

PROCEEDINGS

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters OF THE STATE OF YORK



HOTEL SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK
AUGUST 25th and 26th, 1968

Grand Council Officers

1968 - 1969

— ELECTED OFFICERS —

M. I. WALTER R. CONLIN (53)	<i>Grand Master</i>
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R. I. and REV. JOHN S. WILLIAMSON (30)	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
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M. I. R. BRUCE DAYTON (19)	<i>Grand Historian</i>
187 Elmdorf Ave., Rochester, N. Y. 14830	
R. I. CLIFF W. SAMS (19)	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
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I. CORDELLO R. BROOKS (53)	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>

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145th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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HOTEL SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

AUGUST 25th and 26th, 1968



MOST ILLUSTRIOUS B. FRANKLIN SLYE
Grand Master 1967 - 1968

BIOGRAPHY OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS B. FRANKLIN SLYE

B. Franklin Slye was born in Dover, Kentucky, September 25, 1898, the son of William Cornelius and Annie Gault Slye. The Schleichs (Slyes) emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1720 from the Palatinate on the Rhine, being driven from their homes by the religious wars of the times. After the Revolution, some of the family went to the Far West, Jacob Schleigh being in Fort Washington (now Cincinnati) in 1794, and later took up lands granted to Revolutionary soldiers in Little Miami Valley. On his mother's side he is descended from the Lewises of Virginia, who emigrated to Kentucky about 1795.

He received his education in Maysville, Kentucky, and, after service in the U. S. Army in 1918, a B.S. from St. Lawrence University at Canton, New York, in 1922. He began work with the General Electric Company in the fall of 1922 in the old Edison Lamp Works at Harrison, New Jersey. Further assignments were in Schenectady, Cleveland, Boston, and Bloomfield, New Jersey. He came to the Electronics Department in Syracuse in 1945, and established his home at Baldwinsville. At the time of his retirement on September 30, 1963, he had been an employee of the General Electric Company for forty-one years in financial and marketing operations.

Slye was married in 1925 to Anna Payne of Spragueville, N. Y., who died in 1965. There are three children, Gordon of Baldwinsville, and twin daughters, Phyllis Slye Bessey of Clinton, Iowa, and Carol Slye Carson of Bloomington, Indiana. There are now eight grandchildren. His son, Gordon, has served as Master, High Priest, and Illustrious Master.

He is a trustee of the Baldwinsville Public Library, and has served on the Village Planning Board. He is the present historian of the Town of Lysander, and is a trustee of the Onondaga Library Association. He has served for six years as a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church in his village.

Our Grand Master has a great interest in historical research. He is a member of the Filson Club of Louisville, Ky., the Onondaga Historical Society of Syracuse, and the Beauchamp Club of Baldwinsville. His personal library contains 2500 volumes on the Civil War. He also belongs to four Masonic research groups.

On March 23, 1920, he was raised in St. Lawrence Lodge No. 111 in Canton, New York. He was elected as master of that Lodge in 1922, being only 23 years of age, one of the youngest Masters ever to serve in New York State. He was made an honorary member of Seneca River Lodge in Baldwinsville in 1955. He is a member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Syracuse and of the Past Master's Association of Onondaga District.

In the Chapter, he joined St. Lawrence Chapter No. 132 in 1921, but affiliated with Riverside Chapter No. 260 in Baldwinsville in 1946, serving as its High Priest in 1950-51, and as secretary in 1952-57. He was appointed as Grand Representative to the State of West Virginia, 1956-58.

Our Grand Master was greeted in Central City Council No. 13 Royal and Select Masters, in 1950, and became Illustrious Master in 1954-55. He served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1959-60. He entered the

Grand Line in 1961 as Grand Standard Bearer under Most Illustrious James D. Seater, and progressed through all the following stations, being elected as Grand Master on August 27, 1967 at Tarrytown, N. Y. He has visited each Council in the State at least twice.

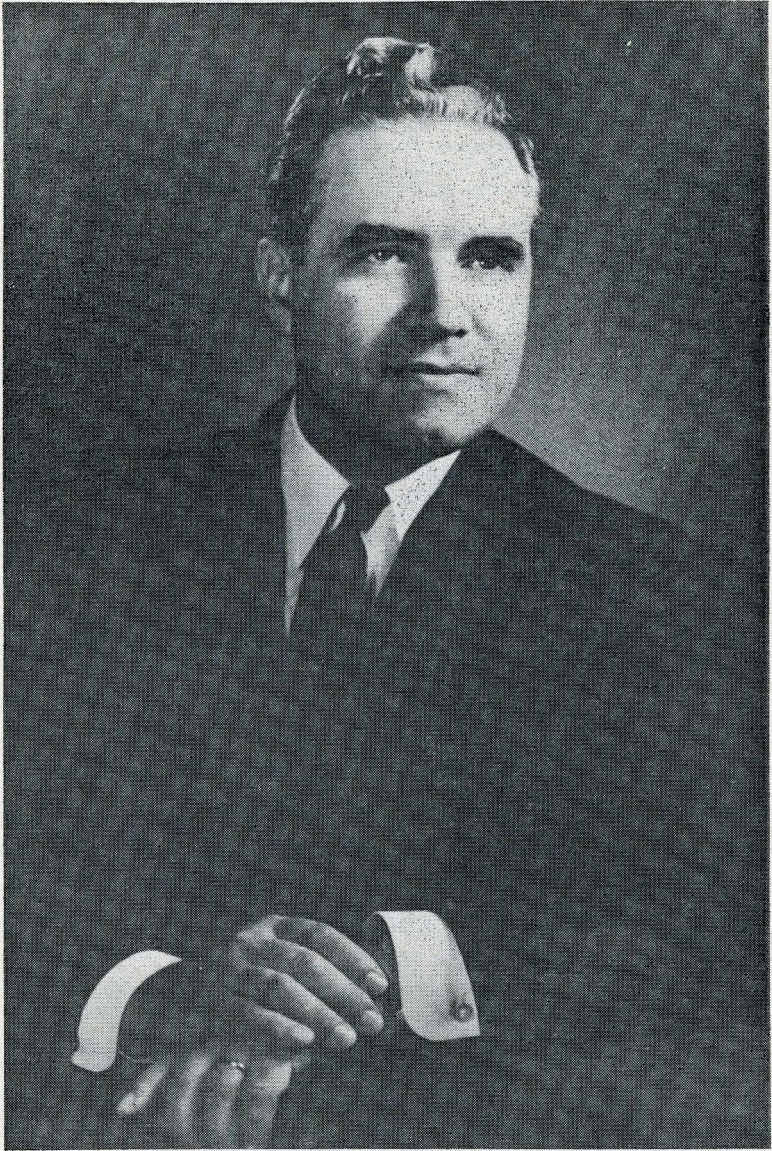
Slye was knighted in Central City Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar in 1955 and became Commander in 1960. He served as recorder of that body from 1962 to 1964. He is a member of the Central New York Past Commanders and Council Officers Association.

Having served as the presiding officer of the four York Rite bodies, he was knighted in Crusade Priory, No. 57, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Utica, in 1960, and served as Eminent Prior in 1966-67.

In other bodies of Masonry his memberships are as follows:

Tigris Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., 1968, in a class which included Most Excellent George S. Mason, Grand High Priest, and Right Eminent Neil R. Baker, Grand Commander; Syracuse bodies, A.A.S.R., Valley of Syracuse, 1959; American Lodge of Research, corresponding member, 1965; Allied Masonic Degrees, William L. Cummings Council No. 42, a charter member in 1955 and Sovereign Master in 1957; Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, New York College, VIII grade, a charter member in 1962, and secretary 1962 to date; Grand College of Rites, 1963; Holy Royal Arch, Knight Templar Priests, Trinity Tabernacle, Albany, 1966; Royal Order of Scotland, 1965; Masonic Order of the Bath, 1958; Order of Corks, 1958; Knight Mason of the USA, 1967; and Knights of Birmingham, Gouverneur Cavern, 1922.

Our Grand Master has written several papers for the Allied Masonic Degrees and the S.R.I.C.F. He has also spoken at Masonic bodies in the Onondaga area on Masonic and Civil War subjects.



MOST ILLUSTRIOUS WALTER ROBERT CONLIN
Grand Master 1968 - 1969

RESUMÉ OF M. I. WALTER ROBERT CONLIN GRAND MASTER 1968-1969

Born in Syracuse, New York, on June 21, 1919, he attended the Meachem and VanDyne Schools and Onondaga Valley Academy. Formal education was received at Marshall College, University of Michigan and Syracuse University. He majored in Business Administration with electives in Corporation, Cost and Public Accounting and was very active in football and tennis. As baritone and bass, he made many public appearances and was on radio with quartets and choruses.

Walter's business career has been marked with many advantageous, high level business involvements at a young age which has served to provide a unique foundation on which he has built his own practice of public accounting.

As a member of the U. S. Army Air Force Reserve, he was called to active duty in March, 1944, as a pilot-navigator, and was appointed "Flight Leader" in June, 1944, which command he held until his separation in November, 1945.

His wife, Marion Elizabeth, "Penny" to her friends, attended Eastern Nazarene College. They have six sons — Walter R. Jr., in the U. S. Air Force and attending Whitworth Presbyterian College; James H., a sophomore at Bethany Nazarene College; John L., a freshman at Wheaton College; Donald G., deceased and would now be age 16; David T., a high school sophomore and Richard A. in first year junior high.

Walter has been quite active in the community with emphasis in working with young people. Quite naturally boy scouting has been prominent in this involvement.

MASONIC

Syracuse Lodge No. 501, F. & A. M., Syracuse, New York

Valley of Syracuse, A.A.S.R., Syracuse, New York

Corning Chapter, No. 190, R.A.M., Corning, New York—Past High Priest

St. Omar's Commandery, No. 19, K. T., Elmira, New York

Corning Council No. 53, R. & S. M., Corning, New York

Past Thrice Illustrious Master

Past District Deputy Grand Master, Seventh District

York Rite College No. 25, Rochester, New York

Grand Council, R. & S. M., State of New York, Inc.—Life Member No. 3

Elected to Office of Grand Steward in the Grand Council, R. & S. M., State of New York in August, 1961, and has been elected to every succeeding office in the Grand Line.

Elected Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., State of New York in August, 1968

*One Hundred Forty-fifth
Annual Assembly*

**GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

HOTEL SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y., for the 145th Annual Assembly on Monday, August 27th, A.D. 1968, Anno Dep. 2968 at 9:30 A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. I. B. FRANKLIN SLYE	<i>Grand Master</i>
R. I. WALTER R. CONLIN	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. I. ALBIN F. BRUDER	<i>Grand Prin. Cond. of Work</i>
M. I. HAROLD M. KREASON	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
M. I. RAYMON H. HOUST	<i>Acting Grand Recorder</i>
R. I. ROY E. VANDELINDER	<i>Grand Capt. of Guard</i>
R. I. MICHAEL A. MALLIES	<i>Grand Cond. of Council</i>
R. I. J. DONALD GARNSEY	<i>Grand Marshall</i>
R. I. SYLVANUS F. NYE	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
R. I. VINCENT D'ANZA	<i>Grand Steward</i>
M. I. JOSEPH J. SMITH	<i>Grand Trustee</i>
M. I. R. BRUCE DAYTON	<i>Grand Trustee & Historian</i>
R. I. CLIFF W. SAMS	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
M. I. HOWARD L. ADAMS	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. I. WALTER E. PRICE	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. I. JAMES H. WATSON	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. I. W. RAY CONVERSE	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. I. STANLEY W. WAKEFIELD	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. I. JAMES D. SEATTER	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. I. JOHN A. BARINGER	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. I. KENNETH C. SCHWARTZ	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
R. I. IRVING B. STANTON	<i>1st District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. KENNETH HAILE	<i>2nd District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. WAYNE S. WATKINS	<i>3rd District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. RONALD P. SCHWEMM	<i>4th District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. GEORGE F. VOLZING	<i>5th District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. HAROLD E. WHEELER	<i>6th District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. EDGAR K. RALSTON	<i>7th District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. ROBERT LOKE	<i>8th District D.D.G.M.</i>
R. I. RICHARD A. BRECHT	<i>9th District D.D.G.M.</i>

Together with Representatives of Constituent Councils

COLUMBIAN No. 1	Sherwood R. Griggs, Master
UNION No. 2	Charles F. Kramer, Master
	Gerry Mahler, Deputy Master
	Robert Rorrison, P.C.W.
BROOKLYN No. 4	Ludwigs P. Kiplocks, Master
	Charles J. Safarik, Proxy, Deputy Master
	Frank N. Miller, P.C.W.

