

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

THE CALL TO THE 196th Annual Assembly

April 2019

Official Notice is hereby given that the One Hundred Ninety-Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 16, 2019** at the **Desmond Hotel and Conference Center at 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211** and continuing through **Saturday, August 17, 2019**.

The Grand Council extends a cordial invitation to all Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Masters, Permanent Members of this Grand Council, Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils and all Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work and Select Masters of the constituent Councils of this jurisdiction to attend.

HEADQUARTERS: The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center at 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211. Room Reservations with the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center made by direct phone line: (518) 869-8100. Toll Free number to call if direct line is unavailable 1-800-448-3500. Mention that you are with The Grand Council of the State of NY for \$117.00 rate plus tax. Group Code is "CCM."

REGISTRATION: Friday, August 16, 2019: Noon to 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 17, 2019: 7:30 – 10:00 AM opposite the meeting room. Registration and Credentials will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 17th. Certificates of Appointment as Proxies for the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, bearing the Council Seal, should be presented to the Credentials Desk before the Opening of the Grand Council. **Aprons are to be worn in all Tiled Sessions. Don't forget to bring yours.**

RESERVATIONS: Hotel and Meal Reservation Form is enclosed or you can go to the website: www.nycryptic.org and download a copy. **All Reservations must be made by US Mail ONLY - No Emails or Phone Call Reservations! Cut Off Date for Meals is Absolute--There Will Be No Reservations Accepted after August 12, 2019.**

The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019

- 9:30 - 11:00 AM **Conference:** Directors of the Grand Council Charity Corp.
11:00 - 12:00 PM **Conference:** Grand Council Line Officers & Past Grand Masters
12:00 -1:00 PM **Lunch**
1:00 - 5:00 PM **Conference:** Grand Council Line Officers & Past Grand Masters
1:00 - 5:00 PM **Hospitality Suite** will be open
6:00 - 7:30 PM **Welcome Buffet** – Informal! All are Welcome. **Reservations & Tickets required.**
(Dress Code: Casual Dress for All)
7:45 PM **Opening of the 196th Annual Assembly**
(Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket & Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple or Black Tie; Companions: Jacket and Tie. All Wear Aprons If Available!)
- Business Conducted:**
Reception of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council Officers
Roll Call of Councils; Previous Minutes; Appointment of Committees
Resolutions by PMIGMs
Reports of:
Website; Education, Membership & Public Relations; Library & Museum;
Ritual Committee; Grand Lecturer and Awards; Condition & Extension of the Rite; Grand Historian; Jurisprudence & By-Laws Committee; Trustees of Grand Council; Grand Treasurer; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master.
- 9:15 PM **Vesper Service** (The Offering for the evening will go to the Grand Council Charity Fund)
9:45 PM **Recess.** Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM.

Saturday, August 17, 2019

(Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: Morning Suits; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: Purple Jackets or Tuxedo/Black/Purple Tie; Companions: Jacket & Tie; All Wear Aprons if Available)

Breakfast on Your Own Or By Ticket

- 7:00 AM **Thrice Illustrious Masters' Breakfast (Reservation & Tickets Required)**
8:15 AM **Assembling** of Distinguished Guests, Ladies and other Guests Admitted
8:45 AM **Reception** of Distinguished Guests
9:45 AM **Necrology Ceremony** - Ladies and Non-members excused following the Ceremony
10:00 AM **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**
Business Conducted:
Roll Call of AGLs; Roll Call & Recognition of DDGMs; Recognition of Past Grand Masters; Roll Call & Recognition of Grand Representatives; Reports of: Grand Recorder; Presentation of Honorary Memberships; Remarks from Visitors; Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address.
- 11:00 AM **Annual Meeting of the Charity Corporation**
11:30 AM **Address** of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of NY or that of his personal representative.

Recess For Lunch

- NOON **LUNCHEON (Reservation and Tickets required)**

Reconvene Business of the Annual Assembly

- 1:15 PM **RECONVENE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**
Business Conducted: Reports of: Ish Sodi & Awards; Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address; Time & Place Committee; Credentials; Election of Officers; Unfinished Business; Tiled Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master-Elect; Closing of the 196th Annual Assembly.
- 3:00 PM **Public Installation** of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters - Ladies & Guests Invited
- 4:15-5:30 PM **Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree**
(Per Article 11, Section 41(a) of the General Regulations of this Grand Council, ALL newly elected Illustrious Masters are required to receive this degree prior to presiding in his elected office.)
- 6:00 PM **Social Hour prior to the Grand Council Annual Banquet - Cash Bar**
- 7:00 PM **GRAND BANQUET**
(With Remarks and Presentation of Awards - Reservations & Tickets required)
{Dress Code: Elected Grand Council Officers & Past MIGMs: White Jacket and Purple Tie; Appointed Officers & DDGMs: White Jacket or Tuxedo & Purple Tie; Companions: Purple Jacket / Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie; Ladies: Semi-Formal}
- 9:30 PM **Hospitality Suite** will be open until 11:30 PM.

Fraternally,

Attest:

M.:I.:Richard C. Fowler
Most Illustrious Grand Master

R.:I.:Kenneth R. Howe, Jr.
Grand Recorder