

**MINUTES OF THE 193<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

The 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York was held on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 13, 2016 at the Lexington Hotel Rochester Airport, Rochester, NY.

**OPENING AND RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER AND OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL:**

A Council of Select Masters was opened by the Illustrious Master and Officers of Nundawaga Council No. 92 on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The Officers of Grand Council were received into the Council and formed lines for the reception of the Right Illustrious Garry R. Hutchurson, Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master. Right Illustrious Hutchurson was received and escorted to the East where Grand Honors were accorded. He thanked the Officers of Nundawaga Council for their service this evening and asked they vacate their stations and the Grand Line Officers assume their stations and places for the Grand Council Annual Assembly.

**ENTERED:**

The Right Worship Peter A. Flihan, III, Grand Treasurer, representing the Most Worshipful Jeffrey M. Williamson Grand Master of Masters in the State of NY was received and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors. A welcome was extended to him by Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson and he was accorded a seat in the East.

**OPENING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GRAND COUNCIL:**

In accordance with New York State Fire Laws, the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master advised the Companions of the exits in case of emergency. He then advised all Companions present that they must register with the Credentials & Registration Committee in order to vote...he advised all present that the Registration desk was located in the lobby outside the doors to the Assembly room.

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson asked the Grand Recorder if any Councils were not entitled to vote at this Annual Assembly. The Grand Recorder reported that all Councils of this jurisdiction were entitled to vote.

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master requested that the Grand Recorder call the Roll of the Councils to determine a constitutional quorum was present. Councils present were: Columbian No. 1; Adelpic #7; Rotica #12; Central City #13; Buffalo-Keystone #17; King Hiram #18; Doric #19; Dunkirk #25; Palmyra #26; Ahwaga #30; King Solomon #31; Hornellsville #35; Adoniram #36; Peekskill #55; St. George's #74; SkoiYase #75; Suffolk #76; Faltbush #80; Oneonta #87; Northshore #88; Cayuga #90; Hamburg #91; Nundawaga #92; Goshen #93; and King David #97. Grand Recorder informed the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master that a quorum was duly present. Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master then declared the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of NY duly opened in ample form.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

The Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master then appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of R.:I.: Kenneth Lockard #76, Chairman; R.:I.: Kenneth Kohlhagen #92; R.:I.: Vernon G. Rupert #92; I.: Phillip Valot #76; and R.:I.: George Emmons #76 if needed.

The Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed a Committee to reply to the Grand Master's Address, consisting of M.:I.: David Raymond, Chairman; M.:I.: Richard Anderson; M.:I.: E. William Whittaker.

The Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed M.:I.: Richard C. Anderson as Deputy Grand Master pro tem for the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1] A Motion that the minutes of the 192<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly as distributed in the packet and will be printed on the 2015-16 Proceedings CD as amended be approved by M.:I.: Paul B. Matthews.

- 2] A Motion that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except at such time as provided by the Constitutions by M.:I.: Donald Harrison.
- 3] A Motion that the reports of the Elected Grand Line Officers, from Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to the Grand Judge Advocate inclusive, as are printed or will be published on the 2015-16 Proceedings CD, be approved by M.:I.: Leonard Mason.
- 4] A motion that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business at 1:45 PM on Saturday, August 13, 2016; and that nominating speeches be limited to three [3] minutes and that seconding speeches to two [2] minutes by M.:I.: Francis Karwowski.
- 5] A Motion that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so by M.:I.: Richard C. Anderson.

All Motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously. Copies of all Annual Reports can be found in the handout packet at the Registration desk. All other reports will be made as part of the permanent record of this 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly upon motion.

### **CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE REPORT:**

The Report of the Committee on the Condition and Extension of the Rite was highlighted by R.:I.: Curtis Banks, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously adopted and spread upon the minutes.

### **GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT AND RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS:**

*(Report was given Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>)* The Grand Lecturer's Report was given by R.:I.: Stuart W. Card. A motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report and to spread upon the minutes. No request for modifications of our present ritual was received this year. Ritual presentation has greatly improved over the past few years. So we see an upward movement in a positive way with performing the ritual. Still work to be done.