TRIANGLE No. 85	Leonard L. Schneider, Master
LAFAYETTE No. 86	Emil U. Johnson, Master
ONEONTA No. 87	Wesley R. Aldrich, Master
NORTH SHORE No. 88	John C. Emmons, Master
	Frank A. Eggleston, P.C.W.
CYRUS No. 89	Lloyd G. Taylor, Master
CAYUGA No. 90	Burr L. Phelps, Master
	Robert W. Hook, Deputy Master
	D. Boardman Lee, P.C.W.
HAMBURG No. 91	George J. Crouse, Master
	George Knorr, Deputy Master
NUDAWAGA No. 92	Clifford S. Lester, Master
GOSHEN No. 93	John H. Sexton, Jr., Master
ROCKLAND No. 94	Bernard M. Bush, Master
MANHATTAN No. 95	Frank Roth, Master
	David Fine, Proxy, Deputy Master
	Alvin Finger, Proxy, P.C.W.
HIGH PEAKS No. 96	James Melvin, Master

And the following Permanent Members

Rowland H. Kimberlin	Columbian No. 1
Edward Bartell	Union No. 2
Paul E. Dinda	Union No. 2
Paul E. Dinda, Sr.	Union No. 2
H. Randall Kreger	Union No. 2
George P. Neckles	Union No. 2
Elwood H. A. Smith	Union No. 2
Albert T. Weir	Union No. 2
Warren R. Green	Brooklyn No. 4
Bernhard J. Hansen	Brooklyn No. 4
Deigo Quintero	Brooklyn No. 4
Walter A. DeLamater	Adelphic No. 7
Roland N. Stephenson	Rotica No. 12
Gordon Burns	Central City No. 13
Harry E. Carson	Central City No. 13
Victor DeWitt	Central City No. 13
Justin A. Dwinelle	Central City No. 13
Fred H. Hale, Jr.	Central City No. 13
Chester L. Lane	Central City No. 13
Bartlett Long	Central City No. 13
Robert C. McEwan	Central City No. 13
William G. Peacher	Central City No. 13
Vernon H. Robinson	Central City No. 13
Gordon Slye	Central City No. 13
Osco W. Peterson	Southern Tier No. 16
Weston H. Carter	Buffalo Keystone No. 17
Hubert Harrison	Buffalo Keystone No. 17
Lee A. Hoyt	Buffalo Keystone No. 17
Courtenay G. Kerruish	Buffalo Keystone No. 17
Eugene Meisial	Buffalo Keystone No. 17
J. Arthur Strain	King Hiram No. 18
H. Irving Ward	King Hiram No. 18
Arthur J. Jansen	Ancient City No. 21
Paul Jones	Ancient City No. 21
George E. Radcliffe	Ancient City No. 21
Fred A. Nicholson	DeWitt Clinton No. 22

Charles E. Shaver, Jr.	DeWitt Clinton No. 22
Clifford S. VanPelt	DeWitt Clinton No. 22
Archie I. Bayless	Binghamton No. 24
Charles G. Church	Binghamton No. 24
Stuart Corse	Binghamton No. 24
Ralph F. Cowgill	Binghamton No. 24
Donald L. Ford	Binghamton No. 24
Orie H. Little	Binghamton No. 24
Milton S. Hall	Palmyra No. 26
Matthew Ahola	Owego No. 30
LaVerne M. Brister	Owego No. 30
Horace E. Dannerman	Owego No. 30
John S. Williamson	Owego No. 30
Frederick N. Greene, Sr.	King Solomon No. 31
Francis W. Carter	Northern Star No. 34
Richard F. Haller	Northern Star No. 34
Lester L. Ward	Northern Star No. 34
Peter A. Lanese	Adoniram No. 36
Charles MacIvor	Adoniram No. 36
William G. Wittcke	Adoniram No. 36
Kenneth L. Stafford	Fulton No. 50
Earl A. Osborne	Fulton No. 50
Harlow V. Rogers	Fulton No. 50
Cordello R. Brooks	Corning No. 53
Robert L. Dod	Peekskill No. 55
Robert Odenwald	Peekskill No. 55
Carl L. Pearson	Peekskill No. 55
E. Whitney Travis	Peekskill No. 55
Charles S. Borger	Phoenix No. 70
Hubert J. Stone	Phoenix No. 70
George H. Peabody	Phoenix No. 70
Jasper Livingstone	Phoenix No. 70
John A. Wertman	Johnstown No. 72
Donald T. Clark	St. George's No. 74
Harry W. Griffen	St. George's No. 74
Morris F. Hewitt	St. George's No. 74
Raymond W. Houghton	St. George's No. 74
Albert Lamb	St. George's No. 74
David M. Pelton	St. George's No. 74
Waldo I. Powell	St. George's No. 74
Wesley J. Meng	St. George's No. 74
Werner G. Gauger	St. George's No. 74
Elroy P. Walker	Skoi Yase No. 75
Frank J. Zeltmann	Flatbush No. 80
Frederic C. Carpenter	Salamanca No. 82
LeRoy B. Spears	Salamanca No. 82
David Aiken	Zabud No. 84
Howard E. Bartow	Zabud No. 84
Karl Goehler	Zabud No. 84
Averell H. Marlow	Zabud No. 84
Albert Goodwin	Triangle No. 85
Arthur D. Radlein	Triangle No. 85
H. John Shinn	Triangle No. 85
Nelson Strauch	Triangle No. 85
Nicholas J. Superty	Triangle No. 85
John A. Sutter	Triangle No. 85
Edward E. Hoerig	Lafayette No. 86
Cliff W. Wiendieck	Lafayette No. 86
J. Harry Cook	Oneonta No. 87

Clarence H. Newcomb	Oneonta No. 87
Leslie W. Wedge	Oneonta No. 87
Ralph J. Ely	North Shore No. 88
William T. Murray	North Shore No. 88
Harry E. Valentine	North Shore No. 88
William G. Adams	Cayuga No. 90
Reinhart Holmberg	Hamburg No. 91
Ora A. McNall	Hamburg No. 91
Gordon M. Caner	Nundawaga No. 92
David Fine	Manhattan No. 95

OPENING OF GRAND COUNCIL

The Grand Standard Bearer placed the American Flag and the Grand Council Banner in their proper positions.

The Grand Marshall called the Assembly to Order and announced that the Grand Master, M. I. B. Franklin Siye was about to enter. The lines were formed by the Grand Line Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and the Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master was escorted to the rostrum by the Grand Marshall and accorded "Private Grand Honors".

The 145th Annual Grand Assembly was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. I. B. Franklin Siye, and declared in order for business.

RESOLUTIONS

1—Presented by R. I. Walter R. Conlin:

M. I. Grand Master, inasmuch as the Proceedings of the last Annual Grand Assembly have been printed and distributed, I move that we dispense with the reading at this time.

Motion seconded and carried.

2—Presented by R. I. Albin F. Bruder:

M. I. Grand Master, I move that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Grand Assembly, except at such time as provided by the Constitution.

Motion seconded and carried.

3—Presented by R. I. Roy E. Vandelinder:

M. I. Grand Master, I move that the time of election of Officers be the first order of business after the noon recess.

Motion seconded and carried.

RECEPTION OF GUESTS

CONNECTICUT: M. P. Robert H. Trask, Grand Master; M. P. Philip J. Jones, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder. Presented by R. I. Ralph F. Cowgill.

DELAWARE: M. I. Warren R. Gray, Grand Master. Presented by M. I. Howard L. Adams.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: M. I. Arthur B. Miller, Grand Master; M. I. Morris F. Hewitt, Past Grand Master; R. I. Ernest C. Barker, Grand Marshall. Presented by M. I. James D. Seatter.

MAINE: M. I. Victor Greene, Grand Master. Presented by M. I. James D. Seatter.

MARYLAND: M. I. Leland C. Noel, Grand Master. Presented by R. I. Vernon Robinson.

MASSACHUSETTS: M. I. Waldo I. Powell, Past Grand Master, representing M. I. Ernest T. Otto, Grand Master. Presented by M. I. R. Bruce Dayton.

MICHIGAN: M. I. Charles P. Sheffield, Grand Master, R. I. Warren G. Major, Grand P.C.W. Presented by M. I. Howard L. Adams.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: M. I. Melvin E. Downing, Grand Master, M. I. Charles H. Cheney, Past Grand Master. Presented by R. I. Charles J. Safarik.

NEW JERSEY: M. I. Louis D. Ponzio, Grand Master, M. I. Franklyn P. Kramer, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, R. I. John J. Feller, Grand Instructor. Presented by M. I. James D. Seatter.

OHIO: M. I. Richard B. Ingham, Grand Master, M. I. George R. Fitez, Grand Recorder. Presented by R. I. D. Boardman Lee.

ONTARIO: M. I. Leslie C. Ewener, Grand Master. Presented by R. I. L. Hetherington.

PENNSYLVANIA: M. P. Herman G. Wilcox, Grand Master. Presented by M. I. Howard L. Adams.

RHODE ISLAND: M. I. Waldemar R. Israel, Grand Master. Presented by R. I. Werner G. Gauger.

GRAND CHAPTER STATE OF N. Y. R.A.M.: M. E. George S. Mason, Grand High Priest; R. E. William E. Carr, Grand King; R. E. Robert E. Dod, Grand Scribe; R. E. George J. Vetter, Grand Treasurer; R. E. William G. Peacher, Grand Royal Arch Captain; R. E. Osco Peterson, Grand Master 2nd Veil; M. E. Sylvanus F. Nye, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. H. Randall Kreger, Past Grand High Priest, Presented by M. I. R. Bruce Dayton.

GRAND COMMANDERY, K.T. STATE OF N. Y.: R. Em. Wesley A. Daniels, Grand Commander; Em. Sidney E. Friar, Grand Captain General; Em. William G. Peacher, Grand Warder; Past Grand Commanders, R. Em. Neil R. Baker, R. Em. Howard L. Adams, R. Em. George D. Barkley, R. Em. Stanley W. Wakefield, R. Em. Harry Cook. Presented by R. Em. W. Ray Converse, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Commander.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, K. T. OF U.S.A.: M. Em. Walter A. DeLamater, Past Grand Master. Presented by M. I. W. Ray Converse.

SUPREME COUNCIL, A.A.S.R.: I. Fred A. Nicholason, Active 33rd representing M. P. George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander. Presented by M. I. Harold M. Kreason.

YORK CROSS OF HONOR: Ralph W. Copeland, Grand Master General. Presented by M. I. Stanley W. Wakefield.

GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. STATE OF N. Y.: M. W. Charles F. Gosnell, Grand Master under the escort of R. W. Laverne Getman, Grand Marshall.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, R. & S. M. INTERNATIONAL: M. P. C. Elwood Smyrk, General Grand Master. Presented by M. I. Kenneth C. Schwartz.

WELCOME BY ILL. RAY R. WILLAUER, MASTER CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL No. 13

Thank you, Grand Master Slye. Good Morning! On behalf of Central City Council No. 13, a sincere welcome to our Distinguished Companions to this 145th Grand Assembly of the New York State Council of Royal and Select Masters. If this Grand Assembly was convening in this same area just before the turn of the century, you might have heard; Thank you, Grand Master Sylvester. A sincere welcome to our Distinguished Visiting Companions to Salt City, the Capital of the Salt Empire of the United States. As you may know, salt is one of our main products here. For those of you who arrived by our special railroad cars from both Buffalo and New York City, I know you must have been surprised to find the main tracks not only crossing the main street of Salt City, but the station being located so that those increasing trains, stopping here, block our Salina Street. Wasn't it a thrill to watch the new Commodore Vanderbilt roar by with its shrill whistle making a number of our horses a bit jittery. Did you notice there fewer cinders as it passed? It was burning the new Combination of soft and hard coal which leaves fewer cinders. For those of you who came by the canal from Albany and even from New York City, I understand your trip was made most pleasant by the friendly Companions along the Hudson River and the Erie Canal. Of course, you noticed too that the canal crosses our main street. There is a good chance that the new name of Syracuse will replace Salt City in spite of the objections of some. Whether Salt City or Syracuse, the Companions wearing badges are on the Grand Assembly Committee and they will try to answer your questions and make your stay here as enjoyable as possible. The type of badge perhaps was a little different in those days, but the Companions with badges like the one I am wearing are here today to help you as best they can. Please call on them. Thank you for permitting this bit of nostalgia. I'll now turn the program back to our Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Companions and Distinguished Guests:

Welcome to the 145th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York. This splendid group of the leaders of Cryptic Rite Masonry is most inspiring. And I am sure that the opportunity you have to meet your companions from the four corners of the state, as well as the leaders of the Councils in the Northeast will be seized by everyone of you, in that you will get ideas from other areas which can be transferred to your own particular Councils for their betterment.

I extend my grateful thanks to the members of the host council, Central City Council No. 13, and particularly to the Grand Assembly Committee for their help in organizing the details connected with this Grand Assembly. The details are innumerable, and many hours are spent in preparation for such an event, one which has not occurred in Syra-

cuse since 1940, when Most Illustrious Chester D. Crowell was Grand Master.

