

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

*One Hundred Fifty-Seventh
Annual Assembly*
OF THE
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
OF THE
State of Missouri

HELD
JUNE 3, 2023
UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
157TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY)**

Vendor will be on site for the whole event, Thursday through Saturday, *Taney Como Room*. The Board Room will be available for small meetings as needed throughout the session except as otherwise scheduled on Friday and Saturday. The Hospitality Room will be located in the Table Rock Room.

Friday, June 2, 2023

3:00 p.m. **Registration** (Credentials Committee) – Council Only– until 6:00 pm (*Lobby*)

Saturday, June 3, 2023

6:30 a.m. **KYCH Breakfast Meeting** – Members Only (*Kansas*)

7:00 a.m. **Registration** (Credentials Committee) – Council Only – until 10:30 am (*Lobby*)

9:00 a.m. **Grand Council Reception of Distinguished Guests** – Open to Ladies and Guests (*Colorado & Illinois*)

Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Introduction of the Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Introduction of the 2022-2023 Grand Council Officers

Brief Welcoming Comments by the Grand Master

Reception of the Past Grand Masters of Missouri

Reception of the Out of State Grand Council Officers

Roll Call of the Grand Representatives

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

Summary Address of the Grand Master

Necrology: Part of the Grand Master's Address

Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests

10:15 a.m. **Formal Opening of the 157th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri** (*Colorado & Illinois*)

Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee

11:00 a.m. **Election of the 2023-2024 Grand Council Officers**

Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee

Report of the Finance Committee

Report of the Grand Treasurer

Report of the Assistant Grand Treasurer

Report of the Grand Recorder

Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)

Report of the Election Committee

Acceptance of the Grand Council Officers Elect

Report of the Grand Master Elect – w/Appointments

Saturday, June 3, 2023 (continued)

- 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
- 11:45 p.m. **Grand Council Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 pm**
- 12:00 p.m. **Missouri Lodge of Research Lunch and Presentation** – Open to All – Special Guest Speaker
(*Kansas*)
- 1:30 p.m. **Order of the Silver Trowel** (*Oklahoma*)
- 3:00 p.m. **Grand Council Resumes Labor** (concludes remaining business, if any)
Lewis and Clark Award Presentations
Council Merit Award Presentations
Growth Award Presentations
All other Grand Council Awards will be given at the Saturday Grand York Rite Banquet
- 3:30 p.m. **Close of the 157th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri**
- 3:30 p.m. **Joint Open Installation of the 2023-2024 Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery Officers**, Open to Ladies and Guests
- 6:00 p.m. Grand Officer Reception – Meet and Greet – Open to All (Lobby)
- 6:30 p.m. Open Seating for Banquet – Grand Officers Line Up (outside Oklahoma/Kansas)
- 7:00 p.m. Grand York Rite Banquet – Cash Bar – Open to All (Oklahoma/Kansas)

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
2022-2023 Elected and Appointed Officers**

Michael S. Smith	Grand Master
Paul L. Daniels	Deputy Grand Master
Matthew D. Ruth	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Donald L. Trabue.....	Grand Treasurer
Russell S. Hanson	Assistant Grand Treasurer
Donald MacCormick	Grand Recorder
Kevin B. Sample.....	Assistant Grand Recorder
Dennis W. Houck	Grand Captain of the Guard
Taz A. Meyer.....	Grand Conductor of the Council
Corey B. Huntsucker	Grand Marshal
Adam M. Iwanow	Grand Steward
Christopher J. Newbold	Grand Sentinel
Jacob W. Thompson	Assistant Grand Sentinel
David W. Haywood.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Charles J. Ortiz, Sr.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Michael D. Kassel.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
James R. Fiete.....	Grand Chaplain
Matthew L. Quesenberry	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Steven C. Monrotus (<i>resigned</i>).....	Grand Organist
Keith G. Tomazi	Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister
William G. Snyder.....	Grand Historian
Kevin B. Sample.....	Grand Lecturer
Larry F. Walters.....	Grand Photographer
Donald E. Gilkerson	Assistant Grand Photographer
Debbie L. Hanson	Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder

Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Ashley W. Young	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 1
James D. Jeffers	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 2
Bobbie E. White	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A
F. Brad Fowler.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3B
Steven F. Eberharter	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 4
Glenn B. Parker	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 5
Dennis W. Houck	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 6
Jeff A. Stokes.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7A
William G. “Kip” Davis, II.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7B

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Kevin B. Sample, HPGM	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1
Douglas H. Reece	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2
Donald E. Gilkerson	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3A
Jeffrey L. Fielder-Bey.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3B
Wayne B. Fryer, PGM.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4
Terry D. Coppotelli.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 5
Chris A. Wehrenberg.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 6
Gerald R. McCoy.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7A
William J. Sherman	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7B

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand Master

Donald MacCormick, Chairman
Wayne B. Fryer

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Robert L. Schmidt

Finance & Accounts

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman
Grand Council Advancing Line Officers
Russell S. Hanson, Ex-officio
Donald MacCormick, Ex-Officio
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-officio
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio

Jurisprudence

Todd A. Schulze, Chairman
Adam M. Iwanow
Kevin B. Sample
Aaron M. Shoemaker
William G. Snyder

Returns of Councils

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Robert L. Schmidt

Special Committees

Annual Assembly Planning

Michael S. Smith, Chairman
Paul L. Daniels
Russell S. Hanson
Donald MacCormick
Kevin B. Sample
Tina L. Woolsey

Charity & Charity Endowment Fund

Paul L. Daniels, Chairman
Matthew D. Ruth
Michael S. Smith

Education: Grand Council Merit Award

Dennis W. Houck, Chairman
Corey B. Huntsucker
Taz A. Meyer

Education: Cryptic Ed - Freemasonry 2.5

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
Corey B. Huntsucker
Taz A. Meyer
Matthew D. Ruth
Jacob Thompson

Endowed Membership

William G. Snyder, Chairman (2020-2023)
Bob L. Detherow
Donald MacCormick, Ex-officio
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio

Examiner

Stanton T. Brown, II, Chairman
Grand Council Advancing Line Officers

General Grand Council Charity Committee

William G. Snyder, Chairman
Dennis W. Houck

General Grand Council Endowed Membership

Matthew D. Ruth, Chairman
Dennis W. Houck

Grand Master's Cryptic Day

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
Paul L. Daniels
Gerald R. McCoy
Gary A. Phillips
Michael S. Smith

Investments

Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman
Stanton T. Brown, II
Michael S. Smith

Long Range Planning

Taz A. Meyer, Chairman
Paul L. Daniels
Dennis W. Houck
Corey B. Huntsucker
Adam M. Iwanow
Matthew D. Ruth

Membership and Growth

Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman
Christopher M. Foeste
Dennis W. Houck
Adam M. Iwanow
Michael C. Rohman

Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman

Regional York Rite Conferences

Michael S. Smith, Chairman
Paul L. Daniels
Regional Deputy Grand Masters
Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Ritual

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
Donald MacCormick
Richard A. Riepe

Social Media/Communications/Internet

Donald MacCormick, Chairman
Kevin B. Sample

Time and Place

Michael S. Smith, Chairman
Donald MacCormick
Kevin B. Sample
Donald L. Trabue

Triennial

Paul L. Daniels, Chairman
Donald MacCormick
Todd A. Schulze
William G. Snyder

Youth & Membership

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
Donald MacCormick

Order of Silver Trowel

Roger D. Fleer, Secretary/Treasurer

Living Past Grand Masters

E. Allen Kohler, Honorary 1998
Bob L. Detherow 1998-1999
Gary A. Phillips 2003-2004
Kevin B. Sample, Honorary 2005
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
Terry R. Struse..... 2014-2015
William G. Snyder..... 2015-2016
Todd A. Schulze 2016-2017
Joseph P. Elsen 2017-2018
Aaron M. Shoemaker..... 2018-2019
Wayne B. Fryer..... 2019-2021

Grand Representatives

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

Alabama..... George M. Merkle
Alaska..... Vacant
Arizona..... Vacant
Arkansas..... Vacant
California..... Vacant
Colorado..... Vacant
Connecticut..... Vacant
Delaware..... Jack D. Brown
District of Columbia..... Michael S. Smith
Florida..... Vacant
Georgia..... Vacant
Hawaii..... James G. Haddox
Idaho..... Vacant
Illinois..... Vacant
Indiana..... Harley L. Kropf
Iowa..... Aaron M. Shoemaker
Kansas..... Danny D. Smothers
Kentucky..... Bob L. Detherow
Louisiana..... Robert W. Schlichter
Maine..... Vacant
Maryland..... Vacant
Massachusetts..... Vacant
Michigan..... John E. Schofield
Minnesota..... Joseph P. Elsen
Mississippi..... Daniel R. Quesenberry
Missouri PHA..... Donald MacCormick
Montana..... Terry R. Struse
Nebraska..... Vacant
Nevada..... Vacant
New Hampshire..... William C. Woolsey
New Jersey..... Vacant
New Mexico..... Norman G. Schlagenhauf
New York..... Vacant
North Carolina..... Vacant
North Dakota..... Vacant
Ohio..... Vacant
Oklahoma..... James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Oregon..... Steven C. Monrotus
Pennsylvania..... Vacant
Rhode Island..... Vacant
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
Wisconsin..... Vacant
Wyoming..... Vacant

Jurisdiction..... To Missouri Canada/Mexico

Eastern Canada..... Vacant
Ontario Canada..... David C. Witte
Western Canada..... Matthew L. Quesenberry
Mexico..... Vacant

Jurisdiction..... To Missouri Other Jurisdictions

Australia, South Australia..... Vacant
Australia, New South Wales..... Vacant
Brazil..... Russell S. Hanson
Central America..... Vacant
Croatia..... Vacant
Cyprus..... Vacant
England & Wales..... Aaron M. Shoemaker
Equador..... Vacant
France..... Vacant
Gabon..... Vacant
Germany..... Vacant
Greece..... Vacant
Guatemala..... Vacant
Israel..... David C. Witte
Italy..... Curtis M. Rickman
Japan..... Vacant
Madagascar..... Vacant
New Zeland..... Vacant
Panama..... Vacant
Peru..... Vacant
Philippines..... Vacant
Portugal..... Vacant
Puerto Rico..... Vacant
Romania..... Vacant
Scotland..... Donald MacCormick
Taiwan..... Vacant
Togo..... Vacant
Venezuela..... Vacant



Michael Scott Smith
Grand Master, 2022-2023

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND MASTER

Michael (Mike) was born in Greenfield, Indiana, on October 7, 1966, and is the 2nd son of Thomas E. and Suzanne Smith. He was born while his father was deployed in Vietnam and his mother and brother lived with his grandfather and grandmother. His grandparents had a significant influence on his life. His older brother Bryan passed in 2019 and his younger brother Tim lives in their hometown of Greenfield.

He attended Kennesaw State University and Ball State University, graduating in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship and Management Information Systems (M.I.S.). He went into the workforce managing a small business turnaround, Area Manager for PepsiCo and Iron Mountain.

He met his wife Christina (Chris) at PepsiCo and was married in 1995. In 1997, Insley was born and in 1999, Carson was born. He earned his M.B.A. in Strategic Management from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2000. In 2012, he left Iron Mountain after 15 years and joined IBM Global Business Services as an Executive Consultant. In 2015, he earned his Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Information Systems & Technology. He joined Citi Bank as Head of Data Strategy, Governance, and Privacy and, in 2020, joined Cigna Healthcare in developing its Evernorth Health Service business.

His Masonic career started in 2008. He was Raised a Master Mason in December, where he met his best friend Chris Tilley at Wentzville Lodge No. 46. Both worked their way through the York Rite together. Mike was Exalted in September 2009 at St. Charles Chapter RAM. He was Greeted on February 6, 2010 and became a York Council No. 40 member. He received his Orders in Commandery on June 11, 2011. He is a Past Master of Naphtali Lodge No. 25, Past High Priest of Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25, Past Master of York Council No. 40 and Past Eminent Commander and current Recorder of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8. He was appointed to the Grand Council officer line in 2016 by M.I.C. Todd Schulze and appointed as Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee and Education: Cryptic Education - Freemasonry 2.0.

He is a charter member of Edgar Franklin Coonrod Council No. 493 of the Allied Masonic Degrees in 2011. He is a Past Sovereign Master and current Secretary. He is a member of several appendant and honorary bodies, including Limerick Council No. 88 Knight Masons, Bruce Harmon Hunt York Rite College No. 162, Saint Louis Preceptory of Yeomen of York, Missouri College SRICF, and Missouri Priory No. 17 K.Y.C.H.

In the Scottish Rite, Mike became 32 Degree Master of the Royal Secret in October 2008 at the Valley of St. Louis. He received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (K.C.C.H.) on October 17, 2015, and served as President of the K.C.C.H. Association in 2016. He was Coronated a 33° on November 6, 2021 in Joplin, MO, with M.I.C. Aaron Shoemaker, past Grand Master of the Grand Council.

He is an active participant at Masonic Week in Washington DC where he received the Ye Ancient Order of Cords, Masonic Order of the Bath, Ancient Order of the Scarlet Cord 1st - 4th and chair degrees of Installed Sovereign Master, Worshipful Commander Noah, Installed Master of St. Lawrence, Installed Supreme Ruler Order of the Secret Monitor and Knight Commander Red Branch of Eri. In 2022, he was appointed Grand Superintendent of Missouri for the Allied Masonic Degrees and received the Knight Grand Cross AMD.

He is a 20-year member of Toastmasters International. He is a certified Executive Coach. He actively coaches and mentors data professionals throughout his career and has helped over 23 expand their careers. He enjoys leadership development and transformation topics and is a workshop facilitator and keynote speaker at data conferences.

His proudest moments are watching his children be the graduation speaker (Insley) and Veterans Day keynote speaker (Carson) and their passion for oratory. He and his lady Christina (Chris) have been married for 28 years and live in Wentzville, MO.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the Grand Officers, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, and Companions All,

Welcome to the One hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. I extend my gratitude, appreciation, and honors to each of you for attending today as we conduct the important business of this Grand Council.

Serving this Grand Council Line for the last eight years has been my honor, especially in 2022-23 as your Grand Master. I have seen our Council grow in those years and am delighted that we made it out of COVID-19 in great shape! It has truly been a pleasure for me to meet so many dedicated Companions across the state.

Pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the Grand Council Bylaws, I present the following report on my term as Grand Master. Because the date moved up for the Grand Session, I included 52 weeks in my report, and have a couple of weeks as Deputy Grand Master.

Necrology

Experience teaches us to hold onto the things of this world lightly, for we know not when the inevitable summons will come and we will be transported into eternity. We have lost many good men this year; unfortunately, 77 of our Companions are no longer with us. Included were Most Illustrious Companion C. Richard Carter, Past Grand Master of the Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, 1995 – 1996, on April 28, 2023 a Memorial Service was held by M.:I.:C.: Smith and the officers of the Kansas City Council No. 49 and Shekinah Council No. 24.

Memorial Service

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life. We thank you for those who share and have shared their lives with us. We thank you for sharing with us Your Holy Scriptures. Life as we know it is but a short time and filled with happiness, PEACE, sorrow and pain. We thank you for the opportunity to care, to serve, to love, to comfort, to teach, and to heal. We thank you for our Grand Council and local Councils which give to us a special bond of brotherhood and friendship. As these bonds are, one by one, broken by DEATH, we realize that some day all of our bonds on earth will cease. But, we know that our memories will remain with those who walked with us down the pathway of life. It is that earthly life we leave behind to start another life with our God. A life that is filled with happiness and joy. A life that brings shared PEACE. A life that is eternal. Dear Heavenly Father, give to us Your PEACE that we may share with those we meet. You know the prayers we hold in our hearts and minds. In your name we pray. Amen

What is the relationship of the words DEATH and PEACE.

If you were to look at every scripture reading containing the word DEATH, you would be reading over 380 verses. With the word PEACE, you would find over 230 verses. Here are a few of them.

Mark 4: 39 "And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, PEACE, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." An interesting choice of the word PEACE (to calm the winds and sea).

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans Romans 5: 1 a. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God" This is a collective (we) use for the word.

Luke 2: 29 "Lord now let thou thy servant depart in PEACE, according to thy word." This is a personnel (servant) use for the word.

The last time I saw my Mother alive, she said these words to me: "I have made my PEACE with my God. I am ready to DIE." Now the word PEACE becomes very personnel as it now is combined with the word DEATH.

One of the names on our Necrology List is William Jennings Bryan Mathis Jr., I went to visit "Billy" for the last time, a few days before he passed. His final words to me were these: "I have made my PEACE with my God. I am ready to DIE." To Billy, PEACE was a very personal one-on-one relationship with God.

Question: What does this mean to you: " PEACE with my God?"

The meaning of the word is not always obvious or clear. Choose your words carefully. Speak the same language when you speak with each other.

Question: Does the listener really know the meaning of the words you wish to convey? Are you both "on the level" and speaking the same language?

What about the word DEATH.

Isaac really did this: Genesis 27: 2 - 4 "And he said, behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my DEATH. Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; And make me savory meat such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I DIE. (venison for the soul ? A physical need but not a spiritual need) Remember, we know not the time of our DEATH.

Question: How are you preparing for DEATH? Have you thought about it? Proverbs 7: 25 - 27 "Let not thine heart decline to her (sin) ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded; yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of DEATH,"

1 Chronicles 22: 5 "And David said, Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord must be magnificent, famous and glorified throughout all lands: I will therefore now make preparations for it. So David provided materials in great quantity before his DEATH." (family is important). Question; What are your thoughts about PEACE and DEATH? What is your pathway to that final day of your life? What plans have you made? You know it will come, ready or not, Reading God's Holy Scriptures will help you to accept and understand that journey. So will a Brother. Life is to be enjoyed. Life is to be shared. Faith and hope are important parts of life. With God's PEACE comes DEATH and a NEW LIFE.

So mote it be – Amen.

