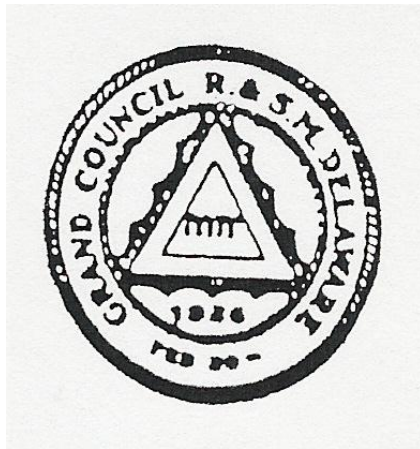


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF
DELAWARE**



**AT ITS
EIGHTY-THIRD
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT THE
MASONIC TEMPLE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 14, 2009, A.D. 3009, A. Dep.**

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
ARTHUR A. LOVELESS, JR.**

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GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE**

The Eighty-Third 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 14, 2009, A. Dep. 3009. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, James B. Walsh with prayer by Grand Chaplain pro-tem Robert A. Benson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. 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	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	James B. Walsh
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Gilbert E. Greenfield
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM-pt
I. Grand Chaplain	Robert A. Benson-pt
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Robert A. Benson
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	James G. Horn
I. Grand Marshal	Herbert J. Atkinson
I. Grand Steward	Michael P. Pizzola
I. Grand Sentinel	John B. Dorsey, MIPGM-pt

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987	C. Granville McVey, 1989
James A. Pletz, 1993	Charles H. Lengel, Jr. 1995
John B. Dorsey, 1996	Mark E. Irwin 1997
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999	Albert H. Westerside 2001
Archie W. Bethard, III 2002	Wayne T. Slack, 2003
James R. Herrington, 2005	Charles T. Hart, 2006
Richard L. Weaver, 2007	

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

Neal J. Sobocinski
G. Thomas Taylor

Illustrious Master
Principal Conductor of the Work

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

Robert A. Benson

Illustrious Master

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

Michael P. Pizzola

Deputy Master

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

Herbert J. Atkinson
James A. Pletz, MIPGM

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master

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 82nd 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.

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

Most Worshipful James E. Willey, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was escorted into the Grand Council and presented to Most Illustrious Grand Master Loveless. 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 the Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master complimented Most Illustrious Loveless for his years of service, not only to Cryptic Masonry, but all of Freemasonry, and then 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. Loveless 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.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

My Companions all,

It is indeed my honor to welcome you to this 83rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Delaware.

Most Worshipful James E. Willey, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, I am honored by your presence.

Right Puissant Kenneth D. Chandler, General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and Official Representative of Most Puissant Joe Vale, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, we most sincerely extend to you a hearty and most cordial welcome.

Most Excellent H. Richard Hoffman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Delaware, Right Eminent Charles T.

Hart, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar in Delaware, Distinguished visitors:

Necrology

It is with sadness and joy that we remember those companions who have laid down the working tools of life and will travel to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. Joy in having known them and having shared their companionship in Masonic Brotherhood. Sadness, in sharing with them no longer. The Grand Chaplain and Memorials Committee Chairman will lead us in a memorial service.

Dispensation

March 8, 2008 – Dispensation granted to all Constituent Councils to waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigation, and balloting upon petitions received during the period from March 8, 2008 to March 7, 2009. Dispensation also granted, for the same period, to all Constituent Council to waive the usual waiting period between the several Cryptic Degrees.

Dispensation also granted, for the same period, to all Constituent Councils to hold Special Assemblies for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions, provided however, that proper notice is given to all members, as well as to the Grand Recorder, of such Special Assemblies. Dispensation 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, there proper notice of such temporary relocation is given to all members, as well as to the Grand Recorder.

Waivers of Jurisdiction

No requests for Waivers of jurisdiction were requested and none were granted.

