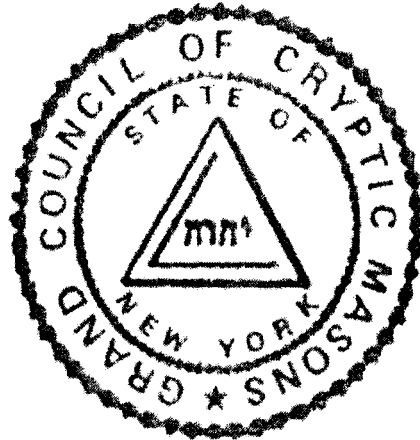


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MINUTES OF THE 183rd ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The 183rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of NY was held on Friday, August 18, 2006 and Saturday, August 19, 2006 at the Holiday Inn-Airport, 911 Brooks Ave., Rochester, NY.

POWER FAILURE / CANCELLATION OF FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

An unexpected power failure affecting a large section of the city of Rochester occurred early on Friday evening. This forced the cancellation of the Welcome Buffet, Vesper Service and the Friday evening session of our Annual Assembly. Power was restored later on Friday evening.

OPENING:

A Council of Select Masters was opened by the Illustrious Master and officers of Doric Council No. 19 on Saturday, August 19, 2005 at 8:45 a.m. The Most Illustrious Charles M. Roberts, Grand Master, and the officers of the of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State were received and by order of the Grand Master assumed the stations and places. A constitutional quorum of constituent Councils was determined to be present. The Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Council opened the 183rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in ample form with Most Ill. Comp. Donald Harrison serving as acting Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. The Grand Recorder advised that all constituent Councils of this jurisdiction had remitted their Per Capita tax and were constitutionally entitled to vote.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK:

The Grand Master conveyed the apologies of our Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Rt. Ill. Comp. Frank Karwowski. Rt. Ill. Comp. Karwowski's son recently and abruptly had his tour of military duty in Iraq extended, literally as he was awaiting his return to the U.S. . This necessitated our Grand PCW traveling to Alaska to bring his daughter-in-law and grandchildren back to New York where they will stay for the duration of that deployment. The Grand Master expressed the sentiment of all the Companions in wishing Rt. Ill. Comp. Karwowski's son and all those serving abroad a safe return.

REVISED AGENDA:

The Grand Master announced that due to the previous evening's unexpected power failure causing our being unable to conduct the work of this Grand Council scheduled for that time, we would be working to revised agenda to enable us to complete our necessary business today.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

Our Distinguished Visitors were received under escort and greeted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

...The following Grand Masters of other Grand Councils and accompanying officers were received and greeted:

Most Puissant Peter Stapleton, Grand Council of Connecticut.

Most Ill. Charles Hart, Grand Council of Delaware

Most Ill. Leslie Buzzell, Grand Council of Maine

Most Ill. Donald Carriger, Grand Council of Mass.

Most Ill. Robert Rettig, PGM, Grand Council of Ohio

Most Ill. David Hardie, Grand Council of Ontario

Most Ill. Marc Paul, Grand Council of Rhode Island

Most Puissant Errol T. Bettzenberger, PGM Grand Council of Pennsylvania, Gr. Rep. of Gr. Council of NY

...The following presiding officers and representatives of other Masonic Grand bodies were received with their accompanying officers:

Ill. Harold Aldrich, 33rd Degree Active, Deputy for State of NY A.A.S.R. N.M.J.
Most Ex. Alan J. Morgan, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of NY
Rt. Eminent George Knorr, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of NY
Rt. Puissant Raymond Hassel, Northeast Region Deputy Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

...The Rt. Wor. Albert xxxxxxx, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the State of NY was received.

...The Most Wor. Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of NY entered and was greeted in the East with Grand Honors.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG:

The flags of the United States and Canada were posted. The Companions joined in giving the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and O' Canada.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Grand Master appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of: Rt. Ill. Comp. David Taber, Palmyra #26; Rt. Ill. Comp. Vernon Rupert, Nun Da Waga #92; Ill. Comp. Joseph Oelgoetz III, Doric #19; and Most Ill. Comp. Fred G. Hickein, Oneonta #87.

The Grand Master appointed a Committee On The Grand Master's Address consisting of Most Ill. Comp. Charles F. Van Etten, Hamburg #91; Most Ill. Comp. Lester G. Weinheimer Jr., Dunkirk #25; and Most Ill. Comp. Richard C. Hadley, Rotica #12.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following standard Resolutions were duly proposed, seconded, and approved by vote of the Companions:

A Motion that the Minutes of the 182nd Annual Assembly be approved was made by Most Ill. Comp. Harvey Payne.

A Motion that all Companion Select Masters in Good Standing be invited to remain as visitors to this Annual Assembly, except at such time as provided by the Constitution was made by Most Ill. Comp. Fred Hickein.

A Motion that the Election of Officers be the Order of Business at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2006; that each officer be nominated individually; and that the nominating speeches be limited to three (3) minutes and seconding speeches to two (2) minutes was made by Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker.

A Motion that our visiting Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council be made so was made by Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker.

RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS:

The Grand Master recognized by name and thanked those Companions who served as Assistant Grand Lecturers during the past Cryptic Masonic year. Those present were called to the East where the Grand Master personally greeted and thanked them - 1st District: Very Ill. Comp. Charles Bunton, Suffolk #76; 5th District: Very Ill. Anthony Catanzaro, Northern Star #34; 6th District: Rt. Ill. Comp. Alan M. Downing, Fulton #50; 8th District: Very Ill. Comp. Norman Austin, Nun Da Waga #92; 9th District: Very Ill. Comp. Bert Larson, Hamburg #91.

RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

The Grand Master called those Companions who had served this past Cryptic Masonic year as District Deputy Grand Masters to assemble in the East where he thanked and recognized them for their service. They were ordered to return their jewels of office to the Grand Recorder before returning to their seats. Recognized were: 1st District: Rt. Ill. Comp. Michael Brolly, North Shore #88; 2nd District: Rt. Ill. Comp. Robert F. Blanke, Goshen #93; 4th District: Rt. Ill. Comp. Philip Stevens, Joseph Warren-Cryptic #37; 5th District: Rt. Ill. Comp. Walter Bulbeck, Northern Star #34; 6th District:

Rt. Ill. Comp. David Robling, King David #97; 7th District: Rt. Ill. Comp. James Bower, Ahwaga #30; 8th District: Rt. Ill. Comp. John Dudley, Doric #19; 9th District: Rt. Ill. Comp. George Whitmer, Dunkirk #25.

The Grand Master presented a special recognition to two DDGMs whom he felt had gone above and beyond the normal expectations of their office in their service to their Districts and our Grand Council. Recognized and given Grand Honors were: Rt. Ill. Comp. Robert F. Blanke, DDGM of the 2nd District and Rt. Ill. Comp. George B. Whitmer, DDGM of the 9th District.

RECOGNITION OF LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS:

The Grand Master ordered the Grand Recorder to call the roll of living Past Grand Masters of our Grand Council. The Grand Recorder noted those whose cabletow did not permit them to attend. Those present were asked to assemble in the East where they were recognized by the Grand Master and accorded Grand Honors by the Companions.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE:

.....was presented by Chairman, Most Ill. Comp. Donald Harrison. The Grand Master called for questions and discussion following which Most Ill. Comp. Harrison made a Motion that the proposed budget be approved and accepted. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES:

.....was presented by Most Ill. Comp. Edward P. Fagan, Grand Trustee. There being no questions or discussion, Most Ill. Comp. Fagan made a Motion to approve and accept the report. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER:

.....was presented by Most Ill. Comp. Raymond R. Beardsley, Grand Treasurer. He noted that the Grand Treasurer also maintains escrow funds which are reserved for specific purposes such as rituals, etc. He reported that there had been income to the Rituals & Awards account from the sale of ritual books. He also reported that a disbursement from the Triennial Fund account was made to our Grand Master in reimbursement for his having represented our Grand Council at the Triennial of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International in S.D. There being no questions or discussion, Most Ill. Comp. Beardsley made a Motion to approve and accept the report. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

.....was presented by Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Grand Recorder. The Grand Recorder highlighted the following from his report. The problems affecting Flatbush Council No. 80 as reported at last year's Annual Assembly resulting from the loss of the Council's records by some of their elected officers, has resulted in an adjustment to last year's Total Membership. The number of Greetings has increased over last year, while our Deaths were significantly down. Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues was also significantly down compared to last year. Every District except for the 8th District had at least one Council which showed a Net Gain in membership. Several others "broke even" with no Net Gain or Loss. Overall, our Grand Council showed a small Net Gain of "+5". Most Ill. Comp. Matthews made a Motion to approve and accept the report. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Grand Recorder, made a Motion that in consideration of the need to accommodate all of our necessary business in one day due to the unexpected loss of our Friday evening session from the power failure, that those reports of the elected Grand Council officers with the exception of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master; District Deputy Grand Masters; appointed Grand Council officers, the Necrology report of Departed Companions; and those committee reports which would be presented to the Companions for information only and would not require any action of the Companions - i.e. Ritual; Web Site; Library & Museum; Education, Membership & Public Relations; Audit (whose report states, the Grand Recorder advised, their having found the records to be in order) - as may be included in the report package distributed to the Companions at registration, be collectively approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN:

Rt. Ill. Comp. Paul C. Edwards, Grand Historian, reported that the official history of our Grand Council has now been brought up to date from the 1920s through the year 2000. The complete report was approved in the preceding Motion. The Companions acknowledged the Grand Historian's efforts with a round of appreciative applause.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION & EXTENSION OF THE RITE:

.....was presented by Rt. Ill. Comp. Victor S. Versace, Deputy Grand Master, following which he made a Motion that the report be approved and accepted. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

COMMENTS FROM A COMPANION ON THE "WHAT IS CRYPTIC MASONRY?" PROGRAM:

The Grand Master recognized Ill. Comp. Max Bovee, Illustrious Master of King David Council #97. Ill. Comp. Bovee shared his Council's favorable experience using the "What Is Cryptic Masonry?" program provided by the Grand Council. This program is written to be presented in Royal Arch Chapters as way to introduce Companions to what Cryptic Masonry is and the important relationship of the Cryptic Degrees to especially the Master Mason and Holy Royal Arch Degrees. He reported that King David Council presented the program in each Royal Arch Chapter in their area and as a result received Petitions for membership. He encouraged other Councils to use this program. He noted that it is an easy program to do using the script provided. He added that a key to King David's success was having Past Masters of his Council participate as the presenters since they not only were able to answer questions but exhibited their personal enthusiasm for Cryptic Masonry.

REMARKS FROM A.A.S.R.:

The Grand Master invited Ill. Harold Aldrich, 33rd Degree Active, New York State Deputy, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction to offer his remarks.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:

The Grand Master presented Honorary Memberships to the Visiting Grand Masters who were not already Honorary Members of this Grand Council. .

REMARKS FROM DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

The Grand Master invited Most Ill. Comp. Charles Hart, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Delaware, and Most Ill. Comp. David Hardie, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ontario, to respectively offer their remarks on behalf of the visiting Companions and jurisdictions. In his introduction, Grand Master Roberts who is a Presbyterian minister, noted that both of these Companions were also members of the clergy.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

.....was presented by Rt. Ill. Comp. Victor S. Versace, Deputy Grand Master, following which he made a Motion to approve and accept the report. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

The Grand Master ordered the Grand Recorder to call the roll of Grand Representatives of Grand Councils near the Grand Council of NY. Those present were asked to assemble in the East where they were thanked and recognized by the Grand Master and accorded Grand Honors by the Companions.

REMARKS FROM GRAND COMMANDERY:

The Grand Master invited S.K. Louis Wunsch, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of NY to offer his remarks.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE & BY-LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE:

.....was presented by Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker, Chairman. By-laws for the newly merged Bloss-De Witt Clinton Council #14, and by-law amendments received from Rotica #12, Northern Star #34 and Oneonta #87 were reported as being in conformity with our Constitution & General Regulations. Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker noted that last year, the committee had notified Columbian Council #1 advising that two of their by-law amendments were not in conformity with our Constitution & General Regulations. They have not yet been corrected. Most Ill. Comp. Whittaker made a Motion to approve and accept the By-Laws Review report as presented. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

Most Ill. Comp. Whittaker made a Motion that the merger of Bloss Council #14 and De Witt Clinton Council #22 to form Bloss-De Witt Clinton Council #14 be approved. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

Most Ill. Comp. Whittaker noted that Southern Tier #16 and Ahwaga #30 were in discussion regarding a merger but that nothing had been submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for review. The Grand Master reported that he has been advised that the Companions of both Councils have approved the merger. Most Ill. Comp. Rex Long, Recorder of Ahwaga #30, stated that this would be continued following this Annual Assembly.

Most Ill. Comp. Whittaker reported on nine proposed amendments to the General Regulations which by order of the Grand Master at the 182nd Annual Assembly were referred to the Jurisprudence & By-Laws Review Committee. They had also been referred by the Grand Master to the elected Grand Council line officers for their review and comments which would be given by Rt. Ill. Comp. Vic Versace, Deputy Grand Master.

[NOTE: Proposed changes are highlighted in bold type and italics.]

(A) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1: ARTICLE I: SECTION 3 - Grand Officers, How Selected

If amended, to read:

The following officers of this Grand Council shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by ballot, and by a majority of votes:

- 1. Grand Master***
- 2. Deputy Grand Master***
- 3. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work***
- 4. Grand Treasurer***
- 5. Grand Recorder***
- 6. Grand Captain of the Guard***
- 7. Grand Conductor of the Council***

There shall also be elected at each Annual Assembly one Trustee who shall serve for three years, but a vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

The Grand Marshal, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the Grand Master to hold office during his pleasure.

Additionally, the Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Fraternal Correspondent and Grand Historian shall be appointed by the Grand Master to hold office during his pleasure.

Every officer must be a member in good standing of a Council under this jurisdiction, and none but Masters or Past Masters of Councils shall be eligible to any elective office.

(a) The officers of this Grand Council, with the exception of the Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Historian, Grand Musician, ***and*** Grand Sentinel shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by ballot; and by a majority of votes. There shall also be elected at each Annual Assembly one Trustee who shall serve for three years, but a vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term only. The Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Historian, Grand Musician ***and*** Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the Grand Master to hold office during his pleasure. Every officer must be a member in good standing of a Council under this jurisdiction, and none but Masters or Past Masters of Councils shall be eligible to any elective office.

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers do not support this amendment as written. The proposer of the amendment advised that as presented, the proposal is not as originally presented to the Jurisprudence Committee. Most Ill. Comp. Whittaker advised that the committee combined the proposal with another similar one amending this section. There being no questions or discussion, the Grand Master called for the vote of the Companions. The amendment was **NOT APPROVED**.

(B) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2: ARTICLE I: SECTION 6, Sub-Sections (d)-(m) - Grand Master

Be amended to read:

(d) To request the resignation from an Elective Grand Line Officer of the Grand Council from the functions of his office for just cause. This resignation only to take place after all necessary steps have been exhausted to correct any issues that said Grand Line Officer may be doing to cause such action to be taken. The reconciliation process to include the advice and assistance of all the Grand Line Officers and at least three Past Grand Masters. Only after failure to comply to this reconciliation process will the Grand Line Officer be requested to resign and, if he refuses to resign, may be suspended from any function of his office by the Grand Master.