Many Councils make a regular practice of visiting other Councils, and follow the District Deputy about. This is a very commendable idea. We should not just play in our own back yard, but try to get ideas from everywhere to improve our Councils. I would like to see more of a spirit of competition among the Councils — challenges between Councils as to which will show the best record for the year, or even between districts. There is a lot of fun in a good lively contest, and both contestants would win through increased activity.

What have I done for Cryptic Rite Masonry in 1967-1968 is the question that must be answered by every Companion of every Council at the end of the Cryptic Rite year. The Constitution of our Grand Council requires that the Grand Master make a report of his activities during the year, and while I give this report, I ask every Companion present to make a report to himself of his own activities in the furtherance of our beloved rite.

After 15 years of loyal and faithful service to the Grand Assembly, Most Illustrious Ray B. Leinbach has asked to be relieved of his duties as the Grand Recorder, because of health. Our Grand Recorder has a record of faithful service to the Cryptic Rite, and hundreds of the Companions will remember his many courtesies to them. He first served under Most Illustrious Walter E. Price in 1953, and he has been a tower of strength to the Grand Masters since then. I recommend that a suitable testimonial to M. I. Companion Ray Leinbach be prepared and signed by the living Grand Masters, and presented to him by the Grand Master at some suitable occasion this fall; this as a token of the love and esteem borne to him by Companions of this Grand Assembly.

NECROLOGY

At this point we must remember our Companions who have crossed to the other shore. None of the past Most Illustrious Grand Masters died, but 193 Companions are reported in the statistics as "deaths". The Reverend and Rt. Ill. John S. Williamson, Grand Chaplain, will now present the necrology.

VISITATIONS

I announced at the last Grand Assembly that it was my hope to visit each Council in the state during my term of office. I did this, and spoke at all 52 Councils. In addition I made 15 other visits to Councils, i. e. duplicate visits, principally in my own 6th Cryptic District. I spoke to 997 men, or taking out duplications, about 900 Royal and Select Masters in the state, about 15% of our membership. The Grand Line Officers and the District Deputies probably reached another 300 members, a total of 20% of our membership. I was most graciously received in the Councils, and I wish to express my thanks for the many favors shown me in my tour of the state.

In addition I attended the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Commandery, the Council of Deliberation, the New York Ontario Shrine Association. I was a guest at the Grand Assemblies of Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

I regret that I was unable to attend other Grand Assemblies in the Northeast, but commitments in my own jurisdiction made it impossible to reach all fourteen.

The Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master represented our Grand Council in Massachusetts, the Rt. Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in Maine, Rhode Island, and New Jersey; the Rt. Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council in Connecticut; M. I. Raymon W. Houst in Maryland; and Rt. Ill. L. M. Hetherington in Ontario.

I enjoyed my visits to my sister jurisdictions very much; made many many warm friends. But I suggest to my fellow Grand Masters that we gradually substitute the Deputy Grand Masters for visits, for he can pick up a lot of ideas for use in the following year — it is too late in many respects for the incumbent Grand Master.

In all I attended 97 Masonic meetings during the year, and travelled about 35,000 miles. And I enjoyed every mile of it, even though the Thruway does get rather lonesome about 3:00 A. M.

A full list of th visitations is attached and will be printed in the proceedings.

COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDED

September 25, 1967 Doric Council No. 19 — Rochester
 September 28, 1967 Triangle Council No. 85 — Jamaica
 October 2, 1967 Rotica Council No. 12 — Rome
 October 3, 1967 Johnstown Council No. 72 — Johnstown
 October 4, 1967 Cayuga Council No. 90 — Ithaca
 October 5, 1967 Palmyra Council No. 26 — Palmyra
 October 6, 1967 Temple Council No. 79 — Niagara Falls
 October 9, 1967 Owego Council No. 30 — Owego
 October 11, 1967 Central City Council No. 13 — Syracuse
 October 12, 1967 Ancient City Council No. 21 — Kingston
 October 13, 1967 Phoenix Council No. 70 — Mt. Vernon
 October 20, 1967 Binghamton Council No. 24 — Binghamton
 October 21, 1967 High Peaks Council No. 96 — Lake Placid
 October 23, 1967 Peekskill Council No. 55 — Peekskill
 October 25, 1967 Oneonta Council No. 86 — Oneonta — Participated
 in Royal Degree
 October 26, 1967 Goshen Council No. 93 — Middleton
 October 27, 1967 King Solomon Council No. 31 — Poughkeepsie
 October 31, 1967 Northern Star Council No. 34 — Carthage
 November 8, 1967 St. George's Council No. 74 — Schenectady
 November 9, 1967 DeWitt Clinton Council No. 22 — Albany
 November 10, 1967 Alph-Omega Council No. 71 — Medina
 November 13, 1967 Hudson Council No. 62 — Hudson
 November 20, 1967 Southern Tier Council No. 16 — Elmira
 November 28, 1967 Flatbush Council No. 80 — Brooklyn
 November 29, 1967 Cyrus Council No. 89 — Rouses Point
 December 3, 1967 Lafayette Council No. 86 — Yonkers
 December 4, 1967 North Shore Council No. 88 — Glen Cove
 December 5, 1967 Zabud Council No. 84 — Freeport
 December 8, 1967 Skoi-Yasi Council No. 75 — Waterloo
 December 13, 1967 Central City Council No. 13 — Syracuse
 December 15, 1967 Fulton Council No. 50 — Phoenix
 January 5, 1968 King Hiram Council No. 18 — Auburn
 January 10, 1968 Central City Council No. 13 — Syracuse — Presented
 R. I. Neil R. Baker with representative's commis-
 sion to Canada East.
 January 12, 1968 Suffolk Council No. 76 — Smithtown
 January 18, 1968 Columbian Council No. 1 — New York
 January 19, 1968 Union Council No. 2 — Bronx

- January 20, 1968 Brooklyn Council No. 4 — Brooklyn
 February 2, 1968 Adoniram Council No. 36 — Flushing
 February 3, 1968 Adelpic Council No. 7 — Brooklyn
 February 7, 1968 Rotica Council No. 12 — Rome — R. I. Roy E. VanDeLinder, official visitor
 February 9, 1968 Salamanca Council No. 82 — Salamanca
 February 14, 1968 Central City Council No. 13 — Syracuse — Official visit of District Deputy, R. I. Harold W. Wheeler.
 February 29, 1968 Manhattan Council No. 95 — New York
 March 8, 1968 Fulton Council No. 50 — Phoenix
 March 13, 1968 Central City Council No. 13 — Syracuse
 March 18, 1968 Rockland Council No. 93 — Sparkhill
 March 22, 1968 Bruce Council No. 15 — Lockport
 March 25, 1968 Catskill Council No. 78 — Catskill
 March 26, 1968 Buff-Keystone Council No. 17 — Buffalo
 March 27, 1968 Dunkirk Council No. 25 — Dunkirk
 March 29, 1968 Northern Star Council No. 34 — Carthage — R. I. Michael A. Mallies making official visit.
 March 30, 1968 Johnstown Council No. 72 — Johnstown — District Convention of 4th Cryptic District.
 April 5, 1968 Hornellsville Council No. 35 — Hornell
 April 10, 1968 Hamburg Council No. 91 — Hamburg
 April 11, 1968 Cryptic Council No. 37 — Saratoga
 April 12, 1968 Fulton Council No. 50 — Phoenix — R. I. Michael A. Mallies making official visit.
 April 18, 1968 Corning Council No. 53 — Corning
 April 19, 1968 Binghamton Council No. 24 — Binghamton — R. I. Albin F. Bruder making official visit
 April 20, 1968 Northern Star Council No. 34 — Carthage — District Convention of 6th Cryptic District.
 April 22, 1968 Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92 — Warsaw
 April 23, 1968 Washington Council No. 52 — Whitehall
 April 27, 1968 King Solomon Council No. 31 — Poughkeepsie — 100th Anniversary of this Council. All Grand Line officers attended.
 May 3, 1968 Bloss Council No. 14 — Troy
 May 25, 1968 Rotica Council No. 12 — Rome — Festival in 6th District
 May 29, 1968 Cyrus Council No. 89 — Champlain
 June 12, 1968 Central City Council No. 13 — Syracuse — installed officers
 June 20, 1968 Attended farewell dinner for M. I. George W. Pratt, P.G.M. in Corning.

OTHER MASONIC MEETINGS ATTENDED

- September 9, 1967—Attended testimonial dinner for Kt. Neil R. Baker, Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of New York, Syracuse.
 September 15, 1967—Attended meeting of Trinity Tabernacle, H.R.A.K. T.P., in Schenectady.
 September 16, 1967—Attended meeting of New York College, S.R.I.C.F., in Syracuse.
 September 19-23, 1967—Attended Grand Council of Kentucky at Louisville, Kentucky.
 September 26, 1967—Attended Riverside Chapter No. 206, R.A.M., Baldwinsville.
 September 29-30, 1967—New York Ontario Shrine Association, New York City being received as Grand Master.
 October 10, 1967—Attended Riverside Chapter No. 260, R.A.M., Baldwinsville.

October 16-17, 1967—Attended Grand Council of Ohio at Columbus, Ohio
 October 19, 1967—Attended Syracuse Lodge No. 501, which held a Royal
 and Select Masters' Night
 November 4, 1967—Was guest of honor at a dinner given by Central
 City Council No. 13, Syracuse.
 November 16, 1967—Visited and spoke at Cato Lodge No. 141, Cato.
 November 17, 1967—Attended inspection by Em. Nelson Strauch at Cen-
 tral City Commandery No. 25, Syracuse
 November 18, 1967—Attended area meeting of York Rite Unity North-
 eastern Regional officers at Binghamton with Rt. Ill. Companions
 Conlin, Bruder, Nye, Mallies, and Garnsey.
 November 30, 1967—Attended meeting of Trinity Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.
 T.P., in Troy.
 December 1, 1967—Attended meeting of New York College, S.R.I.C.F.,
 in Syracuse.
 December 9, 1967—Attended annual meeting of William L. Cummings
 Council No. 42, Allied Masonic Degrees in Syracuse.
 January 9, 1968—Installed officers of Riverside Chapter No. 260, Bald-
 winsville.
 January 23, 1968—Attended Riverside Chapter No. 260, Baldwinsville.
 January 27, 1968—Attended meeting called by M. W. Frank Staples
 to discuss Masonry generally. R. I. Walter Conlin accompanied me.
 February 1-2, 1968—Attended Grand Chapter of the State of New York,
 R.A.M., in Albany.
 March 1, 1968—Attended Grand Council of District of Columbia, Wash-
 ington, D. C.
 March 16, 1968—Attended Good Shephard Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P., at
 Rochester.
 March 19, 1968—Attended Seneca River Lodge No. 160, Baldwinsville.
 April 6, 1968—Attended meeting of New York College, S.R.I.C.F., Sy-
 racuse.
 April 15-16, 1968—Attended Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Pennsylvania
 at Reading, Pa.
 April 21, 1968—DeMolay installation at Watertown.
 May 5, 1968—DeMolay installation at Baldwinsville.
 May 7, 8, 9, 1968—Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New
 York, New York City.
 May 10-11, 1968—Attended Grand Council of R. & S. M. of New Hamp-
 shire, Concord, New Hampshire.
 May 16-17, 1968—Attended Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Michigan,
 Dearborn, Michigan.
 May 18, 1968—Attended dinner in honor of M. E. George S. Mason,
 Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York,
 R.A.M., in Jamestown.
 May 28, 1968—Attended Riverside Lodge No. 260, Baldwinsville.
 June 1, 1968—Joined Tigris Shrine, Syracuse, New York
 June 2, 1968—Attended Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., at Lido Beach
 June 29, 1968—Attended meeting of New York College, S.R.I.C.F., Sy-
 racuse.

MEMBERSHIP

I opened my talk in the 52 Councils this year by stating that "Ahi-
 shar is sleeping at his post". And I must report, unwillingly, that Ahi-
 shar is sleeping more soundly than ever. Our net loss for the year is
 almost 200, the worst year we have had since the depression years.

Fifteen Councils greeted no members — Adelpic No. 7, Buff-Key-
 ston No. 17, King Hiram No. 18, DeWitt Clinton No. 22, King Solomon
 No. 21, Dunkirk No. 25 (although this Council had one application),

Palmyra No. 26, Cryptic No. 37, Fulton No. 50, Corning No. 53, Catskill No. 78, Nun-Da-Wa-Ga No. 92, Goshen No. 93, Rockland No. 94, and High Peaks No. 96. The leading Councils in greetings were:

Adoniram Council No. 36	19
Joseph Warren Council No. 81	13
Cayuga Council No. 90	11
St. George's Council No. 74	11
Central City Council No. 13	11
Zabud Council No. 84	10
Hornellsville Council No. 35	10

But I wish particularly to call your attention to Cayuga Council No. 90. With 33 members, it greeted 11 for the year, one-third of the starting membership.

At the other end of the spectrum we had more very poor results.

Buffalo Keystone No. 17 had a loss of 37, the largest of any Council in the state in the last fifteen years.

