

# PROCEEDINGS

## Grand Council Cryptic Masons

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK



174th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF NEW YORK

12 - 14 SEPTEMBER 1997

FALLSVIEW RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUB  
STATE ROUTE 209  
ELLENVILLE NEW YORK 12428-0428  
914-467-5100

ELECTED OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS  
STATE OF NEW YORK 1996-1997

M.I. JAY KOSSEFF #31 (PAT).....	GRAND MASTER
1 MANOR ROAD, POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12572-1707	914-876-3892
R.I. JOHN P NOSAL JR #30 (JEAN).....	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
189 IVORY FOSTER ROAD APT A-9, OWEGO NY 13827-1243	607-687-0639
R.I. PAUL B MATTHEWS #55(SUSAN).	GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK
192 THIRD STREET, BUCHANAN NY 10511-1114	914-737-3989
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R.I. E WILLIAM WHITTAKER #19 & #75 (CAROLE).....	GRAND MARSHAL
507 WEST BLUFF DRIVE, BLUFF POINT NY 14478-9748	315-536-2525
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41 COBBE CIRCLE APT 3, JAMESTOWN NY 14701-5720	716-487-0340
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5 COURTLY CIRCLE, OWEGO NY 13827-1101	607-687-5882
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15 ORCHARD PARK, POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12603-4839	914-462-2384
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STATE OF NEW YORK 1996-1997

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- R.I. FRANCIS K WILCOX #87.....GRAND MUSICIAN  
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174TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

12,13,14 September 1997

THE FALLSVIEW HOTEL  
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P O BOX 428  
ELLENVILLE, NEW YORK 12428-0428



M..I.. JAY ROSSEFF  
GRAND MASTER  
GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS  
of the  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
1996-1997

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **M.:I.: JAY KOSSEFF**

**IMPORTANT BIRTH DATE:** Born July 13, 1931

**EDUCATION:** Graduated Attica High, Attica, New York, 1947  
B.S., SUNY at New Paltz, 1952  
M.A., N.Y.U.

**MILITARY SERVICE:** 1952 - 1954 Including 9 Months in Korea

**PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER,** 1955 - 1986                      Retired:  
1986

**MASONIC HISTORY:**

Raised, Home Lodge #398, Schuylerville, New York  
Past Master of Home Lodge    Member: Valley of Schenectady  
Past High Priest of Poughkeepsie Chapter #172  
Past Illustrious Master of King Solomon Council  
Past Sovereign Master of General Henry Knox Council AMD

**RELIGIOUS:** Member, B'nai B'rith

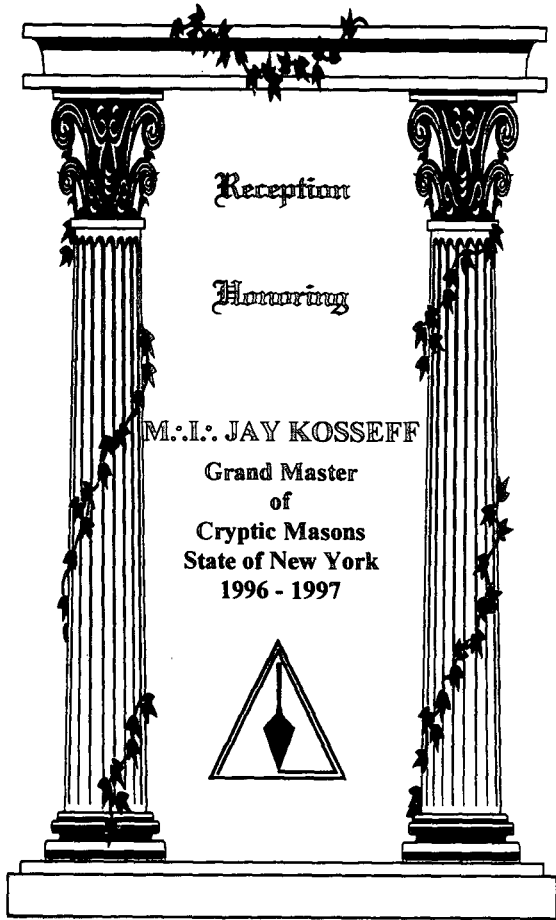
Member of Temple Emanuel Congregation, Kingston, NY  
Teacher at Temple Emanuel Religious School, 1962 - 1991  
Member of the Board of Trustees, Temple Emanuel, 1988-1990

**PROFESSIONAL:**

Member, NYSUT  
Member, Rhinebeck Teachers' Association  
Member, NYS Retired Teachers' Association

**POLITICAL:**

Chairman, Dutchess County Liberal Party, 1964 - 1984



Reception

Honoring

**M.:I.: JAY KOSSEFF**

Grand Master  
of  
Cryptic Masons  
State of New York  
1996 - 1997



## Program

Master of Ceremonies ..... R.:I.: John A. Katz  
Reception of Distinguished Guests  
Invocation ..... R.:I.: Frank Wells  
Pledge of Allegiance  
National Anthem  
Welcome: ..... R.:I.: John A. Katz

## Dinner

Introduction of Distinguished Guests  
Remarks by Distinguished Guests  
Response ..... **M.:I.: JAY KOSSEFF**  
*Grand Master of Cryptic Masons  
State of New York*  
Address: ..... Grand Lodge Representative  
Benediction: ..... R.:I.: Frank Wells

## GRAND MASTER'S REPORT TO THE 174th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Welcome to the 174th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New York State. This is a truly memorable event at the Fallsview, for it is here that we begin our 175th year. On this very important event we are honored by the presence of the R..W.. Norman Moon, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York State, who will represent our Grand Master, M..W.. Earle J Hino Jr. Please extend to him every courtesy.

My visitations brought me to every Cryptic District within this grand body's jurisdiction and also to many of our neighboring jurisdictions. Number one, in my memory, was the trip to Asheville, North Carolina to attend the Triennial of the General Grand Council International and participate in the election of R..P.. Charles Van Etten to the office of Deputy General Grand Master of that body. Twenty seven flags graced the stage, representing every Grand Council within the General Grand Council International's jurisdiction. The whole affair was one of dignity and fun at the same time.

## CONDITION OF THE CRYPTIC RITE IN NEW YORK STATE

Through my visitations and the reports of the District Deputies, I can speak with some knowledge of the condition of this Grand Council and its constituent Councils. It is a condition that offers great possibilities and has great problems at the same time. Let me state emphatically that everywhere I went, with but one exception, the crowds were considerably larger than at anytime during my tenure in the Grand Line. Table Councils were very impressive. Awards nights were well coordinated and usually the public was invited.

Our major problems are centered in the Hudson Valley and the north country, with some weak spots in the central and southern parts of the State. Many councils in these areas are councils in name only, meeting seldom and slowly losing membership. Much of this is their own fault through indifference. Some of it is the fault of Lodges that actually discourage membership in the York Rite, as they fear the loss of their own members to York Rite activity. The demise of Rockland Council #94 is an example of this. It is now merged with Lafayette Council #86.

## TRI-STATE FESTIVAL

This event took place in Springfield last March 22 and was a great success. The Grand Lines of the three states were there as invited guests and thoroughly enjoyed the presentations of the Cryptic Degrees. We look forward to the 1998 event which will be held at King Solomon Council #31 in Poughkeepsie. One disturbing note is that the Grand Councils are trying to run the whole affair. This never was meant to be a Grand Council event. Simply an event held by three Councils from different jurisdictions to get together and confer the Degrees under proper dispensation. Grand Council should make every effort to stay out of its execution and come, as the most welcome guests that they are.

## CHARITIES

This Grand Council thanks everyone who contributed to our charity fund which continues to grow and benefit mankind. The specifics are contained in the report of the Grand Council Charity Corporation.

## ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE

I decided from the beginning that I would try to make the Cryptic section as interesting as possible. To enhance this, I instituted the "Ask the Grand Lecturer" column which was done by our Grand Lecturer. I urge the incoming Grand Master to continue this column which has received many favorable comments. I enjoyed submitting my four articles which were printed and credited to M. I. Harvey Payne. If you have any favorable comments please convey them to me. I will be pleased to receive them. If you have any complaints please register them with Harvey. Seriously, I hope that our next Grand Master's submissions are not credited to either me or M. I. Payne, but to their rightful author.

In line with my comments on the Grand Lecturer's submissions, I wish to commend our Grand Lecturer R. I. William Vassily on the superb work he has done on our behalf. His conventions are beautiful. If you have not yet attended any of them, I urge you to do so.

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This should be made a permanent part of Grand Council's offerings. In some areas it is working well, in others, not so well. It depends on the person in charge of the program. In some districts we don't have anyone to conduct it and I am not the one to put people in charge of something if I do not believe he is qualified. This program must be continued for the long haul. It has great potential. I would recommend that future Grand Masters convene a yearly seminar of the chairmen.

## DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations issued by me were of a routine nature. On two occasions I granted dispensations for New York State residents to join councils located in different jurisdictions. Other than those, there were nothing of an unusual nature.

## REDEDICATIONS and DEDICATIONS of BUILDINGS

St. George #74, Owego #30, Central City #13, Hamburg #91 and Dunkirk #25 all had their Secret Vaults rededicated. Peekskill #55 and Salamanca #82 had their 125th and 75th year rededication ceremonies respectively. Both of these councils are among the most active councils in the state and deserve our congratulations.

### MERGERS

This Cryptic Year witnessed the merger of Rockland Council #94 and Lafayette Council #86 into Lafayette Council #86. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

### BIRTHDAY CARDS

Our Grand Council, through our Grand Recorder, has a tradition of sending birthday cards to those companions who have reached their eightieth birthday and beyond. "How nice," I used to think. I had little understanding of the value of this program until I began to receive replies from the companions who expressed their appreciation. Companions, it is hard to realize the effects of these cards unless you read these "thank you" notes. They display a depth of appreciation which I believe makes this our most important program.

### REPLACEMENTS

Due to the resignation of R.I.I. Robert Finley from the position of Grand Standard Bearer, I, by the power invested in me appointed R.I.I. Reuben E. Long to that position which will necessitate the election of an additional officer to the Grand Line at this assembly.

I was also saddened by the resignation of R.I.I. John Katz, our Grand Sentinel. Job requirements made his continuation in office impossible.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

There are many that I could make, but I am not one to suggest running off in many directions at once. I shall therefore, make what I believe to be the two most important ones for this Grand Council's continuance and welfare.

1. That this Grand Council require every constituent council to meet at least five times during the Cryptic Year. Considering the District Deputy's meeting, the Grand Line Officer's visit and the annual election of officers for the incoming Cryptic Year, a council which meets less than five times would not be able to conduct degrees or present any program of its own.
2. Something must be done to allow councils whose average attendance is about six or seven members to conduct a regular business meeting. If a lodge can meet with six or seven members, we can do no less for our councils. I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to deal with this problem and give it the highest priority. Failure to act upon this may have grave consequences for the Cryptic Rite in this state.

My companions, I have now completed eight years of work in the Grand Secret Vault. I have traveled thousands of miles and made many friends. I hope my work has met with your approval.

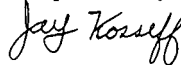
I extend my gratitude to the Grand Line officers, to our District Deputies, AGLs and Leadership Directors. I offer many thanks to the companions of King Solomon Council #31 who helped execute this convention. I extend my thanks and love to my wife, Pat, who stood by me in spite of many medical problems during the years. Finally, my companions, I must acknowledge with much gratitude the outstanding efforts of M.I.I. Raymond R. Beardsley and M.I.I. Fred G. Hickein, our Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder respectively. They, more than anyone else keep this Grand Body functioning on a day to day basis. One needs to be in my position to fully appreciate their labors.

I also wish to thank M.I.I. Jerrod Hastings, without his efforts I don't think this beautiful convention could have come to fruition like it has.

And now, my companions, with a heart full of love and gratitude, I close this, my last statement to this Grand Council.

It is now time for us to remember those of our Rite who have progressed to that Undissolving Council. Please give your attention to R.I.I. Rev. Dr. Don Markham who will present the NECROLOGY REPORT.

Respectfully Submitted



Jay Koseff  
Grand Master 1996-1997

We, the committee on the Grand Master's address make the following report.

We commend the Grand Master on his dedicated service not only during the past year but for all the years he has served Grand Council both as an officer and as a committeeman. His has been truly a labor of love for our fraternity.

His insight into our problems, and they are many, and attempts to correct them will, we hope, bear fruit in the coming years.

The replacement of officers were in conformity with his powers as Grand Master under our Constitution.

His recommendations pose serious Constitutional questions and we recommend that these be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee before action be taken

Zealously yours,

Oliver D. Mereness  
Wayne E. Carrington  
Edmund Lynch, Jr.

COMPANIONS and FRIENDS;

Pat and I are so grateful that you could take time from your busy schedules to attend this 174th annual session of this Grand Council.

It is a special year as we, at this moment launch the 175th year of our existence under the leadership of M. . I. . John P. Nosal. Together we can make this a very exciting Cryptic Year.

#### OPPORTUNITY

Thus I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream.  
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;  
And underneath the cloud or in it raged a  
Furious battle, and men yelled, and swords  
shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's  
Banner wavered, then staggered backward,  
Hemmed by foes. A covered hung along the  
Battle's edge and thought, "Had I a sword of  
Keener steel-that blue blade that the  
king's son bears-but this blunt thing-!"  
He snapt and flung it from his hand. and,  
Lowering, crept away and left the field.  
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore  
bestead, and weaponless, and saw the broken  
Sword, hilt-buried in the dry and trodden  
Sand, and ran and snatched it, and with  
Battle shout lifted afresh, he hewed his  
Enemy down, and saved a great cause that  
Heroic day.

Edward Roland Sill

#### PROGRAM

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE to our COUNTRY'S FLAG  
OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

EAT !!!

INTRODUCTION of the HEAD TABLE and  
HEADS of OTHER MASONIC BODIES

REMARKS by HEADS of other MASONIC BODIES  
and DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

PRESENTATION to JEAN NOSAL

PRESENTATION; GRAND COUNCIL'S CRYPTIC  
MASON of the YEAR AWARD

REMARKS by M. . I. . JOHN P. NOSAL,  
GRAND MASTER; 1997 - 1998

REMARKS by M. . I. . JAY KOSSEFF,  
GRAND MASTER; 1996 - 1997

REMARKS by R. . W. . NORMAN MOON, JUNIOR GRAND  
WARDEN OF THE GRAND LODGE of the STATE OF NEW YORK,  
REPRESENTING M. . W. . EARL J. HIND, GRAND MASTER  
of MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

BENEDICTION

HOSPITALITY ROOMS, NIGHT CLUB and ALL OTHER  
GOOD THINGS

THANKS FOR COMING AND ENJOY !!!



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

**Visits of Designated Grand Line Officers to a District.**

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1. The Grand Master may direct the Elective Officers of the Grand Council and Past Grand Masters to make Official visits to a District and to individual Councils, for the purpose of encouraging closer fellowship and advancing the interests of Cryptic Masonry throughout the jurisdiction.
2. Such Grand Officers may make the same inspection of Records and report of their visit as is required of a District Deputy Grand Master. (See Grand Line Officer's Visit Form.)
3. G.L.O.s also assist the G.M. as he makes decisions. As a G.L.O. they must make visits to various councils; though they officially represent Grand Council these visits are without Authority.
4. Since the officers need to meet and know the companions, and the companions need to know the officers, the primary purpose of these visits are social. However, since the officer might become Grand Master the evening is his; he is the program. Nothing may distract from the message he brings.
5. After the G.L.O. completes his message and returns the Gavel to the I.M., the protocol is identical to a visit by the DDGM. The I.M. immediately begins to close by asking the Recorder to read the minutes of the evening.

**NOTE:** The G.L.O. cannot defer the reading of the minutes until the next meeting. They must be read and approved, that evening.

Only the M.I.C.M. has this authority.

Greetings:

Official notice is hereby given that the One Hundred-Seventy-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be held at the FALLSVIEW RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUB (3 miles South, just off SR209), Ellenville, NY 12428-0428, phone 914-467-5100, beginning Friday, 12 September 1997 and continuing through Saturday 13 September 1997, Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Certificates of appointment as Proxies for the Master, Deputy Master and Principal conductor of the Work, authenticated by the Seal of the Council, should be presented to the Credentials Desk before the opening of the Grand Council. Aprons are worn in Tiled Sessions.

HEADQUARTERS: THE FALLSVIEW, Ellenville, NY 12428-0428

RESERVATIONS: Enclosed are Hotel Reservation and Meal Order forms. Hotel Reservations are made with Jerrold Hastings, RR 1, Box 15, Washington, VT 05675-9801, phone 802-479-1738.

REGISTRATION: Friday 12 September 1997, Noon-5:00 p.m. & 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday 13 September 1997, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 1997

- 1:00 p.m. Conference - Past Grand Masters.
- 2:00 p.m. Conference - Grand Line Officers and Past Grand Masters.
- 3:45 p.m. VESPER SERVICE.
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner.
- 7:30 p.m. Opening of One Hundred-Seventy Fourth Annual Assembly by King Solomon Council #31. POSTING of the COLORS by GRAND COMMANDERY STATE OF NY. Roll Call, Minutes. Appointment of Committees, Resolutions, Report of: the Grand Lecturer with Awards, Ritual, Table Council, Jurisprudence and By-Law, Grand Trustees, Grand Historian, Library and Museum, Education and Deputy Grand Master.
- 9:45 p.m. Recess: Hospitality Rooms and Entertainment in Night Club.

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 1997

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast.
- 8:00 a.m. Recorders and Treasurers meet with Grand Recorder and Treasurer. AGLs meet with Grand Lecturer.
- 8:45 a.m. Reconvene Annual Assembly. King Solomon Council #31 will open and receive the Grand Line and Grand Master.
- 9:00 a.m. Reception of Distinguished Guests, District Deputy Grand Master's and Grand Representatives.
- 10:00 a.m. Reports - Condition & Extension of the Rite, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Ish Sodhi and other Awards, Audit, Budget, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Master's Address, Necrology.
- 11:25 a.m. Meeting of the Charity Corporation
- Noon Recess and Luncheon.
- 1:15 p.m. Reconvene Annual Assembly. Reports - Credentials, Time and Place, York Rite Cooperation, Report on Grand Master's Address, Election of Officers, Unfinished Business, Tiled Installation of Grand Master.
- 2:15 p.m. Closing of the Hundred Seventy-Fourth Annual Assembly.
- 2:45 p.m. Thrice Illustrious Master Degree. The District Deputy Grand masters meet with incoming Grand Master.
- 4:15 p.m. Open Installation of Grand Master, Grand Line Officers, District Deputies and AGLs. Public is invited.
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Reception for Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- 7:00 p.m. Grand Master's Banquet and Remarks.
- 9:30 p.m. Entertainment in the Night Club and Hospitality Rooms.

LADIES PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 1997

- 3:45 p.m. VESPER SERVICE.
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner.
- 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Rooms.

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 1997

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast.
- 9:00 a.m. Activities Posted on Daily Bulletin.
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities in the Bulletin - Psychic Fair.
- 4:15 p.m. Open Installation of Grand Master, Grand Line Officers, District Deputies and AGLs. Public is invited.
- 6:00 p.m. Reception for Most Illustrious Grand Master.
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THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE: All newly elected Masters are required to receive this Degree. This is mandatory under Article II, Section 41a of the General Regulations of this Grand Council.

Your Grand Council Committee, and Grand Recorder, will greatly appreciate pre-registration cards and reservations for all events. Everything possible will be done for your convenience, comfort and pleasure. All Companions are invited to attend and participate in this Annual Assembly.



Attest: *Fred G. Hickey*  
Fred G. Hickey, Grand Recorder  
9 Pine Street, Oneonta, NY  
13820-1922

Cordially and Fraternaly  
Jay Koseff  
Grand Master

*174TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY*

*GRAND COUNCIL  
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*VESPER SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1997  
3:45 P.M.*

*THE FALLSVIEW  
ELLENVILLE, N.Y.*

## *The Order of Worship*

*Organ Prelude*

*The Call to Worship*

*The Opening Hymn - "The God of Abraham Praise"*

*The Invocation (In Unison)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created the world, the universe, and all that in them is - we beseech Thee to be present in our midst this day and throughout the tenure of our Assembly that we may be inspired by Thee to do all within our power to promote the cause of brotherhood between and among all members of the human family. Bless in worship and service for we ask all in Thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Holy Scriptures*

*Numbers 21: 4-9*

*Psalms 121: 1-8*

*The Prayer of the Day*

*The Offering*

*The Offertory*

*The Masonic Doxology* "Be Thou, O God, exalted high,  
And as Thy glory fills the sky,  
So let it be on earth displayed,  
'Til Thou art here, as there obeyed!"

*The Hymn - "Unto the Hills"*

*The Sermon - "Look Up and Live!"*

*The Sermon Prayer*

*The Benediction*

*The Closing Hymn - "How Great Thou Art"*

*The Benediction*

*The Organ Postlude*

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*Participants in the Service*

- M.'I.'. Jay Kosseff.....Grand Master*
- R.'I.'. Jack Nosal.....Deputy Grand Master*
- R.'I.'. & Rev. Dr. Don C. Markham.....Grand Chaplain*
- R.'I.'. & Rev. Robert J. Cave.....Grand Chaplain*
- R.'I.'. & Rev. Allen C. Lang.....Grand Chaplain*
- R.'I.'. & Rev. Edwin C. Schumacher.....Grand Chaplain*
- R.'I.'. & Rt. Rev. Herbert M. Groce, Jr.....Grand Chaplain Emeritus*
- R.'I.'. Jack W. Ovitt.....Grand Organist*

*The Offering received during this Service will be given to the Grand Council Charity Corporation to help with their work in combatting Parkinson's Disease.*

Grand Council - Cryptic Masons  
 Vesper Service  
 Ellenville, NY  
 September 12, 1997

**"LOOK UP AND LIVE!"**

As we gather here on this Fall day, we take time for worship and for praise. We have been taught in all our associations with our fraternity, that, before entering upon any great or important undertaking, we ought always to invoke the blessing of Deity. This Vesper Service with which our Grand Assembly officially opens is our fulfillment of that requirement. But, it is much, much more than that - it is an expression of faith and fellowship - both of which are greatly desired and needed in the workings and influence of our fraternal fellowship. As members of this fraternity and as children of a Divine Creator who constantly watches over us and tries to dissuade us from evil, we are obligated to live as befits His children and to treat our fellow human beings as the Brothers which they are under the Fatherhood of God.

But, this is not always an easy path to tread! A number of years ago, one of the religious periodicals carried a cartoon which depicted two seminarians walking in a cloister, and one was saying to the other, "What gets me about this place, is that they want me to love people I don't even like!" But, isn't that what this is all about? Yes! We are required to love humanity even when they are far from being lovable. And why? Because we are all children of a Divine Father who loves and cares for us at all times - even when we are the most unlovable.

Consider the children of Israel in the passage read to you from the book of Numbers. They were complaining, whining, never-satisfied people. They were given the world, but they weren't satisfied. Still, they wanted more and more and more. There is a word which perfectly describes them - they were "kvetches."

Finally they tried even the patience of the Almighty, so he led them into a valley filled with serpents and many were bitten and died. The remaining ones voiced their complaints to Moses, who interceded with God in their behalf. Moses was instructed to make a brazen serpent and set it on a pole and all the children of Israel had to do was look up at the brazen serpent and they would live. And some did and some didn't! Human nature prevailed.

As members of the human family, we prefer to walk with our eyes on the ground - because we don't want to face the problems and trials of life. It's easier if we ignore them and hope that they might go away! But, life doesn't work that way! Life requires that we face up to our responsibilities and accept the demands which they make upon us.

But, consider the message of the brazen serpent - "Look up and Live!"

This is the message also of the Psalm read this afternoon. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help!" It's another example of that same idea. In order to live - we need to look up!

A number of years ago, I received a sample of a sick room devotion-al booklet which bore the title "Looking Up While Lying Down!" The author conveyed to the reader the fact that when you are forced to lie flat on your back, the only place you can look is up - and when we, as human beings, are willing to look up and away from ourselves, it is then that we are able to real-ize and appreciate life's greatest and fullest meaning, because it is only when we are able to look up and away from ourselves that we can appreciate life and people.

People in ancient times built their altars and places of worship on high ground - somewhat above ordinary life and its influence. They felt that it was necessary to avoid the confusion and distractions of life in order to more fully appreciate the presence and power of the Almighty. This is a practice still ob-served and followed by many - even today. Look at the vast numbers of people who spend their vacations in the mountains seeking to "get away from it all!"

To "get away" from the problems and distractions of daily life and attempt to "get back to God" whether it be through a retreat from the world and its cares or refocusing one's life and principles has the ability to enable us to better appreciate life and people. This is something which we all need on occasion for our mental and spiritual health and well-being. Thus refreshed in body and spirit, we are better able to handle the complexities and problems of life and fraternity.

In reality, we "cannot" escape our problems, for they are ever with us. Apathy, indifference, selfishness, and the quest for power and position are ever with us - but they do not need to enslave us! The negativism of a large number of people has carried us on a downward trend for some time. When-ever something new is proposed, there are those who loudly proclaim that it will do no good or that it can't be done.

There are also those who, just as loudly, proclaim that all we need to do is put our nose to the grindstone, our shoulder to the wheel, and keep our ear to the ground. All this does is make for a very uncomfortable position and create pointed noses, dirty ears, and dislocated shoulders

What really is needed is a change in attitude and a willingness to take risks. We need to dare to be different! We need to put our primary principles back where they belong - at the very center of all our efforts and endeavors. These are our basic principles - faith and fellowship - faith in our Creator and in the worth of a man - and fellowship as the children of a Divine

Creator. It does involve some risk - but, without risks nothing is accomplished. Look at the risks taken by our founding fathers of this Grand Council. They took a chance and look what happened - the Grand Council still lives and is a viable entity in the Family of Masonry after these many, many years - and, what is more, plans are being made for a healthy and meaningful continuation of the organization. Think about it! If no one took risks, we would still be traveling on horseback, heating with fireplaces, cooking over open fires, hunting for our food, making our own clothes, and suffering from every disease known to man! We need to move forward in faith and fellowship doing the best that we can to live for God and man.

As we prepare for the business of this Grand Assembly, let us be aware of our own need for refreshment and renewal, so that we may fit ourselves for the service of God through serving His people. Like those of ancient times, we need to look up and away from ourselves if we expect our fraternity and fellowship to live!

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**Grand Steward**

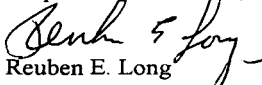
OFFICE OR COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Council*

During the last Cryptic year I have traveled over 6200 miles in performance of my duties as Grand Steward. I visited all of the 5 Councils in my assigned Cryptic District [1] .some more than once. I made a total of 36 New York Council visits. I participated in the Rededication of 4 Councils and the TIM Degree at St. George's #74. I attended the Grand Councils of our sister jurisdictions in Connecticut and Pennsylvania as well as the 150th anniversary and rededication of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. I was present with the New York contingent from King Solomon #31 at the TRI-STATE festival at Springfield Mass. I attended as a member of Grand Council the annual sessions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of New York. In the interest of friendship and cooperation across jurisdiction boundaries, I attended 4 meetings of Northern Council #24 of Athens, PA. I accompanied the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Captain of the Guard on several of their visits. I organized degree teams for the exemplification of the Royal and Select Degrees on candidates for the revitalization of Hornellsville Council #35.

In my travels across the state, I found a reasonable level of proficiency in the ritual and a desire on the part of the members for improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Reuben E. Long  
Grand Steward

## DISPENSATIONS ISSUED BY M.I. KOSSEFF 1996-1997

- 8/17/96 To Bath Council #40 to convene Annual Assembly including Election and Installation of 1997-98 Officers on 9/25/96.
- 8/17/96 To Buffalo-Keystone Council #17 to Temporarily hold Stated Assemblies at 7:30pm on 2 Thursdays at Amherst M.T.
- 8/17/96 To Hudson Council #62 to hold Stated Assemblies at the Chatham M.T.
- 8/30/96 To Hamburg Council #91 to Dedicate the Cryptic Assembly Room in East Aurora and Rededicate the Council on 9/11/96.
- 9/8/96 To Cayuga Council #90 to continue holding Temporary Stated Assemblies in the Trumansburg M.T.
- 9/9/96 To Doric Council #19 to delay the Stated Assembly of 9/18/96 until 9/26/96, followed by a Convocation of Hiram Chapter.
- 9/12/96 For St George's Council of OAK to hold a Special Assembly at Masonic Community Center in Rotterdam NY on 10/9/96 to confer the TIM degree on several Masters of Councils.
- 9/16/96 To Adoniram Council to hold a joint Assembly with Suffolk Council #76 on 10/11/96 in the Masonic Temple Whitestone NY. Also, to Suffolk Council to Meet with Adoniram Council #36.
- 9/16/96 To Joseph Warren Council #81 to continue to hold Stated Assemblies at the M.T. in Lake George NY.
- 9/17/96 To David D Goodwin Master of St George's Council OAK to confer the TIM Degree on candidates at M.T., New York City on 9/27/96.
- 9/17/96 To Ill James C Kineon Jr and Ill Harvey Eysman of Northshore Council #88 to be present to receive the TIM Degree from St George's Council OAK at M.T. 23rd Street NY on 9/27/96.
- 10/1/96 To St George's Council #74 to hold Stated Assemblies at the Schenectady Masonic Community Center, Rotterdam.
- 10/4/96 To Southern Tier Council #16 to hold Stated Assemblies in the M.T. Elmira Heights.
- 10/28/96 To King Solomon Council #31 to convene a Stated Assembly at the residence of R.I. Frank Sherman 11/26/96 for fellowship.
- 1/30/97 To King Solomon Council #31 to confer the Royal Master Degree on candidates at the Tri-State Cryptic Festival in Springfield MA on 3/22/97.

