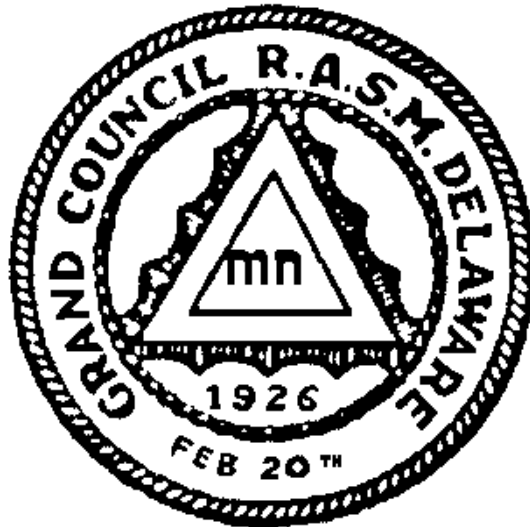


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CRYPTIC MASONS
OF
DELAWARE



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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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AT ITS
SEVENTY – FIFTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT THE
MASONIC TEMPLE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 10, 2001, A.D. 3001**

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**WILLIAM J. LITTEL
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2000**

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
WILLIAM JOHNSON LITTEL**

Most Illustrious Littel was born on July 14, 1926 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The second son of John and Ermine Littel, he had three brothers, John, Thomas and Robert, and three sisters, Thelma, Emma and Joyce. He attended Public Schools in Wilmington and graduated from Alexis I. DuPont High School in 1944. After serving three years in the United States Marine Corps throughout the South Pacific, he was honorably discharged and started working for the Otis Elevator Co. on September 1, 1946. He was called back to active duty in the Marines during the Korean War as a reserve for 13 months. Upon discharge, Bill returned to the Otis Elevator Co. where he worked until 1988. He retired after 40 years of service at age 60.

On January 13, 1952 he married Mary Fournakis in the Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington. He is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and has served on the Church Council for over 8 years, serving as vice president for 2 years. Bill and Mary currently live in Colonial Heights of Wilmington.

Most Illustrious Littel began his Masonic journey in Temple Lodge Number 11, where he was raised on January 25, 1956 and served as Worshipful Master in 1963, 1970, 1986 and 1995. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon by Most Worshipful Grand Master Warren F. Schueler, Sr. in 1968 and Grand Marshal by Most Worshipful Grand Master Lousell S. Jeuell in 1970. Bill was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1975, Deputy Grand Master in 1978 and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1979. He served as Worshipful Master of Delaware Lodge of Research in 1984, Deputy Grand Secretary in 1974 and 1975, and is also the Grand Lodge Representative to New Jersey.

His York Rite career began when he was exalted in Delta Chapter No. 6, Newport, Delaware in September 1969.

Excellent High Priest	1988
Grand Chapter	
Grand Royal Arch Captain	1988
Grand Scribe	1992
Grand King	1993
Grand High Priest	1994
Daylight Chapter No. 10	
Charter Member	1994
Treasurer	1994 – Present
Grand Representative to New Jersey	

Cryptic Masonry

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1			
Greeted	October		1972
Illustrious Master			1989
Grand Council			
Grand Chaplain			1992 – 1993
Grand Captain of the Guard			1997
Grand Pr. Conductor of Work			1998
Grand Deputy Master			1999
Grand Master			2000
Grand Representative to New Jersey			

Chivalric Masonry

St. John's Commandery No. 1			
Knighted	February		1972
Eminent Commander			1982
Trinity Commandery No. 3			
Charter Member			1991
Grand Commandery			
Grand Warder			1992-1998 & 2000
Grand Representative to New Jersey			

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite – Valley of Wilmington

Received 32 nd	May		1957
Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem			
Sovereign Prince			1967
Delaware Consistory			
Commander-in-Chief			1980 – 1982
Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction			
Coroneted Honorary 33 rd Member			1977
Ambassador to the Valley of Trenton, New Jersey			

York Rite Appendant Bodies

Two by Two Lodge No. 15, Royal Ark Mariners			
Commander Noah			1983
Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons			
Excellent Chief			1983
Keystone Council No. 113, Allied Masonic Degrees			
Sovereign Master			1980
First State York Rite College No. 45			
Governor			1981
Purple Cross of Honor			1980

Other Masonic Organizations

NUR Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.			
Shrine Club of Delaware			
Knights of Mecca			
Treasurer			1982 – Present

Brandywine Forest No. 20, T.C.L.
Master & Wardens Association of District 1
Past President
Royal Order of Scotland
Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitateous Foederatis
Delaware College – VII degree
Celebrant 1990

Red Cross of Constantine, Delaware Conclave
Sovereign 1990
Knights of the York Cross of Honor
Jesse Green Priory No. 70 1992
Prior 2000

Chester County Philalethes Society
Past President 1982
Masonic Hall Company – Wilmington 1972 – Present
Vice President 1994
President 1995 – Present

Masonic Services Association
Coordinator for Delaware
Honorary Member of DuPont Chap. No. 78, National Sojourners
Ancient Order of Corks
Masonic Order of Bath
Bedford Club
DeMolay Legion of Honor

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

The Seventieth-fifth 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 10, 2001, A. Dep. 3001. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work Albert Westerside with prayer by Grand Chaplain Harold Dilks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, William J. Littel was then received into the Grand Assembly and afforded Grand Honors.

