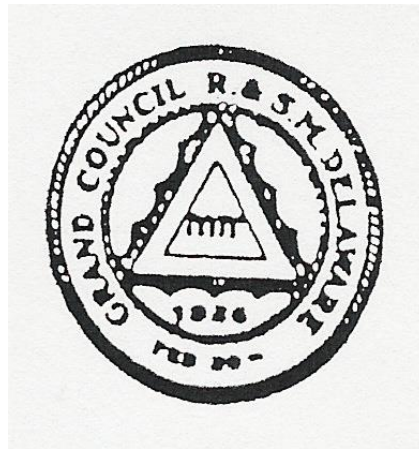


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF
DELAWARE**



**AT ITS
EIGHTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT THE
MASONIC TEMPLE
818 MARKET STREET
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 8 2014, A.D. 3014, A. Dep.**



**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
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GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE**

The Eighty-Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 8, 2014, A. Dep. 3014. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Jay C. Bergstrom with prayer by Grand Chaplain James R. Herrington, PMIGM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Neal J. Sobocinski 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	Neal J. Sobocinski
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Jay C. Bergstrom
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Lionel D. Hunter
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
I. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington, MIPGM
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	William F. Lott
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	Harold Heitmann
I. Grand Marshal	A. Tony Maxwell
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

Donald D. Thomas, 1985	James A. Pletz, 1993
John B. Dorsey, 1996	Mark E. Irwin 1997
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999	Wayne T. Slack, 2003
James R. Herrington, 2005	Charles T. Hart, 2006
Richard L. Weaver, 2007	Arthur A. Loveless, 2008
James B. Walsh, 2009	James G. Horn, 2012

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

A. Tony Maxwell	Illustrious Master
Terrance Van Gorder	Deputy Master

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

John Hiott
John A. Eberly

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

William F. Lott

Illustrious Master

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

James A. Pletz
Donald D. Thomas

Deputy Master
Recorder

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 87th Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as published.

RECEPTION OF REPORTS

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

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. Charles A. McCollum

Most Puissant Grand Master

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

M.I. Philip Palmer, Sr. Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.I. Howard F. Coleman Grand Recorder

MAINE

M.E. Howard C. Weymouth Grand High Priest

MARYLAND

M.I. James Coker Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.E. Richard Naegle Grand High Priest and Past M. Ill. Grand Master
M.I. Ronald Aughenbaugh Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

PENNSYLVANIA

M.E. Charles Klingaman Grand High Priest

RHODE ISLAND

M.I. Eugene Thibeault Most Illustrious Grand Master

WEST VIRGINIA

M.E. Charles F. Wimer Grand High Priest

ONTARIO

M.I. Donald J. Emerick Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. David Hardie Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
M.I. Donald Kline Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Most Illustrious Grand Master Sobocinski cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions. He stated that he hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware enjoyable.

DELAWARE MASONIC LEADERS

The following Masonic leaders of Delaware were then presented at the Altar and introduced by PMIGM Mark E. Irwin.

M.E. James B. Walsh Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Delaware

S.K. James B. Walsh Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware

K. Arthur A. Loveless Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70, KYCH

R.E.D. Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. Grand Governor for Delaware,
York Rite Sovereign College of North America

K.C. David H. Laucius Puissant Sovereign
Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

K.C. James A. Pletz Intendant General, Division of Delaware
Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

R.W. Mark E. Irwin Chief Adept, Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

Ill. Donald D. Thomas 33° Active Emeritus AASR

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 88th Annual Assembly.

**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 were then introduced by Junior Past Most Illustrious Grand Master James G. Horn. M.I.G.M. Sobocinski thanked them for their past endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past year.

RECEPTION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

R.P. Charles Hollinger	General Grand Treasurer
R.P. James R. Herrington	Assistant General Grand Chaplain
R.P. Robert Malwitz	Chief of Staff
M.I. Wayne T. Slack	Ambassador for Delaware

**RECEPTION OF THE
RIGHT PUISSANT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
CHARLES W. WAGNER**

Most Illustrious Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, Right Puissant Charles W. (Buddy) Wagner, the Deputy General Grand Master of the Northeast Region of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Sobocinski most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware and invited him to the East.

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

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Mark Irwin then presented Most Worshipful H. Richard Hoffman, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware

who was received and recognized by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Most Illustrious Grand Master Sobocinski handed over the gavel of authority to Most Worshipful Hoffman who extended greetings to all assembled and wished for a successful session. He then returned the gavel to the Most Illustrious Grand Master so that he could conduct the business of the Grand Council.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

To the officers, companions, visitors and distinguished guests from sister jurisdictions, we welcome you to this our 88th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, we are honored by your presence and welcome you all to Delaware.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, James B. Walsh, I welcome you to this Grand Assembly, although you were installed only a few hours ago you are now making your first official visit. We have spent much time together and it has always been a pleasure working with you. May your year be a pleasant and fruitful one.

