

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

One Hundred Fifty-Eighth

Annual Assembly

OF THE

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

OF THE

State of Missouri

HELD

JUNE 6, 2024

UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



Thursday, June 6, 2024 (continued)

- Report of the Grand Master Elect – with Appointments
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. **Grand Council Lunch and Learn** – 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)
Order of the Secret Vault
- 3:30 p.m. **Close of the 158th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri**
- 3:45 p.m. **Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Council Officers** - Open to All
Pictures immediately following installation
- 6:00 p.m. **Family Fun Night Fiesta with Dinner, Entertainment and Cash Bar** – Open to All
Piñata & Movie Trivia (Marvels vs. DC) (*Oklahoma/Kansas*)

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
2023-2024 Elected and Appointed Officers**

Dr. Paul L. Daniels.....	Grand Master
Matthew D. Ruth.....	Deputy Grand Master
Dennis W. Houck.....	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Russell S. Hanson	Grand Treasurer
Donald MacCormick.....	Grand Recorder
Kevin B. Sample	Assistant Grand Recorder
Taz A. Meyer	Grand Captain of the Guard
Corey B. Huntsucker.....	Grand Conductor of the Council
Adam M. Iwanow	Grand Marshal
Kevin B. Sample	Grand Steward
Steven D. Bright.....	Grand Sentinel
John D. Toynton.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
David W. Jones.	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Chad E. Wagoner	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Michael J. Estright	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey	Grand Chaplain
Matthew L. Quesenberry	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Christian M. Jessen	Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry.....	Grand Chorister
William G. Snyder	Grand Historian
Richard A. Riepe.....	Grand Lecturer
Larry F. Walters	Grand Photographer
Debbie L. Hanson	Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder

Regional Deputy Grand Masters

David D. Goring.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 1
Bobbie E. White.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 2
Laurent P. Emile-Ergas.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3
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
David R. Phillips.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7A
William G. “Kip” Davis, II.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7B

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Joseph P. Elsen, PGM.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1
Donald E. Gilkerson.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2
Benjamin R. Caimi.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3
James W. Woods.....	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

Michael S. Smith, Chairman
Donald MacCormick
Joseph P. Elsen

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Randy L. Presley
Robert L. Schmidt
Kevin L. Swain
Todd A. Schulze

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

Jurisprudence

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

Returns of Councils

David C. Witte, Chairman
Wayne B. Fryer
Donald MacCormick

Special Committees

Annual Assembly Planning

Paul L. Daniels, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson
Donald MacCormick
Tara Ornsbey
Kevin B. Sample
Matthew D. Ruth
Tina L. Woolsey

Charity & Charity Endowment Fund

Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman
Richard A. Riepe
Matthew D. Ruth
William G. Snyder

Education: Grand Council Merit Award

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman

Education: Cryptic Ed - Freemasonry 2.5

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

Endowed Membership

William G. Snyder, Chairman (2020-2023)
Russell S. Hanson, Ex-officio
Donald MacCormick, Ex-officio

Examiner

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

General Grand Council Charity Committee

William G. Snyder, Chairman
Dennis W. Houck

Grand Council Endowed Membership

William G. Snyder, Chairman
Russell S. Hanson
Donald MacCormick

Grand Master's Cryptic Day

Dennis W. Houck, Chairman
Richard A. Riepe
Kevin B. Sample
Michael S. Smith
Jeff A. Stokes

Investments

Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman
Stanton T. Brown, II
Matthew D. Ruth
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
Mark A. Bean
Paul L. Daniels
Matthew D. Ruth
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Regional York Rite Conferences

Taz A Meyer, Chairman
Terry D. Coppotelli
Kevin M. Ritter
Regional Deputy Grand Masters
Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Ritual

Richard A. Riepe, Chairman
Joseph P. Elsen
Donald MacCormick

Social Media/Communications/Internet

Donald MacCormick, Chairman
Gregory J. Walker

Time and Place

Matthew D. Ruth, Chairman
Roger D. Fleer
Donald MacCormick
Russell S. Hanson
Bobbie E. White

Triennial

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

Youth & Membership

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
Thor Jeffrey Bodenstein
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Larry F. Walters
W. Larry Wilson

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
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
Donald MacCormick..... 2021-2022
Michael S. Smith..... 2022-2023

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 Vacant
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



Dr. Paul L. Daniels
Grand Master, 2023-2024

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND MASTER

Dr. Paul L. Daniels was born in Ft. Scott, Kansas and raised in Moundville, MO on his family's farm. He was the 6th born child to N.B. "Doc" and Wanda Daniels. Many believe that being the "baby" of the family is a preferred position, but this was not the case as two older brothers and three older sisters definitely did not allow for much pampering or spoiling. The older brothers did their best to toughen me up and the older sisters were like having three extra mothers. I remember being old enough to not desire staying in the house with the sisters but when I chose to hang out with my father and brothers, they always put me to work which set into motion a pattern of me accomplishing a lot of things at a young age. I remember doing things like driving trucks and tractors at a very young age and pushing hay off the truck to my brothers. One experience I will never forget is pestering my brothers to teach me how to ride a horse. They put me up on a horse (no saddle), put a bridle on it and told me to hold the reins. Then, after a good slap on the rump, I was off. Luckily the horse ran up to a barn and, having stayed on, I decided that I knew how to ride a horse at the age of 6.

As you might deduct from the information above, I was raised on a 1200 acre farm which included row crops, hogs, chickens, beef and a dairy. Having been through the ups and downs of farming, my parents stayed very diversified. I helped on the farm from a young age but became focused on the dairy around the age of 11.

From that point on I took care of all evening milkings and chores for the dairy. My parents were so relieved after 20 years of dairying that they decided to pay me. Yes, I was an 11-year old with a checkbook, buying most of my own clothes and treating myself to a go-kart. Some of my older siblings thought I was being spoiled until my parents told them that I purchased those items with my own money. At the age of 13, I purchased my first herd of cattle which has continued to this day. From that point on I became quite independent, purchasing my own first truck and customizing it like a real Cowboy Cadillac. The cattle herd has progressed to the point where my wife Sherrie and I have many cows. She raises black white face (Angus/Hereford cross) cows and I still raise Angus. How many do we have? Too many to count. In 1995, I purchased the family farm from my mother and have continued with that tradition.

Growing up on a farm, particularly a dairy, gave me a different perspective on work. On the farm in general, whenever there was work to be done, we did it. Even if that meant working into the night. A dairy is 5 and 5 every day with no days off. The weather didn't matter. If it was storming or if there was a blizzard, we still had to go get the cows and milk. There was no TGIF, weekends, or holidays. Pretty much every day was the same. That is why now I will get up in the morning, do my chores, go to the office, and then come home and do more work on the ranch. A friend once asked me if I always worked on weekends and I said "yes, I do because it's just another day to me". Work ethic is one thing but having integrity and being a man of your word is another. In a farming community I saw what happened to people that didn't keep their word with others. They were criticized, rejected, and lost respect. I learned early on that I did not want that to happen to me, so I will always try to be a man of my word.

Speaking of Sherrie, we met at a local hangout called the White Grill. She was only one grade ahead of me, but I never remembered seeing her during all our school years. I still don't know how that happened as we went to the same grade school, middle school and high school. When I first saw her, I thought maybe she was a new girl or just visiting a friend but no, she had been around the whole time. How was it I had missed this beautiful girl? Being raised a cowboy, she thought at first that I was "too cocky" for her, but I guess I grew on her, and we started to date for almost 6 years and eventually wed in 1986. We have 2 adult children, Spenser and Audrey.

I am often asked how I became interested in psychology. Here's the story. While I began farming at an early age and was fairly certain that is what I wanted to do, several things changed along the way. First, the great farm crisis of the late 70s occurred which made farming less profitable and then, after having a dairy for 26 years, my parents decided to sale out and focus on row crops and beef cattle. So, that sent me looking for work. Being a small town that I grew up in, the first thing you do is tell everyone you know you are looking for a job. It wasn't long before I received a call from a friend of mine who knew that I had grown up around horses and asked if I would be interested in working with the Equestrian Therapy program at Heartland Hospital which is a child and adolescent psychiatric hospital in Nevada, MO. I said "yes" thinking I would be working mostly with horses which was the case, but it also placed me in direct interactions with patients. My interest in psychiatric work grew and then, when one day faced with budget cuts in the horse barn, I was invited to work on the residential unit in the hospital where my interest really grew in psychology. After working with psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers for some time, I decided that psychology was the field for me. I admired the work psychologists did in individual and group therapy, but I also was intrigued by their ability to evaluate with psychological testing and their superiority in diagnosis. I started attending college and graduated from Park College in Parkville, MO with a Bachelor's Degree with Distinction in Social Psychology in 1992. I was then accepted and began attending a private clinical psychology program at Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield where I graduated with a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology in 1995 and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) in 1998. Before this, at the age of 24 I began my first administrative position and directed various in-patient hospital-based programs and out-patient clinics. I also did consultation and specialized in program development and revitalization. In the industry I became known as a build it and fix it man. While attending college, my work was more in administration. Actually, a little bit before graduation in March 1998, I opened my own private practice in Fort Scott, KS and named the clinic Choices Psychological Services. I presently employ 4 other therapists in the clinic and have been blessed with a continuously full schedule and a regional presence for 26 years.

My Masonic career began in 1993 when I was initiated as an Entered Apprentice. This was still a time where I had to give back my proficiency. Since I was still attending college and had entered graduate school during this time, it took me until 1995 to complete my Master Mason proficiency. Like many, instead of being seated among the Brethren after being raised, I was escorted to the Senior Steward's chair where I began my ascension through the chairs, becoming Worshipful Master in 2000. Shortly after being raised in Osage Lodge No. 303, I joined Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Scott, Mirza Shrine Temple in Pittsburg, KS, Nevada Chapter No. 56, Carthage Council No. 41, and O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15. I now also belong to Nevada Council No. 65 and Scottish Rite Valley of Joplin. Other Masonic memberships include St. Andrew's Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constatine, Memorial Council No. 420 Allied Masonic Degrees, Missouri Priory No. 17 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Cell Airne No. 76 Council of Knight Masons, Ray V. Denslow York Rite College No. 180, Order of the Easter Star Nevada Chapter No. 53 dual with Jerico Springs Chapter No. 456, House of Lords Tabernacle No. 72 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Royal Order of Scotland, Commerative Order of St. Thomas of Acon William R. Probst Chapel No. 106, Ye Antiente Order of Corks, Masonic Order of Bath, Sword of Bunker Hill, Masonic Order of Athelstan – Court of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis – Missouri College, Royal Order – Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord, Sovereign Order of Knights of the Preceptors, Grand College of Rites, and Missouri Lodge of Research. I am a past Regional Grand Commander, Past Deputy District Grand High Priest, Past Regional Deputy Grand Master, and Past Distict Deputy Grand Master. Recipient of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Lewis and Clark Award and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Lewis and Clark Award.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

First, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to my wife Sherrie for her patience, support, and understanding. I am fully aware that without good support on the home front, this year would have been very difficult. Second, it was very important to connect with my other two Amigos on this journey, Grand High Priest Mark A. Bean and Grand Commander Kevin B. Sample. Their support, guidance and encouragement were essential to the success of this year. It was an outright pleasure to work with like-minded Companions who were always there for me every step of the way. Having that kind of support in this process was essential for me. They also make excellent travel partners! Additionally, thank you to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Joseph P. Elsen for appointing me to the Grand Council line. MIC Elsen's guidance and support was essential to my ascension in the line. Another essential to success is a good relationship with the Grand Recorder who is also a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master. Thank you to MIC Donald MacCormick for his support, advice, and direction. Thank you to the Grand Council Officers for their support. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to my fellow Companions who gave me a vote of confidence once on the dias. I hope that I have lived up to your expectations and have served you well.

This has been a busy but fun year. I have always enjoyed going to new places, meeting new people and doing new things. My year actually started out early with the annual DeMolay conference and later the Rainbow and Jobs Daughter's conference. Engaging with the youth programs was exciting. There is a lot of energy in their conferences, and they are a lot of fun to attend. There is much more we could be doing for the youth programs. Giving of our time would be recommended. I attended all seven of the York Rite Conferences. I found them helpful for staying in touch with members and a good way to share information. There are some really good ideas floating around out there that we need to learn how to share in a timelier manner.

I had the distinct pleasure of being invited to the Joe B. Lewis Grand Cryptic Council Annual Assembly Prince Hall Affiliates in St. Louis. I found the hospitality there to be unrivaled. I really enjoyed meeting many new Companions and learning about Prince Hall Masonry. I had the honor of receiving a handmade stained glass Cryptic Mason emblem from MIC Dr. Lee Hill. I will always cherish this one-of-a-kind gift from a fellow Companion and Grand Master.

The 2023-2024 York Rite Masonic Year started with a newly elected Grand Treasurer. That Companion was PGC Russell Hanson. I am convinced that PGC Hanson was the only Companion that could have reconstructed and restructured the Grand York Rite finances. Russell has worked many long hours over the past

year on this mission. Many of you might not know it but actually, Russell, PGC Harold Coots, and PGC Michael Rohman had been working on the finances even prior to the Grand Sessions last year. Not only Russell's expertise but also his relationship with our previous Grand Treasurer Donald Trabue was essential to getting our finances back in order. Thank you to these Companions for their efforts in rehabilitating our finances. We certainly owe them a debt of gratitude, especially PGC Russell Hanson. We now have a sound, well-grounded budget going into the 2024-2025 year and are in a place where we can plan for our future. Now that our finances are very close to being solidified, we can begin financial planning for the future. Companion Terry Coppotelli has developed our new investment policy that will hopefully be approved during this year's Grand Sessions and we can become even more financially secure in the future.

The highlight of the year was definitely the Triennial in Branson. It was an honor and a privilege to open for the General Grand Council during the Triennial. That was a once in a lifetime opportunity that is not likely to occur again. Thank you to Most Puissant Grand Master William G. Snyder for that opportunity. I was proud of the Grand Council Officers who attended and assisted in opening the General Grand Council. I can now say that I opened for the World! Shortly after the Triennial, I attended the South Central Conference also in Branson and networked with other States in our Conference. Subsequently, I attended all of the Grand Sessions in our South Central York Rite Conference including Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. I would recommend that all future Grand Masters also attend these conferences and maintain relationships with these states. There were always things to be learned by visiting other jurisdictions.

The Three Amigos began working together long before our years started. One of our projects we developed was the new Retention by-law. I came up with the idea after observing suspensions being made in various Masonic bodies without contacting the member. Thanks to my other two Amigos, we developed and refined the new by-law which I am very proud of. As of April 15, there have been only 4 suspensions this year in the Council versus 62 last year which is a significant reduction. What is more important is the spirit of the new Retention by-law. That spirit is making personal contact and having a relationship with our Companions whom we have not seen for a while and encouraging them to attend again. It is also a process where each Council might find out more about themselves and the relationships they have with their members. For example, we all need to work on quality improvement if we expect members to desire attending our Councils. There is always room for improvement. We need to engage our members and get them involved in our Councils. Historically, the York Rite was sought after by some but now we must move to a program of promotion and solicitation in order to stay viable. I attended one Council this year that two members who usually attend were not there and the rest of the members knew where they were at and exactly why they were not there. I attended another Council and two officers were not present and the other members did not know where they were or why they did not attend. I realize this can be a two-way street but we need to have a much more personal relationship with our members, especially our new members.

Membership this year has stabilized due to the reduction of suspensions by 94% but also by the 72 new members who were greeted this year. Membership should continue to be a priority for all Councils. Rolla Council No. 39 led the pack this year with 15 new members! Rolla has developed a very successful membership campaign that continues to yield new members. I would recommend this program being shared with the rest of the state this next year, preferably via video that can be shared in the future as well. Other Councils at the top of the list for new members include John F. Houston Council No. 42 with 8, Zabud Council No. 25 with 7, Neosho Council No. 46 with 6, and Independence Council No. 49 and Nevada Council No. 65 both with 5 new members. Congratulations to these Councils on their gains! I would recommend to next year's Membership Committees that they work together in all three York Rite Bodies but also build on what Rolla and others have done and develop a standardized membership program. The Grand Master's Invitational program has proven to be successful, but this remains a passive program as it relies on attraction. We can however utilize this program as part of a membership promotion for the York Rite.