DeWitt Clinton No. 22 of Albany, a loss of 35.

Southern Tier No. 16 of Elmira, a loss of 17.

King Solomon No. 31 of Poughkeepsie, a loss of 11.

Corning No. 53, a loss of 12.

And of the 112 net loss in these five Councils, 53 were by death.

As you know I established a quota in each Council for greetings and offered a check for \$10.00, payable to the Charity Fund for the first three Councils which reported meeting this quota. These were Adoniram No. 36, Flushing, Temple No. 79 in Niagara Falls, and Cayuga No. 90 in Ithaca. Other Councils which met the quota were Northern Star No. 34, Carthage, Hornellsville No. 34, Hornell, Suffolk No. 76, Smithtown, Joseph Warren No. 81, Glens Falls, Zabud No. 84, Freeport, and Manhattan No. 95 in New York City. Ahishar woke up in these Councils — leadership and industry of the Illustrious Master and his Companions paid off.

And that is the answer for all Councils — leadership and industry. The Grand Master, the Grand Line, and the District Deputies can only offer suggestions for they cannot do the work in the individual councils. They can set examples by their leadership and their industry, but examples are not much good unless they are followed.

ISH SODI

There were only a few awards for membership in Ish Sodi this year as follows:

Adoniram Council No. 36 — Arthur T. Stephan — 14 Companions

Adoniram Council No. 36 — Clarence E. Gray — 5 Companions

Zabud Council No. 84 — Harry Raymond — 6 Companions.

Joseph Warren Council No. 81 — Harold A. Thomas

Joseph Warren Council No. 81 — Kaare A. Johansen

Central City Council No. 13 — Grand Master

The Order of Ish Sodi is now a rather exclusive one — 17 for 1966-67 and 6 from 1963-69. These are the Companions who, in one Cryptic year, bring in five or more petitions. Get your membership in this outstanding Cryptic Rite Order this year. I suggest that if a man wins the award more than once that a star be added to his original card, so that eventually we will have a lot of five-star generals.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

I am most happy with the District Deputies for their work during my term of office and will ask them to stand as I call their names.

Irving B. Stanton No. 1; Kenneth Haile No. 2; Wayne S. Watkins No. 3; Ronald P. Schwemm No. 4; George F. Volzing No. 5; Harold E. Wheeler No. 6; Edgar K. Ralston No. 7; Robert Loke No. 8; and Richard A. Brecht No. 9.

I promised that the First District Deputy whose district met the quota which I established for that district, that I would give to a Charity Fund a check in the amount of \$20.00 in the name of that Deputy. I am therefore pleased to announce that R. I. Irving B. Stanton of the first district won the award, and I am now pleased to give him the award.

For a long time I have felt that the tenure of office of the District Deputy should not be limited to one year. In the past ten years we have had some excellent deputies, who have contributed a great deal to Cryptic Rite Masonry. But one year is not enough for these good men; they get things moving in the District, and when they are well acquainted with the Councils, and then able to spend more time with weaker and less progressive Councils, they come to the end of the road. In my opinion the term of a Deputy should be three years, if he is proficient. Some Councils seem to feel that they should have a deputy every few years or "in turn". We should always seek the best man, regardless of whose turn it is.

And I am a great believer in competition among the Councils and the districts. Later in the day I will call upon M. I. Richard Ingham, Grand Master of Ohio, to explain the "Arch" system used in the Buckeye State. I was very much impressed with it, and believe that we in New York could profit by adapting the Ohio plan.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At my request there were accredited the following Grand Representatives of other Councils near the Grand Council of New York:

Lou Brown — Dunkirk No. 25 — Canada West
Ralph F. Cowgill, Jr. — Binghamton No. 24 — Connecticut
Glenn B. Drumb — Northern Star No. 34 — Delaware
Jasper J. Livingston — Phoenix No. 70 — Montana
Jack Freudenberger — Suffolk No. 76 — Georgia
Edward B. Stark — Flatbush No. 80 — Tennessee
Arthur F. Stephan — Adoniram No. 36 — Vermont
D. Boardman Lee — Cayuga No. 90 — Ohio
Charles W. McLellan — Cyprus No. 89 — Indiana
William A. Hoerig — Lafayette No. 86 — Louisiana
Vernon L. Robinson — Central City No. 13 — Maryland

These men are all leaders and have proved their worth to Cryptic Rite Masonry.

I accredited only one Grand Representative: Henry A. E. Koester to the Grand Council of Germany.

FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES

One of the most pleasant of the duties of the Grand Master and the Grand Line officers is the presentation of 50-year certificates to those

men who have labored in the Secret Vault for half a century. The following certificates were issued by the Grand Recorder during the year:

George O. Linkletter — Adoniram Council No. 36
George Barth — Central City No. 13
Herman Fickhiesen — Central City No. 13
Louis Weiller — Granada Hills, California
Clifton F. Gardner — Suffolk Council No. 76
M. I. George W. Pratt — Corning No. 53
and seven Companions from Bloss Council No. 14 in Troy.

I had the pleasure of presenting the certificates in three instances. Companion Herman Fickhiesen of my own Council, M. I. George W. Pratt at Corning, on the occasion of a special testimonial dinner to him, M. I. Harold M. Kreason being the speaker of the evening, and to several Companions at Bloss Council No. 14 at Troy.

On April 25, 1968 R. I. Kenneth Haile presented a 50-year certificate to Companion Herbert C. Hansen of New York City for the Grand Council of Ohio.

PAST MASTER CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Past Master certificates were issued to the following past Masters of the constituent councils during the year:

Sergio Morsani — Adoniram Council No. 36
Arthur T. Stephan — Adoniram Council No. 36
Claude A. Albee — Corning Council No. 53
Robert C. McEwan — Central City Council No. 13
Richard A. Ellett — Bloss Council No. 14
David Fine — Manhattan Council No. 95
John W. Heiss — Phoenix Council No. 70
Ludvigs P. Kiploks — Brooklyn Council No. 4
Felix E. Jardinico — Flatbush Council No. 80

The presentation of a Past Master's certificate at the annual installation ceremonies of the Councils will add to the ceremonies. I suggest to the Ritual Committee that a paragraph of charges to the retiring Illustrious Master be added to the installation ceremonies, congratulating him for his services and charging him that his duties to the Cryptic Rite are by no means ended.

DISPENSATIONS

Several dispensations were issued for change of meeting night. I also issued dispensations to Joseph Warren Council No. 81 to hold their meetings temporarily in Hudson Falls; to Fulton Council No. 50 to hold their meetings temporarily in Phoenix; both of the foregoing because of the building of new Masonic Temples; and to Cyrus Council No. 90 to move permanently from Rouses Point to Champlain.

COUNCIL DUES AND FEES

The fees charged in our Councils are as follows: 4 get \$20.00; 15 get \$15.00; 25 get \$10.00; and 8 Councils not known; an average of \$12.60 of which the Grand Council gets \$1.50 and for dues we charge as follows:

1 Council \$10.00 annually	1 Council \$3.25 annually
1 Council \$ 8.00 annually	12 Councils \$3.00 annually

2 Councils \$ 7.00 annually	1 Council \$2.75 annually
2 Councils \$ 6.00 annually	1 Council \$2.50 annually
9 Councils \$ 5.00 annually	1 Council \$2.25 annually
2 Councils \$ 4.50 annually	3 Councils \$2.00 annually
14 Councils \$ 4.00 annually	2 unknown,

an average of \$3.93 a Council of which the Grand Council gets \$1.00.

We certainly put on a bargain sale in Cryptic Rite Masonry, but we do not seem to have very many customers. I suspect that our cheapening of the Cryptic Rite repels prospects, rather than gains them. In fact I think that our whole Masonic fee system might be examined. When I joined the Masons in 1920, I paid a fee of \$35.00, and I was earning only \$37.50 per month. Today the men that we want in Masonry are earning \$600, \$700, \$800.00 and up a month. Think what a fee of \$250.00 for the Blue Lodge would mean. And we offer a system of philosophy of morals and right living and patriotism which is unexcelled. We have a most prosperous nation — Masonry should have its share of the prosperity.

I am prepared to dodge the brick bats of horror and indignation and wounded feelings in the following recommendations: I recommend that the Constitution be amended to provide that Constituent Councils charge a minimum fee of \$25.00, of which the Grand Council shall receive \$7.50, and that the annual dues be not less than \$5.00 annually, of which the Grand Council shall receive \$1.50.

THE CHARITY FUND

The Charity Corporation will hold its annual meeting this afternoon, where a full report of its activities will be given. Our receipts for the year were over \$9,000.00 and the total assets of the Corporation are now in excess of \$34,000. The five leaders in contributions for the year were:

St. George's Council No. 74, \$4,067; Phoenix Council No. 70, \$1559; Adoniram Council No. 36, \$502; Central City Council No. 13, \$331; Flatbush Council No. 80, \$242.

To R. I. Companion Frank Zeltman, the Charity Corporation Chairman for the First Cryptic District, the congratulations of the Grand Council for the outstanding job in the state in 1967-1968.

WHITHER ARE WE TRAVELING?

A very early question in our Masonic lives was "whither are you traveling?" The answer we all know, but in my opinion it is time to reexamine the answer.

We need a plan for the future of Cryptic Rite Masonry. We have been going along blithely, hoping for an increase in membership each year, but we must consider that the craft in general is losing membership and status in this jurisdiction yearly.

What our objectives and goals in Masonry for 1975, 1980, 1990, 2000? I have never heard of a long range plan for the craft. A man comes to the head of a grand line, and he has some sort of a plan for his year in office. And perhaps he gets along well, or fails, but in another year a new man comes along with new and different ideas — perhaps 180 degrees out of phase with his predecessor.

We must take some real hard looks at the future of our Cryptic Rite, and do some real thinking about whither we are going. I had contemplated appointing a long-range planning committee, but perhaps this committee should be authorized by a Grand Assembly, so that it may have a continuity for some years, and not go out of existence at the end of any one Grand Master's year. Such a committee might be composed of two groups — a downstate group and an upstate group, each meeting separately, and occasionally jointly, to put together ideas generated by the one and by the other. An annual report should be made by the two groups to the Grand Assembly, with recommendations for consideration by this deliberative body.

Some areas for consideration might be:

1. Shall we give up?
2. Shall we restrict our membership and make the Cryptic Rite an invitational body?
3. Shall we adopt the Virginia and West Virginia plan and put the Cryptic Rite degrees in the Chapter?
4. Shall we work to make the Cryptic Rite a prerequisite for the Chivalric Rite?
5. Shall we continue to be the bargain counter of Freemasonry, or shall we demand fees which are more in keeping with the general prosperity of the nation?
6. Shall we actively promote the York Rite cooperative plan as recommended by the General Grand Council?
7. Shall we continue the D.D.G.M. program, and the annual visits by the Grand Line Officers? Are the visits worthwhile; what can be done to improve them?
8. Shall we have a joint Grand Secretary with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery?
9. How much money should the Grand Council have to function properly?

And other areas of study will suggest themselves. This is a difficult task, I realize, for none of us are fore-seers of the future. And it may take some time to get off the ground, but eventually we can get some ideas to fly with.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I have mentioned several recommendations in the foregoing which I now repeat:

1. That the Constitution be amended to provide that the minimum fees to be charged by a Council shall be \$25.00, of which the Grand Council shall receive \$7.50; and that the minimum annual dues shall be \$5.00, of which the Grand Council shall receive \$1.50.
2. That the Constitution be amended to provide that no Companion shall serve as Illustrious Master of a Council if, during that term of office, he is serving as the presiding officer of any other Masonic Body. I did not discuss this item in depth previously, but our Cryptic Rite deserves the full attention of a good man for one year.

3. That a suitable testimonial be prepared to Most Illustrious Ray B. Leinbach.

4. That the Constitution be amended to extend the term of office of the District Deputies to three years.

5. That a long range planning committee be appointed, the members to serve from three to five years to study the future of the Cryptic Rite.

Naturally I have been disappointed with the results of the past year, BUT, a new Grand Master will take the reins in a few hours, and now it is up to all of us to answer the more important question, what will I do for Cryptic Rite Masonry in 1968-69. I am hopeful that some of the seed I tried to sow in this past year will germinate in the years to come, and that our Rite may grow and progress beyond any expectations? The responsibility is with the individual Councils, for if leadership is at that level, we will soon put Cryptic Rite Masonry in the forefront of all the Masonic bodies. What will you do for Cryptic Rite Masonry in 1968-1969?

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, I move that this report be received, spread upon the minutes, and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's address.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of the State of New York, I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer for the year 1967-1968.