- 1/30/97 To the Grand Jurisdictions of Connecticut and Massachusetts to confer Degrees on candidates from New York at the Tri-State Cryptic Festival in Springfield MA on 3/22/97.
- 2/2/97 To Binghamton Council #24 to change Assemblies from Fridays to the fourth Tuesdays for "Tuesday Night is Binghamton York Rite Night."
- 2/13/97 Hornellsville Council #35 to convene an Assembly on 3/15/97 for usual business including receiving/voting on Petitions.
- 5/1/97 To Northern Star Council #34 to hold the Summoned Assembly on 2 May 1997 and any other business of the Council.
- 6/28/97 To Bath Council #40 to continue a "recessed Annual Assembly of 25 June to be completed on 30 June 1997".
- 8/22/97 For Illustrious Master Elect, Thomas L Nesbitt of Joseph Warren Council #81, to serve, not having been installed as either Principal Conductor of the Work or Deputy Master of the Council.

Grand Conductor of the Council

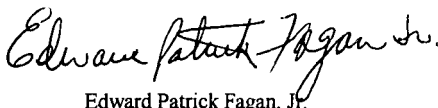
September 12, 1997

Again it has been my distinct pleasure and honor to serve the members of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry this year. As the Grand Conductor of the Council, my assigned districts were the Fourth and Eighth Cryptic Districts. I was also fortunate enough to be able to assist at the rededication of several councils in our Grand Jurisdiction as well as the Tri-State Festival.

In the two Districts I was assigned, the degree work that I was able to observe is done fairly well but the ritual involved in the opening and closing of Council saw all too many ritual books being used. A very fine and lasting impression is made on newly-greeted Select Masters when they see and hear flawless closing ritual; particularly with regard to the interchange of the Illustrious Master and Captain of the Guard.

Attendance varied greatly in the Councils I visited, but I was always warmly received and the enthusiasm of the Companions was always very encouraging to me.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward Patrick Fagan, Jr.



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

**ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER'S DUTIES**

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1. To visit each Constituent Council in his district at least once each Cryptic year and to report the results of his visit to the Grand Lecturer with copies to the M.I. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Recorder
2. To keep in contact with the Constituent Councils in his District to consult and advise the Council Officers in matters appertaining to the Standard Work and the Authorized Manual for Council Officers.
3. To promote and advise the interest of the Cryptic Rite and encourage closer companionship throughout the jurisdiction.
4. To inspect and impart, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, the ritualistic work of the rite and to report to the Grand Lecturer on each visitation and on an annual basis.
5. To encourage each Council in his District to appoint a Council Lecturer and to work with him during the year to promote efficiency and accuracy in the Ritual of the Cryptic Rite
6. In cooperation with the DDGM of the District to arrange for and hold a convention in his district at least once in each year for exemplification of the work of the Ritual and promotion of the interests of the Rite.
7. Also in cooperation with the District DDGM hold a Cryptic Festival in his District at least once each year for the purpose of conferring the degrees of the Cryptic Rite

**NOTE:** The AGL cannot defer the reading of the minutes until the next meeting. They must be read and approved that evening. Only the M.I.G.M. has this authority.

Remember that in accordance with the Constitution, the AGL's are appointed by the Grand Lecturer with the approval of the M.I.G.M. and are his Ritual representatives in the District. They should be personally familiar with the work of the Cryptic Rite and be in position to advise the Constituent Councils.

ATTENDANCE  
 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
 GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
 THE FALLSVIEW, ELLENVILLE NEW YORK

M. I. JAY KOSSEFF #31	GRAND MASTER
R. I. JOHN P NOSAL JR #30	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R. I. PAUL B MATTHEWS #55	GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK
M. I. RAYMOND R BEARDSLEY #19	GRAND TREASURER
M. I. FRED G HICKEIN #87	GRAND RECORDER
M. I. LESTER G WEINHEIMER JR #25	GRAND RECORDER EMERITUS
R. I. DOUGLAS J SWAN #40 & #53	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD
R. I. EDWARD P FAGAN JR #2 & #1	GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL
R. I. E WILLIAM WHITTAKER #75 & #19	GRAND MARSHAL
R. I. REUBEN E LONG #30	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
M. I. EDMUND LYNCH JR #31	GRAND TRUSTEE
M. I. RICHARD C HADLEY #12 & #74	GRAND TRUSTEE
M. I. OLIVER D MERENESS #87 & #74	GRAND TRUSTEE
M. I. JERROLD L HASTINGS #31	PAST GRAND MASTER
M. I. JOHN A SAINZ #81 & #74	PAST GRAND MASTER
M. I. CHARLES F VAN ETTEN #91	PAST GRAND MASTER
M. I. JOHN MAUK HILLIARD #1 & #7	PAST GRAND MASTER
M. I. JOSEPH A PELOSO #1 & #2	PAST GRAND MASTER
M. I. WAYNE E CARRINGTON SR #87	PAST GRAND MASTER
M. I. HARVEY E PAYNE #90	PAST GRAND MASTER
R. I. REV DR DON C MARKHAM #91 & #17	GRAND CHAPLAIN
R. I. REV ROBERT J CAVE #7, #36 & #88	GRAND CHAPLAIN
R. I. EDWIN C SCHUMACHER #24	GRAND CHAPLAIN
R. I. WILLIAM G VASSILY #13	GRAND LECTURER
R. I. JACK W OVITT #12 & #50	GRAND MUSICIAN
R. I. FRANCIS K WILCOX #87	GRAND MUSICIAN
R. I. PAUL C EDWARDS #55	GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT
R. I. HAROLD J HAYMAN #76	D D G M 1ST DISTRICT
R. I. JOHN SIMON-ASH #7	D D G M 2ND DISTRICT
R. I. PAUL M DES AUTELS #31	D D G M 3RD DISTRICT
R. I. ALAN C LEWIS #22	D D G M 4TH DISTRICT
R. I. T JAMES WARD #34	D D G M 5TH DISTRICT
R. I. CHARLES R VICTORY #13	D D G M 6TH DISTRICT
R. I. CULLEN O HENRY #26	D D G M 8TH DISTRICT
R. I. W JOHN SALISBURY #91	D D G M 9TH DISTRICT
V. I. JOHN H SCHWEBACH #36	A G L 1ST DISTRICT
V. I. ALLEN E BOYCE #50	A G L 6TH DISTRICT
V. I. HARRISON RAYMOND JR #90	A G L 7TH DISTRICT

TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

R. I. JACOB E BEARDSLEY	- PROXY FOR ILL MASTER	# 1
R. I. EDMUND D HARRISON	- PROXY FOR DEP MASTER	# 1
ILL. CHARLES O COWING	- PROXY FOR PCW	# 1
ILL. ALBERT FROLICH JR	- ILL MASTER	# 2
CMP. RICHARD E SUNESON	- DEPUTY MASTER	# 2
ILL. MICHAEL A LAMPADARIOS	- ILL MASTER	# 7
ILL. GERALD T WILKLOW	- ILL MASTER	#12
ILL. FRED W SCHNEIDER	- ILL MASTER	#13
CMP. ROBERT W BROWN	- DEPUTY MASTER	#13
CMP. RICHARD C MELFI	- PCW	#13
ILL. HARRY L HUSSEY	- ILL MASTER	#14

ILL. JAMES E SULLIVAN	- ILL MASTER	#15
CMP. ALVIN E LILLEY	- DEPUTY MASTER	#15
ILL. DAVID P BARWELL	- ILL MASTER	#17
ILL. CHARLES H ROBERTS	- ILL MASTER	#19
ILL. ROBERT R THOMPSON	- DEPUTY MASTER	#24
ILL. FRANK M KAMINSKY	- PCW	#24
ILL. JOHN E SUNDEEN	- ILL MASTER	#25
M.P. CLARENCE C VAN HORN	- ILL MASTER	#30
R.I. REUBEN E LONG	- DEPUTY MASTER	#30
ILL. ZINAS M MAVODONES	- DEP MASTER	#31
ILL. ROBERT T MULVAUGH	- ILL MASTER	#34
R.I. HAROLD S B HAGER	- PROXY FOR ILL MASTER	#53
R.I. BERNARD B MATTHEWS	- PCW	#55
ILL. ROBERT R CURRIE	- ILL MASTER	#74
ILL. ALONZO C LA BARR	- ILL MASTER	#75
ILL. ROBERT A HANLON	- ILL MASTER	#76
CMP. WALTER H DRUMMOND	- DEP MASTER	#76
ILL. THOMAS L NESBITT	- ILL MASTER	#81
ILL. RICHARD C BOHLEN	- ILL MASTER	#86
ILL. WALTER A COLLINS	- ILL MASTER	#87
ILL. WALTER J HILSENBECK	- ILL MASTER	#88
R.I. ROBERT L DOCKWEILER	- PCW	#88
R.I. GEORGE J KNORR	- PROXY FOR ILL MASTER	#90
ILL. CARL J MOTT	- ILL MASTER	#91
ILL. VERNON G RUPERT	- ILL MASTER	#92
R.I. STEPHEN A LICHT	- PROXY FOR DEP MASTER	#92
ILL. J STEPHEN CLARK	- ILL MASTER	#93
ILL. GEORGE A BRETT	- ILL MASTER	#97
ILL. BURTISS V GOODNOUGH	- PROXY FOR DEP MASTER	#97
ILL. M EUGENE ELLIS	- PROXY FOR PCW	#97
PRESENT IN ANOTHER CAPACITY- 2 ILL MASTER; 3 DEP MASTER; 2 PCW's.		

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

R.I. STEVEN L WING	- ALABAMA	" #92
R.I. MURRAY H TYRRELL	- ARIZONA	" #30
R.I. JOSEPH A FOGLIETTI	- CALIFORNIA	" #13
R.I. CHARLES J REILLY	- COLORADO	" #93
R.I. WALTER BARLOW	- DELAWARE	" #13
R.I. VINCENT FORTUNATO	- ITALY	" #76
R.I. WARREN A ROMAINE	- KENTUCKY	" #36
R.I. FRANK WELLS	- MAINE	" #31
R.I. LESLIE W KERR	- MICHIGAN	" #22
R.I. EARL J CARLSON	- OHIO	" #25
R.I. RICHARD SUPPES	- PHILIPPINES	" #34
R.I. CONRAD KUPINSKI	- RHODE ISLAND	" #74
R.I. LEON B WEINSTEIN	- SOUTH CAROLINA	" # 7
R.I. JOSEPH JOHN ANTHONY	- WYOMING	" #86

Grand Representatives present in other capacities: CONNECTICUT, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

OTHER MEMBERS ATTENDING

CMP. JOHN KONVALIN	# 1
R.I. ARNOLD A BERMAN	# 2
ILL. GEORGE A HARRISON	# 7
ILL. GERALD P OLIVER	#17
CMP. KENNETH PERRY	#17
ILL. RONALD J BERTIE	#19
ILL. ARNOLD E PALMER	#19
ILL. DOUGLAS S POOLE	#19
R.I. GERALD F IRWIN	#22
ILL. ALAN C LEWIS	#22
ILL. DAVID D GOODWIN	#24
R.I. DOUGLAS W HOLBROOK	#24
CMP. E DONALD LOUNSBERRY	#30
R.I. WAYNE S WATKINS	#31
ILL. C RICHARD TRUST	#50
R.I. EDWARD F BINSEEL	#55
R.I. LOUIS S STONE	#62
R.I. COURTLAND M ANDREW	#74
ILL. RICHARDB M CLARK	#74
R.I. WAYNE E MC KIBBEN	#74
ILL. RAFAEL CASTRO	#76
ILL. DONALD HARRISON	#76
R.I. CHARLES C MENDELL	#76
ILL. C BURTON PIERCE	#76
ILL. MARSHALL M RHEIN	#76
CMP. JOSEPH CARUSO	#80
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R.I. EDWARD S NEWSHAM	#87
R.I. DAVID H RAYMOND	#90
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M.:L. John P. Nosal, Jr.

Biography and Masonic History



Grand Master M.:L. *John P. Nosal, Jr.*  
1997 - 1998

### John P. Nosal, Jr. - Biography

On April 9, 1935 in Taylor, Pennsylvania, John Paul Nosal, Jr. was the first of two children born to John Paul and Ethel Janet Nosal. His sister Janet was born on July 30, 1941 and lives in Pultneyville, New York with her husband CR. Janet is a retired teacher in the Williamson School System.

John's mother and father, now retired after 29 years with the IBM Corporation maintain the family home in Endwell, New York. Ethel and John Sr., are both 60 plus members of the Eastern Star Chapter and Blue Lodge which are located in Scranton, Pennsylvania. It is from this Masonic background that John Jr., inherits his interest in community and fraternal activities.

Companion Nosal was educated in the Union Endicott School System. He attended Broome Community College where he received an Associate Degree in Applied Arts and Science in Mechanical Technology. After about a year with Westinghouse Corporation in Bath, New York he began working for the IBM Corporation in Poughkeepsie, New York. After one year in Poughkeepsie he returned to the Southern Tier working in Owego, New York for the next 34 years and has now retired after 35 years of service.

Jack as everyone calls him, has three children; John Alan, and wife Julie are living in Midland, Michigan where John works for DOW Chemical, David Edward, lives in the Greenville, Texas area and is working for Walmart in the management area, David has two children Torie Shaye, and Dylan James and daughter Lori Ann who is living in the Boston area where she is a Flight Attendant for American Airlines.

On April 13, 1991 Companion Nosal married Jean Jackson of Little Meadows, Pennsylvania. Jean has two children Renee' and Renee' and husband Ben Mora living in Barstow, California, Daughter Renee' has five child, Aaron Keith Miller, Erica, Ben, Cindee and John Daniel Mora. Jean's son Curtis Saddlemire is living in the Binghamton area and works for the Binghamton Press. Jean's other son Keith was deceased in 1988.

Companion Nosal has been active in many community activities including the Boy Scouts, President of the Tioga County Cancer Society in 1978, President of the IBM Quarter Century Club in 1984 -1985, and in 1991 President of the Tioga Seniors Golf Association. He was elected President of the CST District Golf Association in 1993.

Of the many Masonic honors that have come his way three stand out; The first was being able to raise his son David assisted by his father, (three generations of Master Masons) to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Friendship Lodge # 153, on June 20, 1985 when M..N..Calvin Bond was in the East and M..E..Sheldon Blank was in the West. The second was being able to attend the Blue Lodge meeting in Scranton, Pennsylvania when his Father received his 50 year pin. The third was his election to the Grand Line of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of The State of New York.

John P. Nosal, Jr. - Biography (Continued)

Masonic Activities of M..I..John P Nosal, Jr.

Symbolic Masonry

Friendship Lodge No. 153 F & AM, Raised June 9, 1971  
Worshipful Master in 1978  
Trustee 1990 - 1995 (New Building Program)  
Treasurer 1995 -

Capitular Masonry

New Jerusalem Chapter No. 47 RAM Owego, NY June 14, 1980  
High Priest in 1984

Cryptic Masonry

Owego Council No. 30 Owego, NY June 8, 1981  
Illustrious Master 1982 - 1983  
District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Cryptic District 1987 - 1989  
Elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council in August 1991  
Elected Grand Master September 13, 1997?

Chivalric Masonry

St Augustine Commandery No. 38 KT May 8, 1983  
Eminent Commander 1987 - 1988

Related Organizations

Crusade Priory No. 57, Knights of the York Cross of Honor Nov 12, 1988  
Southern Tier York Rite College - Charter Member Dec 3, 1988  
PE Governor 1990 - 1991

Youth Organizations

Round Hill Chapter Order of DeMolay  
Advisor Council Member 1979 - 1983  
President Advisor Council 1981

Order of the Constellation of Junior Stars  
Council of Sponsors 1976 - 1982  
Presiding Sponsor 1978 - 1982

Order of Triangle

Daddie 1984 - 1989

## MINUTES OF THE 174th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The CALL of the ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK was made in due form. The Companions assembled in the East Room of the Fallsview Resort, Ellenville, New York on Friday 12 September 1997 at 6:45pm. Most Illustrious Jay Kosseff, Grand Master directed the Grand Recorder to call the Rolls, with the following present:

Grand Master - Jay Kosseff  
 Deputy Grand Master - John P Nosal Jr  
 Grand Principal Conductor of the Work - Paul B Matthews

The Grand Recorder determined that a Quorum exists since the first three elective Officers of this Grand Council and Representatives of ten Constituent Councils answered the Roll Call. Grand Council Opened in Due Form. The Colors were posted by an escort consisting a members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New York. The Grand Master called for Resolutions--of which all four were approved!

M.I. Lester G Weinheimer Jr moved that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except at such time as provided by the Constitution.

M.I. Edmund Lynch Jr moved that in-as-much as the Minutes of the Last Annual Assembly have been printed and distributed in the Proceedings, we dispense with the reading of them at this time.

M.I. Richard C Hadley moved that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business at 1:45pm, Saturday 13 September 1997 and that Nominating Speeches be limited to Three Minutes and Seconding Speeches be limited to Two minutes.

M.I. Wayne E Carrington Sr moved that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary members of this Grand Council be made so. ALL OF THE RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED!

The Grand Master then appointed the following COMMITTEES: GRAND MASTER's ADDRESS; M.I.'s Edmund Lynch Jr, Wayne E Carrington Sr and Oliver D Mereness. CREDENTIALS; R.I. Wayne S Watkins assisted by R.I. Frank Wells, M.I. Edmund Lynch, R.I. Paul M DesAutels.

The Grand Master then asked for the REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER and R.I. William G Vassily stated: "M.I. Grand Master, members of the dias and my Companions-I am in your debt. This has been one of the nicest years I have had in Masonry. The Report will be in the Proceedings and you can read it. I would just like to mention two items. During the Conventions, the Work was very exemplary, but in one particular Council there were two companions who turned in a back-to-back performance, & if you were there would have seen not a dry-eye in the house. I was eager to wait for the Chaplain to read the Prayer, so that I could mention that it really would be nice if it were memorized, and then I met Companion John Bauwman, who has a thunderous Dutch voice, and I was in awe. Then while the Conductor of the Council was working at the Bible, Comp. John Barron Jr played and sang so beautifully. It was the most touching, small ceremony that I have ever seen in Masonry. Both of those Companions will receive Grand Lecturer's Certificates of Commendation, forwarded through District Deputy T James Ward, to be presented in their Council. If you have never heard John Bauwman give a prayer you have missed something in Masonry that is a mystic. Grand Master, thank you for

the appointment this year, I've enjoyed it and hope the Companions have as well, and I move the Report be accepted. Approved.

Report of the RITUAL COMMITTEE. R.I. William Whittaker reported that the Committee had only one item submitted for review and approval "The Ceremony for Consolidation of Councils". The Committee members recommended that with it and by the approval of this report the Ceremony of Consolidation become a Standard Ceremony of the Grand Council. I Move this Report be received and printed. Approved.

The TABLE COUNCIL Report was requested. Chairman, Ill. Zinas "Zeke" Mavodones stated 'this is the first time I have been able to attend an Annual Assembly for a handful of years as our family is always on vacation. When we "open Council we talk of the 'fellowship of Kings' and 'see the sacred treasures be deposited' 'so I can return to my own country having completed my obligation'. I have been chairman with other members of the Table Council Committee and it is my happy duty to say we have completed our obligation. I think all of you, in one way or another, Recorders, Illustrious Masters, members of the Grand Line have received copies of the 'table council' as I formed it from Masonic background. I understand that it is now utilized in some form or other by all of the Councils and has now become a regular practice and part of the Councils. In that case, I recommend to the Grand Master that the Table Council Committee be dissolved as we have completed our duty. I thank the members of the Committee who have helped me morally and elsewhere. My last hope is that at sometime or other we do have a Table Council here at an Annual Assembly. I move the Report'. It was passed and a large applause developed for his and the Committees efforts.

JURISPRUDENCE AND BY-LAWS, Chairman M.I. Edmund Lynch gave a report indicating minor changes of By-laws of several Councils are approved and the actual By-laws changes will be given to the Grand Recorder and move that they be accepted. Passed. (included are St George Council of Anointed Kings, Adelpic #7, Dunkirk #25, Fulton #50, Peekskill #55, St George's #74, Joseph Warren #81, Cyrus #89, Cayuga #90.)

The Report of the GRAND TRUSTEES was requested and Chairman M.I. Oliver Mereness stated that the Report has been filed with the Grand Recorder, printed in the booklet available to each of you and unless there are any soul-searching questions, I move the Report be accepted as has been printed. Passed.

The Grand Master asked for the Report of the GRAND HISTORIAN. The Grand Recorder stated that the Report is in the printed Booklet on page 14. The Grand Historian sent in a letter of Resignation, this last week, indicating that he cannot continue in this capacity because of his wife's health. M.I. Hadley moved the acceptance of the Report, passed.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE. No Report!

MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE. R.I. Paul Matthews said that the full Report of the Education Committee has been submitted to the Grand Recorder for printing in the Proceedings. In brief, the members of the Committee, spread across the State gave talks and lectures on Cryptic Masonry, in particular its relationship to our other Degrees and its significance and importance. Now, in a moment

I will make the standard motion that the Report be accepted! But, I would like to share something that in a very loose sense falls under the boundaries of education, because for those of us that were there it was somewhat enlightening and taught us a little something about Masonry. You noticed that this evening, we started as the Agenda said, precisely at 7:30-Grand Master's time. And we're all familiar with that phrase and how it's applied in our Masonic Bodies. Well Companions, I'd like you, to picture for a moment, the conferring of the Royal Master Degree. This past Cryptic year it was my pleasure to have worked with our Most Illustrious Grand Master as part of the NY State Degree Team that conferred the Royal Master Degree in the Tri-State Cryptic Festival. The Centerpiece of that Degree is the beautiful soliloquy that Grand Master Hiram Abif delivers as he perambulates the Lodgeroom with the candidate. As you recall, just prior to that, King Solomon, who I portrayed in that degree team, asks that the Craft be called from labor to refreshment, and the soliloquy takes place while the craft is out of the lodge. This gives you a sense of the time for the story I'm going to tell. The Tri-State this year was held in the Masonic Temple in Springfield MA and is a massive building occupying about one city-block. It is built out of stone that looks as strong as a fortress, with huge inside lodgerooms, with thick stone walls, with one architectural peculiarity in that there were no peepholes in either the outer or inner doors. Our Grand Master is portraying Hiram Abif, I retired outside with Hiram King of Tyre, the sentinel was a companion from another jurisdiction, who I asked to "crack the door" and to advise me when the soliloquy was completed, for me to make my entrance and return to the lodgeroom. Our Grand Master is a superb ritualist, the Sentinel motioned us to make our entrance, whereupon, to our surprise we two kings observed a very shocked Grand Master to be at the South gate. A pause occurred in the middle of the degree, my next line was "Grand Master Hiram Abif what is the hour" to which our very startled and surprised Grand Master replied "Nine at night when prying eyes are in sleep". Now in reflection, as chairman of Education Committee I now feel somewhat educated, for I realized for the 1st time, in all my years as a Mason, just why Grand Master Hiram Abif was held in such high regard by our operative predecessors. He would let them go to lunch at high twelve every day-and give them an 8 hour lunch hour. (laughs) Grand Master, I move that the Report of the Committee on Education be accepted approved. The Grand Master commented-King Solomon forgot to mention to you, "for the financial benefit of the craft, King Solomon was paying Union Wage Scale".

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER Nosal reported: This past year, your Deputy Grand Master started with a trip to East Aurora, for the rededication of Hamburg Council #91. This was to be the first of five rededications during this Cryptic Year. The other rededications were at Owego Council #30, their new building; St George's Council #74 dedication of their new location; Dunkirk Council #25 dedication of their new location and Peekskill Council #55 on their 125th Anniversary.

I had the pleasure of representing our M.I. Grand Master at the rededication of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania. Also at the Annual Assembly and the reception of

the Most Puissant Errol Betzenberger, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania.

I attended three of our new Grand Lecturer's Conventions and found the companions very interested in his presentation of the Opening and Closing. I hope he does a similar job this year in the Select Master Degree.

I was present at the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery Knights Templar State of NY and the reception for Sir Knight Walter Drake Jr, R.E. Grand Commander. Also, the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter State of NY Royal Arch Masons and the reception for M.E. C Richard Trust Grand High Priest.

As I traveled throughout the State, I found Cryptic Masonry alive and well. I had the pleasure this Cryptic year of installing the Officers of four Councils. I was well received and the Companions in this State show a Zealous regard for Cryptic Masonry. I had the pleasure of attending Assemblies in all corners of the State, from Northern Star #34 - Apron presentation to the DDGM of the 5th District - R.I. James Ward to New York City and the rededication of our Grand Lodge Building.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many companions and the support given me throughout the past years as I advanced in this great Grand Line of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in the State of NY. I move the Report be accepted and spread in the minutes of this Annual Assembly. Approved.

Report on CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE by the Deputy Grand Master. The Report is printed in the handout and I move that that report be approved as printed. Approved.

M.I. Kosseff then asked for FINANCE & ACCOUNTS, AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT, the Grand Recorder responded by reading the Report as printed in the handout and moved its acceptance. Approved.

He then asked for the Report of the Budget Committee, and since the Chairman was not present, M.I. Beardsley explained that the report appears in the handout. You can peruse it at your liking. The Finance Committee meets in the middle of every June to consider the past years efforts and expenses and to prepare the budget for the coming Cryptic Year. You will note as you review the Report, that we were well within the budget that had been prepared a year ago. We did not have to draw the amount out of the Permanent Fund that we had been allotted by this Grand Council. Some expenses go over budget and others are under--the end result was that we were well within Budget. As for the Budget for next year, it is very similar to the one for this year, same expenses pretty much in general, some slight increases for some of your officers. There is one innovation which was discussed at great length, in which we have decided to add -item D-2 "Grand Officer's Expense". This is to give a small stipend to each of the elected Grand Officers, who are not covered elsewhere in the Budget. It has been requested before, but we had not felt we could do it then and can do so now. It is not what we would like it to be, but at least it is a first move in that direction. M.I. Grand Master, I would move the approval of the Budget for the 1997-98 Cryptic year. Approved.

The GRAND TREASURER reminded us that his Report is in the materials

picked up at the Registration Desk, not that much different from the last 2 or 3 years. I do not know if anyone noticed, but those that like figures might have, but our Expenses were just \$17. under our Income! I do not pretend to have that good an acumen as far as it comes to keeping the Budget in line. If we can come within \$17 either under or over, I think we are doing a pretty good job. I don't have anything else really to say about the Report, unless someone has any questions because it is fairly standard and therefore I move approval of the Treasurer's Report. Approved

M.I. Kosseff then asked for the Grand Recorder's Report. M.I. Hickein stated that the Report is in the packet of materials which you received at the Registration Desk, providing you registered. The Membership Gain or Loss chart is in the Packet, which has an error of 1 in the totals, to be corrected before printing in the Proceedings. The graphics of this is on page 17 of the packet. There are 89 deaths & Membership is now at 2100 with a NET LOSS of 99 in 1997. I thank all of those who have assisted me in making my Report--Recorders who sent in information on time, Grand Line and Committee Chairmen. More Reports were received timely this year. I regret to report that two Councils, Ancient City 21 and Flatbush #80 have not submitted Annual Reports. Rockland Council #94 was merged into Lafayette #86, a sorry situation but a solution for Rockland Council Companions to attend a Council. Attendance will probably still be a problem for those Companions, but the door is "open". On pages 24 and 25 of the packet of materials have the names of the dual and plural members for the Councils in NY, not completely accurate, but as I have found them on file. I have also listed the Honorary Members of Councils, as reported to the Grand Recorder's Office. I move the Report of the Grand Recorder and the Membership Gain and Loss as corrected and as printed in the packet. Passed. M.I. Weinheimer rose and suggested a round of applause for the good work of the Recorder and for the many hours on the job. The Grand Master also complimented the Grand Recorder for his work. The Grand Master also gave a similar accolade to the Grand Treasurer, especially for fighting the battle with the income tax boys. You have to wear the apron of Grand Master to truly appreciate their endeavors on our behalf. That is quite a team over there, Companions, I would think it to be equal to any Masonic team in this State. The Grand Master then instructed the Grand Marshal to lead in Grand Honors to M.I. Beardsley and M.I. Hickein.

The Grand Master stated that at this time we have reached the end of the line of the Reports that can be properly submitted this evening and we have taken a "chunk" out of work of tomorrow. The Grand Recorder reminded everyone that there will be an 8am session in this room for the Council Recorders and Treasurers with the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer announced that he has the Mileage and Per Diem checks for the official Representative of each constituent Council, Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Masters District Deputy Grand Masters and Committee Chairmen. The Grand Master then instructed the Grand Marshal to escort Most Puissant Orville E Wessler to the East where he was introduced and recognized and afforded Grand Honors. MP Wessler then thanked Grand Council and brought Greetings of General Grand Council International. Several of

the Officers are here tonight, including a liaison person from Connecticut is here. It is a real pleasure to bring the Greetings and I will have more to say, giving the plans for this triennium, on the morrow. Get a good nights sleep, and come ready to hear a real good session tomorrow for your Reports thus far are very encouraging. There is not a "down" report in the whole bunch and this sounds real good. You are to be congratulated and I will return the gavel. Thanks so much. (applause!) Companions, unless otherwise announced at Breakfast, we are scheduled to meet in this room tomorrow. King Solomon will Open at 8:45am. Question was asked if Credentials will be open tonight? Before Grand Council opened this evening, there were several Companions in the lobby who desired to register and no one was present to do so. The Grand Master said it would be open. The Grand Marshal gave instructions for Saturday morning: Grand Line to "line up", also all Grand Representatives, Visitors, Concordant Bodies and Dignitaries to assemble, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. Be ready to enter after King Solomon opens at 9am. The Grand Lecturer requested that the Assistant Grand Lecturers meet with him in the northwest corner of this room at 8am. The Hospitality Room is Room 285 and the Nightclub will be open soon, and they have some pretty good acts here. Last evening they had a very good comic. Friday Evening Assembly was recessed until 9am on Saturday the 13th.