Brand new for this year was the development of a digital magazine named the Missouri York Rite Beacon. This year's Publications Committee has done an excellent job of producing a quality publication. We should all be proud of their work! Special mention VEC Larry Wilson for his hard work and dedication which has been very appreciated. Thank you to the rest of the Publications Committee and all who contributed articles for the Beacon.

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) has continued to flourish. CMMRF has been an interest of mine since being appointed to the Grand Council line. In 2017, I initiated CMMRF month annually in March that has proven to be beneficial for raising awareness and overall donations. In 2020, Missouri rose to the level of 12th in the nation and we have been in the top ten in the nation for donations since 2021. Thank you to all of the Companions statewide for their donations to this amazing charity. I am proud to be a part of an organization that has adopted such a great cause as CMMRF. A special thanks goes out to VIC Corey B. Huntsucker who started the very successful Purple Gala in Kansas City in 2023. The 2nd Annual Purple Gala was held this year in March, again with much success. Several Companions in the Springfield area also held their first Purple Gala, also with success. VIC Huntsucker was able to arrange for the Endowed Chair at Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine Dr. Michael P. Murphy to present his research findings at the Kansas City Purple Gala again this year which was simulcasted to Springfield during their Purple Gala. I am issuing a challenge to the rest of the Councils in the State to organize their own Purple Gala, particularly those Councils in the eastern and central part of the State. At minimum, all Councils should at least hold a Table Council during CMMRF month to further increase our donations. Table Councils have also been proven to be successful.

Another exciting thing that happened this year was the opening of a new Council which had not happened for several years. The new Council was Nevada Council No. 65 which just so happens to be my Council. I was able to preside over that Council while at the same time serving as Grand Master. Yes, this was despite the best efforts of the Grand Commander Kevin B. Sample who searched long and hard for a by-law that prevented this from happening. Nevertheless, I was honored to not only be a charter member for Nevada Council No. 65 but also the very first Illustrious Master. Thank you to MIC Michael S. Smith for approving our new Council during his year but also presiding over the consecration of it.

Of great importance is our Youth Programs including DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow. There is much room for improvement with supporting our Missouri Youth Programs. We need to increase our financial contributions, but I am encouraging all Companions to seek out and get involved in their local Youth Programs. Our donation of time would be much recommended and appreciated. I have heard many Companions say that they did not have a Youth Program in their respective area. In this case, I would recommend reaching out to programs close to you, developing a new program in your area, and/or getting involved with other Youth Programs in your area such as Boy Scouts, FFA, 4-H, and others. We could all benefit from assisting youth and becoming more involved in our communities.

Recommendations:

1. Membership should continue to be a priority. I would recommend that the Membership Committees from all 3 York Rite bodies meet monthly and develop programs to enhance our membership. The Grand Master's Invitational has been successful and should continue. This program has also seemed to strengthen our connections with the Grand Lodge. Of course, our candidates for York Rite can be found in our Blue Lodges but we must go further than this and assist in recruiting members to our Blue Lodges as well.
2. In healthcare, we always have quality assurance goals which are designed to promote constant improvement. When I think about membership, I automatically think about how to retain that membership. We must provide a quality product for our members in order to retain them, increase their involvement, and encourage them in turn to bring in other new members.
3. I recommend that we continue to increase our charitable donations to CMMRF. Much progress has been made in this area. I would like to see other areas such as the eastern and central parts of the State initiate Purple Galas. I would recommend that all Councils that are not participating in a Purple Gala, at minimum, hold a Table Council to raise funds for CMMRF. I thoroughly enjoy the fraternal aspect of our organization, but I am very proud of our Charity. In accordance with this recommendation, I am hereby issuing a challenge to all Grand Masters who follow to donate a minimum of \$1000.00 to CMMRF during their year.
4. We are very close to having a clear picture of our financial situation. Next year's budget is well founded and based on actual financial principles. It will be important to approve the new investment policy, identify excess funds, and ensure those funds are invested post-haste.

5. The Three Amigos theme and goal for this year was Unity. Unity is not only reserved for the three York Rite bodies but also for other Masonic bodies as well. Unity should also be extended to our Companions in the South Central Conference and other neighboring States. We need to acknowledge that we are much more interdependent than what we may realize.
6. I would recommend that all future Grand Masters continue to attend the South Central Conference Grand Sessions. Along those lines, when the Triennial occurs, the Grand Master at the time should attend and participate in that as well. It is important to continue networking and maintaining those relationships that have been established.
7. Finally, to anyone considering making themselves available for election to the Grand Council line, I would recommend having a fresh horse and a saddle bag full of gold.

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 and we are saddened to report that 92 of our Companions are no longer with us, included Most Illustrious Companion Donald L. Trabue, Honorary Past Grand Master, 2005.

Memorial Service

Hear, now, ye cherubim, ye seraphim, ye angels and ye men!
Hear, now, oh protoplast, and earth, and plant and beast!
Hear, now, ye creeping things of earth, ye fish that swim, ye birds that fly!
Hear, now, ye winds that blow, ye thunders and ye lightnings of the sky!
Hear, now, ye spirits of the fire, of water, earth, and air!
Hear, now, oh everything that is, or was, or evermore will be, for The Creator of the Universe speaks from out of the highest plane of spirit life.

There is but one true and living Creator of the Universe. He is the author, the creator, the governor of all the worlds; almighty, eternal, and incomprehensible. The sun is not the Deity, though his noblest image. The sun enlightened the world with his brightness; his warmth giveth life to the products of the earth. Admire the sun as the creature, the instrument of The Great Architect, but worship it not. To the one who is supreme, most wise and beneficent, and to Him alone, belong worship, adoration, thanksgiving and praise. It is He who hath stretched forth the heavens with His hands, who hath described with his finger the courses of stars. Who setteth bounds to the ocean, that it cannot pass; and saith unto the stormy winds: "Be still." Who shaketh the earth, and the nations tremble; who dareth His lightnings, and the wicked are dismayed. Who calleth forth worlds by the words of His mouth; who smiteth with His arm, and they sink into nothing. O reverence the majesty of the Omnipotent. The providence of our Creator is ever all His works; He ruleth and directeth with infinite wisdom. He hath instituted laws to govern the Universe. He hath wonderfully varied His laws in all beings; and each, by his nature conforms to His will. In the depth of His mind, He revolveth all knowledge; the secrets of futurity lie open before Him. The thoughts of thy heart are naked to His view; He knoweth thy determination before they are made. With respect to His prescience there is nothing contingent; with respect to his providence there is nothing accidental. Wonderful is He in all His ways; His counsels are inscrutable; the manner of His knowledge transcendeth thy conception. Pay therefore to His wisdom, all honor and veneration; and bow down thyself in humble and submissive obedience to His supreme discretion.

The Father is gracious and beneficent; He hath created the world in mercy and love. His creatures of His hand declare His goodness, and their enjoyments speak of His praise; He clothed them with beauty, He supports them with food, He preserves them with pleasure, from generation to generation. If we lift up our eyes to the heavens, His glory shines forth; if we cast them down on the earth, it is full of His goodness; the hills and the valleys rejoice and sing; fields, rivers, and woods resound His praise. But thee, He hath distinguished with peculiar favor; and exalted thy station above all creatures. He hath imbued thee with reason, to maintain thy dominion; he hath fitted thee with language, to improve thy society; and exalted thy mind with the powers of meditation, to

contemplate and adore His inimitable perfections. And in the laws He hath ordained as the rule of life, so kindly hath He united thy duty to thy nature that obedience to His precepts is happiness to thyself. O praise His goodness with songs of thanksgiving, and meditate in silence on the wonders of His love; let thy heart overflow with gratitude and acknowledgment, let the language of thy lips speak praise and adoration, let the actions of thy life show thy love to His law.

The Great Architect of the Universe is just and righteous, and will judge the earth with equity and truth. Hath He established his laws in goodness and mercy, and shall He not punish the transgressors thereof? O think not, bold men, because thy punishment is delayed, that the arm of thy Creator is weakened; neither flatter thyself with hopes that He winketh at thy doings. His eye pierceth the secrets of every heart, and He remembereth them forever; He respecteth not the persons or the stations of men. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, the wise and the ignorant, when the soul hath shaken off the cumbrous shackles of this mortal life, shall equality receive, from the sentence of just and everlasting retribution, according to their works. Then shall the wicked tremble and be afraid; but the heart of the righteous shall rejoice in His judgements.

Companions, death is a theme not lightly broached by those who are subject to its power. The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest knoweth not how soon. There is none that escapes the inexorable doom. We walk upon the ashes of the generations who have gone this way before us, to which our ashes must in turn contribute. It is through the gate of death that we find an entrance to the place of wages and refreshment. There the designs upon the Trestle board will be seen completed. There the adoration of the twelfth hour will be everlasting joy. There the noontide bliss will eternally shine. There the scales of doubt and darkness shall fall from our eyes, and the wise purposes of the Divine Architect will be displayed in all their splendor. With this light of faith beaming upon me, O death, where is thy sting?

Great Architect of the Universe, have compassion on the families of our departed brethren, administer them comfort in their time of loss, and pour out Thy daily blessings in all of their undertakings. Do preside over us and them in the spirit of Peace, Love and Charity. Great Architect of the Universe, give us grateful hearts and supply the needs of departed brother's families. We thank Thee Great Architect, for good friends and brotherly love. Relief for all in need we pray, Thy truth and Thy Aid from day to day. Support us under the trials and afflictions we are destined to endure, while travelling through this vale of tears.

We are grateful that our Craft's great teachings remind us that death is not the end, that the actions we take now have eternal consequences. As we think of the sprig of acacia, the sprig of evergreen, may we be reminded that we are preparing our lives now for that house not made with hands. We thank Thee for the fellowship of our Fraternity, and for all Thy bounties spread before us. Grant that through this prayer we may be strengthened and refreshed for Thy service.

Finally, Companions, reverence thy Creator, therefore, all the days of thy life, and walk in the paths which He hath opened before thee. Let prudence admonish thee, let temperance restrain, let justice guide thy hand, benevolence warm thy heart, and gratitude to Heaven inspire thee with devotion. These shall give thee happiness in thy present state and bring thee to the mansions of eternal felicity in presence of Thy Creator.

Amen.

Fraternally submitted
Jeffery Fielder-Bey, Grand Chaplain

(Reporting period 01/01/2023-05/12/2024)

Full Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Council
Abernathy, Dennis Arthur	1/6/42	6/16/23	50 - Liberty
Arrington, Jimmy Earl	11/11/58	9/23/23	34 - Centralia
Bartley, Troy Elwood	7/4/66	2/11/24	42 - John F. Houston
Barton, Hubert Lynn	3/15/50	10/7/23	25 - Zabud
Brantley, William Ray	2/27/58	5/7/23	34 - Centralia
Briggs, Marion L.	5/28/29	4/19/24	1 - Hiram

Burris, Edward E.	12/11/25	1/26/24	24 - Shekinah
Carter, Clinton Richard	2/9/42	3/16/23	44 - Kirksville
Coy, Charles Garton	1/11/35	12/28/23	48 - Jeremiah
Crackel, Bobby Lee	1/17/30	2/14/23	27 - Poplar Bluff
Crawford Jr., Thomas Gentry	1/21/34	1/16/24	59 - Shelby
Crawford, Scott Smith	8/2/60	2/3/24	42 - John F. Houston
Crume, James Lee	12/13/57	10/7/23	39 - Rolla
Cundiff, Barry Vincil	6/18/61	4/1/23	44 - Kirksville
Cunningham, Clarence L.	9/17/30	3/4/23	46 - Neosho
Dains, Jay Dee	11/12/29	10/26/23	34 - Centralia
Endsley, Steven Ray	4/9/80	4/2/24	24 - Shekinah
Enloe, Dr. Marvin L.	8/11/26	9/21/23	32 - Ezra
Fleck Jr., John E.	1/1/41	2/13/23	9 - St. Joseph
Freeze, Mark Wayne	11/25/66	5/3/23	58 - Bert S. Lee
Fry, William A.	11/12/40	10/24/23	46 - Neosho
Fryer, Luther Harrison	9/8/37	2/28/24	39 - Rolla
Gibbany, James Burkham	4/8/38	7/30/23	53 - Harmony
Goede, Lionel Joseph	4/9/35	1/24/24	48 - Jeremiah
Griffin, Dwight Eugene	7/15/44	5/4/24	42 - John F. Houston
Grossnickle, John Benjamin	6/7/52	3/5/23	44 - Kirksville
Hess, Carrol E.	5/17/40	2/17/23	9 - St. Joseph
Johnson, Robert J.	7/19/30	1/7/24	46 - Neosho
Jones, Randall Jay	5/15/55	5/22/23	25 - Zabud
Keith, Terry Lacy	9/10/51	1/9/24	34 - Centralia
Kilgore, Walahn	4/13/34	4/25/24	34 - Centralia
Kitchen, Gary Dennie	7/30/46	2/10/24	27 - Poplar Bluff
Kropf, Harley Lee	2/2/43	10/24/23	59 - Shelby
Lambros, John Samuel	6/28/70	11/15/23	49 - Independence
Liberty, Clarence Henry	11/12/56	2/6/24	39 - Rolla
Manes, Allen K.	6/2/35	5/23/23	25 - Zabud
Mathews Sr., Richard Sullivan	9/3/31	2/7/23	49 - Independence
Mathis Jr., William Jennings Bryan	11/18/37	2/1/23	48 - Jeremiah
Matthews, Donald E.	12/12/34	3/28/24	32 - Ezra
McClure, Henry Allen	3/19/41	1/25/24	25 - Zabud
McLees, Larry Clifton	12/4/39	2/4/23	40 - York
Melton, Marvin Wayne	10/8/31	9/23/23	39 - Rolla
Patton, Billie Ray	12/31/43	8/25/23	9 - St. Joseph
Pettit Jr., Walter S.	11/11/26	4/19/24	25 - Zabud
Phelan, Ernest Jasper	4/16/42	12/15/23	27 - Poplar Bluff
Posey, James C.	9/7/45	3/16/23	44 - Kirksville
Pugh, James E.	12/25/36	1/23/24	25 - Zabud
Radford, Carl Lester	1/12/31	11/29/23	25 - Zabud
Raffety, Kenneth E.	3/18/30	5/5/23	9 - St. Joseph

Ramsey, David L.	4/15/53	11/24/23	9 - St. Joseph
Rehm, Marion Wade	11/1/31	3/1/23	44 - Kirksville
Rico, Raymond Louis	2/4/26	4/7/23	40 - York
Ridgley, Howard Edward	9/19/32	9/11/23	56 - Lebanon
Ringer, James Arlen	3/6/36	4/7/24	9 - St. Joseph
Rowland, Jerry Leon	10/2/40	1/19/23	44 - Kirksville
Schell, Russell J.	1/1/38	4/3/23	41 - Carthage
Shelton, Robert Eugene	3/6/34	9/20/23	34 - Centralia
Shoemyer, Robert William	12/1/30	1/21/24	59 - Shelby
Smith, Orval Eugene	5/4/37	7/9/23	25 - Zabud
Spann, John Karl	3/11/47	10/11/23	32 - Ezra
Talbot, Donald Linwood	9/21/38	7/19/23	34 - Centralia
Tharp, Edward Leon	6/14/43	1/31/24	39 - Rolla
Tinsley, Wayne L.	6/26/35	8/3/23	25 - Zabud
Trabue, Donald Leonard	9/12/37	11/30/23	32 - Ezra
True, Bertram Eugene	9/11/29	12/6/23	25 - Zabud
Wells, Marvin H.	12/21/41	6/23/23	25 - Zabud
Westfall, William Buchanon	10/3/21	10/1/23	25 - Zabud
Wilson, Paul Eugene	4/12/41	3/22/23	39 - Rolla

