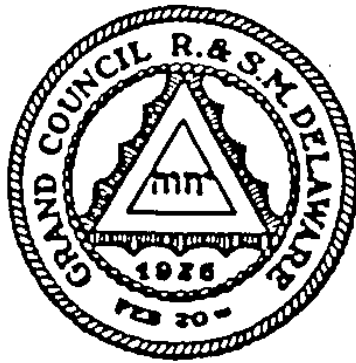


PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS  
OF  
DELAWARE



AT ITS  
NINETY FOURTH  
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD AT THE  
WILMINGTON SHERATON SOUTH HOTEL  
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

MARCH 14, 2020 A.D. 3020, A. Dep.



**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
G. THOMAS TAYLOR, III**

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**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL  
December 7, 2019  
Newport Masonic Temple**

A Special Assembly of Grand Council was opened by Most Illustrious Companion G. Thomas Taylor, III, Grand Master at 10:00 am at the Newport Masonic Temple. Payer was offered by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master James B. Walsh. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

The following officers were in their stations:

M.I. Grand Master	G. Thomas Taylor, III
R.I. Deputy Grand Master.	Michael P. Pizzola
R.I. Principal Conductor of the Work	David H. Laucius
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Captain of the Huard	Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Chaplain	James B. Walsh, PMIGM
Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council	John A. Eberly
M.I. Grand Marshal	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
Ill. Grand Steward	George Gadsby

Roll call of the Constituent Council was made with the following present:

**Gunning Bedford Council #1**

Fred M. Palmer	Illustrious Master
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**Adoniram Council #2**

John D. Hiott, PMIGM	Illustrious Master
John A. Eberly, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work

**Joppa Council #3**

Geoffrey Fox, PIM	Illustrious Master
G. Thomas Taylor, III, MIGM	Principal Conductor of the Work

**Thrice Illustrious Masters Council #4**

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

A constitutional number of Councils being present the Grand Recorder reported the same to the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to admit all Royal and Select Masters in good standing by courtesy.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to permit the Grand Recorder to present all reports in brief at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master and the Grand Council.

The following Past Most Illustrious Grand Master assembled around the altar and were recognized:

Mark E. Irwin  
Franklin R. Townsend  
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.  
James R. Herrington  
James B. Walsh  
Jay C. Bergstrom  
James G. Horn  
William F. Lott  
John D. Hiott

Right Puissant James B. Walsh, Deputy General Grand Master for the Northeast South Region of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International was escorted to the altar by M.I.P.G.M. Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. and was accorded grand honors. M.I. Taylor presented him the gavel of authority which was returned by R.P. Walsh so that the business of the Grand Council could proceed.

Most Illustrious Taylor then recognized the leaders of the Appendant and Concordant Bodies in the state.

Most Excellent John D. Hiott, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Mason in Delaware

Right Eminent John A. Eberly, Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Delaware

Eminent Jay C. Bergstrom, Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory #70, Knights of the York Cross of Honour

Right Eminently Distinguished James R. Herrington, Grand Governor for Delaware, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Right Worthy Mark E. Irwin, Chief Adept, Delaware College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis and Right Excellent Deputy General Grand High Priest, Northeast Region of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International

Knight Companion David H. Laucius, Intendant General, Division of

Delaware, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine  
Most Illustrious Companion Taylor called the Grand Council up and reported that the altar was draped in memory of Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Peter Tyrrell and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Barry Hughes who had both recently passed away. The Grand Council observed a moment of prayer on behalf of these departed brethren.

Most Illustrious Companion Taylor then presented commissions for Grand Representatives near the Grand Council of Delaware:

Minnesota – John A. Eberly  
Pennsylvania – Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM

### **CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE**

This committee was appointed by our Most Illustrious Grand Master, G. Thomas Taylor, as a special committee to review and make recommendations for revisions to our Constitution and Standing Resolution. The Committee began its work with each member being asked to review the Constitution and Standing Resolutions and submit suggestions for revision to the Chairman. The Chairman then put the issue raised into a working document that was distributed to all members of the Committee. Once the members had the working document, two Skype Conference calls were held between the members of the Committee. The document you have to vote on today is the results of these two conference calls and were submitted by the Committee first to the Jurisprudence Committee for their approval and then to you as our recommendations for needed changes to the Constitution and Standing Resolution to make this Grand Council function efficiently.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master, G. Thomas Taylor, fulfilled his responsibility of serving as an ExOfficial member of this committee.

The Committee realizes that its work is not complete. Article 17, General Regulations does not work as the General Grand Council does *not* have any General Regulations *for* the governance of subordinate Councils. It is the intent of this Committee to write a set of General Regulations for the Governance of Subordinate Council here in Delaware. These proposed regulations will be submitted to the membership either at the Annual Assembly or at another special Assembly.

William F. Lott, PMIGM, Chairman  
Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM, Grand Recorder/Treasurer  
David A. Laucius, Grand Captain of the Guard  
Arthur Loveless, PMIGM  
Franklin Townsend, PMIGM

The following Constitution revisions were proposed and acted upon:

### ARTICLE 3 OFFICERS

Proposed change: Insert after the first full sentence the following:

The Nominating Committee may nominate the current Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for second terms in their respective station. No Companion may serve more than two consecutive years in each of the offices of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master or Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

Article would then read:

### 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 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 Nominating Committee may nominate the current Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for second terms in their respective station. No Companion may serve more than two consecutive years in each of the offices of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master or Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. The appointed officers shall be selected and appointed by the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master and hold office at his pleasure; and must be a member in good standing of a subordinate Council within this Jurisdiction. (2019)

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

## ARTICLE 6 ASSEMBLIES

Proposed Changes:

1. After the word “March” in first line delete “at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware, or”
2. After the word “necessary” in the fifth line, insert “by Most Illustrious Grand Master”
3. After the word “Councils” in the fifth line insert “at a time and place within Delaware as set by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.”

