., Jr.	Mires, Maynard H.
Buffington, Carl E.	Moore, C. Parker
Coady, David F.	Mullen, Randall Clarence
Coffin, Chester C.	Musser, W. Thomas
Conoway, Herman H.	Newell, Harry D.
Dorsey, John Basil	Parke, Robert, Jr.
Edwards, Sheldon Lee, Sr.	Patterson, Horace Greeley, Jr.
Elliott, James Thomas, Jr.	Phillos, John N.
Farrell, Charles E.	Pletz, James Albert
Harman, David D.	Scarlott, Richard Alan
Herrington, James Robert	Schueler, Warren Frederick, Sr.
Hutchins, James H.	Slack, Wayne Tyron
Irwin, John A.	Small, Eugene Richard
Irwin, Mark E.	Smith, Freeman Russell
Law, Henry George	Sullivan, Harry M., Jr.
Lengel, Charles Henry, Jr.	Taylor, Donald F.
Lenhart, Lucien T.	Thomas, Donald Davis
Littel, William Johnson	Townsend, Franklin Ray
Lomax, Robert J.	Tulloch, Charles William
Losten, John	Ward, G. Richard
Lutton, Henry Y.	Ware, Charles B.
Lyons, S. Robert	Westerside, Albert Henry
	Wise, Richard E.

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 2000 plus 4000 = 6000

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 2000 plus 3760 = 5760. 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 2000 plus 530 = 2530.

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 2000 plus 1000 = 3000.

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 2000 = 882.

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 2000 plus 1913 = 3913.

Prior to 1947, the Annual Assembly was always held on the first Wednesday in October. Past 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, Past 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.