Fraternal submitted,
James R. Fiete, Grand Chaplain

(Reporting period 1/1/22-12/31/22)

Full Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Council
Applegate, Truly	3/14/47	9/16/22	25 - Zabud
Askins, Edwin Gray	7/7/24	9/2/22	50 - Liberty
Baker, Donald E.	2/24/33	6/2/22	25 - Zabud
Barrett, Ronald Lee	3/30/49	1/12/22	50 - Liberty
Best Sr., Kenneth Dale	8/13/47	1/20/22	49 - Independence
Best Sr., Kenneth Dale	8/13/47	1/20/22	49 - Independence
Bilzing, Glenn A.	9/3/35	6/16/22	48 - Jeremiah
Bledsoe Jr., Hershel Sanders	8/10/36	12/28/22	25 - Zabud
Carlstrom, Charles Watson	3/8/31	1/9/22	27 - Poplar Bluff
Cary, Roy Lee	11/26/43	9/23/22	34 - Centralia
Conner Sr., Charles H	11/2/54	6/22/22	45 - Kansas City
Daume, Melbert Earl	5/31/29	9/8/22	20 - Cape
Ellis, Homer Glenn	11/15/49	7/7/22	58 - Bert S. Lee
Farmer, Ralph A.	3/5/36	8/28/22	9 - St. Joseph
Fry, Meredith W.	3/9/24	3/24/22	32 - Ezra
Gage Jr., Robert A.	7/16/33	6/10/22	49 - Independence
Gerding, Ross W.	4/22/22	5/31/22	32 - Ezra
Gloyd, Everette Leonidas	11/26/20	1/1/22	25 - Zabud
Goddard, Robert Eugene	1/18/47	12/28/22	30 - Jasper
Goede, Arthur Lee	7/5/47	11/28/22	43 - Bonne Terre
Greene, Garth Stanley	1/21/30	12/28/22	25 - Zabud
Harris, Walter Elwayne	9/9/39	3/30/22	25 - Zabud
Humphrey, Calvin Rawlings	1/1/25	8/21/22	9 - St. Joseph
Hunter, Ronald Gene	10/10/40	8/28/22	42 - John F. Houston
Kerber, Eugene Alfred	6/1/29	11/15/22	9 - St. Joseph
Kittle, James David	5/23/48	9/27/22	39 - Rolla
Kruse, Jack R	10/4/37	2/27/22	9 - St. Joseph
Lee, Jimmie Dee	11/29/36	11/15/22	25 - Zabud
McClain, William H.	9/30/32	9/11/22	34 - Centralia
Motter, Clyde Samuel	5/8/30	5/2/22	44 - Kirksville
Nelson, James I.	3/6/31	10/14/22	50 - Liberty
Norris, Robert L.	1/14/28	3/16/22	44 - Kirksville
Odneal, Lewis Clifford	9/16/26	3/20/22	34 - Centralia
Parman, Ance E.	4/17/30	7/19/22	50 - Liberty
Pogue Jr., Vernon Kenneth	12/10/37	8/22/22	46 - Neosho
Portwood, James Edward	9/1/41	5/18/22	56 - Lebanon
Rapp Jr., Roy Edgar	8/25/43	9/3/22	9 - St. Joseph
Riley, Clayton	10/30/34	3/4/22	50 - Liberty
Rodgers, James C.	7/30/30	1/13/22	24 - Shekinah
Russell, Dwite C.	12/19/48	2/10/22	25 - Zabud
Sanders, William Lewis	12/1/41	5/14/22	44 - Kirksville
Scholl Sr., Otis G.	10/28/37	4/20/22	9 - St. Joseph
Schulze, Larry W.	11/2/41	4/20/22	1 - Hiram
Schulze, Larry W.	11/2/41	4/20/22	48 - Jeremiah
Selleck, Loren Harvey	7/29/22	6/16/22	45 - Kansas City
Smittle, Chester L.	12/27/27	3/8/22	25 - Zabud

Snavelly, James Everett	4/21/41	2/10/22	43 - Bonne Terre
Sprenkle, Richard Edward	2/6/36	4/28/22	58 - Bert S. Lee
Stephens, Robert Lee	2/5/36	6/23/22	44 - Kirksville
Tanzey, Danny Ray	2/10/28	10/3/22	34 - Centralia
Taylor, Virgle Laverne	6/22/30	7/28/22	24 - Shekinah
Teghtmyer, Donald Lee	6/26/30	4/24/22	25 - Zabud
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Watson, David Alonzo	5/11/29	6/24/22	46 - Neosho
Whitney, Robert Dale	6/22/29	5/26/22	49 - Independence
Wilson, Robert G.	4/28/35	12/14/22	50 - Liberty
Zimmerman, Bobby Gene	6/27/31	12/6/22	44 - Kirksville

Past Grand Masters

To the Past Grand Masters – Thank you for your continued support. I am thankful to my Masonic Father, M.:I.:C.: Todd Schulze, who appointed me and two others during his tenure. He, along with the Past Grand Masters, has kept me informed and balanced during my year. I could not have completed my year without their encouragement and counsel. I especially thank them for never giving me counsel unless I asked. You all are great predecessors and put us on the track to success. To past M.:I.:C.: Aaron Shoemaker, you helped pave the way for change in our Grand Council and I value your leadership, friendship, fellowship and spiritual support in all our endeavors. I thank M.:I.:C.: Todd Schulze, M.:I.:C.: Dave Witte and Right Puissant Companion Bill Snyder for the installation at the one-hundred and fifty-sixth Annual Assembly. Their friendship, support and advice were priceless. Finally, to our M.:I.:C.: Chris Tilley Honorary Past Grand Master, we miss you all the time but know you are watching us from above. You have traveled with me on every mile of my visits with your framed picture/apron/coins and I thought about you on every trip. I did my best and hoped you would approve of my time spent as the Grand Master.

Appointments

At the 2022 Grand Cryptic Session, I appointed Very Illustrious Companion Adam M. Iwanow as Grand Stewart of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. Adam was appointed after serving a demanding year as Region Deputy Grand Master of Region 5, the home region of this Grand Master. As a mentor for Adam, I was very demanding of him in the role and he never let me down. He is a vibrant supporter of all the Missouri Masonic Youth organizations, which take a large amount of time to accomplish. He has reinvigorated the Grand York Rite engagement with the three youth groups and challenged us to increase our donations annually. He leads all three Grand York Rite bodies youth committees. As the Illustrious Master of Hiram Council No. 1 in St. Louis, he opened every meeting without ritual and opened on every degree throughout the term. He also planned the first webcast Cryptic Roundtable live event with the Grand Line officers and our own Deputy General Grand Council Right Puissant Bill Snyder for the members across the state to join. As R.D.G.M., he organized the Tri-Council of Region 5 joint officer installation tradition in place. He also held quarterly Tri-Council leadership workshops at each supporting Council on a rotation across the Region. His agendas included insightful education about our degrees and leadership topics for discussion. I must say, I would like to see this type of event happen across all the Councils every quarter to train and educate new Masonic leaders.

On September 21, 2022, I appointed Right Illustrious Companion Russel S. Hanson as Assistant Grand Treasurer for the Grand Council. Russell has exemplified his mastery of complex process improvements. He has always been a dedicated servant of fraternity by raising his hand when we needed someone to work long and decisively. He is working with our Grand Recorder to update our processes and drive greater speed, efficiency, and transparency in all three Grand York Rite bodies. Russell's hard work will pay dividends in our future operations as a Grand Council.

On February 15, 2023, I was notified of the resignation of Very Illustrious Companion Steven C. Monrotus as our Grand Organist after nearly 20 years of dedicated service from degree music to the Grand Assembly. Steven is a pillar in Freemasonry and his value is many times overlooked in the role he served. I will, from

experience, tell you that I have been to Grand Sessions in other states and the music makes the difference from a meeting to a Grand session. Without the music, we miss one of the most important senses used in masonry that provides us with a grand experience. The entire Grand Council appreciates his work and service to our fraternity.

I appointed Illustrious Companion Keith G. Tomazi as the Grand Organist for the Grand Council. I.C. Tomazi is an incredible musician and a close friend sharing many York Rite bodies with myself. He is the "master" of the St. Louis Valleys Scottish Rite renowned pipe organ during events throughout the year. He plays music at various York Rite installations. I could think of no more well-deserving Companion than Keith, who promises to do a fantastic job at this Grand Session. Thank you in advance V.I.C. Keith G. Tomazi for an excellent music-filled session.

Message

I have enjoyed the time of my term in office and would not trade it for the world! I have attended over four festivals that included nearly 80 new Cryptic Masons. I have visited Councils to do degree work and witnessed another 20 new Cryptic Masons across the state. I am so proud of the "can do" Councils I highlighted in the semi-monthly Cryptic Newsletter.

Companions, I want to share with you the amount of work completed by the Grand Officers and, most importantly, the Regional Deputy Grand Masters and Lecturers. I know because I see it and review it monthly. I provide the following summation with a focus on excellence, not perfection! It is the sum of many small things done well, over and over again is what happens. Finally, I have seen Councils that have emerged from the brink of closing or merging, leading to a slow death, but they stood and took a leadership approach and used the Oz Principle. See it, Own it, Resolve it, Do it!

My companions, I have witnessed a post-COVID energy that is so refreshing that it has become contagious! We see degree work across the state in every corner and nearly every Region. A few moments of truth are exemplified next. What do you do when you have a Council in your Region that has not opened in years? Do you merge it, close it or ignore it? NO, says V.I.C. Dennis Houck! You plan to host a RAM/Cryptic Council Festival, place a date on the calendar, and make detailed plans. But the key is to gain buy-in from all you need to pull it off, work tirelessly on a cast, plan a schedule and meal plans, and solicit commitments from your working group. Rather than the reason, the result will result in degree work at Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 not seen in over a decade and held a festival for the state with over 20 candidates.

I wrote about the Moments of Truth that I included in my messages in the Royal Arch Magazine. What I like about Moments of Truth are the results of the many small things done well, over and over again, by those Brothers, Companions, and other titles who are there when we get results. We are surrounded by men who are there toiling in the work, showing up early, staying late, and always offering a helping hand.

As I travel across the state at various masonic events, I see small groups of men who are there and engaged in their moment of truth. These groups of men prioritize getting together and driving a few hours to engage in masonic intercourse and have a great time at the event and on the way there and back. I tell my close brother that sometimes the best of Freemasonry is the windshield time you spend driving to an event with others. I believe it is because we have lost our tradition of getting to know one another in this connected world of distractions for our time and energy. When you drive, I hope your eyes are on the road, but your ears are listening and engaging in honest conversations that build the bond of brotherhood.

We implemented the focus on education in our Councils by recommending a Council Education Officer (C.E.O.) to follow the Grand Lodge model. We had some great breakthroughs in some Councils and little in others. We provide a volume of educational materials in our purple Cryptic Cypher and in our Bi-Monthly Newsletter to fill your entire term for education. Please make this a priority because it retains members.

We also implemented the Council Action Plan (C.A.P.). The goal was to show the baseline of a Council and have the leaders develop a plan similar to Grand Lodge of three years. Our focus is always on Membership, Dues, Ritual and Quality Meetings. However, it would help if you focused on strategies and tactics for it all to work and show the results of a healthy Council. I challenge every Masonic leader to look at the numbers, see what numbers you can affect, and create a plan of action, drive the action, and measure it! You will be amazed by the great ideas, energy and enthusiasm your members bring to your plans if you involve them in the solutions!

Companions, we are imperfect, but the work you are doing in your Council and in the York Rite is showing across the country! Share your moments of truth with us to communicate your wins, draws, and losses because we are all in this fraternity together! Your work has exceeded all expectations of the Grand Council strategic plan, and it is with great pleasure a long list of leaders follow me. They will serve you on our aligned goals and help you be successful. My challenge to each of you is what will be your result in the future vs. a reason? You are a bright light in the world of what men can do who decide that their Moment of Truth will not be a Reason but a Result!

Visitations

Companions, as Grand Master or leader of any state-level organization, we always wish we could have done more! I have limited time and resources, so I focused on the Councils who invited me for installations, degree work, or additional support. However, the greatest opportunities that I found were at the Regional Conferences to hear about our Councils, and Members.

5/29/2022	Annual Missouri DeMolay Convention – Jefferson City
6/2/2022	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave & Drill – Hazelwood
6/8/2022	Grand York Rite Session – Grand Council – Jefferson City
6/9/2022	Grand York Rite Session – Grand Chapter – Jefferson City
6/10/2022	Grand York Rite Session – Grand Commandery – Jefferson City
6/11/2022	Grand York Rite Session – Drill Competition – Jefferson City
6/11/2022	Grand Reception A.M.D. – M.V. Aaron Shoemaker – Jefferson City
6/12/2022	Grand York Rite Session – After Session Meeting – Jefferson City
6/15/2022	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 – Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
6/20/2022	York Rite Officer Installation – Rolla
6/21/2022	York Council No. 40 – Scheduled Meeting – Wentzville
6/23/2022	Annual Session Order of Jobs Daughters – Jefferson City
6/26/2022	Annual Session International Order of Rainbow Girls – Springfield
6/29/2022	Edgar Franklin Coonrod AMD No. 493 – Annual Business Meeting – Webster Grove
6/30/2022	Scottish Rite 4 Bodies Meeting – V.M.A.P. Chair Report – St. Louis
7/16/2022	Knights of the York Cross of Honor – Jefferson City
7/24/2022	Grand Council R.D.G.M. Meeting – R.D.G.M. Training Overview – Webex
7/26/2022	Cryptic Council Degree Work – Shelbyville
7/29/2022	Grand York Rite Session – Illinois – Springfield, IL
7/30/2022	Grand York Rite Session – Iowa – Burlington, IA
8/13/2022	Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Officer Installation – Wentzville
8/18/2022	Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Officer Installation – St. Louis
8/20/2022	York Rite Conference – Region 5 – St. Louis
8/21/2022	Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
8/27/2022	Missouri College, S.R.I.C.F. – Regular Scheduled Conclave – Columbia
8/27/2022	Bruce Harmon Hunt Y.R.S.C. – Abigail Freedom Lodge – St. Louis
8/31/2022	Edgar Franklin Coonrod AMD No. 493 – Annual Business Meeting – St. Charles
9/1/2022	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Officer Installation – Hazelwood
9/7/2022	Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
9/10/2022	York Rite Conference - Region 7 – Bolivar
9/14/2022	Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 – Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
9/16/2022	York Rite South Central Regional Conference – Shreveport, LA
9/17/2022	York Rite South Central Regional Conference – Shreveport, LA
9/18/2022	Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
9/19/2022	Scottish Rite 4 Bodies Meeting – V.M.A.P. Chair Report – St. Louis
9/20/2022	York Council No. 40 – Scheduled Meeting – Wentzville

9/21/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
9/22/2022 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
9/24/2022 York Rite Conference – Region 2 & 3 – Kansas City
9/28/2022 Puttin for the Kids – S.R. Golf Outing Fundraiser – St. Peters
9/29/2022 Rite Care Conference – Board Member Training – St. Louis
9/30/2022 Scottish Rite Big Summit – Leadership Conference – St. Louis
10/1/2022 Scottish Rite Big Summit – Leadership Conference – St. Louis
10/2/2022 St. Louis Scottish Rite Valley – Cigar Night – St. Louis
10/2/2022 Truman Club Banquet Annual Communication – St. Charles
10/3/2022 Grand Master’s Banquet & Annual Communication Annual Communication – St. Charles
10/4/2022 Grand Lodge of Missouri Annual Communication Annual Communication – St. Charles
10/5/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
10/6/2022 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
10/12/2022 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 – Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
10/15/2022 York Rite Conference – Region 1 & 4 – Jefferson City
10/16/2022 Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
10/18/2022 York Council No. 40 – Scheduled Meeting – Wentzville
10/19/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
10/20/2022 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
10/22/2022 Cryptic Mason Degree Work York Rite Festival Mason Degree Work – Independence
11/2/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
11/3/2022 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
11/9/2022 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
11/10/2022 Cryptic Mason Degree Work – Kirksville
11/12/2022 Cryptic Mason Degree Work – Lebanon
11/15/2022 Webex Presentation Creating Sacred Spaces Webinar Sponsored by York Council No. 40 –
Webex
11/16/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
11/17/2022 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
11/19/2022 York Rite Conference - Region 6 – Jackson
11/19/2022 Bruce Harmon Hunt Y.R.S.C. – Crestwood Masonic Lodge – Crestwood
11/20/2022 Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
12/1/2022 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
12/3/2022 Edgar Franklin Coonrod AMD No. 493 – Business Meeting – St. Charles
12/5/2022 Scottish Rite 4 Bodies Meeting – V.M.A.P. Chair Report – St. Louis
12/7/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
12/10/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Annual Holiday Party – Wentzville
12/14/2022 Region 5 Annual Holiday Party – York Rite Holiday Party – St. Charles
12/17/2022 Missouri College, S.R.I.C.F. – Degree Work – Kansas City
12/17/2022 Limerick Council Knight Masons – Annual Meeting – St. Louis
12/19/2022 Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
12/21/2022 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
12/21/2022 Scottish Rite Clinic – Board Holiday Breakfast – St. Louis
12/22/2022 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
1/4/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
1/5/2023 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
1/11/2023 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 – Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
1/17/2023 Official Visit – York Council No. 40 – Wentzville
1/17/2023 York Council No. 40 – Scheduled Meeting – Wentzville
1/18/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville

1/19/2023 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
1/21/2023 York Rite Officer Installation – Shelbina
1/23/2023 Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
2/1/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
2/2/2023 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
2/8/2023 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 – Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
2/9/2023 Masonic Week – Knight Masons Annual Meeting & Degrees – Washington, DC
2/10/2023 Masonic Week – AMD Annual Meeting and Chair Degrees – Washington, DC
2/11/2023 Masonic Week – Annual Meetings – Washington, DC
2/15/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
2/16/2023 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
2/19/2023 Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
2/21/2023 York Council No. 40 – Scheduled Meeting – Wentzville
2/22/2023 Cryptic Roundtable Discussion – Zoom Event, Official Visit - Hiram Council No. 1 – St. Louis
3/1/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
3/2/2023 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
3/4/2023 Grand Master's RAM Day – Support RAM & Annual Session Planning – Jefferson City
3/6/2023 C.M.M.R.F. Table Council – Kansas City Council No. 45 – Kansas City
3/8/2023 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 – Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
3/11/2023 Cryptic Mason Degree Work – Poplar Bluff
3/15/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
3/16/2023 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
3/18/2023 Grand Masters Consecration Breakfast – Represented Grand Council of Missouri – St. Louis
3/19/2023 Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
3/20/2023 Official Visit – Jeremiah No. 48 – Webster Groves
3/25/2023 C.M.M.R.F. Gala Event – Inaugural C.M.M.R.F. Gala Event – Independence
3/30/2023 Scottish Rite 4 Bodies Meeting – V.M.A.P. Chair Report – St. Louis
4/5/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
4/6/2023 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
4/7/2023 Scottish Rite Reunion Degree Work – St. Louis
4/8/2023 Scottish Rite Reunion Degree Work – St. Louis
4/10/2023 York Rite Session of Arkansas – Little Rock, AR
4/10/2023 Region 6 York Rite Festival – Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 – Poplar Bluff
4/12/2023 Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 – Scheduled Meeting – Ballwin
4/15/2023 Region 5 Officer Installation – St. Louis
4/15/2023 Grand Master's Reception – M.I.C. Michael S. Smith Grand Master 2022-23 – St. Louis
4/16/2023 Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
4/19/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
4/20/2023 Annual Session Grand York of Indiana – Indianapolis, IN
4/28/2023 York Rite Installation & Memorial Service for M.I.C. C. Richard Carter, 1995-1996 – Kansas City
4/28/2023 York Rite Officer Installation Shekinah Council No. 24 – Kansas City
4/29/2023 Grand Master's Cryptic Council Day - MWB Rick Kaeser, Jr. Class with 17 Candidates – Columbia
5/3/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
5/4/2023 Ivanhoe Commandery No. 1 – Scheduled Conclave – Hazelwood
5/16/2023 York Council No. 40 – Scheduled Meeting – Wentzville
5/17/2023 Wentzville Lodge No. 46 – Degree Work – Wentzville
5/18/2023 Naphtali Lodge No. 25 – Degree Work – St. Louis
5/20/2023 Officer Installation Rolla York Rite – Rolla
5/20/2023 Bruce Harmon Hunt Y.R.S.C. – Annual Meeting & Elections – St. Louis

5/21/2023	Grand Council Officers Call – Grand Council Officers & R.D.G.M.'s – Webex
5/24/2023	Hiram Council No. 1 – Schedule Meeting – St. Louis
5/30/2023	Edgar Franklin Coonrod AMD No. 493 – Scheduled Meeting – St. Louis
5/31/2023	Grand York Rite Session – Springfield
5/31/2023	Grand York Rite Session – Hotel & Event Meetings – Springfield
6/1/2023	Grand York Rite Session – Grand Commandery – Springfield
6/2/2023	Grand York Rite Session – Grand Chapter – Springfield
6/3/2023	Grand York Rite Session – Grand Council – Springfield

Edicts Issued

I did not issue any edicts this year. Our bylaws are well written and have ruled our Grand Council this term.