The Assistant Grand Lecturers were recognized and each personally thanked by the Grand Master for their work in the past Cryptic Year, and given Grand Honors.

### **REPORT ON THE WEB SITE:**

A report on the Web Site was given by R.:I.: John Gallant, Webmaster; a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report and to spread upon the minutes.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION & COMMUNICATIONS:**

The report was given by R.:I.: Curtis Banks. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously to accept the report and to spread upon the minutes.

### **LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The report was given by R.:I.: Phillip Chandler. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously to accept the report and to spread upon the minutes.

### **RITUAL COMMITTEE:** *(Report was given Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>)*

R.:I.: Stuart Card reported that there is no written report since no changes to the Ritual were presented this year as he mentioned in his Grand Lecturer's Report.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTOTIAN:**

R.:I.: James Reichman was not present and No Report was given in written or oral form.

### **JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:**

M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Chairman gave the following report: The committee recommends the approval of the By-Law change for Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17. The Committee recommends the approval of the merger between Doric Council No. 19 and Palmyra Council No. 26 to be known as Doric Council No. 19 with its By-Laws and Structure and Officers. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously adopted and to be made a part of the annual proceedings.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:** *(Information Only)*

M.:I.:Paul B. Matthews stated that No Report was prepared. He did not received anything from the Grand Representatives nor from the Grand Jurisdictions, except two from M.:I.:E. William Whitakker of Oklahoma and R.:I.:Donald Brugger of Texas. He mentioned that he would address this by securing where possible the information directly from the Grand Recorders of the Grand Jurisdictions we are in fraternal relations with for next year.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES:** *(Report was given on Saturday August 13th)*

M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson on behalf of the Trustees of Grand Council presented the Annual Trustee Report which was printed and in the packet. On motion duly seconded the report was unanimously adopted and to be made a part of the annual proceedings.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:** *(Report given on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>)*

The report on the 2015-16 Operating Budget (Income and Expenses), the full reports were printed in the handout packet was given by M.:I.:Donald Harrison, Grand Treasurer. M.:I.:Roberts made a motion that the reports be accepted and spread upon the minutes as printed in the handout packet, was seconded and passed unanimously. M.:I.:Harrison spoke on the Escrow Funds and that it will take a year hopefully to update these with appropriate transfer of funds from the Operating Account because of the unavailability of funds for the past several years. But with the increase in Per Capita in place we should have funds available to get these accounts up to date hopefully.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:** *(Report given on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>)*

The report was printed in the handout and R.:I.: George Emmons on behalf of R.:I.: Kenneth Lockard asked that it be spread upon the minutes as printed, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REORT:**

The report was printed in the handout packet and M.:I.: Harrison and M.:I.: Roberts asked that the proposed 2016-17 Budget be accepted as amended and spread upon the minutes as printed, passed unanimously. The Budget was amended prior to opening the Annual Assembly at the Grand Line Officers workshop---i.e. Amend Line E-2 to \$2,800.00, each Grand Line Officer except MIGM to receive \$400.00 for the year. Amend G-1 to \$900.00 in order to address the upcoming Triennial in August 2017. There was discussion by the Grand Recorder that he was trying to downsize office expenses for the 2017-18 Budget and maybe adjust some other line items as well.

**REPORT OF THE CONCORDANT BODIES AND YOUTH COMMITTEES:**

M.:I.:Roberts Grand Recorder presented this annual report as printed in the packet. It was moved and duly second and unanimously carried to receive the report and to spread it upon the minutes.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT:**

M.:I.:Richard Anderson speaking on the behalf of the Committee highlighted the Long Range Planning report in the annual packet. He then moved to accept and spread full upon the proceedings of this Annual Assembly motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**REPORT BY THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:**

R.:I.:Garry R. Hutchurson reported that he would give his report at Saturday's session as the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master.

**CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:**

The Acting Grand Master ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call the Craft from Labor to Refreshment, for the purposes of conducting the Vespers Service. The Assembly will reconvene at 8:30AM Saturday, August13, 2016 for the reception of Distinguished Guests and Ladies, followed by the Necrology Report and remaining business of the Grand Council. All were invited to attend the Hospitality Room following the Vespers Service.