OPERATING ACCOUNT — No. 521-326-9 Lincoln-Rochester Trust Co., Brockport Branch

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 4, 1967	\$ 1,552.11
Receipts from Grand Recorder	5,862.00
Receipts from Grand Trustees	3,000.00
Unusued Travel and Per Diem	924.00
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	\$ 11,338.11

Disbursements:

Office Rent	\$ 200.00
Trans. to Per Diem and Travel Acct.	2,500.00
Entertain Guests 1967 Grand Assembly	688.54
Grand Recorder Salary (11 months)	1,052.92
Grand Recorder Expenses	136.52
Grand Master Expenses	856.56
Grand Master Jewels	437.53
Grand Master Aprons	206.85
Grand Lecturer Expenses	293.33
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	50.00
Printing Grand Assembly Proceedings	431.43
Stationery and office supplies	844.25
Taxes	79.98
Grand Assembly Expenses—gavels & trans.	118.70
Insurance	109.50
Letters to membership	25.00
Office equipment maintenance	61.35

Printing new Constitutions	56.85	
Printing Annual Assembly notices	43.21	
Bank charge for check books	7.91	
		<u>8,200.43</u>
Balance on hand August 6, 1968		\$ 3,137.68

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY & MUSEUM FUND
Erie Co. Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y. Acct. 771473

Balance on hand August 1, 1967	\$ 37.34
Interest to June 30, 1968	3.77
No deposits — no withdrawals	
	<u>41.11</u>
Balance on hand August 1, 1968	\$ 41.11

GRAND MASTER TRIENNIAL FUND
Erie Co. Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y. Acct. 749163

Balance on hand August 1, 1967	\$ 262.45
Interest to June 30, 1968	13.4
No deposits — no withdrawals	
	<u>275.79</u>
Balance on hand August 1, 1968	\$ 275.79

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. KREASON,
Grand Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT ADDENDA

Companions, we are an important Fraternal Body dedicated to the promotion of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry, but the Grand Council of the State of New York is also a business of considerable proportions. In my capacity as Grand Treasurer, I am familiar with the income and expenses and resources of our Grand Council, and over the past few years I have become somewhat alarmed over the effect of rising costs and inflation over our ability to conduct the business of this Grand Council on a proper basis. Our Grand Council has only one source of income, and while we are not organized primarily to make money, it is a certain fact that we need sufficient income to carry on the work which has been assigned to us by custom, precedent and the normal demands of operating a business in this day and age. Back in the year 1962 the Constituent Council per capita tax was increased from 75 cents to 1 dollar. There has not been an increase in this tax since then. It is not necessary for me to point out the inroads made upon our resources and income by continually rising costs and inflation during the past six years, and had it not been for periodic "shots in the arm" in the form of a transfer of interest from the Grand Trustees Reserve Fund we would not have been able to finance our normal activities. Frankly, Companions, we must have an increase in our income to remain solvent.

Therefore, I propose the following amendment to the Constitution:

I move that Section 18, Part 1 of the Consitution be amended to read:

Each Council shall pay for each member to the Grand Council annually the sum of One Dollar and Fifty Cents.

Now Companions, our Constitution stipulates that an amendment must be presented at a Regular Annual Assembly and held over until the next Regular Annual Assembly at which time it may be adopted. It is, therefor presented at this time so that during the year you may inform your Council Members, take stock of the worth and value of the Cryptic Rite to the State and yourself, adjust the financial affairs of your Council to meet an increase in the Per Capita Tax.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council:

We have examined the accounts of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer and, after necessary adjustments have been made, found them to be in agreement. The cash balance as shown on the statement of the Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, Brockport Branch, has been reconciled to the Books.

We have also examined and reviewed the returns of the Constituent Councils, the report of the Grand Trustees, and all savings accounts of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Fund, Grand Master Triennial Fund, Grand Council Charity Fund, Incorporated and Permanent Fund, all of which were found to be correct.

Your Committee further recommends that the report of the Grand Treasurer be printed in the Proceedings in summary form as in preceding years. The Committee again suggests that the Grand Recorder have several copies of the detailed list of Receipts and Disbursements in his possession so that those Companions who may desire to examine the details of any items, may secure the information at his office.

In accordance with Section 18.2 of the Constitution, your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the mileage and per diem be paid to the representatives of the constituent Councils, Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters and the members of standing committees on the basis of one way mileage obtained from the local office of the A.A.A. at the rate of nine cents (.09) per mile from the meeting place of the Council of which they are members, plus \$5.00 for attendance at this 143rd Grand Assembly, providing, however, that if the member resides in a county other than the one in which his Council is located, mileage shall be computed on the shorter distance to the place of the meeting of the Grand Council.
2. That the salary of the Grand Recorder for the ensuing year be set at \$1,200.00, payable in equal monthly installments.
3. That the Honorarium to the Grand Treasurer for the coming year be set at \$50.00 payable immediately.
4. That the sum of \$200.00 be paid to the Grand Recorder for rental of office space for the ensuing year.
5. That the Committee on arrangements for this Grand Assembly be paid the sum of \$400.00 to assist in defraying the cost of entertaining the Grand Council.
6. That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay such bills for the entertainment of guests of this Grand Council as shall be approved by the Grand Master.

7. That the Grand Recorder be authorized to have printed no more than 400 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Assembly, at an estimated cost of \$450.00.

8. That the sum of \$190.00 be appropriated to cover the per capita due the General Grand Council.

9. That the sum of \$100.00 for the year 1968-1969 be set aside in the savings account to provide the Grand Master's expenses to the next Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council.

10. That the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated for the expenses in connection with the preparation and distribution of the Cryptic Riter.

11. That the per diem to be allowed to the members of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer cover two days.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD W. WIENDIECK, Chairman
JOHN A. CROMIE
GEORGE J. VETTER

GRAND LECTURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Grand Council:

Another Cryptic Year has come to a close and it is with humility that I submit my annual report to the Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of the State of New York. I am happy to report that in general the ritualistic work of the Constituent Councils throughout the State of New York has been much improved over the past years. I am sure that the main reason for this is due to the fact that the greatest majority of the Companions, particularly the Officers of the Councils have shown renewed interest and strength in our work. However, I would leave the final judgement of our success to you my beloved Companions who have been so ultimately cooperative and helpful in all the phases of our work.

According to the Constitution of Grand Council, with one exception, each of the nine Districts throughout the State have held a District Convention during the year; the one exception being the Ninth District due to inability to secure a proper date or place.

In addition, many of the Districts have held Cryptic Rite Festivals conferring all three of the Degrees. A detailed summary follows:

DISTRICT 1—R. I. Irving B. Stanton, D.D.G.M., March 2, 1968 in the Masonic Temple, Freeport, N. Y. Host Council, Zabud No. 84.

DISTRICT 2—R. I. Kenneth Haile, D.D.G.M., April 6, 1968 in the Masonic Temple, New York City. Host Council, Adelpic No. 7.

DISTRICT 3—R. I. Wayne S. Watkins, D.D.G.M., October 7, 1967 in the Masonic Temple, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Host Council, King Solomon No. 31.

DISTRICT 4—R. I. Ronald P. Schwemm, D.D.G.M., March 30, 1968 in the Masonic Temple, Johnstown, N. Y. Host Council, Johnstown No. 72.

DISTRICT 5—R. I. George F. Volzing, D.D.G.M., May 4, 1968 in the Masonic Temple, Glens Falls, N. Y. Host Council, Joseph Warren No. 81.

DISTRICT 6—R. I. Harold E. Wheeler, D.D.G.M., April 20, 1968 in the Masonic Temple, Cathage, N. Y. Host Council, Northern Star No. 34.

DISTRICT 7—R. I. Edgar K. Ralston, D.D.G.M., November 4, 1967 in the Masonic Temple, Ithaca, N. Y. Host Council, Cayuga No. 90.

DISTRICT 8—R. I. Robert Loke, D.D.G.M., January 13, 1968 in the Masonic Temple, Rochester, N. Y. Host Council, Doric No. 19.

It again becomes my duty to admonish each and every Ill. Master that it is his duty to see that only the New Revised Ritual be used in any and all of our work. There has been a reprint of the same; and there is an ample supply in the hands of the Grand Recorder for your consumption. Until we can get used to this New Ritual we will fail to enjoy the uniformity of our work throughout the State which is necessary for our best work in all the phases of our work.

At this point, I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks both on behalf of myself and on behalf of this Grand Council to each of the Councils who were host to the District Conventions and also to the Cryptic Rite Festivals. We are all aware of the amount of work involved in such an undertaking and we appreciate your efforts very much.

Before closing this report, I want to take this opportunity to also thank each and all the Companions throughout the State of New York for all of your courtesies and kindnesses extended to me throughout this past Cryptic Year. May each of you enjoy and profit by Cryptic Rite Masonry for many more years to come.

May I also take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to our M. I. Grand Master for affording me the opportunity to serve Cryptic Rite Masonry as your Grand Lecturer for another year. I also wish to thank publicly the Supreme Architect of the Universe for His provision of health, strength and wisdom to carry on to the best of my ability in this wonderful work in which we are engaged.

And last, but not least, I am ever grateful to each of the Grand Officers and each of the District Deputy Grand Masters for all of their help and co-operation in all the phases of our work throughout this past Cryptic year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFF W. SAMS,
Grand Lecturer.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

To the Grand Council:

Your Trustees submit herewith their annual report for the Fiscal Year ended July 31, 1968, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution:

PERMANENT FUND

	Cash in Bank 8-1-67	(Withdrawals) Interest Earned	Cash in Bank 7-31-68
Elmira Savings Bank, Elmira	\$ 5,059.71	\$ 197.42 (1,000.00)	\$ 4,257.13
East River Savings Bank, New York....	5,036.47	256.54	5,293.01
Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo	5,708.14	290.76	5,998.90
The National Savings Bank, Albany	6,150.55	288.33 (2,000.00)	4,438.88
Totals	<u>\$ 21,954.87</u>	<u>(\$1,966.95)</u>	<u>\$ 19,987.92</u>

Total interest earned amounted to \$1,033.05.

On October 24, 1967, \$1,000.00 was withdrawn from the Elmira Savings Bank to reimburse the General Fund for the operating deficit sustained during the fiscal year ended July 31, 1967.

On May 1, 1968, \$2,000.00 was withdrawn from the National Savings Bank of the City of Albany to provide sufficient funds for the Grand Treasurer to meet all projected operating expenses for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1968.

All the above depositories pay interest at the rate of 5% annually compounded quarterly, except the Elmira Savings Bank which pays 4½%.

We have in our possession Fidelity Bond No. 10 F 778 BC covering the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder in the penal sum of \$5,000.00 each, issued by the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, Hartford, Connecticut on September 15, 1949, renewable every 3 years, and presently in force to September 15, 1970.

The Grand Council is in possession of Fire Insurance Policy No. 10FP865278 in the amount of \$1,500.00 issued by the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, Hartford, Connecticut, for the 3-year period ending January 5, 1971, covering the personal property of the Grand Council, consisting of the paraphernalia, books, bound records and office equipment now stored in the fire-resistive Masonic Temple situated at 65-73 Maiden Lane, Albany, N. Y.

The Grand Council is also in possession of Fire Insurance Policy No. F 42-30-25 in the amount of \$1,000.00 issued by the Glens Falls Insurance Co., Glens Falls, N. Y. for the 3-year period ending August 14, 1968, covering the property of the Grand Council, consisting of files, records and office equipment contained in the frame one-family private dwelling of the Grand Recorder, situated at 725 Argyle Road, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York. This policy has been renewed for the 3-year period ending August 14, 1971 by policy No. F 65-22-51.

Both of the above fire insurance policies carry 80% co-insurance clauses.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. SMITH
GEORGE W. PRATT
R. BRUCE DAYTON
Grand Trustees

"I move that the report of the Grand Trustees be approved and attached to the records of this Grand Assembly."

Audited August 26, 1968 — CLIFFORD W. WIENDERICK
Chairman, Finance Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE LAWS AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

At the 1967 Grand Assembly the Committee on Jurisprudence Laws and General Activities submitted to such Grand Assembly a new constitution including general regulations, for the most part embodying the terms of the constitution and general regulations of 1947 as amended through the years to this time.

This Constitution was laid on the table to be brought up for ballot at this Grand Assembly.

In order that there might be opportunity for all of the members of this Grand Council to acquaint themselves with the documents the Committee, with the assistance of the Grand Master, had copies made and mailed to each Grand Officer, each Past Grand Master and each Constituent Council. The Constitution and General Regulations are now ready for the ballot.

ADDENDUM

The proposed new Constitution and general regulations were taken from the table and on motion of the M. I. Companion R. Bruce Dayton, duly seconded, were adopted and the Committee on Jurisprudence Laws and General Activities was authorized to edit the same and have the same printed.

ADDENDUM No. 2

To this Committee was referred the portions of the Grand Master's address dealing with amendments to the Constitution.

- (1) As to minimum fees of constituent Councils.
- (2) As to serving as presiding officer of more than one Masonic body at one time.
- (3) As to appointment of District Deputies for 3 years.

On motion duly made and seconded the proposed amendments were laid on the table until the next Annual Assembly.

