

# PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the  
One Hundred Fiftieth  
Annual Assembly  
of the  
Grand Council of Cryptic  
Masons of the State of Missouri  
held  
May 13, 2015  
Capital Plaza Hotel  
Jefferson City, Missouri



# Grand Council of Missouri

## 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

### Wednesday, May 13, 2015

- Breakfast - On Your Own
- 7:00 am Registration (Credentials Committee) – All 3 Bodies – until 10:00 am (*Atrium*)
- 8:00 am Welcome by the GHP, GM, and GC, Open to Ladies and Guests (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 8:15 am Presentation and Posting of the Colors by the Heroes of '76  
Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem
- 8:30 am Introduction of the 2014-2015 Grand Council Officers, Open to Ladies and Guests  
Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers  
Introduction of the Regional Deputy Grand Masters  
Introduction of the 2014-2015 Grand Council Officers  
Welcoming Comments by the Grand Master  
Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- 9:00 am **Formal Opening of the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of  
Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri** (*Capitol/Truman*)  
Reception of the Past Grand Masters of Missouri  
Recognition of the Grand Representatives  
Reception of the Out of State Grand Council Officers  
Reception of Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies  
Reception of National Body Representatives  
Reception of the General Grand Council Officers  
Reception of the General Grand Master or Representative & brief remarks  
Reception of the Grand Lodge Officers  
Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks  
Address of the Grand Master  
Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee  
Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address  
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee  
Report of the Finance Committee  
Election of the 2015-2016 Grand Council Officers  
Report of the Grand Treasurer  
Report of the Grand Recorder  
Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)  
Report of the Election of the 2015-2016 Grand Council Officers  
Acceptance of the Grand Council Officers Elect

- Report of the Grand Master Elect
- Report of the Committee on Time and Place
- Address of the General Grand Master or Representative
- Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
- 12:00 pm Grand Council Called from Labor until 3:00 pm**
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm Order of the Silver Trowel (*Missouri*)
- 3:00 pm Grand Council Resumes Labor** (concludes remaining business, if any)
- Grand Council Awards Presentations, Open to Ladies and Guests
- 4:00 pm Installation of the 2015-2016 Grand Council Officers, Open to Ladies and Guests
- 5:00 pm Close of the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri**
- Pictures
- 5:30 pm Joint Necrology Service – Open to All (*Jefferson*)
- Dinner - On Your Own

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri  
2014-2015**

**Elected and Appointed Officers**

- Terry R. Struse..... Grand Master
- William G. Snyder..... Deputy Grand Master
- Todd A. Schulze ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- Donald L. Trabue ..... Grand Treasurer
- Kevin B. Sample..... Grand Recorder
- Russell S. Hanson ..... Assistant Grand Recorder
- Johnny L. Schlenker ..... Grand Captain of the Guard
- Michael E. Day..... Grand Conductor of the Council
- Nathan D. Carrington ..... Grand Marshal
- Joseph P. Elsen ..... Grand Steward
- John S. Lambros ..... Grand Sentinel
- Paul R. Cannon ..... Assistant Grand Sentinel
- Charles M. Huey ..... Assistant Grand Sentinel
- Kevin E. Weaver ..... Grand Chaplain
- Byron E. Hams ..... Assistant Grand Chaplain
- Jerry Bradford ..... Grand Lecturer
- Stephen C. Monrotus ..... Grand Organist
- Daniel R. Quesenberry ..... Grand Chorister
- Christopher E. Tilley ..... Grand Historian

Roy L. Gilkey ..... Guardian of the Ninth Arch  
 David C. Witte ..... Guardian of the Ninth Arch  
 James L. Woodfin, Jr..... Guardian of the Ninth Arch

**Regional Deputy Grand Masters**

Thomas E. Christine..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 1  
 Daryl L. Price..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 2  
 Donald L. Huggins..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3  
 Gentry E. Slone..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 4  
 Matthew D. Ruth..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 5  
 Stephen T. Thompson ..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 6  
 Harry L. Tripp, Jr. .... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7  
 Christopher E. Tilley ..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 8  
 Michael C. Rohman ..... Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 9

**Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers**

Jerry L. Miles ..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1  
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr. .... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2  
 Aaron E. Rose ..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3  
 Donald E. Gilkerson ..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4  
 David R. Phillips ..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 5  
 Jonathon D. Baltz ..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 6  
 Clifton F. Wofford..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7  
 Kevin E. Weaver ..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 8  
 Matthew B. James..... Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 9

**Standing Committees**

Address of the Grand Master	Kevin B. Sample, Ex-officio
David C. Witte, Chairman	Jurisprudence
Credentials	Glenn E. Means, Chairman
Phillip W. Engel, Chairman	Stanton T. Brown, Emeritus
Fred F. Stuecken, Emeritus	Walter W. Doyle
J. Joseph Hayes	C. Brent Stewart
Robert L. Schmidt	Returns of Councils
Finance & Accounts	Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
David C. Witte, Chairman	Fred F. Stuecken, Emeritus
Todd A. Schulze	J. Joseph Hayes
Matthew D. Ruth	Robert L. Schmidt
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio	

## Special Committees

### Audit

George M. Merkle, Chairman  
Danny D. Smothers  
Grand Council Line Officers

### Charity & Charity Endowment Fund

Joseph P. Krill, Chairman  
Nathan D. Carrington

### General Grand Council Charity Committee

William G. Buckner, Chairman  
Michael E. Day

### Education

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman  
Byron E. Hams  
Pat West  
Mike E. Lockwood

### Endowed Membership

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman  
William G. Snyder  
Todd A. Schulze  
Kevin B. Sample  
Donald L. Trabue

### Youth & Membership

Danny D. Smothers, Chairman  
Stephen T. Thompson  
Grand Council Line Officers

### Fraternal Correspondence

Charles M. Huey, Chairman

### Ritual

Jerry Bradford, Chairman  
Kevin B. Sample  
Todd A. Schulze  
Michael E. Day  
Robert L. Wright, Ex-officio  
Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

### Royal Arch Mason Magazine

Roy L. Gilkey, Editor

### Time and Place

William G. Synder, Chairman  
Todd A. Schulze

### Social Media/Communications/Internet

David C. Witte, Chairman  
Dan McCormack, Web Master  
Matthew B. James

### Triennial

Terry R. Struse, Chairman  
William G. Snyder  
Todd A. Schulze

### Grand Council Merit Award

George M. Merkle, Chairman  
Johnny L. Schlenker  
Kevin E. Weaver

### Regional Deputy Grand Masters

William G. Synder, Supervisor

### Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Todd A. Schulze, Supervisor

### York Rite Conference

William G. Snyder, Chairman  
Regional Deputy Grand Masters

### By-Laws Review Committee

David C. Witte, Chairman  
Todd A. Schulze

Robert L. Detherow

Nathan D. Carrington

Glenn E. Means

### General Grand Council Life Membership

Johnny L. Schlenker, Chairman  
John S. Lambros  
Joseph P. Krill

### Order of Silver Trowel

Roger D. Fleeer, Secretary/Treasurer

## Living Past Grand Masters

Everette L. Gloyd (1978-1979)  
 William Gordon Buckner (1984-1985)  
 Jack R. Clark, Sr. (1987-1988)  
 Lawrence R. Albright, II (1993-1994)  
 C. Richard Carter (1995-1996)  
 E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1998)  
 Bob L. Detherow (1998-1999)  
 Teddie E. Harrison (1999-2000)  
 William J. Bowser (2000-2001)  
 LeRoy D. Unruh (2001-2002)

Richard J. Holmes (2002-2003)  
 Gary A. Phillips (2003-2004)  
 Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2005)  
 Albert H. "Sonny" Miller (2006-2007)  
 Donald L. Trabue, Honorary (2008)  
 Danny D. Smothers (2009-2010)  
 James G. Haddox (2010-2011)  
 George M. Merkle (2011-2012)  
 William C. Woolsey (2012-2013)  
 David C. Witte (2013-2014)

## Grand Representatives

### **Jurisdiction .....To Missouri United States of America**

Alabama ..... William G. Snyder  
 Alaska ..... Vacant  
 Arizona ..... Donald L. Huggins  
 Arkansas ..... Columbus Craft  
 California ..... William Gordon Buckner  
 Colorado ..... Vacant  
 Connecticut ..... Richard J. Holmes  
 Delaware ..... Jack D. Brown  
 District of Columbia ..... Vacant  
 Florida ..... Vacant  
 Georgia ..... Paul R. Cannon  
 Hawaii ..... James G. Haddox  
 Idaho ..... Freddie D. Adams  
 Illinois ..... William B. Stephenson, Jr.  
 Indiana ..... Harley L. Kropf  
 Iowa ..... Aaron M. Shoemaker  
 Kansas ..... Danny D. Smothers  
 Kentucky ..... Bob L. Detherow  
 Louisiana ..... Robert W. Schlichter  
 Maine ..... Everette L. Gloyd  
 Maryland ..... William E. Brenneman  
 Massachusetts ..... Albert H. Miller

Michigan ..... John E. Schofield  
 Minnesota ..... Lewis C. Odneal  
 Mississippi ..... Daniel R. Quesenberry  
 Montana ..... Terry R. Struse  
 Nebraska ..... Vacant  
 Nevada ..... Barry V. Cundiff  
 New Hampshire ..... William C. Woolsey  
 New Jersey ..... Ronald E. Wood, Jr.  
 New Mexico ..... Norman G. Schlagenhauf  
 New York ..... Vacant  
 North Carolina ..... C. C. McLemore, III  
 North Dakota ..... Vacant  
 Ohio ..... Vacant  
 Oklahoma ..... James L. Woodfin, Jr.  
 Oregon ..... Steven C. Monrotus  
 Pennsylvania ..... Vacant  
 Rhode Island ..... Gale B. Morrison  
 South Carolina ..... Roy N. Thomas  
 South Dakota ..... Vacant  
 Tennessee ..... Kevin B. Sample  
 Texas ..... Alfred L. Mason  
 Utah ..... Vacant  
 Vermont ..... Glenn E. Means  
 Virginia ..... Vacant