Charters Arrested

I am happy to report that no charters were arrested in this masonic term.

Decisions

September 27, 2022 Granted a Waiver of Jurisdiction to allow two Missouri Master Masons to join a Council of Royal & Select Masters in Arkansas.

Dispensations Granted

October 9, 2022 Granted dispensation to allow Bert S. Lee Council No. 58 to move meeting place to 5 South Allison, Greenfield, MO.

October 9, 2022 Granted dispensation to allow Cape Council No. 2307 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, MO to 204 S. High Street, Jackson, MO 63755 until a new permanent location is selected.

October 10, 2022 Granted dispensation to form Nevada Council U.D., meeting at 221 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772 on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

October 26, 2022 Granted dispensation to allow Shekinah Council No. 24 to move their meeting date in November and December to the third Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

January 19, 2023 Granted dispensation to allow York Council No. 40 their Installation of Officers time and place to Saturday April 8 2023 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Louis.

February 9, 2023 Granted dispensation to allow Bonne Terre Council No. 43 to permanently move their meeting place to Farmington Lodge No. 132, 211 West Columbia, Farmington, MO 63640.

By Law Changes, Subordinate Councils

September 14, 2022 Approved the By-Laws change for Independence Council No. 49, changing their meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

September 14, 2022 Approved the By-Laws change for Neosho Council No. 46, changing their meeting time to the third Tuesday of each quarter (Feb, May, Aug, Nov), changing the date of their election of Officers to the third Tuesday in April each year, increase Greeting Fee to \$70.00, and setting annual dues to be \$10.00 plus Grand Council per capita taxes, fees and assessments.

November 30, 2022 Approved the By-Laws change for Rolla Council No. 39 changing their meeting time to the first Monday of the month, and several amendments for compliance with the Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws.

January 12, 2023 Approved the Proposed By-Laws for Nevada Council U.D.

January 19, 2023 Approved the By-Laws change for Jeremiah Council No. 48 changing their annual dues to \$50.00 per year plus Grand Council per capita taxes, fees and assessments.

Certificate of Good Standing

April 19, 2023

Issued a Certificate of Good Standing for Companion Spencer Adam Getz of Rolla Council No. 39 to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Virginia.

Time Capsule

I had the pleasure of visiting the Time Capsule with Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri and my traveling companion V.I.C. Mike Kassel. We visited during a short break on June 26, 2022 from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Springfield, MO.

We found the Time Capsule in excellent shape and noticed a used pair of combat boots on the back side of the capsule. It is my true theory that someone who was a Mason or knew the Mason placed those boots there in case another needed them. The boots were lightly worn and set in an upright position. Also, during our visit, we were taking pictures of the Time Capsule and a fellow Blue Lodge brother stopped by and said hello. He said with "all that bling, I had to stop and see what was going on". We enjoyed a discussion with him and his wife. I will let you know that it is a Masonic secret if you can find the Time Capsule alone!

Charity

Companion's charity is one of the seven cardinal virtues. We as Masons, contribute to various charities, but can we do more? Mother Teresa said it best, "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving". So many depend upon our abundance and selfless giving. We should rethink our giving and what we might be able to give up a few times to help others.

C.M.M.R.F.

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (C.M.M.R.F.) is the Charity of the Grand Council. I applaud the focus on the continual improvement of the C.M.M.R.F. donations. I am a data person, and I used the Annual Returns from 2021 to run an analysis and shared it with all the Grand Officers and the R.D.G.M.'s to discuss with their Councils. Of 27 Councils, 9 had zero donations to C.M.M.R.F. or 35% did not participate. Thank you to the 16 Councils who donated to C.M.M.R.F. Did you know that our \$1.08 per member actual if we contributed to the goal of \$3.65 would give us a nearly 300% increase just by doing the right thing and foregoing one cup of coffee per year! THANK YOU to those who give far more than the \$1.08 per year and we appreciate it!

The Missouri Home website "The Penny-A-Day (P.A.D.) program began in 1974, when Lodges we asked to "pool their pennies" to help their brothers, sisters, widows and children in need". We use the same concept for C.M.M.R.F. The average donation per member was \$1.08 actual vs. \$3.65 goal per member. Companions, I will be very direct here and now on this measurement. A coffee now cost \$3.65 today. Let's look at the economics of my argument. In 1974, \$3.65 is the equivalent of \$21.94 today. Gentlemen, that is 3 Big Mac Combos for \$21.94 in rural Missouri! The cost of healthcare research has far outrun the cost of the Big Mac Index!

\$3.65 in 1974 is worth \$21.94 today

Amount	Start year	End year	
\$ 3.65	1974	2022	Calculate

[\\$3.65 in 1975 → 2022](#) [\\$3.65 in 1970 → 2022](#) [Inflation rate in 2022](#) [Future inflation calculator](#)

Value of \$3.65 from 1974 to 2022

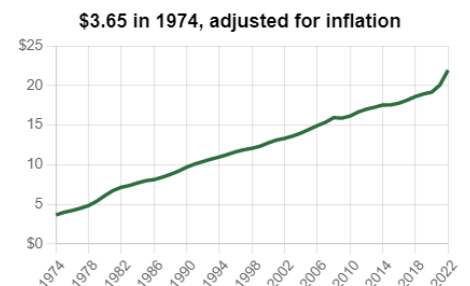
\$3.65 in 1974 is equivalent in purchasing power to about **\$21.94** today, an increase of \$18.29 over 48 years. The dollar had an average inflation rate of **3.81% per year** between 1974 and today, producing a cumulative price increase of **500.97%**.

This means that today's prices are 6.01 times higher than average prices since 1974, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index. A dollar today only buys 16.636% of what it could buy back then.

The inflation rate in 1974 was **11.04%**. The current inflation rate compared to last year is now **8.52%**. If this number holds, \$3.65 today will be equivalent in buying power to \$3.96 next year. The [current inflation rate](#) page gives more detail on the latest inflation rates.

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1. Overview
2. Buying Power of \$3.65
3. Inflation by City / Country
4. Inflation by Spending Category
5. Formulas & How to Calculate

Inflation from 1974 to 2022	
Cumulative price change	500.97%
Average inflation rate	3.81%
Converted amount (\$3.65 base)	\$21.94
Price difference (\$3.65 base)	\$18.29
CPI in 1974	49.300
CPI in 2022	296.276
Inflation in 1974	11.04%
Inflation in 2022	8.52%
\$3.65 in 1974	\$21.94 in 2022



My challenge to all Companions is to memorize the elevator speech or high-level objectives of C.M.M.R.F. and the C.E.F. When we know the purposes and learn more about their cause, it becomes personal. Second, if we have passion for our charities, then we can explain to our friends, and many will give to a cause because someone they know is passionate about their giving. I like to use the C.M.M.R.F. video library to create a fundraising post for my birthday on Facebook <https://www.cmmrf.org/video-section/> and it never fails that I find about \$200-\$300 from birthday wishes each year. I know other Companions who do the same thing. Let's inform our friends, family, and acquaintances of the critical problems we solve with our charities. We have so much to be proud of in helping cure disease.

Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund

The fund is a memorial to M.I.C. Bruce Harmon Hunt Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, 1951-52, and Grand Master of Masons of Missouri in 1960-61. At the 128th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons on April 30, 1993, M.I.C. Lawrence Albright II was installed and established the fund.

The purpose is to endow a fund to provide income for the disbursement by the Grand Master for charitable purposes. Both C.M.M.R.F. and our youth organizations rely on our annual donations to fund this charity. Our charitable collection for the Council Endowment Fund (C.E.F.) in 2021 was \$664 or \$.43 per member vs. our goal of \$1.25 per member, which would give us nearly \$2,000 per year. You have read my discussion on the Big Mac index and I think we can all find \$1.25 in our lives once a year to give up or more. THANK YOU to those who give far more than the \$.47 per year and we appreciate it!

Recommendations

I want to provide some recommendations that I feel strongly about. As you all know, I am direct and intend to provoke thought, not to ruffle feathers. However, someone will be offended, but many more will be motivated, so the risk is worth it.

1. The top three officers and their members "own" the Council's plan, which should be submitted after the election and a surprise to know one if we use the Grand Lodge 3-year planning cycle. Fail to plan, plan to fail!

2. An honest look and analysis of all three York Bodies meeting on the same night in parts of the state. I am afraid those I have visited who have done this are creeping into M.:I.:C.: Aaron Shoemakers' warning about the "homogenization of freemasonry". How can we legally open three bodies in full form with high-quality ritual and the minimum legal meetings. At the same time, dark for two months of the year recommendation meet two times per month and rotate to provide the time needed to effectively open, engage a high-quality meeting with education, degree work, etc. and close and make members want to come back challenge all York Rite bodies to rethink this strategy as we bring on more new members who are begging for education and further light.

3. Expand the Tri-Council Leadership Series created by V.I.C. Adam Iwanow and provide this leadership once per quarter to start across all York Rite bodies and provide leadership engagement.

4. The Grand Council is already working on decoupling the bylaws for our handling of the Treasurer's role. We need to comprehensively re-design processes, controls and transparency with our finances and investments. We have missed key technological advancements like internet banking, and mobile deposits, and we need to modernize the office of Treasurer for the future. This recommendation needs to be completed before the next Grand Session without delay. We have been too long in addressing the needs of the Council in this area as directed by our Examination Committee reports from 2019 through this year. We need legislation at the next Grand Session to fix this issue once and for all.

5. Please focus on the Grand Council Proficiency Program for our wonderful ritual. With COVID, we have nearly 132 separate certifications which have expired. Many are existing members and we need to add many new ones from our over 200+ companions brought in since coming back from COVID.

6. Continue to use the Short-Form opening/closing as a Tool, not a crutch, to build your Councils and become proficient in ritual.

7. Companions, you should ALL be attending the York Rite Regional Conferences each year. I have been attending for 10 years and going to several across the state for 6 of the years. I meet companions, learn what they are doing, and I always leave motivated. We are doing better but this should be a "no-brainer" on attendance. You meet 1 Saturday for all 3 Bodies to see the alignment of our Grand York Rite!

Conclusion

Companions, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master this year. I want to thank every person who supported us at this annual assembly. We can never say enough about the committee that works for months to make this event happen. This year was even more challenging with the change of dates and new locations.

I made it clear what my focus would be in June 2022 and I think we all had a great run! provided the following outline on Build on the Basics (BoB):

1. **Improve our Councils** product by operating highly effective, exciting and engaging Councils across the state.

2. **Focus on quality** delivery on Opening, Conducting and Closing our Councils in due form by memorization (this goes for all of us, including me).

3. Appoint a **Council Education Officer** who works with the Illustrious Master to ensure education is a priority at every meeting by leveraging all the educational resources we have introduced.

4. **Own it!** If we run our Councils like we would a business we owned, we can drive a high-quality, in-demand experience.

We are in a good place but must keep our foot on the gas and continue building on the abovementioned basics.

We are incredibly grateful and lucky that Most Excellent Companion Kyle R. Palacios implemented the Special Bicentennial Conferral of Mark and Past Master Degrees. OMG! Is all I can say! We had an encore year with Kyle inculcating the program for 2022-23.

Appreciation


We have all worked hard as Grand York Rite Leaders and I hope you have noticed the fraternal comradery of Grand High Priest Kyle, Grand Commander Mike and myself. We had a great time working together to strengthen Missouri York Rite and hope to live our roles with a foundation “build to last” in the future.

To Kevin, thanks for keeping us straight as we move forward and change our future. Your reminders of areas of improvement we need to focus on are appreciated. Your historical context reminds us of where to find the right person for the job. Your voice and counsel is always heard and appreciated.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Don MacCormick for his pleasant and balanced temperament who always listens! He works tirelessly without complaint to continually automate and improve processes where possible with a steady and calm hand. Kevin could not have recommended and nominated a better replacement for this critical role in our fraternity, and I could not have made it without his counsel.

To my wife Chris, you have truly supported me in Freemasonry. Though you are not at all the events, you ensure the rest of our life is in balance and harmony, allowing me to serve as a Masonic leader. I could not have achieved anything without your tireless support.

Sincerely and Most Fraternally submitted,



Michael Scott Smith
Grand Master 2022-2023

Move that this report be accepted and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Companions, the Committee has reviewed the Address of M.:I.:C.: Michael S. Smith, Grand Master 2022-2023. The committee finds that the Grand Master has performed in an exemplary manner during his term. He has faithfully discharged the duties of the office of Grand Master and provided an accurate report of his labors and travels.

The committee commends this report to the next Grand Master and his officers. They are encouraged to study this address as well as the preceding addresses.

The Committee recommends approval of the Grand Master's Address as to form and propriety of content.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick PGM, Chairman

Wayne B. Fryer, PGM

Move that this report be accepted and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER REPORTS

2022 FINAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Donald L. Trabue, HPGM, Grand Treasurer

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Donald L. Trabue, HPGM, Grand Treasurer

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

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GRAND TREASURER

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Companions and Sir Knights, During September 2022, due to ongoing medical and technological challenges being experienced by the Grand Treasurer, I was appointed Assistant Grand Treasurer to help with the Grand Treasurer's duties. I began immediately to work with the Grand Treasurer on a variety of issues and projects.

During the period of September 2022 through May 2023, I spoke with the Grand Treasurer by phone at least weekly concerning bills and deposits. Due to technological issues with the Grand Treasurer's computer equipment, I volunteered to scan and mail all checks for bills. The Grand Treasurer accepted my offer. Over the course of several months, we caught up on checks for bills and are again writing checks in the same month that the bills are posted.

One issue that was uncovered was that incoming checks were not being deposited promptly. Grand York Rite Office check packs to the Grand Treasurer from May 2022, June 2022, July 2022, November 2022, and January 2023 were recovered and returned to the Grand York Rite Office. With the significant assistance of the Grand York Rite Executive Assistant, the expired checks from May 2022, June 2022, and July 2022 were returned to the members who originally wrote them with a request for a replacement check. To date, 84% of the May 2022 checks have been replaced and deposited; 79% of the June 2022 checks have been replaced and deposited; and 86% of the July 2022 checks have been replaced and deposited. The Grand York Rite Office will continue to work on getting replacement checks for all expired checks in the new fiscal year. We are currently caught up with check deposits, though there are a large number of recently received checks at the Grand York Rite Office that will be deposited after Grand Session.

One of the first projects that the Grand Treasurer asked me to work on was the Charity Donation submission situation. I started with the donation submission to the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) program. During September 2022 and October 2022, I exchanged emails with J. William Riggs, concerning how to write the checks for collected RARA donation submissions and where to send the checks for collected RARA donation submissions. The last item that I was working on before I had to move on to other projects was the proper documentation of the collected RARA donation submissions. Consequently, this project was unfinished as of Grand Session, but will be completed in the next fiscal year.

The Grand Treasurer asked me to follow up on several IRS-related issues. I discovered that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Grand Commandery Educational Foundation, and Grand York Rite IRS 990 filings were not up to date. The Grand Commandery Educational Foundation and Grand York Rite both file IRS 990N (e-Postcard).

During February 2023 and April 2023, I successfully caught up the filings for both the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation and Grand York Rite. The IRS 990N (e-Postcard) filings for both entities are now up to date.

The Grand Chapter has in the past filed a full IRS 990, the Grand Council has in the past filed an IRS 990EZ, and the Grand Commandery has in the past filed a full IRS 990. The last fiscal year successfully filed for all three Grand Bodies was June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 (technically the 2018 reporting year, but the filing used the 2019 form). During December 2022, I began preparing Grand Chapter IRS 990 forms for the reporting years of 2019, 2020, and 2021. However, due to information issues, I was not able to complete those forms. I also was not able to get to the Grand Council IRS 990EZ forms. In addition, I was not able to get to the Grand Commandery IRS 990 forms or determine if the Grand Encampment was filing the IRS 990 forms on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

During December 2022, our Missouri Chapters and Councils began receiving the first batch of CP120B Notices from the IRS informing them that, “You're no longer recognized as a tax-exempt subordinate in a group exemption letter.” The notices referenced three different IRS Tax Periods: January 31, 1965, December 31, 1971, and December 31, 1972. It was determined that the notices did not prevent the local Chapters and Councils from successfully filing their IRS 990N (e-Postcard). A very limited second round of CP120B Notices were received during March 2023.

During March 2023, it was decided that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and, possibly, the Grand Commandery would seek the assistance of a professional tax accountant (or attorney) in order to get the three Grand Bodies IRS 990 filings caught up. During April 2023, the Grand Treasurer received a Notice from the IRS that the Grand Chapter must file an IRS 990 for 2022 before the end of 2023 in order to keep its tax-exempt status. Work on getting the IRS 990 status for all three Grand Bodies will continue in the months after Grand Session.

During February 2023, the IRS informed us that they had changed our mailing address to the address of the Grand York Rite Office in Fayette, Missouri. However, the mailing address change did not impact all correspondence from the IRS to the Grand York Rite and its associated Grand Bodies.

The Grand Treasurer asked me to follow up on several employee-related issues. During December 2022, I made several attempts to contact the IRS concerning submission of employee tax withholdings. Though I was eventually able to speak with an IRS staff member about the issue, I was told that they would only address the issue with the actual Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite of Missouri. I reported this information to the Grand Treasurer during January 2023.

During March 2023, I finally received the information needed to file the 2022 W-2/W-3 forms for our employees. Both employees reported that they had no problem using the 2022 W-2 forms to file their respective 2022 Federal and State income tax forms.

During April 2023, the Grand York Rite received a CP237A Notice from the IRS concerning an undeposited September 2021 refund check for \$1,422.21 that had now expired and was no longer negotiable; and procedures for requisition a replacement.

Shortly thereafter, the Grand York Rite received a replacement refund check in the amount of \$1,422.21. While no request for a replacement check was made, the check will be deposited after Grand Session.

Between October 2022 and January 2023, I made several attempts to contact the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Division of Employment Security (DES) concerning the Grand York Rite's failure to file quarterly DES reports. During November 2022, I received a copy of a July 2022 monthly DES statement from the Grand Treasurer indicating that we had not filed quarterly reports for the 4th Q 2022 and the 1st Q 2023. During December 2022, with the assistance of the Grand Treasurer, I obtained access to the DES web portal for our account. However, I did not find a way to file quarterly reports using the portal. I contacted the DES customer service department about filing quarterly reports and was informed that I would need to speak with the DES liability department. I was connected to the DES liability department and was informed that the Grand York Rite account was not properly setup. Further, I was informed that they would only speak with the actual Grand Treasurer. I reported this information to the Grand Treasurer during December 2022.