Visitations

May 20, 2023	Rolla Council No. 39 Installation, Rolla
May 28, 2023	DeMolay Conference Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau
June 1-3, 2023	Grand York Rite Sessions Springfield
June 5, 2023	Kansas City Council No. 45, Kansas City
June 11, 2023	Liberty Council No. 50, Liberty
June 11, 2023	GYR Publications Committee Zoom Meeting
June 12, 2023	Nevada Council No. 65
June 17, 2023	Independence Council No. 49 Installation, Independence
June 18, 2023	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
June 18, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
June 22, 2023	Missouri Jobs Daughters Convention, Springfield
June 24, 2023	Reception for GHP, GM, and GC, and GYR Picnic, Columbia
June 25-26, 2023	Missouri Rainbow Girls Convention, Springfield
July 9-11, 2023	Joe B. Lewis Grand Cryptic Council Annual Assembly and United Grand Commandery Annual Conclave, PHA, St. Louis
July 15, 2023	Missouri Priory No. 17, KYCH, Jefferson City
July 16, 2023	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
June 19, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
July 2, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
July 8, 2023	Court Of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Order of Athelstan, Columbia
July 9, 2023	GYR Publications Committee Zoom Meeting
July 15, 2023	Missouri Priory No. 17, KYCH, Jefferson City
July 16, 2023	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
July 16, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
July 22, 2023	Scottish Rite 100 year Celebration, Valley of Joplin, Joplin
August 5, 2023	Masonic Youth Day Luau, Columbia

August 6, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
August 11-16, 2023	General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council Triennial, Branson
August 15, 2023	Official Visit to Time Capsule, Branson
August 19, 2023	Columbia Preceptory Yeoman of York, Columbia
August 20, 2023	Grand Council Zoom Meeting
August 20, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
August 26, 2023	Missouri College SCIRF, Fayette
September 9, 2023	Region 7 York Rite Conference, Bolivar
September 10, 2023	Funeral Services for Norma J. Ornsbey, Rolla
September 10, 2023	Three Amigos Face to Face Meeting, Rolla
September 14-17, 2023	South Central York Rite/South Central Department Conference, Branson
September 17-19, 2023	Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Missouri, St. Charles
September 23, 2023	Region 1 York Rite Conference, Hannibal
October 7, 2023	Region 6 York Rite Conference, Jackson
October 8, 2023	GYR Publications Committee Zoom Meeting
October 9, 2023	Nevada Council No. 65
October 14, 2023	Region 5, York Rite Conference, St. Louis
October 15, 2023	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
October 15, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
October 19, 2023	Carthage Council No. 41
October 21, 2023	Region 3 York Rite Conference, Kansas City
October 26, 2023	Visitation and Masonic Services for Harley L. Kropf, PGHP
October 27, 2023	Funeral Services for Harley L. Kropf, PGHP
November 2, 2023	Bert S. Lee Council No. 58, Greenfield
November 10-11, 2023	Independence York Rite Festival, Independence
November 11, 2023	Columbia Preceptory Yeoman of York, Columbia
November 12, 2023	GYR Publications Zoom Meeting
November 13, 2023	Nevada Council No. 65
November 18, 2023	Region 4 York Rite Conference, Columbia
November 19, 2023	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
November 19, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
November 25, 2023	Funeral Services for Companion John S. Lambros, Grand King
December 2, 2023	Region 2 York Rite Conference, Lathrop
December 3, 2023	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
December 7-9, 2023	Grand York Rite of Texas, Waco, TX
December 11, 2023	Nevada Council No. 65
December 21, 2023	Carthage Council No. 41, Carthage
January 6, 2024	Council Degree Conferral, Poplar Bluff
January 7, 2024	Kirksville Council No. 44 Installation, Kirksville
January 7, 2024	Three Amigos Face to Face Meeting
January 8, 2024	Nevada Council No. 65
January 21, 2024	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
January 21, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
January 27, 2024	Chaplains Recognition Dinner, Columbia
February 4, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
February 6-11, 2024	Masonic Week, Arlington, VA
February 12, 2024	Nevada Council No. 65
February 15, 2024	Carthage Council No. 41
February 18, 2024	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
February 18, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting

February 21, 2024	Special Grand Council Zoom Meeting
February 24, 2024	Artic BBQ Cookoff, Independence Council No. 49
February 29-March 3, 2024	Grand York Rite of Louisiana, Alexandria, LA
March 4, 2024	Kansas City Council No. 45, Kansas City
March 5, 2024	Jasper Council No. 30, Joplin
March 7-9, 2024	Grand York Rite of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
March 11, 2024	Nevada Council No. 65
March 16, 2024	Grand Master's Cryptic Day, Jefferson City
March 17, 2024	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
March 17, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
March 23, 2024	Kirksville Council No. 44, Table Council, Kirksville
March 30, 2024	Shekinah Council No. 24, Purple Gala, Kansas City
April 6, 2024	Independence York Rite Festival, Independence
April 7, 2024	Celebration of Life for Lady Christina Smith, Wentzville
April 7, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
April 8, 2024	Nevada Council No. 65
April 13, 2024	Court of Discovery No. 80 Masonic Order of Athelstan, Fayette
April 13, 2024	Grand Master's Dinner, St. Charles
April 16, 2024	Lebanon Council No. 56 Installation, Lebanon
April 21, 2024	Grand Council Finance Zoom Meeting
April 21, 2024	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
April 21, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
April 25-27, 2024	Grand York Rite of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK
April 29, 2024	Rolla Council No. 39 Installation, Rolla
May 1-4, 2024	Grand York Rite of Kansas, Manhattan, KS
May 5, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
May 11, 2024	Columbia Preceptory Yeoman of York, Columbia
May 13, 2024	Nevada Council No. 65
May 19, 2024	Grand Council Officers Zoom Meeting
May 19, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
May 20, 2024	Jeremiah Council No. 38, Webster Groves
May 21, 2024	York Council No. 40, Wentzville
May 22, 2024	Hiram Council No. 1, Ballwin
May 26, 2024	DeMolay Conference Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau
May 29, 2024	John F. Houston Council No. 42, Lexington
June 2, 2024	Three Amigos Zoom Meeting
June 5, 2024	Missouri AMD State In-Gathering, Springfield
June 6, 2024	Grand Council of Missouri Annual Assembly, Springfield
June 7, 2024	Red Cross of Constantine State Breakfast, Springfield
June 7, 2024	Grand Commandery of Missouri Annual Conclave
June 8, 2024	Grand Chapter of Missouri Annual Convocation, Springfield
June 8, 2024	Missouri Priory No. 17 KYCH, Springfield
June 8, 2024	Grand York Rite of Missouri Annual Grand Banquet

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

None.

Dispensations Granted

July 23, 2023 Granted dispensation to allow Carthage Council No. 41 to change their meeting start time from 7:30pm to 7:00p, during the Cryptic Year 2023-2024.
July 30, 2023 Granted dispensation to allow Zabud Council No. 25 to hold a special election on August 28, 2023 to fill the vacant office of Principal Conductor or the Work.

By Law Changes, Subordinate Councils

February 27, 2023 Approved the By-Laws change for Rolla Council No.39.

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.

Waiver of Jurisdiction

None.

Letters of Introduction

April 19, 2023 Issued a Letter of Introduction to the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters Of England and Wales and its Districts and Council Overseas requesting REC William G. Snyder represent the Grand Council at their 150th Anniversary Celebratory Meeting.

Sincerely and Most Fraternally submitted,



Dr. Paul L. Daniels
Grand Master 2023-2024

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.: Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master 2023-2024. 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,
Michael S. Smith, PGM, Chairman
Joseph P. Elson, PGM

Donald MacCormick, 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

2023 FINAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Russell S. Hanson, Grand Treasurer

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

June 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

Our first year with your new Grand Treasurer has been very challenging. I refer you to the Missouri Grand York Rite Financial Report and the three Missouri Grand York Rite Financial Accounts Detail Reports for the record of where we started and where we are now. These documents are hereby incorporated into this report by reference. We still have more work to do in this next year in order to resolve all of the remaining issues.

Grand Council Clerical Assistant

This year I moved paying Lady Debbie Hanson from monthly to quarterly in order to better align with the demands of reporting our Employee to the State and Federal Governments as well as making the requisite deposits/contributions.

I have established my credentials as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite of Missouri and authorized employer representative with the IRS. I have gained access to the Federal EFTPS.gov web portal.

The IRS 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return forms for the four quarters of calendar year 2023 have been filed and all deposits made for Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Withholding Tax using the EFTPS portal. Included in those deposits were both the Employee and Employer monetary portions. In addition, the IRS 940 Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return form for calendar year 2023 has been filed and the deposit made.

The IRS 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return forms for the first calendar quarter of 2024 has been filed and the deposit made for Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Withholding Tax using the EFTPS portal. Included in that deposit was both the Employee and Employer monetary portions.

I have established my credentials with several State agencies as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite of Missouri and authorized employer representative.

In June 2023, I reactivated our account with the Missouri Division of Employment Security (DES) and gained access to the DES uinteract.labor.mo.gov web portal. I have been filing the required quarterly unemployment insurance reports and paid the required contributions using the web portal.

I have also gained access to the Missouri Department of Revenue's (DOR) mytax.mo.gov web portal. I have filed the DOR MO-941 Employer's Return of Income Taxes Withheld for calendar year 2023 and paid the withholding tax, additions, interest, and processing fee using the web portal.

The 2023 W-2 Wage and Tax Statement for Lady Hanson and the 2023 W-3 Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements were filed and accepted by the IRS.

Grand Council IRS Tax Status

I have established my credentials with the IRS as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council and the Grand Treasurer of the Missouri Grand York Rite. I applied for and received a verification letter from the IRS confirming the Grand Council Employer Identification Number (EIN). I applied for and received a verification letter from the IRS confirming the Missouri Grand York Rite Employer Identification Number (EIN). These letters are required in order to establish business bank accounts in Missouri.

During the process of obtaining the verification letters, I was informed by the IRS that the Grand Council tax exempt status had been revoked due to failure to file IRS 990 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax forms for more than three years. I was told that we would need to complete and file an IRS 1024 Application for Recognition of Exemption form. I was informed that the processing cost was \$600.00 and that processing took six months. I am working on the IRS 1024 form for the Grand Chapter to learn how to complete the form. However, the financial state of the Grand Council will need to be determined before get to Part V - Financial Data.

The Grand York Rite of Missouri IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard) for the tax year ending March 31, 2024, was successfully filed and accepted by the IRS.

Grand Council Missouri Certificate of Incorporation

The Grand Council has a Certificate of Incorporation with the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law. In addition, the Missouri Grand York Rite has a Certificate of Incorporation with the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law. These certificates are required in order to establish business bank accounts in Missouri.

I filed the 2023 Annual Registration Reports for a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation for the Grand Council and the Missouri Grand York Rite, and paid the required registration and processing fees. The reports were accepted by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

Grand Treasurer's Office

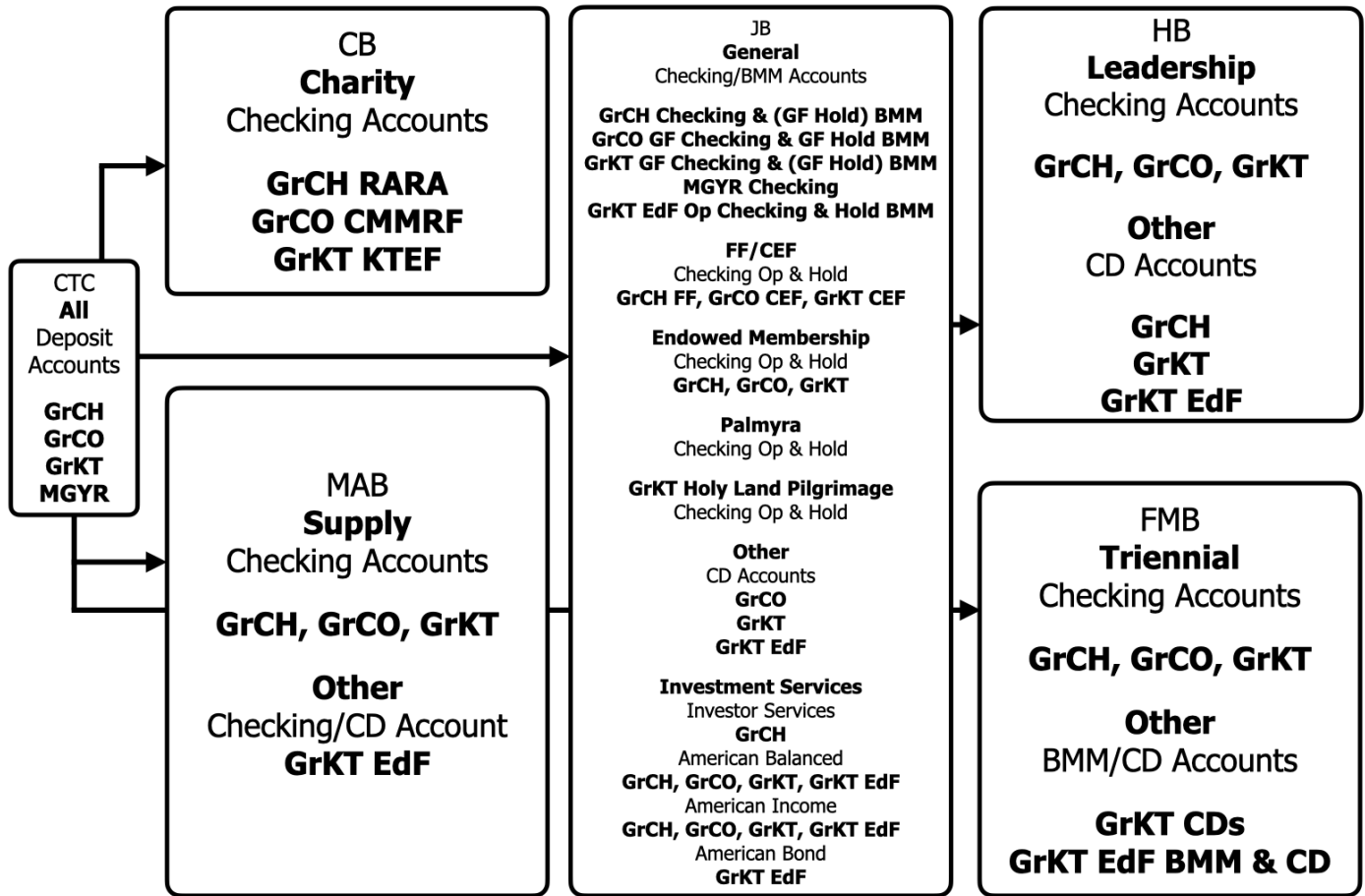
Your Grand Treasurer has worked diligently to bring transparency to the office. I attended all of the Grand Council Grand Officer Zoom meetings. During those meetings, I provided requested financial review briefings to the Grand Officers and answered questions that the Grand Officers asked concerning the finances of the Grand Council. In addition, I provided the Grand Master and the Chairman of Finance and Accounts with weekly reports on the work of the Grand Treasurer. Beginning in December 2023, I provided detailed reports on the financial status of the Missouri Grand York Rite to the Grand Master, the Chairman of Finance and Accounts, and the Chairman of Investments. Many of the recommendations and actions concerning changes to the financial plan of the Missouri Grand York Rite are documented in the separate Missouri Grand York Rite Financial Report incorporated herein by reference.

The Grand Treasurer's Office has received thirteen banker boxes of historical paper records from the office of the previous Grand Treasurer through the efforts of Companion and Sir Knight Harold F. Coats, PGC. I cannot adequately express my appreciation for the extraordinary patience and perseverance exhibited by Harold in wading through the process of providing these records. I also thank Lady Elsie Trabue for working with Harold to sort out the previous Grand Treasurer's office. In addition, the efforts of Harold, Elsie, and Tom Trabue (one of Don's sons) have provided approximately 290 GB of historical electronic records.