To the officers of my Grand Staff, both elected and appointed you have served both me and the Grand Council with dignity and hard work, I thank you for your support and help. To the Illustrious Masters of our constituent Councils in Delaware I thank you for your courtesies during our official visits to your Council.

As per the schedule, which I announced at the beginning of the year, the Grand Council paid each Council an official visit. I also made it a point to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of each council through the year, as my scheduled permitted.

To each of the states in our sister jurisdictions, The District of Columbia (I know D.C. is not a state), Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey and Vermont. I thank you once again for your courtesies afforded to me and the other representatives of my staff.

It was also my pleasure to represent the Grand Council at various state Masonic functions: The Grand Lodge of Delaware, which had its Annual Communication at Rehoboth Beach, The York Rite reception for the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.Richard Hoffman at Solomon Lodge #36, The Thrice Illustrious Master Council in Newport on December 30, I also visited various Blue Lodges to give talks on York Rite and Councils in particular.

Recommendations

Unless otherwise specified in the individual Council's by-laws the following shall apply:

1) **Add a standing resolution as follows:**

Number of companions required for opening a stated meeting of a Council:

The minimum number of companions required to open a stated meeting of a Council shall be **three**. They shall consist of the following:

Illustrious Master (May be a past Illustrious Master of said Council)

Deputy Master (May be a past Illustrious Master of said Council)

Principal Conductor of Work (May be a past Illustrious Master of said Council)

One of 3 will serve as Recorder.

The minimum number of companions required to open a stated meeting of a Council for conferring degrees or other work shall be Nine or more.

2) Change article 3 officers, of Grand Council Constitution as follows:

Change from: the first five of whom shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Assembly, and the last six shall be appointed by the Grand Master. The officers shall be installed during the Annual Assembly at which they are elected or appointed, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Change to: The first five of whom shall be elected at the annual assembly by ballot and by a majority of votes cast, except that when there is but one nominee for an office, vote may be by usual voting sign of a Royal Arch Mason. The appointed officers shall be selected and appointed by the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master and hold office during his pleasure; and must be contributing members of a subordinate Council within this jurisdiction.

Recommended Proposal:

That this Grand Council establish a committee to investigate the establishment of recognition with the recognized Delaware Prince Hall Council in Delaware using, as a basis, the protocol established by the two Grand Lodges.

Conclusion

As the final grains of sand pass through the hourglass of time for this Cryptic year, so is my time as your Most Illustrious Grand Master at an end, and I ask that you give your newly elected officers the same support you so generously gave me. The trust you placed in me as your Most Illustrious Grand Master I will always cherish.

May the Supreme architect bless Masonry where ever it may exist and Cryptic in particular now and for all time.

Fraternally Submitted,
Neal J. Sobocinski
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

I first want to extend a most warm thanks to the members of the audit committee for their outstanding assistance over the past several years.

Also an additional thank you to Companion David Laucius for his most able assistance in pulling me out of the hole I was in trying to perform the preliminary audit on the Treasurer's books.

I also want to offer a most generous and loving thanks to my deceased Lady Nancy for her most professional assistance in keeping me on top of things for the past several years.

I must inform you that I am no longer a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Grand Council finished the year a net worth of \$27,681.85, which represents an increase of \$1127.19 when compared to a beginning net worth of \$26,554.66. A summary of the results for the year is as follows:

Opening balance 2/1/2013	\$26,554.66
Receipts	1,420.88
Expenditures	591.85
Interest	76.59
Adjustment from prior year	166.49
Ending Balance 1/31/2014	\$27,681.85
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts at Year End	\$1,127.19

There were no outstanding obligations at the end of the fiscal year.

The \$166.49 adjustment was to one of our CDs, which was understated in FY2012. The increase represents the interest earned in that year.

The net gain of \$1127.19 represents a 4.2% increase to its opening balances prior to adjustment. Without the adjustment, the increase was 3.6%. The gain resulted from limited expenditures.

There are two concerns. First, interest rates remain a problem. All of Grand Council's accounts are held in bank savings accounts and interest rates are less than inflation. Second, Wilmington Savings

Funds Society has imposed an \$8.00 per month fee on two of our accounts. This Grand Council cannot afford such costs and the accounts need to be transferred to another more friendly institution.

I move that this report be received, printed in the proceedings of this Grand Assembly and referred to the Finance Committee for their action.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheldon Edwards
 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 this report to this Grand Council. I thank all who have helped me throughout the year. I have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

Following is a record of all income received in the Grand Recorder's office and an accounting for all vouchers issued.