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 1997

At 8:45am The Assembly was reconvened by the Officers of King Solomon Council #31, who then received the Grand Line, forming Lines for the reception of M.I. Jay Kosseff, Grand Master. He was accorded Private Grand Honors and he then requested the Officers of King Solomon Council #31 to vacate the chairs for the Grand Line to be seated, in order to receive our Distinguished Guests.

The following Distinguished Visitors were received, and each of the Most Illustrious or Most Puissant Grand Masters were presented with an Honorary Membership in this Grand Council upon reception:

- CONNECTICUT THURMAN P SHARPLES JR, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut, accompanied by RICHARD E LARCOM, Grand Recorder and Past M.P. Grand Master. Presented by R.I. Cullen O Henry, Grand Representative.
- DELAWARE MARK IRWIN, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Delaware. Presented by R.I. Walter Barlow, Grand Representative.
- MARYLAND MARION F RICKARD, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Maryland. Presented by R.I. Joseph A Foglietti, Grand Representative of California.
- NEW JERSEY (arrived in late morning)

- OHIO R.I. ROBERT R RETTIG, First Arch Inspector of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio accompanied by M.I. JAMES H WAMER Past Grand Master. Presented by R.I. Earl J Carlson, Grand Representative.
- ONTARIO R.I. ERIC G SIMON, member of Grand Executive and Grand Representative of New York, representing Most Illustrious Larry Hostine Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the Province of Ontario Canada. Presented by R.I. Murray H Tyrrell, Grand Representative of Arizona.
- PENNSYLVANIA M.P. ERROL T BETZENBERGER, Grand Master of Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, accompanied by CHARLES LEAH, Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master. Presented by Past Grand Master Clarence C Van Horn
- RHODE ISLAND M.I. SIDNEY CLIFFORD JR, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of the State of Rhode Island. Presented by R.I. Conrad Kupinski, Grand Representative.
- GRAND COMMANDERY S.K. WALTER DRAKE JR, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of New York, accompanied by S.K RONALD J BERTIE, Grand Recorder and 13 Grand Line, 3 Past Grand Commanders and 3 Zone Officers.
- GRAND CHAPTER R.E. C RICHARD TRUST, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, accompanied by M.E. CHARLES J REILLY, Grand Secretary and 9 Grand Line Officers and many others. Presented by R.I. Harold S B Hager, Grand Representative of New Hampshire.
- YORK RITE R.E.D. Brother COURTLAND M ANDREW, Grand Governor State COLLEGE NA of New York, accompanied by V.E.D. Brother Harvey E Payne, Deputy Grand Governor. Presented by Richard Suppes, Grand Representative of Philippines.
- GENERAL GRAND M.P. ORVILLE E WESSELER, Most Puissant General Grand COUNCIL Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, accompanied by Right Puissant CHARLES F Van ETTEN, Deputy General Grand Master and M.I. RICHARD C HADLEY, Ambassador to New York.
- GRAND LODGE R.I. William G Vassily, Acting Grand Marshal for R.W. NORMAN E MOON, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, representing the Most Worshipful EARLE J HINO JR Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

## REGRETS RECEIVED FOR INABILITY TO ATTEND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

GRAND LODGE		from M.'W.'. Gary Henningsen
GRAND CHAPTER RAM		from M.'.E.'. Robert Del Duca
SCOTTISH RITE		from Ill Bruce W Widger
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE of DC		from R.'.I.'. Lee I Johnston
ENGLAND	from M.'.I.'. Colonel Robert Keith Hind, Grand Master and R.'.I.'. Peter Glyn Williams, Grand Recorder	
FLORIDA	from R.'.I.'. E Freeman Millard, Grand Representative of New York	
GERMANY	from M.'.I.'. Edelhard A Hoffman, Grand Master	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		from Marshall Gardner, PMIGM
SCOTLAND	from R.'.I.'. Malcolm Hyman Sakol, Grand Representative of New York	
DE MOLAY		having a Training Weekend
RAINBOW FOR GIRLS		having a Campout

The Grand Council was raised and Grand Honors were given to all of the Distinguished Guests who were received this morning.

Grand Master Kosseff then announced that he was checking his notes to resume where we left off last night. We covered a great deal of today's work last night, so I feel pretty comfortable about the time.

M.'.I.'. Kosseff then requested the Report of the GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT. R.I. Paul Edwards stated that this Position is quite unusual, in that the Grand Master has asked him to review the transactions of the other Jurisdictions and discover items which would be of importance to show in what direction they are going. While all jurisdictions follow basic format for their annual assemblies, the proceedings can vary wildly, from a few simple pages to thick volumes. Some contain a lot of verbal comments, some have complete biographies of outgoing and incoming Grand Masters and some provide little or no information about the leaders of Cryptic Freemasonry. We know that the leaders of Freemasonry are senior statesmen, except for Arkansas where the Grand Master is 39! In Florida we have the youngest of Grand Masters at age 34! I wonder at what age he started in the Grand Line? Some innovations are being made -- primarily plain language rituals, a movement that has come across the US. While festivals are prevalent, some such as Nevada are forming travelling degree teams so that each companion will receive the degrees in his own Council. Never the less, a major point found in every Transaction is the problem of membership. Pennsylvania discovered that work cannot be done alone - District Deputies joined with Illustrious Masters and they worked and they slaved and they contacted. The work cannot be done alone, the work must be done jointly with the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch. Every year up until now has been a listing of financial woes, in actuality, there were some raising of per capita dues, but the financial urgency was not there. R.I. Edwards proceeded to give excerpts from his Report. He then moved his Report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings. Approved

The Grand Master then asked for Ish Sodi and Awards. R.I. William Whittaker then announced the Recognition Awards for Membership Gain. We have three Councils who Greeted Five or More Companions this Year

and he invited the Grand Master to join with him in presenting a Certificate to each: Columbian #1, Hornellsville #35 and Skoi Yase #75. The Council having the Most Greetings this Year was Hornellsville #35. General Grand Council International provides a Certificate for any Council having more than 10% increase in membership and Skoi Yase #75 qualified in 1997. Five Councils this Year have contributed in excess of \$5 per member to the Grand Council Charity Fund: Doric #19, Adoniram #36, Peekskill #55, St George's #74 and Nun Da Waga #92. The Greatest Dollar Amount this year was from St. George's #74. One other award is the Ish Sodi Award, Paul D Rosenthal of Skoi Yase #75 earned the award for being first-line signer on 8 petitions. Paul cannot be here today, and therefor Bill asked permission, of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, to make the Presentation at the time of the District Deputy Grand Master's Visitation to Skoi Yase. Motion that the Report be accepted as read subject to amendment for the General Grand Council's Cryptic Mason of the Year, Adult Leadership Awards and the New York State Cryptic Mason of the Year when presented.

The Grand Master then asked for the Roll Call of the 1996-1997 District Deputy Grand Masters, 8 are present and were congratulated for their endeavors on behalf of Grand Council and the Grand Master. They then received a hearty round of applause from the companions. The Grand Master then related that he subscribes to a magazine "Strategy and Tactics". It contains many well researched articles on wars, diplomacies and mysteries. Each issue contains a particular game, battle or war depending on the subject of the Issue. In reading these articles, I am impressed by one fact that recurs throughout history from pre-Roman times up to the present. This lesson is applicable in Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge since the point is that no establishment can ever be any stronger or weaker than the cadre. When I was in the Army, the cadre were the sergeants the non-commissioned officers. No Masonic group will ever be more successful than its cadre and the cadre are the district deputies. Have a strong group of DDGM's and you will have a strong grand organization - a weak cadre and you are going to encounter problems. This year's group was strong, I'd say very strong. There were one or two areas in which there was room for improvement, mostly in filling of reports, but as far as getting involved with the day-to-day operations of your every day council they are very, very strong. I have been at many occasions when the District Deputies have presided or made Visitations. I am not speaking from reports in this area I am speaking from personal knowledge. The Cryptic Rite has as good a DDGM group as any branch in Freemasonry and I trust that our incoming new Grand Master will keep that quality up. The Grand Master requested the Grand Recorder to read the rollcall of Grand Representatives. 17 answered the Call with 8 being excused for health or age reasons. The Grand Master stated that it has been a pleasure and a privilege for this Grand Council to have been given your services throughout the last Cryptic year and in many cases I hope your fine work will continue on into the current Cryptic year. Please accept our grateful thanks for a job well done. At this time, I have a distinct honor in inviting Most Puissant Errol Betzenberger

Grand Master of Pennsylvania to the East, where we will present a most pleasant surprise. MP Betzenberger prefaced his remarks, "with the fact that I made a trip last year through the hills of North-central Pennsylvania and your Deputy Grand Master made a trip through the hills of South-central New York, in order to present this award. The recipient had a very good excuse and said he couldn't be there. At this time I would like have Most Puissant Companion Clarence C Van Horn, M.P. Past Grand Master of the Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania, approach the East. He then read the Commission appointing Clarence Van Horn to the post of Grand Representative of New York near the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. Clarence, you are now officially the Grand Representative. (applause) M.I. Kosseff then gave permission for M.P. Orville E Wesseler, assisted by R.P. Charles Van Etten to present an award from the General Grand Council International. M.P. Wesseler explained that several years ago the General Grand Council designed the Award of "Cryptic Mason of the Year", that was to be given out in each Jurisdiction to that Companion who has labored long and hard in the vineyards without thought of fee or reward and who is not in the progressive line. Each Jurisdiction has the privilege or responsibility to make a choice in that year. Today it is my privilege to present the award- Grand Marshal- would you present the proper person west of the altar? The search was made and R.I. Vincent Fortunato was presented, and honored with the Award. Vincent requested R.I. Charles Mendel to pin the award on his lapel. M.P. Wesseler requested all recipients of the award who are present to stand and be recognized with R.I. Fortunato. (applause) He continued, in stating that one of his goals for this Triennium deals with this Award. Last November at the Triennial in Asheville, the Resolution was passed to allow the Youth Award to be given to either a Non-Mason, Non Cryptic Mason or a Lady. It must be one who has worked with the approved Youth Groups of our Fraternity, Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters or DeMolay. That recipient for that Award has also been chosen in New York, so Grand Marshal, would you please bring him west of the Altar, and also his father. R.I. David Raymond was presented the Adult Leadership Award, and it was noted that father is also a previous Recipient. This is tremendous, for never have I presented it to a Father-Son team, this is great! (applause) The Grand Recorder rose and stated that in searching through a "cubbyhole" in the Desk he determined that three recent New York State Past Grand Masters have not received Certificates of completion of Service to our Craft- M.I. Wayne E Carrington Sr, Joseph Peloso and Oliver D Mereness. Certificates were presented with applause (M.I. Richard C Hadley originated this Certificate). The Grand Master introduced R.P. Donald Barone, Grand Sentinel of Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey, who was unable to be present when the distinguished guests were introduced. (applause) M.P. Wesseler then continued stating that his liaison officers for Connecticut and New York were unable to be in Asheville, at this time if Liaison Person to Connecticut Richard Larcom and Ambassador to New York Richard Hadley could be escorted to the podium, I will make their installations official. He obligated and congratulated them. He

then said he would love to visit with the M.'P.'. Grand Master of Pennsylvania because we do not have a Liaison Person there. An Alarm was made and R.I. Wayne Watkins of the CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE entered and with their Report: that from New York Councils; there are 115 Companions and 32 Ladies registered as present! The weighted Council votes of 91 are to be added to the 115 representatives votes for a Total Vote of 206 eligible ballots. He also reported that Suffolk Council #76 has 9 Companions present, Motion made to accept the report. We now know which Council has the 'most present' so the Certificate can be completed and awarded.

The Grand Master then called for the TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE for the next session, the 175th Annual Assembly. Illustrious and Most Puissant Clarence Van Horn stated it is a pleasure to announce that the next Assembly of this august body will be held in Owego NY on August 14th, 15th and 16th 1998. It will be in the Treadway Inn and Conference Center, right off of exit 65 of SR 17. We invite all of you to come down and join us down in Owego. As a side note, we invite all to come down on October 11th to Jack's Reception! Moved as accepted. Turning to the Deputy Grand Master, M.'I.'. Kosseff handed over the gavel and said it is time for the GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS, (which is printed elsewhere in the Proceedings). The Grand Master's Address was moved to be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

The Grand Master then asked the Grand Treasurer for the "cut off date for contributions to the Cryptic Charity Foundation" and the response was "that the books of Grand Council and the Charity Corporation must be closed on 31 July". He continued, I am already aware some Councils misunderstand, the DDGM of the 2nd Cryptic District came to me after the awards were made to those Councils that had achieved at least \$5. per member. A check was received in the middle of August from the Recorder of Adelpic Council. Unfortunately I often get a number of checks like this in August and its too late! The books have to be closed at the end of the Fiscal Year.

The Grand Master then stated the time as 11:25am and called on M.I. Wayne E Carrington Sr for the Charity Corporation Meeting, which is printed elsewhere in the Proceedings together with the Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Charity Corporation. M.I. Beardsley then proceeded to give a recapitulation of the theory of the Investment Program for the Charity Corporation and explained the Report of both the Permanent and Available Funds. Also a complete listing of Charity Fund Contributions from 1 August 1996 through 31 July 1997 for each Council and the record for each Council of the Life Memberships purchased since 1966 to date. After answering some questions, M.I. Carrington called for the Election of Directors and appointed R.I. Cullen O Henry and R.I. Charles R Victory as inspectors. The Nominating Committee Chairman M.I. Edmund Lynch read the nominees; M.I. Wayne E Carrington Sr, M.I. Raymond R Beardsley, M.I. Oliver D Mereness, M.I. John A Sainz and M.I. John P Nosal Jr. There being no other nominations, the slate was elected. The Inspectors were dismissed, with thanks. There being no further business before the Charity Corporation, the meeting was closed. The Grand Master asked for any unfinished items! The Grand Recorder stated that not all

Recorders of Councils are present and there are envelopes prepared for each Recorder of a Council. He requested that he would appreciate having Companions who could deliver an envelope to their recorder pick-it-up afterward this session. He also reminded those present that when a Companion dies, the Grand Recorder should be notified immediately, with the date of death, name and address of nearest of kin. Notice can then be sent to the Necrology Committee for sending Notes of Condolence. Also, we have been informed that the Tri State Festival will be held on the third Saturday of March in the future. The date in 1998 is 21st of March in Poughkeepsie NY. The Grand Master then addressed the Companions, "it is my pleasure, privilege and honor to introduce to you the representative of M.W. Earle J Hino Jr, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, the R.W. Norman E Moon, Junior Grand Warden of the State of New York" R.W. Moon addressed the Grand Council-- it is indeed my pleasure to be here today, and represent our Grand Master, who is in Cortland at a Town Meeting, with the rest of the Grand Line. As you have realized, over the past 10 years, the Grand Lodge has been changing rapidly. The change is due to the fact that we are living in a time where things are changing at a more rapid pace probably than in the last 50 years. We had to change to be in accord since today, we of the Grand Lodge family, are your servants. That may be hard to believe with some of you, because years ago, Grand Line sort of sat upon a pinnacle someplace which you all know. It was difficult to talk with some of the brothers of Grand Line. If you remember, many years ago the Grand Master would walk in like two minutes before his speech, make his speech, and before you had a chance to say anything to him or thank him he was gone and out the door. We found that that had to change, because you my brothers, ? are ? for us, we're not for you, we're there to serve you as the brothers of this great State of ours. I think it has been commendable over the past ten years that the Grand Masters have changed this opinion. As I have traveled around, with the Grand Line, I have had the pleasure of going to some different Grand Jurisdictions, in particular the Grand Lodge of Quebec, where they only have some 5,000 members. We heard the necrology report this morning, we hate to lose those who have been dedicated to our Craft for so many years, but unfortunately the Grim Reaper seems to hit every aspect of Freemasonry from the Blue Lodge through all the concordant bodies. It is of great concern, because so many of these men have given much of their time and effort. We hear the numbers that we have today in Grand Lodge, but are more concerned today with men of quality becoming members of this great craft. We had the numbers years ago, and it didn't seem to help us too much, did it? Today we still have those men of great quality, men of substance that are ready to serve, not only Grand Lodge but all of the concordant bodies. I became sort of friendly with the Grand Master of Quebec, due to the fact that his wife and my wife were residents of Johannesburg South Africa, and you get the two of them together you can't separate them. But with reference to that, we were in Pennsylvania for the Rededication of the Memorial Arch at Valley Forge. We must realize what we have, my brothers, for so many other jurisdictions do not. Saturday evening was an evening that the

air was just filled with patriotism and after the great affair on Sunday, he said to me 'you know last night I really felt proud to be here. I wish we had the patriotism back home, that you people have here'. It gives you a lot to think about. I must commend the Pennsylvania Masons for the job that they did there, it was fantastic. They had a young group there that evening, we are so quick to criticize the youth of our country, they were called the 'new generation', they give one year of their time and travel around the country. You should have heard these young people sing, the patriotism instilled was unbelievable. I was proud to be there as a representative of the Grand Lodge of New York. My brothers, we all the time find those who are still a little negative about what used to be, but what used to be is out there, today we stand here, we are here in the present time, and we are looking forward to the future of this great fraternity of ours, and only through that can we achieve our goals, by more positive attitudes. I ask each of you to take it upon yourselves to be that person to go out and help turn those around, who still have that little negative attitude. We must do it, my brothers, and as the Grand Master would tell you, this is the Greatest Fraternity ever created in the minds of men, and of behalf of the Grand Master, he extends to you Good Health, Long Life and May all of Your Dreams and Ideals become a Success in the Future, and May Almighty God Richly Bless this Great Fraternity We Call Freemasonry.

R.I. Vassily then respectfully requested the gavel, in order to escort the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge from the Assembly. The Grand Master then proceeded to recess the Grand Council for Luncheon repast after which the Grand Master reconvened the Assembly.

R.I. John Simon Ashe came to the East and said that it has been a wonderful privilege to serve under him and I know that Jay has two very special interests among others, one is his fascination with 'military tactics' and other is his fascination with 'Grail legends'.

At this time I would like to present the Grand Master with two books-one titled 'Blood Line of the Holy Grail' and the other is a profusely illustrated book on the Holy Grail. Just before lunch, Jake Beardsley was telling me that--history is partly fact, partly legend and partly lies"--. The Grand Master then called for Report on YORK RITE COOPERATION COMMITTEE. M.I. Raymond Beardsley, as Chairman said that the Report is printed on the second page of material that you picked-up at the Registration Desk and I leave that to your edification and I would only say this: This last year there have been no formal discussions, I have to plead that I have had a great deal of illness in my family, however I have held a number of informal discussions--as the report indicates. I have this weekend discussed this with the Grand High Priest and the hopefully the incoming Grand Commander and representatives of the three Bodies for a discussion in mid-October. This will not be a formal discussion as there is no intention of rushing this to a decision without full agreement, after taking back to our respective Grand York Rite Bodies and come to some conclusion. The Report is printed elsewhere in the Proceedings. I move the adoption of this report. The Grand Master then requested The REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS, given by M.I. Edmund Lynch. Report is printed elsewhere. Moved that the

Report be spread on the Minutes. Companions, we are now at the place where (chuckle) Good By, Jay! (laughter by the companions) Companions although we are all laughing, I have to say this. Our Grand PCW and our Deputy Grand Master are two good, tireless servants of Cryptic Masonry and I have enjoyed working with them this past year—they will forever have a place in my heart and I thank them, for their efforts. Would the representative of Suffolk Council #76 come forward to receive our heartiest congratulations and the Certificate for having the Greatest Attendance at this Annual Assembly. The T.I.M. Degree will be at 3:30pm. At this time I will turn the meeting over to M.I. Oliver Mereness for the ELECTION OF OFFICERS. M.I. Mereness reminded the Companions that every member of the Grand Council is a member of the Charity Corporation. Take it to heart, as members make your usual or unusual contribution and send it to your chairman or to the Grand Treasurer. We accept any and all donations. I was a little disturbed yesterday in reading the Report, to find the number of Councils that did not contribute a single dollar. I would hope that the DDGM's would carry this message in their Visits and see if they can take up a collection in each Council for the Charity Corporation. I notice that no one up here has commended our Grand Musicians for the rendition of the music we have all enjoyed. I personally thank them and I hope we continue to enjoy your music for many years to come. (applause) Now, we come to the serious business of ELECTING OUR OFFICERS for the coming year. M.I. Richard Hadley, M.I. John Sainz and M.I. Joseph Peloso were appointed tellers. Nominations are in order for Grand Master. The Illustrious Master of Owego Council #30, M.P. Clarence C Van Horn nominated John P Nosal Jr, who was elected. It was moved that the other officers of this Grand Council advance one station with the exception of the Treasurer and Recorder, who are respectively elected and reelected to office. Donald Harrison and Stephen Licht were each nominated for the office of Grand Standard Bearer. Since there are only two nominations for two openings, the Companion receiving the most ballots will be Grand Standard Bearer, the other will be Grand Steward. Donald Harrison was elected Grand Standard Bearer and Stephen Licht elected Grand Steward. M.I. Oliver Mereness elected Trustee for Three Years. The Tellers were discharged. M.I. Raymond Beardsley was called to INSTALL THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER assisted by the Grand Marshal and R.I. Rev and Dr Donald C Markham, Chaplain. The Grand Marshal presented R.I. John P Nosal Jr west of the Altar and he was installed Grand Master, and was accorded Private Grand Honors, under direction of M.I. Beardsley. M.I. Nosal requested the DDGM's to meet immediately after closing. M.I. Lester G Weinheimer Jr presented the Grand Master with his apron, on behalf of the Grand Council. He then invited M.I. Kosseff to return to the podium in order to close the 174th Annual Assembly, the closing Prayer was by R.I. Markham. The District Deputy Grand Masters were installed by Deputy Grand Master Paul B Matthews. The Grand Line Officers were Installed in Full Form by M.I. Raymond R Beardsley, assisted by M.I. Fred G Hickein as Installing Marshal and R.I. Rev. Markham as Installing Chaplain in the Public Installation, followed by the Grand Master's Address of M.I. John P Nosal Jr, which is printed elsewhere in the Proceedings. Respectfully submitted,  
Fred G Hickein, Gr Rec

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Past Master  
A.G.L.  
D.D.G.M.  
Grand Representative

(Apron Includes: Seal on flap, Presentation Inscription under flap, Emblem of Office, Glove Pocket, Tarnish Resistant Bag, Inscribed Carrying Case)

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## Report of the Grand Recorder

30 August 1997

To the Grand Council:

The Grand Recorder is appreciative of all who have cooperated with this Office. It is a pleasure to work with dedicated Council Officers and Companions. The requests, correspondence and telephone calls are time consuming, interesting and fulfilling, especially when I can assist you in the business at hand.

The report of business in the Grand Recorder's Office for the year ending 31 July 1997 is as follows:

RECEIVED IN DUES:	\$16,167.00	
RECEIVED IN FEES:	255.00	
RECEIVED FROM PERMANENT FUND:	4,000.00	
RECEIVED MISCELLANEOUS:	1,252.21	TOTAL INCOME: \$21,674.21

I am pleased to report-- the books of the Grand Recorder agree with the figures of the Grand Treasurer!(He checks my addition and I appreciate his accuracy)!! A "packet" of important information was prepared for and "handed out" at the Annual RAM Assembly in Ellenville. MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS CONTINUE TO DECLINE! RAM Suspensions seem high!

## MEMBERSHIP RECORDS 1996-1997

Membership 30 June 1996			2199
Error in records of Northshore #88(adjustment)	+ 1		
Greeted	55	Loss by Death(adjusted)	88
Affiliated	4	Loss by Demit	44
Restored	11	Loss by Suspension	37
TOTAL GAINS	70	TOTAL LOSSES	169
NET LOSS FOR 1996-97 YEAR	99	Membership 30 June 1997	2100

20 Indigent. Councils having membership GAIN -#22, #35, #40, #75, #89 & #97; NO GAIN OR LOSS-#24,78 & #90. ALL other Councils had a LOSS!

This office received 33 "Affidavits of Election" before July 5th, 5 before July 15th. No Affidavit received from Ancient City #21! The General Regulations state that the Annual Return... together with the dues of the Council be transmitted to the Grand Recorder on or before 10 July...!this office received 34 Returns before 15 July, 6 before 12 August. Complete Returns not received from Ancient City #21; Flatbush #80 and Lafayette #86 together with Rockland #94 (merged). More Reports were received timely this year-. Thanks to the Recorders as it helps in putting together the "packet. I hope that more Councils will surprise me next year and have them in "on time".

380 Birthday Cards were sent to Companions 80 years of age or older, and the Grand Master affirms the benefits of this Program. I also find it beneficial in that undeliverable cards are returned to the Grand Master, and we then determine the status of the Companion, sometimes obtain a new address, or delete the name from the listing.

The amount of information held in the Computer is increasing, as I am inserting "pre 1982 membership information" into the data. I find this exciting, though it is time-consuming, but gratifying. I hope when Year 2000 arrives we have no problems with dates!

The Grand Recorder is grateful to Les and Ginny Weinheimer and Tim West for their willingness to help when a problem erupts. I do call on Don Fredenburg of Oneonta #87, as my "back-up assistant", for immediate local help when in difficulty.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred G Hickey, Grand Recorder

## REGISTRATION REPORT 1997

Number of New York State Companions in Attendance	<u>119</u>
Number of New York State Ladies in Attendance	<u>37</u>
Number of Visitor Companions in Attendance	<u>13</u>
Number of Visitor Companions' Ladies in Attendance	<u>7</u>
Number of Men Visitors Present (Not a Cryptic Member)	<u>1</u>
Number of Lady Visitors Present (Not a Cryptic Members' Lady)	<u>1</u>

Total number in Attendance

177

Number of other Jurisdictions represented

8

Number of N.Y.S. Past Grand Masters present

13

Number of N.Y.S. Grand Line (Elected and Appointed) present

20

Number of N.Y.S. Constituent Council Officers or Proxies present

47

Number of N.Y.S. D.D.G.M.'s present (1996-1997)

8

Number of N.Y.S. A.G.L.'s present (1996-1997)

5

Number of N.Y.S. Grand Representatives present

117

(Some Companions are also Officers/Representatives/MIPGM's)

108Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Chairman

Dated 13 September 1997

## CREDENTIALS REPORT

Eligible number of Constituent Council votes to be cast

138

Number of Constituent Council votes not picked up

47

Total possible Constituent Council votes to be cast

41

Number of Illustrious Masters present

23

Number of Illustrious Master Proxies present

3

Number of Deputy Masters present

8

Number of Deputy Master Proxies present

4

Number of P.C.W.'s present

5

Number of P.C.W. Proxies present

67

Number of OTHER Permanent Members present (Past Masters)

206

Total possible number of votes to be cast:

Signed/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Credentials Chairman

Dated 13 September 1997

DUAL & PLURAL MEMBERS OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF NEW YORK  
As determined by the Grand Recorder August 1997

## COLUMBIAN #1

\*James Anthony #7  
\*Wood D Beeghly #6 of CT  
\*Edward P Fagan Jr #2  
'Herbert G Goldman #7  
\*\*Charles E Grant #7, #36  
\*\*John Mauk Hilliard #7  
\*Robert H Leland #7  
\*\*Joseph A Peloso #2  
\*John Tresnowske #2

## ROTICA #12

\*Richard E Eades #35  
\*Joseph A Evans #87  
\*\*Richard C Hadley #74  
\*Jack W Ovitt #50

## BLOSS #14

\*Alexander R Grone #87

## DORIC #19

'Darryl W Griffing #40 & #92  
\*E William Whittaker #75

## BINGHAMTON #24

\*Douglas W Holbrook #87  
\*A John Warren #90  
'Guy E Wellman #30

## HORNELLSVILLE #35

\*Richard E Eades #12

## CRYPTIC #37

\*William H Atwood #74  
\*Lewis O Slocum #74  
\*\*Stuart Sturges #74

## FULTON #50

Walter J Beutel #97  
\*Alan Mark Downing#97  
'M Eugene Ellis #97  
Benjamin B Fisher #97  
Richard C Fowler #97  
'Burtiss V Goodnough #97  
Michael F Hilbert 97  
\*Jack W Ovitt #12  
Edwin F Rothfuss Jr #97  
Lawrence O Stevens #97  
James G Trainham #97  
'C Richard Trust #97

## PHOENIX #2

\*Edward P Fagan Jr #1  
\*\*Joseph A Peloso #1  
\*John Tresnowske #1

## ADELPHIC #7

\*James Anthony #1  
'Herbert G Goldman #1  
\*\*Charles E Grant #1, #36  
\*\*John Mauk Hilliard #1  
\*Robert H Leland #1  
\*Robert J Cave #36, #88

## BUFFALO-KEYSTONE #17

\*Jack Jensen #91  
Griffith Jones III #91  
\*Don C Markham #91  
\*I Cole Stickle #91  
\*Edwin R Trosin #91

## DE WITT CLINTON #22

\*Leslie W Kerr #87

## OWEGO #30

\*Wesley J Buyck #90

'Guy E Wellman #24

\*Clarence C Van Horn of PA

## ADONIRAM #36

\*\*Charles E Grant #1, #7  
\*Robert J Cave #7, #88  
Ari Chisin #88

## BATH #40

'Darryl W Griffing #19, #92  
\*Douglas J Swan #53  
'Gerald B Tompkins #53

## ST GEORGE'S #74

\*William H Atwood #37  
\*Harry W Griffen #89  
\*\*Richard C Hadley #12  
\*\*Oliver D Mereness #87  
'David M Pelton of TX  
George E Prentice #78  
\*\*John A Sainz #81  
\*Lewis O Slocum #37  
\*\*Stuart Sturges #37

CORNING #53  
 \*Douglas J Swan #40  
 'Gerald B Tompkins 40

SUFFOLK #76  
 Walter J Hilsenbeck #88

CATSKILL #78  
 George E Prentice #74

JOSEPH WARREN #81  
 \*\*John A Sainz #74

ONEONTA #87  
 \*Joseph R Evans #12  
 \*Alexander R Grone #14  
 \*Douglas W Holbrook #24  
 \*Leslie W Kerr #22  
 \*\*Oliver D Mereness #74  
 \*Robert Spinney #9 of AZ

KING DAVID #97  
 Walter J Beutel #50  
 \*Alan Mark Downing #50  
 'M Eugene Ellis #50  
 Benjamin B Fisher #50  
 Richard C Fowler #50  
 'Burtiss V Goodnough #50

Michael F Hilbert #50  
 Edwin F Rothfuss Jr #50  
 Lawrence O Stevens #50  
 James G Trainham #50  
 C Richard Trust #50

If you discover any errors or omissions please forward them to the Grand Recorder, so corrections can be made.