During January 2023, I received a copy of a November 2022 monthly DES statement from the Grand Treasurer stating that we had been fined \$400.00 for failure to file quarterly reports for the 4th Q 2022 and the

1st Q 2023. As I understood the DES system, because we are a nonprofit entity, we do not have to pay unemployment taxes on our employees, but we are required to file quarterly reports. If we fail to file a quarterly report, then we will be fined \$200.00 per report. During January 2023, I also received a copy of an October 2022 DES certificate of assessment from the Grand Treasurer stating that the assessed delinquency of \$400.00 was final and that paperwork had been filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. During January 2023, I also received a copy of a December 2022 DES letter indicating that because we no longer pay wages in Missouri, we no longer have to file quarterly contribution and wage reports with the DES. This issue was not resolved prior to Grand Session.

The Grand Treasurer asked me to follow up on several bank/nonprofit corporation issues. We had spoken about one of the banks used by the Grand York Rite requiring proof of State registration. During December 2022, I spoke with the bank staff member who had made the request of the Grand Treasurer. Based on the conversation, I understood that the evidence of State registration needed was a charter for a nonprofit corporation from the Secretary of State, Business Services Office (BSO). During December 2022, I successfully filed for and obtained a nonprofit corporation charter for the Grand Chapter (Grand Chapter RAM of Missouri, N001691180), Grand Council (Grand Council RSM of Missouri, N001691184), Grand Commandery (Grand Commandery KT of Missouri, N001691185), and Grand York Rite (Grand York Rite of Missouri, N001691187).

During November 2022, I received a copy of an October 2022 letter from the Secretary of State informing us that the nonprofit corporation, Knights Templar Foundation of Missouri (Grand Commandery Educational Foundation), charter N00521196 had been revoked due to failure to file an annual report. I researched the process for requesting reinstatement of a nonprofit corporation charter; collected and created the necessary documentation for the request; verified with the Secretary of State, Business Services Office (BSO) that the request fee was \$40.00; obtained a check in the amount of \$40.00 from the Grand Treasurer; and submitted the request. During December 2022, I received a notice from the BSO that the request fee that I had submitted was incorrect and that the request was therefore denied. The letter stated that the request fee was \$25.00 and they were returning my \$40.00 check. I obtained a check for \$25.00 from the Grand Treasurer (eventually returning the unused \$40.00 check to him). During January 2023, I resubmitted the request for reinstatement and received a notice that the charter had been reinstated.

My tenure as the Assistant Grand Treasurer has been very enlightening though also frustrating at times. The Grand Treasurer and I have worked together since 2011. This year I have enjoyed working more closely with the Grand Treasurer and I have learned a lot about what it takes to do the job.

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, Assistant Grand Treasurer

Move that Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings.

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, following this narrative you will find the statistical reports of the Grand Recorder's office. Although the same recommendations are made every year, again, it would be of great benefit to the grand officers and committees to actually review and study these reports as they provide much institutional information as to the overall financial and physical health of the subordinate Councils of the Grand Council of Missouri.

Annual Returns – Late: As of the time of this report, the following Councils filed late returns and were assessed penalties: Poplar Bluff Council No. 27; Centralia Council No. 34; Jeremiah Council No. 48; and Nevada Council UD.

Annual Returns – No Return: As of the date of this report, the following Councils have not filed a return and will be assessed penalties: Bert S. Lee Council No. 58.

Annual Returns – Not Received thirty days prior to Annual Assembly: As of the date of this report,

the following Councils filed an annual return, but not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convocation, has forfeited all rights and privileges to representation and voting at the Annual Convocation, and will be assessed penalties: None.

Annual Returns – Financial Statements: The following Councils either failed to submit or filed an incomplete Financial Statement: Ezra Council No. 32; Centralia Council No. 34; and Nevada Council U.D. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – CMMR and CEF Donations (according to the annual returns): The following Councils reported no contributions to CMMR: Poplar Bluff Council No. 27; Ezra Council No. 32; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Harmony Council No. 53; and Nevada Council U.D.

In contrast, for CMMR, the following Councils were able to meet the goal of at least \$3.65 per member: Hiram Council No. 1; Cape Council No. 20; York Council No. 40; Kansas City Council No. 45; Jeremiah Council No. 48; and Independence Council No. 49. Shelby Council No. 59 got close with \$3.41 per member. Hiram Council No. 1 exceeded the goal with \$5.77 per member; Cape Council No. 20 with \$4.91 per member; Kansas City Council No. 45 with \$8.20 per member; and Independence Council No. 49 with \$14.14 per member and Jeremiah Council No. 48 knocked it out of the park with \$15.27 per member. No other Council met the \$3.65 per member goal.

For the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund (CEF), the following Councils reported no contributions to CEF: Cape Council No. 20; Shekinah Council No. 24; Poplar Bluff Council No. 27; Jasper Council No. 30; Ezra Council No. 32; Carthage Council No. 41; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Kirksville Council No. 44; Kansas City Council No. 45; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48; Independence Council No. 49; Liberty Council No. 50; Harmony Council No. 53; Lebanon Council No. 56; and Nevada Council U.D.

Only one Council was able to meet the goal of at least \$3.65 per member: Hiram Council No. 1 with \$3.74 per member. s reported contributions: Hiram Council No. 1; Zabud Council No. 25, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27, Ezra Council No. 32, Centralia Council No. 34, Rolla Council No. 39, York Council No. 40, Bonne Terre Council No. 43 and Neosho Council No. 46.

One item of importance to mention – CMMR and CEF donations according to Annual Return Financial Reports show total contributions of \$4,672.42 and \$731.45 respectively for the 2022 reporting year, however total contributions received in same reporting year 2022 through our office were actually \$1,357.00 and \$505.92 respectively. This means that **financial reports are not being completed accurately and examiners are not doing a thorough job reviewing the financial records** of the Councils. Recorders need to try to report accurately and examiners need to pay closer attention to what they are looking at.

Annual Returns – Bonding: The following Councils reported that the Treasurer and Recorder are NOT bonded: Hiram Council No. 1; Cape Council No. 20; Shekinah Council No. 24; Poplar Bluff Council No. 27; Jasper Council No. 30; Ezra Council No. 32; Rolla Council No. 39; York Council No. 40; Carthage Council No. 41; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Kirksville Council No. 44; Kansas City Council No. 45; Neosho Council No. 46; Jeremiah Council No. 48; Harmony Council No. 53; Lebanon Council No. 56; Bert S. Lee Council No. 58; Shelby Council No. 59 and Nevada Council U.D. Although there is no requirement by law that bonds be established, there is a necessity of ensuring the organizational officers who are responsible for your financial health are bonded.

Annual Returns – Inquiries and Examination of Accounts (Financial Reviews): The following Councils did not file an Inquiry and Examination of Accounts as part of their Annual Return or if they did file an Inquiry and Examination of Accounts, it was incomplete: St. Joseph Council No. 9 – did not provide seal impression; Cape Council No. 20 – appears same person signed the report and did not provide seal impression; Shekinah Council No. 24 – did not provide seal impression; Zabud Council No. 25 – did not provide seal impression; Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 – incomplete report, missing signatures, did not provide seal impression; Jasper Council No. 30 – did not provide seal impression; Ezra Council No. 32 – incomplete report, missing signatures, did not provide seal impression; Centralia Council No. 34 – incomplete report; Rolla Council No. 39 – did not provide seal impression; Carthage Council No. 41 – did not provide seal impression; John F. Houston

Council No. 42 – incomplete report, did not provide seal impression; Bonne Terre Council No. 43 – did not provide seal impression; Kirksville Council No. 44 – did not provide seal impression; Kansas City Council No. 45 - did not provide seal impression; Neosho Council No. 46 – incomplete report, did not provide seal impression; Trinity Council No. 47 – did not provide seal impression; Jeremiah Council No. 48 - did not provide seal impression; Independence Council No. 49 – incomplete report, did not provide seal impression; Liberty Council No. 50 - incomplete report, did not provide seal impression; Harmony Council No. 53 – did not provide seal impression; Lebanon Council No. 56 – did not provide seal impression; Shelby Council No. 59 - did not provide seal impression; and Nevada Council U.D. - did not provide seal impression.

Many reports did not have the seal applied – it is a requirement of this document to provide evidentiary proof that the Council Recorder is in possession of the Council seal.

I refer all of the above to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns - Signatories: The following Councils report that there is not more than one signatory on the accounts of the Council: Ezra Council No. 32; Centralia Council No. 34; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Kirksville Council No. 44; Independence Council No. 49; and Harmony Council No. 53. **This failure is an extremely high risk to the Council.** I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – Dues: The following Councils reported dues charged each member to be less than that required by Grand Council (\$37.60): None.

Annual Returns – 990 Status: The following Councils did not file evidence of a completed 990 filing: John F. Houston Council No. 42; Jeremiah Council No. 48; Bert S. Lee Council No. 58; Shelby Council No. 59 and Nevada Council U.D.

Annual Returns – Council Indebtedness: The following Councils reported a negative cash on hand as of December 31, 2022: None.

Annual Returns – Summary: Does anyone actually read these reports, Grand Officers, Regional Officers or local Council Officers? Repeating from previous years (nothing has changed), I would direct the Grand Officers' (as well as appropriate committees') attention to the several items in the statistical reports – Councils who report little to no Cash on Hand; no Paraphernalia value; Councils who show an indebtedness; and Councils whose dues are extremely low. RDGM's should take notice of those Councils who failed to record any CMMR or CEF donations and provide education. It would appear that Recorders have forgotten (or were unaware) of the Penny-a-Day stickers our office provides for these charity donations. Finally, I would refer to the Grand Master and appropriate committees the list of Treasurers and Recorders who are not bonded, and whose Councils failed to submit an annual examination of accounts or incomplete reports. We must start reviewing and addressing these statistical reports and what appears to be failures on the part of the Councils, although we are sure most of these items could be remediated through training and education for the officers by the appropriate Grand Councils officers.

Marion Council No. 3: Repeating, I would encourage the Grand Council Officers to review the formation of this council and complete the process or repeal the law.

Growth Awards: There were a whopping 105 Greetings during the 2022 reporting year, what an amazing year. Grand Council Growth Awards for 5% will be presented to Hiram Council No. 1 (8%); Rolla Council No. 39 (5%); York Council No. 40 (5%); Carthage Council No. 41 (5%); Jeremiah Council No. 48 (5%); and Liberty Council No. 50 (7%). Growth Awards for 10% will be awarded to Lebanon Council No. 56 (12%), and the largest growth goes to Shelby Council No. 59 (16%).

This last year was phenomenal – although we did not get to positive numbers, we only realized a net loss of 1%, far below the traditional 7-10% loss we have experienced over the past 20+ years.

Summary: Companions, my first year as Grand Recorder has been an interesting one. I have learned, through a baptism of fire at times, a great deal about the operation of the Grand Council and the Grand York Rite.

The Grand Council Team has worked diligently, with great patience and skill in tackling many of the issues that befell us this year. The contributions that Debbie Hanson, Russell Hansen, Kevin Sample make, day in and day out for the betterment of the Grand Council, and for the York Rite as whole, cannot be underestimated. My heartfelt thanks goes to Debbie for her patience and guidance. The institutional knowledge the team possesses is remarkable, and Missouri should be proud of having such a well-oiled team at its core.

We are meeting in a new location, Springfield, for the first time in many years. We were able to move our meetings from Jefferson City due the tenacity and legal skills of James M. Powell of Jones, Powell and Steven, LLC. The agreement and approval to move the existing hotel contract away from Jefferson City, with no financial penalty to the Grand York Rite, came on November 30, 2022. We then started feverishly planning and preparing for a new venue, several months later than usual. We hope this year's venue meets with everyone's approval.

I've learned a great deal this year, I will continue to learn, and do everything within my power to support the Grand Officers, the Grand Council, members, mission, and charities.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PGM, Grand Recorder
Kevin B. Sample, HPGM, Assistant Grand Recorder

Move that these reports be accepted, subject to correction, and referred to the appropriate committees and to the Grand Officers for follow-up action as deemed necessary.

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

Annual Statistical Report – Start: 1/1/2022 End: 12/31/2022
Grand Council of Missouri

Total Working Councils = 27

The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.

Total number members on last return =	<u>1,541</u>
Total number GREETED =	<u>105</u>
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>37</u>
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>26</u>
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>
Total Gain (+)	<u>168</u>
Total number DIMITTED =	<u>37</u>
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>78</u>
Total number DECEASED =	<u>77</u>
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>
Total Loss (-)	<u>192</u>
Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(24)</u>
Total number members (including Dual/Plural) =	<u>1,517</u>

Statistical Reports: The following reports represent the Tabular Returns of the Councils, and from MMS are the Membership Counts by Councils and following is the Average Age Report as of May 13, 2023 – pay particular attention to the first line on the Average Age Report – it tells much about our future.

2022 Annual Returns

No.	Council	Location	Chartered	EIN	Stated Assemblies	Annual Return Received	2021 Membership	Greeted	Admitted	Reinstated	Add Adjustme...	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled	Del Adjustme...	Total Losses	2022 Net Gain / Loss	2022 Total Year End Membership
1	Hiram	St. Louis	July 17, 1883	23-7550888	4th Wednesday	25-Feb-23	38	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	41
3	Marion	At Large	June 9, 2016		Grand Session	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	October 7, 1871	23-7550889	1st Wednesday	21-Feb-23	172	2	0	1	1	4	1	10	9	0	0	20	-16	156
20	Cape	Cape Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	1st Wednesday	18-Feb-23	62	2	0	0	0	2	0	8	3	0	0	11	-9	53
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891	3rd Wednesday	21-Feb-23	44	6	1	1	1	9	4	5	5	0	0	14	-5	39
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	4th Monday	6-Feb-23	167	13	1	8	1	23	3	11	12	0	0	26	-3	164
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550893	2nd Thursday	3-Mar-23	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	7	-7	21
30	Jasper	Joplin	April 25, 1900	23-7550895	1st Tuesday	25-Feb-23	35	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	35
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	1st Monday	1-Mar-23	53	4	2	0	5	11	1	0	9	0	0	10	1	54
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	4th Monday	13-Mar-23	101	3	1	1	0	5	2	3	6	0	0	11	-6	95
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150	3rd Monday	24-Feb-23	78	7	1	5	0	13	0	8	1	0	0	9	4	82
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	4th Tuesday	1-Mar-23	22	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903	3rd Thursday	21-Feb-23	42	7	0	0	0	7	1	4	0	0	0	5	2	44
42	John F. Houston	Lexington	April 10, 1922	38-4024549	1st Wednesday	25-Feb-23	44	2	1	0	0	3	4	2	1	0	0	7	-4	40
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	2nd Tuesday	27-Feb-23	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	-4	37
44	Kirksville	Kirksville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	2nd Thursday	21-Feb-23	102	7	1	4	0	12	0	7	6	0	0	13	-1	101
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	1st Monday	1-Mar-23	59	6	0	2	0	8	2	2	2	0	0	6	2	61
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	3rd Monday	13-Feb-23	43	2	2	1	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	4	1	44
47	Trinity	Hannibal	April 25, 1949	23-7550909	1st Thursday	25-Feb-23	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	9
48	Jeremiah	Webster Groves	April 24, 1950	23-7144151	3rd Monday	24-Mar-23	64	8	0	1	0	9	0	3	3	0	0	6	3	67
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	4th Thursday	27-Feb-23	113	5	0	1	0	6	10	6	4	0	0	20	-14	99
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	3rd Monday	25-Feb-23	70	12	3	0	0	15	4	1	5	0	0	10	5	75
53	Harmony	Bethany	April 19, 1974	23-7396156	3rd Tuesday	1-Mar-23	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-1697678	3rd Tuesday	1-Mar-23	59	10	0	0	0	10	1	0	2	0	0	3	7	66
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	1st Thursday		32	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	-4	28
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	4th Tuesday	2-Feb-23	38	3	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	44
UD	Nevada	Nevada	n/a	n/a	2nd Monday	13-Apr-23	0	1	0	0	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
	TOTAL						1532	105	16	25	30	176	37	79	77	0	0	193	-17	1515

No.	Council	% of Growth	Greeting Fees	Per Capita	2021 Debits	Dues Cards	Dues Cards Postage Fees	Total Per Capita, Fees & Debits	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Members	Credit for Remissions and Life Members	GG Council Endowed Mbrs & Not Endowed or 50-Yr Mbrs	General Grand Council Credit
1	Hiram	8%	\$ 28.00	\$ 1,131.60	\$ -	\$ 19.00	\$ 7.64	\$ 1,186.24	1	1	6	\$ 220.80	7	\$17.50
3	Marion	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
9	St. Joseph	-9%	14.00	4,305.60	0.00	134.90	34.14	4,488.64	7	21	24	1,435.20	0	0.00
20	Cape	-15%	14.00	1,462.80	0.00	23.56	8.94	1,509.30	0	6	1	193.20	0	0.00
24	Shekinah	-11%	42.00	1,076.40	15.00	20.14	7.64	1,161.18	4	5	3	331.20	0	0.00
25	Zabud	-2%	91.00	4,526.40	0.00	65.36	10.89	4,693.65	31	32	22	2,346.00	4	10.00
27	Poplar Bluff	-25%	0.00	579.60	15.00	12.92	7.69	615.21	4	0	3	193.20	0	0.00
30	Jasper	0%	0.00	966.00	0.00	16.72	7.69	990.41	3	0	16	524.40	0	0.00
32	Ezra	2%	28.00	1,490.40	15.00	24.70	8.89	1,566.99	0	7	8	414.00	0	0.00
34	Centralia	-6%	21.00	2,622.00	30.00	41.04	1.54	2,715.58	4	20	34	1,600.80	0	0.00
39	Rolla	5%	49.00	2,263.20	30.00	34.58	10.89	2,387.67	8	5	16	800.40	3	7.50
40	York	5%	7.00	634.80	15.00	12.16	7.64	676.60	4	0	8	331.20	1	2.50
41	Carthage	5%	49.00	1,214.40	0.00	20.14	7.69	1,291.23	1	5	3	248.40	0	0.00
42	John F. Houston	-9%	14.00	1,104.00	0.00	18.24	7.64	1,143.88	4	2	6	331.20	0	0.00
43	Bonne Terre	-10%	0.00	1,021.20	0.00	18.24	7.64	1,047.08	1	2	6	248.40	1	2.50
44	Kirkville	-1%	49.00	2,787.60	0.00	42.18	10.89	2,889.67	1	18	11	828.00	3	7.50
45	Kansas City	3%	42.00	1,683.60	15.00	25.84	10.34	1,776.78	1	7	2	276.00	0	0.00
46	Neosho	2%	14.00	1,214.40	0.00	20.14	7.69	1,256.23	7	5	2	386.40	1	2.50
47	Trinity	-10%	0.00	248.40	0.00	6.84	6.34	261.58	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
48	Jeremiah	5%	56.00	1,849.20	15.00	28.88	10.34	1,959.42	4	3	17	662.40	3	7.50
49	Independence	-12%	35.00	2,732.40	0.00	41.42	10.89	2,819.71	0	7	18	690.00	0	0.00
50	Liberty	7%	84.00	2,070.00	0.00	30.02	10.34	2,194.36	1	6	16	634.80	0	0.00
53	Harmony	0%	0.00	414.00	0.00	9.12	6.94	430.06	0	3	0	82.80	0	0.00
56	Lebanon	12%	70.00	1,821.60	15.00	28.50	10.34	1,945.44	0	3	8	303.60	0	0.00
58	Bert S. Lee	-13%	0.00	772.80	0.00	14.06	7.69	794.55	0	0	5	138.00	0	0.00
59	Shelby	16%	21.00	1,214.40	0.00	20.14	7.64	1,263.18	3	1	1	138.00	0	0.00
UD	Nevada	#DIV/0!	7.00	607.20	0.00	11.40	6.94	632.54	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	TOTAL	-1%	\$735.00	\$ 41,814.00	\$165.00	\$740.24	\$242.94	\$ 43,697.18	89	159	236	\$ 13,358.40	23	\$57.50