(e) To appoint a Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder to fill an unexpired term of such officer.

....Renumber current Subsections (e) - (m) to become new (f) through (n).

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers support the intention of the amendment but with the following changes:

(A) The Grand Master may suspend the officer from further performance of his duty with due cause; and

(B) The Grand Master may cause a review by a panel of at least three Grand Past Grand Masters of any incident.

It was further noted that the use of the words "due cause" above was not intended to represent the exact wording in the revised proposal. It was simply to convey the concept expressed by the officers regarding the changes needed to this proposal. It was noted in their review that careful attention must be given to the wording in this amendment so it does not conflict with the existing definitions and procedures concerning the handling of a Masonic offense. It was agreed that care must be given in the wording of this amendment to clearly distinguish between the elected officer's removal from office for failure to perform his duties or actions clearly contrary to those expected of a Grand Council officer from true Masonic offenses.

Rt. Ill. Comp. Alan Lewis of Bloss-De Witt Clinton#14 recommended changing the words "due cause" to "just cause". The Grand Master noted that the wording had been so changed on the recommendation of the Grand Council officers. There being no questions or discussion, the Grand Master called for the vote of the Companions. The amendment was **APPROVED**.

(C) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3: ARTICLE I: SECTION 6, Sub-Sections (d) - Grand Master

Be amended to read:

(d) To appoint *the Assistant to the Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder* to fill the unexpired term of such officer *when such officer is incapable to fill out the duties of said office due to health or other unforeseen circumstances or when the office has become vacant.*

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers do not support the amendment. They feel that it restricts the Grand Master's ability of the Grand Master to appoint the best qualified Companion in the case of a vacancy. Most Ill. Comp. Richard C. Hadley felt that that would negate the reason for having an Assistant To The Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder; those Companions being appointed specifically to have a Companion who can

insure continuity in those offices in the case of an unexpected vacancy. Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Grand Recorder, advised that as originally proposed and accepted by our Companions, the "Assistant To" positions were intended to insure that we would have a Companion who was aware of where the applicable records were kept in the event of an unexpected vacancy or disability by the elected officer. In other words, he said, to insure the ability to get access to the necessary records to enable the Grand Council to continue to function, not to be the one to assume those duties which the presiding officer should determine based on the best qualified Companion.

There being no questions or discussion, the Grand Master called for the vote of the Companions. The amendment was **NOT APPROVED**.

(D) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4: ARTICLE I: SECTION 6, Sub-Sections (f) -(n) - Grand Master

Be amended to read:

Add new sub-section (f):

(f) To appoint a person temporarily to fill a vacancy in any Office of the Grand Line of the Grand Council for ceremonial functions and duties only and said person will not be permanent to said office nor entitled to hold the title of said office. A vacancy of any Grand Line Office in this Grand Council is to be filled permanently only by election at the Annual Assembly or Special Assembly for such purpose.

.....**Renumber current Subsections (g) - (m) to become new (h) through (n).**

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers support the intention of the amendment but not as currently written and proposed. They recommend the following procedure for filling vacancies:

- (A) The Grand Master may appoint a Past Illustrious Master to fill a vacancy in an elective Grand Council office other than those already provided for in the General Regulations.
- (B) The appointment to be effective until the next Annual Assembly or Special Assembly of the Grand Council.
- (C) Eliminate the wording "*ceremonial functions*". As written, this would restrict the officers from being able to function if the Grand Master chose to advance the existing elected line and fill the resulting vacancy at the bottom of the line instead.

Most Ill. Comp. Whittaker made a Motion that this proposal be **TABLED** and referred back to the Jurisprudence Committee. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

(E) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5: ARTICLE I: SECTION 6, unnumbered paragraph following
Sub-Section (m) - Grand Master

Be amended to read:

The Grand Master shall be allowed **reimbursement for necessary traveling or other expenses appertaining to the** term of his office. His certificates of expenditure shall be the authority for the Grand Treasurer to reimburse him **as allocated in the approved annual budget for such expenses.**

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers support the intention of the amendment with the addition of a provision that the expenses in excess of an approved budget amount may be approved by majority vote of the Companions at the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. Rt. Ill. Comp. Versace made a Motion that the proposal be so amended. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

The proposed amendment, as amended, to now read:

The Grand Master shall be allowed **reimbursement for necessary traveling or other expenses appertaining to the** term of his office. His certificates of expenditure shall be the authority for the Grand Treasurer to reimburse him **as allocated in the approved annual budget for such expenses. Expenses in excess of the approved budget amount may be approved by majority vote of the Companions at the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.**

There being no further questions or discussion, the amended proposal was **APPROVED** by vote of the Companions.

(F) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6: ARTICLE 1: SECTION 9 - Grand Treasurer

Be amended to read:

Renumber current Section 9 to become Section 9.1.

Add Section 9.2 (to read as follows):

Section 9.2 - Assistant to the Grand Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Assistant to the Grand Treasurer:

- a) Familiarize himself with the procedures of the Grand Treasurer's Office.**
- b) Familiarize himself to know where the different funds of the Grand Council are, and account numbers of such funds - where the Handbooks and Ledgers are kept.**
- c) How checking and escrow accounts are used.**
- d) What records are kept in file cabinets or in computer.**
- e) What programs are used in computer and how to get into computer.**
- f) Be able to inform the new Grand Treasurer of the above.**
- g) Make a written report to the Grand Master within forty-five (45) days following the Annual Assembly that he has complied with the above.**
- h) Receive an honorarium of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each year for his services.**

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers support the amendment with the exception of the honorarium [i.e. sub-section (h)]. Rt. Ill. Comp. Versace made a Motion that the proposal be so amended. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

The proposed amendment, as amended, to now read:

Renumber current Section 9 to become Section 9.1.

Add Section 9.2 (to read as follows):

Section 9.2 - Assistant to the Grand Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Assistant to the Grand Treasurer:

- a) Familiarize himself with the procedures of the Grand Treasurer's Office.**
- b) Familiarize himself to know where the different funds of the Grand Council are, and account numbers of such funds - where the Handbooks and Ledgers are kept.**
- c) How checking and escrow accounts are used.**
- d) What records are kept in file cabinets or in computer.**
- e) What programs are used in computer and how to get into computer.**
- f) Be able to inform the new Grand Treasurer of the above.**
- g) Make a written report to the Grand Master within forty-five (45) days following the Annual Assembly that he has complied with the above.**

There being no further questions or discussion, the amended proposal was **APPROVED** by vote of the Companions.

(G) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #7: ARTICLE II: SECTION 26, sub-section (a) - Councils, How Dissolved

Be amended to read:

- (a) A Council can only be dissolved by the act of the Grand Council; **a Council shall be declared dissolved, by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, if its membership shall fall below nine members;** or by a voluntary surrender of its Charter, pursuant to a vote of its members present when duly summoned for that purpose; but no Charter shall be surrendered unless the minority vote on the question shall be less than (9) nine.

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers support the intention of the proposed amendment with the number changed from nine to five (5). The reason being that a Council requires a quorum of five members of that Council- one being the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master or Principal Conductor of the Work - to constitutionally transact business. It is possible that with the presence of visiting Companions to make nine, the Council could constitutionally open. Rt. Ill. Comp. Versace made a Motion that the proposal be so amended. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

The proposed amendment, as amended, to now read:

- (a) A Council can only be dissolved by the act of the Grand Council; **a Council shall be declared dissolved, by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, if its membership shall fall below nine members;** or by a voluntary surrender of its Charter, pursuant to a vote of its members present when duly summoned for that purpose; but no Charter shall be surrendered unless the minority vote on the question shall be less than (9) nine.

There being no further questions or discussion, the amended proposal was **APPROVED** by vote of the Companions.

Be amended to read:

Section 33 - Petitions

Move current SECTION 34 (a) & (b), with no change in wording, to SECTION 33 as new sub-sections (d) & (e).

(d) A petition for membership either for the degrees or by Affiliation, shall immediately upon its reception be referred to a committee for investigation which shall report to the Council the result in terms of "favorable" or "unfavorable".

(e) A ballot shall then be taken and if no unfavorable votes appear the petitioner shall be declared accepted.

Renumber current sub-sections (d) - (h) to become new (f) through (j).

Section 34 - Membership

Renumber current sub-section (c), without change in wording, to now become sub-section (a).

Add new sub-sections (b) & (c) to read as follows:

(b) Membership in a Council in this jurisdiction is predicated on the fact that the member is in good standing in a Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

(c) If a member demits from his said Chapter and does not become a "member at large", membership in the Council will immediately cease and it will be recorded as such in the minutes of said Council.

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers support this proposed amendment, but note that in proposed Section 34 (b), the correct wording should be simply "Royal Arch Chapter" [i.e. delete the word "Holy" from the title]. Rt. Ill. Comp. Versace made a Motion that the proposal be so amended. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

Very Ill. Comp. Edward Trosin, Buffalo-Keystone #17, made a Motion to amend Section 33, Sub-Section (e) to read: as proposed but replacing "**no unfavorable votes**" with "**less than three (3) unfavorable votes**". He stated that this would make the Grand Council consistent with the Grand Lodge. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

The proposed amendment, as amended (by both Motions), to now read:

Section 33 - Petitions

Move current SECTION 34 (a) & (b), with no change in wording, to SECTION 33 as new sub-sections (d) & (e).

(d) A petition for membership either for the degrees or by Affiliation, shall immediately upon its reception be referred to a committee for investigation which shall report to the Council the result in terms of "favorable" or "unfavorable".

(e) A ballot shall then be taken and if less than three (3) unfavorable votes appear the petitioner shall be declared accepted.

Section 34 - Membership

Renumber current sub-section (c), without change in wording, to now become sub-section (a).

Add new sub-sections (b) & (c) to read as follows:

(b) Membership in a Council in this jurisdiction is predicated on the fact that the member is in good standing in a Royal Arch Chapter.

(c) If a member demits from his said Chapter and does not become a "member at large", membership in the Council will immediately cease and it will be recorded as such in the minutes of said Council.

There being no further questions or discussion, the amended proposal was **APPROVED** by vote of the Companions.

(H) PROPOSED AMENDMENT #9: ARTICLE II: SECTION 33, sub-sections (c)-(h) - Petitions; and SECTION 34, sub-sections (a)-(c) - Membership.

Be amended to read:

Section 33 - Petitions

(c) Every petition for membership shall state date of birth, occupation, birthplace, residence, Lodge and Chapter or Chapter petitioned of the petitioner and shall be signed by him with is full name. He shall also be recommended by a member of ANY Council in this Grand Jurisdiction. [DELETE CURRENT WORDING WHICH READS: *If for the degrees, it shall state whether or not he has been rejected in a Council of Cryptic Masons, and*] if for Affiliation, the name of the Council in which the degrees were received or membership held and whether dual/plural membership is desired.

DELETE current Sub-Section (d): *A candidate elected for the degrees who fails to appear for the reception thereof within one year after notification of his election, shall forfeit his right thereto, and must petition anew for membership.*

DELETE current Sub-Section (e): *A petition for the degrees having been rejected, the petitioner cannot again make application in that or any other Council until the expiration of twelve 12) months.*

RENUMBER current sub-sections (f) & (g) to now become (d) & (e).

DELETE current Sub-Section (h): *A petitioner for the degrees having been rejected shall have his fees returned to him.*

Section 34 - Membership

(a) A petition for membership either for the degrees or *for* Affiliation, [REPLACE CURRENT WORDING WHICH READS: *shall immediately upon its reception be referred to a committee for investigation which shall report to the Council the result in terms of "favorable" or "unfavorable" WITH:] can be received at a Stated or Special Convocation of a Council. The Recorder of the Council shall inform him that his petition has been received and when the degrees shall be conferred.*

DELETE current Sub-Section (b): *A ballot shall then be taken and if no unfavorable votes appear the petitioner shall be declared accepted.*

RENUMBER current sub-section (c) to now become (b).

The Deputy Grand Master reported that the Grand Council line officers do not support this proposed amendment. Most Ill. Comp. Whittaker reported that the Jurisprudence Committee does not recommend approval of this proposed amendment. He made a Motion that the amendment not be accepted. The Motion that this amendment be **NOT ACCEPTED** was seconded and approved (i.e. to not accept this) by vote of the Companions.

REMARKS FROM GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

The Grand Master invited Most Excellent Comp. Alan J. Morgan, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter State of NY, Royal Arch Masons to offer his remarks.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

The Most Illustrious Comp. Charles M. Roberts relinquished the gavel to the Deputy Grand Master and presented the Grand Master's Address to the Companions, following which the Deputy Grand Master made a Motion that the Grand Master's Address be referred to the Committee On The Grand Master's Address. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

NECROLOGY:

Rt. Ill. Comp. Charles H. Lee, Grand Chaplain, with the participation of our Grand Chaplains, led the Necrology service in memory of our Departed Companions from the past Cryptic Masonic year.

REMARKS FROM GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE:

The Companions were honored to receive remarks from the Most Wor. Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of NY.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT:

The Grand Master called the Companions from Labor to Refreshment to resume Labor at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2006.

ANNUAL MEETING GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY CORPORATION:

The Grand Master declared this to be the appointed hour, considering the necessarily revised, ad hoc agenda, for the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council Charity Corp. The Grand Master turned the gavel over to President, Most Ill. Comp. Wayne E. Carrington Sr., who conducted the meeting. Most Ill. Comp. Carrington presented Annual Report of the Trustees, following which he made a Motion that they be approved and accepted. The motion was seconded and approved by vote of the members. The Treasurer's Annual Report of the Charity Corp. was presented by Most Ill. Comp. Raymond R. Beardsley. A Motion to approve and accept the report was made by Most Ill. Comp. Carrington, seconded and approved by vote of the members.

The following members were appointed as Tellers for the election of Directors of the Charity Corp.: Ill. Comp. James Hemstrought, Oneonta #87; Ill. Comp. Donald Galarmeau, Rotica #12; and Rt. Ill. Comp. Ronald White, Rotica #12. The Nominating Committee consisting of: Most Ill. Comp. Richard C. Hadley, Rotica#12; Most Ill. Comp. Les Weinheimer Jr., Dunkirk #25 and Most Ill. Comp. Charles F. Van Etten, Hamburg #91, recommended the following be nominated for Director of the Grand Council Charity Corp.: Rt. Ill. Comp. Courtland Andrew, St. George's #74; Most Ill. Comp. Donald Harrison, Suffolk #76; Ill. Richard Kessler, Buffalo-Keystone #17; Most Ill. Comp. Charles M. Roberts, Doric #19; and Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker, Skoi Yase #75. Most Ill. Comp. Les Weinheimer made a Motion that these nominations be accepted. There being no further nominations, the President declared nominations closed. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the members. By vote of the Companions, the above named nominees were duly elected. Each Companion indicated his acceptance. The Tellers were dismissed with thanks.