In addition, the Grand Council and Missouri Grand York Rite check books were transferred to the office.

The task of reviewing the mountain of documents is daunting. However, I hope to begin the process of scanning the important documents into electronic files for storage and future reference during the coming year.

Financial Summary of the Grand Council
Financial Plan of the Missouri Grand York Rite



Status of Grand Council Liquid Accounts - April 30, 2024

Commercial Trust Company (CTC)		
MGYR Deposit Account		\$3,240.00
GrCO Deposit Account		\$390.95
Central Bank (CB)		
GrCO CMMRF Charity Fund (CF) Account		\$6,465.40
Mid America Bank (MAB)		
GrCO Supply Fund (SF) Account		\$28,627.20
Jefferson Bank (JB)		
MGYR Checking Account = \$162.59		
GrCO General Fund (GF) Checking Account		\$43,138.64
GrCO General Fund (GF) Hold Business Money Market Account		\$175,840.47
GrCO Charity Endowment Fund (CEF) Op Checking Account		\$1,365.40
GrCO Charity Endowment Fund (CEF) Hold Checking Account		\$42,784.62
GrCO Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) Op Checking Account		\$2,018.00
GrCO Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) Hold Checking Account		\$33,255.22
Hawthorn Bank (HB)		
GrCO Leadership Fund Checking Account		\$4,201.89
First Mid Bank (FMB)		
MGYR Savings Account		\$25,395.94
GrCO Triennial Fund Checking Account		\$2,046.19
Total MGYR Liquid Assets		\$28,798.53
Sub Total GrCO Liquid Assets		\$340,133.98

Status of Grand Council Short-Term Accounts - April 30, 2024

Jefferson Bank (JB)		
GrCO JB CD 1		\$21,533.76
Sub Total of GrCO Short-Term Assets		\$21,533.76

Status of Grand Council Long-Term Accounts - April 30, 2024

Capital Group 1 - March 31, 2024			
GrCO American Balanced Mutual Fund			\$72,870.85
<i>Contains:</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>\$113,614.78</i>	
	<i>Special General Fund</i>	<i>\$26,146.06</i>	
	<i>CEF</i>	<i>\$38,096.88</i>	
Capital Group 1 - March 31, 2024			
GrCO Income Fund of America Mutual Fund			\$111,458.63
<i>Contains</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>\$8,571.17</i>	
	<i>EMF</i>	<i>\$102,887.46</i>	
Sub Total of GrCH Long-Term Assets			\$184,329.48
Grand Total of all Grand Council Assets			\$545,997.22

Fraternally submitted,
Russell S. Hanson, Grand Treasurer

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

REPORT 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 Secretary's office. The statistical reports 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.

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: York Council No. 40; and Bert S. Lee Council No. 58. Given extraordinary circumstances the Grand Master has issued a Dispensation to allow York Council No. 40 to allow their representation and voting privileges to be restored.

Annual Returns – Financial Statements: The following Councils either failed to submit or filed an incomplete Financial Statement: None.

Annual Returns – CMMR and CEF Donations (according to the annual returns): The following Councils reported no contributions to CMMR: John F. Houston Council No. 42; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Lebanon Council No. 56; 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; Kirksville Council No. 44; Jeremiah Council No. 48; and Independence Council No. 49; Nevada Council No. 65 got close with \$3.50 per member. Hiram Council No. 1 exceeded the goal with \$5.77 per member; Cape Council No. 20 with \$4.91 per member; Independence Council No. 49 with \$10.75 per member and Jeremiah Council No. 48 knocked it out of the park with \$66.54 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; Jasper Council No. 30; Ezra Council No. 32; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Kirksville Council No. 44; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Liberty Council No. 50; Lebanon Council No. 56; Bert S. Lee No. 58; Shelby Council No. 59; and Nevada Council No. 65. Only one Council was able to meet the goal of at least \$3.65 per member: York Council No. 40 with \$5.69 per member; and Hiram Council No. 1 coming really close at \$3.62 per member. Other Councils reported contributions: St. Joseph Council No. 9; Zabud Council No. 25, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27, Centralia Council No. 34, Rolla Council No. 39, Carthage Council No. 41; Kansas City Council No. 45; Jeremiah Council No. 48, and Independence Council No. 49.

Annual Returns – Bonding: The following Councils reported that the Treasurer and Recorder ARE bonded: St. Joseph Council No. 9; Zabud Council No. 25; Centralia Council No. 34; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Trinity Council No. 47; Independence Council No. 49; and Liberty Council No. 50; 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: Kirksville Council No. 44.

Annual Return Seal Impressions - Article VI, Section 46. Council, Seal of. states "Every chartered Council must have a seal, and all official papers issued by the Council must be attested by impression of the same." St. Joseph Council No. 9 – did not provide seal impression.

Annual Returns - Signatories: The following Councils report that there is not more than one signatory on the accounts of the Council: None.

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: Hiram Council No. 1; Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48; and Nevada Council No. 65.

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

Annual Returns – Summary: I recommend these reports be reviewed by both Grand Officers and Regional Officers for additional action.

Growth Awards: There were a whopping 87 Greetings during the 2023 calendar year, with an additional 23 reinstatements - what an amazing year! Grand Council Growth Awards for 5% will be presented to Neosho Council No. 46 (5%); Nevada Council No. 65 (5%); Kansas City Council No. 45 (7%); and the largest growth goes to Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 (10%). In the calendar year the Grand Council started out with 1,518 members and closed on December 31, 2023 with 1,431 members. With 110 gains in new members and reinstatements, we lost 62 to demits; 75 suspended; and 60 to death.

Companions, First, allow me to thank those who work with diligence and efficiency to make the Grand York Rite work, with attentiveness and thoughtfulness in all that they do. I thank Debbie for her patience and hard work throughout the year, to Kevin for his guidance and input, to Roger for his collaboration, and to Russell to whom the three Grand Bodies owe a debt of gratitude in his work in deciphering and re-architecting the finances of all three Grand York Rite Bodies.

The amount of work that goes into planning a Grand Session can be daunting but the tireless combined efforts of the Three Amigos, Debbie, Kevin, Roger, Tina, Tara, the first ladies Tina, Sherrie, and Chris have pulled together an outstanding Grand Session this year - thank you!

This is our 2nd year meeting in Springfield and it is our goal not to hold the Grand Sessions more than two consecutive years in the same location. We will continue to scout new locations around the State and continue to present the Grand York Rite Sessions as a celebration of the Missouri York Rite. There is a distinct possibility that the future may bring the need for a registration fee to help defray the costs of the Annual Assembly. We hope it does not become necessary, but we should all be aware that it may be needed.

I recommend to all to review the statistical reports of our Chapters, they provide an accurate overview on the overview health of the Royal Arch in Missouri.

As the need to offer more and integrated digital service the need to add additional talent is necessary. If there are those who are professionally experienced in WordPress, design, and social media please reach out to me, we will put your skills and experience to work.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve

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: 01/01/2023 End: 12/31/2023
Grand Council of Missouri

Total Working Councils = 26

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

Total number members on last return =	<u>1,518</u>
Total number GREETED =	<u>63</u>
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>24</u>
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>23</u>
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>
Total Gain (+)	<u>110</u>
Total number DIMITTED =	<u>62</u>
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>75</u>
Total number DECEASED =	<u>60</u>
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>
Total Loss (-)	<u>197</u>
Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(87)</u>
Total number members (including Dual/Plural) =	<u>1,431</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 18, 2024 – pay particular attention to the first line on the Average Age Report – it tells much about our future.

2023 Annual Returns

No.	Council	Location	Chartered	EIN	Stated Assemblies	Annual Return Received	2022 Membership	Greeted	Admitted	Reinstated	Add Adjustment	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled	Del Adjustment	Total Losses	2023 Net Gain / Loss	2023 Total Year End Membership
1	Hiram	St. Louis	July 17, 1883	23-7550888	4th Wednesday	15-Feb-24	41	2	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	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	13-Feb-24	156	0	14	2	0	16	0	11	4	0	0	15	1	157
20	Cape	Cape Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	1st Wednesday	29-Feb-24	53	6	0	0	0	6	3	6	0	0	0	9	-3	50
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891	3rd Wednesday	29-Feb-24	39	2	1	3	0	6	2	4	0	0	0	6	0	39
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	4th Monday	20-Feb-24	164	4	3	5	1	13	4	10	14	0	0	28	-15	149
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550893	2nd Thursday	21-Mar-24	21	4	1	1	0	6	0	2	2	0	0	4	2	23
30	Jasper	Joplin	April 25, 1900	23-7550895	1st Tuesday	27-Feb-24	35	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	-3	32
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	1st Monday	29-Feb-24	54	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	55
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	4th Monday	26-Feb-24	95	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	7	0	0	8	-5	90
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150	3rd Monday	9-Feb-24	82	6	0	2	0	8	0	5	3	0	0	8	0	82
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	4th Tuesday		23	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	-1	22
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903	3rd Thursday	12-Feb-24	44	3	0	0	0	3	18	1	1	0	0	20	-17	27
42	John F. Houston	Lexington	April 10, 1922	38-4024549	1st Wednesday	29-Feb-24	40	5	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	43
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	2nd Tuesday	28-Feb-24	37	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	-2	35
44	Kirksville	Kirksville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	2nd Thursday	1-Mar-24	101	1	1	1	0	3	0	2	6	0	0	8	-5	96
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	1st Monday	1-Mar-24	61	4	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	65
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	3rd Monday	12-Feb-24	44	6	1	0	0	7	1	2	2	0	0	5	2	46
47	Trinity	Hannibal	April 25, 1949	23-7550909	1st Thursday	28-Feb-24	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	8
48	Jeremiah	Webster Groves	April 24, 1950	23-7144151	3rd Monday	1-Feb-24	67	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	4	-1	66
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	4th Thursday	7-Feb-24	99	1	1	1	0	3	5	1	2	0	1	9	-6	93
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	3rd Monday	17-Feb-24	75	4	0	0	0	4	3	0	3	0	0	6	-2	73
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-1697678	3rd Tuesday	23-Feb-24	66	1	0	2	0	3	1	9	2	0	0	12	-9	57
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	1st Thursday		28	0	0	3	0	3	3	9	1	0	1	14	-11	17
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	4th Tuesday	23-Feb-24	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	-2	42
65	Nevada	Nevada	June 3, 2023	37-2072900	2nd Monday	1-Mar-24	22	4	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	23
	TOTAL						1500	62	24	23	4	113	48	74	58	0	2	182	-69	1431

2023 Annual Returns (cont.)

No.	Council	% of Growth	Greeting Fees	Per Capita	2022 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	2022 Credits	Total Credits
1	Hiram	0%	\$ 14.00	\$ 1,131.60	\$-	19.76	7.95	\$ 1,173.31	1	2	6	\$ 248.40	9	\$22.50	\$-	\$ 270.90
3	Marion	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	St. Joseph	1%	0.00	4,333.20	0.00	67.64	11.00	4,411.84	7	18	26	1,407.60	0	0.00	0.00	1,407.60
20	Cape	-6%	42.00	1,380.00	0.00	22.42	9.55	1,453.97	1	6	1	220.80	0	0.00	0.00	220.80
24	Shekinah	0%	14.00	1,076.40	0.00	17.86	7.95	1,116.21	3	5	3	303.60	0	0.00	0.00	303.60
25	Zabud	-9%	28.00	4,112.40	0.00	61.94	11.00	4,213.34	31	24	2	1,573.20	6	15.00	0.00	1,588.20
27	Poplar Bluff	10%	28.00	634.80	0.00	12.92	8.00	683.72	3	0	3	165.60	0	0.00	0.00	165.60
30	Jasper	-9%	0.00	883.20	0.00	15.58	8.00	906.78	2	1	14	469.20	0	0.00	0.00	469.20
32	Ezra	2%	14.00	1,518.00	0.00	25.46	1.70	1,559.16	0	6	7	358.80	0	0.00	0.00	358.80
34	Centralia	-5%	21.00	2,484.00	0.00	39.52	10.35	2,554.87	3	17	31	1,407.60	0	0.00	0.00	1,407.60
39	Rolla	0%	42.00	2,263.20	0.00	35.72	11.67	2,352.59	1	4	22	745.20	2	5.00	0.00	750.20
40	York	-4%	7.00	607.20	0.00	12.16	7.20	633.56	2	0	8	276.00	1	2.50	0.00	278.50
41	Carthage	-39%	21.00	745.20	0.00	14.82	8.00	789.02	1	5	4	276.00	0	0.00	0.00	276.00
42	John F. Houston	8%	35.00	1,186.80	0.00	19.76	7.95	1,249.51	6	6	6	496.80	0	0.00	0.00	496.80
43	Bonne Terre	-5%	7.00	966.00	0.00	16.72	7.95	997.67	3	1	6	276.00	1	2.50	0.00	278.50
44	Kirksville	-5%	7.00	2,649.60	0.00	39.90	1.85	2,698.35	0	22	12	938.40	1	2.50	0.00	940.90
45	Kansas City	7%	28.00	1,794.00	0.00	26.98	9.45	1,858.43	1	7	2	276.00	0	0.00	0.00	276.00
46	Neosho	5%	42.00	1,269.60	0.00	20.90	8.00	1,340.50	5	3	2	276.00	1	2.50	0.00	278.50
47	Trinity	-11%	0.00	220.80	0.00	6.84	2.57	230.21	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
48	Jeremiah	-1%	14.00	1,821.60	0.00	28.12	10.26	1,873.98	5	3	14	607.20	3	7.50	0.00	614.70
49	Independence	-6%	7.00	2,566.80	0.00	39.90	10.85	2,624.55	0	5	17	607.20	0	0.00	0.00	607.20
50	Liberty	-3%	28.00	2,014.80	0.00	30.78	9.45	2,083.03	2	6	16	662.40	0	0.00	0.00	662.40
56	Lebanon	-14%	7.00	1,573.20	0.00	25.08	9.45	1,614.73	0	2	7	248.40	1	2.50	0.00	250.90
58	Bert S. Lee	-39%	0.00	469.20	0.00	14.06	8.00	491.26	1	0	6	193.20	1	2.50	0.00	195.70
59	Shelby	-5%	0.00	1,159.20	0.00	19.76	7.95	1,186.91	0	1	1	55.20	0	0.00	0.00	55.20
65	Nevada	5%	28.00	634.80	0.00	12.54	7.95	683.29	0	1	2	82.80	0	0.00	0.00	82.80
	TOTAL	-5%	\$434.00	\$39,495.60	\$-	\$647.14	\$204.05	\$40,780.79	78	145	218	\$12,171.60	26	\$65.00	\$-	\$12,236.60