Article would then read:

## ARTICLE 6 ASSEMBLIES

The Grand Council shall hold its Annual Assembly on the second Saturday in March 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 by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or when requested a majority of the Councils at a time and place within Delaware as set by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.(1968)(1978)(1984)(2010)(2019)

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

## ARTICLE 8 POWER OF OFFICERS

Proposed Change: End of line one, change “Grand Masters” to read “the Grand Master of Masons in Delaware.

Article would then read:

## ARTICLE 8 POWER OF OFFICERS

The Grand Master shall have and exercise all the powers usually given to the Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and the other Officers shall have the usual powers given to Grand Officers, respectively, and all officers shall perform the duties required by the usages of Cryptic Masonry and the laws of the Grand Council - The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall establish a fiscal year ending February 15th for their annual financial reports (1978, 2019)

In addition, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to receive from each Constituent Council of this Grand Council, and from the Grand Treasurer, such information , complete and compliant, to enable him to file all



required federal government IRS filings on their behalf and report the same to the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly. (2013)

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### ARTICLE 10 COMMITTEES

Action: Delete in its entirety and replace with:

#### ARTICLE 10 COMMITTEES

(A) The Grand Master shall appoint members to the following Standing Committees as necessary: Credentials, Finance and Audit, Jurisprudence, Governor Albert T. Hanby Trust, Grand York Rite Annual Meeting Committee, Grand Council of Delaware Permanent Fund, Grand York Rite Leadership and Education Committee and Grand York Rite Youth Committee. He shall also appoint such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

(B) The responsibilities of each standing committee shall be as follows:

(a) Credentials: This committee shall

- (i) Record the names of all voting members in attendance at the Annual Assembly, provide them with all reports available and a ballot.
- (ii) Report to the Annual Assembly the number of members eligible to vote at the session prior to the election of officers.

(b) Finance and Audit:

- (i) This committee shall audit the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and report their findings to the Annual Assembly.
- (ii) The Committee shall in consultation with the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Deputy Grand Master prepare the Annual Budget and present same to the Annual Assembly.

(c) Jurisprudence: This committee shall

- (i) Review the annual report of the Grand Master and rule on the legality of his actions relative to Masonic Law and Practices.

(ii) Review all proposed legislation as to legality with respect to Masonic Law and Practice and present same for action at the Annual or Special Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware.

(iii) Serve as a legal advisor to the Grand Master.

(d) Governor Albert T. Hanby Trust - See Standing Resolution 7.

(e) Grand York Rite Annual Meeting Committee - See Standing Resolution 14.

(f) Grand Council of Delaware Permanent Fund - See Standing Resolution 15.

(g) Grand York Rite Leadership and Education Committee - See Standing Resolution 17.

(h) Grand York Rite Youth Committee - See Standing Resolution 18.

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### ARTICLE 11 FEES AND DUES

Action: Change “Twenty-five Dollars ( \$25.00)” in line 2 to “One Hundred Dollars ( \$100)”, Change “Five Dollars ( \$5)” in line 2 to “Twenty-five Dollars (\$25)”, change “Thirty Dollars ( \$30)” in line 3 to “One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125)”, change “Three Dollars (\$3)” in line 4 to “Ten Dollars (\$10)” and “Two Dollars (\$3)” to “Grand Council Per Capita as last established”

The Article would then read:

#### ARTICLE 11 FEES AND DUES

The fee for a Dispensation to open and maintain a Council of Cryptic Masons shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100), for a Charter Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25), making a total of One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125) for Dispensation and Charter. Each Council shall pay the Grand Council Ten Dollars (\$10) for each Companion Greeted therein and the Grand Council Per Capita as last established plus General Grand Council Fees and Assessments for each member in good standing (whose dues have not been remitted) except those Greeted during the year ended, for each year

ending December 31st, together with any assessments levied by this Grand Council. (1958) (1967) (1972) (1978) (1984) (1986) (2019)

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### ARTICLE 13 ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES

Action: Delete last sentence and replace with “Time and place for the conferral of the Degree shall be fixed by Thrice Illustrious Master Council No. 4.”

Article would then read:

#### ARTICLE 13 ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES

Each Council shall provide in their By-Laws for the Annual Assembly, for the reports of the Recorder and Treasurer, which shall be entered in the records, and the Election of Officers. The Officers of each Constituent Council shall be installed prior to the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The Thrice Illustrious Master’s Degree shall be conferred upon all elected Illustrious Masters, and the Past Illustrious Masters who have not previously received the Degree. Time and place for the conferral of the Degree shall be fixed by Thrice Illustrious Master Council No. 4. (1968) (2019)

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### ARTICLE 14 FEES FOR THE DEGREES

Action: Delete this article in its entirety and do not replace.

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### ARTICLE 15 RITUAL

Action: Delete all of the Article after the word “Council” in line 1 and replace with a period (.).

Article would then read:

#### ARTICLE 15 RITUAL

The Ritual used shall be the one authorized and adopted by the General Grand Council.

*It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.*

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS

### 9 SALARY OF GRAND RECORDER (1958)

Actions:

1. Retitle Standing Resolution 9 to be “9 SALARIES OF GRAND RECORDER AND GRAND TREASURER (1958)(2019)
2. Delete in entirety and replace with “The Salaries of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be the amounts as established by the Grand Council in the adoption of its annual budget at the Annual Assembly.”

Resolution would then read:

### 9 SALARIES OF GRAND RECORDER AND GRAND TREASURER (1958)(2019)

The Salaries of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer shall be the amounts as established by the Grand Council in the adoption of its annual budget at the Annual Assembly

*It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.*

### 10 PRESENTATION OF JEWELS (1982)

Actions:

1. Retitle article “10 PRESENTATION OF JEWELS AND APRON (1982) (2019)”
2. Insert at end of resolution the following: “The Apron presented the Most Illustrious Grand Master at the time of his installation into office shall be come his Past Most Illustrious Grand Master’s Apron upon completion of his term in office.”