Washington ..... Corey B. Huntsucker  
 West Virginia ..... Vacant  
 Wisconsin ..... Ted W. Harrison  
 Wyoming ..... Walter W. Doyle

**Jurisdiction ..... To Missouri**

**Canada/Mexico**

Eastern Canada ..... Jack R. Clark, Sr.  
 Ontario Canada ..... David C. Witte  
 Western Canada .... Matthew L. Quesenberry  
 Mexico ..... Vacant

**Jurisdiction ..... To Missouri**

**Other Jurisdictions**

Africa ..... Vacant  
 Brazil ..... Russell S. Hanson  
 Central America ..... Vacant  
 Croatia ..... Vacant  
 El Salvador ..... Vacant

England & Wales ..... LeRoy D. Unruh  
 France ..... Marion W. Dey  
 Germany ..... Teddie E. Harrison  
 Greece ..... George M. Merkle  
 Israel ..... Vacant  
 Italy ..... Vacant  
 Japan ..... Vacant  
 Panama ..... Vacant  
 Peru ..... Vacant  
 Philippines ..... Richard G. Harrison  
 Portugal ..... William J. Bowser  
 Puerto Rico ..... Vacant  
 Romania ..... William R. Brantley  
 Scotland ..... K. Trent Moreland  
 Taiwan ..... Vacant  
 Togo ..... Vacant  
 Virgin Islands ..... Vacant

**BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND MASTER**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Terry R. Struse was born in Lewis Township, Stone County, Missouri on July 28, 1940. He moved to Pine Lawn in North St. Louis County when he was four. He attended public school and graduated from Normandy High School in 1959. After working at various places for several months, he joined the United States Marine Corps in November 1959. Upon completion of boot camp at MCRD, San Diego, Terry was assigned to duty at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan as a Legal Clerk/Court Reporter. In 1961, while in route from Japan to North Carolina, he married Donna Kay Logan. Terry and Donna have a daughter, Deborah, and two grandchildren, Kristina and Kristofer.

After completing two tours of duty in Vietnam in 1965 and 1968, Terry was assigned to duty with the Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, where he served as a Congressional Liaison NCO. While on active duty Terry completed a two year course of study at San Diego College of business resulting in a California Certification as a Stenotype Court Reporter, and two years of study at Saddleback Community College. Terry retired on November 2, 1982, as a Master Sergeant, after twenty-three years of active service. Terry then worked the next sixteen years for the Internal Revenue Service as a Revenue Officer and a Fuel Compliance Officer. He also served as a National Vice President for the Treasury Employees Union.

In 1987, he became a member of Mizpah Lodge No. 639 in Florissant, Missouri, and was elected Master of the Lodge in 1992. Terry has served as the High Priest of St. Louis-Missouri Chapter No. 1 on several occasions and at Triune Chapter No. 93 where he is an Endowed member. In 1995, he was the Illustrious Master of York Council No. 40 and is now an Endowed member of Centralia Council No. 34. Terry is an Endowed member of and has served as the Eminent Commander of Crusade Commandery No. 23, in Mexico, Missouri. Terry is a Perpetual Life Member of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International; Life member of Heart of Missouri No. 188, York Rite College; Life member Royal Order of Scotland; Life member of Missouri Lodge of Research; and member of Mid-Missouri Council No. 291, Allied Masonic Degrees. Terry is a member of the Order of the High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, and Missouri Association of Past Commanders Knight Templars. Terry has served on several occasions as the District Deputy Grand High Priest of Region 5.

Terry and his wife Donna now make their home in the rural area near Wellsville, Missouri.

### **ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER**

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and guests, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this One Hundred Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve you as your Grand Master over this past year. I was able to travel and visit Councils that I had never visited before, greet many old friends and meet many new ones. I would like to thank my Grand Steward, Very Excellent Companion Joseph P. Elson, and my Grand Lecturer, Very Excellent Companion Jerry Bradford, for their companionship on my travels around the State. They turned long boring hours into delightful and instructive conversations. A calendar of my visits and activities is attached as an enclosure.

I would like to take a moment here to thank my lady Donna for her love and support over the last seven years without which I would probably not have made it this far. I will endeavor to make up for all the nights of being a "Masonic Widow".

Last but not least, I would like to thank Most Illustrious Companion Edgar Coonrod for appointing me to the grand line. I know that he didn't make it to the Grand Master's chair, but to me he will always be "Most Illustrious".

During my term all regular and standing committee positions were filled. The Grand York Rite of Missouri 2014-2015 Pocket Directory and Monthly Calendar Committee was the only special



committee appointed and set at work during my term. I would like to thank Very Excellent Companions Joseph P. Elsen, Jerry L. Miles, and Jerry Bradford for their efforts in this endeavor. If you like the Pocket Directory and Calendar, be sure to thank them.

### **Necrology**

It is with sadness that I must report at this time the passing of four of our Past Grand Masters.

Most Illustrious Companion John V. Crampton, born November 29, 1930, at Carl Junction, Missouri, died October 27, 2014, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Companion Crampton was the Grand Master in 1992-1993.

Most Illustrious Companion Robert Leon Wright, born April 20, 1939, at Piggott, Arkansas, died November 8, 2014, at Pacific, Missouri. Companion Wright was the Grand Master in 2007-2008. Companion Wright was an excellent ritualist and served as the Grand Lecturer from 2009 until his death in 2014.

Most Illustrious Companion Stanton Thayer Brown, born January 31, 1926, at Independence, Missouri; died December 18, 2014, at Buckner, Missouri. Companion Brown was the Grand Master in 2004-2005. Companion Brown also was an excellent ritualist and served as the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Most Illustrious Companion Blair C. Mayford, born October 23, 1917; died March 28, 2015, at St. Peters, Missouri. Companion Mayford was the Grand Master in 1986-1987, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1975-1976.

There will be a joint Necrology Service this evening at five-thirty p.m. Please take time to attend so that we may honor our departed companions.

### **Surety Bond**

During this past year the Surety Bond mandated by the Constitution and By-Laws and funded by the Finance Committee was continued in force.

### **Edicts**

I issued two edicts during my term of office.

Edict Number One was for the purpose of allowing Councils to meet together for Official Visits of the Grand Master or Regional Deputy Grand Master.

### **Edict No. 1**

It is my will that the following edict be issued which is to be presented to the membership at the next stated assembly of each chartered Council, read at the September and October stated assemblies, and recorded in the minutes. This edict shall remain in effect until a new Grand Master shall be elected and installed into office.

For the general welfare of and relief to and for the Craft, it is my Order that Subordinate Councils may meet jointly, one with the other, for the purposes of the conferral of degrees, visitation of the Grand Master and visitations of the Regional Deputy Grand Master, absent the necessity for requesting and receiving approval for a special dispensation from the Grand Master. This edict includes removal from a Council's home location to that of the Council being visited and the adjustment of meeting times as appropriate. Any Council meeting under this edict may count such visit as an official meeting of the Council without penalty, an Official Visit of the Grand Master, or an Official Visit of the Regional Deputy Grand Master.

Although this edict negates a special dispensation for the events cited, Councils meeting under this edict must notify the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of their intent prior to the occurrence.

Edict Number Two was issued for several reasons. At last year's Grand Session a proposal was placed before the Grand Council to withdraw from the General Grand Council and it became known shortly after that that the General Grand Council had proposed an increase in Per Capita which was ultimately approved and would become effective on October 1, 2014. This Edict was necessary to establish a cut-off day for collection of Per Capita by the subordinate councils, and to meet the notification requirements set forth in the By-Laws of the General Grand Council, if the companions of this Grand Council choose to withdraw. If the companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri do not withdraw from the General Grand Council as determined by their vote, this Edict will die at the end of my term.

### **Edict No. 2**

It is my will that the following Edict be issued, which is to be presented to the membership at the next stated assembly of each Chartered Council, read at the

December and January stated assemblies, and recorded in the minutes. This edict shall remain in effect until the next Grand Assembly of the Grand Council, at which time action shall be taken on the Proposal to Withdraw from Membership in the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International.

**Whereas**, a Proposal to Withdraw from Membership from the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International was presented at the 2014 Annual Assembly to be voted upon at the 2015 Annual Assembly and,

**Whereas**, the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, at its Triennial Assembly took action to raise the Per Capita per Companion to \$2.00 effective October 1, 2015 and \$2.50 per Companion effective October 1, 2016 and,

**Whereas**, the effect of this action requires the Grand Council to collect the first increased Per Capita on the Annual Returns of 2015, due by the First Day of March 2016, subordinate Chartered Councils will have to be prepared for the increase Per Capita payment by either increasing their 2015 annual Dues or pay the increase from their Council funds,

**Now therefore it is my Order that:**

(1). The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri withdraw and terminate its membership in the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International effective December 31, 2014. This action to be presented for ratification at the 2015 Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri;

(2). Subordinate Councils shall prepare for the increase in Per Capita by either increasing their 2015 annual Dues or setting aside sufficient Council funds to pay the increased Per Capita on the 2015 Annual Return so as to minimize the financial impact should the Withdrawal Order not be ratified;

(3). The Grand Recorder notify, under seal of the Grand Council, a Notice of Withdrawal, pending ratification at the next Annual Assembly, from the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International;

(4). No monies from funds of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri, except those collected for transmittal for Charitable purposes, be transmitted to the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International by either the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer or any other person having signature authority for transmittal of monies, during the period December 31, 2014 and such action as may be taken at the 2015 Annual Assembly.