2023 Annual Returns (cont.)

No.	Council	Amount Owed Grand Council	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	Paid	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	2023 Credits	2023 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/23	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia
1	Hiram	\$ 902.41	\$ -	\$ 902.41	902.41	\$ -		902.41		0.00	4,942.59	0.00	\$ 1,000.00
3	Marion	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00			0.00	0.00	
9	St. Joseph	3,004.24	0.00	3,004.24	3,004.24	0.00		3,004.24			7,150.77	141,168.06	200.00
20	Cape	1,233.17	0.00	1,233.17	1,233.17	0.00		1,233.17			1,291.55	8,991.88	500.00
24	Shekinah	812.61	0.00	812.61	812.61	0.00		812.61			1,025.92	0.00	5,000.00
25	Zabud	2,625.14	0.00	2,213.49	2,213.49	0.00		2,213.49			4,499.32	6,521.24	7,000.00
27	Poplar Bluff	518.12	15.00	533.12	422.01	111.11		533.12			1,281.55	0.00	0.00
30	Jasper	437.58	0.00	437.58	437.58	0.00		437.58		0.00	2,570.32	15,207.73	0.00
32	Ezra	1,200.36	0.00	1,200.36	1,200.36	0.00		1,200.36		0.00	2,837.04	12,333.73	5,000.00
34	Centralia	1,147.27	0.00	1,147.27	1,147.27	0.00		1,147.27	0.00		2,980.65	8,400.00	25,000.00
39	Rolla	1,602.39	0.00	1,602.39	1,602.39	0.00		1,602.39		0.00	2,839.91	7,965.56	1,500.00
40	York	355.06		355.06	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
41	Carthage	513.02	0.00	513.02	513.02	0.00		513.02		0.00	7,358.46	0.00	350.00
42	John F. Houston	752.71	0.00	752.71	752.71	0.00		752.71			1,458.62	0.00	1,000.00
43	Bonne Terre	719.17	0.00	719.17	719.17	0.00		719.17		0.00	2,746.75	0.00	0.00
44	Kirksville	1,757.45	0.00	1,757.45	1,757.45	0.00		1,757.45		0.00	16,325.19	11,994.82	2,000.00
45	Kansas City	1,582.43	0.00	1,582.43	1,582.43	0.00		1,582.43		0.00	4,101.57	0.00	8,000.00
46	Neosho	1,062.00	0.00	1,062.00	1,062.00	0.00		1,062.00		0.00	3,918.74	0.00	5,000.00
47	Trinity	230.21	0.00	230.21	230.21	0.00		230.17		0.00	1,281.50	0.00	0.00
48	Jeremiah	1,259.28	0.00	1,259.28	1,259.38	0.00		1,259.38	0.10		6,401.23	0.00	3,000.00
49	Independence	2,017.35	0.00	2,017.35	2,017.35	0.00		2,017.35		0.00	14,576.85	11,000.00	500.00
50	Liberty	1,420.63	0.00	1,420.63	1,420.63	0.00		1,420.63		0.00	1,773.60	60,869.48	1,200.00
56	Lebanon	1,363.83	0.00	1,363.83	1,363.83	0.00		1,363.83			2,870.20	0.00	1,850.00
58	Bert S. Lee	295.56		295.56	0.00	0.00		0.00		295.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
59	Shelby	1,131.71	0.00	1,131.71	1,131.71	0.00		1,131.71			1,045.42	0.00	500.00
65	Nevada	600.49	0.00	600.49	600.49	0.00		600.49			1,232.26	0.00	400.00
	TOTAL	\$28,544.19	\$15.00	\$28,147.54	\$27,385.91	\$111.11		\$27,496.98	\$0.10	\$295.56	\$96,510.01	\$284,452.50	\$69,000.00

2023 Annual Returns (cont.)

No.	Council	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited	990
1	Hiram	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,942.59	\$ 93.00	\$ 436.50	\$ 148.35	N	N	Y	Y
3	Marion			0.00							
9	St. Joseph	488.80	0.00	149,007.63	37.60	40.55	40.55	Y	Y	Y	Y
20	Cape	1,000.00	0.00	11,783.43	50.00	343.95	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
24	Shekinah	0.00	0.00	6,025.92	42.60	76.65	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
25	Zabud	1,716.00	0.00	19,736.56	78.00	283.00	103.25	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Poplar Bluff	0.00	0.00	1,281.55	38.00	18.25	20.00	N	N	Y	Y
30	Jasper	152.00	0.00	17,930.05	38.00	55.90	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
32	Ezra	540.00	0.00	20,710.77	45.00	101.90	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
34	Centralia	1,944.00	0.00	38,324.65	81.00	175.40	174.40	Y	Y	Y	Y
39	Rolla	0.00	824.65	11,520.82	41.40	238.15	189.75	N	N	Y	Y
40	York	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.60	62.60	125.20	N	N	Y	Y
41	Carthage	188.00	0.00	7,896.46	37.60	62.05	40.00	N	N	Y	Y
42	John F. Houston	0.00	0.00	2,458.62	55.00	0.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
43	Bonne Terre	0.00	0.00	2,746.75	42.00	0.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
44	Kirksville	0.00	0.00	30,320.01	57.00	456.25	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
45	Kansas City	1,104.00	0.00	13,205.57	48.00	63.50	32.00	N	N	Y	Y
46	Neosho	0.00	0.00	8,918.74	37.60	0.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
47	Trinity	55.00	0.00	1,336.50	55.00	0.00	0.00	Y	Y	Y	N
48	Jeremiah	0.00	0.00	9,401.23	77.60	4,391.80	100.00	N	N	Y	Y
49	Independence	0.00	0.00	26,076.85	52.60	1,000.00	50.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
50	Liberty	1,176.00	0.00	65,019.08	43.75	63.50	0.00	Y	Y	Y	Y
56	Lebanon	0.00	0.00	4,720.20	48.00	0.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
58	Bert S. Lee	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00				
59	Shelby	0.00	0.00	1,545.42	45.00	110.00	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
65	Nevada	84.00	0.00	1,716.26	42.00	80.40	0.00	N	N	Y	Y
	TOTAL	\$8,447.80	\$824.65	\$457,625.66	\$1,248.35	\$8,060.35	\$1,023.50				

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	1,448	2	10	3	1,445	67.6	26	1,437
1 - Hiram	43				43	61.5	1	43
3 - Marion						.0	1	
9 - St. Joseph	157				157	74.1	1	157
20 - Cape	51				51	68.4	1	50
24 - Shekinah	37				37	61.3	1	37
25 - Zabud	143	1	4		143	69.1	1	142
27 - Poplar Bluff	24				24	64.9	1	24
30 - Jasper	32				32	68.4	1	31
32 - Ezra	60			2	58	67.9	1	60
34 - Centralia	88				88	72.5	1	88
39 - Rolla	92				92	64.2	1	91
40 - York	22				22	65.7	1	22
41 - Carthage	29				29	68.1	1	29
42 - John F. Houston	41				41	66.8	1	41
43 - Bonne Terre	35				35	72.3	1	33
44 - Kirksville	97				97	70.5	1	95
45 - Kansas City	65		1		65	60.0	1	65
46 - Neosho	48			1	47	62.7	1	48
47 - Trinity	8				8	66.3	1	8
48 - Jeremiah	66				66	65.2	1	66
49 - Independence	96	1	1		96	67.4	1	96
50 - Liberty	73				73	68.2	1	73
56 - Lebanon	58		2		58	61.8	1	57
58 - Bert S. Lee	17		1		17	62.7	1	16
59 - Shelby	40		1		40	67.3	1	39
65 - Nevada	26				26	66.9	1	26
Total Members	1,448	2	10	3	1,445	67.6	26	1,437
Total Plural Members	26							
Total People	1,422							

Average Age - Parameters: Missouri, Cryptic Masonry

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Council	Active	Active	Avg.	18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70-79		80-89		90-99		100+		Totals	
	No	DOB	Age	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Missouri	3	1445	67.6	24	1.7	66	4.6	149	10.3	219	15.2	266	18.4	370	25.6	256	17.7	89	6.2	6	0.4	1445	100.0
1 - Hiram	0	43	61.5	1	2.3	5	11.6	7	16.3	7	16.3	8	18.6	8	18.6	5	11.6	2	4.7	0	0.0	43	3.0
9 - St. Joseph	0	157	74.1	1	0.6	1	0.6	7	4.5	12	7.6	34	21.7	43	27.4	41	26.1	18	11.5	0	0.0	157	10.9
20 - Cape	0	51	68.4	0	0.0	1	2.0	9	17.6	9	17.6	6	11.8	13	25.5	8	15.7	5	9.8	0	0.0	51	3.5
24 - Shekinah	0	37	61.3	2	5.4	6	16.2	5	13.5	5	13.5	3	8.1	7	18.9	9	24.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	37	2.6
25 - Zabud	0	143	69.1	0	0.0	4	2.8	17	11.9	26	18.2	22	15.4	33	23.1	30	21.0	10	7.0	1	0.7	143	9.9
27 - Poplar Bluff	0	24	64.9	0	0.0	1	4.2	5	20.8	4	16.7	3	12.5	5	20.8	6	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	1.7
30 - Jasper	0	32	68.4	0	0.0	2	6.3	2	6.3	3	9.4	8	25.0	9	28.1	6	18.8	2	6.3	0	0.0	32	2.2
32 - Ezra	2	58	67.9	3	5.2	1	1.7	5	8.6	6	10.3	14	24.1	21	36.2	4	6.9	4	6.9	0	0.0	58	4.0
34 - Centralia	0	88	72.5	0	0.0	3	3.4	7	8.0	7	8.0	20	22.7	19	21.6	22	25.0	8	9.1	2	2.3	88	6.1
39 - Rolla	0	92	64.2	1	1.1	6	6.5	16	17.4	14	15.2	16	17.4	21	22.8	14	15.2	4	4.3	0	0.0	92	6.4
40 - York	0	22	65.7	2	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	31.8	2	9.1	8	36.4	1	4.5	2	9.1	0	0.0	22	1.5
41 - Carthage	0	29	68.1	1	3.4	2	6.9	3	10.3	3	10.3	3	10.3	8	27.6	5	17.2	3	10.3	1	3.4	29	2.0
42 - John F. Houston	0	41	66.8	1	2.4	2	4.9	3	7.3	3	7.3	15	36.6	9	22.0	5	12.2	3	7.3	0	0.0	41	2.8
43 - Bonne Terre	0	35	72.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	8.6	3	8.6	7	20.0	14	40.0	5	14.3	2	5.7	1	2.9	35	2.4
44 - Kirksville	0	97	70.5	1	1.0	5	5.2	5	5.2	12	12.4	16	16.5	24	24.7	29	29.9	5	5.2	0	0.0	97	6.7
45 - Kansas City	0	65	60	2	3.1	5	7.7	12	18.5	14	21.5	14	21.5	10	15.4	3	4.6	5	7.7	0	0.0	65	4.5
46 - Neosho	1	47	62.7	3	6.4	2	4.3	8	17.0	7	14.9	5	10.6	13	27.7	6	12.8	3	6.4	0	0.0	47	3.3
47 - Trinity	0	8	66.3	0	0.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	2	25.0	3	37.5	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	0.6
48 - Jeremiah	0	66	65.2	0	0.0	5	7.6	7	10.6	11	16.7	14	21.2	19	28.8	10	15.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	66	4.6
49 - Independence	0	96	67.4	1	1.0	5	5.2	9	9.4	19	19.8	16	16.7	21	21.9	19	19.8	5	5.2	1	1.0	96	6.6
50 - Liberty	0	73	68.2	1	1.4	5	6.8	4	5.5	14	19.2	10	13.7	23	31.5	8	11.0	8	11.0	0	0.0	73	5.1
56 - Lebanon	0	58	61.8	4	6.9	1	1.7	10	17.2	9	15.5	14	24.1	12	20.7	8	13.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	58	4.0
58 - Bert S. Lee	0	17	62.7	0	0.0	1	5.9	0	0.0	8	47.1	3	17.6	4	23.5	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	1.2
59 - Shelby	0	40	67.3	0	0.0	1	2.5	2	5.0	12	30.0	5	12.5	15	37.5	5	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	40	2.8
65 - Nevada	0	26	66.9	0	0.0	1	3.8	3	11.5	3	11.5	6	23.1	8	30.8	5	19.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	26	1.8
Total	3	1445	67.6	24	1.7	66	4.6	149	10.3	219	15.2	266	18.4	370	25.6	256	17.7	89	6.2	6	0.4	1445	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 and 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 2024-2025 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 does have to spend money in order to continue to operate in support of Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction.

Key notes to be aware of, due to the realignment of accounts/funds with the new Grand Treasurer and the pending Investment Policy acceptance, we are unable to estimate investment income – we have left these at zero however, we understand they will not be zero in the year’s recapitulation which will be reported next year. Additionally, the cost of the annual assembly continues to increase – we have adjusted the anticipated cost to cover that expense. Even though the proposed budget below shows a deficit, we anticipate it will be closer to zero at the end of the year.

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.

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

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

2024-2025 BUDGET

The Committee on Finance and Accounts met on April 21, 2024, and approved the following proposed working budget for the 2024-2025 Cryptic year. The Committee hereby submits this proposed working budget for your consideration and approval.

Income	
Per Capita, Membership & Greeting Fee	\$ 24,127.80
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ -
General Fund Interest Income	\$ -
Grand Session, Meal Income	\$ 6,000.00
Grand Session, Program Book Income	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 30,377.80

Expenses	
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
Financial Review Committee	\$ 100.00
Office Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Printing Services	\$ 1,300.00
Office Shared Expenses	\$ 1,800.00
Storage Shared Expenses	\$ 360.00
General Grand Council Per Capita	\$ 3,200.00
Annual Assembly	\$ 8,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Supply Fund Contribution	\$ -
Past Grand Master Jewel	\$ 100.00
Triennial Fund	\$ 50.00
Youth Organizations	\$ 900.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 80.00
MMS Support	\$ 600.00
Web Master	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 35,990.00
Total Income	\$ 30,377.80
Total Expenses	\$ 35,990.00
Balance	\$ (5,612.20)

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

Grand Council Advancing Officers
Donald MacCormick, Ex-Officio

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

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,

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.

Upon review of all timely submitted proposals for this Annual Assembly, and pursuant to Art. III section 9 of the Constitution of this Grand Council, Layover Proposal No. 1 (proposal to amend Art. I, Sec. 5 of the Constitution) shall be proposed in writing at this annual assembly, shall be published in the proceedings, and lay over until the next annual assembly. The Constitution may be altered or amended at an Annual Assembly by a vote of two-thirds of the eligible voting members present. In addition, Layover Proposal No. 2 (proposed amendment of Art. I, Sec. 5 of the Bylaws) will also lay over, as it would conflict with the Constitution as currently written.

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 Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master, for a successful year. In our estimation, you have performed your duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner.

Fraternally submitted,
Todd Alan Schulze, Chairman
Kevin Brian Sample
William Gene Snyder

Adam Michael Iwanow
Aaron Michael Shoemaker

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

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2024 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND 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) **Grand Council Contracts.** The execution of any contract by any officer or representative of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri with a duration of more than one (1) year or more or any contract obligating the Grand Council to expend one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, shall require the written approval by a majority of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Recorder. (Added 5/13/15, 7/8/18)

Statement of purpose

This corrects the spelling of the word “contract.”

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PM, Jeremiah Council No. 48
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45

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

PROPOSAL No. 2

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

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ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. Standing Committees, Duties of.

(11) Investment Committee

A committee consisting of three companions preferably with a background or expertise in financial matters shall form the Investment Committee. One of whom shall be the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts; the other two shall be appointed by the Grand Master. They shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

Statement of purpose

This is a specialized committee. There is no merit having a member of this committee based on the Grand Council position they hold. All members of the Investment Committee should possess a knowledge of or acumen in financial matters. It must be assumed that the Grand Master will consider these qualifications when choosing his appointments. By his chair responsibilities, the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts should be well versed in this area as well. The phrase “in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles” is further defined in the revised statutes of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PM, Jeremiah Council No. 48
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45

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

PROPOSAL No. 3

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

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ARTICLE XVI.

Endowed Membership (Renamed 5/19/05)

SEC. 140. Endowed Membership.

7. All monies received by the Grand Recorder from the constituent Councils for the purchase of an Endowed Membership shall be placed in the Endowed Membership Fund. ~~The principal of this Endowed Membership Fund shall be invested in a manner determined by the Governing Body but not less than one half of the principal must be in obligations of the United States or in securities or accounts fully insured or guaranteed by the United States or an agency of the United Constitution and By Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri States. The remainder may be invested in common stock or equity securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange.~~ The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the surplus funds of this Grand Council in such ways as such, in its judgment, is prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how they will structure the annual return of monies to the individual councils. Any monies not distributed should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,

Terry Coppotelli, PM, Jeremiah Council No. 48

Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45

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

PROPOSAL No. 4

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

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ARTICLE XVIII

Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt

SEC. 142. *Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt.*

There is hereby created a foundation to be known as the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund in Memory of Bruce Harmon Hunt, the income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. All funds placed in the above named fund shall be separate and apart from the General Fund of the Grand Council. The Investment Committee shall be charged with the control and management of the restricted base, as designated

by the Finance Committee, in such ways as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles, and in keeping with guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of Missouri Section 402.132-134.