HONORARY MEMBERS of NY COUNCILS, AS RECORDED IN GRAND COUNCIL!

COLUMBIAN #1  
 \*\*Stuart Sturges #37

ADELPHIC #7  
 Konrad Chang Hsu #36

BLOSS #14  
 \*Gerald F Irwin #22

ST GEORGE'S #74  
 \*\*Fred G Hickey #87

The Grand Recorder has a "Certificate of Honorary Membership" as well as several other appropriate certificates, cost \$3. completed! General Regulations indicate that all Honorary should be Reported!

SKOI-YASE #75  
 \*E William Whittaker #19

NORTHSHORE #88  
 Ari Chisin #36  
 'Ronald M Goldwyn of CT  
 Walter J Hilsenbeck #76

CYRUS #89  
 Sidney Anthony #4 of PQ  
 'Anthony J Calderisi #4 of PQ  
 Herbert Folkerd #4 of PQ  
 \*Harry W Griffen #74  
 W Leebert Sancho #4 of PQ  
 Paul Starnino Sr #4 of PQ  
 George Tomme #4 of PQ

Mario Paquette #4 of PQ  
 J B Djigoinian #4 of PQ

CAYUGA #90  
 \*Wesley J Buyck #30  
 \*George J Knorr #91  
 \*A John Warren #24

HAMBURG #91  
 \*Jack Jensen #17  
 Griffith Jones III #17  
 \*George J Knorr #90  
 \*Don C Markham #17  
 \*I Cole Stickle #17  
 "Edwin R Trosin Jr #17

LAFAYETTE #86  
 \*Arnold A Berman #2

ONEONTA #87  
 \*\*Jerrold L Hastings #31  
 \*\*Gordon W Hathaway #12  
 \*\*Edmund Lynch Jr #31  
 \*\*John A Sainz #81  
 MPClarence C Van Horn PA

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES 1996-1997  
GREETINGS

\*\*MOST ILLUSTRIOUS,\*RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS,"VERY ILLUSTRIOUS,'ILLUSTRIOUS.

# 1 James Brian Hutchinson	Andrew Stuyvesant Paine	M David Sherrill
William A Ruland Jr	Piers A Vaughan	
# 7 Theodors Lambos		
#12 James Michael Pritchard	Bruce Harry Nichols	
#13 Melville D Dickinson		
#14 Lew O Fletcher	Stanton Perry Hussey	Brian Edward Koshgarian
#17 Jeremiah O'Sullivan		
#19 David W Parish		
#22 Mark H Baumbach		
#24 David O Buchanan	Carl H Johnson	
#25 Charles A Erickson	L John Kahabka	
#35 Donald Q Adams	James G Bevacqua	Robert Cox
Scott P Crocker	Gene Garrison	Steven Heckman
Paul R Henderson	John T McHenry	James J J Sicker
James C Spicer		
#40 Daniel David Esterbrook	Arron Lee Jackson	Denis Eugene Oliver
Lester E Steves		
#50 Clifford Bough		
#55 Michael Kohel		
#74 James Michael Rizzo		
#75 William L Colin	Thomas J Dombeck	Carlton J House
Jerome F Marshall	Gerald W Minns Sr	Jerry G Perthel
Thomas L Raymer	Paul D Rosenthal	B Thomas Wadhams
#76 John Lombardo Sr	Robert F Smith	Rudolph J Wesselhoft
#87 Robert C Butler	Alton G Dunn Jr	
#92 Fred E Bowman	William A Swyers	Dennis M Turton Sr
#97 Dwayne K Waddell	Arthur W Wlodarek	

AFFILIATIONS 1996-1997

#17 Griffith Jones III  
#88 \*Robert J Cave  
#89 John-Baptiste Djigoinian  
#90 Donald H White Jr

RESTORED 1996-1997

# 1 Alfred Patricio O'Hagan	# 2 Glenn W Barnett
#19 Laszlo TuczaI	#24'Guy E Wellman(Dual#30)
#26 Clifford E Dennie	#30'Guy E Wellman(Dual#24)
#62 John E Anderson	#81 I Milton Cross
#88 Stephen R Morrow	#92 Leonard W Mason
#93 Rene Eric Casper	

## SUSPENDED FROM LODGE, CHAPTER OR FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES 1996-1997

#1	Arthur Walker Bingham II	Salvatore Falco	Kenneth John Fisher
	John A Konvalin(Dual#7)	Gerd E Walter	
#7	John A Konvalin(Dual#1)		
#12	Charles E Bidinger Sr	Frank M Hillage	Emerson J Longo
	Richard W Smith		
#13	Robert N DeMayo		
#15	Mark J Seeloff		
#17	Richard C Luh	Francis H Saelzer	
#25	Harold S Feather		
#30	Bruce E Williams		
#31	John O'Neil Crossan Jr		
#35	Thomas W Dingman	Douglas B Green	F Roy Greenfield
	Terry L Lewis	Harold W Polmanteer	
#36	Michael V Cruz	Pat Pepe	
#40	Donald F Eaton	Thomas E Walters	
#53	Gregory A Edwards		
#76	David Lanari		
#87	Robert A Beach	William E Johnson	
#91	Alvin A Gouyd	James J King II	
#92	Richard W Codori		
#94	William J Gannon	Ralph Edward Koch	Arthur H Sullivan
	Thomas J Walker		

## DEMITS 1996-1997

# 1**	Stuart Sturges		
# 2 *	Richard W Mack	Francis L O'Connor	
#12	George William Brenizer Jr	William Edward Carr Jr	
	Roger Steven Frank		
#13	Jerry A Green	Peter F Mengel	James R Stewart
#15**	Robert W Wallace		
#16	James A Lovell	Merton S Moore	
#17	Charles C Eikenburg		
#19	Ted L Diehl		
#24	Edward M Whalen		
#25	James V Elias		
#26	H Gird Harris III		
#31	William T Bielski		
#34	Francis W Carter	Stephen M Cressey	Elmer V Dowling Sr
	David R Flight	Harry Kiil	Neal A McGregor
	Malcolm D Sigourney	David M Spencer	
#35	Forrest R Scott Sr		
#36	Nicholas M Valli		
#37	Milton C Eddy	D Hugh Richards	Jarvis E Rowland
#50	Richard C Dennison		
#55	George E Garrison	Michael J Walsh	
#62	Jacob Stromwasser		
#74	William A Hayden		
#76	Philip Coolberth	William E Stoothoff	
#82	George M Gardner		
#91	Merrill H Ebling	Harold M Heisler	Jacob D McGee
#94	Clyde Francis Marzagalli		John C Von Ohlsen

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

BALANCE August 1, 1996

15,237.20

RECEIPTS

R-1 Dues	16,167.00	
R-2 Fees	255.00	
R-3 Permanent Fund	4,000.00	
R-4 Miscellaneous*	1,252.21	21,674.21
		<u>36,911.41</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

A-1 Annual Assembly	3,153.42	
A-2 Mileage & Per Diem	1,800.00	
A-3 Annual Proceedings	1,501.00	
B-1 Grand Master's Expense	2,581.36	
B-2 Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	576.64	
B-3 Triennial Fund	100.00	
C-1 Grand Recorder's Salary	1,600.00	
C-2 Grand Treasurer's Salary	800.00	
C-3 Office Expense	3,500.00	
C-4 Taxes	367.20	
C-5 Supplies	690.39	
C-6 Printing	77.00	
C-7 Postage	971.70	
C-8 Telephone	633.19	
C-9 Equipment Purchase & Repair	200.00	
C-10 Mileage	1,260.74	
C-11 Insurance & Bonding	114.82	
D-1 Grand Lecturer's Expense	0	
E-1 General Grand Council Fees	761.60	
E-2 Regalia	117.90	
E-3 Finance Committee	300.00	
E-4 History Fund	50.00	
E-5 Miscellaneous	500.00	21,656.96
		<u>15,254.45</u>

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (COUNCIL CHARGES)

Bloss-14: Dues Cards	47.80	
Flatbush-80: Dues Cards	48.35	96.15
		<u>96.15</u>

BALANCE July 31, 1997

15,158.30

\*Income received from Bank Interest, Mileage &amp; Per Diem Fund and In &amp; Out Fund.

*Raymond R. Beardsley*  
 Raymond R. Beardsley  
 Grand Treasurer

ESCROW ACCOUNTS

- E-1 Rituals-Constitutions-Guides-Ish Sodi-Silver Trowel Fund
- E-2 Regalia Fund
- E-3 Triennial Fund
- E-4 Equipment Purchase & Repair
- E-5 History Fund

	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	TOTAL
BALANCE August 1, 1996	2,022.63	(1,530.49)	1,188.48	695.31	941.87	3,317.80
Receipts	927.48	376.50	100.00	200.00	50.00	1,653.98
Interest	69.58	( 40.40)	28.40	19.01	26.75	103.34
	3,019.69	(1,194.39)	1,316.88	914.32	1,018.62	5,075.12
Disbursements	0	164.00	300.00	0	0	464.00
BALANCE July 31, 1997	3,019.69	(1,358.39)	1,016.88	914.32	1,018.62	4,611.12

  
 Raymond R. Beardsley  
 Grand Treasurer

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS  
STATE OF NEW YORK

To the Grand Council:

September 12, 1997

The Grand Trustees submit the following report of the Permanent Fund, in accordance with the provisions of the Constituton.

PERMANENT FUND AS OF JULY 31, 1997

BALANCE August 1, 1996		90,128.65
INCOME: Putnam Fund	4,937.24	
Corporate Bonds	3,628.56	
Savings Account	104.56	
American Fund	150.55	
Capital Gains	5469.31	
		<u>14,290.22</u>
		104,418.87
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Operating Fund	4,000.00	
Fund Management	714.51	
Fund Expenses	391.29	
		<u>5,105.80</u>
BALANCE July 31, 1997		99,313.07*
	*Mutual Funds 58,871.48	
	Corporate Bonds 40,531.25**	
	Savings Account ( <u>89.66</u> )	
		99,313.07

Total return on investment is 9.07%

<u>**Corporate Bonds</u>	<u>Dividend</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>
Cleveland Electric	8.375 (8.816)*	5,000.00	4,750.00	5,062.50
Borden	8.375 (8.679)	5,000.00	4,825.00	5,018.75
Long Island Lighting	8.900 (9.570)	5,000.00	4,650.00	5,275.00
Long Island Lighting	9.750 (9.455)	5,000.00	5,156.25	5,156.25
Pathmark	9.625 (9.821)	5,000.00	4,900.00	4,900.00
Philadelphia Electric	7.125 (7.383)	5,000.00	4,825.00	4,868.75
Unisys	9.750 (10.317)	5,000.00	4,725.00	5,100.00
Waste Management	<u>8.750 ( 8.838)</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>4,950.00</u>	<u>5,150.00</u>
		40,000.00	38,781.25	40,531.25

\*\*% in ( ) is dividend rate based on original cost.

M.\*. Oliver D. Mereness  
M.\*. Edmund Lynch, Jr.  
M.\*. Richard C. Hadley

BUDGET 1997-1998

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> 96-97	<u>ACTUAL</u> 96-97	<u>BUDGET</u> 97-98
R-1 Dues	15,800	16,167	16,800
R-2 Fees	450	255	400
R-3 Permanent Fund	5,175	4,000	5,775
R-4 Miscellaneous	1,000	1,252	1,300
	<u>22,425</u>	<u>21,674</u>	<u>24,275</u>
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
A-1 Annual Assembly	4,000	3,153	3,500
A-2 Mileage & Per Diem	1,800	1,800	1,800
A-3 Annual Proceedings	1,600	1,501	1,550
B-1 Grand Master's Expense	2,600	2,581	2,800
B-2 Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	850	577	850
B-3 General Grand Triennial Fund	100	100	100
C-1 Grand Recorder's Salary	1,600	1,600	1,700
C-2 Grand Treasurer's Salary	800	800	900
C-3 Office Expense	3,500	3,500	3,700
C-4 Taxes	0	367	400
C-5 Supplies	600	690	650
C-6 Printing	50	77	100
C-7 Postage	850	972	900
C-8 Telephone	700	633	600
C-9 Equipment Purchase & Repair	200	200	200
C-10 Mileage	425	1,261	700
C-11 Insurance & Bonding	275	115	275
D-1 Grand Lecturer's Expense	1,000	0	1,000
D-2 Grand Officer's Expense	0	0	1,050
E-1 General Grand Council Fees	775	762	750
E-2 Regalia	300	118	300
E-3 Finance Committee	300	300	300
E-4 History Fund	50	50	50
E-5 Miscellaneous	50	500	100
	<u>22,425</u>	<u>21,657</u>	<u>24,275</u>

To The Grand Council:

The Committee on Finance & Accounts has held its required meeting to complete the Budget and review the accounts. We find that all is in order.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hugh R. Price*

R.:I.: Hugh R. Price, Chairman

M.:I.: Raymond R. Beardsley

M.:I.: Fred G. Hickey

R.:I.: John P. Nosal

R.:I.: Paul B. Matthews

GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION  
CHARITY CORPORATION REPORT

September 13, 1997

To the Grand Council:

CALL TO ORDER

Proper notice to this September 13, 1997 meeting of the Grand Council Charity Corporation having been officially given in the call for this Annual Assembly, I now call the meeting to order.

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Inc., meets at this time during the Annual Assembly of Grand Council, as required by Article IV, Section 1, of its By Laws. The officers of the Corporation report on the activities and stewardship for the past year.

FUND & INCOME SUMMARY

The Permanent Fund of the Corporation, on a market-value basis, ended the fiscal year at \$ 274,000.00 as of July 31, 1997. Contributions increased about \$ 27,000.00 over last year. New Life Memberships were about equal to last year. Leading Councils were:

Doric # 19 6 Rotica #12 4 Central City # 13 4 Oneonta # 87 4

A gift to the Charity Corporation in excess of \$ 2,500. was received from Mrs. Charlotte Bently, widow of M.:I.: Robert A. L. Bently.

No bequests were received. The number of Councils making no contribution to the fund decreased. The following Councils each contributed \$ 300.00 or more:

ST GEORGE'S # 74	\$ 2,753.00	DORIC # 19	\$ 880.00
ONEONTA # 87	408.00	NUN DA WAGA # 92	335.00
CENTRAL CITY # 13	327.00		

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR TO THE CHARITY CORPORATION HAVE AMOUNTED TO \$ 9,718.00

PARKINSON'S DISEASE FOUNDATION:

The Parkinson's Foundation continues to be our only charity. A donation of \$ 7,500.00 was given to the Parkinson's Foundation this year.

As stated by M.:I.: John A. Sainz in his 1996 report, the brain is perhaps the most complex organ of the human body. This year we can report to you that great steps have taken place in Parkinson's research. The United States Government approved on August 4, 1997 the use of electrical implants to the brain in order to control the shaking that occurs with Parkinson's Disease. We can all be very proud that today through extensive research by highly skilled individuals in laboratories and research centers we are closer to finding relief and cures for this debilitating disease. It is through support and your generosity over the years that have made this all possible. On behalf of our Board of Trustees & the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, I want to express sincere thanks to all who continue to support this charitable endeavor through the GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:I.: Wayne E. Carrington Sr., Pres.  
M.:I.: Raymond R. Beardsley  
M.:I.: John A. Sainz  
M.:I.: Oliver D. Mereness  
R.:I.: John P. Nosal Jr.

AT THIS TIME I WILL ASK THE TREASURER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION M.:I.: RAYMOND R. BEARDSLEY TO GIVE HIS REPORT.

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS REPORT?

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHARITY CORPORATION

Permanent Funds

Balance August 1, 1996		247,265.77
Income: Contributions	1,953.49	
Life Memberships	7,764.45	
Bequests	0	9,717.94
Capital Gains/(Losses)		<u>17,703.59</u>
Balance July 31, 1997		274,687.30

INVESTMENTS

	Dividend	Face Value	Original Cost	Current Market
Corporate Bonds				
American Standard	9.250( 8.981)*	5,000.00	5,150.00	5,700.00
Bethlehem Steel	8.450( 9.657)	5,000.00	4,375.00	4,975.00
Borden	8.375( 8.827)	5,000.00	4,743.75	5,018.75
Cleveland Electric	8.375( 8.323)	5,000.00	5,031.25	5,062.50
Coca Cola	9.000( 8.867)	5,000.00	5,075.00	5,225.00
Long Island Lighting	8.900(10.409)	5,000.00	4,275.00	5,275.00
McDonnell-Douglas	9.750(10.169)	5,000.00	4,793.75	6,000.00
Navistar	9.000( 9.890)	4,000.00	3,640.00	4,080.00
Public Service Elec. & Gas	8.000( 9.040)	5,000.00	4,425.00	4,900.00
Revlon	10.875(10.482)	5,000.00	5,187.50	5,085.00
		<u>49,000.00</u>	46,696.25	51,321.25

\*% in ( ) is the dividend rate based upon original cost.

Mutual Funds

AARP GNMA & U.S. Treasury	6.68	25,000.00	25,000.00	24,837.93
AARP Growth & Income	5.96	25,000.00	25,000.00	37,634.70
American Bond of America	7.64	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,725.36
Oppenheimer Strategic Income	8.77	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,466.04
Putnam High Yield Advantage	12.13	45,000.00	45,000.00	44,964.99
Putnam Income & Growth Trust	9.33	25,000.00	18,436.52	20,402.15
		<u>195,000.00</u>	188,436.52	204,031.17

Savings Funds

Rochester-Community Savings	2.53	19,334.88	19,334.88	19,334.88
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS

263,334.88 254,467.65 274,687.30

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHARITY CORPORATION

AVAILABLE FUNDS

Balance August 1, 1996		( 8,853.00)
Income: Mutual Funds	15,508.41	
Corporate Bonds	4,505.37	
Savings Account	162.65	
		20,176.43
		11,323.43
Disbursements:		
<u>Bequests</u>		
Parkinson's Disease Foundation		7,500.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
Fund Management	4,946.00	
Taxes	4,456.65	
Investment Costs	1,947.18	
Trustees Expenses	872.98	
Office Expense	400.00	
Printing	320.78	
Telephone	148.08	
Postage	125.05	
Insurance	114.82	
Utilities	83.75	
Miscellaneous	7.76	
Supplies	7.24	
		13,430.29
		20,930.29
Balance July 31, 1997		( 9,606.86)

TOTAL FUNDS

Permanent Funds		274,687.30
Available Funds		( 9,606.86)
		265,080.44

The overall income received from th Charity Corp. Permanent Fund averages out to a dividend return of 7.73% for the 1996-97 Cryptic Year.

  
 Raymond R. Beardsley  
 Treasurer

CHARITY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>COUNCIL &amp; NO.</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>LIFE MEMBERSHIPS</u>	<u>TOTAL FOR 1996-97 CRYPTIC YEAR</u>
Columbian-1	27.77	50.00	77.77
Phoenix-2	40.00	50.00	90.00
Adelphic-7	155.00	100.00	255.00
Rotica-12		200.00	200.00
Central City-13	101.00	226.00	327.00
Bloss-14			
Bruce-15	98.00		98.00
Southern Tier-16			
Buffalo-Keystone-17	33.95		33.95
King Hiram-18			
Doric-19	180.00	700.00	880.00
Ancient City-21			
DelWitt Clinton-22		75.00	75.00
Binghamton-24	34.77	100.00	134.77
Dunkirk-25	36.00		36.00
Palmyra-26	81.48		81.48
Owego-30	7.79		7.79
King Solomon-31	39.53		39.53
Northern Star-34			
Hornellsville-35			
Adoniram-36	28.00	158.00	186.00
Cryptic-37	10.00		10.00
Bath-40			
Fulton-50		82.00	82.00
Corning-53			
Peekskill-55		200.00	200.00
Hudson-62	25.00		25.00
St. George's-74	158.00	2,595.00	2,753.00
Skoi-Yase-75	47.00	50.00	97.00
Suffolk-76	25.00	180.00	205.00
Catskill-78	42.00		42.00
Temple-79	15.00		15.00
Flatbush-80			
Joseph Warren-81	62.16	100.00	162.16
Salamanca-82	40.00		40.00
LaFayette-86			
Oneonta-87	176.99	230.99	407.98
North Shore-88		50.00	50.00
Cyrus-89			
Cayuga-90	50.99		50.99
Hamburg-91	34.40		34.40
Nun-Da-Wa-Ga-92	250.00	85.00	335.00
Goshen-93	50.66		50.66
King David-97			
Bentley Gift		2,432.46	2,432.46
Eric County Officers		100.00	100.00
Vesper Service	78.00		78.00
Triangle Girls	25.00		25.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,953.49</b>	<b>7,764.45</b>	<b>9,717.94</b>

RECORD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS 1966 TO 1997

<u>COUNCIL &amp; NO.</u>	<u>1966-1996</u>	<u>1996-1997</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Columbian-1	31	1	32
Phoenix-2	35	1	36
Adelphic-7	22	1	23
Rotica-12	83	4	87
Central City-13	35	4	39
Bloss-14	5	0	5
Bruce-15	5	0	5
Southern Tier-16	1	0	1
Buffalo-Keystone-17	9	0	9
King Hiram-18	0	0	0
Doric-19	107	6	113
Ancient City-21	1	0	1
Dewitt Clinton-22	26	1	27
Binghamton-24	24	2	26
Dunkirk-25	4	0	4
Palmyra-26	1	0	1
Owego-30	3	0	3
King Solomon-31	53	0	53
Northern Star-34	2	0	2
Hornellsville-35	1	0	1
Adoniram-36	71	3	74
Cryptic-37	1	0	1
Bath-40	3	0	3
Fulton-50	13	1	14
Corning-53	6	0	6
Peeckskill-55	15	3	18
Hudson-62	8	0	8
St. George's-74	41	2	43
Skoi-Vase-75	24	1	25
Suffolk-76	24	3	27
Catskill-78	11	0	11
Temple-79	0	0	0
Flatbush-80	30	0	30
Joseph Warren-81	12	2	14
Salamanca-82	2	0	2
LaFayette-86*	7	0	7
Oneonta-87	60	4	64
North Shore-88	37	1	38
Cyrus-89	0	0	0
Cayuga-90	5	0	5
Hamburg-91	7	0	7
Nun-Da-Wa-Ga-92	13	1	14
Goshen-93	3	0	3
King David-97	0	0	0
Other	43	2	45
TOTALS	884	43	927

\*Includes 4 Life Memberships from Rockland-94, due to merger.

July 17, 1997

Deputy Grand Master's Report

DATE

OFFICE or COMMITTEE*To the Grand Council:*

This past year as your Deputy Grand Master stated with a trip to East Aurora, NY for the rededication of Hamburg Council # 91. This was to be the first of five rededications during this Cryptic year. The other rededication were at Owego Council # 30, dedication of their new building; St. George's Council # 74 dedication of their new location; Dunkirk Council # 25 dedication of their new location; and Peekskill Council # 55 on their 125th anniversary.

I had the pleasure of representing our Most Illustrious Grand Master at the rededication of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania. Also the Annual Assembly and the reception of the Most Puissant Errol Betzenberger Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pa.

I attended three of our new Grand Lecturer's conventions and found the companions very interested in his presentation of the Opening and Closing.

I was present at the Annual Conclave of Grand Commaudery Knights Templar State of NY and the reception for Sir Knight Walter Drake, Jr. R.E. Grand Commander. Also the Annual Assembly of the Grand Chapter State of NY Royal Arch Masons and the reception for M.E. Richard Trust Grand High Priest.

As I traveled throughout the State I found Cryptic Masonry alive and well. I had the pleasure this Cryptic year of installing the Officers of four Councils. I was well received and the companions in this State showed a Zealous regard for Cryptic Masonry. I had the pleasure of attending assemblies in all corners of the State. From Northern Star # 34 - Apron presentation to the DDCM of the 5th District - R.I. James Ward to New York City and the rededication of our Grand Lodge Building.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many companions and the support given me throughtout the past years as I advanced in this great Grand Line of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in the State of NY.

Respectfully Submitted



John P. Nosal, Jr.

Grand Principal Conductor Of The Work:

To the Grand Council:

It was my privilege and pleasure to have served you, the Companions of our Grand Council, this year as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. When the PCW's symbolic duties are described in our Opening ritual, you hear references to the dawn and eve of day and the sounding of the silver trumpet. My Companions, I had occasion to symbolically observe all of that when I visited the Councils of the Second Cryptic District this past year.

Rockland Council #94 reached the eve of its working days as an autonomous Council. They were unable to sustain themselves under the combined impacts of losing too many of their cornerstone Companions to death and post-retirement relocation, the economic need to relocate the Council itself to another end of the county, and perhaps equal to both of those finding themselves without an active Royal Arch Chapter from which to draw new Companions. Rockland Council may have reached its sunset but it did not disappear into darkness. This past year its remaining Companions approved a merger with Lafayette Council #86 which meets on the opposite shore of the Hudson, in Tarrytown. At their Annual Assembly in June, I formally took possession of both Councils' charters preparatory to the ratification of the merger at this year's Annual Grand Assembly. (I also confirmed that the transfer of records was complete and revised By-Laws had been prepared).

My Companions, one of our peculiar characteristics as Masons is that we seem to dwell at length on the adversities we some times encounter in our fraternal existence while often neglecting to give equal "press" to our achievements. It is sad for me to have to report to you on the virtual demise of one of our Councils. But my Companions, in this case I would like to borrow the catch phrase of newscaster Paul Harvey and give you "...the rest of the story".

Just a few years ago, Lafayette #86 was in very similar circumstances to their Companions across the river. This Council too was on our Grand Council's "worry list" in terms of its continued existence. They were meeting in the city of Yonkers in a Masonic Temple that unwillingly found itself in what is nowadays called a "disadvantaged neighborhood". The Council was financially locked in, so to speak, by a part ownership in the building. The Royal Arch Chapter from which they had always drawn new Companions met in the same Temple and had become dormant from declining attendance. Lafayette #86's participating membership had likewise diminished to the proverbial faithful few and even among themselves, opinions was sharply divided on what to do. There were some who strongly felt that the Council should

stay in their original and only home and tough it out while others equally argued that they must "move it or lose it"!

My Companions, this is probably a familiar story to you, isn't it? Our Councils are typically tenants in our respective meeting places around the state and it is an unfortunate circumstance that today's economy is forcing many Masonic Temples to be sold and our various bodies to move or migrate. That brings with it a variety of implications such as potentially having to move from the community where a Masonic presence has long been established and is known, to one where it is not. In the case of our Councils, relocation may result in the Council becoming geographically separated from close proximity to the Royal Arch Chapters upon which we depend. In the case of Lafayette #86, a move was made; to Tarrytown, just a handful of miles but several communities away from their long time home in the city of Yonkers.

I am telling you all this my Companions to not only give you a complete report on our Cryptic Rite status in the Second District but to illustrate an important point that applies to all of us around the state. Our fraternity was built on the foundation of each constituent (or local) body, be it a our Lodges, Chapters or Councils. And it remains true my Companions, that it is you and I as Companions and Brethren of our respective local Masonic bodies who determine their future and their fate.

As we said, the Companions of Lafayette #86 finally opted to move. But they did not just pack their regalia and set up shop in their new meeting place. Like our Operative Masons of old, they laid out a blueprint and set out to rebuild their Council from the ground up. It involved relocating the Chapter as well (involving a merger), following which the Companions of the Council worked to attract new Royal Arch Masons from the Lodges meeting in their new home, some of whom eventually sought out the further Masonic Light offered by the Council. Lafayette #86 is still very much a "work in progress". They are still rebuilding. They are still coping with the dilemma of maintaining an active, working Council with a small but slowly growing membership. But they are still adhering to "the plan". Why? Because these Companions decided that they want a Council where they can enjoy Cryptic Masonry and being Cryptic Masons, and that they are the ones who can make that happen! And should you be thinking that to date it has been all work with any dividends still to come somewhere down the road, let me take you back to the recently concluded merger.

