

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

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

HELD
JUNE 8, 2018
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI



GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

153RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY)

ATTENTION: Due to circumstances outside of our control, the Grand York Rite Awards Banquet will be held on Friday night instead of our usual Saturday night and the Distinguished Guests Dinner will be held on Thursday night. All awards will be presented at the GYR Awards Banquet.

“Lapel Pins and More” and “Upon the Point” (vendors) will be on site for the whole event, Wednesday through Saturday, second floor, vendor room and in the Atrium

Joplin Room (conference room) will be available for small meetings as needed throughout the session except as otherwise scheduled on Friday and Saturday

Friday, June 8, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast Meeting – Members Only (*Lincoln*)
- 7:00 a.m. Registration (Credentials Committee) – Council and Commandery only – until 11:00 am (*Atrium*)
- 7:30 a.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Council Reception of Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (*Capitol/Truman*)
- Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- 10:30 a.m. Formal Opening of the 153rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 11:00 a.m. Election of the 2018-2019 Grand Council Officers
- 11:30 a.m. Close Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 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 (*Lincoln*)
- 1:30 p.m. Order of the Silver Trowel (*Missouri*)
- 1:30 p.m. Open Ladies Registration - Hospitality & Game Room (*Kansas City – 2nd floor*)
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Council Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any)
- All Grand Council Awards will be presented at the Friday Grand York Rite Awards Banquet**
- 3:30 p.m. Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Council Officers, Open to Ladies and Guests
- 4:30 p.m. Close of the 153rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
- Pictures
- 6:00 p.m. Grand Officer Reception – Meet and Greet – Open to All (*Atrium*)
- 6:30 p.m. Open Seating for Banquet – Grand Officers Line Up (*outside Capitol/Truman*)
- 6:45 p.m. Introduction of Grand York Rite Officers
- 7:00 p.m. Grand York Rite Awards Banquet – Open to All (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 9:30 p.m. Grand Commandery Practice – Grand Line Officers (*Truman*)

10:00 p.m. “Old Buzzards” Meeting (*Joplin Room*)

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri
2017-2018**

Elected and Appointed Officers

Joseph P. Elsen	Grand Master
Aaron M. Shoemaker	Deputy Grand Master
Christopher E. Tilley	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Donald L. Trabue	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample.....	Grand Recorder
Wayne B. Fryer	Grand Captain of the Guard
Donald MacCormick	Grand Conductor of the Council
Michael S. Smith	Grand Marshal
Paul L. Daniels	Grand Steward
Thomas E. Christine	Grand Sentinel
Harold F. Coots	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Ronald L. Skiles	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Adam M. Iwanow.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Harley L. Kropf.....	Grand Chaplain
Robert Shoemyer.....	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Roy L. Gilkey	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Richard A. Taylor.....	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Jerry L. Miles	Assistant Grand Chaplain
John E. Schofield.....	Grand Organist - West
Steven C. Monrotus.....	Grand Organist - East
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister
William G. Snyder.....	Grand Historian
Kevin E. Weaver	Grand Lecturer

Living Past Grand Masters

Everette L. Gloyd (1978-1979)	Donald L. Trabue, Honorary (2008)
Jack R. Clark, Sr. (1987-1988)	Danny D. Smothers (2009-2010)
E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1998)	James G. Haddox (2010-2011)
Bob L. Detherow (1998-1999)	George M. Merkle (2011-2012)
William J. Bowser (2000-2001)	William C. Woolsey (2012-2013)
LeRoy D. Unruh (2001-2002)	David C. Witte (2013-2014)
Gary A. Phillips (2003-2004)	Terry R. Struse (2014-2015)
Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2005)	William G. Snyder (2015-2016)
Albert H. “Sonny” Miller (2006-2007)	Todd A. Schulze (2016-2017)

Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Thomas E. Christine	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 1
Daryl L. Price	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 2
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A
Bobby E. White	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3B
Michael C. Rohman.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 4
Terry K. Coppotelli	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 5
Harry L. Tripp, Jr.	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 6
Edward L. Choate.....	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7A
William “Kip” G. Davis, II	Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7B