Statement of Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to determine exactly how these monies will be utilized. Any monies not utilized should be placed to maximize their long-term return. The Investment Committee is best suited for making this determination.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Coppotelli, PM, Jeremiah Council No. 48
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45

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

PROPOSAL No. 5

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

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**ARTICLE I.
Assemblies of the Grand Council**

SEC. 7. Grand Officers, How Elected. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall severally be elected by ballot, and by a majority of all the votes cast for that purpose, at each Annual Assembly of this Grand Council. Should there only be one Companion in nomination for each elective office, the election may be by acclamation.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM, Nevada Council No. 65
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 6

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND 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 I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 8. Grand Officers, How Appointed. The appointive officers of the Grand Council shall be appointed by the Grand Master. ~~with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.~~

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM, Nevada Council No. 65
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 7

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

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ARTICLE I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC 11. Availability. Any eligible member of this Grand Council desiring to serve in any elective office as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masters of the State of Missouri may, on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day prior to the Annual Assembly, file with the Grand Recorder a “Statement of Availability” for such office; containing a resume of his service to his Council or Councils in which he holds or has held membership; his service to this Grand Council; and a photo, if available.

Such “Statement of Availability” shall be published on the Grand York Rite Website, Social Media, and shall be forwarded by the Grand Recorder to all subordinate Councils along with all Resolutions and/or Recommendations as required by this Grand Council. However, this Grand Council may elect any eligible member whether or not he has previously submitted such statement of availability.

Statement of Purpose

To further democratize the election process and allow those worthy Companions a mechanism to step forward and serve.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM, Nevada Council No. 65
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 8

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

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ARTICLE III.

SEC. 20. Reports, ~~Must Be in Writing. The reports of all the committees shall be submitted in writing,~~
~~typewritten on sheets approximately 8 1/2x11 inches.~~ should be submitted electronically in Word, PDF, or any
other editable electronic format. All reports must be submitted to the Grand Recorder at least 45 days prior to the
Annual Assembly. They are to be printed and distributed by the Grand Recorder to each registrant at the Annual
Assembly. It is acknowledged that some reports due to their nature cannot be completed and made available until
the date of the Annual Assembly, and this will be permitted by recommendation of the Grand Master. (Amended
5/2/97)

Statement of Purpose

Committee reports are already submitted electronically to the Grand Recorder, this brings the bylaws inline with
reality.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM, Nevada Council No. 65
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 9

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

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ARTICLE II.

SEC. 11. The Grand Master, Powers and Duties.

~~(2) He may appoint and commission Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, and may
also receive and accredit Representatives from such other Grand Councils, who must be permanent members of
this Grand Council. When a representative shall fail to attend two consecutive Annual Assemblies of the Grand
Council, the Grand Master shall request the Grand Master of the jurisdiction he represents to declare the position
vacant, and recommend and appoint a suitable companion to be his successor.~~

Statement of Purpose

The Grand Representatives Program has not been active for several years, and the vast majority of the Grand Representatives do not visit their designated jurisdiction nor report to the Grand Council. The removal of this section of the Constitution and By-Laws will terminate the Grand Representatives Program.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45

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

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

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

LEGISLATION TO LAY OVER TO THE 2025 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 1

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION 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 I.
*Grand Council***

SEC. 5. *Of Whom Composed.* The Grand Council shall consist of the following members:

- (1) Grand Master
- Deputy Grand Master
- Grand Principle Conductor of the Work
- Grand Treasurer and
- Grand Recorder ~~and~~
- ~~Grand Captain of the Guard~~

A majority of votes cast shall elect, and such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. The appointive officers of this Grand Council shall be a

- Grand Captain of the Guard
- Grand Conductor of the Council
- Grand Marshal
- Grand Steward
- Grand Sentinel
- Grand Chaplain, and
- Grand Organist

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM, Nevada Council No. 65
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

PROPOSAL No. 2

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND 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 I.

Assemblies of the Grand Council

SEC. 5. Grand Officers, Elective and Appointive. The elective officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Treasurer
Grand Recorder ~~and~~
~~Grand Captain of the Guard.~~

A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and all such elected officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. The appointive officers of this Grand Council shall be a

Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
Grand Marshal,
Grand Steward,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel,

Grand Organist and Grand Chorister. They shall serve for one year under the Grand Master making the appointment, and such appointment shall in no way be construed to be prerequisite to election to any elective office at some future time.

Statement of Purpose

To democratize the election of Grand Officers and shorten the line.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, PM, Kansas City Council No. 45
Dr. Paul L. Daniels, PM, Nevada Council No. 65
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

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

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

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

(See Reports of Grand Recorder)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

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

The past several years have been challenging ones for the Financial Review committee. In the past, 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 were not able to receive them. Therefore, last years report stated that we could not determine if the balances and activity of those financial reports were accurate. Since that time, a new Grand Treasurer has been appointed/elected and numerous individuals have been instrumental in investigating, locating and identifying funds for which there were confusing or insufficient records available. The committee has been given access to the dropbox account where all financial transactions of the Cryptic Council are archived and recorded.

The process developed by the previous Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer is extremely detailed and still is in use today. All warrants issued, invoices received, monies received, and invoices paid are scanned and made a part of the record. The budgets and proceedings appear to have been checked by the office staff and the heads of the bodies to make sure they were properly authorized. Bank statements are regularly reconciled. Outstanding checks and monies received but not yet deposited are shown on the reconciliation of the General Ledger, Income and Expense statements and the bank statements. 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. They are to be commended for their continued dedication and loyalty.

The Grand Council officers who compose this committee have been given unfettered access to the records and attendance at the regular Zoom financial meetings conducted by the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and Assistant Grand Recorder on a monthly 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 Income and Expense as well as the budget and balance sheets reflect the financial position of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons for the current year as far as known balances are revealed.

As has been mentioned in previous reports by this committee and by previous reports of other committees 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.

Recommendations:

1. That a “final” Treasures financial report be issued as of the close of the fiscal year and distributed to appropriate individuals and committees. 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 as ending balances 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. Part of the Grand Treasurer’s responsibility should be to make regular reports concerning annual registrations and filings for State and Federal authorities to the Grand Master, the Financial Review Committee and the Grand Recorder and also be included in his annual report.

3. That no monies be comingled. Great strides have been made in correcting this deficiency. “Restricted use” funds are properly segregated and are separately counted.
4. In light of a recent (within the last year) 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 the heads of the bodies and the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, the committee is satisfied with the progress made in developing internal controls and, when approved, an investment policy that will greatly enhance the safety and transparency of our accounting system. We are optimistic that continued improvements will be accomplished shortly.

The committee would like to thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for the opportunity to serve in this capacity for his year. There are several other individuals that should be commended for their assistance in gathering information to advance the progress of improving our procedures and identifying assets. IC Mike Rohman, IC Harold Coots, MIC Russell Hanson, IC Roger Fleeer, MIC Donald MacCormick, MIC Kevin Sample, IC Terry Coppotelli.

Fraternally submitted.

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

Danny Smothers

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Paul L. Daniels, Chairman
Russel S. Hanson
Matthew D. Ruth

Donald MacCormick
Tara Ornsbey
Kevin B. Sample

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

It has been a pleasure to serve Most Illustrious Companion Dr. Paul Lee Daniels, and the Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation donations are growing in the state of Missouri. 2023 saw an increase in Missouri’s contributions by over \$7,000, \$6,500 of that coming from the 2023 Purple Gala hosted by Shekinah Council No. 24 in Kansas City. This increase moved our place in Cryptic Masons International donations from tenth to eighth place. Only \$243 out of seventh place. We’ll top that this year.

In 2024, the Purple Gala was held in Kansas City by Shekinah Council No. 24, and Springfield, MO by Zabud Council No. 25. Zabud Council had a successful inaugural event. Thank you to Companion Greg Walker and his team for the hard work they put into their gala. Dr. Michael P. Murphy, the CMMRF Professor and Chair in Vascular Biology and Research and professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine, was the keynote speaker and in attendance at the Kansas City gala. His presentation was simulcast to Springfield.

These galas not only raise funds but also raised the awareness of CMMRF to non-masons. The target of these galas is to invite non-masons: physicians, researchers, and philanthropists. We had a very serendipitous moment at the Kansas City gala. One of the guests is a researcher at Kansas City University School for Osteopathic Medicine. This researcher did her research in an area that is being funded by CMMRF at the Indiana

Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine on the effects of chemotherapy on the heart muscles. A connection was made because a chance was taken to invite someone we did not know. A connection like this can prove to be beneficial for contributions to CMMRF, ICVBM's research, and increasing awareness of their work.

Table Councils are beginning to spread their impact around the state and have seen an increase in attendance and donations. Again, invitations to the table councils need to go out to surrounding physicians, researchers, family, friends, and philanthropists. If you need ideas on who to invite please contact the committee. Make sure you are taking time to recognize and thank the people who attend and donate at your table councils. A little recognition and gratitude go a long way in continued support. If the donation is over \$100 make sure their name is included when you send your check to CMMRF so they can be properly recognized by CMMRF.

There are already plans in the works to increase our social media exposure for the state of Missouri and outreach to public donors and corporate sponsors. Also, the committee will create various avenues to encourage involvement from companions and non-masons alike. We look forward to your commitment and participation.

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation funds phenomenal research at the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine. Some of this research has touched the lives of companions in the state and their families. We are working with the CMMRF office to make sure that all donations are received, and recorded and proper recognition is given to the donor. Some of this takes time. If you have an issue with your donation, please contact us.

The CMMRF and Charity Endowment Committee are always here to assist and encourage the awareness of our charities. Please ask if you need a presentation in your area: council, lodge, community event, or rotary club. We will be more than willing to assist.

Fraternally Submitted,
Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman
Dr. Paul L. Daniels
Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Mark A. Bean
Kevin B. Sample

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: GRAND COUNCIL

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

The Grand Council Education Committee would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, the Illustrious Masters, Recorders, Councils and their respective members for their outstanding work, their diligence and above all their demonstrated dedication to the craft.

Following the Grand Session in 2023, this Committee and the Grand Council Officers met with the specific and intentional purpose of not only recommending but implementing necessary, impactful and frankly long-overdue changes and revisions to the Grand Council Merit award application and process. Moving into the 2024 – 2025 Grand Council year, we are expecting the Regional Deputy Grand Masters and Councils to see a significant difference and – more importantly – improvement in the content, assessment, and opportunity to not only attain the Grand Council Merit Award but actually be recognized and appropriately evaluated for their hard work, dedication and passion for York Rite and Royal and Select Masonry.

This Committee and its members take the firm stance that the Grand Council Merit award is an important fixture in the Grand Council infrastructure and remains an essential asset to the Councils in serving as an objective benchmark of Council performance and opportunity for improvement.

The Grand Council Merit Award Committee takes distinct pleasure in congratulating the following outstanding Councils and Illustrious Masters for achieving the requirements for the 2023-2024 Grand Council Merit award:

Council	Master	Term	Region
Hiram Council No. 1	Steven K. Statham	2023-2024	5
St. Joseph Council No. 9	Curtis Evan Malotte	2023-2024	2
Shekinah Council No. 24	Mitchell Eugene Carter	2023-2024	3
Zabud Council No. 25	Christopher Leroy Story	2023-2024	7A
Rolla Council No. 39	Michael Joseph Estright	2023-2024	4
Carthage Council No. 41	Caleb Zachary Lee Taylor	2023-2024	7B
Kirksville Council No. 44	Jeffrey L. Knight	2023-2024	1
Kansas City Council No. 45	Matthew Trent Dowd	2023-2024	3
Trinity Council No. 47	Kyle Leigh Schneider	2023-2024	1
Jeremiah Council No. 48	John Charles Caraker	2023-2024	5
Independence Council No. 49	Larry Fred Walters	2023-2024	3
Liberty Council No. 50	Derek Wayne Pope	2023-2024	2
Lebanon Council No. 56	Gary G. White	2023-2024	7A
Shelby Council No. 59	Brian Eric Davis	2023-2024	1

Fraternally submitted,
Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
Corey B. Huntsucker
Matthew D. Ruth
Aaron M. Shoemaker

Dennis W. Houck
Taz A. Meyer
Jacob W. Thompson

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC EDUCATION

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

The Education Committee has been actively engaged in second Phase of the three (3) Phase program (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.

1. (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.
2. (Phase III) Year three – Roll out, promote and execute the programs selected and developed by the Education Committee in accordance with the proposed plan of action and the execution timeline and model.

Emphasis has been placed on two (2) Programs in particular: (1) Grand Council Merit Award & (2) the York Rite Regional and Leadership Conference(s)

Grand Council Merit Award

This Committee reviewed the previous version(s) of the annual merit award and compared the current version against various Masonic organizations. As a result, the Committee presented for consideration a completely updated and revamped Grand Council Merit Award. The content, substance and format of the award has been presented for consideration.

York Rite Conference Purpose, Structure and Content

This 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 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 within 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
Corey B. Huntsucker
Matthew D. Ruth
Aaron M. Shoemaker

Dennis W. Houck
Taz A. Meyer
Jacob W. Thompson

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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

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Fraternally submitted,
William G. Snyder, Chairman
Donald MacCormick

Russel S. Hanson

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,

PRELIMINARY/FINAL REPORTS ANALYSIS

Since the formation of the Investment Committee, its' previous year's reports put forth recommendations 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 practice. Many of these recommendations have been acted on by the presiding body, and this year we again submit four pieces of legislation for action.

We are pleased to say that for the first time in the history of the York Rite, there has been a stand-alone Investment Policy created to allow the ability to allocate funds as the financial markets may warrant, not by a preconceived cookie cutter approach.

Also, for the first time, we have had the opportunity to speak with the Financial Advisor managing our funds. The good news is (with one small exception), all our mutual funds were placed in one fund family which provides us not only with discounted sales charges (if any), but also allows us the ability to move from one fund to another without any additional charges. Additionally, since we are so close to being able to take steps to balance our portfolio the decision was made to temporarily "pause" the automatic renewal of Certificates of Deposits. That is not to say the money may not end up there. It just made no sense to auto renew into a CD and be locked in for multiple years when we may have to take a liquidation penalty a few weeks later to allocate somewhere else. The great news is this money is currently sitting in Money Market accounts, whose rates currently are particularly good.

Several years ago, issues were identified with all our funds and their account placement in respect to the three York Rite bodies. Russell Hanson and several other companions have done an incredible job of tracing our funds to their original sources and placing them where they belong. This time consuming, tedious, and challenging work was done with excruciating detail (which is what was needed). Once the Finance and Account committee identifies the surplus funds, fixes the restricted bases, and turns the funds over to the Investment Committee for action, we can begin work.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman
Matthew D. Ruth

Stanton T. Brown, II
Michael S. Smith

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,

The Grand Council Committee on Long Range Planning met on two occasions during the past year. The Committee deliberated on a range of topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- Progress toward current planning goals and objectives
- Evaluation of the function and actions of this committee
- Future status of this committee as currently structured
- Process moving forward related to future planning efforts

For the ensuing year, and likely beyond, planning efforts will be undertaken by the Grand Council line officers as a whole and the Grand Recorder, thus eliminating the need for this committee as it currently exists. The potential remains for the re-establishment of this committee in future.

Fraternally submitted,
Taz A. Meyer, Chairman
Dennis W. Houck
Adam M. Iwanow

Matthew D. Ruth
Corey B. Huntsucker
Michael S. Smith

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 Membership and Retention Committee to serve Most Excellent Companion Mark Alan Bean, Most Illustrious Companion Dr. Paul Lee Daniels, and Sir Knight Kevin Brian Sample, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Companions and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite of the State of Missouri.

The Grand York Rite bodies saw a change in the Constitution and Bylaws and Laws and Regulations of the respective bodies. These changes mandate that each local and constituent York Rite body form a committee to investigate the reason for a member's delinquency and see if there is a way that we can retain them as members. Then report these findings to the Membership and Retention Committee.