There was no tangible gain for Lafayette Council in terms of an increase in attending members or an infusion of cash to insure having a secure meeting place. But their efforts have rekindled a wonderful sense of pride in their Council and in being Cryptic Masons. It was that which motivated them to not only willingly

extend the offer to accept Rockland #94's remaining Companions in a merger, but to actively offer their assistance and support during the months it took Rockland Council to reach and consummate their decision. In symbolic terms my Companions, Lafayette #86 is somewhere past the dawn of its new beginnings but still uncertain what the day will eventually bring. But these Companions are to be commended (and should it apply to you and your Council, emulated).

Another Council in the Second District also saw a new dawn of sorts, a symbolically literal one for some of its new Companions. Adelpic Council #7 in New York City conferred the Degrees of the Cryptic Rite under the auspices of its own Degree team this past year. It was understandably one of the highlights of their Cryptic year. The team was organized and rehearsed by the District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Ill. Comp. John Simon Ash.

The highlight of Peekskill Council #55's year was both the dawn of a new page in their history and a wonderful reflection back on their past. It was my pleasure to join with our Most Illustrious Grand Master and your Grand Council officers to perform the Ceremony of Rededication for the Peekskill #55's 125th Anniversary. It is a part of these proceedings, following the ceremony itself, for the Council to share something of its history and accomplishments. In the case of Peekskill #55, that led to an interesting discovery that may well be a forgotten part of your Council's past, my Companion.

It seems that for many years, continuing into the 1900s, individual Councils around our state would openly vie for the honor of hosting the Grand Council Annual Assembly. I learned that this competition was taken very seriously by our Companions, being something of the Masonic equivalent of a city winning the right to host the Olympics. Seems that back in the early 1900s, Peekskill #55 won that honor. But in the two years between that being awarded to them and their actually doing it, we can easily imagine those Companions having second thoughts. You see my Companions, in addition to providing a suitable meeting place, lodgings, etc., for the assembled Companions and their ladies, an important part of the host Council's reputation was providing social entertainment as well. It seems that two years before Peekskill's turn, our Grand Council met in Schenectady where the Companions were treated to a cruise on the Mohawk River. Then, just a year before, a Council in Buffalo was the host and everyone was taken by train to Niagara Falls! My Companions, you can easily appreciate the worry that caused in a little Hudson River town of 15,000. What does one do to top the spectacle of Niagara Falls?

To cut to the chase, the Companions of Peekskill #55 came up with an ingenious solution. Remember, this was the early 1900s when automobiles were no longer a novelty but far from being

found in front of every Companion's home. So following the business session, the Most Illustrious Grand Master and over 200 Companions and ladies gathered on both sides of the street in front of the Masonic Temple, located on a main street in town. The President of the Village Board (a P.I.M. of the Council) had ordered the street closed off from one end of town to the other.

According to a newspaper story found in the old Minutes of the Council, upon his signal a sound was heard at the far end of the street. The village fire chief was also a Companion. And to the thunderous applause of the gathered Companions and ladies, the village's two, brand new "motor vehicle fire trucks" with hand cranked sirens roaring and clouds of smoke bellowing from the steam pumps on back, came racing past the crowd! The newspaper further describes however that the biggest applause was accorded the horse drawn fire wagon that came galloping hell bent for leather up the rear! We can easily imagine that the newspaper reporter was not exaggerating the reception they received since he goes on to say that when the vehicles reached the end of the street, the chief ordered them to turn around and again with sirens screaming, race back past the assembled gathering to what the news account describes as "even louder cheers, whistling and applause"! Perhaps not the sounding of the silver trumpet referred to in our Ritual, but a wonderful albeit unusual display of Cryptic Masonic pride!

As a postscript, the Minutes report that the Companions and their ladies were then taken to the Fleischmann's Distillery in town where they enjoyed a picnic lunch. Following which, the ladies were served tea under outdoor tents while the Companions were given a tour of the distillery and according to the Minutes ("...were given the opportunity if they so chose, to try one of Peekskill's best known products"). My Companions, I think we can safely say that "a good time was had by all"!

History was both the subject and the atmosphere of my visit to Phoenix Council #2 in White Plains. I spoke with the Companions about the history of our Cryptic Degrees, how we came to have them, and their relationship and importance to those of our Symbolic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter. What added to the evening was looking around the lodge room that night and seeing the faces of the Companions present. Phoenix #2 is a Council that is a virtual repository of Masonic skill and knowledge. On the symbolic spectrum of time, they are somewhere in midday in their current life as a Council. While they would very much like to have a steadier influx of Candidates for whom they can apply their considerable ritual talents, they still maintain an active program of activities for their current Companions.

During the past year, I was also privileged to be a part of our New York State Degree team for the conferral of the Royal Master Degree at this year's Tri-State Cryptic Rite festival in

Springfield, Mass. I was also privileged to join with our Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council officers for the Rededication of St. George's Council #74 in their new meeting place in Rotterdam. As your Grand PCW, I also represented our Grand Council on various occasions in other Masonic bodies around our state.

As I now reach the eve of my tenure as our Grand PCW, I would like to thank you my Companion for the privilege and pleasure that has brought and assure you that I look forward to serving you in any capacity I can in the future.

Zealously,

Rt. Ill. Comp. PAUL B. MATTHEWS,  
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

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Grand Captain of the Guard

OFFICE OF COMMITTEE

07/06/93

DATE

To the Grand Council:

1996-97 has been a most active year in Masonry. As Captain of the Guard, I have met many companions throughout the State who have been most hospitable and anxious to promote the high values of Cryptic Masonry. Most Councils have been proficient in their work, but like the majority in New York State, they are struggling with declining membership and financial woes.

I had the privilege of participating in the Rededication Ceremonies for five Councils: Hamburg 91, Owego 30, St. George 74, Dunkirk 25, and Peekskill 55.

An official visitation was made to four Councils: Cyrus 89, Northern Star 34, Joseph Warren 81, and Cryptic 37. I appreciate the warm welcome I received during each visit. A special thank you goes to R.'I.'. Everett Lacy, Massena, for the personal courtesies extended to Grand Steward, R.'I.'. Rex Long and me.

Other activities:

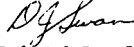
- 08/96 - Attended the Grand Council Assembly at the Four Points Hotel in Ithaca for three days with my wife.
- 09/96 - Attended the Mark Master degree presentation at Lake Osco.  
- Attended Grand Commandery in Rochester.
- 11/96 - Participated in M.'I.'. Jay Kosseff's reception and workshop in Kingston with my wife.
- 12/96 - Helped confer the Past Masters and Mark Masters degree on 10 candidates at Steuben Chapter #101 in Hornell .
- 01/97 - Took part in conferring the Most Excellent Masters and Royal Arch degree on 8 candidates at Steuben Chapter #101 in Hornell.
- 02/97 - Enjoyed the Table Council at Owego Council 30.  
- Travelled to Batavia's Western Chapter 35 by chartered bus with officers and members of Steuben 101 and 15 candidates from Hornell who received the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees..a most impressive meeting.
- 03/97 - Attended the annual convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Albany.  
- Bath Chapter 95 - conferred Mark Master degree on two candidates.  
- Attended the Tri-State Festival of Grand Council held at Springfield, MA.
- 04/97 - Attended Recognition Banquet in Liverpool for M.'.E.'.C. Richard Trust, Grand High Priest of the Chapter.  
- Attended Grand Lecturer's Convention in Trumansburg, sponsored by Council 90.  
- Bath Chapter 95, conferred Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters degrees.  
- Attended the Grand Council of Pennsylvania's Annual Meeting in Williamsport.

- 05/97 - Council 35 presented the Royal Masters degree.
  - Participated in conferring the Holy Royal Arch degree at Bath Chapter 95.
  
- 06/97 - Took part in the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master to Corning Chapter 190.
  - Attended the Grand Council of Connecticut in Cornwall with my wife.
  - Attended the Grand Council of Vermont in Burlington.
  - Conferred Select Masters degree and installed new officers for Bath Council 40.
  - Conferred Royal Masters and Select Masters degrees on 4 candidates at Bath Council 40.

Offices held 1996-97 Masonic Bodies:

Grand Captain of the Guard - Grand Council  
Commander-in-Chief - Valley of Corning, AASR  
Principal Sojourner - Chapter 95  
Captain of the Guard - Council 35  
Principal Conductor of the Work - Council 40  
Senior Warden - Allied Masonic Degrees  
Junior Warden - York Rite College  
Junior Warden - St. Augustine Commandery 38  
Sentinel - Cashmere Grotto

Respectfully submitted,



R. 'I.' Douglas J. Swan  
Grand Captain of the Guard

Grand Marshal

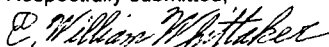
OFFICE OF COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council:

This year has been a busy cryptic year. Making 11 official visits to the Councils of the 3rd and 9th Cryptic Districts, sharing the evening of occasion with the Grand Master or District Deputy. I was able to attend several Dedication of a secret vault, Rededications and several special occasions with the Grand Master. I attended both Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. I traveled 8886 miles performing my duties and/or representing the Grand Council.

Attending Table Council at Doric Council No. 19 with the Grand Master and several other Grand Council Officers was a great time for food and socializing.

Respectfully submitted,



E. William Whittaker,  
Grand Marshal

Grand Steward

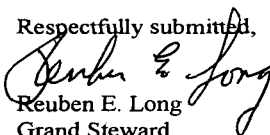
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To the Grand Council

During the last Cryptic year I have traveled over 6200 miles in performance of my duties as Grand Steward. I visited all of the 5 Councils in my assigned Cryptic District [1] some more than once. I made a total of 36 New York Council visits. I participated in the Rededication of 4 Councils and the TIM Degree at St. George's #74. I attended the Grand Councils of our sister jurisdictions in Connecticut and Pennsylvania as well as the 150th anniversary and rededication of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. I was present with the New York contingent from King Solomon #31 at the TRI-STATE festival at Springfield Mass. I attended as a member of Grand Council the annual sessions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of New York. In the interest of friendship and cooperation across jurisdiction boundaries, I attended 4 meetings of Northern Council #24 of Athens, PA. I accompanied the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Captain of the Guard on several of their visits. I organized degree teams for the exemplification of the Royal and Select Degrees on candidates for the revitalization of Hornellsville Council #35.

In my travels across the state, I found a reasonable level of proficiency in the ritual and a desire on the part of the members for improvement.

Respectfully submitted,



Reuben E. Long  
Grand Steward

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 Grand Historian
 

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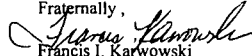
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To the Grand Council:

Preparations are being made for the anniversary of the Grand Council next year. For all Councils, please prepare your histories and submit them to the Grand Historian. Those Councils who do not have a Historian, please appoint one and complete your history. All Councils will be contacted by the Grand Historian.

Fraternally,


 Francis I. Karwowski  
 Grand Historian

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 Grand Lecturer
 

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OFFICE OF COMMITTEE

July 14, 1997

DATE

To the Grand Council:

This was my maiden voyage through all the Cryptic Districts this year. Your Grand Lecturer was wined and dined and given the red carpet treatment by every host council. My compliments to all. The 2nd Cryptic District even had a birthday party for me on March 11th, which coincided with the convention date

A typographical error of over twenty years standing was corrected in the opening of council. The DM *does not* give a gavel rap. We even suggested the proper pronunciation of the hometown of most of the original twenty-seven, Gebal. Ask anyone who attended the conventions and he will tell you!

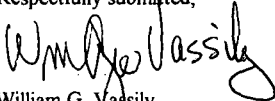
Perhaps the boldest step forward for the administration of ritual in our jurisdiction was the individual examination of each AGL for proficiency by the Grand Lecturer. All were well prepared. None were found wanting, and a few were absolutely outstanding. My congratulations to each and every one of the Assistant Grand Lecturers.

The quality of the ritual at the conventions was in the "very good to excellent" class. The choir that the Grand Lecturer preaches to sings just fine. The improvement of ritual is to get more and younger companions bitten by the ritual bug. There is always a high point in every season. That came in Massena at the convention in District 5N. Although the prayers in opening and closing can be legally read by the Chaplain, I had been beseeching the companions to memorize them. While waiting for that opportunity to come I heard Companion John Bouwman recite the opening prayer in an indescribably beautiful manner. If you have heard him, you know what I mean. Then when you think that nothing could top that, Companion John Barron played and sang in an almost haunting manner during the Conductor of the Council's altar work. Back to back, the companions witnessed two beautiful moments in Cryptic ceremonies. A special citation will be forwarded to each companion.

Ritual also had its loss this season. R.I.: Charles G. Keane left us for that greater reward. Would it be that we had more companions like Charlie, we never would have to worry about the quality or future of ritual.

My gratitude to M.I.: Jay Kosseff for the opportunity to serve is unbounded. The support of the DDGMs, AGLs and the companions in attendance was heartwarming. My special thanks to the 41 companions of the 6th Cryptic District at the convention at King David #97.

Respectfully submitted,



 William G. Vassily  
 Grand Lecturer

## GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS, NEW YORK

## NECROLOGY SERVICE 1997

Another year is over and we gather together at this Annual Assembly, to take time to pay honor and homage to those who have been summoned from our midst during this past year and have laid down the working tools of life for the last time.

The list of names seems to get longer each year and the names of our departed Companions become more familiar as, one-by-one, our circle of acquaintance grows steadily smaller.

With these decreases in the numbers of the workmen, many are afraid of the possibility of the work in which we are engaged being limited or threatened by a lack of devoted and dedicated workers as well as the possibility of a lessening of zeal for the institution. Such a situation calls for extreme measures, indeed! Each Companion must shoulder the burdens once borne by others and each Companion must accept that challenge of service which is the only way in which the work may be accomplished.

Our Assemblies become fewer and fewer in numbers of participants; our trowels have become rusty from lack of use; our works suffer because of a lack of quality; and we bemoan our situation with pious platitudes accompanied by loud protestations of our own lack of guilt! Indeed, so loudly do we protest our innocence that we begin to wonder whether we might not be guilty after all!

What we desperately need is to reaffirm the obligations and vows which we have assumed and rededicate ourselves to the great work in which we should be engaged as Companions of the Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry. We also need to pick up the trowel once more, and use it for the noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection in our dealings with mankind.

During this past Cryptic Year, 88 Companions have been summoned from our Councils by death. These included 19 Past Illustrious Masters; 16 Past Right Illustrious Companions; and 53 Companions. Three of these are especially deserving of mention inasmuch as they were serving in office at the time of their deaths. These were :

Right Illustrious Frederick C. Nitz  
 Grand Lecturer 1983-86  
 Grand Lecturer Emeritus 1987 to date  
 St. George's Council No. 74  
 Died December 30, 1996

Illustrious Edward N. Place  
 Illustrious Master  
 Cryptic Council No. 37  
 Died October 16, 1996

Illustrious Bennett Abrams  
 Recorder  
 Northern Star Council No. 34  
 Died February 14, 1997

In addition to these three, there were many others deserving of mention because of their records of service to Cryptic Masonry within the Grand Council of New York. Not all had titles but all were holders of the best and most distinguished title of all - **Companion** - for they were all, first and foremost, Companions of the Cryptic Rite.

The poet, John McCreery, penned these words many years ago, which I would share with you at this time:

"There is no death! The stars go down  
 To rise upon some other shore,  
 And bright, in heaven's jeweled crown,  
 They shine forevermore!

There is no death! The forest leaves  
 Convert to life the viewless air;  
 The rocks disorganize to feed  
 The hungry moss they bear!

There is no death! The dust we tread  
 Shall change 'neath summer showers,  
 To golden grain, or mellow fruit,  
 Or rainbow-tinted flowers!

And, ever near us, though unseen  
The dear, immortal spirits tread,  
For all the universe is LIFE,  
THERE ARE NO DEAD!

Believing as we do, in the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, as well as in the Immortality of the Soul, the words of the poet cannot help but touch a sensitive nature which is ours. Our fraternity is predicated upon a sincere and whole-hearted belief in the value of man as a child of God. We believe that there is an innate worth and value in every human being which transcends the mortal nature of man and opens our eyes to see the glory and value of the eternal in every person. To be sure, there are times when we misjudge character, and admit someone of questionable moral fiber into our midst, but, for the most part, every member of our fraternal fellowship has a true value and makes a contribution to the Craft.

These whom we remember and recall this day in this Grand Assembly contributed greatly to our fellowship, and have freely given of themselves to make this world and our fraternity better and more meaningful. Though they are no longer physically present, a sense of their presence fills us and the influence of their lives and service will remain as long as memory endures.

Among the Companions whom we have lost are those who have left a deep impression upon the life and progress of Cryptic Masonry for they were among those selfless individuals who never let their trowels rust from lack of use - but kept them brightly polished by spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection. These are the ones who will be especially missed - but their works still live in the fellowship of the fraternity which they served so well.

We build upon the foundations which others have laid - foundations of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth! These foundations and the work which they support have weathered the test and trials of time and stand ready for further construction of the Temple. It is incumbent upon us to pick up the tools which they have laid down and continue with the work of building for a better and brighter tomorrow for the Cryptic Rite and all Freemasonry.

Part of our function as a Necrology Committee is to send out Notes of Condolence to relatives of our deceased Companions. Every once in awhile you get a note back from a family. I have two notes that I'd like to read, because this is what Cryptic Masonry means! The first, is from the family of a Companion. "My family and I thank you for your beautiful words of sympathy in the loss of my husband Chet. It was very comforting and meant much to us. He enjoyed his membership in the Council and through you, I would like to thank the Grand Council. May God continue to bless you in all of your endeavors. Another one, from a family in Aberdeen NC. On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to extend thanks to the thoughtful card you sent on my husband Reginald's passing. He was a dedicated Mason and treasured his memberships, in the various masonic bodies. The Masons of Moore County did an impressive graveside service for him after the Episcopalian interment service. Thank you and all the Companions for your condolence.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, our Heavenly Father, we come before Thee in this Assembly to give Thee thanks for the lives of the Companions who have labored among us and whom Thou hast called from our midst unto Thee. Help us to live and serve tomorrow as they did yesterday - selflessly and devotedly - in building for a better and brighter world. We know that we are unable to do the job alone - that our strength so often fails us in the struggles of life - and so we pray for strength, wisdom, and understanding in all of our efforts and endeavors so that we may build effectively and efficiently for the future of our Craft and of mankind. May the memory of our Companions whom we here remember serve to inspire us to achieve even greater heights of service and devotion to Thee and all of mankind. Bless our efforts and our labors, O Lord, and guide us and our Craft in paths of love, service, and devotion, for we pray all in Thy Most Holy and Sacred Name. AMEN.

R.'L'. & Rev. Dr. Don C. Markham

## REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

To The Grand Council:

The purpose of the Necrology Committee of this Grand Council is to send a proper and timely message of condolence to the families of those Companions who are summoned from our midst by death during the Cryptic Year. To effect this, a Condolence Card was created a number of years ago and was printed and is sent at no cost to the Grand Council.

Most of the time notices of deaths are received far after the event and so it is not wise or prudent to send this card. However, a few years ago, the Grand Recorder came up with a new system whereby the Recorder of each Council only had to fill out a postcard and mail it to the Grand Recorder's office in order to notify him of the loss of a companion of that Council. This has worked rather well, but we still receive notice on only about one-third of the Companions whom we lose.

During this past year 28 Condolence Cards were sent out. Four responses to the cards were received this year - two being formal thank you for your expression of sympathy notes - and two letters. The letters were interesting, for they came from the widows of the deceased Companions and stated their thanks to the Grand Council for their kind expression of sympathy and wanted us to know just how much it meant to them and their families as their husbands had loved their Masonry so very much and they appreciated the fact that we cared!

These letters make the entire project throughout the years well worthwhile. After all, isn't this what Freemasonry in all its avenues and endeavors is about?

Please! Please! PLEASE! let us know of the death of a Companion just as quickly as you can and let us know the name and address of the next-of-kin so that a Condolence Card may be sent! Send that notice to the Grand Recorder and he will get it to me!

Respectfully submitted,

R.'I.' & Rev. Dr. Don C. Markham

## IN MEMORIAM 1996-1997

# 1	BENJAMIN H WALKER		
# 2	ROBERT A BROOKS	*JOHN W HEISS	LIONEL S JUSTO
# 7	*HENRY C HAENIG	'RALPH W R LICHTY	JACOB S MARKS
#12	GORDON RAY LYONS	JAMES WILLIAM MOSHIER	LESTER HERBERT RAVEN
	'CLARENCE H SHANK		
#13	FRANK B LASHER		
#14	RAY VISTOR ALLEN	*CHARLES G KEANE	'REMINGTON G KRAFT
	ARNOLD H KUEBLER		
#16	*JACK L HAMMOND		
#17	*JAMES V PUCCIO	'JAMES A SULLIVAN	EDMUND A WILDER
#18	'GORDON C PERRY		
#19	WILLARD N MENGEL	JOHN H PERRIN	
#24	'PETER AMIRAULT	*CHARLES G CHURCH	
#25	EDWARD W PALM	*KENT G YOUNG	
#26	ROBERT W CASE	H GIRD HARRIS II	
#30	LEON G GEORGIA	'FRANCIS G PAUL	
#31	*FRANK SHERMAN	'FRED L STUTZ	CHESTER V ZIMMER
#34	'BENNETT ABRAMS	HERMAN COTE	
#35	LEWIS R CARPENTER	A KENNETH FRIBANCE	ERWIN W LITTLE
#36	HENRY F KRIETE		
#37	DONALD S PLACE	'EDWARD N PLACE	KENNETH B SMITH
#50	*EARL A OSBORNE	JOHN C SQUIRES	
#55	'REGINALD E CURRINGTON	'DONALD R NOBLE	*DONALD R TREADWELL
#62	ERNST G FRIEDRICKSEN		
#74	JOHN O BRYSON	CARMEN CAIRD	*FREDERICK C NITZ
	*MELVIN G REED	ARNOLD WAKKER	ROGER WHITNEY
	FLOYD E WILLOUGHBY		
#75	VINCENT E BLODGETT	*ROBERT L MILLER	*J EDWARD RAFFERTY
	WILLIAM F USHER		
#76	WILLIAM J MILLER	JOSEPH V SQUICCIARINI	
#79	THEODORE S SCHUMANN		
#80	HARRY W BEINERT		
#81	ALTON D BARTHOLOMEW	WATERS BRAMAN	'LOUIS H DU FORE JR
	'LE ROY A WINCHELL	HOWARD C WORNER	
#86	FRED DRESDALE		
#87	*WILMER E BRESEE	*FERRIS T MIDDLEMAST	
#88	'JOHN C EMMONS	'ROBERT E SCHAFFRATH	'HARRY E VALENTINE JR
	CHESTER E WEBB		
#90	JOSEPH GOLDMAN		
#91	WAYNE E MILLARD		
#92	DONALD E CLATTENBURG	HENRY O DILLS	HOWARD I SMITH
	JOHN S STOCKHOLM		
#93	FRANCIS GRIFFIN	'ALEXANDER M M HOGG	DONALD H KIMBLE
#94	HENRY N DIETZ	'EDWIN F KOHLER	NICHOLAS PETRAKOS
#97	GARY L TRAINHAM		

At the time of their death, Ill Bennett Abrams of Northern Star #34 was serving as Recorder and R.I. Frederick C Nitz of St George's #74 as Past Grand Lecturer and Grand Lecturer Emeritus.

Grand Council  
Cryptic Masons  
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ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS JOHN P. NOSAL, JR.

GRAND MASTER ELECT

1997 - 1998

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL of CRYPTIC MASONS of the STATE of NEW YORK.

Saturday September 13, 1997

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER JAY KOSSEFF, DISTINGUISHED EAST, VISITING DIGNITARIES, AND COMPANIONS ALL. IT IS TRULY AN HONOR TO BE ELECTED THE 175th MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER of the GRAND COUNCIL of CRYPTIC MASONS of the STATE of NEW YORK. IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I ACCEPT YOUR TRUST, AND I WILL SO ACT IN MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES THAT NONE OF YOU WILL REGRET THIS TRUST. I WILL FULFILL MY OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE COMPANIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES THAT WERE EXTENDED TO MY WIFE JEAN AND I AS I MADE MY ADVANCE THROUGH THE GRAND LINE.

I THANK YOU ALL.

M. I. John P Nosal, Jr. Message to the 174th Annual Assembly upon his election as the 175th Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

Members and Visitors of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, the hour of my labor is at hand. It is with pleasure that I accept your trust, and I will so act in my new responsibilities that none of you will regret this trust. I appreciate both the honor and the opportunity of service. In our knowledge of equality I am not removed from you, but in the respect and dignity of my office, I have certain duties, and with the help of the Almighty GOD, these will be carried out to the best of my ability.

I will try to promote understanding between us; I will plan with enthusiasm, and strive to inspire each member to the utmost zeal, for the good of all of our members. I will ask that each of you do a fair share of labor . . . and pray for strength to do even more for my own part.

With pride I offer my time, my thought and my energy for this the 175th year of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. In faith I look upon the officers and members and know that it will be a good year. With courage, I ask to share the trials as well as the pleasures ahead. And, if my duty be to lead, it is yours to show cooperation in every effort. One person walking alone can only make a trail . . . while the broad highway is beaten out by the marching of many feet.

The victor is he who overcomes. There is no standing still. We must go either forward or backward. And with the determination and enthusiasm of the members of this Grand Council, who live their interest in Cryptic Masonry, we will "MOVE FORWARD EVERYDAY".

In order to move forward we must first get back to the beginning

I am reminded of the building of King Solomon's temple and the three, five and seven steps leading to a porch.

The 175th year is based on these steps. First, the three steps, I am proposing three new ideas in which we will try this Cryptic Year and if the companions feel they are worthwhile we will take the necessary steps to make them permanent at the 175th Annual Assembly.

First I have dropped the Leadership Training Committee and have asked the DDGM's to conduct this training in their districts. The DDGM's know which of the Councils need help and which Councils are willing to help.

Second I have asked R.I.Dr. and Rev. Don Markham to generate a Ritual on a Council of Sorrow. This ritual is to be presented at least once during the 175th Cryptic Year in remembrance of our departed Companions.

Third I have delegated authority to the DGM, Grand PCW and the DDGM's to close subordinate assemblies in short form including Council Assemblies, York Rite Festivals and District Assemblies.

This authorization is subject to the following guidelines;

1. The assembly is to be closed by the ranking Grand Council Officer in attendance only if the time is past 10:00PM and upon invitation of the Illustrious Master.

2. R.I.DDGM's will close in their Districts unless I have specifically appointed another Grand Council Officer to act in my behalf.

3. DDGM's and Grand Council Officers must be in Masonic Dress. (White Jackets or Tux.)

As we continue to MOVE FORWARD EVERYDAY we approach the five steps. The five steps represents the minimum of five Assemblies each council is to hold this Cryptic Year. I don't think this will create any hardships since I can think of six or seven programs without even trying.

Some examples of Assemblies are: District Deputy Grand Master's Visit; The visit by the Grand Line Officer; Conferral of the Royal Degree; Conferral of the Select Degree; Ladies Night - Thank them for allowing us to attend our Masonic functions - Don't forget our Widows they are still a part of our Masonic family; Table Councils; Annual Assemblies.

We continue to MOVE FORWARD EVERYDAY and approach the seven steps. Here we find seven points of the Grand Council Long Range Plan. This plan has been agreed to by all the members of the present Grand Council Line.

1. Membership: Every year the incoming Grand Master has Membership as his main concern. I to am concerned with our membership. This being the 175th Cryptic Year of this Grand Council let me challenge each Council to greet four Companions this Cryptic year. This would increase our membership by 175 plus one Companion.

2. As Cryptic Masons we must assist the Masonic Youth Organizations. The youth of this nation are the leaders of tomorrow. What better leaders can we have then those who have had their training and upbringing in a Masonic Youth Organization.

3. Communication: I am going to bring back the Cryptic Newsletter, but in order for it to be successful I will need inputs from the Companions. I am not sure the batteries in my Crystal Ball will last the whole year. If you have something say or ask, whether the question is for the Grand Master or maybe the Grand Lecturer sent it to me and we will see that it is answered to the best of our ability.

Also under communications; as I traveled throughout the State I suggested that when it is announced in an assembly that a Companion is in need of our aid or is ill, that the card we all sign is carried to that Companion and not mailed. This is not something new - Read page 87 of the Officers Manual under sickness and distress.

4. Quality Environment; Ritual, we must be able to present the Ritual the manner that it was written. The Cryptic Degrees are for a Companion's education in Masonry. If we do not present Quality work then the Companion is not receiving the education he deserves. The Only authorized Ritual permitted in the Grand Council of New York consists of the following:

- A. The August 1994 Ritual and Officers Manual of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.
- B. The Leadership Training Program given to the DDGM's this Cryptic Year.

5. York Rite Cooperation: I have continued this committee and will meet with the other leaders of the York Rite in the State to see if we can at least agree that this cooperation is necessary for the health of Masonry in New York.

6. Charities: This is a Subject that needs no further words except that the DDGM's will ask for a Charity Chairman in each Council and report this name in his report. If the Illustrious Master has not appointed a chairman by the time of the DDGM's visit then the DDGM will appoint the Illustrious Master and so state in his report. There is no reason why we have Councils in this State that do not contribute anything to our charities.