The following officers were in their respective stations:

GRAND OFFICERS

M.I. Grand Master	William J. Littel
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Archie W. Bethard
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
I. Grand Chaplain	Harold J. Dilks
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Wayne T. Slack
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	James A. Pletz PMIGM - pt
I. Grand Marshal	James R. Herrington - pt
I. Grand Steward	C. William Tulloch - pt
I. Grand Sentinel	Albert J. Miller

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

Chester C. Coffin, 1966	Richard A. Scarlott, 1991
Donald D. Thomas, 1985	James Albert Pletz, 1993
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987	Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1994
C. Granville McVey, 1989	Charles Henry Lengel, Jr., 1995
John Basil Dorsey, 1996	Mark E. Irwin, 1997
Franklin R. Townsend, 1998	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

Robert V. McDowell, III Illustrious Master

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

Jon B. Cottrell Illustrious Master

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

James B. Walsh Illustrious Master
Charles J. Conley Deputy Master

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM

Illustrious Master
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 74th 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 these 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

M.P. Richard E. Larcom	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
M.P. Richard L. Smail	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
M.P. Thurman P. Sharples	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
M.P. Richard E. Epler	Past Most Puissant Grand Master
M.E. Matthew F. Griffin	Grand High Priest

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

M.I. F. William Hershiser	Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. Solomon Zeidman	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. Urban T. Peters	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.I. Ayres Domingues	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
I. Robert B. Bussler	Past Illustrious Master
M.E. John Vergalla	Grand High Priest
M.E. W. Frederick Gore	Past Grand High Priest

MAINE

M.I. Thomas A. Emery.	Most Illustrious Grand Master
I. John O. Bond, Sr.	Past Illustrious Master

MARYLAND

M.I. Edward A. Foreman	Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. Caulder B. Morris	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.I. Robert B. Malwitz	Grand Recorder
I. Donald A. Adams	Aide to Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.E. John O. Quillen	Grand High Priest

NEW JERSEY

M.I. Saul M. Tischler	Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.I. Paul D. Loveland, Jr.	Deputy Grand Master
I. Robert W. Hassell	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
M.I. Warren L. Pangborne	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. William Schoene, Jr.	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.E. Steven Lutz, PMIGM	Grand Commander
M.E. Frederick I. Waldrom	Grand High Priest

NEW YORK

M.I. Edward P. Fagan	Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. John A. Sainz	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.I. Daniel O'Connell	Grand Sentinel
R.I. Charles Mandell	Past Illustrious Master
I. Walter Drummond	Past Illustrious Master

PENNSYLVANIA

M.P. Freeman Z. Frey, III	Most Puissant Grand Master
P. Douglas D. Crum	Grand Marshal
M.E. Ronald L. Pennell	Grand High Priest

RHODE ISLAND

V.I. Raymond E. Hassel	Grand Captain of the Guard
M.E. Charles L. Niles, Jr.	Grand High Priest
R.E. John K. Chin	Grand Captain of the Host
M.E. Joseph B. Brearley	Past Grand High Priest

VERMONT

M.I. Russell A. Goslant	Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. Palmer E. Martin	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.I. Belford Belles	Deputy Grand Master
I. Daniel Ebbinghausen	Grand Captain of the Guard
I. Guy Oldenburgh	Grand Lecturer
I. Donald Gerrish	Grand Sentinel

VIRGINIA

M.E. George D. Stevens	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

R.P. Gordon E. Kimball, Sr.	Northeast Regional Deputy Grand Master
R.P. Mark E. Irwin	General Grand Captain of the Guard
M.I. John B. Dorsey	Ambassador for Delaware
M.I. Solomon Zeidman	Ambassador for District of Columbia
M.I. Warren Pangborne	Ambassador for New Jersey
M.P. Thurman P. Sharples, Jr.	Liaison Officer for Connecticut

Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions. He stated that he and Mary had enjoyed their sojourns to sister jurisdictions and sincerely hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware as enjoyable. Cryptic Grand Honors were then afforded the visitors.

The following Masonic leaders of Delaware were then presented at the Altar and introduced by Most Illustrious Donald D. Thomas.

M.E. Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr.	Grand High Priest
	Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Delaware
S.K. Robert V. McDowell, III	Right Eminent Grand Commander
	Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware
Ill. Robert V. McDowell, III, 33°	Deputy for Delaware, A.A.S.R.
C. Granville McVey	Grand Governor for Delaware,
	York Rite Sovereign College of North America
Knight James A. Pletz	Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70, KYCH
Kt. C. William Tulloch	Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, RCC
Kt. Donald D. Thomas	Intendant General for Delaware,
	Red Cross of Constantine

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 75th Annual Assembly.

**RECEPTION OF
GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE**

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

M. W. William J. Littel, P. G. M
M. W. James A. Pletz, P. G. M.
M. W. Albert H. Westerside, P. G. M.

**RECEPTION OF THE
RIGHT PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND PRINCIPAL
CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK
MAURICE (BUD) C. HIMES**

Most Illustrious James A. Pletz, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, the Right Puissant Maurice C. Himes, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware, invited him to the East where he was afforded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented to him the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Council. Right Puissant Himes commented on his pleasure of being in Delaware and given the authority to preside over this Grand Council but suggested the labors should be returned to Grand Master Littel.

**RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE**

Most Worshipful Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was escorted into the Grand Council by MW James A. Pletz, PGM, and presented to Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel and Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Himes. 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 hand of welcome to the visitors and all present and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in the Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master then complimented Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel for his year of service to Cryptic Masonry 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. Littel 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

Most Worshipful Grand master Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Officer and members of the Grand Council, distinguished and honored guest to this Grand Session, my Companions all. I would like to extend to you a hearty welcome to our 75th Annual Assembly and thank each and everyone for their attendance this morning.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, you honor us by taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us this morning. It has indeed been an honor and privilege to be with you at several occasions during the past year. I know from your talks and theme our views of the future of the Craft are shared. I wish you well in the remainder of your year and pledge my support in any way I can.

Right Puissant Maurice “Bud” Himes, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, it is indeed an honor to have you visit and to have you travel from Alabama to be with us in the First State today.

My esteemed and distinguished Companions from our Sister Jurisdictions, we are most pleased that you could take the time to visit us in Delaware. The friendships that my lady Mary and I made during the past year have been most gratifying. We enjoyed our visits in your states and hope we can continue to visit in the future. I know that your presence this morning and last night at the banquet was appreciated by many who were able to renew acquaintances and friendships as well as make new ones. We trust that the hospitality in our State equals that which you generously extended to us.

To the Companions of this Grand Council and others of the York Rite family, I extend my deepest thanks for your wise advice, counsel and support during the past year.

Many have taken the steps to help build our Cryptic Rite for the future but I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the labors of our Grand Recorder who has been my right hand man with his assistance and wise counsel during the year.

A year ago you entrusted me with the stewardship of the Grand Council and although there is never enough time to accomplish all of our goals, we have started to take the initial steps to build the future. I pledge to continue my efforts as part of this journey.

NECROLOGY

The Supreme Architect of the Universe in his infinite wisdom has taken 10 Companions from our midst. Although we know that the Companions have gone to their heavenly home, we still miss the joy of their company and friendship. They have gone from alpha to omega, the beginning to the end, the first to the last. We will pay a special tribute to those who have left us during the report of the Memorials Committee.

DISPENSATIONS

March 11, 2000 – Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Councils to waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigation, and balloting upon petitions received during the period from March 12, 2000 to March 10, 2001

Dispensation is also granted for the same period to all Constituent Councils to waive the usual waiting period between the several Cryptic Orders.

Dispensation is also granted for the same period to all Constituent Councils to hold special assemblies for the purpose of receiving and balloting upon petitions, provided however, that proper notice is given to all members, as well as to the Grand Recorder, of all such special assemblies.

Dispensation is also granted for the same period to all Constituent Councils to move their respective Charters to the location of any Cryptic Festivals held during that period for the purpose of receiving and balloting upon petitions, provided however, that proper notice is given to all members, as well as to the Grand Recorder.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

The Grand Recorder requested two waivers of jurisdiction from the Grand Recorder of Maryland to cover two Companions who live in Elkton, MD. These two Companions belong to a Blue Lodge in Newark, Delaware and Brandywine Chapter No. 9. They are desirous of continuing on in the York Rite bodies in Delaware, and in particular with Gunning Bedford Council No. 1.

OFFICAL VISITS TO CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

December 27, 2000 - T. I. M. Council. No. 4, Wilmington
 January 24, 2000 - Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Wilmington
 February 6, 2001 - Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown
 February 7, 2001 - Adoniram Council No., Dover

OFFICAL VISITS TO SISTER JURISDICTIONS

March 25, 2000 – Grand Council of District of Columbia, Washington
 May 1-2, 2000 - Grand Council of Pennsylvania, Valley Forge, PA
 May 8-9, 2000 - Grand Council of Maryland, Ocean City, MD
 June 2, 2000 - Grand Council of Connecticut, Cromwell, CT

Accompanying me on my trips to D.C., Pennsylvania and Connecticut was Grand Chaplain Harold Dilks, and my wife Mary to Maryland. Due to conflicting dates and having to take care of my wife Mary as she had 2 cataract operations, and I had to put drops in her eyes daily every 2-4 hours after the first operation. The surgeon had refused to change the dates of the two operations.

Then on September 26, 2000, I slipped out of bed at 6:30 a.m., fell and fractured my right hip, causing a long hospital stay. I had to write and explain why I could not attend the gracious invitations and hoped they had a successful assembly.

NORTHEST REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE

Delaware was the Host State and the group stayed at the New Castle Ramada Inn on September 8-9, 2000. We had a large attendance from our Sister Jurisdictions.

The program was the Grand Council of Connecticut had a degree team of Cryptic Masons to perform and confer the Super Excellent Masters Degree. We had a large turnout of candidates to take the Degree and it was conferred in an excellent and impressive manner.

Saturday morning seminars were held with all York Rite Bodies starting at 9:00 a.m. After the welcome introductions and announcements, we adjourned to different rooms for the workshops. The Grand Council subjects included improving communications, leadership and team work.

I encourage any who have not attended these conferences in the past to try and attend the next Conference. It will be held in Auburn, Maine on September 7-8, 2001.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

It was my honor to represent this Grand Council in numerous other functions. Below are some of the highlights.