Most Ill. Comp. Carrington stated that both eh and Most Ill. Comp. Beardsley were completing their terms as service to the Grand Council Charity Corp. after 16 and 18 years of service respectively. He said that he had hoped that during that time, a cure for Parkinson's Disease might be found. Sadly, it has proven to be elusive. Most Ill. Comp. Beardsley reminded our Companions that one of our own Past Grand Masters, came down with Parkinson's Disease 26 years ago. He is still alive today thanks greatly to the advances made by through the Parkinson's Disease foundation which our

Charity Fund supports. He expressed his thanks to all the Companions with whom he has served on the Charity Corp. and believes that our Companions have been well served over the years.

The Grand Master expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Companions of the Grand Council to these two Companions who were accorded an appreciative round of applause. Most Ill. Comp. Carrington declared the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council Charity Corp. duly closed.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENED:

By order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Companions were called from Refreshment to Labor at following the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council Charity Corp. on Saturday, August 19, 2006.

REPORT OF ISH SODI & AWARDS COMMITTEE:

.....was presented by Rt. Ill. Comp. Arnold M. Palmer, Grand Marshal. He announced that the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award, General grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award and Adult Leadership Award would be announced and presented by the Grand Master at the banquet this evening. The Ish Sodi Award for being the Proposer of 5 or more Companions who were Greeted in the Cryptic year will be presented to Comp. Gordon J. Whiting, Columbian #1; Ill. Comp. Piers A. Vaughan, Columbian #1; Rt. Ill. Comp. Thomas Nesbitt, Jos. Warren-Cryptic #37; and Rt. Ill. Comp. Francis I. Karwowski, St. George's #74. The Grand Master presented the Companions with their awards. Rt. Ill. Comp. Karwowski, who is necessarily absent, will be presented with his in his Council.

Awards and recognitions were presented to the Illustrious Masters or representatives of the following Councils:

Most Greetings In The Cryptic Year: Columbian #1 (14 Companions)

Greetings Of 5 Or More Companions: Columbian #1 (14 Comps.); Buffalo-Keystone #17 (5 Comps.); Jos. Warren-Cryptic #37 (6 Comps.); St. George's #74; Oneonta #87 (6 Comps.); King David #97 (6 Comps.)

10% Or Greater Increase In Membership: Jos. Warren-Cryptic #37; Cayuga #90

\$5.00 Per Comp. Avg. Contribution To Charity Fund (in descending order of avg. contribution):

St. George's #74; Rotica #12; Doric #19; Oneonta #87; Skoi Yase #75; King Hiram #18; Hudson #62; Catskill #78; Peekskill #55.

Best Attendance At Annual Assembly (Other than host Council): Nun Da Waga #92

St. George's #74 was awarded the Kreason Memorial Bible for greatest contribution to the Charity Fund.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Rt. Ill. Comp. Palmer made a Motion that the report be approved and accepted. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

RE-MEMBER THE BLUE LODGE RECOGNITIONS:

The Most Ill. Grand Master, accompanied by the Most Wor. Neal I. Bidnick and Ill. Harold Aldrich, presented Re-Member The Blue Lodge recognitions for proposing new Brothers into their respective Lodges to: Rt. Ill. Comp. Keith Dash,, Dunkirk #25; Very Ill. Comp. George Stanton, Palmyra #26; and Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker, Skoi Yase #75. These Companions were accorded a round of applause from the Companions.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD:

The Most Ill. Grand Master announced that normally this award would be announced and presented at this evening's banquet. However, the honoree is with us for the session today but cannot stay for the banquet. The Grand Master called on Rt. Puissant Ray Hassell, Northeast Region Deputy Grand Master, General Grand Council International, to join him for the presentation at this time. The Grand Marshal was ordered to present in the East Rt. Ill. Comp. ALAN M. DOWNING of Fulton Council #50 and King David #97. Rt. Ill. Comp. Downing expressed his heartfelt thanks. The Companions accorded him Grand Honors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME & PLACE OF 184th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

.....was presented by Ill. Comp. Wiltsie Finch, Peekskill #55. The 184th Annual Assembly will be held on August 17-18, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Fishkill, NY. Ill. Comp. Finch made a Motion that the report be approved and accepted. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

.....was presented by Most Ill. Comp. Charles F. Van Etten, following which he made a Motion to approve and accept the report. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

The Grand Recorder advised the Most Ill. Grand Master and Companions that he had just been made aware of another special recognition due to one of our Companions. Our Most Ill. Comp. Wayne E. Carrington and his wife Dottie were celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary today! The Most Ill. Grand Master and Companions accorded him a warm round of applause.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

.....was presented by Rt. Ill. Comp. Vernon Rupert, Nun Da Waga #92. Registered at this Annual Assembly were 128 Companions; 112 from NY and 16 visiting Comps. There are 59 ladies; 48 from NY and 11 visitors. There are: 17 Illustrious Masters + 4 proxies; 7 Deputy Masters + 2 proxies; 8 Principal Conductors of the Work + 1 proxy; 68 Past Illustrious Masters; and 5 Select Masters. 29 Councils are represented. 9 Councils are not represented: Southern Tier #16, King Hiram #18, Adoniram #36, Bath #40, Hudson #62, Skoi Yase #78, Temple #79, Flatbush #80, and Cyrus #89. 195 ballots, including Council ballots, have been distributed to eligible Companions. Rt. Ill. Comp. Rupert made a Motion to approve and accept the report. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions.

At the request of the Grand Recorder, the respective District Deputy Grand Masters picked up the Council report packages to see delivered to those Councils not present.

REMARKS FROM GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL:

The Grand Master invited Rt. Puissant Ray Hassell, Northeast Region Deputy Grand Master of General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International to offer his remarks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Grand Master appointed as Tellers: Ill. Comp. Donald Brugger, Doric #19; Ill. Comp. Garry Hutchurson, Doric #19; and Ill. Comp. John Lombardo, Suffolk #76.

The Grand Master declared nominations opened for the office of Grand Master. Ill. Comp. Bruce McKenna, Ill. Master of Peekskill #55 nominated Rt. Ill. Comp. Victor S. Versace. The nomination was seconded by Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Peekskill #55. There being no further nominations, Most Ill. Comp. Les Weinheimer made a Motion that nominations be closed and one ballot be cast for Rt. Ill. Comp. Victor S. Versace. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. Rt. Ill. Comp. Versace accepted the office with thanks (but only after jokingly asking the Grand Steward to look in the hallway to see if his wife was out there with a gun ready to shoot him!)

Most Ill. Comp. Richard C. Hadley made a Motion that the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work through the Grand Steward be elected to advance one station. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. There being no further nominations, the Grand Master ordered one ballot be cast bearing the names and respective offices. The following Companions were duly elected and accepted their respective offices (with the Grand Master indicating the acceptance of Rt. Ill. Comp. Karwowski):

Rt. Ill. Francis I. Karwowski	(St. George's #74)	Deputy Grand Master
Rt. Ill. Keith E. Dash	(Dunkirk #25)	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Most Ill. Reuben E. Long	(Ahwaga #30)	Grand Trustee (3 Years)
Rt. Ill. Joseph P. Pozefsky	(Bloss-De Witt Clinton #14)	Grand Captain of the Guard
Rt. Ill. Arnold E. Palmer	(Doric #19)	Grand Conductor of the Council
Rt. Ill. David H. Raymond	(Cayuga #90)	Grand Marshal
Rt. Ill. Mark Adler	(Adelphic #7)	Grand Standard Bearer

ELECTION OF GRAND STEWARD:

The Grand Master declared nominations open for the office of Grand Steward.

Ill. Comp. Max Bovee, Ill. Master of King David #97, nominated Rt. Ill. Comp. David Robling of King David #97. The nomination was seconded by Rt. Ill. Comp. Charles Patchin, Central City #13.

Ill. Comp. James MacConnell, Nun Da Waga #92, nominated Rt. Ill. Comp. George B. Whitmer of Dunkirk #25. The nomination was seconded by Rt. Ill. Comp. Earl Carlson, Dunkirk #25.

Rt. Ill. Comp. Joseph Pozefsky, Bloss-De Witt Clinton #14, nominated Ill. Comp. Carl Rymski III of Bloss-De Witt Clinton #14. The nomination was seconded by Ill. Comp. Leo Synakowski, Bloss-De Witt Clinton #14.

Rt. Ill. Comp. Ruel Lovett, Doric #19, nominated Ill. Comp. Richard Anderson of Nun Da Waga #92. The nomination was seconded by Ill. Comp. Garry Hutchurson, Doric #19.

There being no further nominations, Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker made a Motion that nominations be closed. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. The Grand Master ordered that a ballot be taken. When the ballots had been tallied, the Tellers reported that none of the candidates had received a majority of the votes. The Grand Master ordered a second ballot be cast. Ill. Comp. Rymski announced that he wished to withdraw his name from nomination at this time.

When the second ballot had been tallied, the Tellers reported that no Companion had received a majority. When the results were announced, Rt. Ill. Comp. George Whitmer came within 2 votes of the required majority. The Grand Master advised that our Constitution and General Regulations defer to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge in those matter where not otherwise stated. In the case of elections, this requires that the lowest vote getter will be dropped from the ensuing ballot. He therefore ordered the name of Rt. Ill. Comp. David Robling necessarily removed. Ill. Comp. Richard Anderson asked that his name be withdrawn. The Grand Master therefore declared Rt. Ill. Comp. George B. Whitmer, Dunkirk #25, elected. He thanked the other Companions for their interest in seeking to serve our grand Council. Rt. Ill. Comp. Whitmer accepted the office with thanks.

ELECTION OF GRAND RECORDER:

The Grand Master declared nominations open for the office of Grand Recorder. Rt. Ill. Comp. Clarence Langley, St. George's #74, nominated Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Peekskill #55, to succeed himself as Grand Recorder. Most Ill. Comp. Edward P. Fagan, Union #2, seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Most Ill. Comp. Charles F. Van Etten, Hamburg #91, made a Motion that nominations be closed and one ballot cast. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. The Grand Master ordered that the Grand Treasurer cast the ballot. Most Ill. Comp. Matthews accepted the office with thanks.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER:

The Grand Master declared nominations open for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Most Ill. Comp. Raymond R. Beardsley, Doric #19, nominated Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker, Skoi Yase #75. The nomination was seconded by Ill. Comp. Joseph Oelgoetz, Doric #19.

Most Ill. Comp. Edward P. Fagan, Union #2, nominated Most Ill. Comp. Donald Harrison, Suffolk #76. The nomination was seconded by Rt. Ill. Comp. Houston Powell, North Shore #88.

The Grand Master appointed as Tellers: Ill. Comp. Leo Synakowski, Bloss-De Witt Clinton #14; Rt. Ill. Comp. Paul C. Edwards, Peekskill #55; and Rt. Ill. Comp. Joseph Foglietti, Central City #13. There being no further nominations, Most Ill. Comp. Les Weinheimer, Dunkirk #25, made a Motion that nominations be closed. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. When the ballots had been tallied, the Tellers reported that Most Ill. Comp. Donald Harrison had been elected. Most Ill. Comp. Harrison accepted the office with thanks.

ELECTION OF GRAND TRUSTEE:

The Grand Master declared nominations open for the office of Grand Trustee for the ensuing three (3) years. The term of Most Ill. Comp. Edward P. Fagan expires with this Annual Assembly. Most Ill. Comp. Les Weinheimer Jr., Dunkirk #25, nominated Most Ill. Comp. Fagan to succeed himself. The nomination was seconded by Most Ill. Comp. Fred G. Hickein, Oneonta #87. There being no further nominations, Most Ill. Comp. Richard C. Hadley made a Motion that nominations be closed and one ballot be cast. The Motion was seconded and approved by vote of the Companions. Most Ill. Comp. Fagan accepted the office with thanks.

The Grand Master declared the election of officers duly closed.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER-ELECT:

The Grand Master called to the East, Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews to the East to receive the gavel. The Rt. Ill. Comp. Arnold Palmer, Grand Marshal, announced that the Most Ill. Comp. Charles M. Roberts was about to retire. Most Ill. Comp. Roberts was accorded private Grand Honors and retired from the Secret Vault.

The Grand Master-Elect, Most Ill. Comp. Victor S. Versace, was duly obligated and installed by Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Installing Officer, assisted by Most Ill. Comp. Edward P. Fagan, Installing Marshal. The new Most Ill. Grand Master offered his remarks to the Companions and announced the appointed officers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Grand Recorder advised that there was no Unfinished Business to be transacted at this Annual Assembly.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER-ELECT:

The Grand Master-Elect, Most Ill. Comp. Victor S. Versace, was duly obligated and installed by Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Installing Officer, assisted by Most Ill. Comp. E. William Whittaker, Installing Marshal. The new Most Ill. Grand Master offered his remarks to the Companions and announced the appointed officers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Grand Master determined that there was no further business to be brought before the Grand Council at this time.

CLOSING OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

The Grand Master closed the 183rd Annual Assembly in due form.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

The appointed and elected officers of the Grand Council were installed in a Public Ceremony of Installation by Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Installing Officer, assisted by Most Ill. Comp. Edward P. Fagan, Installing Marshal.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE:

The Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master was conferred by St. George's Council, Order of Anointed Kings, on all Illustrious Masters-elect in attendance.

GRAND COUNCIL BANQUET:

The Annual Banquet was held on Saturday evening, August 19, 2006. At that time further awards and recognitions were presented as noted in the Proceedings.

Respectfully & Fraternaly submitted,

Most Ill. Paul B. Matthews, Grand Recorder



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

R. E. Joseph P. Pozefsky
Grand Captain of the Guard
2006-2007

REPORT OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD 2006-2007

My Companions:

Unfortunately (or fortunately, as the case may be) this report is not very lengthy. My travels were curtailed for most of the Cryptic year, due to three surgeries during the first half.

Attendance at Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was the first event in which I was able to participate.

On March 21, I WAS able to visit the Eighth District. With a concerted effort on the part of the various companions of that District, an assembly was held in Doric Council, and five of the Councils of the District were represented. My heartfelt thanks to Illustrious Companion Gary Hutchurson and Right Illustrious Companion Ruel Lovett for all their hard work in setting it up.

In April, I represented Most Illustrious Versace at the Annual Assembly of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations. My wife and I were extremely well received

Due to scheduling conflicts, I was unable to visit the Fifth District. Perhaps this can be rectified in the future.

I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Council.

Fraternally,

Joseph P. Pozefsky
Grand Captain of the Guard



Grand Council
Cryptic Masons
of the State of New York

GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL: 2006 - 2007

Companions of this Grand Council:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you my Companions for electing me as the Grand Conductor of the Council of this Grand Council at the 183rd Annual Assembly held at the Holiday Inn-Airport in Rochester, NY. Starting the 2006- 2007 Cryptic year as your Grand Conductor of the Council, I first was off to the 6th District and King David Council #97 on Sept. 5th. Then to Grand Commandery of New York at the Holiday Inn in Ronkonkoma, LI. I did not make the Grand Master's Reception or Officers Workshop in Fishkill, NY. I restarted my visits to the Councils of the 6th District on Nov. 20, 06. With Rotica Council #12 as my Second visit, this was their last meeting to be held in Rome. On Nov. 28, 06, my Third visit was to Fulton Council #50, this council even had a member on the sideline. In December I was at Central City Council #13th on the 13th, at this meeting I presented the DDGM, R.I.: Charles Patchin with his Deputies Apron. Then to King Hiram Council #18 on the 19th, This Council opens only when visitors are present.