In the event the Proposal to Withdraw from the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International is approved at the 2015 Annual Assembly, no General Grand Per Capita will be due on the 2015 Annual Return and subordinate Councils shall

have the option to return the money collected to the members or credit their 2016 annual dues.

### **Dispensations**

I approved three dispensations during my term. The first one was to allow the St. Louis Councils to change their meeting dates to December 10, 2014, to participate in a Christmas dinner meeting. The second one was for Shelby Council No. 59 to hold a meeting on January 17, 2015 for the purpose of voting on prospective candidates to attend the York Rite Festival at Kirksville, Missouri on January 24, 2015. The third dispensation was requested by Bonne Terre Council No. 43, to change the election of their council officers from the May 2015 meeting to the April 2015 meeting.

### **Visitations**

I attended Regional York Rite Conferences in Jefferson City, Lee's Summit, St. Louis, and Bolivar, Missouri. I would recommend to my successor that a Regional Conference be held in the northwest, perhaps at St. Joseph, and the southeast area of the State, perhaps at Cape Girardeau or Poplar Bluff.

On June 15, 2014, I visited the Masonic Memorial in Branson, Missouri, and found it in good shape and well taken care of.

I also attended the DeMolay Grand Conclave, the Grand Council of Job's Daughters, and the Rainbow Girls Annual session. I made nine Official Visits with multiple Councils in attendance.

The big high light of the year (and there were many) was attending the annual session of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Columbia, Missouri. Having released the three new Councils in the preceding year, it was my pleasure to arrange the installation of the first Prince Hall Grand Council Officers. I wish them well and I know that they will be a great addition to the Prince Hall Grand Bodies and Masonry.

I did not attend the Triennial in Buffalo, New York, having already committed to attend the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in Columbia, Missouri.

Invitations were received from and extended to the Grand Councils of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. It was my pleasure to attend the Grand Session of the Grand Council of Tennessee in March of this year.

May 25, 2014	Attended Missouri DeMolay Annual Conclave, Jefferson City, Mo.
June 15, 2014	Visited Masonic Memorial, Branson, Missouri. Memorial in good shape and well taken care of.
June 26, 2014	Represented Grand Council at Job's Daughters annual session in Jefferson City, Mo.
June 28, 2014	Attended York Rite Conference, Reception for Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander at Jefferson City Lodge, Jefferson City, Mo.
June 29, 2014	Attended Rainbow Girls Annual Session, Springfield, Mo.
July 9, 2014	Attended Prince Hall Grand Lodge annual session in Columbia, Mo., and installed their first Prince Hall Grand Officers.
July 19, 2014	Attended SEM Degree, Columbia, Mo.
August 2, 2014	Attended York Rite Conference and Grand High Priest's Reception, Lee's Summit Lodge, Lee's Summit, Mo.
August 23, 2014	Attended York Rite Conference, Freedom Masonic Temple, St. Louis, Mo.
September 13, 2014	Attended York Rite Conference, Bolivar Lodge, Bolivar, Mo.
September 29, 2014	Attended Grand Lodge of Missouri at Columbia, Mo.
October 1, 2014	Official Visit, St. Joseph Council No. 9, St. Joseph, Mo.
October 14, 2014	Official Visit, Bonne Terre Council No. 43, Farmington, Mo.
October 20, 2014	Official Visit, York Council No. 40, St. Louis, Mo.
October 22, 2014	Official Visit, Hiram Council No. 1, St. Louis, Mo.
October 25, 2014	Held Grand Officer's Meeting at Jefferson City Lodge, Jefferson City, Mo.
November 11, 2014	Attended funeral of Past Grand Master Robert Wright, Pacific, Mo.
November 16, 2014	Held Jurisprudence Meeting, Grand Lodge Office, Columbia, Mo.
November 17, 2014	Official Visit to Rolla Council No. 39, Rolla, Mo.
November 24, 2014	Official Visit to Centralia Council No. 34, Columbia, Mo.
December 3, 2014	Official Visit to Cape Council No. 20, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
December 23, 2014	Attended funeral of Past Grand Master Stanton Brown, Independence, Mo.
January 17, 2015	Attended York Rite Festival, Kansas City, Mo.
January 24, 2015	Attended Grand Session planning meeting, Jefferson City, Mo.
January 27, 2015	Official Visit Shelby Council No. 59, Shelbina, Mo.
January 31, 2015	Installed Officers of Shelby Council No. 59, Shelbina, Mo.
February 4, 2015	Attended Grand Session planning meeting, Crown Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Mo.
February 5, 2015	Official Visit to Trinity Council No. 27, Hannibal, Mo.
February 14, 2015	Held Budget and Finance Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo.

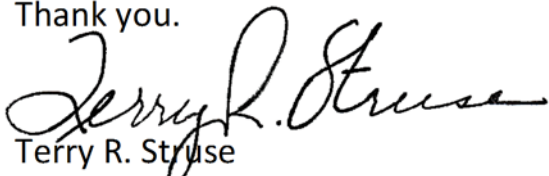
March 7, 2015                      Attended Royal Arch Grand Masters Class, Columbia, Mo.  
April 9, 2015                      Attended The Order of the Amaranth Annual State Session, St. Louis,  
Mo.  
April 18, 2015                      Held Grand Officers meeting in Jefferson City, Mo.

### **State of the Craft**

In conclusion, let me say that in my travels around the state I have found that in most instances I can say that Cryptic Masonry is alive and well. While we still suffer from the aging of our Craft, it is encouraging to see the many new, young faces among the Companions. Let us be zealous in teaching these new Companions. Give them a part in the ritual and leadership of the Council and help them to understand their part.

Finally Companions, "be ye all of one mind; live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you."

Thank you.



Terry R. Struse

Grand Master, 2015-2015

### **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

*(from the floor)*

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

David C. Witte, Chairman

## **PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

### **2014 PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ACTION IN 2015**

The following proposals were submitted at the 2014 Annual Assembly. At the time of this distribution, these proposals have been reviewed as to form by the Grand Council Committee on Jurisprudence, but should not be considered to be in final form as they may be subject to review and discussion with the proposal's sponsors. Additionally, the Committee on Jurisprudence has forwarded certain proposals to other appropriate Grand Council Committees for their review. This process is intended to provide as much time as possible for the Companions to review proposed legislation while at the same time avoiding, if possible, the necessity of a proposal being ruled out of order on the floor due to improper form.

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2015 GRAND ASSEMBLY**

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

The proposed Standing Resolution No. 9 would normally be presented after the proposals to amend the Grand Council Constitution and Bylaws. However, the requirement by the General Grand Council for withdrawal of membership (*Article VII – Of Grand Councils; Section 703 Grand Councils; D. Grand Council Constituency; 1. Withdrawal*) to be effective requires a Resolution of Withdrawal be approved by the Grand Council seeking withdrawal. This requirement, by the General Grand Council, of the approval of a Resolution causes this resolution to come to a vote prior to any proposals to amend our Grand Council's Constitution and Bylaws removing references to the General Grand Council. Should Standing Resolution No. 9 fail to pass, the proposals to amend our Grand Council's Constitution and Bylaws by removing references to the General Grand Council would be automatically withdrawn.

### **STANDING RESOLUTION No. 9**

**WHEREAS**, the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International has voted in its 2015 Triennial Session to increase the per capita dues in each of the next 2 years,

**AND WHEREAS**, these increases will place and continue to cause a financial burden on the subordinate Councils of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

**AND WHEREAS**, the benefits in continuing membership in the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International to the Cryptic Masons of Missouri are negligible compared to the cost of membership,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri hereby withdraws its membership in the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

Fraternally submitted,  
Johnny Schlenker, PM, Cape Council No. 30  
Michael Day, PM, Lebanon Council No. 56  
Nathan Carrington, PM, St. Joseph Council No. 9

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND **ARTICLE I**, OF THE **CONSTITUTION** OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)*

**SEC. 3. General Powers.** This Grand Council shall have and exercise supreme power and authority over Cryptic Masonry within the State of Missouri, ~~subject only to such restrictions as may grow out of its relations to the General Grand Council.~~

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To amend Article I to remove references to the General Grand Council if Standing Resolution No.9, receives a favorable vote.

Fraternally submitted,  
Johnny Schlenker, PM, Cape Council No. 30  
Michael Day, PM, Lebanon Council No. 56  
Nathan Carrington, PM, St. Joseph Council No. 9

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SEC.14 (2). AND ARTICLE III, SEC. 22 AND SEC. 23. OF THE **BYLAWS** OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)*

**ARTICLE II:**  
**SEC. 14. Grand Recorder, Duties.**



~~(2) He shall forward annually to the General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council, so long as the as the Grand Council may remain a member, the returns and dues of this Grand Council.~~

**ARTICLE III:**

**Sec. 22. Revenue of the Grand Council.** The revenue of the Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources:

(3) Each Chartered Council shall pay the sum of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each name borne on its rolls on December 31 of each year, ~~plus the per capita dues of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, International,~~ except those whose dues have been regularly remitted.