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income		Expenses:	
Annual Returns	1201.50	Annual Assembly	0
Dues Cards	68.00	CMMRF	0
Shipping-Reimb.	13.85	Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	296.00
Rituals	15.00	Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00
TIM Jewels	28.50	Grand Recorder Office Expenses	0
		Grand Treasurer Honorarium	25.00
		Insurance	74.00
		MIGM Aprons	0
		Postage	62.19
		Rituals	20.00
Total Income:	\$1,326.85	Total Expenses	\$726.97

This shows a net gain for the year of \$599.88. I would note that 2 subordinate Council returns were received late and are not included in this report but the 2 late reports from 2012 were received and are included. Due to the untimely passing of Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Robert Benson, no reconciliation was made with the Annual York Rite Sessions, so no monies were paid. That amount will be \$548.90. The purchase of Most Illustrious Grand Masters apron will also occur. Those added expenses will mean that we will break even between income and expenses.

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	GREET	REIN	AFFIL	ADJ	DEMIT	SUS	DIED	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	150	1	1	0	0	2	5	5	140	
ADONIRAM	21	4	1	0	0	0	6	3	17	
JOPPA	68	1	0	0	0	2	7	3	57	
T. I. M.	59	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	60	60
TOTALS	298	6	2	2	0	4	18	12	274	60

NET LOSS 24

It was a rough year for the Grand Council from a membership perspective. Each of the Councils had greetings this year but deaths and suspensions far outweighed the additions. We need to work to improve our recruiting of potential members in our lodges and chapters.

I appreciate all the support I have received from the Recorders of the subordinate Councils and wish you all continued success in your duties.

All IRS filings were made and accepted with the exception of Gunning Bedford Council. Although they filed for reinstatement, the IRS has over a year's backlog in granting the reinstatements. It is hoped that by next year's filing, the situation will be resolved and all Councils and the Grand Council will be in compliance with the IRS.

I am pleased to report that the Proceedings of the 2013 Grand Assembly have been prepared and are available via the website. If any Companion does not have access to a computer and desires a hard copy, please let the Grand Recorder know and he will provide a printed copy.

At the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference sponsored by the Grand Encampment, a presentation was made by Sir Knight Robert Bigley regarding the York Rite Information System. This system is used by our Grand Commandery to centralize their membership. After inquiry with Sir Knight Bigley, he gave an estimate of \$400 to set the database up and the annual cost of \$30 per year. This investment would allow the Grand Council to maintain the membership for Delaware. I would move that the Grand Council authorize the money for this endeavor upon approval of the Finance Committee.

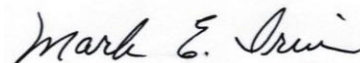
Your Grand Recorder has made an effort to digitize all of the Proceedings for the Grand Council as well as create a repository of

other important documents. Currently it is housed on a personal website. To ensure continuity for the Grand Council, I propose that we join with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery as well as other appendant and concordant bodies in Delaware to establish a repository for this information. The cost would be \$100 for 1 terabyte of web space and the Grand Council share would be \$20. In addition, the webmaster for the official website has requested a donation from each of the Grand Bodies. Since we have not spent any money for the over 15 years we have been on the web, I would recommend that we make a donation this year of \$50. Both of these requests have been submitted to the Finance Committee for their recommendation.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Neal J. Sobocinski, I appreciate all of your support. I regret that due to other commitments, I was unable to be with you as much as I wanted. I congratulate you on your year and wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Lastly, thanks to all the Companions for the honor you have bestowed on me. I have been most appreciative to the support and encouragement that I have received.

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.

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

Let us begin with prayer:

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life. By your Holy Spirit lead us in faithfulness all our days. When we have served you in our own generation, may we be gathered with those who have gone before us, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the confidence that we have attempted to serve You faithfully. Open our hearts to your love, and lead us in the way everlasting. AMEN

Today we bring white carnations to our altar to memorialize those who

have gone before us to stand before the Throne of Grace. Some were "giants among their peers", others more ordinary men. All had God's plan in their lives, and fulfilled it to varying degrees. There are those whom we remember as having great impact upon our lives and our fraternity-others much less so. Let each of us pause and remember by name those men important to us. (pause) May they rest in peace.

We remember, and bring a carnation in tribute to: Our departed Past Illustrious Grand Masters, including General Grand Master George Sellars; Our departed Past Illustrious Masters; Our departed constituent Companions; and those Companions departed from our Sister Grand and Local Councils, wheresoever dispersed.