7. I would ask that each Council develop and implement a Long Range Plan similar to that of this Grand Council, to ensure that the mission, principles, goals and objectives of Cryptic Masonry in New York are met at the local level.

We have completed the series of steps and are now approaching a porch or as I would like to state a bridge to the next century. Are we to continue as in the past and see Cryptic Masonry disappear in this State, or do we MOVE FORWARD EVERYDAY across this bridge into the next century with the Knowledge that we can turn the past around and show that Cryptic Masonry in this State is alive and increasing in membership. Companions, it is up to you. I know we will all continue to MOVE FORWARD EVERYDAY.

In closing may I offer this Prayer ( \* \* \* )

O God, You teach us and we struggle to learn of You. Help us commit to the talents You have given us, that whether as teachers or learners, we may do all things to Your pleasure, and we dedicate this day to Your Glory, that Your Word may take root in our hearts and bear fruits in our lives; May our efforts result in stronger friendships and closer ties to each other. AMEN:

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS !

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 GRAND MASTER'S 1997 - 1998 ITINERARY  
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The following dates is subject to the weather, Health, Murphy's law, etc. Please review the dates and notify the IMs and Recorders in your Districts accordingly.

Date:	Where (District)	What
----- 1997 -----		
Sept. 4	Athens Pa.	Official visit of the M.P. Betzenberger Grand Master of Penna.
6	Albany NY	Northeast Regional Conference
7	Old Forge NY	45th Annual NYSMGA tournament
12/13	Ellenville NY	174th Annual Assembly
15	Owego NY (7th)	Official Visit to Owego Council No. 30
17	Trumansburg NY (7th)	Official Visit to Cayuga Council No. 90
19/20	Suffern NY	Grand Commandery 184th Annual Conclave
23	Endicott NY	Official Visit to Endicott Triangle
24	Fredonia NY (9th)	Official Visit to the 9th District
26	Middletown NY (3rd)	Official Visit to Goshen
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Oct. 2	Spencer NY	St. Augustine Commandery Conclave
3	Palmyra NY (8th)	Official Visit to the 8th District
6	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter No. 47 Convocation
8	Rotterdam NY	Make up TIM Degree at St. George's
11	Owego NY	Reception at the Treadway Inn
12		Triangle Banquet
14	White Plains NY (2nd)	Official Visit to the 2nd District
15	Elmira NY (7th)	Official Visit to Southern Tier Council
17	Lake George NY (5th)	Official Visit to the 5th S. District
18	Hornell NY (8th)	Cryptic Degree Festival
20	Owego NY (7th)	Owego Council No. 30 Assembly
22	Kingston NY (3rd)	Official Visit to the 3rd District
24	Owego NY	Past Master's Association Mtg.
27	LeRoy NY (8th)	Official Visit to Nun-Da-Waga
29	Massena NY (5th)	Official Visit to the 5th N. District
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Nov. 1	Buffalo NY	Reception for Grand Commander
3	Owego NY	Table Chapter (Ted Harrison's Visit)
5	Owego NY	Friendship Lodge No. 153 Mtg.
6	Great Valley NY (8th)	Official Visit to Salamanca Council
8	Endicott NY	Reception for Vicky Harper (State Rep Order of Triangle)
11	Port Byron NY (6th)	Official Visit to the 6th District
12	Peekskill NY (2nd)	Official Visit to Peekskill
14	Whitestone NY (1st)	Official Visit to 1st District
17	Owego NY (7th)	Owego Council No. 30 Assembly
19	Owego NY	Friendship Lodge No. 153 Mtg.
25	Poughkeepsie NY (3rd)	Official Visit to King Solomon
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Dec. 1	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter Annual Convocat.
3	Owego NY	Friendship Lodge No. 153 Annual Mtg.
4	???????? NY	St. Augustine Commandery Annual Christmas Observance
9	East Aurora NY	Official Visit to Hamburg
12	Albany NY (4th)	Official visit to the 4th District
15	Owego NY (7th)	Owego Council No. 30 Assembly

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Date:	Where (District)	What
----- 1998 -----		
Jan. 5	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter Convocation
7	Owego NY	Friendship Lodge No. 153 Mtg.
12	Chemung NY	Cayuta Chapter Convocation
13	Endicott NY	Endicott Triangle
19	Owego NY (7th)	Owego Council Assembly
26	Endicott NY	Round Hill Lodge
27	Binghamton NY (7th)	Official Visit to Binghamton Council
28	Oneonta NY (4th)	Official Visit to Oneonta Council
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Feb. 2	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter Convocation
4	Owego NY	Friendship Lodge No. 153 Mtg.
5	Athens PA	Northern Council Assembly
6	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter 130th Anniversary
9	Chemung NY	Cayuta Chapter Convocation
10	Trumansburg NY (7th)	Official Visit to Cayuga Council
16	Owego NY (7th)	Owego Council Assembly
18	Owego NY	Friendship Lodge No. 153 Mtg.
23	Tarrytown NY (2nd)	Official Visit to Lafayette Council
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Mar. 2	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter Convocation
3	Sea Cliff NY (1st)	Official Visit to North Shore Council
4	Owego NY	Friendship Lodge No. 153 Mtg.
5	Athens PA	Northern Council Assembly
6/8	Albany NY	Grand Chapter Convocation
9	Geneva NY (8th)	Official Visit to Skoi-Yase
11	NYC (1st)	Official Visit to Columbian No.1
14	Rouses Point NY (5th)	Official Visit to Cyrus Council
16	Rome NY (6th)	Official Visit to Rotica Council
18	Rochester NY (8th)	Official Visit to Doric Council
21	Poughkeepsie NY	Tri - State Festival
23	Corning NY (7th)	Official Visit to 7th District
25	NYC (2nd)	Official Visit to Adelpic Council
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Apr. 1	Troy NY (4th)	Official Visit to Bloss Council
2	Spencer NY	St Augustine Commandery Inspection
3	???????????????	Grand Council of Rhode Island ?
5	Trumansburg NY	Palm Sunday Observance
6	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter Convocation
7	Belleville NY (6th)	Official Visit to King David
8	East Syracuse NY (6th)	Official Visit to Central City
14	Niagara Falls NY (9th)	Official Visit to Temple Council
16	Williamsville NY (9th)	Official Visit to Buffalo - Keystone
18	Oneonta NY	Reception for Grand High Priest
20	Owego NY (7th)	Owego Council Assembly
22	Bath NY (8th)	Official Visit to Bath
23	Lockport NY (8th)	Official Visit to Bruce
25	Peekskill NY (2nd)	DGM's Workshop ??????
27/28	Allentown PA	Annual Assembly Grand Council PA.
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May 1/2	???????????????	Grand Council of Maine or New Jersey
4/5	NYC	Grand Lodge
8	Bay Shore NY (1st)	Official Visit to Suffolk Council
11	Catskill NY (3rd)	Official Visit to Catskill/Hudson
15/16	???????????????	Grand Council of Michigan
26	Brooklyn NY (1st)	Official Visit to Flatbush Council

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Date:	Where (District)	What
1998		
June 5/6	????????	Grand Council of Connecticut
6	Owego NY	New Jerusalem Chapter Open to Public
8/9	????????????	Grand Council of Vermont
19/20	Utica NY	St. John's Day - Parade w/Grand Chapter
Aug 14/16	Owego NY	175th Annual Assembly

This concludes the year as Grand Master - Best wishes for the Members of the Grand Line and to Paul Matthews during his term as Grand Msater.

Condition and Extension of the RiteJuly 17, 1997

OFFICE of COMMITTEE

DATE

*To the Grand Council:*

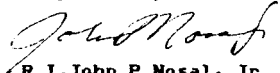
Once again there was no extension of the Rite during this Cryptic Year as no new councils were created.

The condition of the Rite however, has changed. Two councils in the Second District have merged. Rockland Council # 94 has merged with the members of Lafayette Council # 86. There are other councils in the State which should review their present status with the possibility of several mergers taking place in the future.

Membership is on the increase in several Councils. Hornellsville Council # 35 has greeted six new Companions with some ten more waiting until a festival in October.

Our new Grand Lecturer has found the Companions in the State very interested in Ritual and also showed a zealous regard for Cryptic Masonry. Even when the numbers were light at some conventions, there was a spirit of which this Grand Council should be proud. Quality has always been a part of Cryptic Masonry in this State. If we would only greet our new companions with the same vigor, Cryptic Masonry in the State would be in great condition.

Respectfully submitted



R.I. John P Nosal, Jr.

R.I. Paul B Matthews

R.I. William G Vassily

Jurisprudence & Laws8 September 1997

OFFICE of COMMITTEE

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*To the Grand Council:*

Reviewed and approved six acts of by-laws which were simple date, time and fee changes. Approved the by-laws for St. George Council Order of Anointed Kings.

My thanks to the members of this committee for their interest and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Edmund Lynch, Jr., Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT-- 1997**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council:

The Grand Jurisdictions are indeed communicating! On the following pages you will see the reviews of thirty-five jurisdictions. As always, there are important topics discovered in each Proceeding-- as well as some entertaining (and humorous) information. While all Grand Jurisdictions follow a basic format for their annual assemblies, the Proceedings can vary wildly; from a few simple pages to thick pamphlets, from written reports to a complete verbal transcript. Some will contain complete biographies of the incoming and outgoing Grand Masters, and some will provide little or no information at all concerning the leaders of Cryptic Freemasonry.

The biographies are particularly informative. Five of the outgoing MIGMs are working or have worked in aviation, there are four educators, four present or past power company employees, and three specializing in transportation. Our Rite encompasses, beyond these grouped levels, a very mixed array of professions.

Our Craft has a tendency to have "senior statesmen" as leaders. Arkansas and Florida have flouted this general rule. The incoming MIGM of Arkansas is 39 years old, while the MIGM of Florida is 34!

Some innovations continue to appear in the Cryptic Rite. While festivals are prevalent, some, such as Nevada, are attempting to form traveling degree teams, so that each Companion will receive the degrees in his own Council, which will hopefully cause a greater attachment to that local Council. Even if festivals are more prevalent in a particular jurisdiction, exotic locations can be used to create an even greater impression of the degrees on the candidate. In Colorado, the ritual work was performed in the "Cave of the Winds," and included a laser show.

This year, special emphasis has been placed by all of the jurisdictions on N.P.D.s; task forces are formed in many, and the word has gone out that all Companions would be involved, not just the Illustrious Masters or the Recorders. Pennsylvania noted, however, that the retaining of members must take into account the Lodge as well as the Chapter. All of the work in the world on only a Cryptic level will do no good if the Companion is suspended from his Lodge or Chapter.

Nevertheless, despite the unceasing challenge of N.P.D.s, most of the jurisdictions reviewed are noting an increase in the quality of the Companions joining our ranks. While they may be fewer in number, there seems to be a groundswell developing of Cryptic Masons exceeding normal limits to keep the local councils going and growing.

Every year, this report has contained a listing of jurisdictions with financial woes; this year, it seems that the various jurisdictions have this under control. Admittedly, a number of jurisdictions increased the per capita or various fees, but the usual sense of urgency did not appear in the proceedings as a rule. Neither are there the threats of "impending fiscal collapse"

which appeared in earlier years. In fact, even South Dakota, which reported in the red for the last few years has at last made it into the black.

The following is a review of the thirty-five jurisdictions. I hope that each will provide an informative view of the condition of each jurisdiction, and taken together, provide an overview of the State of the Cryptic Rite.

Respectfully submitted,



Rt. Ill. Paul C. Edwards  
Grand Fraternal Correspondent

**WESTERN CANADA:** *"Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow..."*

58th Annual Assembly: April 10, 1996, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Councils: 18, Membership: 1,109; Net chg.: -36... The Grand Inspectors were applauded on their exceptional diligence in attending to their visits, especially in the cases of adverse weather... the MIGM, Comp. Stanley F. Johnson would understand this, his early life was spent in the family's transportation business... He began his address in the hopes that all reports would be like the weather, "bright but brisk..."

**WISCONSIN:** *"I'll be there-- on any weekend..."*

139th Annual Assembly: June 20, 1996 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Green Bay, Wisconsin; Councils: 28, Membership: 1,980; Net chg.: -122... The MIGM apologized to the Grand Council that he had not made as many local Council visitations as he wanted to; he was working four ten-hour days; but that did leave his weekends free for the major activities of the Grand Council and major events...

**ALABAMA:** *"You might just have to be a rocket scientist..."*

158th Annual Assembly: February 25-27, 1996 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Birmingham, Alabama; Councils: 16, Membership: 4,070; Net chg.: -68...Mergers seem to have caused a problem, a motion was adopted that, "The incoming MIGM be requested to request his Jurisprudence Committee to appoint a special committee for reviewing the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama with the purpose of clarifying this instrument with respect to merger of one constituent body into another."...The incoming MIGM is retired from the U.S. Army Missile Command at the Redstone Arsenal...

**ARKANSAS:** *"Small minorities can create large problems..."*

134th Annual Assembly: March 14-16, 1996 (Combined York Rite Bodies), North Little Rock, Arkansas; Councils: 22, Membership: 2,127; Net chg.: -43...The MIGM stated that, "In my opinion the greatest benefit was in the TRUE UNITY of our York Rite Bodies. We progressed beyond 'LIP SERVICE' and remembered that we are Masons first and leaders of three separate bodies second."...Concerning a difficult situation, he warned against, "a very small minority who act as though they are above the Digest of Constitution and Laws...We must all be willing to work together, be made knowledgeable of the laws we have sworn to uphold..."

**CALIFORNIA:** *"Gird up thy computers..."*

136th Annual Assembly: May 1, 1996, Sacramento, California; Councils: 43, Membership: 7,569; Net chg.: -501...MIGM Haber noted that, "...we are encouraged by renewed vigor in some councils by the spark of just one or two members. This gives the hope that a 'spark plug' will spring up in all Councils and invigorate some new programs."...The Grand Council approved a motion that plural members could hold elective office in more than one Council...The Grand Recorder advised that their next project was, "...to furnish all annual forms, dispensations and monthly reports on a disc. Since most of our (recorders) have computers, this will also make their tasks easier..."

**COLORADO:** *"You can take the teacher out of the classroom but..."*

102nd Annual Assembly: September 5, 1997, Denver, Colorado; Councils: 22, Membership: 1,821; Net chg.: -23...In order to bring out greater interest in Companions, MIGM Salberg (an English teacher) asked questions of the Companions and their wives at his Official Visits, and the system worked (though some were frustrated by not knowing some answers). The MIGM also sponsored an impressive set of Degrees at the 'Cave of the Winds,' which included a laser light program...and also sponsored a symposium on Masonry and Religion...His 'Infinite expectations (were) constrained by finite resources. (He) ran out of time!"

**CONNECTICUT:** *"Qualified and Developed..."*

178th Annual Assembly: June 1, 1996, Cromwell, Connecticut; Councils: 19, Membership: 1,878; Net chg.: -50...MPGM Sherrick stated that while membership still declined, the Councils were becoming stronger; qualified members are being brought in and quality leaders developed...The Grand Council approved a change in law which now permits Plural

**CONNECTICUT (Cont'd):**

membership...the MPGM emphatically recommended that the Chapters and Councils meet on separate nights...the incoming MPGM (Comp. Richard Smail) will be able to wrestle with any major financial problems in the upcoming year.. as a young man he was the Texas State champion wrestler in the 145-lb. weight class, and retired in 1983 as Chief Financial Office of Bradley Memorial Hospital in 1983...

**DELAWARE: "On the Road Again..."**

70th Annual Assembly: March 9, 1996, Wilmington, Delaware; Councils: 4, Membership: 435, Net chg.: +5...Even in a small jurisdiction, the MIGM noted that, "Representing Grand Council and allowing for travel time, I find that approximately one-half the year was Masonically involved...The October 11, 1960 General Grand Council Ritual is the official ritual of this Jurisdiction...MIGM Charles Rengel, Jr. would have been able to fix anything-- he is a self-employed contractor..."

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: "The best laid plans of mice and Masons..."**

76th Annual Assembly: March 17, 1997 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Washington, D.C., Councils: 3, Membership: 332; Net chg.: -8...The MIGM had many plans for the year, but many just didn't seem to pan out...even at the successful 75th Anniversary banquet, Ill. Comp. John M. Bussler had to (successfully) substitute for an astronaut as guest speaker...One item, though, came through well: the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was reactivated...The outgoing MIGM, Comp. Scott Appellate would have had limitless plans; he works for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center...

**EASTERN JURISDICTION OF CANADA: "It can happen, but only if you try..."**

129th Annual Assembly: May 18, 1996, Smith's Cove, Nova Scotia; Councils: 16, Membership: 1025; Net chg.: 0...EUREKA, write the Grand Reorder in his report: All the annual returns were filed on time, "This is the first time in my tenure in office"... a note of concern from the Inspector in Newfoundland, "...the harsh reality of the recent economic climate...is having a decided effect on the Masonic Fraternity in the Province"...The Grand PCW (Comp. Harald R. K. Weiland) was impressed with the Northeast Cryptic Rite Festival-- in both the ritual and the facilities at Utica...The MPGM noted that he had to come to Utica to see his first snowfall of the year...

**FLORIDA: "Oops..."**

116th Annual Assembly: May 21, 1996, Altamonte Springs, Florida; Councils: 34, Membership: 8,031; Net chg.: -489...The Grand Secretary/Recorder of Florida did not have a very good year...in a little-used drawer of the Grand Office, the 990 forms for the IRS were found, all overdue; accordingly each of the Grand Bodies will owe (probably) \$1,850.00...A Committee will now handle this important part of annual work...A short form opening and closing was presented, as well as a Longevity Ceremony and Grand Council Installation Ceremony...In a state noted for retirement, the incoming MIGM is 34 years old...

**GEORGIA:** *"I need some help here..."*

153rd Annual Assembly: April 15, 1996, Macon, Georgia; Councils: 67, Membership: 7,832; Net chg.: -154...A provision now exists which allows Companions who are 75 years old and been a member for 25 years to ask for Emeritus Status (which will relieve them of paying per capita dues), an amendment passed at the same time which would also qualify affiliated Companions from other Jurisdictions-- once they have paid dues for five years (regardless of age)...The MIGM requested, "That a committee be appointed to work on having District Deputies appointed to assist the Illustrious Grand Master in giving aid to the Councils"...

**ILLINOIS:** *"There's been some 'Trowel-Borrowing' going on..."*

142nd Annual Assembly: July 20, 1996, Decatur, Illinois; Councils: 52, Membership: 5,687; Net chg.: -220...The Board of Examiners reminded the Companions that, "If five or six Companions are present, use the five-man opening; if seven or more, use the nine-man opening, as only seven companions are required to perform this ceremony...The MIGM noted that, "...some of our councils are on the upswing...There has been quite a bit of 'trowel borrowing' going on in some areas of the state. This has brought about close ties and fellowship between these councils..."

**IOWA:** *"You, too, can be replaced..."*

94th Annual Assembly: August 10, 1996 (Combined with Grand Chapter), Little Amana, Iowa; Councils: 39, Membership: 4,473; Net chg. -223...The MIGM, Comp. Marion L. Reinhardt, would have been able to help each Recorder with Computer work, "He spent most of his career working with the use of (computer) technology to automate tasks which were formerly very labor intensive...The Constitution of the Grand Council was modified to permit the Grand Council to hold its Annual Session with the other York Rite Bodies..."

**KANSAS:** *"A Strenuously earned certificate..."*

128th Annual Assembly: May 8-11, 1996, Salina, Kansas; Councils: 27, Membership: 3,902; Net chg.: -138...Those who accompanied the MIGM on the Cryptic Deposit Inspection Trip to Pike's Peak were issued a "Purple Clad Mountain Climber Certificate" at the summit... The Grand Council is working on amendments to hold a joint Assembly Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, but the provisions will come into effect only after the other Grand Bodies have amended their By-laws...

**KENTUCKY:** *"Suppose you held a class and..."*

169th Annual Assembly: Sept. 17, 1996, Louisville, Kentucky; Councils: 44, Membership: 6,522; Net chg.: -150...The Grand Recorder stated that, "I was disappointed in the response from the Recorders in the past year in the attendance of the four regional Secretary/Recorder meetings. The attendance was so low that this practice will not be continued in 1996-1997... The Grand PCW "earned his keep" this year-- the MIGM presented R.I. Ron Johnson with the "Grand Master's Chauffeur plaque...The Committee on Masonic Unity is working toward a common Calendar for the Craft in celebration of the Bicentennial of Kentucky Freemasonry in the year 2000..."

**MAINE:** *"Education is the key..."*

142nd Annual Assembly: May 3, 1996, Bangor, Maine; Councils: 17, Membership: 2,442; Net chg.: -96...The first Schools of Instruction in the history of the Grand Council were held this year; the idea proved successful, and M.I. Companion Donald Paulsen will continue the schools in his term...

**MICHIGAN:** *"Tangible proof of from whence they came..."*

138th Annual Assembly: May 17-18, 1996, Lansing, Michigan; Councils: 38, Membership: 2815, Net chg.: -116...The name "Michigan" will be imprinted on the aprons of the Grand Council (at the officer's expense)...The Vision 200 Committee has proposed a change of the Articles of Incorporation to change the name of the Grand Council from "Royal and Select Masters" to "Royal and Select Masons"...

**MISSISSIPPI:** *"Eyeball to eyeball..."*

141st Annual Assembly: May 10, 1997 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Jackson, Mississippi; Councils: 40, Membership: 6297, Net chg.: -243...The Grand Correspondence Reviewer (M.I.: Glen Dale Brady) provided the information that out of a loss of 2,905 companions in the reviewed Proceedings, 2,905, or 66%, were suspended N.P.D. He further said, "We spend time, energy and money getting a candidate through the Masonic Lodge and the York Rite Bodies, but when he goes suspended, we will not make a telephone call to find out why. This needs to change!(...) Aggressively pursue the suspended companion, make personal contact "eyeball to eyeball, find out what the problem is and fix it...The Grand Recorder noted that the Cryptic Rite was doing well in that 90 percent of the Royal Arch Masons were also members of the Cryptic Rite..."

**MISSOURI:** *"You want to go where...?"*

131st Annual Assembly: May 3, 1996 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Springfield, Missouri; Councils: 31, Membership: 7203, Net chg.: -269...The MIGM discovered that Masonry has an identity crisis in Missouri, "...during my travels, I would stop at one or two places of business and ask directions to the Masonic Temple. Almost ninety percent of the time, I could not get directions, and the person asked would look dumbfounded by the question..."...A personal award was given to Ill. Companion Teddie Harrison, who brought in 32 new members to the Blue Lodge and 54 members into the York Rite... The Grand Council seems to have a calendar problem-- the cover states that the Grand Assembly was held on May 2; but the opening data clearly states that the Grand Council convened on May 3...

**NEVADA:** *"Looking for a few good ritualists, must be able to travel..."*

71st Annual Assembly: June 10, 1996, Las Vegas, Nevada; Councils: 8, Membership: 881; Net chg.: -17...The MIGM proposed that Degree Teams be formed, in that "...the smaller Councils need help and the degrees should be performed in their areas so that enthusiasm can be generated for Cryptic Masonry. A lot of older members will not participate because Degree work is too difficult for them and they do not wish to be put on the spot...A plain language ritual has been prepared and issued..."

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** *"New York regrets..."*

135th Annual Assembly: May 11, 1996 (Combined with Royal Arch), Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Councils: 12, Membership: 967; Net chg.: -38...Under the heading "Activities for the Year," follows the word "Regrets," listing: Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and New York; something seems to have been missed...The Deputy Grand Master has introduced the new CMMR mascot, "Arthro" to the local Councils...

**NEW JERSEY:** *"Every Companion an Ambassador..."*

133rd Annual Assembly: April 30, 1993 (Combined with Royal Arch), Somerset, New Jersey; Councils: 12, Membership: 1,229; Net chg.: -7...The MIGM noted that, "We need to be ambassadors for the Rite. Speak out at other Masonic functions and let everyone know who we are...Illness forced the MIGM to hand over his authority for a short while; he told his successor,"...I pledge my assistance and support for the coming year, after all, I gave you an opportunity to practice...you haven't seen the last of me yet!..."

**NEW MEXICO:** *"Music to a Grand Master's ears..."*

48th Annual Assembly: April 19, 1996 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Farmington, New Mexico; Councils: 9, Membership: 1,086, Net chg.: -30...The Report of the Grand Master's Address Committee stated, "We commend his analysis of the State of the Order, his insight and grasp of the situation makes his synopsis must reading for every Cryptic Mason in the State. We therefore recommend that each Illustrious Master have this State of the Order read in their Council (and) printed in their newsletter...Edict Number 1 waived all Grand Council greeting fees from September 1, 1995 through April 1, 1996..."

**OHIO:** *"Couldn't you clean house another year...?"*

167th Annual Assembly: September 31-October 1, 1996, Toledo, Ohio; Councils: 109, Membership: 18,781; Net chg.: -711...The Grand Recorder noted that the decline in membership was greater than last year, but three council recorders had gone over their records and "cleared house" at the same time...The Grand Council waived per capita dues for 453 fifty-year Companions and 349 cases of hardship..., The Grand Recorder noted that, "The Grand Council is the only Ohio Masonic body we know of that offers this consideration..."...A lost ritual in this jurisdiction will now cost \$50.00 for the Companion to replace...First line signers will now receive an attractive lapel pin (limit one per Companion), first line signers of five or more petitions (in increments of five) will receive appropriate wall plaques...

**OKLAHOMA:** *"A move for consistency..."*

102nd Annual Assembly (Combined York Rite Bodies), April 5, 1996, Norman, Oklahoma; Councils: 23, Membership: 2227, Net chg.: +7...The Constitution of the Grand Council was modified in order to conform to that of Grand Chapter...The MIGM had a long career in the FAA, primarily in the Academy in Oklahoma City. As an Air Traffic Controller earlier in Cleveland, he also served as a volunteer ambulance driver-- and worked part time for 14 local funeral homes...

**ONTARIO:** *"That same old excuse..."*

96th Annual Assembly: May 24-25, 1996, Hamilton, Ontario, Councils: 21, Membership: 1,452; Net chg.: -36...The Committee on the Condition of Cryptic Rite Masonry noted that,"The reports clearly indicate a general lack of knowledge by some T.I.M.s of proper protocol and etiquette. An honest perusal and compliance of the provisions of the manual will ensure the dignity and decorum so necessary for the advancement of the order-- thus eliminating the well -worn excuse-- 'oh, we have always done it that way'"...(that excuse is used for far than just protocol!)...The Grand recorder noted that many of the returns were not on time, and that some cheques were not prepared for signatures promptly in the Councils; and once again recommended that each Council name an Assistant Recorder...

**PENNSYLVANIA:** *"Welcome to Tom Mix Country..."*

150th Annual Assembly: April 23, 1996, Dubois, Pennsylvania; Councils: 48, Membership: 7,276; Net chg.: -181...The one hundred fiftieth celebration of the Grand Council was held in Dubois, an area, the MIGM noted, whose history is famous only for lumbering and Tom Mix...The MIGM established a Suspension and Retention Committee, which was unable to decrease N.P.D.s because, "the vast majority of these were dropped from the Chapter..."

**SCOTLAND:** *"Can you speak Japanese...?"*

*(The Cryptic Rite Degrees are under the authority of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons),* Annual Communication, March 15, 1996, Edinburgh, Scotland...Kobe Chapter, meeting in Japan, is at present arranging for a number of its Companions to go to Hong Kong to receive the Cryptic Council Degrees, after which it is their intention to request Grand Chapter to permit the formation of a Cryptic Council in Kobe, Japan...

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** *"The status quo remains..."*

136th Annual Assembly: March 11, 1996 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Councils: 34, Membership 9,599; Net chg.: -254...The MIGM advised his companions that, "Peace and harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. The State of the Craft has not changed to any great extent in the past year."...The Grand Recorder, noted that something had to be done concerning the large number of N.P.D.s...The Committee on Membership proposed that a new award be presented annually to the Council having the largest number of reinstatements, as well as one to the Council with the fewest number of N.P.D.s...this Jurisdiction also has a Committee on Honorary Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, which reviewed several recommendations for this honor and proposed one name (which was accepted)...

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** *"In the black at last..."*

79th Annual Assembly: September 21, 1995 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Aberdeen, South Dakota.; Councils: 12, Membership: 723; Net chg.: -41...The Finance Committee reported that, once the Budget was accepted, the Grand Council would be financially in the black for the first time in years...it probably didn't hurt that the MIGM graduated from the National College of Business...

**TENNESSEE:** "Many committees acknowledge..."

146th Annual Assembly: March 25, 1996, Nashville, Tennessee; Councils: 44, Membership: 10,539; Net chg.: -303...The loss of 303 members was noted by the MIGM, Grand Recorder, the Advancement of Cryptic Rite Committee, the Ritual Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee; but there seemed to be no resolution to this problem...The MIGM attended eight of the twelve group meetings across the state, open heart surgery prevented him from attending the others...

**TEXAS:** "A familiar name in a far place..."

89th Annual Assembly: December 11-12, 1995, Waco, Texas; Councils: 150, Membership: 20,479; Net chg.: -834...Representing the Grand Council of New York at this Texas Assembly was M. I. Lester G. Weinheimer, PIGM and Grand Recorder Emeritus...One of the T.I.M.s was suspended. In the Proceedings, both the name of the Council and the T.I.M. were deleted, as, the MIGM stated, "I have purposely omitted (them) with the hope that they will be better served by not having their names distributed throughout the Fraternity."...Adopted at this Assembly was a resolution that an open meeting could be called by an Illustrious Master, and the proper manner for recording the same...Plain language rituals have been provided to the Grand Recorder for printing, following a three-year period; the Chairman reporting that members were, "tired and worn out (with their labors)"...