Into 2007, March and the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New York. The Grand Council Line held its Workshop here, In May the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario held its Convocation in Gananoque, Ontario, Canada. I had the Honor of representing our Grand Council at this session as our Grand Master could not make the trip. June and St. Johns Day to end the Cryptic year.

I appreciate the many courtesies extended to during my visits as Grand Conductor of the Council.

Fraternally

R.I.: Arnold E. Palmer
Grand Conductor of the Council

GRAND Marshal: 2006-2007

To the Companions of the Grand Council:

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for electing me to the office of Grand Marshal at the 183rd Annual Assembly held in Rochester last August. It is an honor which I take very seriously and will cherish.

During the past year due to work commitments and illness, I was unable to attend both Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter. It was the first time I had missed either one in years. I was able to attend the Grand Master's Reception, St. John's Day and the workshops scheduled at both events.

My main assignment this past year was to visit the Councils in the 9th Cryptic District. I was able to schedule and make visits to Dunkirk Council #25, Hamburg Council #91 and Buffalo-Keystone Council #17. I was unable to schedule a visit with Temple #79 due to many factors. I was well received in the councils which I did visit.

This district is very much on the upswing. Membership appears to be on the rise and there was very little use of the ritual books in the opening and closing of the Councils when I visited them. Some of the things I observed going on in the district include the following, Dunkirk Council is hard at work preparing for the year in which RI Keith Dash becomes Grand Master. They have done or will be doing several programs as a group which I believe have bonded them together and made it a stronger council. Hamburg Council has been very busy getting involved in the community. One example of this is that they will be participating in East Aurora's Toyfair this summer. They will distribute information about Cryptic Masonry at this event. Buffalo-Keystone and Bruce Council have just completed their merger and are beginning to do things together. I have received news from the District Deputy that Temple Council has some candidates and will be working towards becoming an active council again. I would like to commend the District Deputy, RI Jeffrey Williamson, on his work and dedication in the district.

In my own district (7th Cryptic), I was finally able to complete the merger of Ahwaga and Southern Tier Councils. I would like to thank the Grand Master, the Grand Recorder along with MI Reuben Long, RI James Bower and RI Ted Pierce for their help in finally getting this done.

I have very much enjoyed meeting all the Companions on my travels throughout the state. I would again like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Marshal during the past year.

Fraternally,



David H. Raymond
Grand Marshal 2006-2007

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 1st DISTRICT: 2006-2007

Columbian Council No. 1

I attended my Official visit in February and the annual Super Excellent Master Degree in March. I have seen this degree several times at Columbian and am always impressed with how well the Council does the Work. Columbian is healthy, does good work, and is always a pleasure to visit.

Adelphic Council No. 7

I visited four times this year. There are new affiliations and petitions for Degrees. The Council will greet several Companions in the fall. Degree work is good and Adelphic is poised to become a very active Council in the near future.

Adoniram Council No. 36

On the night of my Official Visit we opened with help from visiting Companions. There is a core of dedicated Companions who are working hard to keep the Council going. More support from the District will help, but the members of Adoniram must step up and make the Council stronger.

Suffolk Council No. 76

The two meetings I attended were well supported by the Companions of Suffolk Council. They do solid Work and have very dedicated Companions in this Council.

Flatbush Council No. 80

Building problems, mainly leaks after rain, caused several meetings to be cancelled this year. A dedicated core keep the Council going. My Official Visit was delayed due to the building condition.

North Shore No. 88

I attended all five meetings of this, my Mother Council. Work is good. No Companion was Greeted this year but there are Candidates on the Trestle Board.

R.I. Michael T. Brolly, DDGM

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 2ND DISTRICT: 2006-2007

The following is the DD report for the Second Capitular District, which is comprised of the following councils:

Union Council # 2 -Tarrytown
King Solomon # 31-Poughkeepsie
Peekskill # 55 – Nelsonville
Goshen # 93 – Middletown

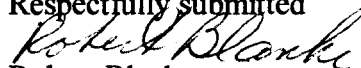
Union Council # 2 is the weakest council in this district. Most of the work is read from the book. Some even have trouble reading the work from the book. Attendance is poor and some of the elected officers seem unwilling to do their work. This council needs good leadership and needs to contact local Royal Arch Chapters to promote new members. The annual inspection could not be held because of some internal conflict.

King Solomon # 31 seems able to perform the ritual, for the most part, without the aid of the ritual book. They have brought in new members and now need to motivate them to attend meetings and fill in the chairs. This year they were unable to organize a Tristate Festival because of inadequate communication with the other participating states. Running programs of interest for the companions and having a collation after the meetings might help to maintain the enthusiasm of the companions. Having a "Companion bring a friend " night might help increase their membership.

Peekskill Council #55 is the strongest council in this district. For the most part the work is performed without the assistance of a codebook. This council is capable of putting on the various degrees as required. This is in no small part due to the efforts of their secretary, the M.I., Paul Matthews and R.I., Victor Versace. The fellowship that is found at this council is conducive to keep the companions coming out to their meetings. Their continued offers to assist the other councils in this district is just one of their best attributes.

Goshen Council # 93 is making an effort to recover from a period of inactivity. For the most part, the work of opening and closing the council is read out of the codebook. They have attempted to perform the degree work with the assistance of other councils. Through the efforts of a small group of members, this council is bringing in new members. As of this writing they are taking seven (7) new members up to Saint George's Council for the Royal and Select Degrees. It will now take a further effort to bring these new members out to meetings. The fellowship of these companions is their strongest suit. These companions just need to spend more time learning ritual.

Respectfully submitted


Robert Blanke

REPORT
District Deputy Grand Master 5th District
2006-07

I have had the dubious distinction of presiding over two councils that could not open this past year for want of a quorum. This lack of attendance has resulted in both councils voluntarily surrendering their charters.

Northern Star Council #34, with relocation, sickness and a death has been reduced to five or six attendees at any given meeting. The negotiated support from Cyrus #86 did not materialize over the year, hence no quorums were ever reached.


These regulars can be considered as loyal but aging masons. They have proven themselves to be very capable ritualists and even now could be expected to perform degree work with some preparation.

Cyrus Council #89 has seen their attendance drop from 9 or 10 to 3 or 4 over the last year. This council has shifted locales a number of times over the years with the last one being from Champlain to Chateaugay. The Frontier Lodge premises seemed to be an appropriate location as the lodge attendance is quite active. Unfortunately the missing ingredient is that no Royal Arch Chapter is located within reasonable distance to provide a source of future Cryptic members. Similarly, the Royal Arch Chapter in Massena, while still open, is going through a difficult period with no new members in some time. All efforts to recruit new companions have proven fruitless.

It appears to me that few young, upcoming males are staying in the North Country as there are fewer opportunities available to them. Challenging and good paying jobs are relatively scarce with those available already staffed. I am sure that this plays a large role in our difficulties.

It is with deep sadness that I write this report but with the hope that the future may indeed be brighter.
The opportunity to serve Cryptic Masonry in the North has been much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted


Walter T. Bulbeck
DDGM 5th Cryptic District

May 22, 2006

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 7th DISTRICT 2005-2006

The official visits to the three councils in the 7th Cryptic District have been completed.

Southern Tier Council #16

Southern Tier Council #16 has been unable to open an assembly due to lack of the required number of Companions being present for an opening. Repeated calls from the officers failed to stimulate Companions to be at the assembly. The officers called a special meeting with Right Illustrious David Raymond, Most Illustrious Reuben Long and Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Master were present to discuss the future of the council. The unanimous agreement was that Southern Tier should either turn in its charter or have its companions become involved with other councils in the immediate area. This decision led to a letter being sent to all the membership, stating that Southern Tier Council was to cease to exist and that members who so desired would be free to transfer their membership to local councils. The response from the membership supported this proposal and the required action were initiated and the transfer of members is currently underway. It is with sorrow that I report the loss of a Cryptic Masonry Council but the officers could find no workable alternative that would allow the council to continue.

Ahwaga Council #30

Ahwaga Council # 30 is a strong council with a numbers of committed Companions to keep the council moving forward. This council performs the opening and closing ritualistic work without aid of books, unless a substitute officer is required for an assembly. The council also confers the degrees within the council or cooperates with other councils to get the degrees conferred. The leadership is strong in Ahwaga Council and the officer take pride in their work. I have little concern with Ahwaga Council and believe it will continue to flourish. Members from Southern Tier Council # 16 will be joining with the companions of Ahwaga Council, further strengthening the council.

Cayuga Council #90

Cayuga Council #90 is a relatively strong council with good leadership and most generally has sufficient Companions present to open the assembly. This council conferred the degrees on two new Companions and the work was well done. Cayuga Council #90 is privileged to have a Grand Line officer this Cryptic year, Right Illustrious David Raymond. The council is very supportive of him and will cooperate to make his term in office as meaningful as possible

Zealously

James Bower
District Deputy Grand Master
7th Cryptic District

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May17, 2007

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 8th DISTRICT: 2006-2007

The year 2006-2007 in the 8th Cryptic District had mixed results. I would like to brag about all good results, but that would be wrong. I, as DDGM along with V.I.:Norman Austin, AGL, visited all Councils at least twice except for Bath Council. I will explain why later in this report. The following is a summation of information gathered during the year:

Doric Council #19 is made up of three Past Grand Masters, a good number of Past DDGMs, a few Past AGLs, and many knowledgeable companions. Doric Council can do the Royal Master Degree and the Select Master Degree with no help from another Council. They cannot at present do the Super Excellent Degree. Doric Council has perhaps the best and most complete costumes and paraphernalia to do the degrees. The council has a degree director for each degree. Doric Council is active in the Grand Council Charity Fund. Many of the companions visit other councils. It is a dynamic organization. The officers do the work from memory. They do allow the book to be used when the work is done pro-tem. I believe, however, that they should be more active in attracting new members. Excellent Council. Treasury very solvent.

Bath Council #40 is in a poor position. The Masonic Temple has been sold. They are presently looking for a place to hold meetings. The most likely place is Savona. The council has a good cadre of five people, including a past Grand Master. They cannot have a meeting unless several visitors show up. Where the Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter will move is still up in the air. They cannot do the degrees. The cadre can do the work, but need others to help. They desperately need new members. The treasury is low, but can be replenished. I would recommend that in the coming year, the councils of the 8th District help Bath Council to successfully complete two meetings. The district should also do the York Rite Recruiting Program in Savona or another village where the council may want to move. This should help them to get new members. If this can not be successfully accomplished, the Grand Master may want to consider closing this council, but I believe a lot of effort and planning should go into helping this council.

Nun-Da-Waga Council #92 is another council in good shape. The council does it's own degree work in the Royal and Select Master Degrees. They cannot do the Super Excellent Degree. The Officers all have books, and some book reading is done in opening and closing. I would recommend that the Ill:Master encourage more memory work in the coming year. NunDaWaga Council has participated in the Charity Fund very well for many years. The council has costumes in good condition and uses them for the degrees. The treasury is in excellent condition. They have brought in new members each year recently, but it be would good for them to bring in three or more in the coming year. This would put them in very good condition.

Hornellsville Council #35 went for a long time not having meetings. The strong cadre of about five members decided to give a good try and find new members. They were very successful, and brought in five new members during the past year. This allowed them to open their last two meetings with their own members. V.I.:Austin and I were there, but they had enough to open without us. The district helped them by putting on the degrees. It will be some time before Hornellsville Council can do their own degrees. The officers now have books, and for the most part read the opening and closing. The treasury is low but adequate. They are not strongly active with the Charity Fund. I will recommend that the district help them to gain more members. I also believe that the Ill.:Master urge the members to learn more of the work from memory.

Palmyra Council#26 is in fair condition. In the past few years they have taken in a few new members, but it would help to bring in more. They have a good meeting place. They draw from four Royal Arch Chapters. They do not have costumes or paraphernalia, but can borrow from the Royal Arch Chapter. The Treasury is in excellent condition. The Council is somewhat active in supporting the Charity Fund, but I recommend that the council appoint an industrious chairman for Charity, and turn him loose. The results could be encouraging. I recommend that the council make a concerted effort in the coming year to learn the opening and closing work. This will give the members more confidence and will also give them more pride in their council. I also recommend that the district help them by putting on the York Rite Recruiting Program.

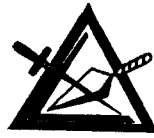
Skoj Yase Council #75 is located in the old Masonic Temple building in Geneva. The building is located down town and has adequate parking. It is easily accessible. You do, however, have to walk up the stairs. The council has a good cadre of five or six members but cannot open every meeting. Paraphenalia is in good condition. The treasury is in excellent condition. Membership includes a Past Grand Master and a couple of DDGMs. The officers are not all proficient in doing the work of opening and closing. They cannot do the degree work without help from the district. A few members participate in the Charity Fund. I recommend that the council make a concerted effort to gain more members. The district can help by putting on the York Rite Recruitment Program and by visiting meetings and helping with degree work. The DDGM and AGL should attend at least three of their meetings in the coming year.

I have heard some say that we no longer need an AGL. I disagree with this. The AGL has been very active and helpful in the past year. It is my opinion that by working together, a lot can be accomplished. Any district can be better if they appoint a qualified individual who is willing to do the necessary work.

Grand Council

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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 9TH CRYPTIC DISTRICT: 2006-2007

The Councils of the Ninth Cryptic District at the start of 2006 consist of:

- Bruce Council 15
- Buffalo Keystone 17
- Dunkirk 25
- Temple 79
- Hamburg Council 91

Bruce Council 15:

On August 29, 2006 the Grand Master sent a letter to the Companions of Bruce Council 15 advising them of the several options that lay before the Council: Rejuvenate the Council, Surrender the Charter, Merge with another Council or Forfeit the Charter.

With the cooperation of the Companions of Bruce Council, along with several traveling Companions from the Ninth District, we were finally successful in opening Bruce Council 15 in full form. In due time; after various summoned meetings, Bruce Council 15 decided to merge their Council with Buffalo-Keystone Council 17 which is located in Williamsville, NY.

On April 5, 2007 a "Memorandum of Understanding" was executed between the two Councils and on April 11, 2007 the Grand Master issued a Dispensation approving the merger of both Councils to be known as Buffalo Keystone Council 17. All equipment, paraphernalia, assets and monies have been turned over to Buffalo Keystone Council 17.

It is also noted that moral on the part of the former Bruce Council is at an all time low point. They have no "esprit de corps" and there are feelings of despair, sadness and despondency. My hope for the Companions of the former Bruce Council- is that they maintain their membership in Cryptic Masonry.

The Companions of Buffalo Keystone are very sensitive to their situation and are empathetic and concerned that Bruce Companions find a new home at Buffalo Keystone 17. The current leadership has made it known that they will have a "Bruce Council Night" and even travel back to Lockport (if needed) to represent Cryptic Masonry in that area.