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Jerry L. Miles	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1
Ronald E. Wood, Jr.	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2
Richard A. Riepe	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3A
Donald E. Gilkerson.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3B
Donald H. Vandegriffe	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4
Taz A. Meyer.....	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 5
Clifton W. Wofford	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 6
Gerald McCoy	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7A
David R. Phillips	Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7B

Regional Deputy Grand Chaplains

Michael L. Dodd.....	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 1
Vacant.....	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 2
Vacant.....	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 3A
Matthew L. Quesenberry.....	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 3B
Mark A. Bean	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 4
Taz A. Meyer.....	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 5
James L. Woodfin, Jr.....	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 6
Vacant.....	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 7A
Matthew D. Ruth	Regional Deputy Grand Chaplain, Region 7B

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand Master

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

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Terry R. Struse
Robert L. Schmidt

Finance & Accounts

David C. Witte, Chairman
Byron E. Hams
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-officio

Russell S. Hanson, Ex-officio

Grand Council Adv. Line Officers

Jurisprudence

Glenn E. Means, Chairman
Robert W. Schlichter
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey
Jeffrey A. Keevil

Returns of Councils

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman
Robert L. Schmidt
Terry R. Struse
Michael S. Smith
Harley L. Kropf

Special Committees

Audit

Terry R. Struse, Chairman
Stanton T. Brown, II
Grand Council Adv. Line Officers

Annual Assembly Planning

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman
Christopher E. Tilley
Wayne B. Fryer
Donald MacCormick
William C. Woolsey

Buckeye Award

Stanton T. Brown, II, Chairman
William G. Snyder

Charity & Charity Endowment Fund

William G. Snyder, Chairman
Christopher E. Tilley
Michael S. Smith
Paul L. Daniels

Education: Grand Council Merit Award

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
Aaron M. Shoemaker
Christopher E. Tilley

Education: Cryptic Ed - Freemasonry 2.5

Christopher E. Tilley, Chairman
Mark A. Dobson
Michael S. Smith
Kevin E. Weaver

Endowed Membership

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman
Bob L. Detherow
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-officio
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio

Fraternal Correspondence

David C. Witte, Chairman
Aaron M. Shoemaker
Michael S. Smith
Christopher E. Tilley

General Grand Council Charity Committee

William J. Bowser, Chairman

General Grand Council Endowed Mbership

William C. Woolsey, Chairman

Grand Master's Cryptic Day

Kevin B. Sample, Chairman
Jerry L. Miles
Kevin E. Weaver

RDGM & Leadership Events

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman
Wayne B. Fryer
Christopher E. Tilley
Michael S. Smith

RDGL & Instruction Events

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
Christopher E. Tilley
Michael S. Smith
Paul L. Daniels
Michael E. Wheeler

Regional Governance

Joseph P. Elsen, Chairman
Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Regional York Rite Conferences

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman
Harry L. Tripp, Jr.
Kevin E. Weaver
Carlin L. Smittle

Ritual

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
William G. Snyder
Jerry L. Miles
Gary A. Phillips
Matthew L. Quesenberry
Kevin B. Sample

Social Media/Communications/Internet

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman
Donald MacCormick, Web Master
David C. Witte
Roy L. Gilkey
Kevin B. Sample

Time and Place

Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman
Christopher E. Tilley
Donald L. Trabue
Kevin B. Sample

Triennial

Joseph P. Elsen, Chairman
Aaron M. Shoemaker
William G. Snyder

Youth & Membership

Roger D. Salyer, Chairman
Aaron M. Shoemaker
Adam M. Iwanow
Christopher E. Tilley