Visitations and Highlights

2008	
March 9	Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina
March 19	DeMolay Legion of Honor
March 22	Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Sessions
March 23	Grand Encampment – 78 th Easter Sunrise Service
April 19	Delaware Lodge of Research
April 29	York Rite Planning Council
May 3	Allied Masonic Degrees
May 17	Scottish Rite Council of Deliberations
May 21	Jesse Green Priory
May 27	Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

June 18	Red Cross of Constantine
June 30	St. Johns Lodge
July 13-15	The Great Smokies Summer Assembly
July 22	Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.
August 18	York Rite Planning Council
August 27-30	General Grand Council Triennial Assembly
September 5-6	Northeast York Rite Conference
September 25	Kent Chapter DeMolay
October 4	One –Day Conferral of Chapter Degrees
October 5	Most Worshipful Grand Master Banquet
October 6	Grand Lodge Annual Sessions
October 11	Union Lodge Outdoor Degree
October 16	Scottish Rite Ceremonial
October 18	Allied Masonic Council
November 7-9	Red Cross of Constantine, East Regional Assembly
December 15	Duncan Beard Chapter, DeMolay
December 17	Red Cross of Constantine
December 29	Order of High Priesthood
February 7	Scottish Rite Ceremonial
February 21	1 Day Conferral of Chapter Degrees(Aberdeen, MD)
March 12	St. Johns Commandery Dinner
March 13	Grand Commandery of Delaware

Grand Representatives Commissioned

It was a distinct honor to recommend the following Delaware Companions to represent the jurisdictions noted near the Grand Council of Delaware:

Wayne T. Slack	Connecticut
Wayne T. Slack	Brazil
Lyman L. Krimmel	Wisconsin

It was also a privilege to welcome as our Grand Representatives from the jurisdictions noted:

Roberto Cavalcante	Brazil
Robert V. Damon	Maine

Official Visitations to Constituent Councils

It is a pleasure to visit the constituent councils. Each constituent council received the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Delaware with a great deal of courtesy and hospitality.

The following visitations were made:

October 22, 2008 Gunning Bedford Council #1, Wilmington
May 7, 2008 Adoniram Council #2, Dover
November 4, 2008 Joppa Council #3, Georgetown
December 29, 2008 Thrice Illustrious Masters Council #4, Wilmington

Official Visitations to Sister Grand Jurisdictions

It was rewarding and enjoyable to visit with other Grand Jurisdictions, while representing the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Delaware.

March 14-15, 2008	District of Columbia, Washington
March 28-29, 2008	Massachusetts, Mansfield
April 4-5, 2008	Rhode Island, Portsmouth
April 22-26, 2008	Maine, Westbrook
May 9-10, 2008	New Hampshire, Portsmouth
June 6-7, 2008	Connecticut, Rocky Hill
October 26-27, 2008	Maryland, Cumberland
March 6-7, 2009	New Jersey, Somerset

I was graciously received at these visits and it enabled me to observe their progress, ideas, programs and problems.

Due to conflicting dates and scheduling conflicts, I was unable to attend the following states: Pennsylvania, Vermont and New York. I regret not being able to attend those jurisdictions.

Condition of the Rite

In every state that I have visited, you hear the same report, membership declining and an aging membership. Comparing our constituent councils, we are doing well.

Recommendations

None

Legislative

None

Judicial

None

C.M.M.R.F.

What does this mean? Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. This is what the Cryptic Masons support. We are advancing the scope of cardiovascular research and vascular biology research, because cardiovascular disease is the number one killer in the United States. We are committed to improving healthcare for future generations because we care.

Appointment

On August 13, 2008, I appointed Wayne T. Slack, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master as Grand Recorder pro-tem.

To the Most Illustrious and Most Puissant Grand Masters from the neighboring jurisdictions, I trust that the hospitality and courtesies that were extended to Delaware at your Assemblies is being reciprocated. We are pleased that you could take the time to visit us in Delaware.

Conclusion

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, all have my utmost admiration and respect for their abilities to deal with whatever situations they may encounter.

I also want to extend my appreciation to my many committees and the respective chairman for their time and devotion to performing in such a professional and dignified manner.

To Most Excellent H. Richard Hoffman, Grand High Priest and Right Eminent Jay C. Bergstrom, Past Grand Commander, our relationship this year has been outstanding. I hope it continues for many years to come and thank you for the support I have received.

To the officers of the Grand Staff, I wish to thank all of you for your support and helping to make this year a great experience and joy.

The past year has been most enjoyable. It has been a wonderful experience, and an honor to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Delaware.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.,
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

Companions:

This my last report as grand Treasurer. I have had the HONOR of being Treasurer the Past Five Years. I will always remember the help you all gave me.