**VERMONT:** "I don't care what you say this is a fine road..."

143rd Annual Assembly: June 11, 1996 (Combined York Rite Bodies), Colchester, Vermont; Councils: 12, Membership: 1,194; Net chg.: -35...The 1996-1997 Grand Master, R. I. Roy Nicholson will not be able to complain about difficulties in his travels. On Dec. 31, 1991, he retired as the Assistant Director of Vermont's Department of Highways (Construction and Maintenance)...The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers complained that they could not review two of the reports (which had not been received by the time of the Grand Assembly)...

**WASHINGTON:** "Could you say that title again, please...?"

102nd Annual Assembly: May 17, 1997, Fife, Washington; Councils: 18, Membership: 1,657; Net chg.: -31...The program for the year was titled, "MAGIC P/3, an acronym for: "Make a Greater Commitment by Promoting Positive Pride in being a Master Mason especially in being a Royal and Select Master. The MIGM, William E. Nelson, stated that, "The program is too lengthy to review at this time."...(and so is the title). Once the word 'acronym' appears, the biography is scanned to see what military branch the MIGM belongs to... MIGM Nelson is, instead, a retired school administrator, Assistant Professor and currently an educational consultant...The first joint York Rite picnic was held and proved to be an outstanding success...the Joint York Rite Festival was held in conjunction with the Scottish Rite (with a 20+ gain for both organizations)...by vote, the quorum for councils was changed from 9 to 6...

YORK RITE COOPERATION

At our last Annual Assembly, a resolution was unanimously approved stating "that this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York is prepared to enter into immediate discussions with the other two Grand York Bodies to achieve joint annual meetings." At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in September 1996 and at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in March 1997, respectively, resolutions were approved to continue discussions regarding joint York Rite annual meetings.

During the past Cryptic Year, a number of tentative discussions have been held with representatives of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, but nothing of a definitive nature has been determined. It should be noted that all such discussions have been initiated by your Chairman, and that at no time has any representative of the other two York Rite Bodies contacted the Chairman to urge a more expeditious approach. However, it is the plan of your Chairman to arrange a joint meeting of representatives of the three York Rite Bodies to be held sometime in October 1997, at which time it would be hoped that a definite course of action could be agreed upon.

*Raymond R. Beardsley*  
Raymond R. Beardsley  
Chairman

Ritual

OFFICE or COMMITTEE

DATE:

To the Grand Council:

The Committee had only one item submitted for review and approval, a ceremony for the Consolidation of Councils. The committee members recommend that with and by approval of this report that the Ceremony of Consolidation become a standard ceremony of this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*E. William Whittaker*

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Chairman

To the Grand Council

5/23/97

Table Council

This will be the final "wrap-up" report of the Table Council Committee.

The Table Councils are at last a regular part of the respective Councils during their year's activities.

Over the last several years I have sent copies of the Table Council format to all the Illustrious Masters, the Secretaries and the Past and Present Grand Line Officers. Everyone in the Grand Council knows of Table Council.

Many Councils have adapted and changed the format of the basic form to satisfy their own needs and procedure. The joy of a Table Council format is that we do not have it "cut in stone". The formats are now easily available.

Some now also have in it an additional format so that non-Council members can be present as guests and enjoy the proceedings.

The essence of the Table Council is to meet in brotherhood to share and break bread together. Sharing a table with someone creates another bond in addition to ritual.

Now the Table Committee has achieved its goal and it is time for it to be retired honorably. I wish to thank all of the Councils and their officers and all of the Grand Line for their support in this endeavor. Finally, I thank the other committee members for their support, moral and otherwise.

My last wish would be for the Grand Council to hold a Table Council, of sorts, at a future Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Z. Mavodones*

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To the Grand Council:

St George Council, Order of Anointed Kings, was chartered by Grand Council to confer the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master on newly elected and installed Masters of Councils in the State of New York. We meet each year during Grand Council to confer this degree and to elect and install our officers. Membership in OAK is voluntary - we received seven new members. Last year's Annual Meeting was held at Ithaca on August 17, 1996. The degree was conferred on a class of 17 and on 15 out of state guests. The Officers elected for 1996-1997 are:

Thrice Illustrious Master	David D. Goodwin
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Charles O. Cowing
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Douglas Holbrook
Thrice Illustrious Treasurer	Richard C. Hadley
Thrice Illustrious Recorder	Richard M. Clark
Thrice Illustrious Chaplain	Burtiss V. Goodnough
Thrice Illustrious Steward	George J. Knorr
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	William G. Vassily

At the Annual meeting a proposed set of By-laws was presented and approved. They have been submitted to the Grand Council Committee on Jurisprudence.

A proposed revision to the Ritual, reflecting the actual manner of conferral of the degree, was submitted to the Grand Council Ritual Committee for approval.

An extra meeting was held at Schenectady on October 9, 1996 to confer the degree on three Masters who were unable to attend Grand Council. They were:

** Edward C. D. Zobrest	Buffalo-Keystone	No. 17
** James Taylor	Binghamton	No. 24
Thomas R. Sawyer	Fulton	No. 50

An extra meeting was held at New York City on September 27, 1996 to confer the degree on two Masters who were unable to attend Grand Council. They were:

James C. Kineon, Jr	Columbian	No. 1
** Harvey Eysman	North Shore	No. 88

\*\* indicates became a member of St. George Council

Richard M. Clark, TI Recorder

### St. George Council Order of Anointed Kings

St. George Council Order of Anointed Kings was convened at 3:33 p.m. on September 13, 1997 in the Vista Room at the Fallsview Resort, Ellenville, New York for the purpose of conferring the Thrice Illustrious Master degree and holding its Annual Assembly; the degree to be conferred upon Illustrious Masters of constituent Councils of the State of New York and honored guests.

The Officers present were:

Thrice Illustrious Master	David D. Goodwin
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Charles O. Cowing
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Douglas Holbrook
Thrice Illustrious Treasurer	Richard C. Hadley
Thrice Illustrious Recorder	Richard M. Clark
Thrice Illustrious Chaplain	Burtis V. Goodnough
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#### TREASURER'S REPORT - ST. GEORGE COUNCIL, OAK 1 JUL 97

OFFICE or COMMITTEE

DATE

To the Grand Council:

#### SAVINGS ACCT. # 118226 ONEIDA SAVINGS BANK, ONEIDA, NY

Balance 2 Jul 96	\$ 654.81
Receipt from Recorder 17 Aug 96	210.00
Receipt from Recorder 30 Oct 96	60.00
Receipt from Recorder 27 Nov 96	30.00
Interest earned 26 Jun 96 to 26 Jun 97	26.53
Dues refund	- 25.00
Balance 26 Jun 97	\$ 956.34

#### CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT # 25408 ONEIDA SAVINGS BANK, ONEIDA, NY

Balance 26 Jun 96	\$ 6,198.23
Interest earned 26 Jun 96 to 26 Jun 97	362.35
Balance 26 Jun 97	\$ 6,560.58
Total CD and Savings Account balance 26 Jun 97	\$ 7,516.92

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard C. Hadley*

Richard C. Hadley  
Treasurer - OAK

The Recorder announced that the minutes of the 1996 Annual Meeting had been published in the Grand Council Proceedings, and the minutes of the 1996 Extra meetings were in the packet distributed to this years delegates. The minutes were quickly read and ordered approved with no objections.

The Recorder announced that the make-up for the TIM degree will be October 8, 1997 at St. George's Council No. 74 in Rotterdam, NY.

The Thrice Illustrious Master conducted the election of officers for the coming year. The following Officers were nominated, elected and declared to be installed in their respective stations.

Thrice Illustrious Master	Charles O. Cowing
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Douglas Holbrook
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Burtiss V. Goodnough
Thrice Illustrious Treasurer	Richard C. Hadley
Thrice Illustrious Recorder	Richard M. Clark
Thrice Illustrious Chaplain	George J. Knorr
** Thrice Illustrious Steward	M. Eugene Ellis
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	William G. Vassily

The Recorder and Treasurer were authorized to pay such bills as may be incurred by St. George Council during the 1997-98 Cryptic year.

The Candidates taking the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master were:

Name	Council	Number
** Albert Frohlich Jr.	Phoenix	2
** Michael A. Lampadarios	Adelphic	7
** Gerald T. Wicklow	Rotica	12
** Frederick W. Schneider	Central City	13
** Harry L. Hussey	Bloss	14
** David P. Barwell	Buffalo-Keystone	17
Charles M. Roberts	Doric	19
John E. Sundeen	Dunkirk	25
** Robert T. Mulvaugh	Northern Star	34
Robert R. Currie	St. George's	74
Robert A. Hanlon	Suffolk	76
** &&& Joseph Caruso &&&	Flatbush	80
Thomas L. Nesbitt	Joseph Warren	81
** Walter A. Collins	Oneonta	87
** Walter J. Hilsenbeck	North Shore	88
Carl J. Mott	Hamburg	91
Vernon G. Rupert	Nun Da Wa Ga	92
** George A. Brett	King David	97

Guests:

Name	Council	Jurisdiction
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\*\* indicates became a member of St. George Council

\*\* Edward P. Fagan Phoenix 2 also became a member.

Most Illustrious Grand Masters Jay Kosseff and John Nosal greeted the new Thrice Illustrious Masters. They presented each with his Thrice Illustrious Master card from The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. Visitors were also given cards.

The Recorder addressed the new Masters and urged that each join St. George Council. After the meeting, 12 memberships were processed and 9 OAK pins were sold. \$345 was paid over to the Treasurer. 9 Silver Trowels were also sold and the cash given to the Grand Recorder.

## MEMBERSHIP GAIN OR LOSS AS OF 12 SEPTEMBER 1997

G-GREETING, A-AFFILIATED, R-RESTORED, D-DIED, DE-DEMIT, S-SUSPENDED  
 I-INDIGENT! (^)MERGING INTO LAFAYETTE #86; (\*) NO RETURN for 1997  
 [ERROR IN NUMBERS OF #88 IN 1992,1993-DEDUCTED SAME COMPANION TWICE]

COUNCIL	1996					1997					MEMB. GAIN	LOSS
	MEMB.	G	A	R	D	DE	S	I	MEMB.			
# 1	79	5	0	1	1	1	5	3	78		1	
# 2	54	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	50		4	
# 7	92	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	89		3	
#12	75	2	0	0	4	3	4	1	66		9	
#13	74	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	70		4	
#14	40	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	39		1	
#15	35	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	33		2	
#16	47	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	44		3	
#17	78	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	74		4	
#18	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14		1	
#19	73	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	72		1	
#21	* 57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57*		*	
#22	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1		
#24	41	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	41			
#25	59	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	57		2	
#26	41	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	39		2	
#30	23	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	21		2	
#31	26	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	21		5	
#34	59	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	49		10	
#35	38	10	0	0	3	1	5	0	39	1		
#36	37	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	33		4	
#37	36	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	30		6	
#40	24	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	26	2		
#50	85	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	83		2	
#53	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19		1	
#55	38	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	34		4	
#62	24	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	23		1	
#74	175	1	0	0	8	1	0	0	167		8	
#75	44	9	0	0	4	0	0	1	49	5		
#76	97	3	0	0	2	2	1	1	95		2	
#78	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14			
#79	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	21		1	
#80	* 50	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	49*		1*	
#81	53	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	50		3	
#82	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	19		1	
#86	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25		1	
#87	89	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	87		2	
#88	[ ] 55	0	1	1	[3]	0	0	0	54		[1]	
#89	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	1		
#90	20	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	20			
#91	74	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	68		6	
#92	49	3	0	1	4	0	1	0	48		1	
#93	32	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	30		2	
#94	^ 21	0	0	0	3	2	4	0	12		9	
#97	20	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	1		
TOTALS	2199	55	4	11	88	44	37	20	2100	11	110	
LOSS OF	99	MEMBERS	IN	1996-1997		Demits &	Suspensions	total	81!			

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INTERNATIONAL  
CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

This Award was started in 1975. Amended in 1984 to read, No Past or Present Grand Master or any advancing Line Officer of a Grand Council shall be eligible for this award.

\* Deceased, Demitted, Suspended.

1978	*R.I. CARL E DOYLE	#36	1979	*R.I. WILLIAM E JACKSON	#52
1980	M.I. STUART STURGES	#37	1981	R.I. DON C MARKHAM	#91
1982	(no award presented)		1983	*M.I. ROBERT L DOD	#55
1984	*R.I. VICTOR R DEWITT	#13	1985	*R.I. RALPH C TAGGART	#87
1986	*R.I. FREDERICK C NITZ	#74	1987	*R.I. EARL M EVERTS	#50
1988	R.I. WALTER J SLODKI	# 7	1989	*R.I. WARREN R BLANCHARD	#15
1990	*R.I. HOWARD P DEVOE	#91	1991	R.I. EDMUND D HARRISON	# 1
1992	R.I. RICHARD E EADES	#12	1993	R.I. JACK W OVITT	#12&#50
1994	R.I. C HARVEY KELLEY	# 1	1995	ILL. R CURTIS MONTGOMERY	#17
1996	R.I. WARREN A ROMAINE	#36	1997	R.I. VINCENT FORTUNATO	#76

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS, INTERNATIONAL  
ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award was started in 1984.

1984	*R.I. SHELDON K BLANK	#12	1985	M.I. L G WEINHEIMER JR.	#25
1986	M.I. FRED G HICKEIN	#87	1987	(no award presented)	
1988	R.I. GEORGE H SAVALE	#81	1989	ILL. DANIEL L CLARK	#12
1990	CMP. RICHARD C LUH	#17	1991	ILL. PAUL T HENRY SR.	#87
1992	ILL. JOHN W GALLAWAY	# 2	1993	ILL. HARRISON RAYMOND JR	#90
1994	CMP. PAUL R CHISHOLM	#17	1995	CMP. WILLIAM H MUELLER	#88
1996	R.I. MURRAY H TYRRELL	#30	1997	R.I. DAVID H RAYMOND	#90

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS STATE OF NEW YORK  
CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

1969	*ILL. F PAUL KILMER	#91	1970		
1971			1972		
1973	*CMP. CLAYTON M VANORS DALE	#35	1974		
1975			1976	*CMP. CORNELL MARTIN	#37
1977	*CMP. EDWARD C MCGOVERN	#80	1978		
1979			1980		
1981			1982	*R.I. HOWARD P DEVOE	#91
1983	R.I. ROBERT H RIDGE JR	#15	1984	*ILL. LEO V BIGLER	#25
1985			1986		
1987			1988	R.I. KENNETH C PURDY	#62
1989	*R.I. HENRY O LEYH	#91	1990		
1991	*CMP. KURT F HEUMANN	# 1	1992	R.I. WARREN A ROMAINE	#36
1993			1994		
1995	R.I. WILLIAM G VASSILY	#13	1996	R.I. PETER C DOOLEY JR	#79
1997	R.I. FRANK WELLS	#31			

NOTE: Taken from previous Proceedings. Please let me know of any corrections! Thank you.  
GRAND RECORDER



	43	+*R.I. Joseph D B Green	85
	44	* M.I. Gordon W Hathaway	12
	45	* M.I. Fred G Hickein	87
	46	* Ray B Leinbach	4
	47	* Edmund McGovern	80
	48	+* Donald J McKane	34
	49	* I. Edward L McCue	94
	50	*R.I. Alexander Pollio	87
	51	* I. Robert A Remington	37
	52	*R.I. Sidney A Shoemaker	16
	53	* I. Wilbert H Starr	2
	54	* Elmore B Stone	50
	55	*R.I. J Richard Stone	13
	56	* I. Edward L Utter	82
	57	Louis Van Slyck	1
	58	+ R.I. A John Warren	24
	59	+ I. Guy E Wellman	24
	60	*R.I. Norman O C Young	79
1974	61	* I. Robert Auguet	85
	62	*R.I. Chandler J Cameron	13
	63	I. Ronald Case	18
	64	*R.I. James A Lenna	25
	65	R.I. Alexander S Martin	55
	66	*R.I. Horace R Maxwell	81
	67	* I. Carl L Pearson	55
	68	*R.I. Harry E Saxton	25
	69	+ R.I. Nick Stuffer	94
	70	* I. George M Weeks	62
	71	* I. LeRoy A Winchell	81
1975	72	R.I. Neil J McCabe	2
	73	* I. James R Nesbitt	81
	74	*R.I. Arthur Zahn	7
	75	*R.I. Ludvigs P Kiploks	1
	76	I. Byrge Kalvehagen	80
	77	*R.I. Nicos Mourouzis	95
	78	* I. Joseph D Knisnick	95
	79	*R.I. Robert Causin	95
	80	R.I. Joel E Rosenwasser	86
1977	81	*R.I. Kenneth J Tullock	74
	82	* I. Charles J Wickes	75
	83	*R.I. Edgar K Ralston	40
	84	R.I. Karl E Ralston	40
	85	*R.I. F William Young	26
	86	+*R.I. Earl M Everts	50
	87	+*R.I. Charles Ridgeway	50
	88	*R.I. Aloysius H Curran	62
	89	*R.I. C Thomas Stackpole	40
	90	*R.I. Richard W Mack	2
1978	91	*R.I. David E Golden	22
	92	* I. Robert H Austin	30

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	93	R.I.	Henry J Yochmann	21
	94	* I.	Frank H Fiel	62
	95	*	Theodore Chintalan	80
	96	*R.I.	Edward J Norton	95
	97	R.I.	Robert A Stitham	62
	98	R.I.	Walter J Slodki	7
	99	*	Lynn G Stockweather	35
	100	* I.	David J Lyon	13
	101	*M.I.	J Donald Garnsey	87
	102	* I.	Paul V Reber	25
	103	*R.I.	J Harry Cook	87
	104	* I.	Harris G Clark Sr	87
	105	* I.	Robert B Kingsley	52
	106	R.I.	Courtland M Andrew	74
1979	107	I.	Robert L Colwell	16
	108	*R.I.	Robert L Miller	75
	109	R.I.	Harry W Griffen	74
	110	R.I.	Joseph R Evans	87
	111	*R.I.	Ralph C Taggart	87
	112	R.I.	Frederick G Luckham	88
	113	M.I.	Stuart Sturges	37
	114	*V.I.	Carlton R Jackson	16
	115	+ I.	James H Merritt	88
	116	R.I.	Kenneth W Sweet	50
	117	*R.I.	Lawrence J Bennett	13
1980	118	R.I.	Stephen A Licht	92
	119	R.I.	Lewis O Slocum	37
	120	R.I.	Russell B Henderson	16
	121	*R.I.	Walter F Thompson	24
	122	*R.I.	Alex P Montauredes	36
	123	* I.	Frank G Murray	36
	124	I.	Lawrence Polla	36
	125	R.I.	Walter L Franks Sr	94
	126	* I.	George M Gardner	82
1981	127	* I.	Lloyd D Smiley	15
	128	* I.	Hilary F Schultz	21
	129	R.I.	Arnold A Berman	2
	130	R.I.	Bruce A Julseth	31
	131	R.I.	Roy J Rossell	1
	132	*	Howard J Schultz	17
	133	R.I.	Don C Markham	91
1982	134	I.	John W Gallaway	2
	135	* I.	Bernard L Messer	13
	136	M.I.	Lester G Weinheimer Jr	25
	137	V.I.	Lawson J Brown	16
	138	I.	R Stuart Smith Jr	26
	139		Perry C Hotaling	87
1983	140	R.I.	James Anthony	7
	141	I.	Keith E Dash	25
	142	+*R.I.	Kent G Young	25

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	143	R.I. Endwell E Buell	31
	144	R.I. Roger H Bricknell	74
	145	I. Harold Hovmiller	76
	146	R.I. Charles Raymond	76
	147	I. E LeRoy Aul	82
	148	R.I. Donald L Bixby	82
	149	R.I. Benjamin G Cromwell	88
1984	150	* I. Harry J Croyle	75
	151	V.I. Edward R Trosin	91
	152	R.I. Lemuel J Boice	21
	153	R.I. Vincent Fortunato	76
	154	R.I. Frank Polchlopek	13
	155	R.I. Horace C Porter	19
1985	156	*R.I. Warren R Blanchard	15
	157	R.I. Thomas E Dunham	21
1986	158	Harold C Chapman	13
	159	R.I. George M Crippen Jr	40
	160	R.I. Stuart C Smedes	21
	161	R.I. George R Daley	21
	162	George E Clark Sr	21
	163	*V.I. John H Rowley	15
1988	164	I. Ronald D Mertens	19
	165	R.I. Alan M Downing	50
1989	166	* John Segan Jr	24
	167	John W Jones	91
	168	R.I. William G Vassily	13
1990	169	I. Louis F Barazotti Jr	7
	170	I. Jerold A Brade	92
	171	* Howard I Smith	92
	172	I. Lester C Lawrence	34
	173	R.I. Richard Suppes	34
	174	*R.I. Edward H Loveman	76
	175	I. Donald Harrison	76
	176	M.I. John Mauk Hilliard	1
	177	* I. James P Branigan	92
	178	R.I. Edmund D Harrison	1
1991	179	R.I. Richard L. Plue	92
	180	R.I. Vernon L Woolston Sr	40
	181	R.I. Douglas J Swan	53
1992	182	I. Robert Del Duca	7
	183	R.I. Felix Aguila	7
1993	184	I. Richard P Gunsalus	50
	185	I. Rafael Castro	76
	186	I. Donald H Fingar	76
	187	I. C Burton Pierce	76
	188	I. Michael Anthony Perez	80
	189	*R.I. Robert E Schaffrath	88
1994	190	I. M Eugene Ellis	50
	191	I. Thaddeus Marciniak	50
1995	192	I. Walter J Hilsenbeck	88
1997	193	Paul D Rosenthal	75

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\* Deceased, Demitted, Suspended.

Year	Award No.	Name	Council No.	Number of Petitions
1978	1	*R.I. RALPH H JONES	#94	79
	2	*R.I. WESTON H CARTER	#17	37
	3	*R.I. HOWARD P DEVOE	#91	34
	4	*R.I. PAUL F KILMER	#91	29
	5	*Ill. ROBERT S SHAW	#36	27
1979	6	*R.I. RAYMOND W HOUGHTON	#74	87
	7	R.I. HARRY W GRIFFEN	#74	51
	8	*R.I. RALPH C TAGGART	#87	36
1980	9	*M.I. DONALD J GARNSEY	#87	27
	10	Ill. BYRGE KALVEHAGEN	#80	25
1982	11	*R.I. GLEN K LUEDEMANN	#15	40
1983	12	*CMP. HOWARD SCHULTZ	#17	25
1984	13	R.I. LAVERNE M BRISTER	#30	25
1986	14	*R.I. KENT G YOUNG	#25	31
1987	15	M.I. GORDON W HATHAWAY	#12	37
1992	16	R.I. EDMUND D HARRISON	# 1	25

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COLUMBIAN #1 M.T. 71 W. 23rd. STREET NEW YORK NY 2ND. WED. 1,2,3	2/1/1823  212-741-4519 6:45 pm+	*JACOB E BEARDSLEY #1 324-3D GILL LANE ISELIN NJ 08830-2826 908-634-6721
PHOENIX #2 M.T. 262 MARTINE AVE. WHITE PLAINS NY -2ND. TUES. X 1,6,7,8,9 +	1/11/1881  914-684-8830 8:00 pm	*ARNOLD A BERMAN #2 164 CHURCH STREET APT 1K NEW ROCHELLE NY 10805- 914-235-9712 +3233
ADELPHIC #7 M.T. 71 W. 23RD. STREET NEW YORK NY 4TH. TUES 1,3,5,10 +	6/2/1856  NONE 8:00 pm+	'GEORGE ALVIN HARRISON #7 187-05 WILLIAMSON AVENUE SPRINGFIELD GARDENS NY 718-341-0838 11413-1426
ROTICA #12 M.T. 620 N. WASHINGTON ST. ROME NY 3RD. MON. X 6-8	8/29/1922  NONE 7:30 pm	**RICHARD C HADLEY #12 107 SENECA AVENUE O.C. ONEIDA NY 13421-2561 315-363-6454
CENTRAL CITY #13 M.T. 108 SILVER STREET EAST SYRACUSE NY 2ND. WED. X 7-9	6/5/1860  315-463-9757 7:30 pm	'JOSEPH A FOGLIETTI #13 1685 US ROUTE 11 LOT 20 HASTINGS NY 13076-3123 315-676-2442
BLOSS #14 M.T. 9 BRUNSWICK ROAD TROY NY 1ST. FRI. X 6-9 +	6/5/1860  518-272-3171 8:00 pm+	*RICHARD F CESARE #14 13 ARCADIA AVENUE LATHAM NY 12110-4533 518-785-7294
BRUCE #15 M.T. 1 COTTAGE STREET LOCKPORT NY 4TH. THU. X 6-8, 11,12	6/5/1860  716-433-9700 7:30 pm+	'JOHN A HAEHL #15 281 ONTARIO STREET LOCKPORT NY 14094-2021 716-433-4372
SOUTHERN TIER #16 M.T. 219 EAST 14TH STREET + ELMIRA HEIGHTS NY 3RD. WED. X 7,8 +	6/5/1860  NONE 7:30 pm	'WALLACE R HUNT #16 1774 PENNSYLVANIA AVE PINE CITY NY 14871-9114 607-734-9666
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE #17 M.T. 5808 MAIN ST. WILLIAMSVILLE NY 2ND. THUR. X 6-8 +	6/6/1860  + 716-633-5240 8:00 pm+	*I COLE STICKLE #17 177 STOCKBRIDGE AVENUE BUFFALO NY 14215-1521 716-833-1912
KING HIRAM #18 (DISP) M.T. CHURCH STREET PORT BYRON NY 2ND. TUE. X 7,8	8/7/1878(?)  315-776-4285 8:00 pm+	PHILIP LEISENRING SR #18 177 N MAIN ST PO BOX 321 PORT BYRON NY 13140-0321 315-776-8684



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'WILLIAM W REESE II #1 910 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10021-0255 212-837-2795	DANIEL J O'CONNELL #1 360 EAST 234TH STREET BRONX NY 10470-2206 718-325-7458	GREGORY D CHAMBERS #1 19 BAILEY ROAD MILLBURN NJ 07041-2001
ALBERT FROHLICH JR #2 9 PARSONS STREET HARRISON NY 10528-3711 914-835-0082	RICHARD E SUNESON #2 41 CLOVER STREET YONKERS NY 10703-1120 914-968-1379	WILTSIE H FINCH #2 304 RICHBELL ROAD APT A2 MAMARONECK NY 10543-3236 914-834-9028
"MICHAEL A LAMPADARIOS#7 131 SECOND AVENUE WESTWOOD NJ 07675-2132 202-666-5897	MARK L ADLER #7 1735 E 14TH ST APT 4E BRONX NY 11229-2040 718-336-6313	JOHNATHAN E WEINRICH #7 3544 WAYNE AVENUE APT 4E BRONX NY 10467-1586 718-652-1173
'GERALD T WILKLOW #12 1209 N MADISON STREET ROME NY 13440-2725 315-339-0696	H GILBERT FOX #12 PO BOX 12 WOODGATE NY 13494-0012 315-392-4871	RONALD W WHITE #12 317 KINSLEY STREET SHERRILL NY 13461-1105 315-363-3096
'FREDERICK W SCHNEIDER#13 122 LILLIAN AVENUE SYRACUSE NY 13206-2152 315-463-5702	ROBERT W BROWN #13 122 W SENECA TPKE APT316 SYRACUSE NY 13207-2641 315-469-0552	RICHARD C MELFI #13 101 CLEVELAND STREET LIVERPOOL NY 13088-5502 315-457-5502
'HARRY L HUSSEY #14 50 CONSAUL ROAD ALBANY NY 12205-3705 518-869-8693	DOUGLAS R HULL #14 1 CAROLINA AVENUE TROY NY 12180-7401 518-283-2012	LEW O FLETCHER #14 27 KILLEAN PARK ALBANY NY 12205-4034 518-869-0796
*JAMES E SULLIVAN #15 315 LOCUST STREET LOCKPORT NY 14094-4942 716-439-4194	ALVIN E LILLEY #15 PO BOX 340 LOCKPORT NY 14095-0340 716-433-7990	'CLIFFORD M YAHR #15 6237 S TRANSIT RD LOT 1053 LOCKPORT NY 14094-6350 716-439-1744
'THOMAS T COWAN #16 243 LYNWOOD AVENUE ELMIRA HEIGHTS NY 14903 607-732-2611 +1321	"LAWSON L BROWN #16 3580 WATKINS ROAD #33 PINE VALLEY NY 14872- 607-739-6942 +9741	"RONALD W DUNN #16 751 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE ELMIRA NY 14904-2222 607-732-4963
'DAVID P BARWELL #17 43 OAKWOOD DRIVE WILLIAMSVILLE NY 14221- 716-632-4396 +7013	'EDWARD J D ZOBREST #17 493 HARRIS HILL ROAD BOWMANSVILLE NY 14026- 716-683-7608 +1013	'ROBERT TINDLE SMITH #17 388 CADMAN DRIVE WILLIAMSVILLE NY 14221- 716-634-8306 +6946
'FELIX E REVETTE #18 42 KING ST PO BOX 341 PORT BYRON NY 13140- 315-776-4056 +0341	KENNARD C WALTER #18 7 MC MASTER STREET AUBURN NY 13021-3411 315-255-0639	'JEROME F URBANIK #18 RR 3 BOX 243 AUBURN NY 13021-9540 315-252-8383