This Committee approves the suggestion that a testimonial be prepared for our Most Illustrious Ray B. Leinbach and suggests that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee for that purpose.

This Committee also approves the suggestion that a long-range planning committee be appointed to make a study of the future of the Cryptic Rite and suggests that the incoming Grand Master give serious consideration to the appointment of such a committee or of adding such duties to the duties of the Committee on the Condition and Extension of the Rite.

W. RAY CONVERSE
R. BRUCE DAYTON
HOWARD L. ADAMS

REMARKS BY M. I. WALDO I. POWELL, P.G.M. REPRESENTING MASSACHUSETTS

M. I. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Companions in attendance at this 145th Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of New York.

When introduced this morning I was informed that I would respond for the visiting presiding Grand Masters. I assure you that this is an unexpected pleasure and trust that I speak with their approval.

M. I. Grand Master, we thank you for all the courtesies extended to us and assure you that we have all enjoyed your hospitality.

Last evening, as Mr. Eky spoke of the underprivileged, I wonder if many of the companions were not the underprivileged. We expect to turn this great fraternity of ours over to those who are now in the folds of DeMolay. Those of us who have never visited a Chapter of DeMolay should do so as soon as possible and witness the excellent work the boys do. We should learn for ourselves how capably these young men will be able to take our places in the years to come. Let us not be underprivileged. Let us find out for ourselves how we can assist these boys in their work.

Thank you M. I. Grand Master for the opportunity to speak for your guests.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Each Grand Master has approached his high position in his own individual way. At the beginning of his term, M. I. B. Franklin Slye spoke of his goals, one of which was to visit every Council in the State. This he did conscientiously and faithfully, and the inspiration felt by each Council, because of his deep personal concern, will bring benefits in future years.

We recommend the reference of various matters contained in the Address to the following Committees for their consideration and report.

To the Committee on Laws, Jurisprudence and General Activities those portions of the Address referring to proposed amendments to the Constitution.

To the Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite those recommendations pertaining to the Cryptic Rite.

We approve those portions pertaining to Grand Representatives accredited and appointed, Special Awards, Past Master Certificates, Certificates of Merit, 50 Year Certificates and Honorary Memberships.

We also approve of all other portions of the Address not specifically mentioned.

We commend the Grand Master for his years of service to the Cryptic Rite and urge all Companions to carry on in the same dedicated

spirit. Our hope is that the Supreme Grand Master will preserve him in good health that he may continue his work in Masonry.

M. I. JOHN A. BARINGER
M. I. R. BRUCE DAYTON
M. I. JOSEPH J. SMITH

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

To the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Council, R. & S. M., State of New York:

As Chairman of your Masonic Education Commission, we again would like to submit for your approval a second set of thumb-nail sketches on the Cryptic Rite:

(1) BROKEN TRIANGLE

The emblem of the Cryptic Rite is a Broken Triangle. Just what is a Broken Triangle? How should it be broken? We do know that a triangle is a figure of three sides. Masonically, it would be an equilateral triangle with three equal sides and angles. Merely taking off one of the sides would not represent a broken triangle, so — to our way of thinking one of the sides must be broken by removing a section, not a whole side. It alludes, of course, to the three Kings who form the Masonic Triangle — Solomon and the two Hiram. The death of any one of them would leave the triangle broken. The broken triangle referred to in the Royal Master degree represents something uncompleted. Could this be considered as an allegory of Life? We think so.

It is the opinion of some that the triangle represents Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Destroy the triangle by taking away Wisdom and you have left only Strength and Beauty. There is no character in life which is only strong and beautiful. Remove Strength and you have Wisdom and Beauty. What value to a Life without Strength to carry on; perfection of the physical body? And what would a Life be without Beauty — the Beauty of Character? The Triangle, whether it is broken or complete, offers a splendid opportunity for study and thought.

(2) TWENTY-SEVEN

Being $3 \times 3 \times 3$ the number has been most sacredly regarded in past ages. The degree of Select Master was once known as "Select of 27". And, in opening of a Council of Royal and Select Masters today, symbolically, at least, 27 are supposed to have a part in the ceremony.

(3) ADONIRAM

This character appears only in the Cryptic Rite degrees and symbolically represents the seeker after Truth. The name appears in the Bible three or four times. In the Book of Samuel he is said to be "over the tribute", which means that he was a tax collector, albeit one of the chief ones. He served in the court of King Solomon as well as his successor. He is referred to as a son of Abda. His last mention is made in I Kings where he is stoned to death by the people because of his oppression as a tax collector. King Solomon placed Adoniram over the laborers in Mt. Lebanon and was the first to receive the knowledge

which had been reserved by the three Royal Grand Masters for those entitled to rewards for their services in the building of the Temple.

Fraternally yours,

RAYMOND W. HOUGHTON, Chairman
 GEORGE A. LAMBERT
 HARRY G. McNEIL
 DR. WILLIAM G. PEACHER
 DR. GEORGE D. BARCLAY
 ROGER CHRISTIAN

CHARITY FUND

Treasurer's Report, August 26, 1968

Balance in Banks, August 1, 1967:

Corning Savings & Loan Ass'n, Acct. 5473	\$ 10,212.54	
Nat'l Com. Bank & Trust Co., Acct. 356 62149	13,399.96	
Nat'l Com. Bank & Trust Co., Acct. 348 0083	927.09	
		\$ 24,539.59

Receipts:

Dues and Life Membership Fees	\$ 796.00	
Contributions	4,309.71	
Legacy	3,893.00	
		8,998.71

Earnings:

Corning Savings & Loan Ass'n, Acct. 5473	\$ 214.54	
Nat'l Com. Bank & Trust Co., Acct. 356 62149	596.90	
Nat'l Com. Bank & Trust Co., Acct. 356 63380	22.27	
		833.71

Total to be accounted for		\$ 34,372.01
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Disbursements:

Parkinson's Disease Foundation	\$ 525.00	
Printing	180.10	
Postage	64.00	
Fees	38.37	
		807.47

Investments — Corporation Bonds

Bell Telephone Co. of Penna., 6¼% \$5,000.00		
Cost Price	\$ 4,987.50	
Consumers Power Co., 6½%, \$5,000.00 Cost		
Price	5,100.00	
		10,087.50

Balance in Banks, August 15, 1968

Corning Savings & Loan Ass'n, Acct. 5473 Closed		
Nat'l Com. Bank & Trust Co., Acct. 356 62149	\$ 21,777.95	
Nat'l Com. Bank & Trust Co., Acct. 356 63380	1,422.27	
Nat'l Com. Bank & Trust Co., Acct. 348 0083	276.82	
		\$ 23,477.04

Accounted for		\$ 34,372.01
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Respectfully submitted,

RAYMON H. HOUST
 Treasurer, Charity Fund

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE FUND

One of the real aims of Freemasonry is to help our fellow man. This can be achieved in many ways, but charity perhaps is the most expedient of all. Charity is one of three theological virtues, meaning a desire to have consideration for others and willingness to do good. The other two theological virtues are Faith and Hope.

From the records of Columbian Council No. 1 of Royal Master Masons for the city of New York, from its organization September 10, 1810 to the formation of the Grand Council of Royal Masons for the State of New York January 25, 1823, there is no mention of charitable activity in any minutes, activity apparently being confined to the induction of new members in the Royal Master Order.

On the 21st of June, 1812, a constitution of the Royal Master Order (at a regular meeting held in St. John's Hall of New York City) was adopted, containing the following paragraph:

"If on the eighth day of Tamus if it so falls out, if not on the election day, after all the expenses of the Council be paid, there appears any cash to be left in the treasury, it shall be distributed among the poor members."

There is no record in the minutes of any money being distributed among the poor members.

There is no record of charity or benevolence activity reported by Grand Masters or given in financial statements until 1950. At the mid-winter conference in Albany that year, M. I. George W. Pratt, Grand Master, instigated the establishment of a permanent Grand Council Charitable Fund by requesting each Master to ask a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 per member for some permanent charity to be selected and approved by Grand Council. \$1,293.76 was collected that year, an exceptionally good beginning. Some years later, efforts were made to levy an assessment of \$1.00 per member for the Charity Fund. These were defeated, thus leaving all contributions made to be voluntary.

There were some objections among the Companions to contributing to a fund until we had an announced objective. Many objectives were considered, but until a substantial sum was obtained it was felt that only the earnings of a permanent sum should be applied to any selected charity.

In 1951 the newly elected Grand Master, M. I. James G. Purdy and Deputy Master, M. I. Howard L. Adams, desirous of the Grand Council having some outstanding participation in the new hospital at the Masonic Home in Utica, conferred with the Superintendent, Dr. Clark, and discovered a need for four food carts at a cost of \$500 each. One cart was promised, but the work of the District Deputies was so effective that all four carts were provided that year. The year also showed \$676.87 added to the Permanent Charity Fund.

The 1956 Grand Assembly report of M. I. James H. Watson revealed that \$2,138.27 was contributed by the Companions toward furnishing the Cryptic Room in the Washington Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia. Also, \$100 which represented the earnings of the Permanent Charity Fund was contributed to the Research Center of the Masonic Home in Utica. It was very evident that when a specific project was undertaken, a generous response was given by the Companions. A reso-

lution was passed at this Assembly adopting as our specific charity research to discover a cure for Parkinson's disease.

A Certificate of Incorporation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, Inc., was filed by the Department of State of the State of New York in 1961, the necessary papers having been prepared by our present M. I. Kenneth C. Schwartz.

A resolution was passed in 1962 that the net income, after paying all expenses, be paid annually to the Masonic Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare, Inc. The Charity Fund thereby became an active fund, contributing to research in the field of geriatrics, with special emphasis on Parkinson's disease. However as no project in this particular field was carried out at the Research Center in Utica, it was recommended that our support be given to the Research Center for Parkinson's Disease at Columbia University, which is our present practice.

This report is only a brief summary of some of the highlights of the formation and development of the Charitable and Benevolent Fund of our Grand Council. Much work and thought have been done by many members, and the generous contributions of the Companions over the past seventeen years have made possible our present accumulated sum of \$34,372.01.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

M. W. Charles F. Gosnell, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York brought the greetings of the Grand Lodge and gave a very interesting talk which met with a standing applause.

MOST PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND MASTER

M. P. C. Ellwood Smyrk was invited by M. I. B. Franklin Slye to address the Assembly. His message was brief but enjoyed by all present.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Master	M. I. Walter R. Conlin
Deputy Grand Master	R. I. Albin F. Bruder
Grand Principal Conductor of Work	R. I. Roy E. Van Delinder
Grand Treasurer	M. I. Harold M. Kreason
Grand Recorder	M. I. Raymon H. Houst
Grand Captain of Guard	R. I. Michael A. Mallies
Grand Conductor of Council	R. I. J. Donald Garnsey
Grand Marshall	R. I. Sylvanus F. Nye
Grand Standard Bearer	R. I. Vincent D'Anza
Grand Steward	R. I. H. Randall Kreger
Grand Trustee 3 Years	M. I. Joseph J. Smith

Most Illustrious Walter R. Conlin expressed his deep appreciation for the honor conferred upon him by his Companions by electing him to the highest office within their power, stating that this was not a "one man job" and would greatly appreciate the cooperation of all.

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

The Ceremony of Installing the Grand Officers Elect was conducted by all the Past Grand Masters present — M. I. Howard L. Adams; Walter E. Price; James H. Watson; W. Ray Converse; Harold M. Kreason; Stanley W. Wakefield; James D. Seatter; R. Bruce Dayton; Raymon H. Houst; Joseph J. Smith; John A. Barringer; Kenneth C. Schwartz and B. Franklin Slye. Prayers, during the Ceremony, were invoked by our new Grand Chaplains — R. I. and Rev. John S. Williamson and Roland H. Kimberland. Beginning with the Office of Grand Steward, each Grand Officer was installed by a Past Grand Master. M. I. Stanley W. Wakefield occupied the Grand East; M. I. Harold M. Kreason invested the new Grand Master with the Jewel of his Office and conducted him to the Grand East where he was clothed in the Grand Master's Apron by M. I. Raymon H. Houst. M. I. Stanley W. Wakefield led the Companions in the Salute of Private Grand Honors and presented the gavel of Grand Council to our new Grand Master, M. I. Walter R. Conlin.

The Grand Master presented the Past Grand Masters to the Companions as the very foundation of Cryptic Rite Masonry in New York State. He thanked them for the Ceremony of Installation and stated that by their presence and participation they have sanctioned these proceedings. He then caused the Companions to salute them with Grand Honors under the direction of the Grand Marshall.

M. I. James D. Seatter presented the Past Grand Master's Jewel to our New Jr. Past Grand Master, M. I. B. Franklin Slye.

The Grand Master presented the credentials of their offices to the nine District Deputy Grand Masters; the three new Grand Chaplains and the new Grand Sentinel, R. I. Cordello Brooks of Corning Council No. 53.