No.	Council	2021 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Council	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	2022 Credits	2022 Debits
1	Hiram	\$ -	\$ 238.30	\$ 947.94		\$ 947.94	\$ 974.94	\$ -		974.94	27.00	
3	Marion	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		
9	St. Joseph	0.00	1,435.20	3,053.44		3,053.44	3,053.44	0.00		3,053.44		0.00
20	Cape	0.00	193.20	1,316.10		1,316.10	1,316.10	0.00		1,316.10		0.00
24	Shekinah	0.00	331.20	829.98		829.98	829.98	0.00		829.98		0.00
25	Zabud	0.00	2,356.00	2,337.65		2,213.49	2,213.49	0.00		2,213.49		
27	Poplar Bluff	0.00	193.20	422.01	15.00	437.01	422.01	0.00		422.01		15.00
30	Jasper	0.00	524.40	466.01		466.01	466.01	0.00		466.01		0.00
32	Ezra	0.00	414.00	1,152.99		1,152.99	1,152.99	0.00		1,152.99		0.00
34	Centralia	0.00	1,600.80	1,114.78	15.00	1,129.78	1,114.78	0.00		1,114.78		15.00
39	Rolla	0.00	807.90	1,579.77		1,579.77	1,579.77	0.00		1,579.77		0.00
40	York	0.00	333.70	342.90		342.90	342.90	0.00		342.90		0.00
41	Carthage	0.00	248.40	1,042.83		1,042.83	1,042.83	0.00		1,042.83		0.00
42	John F. Houston	0.00	331.20	812.68		812.68	812.68	0.00		812.68		0.00
43	Bonne Terre	0.00	250.90	796.18		796.18	796.18	0.00		796.18		0.00
44	Kirksville	0.00	835.50	2,054.17		2,054.17	2,054.17	0.00		2,054.17		0.00
45	Kansas City	0.00	276.00	1,500.78		1,500.78	1,500.78	0.00		1,500.78		0.00
46	Neosho	0.00	388.90	867.33		867.33	867.33	0.00		867.33		0.00
47	Trinity	0.00	0.00	261.58		261.58	261.58	0.00		261.58		0.00
48	Jeremiah	0.00	669.90	1,289.52	15.00	1,304.52	1,289.52	0.00		1,289.52		15.00
49	Independence	0.00	690.00	2,129.71		2,129.71	2,129.71	0.00		2,129.71		0.00
50	Liberty	0.00	634.80	1,559.56		1,559.56	1,559.56	0.00		1,559.56		0.00
53	Harmony	0.00	82.80	347.26		347.26	347.26	0.00		347.26		0.00
56	Lebanon	0.00	303.60	1,641.84		1,641.84	1,641.84	0.00		1,641.84		0.00
58	Bert S. Lee	0.00	138.00	656.55		656.55		0.00		0.00		656.55
59	Shelby	0.00	138.00	1,125.18		1,125.18	1,125.18	0.00		1,125.18		0.00
UD	Nevada	0.00	0.00	632.54	30.00	662.54	632.54	0.00		632.54		30.00
	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 13,415.90	\$ 30,281.28	\$ 75.00	\$30,232.12	\$29,527.57	\$-		\$29,527.57	\$27.00	\$ 731.55

No.	Council	Cash on Hand 12/31/22	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited	990
1	Hiram	\$ 4,811.75	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,811.75	\$ 76.50	\$ 236.50	\$ 153.50	N	N	Y	Y
3	Marion						0.00							
9	St. Joseph	5,782.06	117,674.03	200.00	676.80	0.00	124,332.89	37.60	73.75	73.75	Y	Y	Y	Y
20	Cape	2,269.03	8,832.84	500.00	550.00	0.00	12,151.87	50.00	260.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
24	Shekinah	323.78	0.00	5,000.00	170.40	0.00	5,494.18	42.60	62.05	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
25	Zabud	19,648.55	23,616.41	7,000.00	4,983.50	0.00	55,248.46	78.00	262.18	84.75	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Poplar Bluff	1,195.69	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,195.69	38.00	0.00	0.00	N	N	N	Y
30	Jasper	1,114.82	16,161.92	0.00	456.00	0.00	17,732.74	38.00	25.90	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
32	Ezra	-350.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,650.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	N	N	N	Y
34	Centralia	3,264.50	8,400.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,664.50	52.70	165.55	159.55	Y	Y	Y	N
39	Rolla	1,958.59	7,961.91	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	11,420.50	41.40	52.59	104.40	N	N	Y	Y
40	York	434.97	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	1,184.97	62.60	83.95	46.00	N	N	Y	Y
41	Carthage	7,450.08	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	7,800.08	37.60	29.20	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
42	John F. Houston	2,290.01	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,290.01	55.00	0.00	0.00	N	N	Y	N
43	Bonne Terre	3,979.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,979.80	42.00	0.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
44	Kirksville	19,557.41	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	21,557.41	55.00	25.95	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
45	Kansas City	1,120.57	0.00	8,000.00	2,016.00	0.00	11,136.57	48.00	500.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
46	Neosho	3,020.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,020.07	37.60	0.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
47	Trinity	1,158.08	0.00	165.00	0.00	0.00	1,323.08	55.00	0.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	N
48	Jeremiah	5,234.32	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,234.32	67.60	1,023.30	0.00	N	N	Y	N
49	Independence	15,701.23	10,000.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	26,201.23	52.00	1,400.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
50	Liberty	3,007.04	0.00	1,000.00	971.25	0.00	4,978.29	43.75	171.50	0.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
53	Harmony	324.59	0.00	0.00	128.79	0.00	453.38	42.93	0.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
56	Lebanon	2,753.04	0.00	1,850.00	0.00	0.00	4,603.04	48.00	150.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
58	Bert S. Lee						0.00							
59	Shelby	1,325.65	1,610.20	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,935.85	45.00	150.00	109.50	N	N	Y	N
UD	Nevada	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	unknown	0.00	0.00	N	N	Y	N
	TOTAL	\$107,375.63	\$194,257.31	\$68,915.00	\$9,952.74	\$ -	\$380,500.68	\$1,191.88	\$4,672.42	\$ 731.45				

Membership Count 01

Parameter: Missouri, Cryptic Masonry

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	Active Members	Petitioner	Candidate	Active no DOB	Active with DOB	*Average Age	Active Local Bodies	US Mailable
Missouri	1,512	1	10	4	1,508	67.9	27	1,501
1 - Hiram	43				43	61.2	1	43
3 - Marion						.0	1	
9 - St. Joseph	158				158	72.9	1	158
20 - Cape	50				50	67.6	1	49
24 - Shekinah	38	1			38	63.7	1	38
25 - Zabud	164		5		164	69.5	1	163
27 - Poplar Bluff	25				25	67.1	1	25
30 - Jasper	32				32	67.4	1	31
32 - Ezra	58			2	56	70.4	1	58
34 - Centralia	96				96	72.5	1	96
39 - Rolla	84				84	66.2	1	83
40 - York	23				23	67.5	1	23
41 - Carthage	43				43	68.7	1	43
42 - John F. Houston	39				39	67.6	1	39
43 - Bonne Terre	35				35	71.2	1	33
44 - Kirksville	95				95	70.4	1	93
45 - Kansas City	63				63	59.7	1	63
46 - Neosho	47			1	46	65.6	1	47
47 - Trinity	9				9	62.1	1	9
48 - Jeremiah	65				65	65.2	1	65
49 - Independence	97				97	67.4	1	97
50 - Liberty	74				74	67.9	1	74
53 - Harmony	15			1	14	71.5	1	15
56 - Lebanon	66		3		66	61.1	1	65
58 - Bert S. Lee	28		1		28	66.3	1	27
59 - Shelby	44		1		44	67.0	1	43
UD - Nevada	21				21	66.6	1	21
Total Members	1,512	1	10	4	1,508	67.9	27	1,501
Total Plural Members	41							
Total People	1,471							

Average Age - Parameters: Missouri, Cryptic Masonry

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Council	Active No DOB	Active DOB	Avg. Age	18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70-79		80-89		90-99		100+		Totals	
				#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Missouri	4	1508	67.9	24	1.6	70	4.6	144	9.5	220	14.6	285	18.9	387	25.7	276	18.3	98	6.5	4	0.3	1508	100.0
UD - Nevada	0	21	66.6	0	0.0	1	4.8	2	9.5	3	14.3	4	19.0	8	38.1	3	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	21	1.4
1 - Hiram	0	43	61.2	2	4.7	4	9.3	7	16.3	8	18.6	7	16.3	8	18.6	5	11.6	2	4.7	0	0.0	43	2.9
9 - St. Joseph	0	158	72.9	1	0.6	1	0.6	8	5.1	16	10.1	34	21.5	45	28.5	39	24.7	14	8.9	0	0.0	158	10.5
20 - Cape	0	50	67.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	22.0	8	16.0	7	14.0	12	24.0	8	16.0	4	8.0	0	0.0	50	3.3
24 - Shekinah	0	38	63.7	2	5.3	5	13.2	5	13.2	4	10.5	3	7.9	9	23.7	9	23.7	1	2.6	0	0.0	38	2.5
25 - Zabud	0	164	69.5	1	0.6	6	3.7	16	9.8	27	16.5	24	14.6	40	24.4	38	23.2	10	6.1	2	1.2	164	10.9
27 - Poplar Bluff	0	25	67.1	0	0.0	2	8.0	3	12.0	4	16.0	2	8.0	6	24.0	8	32.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	1.7
30 - Jasper	0	32	67.4	0	0.0	2	6.3	4	12.5	2	6.3	8	25.0	8	25.0	6	18.8	2	6.3	0	0.0	32	2.1
32 - Ezra	2	56	70.4	2	3.6	1	1.8	3	5.4	3	5.4	16	28.6	21	37.5	5	8.9	5	8.9	0	0.0	56	3.7
34 - Centralia	0	96	72.5	0	0.0	3	3.1	7	7.3	11	11.5	17	17.7	22	22.9	24	25.0	12	12.5	0	0.0	96	6.4
39 - Rolla	0	84	66.2	1	1.2	4	4.8	14	16.7	10	11.9	15	17.9	22	26.2	14	16.7	4	4.8	0	0.0	84	5.6
40 - York	0	23	67.5	2	8.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	26.1	2	8.7	8	34.8	2	8.7	3	13.0	0	0.0	23	1.5
41 - Carthage	0	43	68.7	1	2.3	2	4.7	4	9.3	4	9.3	9	20.9	12	27.9	7	16.3	3	7.0	1	2.3	43	2.9
42 - John F. Houston	0	39	67.6	0	0.0	1	2.6	4	10.3	4	10.3	15	38.5	8	20.5	5	12.8	2	5.1	0	0.0	39	2.6
43 - Bonne Terre	0	35	71.2	0	0.0	1	2.9	2	5.7	3	8.6	8	22.9	13	37.1	6	17.1	1	2.9	1	2.9	35	2.3
44 - Kirksville	0	95	70.4	1	1.1	5	5.3	4	4.2	12	12.6	15	15.8	27	28.4	26	27.4	5	5.3	0	0.0	95	6.3
45 - Kansas City	0	63	59.7	2	3.2	6	9.5	11	17.5	15	23.8	12	19.0	8	12.7	3	4.8	6	9.5	0	0.0	63	4.2
46 - Neosho	1	46	65.6	2	4.3	1	2.2	7	15.2	7	15.2	7	15.2	10	21.7	9	19.6	3	6.5	0	0.0	46	3.1
47 - Trinity	0	9	62.1	0	0.0	2	22.2	0	0.0	1	11.1	2	22.2	3	33.3	1	11.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	0.6
48 - Jeremiah	0	65	65.2	0	0.0	6	9.2	5	7.7	10	15.4	15	23.1	18	27.7	11	16.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	65	4.3
49 - Independence	0	97	67.4	1	1.0	5	5.2	8	8.2	20	20.6	16	16.5	20	20.6	20	20.6	7	7.2	0	0.0	97	6.4
50 - Liberty	0	74	67.9	1	1.4	4	5.4	4	5.4	14	18.9	16	21.6	21	28.4	6	8.1	8	10.8	0	0.0	74	4.9
53 - Harmony	1	14	71.5	0	0.0	1	7.1	1	7.1	0	0.0	5	35.7	2	14.3	2	14.3	3	21.4	0	0.0	14	0.9
56 - Lebanon	0	66	61.1	5	7.6	4	6.1	11	16.7	8	12.1	15	22.7	14	21.2	7	10.6	2	3.0	0	0.0	66	4.4
58 - Bert S. Lee	0	28	66.3	0	0.0	1	3.6	1	3.6	8	28.6	6	21.4	6	21.4	6	21.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	28	1.9
59 - Shelby	0	44	67	0	0.0	2	4.5	2	4.5	12	27.3	5	11.4	16	36.4	6	13.6	1	2.3	0	0.0	44	2.9
Total	4	1508	67.9	24	1.6	70	4.6	144	9.5	220	14.6	285	18.9	387	25.7	276	18.3	98	6.5	4	0.3	1508	100.0

GRAND HISTORIAN REPORT

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

William G. Snyder, PGM, Chairman

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(from the floor)

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Companions, the Committee on Finance & Accounts has reviewed the Grand Council budgets and actuals from recent years and used that to inform the creation of the working budget for the 2023-2024 Cryptic year. The committee has reviewed each line item, and asked many questions of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, etc. The committee acknowledges that the Grand Officers and Grand Office do have to spend money in order to continue to operate in support of Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction.

After reviewing our investments, income, and expenses it is clear that it is again time for us to increase our per capita to stay ahead of the effects of decreasing membership and inflation. There will be relevant legislation presented at the next Annual Assembly and the committee strongly urges your support so that the Grand Council can continue to operate in the black and to provide programs in support of the constituent Councils.

Move the acceptance of this portion of the report, subject to correction and audit.

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

2023-2024 BUDGET

The Committee on Finance and Accounts met on April 1, 2023, and approved the following proposed working budget for the 2023-2024 Cryptic year. The Committee hereby submits this proposed working budget for your consideration and approval.

Income	
Per Capita, Membership and Greeting Fees (839 @ \$27.60, 100 @ \$7.00)	\$ 23,856.40
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ 2,900.00
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 1,500.00
Grand Session, Meal Income	\$ 5,000.00
Grand Session, Program Book Income	\$ 120.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 33,626.40
Salaries and Allowances	
Grand Master Stipend	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Recorder Stipend	\$ 3,000.00

Clerical Assistant Salary	\$ 5,000.00
Employment Taxes	\$ 800.00
Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00
Grand Lecturer Expenses	\$ 100.00
Audit Committee	\$ 100.00
Office Expenses	\$ 4,425.00
Printing Services	\$ 800.00
Office Rent	\$ 1,800.00
Storage Rent	\$ 360.00
General Grand Council Per Capita (1,131 @ \$2.50)	\$ 3,000.00
Annual Assembly	\$ 3,500.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Supply Fund Contribution	\$ 0.00
Past Grand Master Jewel	\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund (839 @ \$0.06)	\$ 50.00
Youth Organizations	\$ 900.00
Emerging Leaders Fund (839 @ \$0.10)	\$ 80.00
MMS Support	\$ 650.00
Web Master	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 30,265.00
Total Income	\$ 33,626.40
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 30,265.00
Investment Funds	\$ 3,200.00
Balance	\$ 161.40

Move the acceptance of this portion of the report, subject to audit.

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

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson, Ex-Officio
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-Officio

Grand Council Advancing Officers
Donald MacCormick, Ex-Officio
Donald A. Trabue, Ex-Officio

Move the acceptance of the report as a whole, subject to correction and audit.

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Greetings: The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Dispensations granted and By-Laws changes approved for subordinate Councils and all other relevant matters pertaining to the business of the Craft acted upon by the Grand Master. In our opinion, the Grand Master has complied with the statutory duties, responsibilities, and inherent powers of his office. Our Grand Master is to be commended for his specific interest and attention to the Craft.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thanks the Grand Master for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Council during the past year. His recommendations will be referred to the appropriate committees for review and we express the hope for his continued successes in the years ahead.

Our congratulations to Most Illustrious Companion Michael S. Smith, Grand Master, for a successful year. In our estimation, you have performed your duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner.

Move the acceptance of this portion of the report.

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

SHALL A CHARTER BE ISSUED FOR NEVADA COUNCIL U.D.

On September 23, 2022, a written request for dispensation to form Nevada Council U.D. was received. The request included the certificates of good standing of the 20 founding members. On October 10, 2022, the Grand Master granted dispensation to form Nevada Council U.D. to meet at 221 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64722 at the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The proposed bylaws of Nevada Council U.D. were received on December 6, 2022, and approved on January 12, 2023, with the following officers being appointed:

Master	Paul L. Daniels
Deputy Master	Charles W Wackerly
Principal Conductor of the Work.....	David L. Dissler
Treasurer.....	Victor R Hinds
Recorder.....	Gary L. Jones
Captain of the Guard.....	James W. Dissler
Conductor of the Council	David L. Grubb
Marshall	Courtney L. Black
Steward	Frank R. Caliguire
Chaplain.....	James A. Phillips
Sentinel	James R. Leonard

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Recorder, and Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region 7B visited Nevada Council U.D. and determined that the Council opened, conducted business, and closed in exemplary fashion.

Move that the formation of Nevada Council No. 65 be approved by the Grand Council.