Grand Lodge of Delaware Brotherhood Night – March 2000
 Delta Chapter No. 6 Grand Visit – April 10, 2000
 Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Banquet – May 6, 2000
 Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Informal Opening-May 7, 2000
 Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation, Installation of Officers-May 18, 2000
 Daylight Chapter No. 10 Grand Visit-June 26, 2000
 Trinity Commandery No. 3 Grand Visit-July 28, 2000
 St. John's Commandery No. 1 Grand Visit-September 14, 2000
 St. John's Commandery No.1 Memorial Service-December 25, 2000

CONDITION OF THE RITE

I am pleased to report that in 1999 we had an increase in our membership thanks to festivals and communications to our York Rite Companions to get them to sign petitions. In 2000, we did not do as well since we did not talk about our one-day Festival resulting in only a few members to sign up. With me in the hospital I was unable to push it as I normally would.

RECOMMENDATION

Every year the Grand Recorder continues to issue a dispensation for all constituent councils to waive the waiting period, move charters and ballot at special assemblies and a festival, providing proper notice is given. We should change the By-laws so it is a standing resolution.

CONCLUSION

It has been a challenging year for me as I had looked forward to being the 1st Grand Master elected and installed in the millennium year of 2000. To making new friendships by visiting our Sister Jurisdictions. To attend our own Councils and Chapters to encourage members to join and be a Cryptic Master Mason in order to further their Masonic Education.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to acknowledge the support of my wife Mary during this trying year. She helped me in so many ways during the year it would be impossible to list them all and I want all to know my gratitude to her. I want to thank all the members of my Grand Staff for their support and help this year. The counsel and guidance of the Past Illustrious Grand Masters who were always ready to do anything I requested.

And last, but not least, thanks to all the members and officers for the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits during my hospital stay. You were all great.

To my successor I pledge my utmost support to help make Masonry and Cryptic Masonry grow stronger in Delaware in the coming year.

Thank you and God Bless!!

Fraternally Submitted,
William J. Littel
Most Illustrious Grand Master

On Motion, regularly moved, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Your Grand Treasurers report this year shows a significant drop in the Money Market account or general funds which I will try to explain. The purchase of new Officers Aprons (which was approved three years ago) along with the Grand Councils portion of the new copier for the Grand Secretary/ Recorders use and the transfer of \$1500.00 to our Certificate of Deposit accounted for this loss. It says that we spent more than we took in, however these were one time expenditures and will not be an ongoing thing. Looking at the situation closely it is not as grim as it appears, as our CD's and Permanent Fund increased and our total assets grew by a very slight amount. I am confident that the coming year will be much brighter and there will be growth.

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Last March I made the statement that I would not stand for re-election at this Convention and I stand by my statement. I have enjoyed being Grand Treasurer but am looking forward to doing other Masonic things and having more time in my workshop.

The following figures show the Financial activities for the past year;

	IMMA SAVING 206110-389	CHECKING ACCOUNT 372746-018	INVEST CD'S	PERM FUND
BALANCE 2/15/00	6,730.99	3.23	12,734.67	847.01
DEPOSITS				
Receipts	1,239.87	2,207.73		146.00
Transfer	311.54		1,500.00	
Interest	131.74		311.54	18.90
Accrued			296.64	
Donations for Med Research		116.00		
SUB TOTAL	1,683.15	2,322.25	2,108.18	164.90
DISBURSEMENTS				
Transfers				
Checking	2,207.73			
IMMA	1,500.00		311.54	
Perm Fund				
Expenses		2,220.12		
BALANCE 2/15/01	4,706.41	105.36	14,531.31	1,011.91

YEAR TO YEAR SUMMARY

ASSETS	2/15/00	2/15/01	Difference
Checking Account	3.23	105.36	102.13
IMMA Savings	6,730.99	4,706.41	(2,024.58)
CD (Accruing)	6,136.88	6,433.52	296.64
CD (Transferring)	6,597.79	8,097.79	1,500.00
*Perm. Fund Savings	847.01	1,011.91	164.90
TOTAL ASSETS	20,315.90	20,354.99	39.09
Total Restricted *	847.01	1,011.91	164.90
Total Unrestricted	19,468.89	19,343.08	(125.81)

.19% increase

It has been a pleasure serving this Grand Council and I wish for all the best for my successor.

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 pleased to make his first report to this Grand Council. I thank all who have helped make the year easier especially our former Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Donald D. Thomas. I have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

The Grand Treasurer has noted that our assets have again increased which can be attributed to his conscientious work and frugal means of managing our treasury. We owe Most Illustrious Past Grand Master McVey indeed a great deal of thanks for his efforts. He has been also most especially helpful to me by steering me on the right path when I became confused. Granny, I will miss working with you but you can count on future questions and I am sure you will be ever willing to help.

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Description	2000 Actual	Expenses:	
Income		Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	153.45
Annual Returns	1189.85	Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00
Permanent Fund	143.00	Grand Rec. Office Expenses	30.21
Insurance	32.00	Copier/copies	133.33
Rituals	5.00	Insurance Share	0.00
Red Book	2.50	Postage	33.00
Snowflakes	66.00	Printing/mailling proceedings	439.00
CMMRF	50.00	Annual Assembly	324.94
T.I.M. Jewels	7.50	Rituals	
Total Income:	1495.85	Education Committee	8.52
		Miscellaneous	
		DeMolay Bible - shared cost	41.67
		Total Expenses	1239.12
		One Time Expenses:	
		Grand Council aprons	850.00
		GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	2089.12

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	CORR	GREET	AFFIL	REIN	DIED	DEMIT	SUS.	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	214		5	0	0	2	2	1	214	
ADONIRAM	61		0	1	0	3	0	3	56	3
JOPPA	101		0	1	0	4	0	3	82	1
T. I. M.	55		0	3	0	1	0	0	57	57
TOTALS	431		5	5	0	10	2	7	419	61
NET LOSS	12									

I was extremely disappointed to note that 2 Councils had no Greetings this year. If this trend were to continue, we would indeed be in serious trouble.