The Annual Assembly was then called from Labor to refreshment, to resume labor at the sound of the gavel in the East on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016 at 8:30 AM. The Grand Conductor of the Council attended to the altar and Grand Captain of the Guard did so notify the Grand Sentinel.

### **VESPERS SERVICE:**

The Vespers Service was conducted under the direction of Right Illustrious Stenrick Adams, Grand Chaplain. A copy of the Order of Service is appended to these minutes.

**The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was reconvened in Public session by R.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson, Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 8:30 AM.**

### **RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

The following delegations were received and greeted personally in the East by the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson, Acting Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work: Grand Councils of Connecticut; Delaware; Maine; Vermont; Ohio; Ontario Canada; NY Organization of Triangles, Inc.; NY International Order for Rainbow; NY DeMolay; Grand Chapter of NY, Royal Arch Masons; Grand Commandery of NY, Knights Templar; General Grand Council International and Grand Lodge of NY. See attached addendum for the list of attendees.

Right Worshipful Peter A. Flihan, III, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of NY was received under escort and accorded Grand Honors and a seat in the East.

### **NECROLOGY REPORT:**

The Necrology Report was given under the direction of R.:I.: and Rev. Jose Valencia, Jr., M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM gave a eulogy for M.:I.: Robert W. Wallace and M.:I.: Douglas M. Swan. See the written Necrology Service for details.

### **ASSEMBLY RECONVENED TO LABOR:**

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson excused all non-Cryptic Masons, Ladies and Guests from the Assembly room and then gaveled the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly to order and it was reconvened at 9:45AM on Saturday, August 13, 2016.

### **RECOGNITION OF 2015-2016 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:**

The District Deputy Grand Masters were recognized and personally thanked by R.:I.: Hutchurson for their service this past Cryptic year. Those present were: R.:I.: Michael Quigley #2; R.:I.: Dennis S. Davis #6; R.:I.: Mark J. Robson #9. Those who were excused: R.:I.: R. Conrad Johnson #1; R.:I.: Gerald Dievendorf #4; R.:I.: Dennis G. Parmeter. Those who were absent without excuse: R.:I.: Marty DeVault. He greeted all present in the East and they were accorded Grand Honors.

### **RECEPTION AND GREETING OF THE PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS:**

The Past Grand Masters were introduced and asked to rise and approach the East to be personally recognized and thanked by R.:I.: Hutchurson and they were accorded Grand Honors. Those present were: MIPGMs Weinheimer, Hickein, Hadley, Matthews, Fagan, Whittaker, Harrison, Roberts, Karwowski, Pozefsky, Raymond, Anderson, and Mason.

### **ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:**

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives was called, those present were presented in the East, and personally thanked by R.:I.: Hutchurson. There were 17 Grand Representatives present, 12 were either excused. 15 absent without excuse and there were 13 vacant positions. All who were present were accorded Grand Honors.

### **REMARKS FROM OUR VISITORS:**

MIGM Michael Seamon of the Grand Council of Connecticut expressed the sincere thanks of the Visitors for all the hospitality and courtesies extended to them this weekend. He talked about the friendships formed and the relationships that are developed by visitations. He mentioned this is much of Freemasonry as the meetings are.

### **PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO OUR VISITORS:**

The Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master with the assistance of the Grand Recorder presented Honorary Membership certificates to all our Visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters from our Sister Jurisdictions.

### **ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT**

Upon order of the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Puissant Monty Glover, GGPCW, Right Puissant Rev. Charles M. Roberts, GGCCChaplain of the East and M.:I.:Frank Karwowski, PSV Recipient convene a College of Honor for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Secret Vault upon Companion Robert Finley.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:**

The Annual Report of the Grand Recorder was given by M.:I.:Charles Roberts. He also gave the Annual Report on the Membership of the Grand Council for the previous year. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the reports as read and that they be made a part of the proceedings of this Annual Assembly.

### **BRIEF REMARKS BY NY PRESIDING OFFICER**

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master invited the M.:E.:Cyril Francis, Grand High Priest of NY Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons to address the Assembly at this time.

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master invited the Right Eminent Grand Commander SK Frederick Beitter, Grand Commandery Knights Templar address the Assembly at this time.