Order of Silver Trowel

Roger D. Fleeer, Secretary/Treasurer

Grand Representatives

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

Alabama..... William G. Snyder
Alaska Vacant
Arizona Donald L. Huggins
Arkansas Columbus Craft
California..... Vacant
Colorado Vacant
Connecticut..... Vacant
Delaware..... Jack D. Brown
District of Columbia..... Vacant
Florida..... Vacant
Georgia Vacant
Hawaii..... James G. Haddox
Idaho Vacant
Illinois..... William B. Stephenson, Jr.
Indiana Harley L. Kropf
Iowa Aaron M. Shoemaker
Kansas..... Danny D. Smothers
Kentucky..... Bob L. Detherow
Louisiana Robert W. Schlichter
Maine Everette L. Gloyd
Maryland..... William E. Brenneman
Massachusetts Albert H. Miller
Michigan..... John E. Schofield
Minnesota Vacant
Mississippi..... Daniel R. Quesenberry
Montana Terry R. Struse
Nebraska Vacant
Nevada..... Barry V. Cundiff
New Hampshire William C. Woolsey
New Jersey..... Ronald E. Wood, Jr.
New Mexico Norman G. Schlagenhauf
New York Vacant
North Carolina..... C.C. McLemore, III
North Dakota Vacant
Ohio Vacant
Oklahoma James L. Woodfin, Jr.
Oregon Steven C. Monrotus
Pennsylvania..... Vacant
Rhode Island..... Gale B. Morrison
South Carolina..... Roy N. Thomas

South Dakota Vacant
Tennessee..... Kevin B. Sample
Texas Alfred L. Mason
Utah..... Vacant
Vermont Glenn E. Means
Virginia Vacant
Washington Corey B. Huntsucker
West Virginia..... Vacant
Wisconsin Ted W. Harrison
Wyoming Vacant

Jurisdiction..... To Missouri Canada/Mexico

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

Jurisdiction..... To Missouri Other Jurisdictions

Africa Vacant
Brazil..... Russell S. Hanson
Central America..... Vacant
Croatia..... Vacant
El Salvador..... Vacant
England & Wales..... LeRoy D. Unruh
France Vacant
Germany Vacant
Greece George M. Merkle
Israel Vacant
Italy Vacant
Japan Vacant
Panama..... Vacant
Peru Vacant
Philippines Richard G. Harrison
Portugal..... William J. Bowser
Puerto Rico Vacant
Romania..... William R. Brantley
Scotland K. Trent Moreland
Taiwan Vacant
Togo Vacant
Virgin Islands..... Vacant



Joseph Peter Elsen
Grand Master, 2017-2018

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND MASTER

Most Illustrious Grand Master Joseph Peter Elsen was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on November 9th, 1950. He attended the local grade and middle schools and graduated from Humboldt Senior High School in 1968. He worked at a couple of different companies for two years and then joined the United States Navy in May of 1970. After graduating from boot camp at U. S. Naval Station, Great Lakes, he was assigned to temporary duty on the USS Prairie AD15. While there he attended Pre-Commissioning School and was then assigned permanent duty aboard the USS Badger DE1071, where he was assigned to operate the Steam Propulsion Boilers. He achieved the rank of Boiler Technician Third Class and served from 1970 to 1974. During his tour of duty on the USS Badger, the ship was deployed off the coast of Vietnam twice, the first time for seven months and the second time for three months. As a result of his duty aboard the USS Badger, he was awarded the Vietnam Service Ribbon, the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

After his Honorable Discharge from the U. S. Navy in 1974, he moved to Shelbina, Missouri, and married his wife, Kaye Gough. He worked at a Plumbing shop, a Tool and Die shop, and on a farm for several years. In 1988, Joe started his own Plumbing and Electrical business which he still operates to this day. Joe and Kaye have two sons, the oldest Tom and the youngest Doug. They have five grandchildren, four boys and one girl.

Joe petitioned for membership in Shelbina Lodge No. 228 in 2000, and after taking the Degrees and serving in the chairs became the Master of the Lodge in 2007. Joe received the Cryptic Degrees at a York Rite Festival in Kirksville, Missouri, and became a member of Shelbina Chapter No. 99, Centralia Council No. 34, and Malta Commandery No. 72. Joe helped establish a new council, Shelby Council No. 59, in Shelbina, Missouri, and transferred his membership there. He has served as High Priest, Illustrious Master, Eminent Commander, and as a Region Deputy Grand Master for several years. Joe is also a member of Mid-Missouri Council No. 291 Allied Masonic Degrees, Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188, York Rite College, Missouri Priory No. 17 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and the Missouri Lodge of Research. Joe has received the Order of the High Priesthood and the Order of the Silver Trowel.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Companions all, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and guests, I am pleased to welcome and greet you at this the One Hundred Fifty-Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. During this past year it has been my pleasure to serve as your Grand Master. I hope I have represented you and the State of Missouri well, and I thank you for this privilege and honor. I also thank my traveling companions, Very Illustrious Companion Harley L. Kropf, Very Illustrious Companion Jerry L. Miles and Very Illustrious Companion Mike Dodd for their companionship along the many roads we have taken. I would like to extend a thank you to Most Illustrious Companion Terry R. Struse for appointing me to the Grand Line and I hope that I have done all that he expected of me. Thank you, sir.