Let us pray:

Thou, O God, knowest our down-sitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. Consider and hear us as we remember those Masonic Brothers and Companions who have gone before us to be with You. Give us faith, that we may see beyond touch and sight, and experience signs of Your kingdom. Give us good hope, so we may bravely walk our earthly way, and look forward to glad heavenly reunion. May You, O God bless and keep us all. AMEN.

James R. Herrington, PMIGM
Grand Chaplain

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES COMMITTEE

There were no matters referred to the Committee on Constitution and Statutes for our consideration during this Cryptic Year.

Fraternally
James A Pletz, PMIGM, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No report

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

It was reported that no activity occurred with the Permanent Fund during the Cryptic year.

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that the 2013 Proceedings have been created

and posted on the Internet. In an effort to reduce costs for the Grand Council, the Committee had decided to not print copies of the Proceedings but rather publish them on the Internet for the benefit of all members. In addition, a pdf formatted file will be sent to all Grand Jurisdictions that are recognized by this Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder's office in the last year has received Proceedings in various formats. Some were printed, some sent on CD and some sent via email. Email is the lowest cost alternative. For those Companions who do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Grand Recorder's office for a printed copy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Irwin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

Program Highlights

- Camper spots increased 104 spots over last year (1%)
- Sports camps increased enrollment
- Expanded small critters cabin program, with a dedicated program specialist.
- Continued Summer reading program with a dedicated program specialist.
- We provided 27 weeks of summer camp to 14 kids through "Camp Respite," a program funded by the state of Delaware for seniors who care for children who are not their own. (\$6,005.00)
- Continued collaboration with ING to provide campers with an opportunity to visit the Junio Achievement program.
- Continued to focus on summer learning opportunities for our summer campers.

Site/Facility Highlights

- Upgraded bathhouse floors
- Repaired bridge over the creek
- Tree removal (several dead trees)
- Added 2 ball walls

Community Connections Highlights

- A number of scout troops did service hours cleaning trails, painting, etc.
- YMCA swim team did service hours preparing for the opening of camp
- Facility was used by the boy and girls scouts, school groups and church groups
- 30 families serve as fall/winter/spring goat keepers
- Continued to provide parking for the Arden Fair

Looking Ahead

Site Development

- Master Planning process has begun for the Hanby Site
- Appropriate accommodations for campers/staff safety during severe weather conditions
- 1750 house evaluation – structural concerns
- We have a significant number of trees that need to be removed
- Continue discussion with the conservation district regarding creek erosion and water routing
- Future of the House on the corner of Marsh Road and Chestnut Street

Program Development

- Expanding facility usage spring and fall
- Possible collaboration with Concord High School Sports Programs to offer clinics for middle school students
- Active older adult programs on site
- Family programming during the spring, summer and fall seasons
- Conditioning program for middle and high school athletes

Hanby Trust gave \$65,000.

Fraternally Submitted,
Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM,
Board Member

REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

There were no nominees for awards.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT

December 2013

The stated Assembly of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 was held on December 30, 2013 in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, 108 East Market Street, Newport, Delaware with the following officers present:

Illustrious Master	Illustrious Herbert J. Atkinson
Senior Warden	M.I.P.G.M. James A. Pletz
Junior Warden	M.I.P.G.M. C. Granville McVey
Recorder/Treasurer	M.I.P.G.M. Donald D. Thomas
Steward	M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey
Sentinel	Illustrious Lionel Hunter

Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson welcomed all present and thanked them for coming out for this conferral.

Anatole, 'Tony', Maxwell, Illustrious Master elect of Gunning Bedford

Council No. 1, and William Lott, Illustrious Master elect of Joppa Council Number 3, were elected affiliated member of the Council. Companion Lott, having received the degree earlier in his Masonic career in Connecticut, was welcomed into Thrice Illustrious Council and chose to sit amongst the Companions on the sidelines,

The Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree was conferred upon Companion Maxwell in a most commendable 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 Illustrious Master Atkinson presenting King David's Charge.

Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson and Most Illustrious Grand Master Sobocinski presented the newly affiliated Thrice Illustrious Masters copies of the By-Laws of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4, their permanent membership cards and their Thrice Illustrious Master's jewel

Illustrious Companion John B. Dorsey read a brief paper on Beniah that had been presented to him years before by Past Illustrious Companion Richard A. Scarlott who, for many years, presented the part of Beniah in a most proficient manner.

The minutes of the December 27, 2012 meeting were presented in brief, together with the Treasurer's report, showing a balance as of November 30, 2013 of 225.73, and were accepted as presented.

The Recorder, sadly, announced the passing this year of Most Illustrious Robert A. Benson, PMIGM, and prayer was offered in his behalf.