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DORIC #19 M.T. 875 EAST MAIN ST. ROCHESTER NY 3RD. WED. X 6-8 +	6/4/1861 716-473-4351 7:30 pm	*L EDWARD WALKER #19 162 CAMPBELL PARK ROCHESTER NY 14606-1304 716-647-2382
ANCIENT CITY #21 (NO REPORT) M.T. 31 ALBANY AVE KINGSTON NY 4TH. WED. X 7,8,12 +	8/23/1921 914-338-3744 8:00 pm	*STUART C SMEDES #21 176 MARIUS STREET KINGSTON NY 12401-6426 914-338-9038
DeWITT CLINTON #22 (DISP) M.T. 67 CORNING PLACE ALBANY NY 2ND. FRI X 6-8	6/4/1861 518-434-4768 7:30 pm	*ALAN C LEWIS #22 41 HAWTHORNE AVENUE DELMAR NY 12054-3117 518-439-3931
BINGHAMTON #24 M.T. 403 EAST MAIN STREET ENDICOTT NY 1ST. TUE. X 6,7,8 +	2/7/1865 607-785-2771 7:30 pm	*DOUGLAS W HOLBROOK #24 325 MARION AVENUE ENDWELL NY 13760-5817 607-748-3487
DUNKIRK #25 M.T. 321 EAST MAIN STREET FREDONIA NY 4TH. WED. X 7,8 +	2/6/1866 7:30 pm	*J FREDERICK VELOTT JR. #25 2545 SUNSET DRIVE EDEN NY 14057-1325 716-992-9160
PALMYRA #26 M.T. 161 EAST MAIN STREET PALMYRA NY 1ST. THU. X 6-9,1 +	2/6/1866 315-597-4489 8:00 pm	*DAVID W TABER #26 57 EAST AVENUE FAIRPORT NY 14450-1430 716-388-0629
OWEGO #30 M.T. 940 MONTROSE TURNPIKE OWEGO NY + 3RD. MON. X 7,8	2/4/1868(?) NONE 8:00 pm	*LAVERNE M BRISTER #30 173 FRONT STREET OWEGO NY 13827-1520 607-687-3882
KING SOLOMON #31 M.T. 32 CANNON STREET POUGHKEEPSIE NY 4TH. TUE. X 7,8,12 +	2/4/1868 914-486-9828 7:30 pm+	*JOHN A KATZ #31 11 CEDAR LANE POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12601- 914-473-4891 +1146
NORTHERN STAR #34 M.T. 90 1/2 MAIN STREET MASSENA NY LAST WED.OF MONTH X 6-8 +	8/30/1949 315-769-7722 8:00 pm+	BRUCE E COSTELLO #34 PO BOX 433 MASSENA NY 13662-0433 315-769-6615
HORNELLSVILLE #35 M.T. 34-38 MAPLE STREET HORNELL NY 2ND. WED. X 7,8	2/1/1870 607-324-2784 7:30 pm	DAVID L LATHERS #35 115 POWERS LANE ROCHESTER NY 14624-4406 607-276-6888

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'CHARLES M ROBERTS #19 158 MEADOWBRIAR ROAD ROCHESTER NY 14616-2339 716-621-3796	*STANLEY V PETERSON #19 39 KENMONT DRIVE PENFIELD NY 14526-1511 716-586-1932	PAUL B JOSEPHSON #19 20 PECOS CIRCLE WEST HENRIETTA NY 14586- 716-334-7353 +9705
*GEORGE R DALEY #21 PO BOX 78 MAIN STREET CLINTONDALE NY 12515- 914-883-7428 +0078	ROBERT W HENDRICKSON #21 500 WASHINGTON AVE APT111 KINGSTON NY 12401-2999 914-338-6432	'GORDON W KENT #21 213 WEST ROAD HURLEY NY 12443-6316 914-331-3636
'GLEN P COOK #22 760 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE EAST GREENBUSH NY 12061- 518-477-4131 +2613	JOHN R KARM #22 2126 COOK ROAD BALLSTON LAKE NY 12019- 518-882-9695 +2915	GEORGE J DEVENEAU #22 1 MARVILLE DRIVE LOUDONVILLE NY 12211- 518-458-1481 +1205
'JAMES M TAYLOR #24 419 FIRTH STREET ENDICOTT NY 13760-4617 607-748-4253	ROBERT R THOMPSON #24 15 ELIZABETH STREET BINGHAMTON NY 13901-1413 607-648-6098	'FRANK M KAMINSKY #24 63 CHESTNUT STREET BINGHAMTON NY 13905- 607-722-2090 +4449
'JOHN E SUNDEEN #25 16 LOWE AVENUE LAKEWOOD NY 14750-1004 716-763-3452	LELAND W SPERRY #25 14 E THIRD ST PO BOX 453 LAKEWOOD NY 14750-0453 716-763-1166	'WALTER A RUSS #25 34 WESLEYAN STREET PANAMA NY 14767-9785 716-782-2411
'R STUART SMITH JR #26 1224 ROLFE STREET PALMYRA NY 14522-9370 315-597-9763	'WILLIAM C JONES #26 2049 STATE 00ROUTE 350 MACEDON NY 14502-9147 315-986-9150	*L RONALD EDWARDS #26 6015 YERKES ROAD CANANDAIGUA NY 14425- 716-394-3205 +9627
*CLARENCE C VAN HORN #30 488 WAVERLY STREET WAVERLY NY 14892-1102 607-565-9309	*REUBEN E LONG #30 5 COURTLY CIRCLE OWEGO NY 13827-1101 607-687-5882	*GENE R REYNOLDS #30 PO BOX 333 SPENCER NY 14883-0333 607-589-6202
**JAY KOSSEFF #31 1 MANOR ROAD RHINEBECK NY 12572-1707 914-876-3892	'ZINAS M MAVODONES #31 45 PEMBROKE DRIVE POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12603- 914-452-7017 +4707	*NORMAN E WANZER #31 209 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12603- 914-454-4186 +3410
'ROBERT T MULVAUGH #34 15 TALCOTT STREET MASSENA NY 13662-2225 315-764-0021	THOMAS CRONIN #34 537 SURGENOR STREET CORNWALL ONTARIO K6J 2H2 613-933-0698	'EVERETT H LACY #34 163 MAIN STREET MASSENA NY 13662-1907 315-769-3608
'PHILIP A COX #35 9425 CREEK ROAD HUNT NY 14846-9783 716-648-2573	GENE GARRISON 5116 HENRY JENKINS ROAD HORNELL NY 14843-9716 607-698-2497	*EDWARD J OYER #35 2256 COUNTY ROAD 70A HORNELL NY 14843-9453 607-324-5644

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 M.T. 149-39 11TH. AVENUE  
 WHITESTONE NY +  
 2ND. FRI. X 7,8 + 7:00 pm+

\*WARREN A ROMAINE #36  
 43-22 189TH STREET  
 FLUSHING NY 11358-3422  
 718-358-3833

CRYPTIC #37 2/1/1870  
 M.T. 657 NO. BROADWAY  
 SARATOGA SPRINGS NY 518-583-3607  
 2ND. THU. X 6-9 8:00 pm

\*PAUL M BRAYTON #37  
 HUDSON AVENUE, RR2 BOX 7  
 SARATOGA SPRINGS NY 12866  
 518-584-9067 +5510

BATH #40 4/28/1976  
 M.T. 10 PULTENEY SQUARE  
 BATH NY 607-776-9211  
 4TH. WED. X 7,8,11 + 7:30 pm

\*JOHN P SHAUT #40  
 6629 DAVENPORT HILL RD  
 BATH NY 14810-8104  
 607-776-6716

FULTON #50 4/11/1911  
 M.T. 614 SO. FOURTH STREET  
 FULTON NY 315-593-1832  
 4TH. TUE. X 6-8,12 7:30 pm

\*ALAN M DOWNING #50  
 305 MUD LAKE ROAD  
 MEXICO NY 13114-9643  
 315-343-4835

CORNING #53 2/6/1872  
 AASR. BLDG. 146 WALNUT St.  
 CORNING NY 607-936-9251  
 4TH. MON. X 7,8,11,12 7:30 pm

\*HAROLD S B HAGER #53  
 421 BRAINARD PLACE  
 PAINTED POST NY 14870-  
 607-962-3705 +1101

PEEKSKILL #55 2/6/1872  
 KofC HALL, 126 UNION AVENUE  
 PEEKSKILL NY 914-737-9616  
 2ND. WED. 1,3,5,9,11 8:00 pm

\*PAUL B MATTHEWS #55  
 192 THIRD STREET  
 BUCHANAN NY 10511-1114  
 914-737-3989

HUDSON #62 2/26/1915  
 M.T. 2 PARK ROW  
 CHATHAM NY +  
 2ND. MON. X 1,2, 6-8 + 8:00 pm  
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\*LOUIS S STONE #62  
 1345 COUNTY ROUTE 9  
 CHATHAM NY 12037-1908  
 518-392-9089

ST. GEORGE'S #74 2/26/1910  
 M.T. 394 PRINCETOWN ROAD+  
 SCHENECTADY, NY. 518-355-3832  
 2ND. WED. X 6-9. 7:30 pm

\*WAYNE E MC KIBBEN #74  
 1037 BAKER AVE  
 SCHENECTADY NY 12309-  
 518-374-2627 +5701

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'LAWRENCE POLLA #36 39 MAIDEN LANE LITTLE FERRY NJ 07643 201-814-0102 +_??_	*ROBERT J CAVE #36 12 HEYWOOD STREET NEW HYDE PARK NY 11040- 516-746-7909 +2412	JOHN COMAN #36 143-50 HOOVER AVE APT 110 JAMAICA NY 11435-2122 718-297-3949
*H GIFFORD BULL #37 10 WOODARD STREET GLENS FALLS NY 12801- 518-792-1738 +4615	'BARTELD GOUT #37 26 DINO DRIVE BALLSTON LAKE NY 12019- 518-899-2433 +9533	'CLARENCE W SPAULDING #37 18 PINE ROAD SO GLENS FALLS NY 12803- 518-792-1365 +5619
'DARRYL W GRIFFING #40 14 FOWLER ST PO BOX 482 WAYLAND NY 14572-0482 716-728-2849	FRANK G BROWN #40 222 ROBIE STREET BATH NY 14810-1146 607-776-3002	*DOUGLAS J SWAN #40 10350 SPENCER HILL ROAD CORNING NY 14830-9530 607-962-6539
'THOMAS R SAWYER #50 502 UTICA STREET FULTON NY 13069-1841 315-593-2836	'CHARLES L HALL #50 PO BOX 58 LYCOMING NY 13093-0058 315-342-5043	'RICHARD P GUNSALUS #50 RR 1 BOX 266 PHOENIX NY 13135-9723 315-695-2232
'EDWARD L HALLENBECK #53 4813 CENTER STREET CAMPBELL NY 14821-9520 607-527-4501	"GERALD B TOMPKINS #53 PO BOX 173 CORNING NY 14830-0173 607-562-8013	ROGER L TOMPKINS #53 508 HAMMOND STREET CORNING NY 14830-3408 607-936-6717
*PAUL C EDWARDS #55 150 ALBANY POST ROAD BUCHANAN NY 10511-1614 914-736-0516	JAY STEPHENS #55 2 BATTEN ROAD CROTON ON HUDSON NY 914-271-4952 10520-9743	'BERNARD B MATTHEWS #55 2 BUD LANE PO BOX 748 GLENHAM NY 12527-0748 914-831-4445
*CLYDE L SHELDON #62 35 HOUSEMAN AVENUE CHATHAM NY 12037-1422 518-392-5112	"ROBERT C GAY #62 PO BOX 208 KINDERHOOK NY 12106- 518-758-9865 +0208	ARTHUR M KERN 1425 COUNTY ROUTE 5 CANAAN NY 12029-2917 518-781-4033
'ROBERT R CURRIE #74 33 FOREST ROAD BURNT HILLS NY 12027- 518-399-3711 +9743	*WERNER G GAUGER #74 RIDGE RD RR 1 BOX 361 SCOTIA NY 12302-9750 518-377-2167	CLARENCE LANGLEY JR #74 124 HORSTMAN DRIVE SCOTIA NY 12302-3208 518-377-8624

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SKOI-YASE #75 M.T. 553 EXCHANGE STREET GENEVA NY 2ND. MON. X 7,8	8/26/1913  315-789-0965 8:00 pm	*ROLAND A ST LOUIS JR #75 112 JAY STREET GENEVA NY 14456-3212 315-789-5960
SUFFOLK #76 M.T. 85 NORTH MAIN STREET+ SAYVILLE NY + 2ND. FRI. X 4,7,8	11/24/1916  8:00 pm+	*HAROLD J HAYMAN #76 10 ROSLYN COURT PATCHOGUE NY 11772-4244 516-475-2910
CATSKILL #78 2 MI NORTH of CATSKILL ON RTE 9W & CHATHAM NY + 2ND. MON. X 6-8, 12 +	8/23/1921  518-943-5540 8:00 pm	'GORDON L GIBSON #78 223 FIVE MI. WOODS ROAD CATSKILL NY 12414-5924 518-943-3571
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TEMPLE #79 1001 SOUTH AVE. AT 10TH. ST NIAGARA FALLS NY 2ND. TUE. X 6-8, 12	8/29/1922  716-282-5757 9:00 pm+	'HORACE A CRAGUN #79 305 TUSCARORA STREET LEWISTON NY 14092-1551 716-754-8867
FLATBUSH #80 M.T. 9104 4TH AVENUE BROOKLYN NY 4TH. TUE. X 6-8,12	8/29/1922  8:00 pm	Contact Ill. Caruso #80
JOSEPH WARREN #81 M.T. 35 MONTCALM STREET LAKE GEORGE NY 3RD. FRI. X 6,7,8,9	8/29/1922  8:00 pm	ALDO A GHIRARDUZZI #81 4 CRESTWOOD DRIVE QUEENSBURY NY 12804-1106 518-798-4995
SALAMANCA #82 M.T. 4585 Route 219 GREAT VALLEY NY + 1ST. THU. 2,4,6,10,12 +	8/29/1922  716-945-5174 7:30 pm	*JAMES N CARR #82 124 ELM CREEK ROAD E R RANDOLPH NY 14772-9761 716-358-9116
LAFAYETTE #86 M.T. 54 MAIN STREET TARRYTOWN NY 4TH. MON. 2,4,6,9,11	8/23/1927  914-631-9716 8:00 pm	*JOEL E. ROSENWASSER #86 39 FORSHAY ROAD MONSEY, NY 10952-1535 914-354-9467
ONEONTA #87 M.T. 318-324 MAIN STREET ONEONTA NY 4TH. WED. X 6,7,8,11,12	5/23/1927  607-432-1412 8:00 pm	'PAUL T HENRY SR #87 1 POTTER AVENUE ONEONTA NY 13820-1924 607-432-2341
NORTH SHORE #88 M.T. 240 GLEN AVENUE SEA CLIFF NY 1ST. TUE. 3,4,6,10,12	8/28/1944  8:00 pm	'HARVEY A EYSMAN #88 15 STONEHENGE ROAD GREAT NECK NY 11023- 516-487-2495 +1007

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CYRUS #89 3 STEEPLES METH.CHURCH 491 US11 Between ROUSES PT. & CHAMPLAIN NY 2ND. SAT. 3,6,9	9/15/1947  2:00 pm	'DAVID J HARRISON #89 89 MAPLE STREET ROUSES POINT NY 12979- 518-297-2951 +1401
CAYUGA #90 M.T. MAIN STREET(DISP) TRUMANSBURG NY 3RD. WED. X 1,2,7,8	9/15/1951  8:00 pm	*GEORGE J KNORR #90 411 TAYLOR PLACE ITHACA NY 14850-3136 607-273-8417
HAMBURG #91 645 MAIN STREET EAST AURORA NY + 2ND. WED. X 1,6,7,8	8/31/1953  716-655-1694 8:00 pm+	'THOMAS W BECK #91 521 DAVIS ROAD EAST AURORA NY 14052 716-652-3590 +9702
NUN DA WAGA #92 8 WEST MAIN STREET LE ROY NY 4TH. MON. X 5-8,12 & 2nd Mon 5	8/31/1953  8:00 pm	'RUEL R LOVETT #92 8419 PEACHEY ROAD BERGEN NY 14416-9502 716-494-2546
GOSHEN #93 COURTLAND & NORTH STREETS MIDDLETOWN NY 4TH. THU. X 6-8,11,12 +	8/27/1956  914-343-3042 7:30 pm+	*CHARLES J REILLY #93 14 WEST JACKSON AVE. MIDDLETOWN NY 10940 914-343-3042 +4210
ROCKLAND #94 MERGED INTO LAFAYETTE #86	9/13/1997	
KING DAVID #97 M.T. S.R. 289 BELLEVILLE NY 1ST. TUE. X 6-8 +	9/8/1995  315-646-3467 7:30 pm	'BURTISS V GOODNOUGH #97 206 GREENE POINT ROAD MANNSVILLE NY 13661-9606 315-387-5313

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GEORGE M OSGOODBY #41 . . . . 1876-1880	CHARLES W BROWN #36 . . . . 1880-1881
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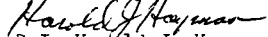
District Deputy Grand Master 1st. DistrictJuly 1, 1997

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To the Grand Council: In my second year as District Deputy, I visited all 5 Councils at least once. Columbian Council No. 1 meets only 3 times a year. They confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in the second meeting and the Super Excellent Master in the third. I visited on the first meeting and attended the third. I watched them perform the S.E.M. degree in their usual exemplary form. Adoniram Council No. 36 meets the same night as Suffolk Council No. 76 so again this year a joint meeting was held at the Whitestone Masonic Temple for my visit. Under the able leadership of V.I. John Schwebach their Council is on an upswing. Flatbush Council No. 80 is doing well with their new recorder Ronald B. Parris. North Shore Council Council No. 88, under the able leadership of I. Harvey Eysman, had several Tablr Councils which were enjoyed by all including myself. Suffolk Council conferred the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master. I. Marshall RHEIN also had a table Council. The highlight of my term was my "Homecoming" at Suffolk Council. I. Marshall Rhein put on a delicious feast and I was honored by the attendance of M.I. Jay Kosseff, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York and his lovely wife Pat, as well as my friend R.I. Reuben (Rex) Long Grand Steward.

Fraternally,



R.I. Harold J. Hayman

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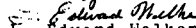
To the Grand Council:

The Committee on Audit has reviewed the accounts and records kept by the Grand Treasurer, M. I. Raymond R. Beardsley. We have found them to be in good order and declare them approved.


Respectfully submitted,



R. I. Stanley V. Peterson



R. I. Edward Walker



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To the Grand Council:

The 2nd Cryptic District, 1997 saw the amalgamation of Rockland Council with Lafayette Council. Rockland Council has been unable to meet for several years, having fewer than nine members. The combined Council has kept the name of Lafayette Council, which will continue to meet in Tarrytown as before.

Peekskill Council celebrated its 125th anniversary in May. The Most Illustrious Jay Kosseff and Grand Council rededicated Peekskill Council at a public ceremony.

All councils in the 2nd District were visited by the DDGM and the AGL. The District Degree Festival was held in Adelpic Council, who performed the Royal Master Degree. The DDGM gave Adelpic three rehearsals. This was an achievement by Adelpic Council, who had not performed any degrees in many years. The Select Master Degree was to have been done by Phoenix Council, but this was cancelled by Phoenix Council's T.I.M.

All councils in the 2nd District received the Masonic education from R.I. Arnold Berman, Past DDGM ordered by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held in Phoenix Council in March, and was conducted by R.I. William Vassily, who, in addition to the work on hand gave us some fascinating insights.

John Simon - Ash DDGM



District Deputy Grand Master 6th District on July 1, 1997

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To the Grand Council:

The second year as District Deputy Grand Master is exciting and challenging, though in a much different way than the first year. With the Great Architect's guidance, both Council and the Districts survived and Cryptic Masonry has remained strong and viable in the 6th District.

The Grand Master's message and program was presented to each Council and, we believe, very well received. Additional visits were made to the various Councils to observe Degree work and other Council activities. These meetings were all conducted very adequately and should have benefited the Cryptic Craft.

Our AGI, V.I. Allen Boyce was able to present his program to the Councils and with his advice and counsel, we believe the ritualistic work in the District has been well performed. With his outstanding organization, a very fine Grand Lecturer's Convention, under the direction of R.I. William G. Vassily, our new Grand Lecturer, was held in King David Council #97, Belleville on October 1 and was well attended and received by the District.

The Leadership Training Program, with refinements, was presented to some Councils and it is thought, that with a new format, it will still be of benefit to the Craft and trust that it will be continued.

Our Councils benefited by having visits by Grand Line officers on various occasions. We are of the opinion that these visits are important as they supply our Companions an insight of the operations of our Grand Council. Several of our Councils also had table Councils which allowed us to show our work to fellow Masons.

It was my pleasure, as DDGM, to present to R.I. Joseph A. Foglietti of Central City Council #13 the appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of New York. We extend to R.I. Companion Foglietti our best wishes in his appointment. The District and Rotica Council #12 in particular, has the honor of having M.I. Richard Hadley named as the Ambassador for New York of the Grand Council International. Our best regards to M.I. Hadley in his new position.

These two years as DDGM have been interesting and, we trust, successful. Our new Council, King David #97 is continuing to grow and with its leadership will become an outstanding addition to our District. King Hiram #18, though small in numbers, is still operating and with proper aid will continue to be a viable Council. Rotica #12, Central City #13 and Fulton #50 continue to be strong and we are assured that the 6th District will remain a strong factor in New York Cryptic Masonry. I thank the members of each and every Council for their assistance and cooperation during these two years and I know that they will extend the same cooperation to the new District officers. I have enjoyed these two years and will aid my successor in any manner that he desires.

Fraternally,

*Charles R. Victory*  
Charles R. Victory, DDGM, 6th District

District Deputy Grand Master 7th. District      June 26, 1997  
OFFICE of COMMITTEE DATE

To the Grand Council:

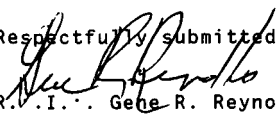
My year serving Cryptic Masonry has been an interesting and rewarding experience. As District Deputy Grand Master, I visited each of the five Councils in the Seventh Cryptic District. I renewed old friendships and made new ones as well. I found all of them to be in need of new members and that attendance could improve. The lines are filed with Past Illustrious Masters I am sure that this is a problem almost anywhere there is Masonry or any organizations of this form. I was told by Past District Deputes that I was very lucky to have had a meeting at each Council on the scheduled date, as most had to return at another time because nine were not present to open. My comment on attending the different Councils is that there are a few who need to concentrate on memorization of opening and closing. If the Illustrious Master doesn't know his work no one else will care to do it properly.

I sent a letter to Most Illustrious Kosseff with a suggestion that one of the reasons members don't attend is because; when they take the time to attend and there is no meeting the next time it is easy to say "they probably won't have it anyway why go." I proposed to him that Councils should be allowed to Open and conduct business with less than nine, except when degrees are to be conferred. This would allow Councils to act on petitions and do business necessary to get active back in councils, and not send companions back home after an effort to be a good Mason and attend.

I didn't get around the District as much as I would have liked to. I did attend most of the Seventh District events and can report that planing and caring out of District Convention was well done and I am sure that the Companions took home information and knowledge for better ritual work. It seemed that I was in the hospital or had to be out of town for most of the events that happed state wide. I was fortunate to have Right Illustrious John P. Nosal Jr. to keep me informed as to what I needed to know

It would be my conclusion that this District has not lost but gained in the movement to have better meetings and the true meaning of Masonry, Brotherhood, as our Most Illustrious Grand Master Jay Kosseff directed in his message to the Companions.

Respectfully submitted

  
 R. I. O. Gene R. Reynolds  
 District Deputy Grand Master  
 Seventh Cryptic District

District Deputy Grand Master 8th. District Saturday, July 12, 1997

OFFICE OF COMMITTEE

DATE

To the Grand Council:

I thoroughly enjoyed my second term as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Cryptic District. The meeting with and renewing friendships with the Companions of the past year, and forming new bonds with the newly made Companions was especially pleasing to me. I was made to feel very much at home on each of my visits (even being allowed to assist in conferring of the Degrees at three of the Councils).

Official visits were completed before the snow stopped travel in December. All the councils are in good condition, with some still having a problem with attendance, especially when other Masonic bodies are having Special programs in the same or adjacent Districts.

Several Visits were made with M.: I.: Jay Kosseff in attendance, including a most impressive presentation of a Table Council by Doric Council #19 headed by I.: Douglas S. Poole, Illustrious Master. I was also honored by the presence of R.: I.: John P. Nosal, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, and R.: I.: Edward P. Fagan, Jr., Grand Conductor of Council at my Visits to several other Councils.

I was present at a joint Grand Chapter, RAM, and Grand Council dedication of the new temple of Friendship Lodge.#153 F&AM, for the use of both New Jerusalem #47, RAM, and Owego #30, CM . It was a most impressive ceremony by both Grand Lines.

Again I wish to thank all the Companions of the Eighth Cryptic District for their support and generous hospitality shown me through the past two years.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cullen O. Henry

D.D.G.M. 8th Cryptic Dist.

District Deputy Grand Master 9th DistrictJune 17, 1997.

OFFICE or COMMITTEE

DATE

*To the Grand Council:*

I report that all Councils in the 9th Cryptic District were visited at least once and with one exception all before the show flew. That is some trick in our District.

All reports of the I. M.'s and Recorders were received and an excellent job was done by all.

This has been a year of change in the 9th. We had two Rededication Ceremonies. One in the Fall as Hamburg Council #91 settled into its new Secret Vault in Blazing Star Lodge #694 East Aurora, NY and in early Spring as Dunkirk Council #25 moved into their new quarters in Fredonia, NY. The M. I. Jay Kosseff and his staff officiated at both ceremonies. They were very impressive and we all learned a great deal more about Cryptic Masonry.

The learning did not stop there however as the V. I. William G. Vassily Grand Lecturer, assisted by our own V. I. Keith Church AGL 9th Cryptic hosted a Convention at Hamburg Council #91. I strongly recommend that each Companion attend one Convention a year in his area. It was without doubt the most interesting and informative evening Masonically, I have been involved in in some time. In fact I have used what I learned at the Convention in many speeches I have made at the Blue Lodges this year.

I am happy to report that Cryptic Masonry is alive and well in the 9th and I congratulate our new D.D.G.M. and wish him well these next two years and hope he enjoys them as much as I did.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. I. Jack Salisbury,  
D.D.G.M. 9th Cryptic District

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Education was active this year with each of our members providing talks on Cryptic Masonry to various Councils and other Masonic bodies. These included explanatory talks on the nature and Light offered by our Degrees, their origins and relationships to the other Degrees of the Lodge and York Rite and a further understanding of the role Cryptic Masonry plays in our total understanding of our Craft.

zealously,



Rt. Ill. Comp. PAUL B. MATTHEWS, Chairman

Ish-Sodi & Awards

OFFICE of COMMITTEE

*Sept. 13, 1997*

DATE

To the Grand Council:

Council recognition awards are presented in three areas, membership gain, best attendance at Grand Council and support of Grand Council Charity Fund. We had three (3) Councils that greeted 5 or more companions in the cryptic year: Columbian #1, Hornellsville #35 and Skoi-Yase #75. Two of these Councils receive special recognition; most greetings in the cryptic year – Hornellsville #35 and 10% or greater increase in council membership in the cryptic year – Skoi-Yase #75.

Best attendance at Grand Council Annual Assembly (other than Host Council) goes to Sufflok Council # 76.

I am pleased to announce that we have five Councils this year which contributed in excess of \$5.00 per companion to the Charity Fund – Doric #19, Adoniram #36, Peekskill #55, St. George's #74 and Nun-Da-Wa-Ga #92. The Council with the greatest dollar amount contributed in the cryptic year is St. George's #74.

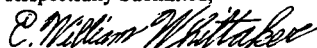
This year we recognize one Companion to receive the Ish Sodi Award, he was the first line signer on eight (8) petitions. He is Companion Paul D. Rosenthal of Skoi-Yase Council No. 75.

Most Puissant Orville E. Wessler, General Grand Master of General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Most Illustrious Jay Kosseff, Grand Master, presented the following awards. The General Grand Council International Cryptic Mason of the Year Award was presented to Right Illustrious Vincent Fortunato. The General Grand Council International Adult Leadership Award was presented to Right Illustrious David H. Raymond.

Finally Companions, at the Banquet this evening, Our Most Illustrious Grand Master will make the presentation of New York Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award.

This completes the report of the Ish Sodi and Awards Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,



E. William Whittaker, Chairman

# In Memoriam

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**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS  
HAROLD M. KEASON**

**G R E E T E D**  
Hornellsville Council No. 35  
6 June 1930

Illustrious Master 1938 1939

**GRAND MASTER**  
1959-1960

**GRAND TREASURER**  
1960-1980

**GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS**  
1980-1997

Born 26 March 1896

Died 24 September 1997

# In Memoriam

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**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS  
EDMUND LYNCH JR**

**G R E E T E D**

King Solomon Council No. 31  
24 September 1965

Illustrious Master 1969-1970

**GRAND MASTER**  
1986-1987

**GRAND TRUSTEE**  
1990-1997

Born 17 September 1917

Died 14 November 1997

## GRAND LECTURER and DISTRICT CONVENTIONS 1997-1998

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