In reviewing the last several reports, it is noted that deaths are continuing to run around 10 per year. This number cannot be helped, but we must redouble our efforts in the Demits and suspensions, which amounted to a large part of our membership decline. Every effort should be made by a personal visit to maintain these members. My Companions, there are many Capitular Masons who have not received the additional light that could benefit from our lessons.

I appreciate all the support I have received from the Recorders of the subordinate Councils. I do ask that all file timely monthly reports as this makes things easier for this office.

The Internet and email have been most helpful this year. I encourage all who need to contact this office to take advantage of it. Monthly reports may be filed in this manner and I encourage all Recorders to provide me with their email address.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, William J. Littel, I know this has been a personally challenging year for you and Mary, but I appreciate all that you have done to make my life easier. I have always considered you a good friend and have appreciated all your help in the past. Congratulations on your term of office and thank you.

Lastly, thanks to all the Companions for the honor you have bestowed on me, it has been trying at times, but also very educational. I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Council. With your help, we will be stronger.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
 Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
 Grand Recorder

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

INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Grand Recorder reported that Insurance would be continued as in the past with all bodies of the Grand York Rite participating in the shared cost.

Fraternally submitted,
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

In Memoriam

Sacred to the memory of the Companions of the subordinate Councils, whose deaths are reported in the returns ending December 2000.

Gunning Bedford Council #1

Alfred Yeaton PMIGM	5/12/1998
Lloyd Weber	6/1/2000

Adoniram Council #2

John R. Secord, Jr.	3/17/2000
Wilbur J. Buckley	4/11/2000
Freeman R. Smith PTIM	9/10/2000

Joppa Council #3

Edward J. Fields	1/15/2000
Richard Lecates	1/15/2000
W. Bruce Davis	2/29/2000
Kenneth A. Sloan	12/9/2000

The poets and hymn writers seem to have captured the thoughts which many of us are not able to put into words.

How often we think of the Companions who no longer gather in Council with us. We cherish the memory of those who have left us, whose faces we no longer see, whose voices we no longer hear, what thoughts and memories, what recollections come to mind as we recall their names. They have helped to make the great cloud of witness, of which they are now a part, seem very real. Now as has been our custom for a number of years, we place flowers upon the altar in the memory of our departed Companions.

We place one carnation for our departed past Illustrious Masters.
 We place one carnation for the departed Companions of our Constituent Councils.

We place one final carnation for the departed Companions in our Sister Jurisdictions.

May they rest in peace and their works follow them.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble, in the shadows of this moment, grant us Thy light. We need and seek Thy consolation and strength. Thou who art the Lord of life and the conqueror of death, help us to see that we are spiritual beings that are seen as temporal and pass away, the things that are unseen are real and eternal. The bodies of our departed Companions may turn to dust but their spirits and personalities will never be forgotten.

Strengthen our gratitude for the Companions and enriching experiences that have been ours through the years. We thank Thee for the lives of our Companions and having received them into Thy presence, may the tie that binds us all draw us closely together with Thee and them, until we are joined together in Thy kingdom. In Thy name we ask it. Amen

Fraternally submitted,
 Harold J. Dilks, Grand Chaplain

REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We had the opportunity to conduct only one training seminar this past year. It was held at 818 North Market Street on Saturday, August 19, and was very well attended. The topics covered a myriad of areas. The problem-solving segment of the program, run by Donald D. Thomas, was extremely well received.

Fraternally submitted,
 Franklin R. Townsend
 Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES COMMITTEE

No report.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Most donations to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation are memorials by the constituent Councils with a few donations. Some donations of a small nature are often made with the payment of dues. Most companions were solicited in some manner with little response. It is recommended that the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master develop a fund raising project.

Fraternally submitted,
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM

REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR

The situation among our Councils remains the same as it has for several years. Council No.1 continues to require its sitting officers to confer the degrees while the other Councils utilize degree teams. In all cases, the degree work has been exceptional. The opening and closing ritual still needs some polishing by most of the Councils.

Fraternally submitted,
Franklin R. Townsend,
Grand Inspector

REPORT OF THE 2001 GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF DELAWARE GRAND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

The responsibility of the committee included the banquet, ladies' luncheon, men's luncheon, buffet luncheon at the Ramada Inn in the hospitality rooms on Friday, March 9, and the facilities that provided 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 Joe Schwartz and food service personnel from his place of business in Salisbury, MD. We thank M.E. Carl V. Dreisbach Jr., Grand High Priest, for making these arrangements.

The committee would like to thank P.H.P. 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 Grand Presiding Officers, whose ladies and friends supplied the hospitality rooms in fine fashion.

The committee recommends that the incoming chairmen of the York Rite Annual Meeting 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 201, the men's' luncheon over 100 and the ladies luncheon 45.

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

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 principal activity of the Hanby Trust.

A grant of \$76,000.00 was approved by the Board of Governors, to be made to the YMCA for the year 2000.

As with previous grants the funds will be used for the general expenses of operating the camp with particular emphasis on helping defray the camping fees of underprivileged children.