The next meeting of the Council be held on December 29, 2014, commencing at 6:45 PM, again at the Newport Masonic Temple with the following officers re- elected to serve Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4 for the ensuing Cryptic year:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Herbert J. Atkinson
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	James A. Pletz
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	C. Granville McVey
Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas

The following were appointed as:

Thrice Illustrious Steward	John B. Dorsey
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Lionel Hunter

The following distinguished Brethren were in attendance:

Most Excellent J. B. Walsh, Grand High Priest of the Grand

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Delaware.

Right Eminent James G. Horn, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Delaware.

Knight Companion David H. Laucius, Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory Number 70, KYCH and Puissant Sovereign Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Knight Companion James A. Pletz, Intendant General for the Division of Delaware, UGIC, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Illustrious Herbert J. Atkinson, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council, AASR, NMJ

The Most Illustrious Grand Master Neal J. Sobocinski, with several members of his staff, were received into the Council and the Most Illustrious was accorded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority. The Most Illustrious expressed the pleasure of being in Thrice Illustrious Master's Council Number 4 commented the officers on their work and again extended a hearty welcome to the new members. He encouraged the newly affiliated member to work zealously in their Council for the forthcoming year.

Thrice Illustrious Council Number 4 was closed with harmony prevailing by the Most Illustrious Grand Master the Council at 8:15 P.M.

Respectively submitted,
Donald D. Thomas,
Recorder, TIM No. 4.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and presents its report on it.

The Committee is pleased to see that the Most Illustrious Grand Master made an official visitation to each of the constituent Councils. We also commend him for his support to these Councils by attending all of their regular meetings whenever possible.

We are pleased to see that our Most Illustrious Grand Master was able to attend 7 of our sister jurisdictions Grand Sessions. I know that he gained much insight in the workings of other jurisdictions and hopefully has ideas to help our Grand Jurisdiction.

We are also pleased to see that he was able to represent the Grand Council at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and the reception for Grand Master Hoffman at Solomon Lodge. He also helped to spread the word about the York Rite and especially the Council in presentations before several Blue Lodges.

The committee has reviewed the dispensation waiving waiting periods for balloting, although not noted in his address, of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and find it proper and within his authority and approve of it.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master made 2 recommendations. The first was to add a Standing Resolution:

Number of companions required for opening a stated meeting of a Council:

The minimum number of companions required to open a stated meeting of a Council shall be three. They shall consist of the following:

Illustrious Master (May be a past Illustrious Master of said Council).

Deputy Master (May be a past Illustrious Master of said Council).

Principal Conductor of Work (May be a past Illustrious Master of said Council).

One of the 3 will serve as Recorder.

The minimum number of companions required to open a stated meeting of a Council for conferring degrees or other work shall be Nine or more.

The Committee finds the resolution to be in order and within the power of the Grand Council to adopt. There has been a problem with some Councils having sometimes as many as 8 members present for stated meetings and have been unable to have a meeting. This would allow them to meet and conduct any business that may be needed to conduct. We recommend its adoption.

The second is a change to the Constitution referring to Article 3 of the Constitution:

The current article reads:

Article 3. OFFICERS

The officers of the Grand Council shall be:

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

*Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
Illustrious Grand Marshal
Illustrious Grand Steward
Illustrious Grand Sentinel*

the first five of whom shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Assembly, and the last six shall be appointed by the Grand Master. The officers shall be installed during the Annual Assembly at which they are elected or appointed, or as soon thereafter as possible. (1968)

The recommendation is to change it to:

The first five of whom shall be elected at the annual assembly by ballot and by a majority of votes cast, except that when there is but one nominee for an office, vote may be by usual voting sign of a Cryptic Mason. The appointed officers shall be selected and appointed by the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master and hold office during his pleasure; and must be contributing members of a subordinate Council within this jurisdiction.

The Committee has not had enough time to fully evaluate the change and would recommend that this be a first reading and that final action be held at the next annual assembly.

We thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for his service to this Grand Council this year and to his Lady, Carolyn who has supported him in his journey.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman
Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was approved. Upon motion regularly made, seconded the new standing resolution was approved. Upon motion regularly made, seconded the Constitutional change had first reading and will be considered at the next Annual Assembly.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has reviewed the records of the Grand Council for 2013 and finds that Treasurer's report accurately reflects the accounts of the Council. There was one correction related to the opening balance in the accruing CD. Otherwise the opening and

closing balances agree with the statements and all receipts and expenditures were accurately recorded.