Resolution would then read:

### 10 PRESENTATION OF JEWELS AND APRON (1982) (2019)

The Grand Council shall present the outgoing Grand Master with a silver trowel jewel suspended from a purple ribbon. Each Master elect upon

receiving the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree receive a silver trowel suspended from a white ribbon, the cost to be borne by the Master elect. The Apron presented the Most Illustrious Grand Master at the time of his installation into office shall be come his Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's Apron upon completion of his term in office.

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### 12 RITUAL CHANGES (1986)

Action: Delete in its entirety.

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### 18 GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH COMMITTEE (1999)

Action: Under 3 Specific Duties: In the first paragraph replace "Grand Guardian for Job's Daughters for Delaware" with "Grand Guardian for Job's Daughters for the Grand Guardian Council of DELMAR."

Section of Resolution would then read:

3. Specific Duties: Following each annual session of the York Rite Bodies, provide the Executive Officer for DeMolay for Delaware and the Grand Guardian for Job's Daughters for the Grand Guardian Council of DELMAR the names and addresses of the current Grand and Constituent Officers of the Grand Chapter.

Rest of section remains as currently written. This change has to also be approved by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware.

***It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.***

#### 20 FINANCIAL GUIDELINES 2008

Action: Delete in its entirety and replace with "Funds of the Grand Council shall be disbursed by the Grand Treasurer as directed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or in his absence or disability by the Deputy Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Recorder. Such authorizations shall be documented in writing or in electronic form. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Grand Recorder, expenditures authorized by the Most Illustrious Grand Master may be attested by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance. No other expenditures will be authorized without the consent of these officers."

Resolution would then read:

## 20 FINANCIAL GUIDELINES (2008) (2019)

Funds of the Grand Council shall be disbursed by the Grand Treasurer as directed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or in his absence or disability by the Deputy Grand Master and attested by the Grand Recorder. Such authorizations shall be documented in writing or in electronic form. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Grand Recorder, expenditures authorized by the Most Illustrious Grand Master may be attested by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit. No other expenditures will be authorized without the consent of these officers.

*It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.*

## HOUSEKEEPING

Reinsert the following numbers in the Standing Resolutions with the word "RESERVED" inserted after the number: 1,3,5,6,8 i.e. 1 RESERVED

*It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to adopt this change.*

## ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

The management representatives from the Masons consist of appointments from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Red Cross of Constantine.

As of June 28,2019, The Value of the Hanby Trustwas \$3,081,675.05 which includes \$1,400,00.00 in value of the land and buildings, which are not income producing assets.

After lengthy negotiations with the PNC Bank, and through extended court filings and arguments, PNC Bank has been eliminated from the investment duties as trustee. In addition, through the efforts of Brother James Hanby and the Board of Trustees, substantial additional funds have been recuperated from PNC Bank for inappropriate management.

The replacement Trustee is the Bryn Mawr Investment Institution, with the board of Directors handling the investment strategy and the disbursement of funds.

The YMCA of New Castle County has been the sole beneficiary of the entire Trust. The camp was established on the largest part of the Trust Property the Board of Governors has voted to give all of the funds available

every year to the YMCA. This is a good and worthy goal but one that limits the breath of scope of the fund to solely those families served by the YMCA of Brandywine Hundred.

Feb. 5, 2019 Jim Horn & I presented checks for \$1000.00 each to Camp Barns and Camp Arrowhead on behalf of Delaware Masons.

Fraternally submitted, James B. Walsh, PMIGM  
Governor for Grand Council of the Albert T. Hanby Trust

### **GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH COMMITTEE**

The Youth Committee has been very busy thus far this Cryptic Year, visiting and representing the Grand Council at various events both within the Jurisdiction of Delaware and once outside, representing the Grand York Rite Bodies at the consolidation of and installation of the DELMARVA JOBS Daughters.

The consolidation was considered necessary for the continuation and survivability of the organization.

Currently, the Delmarva JOBS Daughters have a membership of approximately one hundred and thirty who attend Delaware Bethels.

The four Bethels in the Delaware Jurisdiction meet at:

Union 5  
Union 7  
Franklin 12  
Newark 36.

I would like to thank all committee members for their dedicated work and the M. I. Grand Master for his confidence in appointment to the committee, it has been a pleasure to serve.

The committee wishes to continue to encourage companions to take the time to visit their local Bethels and DeMolay Chapters to show their support with our most valuable asset, our time.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the entire Committee on Youth,  
Michael P. Pizzola

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER**

As of this date, no Council has reported via their Deputy Grand Lecturer or the Grand Lecturer that any of the top four Officers to be installed for 2020 have passed off in accordance with Standing Resolution 4. This is sad given the emphasis that is being placed by those attending the Regional

General Grand Council meetings to have the officers be proficient in performing their ritualistic work from memory as a way to impress new members of the beauty and worth of Cryptic Masonry.

Between now and the Annual Session, either I or one of the Deputy Grand Lecturers will be attending your Council meeting to bring to you the requirement for the Ronald L. Thomas Ritualistic Award. This is an award worth striving to achieve and the benefits of having recipients as members of our subordinate councils will be immeasurable.

Another emphasis at the regional meetings has been mentoring new members. An educational program has been developed that teaches the new members about the meaning of the degrees they have received. Information on this program will be forthcoming.

William F. Lott, PMIGM  
Grand Lecturer

### GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor announced that he was running for the position of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

A motion was made by James B. Walsh, PMIGM and seconded by James G. Horn, PMIGM and passed to endorse the Most Illustrious Grand Master in his candidacy.

### CLOSING

There being no further business, Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor closed the Special Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware in ample form at 11:23 am.