REMARKS BY THE GRAND MASTER

My Companions, it is with a deep and sincere appreciation for your faith and trust in me that I undertake the responsibilities of this Most Illustrious Grand Office with a humble spirit and a strong desire to serve the Craft. I believe that every man has opportunities afforded him along life's way. Let me assure you that I will endeavor to make this a constructive year for mankind and for Cryptic Rite Masonry in keeping with the very meaningful prayers invoked by our Grand Chaplains during this Ceremony of Installation.

For several years I have been exploring the possibility of promoting a series of "American Heritage Programs" in our many Masonic Communities throughout our State. The effort has produced very gratifying results. We have a very impressive list of citizens, whose names will draw crowds, who have agreed to consider participating in these programs. Freedoms Foundation, of Valley Forge, Pa., is also ready to assist us in this endeavor. It appears that we may have a format available whereby a constituent Council may sponsor such a program, using high school choruses, Boy and Girl Scouts, etc. Your Grand Council will provide the star attraction.

Our objective will be to expose our high school youth to the principals upon which our Great American Heritage is founded. To make known some of the considerations and events that swayed and helped

to bring about this most outstanding way of life the world has ever known.

This will serve to enlighten our youth whereby they may more intelligently decide upon their future courses of action rather than just blindly following a leadership which drums up incidences to arouse their sympathy so as to lead blindly on a destructive course. This effort we hope will enlighten them so they may direct their own lives in a knowing, independent and constructive manner on their own initiative.

At present we are entering an era of intense political oratory. We must await its passing so there will be no confusion as to our purpose being non-political.

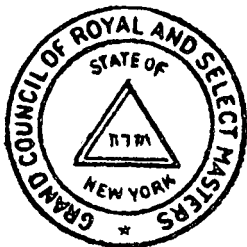
It is our purpose to place emphasis upon the Cryptic Riter as a communication media whereby we may add strength to our mutual endeavors as we combine our efforts toward making this a meaningful year for mankind for the Craft. We have made arrangements with a computer center to provide your Grand Council with mailing labels, all sorted by zip code, whereby every Cryptic Rite Mason in our State will receive a copy of the Cryptic Riter. In addition, there will be many fringe benefits for our Grand Recorder's Office with this arrangement.

Therefore; every constituent Council Recorder is urged to send a complete roster of its membership to his District Deputy Grand Master immediately. The roster should contain the Companions' name, address, constituent and grand membership numbers and title. As soon as these are received, the computer center will furnish the mailing labels and the "Cryptic Riter" will go to every Companion in the State.

Every month, rush your news to your District Deputy Grand Master who, in turn, will send his District's news and pictures to your Grand Master.

GRAND COUNCIL CLOSED

There being nothing further to bring before the Companions, the 145th Annual Assembly of Grand Council was declared duly closed, by our Grand Master, with our new Grand Chaplain, R. I. and Rev. Herbert Harrison invoking the blessings of prayer.



WALTON R. CONLIN
Grand Master

Attest:

Acting Grand Recorder

In Memoriam

R. I. Clifford E. Green	Adelphic No. 7
R. I. Walter H. Comins	Rotica No. 12
R. I. Charles J. Wells	Central City No. 13
R. I. Richard F. Russell	Southern Tier No. 16
R. I. George R. Clark	King Hiram No. 18
I. Lawrence R. Trumbull	King Hiram No. 18
I. George E. Wetley	King Hiram No. 18
I. Henry G. Godette	Doric No. 19
R. I. Harry G. Krom	Ancient City No. 21
I. Ralph H. Hayner	Ancient City No. 21
I. John J. Mertz, Jr.	Ancient City No. 21
I. Walter A. Lawrence	Ancient City No. 21
R. I. Norman C. Gould	Dewitt Clinton No. 22
R. I. Charles A. Kenworthy	Binghamton No. 24
R. I. Walter E. Walker	King Solomon No. 31
I. Milton W. Schineberger	Hornellsville No. 35
I. Walter S. Bennett	Washington No. 52
I. Albert F. Waltz	Peekskill No. 55
R. I. Claude W. Grinnell	Alpha Omega No. 71
R. I. George W. Axtell	St. George's No. 74
I. Ronald P. Barnum	Flatbush No. 80
R. I. James M. Betts	Triangle No. 85
R. I. Harold C. Hedger	North Shore No. 88
R. I. William W. Gettys	Cyrus No. 89
R. I. William Bahntge	Goshen No. 93
I. Harry J. Roe, Jr.	Rockland No. 94
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 *Elmer F. Cutts
 Thomas P. Keenan
 Charles F. Gaissert
 *Walter H. Pickett
 *Robert B. Hunt

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 *Henry Hackemeister, Jr.
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 *Anthony A. Peritore
 *William W. I. Begg
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 *Irving B. Stanton
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 *Ben Paul Richmond, Aff.

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 *Henry E. O'Neil
 *Harry G. McNeil
 *Marquis R. Cleghorn
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 *Theodore H. Banton
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 *John R. P. Goller
 *Harris Schlesinger
 *Richard W. Seibert
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 *Charles W. McLellan
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 *G. Edward Rast
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*Howard E. Lawis
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*Richard A. Brecht
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Murray Fidlow

Pascal D. Michaels
Alvin Finger
David Fine

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FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

W. Ray Converse	No. 74	Chairman	
Clifford W. Wiendieck	No. 86		
George J. Vetter	No. 19		

JURISPRUDENCE, LAWS AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

W. Ray Converse	No. 26	Chairman	1972
George W. Pratt	No. 53		1969
Howard L. Adams	No. 12		1970
R. Bruce Dayton	No. 19		1971
Kenneth C. Schwartz	No. 70		1972

RITUAL

Harold M. Kreason	No. 35	Chairman	
Rowland W. Kimberlin	No. 1		
Arthur T. Stephan	No. 36		
Courtenay G. Kerruish	No. 17		

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE

James H. Watson	No. 17	Chairman	
Frank J. Zeltmann	No. 80		
D. Boardman Lee	No. 90		

FRATERNAL DEAD

John S. Williamson	No. 30		
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MASONIC EDUCATION

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Lloyd M. Brinkman	No. 74		
Irving B. Stanton	No. 80		
Edgar K. Ralston	No. 35		

AWARDS

Kenneth C. Schwartz	No. 70	Chairman	
James H. Watson	No. 17		
Raymon H. Houst	No. 74		
Jasper J. Livingston	No. 70		
Elwood H. A. Smith	No. 2		

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C. Everatt Loud	No. 53		
Joseph Telehany	No. 53		

ANNUAL RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS 1967 - 1968

No.	Council	Membership 1967	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	TOTAL	Died	Demitted	Suspended Council	Suspended Chapter	Indigent	Correction Minus	Gain	Loss	Membership 1968	Dues & Fees
1	Columbian	110	0	1	0	111	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	105	110.00
2	Union	69	3	1	0	73	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	2	67	68.50
4	Brooklyn	151	1	0	0	152	7	0	3	2	0	11	0	22	129	141.50
7	Adelphic	250	2	0	0	252	5	2	0	0	0	17	0	22	228	250.00
12	Rotica	198	7	0	0	205	3	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	197	206.50
13	Central City	274	11	0	0	285	6	9	2	0	1	15	0	21	253	274.50
14	Bloss	195	3	0	0	198	11	1	0	1	4	0	0	10	185	196.50
15	Bruce	72	1	0	0	73	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	70	73.50
16	Southern Tier	189	1	0	1	191	9	3	0	7	0	0	0	17	172	190.50
17	Buffalo Keystone	200	0	0	0	200	16	5	12	4	4	0	0	37	163	196.00
18	King Hiram	47	0	0	0	47	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	44	43.00
19	Doric	189	4	0	1	194	6	3	4	1	0	2	0	11	178	193.00
21	Ancient City	87	3	0	0	90	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	9	78	91.50
22	Dewitt Clinton	208	0	0	0	208	7	1	27	0	2	0	0	35	173	171.00
24	Binghamton	62	3	0	0	65	3	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	58	63.50
25	Dunkirk	103	0	1	0	104	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	96	103.00
26	Palmyra	88	7	0	0	95	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	90	98.50
30	Owego	30	2	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	32	33.00
31	King Solomon	136	0	0	0	136	4	5	2	2	0	4	0	17	119	132.00
34	Northern Star	51	8	0	0	59	2	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	56	63.00
35	Hornellsville	109	10	0	0	119	1	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	111	124.00
36	Adoniram	160	19	0	0	179	7	1	0	2	3	0	9	0	169	185.50
37	Cryptic	90	0	0	0	90	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	81	90.00
50	Fulton	110	0	0	0	110	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	106	110.00
52	Washington	54	3	0	0	57	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	55	58.50
53	Corning	91	0	0	1	92	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	79	91.00

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55	Peekskill	58	1	0	0	59	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	57	59.50
62	Hudson	75	2	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	76	78.00
70	Phoenix	143	4	0	0	147	3	6	5	0	2	0	0	10	133	147.00
71	Alph Omega	44	1	0	0	45	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	45.50
72	Johnstown	146	4	0	1	151	5	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	144	147.00
74	St. George's	500	11	1	0	512	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	496	516.50
75	Skoi Yase	112	4	0	1	117	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	113	118.00
76	Suffolk	143	9	0	0	152	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	142	156.50
78	Catskill	116	0	0	0	116	4	0	0	0	0	9	0	13	103	116.00
79	Temple	54	6	0	0	60	0	0	0	1	2	0	5	0	59	61.00
80	Flatbush	146	6	0	0	152	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	149	152.50
81	Joseph Warren	247	13	0	1	261	4	1	6	1	0	0	2	0	249	266.50
82	Salamanca	65	3	0	0	68	1	1	4	4	1	0	0	7	58	68.00
84	Zabud	85	10	0	0	95	0	1	6	0	0	0	3	0	88	99.00
85	Triangle	120	7	0	0	127	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	122	132.50
86	Lafayette	99	5	0	0	104	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	101	105.50
87	Oneonta	140	3	0	0	143	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	135	144.50
88	North Shore	62	0	0	0	62	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	57	62.00
89	Cyrus	47	11	0	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	56	63.00
90	Cayuga	33	11	0	0	44	1	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	41	49.50
91	Hamburg	83	2	0	0	85	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	82	86.00
92	Nundawaga	97	0	0	0	97	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	93	97.00
93	Goshen	120	0	0	0	120	3	0	6	0	1	0	0	9	111	119.00
94	Rockland	40	0	0	0	40	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	36	40.00
95	Manhattan	35	5	0	0	40	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	36	42.50
96	High Peaks	27	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	27.00

MASTERS AND RECORDERS 1968 - 1969

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COUNCIL OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS, RECORDERS, LOCATION AND STATED ASSEMBLIES 1967-1968

No.	Council	Master	Deputy Master	P. C. of W.	Recorder	Location	Statcd Assembly
1	Columbian	Sherwood T. Griggs	Robert A. L. Bentley	Richard S. Denenholz	Roydon A. C. Thomas	New York City	3rd Thurs.
2	Union	Charles F. Kramer III	Germain A. Mahler	Robert Rorrison	Edward Bartell	Bronx	4th Tues.
4	Brooklyn	Ludvigs P. Kiploks	Ben Paul Richmond	Frank N. Miller	Warren R. Green	Brooklyn	3rd Sat.
7	Adelphic	Edward Holloway, Jr.	Henry A. Schnirring	Dominick Caracciole	Harry Katz	New York City	1st Sat.
12	Rotica	A. Raeburn Benson	Leon H. Prentice	Daryl S. Kirby	Roland N. Stephenson	Rome	1st Mon.
13	Central City	Ray R. Willauer	Richard J. Stone	Franklin H. Cordell	Victor R. DeWitt	E. Syracuse	2nd Wed.
14	Bloss	Walter K. Hurd	Evert G. Karlson	Hadley C. Rasmuson	Frank G. Hergert	Troy	1st Fri.
15	Bruce	Henry Gerber	Elton Ward	Aubrey Forster	James A. Boyne	Lockport	4th Fri.
16	Southern Tier	Sidney A. Shoemaker	Robert E. Ingersol	John W. Cooper	Roger S. Christian	Elmira	3rd Mon.
17	Buffalo-Keystone	Douglas H. Page	Richard W. Hillman	Earle J. Hino	Weston H. Carter	Buffalo	4th Tues.
18	King Hiram	W. Howard Bingham	Frank R. Bell	H. Irving Ward	Gerald D. Brooks	Auburn	1st Fri.
19	Doric	Stephen A. Allen	Frederick A. Miller	Richard J. Oliver	Kenneth R. Snyder	Rochester	4th Mon.
21	Ancient City	Donald J. Bowra	Joseph P. Caulfield	Robert W. Avert	Paul Jones	Kingston	2nd Thurs.
22	DeWitt Clinton	C. Keith Colburn	Jackson O. Roberts	S. Oswald Pelton	Leo H. Maynard	Albany	2nd Thurs.
24	Binghamton	Tage C. Christianson	Robert H. Benson	Alexander Pollio	A. John Warren	Binghamton	3rd Fri.
25	Dunkirk	Max L. Lathrop	George F. McAllister	Warner L. Rundell	Paul V. Reber	Dunkirk	4th Wed.
26	Palmyra	John P. Cowan	Earl H. Chapman	Harry K. White	William E. German	Palmyra	1st Thurs.
30	Owego	Richmond T. Minor	Ralph Hefft	Edwin F. Brown	L. M. Hetherington	Owego	2nd Mon.
31	King Solomon	Frederick L. Stutz	Edmund Lynch, Jr.	Frank Wells	Francis C. Ryan	Poughkeepsie	4th Fri.
34	Northern Star	Donald R. Rogers	George D. Osterhout	Gordon H. Anthony	J. Glenn Drumb	Carthage	L. W.D.
35	Hornellsville	Frank D. O'Dell	William T. Peppard	Bert Richmond	Harold M. Kreazon	Hornell	1st Fri.
36	Adoniram	Stephen J. Tracy, Jr.	Fred Rossing	Curt M. Jensen	Charles G. MacIvor	Flushing	1st Fri.
37	Cryptic	Frank Shannon	William Uveges	Charles P. Reeves	William H. Atwood	Saratoga	2nd Thurs.
50	Fulton	Hollis J. Iselin	Molzar T. Richards	Harlow V. Rogers	Hobart A. Coles	Fulton	2nd Fri.