Fraternally

submitted,

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM
Governor

Upon order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the previous recipients of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award 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

First, it is the unanimous opinion of this Committee that:

James A. Johnson

be given the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award. Companion

Youth Service/Adult Leadership Award

Secondly we offer the following Companions name for the Youth Service/Adult Leadership Award :

Edwin Newth

Fraternally submitted,
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM

PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Regardless of how many times you learn a lesson, oft times you cannot win. The Annual Proceedings of this Grand Body were prepared and available to the printer in early Fall - just when the local and national elections were at their peak. Lesson learned -don't even try and compete with the fall politics- you cannot win.

Even with the competition of election material, the Proceedings have been printed and are in the process of being distributed to all sister jurisdictions, constituent bodies, Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priests, Scottish Rite, Lombardy Hall and other interested parties. The distribution is, as noted in last year's Proceedings. This being the year in which the names of all members are published, the total costs are higher. The publishing and mailing of the Proceedings is one of the more significant annual costs of the Grand Council.

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. For those who were unable to do so, your reports were still 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

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT

At their stated Assembly of December 27, 2000 of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4, Companion Robert V. McDowell, III, Illustrious Master elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Jon B. Cottrell, Illustrious Master elect of Adoniram Council No. 2 and James B. Walsh, Illustrious Master elect of Joppa Council No. 3 were duly elected 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, the Thrice Illustrious Masters were presented with the Jewels of their office. In attendance at this meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, William J. Littel together with several members of his staff and Right 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, 2001 at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware commencing at 6:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

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

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the address of our Most Illustrious Grand Master presented here to you this morning. Our Most Illustrious Grand Master began his year with the zeal and enthusiasm that characterize the Mason that I have known these past thirty-six years. As sometimes happens, fate steps in, for our Most Illustrious fell and broke his hip putting a damper on many of his plans for Cryptic Masonry. Undaunted and with the help of his staff and Masonic Brothers, his year of service to Cryptic Masonry carried on to its conclusion.

Our Most Illustrious Littel, with all the problems he has endured, made his presence felt at many of the in state functions during his term and by being warmly welcomed at the official visits to the councils of this jurisdiction.

Before the unfortunate incident of fracturing his hip, Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel, his Grand Chaplain Harold Dilks and his wife

Mary, were able to further cement the bonds of Cryptic Masonry.

By spreading the true feeling of friendship and love for our companions in four of our sister jurisdictions, his presence was also noted at the Northeast Regional York Rite Conference held at the Ramada Inn on September 8 and 9, 2000.

It is the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee that no action be taken on the recommendation of our Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel. We feel that the dispensation to waive the waiting period, move charters and ballot at special assemblies and festivals serves as a reminder each year to the new incoming Illustrious Masters. We, therefore, recommend no to adopt this recommendation.

Sincerely and 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.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Finance reports that it has examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council and find them to be in order. It is recommended that the Grand Recorder issue a voucher to the Grand Treasurer for each disbursement. The portion of the Grand Recorder's Report that deals with finances has presented the revenues and expenses on an itemized basis. This has been a recommendation in the past and it is reassuring to see this being adopted. The Grand Proceedings are the official records of the activities of this Grand Council and the revenues and expenses should be listed for everyone's edification. The Grand Treasurer's Report is more inclusive since it includes all earnings or fees by the bank as well.

The net worth of this Grand Council decreased very slightly this year. The committee recommends acceptance of their reports for the year just ended.

Every organized group of people needs different leaders and committee people from year to year. It benefits every organization to change committee people on a regular basis to present a fresh approach and to prevent a small group from assuming authority. I have served as Chair of the Finance Committee for several years and gladly turn the reins over to a new Chair.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer are to be commended for their diligence, for all of their efforts and for their wisdom in guiding the finances of this Grand Council. This Grand Council owes the Grand Treasurer, Most Illustrious C. Granville McVey, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master a deep debt of gratitude for his many years as Grand Treasurer, as the originator of the Permanent Fund concept and for his tireless efforts to make the Permanent Fund financially sound. This committee recommends that he be named Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Fraternally
submitted,
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PMIGM
Eugene R. Small

By standing acclamation the recommendation making C. Granville McVey, Grand Treasurer Emeritus was approved.

PROPOSED GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET

Description	1997 Actual	1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Proposed
Income:	1682.89	1683.34	2199.41	1700.00	1,700.00
Annual Expenses:					
Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	125.65	142.10	122.85	128.45	130.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00	75.00	75.00		75.00
Grand Recorder Office Exp.	122.58	37.95	120.05	196.54	125.00
Copies and copier		34.48	17.83		45.00
Insurance Share	29.00	23.67	28.00		28.00
Postage		41.23	51.93		75.00
Printing/Mailing Proceedings	502.00	578.47	467.24	439.00	450.00
Annual Assembly Expense	105.20			324.94	325.00
MIGM Apron				90.00	90.00
Rituals	20.00			25.00	
Education Committee				8.52	
Grand Lodge for GWMNM			100.00		
CMMRF				141.00	
DeMolay ad			30.00		
Miscellaneous		13.98			
Bible for DeMolay-shared				41.67	
Accounts Payable				103.00	
Total Annual Expenses	979.43	946.88	1,012.90	1,395.12	1,368.00
Adjusted Annual Expenses	1,031.20	895.11	1,012.90	1,395.12	1,368.00
One Time Expenses					
Aprons/Cases & Jewels				850.00	
Reimbursable Expenses					
Dues Cards			533.90		
GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	1,031.20	895.11	1,546.80	2,245.12	2,168.00

One time expenses are paid from accrued earnings.