### **ACTING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ALLOCUTION:**

R.:I.:Garry R. Hutchurson turned the gavel of authority over to the Acting Deputy Grand Master Anderson, and he gave his Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master's Allocution inclusive of his Deputy's duties. The Acting Deputy Grand Master Anderson ordered the Allocution turned over to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, for reporting on later today after Lunch. The gavel was returned to the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master for presiding. The Allocution is appended to these minutes.

### **GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:**

The hour being 11:00 AM the Grand Council Charity Corporation was called to order for its Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation. M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, President presided for the meeting. See attached written report for details. Certificate & Solomon Arch Awards were then presented. A New Program was highlighted for this year which is the Children's Tumor Foundation. The Corporate meeting was adjourned upon motion at 11:35 AM.

### **REMARKS OF RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND TREASURER OF GRAND LODGE OF NY:**

Right Worshipful Peter A. Flihan, III brought fraternal greetings on behalf of our Grand Master M.:W.:Jeffrey M. Williamson. Due to the calendar change of this Annual Assembly and an already scheduled event for the Grand Master he regrets he could not be present. But R.:W.:Flihan was grateful to represent him at this Annual Assembly. He gave an inspiring message on Masonic relationships and living as true Masons and the important role Grand Council, though small in size to the other concordant bodies, plays a very significant role in the historical understanding of Masonry. He thanked the Grand Council for all the courtesies that had been extended to him for the weekend and looks further to speak at the Banquet in the evening.

### **LUNCHEON:**

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master ordered the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to call The Assembly to recess until 1:00PM for lunch. The Grand Chaplain gave a blessing for lunch.

### **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:**

The Annual Assembly was reconvened by Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson at 1:00 PM in the Assembly room.

## **REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE:**

R.:I.:Harvey Eysman highlighted his written report. On motion duly seconded it was made a part of the proceedings of this Annual Assembly.

## **ISH-SODI AND AWARDS:**

The report was given by M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson, and the awards were presented by M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson with R.:I.:Hutchurson assisting. Ish-Sodi Awards: R.:I.:Earl L. Tuttle, Central City Council No. 13 {5 Petitions}; I.:Grant Held, Adelpic Council No. 7 {6 Petitions}. Meritorious Ish-Sodi Awards: No Companion eligible this year. Membership Gains & Attendance Awards: Most Greetings this Cryptic Year Columbian Council No. 1 {7 Companions}; Greetings of 5 or More Companions: Columbian No. 1 {7 Companions}; St. George's Council No. 74 {6 Companions}; 10% or Greater Increase in Membership: Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17 {11%}; King David Council No. 97 {20%} Best Attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly. There was a tie this year between Rotica Council #12 and Hornellsville Council #35 --each had 7 Companions present. The following Awards were presented at the Annual Banquet: Grand Council State of NY Cryptic Mason of the Year- Companion Dean Stenshorn; Giles Fonda Yates Award: M.:I.:Donald Harrison; General Grand Council International Cryptic Mason of the Year: R.:I.:Norman P. Austin; General Grand Council International Adult-Youth Leadership Award: William (Bill) Williams of NY DeMolay; Most Illustrious Grand Master's Service Awards were Posthumously awarded to R.:I.:Ruel Lovett and R.:I.:Ted Powley, these awards were presented to their Ladies who were recipients of the Lady of the Council Awards: Mrs. Patricia Lovett; Mrs. Marilyn Powley.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ACTING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:**

M.:I.:Richard C. Anderson reporting for the Committee on the Grand Master's address made a motion to accept the Acting MIGM Hutchurson's Address, and that the Committee commends him for stepping up and assuming the reins of this Grand Council under some trying circumstances. The Committee congratulates him on all the work he was able to accomplish in such a short period of time. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously to spread the Acting Grand Master's message upon the minutes of this Annual Assembly. PMIGM Anderson also congratulated the Grand Recorder and other Officers for stepping up in their roles to assist the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master during this year.