COUNCIL OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS, RECORDERS, LOCATION AND STATED ASSEMBLIES 1967-1968

No.	Council	Master	Deputy Master	P. C. of W.	Recorder	Location	Stated Assembly
52	Washington	David F. Sawyer	Horace T. Farnham	William G. Grastorf	Herbert A. Belden	Whitehall	4th Tues.
53	Corning	Donald Stalbird	Albert Sutton	Joseph Telehany	Harold A. Davis	Corning	3rd Thurs.
55	Peekskill	Alexander S. Martin	James Puellen	Gordon Stewart	Donald R. Treadwell	Peekskill	4th Mon.
62	Hudson	Aloysius H. Curran	Robert A. Stitham	Peter Bronk	Edward C. Chapman	Hudson	2nd Mon.
70	Phoenix	Arthur C. Dittmar	J. Robert Bourhill	Wilburt H. Starr	Robert D. Carlson	Mt. Vernon	2nd Fri.
71	Alph Omega	Lloyd Loke	Howard C. Blum	Carl P. Hanks	Robert Loke	Medina	2nd Fri.
72	Johnstown	Robert L. Shell	Samuel Alpert	Francis F. Barter	Ronald P. Wicks	Johnstown	1st Tues.
74	St. George's	Roy M. Ackart	Clifford B. Foland	Osborne McSwain	Raymon H. Houst	Schenectady	2nd Wed.
75	Skoi Yase	E. Platt Soper	Raymond Twiliger	William K. Cross, Sr.	Elroy P. Walker	Waterloo	2nd Fri.
76	Suffolk	Glenn M. Smith	Joseph W. Vetter	Edward W. J. Scott	William Matsunaye	Smithtown	2nd Fri.
78	Catskill	Edmund Stiven	Richard Daniels	Raymond Wincheil	George A. Smith	Catskill	4th Mon.
79	Temple	Joseph Roetter	Horace Cragum	R. George Hugan	James D. Seatter	Niagara Falls	1st Fri.
80	Flatbush	Alan Hicks	William Foster	Edmund C. McGovern	Irving B. Stanton	Brooklyn	4th Tues.
81	Joseph Warren	Leslie G. Squibb	George H. Savale	Eldon L. Huff	Marquis R. Cleghorn	Glens Falls	1st Fri.
82	Salamanca	Fred C. Rider	Richard Lyon	James Greene	Raymon L. Abbott	Salamanca	2nd Fri.
84	Zabud	Fred G. Knopfke	Norman Keith	John Archer	Sylvester E. Dorlon	Freeport	1st Wed.
85	Triangle	Leonard A. Schneider	Victor A. Sutter	Bernard S. Illoyay	Nicholas Superty	Jamaica	4th Thurs.
86	Lafayette	Emil U. Johnson	Harold S. Davidson	Charles F. Parsons	Edward E. Hoerig	Yonkers	1st Mon.
87	Oneonta	Wesley A. Aldrich	James W. Hemstrought	James H. Whitcomb	Arthur W. Damaschke	Oneonta	4th Wed.
88	North Shore	John C. Emmons	Frederick G. Luckham	Frank A. Eggleston	Ralph J. Ely	Glen Cove	1st Tues.
89	Cyrus	Lloyd G. Taylor	David J. Harrison	George F. Volzing	Harold J. Smith	Champlain	5th Wed.
90	Cayuga	Burr L. Phelps	Robert W. Hook	Henry G. Keyser	Leonard L. Sommers	Ithaca	1st Wed.
91	Hamburg	George J. Crouse	George J. Knorr	George W. Alderdice	Howard P. DeVoe	Hamburg	2nd Wed.
92	Nundawaga	Clifford S. Lester	Ralph L. Lawvey	Willis G. Griese	Gordon M. Caner	Warsaw	4th Mon.
93	Goshen	John H. Sexton, Jr.	Michael Korothy	Alexander M. Hogg	Christopher H. Jones	Middletown	4th Thurs.
94	Rockland	Bernard M. Bush	John A. Springer	Valdo V. J. Moncada	William DeWar	Sparkill	3rd Mon.
95	Manhattan	Frank Roth	Morris Lookatzer	Evangelo Caplanson	Robert Causin	New York City	5th Week
96	High Peaks	James Melvin	Thomas George, Jr.	Howard Merrell	Harry O. Potter, Jr.	Lake Placid	3rd Mon.

PAST GRAND MASTERS

PAST GRAND MASTERS from the Organization, September 2, 1810,
until the formation of the Grand Council of Royal Master Masons
of the State of New York, January 25, 1823:

Name—	Period of Service	Name—	Period of Service
Thomas Lownds	1810-1819	Oliver M. Lownds	1822
Silas Lyon	1820-1821		

PAST GRAND MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, January 25,
1823, to its Union with the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters
of the State of New York, June 7, 1860:

Name—	Period of Service	Name—	Period of Service
Thomas Lownds	1823-1824	Richard Ellis	1831-1843
Oliver M. Lownds	1825-	Fred W. Leeds	1844-1848
Garret Morgan	1826-	Jonathan Jarvis	1849-1858
Wm. F. Piatt	1827-	John W. Willis	1859-
Henry March	1828-1830		

PAST GRAND MASTERS from its organization, May 27, 1854:

Name—	Period of Service	Name—	Period of Service
M. J. Drummond	1854-1855	Wm. S. Riselay	1923-1924
J. B. Y. Sommers	1855-1856	Joseph L. Lockhart	1924-1925
H. L. F. Bunting	1856-1857	George R. Hemenway	1925-1926
John J. Tindale	1857-1858	James A. Smith	1926-1927
N. O. Benjamin	1858-1862	George O. Linkletter	1927-1928
Chas. H. Platt	1863-1869	Chas. M. Colton	1928-1929
James McCredie	1870-1872	Chas. H. Johnson	1929-1930
John D. Williams	1872-1873	Jerome L. Cheney	1930-1931
G. Fred Wiltsie	1873-1874	John A. Derthick	1931-1932
John B. Sacket	1875-1876	Albert S. Price	1932-1933
George M. Osgoodby	1876-1880	Wm. F. Seber	1933-1934
Chas. W. Brown	1880-1881	S. Ormond Goldan	1934-1935
John J. Martin	1881-1883	A. Edward Krieger	1935-1936
Thomas Gliddon	1883-1885	Raymond E. Westbury	1936-1937
John W. Coburn	1885-1887	Chas. B. Weller	1937-1938
John L. Brothers	1887-1888	E. Parker Waggoner	1938-1939
R. C. Christiance	1888-1889	Edward Feih	1939-1940
John N. Maccomb, Jr.	1889-1891	Chester D. Crowell	1940-1941
Alexander B. King	1891-1893	Harlan S. Perrigo	1941-1942
George A. Newell	1893-1895	Albert G. Odell	1942-1943
John F. Baldwin	1895-1897	Walter M. Hartmann	1943-1944
Abraham Oppenheimer	1897-1898	George S. Wyman	1944-1945
Frederick Kanter	1898-1899	Eugene B. Sanford	1945-1946
James B. McEwan	1899-1900	Arthur A. Bryant	1946-1947
George McGown	1900-1901	Ira R. Ferguson	1947-1948
John P. Deal	1901-1902	Harold Gardner Dobson	1948-1949
Willard S. Bradt	1902-1903	George W. Pratt	1949-1950
John R. Gardner	1903-1904	Harold I. Blessing	1950-1951
Irving D'Hommedieu	1904-1905	James G. Purdy	1951-1952
Charles Stewart	1905-1906	Howard L. Adams	1952-1953
Fred E. Ogden	1906-1907	Walter E. Price	1953-1954
Wm. H. Andrews	1907-1908	Edward L. Flemming	1954-1955
Frank M. Adee	1908-1909	James H. Watson	1955-1956
M. S. McKenzie	1909-1910	Theodore M. Billings	1956-1957
Will L. Lod	1910-1911	W. Ray Converse	1957-1958
Martin Q. Good	1911-1912	Max V. Cote	1958-1959
Herbert W. Greenland	1912-1913	Harold M. Krenson	1959-1960
J. Harris Balston	1913-1914	Stanley W. Wakefield	1960-1961
George E. Hatch	1914-1915	James D. Seatter	1961-1962
Wm. H. Ellis	1915-1916	R. Bruce Dayton	1962-1963
Oliver H. LaBarre	1916-1917	Raymon H. Houst	1963-1964
Eugene E. Hinman	1917-1918	Joseph J. Smith	1964-1965
James Chambers	1918-1919	John A. Baringer	1965-1966
Roland K. Mason	1919-1920	Kenneth C. Schwartz	1966-1967
Hugh H. Kendall	1920-1921	B. Franklin Siye	1967-1968
Henry A. McGruer	1921-1922	Walter R. Conhn	1968-
George S. Haswell	1922-1923		

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No. 1	COLUMBIAN	Donald Garnsey
No. 2	UNION	S. F. Nye
No. 4	BROOKLYN	Vincent D'Anza
No. 7	ADELPHIC	Grand Steward
No. 12	ROTICA	Donald Garnsey
No. 13	CENTRAL CITY	Michael Mallies
No. 14	BLOSS	Albin F. Bruder
No. 15	BRUCE	Donald Garnsey
No. 16	SOUTHERN TIER	S. F. Nye
No. 17	BUFFALO-KEYSTONE	Michael Mallies
No. 18	KING HIRAM	Vincent D'Anza
No. 19	DORIC	Albin F. Bruder
No. 21	ANCIENT CITY	Roy Van Delinder
No. 22	DeWITT CLINTON	Michael Mallies
No. 24	BINGHAMTON	Vincent D'Anza
No. 25	DUNKIRK	Albin F. Bruder
No. 26	PALMYRA	Walter R. Conlin
No. 30	OWEGO	Grand Steward
No. 31	KING SOLOMON	Roy Van Delinder
No. 34	NORTHERN STAR	Albin F. Bruder
No. 35	HORNELLSVILLE	S. F. Nye
No. 36	ADONIRAM	Roy Van Delinder
No. 37	CRYPTIC	Walter R. Conlin
No. 50	FULTON	Albin F. Bruder
No. 52	WASHINGTON	Walter R. Conlin
No. 53	CORNING	Michael Mallies
No. 55	PEEKSKILL	Grand Steward
No. 62	HUDSON	Albin F. Bruder
No. 70	PHOENIX	Vincent D'Anza
No. 71	ALPH-OMEGA	Vincent D'Anza
No. 72	JOHNSTOWN	Grand Steward
No. 74	ST. GEORGE'S	Donald Garnsey
No. 75	SKOI-YASE	S. F. Nye
No. 76	SUFFOLK	Roy Van Delinder
No. 78	CATSKILL	Roy Van Delinder
No. 79	TEMPLE	S. F. Nye
No. 80	FLATBUSH	Roy Van Delinder
No. 81	JOSEPH WARREN	Walter R. Conlin
No. 82	SALAMANCA	Walter R. Conlin
No. 84	ZABUD	Roy Van Delinder
No. 85	TRIANGLE	Grand Steward
No. 86	LAFAYETTE	Albin F. Bruder
No. 87	ONEONTA	Michael Mallies
No. 88	NORTH SHORE	Roy Van Delinder
No. 89	CYRUS	Walter R. Conlin
No. 90	CAYUGA	Donald Garnsey
No. 91	HAMBURG	Donald Garnsey
No. 92	NUN-DA-WA-GA	Michael Mallies
No. 93	GOSHEN	Albin F. Bruder
No. 94	ROCKLAND	Donald Garnsey
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