Buffalo Keystone 17:

In 2003, the Ninth Cryptic District conducted a Degree Festival Weekend including the conferral of the Super Excellent Degree by Columbia Council 1.

Royal Arch Companions derived from the leadership base of Tonawanda Keystone Chapter were made members of the Council at that festival. The new leaders immediately assumed the various Offices and Stations of the Council. This Council was literally "jumped started" at that point and continues to go forward at a fairly nice pace. At least four Companions were greeted in their Secret Vault this year.

Special recognition is extended to Illustrious Albert Hoffman who supported us in our travels and has assisted in the merger efforts between Bruce Council 15 and Buffalo Keystone 17. His kind and sympathetic disposition certainly created a friendly atmosphere of cooperation between the two Councils.

We also appreciate the efforts of the Buffalo Keystone members who displayed a strong showing of support by traveling to Lockport and to assist in forming friendships with the Bruce Council team.

My observations are that Buffalo Keystone Council 17 remains on its course. They need to continue to grow and mature. We congratulate them on the fact that they confer both degrees and work without cipher books, however the Council needs to "polish up" and focus upon the delivery of their ritual. It is important for everyone to remember that the opening and closing ceremonies be sincerely rendered without excess or unnecessary levity.

This is a very good Council. It is doing a lot of "things right" and has a seasoned and proven leadership base. There are excellent recruiters within their ranks who are not shy about giving a Royal Arch Companion a petition for membership. I give them a very strong rating and wish them much success in their future activities.

Dunkirk 25:

We had the opportunity to visit Dunkirk Council twice last year; the first was for R.:I.: David Raymond, Grand Visitor and the Official Visitation of the DDGM. This Council contains excellent ritualists, confers both degrees, and boasts two Grand Line Officers as members as well.

The leadership is effective and seasoned. However, there is a lack of advancing line officers. Companion Jim Stoll, the Illustrious Master is repeating for a second term, not only as Illustrious Master, but as Eminent Commander of Dunkirk Commandery. The existing Officer Corps is severely lacking and struggling. It is imperative that the Council "grow" and/or solicit new leaders. They need new line officers that can take chairs and recite rituals. The Council is aware of this situation and the dedicated Companions are holding down chairs until new leadership develops.

Note: Dunkirk Council 25 has two Grand Officers who will eventually become Grand Masters, and as such- the Council will be pressed into service for both Grand Assemblies and Receptions. Planning and leadership should begin as soon as possible. Do not wait until the last minute!

Temple 79:

In August of 2006, I contacted the Illustrious Master Carl McGee to set up our Official Visitation Schedule at his Council. We were informed by the Illustrious Master that they were not sure if... they can ...or will... meet, and at that time... they were also considering turning in their Charter.

We are pleased to inform the Grand Council that a lot of progress has been accomplished since that bleak announcement by the Illustrious Master back in August.

On November 8, 2007 Hamburg Council had the privilege of conferring the Royal and Select Degrees upon four new Companions of Temple Council 79.

On January 23, 2007 we conducted the Official Visitation of the DDGM at Temple Council. It was exciting to note that the new Companions who were recently Greeted were actively participating in the opening & closing ceremonies! Prior to the meeting, the Recorder ordered a new supply of Cryptic Cipher Books and the entire group was reading from these books, (some) for the very first time. This also became a learning day, and our Assistant Grand Lecturer V.I.: Paul A. Czubaj, used it as an educational opportunity to provide some much needed instruction to the Council.

As an outcome of several meetings between Temple Council and the District Leadership Team, we devised and adopted the following strategic plan for renewal:

- Companion Shire, who is an active York Rite Mason, will be nominated to serve as Illustrious Master for the ensuing year. Permission was also granted allowing Companion Shire to serve in this office even though he has never served as a Council Officer prior to this election.
- The new Companions who were recently Greeted will serve as Appointed and Elected Officers for the ensuing year.
- Recognizing the severe lack of funds of the Council, it was determined that it needs to meet less often in order to save money. The Council has now changed its bylaws to meet just three times a year: The Fourth Tuesday in March at 7:30 PM, the Fourth Tuesday in May at 7:30 PM, and the Second Tuesday in October at 6:30 PM which will precede the Royal Arch Chapter meeting. Many thanks to Most Illustrious Grand Master Victor S. Versace who issued a dispensation allowing Temple Council to hold their Assembly on their new meeting nights

pending the formal acceptance of the proposed amendment to change their bylaws.

- The Council will do all in its power to promote Cryptic Membership and will seek new potential candidates for the September 29, 2007 Super Excellent Degree Weekend Festival. It is hoped that another four new members (or more) will put them "over the top" in its one year plan.
- We will have an "Introduction to Cryptic Masonry Night" at Niagara Chapter 200 in October of 2007. Note: Temple Council has one "Candidate in Waiting" at the present time.

On May 22, 2007, the District Leadership team officiated in the election and installation ceremonies of the Officers who were present at that time, and a week later the balance of the Officers were duly installed as well.

We have made great strides in the "rejuvenation" of Temple Council 79. It is my opinion that it is better to think of this Council as a newly created entity in lieu of one that was almost out of business! We have ignited a spark and a small flame is gently glowing. Grand Council has cooperated with Temple Council 100% and has met all of the needs and requests made by this Council. The Grand Council is also encouraged because the Companions are eager to advance and willing make it work.....Hard work by the Companions of Temple Council 79 will make all the difference in the world! As long as they are willing to work- We pledge all of our support and encouragement to this Council.

Hamburg Council 91:

Grand Council is very pleased with the efforts of Hamburg Council 91 last year. A few of the high lights of this Cryptic Year includes:

- The first two meetings of Hamburg Council hosted and sponsored the Masonic Development Course (also known as the MDC). The Council sponsored this course because all York Rite Masons should truly be committed to supporting and advancing greater light in Masonry. Over 55 Blue Lodge Masons attended and participated in this event. The members of the Council set up and knocked down chairs and tables, presented the materials, and provided dinner to those who attended the MDC course.
- The Companions of Hamburg Council enjoyed a wonderful experience on November 8, 2006 when SIXTEEN new Companions were greeted in Hamburg Council's Secret Vault! The Royal and Select Degrees were conferred upon 12 of their own petitioners and 4 petitioners from Temple Council received their degrees as well. Last year, Hamburg Council 91 has grown its membership by more than 10%!

- The Council enjoyed the labors and hard work of Lady Carla Williamson and her committee who worked so hard to make their Polish Theme Christmas Dinner Celebration such a fantastic success. Over sixty Companions and ladies were present and everyone truly appreciated the extraordinary event!
- The Council was pleased to learn that Rt. Ill. Paul Barrera Jr. was appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of the State of Washington.
- It hosted of the Regional Grand Lecturers Convention.
- It received the Grand Visitor.

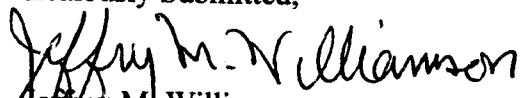
Hamburg Council continues to go forward into the future in excellent fashion! It opens without books (except for one or two companions) and confers both degrees. It also has a full line (no past IM's) all the way down to Sentinel. The Leadership team is excellent and knowledgeable. The new Illustrious Master is fully committed to excellent ritual and has asked all Companions to do their work without the aid of crib sheets or notes. I feel that this request will be accorded full compliance by the Officers.

We also had the privilege of accompanying Grand Visitor R. I. David Raymond on his visits to Dunkirk 25, Buffalo Keystone 17 and Hamburg 91. Our plans for the upcoming year include a district wide Super Excellent Degree Festival Weekend on September 29, 2007 and the creation of a new "Right Illustrious" Association to act as a steering committee for the district. In addition, we will be focusing the district on our Cryptic Charity Program.

In closing, we have been very pleased and grateful to have the opportunity to represent Grand Master Versace and the Grand Council in the Ninth Cryptic District. We are making good progress in the Ninth District.

Cryptic Masonry makes a very important contribution within the York Rite structure. Its first two degrees are considered "The Degrees of Preservation". These lessons are written upon the heart of every Cryptic Mason. The dedicated Cryptic Companions of the Ninth Cryptic District continue to labor in their respective Secret Vaults. They do a multitude of the little things necessary to preserve the secret traditions that enable us to exhibit the fellowship of kings, and to preserve Masonry in general, but the Cryptic Rite in particular- succeed! I am indeed fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with... and fellowship with ...these fine Companions. Good luck in the future and keep up the good work!

Zealously Submitted,


 Jeffrey M. Williamson
 DDGM Ninth Cryptic District

OPERATING FUND

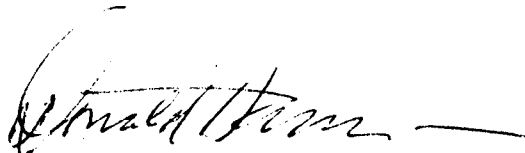
BALANCE August 1, 2006 20,526.86

INCOME

R-1 Dues	19,405.00	
R-2 Fees	550.00	
R-3 Permanent Funds	0	
R-4 Miscellaneous	13,914.25	33,869.25
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		54,396.11

DISBURSEMENTS

A-1 Annual Assembly	17,628.66	
A-2 Annual Proceedings	0	
B-1 Grand Master's Expense	3,727.25	
B-2 Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	378.00	
B-3 Grand Lecturer's Expense	0	
B-4 Grand Officers' Expense	1,000.00	
C-1 Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000.00	
C-2 Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000.00	
C-3 Office Expense	4,000.00	
C-4 Taxes	472.01	
C-5 Mileage & Travel	851.59	
D-1 Supplies	3,087.03	
D-2 Printing	743.28	
D-3 Postage	519.88	
D-4 Telephone	315.76	
D-5 Equipment Purchase & Repair	153.85	
D-6 Insurance & Bonding	124.74	
E-1 General Grand Council Per Capita	536.55	
E-2 General Grand Triennial Fund	0	
E-3 Regalia	0	
E-4 History Fund	0	
E-5 Miscellaneous	190.00	36,728.60
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BALANCE July 31, 2007		17,667.51


Donald Harrison
Grand Treasurer

PERMANENT FUND

BALANCE August 1, 2006 69,981.13

INCOME:	Corporate Bonds	302.81	
	Putnam Fund	3,676.77	
	American Fund	1,776.22	
	Washington Mutual Bank	.58	
	Capital Gains/ (Losses)	(121.15)	
			5,635.23

DISBURSEMENTS:	Operating Fund	0	75,616.36
	Fund Management	0	
	Taxes	0	
	Telephone	0	
	Postage	0	
			0

BALANCE July 31, 2007 75,616.36

Putnam High Yield Trust	50,646.97
American High Income Trust	24,409.43
Washington Mutual Bank Account	559.96
	75,616.36

The overall income received averages out to a dividend return of 8.05% for the 2006 – 2007 Cryptic Year.

Permanent Fund Trustees

M.:I.: Edward P. Fagan, Chairman

M.:I.: Charles F. Van Etten

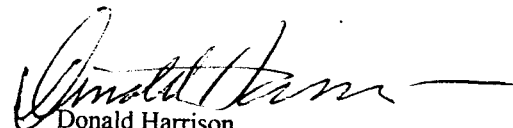
M.:I.: Reuben E. Long

ESCROW FUNDS

S-1 Rituals – Constitutions – Guides – Ish Sodi – Awards
S-2 Regalia Fund
S-3 Triennial Fund
S-4 Equipment Purchase & Repair Fund
S-5 History Fund

	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	Totals
Balance Aug. 1, 2006	3,948.08	1,063.85	66.75	1,974.44	1,320.07	8,373.19
Income	1,155.00	0	0	0	0	1,155.00
Interest	8.93	3.44	1.87	5.34	4.00	23.58
	5,112.01	1,067.29	68.62	1,979.78	1,324.07	9,551.77
Disbursements	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance July 31, 2007	5,112.01	1,067.29	68.62	1,979.78	1,324.07	9,551.77

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Donald Harrison
Grand Treasurer

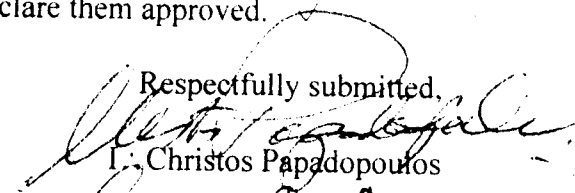
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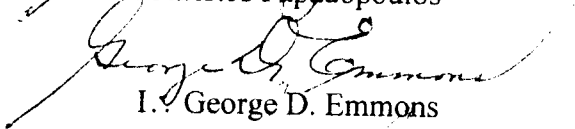
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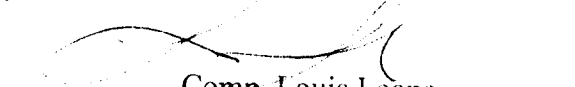
The Committee on Audits has reviewed the accounts and records kept by the Grand Treasurer M.: I.: Donald Harrison.

We have found them to be in good order and declare them approved.

Respectfully submitted,


I.: Christos Papadopoulos


I.: George D. Emmons


Comp. Louis Leone

GRAND COUNCIL OPERATING FUND BUDGET 2007 - 2008

<u>Income</u>		Budget	Actual	Budget
		<u>O6-07</u>	<u>O6-07</u>	<u>O7-08</u>
R-1	Dues	22,500	19,405	20,000
R-2	Fees	500	550	500
R-3	Permanent Fund	2,350	0	4400
R-4	Miscellaneous	150	13,914	150
TOTALS		25,500	33,869	25,050
<u>Disbursements</u>				
A-1	Annual Assembly	4,000	17,629	4,000
A-2	Annual Proceedings	2,500	0	2,500
B-1	Grand Master's Expense	3,850	3,727	3,850
B-2	Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	750	378	750
B-3	Grand Lecturer's Expense	700	0	700
B-4	Grand Officers' Expense	1,750	1,000	1,750
C-1	Grand Recorder's Salary	2,000	2,000	2,000
C-2	Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000
C-3	Office Expense	4,000	4,000	4,000
C-4	Taxes	450	472	450
C-5	Mileage & Travel	500	852	500
D-1	Supplies	600	3,087	600
D-2	Printing	600	743	600
D-3	Postage	800	520	600
D-4	Telephone	550	316	400
D-5	Eqmt. Purchase & Repair	100	154	100
D-6	Insurance & Bonding	250	125	150
E-1	Gen. Grand Council per capita	550	537	550
E-2	General Grand Triennial Fund	300	0	300
E-3	Regalia - New York	50	0	50
E-4	History Fund	50	0	50
E-5	Miscellaneous	150	190	150
TOTALS		25,500	36,730	25,050

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT – 2007

This 184th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York now pauses in memoriam for deceased companions, summoned by the Supreme Architect of the Universe from our midst since our last Annual Assembly. Having membership in a Council of Cryptic Masons each was known as "Companion." Some merited added honor with other Cryptic titles: 'Illustrious,' 'Right Illustrious,' and 'Most Illustrious'.

An Attachment lists the names of Departed Companions – August 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007.