	IMMA Savings	Checking Account	Total Operating
	#206110389	#372746018	
Balances as of 1-31-08	\$8,121.30	\$190.22	\$8,311.52
Receipts:			
Deposits	\$1,200.35		\$1,200.35
CD Interest Transfer	\$88.02	\$1,383.19	\$1,471.21
CD Interest	\$22.43		\$22.43
CD Interest Accrued			
IMMA Interest			
Transferred to Checking			
Sub-Totals	\$9,432.10	\$1,573.41	\$11,005.51
Disbursements		\$(1,300.19)	\$(1,300.19)
Balances as of 2-28-10	\$7,738.26	\$199.14	\$9432.10

Year-To-Year Summary

Assets	1/31/08	2/22/09	Difference
Checking Account	\$190.22	\$199.14	\$8.92
IMMA Savings	\$8,121.30	\$8,131.91	\$10.61
Flex CD (Accruing)	\$8,034.62	\$8,363.59	\$328.97
Flex CD (IMMA Trans.)	\$8,104.88	\$8,104.88	\$0
Perm.Fund Savings	\$1,346.55	\$1,544.92	\$198.37
Total Assets	\$25,797.57	\$26,344.44	\$546.87
Total Net Worth		\$27,483.80	

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne T. Slack, 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

No report

INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Memorials for 2008

Adoniram Council #2

Robert Lomax
Harry Newell

Joppa Council #3

Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
Richard L. Jerread
Rev. John A. Irwin

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES COMMITTEE

For the year 2008 there have been no requests for this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM, Chairman
Charles T. Hart, MIPGM

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The Committee continues to urge all Companions to support the General Grand Council Cryptic Research Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald D. Thomas, PMIGM, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR

No report received.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

No report received

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

No report received

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

No report received

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

The Summer of 2008 was the 24th year that Camp Quoowant was held on the grounds of the Hanby Outdoor Center. The YMCA chose camps that included sports, nature experiences, arts and crafts, active games and animal care. The Camp promotes the YMCA's character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibilities in all that they do.

On July 18th 2008 The Board of Governors was invited to the second annual Pilamaya "thank you" celebration event of the summer. We saw some of the activities around Camp Quoowant. One of the new games is called GaGa. This is an eight sided arena used for a game with a ball. It is much like dodge ball. It was a great hit with the campers.

In 2008 the "Y" had 754 Campers, in their 11 one week sessions. Last year they only had 580 Campers. That was a gain of 174 Campers over 2007.

Total Financial assistance provided by the YMCA is \$110,334.15. The Hanby Trust gave \$70,000 to the YMCA for 2008.

PILAMAYA "thank you",
Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM, Governor

REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

No report received

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT

No report received

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and regrets that we were unable to make a thorough review due to the time of receipt. We ask the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master to provide the committee his draft report at least 30 days prior to the Grand Sessions to allow adequate time to review and comment on the address.

The committee has reviewed the dispensations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and find them proper and within his authority and approve of them.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master had a busy schedule this year and we commend him for his presence at the many bodies he attended. His attendance, we are certain helped publicize the Grand Council and will reap benefits in the future.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed 3 Grand Representatives near the Grand Council of Delaware and 2 from our sister jurisdictions. We appreciate his attention to this very important duty by providing representatives to carry on the fraternal relations with other jurisdictions.

We are pleased that our Most Illustrious Grand Master visited all of the constituent councils and are happy that he was received with the honor deserving of his position.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master was able to attend 8 of our sister jurisdictions. We know the friendships and relations that were built will benefit both he and our Grand Council in the future. We appreciate the courtesy that was shown to our Grand Master in these sessions.

Our Grand Master has reported that a declining and aging membership is occurring in many other states and that our Councils appear to be doing better however, his report does not explain why. We regret that no recommendations were made. The committee encourages the Most Illustrious Grand Master to look for ways to improve our Grand Council by making recommendations.

We are pleased that the Most Illustrious Grand Master is committed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and we encourage all Companions to support this worthwhile charity.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master reported about his appointment of Wayne T. Slack to complete the term of the Grand Recorder. The committee finds it with his authority and approves of this action.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master has completed his term with dignity and honor and we applaud his work in improving the recognition of the Grand Council this past year. We trust that he and his Lady Eleanor will be able to rest some after his exhaustive schedule this past year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman
James R. Herrington, PMIGM
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PMIGM

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was approved.

Administrative Matters

At the 2008 sessions a proposal was made by PMIGM James R. Herrington to rotate the 3 Grand Bodies meeting times. The Grand Commandery has found conflicts with this proposal and did not approve the change. This committee has reviewed the proposal and offers the following legislation to consider.