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

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Urban T. Peters of the District of Columbia for his remarks. Following his remarks, Most Illustrious William Hershiser, Grand Master of the District of Columbia was called on. Both Companions extended the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality shown and shared how much the bond between our jurisdictions has grown.

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Right Puissant Maurice "Bud" Himes for his remarks. Companion Himes also extended his thanks for the courtesies extended to he and his lady. He spoke of the invaluable work of the Cryptic Masons Research Foundation in its fight against arteriosclerosis.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel then 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 Littel 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	Archie W. Bethard
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Wayne T. Slack
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

Most Illustrious Companion Bethard then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Charles J. Conley
I. Grand Chaplain	C. William Tulloch
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Maurice C. Barnes
I. Grand Marshal	James R. Herrington
I. Grand Steward	Jon B. Cottrell
I. Grand Sentinel	James B. Walsh

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Donald D. Thomas, with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master C. Granville McVey serving as Grand Marshal.

REMARKS OF THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER

Distinguished Guests and Visitors All, and most of all the title that I hold near and dear to my heart "FRIENDS".

I stand before you today ever so humble that you have bestowed upon me this great honor, to lead this magnificent Fraternity into the new millennium. We face challenges that this Great Fraternity has faced before, adversity, declining membership and a ever-changing social climate. History has proven that whenever mankind is faced with challenges, it seems that the greater the challenge the higher we rise to accomplish meeting the challenge. If that were not so, many of us would not be here today. Think about the adversity many of our immigrant ancestors faced, so that we could enjoy the liberties and freedom we enjoy this very morning!

My there for the year is "ONE". One of the most profound statements that I have encountered in my travels in Masonry was this: If we had only accomplished the simple task of finding "Our Own Replacement" just ONE person to fill our shoes, when masonry was at its peak, our Fraternity would be flourishing today.

If we ere to accomplish the simple ONE replacement today, just think of the elation my replacement 365 days from now would have, to report that we have experienced a 100% growth in our membership! When we take ONE step at a time we are amazing creatures, we at times even amaze ourselves. Who could forget the immortal words "One step for man, One giant leap for mankind". With that ONE step we revived a belief in this nation that we could do anything we put our minds to, and the irony of that statement is "WE CAN".

We have taken the ONE step with the leadership of M.I.P.G.M. Donald D. Thomas by forming a unity group that consists of incoming Dais Officers of all the Masonic bodies who have agreed to hold regular meetings to help plan for the future of our great fraternity. Please help us meet the challenge head on and be the ONE who will take just ONE step and find ONE replacement!

I look forward to this year of challenges and will accomplish my goals with the love, help and assistance of my dear wife Dianne.

As we part let us part in peace, let us remember in prayer our companions who are sick, and I leave you with one final request. I ask that we all try to practice this year and that is: IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A KIND WORD FOR YOUR BROTHER THEN PLEASE REMAIN SILENT, FOR SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

Fraternally Submitted,
Archie W. Bethard, III.
Most Illustrious Grand Master

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.
C. Granville McVey, M.I.P.G.M.
James A. Pletz, M.I.P.G.M.

Grand Inspector

Franklin R. Townsend
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. M.I.P.G.M.
John N. Phillos

Finance

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

Constitution and Statutes

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

Leadership

Eugene R. Small
John N. Phillos
Harry M. Sullivan Jr., M.I.P.G.M.
Haywood I. Buck, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.
Donald D. Thomas, M.I.P.G.M.

Memorials

John A. Irwin
C. William Tulloch

Gov. Albert T. Hanby Trust

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

Grand York Rite Annual

Meeting

Eugene R. Small
Charles J. Conley

Awards and Special

Recognition

John B. Dorsey, M.I.P.G.M.
Charles H. Lengel, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.
Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 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.

VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	September 26, 2001
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	September 5, 2001
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	December 4, 2001
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 27, 2001

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date and place of the 76th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, March 9, 2002, 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 11:50 A.M. by Most Illustrious Grand Master Archie W. Bethard. The Companions then repaired to the Fourth Floor Banquet Hall of the Grand Opera House for lunch.

ATTEST:

Mark E. Irwin

Mark E. Irwin, 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, Sr., 1999 | William J. Littel, 2000 |

GRAND TREASURERS

*John McMillan, 1925-27	Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86
*Harvey W. Bentley, 1927-33	Henry G. Law, 1987-91
*John McMillan, 1933-52	C. Granville McVey, 1992-94
*James Carswell, 1953-66	Donald D. Thomas, 1995
*Paul Yearsley, 1967-68	C. Granville McVey, 1996-2000
*Alfred E. Yeaton, 1969-80	G. Thomas Taylor, III 2001-

GRAND RECORDERS

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

* - Deceased # - Suspended

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

Chester C. Coffin	1975	p James A. Pletz	1988
* Raymond A. Howard	1976	* James Richardson	1989
* James L. Crouse	1977	p Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1990
Henry G. Law	1978	p Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	1991
* C. Ray Scarborough	1979	p John B. Dorsey	1992
* Robert Parke, Jr.	1980	NONE AWARDED	1993
* Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1981	John N. Phillos	1994
Lewis J. Blackwell	1982	NONE AWARDED	1995
* J. Norman Nicklas	1983	p James T. Elliott, Jr.	1996
p Richard A. Scarlott	1984	p Maurice C Barnes	1997
p C. Granville McVey	1985	Eugene R. Small	1998
p John A. Irwin	1986	David F. Coady	1999
NONE AWARDED	1987	James A. Johnson	2000