**SEC. 23. Triennial Fund.** ~~The Committee on Finance shall annually include in its budget a sum equal to \$0.60 per member a of the last statistical report, as a Triennial Fund; the fund to be used to aid in defraying the actual expenses only of the three principal officers of the Grand Council and the Grand Recorder. The Grand Recorder shall receive only half of such amount paid to the Grand Council officers and a similar amount from the Grand Chapter or their legally appointed proxies in attendance at the triennial meetings of the General Grand Council, so long as this Grand Council may remain a member thereof.~~

~~—— All unused funds shall be used to help defray the expenses of any or the Past Grand Masters who may attend the meetings of the General Grand Council; these unused funds to be divided equally between the Past Grand Masters who may attend the triennial meeting; provided, however, that no Past Grand Master shall receive more than his actual expenses so incurred and, further, that any such funds not so used shall be returned to the general fund of the Grand Council.~~

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To amend Article III to remove references to the General Grand Council in the event the Standing Resolution No. 9 receives a favorable vote.

Fraternally submitted,  
Johnny Schlenker, PM, Cape Council No. 30  
Michael Day, PM, Lebanon Council No. 56  
Nathan Carrington, PM, St. Joseph Council No. 9

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SEC. 14., SEC. 17., AND SEC. 18. OF THE **BYLAWS** OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)

**ARTICLE II:**

**SEC. 14. GRAND RECORDER, DUTIES.**

(3) He shall attend all assemblies of the Grand Council; keep a true record of all its proceedings proper to be written, and make annual publication, thereof, either in print or electronic media, under the direction of the Grand Council and forward copies to each of the Grand Recorders of the several Grand Councils, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council, and to each of the subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction and also to such other organizations, libraries and periodicals as may be deemed proper recipients.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To allow the Grand Recorder the option of using electronic media to publish the Annual Proceedings, unless specific situations call for printed paper. This will be a cost savings to the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,  
Roy N. Thomas, PM, Westport Council No. 38

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**ARTICLE II.**

**SEC 17.** (paragraph to be added to section 17)

The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Mason of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To prevent any officer or representative from entering into a monetary contract without the knowledge of and obtaining the approval of the majority of the senior members of the Grand Line.

Fraternally submitted,  
David C. Witte, PM, Independence Council No. 12  
Terry Struse, PM, York Council No. 40

William G. Snyder, PM, Independence Council No. 49  
Todd Schulze, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

**ARTICLE II:**

**SEC. 17. Grand Council Committees.** The Chairman of the following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation:

10. Audit Committee

**SEC. 18. Standing Committees, duties of.**

(18) The Committee on Audit shall conduct an annual audit of the Administrative and Financial records of the Grand Council and report to the Grand Master and the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council. This Committee has the authority to contract with accounting professionals for the performance of a triennial fiscal or tax audit, with the approval of the Grand Master or by resolution of the Grand Assembly.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Annual financial audits by outside professionals have not been conducted in recent years due to anticipated expense and lack of a provision for the implementation of a professional audit on a triennial basis or as directed by the Annual Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,  
Terry Struse, PM, York Council No. 40  
William G. Snyder, PM, Independence Council No. 49  
Todd Schulze, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SEC.24. OF THE **BYLAWS** OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*(Deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined)*

**ARTICLE IV: MISCELLANEOUS**

**SEC. 24. Degrees, Order of.**

~~(2)~~ (1) **Ritual.** [Numerical typographical correction]

(2) No installed officer, when doing the work of an office for which he has been installed, or companions engaged in the conferral of a degree upon a candidate, may read any part of the ritual from a ritual book or other source during a tiled meeting or conferral of a degree. Doing so will be considered a Cryptic Offense. One companion who is not an active participant in the performance of the ritual, may have an open ritual book as a prompter.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Whereas, in a Missouri Masonic Lodge, it is a Masonic Offense to have a cipher or ritual book open during the performance of ritual, thus creating an atmosphere that fosters the belief that the ritual work must be memorized and performed from memory. The performing the ritual from memory creates a lasting impression upon the candidates as they go through the degrees. Cryptic Masonry is an extension of Craft Masonry, and deserves the same care and respect as Craft Masonry in the performance of its ritual.

Fraternally submitted,  
Charles M. Huey, PM, Hiram Council No. 1  
William G. Snyder, PM, Independence Council No. 49

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VII, SEC.91, AND SEC 92. OF THE **BYLAWS** OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**ARTICLE VII. Petitions,**

~~**SEC. 91. Petition, Character of Report Not to be Recorded.** The fact of the report being made, and not its character (whether favorable or unfavorable) should not be entered on the minutes.~~

~~**SEC. 92. Petition, Unfavorable Report.** An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.~~

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Several years back the elimination for the need for the appointment and report of an investigating committee was approved by the Grand Council. The By-laws referring to the appointment of and report by an investigating committee on Petitions for the Degrees were not deleted or amended in their entirety. This is a housekeeping proposal by the Jurisprudence Committee as they refer to a non-existent committee and report.

Fraternally submitted,  
Glenn E. Means, PM, Independence Council No. 49

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

### **STANDING RESOLUTION No. 10**

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in the State of Missouri is desirous of establishing a Research Council for the purpose of having a repository for material having an historical significance to Cryptic Masonry and furthering Masonic and Cryptic Masonry research and education,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri create and establish Grand Master's Council No. 0 as a repository for educational material, printed materials, videos, films or any other media having historical reference to Cryptic Masonry in Missouri, except for those file in use by the Grand Council Officers in the performance of their constitutional and statutory duties, and for the orderly research of the history and sources of the Cryptic Rite traditions and landmarks. The Grand Master's Council No. 0 shall have as its purpose the promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering of Masonic and Cryptic Masonry Research and Study, and spreading Masonic and Cryptic Masonry Light and Knowledge.

That Grand Master's Council No. 0 have orderly interactions with the Missouri Grand Lodge of Research or its successor in the preservation and dissemination of the historical legacy of Missouri Cryptic Masonry in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum as administered by the Missouri Lodge of Research.

That Grand Master's Council be required to meet at least once annually at the time of the Annual Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,  
William G. Snyder, PM, Independence Council No. 49  
Aaron M. Shoemaker, PM, East Gate Council No. 51

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

## STANDING RESOLUTION No. 11

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Council are codified with specific Articles in a consecutive Roman numeral sequence while the Sections are in a continuous Arabic numeral sequence throughout regardless of the Article number, yet the subsections start a new Alphabetical sequence within each subsection and the subsections within a subsection start a new numerical within each subsection,

**AND WHEREAS**, this arrangement is not a codification in general use or practice by organizations, businesses, County, State or Federal Governmental bodies,

**AND WHEREAS**, this arrangement is not a

**AND WHEREAS**, this arrangement is confusing to Companions and others attempting to use or reference the Constitution and Bylaws, making it appear that Sections are missing within Articles,

**AND WHEREAS**, this arrangement does not allow new sections to be placed following or near sections of related or similar content,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, that all Sections of the Constitution and By-laws be renumbered to a format where each Article would have its own numerical sections in sequential number, rather than the current system of continuous numbering of the Sections regardless of the Article number.

**Current system example:**

Article I

Sec. 1.

A.

(1)

Sec. 2.

A.

(1)

Article II

Sec. 3.

A.

(1)

(2)

Sec. 4.

Article III

Sec. 5

Sec. 6

**Proposed system example:**

Article I

Sec. 1.

A.

(1)

Sec. 2.

A.

(1)

Article II

Sec. 1.

A.

(1)

(2)

Sec. 2.

Article III

Sec. 1

Sec. 2

Fraternally submitted,  
David C. Witte, PM, Independence Council No. 49  
William G. Snyder, PM, Independence Council No. 49

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

### **ADOPTION OF REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE**

Fraternally submitted,  
Glenn E. Means, Chairman  
Walter W. Doyle  
C. Brent Stewart

**Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other**

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, following a meeting of the Advancing Line Officers with the current Grand Recorder on April 18, 2015, a plan was developed and agreed to by the Grand Recorder and the other officers for the purpose of ending that portion of the commercial storage space. A representative from each of the three bodies will join the Grand Recorder in inspecting the stored items and ascertaining the items to be retained and moved to a new location, under the control of the Grand Council or its affiliated entities. Upon termination, some of the unused balance will be used to pay for moving the items.

Committee on Finance and Accounts makes the following recommendations:

1. The Grand Master should appoint a committee to develop the process to terminate all of the storage leases and to move all property of the Grand Council to an appropriate Masonic location at a reduced cost, before June 2016.
2. The Grand Master should appoint a Committee on Administration and Operations to review:
  - a. all existing administrative practices and processes
  - b. appropriate level of compensation for administrative purposes using the GuideStar Non-Profit Compensation Guide
  - c. examine options for improvement of membership services
  - d. more efficient use of limited resources

e. the 1099/990 process.

This recommendation is not made to suggest that any present compensation is excessive or that any current officer or assistant is not doing his or her job. It recognizes the current trend of decreasing membership that suggests a need to reconsider what the Grand Council can afford in future years.

3. The Grand Master should appoint an Investment Committee to direct the investment strategy of the Grand Council. The Grand Treasurer has been a fine steward of our investment accounts, but it is unfair and unreasonable for any single person to be responsible for the investment of the Grand Council.