Amend Article 6 of the Constitution

It currently reads:

The Grand Council shall hold its Annual Assembly at 9:00 A.M. on the second Saturday in March at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware, or at such time and place to permit meeting on the same day as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or such other time and place as the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly may determine. Special Assemblies may be called if deemed necessary, or when requested by a majority of the Councils.

Amend it to read:

The Grand Council shall hold its Annual Assembly on the second Saturday in March at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware, or at such time and place to permit meeting on the same day as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or such other time and place as the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly may determine. Special Assemblies may be called if deemed necessary, or when requested by a majority of the Councils.

The elimination of the time of the meeting would permit the Grand Council to alternate its meeting with the Grand Chapter upon agreement with the Grand Chapter. Since this is a change the constitution, it cannot be enacted until next annual session. The committee moves this change as a first reading.

The Committee has reviewed the Constitution and Standing Resolutions and have updated them with legislation that has been passed but not been updated. Copies will be available from the Grand Recorder's office shortly.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
 Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman
 James R. Herrington, PMIGM
 Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PMIGM

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Grand Council Budget 2009

Income

Dues	900.00	300 companions @ \$3.00
Dues Cards	40.00	
Petitions		
Interest - Money Market	21.00	
Interest - CD 351	90.00	
Interest - CD 289		Rolls Forward; not spent
Donations		
	Subtotal	1051.00

Expenses

General Grand Council	105.00	300 companions @ .35
Cryptic masons medical research foundation	0	
Dues Cards	40.00	
MIGM Jewel	100.00	
Banquet	500.00	
Recorder	75.00	
Treasurer	25.00	
Insurance	38.00	
Proceedings	100.00	
Postage	40.00	
Supplies	25.00	
Misc	25.00	
Picnic	0.00	
PIGM Apron paraphenalia		
	Subtotal	1073.00

Gain/loss	-22.00	
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On motion regularly made, and seconded the above Budget was APPROVED.

**RECOGNITION OF
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Right Puissant Kenneth Chandler for his remarks. Companion Chandler extended his thanks for the courtesies extended to he and his lady. He also spoke of the assistance that the General Grand Council has to offer as well as the continued support for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

Most Illustrious Grand Master Loveless 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 Loveless 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	James B. Wlash
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Gilbert E. Greenfield
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Robert A. Benson
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

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

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	James G. Horn
I. Grand Chaplain	Eugene R. Small
I. Grand Conductor of Council	James T. Ruby
I. Grand Marshal	Herbert J. Atkinson
I. Grand Steward	Michael P. Pizzola
I. Grand Sentinel	Christian L. Dull

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form.

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:

<u>Jurisprudence</u>	<u>Grand Inspector</u>
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM	Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM
James R. Herrington, MIPGM	
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM	<u>Constitution and Statutes</u>
	Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM
<u>Finance</u>	Charles T. Hart, MIPGM
David H. Laucius	
	<u>Memorials</u>
<u>York Rite Leadership</u>	Robert A. Benson
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM	R. Nelson Biggs
Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM	
	<u>Gov. Albert T. Hanby Trust</u>
<u>Grand York Rite Annual Mtg.</u>	Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM
Robert A. Benson (Council)	
John D. Hiott (Commandery)	<u>Awards and Recognition</u>
Arthur A. Loveless (Chapter)	Charles T. Hart, MIPGM
A. Tony Maxwell – Perm. Member	Arthur A. Loveless, MIPGM
<u>G.G.C. Benevolent Foundation</u>	<u>Permanent Fund</u>
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM	John B. Dorsey, MIPGM
	Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM
<u>Grand York Rite Youth</u>	
Herbert P. Fulmer	

VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	September 23, 2009
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	May 6, 2009
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	November 3, 2009
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 30, 2009

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date of the 84th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set for Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market St., Wilmington, Delaware at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:15 A.M. by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, James E. Willey. The Companions then repaired to the 4th floor for lunch.

