

# Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York

## THE CALL TO THE 203<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly

May 2026

Official Notice is hereby given that the **Two Hundred and Third Annual Assembly** of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held on **Friday Evening, August 14, 2026 and continuing through Saturday, August 15, 2026**. You will need to let the Grand Recorder's Office know of your attendance as soon as possible. **SOONER THE BETTER!**

**HEADQUARTERS:** The Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel at 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211. Room Reservations with the The Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel made by direct phone line: (518) 869-8100. Mention that you are with The Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of NY Annual Assembly for \$159.00 rate plus tax. Group Code is "TGZ". Rooms must be reserved by July 23, 2026.

**REGISTRATION:** Friday, August 14, 2026: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 15, 2026: 7:30 – 10:00 AM opposite the meeting room. Registration and Credentials **will close at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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 9, 2026 whatsoever!**

### The Schedule Of The Annual Assembly

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch:** Grand Line Officers & Past Grand Masters on your own  
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**  
**BRING WITH YOU!** (*Dress Code: Casual Dress for All - Musical Entertainment*)  
7:45 PM **Opening of the 203<sup>rd</sup> 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:**  
Grand Council Officers will open the Grand Council per Grand Council Ritual  
Roll Call of Councils; Previous Minutes; Appointment of Committees  
Resolutions by PMIGMs  
Reports of:  
Education, Membership & Public Relations; Library & Museum; Ritual Committee;  
Grand Lecturer and Awards; Condition & Extension of the Rite; Grand Historian;  
Jurisprudence & By-Laws Committee;  
8:45 PM **Vesper Service** (*The Offering for the evening will go to the Grand Council Charity Fund*)  
9:30 PM **Order of The Larks**  
**Recess.** Hospitality Suite will be open to 11:30 PM.

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**

*(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**

- 8:15 AM **Assembling** of NY Distinguished Guests, Ladies and other Guests Admitted  
8:30 AM **Reception** of NY Distinguished Guests  
9:00 AM **Necrology Ceremony** - Ladies and Non-members excused following the Ceremony  
9:45 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: Trustees of Grand Council; Grand Treasurer; Audit; Budget; Deputy Grand Master; Grand Recorder; Presentation of Honorary Memberships; Remarks from Visitors; Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address.  
10:45 -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 - BRING WITH YOU!)

**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; Unfinished Business; Election of Officers; Tiled Installation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect; **Closing of the 203<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly by Grand Council Officers.**  
3:00 PM **Public Installation** of Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers & District Deputy Grand Masters and AGLs - Ladies & Guests Invited  
4:15-5:30 PM **Conferral Of The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree** (*Open Only for the Cast and Candidates and Limited number of Grand Council Attendees due to Room Size*)  
(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 - BRING WITH YOU!)  
*{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.

**Attested To:**



**M.:I.:Richard Kerimoglu**  
**Most Illustrious Grand Master**



**M.:I.:John A. Gallant**  
**Grand Recorder**