Membership continues to be a struggle within our fraternity and most organizations. We need to find new innovative ways to retain our current members making the York Rite of Freemasonry more attractive to both Craft Masons and non-masons alike. Freemasonry is still viable and has what men are looking for in benevolence, brotherhood, purpose, spiritual growth, ritual, and a rich history.

However, the number of men seeking us out is declining and some do not know that we exist. We are no longer as prevalent as we used to be. So now it is up to us to carry our message to them. How do we do this? By getting out of our chapters, councils, and commanderies. Bring York Rite Masonry to them. Have open houses, present York Rite in Blue Lodges, get involved with your local chambers of commerce, participate in parades and other community functions, and invite Craft Masons and non-masons to your events.

There are York Rite bodies around the state that are taking the initiative and creating ways to keep and recruit members. This is an ongoing process and not a one-and-done approach. The ones taking the necessary steps are the ones who are seeing growth and/or engagement of their members. The ones that aren't, are the ones struggling for quorums, and eventually closing their doors.

Special acknowledgments need to go out to The York Rite bodies of Rolla, Kansas City, 903 Harrison Street KC, Kirksville, and Cape Girardeau. These York Rite bodies are seeing an increase in growth and activity. Special recognition for Cape Girardeau for conferring the Templar Orders for the first time in over 30 years with a healthy class of members.

Your membership committee is here to assist you, but we cannot do the work for you. Please feel free to contact me at any time or contact one of the above-mentioned York Rite bodies to see what is working for them. The same approach will not work for everyone. Find what will work for your organization. Keep in mind that doing nothing has a guaranteed result.

Fraternally Submitted,
Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman
Dr. Paul L. Daniels
Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Mark A. Bean
Kevin B. Sample

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 at the locations listed:

- Regions 7A and 7B, September 9, 2023, Bolivar
- Region 1, September 23, 2023, Hannibal
- Region 6, October 7, 2023, Jackson
- Region 5, October 14, 2023, St. Louis
- Region 3, October 21, 2023, Kansas City
- Region 4, November 18, 2023, Columbia
- Region 2, December 2, 2023, Lathrop

These York Rite conferences were completed in a timely manner and were very well done. The conferences were well attended, very educational, and were well received by the Companions. The Regional Deputy Grand Masters and the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers worked with their Chapter and Commandery counterparts to schedule, develop, and execute the programming for the conferences. These officers are to be commended for their efforts.

Fraternally submitted,
Taz A. Meyer, Chairman
Terry D. Coppotelli
Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Kevin M. Ritter
Regional Deputy Grand Masters

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,

As Grand Lecturer, I wish to thank the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers (RDGL's) who made several ritual presentations at many of the Regional York Rite Conferences. On behalf of our MI Grand Master, we thank all the RDGM's and RDGL's for their many hours of work in their regions. Thanks for planning, organizing, and running your Regional York Rite Conference!

A suggestion: Start planning early and get everyone on board. Get commitments from all the Councils in your region. These Conferences are to be designed for every Companion of the Council, not just line officers.

Grand Council Ritual Proficiency Program

Our goal is that All Grand Council Line Officers, RDGM's, RDGL's, and at least the top three office holders of each Council hold the Part 1, Opening and Closing. Yes, the Grand Lecturer is included in this. We have much which needs to be accomplished in this area. Each time a Regional, or Line Officer visits a Council this should be stressed. The Grand Lecturer is willing to travel the state to assist each of you in accomplishing this.

We wish to thank each of our Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer's for their willingness to put in the travel and long hours to keep our craft alive and thriving. Our ritual is vitally important to the entire Craft! Remember

we are the preservers of valuable secrets. Learn the ritual and make it yours. Then from mouth to ear we each can pass Masonic knowledge to others.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard A. Riepe, Chairman
Joseph P. Elsen

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 Councils to send event information, pictures of newly Greeted Companions and Degree Teams, etc., to share with everyone.

We continue to add interactive online forms to make the filing of reports, Distinguished Chapter Awards, Communications, Event requests, and Missouri Beacon submissions. We will continue to increase our ability move away from paper forms to electronic communications. We are actively looking to add to the team and are searching for a new webmaster with skills in WordPress and Design. If you are interested in helping please reach out to the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald MacCormick, Chairman / Web Master
Gregory J. Walker

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 2025 will be held at the Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 on June 11, 2025 thru June 14, 2025, with the Grand Council meeting on Friday June 13, 2025.

Fraternally submitted,
Matthew D. Ruth, Chairman
Roger D. Fleer
Bobbie E. White

Donald MacCormick
Russell S. Hanson

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL

(No report received at time of printing).

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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.

2024 Masonic Youth Convention, Grand Assembly & Grand Session

- Missouri DeMolay's 2024 Annual Convention was held in Cape Girardeau Missouri on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University Friday, May 24 – Monday, May 27.
- Missouri Rainbow's 2024 Grand Assembly will be held on Friday June 14 – Monday June 17 (Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri)
- Missouri Job's Daughters Grand Session was convened on Wednesday, June 19 – Sunday, June 23 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson, City, MO

Companions and Sir Knights, your leaders, MEC Mark A. Bean – Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; MIC Paul L. Daniels – Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample – 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.

Fraternally Submitted,

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman
Michael S. Smith

Thor Jeffrey Bodenstein
Larry F. Walters

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

REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 1

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

It has been a pleasure to serve MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master, and the companions of Region One of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri as Regional Deputy Grand Master during the Year of our Lord 2023/2024; Year of the Deposit 3023/3024. The following is a report of my activities thus far this year, and of those I have planned for the remainder of the year. My report excludes my activities in the other bodies of the American or York Rite of Freemasonry (i.e. the lodge, chapter, and commandery).

- June 3rd, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I was installed as Regional Deputy Grand Master during the Joint Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri; and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO.
- June 24th, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri Picnic, which served as the Official Reception for MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest; MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master; and S.K. Kevin B. Sample, Grand Commander, at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park), Columbia, MO.
- August 10, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I attended the stated assembly of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO.
- September 23rd, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I attended and presented at the Region One Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri in my capacity as Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region One of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Hannibal, MO.
- October 15th, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I attended the Grand Council Officers Meeting online.
- November 2, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I made my official visit to Trinity Council No. 47 R. & S.M. at the Masonic Temple in Hannibal, MO. I was accompanied by IC Jeffrey L. Knight, Master of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M.
- November 10, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I made my official visit to Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. I was accompanied by IC Jeffrey L. Knight, Master of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M.
- November 28th, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I made my official visit to Shelby Council No. 59 R. & S.M. at the Masonic Temple in Shelbina, MO. I was accompanied by IC Jeffrey L. Knight, Master of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M. and VIC Ashley W. Young, Past Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region One of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and Past Master of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M. MIC Kevin B. Sample, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, 2005 (honorary) and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri was also in attendance.
- December 26th, 2023 A.D. | 3023 A.Dep.: I attended the stated assembly of Shelby Council No. 59 R. & S.M.
- January 4th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I assisted with a joint presentation of Fifty-Year Service Awards to IC Zelwin B. "Zel" Eaton from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri (which I presented in my capacity as Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region One of the Grand Council); Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri (presented by VIC Ashley W. Young in his

capacity as District Deputy Grand High Priest for Region One of the Grand Chapter); the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri (presented by IC Jeffrey L. Knight, in his capacity as Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery); and the Valley of Columbia, A.A.S.R. (presented by Comp. William M. Shansey, in his capacity as Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Missouri), at Kirksville Manor Care Center in Kirksville, MO.

- January 7th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended, and assisted with, the Joint Installation of Officers for Caldwell Chapter No. 53 R.A.M.; Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M.; and Ely Commandery No. 22 K.T. (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. The officers were honored to be installed by MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri; and MIC Kevin B. Sample, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, 2005 (honorary) and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.
- January 23rd, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended, and assisted with, the Joint Installation of Officers for Shelbina Chapter No. 99 R.A.M.; Shelby Council No. 59 R. & S.M.; and Malta Commandery No. 72 K.T. (the York Rite bodies of Shelbina, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Shelbina, MO. I was honored to be the Installing Master for the officers of Shelby Council, with the assistance of MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri as Installing Marshall. The officers were honored to be installed by MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and by IC Jeffrey L. Knight, Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.
- February 8th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended the stated assembly of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO.
- February 18th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended the Grand Council Officers Meeting online.
- March 16th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended the Grand Master's Cryptic Day at the Masonic Temple in Jefferson City, MO. Three companions from Region One were greeted as a Select Master during the event.
- March 23rd, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I assisted with the organization and preparation of, as well as attended, a Table Council fundraiser for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) hosted by Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, and RIC Matthew D. Ruth, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council were both in attendance.
- April 21st, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended the Grand Council Officers Meeting online.
- April 22, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended the stated assembly of Shelby Council No. 59 R. & S.M. wherein MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri was received by the companions of Shelby Council for the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Official Visit.
- April 27th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri Regional Officer Training at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, MO.

Planned activities for the remainder of the year:

- May 2nd, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I plan to attend the stated communication of Memphis Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M. along with VIC Ashley W. Young (in his capacity as District Deputy Grand High Priest for Region One of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri), and IC Jeffrey L. Knight (in his capacity as Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri) to present on the York Rite of Freemasonry to the brethren assembled.

- May 9th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I plan to attend the stated assembly of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M. at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO. It is expected that MIC Joseph P. Elsen, Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer for Region One of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri will be conducting his official visit.
- May 19th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I plan to attend the Grand Council Officers Meeting online, if invited.
- June 6th, 2024 A.D. | 3024 A.Dep.: I plan to attend the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO. I plan to attend the entire Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite of Missouri.

Again, it has been an honor to serve the companions of Region One.

Fraternally Submitted,
David D. Goring, RDGM

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REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 2

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

It is with some regret that I pen this, my last report as a Regional Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

Seven years ago, MIPGM Joseph P. Elsen took a chance on me and appointed me as Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region 3A (which has since morphed into Region 2). I cannot thank him enough for opening a door for me to service for my brethren and fellowship that is unending.

This year I made my official visit to Liberty Council No. 50 on 10/16/23, to John F Houston Council No. 42 on 11/27/23 and St Joseph No. 9 on 02/07/24. I was able to make several visits to all of them at different times and enjoyed my time with each Council.

I am very proud of the Companions in this region. They have worked very hard this year and it shows. All the Councils took in new members, conducted good meetings, and had great fellowship. The Region pulled together this year and had a Regional Table Chapter, Table Council and Table Commandery which were very well attended and raised needed funds for our charities.

Fraternally Submitted,
Bobbie E White, RDGM

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REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 3

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REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 4

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

Greetings Companions. I am pleased to present this report for Region 4 of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.

Region Four has seen significant growth in Companions this year. The Region had the opportunity to participate in degree conferrals in Columbia (Centralia Council No. 34) and in the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri's 9th Annual Grand Master's Cryptic Day on 16 March 2024 at Jefferson City Missouri. During this event the Companions from Region Four assisted in Greeting twenty new Cryptic Masons into Region

Four Councils. Centralia Council No. 34 greeted two new Cryptic Masons this year, Ezra Council No. 25 greeted five new Cryptic Masons this year and Rolla Council No 39 greeted thirteen new Cryptic Masons this year. This is the most growth I have seen in one region in a long while. I hope we continue to grow as we educate our craft masonry lodges on York Rite Freemasonry.

The region conducted its Regional Conference on 18 November 2023 at the Columbia Masonic Center in Columbia, Missouri. It was a great success with 36 Companions in attendance. During the conference we had a presentation from Companion Gary Woodruff, Deputy Master of Rolla Council No 39, on Membership Recruitment which was very well presented. He provided several best practices on recruiting membership and improving membership involvement in their Councils. VIC Steve Eberharter presented the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) program, followed by remarks from our Most Illustrious Grand Master Dr. Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. In the afternoon the Region participated in a ritual discussion from VIC James Woods Region Four Grand Lecturer.

During the year there were several fundraisers for CMMRF within the region. Most were conducted during the Council's Assembly. There were also a few CMMRF Gala fundraisers conducted outside the region opened to the public, which several Region Four Companions traveled to the Gala's held in Springfield and Kansas City, Missouri held on 30 March 2024. I personally, with several other members from Region Four attended the Gala held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield Missouri hosted by Zabud Council No. 25. The entire event was spectacular and informative with several attendees commenting on how much they enjoyed the food and the presentation by Kip Davis and Dr Murphy. But I also found the fellowship to be the most enlightening.

During this year we had several Companions within the region travel on a regular basis around the region and to other regions to visit and participate in Council activities. I had the opportunity to travel with these companions and found the fellowship of their company and the company of the Companions within Councils we visited to by exceptional. It was a pleasure to participate in each Councils ritual and attend their business Assemblies. These visits gave me a better appreciation for the various Councils and Regions I had the privilege to visit. I would like to thank my traveling Companions for allowing me to travel with them on their journeys. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Regional Deputy Grand Master of Region Four. Our region has had a significant increase in its members and the Companions have demonstrated a true desire to be a Cryptic Mason. As I traveled throughout the region, I was impressed to see how dedicated the Companions were within the region and how eager they were to perform their duties as Cryptic Masons. They demonstrated a strong drive and determination to make their Councils the best that they can be. It was a pleasure sitting in each Council as they opened, conducted regular business, or conferred degrees. I would like to personally thank each Companion for their service to Cryptic Masonry and may the Great Architect bless each of you and your families.

Fraternally Submitted,
Steve F. Eberharter, RDGM

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REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 5

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

The Regional Grand Master made his official visit to 3 Councils: Hiram Council No. 1, York Council No. 40, and Jeremiah Council No. 48. A warm reception was given by all 3 Councils. Full form was used in opening Councils, with the exception of York Council No. 40 where the short form opening was used. The message of the Most Illustrious Master Dr. Paul L. Daniels was conveyed to each Council. Degree work around the Region was performed at Jeremiah Council No. 48 on December 8th, 2023 with the Select Master Degree at Webster Groves. Occasional Visits were made to other Councils. I attended and participated in the Installation of Officers for Jeremiah Council No. 48 in April, 2024, and attended the Super Excellent Master Degree at Jefferson City Lodge. The overall health of Councils are fair. York Council No. 40 still continues to struggle with attendance. The Council still meets at Wentzville Lodge, and are hopeful for a turnaround in attendance.

Fraternally Submitted,
Glenn B. Parker, RDGM

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REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 6

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

The following determinations were made for the Council of Cryptic Masons during the 2023-2024 Year. These determinations are solely based on what I saw and are my own opinions. Any questions about this report should be brought to my attention.

On September 12th I conducted my official visit to Bonne Terre Council No. 43. With 7 Cryptic Mason's in attendance, we were able to open on the short form. The senior leadership made several recommendations on wanting to merge with Cape Council No. 20. I could tell there was no active recruiting being done and knew this was a problem. During this year they voted to merge with Cape Girardeau and Cape voted to accept them.

My recommendation is to rebuild Bonne Terre starting with the Chapter, and then move on rebuilding the Council and Commandery. New and younger leadership is needed in the area that are eager to learn and recruit. I have had several conversations with some of the Masons in the area. We will start that process on May 21st, 2024.

On October 12th I conducted my official visit to Poplar Bluff Council No. 27. With a total of 8 Cryptic Masons in attendance we were able to open on the short form. The attitude in Poplar Bluff was different than Farmington. They are eager to build and to learn the ritual. With the assistance of Bill Humble and Doug Rose, I see Poplar Bluff growing. It may take a while, but they are moving in the right direction. In the past 16 months we will have put on two festivals.

My recommendation with Poplar Bluff is to continue down the path they are going. They have good leadership and a very good mentor in Bill Humble.

On the 4th of October I conducted my Official visit at Cape Council No. 20 in Cape Girardeau. Like Poplar Bluff, Cape is moving in the right direction. I am not saying we are perfect, but we are trying. Some points to highlight Cape has an outstanding education program lead by Chris Foeste and Chris Wehrenberg. Cape has some potential regional and state officer material with Chris Foeste, Chris Wehrenberg, Dr. John Cross and Homer Markhart. Some of the weaker points to highlight, we need to work on our ritual more. I feel that with the people we have in place, our standards should be higher.