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2023 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE IX., Dues, SEC. 111. *Dues, Non-Payment of.* ~~Whenever a member fails to pay his dues on or before March 1 of each year, the recorder must notify the member in writing of his delinquency on or before March 11. If, after notice, the member fails to pay his dues on or before April 1, he is automatically suspended for non-payment of dues. The suspension should be recorded by the recorder in the minutes of the first meeting of the council thereafter. See *SEC 141A. Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.*~~

~~A companion remaining in arrears for more than one year after suspension for non-payment of dues may be restored to membership by making written application, payment of one years dues and receiving a 2/3 favorable vote by paper ballot. (Amended 5/6/94, 6/12/21)~~

To:

ARTICLE IX., Dues, SEC. 111. *Dues, Non-Payment of.* Whenever a member fails to pay his dues on or before February 1 of each year:

A. The Master shall appoint a Council Membership Retention Committee, consisting of no less than three (3) members who shall make direct contact with the member in question by phone or in person within thirty (30) days to discuss any potential financial hardships or other issues which may be the member's concern regarding their membership.

B. The Membership Retention Committee shall file a written report within thirty (30) days with the Master and Recorder indicating the contact date(s) and summary of the communication and recommendation, e.g. suspension, remission, or other arrangements to help the member retain and maintain their membership.

C. A Council may not act on any vote to suspend a member until the Membership Retention Committee report has been filed.

D. If, after the Report of the Membership Retention Committee has been filed, the Council may take whatever action is deemed appropriate. The report of the committee and the action of the Council shall be recorded by the recorder in the minutes. A copy of the committee report and the action taken shall be forwarded to the Grand Council Membership Retention Committee.

E. See *SEC 141A. Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.*

G. A companion remaining in arrears for more than one year after suspension for non-payment of dues may be restored to membership by making written application, payment of one year's dues and receiving a 2/3 favorable vote by paper ballot.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To establish a more personal communication with our membership in the form of a Masonic helping hand to help retain our members who may be in hardship or have other membership concerns but uncomfortable in voicing those concerns.

Fraternally submitted,
Paul L. Daniels, PM, Carthage Council No. 41
Mark A. Bean, PM, Centralia Council No. 34
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE II. SEC. 13. Grand Treasurer, Duties. ~~(7) Investments. A committee consisting of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Chairman of the Committee on Finance for and on behalf of this Grand Council, and in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to invest any surplus funds of the Grand Council. This Committee shall publish an investment policy where no less than one-half of all investments are in government bond, or in the securities or accounts fully insured or per the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United States, except for those received by gift or bequest which may be retained in kind. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or NASDAQ an “A”[:] or better by Standard and Poor[e]’s or Moody’s or some equally well recognized investment rating service. This shall be a separate fund and not commingled with the investment of any non-Grand Council funds. (Added 5/13/04, Amended 7/8/18, ??/??/??)~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This is a standing committee. The appropriate place for standing committee information and guidelines is in Section 18. Recommend moving to that Section under additional bullet (11). The original language and changes will be discussed in further legislation submitted as part of this change.

Fraternally submitted,
Paul L. Daniels, PM, Carthage Council No. 41
Mark A. Bean, PM, Centralia Council No. 34
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

ARTICLE III. SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of. (4) The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder together with the report of the Examiner and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Council, and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee. The committee shall be authorized to determine and identify the surplus funds of the Grand Council. In addition, the committee shall be authorized to move said surplus funds that are available to the Investment Committee for placement in appropriate investments and securities. The fiscal year of the Grand Council shall end May 31st of each year. (Amended 5/15/03, 6/12/21, ??/??/??)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: There is currently no stipulation of who determines what surplus funds are. The goal of this legislation is to enable the Committee on Finance and Accounts to utilize their in-depth knowledge of current budget and funding needs of the Grand Council and transfer any surplus funds to the Investment Committee for proper placement. This also corrects the spelling of the word “contract.”

Fraternally submitted,
Paul L. Daniels, PM, Carthage Council No. 41
Mark A. Bean, PM, Centralia Council No. 34
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

Move that the complete Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received, approved and printed in the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
Todd A. Schulze-Chairman
Kevin B. Sample
Aaron Shoemaker

William G. Snyder-Vice Chairman
Adam Iwanow

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

(See Reports of Grand Recorder)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

This year has been a challenging year for the Inquiry/Examination committee. The committee had requested certain reports concerning the reconciliation and copies of various account statements to try to verify and confirm balances in checking accounts, money markets, investments held at various financial institutions and any other assets and investments held in the name of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri but have not been able to receive them. Since we have not received reconciliations or statements from the various institutions confirming account balances, this committee cannot express with any degree of confidence an opinion as to the accuracy of any figures presented in this year's financial report.

The process developed by the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer is extremely detailed with all warrants issued, invoices scanned and made a part of the record, budgets and proceedings checked to make sure it was properly authorized, and checks issued and then verified as clearing the bank, when they did, on the books at the Grand Recorders office. The committee finds that the York Rite office staff properly notated receipt of checks and properly notated on their records the sources and gave credit to the various bodies, issued warrants when payables were due to be paid and in all other respects did their job in a professional and efficient way.

The Grand Council officers who compose this committee have been given unfettered access to the records and attendance at the regular Webex financial meetings conducted by the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and Assistant Grand Recorder on a quarterly basis. Opportunity to ask questions concerning the detailed financial transactions are given to all participants to discussed in these meetings and any concerns or questions may be expressed by anyone on this meeting. Based on this and the results of the sample transactions traced during the examination of the records in the Dropbox account where these records are archived, the committee can express confidence that the records as shown in the Dropbox appear to an accurate record of the transactions handled by the office.

While the recording of transactions by the Grand York Rite office appears to be handled very well, it was noted that there was a significant delay in depositing checks by the Grand Treasurer causing any checks included in those deposits to become "stale dated" and a great deal of effort was made to locate checks and have them reissued.

The Grand Treasurer with the assistance of the Assistant Grand Recorder and the Grand York Rite office, traced most of the checks and have identified them and requests for reissue have been sent.

As has been mentioned in previous reports by this committee and by previous reports of other committee along with committee reports in this preliminary proceedings report, there have been recommendations made to try to strengthen the safety and security of our recordkeeping and ensure the proper management of the recordkeeping and accounting integrity. Some previous recommendations are “in progress” or in other ways being addressed. Others are not. A quick perusal of the Assistant Grand Treasurer’s report, the investment committee report and others, will show what can happen when safeguards are not employed or if employed, not monitored.

Recommendations:

1. That a “final” Grand Treasurers financial report be issued as of the close of the fiscal year and distributed to appropriate individuals and committees as soon as practical. Since the preliminary report published for the Grand York Rite session usually is an interim report due to the timing of statements and reconciliation, there is a gap between what was shown in the interim report and the previous years beginning balance. It can be difficult to account for the difference in the preliminary report ending balance and the beginning balance for the next year.
2. The way Article II, Section 13 of our constitution reads concerning the Treasurer’s duties, it could be interpreted that ONLY the Grand Treasurer has complete control of all accounting matters regarding interaction with financial institutions, only he can make deposits, receive the statements, and reconcile the financial statements, and issue checks. He has complete control of all financial instruments. From an auditing principle of segregation or separation of duties in handling money, this is a concern. The Grand Recorders office should be able to make deposits upon receiving and accounting for monies due the Grand York Rite bodies. The Grand Treasurer has access to those records and can easily see if a deposit doesn’t reconcile with records of receipts by the office. This would cut down the time for accessing monies for the Grand York Rite and eliminate possible loss in postal services.
3. Part of the Grand Treasurer’s responsibility should be to make regular reports concerning annual registrations for State and Federal authorities, reconciliation of checking and investment accounts and then send them to the Grand Master, the Financial Review Committee and the Grand Recorder and also be included in his annual report.
4. That no monies be comingled. Each charity should have its own account, every account that requires separate accountability needs to be easily identified for transparency, particularly when it comes to Charitable funds to be transfer on our behalf. The same with “restricted use” funds. We realize that it may create more requirements for tracking and reconciling, however, transparency and accountability is essential.
5. That multiple signatories be authorized on checking and investment accounts and depending on the nature and use of the account determine who those signatories should be. In addition, that there be more than one administrator designated in case of emergencies.
6. In light of a possible transfer of responsibilities, we recommend that an outside audit be performed by an auditing company. This would be for the sake of transparency, protection of the outgoing Treasurer, protection of the Incoming Treasurer protection of staff personnel and to review any other weaknesses in our accounting system.

In conclusion, in conversations with several of the heads of the bodies and the Grand Recorder, the committee is optimistic about the course that will be set in the near future to rectify known deficiencies in our system and to a successful future for York Rite Masonry in Missouri.

The committee would like to thank our Illustrious Grand Master for the opportunity to serve in this capacity for his year.

Fraternally submitted,
Stanton T. Brown, II, Chairman

Grand Council Advancing Line Officers

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING

To the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

I am happy to report after years of substandard quality at the Jefferson City Capital Plaza, we have been relieved of our contract. The Grand Officers of the York Rite Bodies and this committee agreed to hire a law firm to represent us on the contractual agreement. We provided a survey to our members at the 2021 Annual Assembly and shared the volume of concerns by our members at the hotel. In addition, our Grand Master Ty Treutelaar visited our session and documented the conditions. The hotel stood its ground on our contract for 2023-2024. Our legal representative worked out an agreement to find an alternative to the Capital Plaza Hotel.

In November of 2022, we were offered an option to use another Atrium hotel and chose the University Plaza in Springfield, MO. The committee quickly worked with the hotel to find dates close to our Grand Session. The Grand Recorder and Grand Secretary, along with the Assistant Secretary, Assistant Grand Treasurer, and Executive Assistant, traveled to the location for a night and worked out the logistics with the hotel.

As you can see on the website and the registration package, we were able to keep our costs in line with our agreement at the Capital Plaza and provide value to our members.

I want to personally thank the quick actions of the Grand High Priest, Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, Assistant Grand Recorder, Assistant Grand Treasurer, and our Executive Assistant for their expedited planning of the session based on the changes.

Many Companions do not see the “sum of many small things”, done well, done over and over again by those who support the Grand Council. I could not be more proud of their work and you will also be when you attend our Annual Assembly.

We hope to consider moving the Annual Assembly around the state in future years. However, those decisions belong to the officers in the Grand York Rite lines.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael S. Smith, Chairman
Russel S. Hanson
Kevin B. Sample

Paul L. Daniels
Donald MacCormick

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

To the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of this committee. It has been a pleasure to serve with all of you.

CMMRF education has continued on a near monthly basis. CMMRF was highlighted at every Regional meeting and then the education continued in the Grand Council Newsletter. Missouri Cryptic Masons celebrated their 5th Annual CMMRF Month in March of 2022. This event is held in conjunction with the CMMRF Founder Day which takes place annually on March 6.

Thanks to the many donations from Missouri Councils of Royal and Select Masters and individual members, Missouri has once again retained its national standing and is ranked 10th in the top ten states in the Nation with an overall contribution of \$14,207.30! While we fell from our rank of 7th last year, our total contributions actually increased by \$1387.20 which represents continued growth and success for Missouri Cryptic Councils in 2022. This is very exciting news and is indicative our continued growth in contributions.

I would like to take this time thank each and every individual and Council for their 2022 contributions. Several individuals had outstanding contributions that led them to receiving CMMRF plaques and gold pins. MIGM Michael Smith will receive a gold pin with 6 diamonds, RPC William Snyder will receive a gold pin with 5 diamonds, Richard Riepe will receive a gold pin with 4 diamonds, and Chad Wagoner will receive a gold pin with 2 diamonds. Thank you very much for your individual contributions! Congratulations to MIGM Michael

Smith who ranked 9th in the nation for his individual contributions! All awards will be presented during the Grand Sessions.

There are five Missouri Councils who will be receiving plaques and/or extender bars for their 2022 contributions. These Councils include York Council No. 40 with 4 extender bars; Kansas City Council No. 45 with 1 extender bar; Independence Council No. 49 with 1 extender bar; Centralia Council No. 34 with 1 extender bar, and Carthage Council No. 41 with 1 extender bar. Thank you very much for your collective Council contributions!

Many thanks overall to the individual and Council contributions in 2022! Let's all work together to make 2023 and ever better year!

On behalf of myself and the Charity and Charity Endowment Fund Committee members, it has been a pleasure to serve on this Committee and to represent such a good and just cause as CMMRF.

Fraternally submitted,
Paul L. Daniels, Chairman
Michael S. Smith

Matthew D. Ruth

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: GRAND COUNCIL MERIT AWARD

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

The current Grand Council Merit Award Committee members are Dennis W. Houck, Chairman. Grand Captain of the Guard; Taz A Myer, Grand Conductor of the Council; Corey B. Huntsucker, Grand Marshall. I would like to express my gratitude to each member for their outstanding work.

Following the Grand Session in 2022, the committee met several times and discussed the appropriate changes that we would like to make. We decided to make several changes. The changes we made will make the members go to the Blue lodges and give York Rite presentations. The most noted changes are. Item 3 Add full form and short form openings so all councils that open can participate in the Merit award. Item 12 Present Council information in at least two symbolic lodges.

It was in the agreement of the committee that all Councils no matter how big or small should be able to attempt to receive the Merit award and, putting Council members in the Blue lodges should be able to bolster membership.

It has been a pleasure on serving as Chairman of this committee.

On behalf of myself and the Grand Council Merit Award Committee members, it has been a pleasure to serve on this Committee. The Grand Council Merit Award Committee congratulates the following Councils and Illustrious Masters for achieving the requirements for the award:

Council Name No.	Master	Term	Region
Hiram Council No. 1	Jacob William Thompson	2022-2023	5
Zabud Council No. 25	Gregory James Walker	2022-2023	7A
Rolla Council No. 39	Ronald Lee Townley, Jr.	2022-2023	4
Kansas City Council No. 45	Benjamin Robert Caimi	2022-2023	3B
Jeremiah Council No. 48	David W. Haywood	2022-2023	5
Independence Council No. 49	John David Toynton	2022-2023	3A
Liberty Council No. 50	Aryk Neilson Sandridge	2022-2023	3A

The following Councils did not complete all assigned duties but deserve an Honorable Mention.

Cape Council No. 20	Christopher M. Foeste	2022-2023	6
Shekinah Council No. 24	Steven Douglas Bright	2022-2023	3B
York Council No. 40	Walter Lawrence Wilson	2022-2023	5

Lebanon Council No. 56

Gerald Ray Hill

2022-2023

7A

Fraternally submitted,
Dennis W. Houck, Chairman
Corey B. Huntsucker

Taz A. Meyer

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: CRYPTIC EDUCATION – FREEMASONRY 2.5

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

This year has been a tremendous year for the Education Committee in the area of Freemasonry 2.5. The Education Committee has been one of the most active and deliberative Committees within the York Rite Sphere and there are programs and opportunities in work that will rival any state, national or international educational program. The term of this Committee and its members is three (3) years. Because of this, the Committee has taken the following approach to ensure that every action taken by the Committee is intentional, deliberate, concentrated and executable:

1. (Phase I) Year one – Critically and deliberately review and re-define the Committee's purpose and identify potential programs of interest for development, retention and restoration.
2. (Phase II) Year two – Outline, draft and propose the newly developed, retained and restored programs of interest and present an execution plan of action to the Grand Master, Grand Council Officers and Grand York Rite leaders.
3. (Phase III) Year three – Roll out, promote and execute the programs selected and developed by the Freemasonry 2.5 Committee in accordance with the proposed plan of action and the execution timeline and model.

Freemasonry 2.5 Report in Particular

Although the Education Committee is not prepared, at this time, to disclose in full which programs of interest will be pursued throughout the course of Phase II of the Committee lifecycle, there are some particular programs of interest that the Committee is excited to preliminarily outline for the members of this Grand Council:

York Rite Conference Purpose, Structure and Content

The Grand Council Education: Freemasonry 2.5 Committee has taken upon itself the responsibility of chairing and championing a revision to the current York Rite Conference structure. Over the course of this year, the Committee has examined the intended, perceived and actual purpose of the Regional York Rite Conferences and has identified a clear misalignment between these three presented purpose constructs. Further, the Committee has examined the attendance of the Regional York Rite Conferences (both numerical attendance and participation and the substantive attendance (Officers, Grand Officers, new members, etc.)). Through this examination, the Committee has determined that both the numerical and substantive attendance at the Regional York Rite Conferences, under their current structure, are failing to meet their intended, perceived and actual purpose constructs. Finally, the Committee has examined the content and consistency of the presentation material provided during the several Regional York Rite Conferences held throughout the year. From this review, the Committee has determined: (1) a lack of consistency and uniformity in the presentation materials and Conference structure; (2) a lack of substantive familiarity with the required/ recommended presentation material and (3) a lack of training and guidance of the Regional representatives concerning their responsibility to plan, host and execute a regional conference.

Because of this, the Committee has chosen to: (1) re-examine the viability and purpose of the current Regional York Rite Conference program; (2) determine alternatives for the Regional York Rite Conference program and assess whether these alternatives better align its intended, perceived and actual purposes and (3) present its findings, alternatives and recommendations to the each of the Grand York Rite bodies and Officers, as

well as a timeline and a proposed plan of action to implement the proposed findings, alternatives and recommendations.

Virtual Education Program – Masonic & Leadership Education

The Education Committee has taken inventory of some of the most successful, well attended and well-received virtual education programs and we have identified the opportunity to leverage a similar framework within the Grand Council and Grand York Rite of Missouri. The virtual education program will be presented on a consistent basis throughout the year (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly). The structure of the virtual education series will be sessions featuring a live interactive format, but will be recorded for subsequent on-demand viewership. The content of the virtual education series will contain both Masonic Education and Leadership and Development material. This dual-layered program is intended to provide Missouri Freemasons the opportunity to learn and develop both within the sphere of traditional and esoteric Freemasonry and with the operational and leadership sphere. This wholistic approach to education will, within our estimation, distinguish us from any other program currently offered and will provide Missouri Freemasons with a first-class educational opportunity on an accessible and convenient virtual platform.

Conclusion

The Education Committee is excited about the opportunity to serve this Grand Council, The Grand York Rite of Missouri and Missouri Freemasonry and is actively engaging in the review of potential programs of interest to support the purpose of this Committee and the growth and development of this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
Taz A. Meyer
Jacob Thompson

Matthew D. Ruth
Corey B. Huntsucker

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)
William G. Snyder, PGM, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

The committee has no new information to report for 2022-23 other than to reiterate that the cost of an Endowed Membership to the General Grand Council remains one of the best values in all of Freemasonry.

We do anticipate that the current price will not remain at its present value for much longer due to unprecedented market forces that the US economy is facing and urge every Cryptic Mason in this jurisdiction to secure his Endowment with the General Grand Council to minimize the impact upon the overall per capita dues structure of this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,
Matthew D. Ruth, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

In last year's Investment Committee report, recommendations were made regarding: the Report of the Treasurer; legislation surrounding the allocation of surplus funds; and who has that responsibility to allocate said funds; and modernization of the current Investment Policy

The 2022 Preliminary Treasurer report posted on the Missouri York Rite website covers a period from June 1, 2021- March 31, 2022. As yet, we have not seen 2022's Final report. Should this year's preliminary report show the same ten-month time frame, it will continue to be difficult if not impossible to offer timely financial analysis or decisions.

In keeping with the Investment Committee objectives, 5 pieces of legislation were drafted for the Grand Council and sent to Jurisprudence for review. Two of those pieces of legislation made it through Jurisprudence. The first, clarification that the Finance committee is a standing committee and the identification of how it handles surplus funds.