ATTEST:

*Mark E. Irwin*

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder





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

The Ninety-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Newport Masonic Temple, in Newport, Delaware, on Saturday, March 14, 200, A. Dep. 3020. The Grand Council was opened at 10:30 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Michael P. Pizzola with prayer by acting Grand Chaplain Fred M. Palmer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, G. Thomas Taylor, III 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	G. Thomas Taylor, III
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Michael P. Pizzola
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	David H. Laucius
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	James B. Walsh, PMIGM-pt
I. Grand Chaplain	Fred Palmer -pt
I. Grand Conductor of Council	John A. Eberly
I. Grand Marshal	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

John B. Dorsey, 1996  
Mark E. Irwin, 1997  
James R. Herrington, 2005  
Arthur A. Loveless, 2008  
James B. Walsh, 2009  
James G. Horn, 2012  
A. Tony Maxwell, 2017  
John D. Hiott , 2018

**CONSTITUENT COUNCILS  
GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1**

Mark K. Button	Illustrious Master
Joseph Dawson, III	Deputy Master
Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.	Principal Conductor of the Work

**JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3**

Edward Adams, III	Deputy Master
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**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4**

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

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Mark Irwin, as follows:

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Peter Brusoe

**INDIANA**

Most Illustrious Grand Master

David R. Ulrich

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Gary Wyne

Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council

James Catania

CMMRF State Chairman

Todd T. Carpenter

**MARYLAND**

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

Randy Disney

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Robert Lumbert

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Robert Malwitz

**NEW JERSEY**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Harry May, III

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Most Puissant Grand Master

William D. Oaks

Past Most Puissant Grand Master

Charles Bombich

**VERMONT**

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master  
and Most Excellent Grand High Priest

David Schuler

**VIRGINIA**

Most Illustrious Grand Master  
and Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Raymond D. Steele

Excellent Administrative Assistant

Dennis Haas

**GRAND COLLEGE OF RITES, USA**

Most Illustrious Grand Chancellor

Robert B. Malwitz

**CONVENT GENERAL, KYCH**

Most Eminent Grand Master General

Gary Wyne

## **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

Right Excellent Deputy General Grand High Priest-NE      Mark E. Irwin  
Right Excellent Associate General Grand Chaplain      Harold Kahn

Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor 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.

Most Excellent John D. Hiott      Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware  
Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory #70, KYCH

Sir Knight Randall C. Mullen      Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware

R.E.D. James R. Herrington      Grand Governor for Delaware  
York Rite Sovereign College of North America

K.C. David H. Laucius      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.

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly.

## **RECEPTION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS**

The following representatives of General Grand Council were then received:

R.P. General Grand Treasurer      Charles L. Hollinger  
R.P. Deputy General Grand Master – NE South      James B. Walsh  
R.P. Assistant Grand Chaplain      James R. Herrington

## **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 A. Tony Maxwell. Most Illustrious Grand Master Hiott thanked them for their past

endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past year.

## **RECEPTION OF THE MOST PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND MASTER**

Most Illustrious Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, Most Puissant David Grindle, the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware and invited him to the East.

### **ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

To the Grand Officers, Companions, and Distinguished Guests of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware. For the benefit of Cryptic Masonry, may harmony prevail as we once again put on our aprons and take up our trowels.

To our Distinguished guests, welcome to Delaware. We extend our hospitality to you and thank you for the wonderful hospitality you and the companions of your Grand jurisdictions have afforded us as we have visited you. A special thank you to those of you who provided Maple Syrup from your jurisdiction for our taste testing. I certainly enjoyed the fellowship and comradery of the pancake breakfast and hope you did as well.

Over the past year, I have visited 18 jurisdictions throughout the United States and across the pond. I visited: The Grand Council of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, DC, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, New Mexico, Alabama, the United Grand Council of England and Wales, as well as an individual council in North Carolina. On all visits, I was well greeted and treated with the proper hospitality. In many instances I was presented with honorary membership in the Grand Council and in Pennsylvania, I was presented their \_\_\_\_\_ award. So much Cryptic knowledge is learned on these visits and I highly recommend future Grand Officers visit as much as they are able.

At my installation, I said we stood at the crossroad of change or extinction. I adopted a theme of Membership, Leadership Excellence and defined several areas to work on improvement. Now is the time to evaluate how we did.

New members are essential to the continued existence of our Councils. I asked every Council to sponsor a mixer to expose the men in our communities to Free Masonry and Cryptic Masonry. Not one Council held a mixer. I asked every Council to greet 3 new members. Gunning Bedford greeted 3; Adoniram greeted none, and Joppa greeted 6.

Companions unless we change how we recruit new members we are destined for extinction.

Leadership is not always doing what is popular but doing what is right. We held 2 leadership workshops. The attendance was pitiful! I for one have been attending leadership training for over 35 years and will always take advantage of a workshop. If everyone already knows all there is to know about leadership ... Why are our Councils not doing better? Are we leaders or just chasing the next title?

I asked Councils to rehearse openings, closings and degree work. I do not believe there is one council in Delaware that can open without a book. PMIGM Arthur Loveless and I attended a York Rite meeting in Greenville, North Carolina where they started with a dinner, conducted a meeting then spent an hour rehearsing for their next degree. They will not confer a degree unless they can do it 100% without books. Yes, it was about 9:30 pm when they started rehearsal and Greenville is a city with crime and the members were all under 50 with young families! In fairness, I have seen some improvement, but we have a long way to go.

Under the topic of excellence, I would like to point out and thank my staff. Most have been at every Grand Visit I have made to the Councils and some travelled out of state with me. To my staff ... A great big thank you.

During the year, I issued 2 dispensations. The first allowed candidates to receive the Cryptic Degrees at the Annual Multi-Jurisdictional Festival in Fredericksburg, VA. The second permitted Adoniram Council to change their meeting date from the first Wednesday of the month to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. This was an attempt to increase attendance.