My recommendation for Cape is the same as Poplar Bluff.

Fraternally Submitted,
Dennis W. Houck, RDGM

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REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 7A

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REPORT OF THE RDGM FOR REGION 7B

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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REPORT OF THE ORDER OF SILVER TROWEL

Minutes of the 73rd Annual Convention

June 3, 2023

University Plaza Hotel, Springfield

The 73rd annual convention was Missouri Order of the Silver Trowel was held on Saturday the 3rd of June 2023 at the University Plaza Hotel located in Springfield MO. The convention was opened at 1:30 pm by the officers:

- Thrice Illustrious Master William C. Woolsey PIM
- Senior Warden Jeffrey L. Fielder- Bey
- Junior Warden Terry D. Coppotelli
- Steward Danny D. Smothers
- Sentinel Glenn B. Parker
- Chaplain Wayne B. Fryer
- Recorder/Treasurer Roger D. Fleer

There were 17 members, 9 cast members, 1 Guest and 11 candidates present for the conferral. Petitions presented for conferral were received, read, and voted upon. The following Illustrious Companions were received:

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| Benjamin Robert Caimi, Kansas City 45 | John Charles Caraker, Jeremiah 48 |
| John Lawrence Cochran, Liberty 50 | Brian Eric Davis, Shelby 59 |
| Laurent Paul Emile Ergas, Shekinah 24 | Michael J Estright, Rolla 39 |
| David William Haywood, Jeremiah 48 | Jeffrey Lee Knight, Kirksville 44 |
| Steven Kent Statham, Hiram 1 | John David Toynton, Independence 49 |
| Chad Eric Wagner, Carthage 4, | |

and distinguished guest Steven Balke, General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

Cast members:

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| Prologue: Danny Smothers | Benaiah: Dennis Houch |
| Zadok: Dennis Hammack | Nathan: Terry Coppotelli |
| Messenger: Joe Elsen | Adonirum: Todd Schulze |
| Ahiah: Wayne Fryer | Abijah: Jeffrey Fielder-Bey |
| David: Richard A. Riepe | Solomon: Candidate Ben Caimi. |

The candidate class spokesman was John Toynton. He thanked the cast and the membership for providing the Order of Silver Trowel.

The Treasurer’s report was read January 2023 balance- certificate of deposit \$3905.51 this included \$79.18 in interest, passbook \$705.86 for total of \$4611.37.

Income for the year 2023

Membership fees on 11 candidates at \$60 each, \$660 (this was as of 18 June 2023).

Expenses for the year 2023

Grand Masters apron \$255.00, paid 10 May 2023 by First State Community Bank cashier’s check. Of note, previous aprons were around \$520.00. The Recorder was directed to purchase member and TIM medallions

at the 2022 convention; these were procured from Simpson Jewelry of Greenville, IN. This purchase \$1159.00 (including S&H \$15.00) from Simpson jewelry provided 100 member and 12 TIM medallions. A charge of \$100.00 for Recorder honorarium was authorized but declined. Expenses through 03 June 2023 totaled \$1,414.00.

As of June 2023: there is a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$3000.00 this was activated August 2023 at the rate of 3.18%. The passbook has a balance of \$857.37. Total assets on hand \$3857.37.

There was no outstanding old business to be conducted.

Under new business TIM Woolsey, PIGM thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve the Order of the Silver Trowel for the preceding year. MIC Wayne Fryer, PIGM discussed the need for bylaws for the Order.

The passing of two Thrice Illustrious Masters was noted- Illustrious Companion Dave Watson (24 June of 2022) and Illustrious Companion Robert Whitney (26 May 2022). A brief prayer and moment of silence were observed.

There were no other communications.

The minutes of the 72nd Annual Convention as printed were approved.

The spending of money in the amount of \$255 for the IGM apron and the jewels from Simpson jewelry for \$1159 were approved. See the above section.

The nominating committee report recommended the advancement of the line officers. They recommended retention of the Recorder/Treasurer and strongly recommended the addition of Illustrious Companion Steve Bright to serve the Order of the Silver Trowel as Chaplain. The membership voted to follow the recommendations of the nominating committee.

No further business appearing the new officers for the ensuing term were installed: the installation team comprised of:

Installing Master: Dennis Houck
Installing Marshall: Dennis Hammack, and
Installing Chaplain: Joe Elsen;

all advancing line officers were installed.

Thrice Illustrious Master Jeffrey Fielder Bey presented Past TIM William C Woolsey, PIGM his jewel of office for having successfully completed his term of Office. The Throne Room was closed by the newly installed officers at or about 2:45 PM.

Fraternally submitted,
Roger D Fleer, Recorder

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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. Coshow (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 (Kirksville 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 (Kirksville 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 (Kirksville 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 (Kirksville 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. Snavely (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)

2022-2023

- 1 – David Darrell Goring (Kirksville 44)
- 2 – Curtis Evan Malotte (St. Joseph 9)
- 3A - Gregory Adam Walters (Independence 49)
- 3A - Lloyd Glen Lyon (John F. Houston 49)
- 3B - Christian D. Moore (Kansas City 45)
- 4 - Michael J. Estright (Rolla 39)
- 5 - David W. Haywood (Jeremiah 48)
- 6 - Christopher Allen Wehrenberg (Cape 20)
- 7A - Timothy Shane Southard (Lebanon 56)
- 7B - Chad Eric Wagoner (Carthage 41)

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP

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|------|----------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 1984 | P. Vincent Kinhead | 2005 | Thomas Lee Thomason |
| 1985 | Wilbert W. Burton | 2006 | Matthew Adam (Marrone) Cordoves |
| 1986 | Lionel J. Goede | 2007 | Leroy D. Unruh |
| 1987 | Ronald L. Zumwalt | 2008 | Vernon D. Carpenter |
| 1988 | Robert L. Harder | 2009 | John Anthony Vezeau |
| 1989 | John H. Jepson, Jr. | 2010 | Fred Veinfurt |
| 1990 | Darrell W. Cross | 2011 | Rodney L. Pensel |
| 1991 | James J. Gibbons | 2012 | Michael D. Kassel |
| 1992 | William B. Stephenson, Jr. | 2013 | LaDonne Snavelly |
| 1993 | Leroy D. Unruh | 2014 | Philip A. Cole |
| 1994 | Robert Cockerham | 2015 | Cheryl Lynn Klotz |
| 1995 | C. Scott Grantham | 2016 | Karen Lloyd |
| 1996 | Robert L. Detherow | 2017 | Daren Beck |
| 1997 | Robert L. Hudson | 2018 | Adam M. Iwanow |
| 1998 | William D. Townley | 2019 | Darren A. Beck |
| 1999 | Virginia L. Goede | 2020 | Joseph W. Stewart |
| 2000 | James E. Snavelly | 2021 | Matthew David Ruth |
| 2001 | William W. Mier | 2022 | David W. Haywood |
| 2002 | Catherine Dent | 2023 | Randy Carl Davis |
| 2003 | Dan Smothers | 2024 | TBA |
| 2004 | James Russell Tinker | | |

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

1975	Maurice E. Votaw	2000	Albert H. Miller
1976	Clifford Reed	2001	William D. Townley
1977	William I. Hutton	2002	E. Wayne Mund
1978	George J. Grossius	2003	Kevin E. Weaver
1979	Thomas W. Cook	2004	Christopher C. McLemore, III
1980	Caude E. Oxley	2005	James Joseph Hayes
1981	John B. Vrooman	2006	Kevin Brian Sample
1982	O.V. Jack Cundiff	2007	Alfred Laverne Mason
1983	Albert L. Kowitz	2008	Steven C. Monrotus
1984	Ralph E. Hahn	2009	Nicholas F. Steinmetz
1985	Loren E. Reynolds	2010	Roger D. Fleer
1986	Lawrence R. Albright, II	2011	James G. Wade
1987	Nelson G. Morgan	2012	James L. Woodfin, Jr.
1988	Harold R. Crockett	2013	Columbus Craft
1989	Almon A. Atkins	2014	Byron E. Hams
1990	Clarence K. Swan	2015	Robert William Schlichter
1991	J.D. Smith	2016	Jeffrey L. Fielder-Bey
1992	Carl L. Hoeningner	2017	Andrew Dawson
1993	William J. Bowser	2018	Harley L. Kropf
1994	Harold C. Mace	2019	Larry F. Walters
1995	Emory J. Hampel	2020	Harold F. Coots
1996	Luther H. Fryer	2021	Donald Harold Vandegriffe
1997	R. Clyde Foster	2022	Daniel Roy Quesenberry
1998	Robert H. Bray	2023	Corey Bennet Huntsucker
1999	J. Edward Blinn	2024	TBA

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY, OBJECTIVES, AND GUIDELINES FOR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

SCOPE OF THIS INVESTMENT POLICY

This statement of investment policy reflects the investment policy, objectives, and constraints of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, also referred to as the Grand Council.

PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

To outline a philosophy and attitude which will guide the investment management of the assets toward the desired results. It is intended to be sufficiently specific to be meaningful, yet flexible enough to be practical.

This statement of investment policy is set in order to:

1. Define and assign the responsibilities of all involved parties.
2. Establish a clear understanding of the investment goals and objectives of Fund assets.
3. Offer guidance and limitations to all *Investment Managers* regarding the investment of Fund assets.
4. Establish a basis for evaluating investment results.
5. Manage Fund assets according to prudent standards.
6. Establish the relevant investment horizon for which the Fund assets will be managed.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Grand Council is a fiduciary and is responsible for directing and monitoring the investment management of assets. As such, the Grand Council is authorized to delegate certain responsibilities to professional experts in various fields. These include, but are not limited to:

1. **The Investment Committee**, as defined in the Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws, is charged with establishing investment policy, objectives, and guidelines; selecting investment managers; reviewing such managers over time; measuring and evaluating investment performance; and other tasks as deemed appropriate by the Grand Master.
2. **The Investment Manager** is a licensed Financial Advisor or company who will advise, and at the Investment Committees direction, purchase, sell, or hold the specific securities that will be used to meet the Fund's investment objectives. They may also perform regular accounting of all assets owned, purchased, or sold, as well as movement of assets into and out of the Fund accounts.
3. Additional specialists such as attorneys, accountants, auditors, actuaries, consultants, and others may be employed by the Grand Council to assist in meeting its responsibilities and obligations to administer Fund assets prudently. All expenses for such experts must be customary and reasonable and will be borne by the Fund as deemed appropriate and necessary.

The Grand Council will not reserve any control over investment decisions, with the exception of specific limitations described in these statements and in the Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws. Investment Managers will be held responsible and accountable to achieve the objectives herein stated. While it is not believed that the limitations will hamper investment managers, each manager should request modifications, which they deem appropriate.

DEFINITION OF RISK

The Grand Council realizes that there are many ways to define risk. It believes that any person or organization involved in the process of managing the Fund's assets understands how it defines risk so that the assets are managed in a manner consistent with the Fund's objectives and investment strategy as designed in this statement of investment policy. The Grand Council defines risk as:

High volatility (fluctuation) of investment returns and or loss of principal

LIQUIDITY

To minimize the possibility of a loss occasioned by the sale of a security forced by the need to meet a required payment, the Grand Council will periodically provide the Investment Committee an estimate of expected net cash flow. The Grand Council will notify the Investment Committee in a timely manner, to allow sufficient time to build up necessary liquid reserves.

FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

1. Assisting in the development and periodic review of investment policy.
2. Conducting investment manager searches.
3. Providing "due diligence", or research, on the Investment Manager(s).
4. Monitoring the performance of the Investment Manager(s) to provide the Grand Council with the ability to determine the progress toward the investment objectives.
5. Communicating matters of policy, manager research, and manager performance to the Grand Council.
6. Reviewing Fund investment history, historical capital markets performance and the contents of this investment policy statement to the Grand Council on a regular basis, at a minimum of once per year.

GENERAL INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

1. Investments shall be made solely in the interest of the beneficiaries of the Fund.
2. The Fund shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the investment of a fund of like character and with like aims.
3. Investment of the Fund shall be so diversified as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. Conservative - Consistent with their respective investment styles and philosophies, investment managers should make reasonable efforts towards long term conservative growth while limiting volatility, understanding that losses may occur in individual securities.
2. Risk Aversion - Understanding that risk is present in all types of securities and investment styles, the Grand Council recognizes that some risk is necessary to produce long-term investment results that are sufficient to meet the Fund's objectives. However, the investment managers are to make reasonable efforts to control risk and will be evaluated regularly to ensure that the risk assumed is commensurate with the given investment style and objectives.
3. Adherence to Investment Discipline - Investment managers are expected to adhere to the investment management styles for which they were hired. Managers will be evaluated regularly for adherence to investment discipline.

GOAL OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

The goal of the Grand Council is to achieve a total rate of return sufficient to provide current distribution potential and to allow for the growth necessary to increase future distribution potential. The Grand Council recognizes that its funds exist to provide a perpetual resource of funds, and that its investment decisions should support that aim.

SPECIFIC INVESTMENT GOALS

Over the investment horizon established in this statement, it is the goal of the aggregate Fund assets to exceed:

An absolute rate of return after all distributions and expenses, equal to or greater than the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 2%.

The investment goals above are the objectives of the aggregate Fund and are not meant to be imposed on each investment account arbitrarily. The goal of the investment manager, over the investment horizon, shall be to:

1. Meet or exceed the market index, selected and agreed upon by the Investment Committee that most closely corresponds to the particular Fund.
2. Display an overall level of risk in the portfolio which is consistent with the risk associated with the benchmark specified.

SPENDING POLICY

This Grand Council places the highest emphasis on meeting its obligations. As such, the Grand Council regards spending in dollar terms from year to year unpredictable. As spending is unpredictable, expected investment returns from "riskier" portfolios are not consistent and predictable. Therefore, in order to reduce the likelihood of underperformance and excessive deterioration of real principal during such periods an unexpected large expense may occur, some Funds may tend toward a more "conservative to moderate" investment strategy than might be the case if periodic large expenditures were not possible.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

To meet its needs, the investment strategy of the Grand Council is to emphasize total return; that is, the aggregate return from capital appreciation and dividend and interest income.

Specifically, the primary objective in the investment management for Fund assets shall be:

Long-Term Growth of Capital -To emphasize long-term growth of principal while avoiding excessive risk. Short-term volatility may be tolerated in as much as it is consistent with the volatility of a comparable market index.

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

Allowable Assets Assets chosen should be selected in such ways as such the Investment Committee, in its judgment, considers prudent, and adheres to sound business principles, while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Council fund needs.

Prohibited Assets Prohibited Assets investments include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Annuities or Other Guaranteed Return Strategies
2. Commodities and Futures Contracts
3. Private Placements
4. Options
5. Limited Partnerships
6. Venture-Capital Investments
7. Real Estate Properties
8. Interest-Only (IO), Principal-Only (PO), and Residual Tranche CMOs
9. Cryptocurrency

Prohibited Transactions Prohibited transactions include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Short Selling
2. Margin Transactions

DEFINITIONS

1. "Fund" shall mean the investable assets of the Grand Council of Missouri deemed surplus. The term "Fund" is inclusive of the aggregation of all separate accounts under the control of the Investment Committee.
2. "Grand Council" shall refer to the governing board established to administer the Fund as specified by applicable ordinance.
3. "Fiduciary" shall mean any individual or group of individuals that exercise discretionary authority or control over fund management or any authority or control over management, disposition or administration of the Fund assets.
4. "Investment Manager" shall mean any individual or group of individuals, employed to manage the investments of all or part of the Fund assets.
5. "Securities" shall refer to the marketable investment securities, which are defined as acceptable in this statement.
6. "Investment Horizon" shall be the time period over which the investment objectives, as set forth in this statement, are expected to be met. The investment horizon for the Fund is 10 plus years.

FUNDS AND RESTRICTED BASE TO BE ASSIGNED BY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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