## **CREDENTIALS:**

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by I.: Philip Valot of Suffolk Council No. 76 as follows: There were 13 Illustrious Masters; 5 Deputy Masters; 7 Principal Conductors of the Work; 56 Past Illustrious Masters; 8 Select Masters; 15 Official Visitors and 31 Ladies were present for this 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly. **TOTAL PRESENT: 117 (86 Men and 31 Ladies). Total Eligible Votes: 105.** Joseph Warren Cryptic Council No. 37 and Fulton Council #50 had no representation at this Assembly. The following Councils did not have their ballots picked up: Columbian #1; Adelpic #7; Bloss DeWitt Clinton #14; Buffalo Keystone #17; Palmyra #26; Ahwaga #39; Joseph Warren Cryptic #37; Fulton 350; SkoiYase #75; Flatbush #80; Northshore #88; Cayuga #90; and Goshen #93. The Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master requested if any Council Officers of those Councils are present now they must secure your ballots immediately since we are going into Elections next.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The following Companions were appointed tellers for the elections: Rt. Ill. Dennis David #12, Rt. Ill. Terry Byard #97, and Rt. Ill. Ralph Rosenthal #74. The Companions were reminded to the time limitations on nominating and seconding speeches by the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master. The gavel was turned over to M.:I.:E. William Whittaker to conduct the Election of Officers for the 2016-2017 Cryptic Year.

I.:Donald Kunego #19 placed in Nomination for the Office of Most Illustrious Grand Master, RI Garry R. Hutchurson of Doric #19 and Nundawaga #92. The nomination was seconded by I.:Robert G. Ball of Nundawaga Council #92. No further nominations were present. Nominations were declared closed. The Tellers

found one unanimous ballot for R.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson as Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Assembly extended him a round of applause. He thanked all and agreed to serve.

A motion was made by M.:I.: Paul B. Matthews and seconded by M.:I.: Fred Hickein that all elected Grand Line Officers be “moved up” or advanced one station in line as they were all unchallenged. The Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for the slate of Grand Line Officers. One ballot was found for the slate of officers duly elected. All accepted to serve in their new office.

The Office of Grand Steward was now in order. Upon several appeals for a nominee, no one step forward. The election to this Office was closed upon order and that the newly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master will have the prerogative to appoint someone qualified to serve in this Office for the term of his year.

M.:I.: Donald Harrison moved that R.:I.: George D. Emmons who is running unopposed for Grand Treasurer be elected by unanimous ballot and the motion was duly seconded. The Grand Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for R.:I.: Emmons. One unanimous Ballot was found. He accepted to serve.

R.:I.: George Emmons moved that M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts who is running unopposed for Grand Recorder be elected by unanimous ballot and the motion was duly seconded. M.:I.: Harrison Grand Treasurer Emeritus was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot for M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts. One unanimous Ballot was found. He accepted to serve. He is in hopes to have an Assistant Grand Recorder appointed.

#### **ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND LINE:**

THE ELECTED OFFICERS: M.:I.: Garry R. Hutchurson, Most Illustrious Grand Master; R.:I.: Curtis A Banks, Deputy Grand Master; R.:I.: Stephen P. Koch, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; R.: I.: George D. Emmons, Grand Treasurer; M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, Grand Recorder; R.:I.: Richard Fowler, Grand Captain of the Guard; R.:I.: Phillip Chandler, Grand Conductor of the Council; R.:I.: John A. Gallant, Grand Marshal; R.:I.: Stephen Rubinstein, Grand Standard Bearer; and Grand Steward (*Office Vacant at Present*).

THE APPOINTED OFFICERS: R.:I.: Robert G. Ball of Nundawaga Council #92, Grand Sentinel; R.:I.: Stuart W. Card, Grand Lecturer; R.:I.: Kenneth J. Lockard, Assistant to Grand Treasurer; R.:I.: Jose Valencia, R.:I.: Stenrick Adams, R.:I.: Mark D. Issacs, M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, Grand Chaplains; M.:I.: Paul B. Matthews, Grand Fraternal Correspondent; R.:I.: Harvey Eysman, Judge Advocate; R.:I.: Stephen J. Lovasz, Grand Historian; R.:I.: David E. Shire, R.:I.: Eric S. Howd, R.:I.: Gerald F. Irwin, Grand Musicians; R.:I.: John A. Gallant, Webmaster; R.:I.: Stephen P. Koch, Newsletter Editor.