<b>2015--2016 Grand Council Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Per Capita, Membership (2,625 @ \$14.00)	\$ 36,750.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,250.00
Greeting Fees (75 @ \$7.00)	525.00
General Fund Interest Income	600.00
2013--2015 Audit Allocation	3,200.00
2013--2015 Printing Proceedings Allocation	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,325.00</b>
<b>Salaries and Allowances</b>	
Grand Master Expense	3,000.00
Grand Lecturer Expense	1,000.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary	6,500.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	5,000.00
Employment Taxes	1,100.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00
Audit Committee	2,000.00
New Companion Rituals	750.00
Office Expenses	4,300.00
Printing of Proceedings	2,000.00
Office Rent	1,900.00
Storage Rent	1,200.00
General Grand Council Per Capita (2,625 @ \$2.00)	5,250.00
Annual Assembly	2,050.00
Grand Officer Expenses	600.00



Meeting Expense	500.00
Past Grand Master Jewel	450.00
Triennial Fund (2,625 @ \$0.06) 2015-2016	157.50
Emerging Leaders Fund 2015-2016	202.20
YRIS Support 2015-2016	500.00
Web Master	500.00
Unencumbered Audit Expense	3,200.00
Unencumbered Printing Proceeds Expense	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,259.70</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 65.30</b>

Fraternally submitted,  
David C. Witte, Chairman  
Todd Schulze  
Matt Ruth

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

June 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015

COMPANIONS: All funds are invested in and/or thru banking institutions in Jefferson City. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000 in any one banking institution.

Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed by Sec. 135 of the By-Laws is being utilized (American Balanced Fund and American Income Fund).

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

## **General Fund**

### **Total Assets, June 1, 2014**

Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$	21,120.65	\$	57,075.01
Interest Earned	\$	189.81		
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Balanced	\$	325.90		
Total Receipts:	\$	21,636.36		
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #59328 - 2146 thru 2163	\$	5,422.16		
Jefferson Act. #74544 - 3101 thru 3179	\$	22,162.45		
Jefferson Act. #464155 (Debits)	\$	3,225.02		
Total Disbursements:	\$	30,809.63		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			\$	(9,173.27)
<b><u>Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			\$	<b>47,901.74</b>

### **Statement of Assets, General Fund**

Interest Checking Account #59328, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$	410.46		
Interest Checking Act. #74544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$	299.04		
Money Mkt. Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$	20,518.07		
CD #137548, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 1/3/2017	\$	17,436.48		
American Balanced Fund (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	\$	4,371.00		
American Income Fund (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	\$	4,866.69		
<b><u>Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			\$	<b>47,901.74</b>

## **General Fund (Special Account)**

### **Total Assets, June 1, 2014**

Receipts: Interest Earned	\$	166.87	\$	34,875.25
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund	\$	987.98		
Total Receipts:	\$	1,154.85		
Disbursements:	\$	-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			\$	1,154.85
<b><u>Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2015</u></b>			\$	<b>36,030.10</b>

### **Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account)**

Money Mkt. Act. #464155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$	398.87		
American Balanced Fund (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	\$	13,251.05		
CD #138054, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 10/10/2016	\$	22,380.18		
<b><u>Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2015</u></b>			\$	<b>36,030.10</b>

## **Endowed Membership Fund**

### **Total Assets, June 1, 2014**

Receipts: Memberships (8 )	\$	4,140.00	\$	116,347.18
Interest Earned	\$	438.21		
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Fund-Income	\$	3,629.10		
Total Receipts:	\$	8,207.31		
Disbursements:	\$	-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			\$	8,207.31
<b><u>Balance, Endowed Membership Fund March 31, 2015</u></b>			\$	<b>124,554.49</b>

### **Statement of Assets - Endowed Membership Fund**

Money Market Act.#464155,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%	\$	10,584.16		
CD#1281055,Providence Bank,Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 9/30/2016	\$	55,863.25		
American Income Fund (thru Central Bank-Jefferson City)	\$	58,107.08		
<b><u>Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			\$	<b>124,554.49</b>

## **Charity Endowment Fund**

<b><u>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>125,802.47</b>
Receipts: Various Contributions		\$	265.05	
Interest Earned		\$	1,149.93	
Total Receipts:		\$	1,414.98	
Disbursements:	\$	600.00		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			\$	814.98
<b><u>Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>126,617.45</b>

## **Statement of Assets - Charity Endowment Fund**

Money Market Act.#464155,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.10%		\$	3,920.33	
CD #482161, Hawthorn Bank, Jefferson City, 1.00%, Matures 2/7/2016		\$	33,216.84	
CD#1243910,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 7/6/2016		\$	48,494.24	
CD#1244500,Providence Bank,Jefferson City,1.00%,Matures 7/6/2016		\$	40,986.04	
<b><u>Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>126,617.45</b>

## **Supply Fund**

<b><u>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>8,337.19</b>
Receipts: Inventory Sales		\$	1,099.05	
Interest Earned		\$	20.23	
Total Receipts:		\$	1,119.28	
Disbursements:	\$	9.05		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			\$	1,110.23
<b><u>Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>9,447.42</b>

## **Statement of Assets - Supply Fund**

Money Market Act.#464155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.10%		\$	9,447.42	
<b><u>Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>9,447.42</b>

## **Triennial Fund**

<b><u>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>350.73</b>
Receipts: From General Fund		\$	157.50	
Interest Earned		\$	0.57	
Total Receipts:		\$	158.07	
Disbursements:	\$	338.90		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			\$	(180.83)
<b><u>Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>169.90</b>

## **Statement of Assets - Triennial Fund**

Money Market Act.#464155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.10%		\$	169.90	
<b><u>Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>169.90</b>

## **Leadership Fund**

<b><u>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>168.14</b>
Receipts: From Councils		\$	150.70	
Interest Earned		\$	0.46	
Total Receipts:		\$	151.16	
Disbursements:	\$	-		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			\$	151.16
<b><u>Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>319.30</b>

## **Statement of Assets - Leadership Fund**

Money Market Act.#464155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.10%		\$	319.30	
<b><u>Total Assets, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>319.30</b>

**Audit Fund**

<b><u>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</u></b>		\$	1,569.90
Receipts: Interest Earned		\$	0.47
Total Receipts:		\$	0.47
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$	0.47
<b><u>Balance, Audit Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>		\$	<b>1,570.37</b>

**Statement of Assets - Audit Fund**

Money Market Act.#464155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.10%		\$	1,570.37
<b><u>Total Assets, Audit Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>		\$	<b>1,570.37</b>

**Proceedings Fund**

<b><u>Total Assets, June 1, 2014</u></b>		\$	1,927.39
Receipts: Fund from Paul Kawakami Trust		\$	3,046.00
Interest Earned		\$	3.73
Total Receipts:		\$	3,049.73
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$	3,049.73
<b><u>Balance, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>		\$	<b>4,977.12</b>

**Statement of Assets - Proceedings Fund**

Money Market Act.#464155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.10%		\$	4,977.12
<b><u>Total Assets, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2015</u></b>		\$	<b>4,977.12</b>

<b>Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2015</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>351,587.89</b>
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Fraternally submitted,  
Donald L. Trabue, HPGM  
Grand Treasurer

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

**REPORTS OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way – in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

I heard this again recently when I attended the Grand Council of Kansas and it struck me as to my reflection of the state of our York Rite fraternity in the State of Missouri. I cannot help but feel completely responsible for the status of our office, whether or not I could have done anything differently, one can only surmise. Regardless, six years ago I vacated the office of

Grand Secretary/Recorder for personal reasons beyond my control. The monumental task of keeping up with the Grand York Rite fell upon the very broad shoulders of R.:I.:C.: Frederick A. Troxel, Jr., and I know in my heart that he did what he thought was right by standing up for the Grand York Rite. However, he had little to no training, and really no idea what lay before him, and it was indeed a rough and rugged road. He kept everything afloat until it was again handed off to R.:I.:C.: Russell S. Hanson. Like our distinguished Companion Troxel before him, Russell had little to no training, and no comprehensive understanding of all the components of administering the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder, but he and his Lady Debbie trekked through the mountains of paperwork and demands on their time and talents, and did the best they could with the understanding they had.

Suffice it to say, there are many who continue to voice their concerns about the administrative affairs of the office, something can always be done better, faster, cleaner, prettier, the list is endless. No one is ever satisfied. However, as the old saying goes, be careful what you ask for, you may get it, like the dog that finally catches that car.

Without faulting either of my two predecessors, the full range of complexities of the office are basically known to only two living Companions in this state. I was fortunate enough to gain your trust last grand session, if even by the slimmest of margins, and now I am back and it is my sincere desire to try to rectify the mess I inadvertently created.

I will attempt to run through the list of issues as I know them to be.

1. Annual Returns – not fully aware of all the complexities of the annual returns, they attempted to respond to the immediate requirements of the grand officers by providing gains and losses in the most economical manner. Their understanding of the requirements did not encompass the whole scope of the administrative needs. Needless to say, the Grand York Rite Membership “database” was not maintained with the corrections gleaned from the annual returns or even monthly reports since Joyce was let go. One particular year’s annual returns resulted in no reporting of detailed membership activities by the subordinate and constituent bodies at all.

The repercussions from this could not be known by the Grand Secretary/Recorders, but they did finally catch up to us.

- a. Changes in membership must be reported to the other YR bodies so the Secretaries/Recorders can keep up with their records. Although it is a requirement for Secretaries/Recorders to report to other organizations any changes in membership status, most don’t know who/what/where/when or even how – this is why the GYR office has traditionally assisted them in keeping up with their membership rolls.