ATTEST:

Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM
Grand Recorder-pt

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

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

GRAND TREASURERS

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

GRAND RECORDERS

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

* - Deceased # - Suspended

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

1975 Chester C. Coffin	1976 * Raymond A. Howard
1977 * James L. Crouse	1978 *Henry G. Law
1979 * C. Ray Scarborough	1980 * Robert Parke, Jr.
1981 * Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1982 * Lewis J. Blackwell
1983 * J. Norman Nicklas	1984 Richard A. Scarlott
1985 C. Granville McVey	1986 * John A. Irwin
1988 James A. Pletz	1989 * James Richardson
1990 Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1991 * Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1992 John B. Dorsey	1994 John N. Phillos
1996 James T. Elliott, Jr.	1997 Maurice C Barnes
1998 Eugene R. Small	1999 David F. Coady
2000 *James A. Johnson	2001 Jon B. Cottrell
2006 James G. Horn	2007 Robert A. Benson

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

1983	* Marion C.T. Townsend	1984	* J. Norman Nicklas
1985	David B. Craig, Jr.	1986	*James H. Hutchins
1987	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1988	Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.
1989	James A. Pletz	1990	Franklin R. Townsend
1991	* Walter D, Wagner	1992	Eugene R. Small
1993	George W. Taylor	1994	Robert R. Hiddeman
1996	Donald E. Rosenberry	1997	G. Thomas Taylor
1998	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1999	J. David Goss
2001	Edwin Newth	2002	Carol & Herb Fulmer
2006	Bronwyn Millman	2007	George C. Dutton

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

Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Near Delaware</u>	<u>State or Province</u>	<u>From Delaware</u>
Eugene R. Small	ALABAMA	George H. Busby
Donald F. Taylor	ALASKA	Russell A. Kenderick
Horace G. Patterson, Jr.	ARIZONA	David W. Blood
	ARKANSAS	Wesley M. Newton
James A. Pletz	CALIFORNIA	Brett A. McDonald
Samuel L. Mellin	COLORADO	Darrell Tygart
	CONNECTICUT	Richard L. Smail
John B. Dorsey	DIST. of COLUMBIA	Scott M. Applebee
C. Granville McVey	EASTERN CANADA	Cecil E. Decker
Donald D. Thomas	ENGLAND & WALES	Robert Keith Hind
Jon B. Cottrell	FLORIDA	Charles Lee Hollinger
Archie W. Bethard, III	GEORGIA	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr	GERMANY	Walter E. Eichen
Charles T. Hart	HAWAII	Thomas L. Wilkerson
Harry D. Newell	IDAHO	M. William Echo
James T. Elliott, Jr.	ILLINOIS	James W. Patton
G. Richard Ward	INDIANA	Robert F. Price
Wayne T. Slack	IOWA	George R. McCormick
Carl E. Buffington	KANSAS	F. Earl Riley
	KENTUCKY	Douglas F. Long
Franklin R. Townsend	LOUISIANA	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
W. Thomas Musser	MAINE	Robert V. Damon
	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 Gerstenschlager
Lucien T. Lenhart	MONTANA	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
D. Julian Massey	NEBRASKA	Abbott George Burkeu
John B. Dorsey	NEVADA	William G. Roberts
Neal J. Sobocinski	NEW HAMPSHIRE	Thomas G. LaBerge
James R. Hanby	NEW JERSEY	Robert J. Sheridan
David B. Harman	NEW MEXICO	John E. Smith
	NEW YORK	Walter E. Barlow
Mark E. Irwin	NORTH CAROLINA	Otis V. Jones, Jr.
Maurice C. Barnes	NORTH DAKOTA	Cory R. Lien
Richard A. Scarlott	OHIO	Henry A. Dodson
Jay C. Bergstrom	OKLAHOMA	Charles F. Gillentine
Charles T. Hart	ONTARIO	R. Frank Russell
G. Thomas Taylor	OREGON	Robert E. Hoffmaster
Chester C. Coffin	PENNSYLVANIA	Edward L. Helgerman
Randall C. Mullen	PHILIPPINES	Evaristo A. Leviste
	RHODE ISLAND	Raymond E. Hassell
John N. Phillos	SOUTH CAROLINA	Wilson C. Hardee
	SOUTH DAKOTA	Milton Edny
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	TENNESSEE	William P. Bouton
James R. Herrington	TEXAS	Vernon I. Bartlett
Robert J. Lomax	UTAH	William J. Westbrook
James Teal	VERMONT	Guy Oldenburg
Gilbert E. Greenfield	WASHINGTON	William C. Cannon
	WESTERN CANADA	John F. Dobell
	WISCONSIN	Clarence A. McElmurry
Wayne D. Mower	WYOMING	Charles Gregg