The second moves us towards a more modernized investment policy. For years, the Council has been restricted in following an appropriate investment strategy because of the arbitrary restraints placed on the allocation of surplus funds. The proper allocation of funds is dynamic and complex. That is why our Financial Advisor charges a fee. By requiring the Financial Advisor to work around a fixed allocation is basically "tying one hand behind his/her back." It is particularly pleasing that the Council has recognized this and has permitted this legislation to pass to the floor.

The Investment Committee was formed over two years ago. It is charged with examining the management of surplus assets and offering recommendations to improve the investment process and overall investment returns. It continues to stand ready to do so when it is needed.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman

Stanton T. Brown, II

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Companions, this year your Grand Council Committee on Long Range Planning reviewed the existing strategic plan as previously created by your Grand Council officers. We assessed movement toward the previously established goals and objectives and recommend the following actions to update our existing strategic plan to assure forward progression.

Each current goal and objective require evaluation to assess the level of progress toward that goal at this point in time. After completion of this evaluation, we can decrease the number and narrow the focus on the currently actionable objectives.

During the original plan development, all existing objectives were deemed important. For those remaining so, it is essential that we prioritize. An updated strategic plan which includes a revised and prioritized list of goals and objectives should be created and submitted to the Grand Council officers for their review and input.

Once the revised list of objectives is agreed upon, a Grand Council officer should be assigned as a champion for each of the objectives, along with a reasonable expectation of a timeframe for substantial completion. The champion would not be expected to function alone and should engage others as needed to accomplish any necessary tasks, as well as provide timely progress reports.

Companions, revising and updating our strategic plan on a regular basis will take considerable time, energy, and effort. But it is an essential function, and necessary to secure the future of Cryptic Masonry in Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

Taz A. Meyer, Chairman
Dennis W. Houck
Matthew D. Ruth
Kevin B. Sample

Paul L. Daniels
Corey B. Huntsucker
Adam M. Iwanow

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION AND GROWTH

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

It has been a pleasure for the Committee on Membership and Retention to serve Most Illustrious Companion Michael S. Smith and the Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

I am pleased to report the Committee on Membership and Retention was able to achieve most of the goals set out for the 2022-2023 year. This year the membership committee was able to move into the regions and help support the local councils.

Some of the things we were able to accomplish were:

- Work closely with the Membership Committees of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to provide a more unified approach to membership.
- Encouraged the local Councils conduct their Stated Assemblies in a professional and organized manner, even if there was not a quorum and especially coming of the successful year the Chapter has had with their membership initiative.
- Continue to serve and support the local councils throughout the jurisdiction in their respective membership initiatives.
- Giving the local Councils information in order to recognize their members with the various awards and certificates available through the Grand Council.
- Helping local Councils become more accountable and responsible for their own membership improvement.
- Work closely with the Education Committee to provide the local Councils with educational presentations to improve their membership attendance.

Your Membership Committee is here to help your local Councils succeed and have a future.

Fraternally submitted,
Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman
Dennis W. Houck
Michael C. Rohman

Christopher M. Foeste
Adam M. Iwanow

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCES

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Regional York Rite Conferences were held on the following dates and places:

- Region 5, August 20, 2022, St. Louis
- Regions 7A and 7B, September 10, 2022, Bolivar
- Regions 2, 3A and 3B, September 24, 2022, Kansas City
- Regions 1 and 4, October 15, 2022, Jefferson City
- Region 6, November 19, 2022, Jackson

The committee is pleased to report that Regional York Rite conferences were hosted in areas to include all Cryptic Regions. The consolidation of Regional Conferences provided time back to the many busy masons.

Each Regional Conference was scheduled, developed and executed by the Regional Deputy Grand Masters and Regional Grand Lecturers.

The quality of the Regional Conferences has been elevated in the past few years and attendance has increased. The quality of the presentations and a focused agenda has resulted in a better experience. The committee recommends the RDGM's work with their Chapter and Commandery peers and schedule the conference as early as possible on the Grand York Rite Calendar.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael S. Smith, Chairman
Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Paul L. Daniels
Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL and GRAND LECTURER

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

This was a challenging year personally for the Grand Lecturer but suffice it to say, he is finally on the mend. The Grand Lecturer and several Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers (RDGL's) made several ritual presentations at most of the Regional York Rite Conferences. On behalf of the MI Grand Master, we thank the RDGM's and RDGL's for their hard work in their regions and in conducting the conferences.

Regarding the Grand Council Ritual Proficiency Program, the following are the only active certificates:

Part/Section	Last	First	MI	Council	No.	Examined	Expires
Part 1	English	William	S.	Ezra	32	17-Feb-21	February 17, 2024
Part 1	Walker	Gregory	J.	Zabud	25	27-Mar-21	March 26, 2024
Part 1	Fryer	Wayne	B.	Rolla	39	24-Apr-21	April 23, 2024
Part 1	Fielder-Bey	Jeffery	L.	Kansas City	45	24-Apr-21	April 23, 2024
Part 1	Huntsucker	Corey	B.	Shekinah	24	24-Apr-21	April 23, 2024
Part 1	MacCormick	Donald		Independence	49	24-Apr-21	April 23, 2024
Part 1	Ashby	James	E.	Rolla	39	20-Jul-21	July 19, 2024
Part 1	Hill	Gerald	R.	Lebanon	56	11-Sep-21	September 10, 2024
Part 1	McCoy	Gerald	R.	Zabud	25	28-May-22	May 27, 2025
Part 1	Gilkerson	Donald	E.	Liberty	50	29-Jan-21	January 29, 2024
Part 1	Meyer	Taz	A.	Hiram	1	24-Apr-21	April 23, 2024
Part 4, Section A	Sample	Kevin	B.	Poplar Bluff	27	21-Jun-21	June 20, 2024
Part 4, Section B	Sample	Kevin	B.	Poplar Bluff	27	21-Jun-21	June 20, 2024
Part 4, Section C	Sample	Kevin	B.	Poplar Bluff	27	21-Jun-21	June 20, 2024
Part 4, Section D	Sample	Kevin	B.	Poplar Bluff	27	21-Jun-21	June 20, 2024
Part 5, Section A	Gilkerson	Donald	E.	Liberty	50	27-Mar-21	March 26, 2024

As to the Proficiency Program, under the stewardship of PGM Wayne B. Fryer two years ago, our Grand Council Officers did a great job of picking up their end, however now new Grand Officers certificates were issued this year. We still have much work to do. It is our anticipation that ALL Grand Council Line Officers and all RDGM's and RDGL's hold at a minimum the Part 1 Opening and Closing of a Council before the end of this next term, and yes, this includes the Grand Lecturer as well.

Regarding the newly approved 6-Man Opening, this is intended ONLY to be a tool to help struggling Councils get back on their feet. Nothing more, nothing less. It is recommended that RDGL's provide at least 6 copies to each Illustrious Master (to be kept by the Recorder) as needed in such Councils. The most current/correct version has a revision date on it of July 26, 2022. It is also suggested that even some of the stronger councils at least practice this ritual just in case they need to use it in the future.

I would remind the RDGL's of the RDGL Report that appears many may not be familiar with. They have been in our document library for many years, but apparently are not being used. The committee would like at least one of these for each of the Councils you have visited as RDGL this next year, completed and returned to me before the 1st of May. RDGL's should be making visits to each of your Councils each year and filing a report of said visit. We look forward to hearing from you and reviewing your reports.

It was the intent of the committee to hold a School of Instruction this year with the RDGL's so we can clearly be teaching the same ritual throughout the state, but alas, that didn't happen. If someone is foolish enough to continue said appointment next year, this will be No. 1 on our agenda. Simply put, if we don't KNOW the ritual, how can we be expected to TEACH the ritual.

Next year's Grand Master's Cryptic Day will be held on March 23, 2024, somewhere in central Missouri. We expect all RDGL's and Grand Line Officers to have at least one part.

As many of you know, the life of a grand officer or regional grand officer is mostly a thankless job. The thanks we all should be getting is from within, our thanks is for the opportunity and ability to serve a wonderful craft in any way we can. We all serve a greater purpose and are a part of something more than we can possibly comprehend. Please let us never lose sight of that. We thank each of the RDGL's for your willingness to give of yourself whatever you may, and your willingness to serve. We hope this new year finds each of you and yours healthy and happy. Finally, it would be our wish for each of the RDGM's and RDGL's whenever visiting a Council, especially the Grand Master, please consider closing the Council with the Circle of Friendship, found on Page 67 of our Ritual – read it if necessary, it is so very precious. Please let us never take each other or any of our Companions for granted. Please shake every man's hand and thank them for their participation and their willingness to give of themselves as well – we never know when that opportunity will be no more.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
Richard A. Riepe

Donald MacCormick

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS/INTERNET

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Companions, the website as a communications tool and document sharing system continued to be stable this year. The changes were minor in nature and were primarily related to system and plug-in updates. We continue to encourage everyone to subscribe to the Grand York mailing lists where timely event notices and updates can be shared with all.

The Events Calendar is open to everyone to post their events of import, Official Visits by Grand Officers, and especially degree work, all of which will be moderated and if approved by the committee members, posted usually in less than 24 hours.

I would direct everyone to the very useful forms and documents located in the Document Library. If you find something missing, let us know and we will bring it up to date and post it for everyone's use.

Our social media platform continues to grow in reach and content. We encourage all Chapters to send event information, pictures of newly Exalted Companions and Degree Teams, etc., to share with everyone.

During the course of the last year, we added new online forms to allow secretaries to request New Member Certificates, created and shared a York Rite volunteer and survey form to encourage participation and find those with the right skills and talents to help where they may shine in the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

Companions, the committee has determined that the Grand Session for 2024 will be held at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center in Branson, Missouri on May 29, 2024 thru June 2, 2024, with the Grand Council meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael S. Smith, Chairman
Kevin B. Sample

Donald MacCormick
Donald L. Trabue

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

The 48th Triennial will be held in Branson, MO at the Chateau on the Lake, with the Grand Council of Missouri being one of the hosts. Detailed registration information, event schedule can all be found at www.triennial.org. Early registration closes on June 12 and late registration closes on July 12 – registration fees go up after June 12 so if you are planning on attending you need to register before the June 12 deadline.

Missouri will need Companions on hand to assist with the Triennial. If you are interested in helping with the many events and activities, please contact the Triennial Chairman, Kevin B. Sample.

We look forward to RPC William G. Snyder, PGM being elected to the office of General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Fraternally submitted,
Paul L. Daniels, Chairman
Todd A. Schulze

Donald MacCormick
William G. Snyder

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND MEMBERSHIP

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri,

This is an exciting time for the Missouri Grand York Rite and our Missouri Masonic Youth. The energy and excitement surrounding the desire to bring the Missouri Masonic Youth groups and the Missouri Grand York Rite bodies closer together is unparalleled. There have been very few youth-forward Masonic Leaders, in the state of Missouri, like the current and upcoming leaders of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

There have been extensive discussions with the collective leaders of the Missouri Grand York Rite to synthesize the efforts between the respective bodies' Youth Committees and as a result of those discussions, I am proud to say that while each Grand York Rite body possesses its own respective Youth Committee all three Committees and their respective members are working together and toward a singular goal and with a unified and purposeful intent of growing Missouri Freemasonry and engaging with and empowering the Masonic Youth who are not only the future of Freemasonry but the future leaders of our Country.

Before in engaging in where the future of this committee is heading, we would like to share some of the experiences and successes of this Committee and your Grand York Rite Leaders:

2022 Masonic Youth Convention, Grand Assembly & Grand Session

- Missouri DeMolay's 2022 Annual Convention was held in Jefferson City at the Capitol Plaza Hotel May Friday, June 27 – Monday Jun 30, 2022.
- Missouri Rainbow's Grand Assembly was held on Friday June 24 – Monday June 27 (Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri)
- Missouri Job's Daughters Grand Session was convened on Friday June 24 – Sunday, June 26 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson, City, MO

In the past, it has been the regular pattern of performance or course of conduct for only the head of each body of the Grand York Rite to attend all three Masonic Youth sessions. In all honesty, compared to other Grand Masonic bodies, this attendance and level of support was visibly and noticeably less than adequate. However, this year there was a clear change in direction. It was the Grand York Rite bodies that had the largest delegation and representation at each Grand Youth Session. In fact, at Missouri Rainbow's Grand Assembly there were a collective ten (10) Grand Officers across the three Grand York Rite bodies. This representation was exceptional and the Masonic Youth and Missouri Freemasonry took notice.

Companions and Sir Knights, your leaders, MEC Kyle R. Palacios – Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; MIC Michael S. Smith – Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and Sir Knight Michael C. Rohman – Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri represented you and the Grand York Rite in exemplary fashion. Each gave an energetic and dynamic presentation when awarding the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons'; Grand Council of Cryptic Masons' and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar's Youth Awards and presenting our annual donations. Our Grand York Rite leaders truly set the standard and the best part is, this is only the beginning.

The Grand York Rite is paving the way for the future of our Masonic Youth One of the big questions presented to this Committee by your Grand York Rite leaders was, "how can we increase our presence and exposure within our Masonic Youth Groups?" As a result, this Committee has been coordinating actively and directly with the Masonic Youth Groups and with the Grand York Rite leaders concerning opportunities for organizational unique awards, presentations, programs, sponsorships, etc. Every action being taken by this Committee to develop the necessary infrastructure for long-term mutual success and development is intentional, deliberate and coordinated. We are excited about the future of the mutual relationship between the Grand York Rite and our Masonic Youth. As the Committee continues to meet and additional conversations are coordinated, the Committee will be presenting opportunities to the Grand York Rite and Masonic Youth leaders.

Upcoming Masonic Youth Grand Sessions:

Missouri DeMolay Annual Convention

Missouri DeMolay Leadership
State Master Councilor
Executive Officer

Marty Trimble
Jeff Kitsmiller, Jr.

Missouri DeMolay's 2023 Annual Convention will be held in a BRAND NEW location, this year!

The Young men of Missouri DeMolay will be spending Memorial Day weekend (Friday, May 26 – Monday, May 29) at Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO). This is an exciting opportunity for Missouri DeMolay and the Missouri DeMolay youth and adult leadership are looking forward to unveiling this first-class program to the Convention attendees and the Missouri Masonic Family. Over the course of this weekend, State Master Councilor, Marty Trimble will fulfill his tenure of service to Missouri DeMolay and Deputy State Master Councilor, Cole Westermayer, State Master Councilor – Select, will be elevated to the office of State Master Councilor. Congratulations to both young men and their Officer Corps!

Missouri Rainbow Grand Assembly

Missouri Rainbow Leadership

Grand Worthy Advisor

Supreme Deputy

Ms. Gracie Yabrough

Mrs. Dorleta Lodholz

Missouri Rainbow's 2023 Grand Assembly will again be held in Springfield Missouri Friday, June 23 – Monday, June 26) at Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. Over the course of this weekend, Ms. Gracie Yabrough will complete her term of service as Grand Worthy Advisor of this amazing sorority and the next Grand Worthy Advisor will be elected by her peers to serve the Jurisdiction of Missouri for 2023 – 2024. Congratulations to Gracie on an exceptional term of service!

Missouri Job's Daughters Grand Session

Missouri Job's Daughters Grand Bethel Leadership

Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Grand Guardian

Associate Grand Guardian

Ms. Abigail Teska

Mrs. Sarah Watson

Mr. Chris Smead

Missouri Job's Daughters 2023 Grand Session will again be held in June 22-25, 2023 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. Over the course of their Grand Session, Ms. Abigail Teska will complete her term of service as Grand Bethel Honored Queen and the next Grand Bethel Honored Queen will be elected by her peers to serve the Jurisdiction of Missouri for 2023 – 2024.

Additionally, there will be a transition of Missouri Job's Daughters adult leadership and a new Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian will be elected and installed. Congratulations to Abigail, Sarah and Chris for their service to Missouri Job's Daughters and thank you for all you have done for Missouri Freemasonry and the Masonic Family.

Fraternally Submitted,
Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman

Donald MacCormick

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

(No Reports Available at Time of Printing)

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

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF SILVER TROWEL

Minutes of the 72nd Annual Convention

June 8, 2022

Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

Opening of the 72nd Annual Convention in full form at or about 1330 local time. Bible opening and invocation by Glenn B Parker, Chaplain.

Officers Present:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Dennis L Hammack
Senior Warden	Willie C Woolsey PIGM
Junior Warden	Jeffrey Fielder-Bey
Recorder/Treasurer	Roger D. Fleer
Steward	Terry D. Coppotelli
Sentinel	Wayne B Fryer p/t (Danny Smothers PIGM absent, no notification)
Chaplain	Glenn B Parker

Reception and election of petitions for 12 candidates, 3 honorary. Fifteen candidates were in attendance.

Distinguished Guests:

MIC James R Cantania, IGM of Indiana, VIC David W Miller DGM of Indiana, and MIC Prince D Selvaraj of Ontario Canada received the honorary conferral.

Members- 33, Cast- 9, Candidates- 12, Honorary membership- 3: total- 57

Candidate Class

Ronald L Beatty #49, Steven D Bright #24, Emmett J Bryson #9, Steven F Eberharter #39, Gerald R Hill #56, W Stuart English #32, Michael D Massey #20, Charles J Ortiz Jr #20, Daniel Symes #24, Jacob W Thompson #1, Gregory J Walker # 25, Ashley W Young #44 and the Distinguished Guests.

Conferral of the Order

Prologue	Roger D Fleer p/t
Benaiah	William G Snyder PIGM
Zadok	Dennis W Houck
Nathan	Terry D Coppotelli
Messenger	Joe P Elsen PIGM
Adonirum	Todd A Schulze PIGM
Ahiah	Wayne B Fryer
Abijah	Jeffrey Fielder-Bey
David	Richard A Riepe
Solomon/ Candidate	Emmett J Bryson

Treasurers report- attached, motion by Dennis Fetter, second by Tom Cupples for approval of the report- passed. Expenses for 2021: Honorarium, Recorder/ Treasurer \$100.00 declined/returned to the Order.

Apron for the Ill. Grand Master Michael S Smith- \$521.95 purchased Apr 2022.

Audit report- reviewed, approved. Fetter, Woolsey, Hammack; Report is filed with the proceedings.

Approval of the minutes of the 71st Annual Convention to be forwarded for the current session proceedings.

Old Business: Discussion on rising cost of medallions and IGM aprons. Dwindling York Rite membership in general and the need to recycle Council officers is resulting in fewer candidates for the Order. As of now the Order is meeting its financial obligations, however this may not be the case in the near future.

New Business: After discussion in the Old Business section on membership concerns it was recommended the joining fee be raised from \$40.00 to \$60.00. Recorder Fleer noted the last fee increase was 7 years ago. A motion was made to create a committee to investigate the increasing of fees, this motion failed. A new motion to

increase fees to \$60.00 was made by David Witte, seconded by Terry Coppotelli- motion overwhelmingly passed fee increase begins with the 2023 class.

A discussion was held regarding the practice of reimbursement on the IGM apron prior to the authorization of this action the annual convention. A motion was made by Tom Cupples, seconded by Terry Coppotelli to authorize the Recorder/Treasurer to reimburse the Grand York Rite when the IGM bill comes into the Recorder-motion passed.