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

* Marion C.T. Townsend	1983	p Eugene R. Small	1992
* J. Norman Nicklas	1984	p George W. Taylor	1993
David B. Craig, Jr.	1985	p Robert R. Hiddeman	1994
James H. Hutchins	1986	NONE AWARDED	1995
p Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1987	p Donald E. Rosenberry	1996
Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.	1988	p G. Thomas Taylor	1997
p James A. Pletz	1989	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1998
p Franklin R. Townsend	1990	J. David Goss	1999
* Walter D. Wagner	1991	Edwin Newth	2000

**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	George H. Busby
Donald F. Taylor	ALASKA	Russell A. Kenderick
Horace G. Patterson, Jr.	ARIZONA	David W. Blood
John Losten	ARKANSAS	Wesley M. Newton
*James A. Pletz	CALIFORNIA	Raymond F. Van Fossen
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	Cecil E. Decker
.	ENGLAND & WALES	Robert Keith Hind
	FLORIDA	Charles Lee Hollinger
*Donald D. Thomas	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	James W. Patton
G. Richard Ward	INDIANA	Robert 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	Theodore A. Cannell
Charles H. Ware	MINNESOTA	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	MISSISSIPPI	Billy Frank Smith
*Franklin R. Townsend	MISSOURI	Alvin E. Gerstenschlager
*Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	MONTANA	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
D. Julian Massey	NEBRASKA	Abbott George Burkeu
*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	*Walter E. Barlow
* Mark E. Irwin	NORTH CAROLINA	Otis V. Jones, Jr.
Maurice C. Barnes	NORTH DAKOTA	Harley Kingsbury
*Richard A. Scarlott	OHIO	John N. Ulsh
Eugene W. Knapp	OKLAHOMA	Charles L. Stuckey
Henry Y. Lutton	ONTARIO	R. Frank Russell
S. Robert Lyons	OREGON	Maurice F. Roberts
Chester C. Coffin	PENNSYLVANIA	Edward L. Helgerman
*C. William Tulloch	PHILIPPINES	Evaristo A. Leviste
Henry G. Law	RHODE ISLAND	Raymond E. Hassell
John N. Phillos	SOUTH CAROLINA	Wilson C. Hardee
Richard E. Wise	SOUTH DAKOTA	Milton Edny
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	TENNESSEE	William P. Bouton

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*James A. Pletz
Robert J. Lomax
James H. Hutchins

*Albert J. Miller

C. Parker Moore
*William J. Littel

TEXAS
UTAH
VERMONT
VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON
WESTERN CANADA
WISCONSIN
WYOMING

• - Present e - Excused

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Vernon I. Bartlett
William J. Westbrook
Guy Oldenburg
Stewart Wilson Miner
William C. Cannon
John F. Dobell
Clarence A. McElmurry
Charles Gregg

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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

Robert V. McDowell, III	Illustrious Master
Herbert J. Atkinson	Deputy Master
David Laucius	Principal Conductor of the Work
William J. Littel, PMIGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM	Recorder
Lionel D. Hunter	Captain of the Guard
Charles T. Hart	Conductor of the Council
Howard L. Robertson, III	Steward
Arthur Loveless	Chaplain

GREETED

A. Tony Maxwell	James S. Russell, Jr.	Loren W. Kunkle
Albert R. Marshall		Ralph E. Snyder

DEMITTED

Lloyd Stover	Mischlor Reinhart
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SUSPENDED

William Simpson, III

DIED

Alfred P. Yeaton	Lloyd Weber
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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

Jon B. Cottrell	Illustrious Master
Richard L. Weaver	Deputy Master
James T. Ruby	Principal Conductor of the Work
C. William Tulloch, PIM	Treasurer
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM	Recorder
Kenneth P. Brown	Captain of the Guard
James L. Ferguson, PIM	Conductor of the Council
Archie W. Bethard, PIM	Steward
Robert P. Newnam	Chaplain
Charles W. Barkins, MIPGM	Sentinel

GREETED

None

AFFILIATED

Richard L. Weaver

REINSTATED

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Jesse E. Collier	A. Lewis Friday	Gordon S. Pink
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DIED

John R. Secord, Jr.	Wilbur J. Bulkley	Freeman R. Smith, PIM
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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

James B. Walsh	Illustrious Master
Charles J. Conley	Deputy Master
John W. Merkley	Principal Conductor of the Work
Chester C. Coffin, MIPGM	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes	Recorder
Samuel L. Mellin	Captain of the Guard
	Conductor of the Council
	Steward
	Chaplain
	Sentinel

GREETED

None

AFFILIATED

Charles J. Conley

SUSPENDED

Richard H. Anthony	Harold R. Valerious	Albert C. Vopalecki
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DEMITTED

None

DIED

Edward J. Fields	Richard Lecates
W. Bruce Davis	Kenneth A. Sloan

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, MIGM	Steward
Franklin R. Townsend, PIM	Sentinel

AFFILIATED

Jon B. Cottrel	James B. Walsh
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DIED

Freeman R. Smith

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 2001 plus 4000 = 6001

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 2001 plus 3760 = 5761. 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 2001 plus 530 = 2531

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 2001 plus 1000 = 2001

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 2001 = 883.

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 2001 plus 1913 = 3914.

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.

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2000-2002
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