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

ALABAMA	MONTANA
ALASKA	NEBRASKA
ARIZONA	NEVADA
ARKANSAS	NEW HAMPSHIRE
CALIFORNIA	NEW JERSEY
COLORADO	NEW MEXICO
CONNECTICUT	NEW YORK
DISTRICT of COLUMBIA	NORTH CAROLINA
EASTERN CANADA	NORTH DAKOTA
ENGLAND & WALES	OHIO
FLORIDA	OKLAHOMA
GEORGIA	ONTARIO
GERMANY	OREGON
HAWAII	PENNSYLVANIA
IDAHO	PHILIPPINES
ILLINOIS	RHODE ISLAND
INDIANA	SCOTLAND
IOWA	SOUTH CAROLINA
KANSAS	SOUTH DAKOTA
KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE
LOUISIANA	TEXAS
MAINE	UTAH
MARYLAND	VERMONT
MASSACHUSETTS	WASHINGTON
MICHIGAN	WESTERN CANADA
MINNESOTA	WISCONSIN
MISSISSIPPI	WYOMING
MISSOURI	

Grand Recorder names and addresses can be found at the General
Grand Council Website:

<http://www.ggccmi.org/ggcmrec.html>

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

Lyman L. Krimmel	Illustrious Master
Neal J. Sobocinski	Deputy Master
Jay C. Bergstrom	Principal Conductor of the Work
James R. Herrington, MIPGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Recorder
G. Thomas Taylor, III	Captain of the Guard
John W. Peronti	Conductor of the Council
Harold Heitman	Steward
Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM	Chaplain
Joseph L. Kaufman	Sentinel

GREETED

None

REINSTATED

DEMITTED

SUSPENDED

Franklin R. Townsend

DIED

Adoniram Council No. 2

Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

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

OFFICERS

Robert A. Benson, PIM	Illustrious Master
Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM	Deputy Master
John D. Hiott	Principal Conductor of the Work
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Recorder
John A. Eberly	Captain of the Guard
Richard Weaver, MIPGM	Conductor of the Council
James L. Ferguson, PIM	Steward
Charles H. Workman, III	Chaplain
Frank C. Lind	Sentinel

GREETED

John Marinucci	Joseph Marvil
Joshua Crompton	Michal Benton
Jason Leone	Robert Williams
Jarone Passon	Jeffrey Melvin

AFFILIATED

None

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

Ellis Vest

SUSPENDED

David Coady	Randall Hodges
James Ruby	Charles Ware

DIED

Robert Lomax	Harry Newell
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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

Christian Dull	Illustrious Master
Michael Pizzola	Deputy Master
John Merkley, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work
James B. Walsh, MIPGM	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes, PIM	Recorder
George Gadsby	Captain of the Guard
	Conductor of the Council
George Logan	Steward
	Chaplain
	Sentinel

GREETED

None

REINSTATED

Stacy Lee Lowe

AFFILIATED

None

SUSPENDED

DEMITTED

DIED

Haywood I. Buck, Jr., MIPGM
Rev. John A. Irwin

Richard L. Jerread

Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

OFFICERS

Herbert J. Atkinson, PIM	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
Lionel Hunter PIM	Sentinel

AFFILIATED

Christian Dull	Neal J. Sobocinski
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DIED

Haywood I. Buck, Jr., MIPGM	Rev. John A. Irwin
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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 2009 plus 4000 = 6009

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 2009 plus 3760 = 5769. 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 2009 plus 530 = 2539

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 2009 plus 1000 = 3009

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 2009 = 891.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACITOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 2009 plus 1913 = 3922.

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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2009**

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The Eighty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic
Masons of Delaware will be held at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market St.,
Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 9:00 A.M.

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**2008-2011
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- George Sellars Deputy General Grand Master
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- Lawrence O. Weaver.....General Grand P.C. of the Work
19433 Prospector Ter., Oregon City, OR 97045 503-518-9129
- Kenneth D. ChandlerGeneral Grand Treasurer
2288 Coy Rd., Mason, MI 48854 517-676-2172
- David A. Grindle General Grand Recorder
PO Box 1087, Meridian, ID 83646..... 208-895-6612
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APPOINTIVE

- Rev. Glenn B. Everett..... General Grand Chaplain
- Ronald B. Blaisdell..... General Grand Chaplain
- Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr..... General Grand Chaplain
- Jack (Jay) M. Callaham, Jr.....General Grand Captain of the Guard
- Saul M. Tischler..... General Grand Conductor of Council
- J. Gordon Cartrette General Grand Marshal
- Howard K. Boxmeyer..... General Grand Steward
- Howard F. Entwistle General Grand Sentinel
- Robert (Bob) Malwitz..... Chief Ambassador
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