We are taught that all are born to die! Whether well known and familiar to us or personally unknown, these companions were fellow labors – some active; others only members – within this Grand Council. One by one our Cryptic circle of Companions, a circle of fellow-workers in the Masonic meeting places as well, has its chain of brotherhood broken by intruder death.

We note the death of Most Illustrious Companion John A. Sainz, Past Grand Master, Cryptic Masons of New York and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter State of New York, Royal Arch Masons.

I invite all present now to join in this time of memorial.

EULOGY FOR M. I. JOHN A. SAINZ, PAST GRAND MASTER

DEVOTIONAL HONORING ALL DEPARTED COMPANIONS
Conducted by Grand Chaplains

Grand Master: I move the inclusion of this Necrology Committee Report in the Annual Proceedings of this 184th Session of this Grand Council.

R.:. I.:. & Rev. Charles H. Lee, Grand Chaplain

**** IN MEMORIAM ****

DEPARTED COMPANIONS: July 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007

Columbian No. 1:

JON J. BARRAL

THOMAS H. McCARTHY III

Union No. 2:

AUGUST W. LITKE

THOMAS A. MALLON

MICHAEL SANTARPIA

Adelphic No. 7:

ROBERT DEL DUCA

Rotica No. 12:

ARDEN W. COE

Central City No. 13:

GEORGE H. BALFOUR JR.

SANFORD MELTZER

GEORGE E. RANKINS

Buffalo-Keystone No. 17:

ALVIN E. LILLEY

Doric No. 19:

ROBERT C. PETTIT

JAMES B. SCOBELL

ROBERT ZAHN *Gr. Rep. of Texas*

Dunkirk No. 25:

ALBERT M. ECKMAN

DEPARTED COMPANIONS: July 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007

King Solomon No. 31: PETER LE SOIN

Northern Star No. 34: JOHN BAUWMAN EVERETT LACEY

Hornellsville No. 35: LAWRENCE A. ARMSTRONG
BURTON F. NESBIT

Jos. Warren-Cryptic No. 37: JOHN D. BRIGGS
FRANCIS L. HARRINGTON
JOHN A. SAINZ *Past Grand Master*
(Dual member with St. George's #74)
SILAS M. TOWNSEND
HENRY G. WELDEN JR.

Fulton No. 50: EARL E. BARTHOLOMEW

Peekskill No. 55: EDWARD F. BINSEEL

St. George's No. 74: GLEN W. BULL KENNETH T. GIBBONS
DONALD D. HAND MARK C. LEWIS
ALBERT A. PALMER EDWARD W. PFFEIFER
WALLIS D. PICKETT WOLFGANG J. RIEMER
ALBERT F. SPAWN HAROLD G. TEDFORD
EDWARD J. TRACY RAYMOND P. VOGEL

DEPARTED COMPANIONS: July 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007

Skoi Yase No. 75: **KENNETH L. BRUSH** **JOHN H. STELTER**

Suffolk No. 76: **JOSEPH V. ARDIZZONE** **WILLIAM F. BOTH**

RICHARD A. HAAS **PETER KRUTYS**

GLEN M. SMITH **PAUL H. WIRTH**

Flatbush No. 80: **KENNETH W. SWENSON**

Oneonta No. 87: **OLIVER W. HAIRE** **DOUGLAS HOLBROOK**

GEORGE B. WALKER

Cayuga No. 90: **RODNEY L. MAXWELL**

Nun Da Waga No. 92: **JOHN R. BUCHANAN JR.**

Hamburg No. 91: **LLOYD R. GARRISON**

LOTHAR M. PRAGER

LEON O. WINSTROM

Goshen No. 93: **MICHAEL KOROTKY**

King David No. 97: **F. WELDON CARTER**

WESLEY A. MARSELIS

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RICHARD P. GUNSALUS (#50)
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Grand Council:

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: 2006-2007

Grand Council:

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: 2006-2007

Grand Council:

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Grand Council:

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: 2006-2007

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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York
Annual Report of the GRAND RECORDER: 2006-2007

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

A. SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP & CONSTITUENT COUNCILS - 2006-2007:

My Companions, for the second consecutive year our significant membership trends are positive ones! The numbers of "preventable losses" continues to trend downward. Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues were reduced by 1/3 from last year. The number of Dimits was down by over 40%. While sadly our largest category of loss continues to be those Companions lost to Death (the number being almost the same as last year), it is noteworthy that for the second year in a row, we Greeted more new Companions than we lost to Death. Add in the continued reductions in Suspensions and Dimits, and it means my Companion that we are moving in a positive direction. It also resulted, with one delinquent Council still to submit its Annual Return, our Grand Council ended the year with a Net Change of only -1.

Each of our Cryptic Districts had at least one Council see a Net Gain in membership, with the exception of the 5th (where Councils have surrendered their Charters) and the 7th. Two Councils that had been inactive for some time but who had begun working to revive interest in Cryptic Masonry saw their efforts rewarded with in Net Gains in membership. During this past year, the "demographics" of our newly Greeted Companions continued to move down on the age scale. But the statistical average age is not as significant as the continued increase in new Companions in their 30s and 40s joining our Councils. That stands in contrast to five years ago when the typical new Companion was in his late 50s and older. Another item of note in passing is that this past Cryptic year, the Grand Recorder's office received a record number of requests for ritual books, almost double that received in the past two years combined. This necessitated a request to our Ritual Committee for a reprinting of more books.

This has also been a year of realignment in our Grand Council. The Companions of Buffalo-Keystone Council #17 accepted the Companions of Bruce Council #15 in merger. Likewise the Companions of Ahwaga Council #30 accepted in merger the Companions of Southern Tier #16. We are all saddened by the decision reached by the Companions of Northern Star #34 and Cyrus #89 to voluntarily surrender their respective Charters. In the case of Cyrus Council, the Companions have valiantly attempted to sustain the Council for a number of years despite the nearest Royal Arch Chapter from which to draw being more than 80 miles away and being forced to relocate their Secret Vault when their former meeting place was no longer available. Likewise, Northern Star Council was attempting to sustain itself in an area of our state where the Royal Arch Chapter has long been inactive and where the local Lodge has reportedly seen only one new Brother join in several years. As provided for in our Constitution & General Regulations, the Companions of those Councils will be given the option of (a) petitioning to Affiliate with another Council, (b) requesting a Dimit is in current Good Standing, or (c) applying to become a Member At Large in the Grand Council. The latter accords them all the privileges of being a Cryptic Mason with the exception of voting or holding office in a Councils. A Companion may remain a Member At Large for three years, after which if he has not Affiliated elsewhere, he is automatically granted a Dimit. The Companions of these two Councils will be individually advised by the Grand Recorder's office of these options.

Some of our Councils have actively worked to strengthen their numbers through Companions helping Companions. Companions from King Hiram #18 and Skoi Yase #75 "exchanged" becoming dual members to enable insure each Council of being able to work as Cryptic Masons. The Companions of Bloss #14 and DeWitt Clinton #22 have agreed on a merger after a year of successfully meeting jointly to their mutual benefit. Northern Star #34 and Cyrus #89 have joined their collective forces for the conferral of degrees and other mutually beneficial activities.

B. BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

We have continued our practice of sending birthday greetings with the Grand Master's signature to every Companion aged 80 years and older. We do ask however, that Council Recorders advise the Grand Recorder of deaths and address changes to avoid the embarrassment of our sending birthday greetings to a Companion only to receive a reply advising that he passed away months ago, or having the card returned for a bad address.

C. ACCURACY OF ANNUAL RETURNS:

The accuracy of the Grand Recorder's membership files are directly dependent on the accuracy and timeliness of the information reported by our Councils, both as changes may occur during the year and especially on the Annual Return. This year, there was for inexplicable reasons an abnormally high number of reporting "inaccuracies". They ranged from basic clerical discrepancies in statistically reporting a certain number of gains or losses by category on the summary page while the accompanying pages identifying the individual Companions did not "match"; to one Council reporting the election of a Companion as PCW who had never been previously reported on past years' Returns as being a member of the Cryptic Rite. The Grand Treasurer issued an unprecedented number of "refund" checks to Councils who had remitted incorrect per capita tax payments based on these errors. Each Council's per capita tax is based on the membership number reported by your Council on the previous year's Annual Return. Therefore, beyond the added work and exchanges of communication necessary to resolve each discrepancy, it is in a Council's interest to insure the accuracy of its Return before submitting it. For our Grand Council, an accurate determination of our membership affects us in multiple ways. Affidavits of Election are constitutionally required to be submitted immediately following a Council's Annual Assembly. Our Deputy Grand Master is dependent upon them to arrange the conferral of the T.I.M. Degree, and the Grand Recorder to prepare his records for the ensuing year. The majority of our Councils hold their Annual Assembly in May. However, there has been an increasing trend in recent years to hold the Affidavit of Election until the Annual Return submission date which is not until July 10.

D. OTHER ACTIVITIES:

I had the pleasure of working with virtually every Council in our jurisdiction on various matters pertaining to the Grand Recorder's office. I assisted the Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Masters in the administrative processes of the Council mergers and surrendering of Charters. I participated in both of our Grand Council Officers' Workshops. I accompanied the Grand Master on two of his visits to neighboring jurisdictions and on multiple visits to Councils in our jurisdiction. This past year, our Grand Council recommended to other jurisdictions 3 of our worthy Companions to serve as their appointed Grand Representatives. We likewise received 1 recommendation, from another Grand Council for appointment of a Grand Representative of NY in their jurisdiction. Unfortunately, not all Grand Councils handle these requests as expeditiously as we in the Grand Council of NY. This often necessitated multiple follow ups to obtain confirmation of appointment, in addition to the normal letters of advice to the recipient Companion and his Council.

Zealously and respectfully submitted,



Most Ill. Comp. Paul B. Matthews, Grand Recorder

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL RETURNS: June 30, 2007

<u>Council:</u>	<u>No.:</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Greeted:</u>	<u>Affil.:</u>	<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>Died:</u>	<u>Demit:</u>	<u>Suspend</u> <u>NPD:</u>	<u>Suspend</u> <u>Lodge/Chap.</u>	<u>Expel</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>(Net</u> <u>Chg.)</u>
COLUMBIAN UNION	#1	138	6	1	2	2	5	4	0	0	136	-2
ADELPHIC	#7	44	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	58	-4
ROTICA	#12	50	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	40	-4
CENTRAL CITY	#13	53	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	46	-4
BLOSS-DE WITT CLINTON	#14	45	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	52	-1
*SOUTHERN TIER	#16	20	* (merged with Ahwaga No. 30)			0	1	0	0	0	56	+11
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE	#17	61	4	13**	0	1	1	2	0	0	74	-4***
			** (merger with Bruce No. 15)					*** (Actual Buff.-Key. Net Chg. = 0)				
KING HIRAM	#18	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
DORIC	#19	46	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	44	-2
DUNKIRK	#25	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	-1
PALMYRA	#26	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
*AHWAGA	#30	52	* (merged with Southern Tier No. 16)			0	0	0	0	0	25	0
KING SOLOMON'S	#31	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	16	-2
NORTHERN STAR	#34	22	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	17	-5
HORNELLSVILLE	#35	30	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	31	+1
ADONIRAM	#36	37	5	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	35	-2
JOS. WARREN-CRYPTIC	#37	51	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	48	-3
BATH	#40	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
FULTON	#50	48	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	-1
PEEKSKILL	#55	32	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	30	-2
HUDSON	#62	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
ST. GEORGE'S	#74	142	6	0	0	9	0	0	2	1 [Chap]	136	-6
SKOI YASE	#75	36	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	34	-2
SUFFOLK	#76	73	5	0	3	6	0	1	0	0	74	+1
CATSKILL	#78	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
TEMPLE	#79	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	+4
FLATBUSH	#80	39	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	36	-3

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<u>Council:</u>	<u>No.:</u>	<u>Members June 30, 2006</u>	<u>Greeted:</u>	<u>Affil.:</u>	<u>Reinstated</u>	<u>Died:</u>	<u>Demit:</u>	<u>Suspend NPD:</u>	<u>Suspend Lodge/Chap.</u>	<u>Expel</u>	<u>Members June 30, 2007</u>	<u>(Net Chg.)</u>
ONEONTA	#87	58	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	55	-3
NORTH SHORE	#88	31	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	32	+1
CYRUS	#89	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
CAYUGA	#90	21	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	0
HAMBURG	#91	52	11	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	62	+10
NUN DA WAGA	#92	45	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	45	0
GOSHEN	#93	28	7	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	32	+4
KING DAVID	#97	26	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	27	+1
<u>TOTALS:</u>		<u>1511</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1510</u>	<u>-1</u>

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: 2007

**** GREETED **:**

COLUMBIAN #1:	Michael P. Gillespie	Peter Giunchini	Morris Kruler	Casey O'Brien
CENTRAL CITY #13:	Bruce I. Zayde			
BLOSS-DE WITT CLINTON #14:	Gary S. Hartman			
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE #17:	Wilfred C. Baumann	Bill E. Hyatt	Paul Karamanol	Martin W. Leukhardt
DORIC #19:	Ralph F. Renna	John W. Scott	Eric S. Stott	
HORNELLSVILLE #35:	Lawrence R. Abbey III	Franklyn J. Habitzreuther	E. Daniel Walther IV	Jeffrey S. Wojcik
ADONIRAM #36:	Kenneth Howe			
JOS. WARREN-CRYPTIC #37:	Theodore J. Cooper	John Gomez	Scott P. Waldeis	
ST. GEORGE'S #74:	Jason R. Danisi	Tomas Diaz	Theodore Jacobsen	Charles H. Norris
	Robert W. Norris			
	David W. Townsend			
	David E. Barnes	Richard W. James	Robert E. McCloskey	William Meyer
	Ronald Rue	Ralph M. Savage		
SUFFOLK #76:	Edward W. Mosso	Roger H. Pelham		
	Mark S. Fink	William H.A. Grob	Edward Hoban	Francis A. Parella
	Joseph C. Savaglio			
TEMPLE #79:	Michael C. Brown II	Michael D. Cederman	Bruce E. Fisher	Kenneth F. Lockett
NORTH SHORE #88:	Robert F. Schlegel Jr.	Robert D. Stack		
HAMBURG #91:	Selom Adjogah	Edwin Ardinski	David A. Bindig	Larry Butera
	Robert Drzewucki	Shashi Guyadeen	Anthony Jacobik	David Kirst
	Russell T. McGregor	Adrian J. Miller	Joseph Wechter	
NUN DA WAGA #92:	Brian Hollenbeck	Timothy J. Irwin		
GOSHEN #93:	Bruce Bogder	Donald Hammer	Bruce McQuade	Ronald Schofield
	Bruce Selnick	Ronald Smith	Charles Vander Mark	
KING DAVID #97:	Joshua A. Kruth	Norman A. Kruth	Victor M. Waggoner	

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: 2007

**** AFFILIATED: ****

COLUMBIAN #1:	Steven R. Gross		
BLOSS-DE WITT CLINTON #14:	Walter A. Collins	Robert C. Gay	Arthur M. Kern
	Herbert Schnitzer	Edmund R. Stuvén	William A. Kern
ADELPHIC #7:	Michael T. Brolly		
JOS. WARREN-CRYPTIC #37:	Charles E. Yale		
CAYUGA #90:	James Zearfoss		
NUN DA WAGA #92:	Richard W. Cook	Ruel R. Lovett	