I issued one edict. I declared the Charter of Adoniram Council suspended due to inactivity and violation of Masonic Code.

## STATE OF THE CRAFT

Last April I placed Gunning Bedford and Adoniram Councils on probation for not meeting the code requirements. Neither council had been able to meet the required number of times during the preceding year. In each case, an improvement plan was presented. Gunning Bedford Council under the leadership of Illustrious Fred Palmer worked on improving. Gunning Bedford was able to meet 9 out of 10 meetings with 9 or more members in attendance; they greeted 3 members; and had programs of Masonic knowledge/interest. I recommend the probation be lifted but careful attention be paid to assure continued improvement. Adoniram Council did nothing. For the second year in a

row Adoniram Council has not opened a meeting; they did not hold a mixer; they did not greet 1 new member. There is no reason to believe the situation will change. Joppa continues to be the one bright spot in Cryptic Masonry in Delaware. Joppa greeted 6 new members and is able to confer both degrees.

I would be remiss if I did not comment on Delaware's participation in Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. In the 34 year history, Delaware has donated almost \$9,000. \$2000 of that was given in 2019. Thank you for your response to my appeal for this worthwhile charity.

Recommendations:

1. I recommend Leadership training sessions be held quarterly
2. I recommend Councils continue to improve in ritual excellence
3. I recommend the continued support of CMMRF

No man can serve in a leadership position without the sage advice of wise men. I would like to thank those who have served me in this capacity: Arthur Loveless, who has travelled with me, listened to my rants and been a supportive friend and brother; JB Walsh, who has always answered my phone calls and provided sound advice; Judge Jim Horn has offered wise counsel when sought and always been supportive; Bill Lott who took on the task of reviewing and rewriting our Constitution, by-laws and standing resolutions. Bill is an invaluable source of Ritual proficiency and wise advice. Thank you, my brothers. A big thank you to my wife who has supported my Masonic career and puts up with my rants. And less you think otherwise, she has worked 12- and 14-hour days to support my Masonic habit

In closing, let me leave you with this thought. Masons and non-masons alike want a true connection with groups of like-minded men. Men who want to better themselves and the community around them; who are mission focused and values based. We, companions, are that group. We need to meet the need.

Respectfully Submitted,



G. Thomas Taylor, III  
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

Here is the report of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2020.

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

	1/31/2019	1/31/2020	Difference
<b>Grand Council Operating Funds</b>			
Checking	\$702.28	\$2,346.22	\$1,643.94
Savings	\$6,221.20	\$4,012.89	-\$2,208.31
York Rite Fund	\$6,000.20	\$6,635.74	\$635.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,923.68</b>	<b>\$12,994.85</b>	<b>\$71.17</b>
<b>Permanent Fund</b>			
Savings	\$1,020.22	\$1,024.34	\$4.12
York Rite Fund	\$11,000.37	\$12,165.53	\$1,165.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,020.59</b>	<b>\$13,189.87</b>	<b>\$1,169.28</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$24,944.27</b>	<b>\$26,184.72</b>	<b>\$1,240.45</b>

The Grand Council funds showed an increase in funds for the year. The amount would have been larger if Gunning Bedford Council's per capita (\$1,319.50) had been received by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The York Rite Fund had a very successful year resulting in a 10.6% return on the investments held in it for the Grand Council. The Fund is open to any York Rite Bodies to invest in.

The financial future looks good for the Grand Council.

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

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Mark E. Irwin*

Mark E. Irwin, PGC  
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 expenses paid.

#### **SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENSES**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses:</b>	
Annual Returns	\$2,630.00	Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	\$622.50
Dues Cards	\$14.50	Annual Assembly Expense	\$472.10
CMMRF	\$288.00	Annual Assembly per capita	\$127.00
Interest Income	\$20.69	Grand Recorder Honorarium	\$750.00
YR Fund Income	\$643.97	Grand Treasurer Honorarium	\$150.00
		Grand Recorder Office	
		Expenses	\$215.05
		Postage	\$26.74
		Website	\$20.00
		Membership Database	\$33.60
		MIGM Apron and Case	\$489.00
		Liability Insurance	\$181.11
		Brotherhood Night	\$40.00
		Donations-CMMRF	\$288.00
		Engraving	\$16.96
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$3,717.16</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,311.53</b>

This shows a net increase for the year of \$85.10. The payment of per capita from Gunning Bedford Council (\$1,319.50) was received after January 31<sup>st</sup> which would have resulted in a much larger net income (\$1,404.60). The York Rite Fund showed good income and is helping keep costs under control.

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	GREET	REIN	AFFIL	ADJ	DEMIT	SUS	DIED	TOTAL	DUAL
G.BEDFORD	119	3	1	0	0	2	9	3	109	
ADONIRAM	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	
JOPPA	53	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	51	
T. I. M.	44	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	43	43
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>241</b>	
NET LOSS	14									

We need to continue our 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.

I am pleased to report that the Proceedings of the 2019 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.

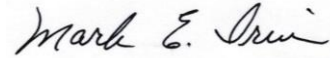
The Grand Council database is in the Masonic Membership System (MMS). There is still work to be done to completely reconcile the data and this office continues to work with the Recorders on that.

All Grand Council Proceedings obtained by the Grand Recorder are housed on the official Grand Council website which can be found at <http://degrandcouncil.deymasons.org/>. The cost continues to be \$20 for the web space.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, 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. As my hope is to be elected General Grand Scribe in September, if elected, I will not seek reelection next year.

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 Recorder reported that Insurance would be continued as in the past and the costs will be covered by the Grand Council through their income and charged to the constituent bodies as part of their per capita.