- b. Changes in membership must be reported to the Royal Arch Mason Magazine so new members start receiving their magazine, and membership removals can be stricken from the list. With a continual loss of about 10% of our membership annually, without corrections being sent in, it could be estimated that upwards of 1500 people are still on the subscription list who should have been removed over the last six years. Likewise, as everyone knows, it could be estimated that upwards of 600 Companions who have received the degrees should have been added to the listing over the last six years. We have much work to do.
  - c. This year we started re-auditing the annual returns and monthly reports and all the little slips of paper for 2008, 2009, 2010, and most of 2011, making those corrections in the membership listing. We yet need to complete 2011, 2012, 2013 and now 2014. Since most organizations only filed a recapitulation sheet for 2013 and since there were too many anomalies in the previous returns, it became necessary for me to request of the organizations their historical records of the past 3 years in order to try to rebuild the membership. A very small few responded, which leaves gaps in the listing which must now be chased down one at a time, as time permits.
2. Monthly Reports were reinstated with the approval of the heads of the bodies, obviously with much anxiety from the Secretaries/Recorders. It is our hope that as new Secretaries/Recorders move in to position with no idea what they have or where they are, that these monthly reports can be used to facilitate more timely changes in the future. It also facilitates in the completion of annual returns because most do not have accurate membership records locally. Unfortunately, a monthly report taking action on someone we don't even have in the membership list causes yet more issues.
  3. Communications: It would appear that over the years, Secretaries and Recorders have taken it upon themselves to communicate directly with the heads of the bodies in the requesting of dispensations and by-laws changes. Likewise, the heads of the bodies now respond directly to the organizations without the official communications of approval/disapproval/recommendations coming through the office or being referred to jurisprudence. It is our anticipation that this will immediately change and we will perform those official communications for our presiding grand officers and maintain the official record.
  4. Credentials/Grand Representatives: It appears that during one of the previous and recent grand sessions, someone took it upon themselves to take and keep the report of the credentials committee with regard to registration. Additionally, attendance at the

grand sessions and lack thereof has not been reported to the heads of the bodies to follow up with. Another part of credentialing is registering grand representatives, who must not be absent for more than 3 years or they will automatically resign their commissions. This next year, it is our anticipation that we will rebuild the attendance records of the grand representatives and announce to the heads of the bodies any vacancies which can be filled by nomination. As you can understand, with the complexities of everything else, this is not our highest priority, but we hope to whip this one this next year.

5. Ballots: This year the heads of the bodies ordered new ballots be made which are in use today. We hope this will ease the balloting process for all.
6. Web Site: Although most do not know or appreciate the many complexities of the office, the web site is not one of them. However, in an effort to facilitate communications across the state in a more timely manner, I developed the moyorkrite.org web site over a decade ago and did my best to maintain it as no one else would step up to the plate and assist. Over the past few years, many have faulted the Grand Secretary/Recorder for the lack of information, the unconventional form and layout, and of course the lack of a calendar of events – one of the most useful tools we have for communication.

This last year, however, we enlisted the aid of Companion Don McCormick who built us a new web site, utilizing much of the same information on the previous web site which people complained about, just in a different format, which people praised, go figure. He also developed an interactive calendar of events in which anyone who applied for and was approved, could post their own events. It was anticipated that we would also make this compatible with today's technology for smartphones and tablets. Unfortunately, Don ran into some programming issues with the application software and it's ability to interface with our web site, and the whole calendar program had to be taken down and moved temporarily to a google calendar. As it currently stands, there are only a few people who can post events, but we hope this will be resolved in the immediate future, right Don?

However, even with the calendar in its current format, people who complained the most about not having a calendar are not submitting known events to us in order to post for the rest of the state. It is imperative that someone in each of the major areas of the state send those events to the GYR office so we can help cut down on major meeting conflicts, as well as advise others when and where degree work will be performed. Additionally, it would be anticipated in the future that the heads of the bodies will

advise/post their official visits in the calendar as well so the rest of the grand officers and others know when/where to be.

We look forward to Don's completion of the web site and the access you desire and deserve. It should also be noted that he refused to take any of the money budgeted for the design and build out of the new web site, so the least we could do is show our appreciation to him for his hours and weeks of dedication and work.

The office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder has many issues which remain unresolved. They did not occur overnight and will not be remediated overnight. I would like to add one final comment. Before considering coming back to this job, a job I do love and truly appreciate, several of our current and past leaders were consulted and presented with a general business plan for the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder before I would consider the position. We all agreed to that business plan which consisted of me as Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, Russell as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, me and Debbie working on membership and Russell managing the money. The Grand High Priest and the Grand Master approved of my recommendation to make Russell the Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council and he was installed as such. I was also designated an Assistant Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery and installed as such. Shortly after the grand session, a number of Companions expressed their dissatisfaction of Russell's appointments as an Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder and the Grand High Priest and the Grand Master succumbed to the pressures and ordered me to remove Russell's name from the web site and all communications, which was done. I still remain an Assistant Grand Recorder in the Grand Commandery.

Many who have no understanding of the complexities of the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder love to raise concerns about whoever is in the office. We have even had senior grand line officers going around the state bad-mouthing other grand officers and the three of us in the office. Enough is enough. We have a business plan which is working, and things are beginning to normalize, but it does take time. Debbie and Russell are both learning many things they never knew about the Grand York Rite and we are slowly re-implementing them. Now, being armed with the knowledge of what has transpired over the last 6 years rather than rumor and speculation, if you are still not happy with the performance of the individuals working in the office and the business plan which was put into effect with the approval of senior leadership, then someone else can have it. If, however, you are willing to give us an opportunity to remediate the issues at hand and move forward, we will be happy to continue to try to do our jobs.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully,



Kevin B. Sample, Grand Secretary/Recorder  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

***Action Taken: Passed / Failed / Withdrawn / Amended / Tabled / Other***

### STATISTICS

Number of Chartered Councils	<b>31</b>
Number of Members, December 31, 2013	<b>2613</b>
Number Greeted	83
Number Affiliated	7
Number Reinstated	20
Total Gains	<b>110</b>
Number Dimitted	51
Number Suspended for UnMasonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	1
Number Suspended by Lodge or Chapter	41
Number Suspended By Council NPD	66
Number Died	96
Total Losses	<b>255</b>
<b>Total Members, December 31, 2014</b>	<b>2468</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>145</b>

No.	Council	Location	Chartered	EIN	Illustrious Master	Deputy Master	Principal Conductor of the Work	Recorder	Election of Officers	Stated Assemblies
1	Hiram	St. Louis	July 17, 1883	23-7550888	Phillip A. Cole	Charles M. Huey	Taz Meyer	Michael D. Kassel	4th Wed in March	4th Wednesday
9	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	October 7, 1871	23-7550889	Dennis N. Vogel	Larry E. Chambers	Patrick C. Squires	William W. Mier	1st Wed in Nov	1st Wednesday
20	Cape	Cap e Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	Gordon E. Walton	Dennis W. Houck	Johnny L. Schlenler	Alfred L. Mason	1st Wed in Dec	1st Wednesday
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891		John C. Kuehn	Donald Charpentier, Jr.	Gary L. Frost	3rd Wed in June	3rd Wednesday
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	Carlin L. Smittle	James N. Leslie	Bill A. Humble	Dale Mills, II	4th Mon in Mar	4th Monday
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550893	Ernest J. Phelan			Earnie Wilson	2nd Thurs in Nov	2nd Thursday
28	Chillicothe *	Chillicothe	April 21, 1897	23-7550894				Melvin L. Gregg	3rd Mon in Dec	3rd Monday
30	Jasper	Joplin	April 25, 1900	23-7550895	Robert Gilmore	William L. Simpson	Rodney Trimble	Royce P. Wahl, Jr.	1st Tues in Sept	1st Tuesday
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	Sanny L. Land	Jeffrey S. Stacey	Harold F. Coats	Donald L. Trabue	1st Mon in April	1st Monday
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	Matthew B. James	Ronald L. Skiles	Mark A. Bean	William R. Brantley	4th Mon in Nov	4th Monday
35	Fidelity	Mountain Grove	April 26, 1920	23-7550898	AIE Church	Josh Ritter	Gerald R. Hill	E. Joe Slater	3rd Friday in Nov	3rd Friday
37	Trenton	Trenton	April 25, 1921	23-7550900				Larry T. Odom	3rd Thurs in Nov	3rd Thursday
38	Westport	Kansas City	April 25, 1921	43-6071585	Melvin Tacke	Mark Schmidt	Thomas Schmidt	Roy N. Thomas	1st Mon in Dec	1st Monday
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150	Wayne B. Fryer	James B. Stephenson	William D. Woolsey	Donald H. Vandegriffe	3rd Mon in April	3rd Monday
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	Walter L. Wilson	Frank J. Doss, Jr.	Michael S. Smith	Richard J. Holmes	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903				Marvin W. Frost	3rd Thurs in Dec	3rd Thursday
42	Sedalia	Sedalia	April 10, 1922	23-7550904				Allen B. Bess	1st Tues in Nov	1st Tuesday
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	Clifton W. Wofford	Anthony J. Tomlinson	Michael R. Stevens	James L. Woodfin, Jr.	2nd Tues in May	2nd Tuesday
44	Kirksville	Kirksville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	David D. Powell	James Furman	Seth Shumaker	Thomas C. Yumick	2nd Thurs in Dec	2nd Thursday
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	Jeffery Fielder-Bey	Donald MacCormick	Matthew Cople	Steven M. Anderson	1st Mon in May	1st Monday
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	Glenn Clifton	Rex Tilton	William Tilton	Glenn Clifton	3rd Monday in Mar	3rd Monday
47	Trinity	Hannibal	April 25, 1949	23-7550909				Roger McGregor	1st Thur in Oct	1st Thursday
48	Jeremiah	Webster Groves	April 24, 1950	23-7144151	Terry D. Coppotelli	Jamell R. Mixon	William J. B. Mathis	Robert L. Sanders	3rd Mon in March	3rd Monday
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	Michael G. Long	Stan Bennett	Marl A. Dobson	Glenn E. Means	4th Thur in April	4th Thursday
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	Michael E. Lockwood	Michael E. Wheeler	Dale E. Ahle	Don E. Gilkerson	4th Tuesday in Jun	4th Monday
51	East Gate **	Kansas City	April 24, 1950	23-7550912				Robert W. Brizendine	1st Thur in June	3rd Thursday
53	Harmony	Bethany	April 19, 1974	23-7396156	Richard L. Jones	Clifford W. Addison	Jackson D. Daniel	Dan G. Daniel	3rd Tuesday in Feb	3rd Tuesday
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-1697678	Richard C. Simons	James E. Portwood	Thomas E. Sams	Thomas W. Shamel	3rd Tues in April	3rd Tuesday
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	James Watson	C. C. McLemore, III	Clark McLemore	John Shoemaker	1st Thurs in June	1st Thursday
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	Joe P. Elsen	Jerry L. Miles	Donald E. Sanford	Darrell A. Wilham	4th Tuesday in Nov	4th Tuesday
63	Adoniram	Webb City		47-1583563	Matthew D. Ruth	James A. Furgerson	William G. Davis, II	John C. Kuehn	2nd Wed in April	2nd Wednesday
	TOTAL									