**** RESTORED: ****

COLUMBIAN #1:	John H. Andren Jr.	Richard H. Burnis	
CENTRAL CITY #13:	Harold W. Lanning		
HORNELLSVILLE #35:	William A. Crosby		
SUFFOLK #76:	Donald J.J. Boll	Robert A. Sikora	Harold G. Trabold
HAMBURG #91:	Lee E. Garrison	Eric J. Oar	

**** DEMITTED: ****

COLUMBIAN #1:	David R. Bros	Lincoln S. Crichlow	Winston Cumberbatch	David Sherrill
ADELPHIC #7:	Robert E. Zoller			
BLOSS-DE WITT CLINTON #14:	Robert Loucopoulos			
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE #17:	Carl T. Graves			
NORTHERN STAR #34:	Dennis J. Hoban			
ADONIRAM #36:	Robert T. Mulvaugh			
PEEKSKILL #55:	John Cave	Theodore Jacobsen		
FLATBUSH #80:	Norman Merritt			
NUN DA WAGA #92:	Michael Bacchus	Wainwright McKenzie		
KING DAVID #97:	Karl H.M. Reich			
	James P. Woodworth			

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES: 2007

**** SUSPENDED IN COUNCIL or LODGE/CHAPTER: ****

COLUMBIAN	#1:	Cary Cohn	<i>S.A. Dandashi [Expelled.]</i>	Steven Karski	Mark Preston
		Joshua Steele			
UNION	#2:	Ian Brown			
ADELPHIC	#7:	Michael Daniels	Pierre Henry Marshall	Steven Wuytack	
ROTICA	#12:	Gleason W. Burkett	John J. Edwards	Gerald B. Showalter	
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE	#17:	Mark Donnelly	<i>Richard A. Wagner</i>		
KING SOLOMON	#31:	<i>Jairo Gill</i>			
NORTHERN STAR	#34:	Lee Russell			
ADONIRAM	#36:	<i>Haralabos Bertsouclis</i>	Andreas Dimitropoulos	<i>Rosario Matos</i>	<i>Sean Pugni</i>
		<i>Juan Carlos Vargas</i>			
ST. GEORGE'S	#74:	<i>Robert R. Brilling Jr [Expelled R.A.]</i>	Albert E. Rowbotham	Edwin O. Salisbury	
SUFFOLK	#76:	Walter E. McCauley			
NORTH SHORE	#88:	Robert M. Flesher Jr.			
NUN DA WAGA	#92:	Neil E. Laundry	James L. Pickering		
GOSHEN	#93:	Donald Haeniche	Rodolfo Matundan		

NOTE: For DEATHS, please see "NECROLOGY" report.

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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

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TO: The Companions & Officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York.
Greetings.

Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master Victor S. Versace, 2006-2007

It was with great humility that I accepted your nomination and election to the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master at the 183rd Annual Assembly in Rochester, NY in August 2006.

In my address upon after my election to the position of M.:I.: Grand Master of this Grand Council, I stated that I would give the Companions 110% of my being during my term of office. It seems that the G.A.O.T.U. had other plans in mind for me!

After the banquet dinner in Rochester, I was advised by a Bruce Council Officer of possible irregularities in the running of Bruce Council. I at that time I advised the Companion I would have the matter looked into.

In early September I contacted R.:I.: Jeffery Williamson, DDGM of the 9th district to look into the allegations of problems in Bruce Council. He reported back to me that in-fact the Council was in trouble, etc. no annual meeting, dwindling membership and other problems that I will not discuss in my report. After reading the By-laws & General Regulations of our Grand Council, I wrote a letter to the aforementioned parties and Bruce Council was given several options. The two major options were to merger with another Council or forfeit their Charter. The Bruce Council chose to merge with Buffalo-Keystone Council. In late March 2007 a dispensation was granted for the two Councils to merge and meet as Buffalo-Keystone Council.

In September, I attended Grand Commandery in Ronkocama, NY along with other members of the Grand Line.

In October I attended St. Georges Council in the fourth district. The fellowship and hospitality was wonderful as this was the first time I was greeted as Grand Master outside of my own Peekskill Council. The Council was closed and St. Georges OAK Council was opened and one new Illustrious Master received the T.I.M degree. I would again thank St. Georges Council for the courtesies extended to myself and Grand Sentinel R.:I.: Wiltsie Finch for our visit.

Also in October I visited Goshen Council along with M.:I.: Paul B. Matthews, Grand Recorder and Grand Sentinel R.:I.: Wiltsie Finch. Again, the hospitality and fellowship was outstanding. We three Grand Council Officers assisted the Council in practicing the Royal Master Degree.

In October I was to attend the reception for the Rt. Eminent Grand Commander Louis Wunsch, when Mother Nature clobbered the area in over 30" of early snow. When I called R. E. Lou Wunsch with my regrets for not coming to the reception he said you couldn't even get there by dog sled.

In November my reception was held in Fishkill, NY. I thanked all those in attendance for taking time out of their busy schedules for attending the affair.

On November 10th I was received into Suffolk Council in Sayville, NY. Again the fellowship was outstanding. I was accompanied by Grand Sentinel W. I. Finch and R. I. Paul C. Edwards, who was the guest speaker for the evening.

On November 11th I attended the Reception for M. W. Neal I. Bidnick. I was introduced to all present along with other dignitaries. I also met with M. I. & M. W. Earl J. Hino, Jr. I was DDGM for M. W. Hino, and had told him that some day I would be a Grand Master too...who would ever have thought that it would come to fruition?

In December I was invited to attend a Polish Christmas Party at Hamburg Council. Unfortunately the weather was turning bad in the western part of the state and I had to decline the offer...I was later told I missed some good porgies!

The bottom fell out of the weather in February & March in our area and we were hammered by several storms.

Due to a severe cold I was unable to attend the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. I was unable to attend the Grand Council Officers workshop that was held in Albany.

It was also at this time that my right knee which I injured in March of 2005 and was operated on in September 2005 was giving me severe problems. I went to a new orthopedist doctor who advised me that one of the two repairs that were supposed to have been made in the first operation was never done and I would need a second operation. The operation was repeated on the first Friday in March 2007.

Due to 8 weeks of recuperation time of I was unable to attend several out of state Annual Assemblies.

Against doctors orders my wife and I attended the Annual Assembly of the warring Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I knew something was wrong when I was handed a soda and then was asked by then M. I. Don Carriger, Jr. to respond for all visiting guests. As this was my first visit anywhere as a Grand Master there was much trepidation on my part.

On Saturday, April 14th I attended the Reception for the new Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons R. E. John S. Jones in Schenectady, NY. I was again received along with other dignitaries and good fellowship was the order of the day. Due to an impending nor'easter I returned home immediately.

From May 5th-8th I attended the Annual session of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York. Lady Christine and I were received warmly by the Brothers of Grand Lodge. I want to personally thank R. : W. : Kurt Ott, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge who straightened out all our reservation problems.

It was an extreme honor and pleasure for me to be received into Grand Lodge as "YOUR" Grand Master representing all the Cryptic Companions of New York State.

On May 12th, I attended a festival in St. Georges Council in Rotterdam. Eighteen [18] new Cryptic Companions were greeted. It was a pleasure to see St. Georges, DeWitt-Bloss & Goshen Councils greet 7, 4 and 7 new Companions respectfully.

During the past Cryptic yea, I along with several Grand Line Officers made several attempts to visit Union & King Solomon's Councils. Unfortunately, neither Council was able to open due to lack of a quorum.

On June 2nd along with M. : I. : Paul B. Matthews, Grand Recorder, I attended the Annual Assembly of the State of Connecticut.

On June 23rd, in Utica, NY I attended the Annual Grand Lodge St. Johns weekend and parade. A Grand Council Officers workshop was help prior to the annual parade.

On June 20th I visited Cayuga Council #90 at the request of R. : I. : Dave Raymond and the Companions of the Council. This city boy knew he was in trouble after leaving Route 17 in Owego and drove more that a quarter mile without seeing a stop sign or traffic light! As I told the Companions present the warmth that I felt was as if I was in my home council Peekskill.

Visits to districts:

I visited the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 7th Cryptic districts during my term of office. My visit to the 9th district was cancelled due to weather.

Dispensations:

A full list of dispensations will be included as appendixes by the Grand Recorder to this report. Several were made to allow Councils to move to new locations; problems with meeting dates etc.

Directive letter: Due to a Companion being under investigation by Grand Lodge I sent a letter to the Recorder of King Solomon's Council directing that the Companion in question "NOT" hold any appointed or elected office in the Council until the investigation and possible Masonic trial is conclude and a verdict or decision is announced by the Grand Lodge of NY. The Companion in question has since been dropped by his Royal Arch Chapter.

Membership:

It appears that the stronger Councils are taking in new Companions and are doing their own degree work. On the reverse side, the weaker Councils are getting together and are using festivals to bring in new Companions. This new approach is working very well! Goshen Council greeted 7 new Companions in Rotterdam and they have 4 petitions waiting for the new Cryptic year. The best news is that they will now be able to start doing their own degrees again. It is very disheartening to hear the "old" guard say that the Councils should do their own work and not use festivals...my response is that if a weak Council ca not do the work they, will never gain in membership and will some day be forced to turn in their Charter. Our Grand Recorder will have a better report on membership after all annual reports recorded and counted.

The biggest problem that our Grand Council faces is that the Royal Arch Chapters are closing due to a lack of membership. This year our fifth district which has two Councils Northern Star #34 & Cyrus #89 Councils are forced to surrender their charters due to a lack of Royal Arch Chapters to draw from. This means that we will have to close the entire fifth district. We have a treaty in place with Ontario, Canada allowing both countries to go ten miles either side of the border to recruit members, unfortunately Canada is experiencing the same difficulties with Royal Arch Chapters as we are.

Recommendations:

1. It is my recommendation that we with drawer our membership in General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. Every year we are forced to pay percapita tax amounting to \$500-600 dollars. We are also forced to put \$300.00 a year in our budget for our Grand Council Officers to attend the Tri-annual meeting of General Grand Council. If we give out any award with General Grand's Councils name on it we have to pay \$100.00 for each award. We also have to pick up the cost of their representative's visit to our Annual Assembly room, meals etc. We would not be the first to drop our membership in General Grand Council!

2. It is my recommendation that Grand Council should develop a "watch list" that would identify Councils that are in very poor working condition. No one wants to pull a Councils charter but the reality of life is such that when a Council can't even hold an Annual meeting for several years, something must be done! Our General regulation are very explicate on these matters.

3. It is my recommendation that the Office of Judge Advocate be created. From time to time there have arisen situations of a legal nature that the Grand Master must seek legal advice. Our Grand Council's Jurisprudence Committee does its best to fully advise the Grand Master on such matter, but, there are times where this Committee finds it self unable to give advice or may possibly give incorrect legal advice due to its own limitation in its knowledge of the laws of our state. The Grand Master needs to be truly informed from a legal basis and the Judge Advocate can give him this guidance, so he can render a proper & legal decision."

Recommendations: [cont]

4. It is my recommendation that a standard set of rules & regulations be set up for Companions to follow for running for the Grand Council Grand Line. The hap hazard way of nominating Companions from the floor without the recommendation or support of the Companions Council can't be allowed.

5. It is my recommendation that "ALL" Council Recorders are required to have at least e-mail capabilities by the year 2009. The reason is simple instant communication is here to stay and is very cost effective for all parties concerned. Example 1, a Recorder sent me a letter asking for a dispensation to move to a new town and location. It took four days for me to get the letter, one day to write the dispensation and four days for the dispensation to be returned to Council Recorder...for a total nine days. Example 2, a Recorder contacted me by phone call in need of a dispensation for an election problem. I had him send me an e-mail asking for a dispensation, I granted the dispensation and e-mailed both e-mails to our Grand Recorder who in turn sent an e-mail to the Council Recorder with the necessary dispensation...this all took about two total hours. As is permitted by other Masonic bodies we should also allow the Council permission to send Council notices by e-mail.

6. It is my recommendation that since the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New York State have recognized Prince Hall Lodges and have permitted Masonic intercourse with them, Grand Council should follow suit and grant our recognition of Prince Hall Lodges.

I would like to thank all my District Deputy Grand Masters & all Assistant Grand Lecturers for a job well done during my term as Grand Master. All Officers submitted clear and concise reports during the year, which allowed me to monitor the growth and weaknesses of our Grand Council.

To all the Companions of our Grand Council who offered me their hand or a few kind words or just said a friendly hello, I say "Thank you very much!" As I traveled the state and as I advanced through the Grand Line many friends were made and friendship cemented. To all of you I say, "Thank you!"

At this time I would like to thank all of my fellow Grand Council Line Officers for their help, aid, support and assistance during my term as Grand Master. There is not enough space in my report to thank each Grand Council Officer individually, so I must thank them all collectively. At this time I must publicly thank our Grand Recorder, M.:I.: Paul B. Matthews who first tweaked my interest in becoming a Grand Council Officer. His assistance and knowledge were invaluable to me during my term of office. No one can fathom the amount of work that goes through the Office of the Grand Recorder.

At this time I must thank my wife Christine & my family for all their support during the nine years that I traveled the state as a Grand Council Officer. No matter how many times

Christine complained about our traveling, she still went with me and acted as navigator...even with her eyes closed.

It is my hope that during my term of office as "your" Grand Master, the Grand Council of New York and its Constitute Councils and Companions were served and well and with zeal!

Again, I say "Thank you" my Companions for helping me have a great year as "Your" Grand Master!

Respectfully submitted,

Victor S. Versace

M.:I.: Victor S. Versace,
Grand Master

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Dispensations issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master Victor S. Versace:

To: ROTICA COUNCIL #12 (dated 10/09/06) to relocate the Council and its Charter to a new meeting place approved by its Companions, at the Masonic Temple, 5211 W. Seneca Ave., Vernon, NY 13476 effective January 1, 2007.

To: ST. GEORGE'S COUNCIL #74 (dated 10/23/06) to hold a Stated Assembly on November 16, 2006 at the Masonic Temple in Northville, NY in lieu of the meeting place specified in the Council's by-laws.

(NOTE: Because it has become the custom of the Council to hold an Assembly at this location on an annual basis, the Dispensation was accompanied by a recommendation that the Companions consider amending their by-laws to permit this and thereby eliminate the need to request a Grand Master's Dispensation each year.)

To: BUFFALO-KEYSTONE COUNCIL #17 and BRUCE COUNCIL #15 (dated 4/11/07) upon satisfaction of the requirements to merge the two Councils, to hold Stated Assemblies as Buffalo-Keystone Council #17 until the ratification of the merger at the 184th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The Dispensation further ordered that the Charter of Bruce Council #15 be surrendered to the District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Cryptic District.

To: AHWAGA COUNCIL #30 and SOUTHERN TIER COUNCIL #16 (dated 5/19/07) upon satisfaction of the requirements to merge the two Councils, to hold Stated Assemblies as Ahwaga Council #30 until the ratification of the merger at the 184th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. The Dispensation further ordered that the Charter of Southern Tier Council #16 be surrendered to the District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Cryptic District.