### **REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

None received

### **REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

John A. Eberly  
Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE**

None received

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

None received

### **REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE**

The Committee reports that the 2019 Proceedings have been created and posted on the Internet. In an effort to continue limiting the costs for the Grand Council, the Committee has decided to continue to publish them on the Internet for the benefit of all members.

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 AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION  
COMMITTEE**

Adult Leadership

**Kenneth Bright**

**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT**

A stated Assembly of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 was opened at the Masonic Hall, 112 East Market Street, Newport, Delaware at 6:50 PM on Thursday evening, December 30, 2019 with the following officers in the chairs:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Jay C. Bergstrom, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	James G. Horn, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Arthur Loveless, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Recorder	William F. Lott, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Steward	John Eberley, P.I.M.
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Lionel Hunter, M.I.P.G.M.

Attendance 20

As Illustrious Master-elect, Mark Button from Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 was in waiting, it was moved, seconded and passed to admit him to membership in Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4.

The Officers of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 proceeded to confer the Order of the Silver Trowel on Companion Mark Button in exemplary form. Companion Button was presented with his silver trowel, permanent membership card and a membership certificate by Thrice Illustrious Master, Bergstrom and Most Illustrious Grand Master, G. Thomas Taylor, III.

At the conclusion of the Order, Most Illustrious Companion John Dorsey gave a talk to the new members on the role of their guide for this evening historically in King Solomon's Court.

Thrice Illustrious Master Jay C. Bergstrom had Most Illustrious G. Thomas Taylor III, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware escorted to the East by his Grand Marshal, M.I. Arthur Loveless. He was afforded Cryptic Grand Honors and Tendered the Gavel. Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor seated the companions and returned the gavel to the Thrice Illustrious Master. Most Illustrious Companion Taylor reported on the success of his solicitation of donations for CMMRF. To date over \$500 has been donated by members of Delaware to CMMRF.

It was moved, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 27, 2018 meeting as they were printed in the 2019 Proceedings of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware.

It was regularly moved, seconded and passed to pay the bills of the evening.

1. William Lott -\$47.50 - Postage and supplies
2. Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Delaware - \$549.00 - Per Capita
3. CMMRF - \$28.50 - Donation

The Treasurer, M.I. Mark Irwin, gave his report. The Council has a balance of \$664.22 in its account. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Treasurer's Report be received and spread upon the minutes.

The Recorder, M.I. William Lott, reminded all that he was collecting 2020 dues.

M.I. Companion Mark Irwin moved, and it was seconded and passed that he dues of M.I. Companion Franklin Townsend be remitted.

M.I. Companion Mark Irwin moved and it was seconded and passed that the 2019 officers of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 remain in office for 2020. They are as listed above.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the 2020 meeting date be December 28, 2020 at the Newport Masonic Hall.

The Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Delaware in attendance per the Registrar were:

1. John Dorsey
2. James G. Horn
3. Lionel Hunter
4. Arthur Loveless
5. James B. Walsh
6. Mark Irwin
7. Jay C. Bergstrom
8. William Lott

The Council was closed in ample form at 7:45 PM by Most Illustrious Grand Master, G. Thomas Taylor III.

Respectively submitted,  
William F. Lott, MIPGM  
Recorder, TIM No. 4.

## **REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

None received

## **REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

The Jurisprudence Committee has received the report from Most Illustrious G. Thomas Taylor III, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware. It was received in a timely manner, and we thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for his promptness in preparing and transmitting his report.

We find his report both extensive and informative and we congratulate our Grand Master on his many efforts on behalf of the Grand Council.

We commend our Most Illustrious Grand Master for visiting eighteen other United States Cryptic jurisdictions and his time and expense to visit two Grand Jurisdiction in Europe. Your committee feels that it is important to maintain masonic friendship and connections with our Cryptic brothers.

His theme of “Membership, Leadership and Excellence” indicated a commitment to the preservation, growth and excellence needed in Cryptic masonry. It is unfortunate that the mixers and leadership workshops were so poorly attended, and that his encouragement for councils to open without use of manuals has been poorly accomplished.

Our Grand Master issued two dispensations: one for candidates at the Annual Multi-Jurisdictional Festival and one for Adoniram Council to change their meeting night. We find that both of these dispensations were proper and within his authority.

He also issued an Edict suspending the charter of Adoniram Council No. for failure to comply with the requirements specified in the “Improvement Plan” of 2019. Upon review, it appears that our Grand Master advised Adoniram Council in 2019 that they were in violation of various requirements, namely, not having met in two years. We further find that our Grand Master offered extensive assistance by way of an improvement plan which Adoniram failed to implement or make any indication of an intention to do so. Having reviewed the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Grand Council, Article VI, Section 603(C) we determine that the Charter of a Subordinate Council may be suspended for, inter alia, failure to meet a minimum of six times per year. Under Article VI, Section 703(A) the General Grand Council states that each Grand Council is sovereign in its own jurisdiction to determine the status of councils in its jurisdiction. Therefore, we find that the Grand Master acted within his authority to suspend the charter

of Adoniram Council No. 2.

Our Grand Master is to be commended on his efforts to encourage the Councils to contribute to the CMMRF.

His recommendations to continue leadership training, improve ritual excellence and support of the CMMRF are commendable. It is felt that it would be helpful if our Grand Master would make specific suggestions for accomplishment of them, although we are sure that, if called upon, he would assist his successor in accomplishing these worthy goals.

We wish our Most Illustrious Grand Master and his lady, Sharon, happiness in their future, and much success in further leadership in Freemasonry.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,  
Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM  
John A. Eberly  
James G. Horn, PMIGM, Chairman

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

#### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee has reviewed the record of the Grand Council for 2019 and finds the Grand Treasurer's report accurately reflects the accounts of this Grand Council.

The year resulted in an increase of \$1,240.45 in net worth.

The Committee recommends the par capita remain at \$13.00 for the 2020 year.