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No.	Council	Annual Return Received	01. 2013 Membership	02. Greeted	03. Admitted	04. Reinstated	05. Total Gains	06. Total Mbrship	07. Dimitted	08. Suspension for UnMasonic Conduct	09. Expelled	10. Suspension by Lodge or Chapter	11. Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues	12. Died	13. Total Losses	14. Total Year End Membership 2014	15. Greeting Fees	16. Per Capita	17. 2013 Debits	18. Total Per Capita and Fees	19. Remissions, Inability to Pay	19. Remissions, Inability to Pay	20. Remissions, 50-year	20. Remissions, 50-year	21. Living Life Members
1	Hiram	20-Feb-15	47	4	0	0	4	51	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	47	\$ 28.00	\$ 615.70	\$ -	\$ 643.70	3	\$ 39.30	1	\$ 13.10	8
9	St. Joseph	13-Feb-15	222	7	4	0	11	233	0	0	0	0	7	12	19	214	49.00	2,803.40	-	2,852.40	16	209.60	17	222.70	33
20	Cape	26-Feb-15	76	1	0	0	1	77	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	69	7.00	903.90	-	910.90	8	104.80	9	117.90	3
24	Shekinah		54				0	54							0	54	-	707.40	-	707.40		-		-	
25	Zabud	26-Feb-15	278	5	1	3	9	287	10	0	0	9	4	7	30	257	35.00	3,366.70	-	3,401.70	5	65.50	48	628.80	23
27	Poplar Bluff	28-Feb-15	61	2	0	0	2	63	0	0	0	7	0	1	8	55	14.00	720.50	-	734.50	5	65.50	2	26.20	5
28	Chillicothe *		10				0	10							0	10	-	131.00	-	131.00		-		-	
30	Jasper	28-Feb-15	72	1	1	3	5	77	2	0	0	0	15	3	20	57	7.00	746.70	-	753.70	3	39.30		-	13
32	Ezra	31-Mar-15	86	2	0	0	2	88	1	0	0	0	1	7	9	79	14.00	1,034.90	-	1,048.90	4	52.40	13	170.30	6
34	Centralia	25-Mar-15	178	10	0	1	11	189	0	0	0	10	9	15	34	155	70.00	2,030.50	-	2,100.50	2	26.20	28	366.80	53
35	Fidelity	25-Feb-15	43	0	0	1	1	44	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	40	-	524.00	-	524.00	-	-	2	26.20	1
37	Trenton		45				0	45							0	45	-	589.50	-	589.50		-		-	
38	Westport	4-Feb-15	48	1	0	0	1	49	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	45	7.00	589.50	-	596.50	-	-	6	78.60	1
39	Rolla	10-Mar-15	142	3	0	0	3	145	0	0	0	0	0	1	144	21.00	1,886.40	-	1,907.40	-	26.20	7	91.70	24	
40	York	6-Mar-15	42	1	0	0	1	43	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	39	7.00	510.90	-	517.90	4	52.40	1	13.10	6
41	Carthage		108				0	108							0	108	-	1,414.80	-	1,414.80		-		-	
42	Sedalia		57				0	57							0	57	-	746.70	-	746.70		-		-	
43	Bonne Terre	17-Feb-15	87	3	0	0	3	90	1	0	0	0	3	3	7	83	21.00	1,087.30	-	1,108.30	10	131.00	2	26.20	11
44	Kirksville	25-Mar-15	186	2	0	11	13	199	0	0	0	0	3	7	10	189	14.00	2,475.90	-	2,489.90	-	-	14	183.40	6
45	Kansas City	28-Feb-15	30	31	1	0	32	62	25	0	1	0	2	4	32	30	217.00	393.00	-	610.00	-	-	6	78.60	
46	Neosho	25-Apr-15	62	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	60	-	786.00	75.00	861.00	12	157.20	9	117.90	
47	Trinity		20				0	20							0	20	-	262.00	-	262.00		-		-	
48	Jeremiah	2-Mar-15	138	0	0	0	0	138	4	0	0	0	2	4	10	128	-	1,676.80	13.10	1,689.90	4	52.40	3	39.30	29
49	Independence	27-Feb-15	157	8	0	1	9	166	1	0	0	10	0	5	16	150	56.00	1,965.00	-	2,021.00	2	26.20	12	157.20	20
50	Liberty	31-Mar-15	150	0	0	0	0	150	3	0	0	0	0	5	8	142	-	1,860.20	-	1,860.20	2	26.20	12	157.20	21
51	East Gate **		29				0	29							0	29	-	379.90	-	379.90		-		-	
53	Harmony	30-Mar-15	21	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	-	262.00	-	262.00		-	2	26.20	
56	Lebanon	30-Apr-15	72	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	9	3	12	60	-	786.00	-	786.00		-	3	39.30	1
58	Bert S. Lee	28-Feb-15	34	1	0	0	1	35	3	0	0	0	0	4	7	28	7.00	366.80	-	373.80	1	13.10		-	7
59	Shelby	6-May-15	37	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	34	-	445.40	-	445.40	0		1	13.10	1
63	Adoniram	27-Feb-15	21	1	0	0	1	22	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	20	7.00	262.00	-	269.00		-	1	13.10	
	TOTAL		2613	83	7	20	110	2723	51	0	1	41	66	96	255	2468	\$581.00	\$32,330.80	\$88.10	\$32,999.90	83	\$1,087.30	199	\$2,606.90	272
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No.	Council	21. Living Life Members	22. General Grand Council Endowed Mbrs	22. General Grand Council Endowed Mbrs	22. General Grand Council Endowed Mbrs	23. 2013 Credits	24. Total Credits	25. Amount Owed Grand Council	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	2014 Credits	2014 Debits
1	Hiram	\$ 104.80	6	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 166.20	\$ 477.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 477.50	\$ 477.50	\$ -		\$ 477.50	\$ -	
9	St. Joseph	432.30	0	-	-	864.60	1,987.80	-	-	1,987.80	1,987.80	-		1,987.80	-	0.00
20	Cape	39.30	1	1.00	-	263.00	647.90	-	-	647.90	647.90	-		647.90	-	707.40
24	Shekinah	-	-	-	-	-	707.40	-	-	707.40	-	-		-	-	-
25	Zabud	301.30	7	7.00	-	1,002.60	2,399.10	-	-	2,399.10	2,399.10	-		2,399.10	-	-
27	Poplar Bluff	65.50	1	1.00	-	158.20	576.30	-	-	576.30	576.30	-		576.30	-	131.00
28	Chillicothe *	-	-	-	-	-	131.00	-	-	131.00	-	-		-	-	-
30	Jasper	170.30	1	1.00	-	210.60	543.10	-	-	543.10	556.20	-		556.20	13.10	-
32	Ezra	78.60	2	2.00	-	303.30	745.60	15.00	15.00	760.60	745.60	-		745.60	-	15.00
34	Centralia	694.30	-	-	-	1,087.30	1,013.20	15.00	15.00	1,028.20	1,028.20	-		1,028.20	-	-
35	Fidelity	13.10	-	-	-	39.30	484.70	-	-	484.70	484.70	-		484.70	-	-
37	Trenton	-	-	-	-	-	589.50	-	-	589.50	-	-		-	-	589.50
38	Westport	13.10	1	1.00	-	92.70	503.80	-	-	503.80	503.80	-		503.80	-	-
39	Rolla	314.40	3	3.00	-	435.30	1,472.10	15.00	15.00	1,487.10	1,489.00	-		1,489.00	1.90	-
40	York	78.60	4	4.00	-	148.10	369.80	15.00	15.00	384.80	375.80	-		375.80	-	9.00
41	Carthage	-	-	-	-	-	1,414.80	-	-	1,414.80	-	-		-	-	1,414.80
42	Sedalia	-	-	-	-	-	746.70	-	-	746.70	-	-		-	-	746.70
43	Bonne Terre	144.10	3	3.00	-	304.30	804.00	-	-	804.00	804.00	-		804.00	-	-
44	Kirksville	78.60	3	3.00	-	265.00	2,224.90	15.00	15.00	2,239.90	2,224.90	-		2,224.90	-	15.00
45	Kansas City	-	1	1.00	43.00	122.60	487.40	-	-	487.40	431.20	-		431.20	-	56.20
46	Neosho	-	-	-	-	275.10	585.90	30.00	30.00	615.90	585.90	-		585.90	-	30.00
47	Trinity	-	-	-	-	-	262.00	-	-	262.00	-	-		-	-	262.00
48	Jeremiah	379.90	6	6.00	-	477.60	1,212.30	15.00	15.00	1,227.30	1,212.30	-		1,212.30	-	15.00
49	Independence	262.00	4	4.00	-	449.40	1,571.60	-	-	1,571.60	1,571.60	-		1,571.60	-	-
50	Liberty	275.10	1	1.00	-	459.50	1,400.70	15.00	15.00	1,415.70	1,415.70	-		1,415.70	-	-
51	East Gate **	-	-	-	-	-	379.90	-	-	379.90	-	-		-	-	379.90
53	Harmony	-	-	-	26.00	52.20	209.80	15.00	15.00	224.80	224.80	-		224.80	-	-
56	Lebanon	13.10	4	4.00	-	56.40	729.60	30.00	30.00	759.60	744.60	-		744.60	-	15.00
58	Bert S. Lee	91.70	-	-	-	104.80	269.00	-	-	269.00	269.00	-		269.00	-	-
59	Shelby	13.10	0	-	-	26.20	419.20	45.00	45.00	464.20	419.20	-		419.20	-	45.00
63	Adoniram	-	-	-	-	13.10	255.90	-	-	255.90	255.90	-		255.90	-	-
	TOTAL	\$3,563.20		\$ 48.00	\$72.00	\$7,377.40	\$25,622.50	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$25,847.50	\$21,431.00	\$-		\$21,431.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 4,431.50