The account balances totaled \$27,681.85 at the end of the fiscal year. Receipts of the period totaled \$1420.88. Interest earned totaled \$76.59 and the adjustment to the accruing CD totaled \$166.49. Expenses totaled \$591.85. The result is an increase in the stated net worth of \$1127.19. Without the adjustment the increase was \$960.70. The committee notes that the Treasurer's statements included no expenses for the 2013 Grand Sessions. Additionally, Wilmington Savings Fund Society imposed \$8.00 per month charges against two of our accounts. It is strongly recommended, and necessary, that the accounts be moved to an institution that does not impose such fees.

The extraordinary low interest rates paid available from financial institutions have, and will continue to, negatively impact the finances of Grand Council. Grand Council will need to remain judicious in managing their expenditures. That said, the committee recommends that authorized expenditures in fiscal 2014 exceed expected income. There is good reason for this.

The Grand Recorder has recommended that this Grand Council utilize the York Rite Information System (YRIS) to maintain records of our members and the non-recurring cost to enter our records into the system is \$400.00. The committee believes this is a sound recommendation and has so budgeted. In addition, the Recorder has recommended that we budget \$50.00 as a donation to the Web Master. We have not previously made a donation and believe this is an appropriate recommendation. Our presence on the Web is necessary in today's world. These two expenditures total \$450.00, which is the difference between anticipated receipts and projected standard expenditures.

The committee notes that the budget also includes two expenditures not budgeted in previous years. Those two expenditures are for a Donation to the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation and to pay for Grand Council's portion of 1Terabyte of storage on the web. The reason for a donation to Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation is self-explanatory. The 1 terabyte of storage will allow Grand Council along with Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery and other appendant and concordant bodies in Delaware to store their Proceedings on the web. These proceedings are currently housed on a personal web site.

Fraternally submitted,
Arthur Loveless, Chairman
John B. Dorsey
David H Laucius

Income

Dues	940.00
Dues Cards	50.00
Petitions	0.00
Interest - Money Market	2.00
Interest - CD 351	14.00
Interest - CD 289	
Insurance	40.00
Donations/misc	
Subtotal	1046.00

Expenses

General Grand Council	235.00
Donation to Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation	100.00
York Rite Information System (YRIS) - Set-Up	400.00
York Rite Information System (YRIS) - Annual Expense	30.00
York Rite Web Space - 1TB Shared	20.00
Donation to Web Master	50.00
Dues Cards	50.00
MIGM Jewel	80.00
Banquet	300.00
Recorder's honorarium	75.00
Treasurer's honorarium	25.00
Insurance	40.00
Proceedings	25.00
Postage	26.00
Supplies	20.00
Misc	0.00
Leadership Committee ritual	20.00
refreshments	0.00
PIGM Apron	0.00
paraphenalia	0.00
Subtotal	1496.00

Gain/loss -450.00

I move that the report of the committee be accepted and that the proposed 2014 budget be adopted.

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

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Philip Palmer, Sr. of the District of Columbia rose and congratulated the Most Illustrious Grand Master on his term of office and on behalf of the other distinguished guests for the hospitality shown them during the weekend. He noted that at his first visitation after becoming Most Illustrious Grand Master, he was asked to speak and now at his last visitation he was asked to speak again. He invited all to his Grand Assembly the following weekend.

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Right Puissant Charles W. Wagner for his remarks.

Companion Wagner with the assistance of Right Puissant Charles Hollinger, Grand Treasurer, conferred the Order of the Secret Vault on Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Mark E. Irwin and presented him with his jewel #157 and a plaque in recognition of his continuing support of Cryptic Masonry.

Companion Wagner extended his thanks for the courtesies extended to him. He also spoke of the excellent work being done by the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and encouraged continued support. He also invited all of the Companions to attend the Triennial Assembly of General Grand Council to be held in Buffalo at the end of September.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

Most Illustrious Grand Master Sobocinski then discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of the Grand Council for all their efforts during the past year.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER REMARKS

Most Illustrious Sobocinski then rose and spoke to the assembled companions. He spoke of the vibrancy of the Councils and how each of the Council's membership records were corrected to provide a more accurate reflection of membership. This change resulted in the net loss of 24 but he was encouraged by the recent degree work that resulted in 6 new greetings and looked forward to many more in the coming year.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Sobocinski announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year. The Most

Worshipful Grand Master cast a unanimous ballot for the following officers:

M.I. Grand Master	Jay C. Bergstrom
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Lionel D. Hunter
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	William F. Lott
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

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

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	A. Tony Maxwell
I. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington, PMIGM
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Harold Heitmann
I. Grand Marshal	John D. Hiott
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	Bradley Driscoll

The elected and appointed Officers were installed by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark E. Irwin, with Illustrious David Laucius serving as Grand Marshal.