We thank the Grand Recorder/Treasurer for all that he does for this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,  
James B. Walsh, PMIGM, Chairman  
Arthur Loveless, PMIGM  
John D. Hiott, PMIGM

## 2020 Proposed Budget

Description	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Proposed
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Annual Returns-per capita	1,788.50	2,630.00	3,133.00
<b>Rituals sold</b>		120.00	50.00
Dues Cards	28.80	14.50	0.00
CMMRF	270.00	288.00	0.00
TIM Jewels	21.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	33.44	20.69	20.00
York Rite Fund Income	151.88	643.97	400.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,293.62</b>	<b>3,717.16</b>	<b>3,603.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	667.50	622.50	602.50
Annual Assembly	463.40	472.10	475.00
Annual Assembly per capita	280.50	127.00	120.50
Grand Recorder Honorarium	150.00	750.00	750.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	30.00	150.00	150.00
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	342.99	215.05	350.00
Postage	8.19	26.74	25.00
Rituals		200.00	0.00
Website	20.00	20.00	20.00
Membership Database	34.16	33.60	40.00
MIGM Apron and Case	275.42	489.00	275.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	181.11	193.53
Brotherhood Night	0.00	40.00	40.00
Donations	270.00	288.00	0.00
Jewels			100.00
Engraving		16.96	20.00
Officer Name Badges			150.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,542.16</b>	<b>3,632.06</b>	<b>3,311.53</b>
<b>Income over Expenses</b>	<b>-248.54</b>	<b>85.10</b>	<b>291.47</b>

*The committee moved that the Grand Council set the per capita to \$13.00 and that the report of the committee be accepted, and that the proposed 2018 budget be adopted.*

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



## **RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

Most Illustrious David Ulrich, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana rose and offered his thanks for the hospitality and friendship shown him by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Council of Delaware as well as to the other visitors and wished for a fruitful Cryptic Year for the Grand Council.

## **REMARKS FROM GENERAL GRAND MASTER**

Most Puissant General Grand Master David Grindle rose and spoke to the Companions. He spoke of what the General Grand Council has been working on and some of the awards available. He encouraged everyone to make plans to attend the Triennial in Louisville, Kentucky this September. He also thanked the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the hospitality shown him during the weekend and wished all the Companions well.

## **DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES**

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

M.I. Grand Master	Michael P. Pizzola
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	David H. Laucius
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Randall C. Mullen
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM

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

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	James R. Hanby, Sr.
I. Grand Chaplain	Fred M. Palmer
I. Grand Conductor of Council	John A. Eberly
I. Grand Marshal	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	Christopher D. DeAngelo
M.I. Aide to the Grand Master	Lionel D. Hunter, PMIGM

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

Most Illustrious Grand Master Pizzola was presented with his Most Illustrious Grand Master's apron.

## INCOMING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

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**

James G. Horn, PMIGM  
Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM  
John A. Eberly

### **FINANCE**

James B. Walsh, PMIGM  
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM  
G. Thomas Taylor, III, PMIGM

### **GRAND LECTURERS**

William F. Lott, PMIGM  
David H. Laucius  
Lionel D. Hunter, PMIGM

### **MEMORIALS**

Fred M. Palmer

### **YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING**

Commandery-Fred Palmer \*  
Chapter-G. Thomas Taylor, III  
Council – Robert Noble

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

A. Tony Maxwell, PMIGM  
John D. Hiott, PMIGM  
G. Thomas Taylor, III

### **GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH**

Council- Christopher DeAngelo\*  
Commandery- S.R. Smith III  
Chapter – Fred Palmer

### **PERMANENT FUND**

Lionel D. Hunter, PMIGM  
David H. Laucius, DGM  
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM

### **GRAND YORK RITE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION**

Chapter-Ken Weaver  
Council-Mark Irwin, PMIGM  
Commandery-Michael P. Pizzola

### **GOV. - ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST**

James B. Walsh, PMIGM

### **CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Edward J. Adams

## 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, 2020
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	March 25, 2020
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	April 7, 2020
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 28, 2020

## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set for Saturday, March 13, 2020, at Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel beginning at 9:00 am.

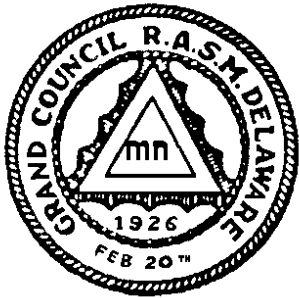
## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 12:15 pm by the Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael P. Pizzola.

ATTEST:

*Mark E. Irwin*

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder



## MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

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

2019 G. Thomas Taylor, III 2020 Michael P. Pizzola

### 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
2015	Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.	2016	James L. Ferguson
2017	John W. Merkley	2018	Michael P. Pizzola

**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, III
1998	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1999	J. David Goss
2001	Edwin Newth	2002	Carol & *Herb Fulmer
2006	Bronwyn Millman	2007	George C. Dutton
2012	Ron Keller	2013	David Painter
2015	Carl Wenke	2016	Marie Gruwell
2017	Nancy Evans	2018	Fred Palmer
2019	none	2020	Kenneth Bright

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

\*Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

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



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

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

**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**

Mark K. Button	Illustrious Master
Joseph Dawson, III	Deputy Master
Kenneth Weaver, Sr.	Principal Conductor of the Work
G. Thomas Taylor, III, MIGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Recorder
Byrom I. Price	Captain of the Guard
Robert Noble	Conductor of the Council
John Thompson	Steward
	Chaplain
Gerald Brennan	Sentinel

**GREETED**

George T. Taylor, IV	David J. Walters
Abraham Rivera	

**REINSTATED**

James Hanby

**DEMITTED**

Ray Watson	William Jordan
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**SUSPENDED**