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No.	Council	Cash on Hand 12/31/14	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited
1	Hiram	\$ 2,531.58	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,781.58	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	St. Joseph	6,684.78	60,000.00	500.00	420.00	-	67,604.78	20.00	39.80	39.50	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Cape	674.75	9,342.98	2,000.00	-	-	12,017.73	30.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
24	Shekinah	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
25	Zabud	1,043.55	-	4,000.00	-	-	5,043.55	25.00	142.25	107.95	Yes	Yes	Yes
27	Poplar Bluff	476.74	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,476.74	22.00	36.50	36.50	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	Chillicothe *	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	-	-
30	Jasper	494.67	20,310.08	592.33	-	-	21,397.08	18.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
32	Ezra	4,573.57	11,977.12	3,000.00	-	-	19,550.69	20.00	21.90	35.15	No	No	Yes
34	Centralia	9,855.27	-	-	1,750.00	-	11,605.27	35.00	76.25	76.25	Yes	Yes	Yes
35	Fidelity	661.36	25,000.00	2,500.00	-	-	28,161.36	15.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
37	Trenton	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
38	Westport	172.43	-	-	-	-	172.43	37.00	40.00	29.00	No	No	Yes
39	Rolla	10,729.74	-	-	-	-	10,729.74	22.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
40	York	760.52	857.21	-	-	-	1,617.73	35.10	51.10	51.10	No	No	Yes
41	Carthage	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
42	Sedalia	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.50	-	-	No	No	Yes
43	Bonne Terre	4,488.36	-	-	-	-	4,488.36	22.00	59.50	45.10	Yes	Yes	Yes
44	Kirksville	6,692.21	21,010.57	-	-	-	27,702.78	28.00	100.70	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
45	Kansas City	2,820.67	-	-	-	-	2,820.67	33.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
46	Neosho	1,717.36	-	-	-	-	1,717.36	17.00	-	12.00	No	No	Yes
47	Trinity	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	-	-
48	Jeremiah	4,578.34	-	10,000.00	-	-	14,578.34	45.00	71.00	-	No	No	Yes
49	Independence	5,711.12	10,000.00	-	-	-	15,711.12	26.10	1,188.75	-	No	No	Yes
50	Liberty	1,645.64	53,551.18	-	-	-	55,196.82	15.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
51	East Gate **	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.35	-	-	No	No	Yes
53	Harmony	2.00	-	-	48.00	-	50.00	16.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
56	Lebanon	-	-	2,700.00	180.00	-	2,880.00	20.00	100.00	-	No	No	Yes
58	Bert S. Lee	1,576.51	-	-	-	-	1,576.51	20.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
59	Shelby	696.15	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,696.15	23.00	-	-	No	No	Yes
63	Adoniram	141.25	-	-	-	-	141.25	25.00	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
	TOTAL	\$ 68,728.57	\$ 212,049.14	\$ 31,542.33	\$ 2,398.00	\$ -	\$ 314,718.04	\$ 690.05	\$ 1,927.75	\$ 432.55			

\* No Annual Return received for 2013

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## REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

George M. Merkle, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Joseph P. Krill, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, for the period April 20, 2014 through March 15, 2015 the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$1,892.05 (\$1,635.45 - last year). Currently, Missouri ranks twenty-seventh with respect to other jurisdictions and twelfth since the inception of the program. Our grand total is \$123,556.58

Extenders have been awarded to:

Centralia Council No. 34

A triangular plaque was awarded to:

Cape Council No. 20

The top five councils for 2014 were:

Centralia Council No.	\$1,100.00
Zabud Council No. 25	\$142.25
Cape Council No. 43	\$120.00
Jeremiah Council No. 48	\$100.00
Bonne Terre Council No. 43	\$ 68.00

If a council contributes at least \$1.00 per member it is entitled to receive the 100% certificate. Unfortunately, it is up to the council to make this known when remitting funds.

Total amount of CMMRF grants awarded to Indiana University School of Medicine:  
\$3,997,298.86

Fraternally submitted,  
 William Gordon Buckner, Chairman

Date	Name	Orgzn	Activities	Paid Amount
06/25/2014	020 Cape Council	020 Cape	Plaque/GGMC	120.00
	Total Cape 020			120.00
06/25/2014	025 Zabud Council	025 Zabud		142.25
	Total Zabud 025			142.25
06/25/2014	027 Poplar Bluff Council	027 Poplar Bluff		36.50
	Total Poplar Bluff 027			36.50
06/25/2014	034 Centralia Council	034 Centralia	2014 Bar	500.00
01/29/2015	034 Centralia Council	034 Centralia		100.00
02/03/2015	Carlson, George	034 Centralia ISC/Gold		500.00
	Total Centralia 034			1,100.00
06/25/2014	037 Trenton Council	037 Trenton		35.00
	Total Trenton 037			35.00
01/29/2015	038 Westport Council	038 Westport		29.20
	Total Westport 038			29.20
06/25/2014	040 York Council	040 York		51.10
	Total York 040			51.10
06/25/2014	043 Bonne Terre Council	043 Bonne Terre		68.00
	Total Bonne Terre 043			68.00
01/31/2015	Fleer, Roger D.	048 Jeremiah sws/MEM		100.00
	Total Jeremiah 048			100.00
12/17/2014	Slone, Gentry E.	049 Independence		50.00
	Total Independence 049			50.00
06/25/2014	MO Grand Council Grand Council			160.00
	Total MO. Grand Council			160.00
TOTAL				1,892.05

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP**

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, this year we had six (6) new companions that took out endowed membership. As of this writing we have a total of 506 endowed members. This gives us a total value of \$109,828.76 for the year. We currently have 352 living and 154 deceased endowed members.

I want to commend Companion Trabue on his vigilance in watching the funds of this Grand Council, making sure that we continue to have a growth in this fund. As you can see, we have 154 deceased endowed members, therefore, these deceased Companions are caring on a legacy for their Council after they are dead and gone. Companions, would you consider supplying your Council with funds to carry on your legacy after you are dead and gone?

Sometime this year, there was bad information being given out concerning the costs for becoming an Endowed Member. It is a minimum charge of \$300 or 20 time your dues. Add nothing and take nothing away. If your secretary has problems calculating your cost to be an Endowed member please call and I will help work you through it.

Fraternaly submitted,  
Walter W. Doyle, Chairman

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND MEMBERSHIP**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Danny D. Smothers, Chairman

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORESPONDENCE**

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri remain in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Missouri and many foreign jurisdictions. We currently remain part of the General Grand Councils of Cryptic Masons International. This committee has received no requests for recognition from other jurisdictions. The committee thanks the Most Illustrious Grand Master for his confidence in making this appointment and charging this committee with it responsibilities. The only states to send a copy of their proceedings to the office of the Grand Recorder that were readable were Florida and North Carolina.



Fraternally Submitted,  
Charles M. Huey  
Chairman, Fraternal Correspondents

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Jerry Bradford, Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH MASON MAGAZINE**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Roy L. Gilkey, Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS/INTERNET**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

David C. Witte, Chairman

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL**

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Terry R. Struse, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COUNCIL MERIT AWARD

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, the following councils have distinguished themselves by achieving the Grand Council Merit Award:

Hiram Council No. 1	Philip A. Cole, IM	103 Points
St. Joseph Council No. 9	Dennis N. Vogel, IM	105 Points
Ezra Council No. 32	Sam L. Land, IM	80 Points
York Council No. 40	Walter L. Wilson, IM	85 Points
Jeremiah Council No. 48	Terry D. Coppotelli, IM	85 Points
Independence Council No. 49	Michael Gary Long, IM	95 Points
Zabud Council No. 25	Carlin Smittle, IM	75 Points

Fraternally submitted,  
George M. Merkle, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

William G. Snyder, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

Jerry Bradford, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

*(No Report Available at Time of Printing)*

William G. Snyder, Chairman

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS REVIEW**

*To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri:*

Companions, below is an example of the current method used to organize the Grand Council's Constitution and Bylaws:

ARTICLE VIII.

Petitions

SEC. 85.

Petitions, Form of every petition.....

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Council of the State of Missouri should follow the time honored example of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri by renumbering its Constitution and Bylaws using the traditional method of the aforementioned documents. If this type of renumbering was put into place the article and section reference above would change to this form:

ARTICLE VIII.

Petitions

SEC. 1.

Petitions, Form of every petition.....

Fraternally submitted,

David C. Witte, Chairman

Todd A. Schulze

Robert L. Detherow

Nathan D. Carrington

Glenn E. Means

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

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Johnny L. Schlenker, Chairman