REMARKS OF THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER

The Most Illustrious Grand Master made remarks thanking the Companions for the honor bestowed on him and his hopes for increasing the membership for the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay C. Bergstrom
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

Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

FINANCE

Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM
David H. Laucius

GRAND INSPECTORS

Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
Jon B. Cottrell

MEMORIALS

Charles T. Hart, PMIGM
Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM
Wayne T. Slack

YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING

Commandery – Jay C. Bergstrom
Chapter – Lionel Hunter
Council – James B. Walsh

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Charles T. Hart, PMIGM
Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM

CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

James A. Pletz, PMIGM

PERMANENT FUND

David H. Laucius
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM
Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM

ADVANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
Jay C. Bergstrom

GOV. ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

Wayne T. Slack, PMIGM

GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH

G. Thomas Taylor
Christian L. Dull
Jon B. Cottrell

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL BENEVOLENT FUND

James A. Pletz, PMIGM

VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	April 23, 2014
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	May 7, 2014
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	October 7, 2014
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 29, 2014

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date of the 89th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set for Saturday, March 14, 2015, at a time and place to be determined by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

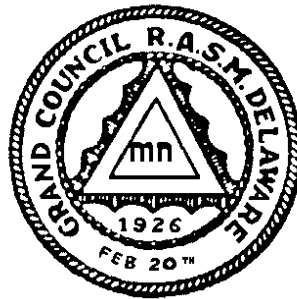
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:30 A.M. by the Most Worshipful Grand Master H. Richard Hoffman.

ATTEST:

Mark E. Irwin

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
Grand Recorder



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.
2009	James B. Walsh	2010	Gilbert E. Greenfield
2011	*Robert A. Benson	2012	James G. Horn
2013	Neal J. Sobocinski		

GRAND TREASURERS

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

GRAND RECORDERS

1925-38	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1938-39	*Harvey W. Bentley
1939-56	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1957-64	*Alfred H. Coe
1965-70	*Raymond A. Howard	1971-72	#Lawrence B. Jones
1973-75	*John J. McClearnen	1976-80	*Henry G. Law
1981-91	*C. Ray Scarborough	1992-94	*Henry G. Law
1995	C. Granville McVey	1996-99	Donald D. Thomas
2000-02	Mark E. Irwin	2003-04	James T. Ruby
2005-07	Franklin R. Townsend	2008	Wayne T. Slack
2009-	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
2012	John D. Hiott	2013	John A. Eberly

**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
2012	Ron Keller	2013	David Painter

**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
	ARIZONA	David W. Blood
	ARKANSAS	Wesley M. Newton
James A. Pletz	CALIFORNIA	Brett A. McDonald
Samuel L. Mellin	COLORADO	Darrell Tygart
Wayne T. Slack	CONNECTICUT	William F. Lott
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
	GEORGIA	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr	GERMANY	Walter E. Eichen
Charles T. Hart	HAWAII	Thomas L. Wilkerson
	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
	KANSAS	F. Earl Riley
	KENTUCKY	William J. Brown
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
	MINNESOTA	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	MISSISSIPPI	Billy Frank Smith
Franklin R. Townsend	MISSOURI	Alvin Gerstenschlager
Lucien T. Lenhart	MONTANA	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
	NEBRASKA	Abbott George Burkeu
John B. Dorsey	NEVADA	William G. Roberts
Neal J. Sobocinski	NEW HAMPSHIRE	Thomas G. LaBerge
	NEW JERSEY	Robert J. Sheridan
	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
James B. Walsh	OHIO	Henry A. Dodson
Jay C. Bergstrom	OKLAHOMA	Charles F. Gillentine
Charles T. Hart	ONTARIO	Donald Kline
G. Thomas Taylor	OREGON	Robert E. Hoffmaster
	PENNSYLVANIA	Edward L. Helgerman
Randall C. Mullen	PHILIPPINES	Evaristo A. Leviste
	RHODE ISLAND	Raymond E. Hassell
	SOUTH CAROLINA	Wilson C. Hardee
	SOUTH DAKOTA	Milton Edny
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	TENNESSEE	Earl Ronald Creech
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/index.php/grand-council-secretaries>

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

A. Tony Maxwell	Illustrious Master
Terrence Van Gorder	Deputy Master
Milton Landis	Principal Conductor of the Work
James R. Herrington, MIPGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Recorder
William Stephy	Captain of the Guard
Peter Tyrrell	Conductor of the Council
Michael Ratcliff	Steward
	Chaplain
Joseph L. Kaufman	Sentinel