#### **ELECTION OF THE GRAND TRUSTEE::**

It was moved by M.:I.: Frank Karwowski and seconded by Ill Robert Ball that R.:I.: Frederick Beitter be reelected as a Trustee of the Grand Council to succeed himself for the next three years. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and the Grand Recorder was ordered to cast one unanimous ballot to elect R.:I.: Beitter to a three year (3) term as Trustee of the Grand Council. He agreed to serve.

#### **DEPARTURE OF THE GRAND MASTER:**

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master Hutchurson did not depart from the Annual Assembly since he was duly elected and was going to be installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master for the 2016-17 Cryptic Year.

#### **THE TILED INSTALLATION OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER-ELECT:**

The tiled installation of M.:I.: G.: M.: Garry R. Hutchurson took place, with M.:I.: E. William Whittaker as the Installing Master and M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts as the Installing Marshal and R.:I.: Rev. Jose Valencia as the Installing Chaplain. The Grand Master following his private Installation and Grand Honors just highlighted his address at this time and stated his full address would be given at the Public Installation Ceremony.

#### **TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE:**

The report of the Time and Place Committee for the 194<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly was given by R.:I.: Robert G. Ball, Grand Sentinel. It will be on August 18 - 19, 2017 at The Lexington Hotel Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Avenue, Rochester NY. That's right---right here again!

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

It was declared that there was no unfinished business to come before this Annual Assembly. MIGM Hutchurson announced the Time and Room for the Thrice Illustrious Master degree which will follow the Public Installation of Officers. He announced that the Public Installation would be at 3 PM in this room all including Ladies and guests are invited. The arrangements for the Banquet this evening (6 pm Social Hour and 7 PM dinner) and the Hospitality Room be open after Installation for short time and then after the Banquet. The Basket Raffle will take place after public installation and TIM or whenever Wendy says so. The Most Illustrious Grand Master then proceeded to close the Annual Assembly in due form.

**PUBLIC INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF GRAND LINE OFFICERS:**

The Public installation of Grand Line Officers was then conducted by M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, Presiding Officer, M.:I.:E. William Whittaker as the installing Marshal and R.:I.: & Rev. Jose Valencia as the Installing Chaplain. Full Ceremony was conducted. The MIGM Hutchurson installed his District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing Cryptic year who were present. They being: R.:I.: John B. Covell and R.:I.: Mark J., Robson. Others have already been invested into office and Certificates will be presented to them. The Grand Lecturer installed his District Assistant Grand Lecturers who were present.

**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE CONFERRAL:**

The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was conferred on all newly elected Illustrious Masters, in accordance with Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council either at this Annual Assembly on Saturday, August 13, 2017 or at the makeup TIM degree at St. George's Council No. 74 in November 2016. Those Illustrious Masters receiving the degree are as follows: John D. Samuel, Columbian No. 1; Aram Adishian, Union Council No. 2; Grant S. Held, Adelpic Council No. 12; William H. Toth, II, Central City Council No. 13; Michael Slattery, Bloss-DeWitt Clinton Council No. 14; David C. Krysztowicz, Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17; Jay Marksheid, Adoniram Council No. 36; William M. Korn, St. George's Council No. 74; Philip M. Valot, Sr. Suffolk Council No. 76; David Diamondstein, Northshore Council No. 88; Dean Stenshorn, Nundawaga Council No. 92.

**THE GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET:**

Took place at 7:00PM. Youth Group Leaders gave their speeches and M.:I.: Hutchurson presented to each Youth Group a monetary gift from the Grand Council. Additional presentations and awards were presented by Grand Master Hutchurson and Right Puissant Monty Glover, GGPCW, General Grand Council International. Awards given were the NY Cryptic Mason of the Year; Adult Youth Leader, Cryptic Mason of the Year and Ladies of the Council from International and several special recognition awards were given posthumously by M.:I.: Hutchurson. Words of wisdom were delivered by our all distinguished Guests of the East. MIGM Hutchurson gave some closing remarks of thanks and introduced the Right Worship Peter A. Flihan, III, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York for concluding remarks on behalf of M.:W.: Jeffrey M. Williamson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of NY.

The benediction was given and all assembled retired in Peace and Harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, PMIGM  
Grand Recorder