Clayton Hewes, Jr.	John Holden
Ruben Kelly	Michael Ratcliff
Gary Williamson	Dean Lowe
Virgil Ciupei	George Schreppler
Robert Welsh	

**DIED**

George W. Taylor	Peter Tyrrell
Robert Christman	George Cline

**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 A. Eberly, PIM	Illustrious Master
Maurice Little	Deputy Master
Charles Moller	Principal Conductor of the Work
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Recorder
G. Richard Ward, PIM	Captain of the Guard
	Conductor of the Council
John D. Hiott, PMIGM	Steward
Robert Lowes	Chaplain
James Ferguson, PIM	Sentinel

**GREETED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

None

**REINSTATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

None

**SUSPENDED**

None

**DIED**

Albert Lambertsoi

**Joppa Council No. 3**  
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

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

**OFFICERS**

Hunter R. Walsh, PIM	Illustrious Master
Edward J. Adams	Deputy Master
Geoffrey A. Fox, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work
James B. Walsh, PMIGM	Treasurer
William F. Lott, MIGM	Recorder
Michael P. Pizzola, PIM	Captain of the Guard
George Gadsby, PIM	Conductor of the Council
James Hudson Athey	Steward
Richard Mickles, PIM	Chaplain
Christian Dull, PIM	Sentinel

**GREETED**

James Hudson Athey	David A. Lorah
Joshua Ryan Howard Race	

**REINSTATED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

Robert John Karafin	Garnett Richard Ward
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**SUSPENDED**

None

**DIED**

Ronald W. Conaway	Samuel L. Mellin
Richard C. Sames	

**Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4**  
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

**OFFICERS**

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

**AFFILIATED**

Mark K. Button

**DIED**

Samuel L. Mellin

Peter Tyrrell

## Grand Council Register – Special Assembly

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Delaware  
December 7, 2019

	Name	Council	Office/Title
1	William Jett	Joppa 3	PMIGM
2	MICHAEL P. PIZZOLA	JOPPA 3	DGM
3	Jay C Bergstrom	TIM 4 GBI	PMIGM
4	G. Thomas Taylor	Joppa 1	MIGM
5	Anthony Fox	Joppa 3	DM
6	Jon B. Walsh	JOPPA 3	PMIGM B.I.M. Adoniram
7	Joshua Hata	Adoniram #2	MIGM
8	Alvin J. Jones III	JOPPA 3	DM
9	Gregory J. Jones	" "	CC
10	Mark L...	Joppa 3	PMIGM - G Rec.
11	James M. Horn	" "	PMIGM
12	John A. Eberly	Adoniram #2	Grand Cond of Council PCW for Adoniram
13	Arthur J. Foxworth	GBI	Marshal
14	Paul ...	GBI	GPCW
15	James ...	GBI	PMIGM

# Grand Council Register – Special Assembly

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Delaware  
December 7, 2019

	Name	Council	Office/Title
16	Fred Palmer	6-nigbealter	FM
17	James P. 2017	G B # 1	
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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 2020 plus 4000 = 6020

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

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

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

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

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

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



**OFFICERS OF  
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE  
2020**

<b>M.I. Grand Master</b> 24655 DuPont Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947	<b>Michael P. Pizzola</b> 302-249-7282
<b>R.I. Deputy Grand Master</b> 204 Unami Trail, Newark, DE 19711	<b>David H. Laucius</b> 302-453-4065
<b>R.I. Principal Conductor of the Work</b> 7 Harwich Ct., Berlin, MD 21811	<b>Randall C. Mullen</b> 410-600-4657
<b>M.I. Grand Treasurer</b> 6420 Shutt Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362	<b>Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM</b> 443-750-0842
<b>M.I. Grand Recorder</b> 6420 Shutt Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362	<b>Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM</b> 443-750-0842
<b>Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard</b> PO Box 826, Claymont, DE 19703	<b>James H. Hanby, Sr.</b>
<b>Ill. Grand Chaplain</b> 100 W. Keystone Ave., Wilmington, DE 19804	<b>Fred M. Palmer</b> 302-981-6202
<b>Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council</b> 109 Tucket Circle, Dover, DE 19904	<b>John A. Eberly</b> 302-218-4184
<b>Ill. Grand Marshal</b> 425 Gray St., New Castle, DE 19720	<b>Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM</b> 302-322-2491
<b>Ill. Grand Steward</b> 29162 Log Cabin Hill Rd., Lewes, DE 19958	<b>George Gadsby</b> 302-644-7557
<b>Ill. Grand Sentinel</b> 29023 W. Oak Dr., Millsboro, DE 19966	<b>Christopher DeAngelo</b> 302-519-3652
<b>Aide to the Grand Master</b> 2203 Alister Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808	<b>Lionel D. Hunter, PMIGM</b> 302-994-3192

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The Ninety-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic  
Masons of Delaware will be held at Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, on  
Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.  
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**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**2017-2020  
ELECTIVE**

- David A. Grindle..... General Grand Master
- Monty J. Glover .....Deputy General Grand Master
- William G. Snyder ..... General Grand P.C. of the Work
- Charles L. Hollinger ..... General Grand Treasurer
- Bryan D. Bechler ..... General Grand Recorder

**APPOINTIVE**

- Rev. E. Jeffrey Craig.....General Grand Chaplain
- Rev. Charles M. Roberts..... Assistant General Grand Chaplain
- Rev. James R. Herrington..... Assistant General Grand Chaplain
- John L. Belanger ..... General Grand Captain of the Guard
- Gheorghe Vilceanu ..... General Grand Conductor of Council
- Terrence L. Rybarczyk ..... General Grand Marshal
- Mark Megee..... General Grand Steward
- John A. Bridegroom..... General Grand Sentinel
  
- Charles A. McCollum. NE-North Regional Deputy General Grand Master
- James B. Walsh. .... NE-South Regional Deputy General Grand Master