GREETED

Gibson Yoder

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

Bayard A. Ingman

William R. Stevens

SUSPENDED

Stephen Hentkowski
Walter Malin
Ralph B. Watson

George T. Lynch
Thomas Ragan

DIED

Robert A. Benson
Frederick L. Petit
William B. Neal

Gregory B. Holley
Robert E. Wasson

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

John D. Hiott	Illustrious Master
John A. Eberly	Deputy Master
James Ferguson	Principal Conductor of the Work
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Recorder
Thomas Morrison	Captain of the Guard
James Blake	Conductor of the Council
Joseph Doyle	Steward
Jon Cottrell	Chaplain
Joseph Doyle	Sentinel

GREETED

Justin Sauble	Perry Bratcher
Jonathan Rehm	John Zucchero

AFFILIATED

None

REINSTATED

David Coady

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Mark Boller	James Gooden
David Harman	Charles Moran
John Richards	James Ruby

DIED

Robert Benson	Louis Graziosi
Franklin Kinnamon	

Joppa Council No. 3
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

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

OFFICERS

William F. Lott	Illustrious Master
Richard A. Mickles	Deputy Master
William F. Horn, Jr.	Principal Conductor of the Work
James B. Walsh, MIPGM	Treasurer
James B. Walsh, MIPGM	Recorder
G. Thomas Taylor, III, PIM	Captain of the Guard
George Gadsby, PIM	Conductor of the Council
Christopher D. DeAngelo	Steward
	Chaplain
Christian L. Dull, Jr.	Sentinel

GREETED

Christopher D. DeAngelo

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

SUSPENDED

Paul S. Mancuso	Daniel E. Lundquist
Robert R. Mead	Kirk R. Messick
Millard F. Murray	John N. Phillos
Leon D. Ware, Sr.	

DEMITTED

William A. Dudley	Roy LaFontaine, Jr.
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DIED

William W. Brittingham	William A. Carter
Walter A. Johnson, Jr.	

Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

OFFICERS

Herbert J. Atkinson, PIM
James A. Pletz, MIPGM
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM

Illustrious Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer-Recorder
Steward
Sentinel

AFFILIATED

A. Tony Maxwell

William F. Lott

DIED

Robert A. Benson, PMIGM

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 2014 plus 4000 = 6014

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 2014 plus 3760 = 5774. 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 2014 plus 530 = 2544

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 2014 plus 1000 = 3014.

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 2014 = 896.

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 2014 plus 1913 = 3927.

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

**OFFICERS OF
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE
2014**

M.I. Grand Master 107 Sonant Drive, Newark, DE 19713	Jay C. Bergstrom 302-292-0685
R.I. Deputy Grand Master 2203 Alister Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808	Lionel D. Hunter 302-994-3192
R.I. Principal Conductor of the Work PO Box 186, Dagsboro, DE 19939	William F. Lott 302-732-3068
M.I. Grand Treasurer 4 Westmeadow Lane, Newark, DE 19711	Sheldon L. Edwards, MIPGM 302-234-0353
M.I. Grand Recorder 317 Kalorama Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM 410-549-1155
Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard	
Ill. Grand Chaplain 324 Stamford Drive, Newark, DE 19711	James R. Herrington, MIPGM 302-366-1160
Ill. Grand Counductor of the Council PO Box 4097, Delaware City, DE 19706	Harold Heitmann 302-562-1731
Ill. Grand Marshal 1304 West 13 th St. #2, Wilmington, DE 19806	A. Tony Maxwell 302-793-4972
Ill. Grand Steward 29162 Log Cabin Hill Rd., Lewes, DE 19958	George Gadsby 302-644-7557
Ill. Grand Sentinel 75 Range Rd., Northeast, MD 21901	Bradley Driscoll 302-562-0062

The Eighty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic
Masons of Delaware will be held at a location to be determined, on
Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 9:00 A.M.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

**2011-2014
ELECTIVE**

Lawrence O. Weaver General Grand Master
19433 Prospector Ter., Oregon City, OR 97045503-518-9129

Milton S. “Sid” Roberts.....Deputy General Grand Master
3736 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kelso, WA 98626360-577-1202

Ronald W. Guthrie..... General Grand P.C. of the Work
PO Box 1841, Mason City, IA 50402.....641-424-9230

Charles L. Hollinger General Grand Treasurer
125 Angelo Rd. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909321-676-2575

David A. Grindle..... General Grand Recorder
PO Box 332, Meridian, ID 83646208-895-6612
e-mail: ggr@ggccmi.org

APPOINTIVE

Rev. Charles M. Roberts.....General Grand Chaplain

Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr..... Assistant General Grand Chaplain

Rev. James R. Herrington.....Assistant General Grand Chaplain

Gary D. Skillern..... General Grand Captain of the Guard

Donald L. Himes..... General Grand Conductor of Council

Brian J. Hastings..... General Grand Marshal

Larry N. Flowers, Sr..... General Grand Steward

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