There is a need to purchase additional member jewels and Thrice Illustrious Master jewels. The Recorder recommended 100 member and 10 TIM jewels be purchased; motion by Dennis Fetter, second by David Witte-motion passed.

Necrology Report and Prayer – Noted the passing of:

TIM Jerry F Ward PGC 2010- 2011, passing 07 November 2021

TIM Daryl L Price 2016- 2017, passing 11 November 2021

Prayer was given for all; a moment of silence was observed.

Communications received: Notices from Mo-GYR on the passing of our Companions listed in the Necrology report, bill for MIGM apron, Candidate forms.

Nominating Committee: recommended Wayne B Fryer to be appointed to the line.

Report and election of 2022/2023 officers: motion made by Fleer- the line of officers to be advanced, Wayne B Fryer appointed to the Chaplaincy, Recorder/ Treasurer to be retained; second by Robert Schlichter and William G Snyder. Motion passed.

Installation

Installing Officers

Thrice Illustrious Master	Dennis E Fetter
Marshall	Robert W Schlichter
Chaplain	William G Snyder

Installed Officers

Thrice Illustrious Master	W C Woolsey
Senior Warden	Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey
Junior Warden	Terry D. Coppotelli
Recorder/Treasurer	Roger D. Fleer
Steward	Danny D. Smothers (not present)
Sentinel	Glenn B. Parker
Chaplain	Wayne B. Fryer

The Convention was closed by the new officers at or about 1515 local time.

Fraternally submitted,
Roger D Fleer

Order of the Silver Trowel Treasurers Report

72nd Annual Convocation held 08 June 2021

Order of the Silver Trowel

Assets

January 2022 Balance

Certificate of Deposit	\$5778.65	includes \$62.87 interest
Pass book	\$ 707.81	
Total	\$6486.46	

Income

Membership fees 13@ \$40.00= \$520.00 (as of 12 June 2021)

Expenses for 2022:

IGM apron	\$521.95-	M S Smith apron purchase date 15 April 2022 Pd Ck# 794812 First
State Community Bank Cashier's Check		
Medallions	in stock	
Honoraria	\$100.00	Authorized, declined
Total	\$521.95	ENDING BALANCE:

June 2021

Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,778.65 (renewal 1.10% Sept 2022)
Pass book	\$ 185.86 (IGM apron paid from passbook)
Total	\$ 6,073.65

This report is as of 1 June 2022 and does not reflect additional membership fees collected after 12 June 2021/ deposited NLT 01 July 2021. All new member fees collected will be deposited after conferral date of 08 June 2022

Fraternally submitted,
Roger D Fleer

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

AWARDS – HISTORICAL
COUNCIL LEWIS & CLARK

1987-1988

- 1 - William F. Strode (Trinity 47)
- 2 - Frank Golden, Jr. (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Howard L. Adkins (Westport 38)
- 4 - Galeon P. Campbell (Rolla 39)
- 5 - William L. Weiss (Hiram 1)
- 6 - Michael R. Stevens (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Von Ray Berry (Zabud 25)

1988-1989

- 1 - C. Richard Carter (Kirksville 44)
- 2 - Andrew O. Ross (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Ernest W. Erickson (Westport 38)
- 4 - Clarence W. Wieland (Rolla 39)
- 5 - Theodore Buckwick (York 40)
- 6 - George C. Hunt (Cape 20)
- 7 - Robert E. Barton (Carthage 41)

1989-1990

- 1 - Mervin W. Pierce (Trinity 47)
- 2 - James M. Roberts (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Luther W. Lance (Liberty 50)
- 4 - Kenneth W. Derryberry (Rolla 39)
- 5 - Raymond Schuenmeyer (Jeremiah 48)
- 6 - James H. Reynolds (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - William H. Vobbe (Jasper 30)

1990-1991

- 1 - Forrest S. Todd (Trinity 47)
- 2 - Marvin H. Koch ()
- 3 - Kenneth Boyd Morris ()
- 4 - Harold C. Mace (Rolla 39)
- 5 - James E. Finch (Hiram 1)
- 6 - John E. Crites (Cape 20)
- 7 - Elmer H. Wilhelm (Zabud 25)

1991-1992

- 1 - Kenneth Grace (Trinity 47)
- 2 - Herbert N. Sutherland (Harmony 53)
- 3 - Ray F. Hendricks (Sedalia 42)
- 4 - Wilbert W. Burton (Rolla 39)
- 5 - Erwin J. Roesel (Jeremiah 48)
- 6 - John E. Schofield (El Camino 52)
- 7 - Edward J. Franklin (Jasper 30)

1992-1993

- 1 - Charles R. McBee (Kirksville 44)
- 2 - Michael W. Klipp (Trenton 37)
- 3 - Lester J. Brown (Liberty 50)
- 4 - Ralph L. Coshov (Ezra 32)
- 5 - Albert H. Miller (Hiram 1)
- 6 - E. Wayne Mund (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Jack B. Castor (Jasper 30)

1993-1994

- 1 - None
- 2 - John E. Thrailkill (Harmony 53)
- 3 - Charles E. Davis (Independence 49)
- 4 - Melvin B. Goe, Sr. (Centralia 34)
- 5 - None
- 6 - None
- 7 - Donald Gordon (Zabud 25)

1994-1995

- 1 - None
- 2 - William Mier (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - C. Keith Wilkinson (Independence 49)
- 4 - John D. Atkins (Rolla 39)
- 5 - None
- 6 - None
- 7 - Grant W. John (Lebanon 56)

1995-1996

- 1 - Richard L. Mansfield (Kirksville 44)
- 2 - Richard G. Remelius (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Teddie E. Harrison (Independence 49)
- 4 - Eugene E. Wilson (Centralia 34)
- 5 - Carl C. Hobbs (York 40)
- 6 - Douglas A. Bothman (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Randall J. Jones (Zabud 25)

1996-1997

- 1 - Earl W. Orr (Trinity 47)
- 2 - Albert L. Kowitz (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Bob McLeese (Independence 49)
- 4 - Robert H. Bray (Centralia 34)
- 5 - Kevin E. Weaver (Jeremiah 48)
- 6 - Clark W. Layne (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Gary A. Phillips (Jasper 30)

1997-1998

- 1 - Art E. Carlson (Trinity 47)
- 2 - James C. Moore (Trenton 37)
- 3A - Brent D. Wilson (Shekinah 24)
- 3B - Danny L. Ferguson (Warrensburg 57)
- 4 - Michael C. Glawson (Centralia 34)
- 5 - Robert E. Hardester (Bonne Terre 43)
- 6 - None
- 7 - None

1998-1999

- 1 - Amos Asmussen (Trinity 47)
- 2 - Carroll Henson (St. Joseph 9)
- 3A - Ted W. Harrison (Shekinah 24)
- 3B - Frederick M. Harle (Independence 49)
- 4 - Steve Hodge (Rolla 39)
- 5 - Edgar F. Coonrod (York 40)
- 6 - James J. Hayes (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - James Mercer (Zabud 25)

1999-2000

- 1 - Thomas C. Yunick (Kirkville 44)
- 2 - Ronald E. Wood, Jr. (St. Joseph 9)
- 3A - Richard G. Harrison (Shekinah 24)
- 3B - Glen E. Hennes (Warrensburg 57)
- 4 - James G. Wade (Centralia 34)
- 5 - Morning E. Collins (Hiram 1)
- 6 - Cecil O. Blaylock (Cape 20)
- 6 - William I. McCutcheon (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Stephen T. Thompson (Zabud 25)

2000-2001

- 1 - Gary W. Beahan (Trinity 47)
- 2 - Norman C. Jefferies (St. Joseph 9)
- 3A - William Ed Jones (East Gate 51)
- 3B - Roy Earl Talbott (Sedalia 42)
- 4 - T R Havens (Rolla 39)
- 5 - Robert E. Plummer (York 40)
- 6 - Steven C. Monrotus (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Albert E. Folds (Lebanon 56)

2001-2002

- 1 - Zelwin B. Eaton (Kirkville 44)
- 2 - J B Seevers (St. Joseph 9)
- "3A - John W. Gibson, Jr. (Liberty 50)
- 3B - Allen B. Bess (Sedalia 42)"
- 4 - Frank M. Hinshaw (Centralia 34)
- 5 - Carl A. Detmer, Sr. (York 40)
- 6 - Harold J. Richardson (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Richard A. Lowry (Jasper 30)

2002-2003

- 1 - William Sanders (Kirkville 44)
- 2 - Larry T. Odom (Trenton 37)
- 3A - Robert W. Vanderpool (East Gate 51)
- 3B - George F. D'Haene (Sedalia 42)
- 4 - Harold F. Coots (Ezra 32)
- 5 - Charles G. Coy (Jeremiah 48)
- 6 - James L. Woodfin, Jr. (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Aaron D. Jones (Zabud 25)

2003-2004

- 1 - Loren D. Lloyd (Kirkville 44)
- 2 - Bobby R. O'Dell (Chillicothe 28)
- 3A - Robert W. Brizendine (East Gate 51)
- 3B - Emerson O. Brown (Independence 49)
- 4 - Paul R. Cannon (Rolla 39)
- 5 - None
- 6 - James E. Snavelly (Bonne Terre 43)
- 7 - Richard R. McCauley (Lebanon 56)

2004-2005

- 1 - None
- 2 - Leland J. O'Dell (Chillicothe 28)
- 3A - None
- 3B - William E. Chriss (Sedalia 42)
- 4 - None
- 5 - David R. Vogler (Jeremiah 48)
- 6 - None
- 7 - None

2005-2006

1 - Darrell A. Wilham (Trinity 47)
2 - Lloyd Francis Waller (St. Joseph 9)
3A - Gary Lee Frost (Shekinah 24)
3B - Matthew Lee Quesenberry (Independence 49)
4 - Stewart L. Sinclair (Centralia 34)
5 - Norman G. Schlagenhauf (Hiram 1)
6 - Bill A. Humble (Poplar Bluff 27)
7A - Charles Norman Unverzagt (Lebanon 56)
7B - David A. Watson (Neosho 46)
At Large - John M. Nations (N/A)

2006-2007

1 - Roger L. McGregor (Trinity 47)
2 - Ray F. Jones (St. Joseph 9)
3A - Steven M. Anderson (Kansas City 45)
3B - Daniel R. Quesenberry (Independence 49)
4 - Kevin B. Sample (Centralia 34)
5 - Ronnie E. Green (Jeremiah 48)
6 - Bobby G. Roloff (Cape 20)
7A - Howard E. Ridgley (Lebanon 56)
7B - Gayle D. Bedell (Jasper 30)

2007-2008

1 - None
2 - William F. Maugh (St. Joseph 9)
3A - None
3B - William G. Snyder (Independence 49)
4 - Columbus Craft (Rolla 39)
5 - Roger D. Fleer (Jeremiah 48)
6 - Charles W. Carlstrom (Poplar Bluff 27)
7A - James C. Morgan (Lebanon 56)
7B - None

2008-2009

1 - Harley Lee Kropf (Shelby 59)
2 - Nathan David Carrington (St. Joseph 9)
3A - Aaron Michael Shoemaker (East Gate 51)
3B - Roy Nelson Thomas (Kansas City 45)
4 - Stephen Craig Derendinger (Ezra 32)
5 - Todd A. Schulze (Jeremiah 48)
6 - None
7A - Bradley Thomas Hicks (Lebanon 56)
7B - Lawrence M. Cripps (Carthage 41)

2009-2010

1 - Joseph Peter Elsen (Shelby 59)
2 - Loyd LeRoy Salmon (St. Joseph 9)
3A - William Bryant Van Meter (East Gate 51)
3B - Melvin J. Sanders (Independence 49)
4 - William James Neighbors (Rolla 39)
5 - John Edgar Trower (York 40)
6 - Harry Lee Tripp, Jr. (Bonne Terre 43)
7A - Gary Dean Matthews (Bert S. Lee 58)
7B - Vernon Kenneth Pogue, Jr. (Neosho 56)

2010-2011

1 - William J. King (Kirksville 44)
2 - Daryl L. Price (St. Joseph 9)
3A - Glen L. Bray (East Gate 51)
3B - None
4 - Matthew B. James (Centralia 34)
5 - Byron E. Hams (Jeremiah 48)
6 - Ronnie G. Cunningham (Cape 20)
7A - Stephen T. Thompson (Zabud 25)
7B - Rodney L. Trimble (Jasper 30)

2011-2012

1 - Jerry L. Miles (Shelby 59)
2 - Elbert F. Turner, Jr. (St Joseph 9)
3A - None
3B - None
4 - Luther H. Fryer (Rolla 39)
5 - William S. Fowler (Hiram 1)
6 - Jack D. Cade (Bonne Terre 43)
7A - James H. Whitman (Zabud 25)
7B - David R. Phillips (Jasper 30)

2012-2013

1 - Carl Bennie Barbee (Trinity 47)
2 - Dennis Vogel (St. Joseph 9)
3 - Don Higgins (Shekinah 24)
4 - John Lambros (Independence 49)
5 - Gary Waldon (Lebanon 56)
6 - Marvin W. Frost (Carthage 41)
7 - Earnie D. Wilson (Poplar Bluff 27)
8 - Robert L. Sanders (Jeremiah 48)
8 - Dennis E. Fetter (Jeremiah 48)
9 - Clifford R. Dobbins (Ezra 32)

2013-2014

- 1 - Richard Taylor (Shelby 59)
- 2 - James Jeffers (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Jeff Felder - Bey (Kansas City 45)
- 3 - Lawrence Tolliver (William Reynolds UD)
- 4 - Pat West (Liberty 50)
- 5 - Matt Ruth (Neosho 46)
- 6 - Jon Baltz (Fidelity 35)
- 7 - Mitchell Penn (Poplar Bluff 27)
- 8 - Chris Tilley (Hiram 1)
- 8 - Dennis Hammack (Jeremiah 48)
- 9 - Matthew James (Centralia 34)

2014-2015

- 1 - None
- 2 - Harry W. Vogel (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Laurent Emile-Ergas (Shekinah 24)
- 4 - None
- 5 - None
- 6 - Carlin L. Smittle (Zabud 25)
- 7 - Clifford W. Wofford (Bonne Terre 43)
- 8 - Phillip A. Cole (Hiram 1)
- 9 - William R. Brantley (Centralia 34)

2015-2016

- 1 - None
- 2 - Patrick C. Squires (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - Aaron E. Rose (Shekinah 24)
- 4 - Ralph Britz (Sedalia 42)
- 5 - William G. "Kip" Davis (Adoniram 63)
- 6 - John W. Shoemaker (Bert S. Lee 58)
- 7 - None
- 8 - Michael D. Kassel (Hiram 1)
- 8 - Taz Meyer (Hiram 1)
- 9 - C. Brent Stewart (Centralia 34)
- 9 - James B. Stephenson (Rolla 39)
- 9 - Donald H. Vandegriffe (Rolla 39)

2016-2017

- 1 - None
- 2 - Larry E. Chambers (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - None
- 4 - None
- 5 - None
- 6 - Ralph William Gansemer (Lebanon 56)
- 7 - None
- 8 - None
- 9 - James W. Woods (Rolla 39)

2017-2018

- 1 - None
- 2 - Alvin K. Patterson (St. Joseph 9)
- 3 - None
- 4 - William S. English (Ezra 32)
- 5 - None
- 6 - Charles M. Huey (Cape 20)
- 7A - Larry R. Clemens (Lebanon 56)
- 7B - None

2018-2019

- 1 - None
- 2 - Richard L. Slatter (St. Joseph 9)
- 3A - Michael E. Wheeler (Liberty 50)
- 3B - F. Bradley Fowler (Kansas City 45)
- 4 - None
- 5 - John C. Belmar (York 40)
- 6 - None
- 7A - None
- 7B - William J. ""Bill"" Sherman (Jasper 30)

2019-2020

- 1 - Donald L. Goings (Shelby 59)
- 2 - Douglas H. Reece (St. Joseph 9)
- 3A - Larry Fred Walters (Independence 49)
- 3B - Paul M. Pickney (Kansas City 45)
- 4 - James E. Ashby (Rolla 39)
- 5 - Jacob W. Thompson (Hiram 1)
- 6 - Kyle W. West (Cape 20)
- 7A - James E. McManigle (Zabud 25)
- 7B - Larry ""Shane"" McNeely (Neosho 46)

2020-2021

- 1 – Berry Vincil Cundiff (Kirksville 44)
- 2 – Emmett Johnston Bryson (St. Joseph 9)
- 3A - None
- 3B – Brian “Kelly” Mercer (Kansas City 45)
- 4 – John Barthol Moss (Ezra 32)
- 5 – Christopher J. Newbold (Hiram 1)
- 5 – William J. Mathis (Jeremiah 48)
- 6 – Michael D. Massey (Cape 20)
- 7A – Gregory J. Walker (Zabud 25)
- 7B – Henry A. Freund (Neosho 46)

2021-2022

1 – Charles Edward Cooper (Kirksville 44)
2 – Douglas Hastings Reece (St. Joseph 9)
3A - John D. Toynton (Independence 49)
3B – Benjamin R. Caimi (Kansas City 45)
4 – William David Woolsey (Rolla 39)
5 – James R. Fiete (Jeremiah 48)
6 – Christopher M. Foeste (Cape 20)
7A – Roger Dale Lovelace (Zabud 25)
7B – Ronald L. Bunzel (Neosho 46)

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1989	John H. Jepson, Jr.	2009	John Anthony Vezeau
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1991	James J. Gibbons	2011	Rodney L. Pensel
1992	William B. Stephenson, Jr.	2012	Michael D. Kassel
1993	Leroy D. Unruh	2013	LaDonne Snavelly
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1995	C. Scott Grantham	2015	Cheryl Lynn Klotz
1996	Robert L. Detherow	2016	Karen Lloyd
1997	Robert L. Hudson	2017	Daren Beck
1998	William D. Townley	2018	Adam M. Iwanow
1999	Virginia L. Goede	2019	Darren A. Beck
2000	James E. Snavelly	2020	Joseph W. Stewart
2001	William W. Mier	2021	Matthew David Ruth
2002	Catherine Dent	2022	David W. Haywood
2003	Dan Smothers		

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1982	O.V. Jack Cundiff	2006	Kevin Brian Sample
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1986	Lawrence R. Albright, II	2010	Roger D. Fleer
1987	Nelson G. Morgan	2011	James G. Wade
1988	Harold R. Crockett	2012	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
1989	Almon A. Atkins	2013	Columbus Craft
1990	Clarence K. Swan	2014	Byron E. Hams
1991	J.D. Smith	2015	Robert William Schlichter
1992	Carl L. Hoeningner	2016	Jeffrey L. Fielder-Bey
1993	William J. Bowser	2017	Andrew Dawson
1994	Harold C. Mace	2018	Harley L. Kropf
1995	Emory J. Hampel	2019	Larry F. Walters
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1997	R. Clyde Foster	2021	Donald Harold Vandegriffe
1998	Robert H. Bray	2022	Daniel Roy Quesenberry