To: NORTHERN STAR COUNCIL #34 and CYRUS COUNCIL #89 (dated 5/21/07) to hold a joint Summoned Assembly on June 2, 2007 for the purpose of voting to determine the continuance of each Council's Charter.

To: NUN DA WAGA COUNCIL #92 (dated 5/26/07) to nominate and elect as Illustrious Master Ill. Comp. Garry Hutchurson who, as of the date of Nun Da Waga Council's Annual Assembly was the Illustrious Master of Doric Council #19. The Dispensation specified that if elected, Ill. Comp. Hutchurson could not be installed as Ill. Master of Nun Da Waga Council #92 until such time as his successor in office in Doric Council #19 had been constitutionally elected and installed in his stead; and furthermore, that until such time, the incumbent officers of Nun Da Waga Council #92 would constitutionally remain in their respective offices; and furthermore, to permit compliance with this, that Nun Da Waga Council was granted dispensation to install Ill. Comp. Hutchurson, if elected Ill Master, at its first Assembly thereafter if the satisfaction of the aforementioned conditions occurs after its Annual Assembly.

To: ADELPHIC COUNCIL #7 (dated 6/20/07) to hold a Summoned Assembly on June 26, 2007 for the purpose of conducting the constitutionally required business of the Annual Assembly of the Council, the Council not having had a constitutional quorum on its stated meeting night.

To: TEMPLE COUNCIL #79 (dated 8/07/07) to hold a Summoned Assembly on September 11, 2007 for the purpose of electing and installing a Deputy Master and to install officers of the Council on a meeting date other than that specified in its by-laws.

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York Charity Fund Corporation

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY - August 1, 2006 thru July 31, 2007

Checking Account Balance 8/1/06		\$11,427.30	
Investment Account Balances 8/1/06			
American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$91,923.74		
DWS Schuuder High Income Fund (SGHSX)	\$93,986.24		
Oppenheimer Champion Income Fund (OPCHX)	\$73,403.09		
Putnam High Yield Trust Fund (PHIGX)	\$96,708.07		
		\$356,021.14	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)		\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS 8/1/06			\$367,448.44
ACTIVITY 8/1/06-7/31/07			
Income			
Donations	\$10,423.00		
Dividends/Interest/ Realized Capital Gains(Losses)	\$28,171.06		
Misc.	\$0.00		
Total Income		\$38,594.06	
Expenses			
Contributions to Charity	\$9,500.00		
Operating/Administrative Expense	\$10,957.57		
Total Expense		\$20,457.57	
Net Unrealized Change in Investment Value (gain/loss)		\$388.58	
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/07			\$385,973.51
ASSET DISTRIBUTION AS OF 7/31/07			
Checking Account Balance 7/31/07		\$6,096.13	
Investment Account Balances 7/31/07			
American High Income Trust Fund (AHITX)	\$97,847.82		
DWS Schuuder High Income Fund (SGHSX)	\$91,599.65		
Oppenheimer Champion Income Fund (OPCHX)	\$82,806.24		
Putnam High Yield Trust Fund (PHIGX)	\$95,327.77		
Total Investment Balances 7/31/07		\$367,581.48	
Misc (cash and checks in hand)		\$12,295.90	
TOTAL ASSETS 7/31/07			\$385,973.51

E. William Whittaker
Treasurer

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHARITY CORP.

AVAILABLE FUNDS

Balance August 1, 2006 93.97

<u>Income:</u> American Fund	7146.15	
DWS Scudder Fund	7810.35	
Oppenheimer Fund	4725.61	
Putnam Fund	8485.55	
Bethlehem Bond	3.40	
	28,171.06	
		28,265.03

Disbursements

Bequests
Parkinson's Disease Foundation 10,000.00

Expenses

Treasurer-Salary	2200.00	
Treasurer-Expenses	3300.00	
Legal Costs	578.50	
Trustee's Expenses		
Motel	556.53	
Meals	445.02	
Mileage	967.56	
Office Expenses	800.00	
Taxes	428.40	
Telephone	0.00	
Bonding	124.74	
Postage	91.45	
Printing	1334.74	
Supplies	130.63	
	10957.57	
		20,957.57

Balance July 31, 2007 8,637.39

TOTAL FUNDS

Permanent Funds	295,275.11
Available Funds	8,637.39
	303,912.50

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<u>Council & No.</u>	<u>Gift Level</u>	<u>S-P-GM Levels</u>	<u>Council Totals</u>
Columbian-1	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Union-2	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Adelphic-7	\$28.00	\$50.00	\$78.00
Rotica-12	\$14.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,014.00
Central City-13	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bloss-DeWitt Clinton-14	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Buffalo-Keystone-17	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
King Hiram-18	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Doric-19	\$25.00	\$900.00	\$925.00
Dunkirk-25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Palmyra-26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ahwaga-30	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
King Solomon-31	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Northern Star-34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hornellsville-35	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
Adoniram-36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Joseph Warren-Cryptic-37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bath-40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fulton-50	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Peekskill-55	\$160.00	\$250.00	\$410.00
Hudson-62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. George's-74	\$40.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,290.00
Skoi-Yase-75	\$41.00	\$250.00	\$291.00
Suffolk-76	\$70.00	\$235.00	\$305.00
Catskill-78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Temple-79	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Flatbush-80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oneonta-87	\$105.00	\$300.00	\$405.00
North Shore-88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cyrus-89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cayuga-90	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Hamburg-91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nundawaga-92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Goshen-93	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
King David-97	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Misc. Donations	\$53.40	\$100.00	\$153.40
TOTALS	\$691.40	\$9,735.00	\$10,426.40

Gift Level \$ to \$50.00
Sponsor Level \$50.01 - 99.99
Patron Level \$100.00 - 499.99
Grand Master Level \$500.00 & over

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Sponsor-Patron-Grand Master Levels
1966 to 2007

<u>Council & No.</u>	<u>1966-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Columbian-1	42	1	43
Union-2	49	0	49
Adelphic-7	26	1	27
Rotica-12	174	19	193
Central City-13	62	1	63
Bloss-DeWitt Clinton-14	57	3	60
Buffalo-Keystone-17	20	9	29
King Hiram-18	5	2	7
Doric-19	199	8	207
Dunkirk-25	17	0	17
Palmyra-26	4	0	4
Ahwaga-30	62	1	63
King Solomon-31	61	0	61
Northern Star-34	4	0	4
Hornellsville-35	8	1	9
Adoniram-36	91	0	91
Joseph Warren-Cryptic-37	18	0	18
Bath-40	16	0	16
Fulton-50	23	1	24
Peekskill-55	73	4	77
Hudson-62	13	0	13
St. George's-74	69	5	74
Skoi-Yase-75	44	3	47
Suffolk-76	51	3	54
Catskill-78	17	0	17
Temple-79	2	0	2
Flatbush-80	31	0	31
Oneonta-87	109	2	111
North Shore-88	46	0	46
Cyrus-89	1	0	1
Cayuga-90	7	1	8
Hamburg-91	10	0	10
Nundawaga-92	41	0	41
Goshen-93	5	2	7
King David-97	3	1	4
Other	60	1	61
TOTALS	1,520	69	1589

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Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

Report of Awards Committee 2006-2007

THERE ARE FOUR AWARD CATAGORIES

- I. INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT
- II. ISH SODI
- III. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP GAINS & ATTENDANCE
- IV. COUNCIL SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK CHARITY FUND

I. INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT

A. GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

To be announced at the Grand Council banquet.

B. GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

To be announced at the Grand Council banquet.

C. GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

To be announced at the Grand Council banquet.

II. ISH SODI AWARDS

A. ISH SODI AWARD

No Companions were eligible to receive this award as first line signers for 5 petitioners each,

B. MERITORIOUS ISH SODI AWARD

No Companions were eligible to receive this award as first line signers for 25 petitioners each,

III. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP GAIN & ATTENDANCE AWARDS

A. MOST GREETINGS IN THE CRYPTIC YEAR

Hamburg # 91 greeted 11 Companions

Honorable mention

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton #14 greeted 7 Companions

Goshen #93 greeted 7 Companions

Columbian #1 greeted 6 Companions

St. George's #74 greeted 6 Companions

B. GREETINGS OF 5 OR MORE COMPANIONS IN THE CRYPTIC YEAR

Hamburg # 91 11 Companions; Columbian #1 6 Companions;

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton #14 7 Companions; St. George's #74 6 Companions;

Goshen #93 7 Companions; Suffolk #76 5 Companions;

C. 10% OR GREATER INCREASE IN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP IN THE CRYPTIC YEAR

Bloss-DeWitt Clinton #14, 15%; Hornellsville #35, 10%; Temple #79, 30%; Hamburg #91, 21%; Goshen #93, 25%; King David #97, 11%

Though it did not attain a 10% or greater increase, Buffalo-Keystone #17 showed a net gain for the year.

D. BEST ATTENDANCE AT GRAND COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

[Other than host Council]

To be announced at Grand Council Assembly.

IV. SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY FUND

A. GREATEST DOLLAR AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED IN THE CRYPTIC YEAR

St. George's #74 \$5290

Recipient of the Kreason Memorial Bible


B. AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER COMPANION OF \$5.00 OR MORE
9 Councils achieved this level

St. George's #74	\$37.25
Rotica #12	\$19.50
Doric #19	\$19.27
Peekskill #55	\$12.81
Skoi-Yase #75	\$8.08
Buffalo-Keystone #17	\$8.06
Oneonta #87	\$6.98
King Hiram #18	\$6.67
King David #97	\$5.88

At the close of the Cryptic year, 13 Councils did not contribute anything to the Grand Council Charity fund.

Dunkirk #25, Palmyra #26, Northern Star #34, Adoniram #36, Joseph Warren-Cryptic #37, Bath #40, Hudson #62, Catskill #78, Flatbush #80, North Shore #88, Cyrus #89, Hamburg #91, Nun-Da-Wa-Ga #92

Respectfully submitted,


R. I. Arnold E Palmer

Chairman Awards Committee

cc. Grand Master

Deputy Master

PCW

Grand Recorder

Committee members

Council No. & Name	Total Members	Goal @ \$5/Each	\$ Amount Received	\$ per Member	Life Membership	Total Life Membership	% of L M
Columbian - 1	138	\$690.00	\$100.00	\$0.72	1	43	0.311594
Union - 2	62	\$310.00	\$10.00	\$0.16	0	49	0.790323
Adelphic - 7	44	\$220.00	\$78.00	\$1.77	1	27	0.613636
Rotica - 12	52 52	\$260.00	\$1,014.00	\$19.50 \$19.50	19	193	3.741538
Central City 13	53	\$265.00	\$100.00	\$1.89	1	63	1.188679
Bloss-DeWitt Clinton - 14	45	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$4.44	3	60	1.333333
Buffalo-Keystone - 17	62	\$310.00	\$500.00	\$8.06	9	29	0.467742
King Hiram - 18	15	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$6.67	2	7	0.466667
Doric - 19	48	\$240.00	\$925.00	\$19.27	8	207	4.3125
Dunkirk - 25	51	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	17	0.333333
Palmyra - 26	25	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	4	0.16
Ahwaga - 30	52	\$260.00	\$50.00	\$0.96	1	63	1.211538
King Solomon - 31	18	\$90.00	\$40.00	\$2.22	0	61	3.388889
Northern Star - 34	22	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	4	0.181818
Hornellsville - 35	30	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$4.00	1	9	0.3
Adoniram - 36	37	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	91	2.459459
Joseph Warren-Cryptic - 37	51	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	18	0.352941
Bath - 40	14	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	16	1.142857
Fulton - 50	48	\$240.00	\$50.00	\$1.04	1	24	0.5
Peekskill - 55	32	\$160.00	\$410.00	\$12.81	4	77	2.40625
Hudson - 62	13	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	13	1
St. George's - 74	142	\$710.00	\$5,290.00	\$37.25	5	74	0.521127
Skoi-Yase - 75	36	\$180.00	\$291.00	\$8.08	3	47	1.305556
Suffolk - 76	73	\$365.00	\$305.00	\$4.18	3	57	0.780822
Catskill - 78	7	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	17	2.428571
Temple - 79	13	\$65.00	\$35.00	\$2.69	0	2	0.153846
Flatbush - 80	39	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	31	0.794872
Oneonta - 87	58	\$290.00	\$405.00	\$6.98	2	111	1.913793
North Shore - 88	31	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	46	1.483871
Cyrus - 89	13	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	1	0.076923
Cayuga - 90	21	\$105.00	\$50.00	\$2.38	1	8	0.380952
Lamburg - 91	58	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	10	0.172414
Jun-Da-Wa-Ga - 92	45	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	41	0.911111
Joshen - 93	28	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$3.57	2	7	0.25
King David - 97	26	\$130.00	\$153.00	\$5.88	1	4	0.153846
Misc. Donations			\$153.40				
Other					1	61	



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of New York

LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS - 2007 REPORT

This report is similar to those previously presented, in that the visible evidence of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters or Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of New York is found in the 1st Floor EXHIBIT CASES and in the 2nd Floor YORK RITE BODIES ROOM AT UTICA, in addition to the published books and references contained in the LIBRARIES LOCATED IN NEW YORK CITY AND UTICA. Some of the more valuable materials, identified by Companion Manfred Liehs, have been placed in a locked case in the front center of the Utica York Rite Bodies Room.

Two of Grand Council's early illustrated Engineering Books are on exhibit in the large case located in the center of the York Rite Bodies Room, Aprons and other memorabilia are in an upright showcase. Pictures, of most of the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, are located in frames hung on the Eastern wall of the Utica York Rite Bodies Room. Proceedings, source materials and various historical records are located in the two closets located in the Northeastern end of the Room.

Companions R.I. Richard Eades, M.I. Richard Hadley and Companion Liehs continue to work in the Utica York Rite Room, as time allows.

Companion Eades suggests that "better coordination of displays in the York Rite Bodies Room in Utica might be achieved through a joint meeting of the Royal Arch Masons and Cryptic Masons Library Museum Committees, in the Spring of 2008, prior to St. John's Day!

A Cryptic Masons Reading Program would compliment the Masonic Reading Programs already in place in the New York City Library facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred G Hickein, Richard E Eades, Mark Adler

8/16/2007

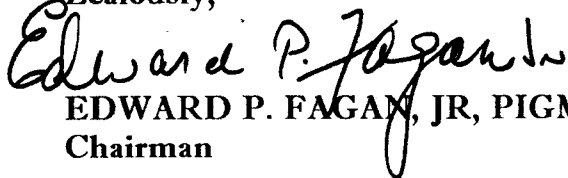
GRAND COUNCIL STATE OF NEW YORK
Cryptic Masons
Jurisprudence and By-Laws Review Committee

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council:

It is a pleasure to report that a By-Law change for Suffolk Council No. 76, relating to a dues change, has been found in conformity with the General Regulations and has, accordingly, been approved.

There have been no other requests for decisions from this Committee.

Zealously,


EDWARD P. FAGAN, JR, PIGM
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