From the beginning of my year, all regular and standing committees were filled. The Pocket Directory is still an ongoing project. During my travels and while talking with Companions it is evident that they still look forward to getting one every year.

Necrology

It is with sadness that I must report at this time the passing of two of our Past Grand Masters. Most Illustrious Companion Lawrence R. Albright II, Past Grand Master (1993-1994) departed from this life on February 4, 2018. Most Illustrious Companion Richard J. Holmes, Past Grand Master Richard J. Holmes (2002-2003) went to be with his lady Jean on May 27, 2018. We lost an additional 93 members during the 2017 Cryptic year.

Full Name	Date Of Birth	Date Of Death	Council
Baker, Robert E.	01/01/1931	12/06/2017	9 - St. Joseph, Missouri
Barnhart, Paul C.	08/08/1935	12/12/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Blankenship, Charles Gary	03/29/1942	10/11/2017	50 - Liberty, Missouri
Bloesser, Ralph Thomas	11/29/1934	05/14/2017	41 - Carthage, Missouri
Bone, Harry Leonard	03/06/1929	07/21/2017	51 - East Gate, Missouri
Bunnell, Ralph Paul	11/24/1921	09/11/2017	50 - Liberty, Missouri
Bunnell, Ralph Paul	11/24/1921	09/11/2017	24 - Shekinah, Missouri
Carpenter, James Arthur	10/26/1953	12/02/2017	35 - Fidelity, Missouri
Carson II, William O.	12/10/1942	12/12/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Chellew, William A.	11/25/1929	11/22/2017	9 - St. Joseph, Missouri
Chorn, Ariel Ernest	12/03/1938	07/06/2017	24 - Shekinah, Missouri
Clubb, Clyde Lee	05/18/1923	11/22/2017	27 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Cobble, Huber Eugene	03/22/1930	05/19/2017	46 - Neosho, Missouri
Cook, L. L.	11/08/1922	04/09/2017	37 - Trenton, Missouri
Crawford, Russell N.	05/17/1950	05/04/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
Crowder Jr., Terry E.	09/29/1951	12/12/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Davidson, Virgil H.	10/13/1934	10/01/2017	49 - Independence, Missouri
Dowling, Kerry N.	07/08/1925	11/22/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Drunert Jr., Milton Frederick	07/17/1919	08/21/2017	1 - Hiram, Missouri
Dugan, Stanley F.	01/01/1921	05/23/2017	43 - Bonne Terre, Missouri
Duncan, George Loren	09/18/1932	06/24/2017	50 - Liberty, Missouri
Duren, D. Keith	01/14/1921	05/31/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Eagan, Aubrey Allen	06/09/1939	06/11/2017	27 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Ernst, Johnny Monroe	03/15/1954	09/02/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Evans Jr., Daniel N.	05/20/1955	07/06/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
Farrell, Forrest J.	05/29/1953	12/25/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
Finn, Bruce N.	11/27/1936	04/18/2017	46 - Neosho, Missouri
Goodell, Arthur Richard	12/26/1927	07/06/2017	38 - Westport, Missouri
Heins, Gerald L.	06/26/1931	04/22/2017	42 - Sedalia, Missouri
Hendrickson, Martin C.	10/29/1929	12/19/2017	45 - Kansas City, Missouri
Henson, Bill D.	06/18/1931	11/15/2017	41 - Carthage, Missouri
Hillebrenner, Robert Dean	04/15/1952	11/05/2017	41 - Carthage, Missouri
Holloway, James A.	07/28/1935	08/04/2017	40 - York, Missouri
Horn, Wilburn C.	01/01/1924	08/09/2017	43 - Bonne Terre, Missouri
Hornback, Paul	03/29/1922	12/15/2017	41 - Carthage, Missouri
Horton, Earl F.	11/02/1920	07/23/2017	20 - Cape, Missouri
Johnson, Gene A.	12/31/1934	12/12/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Johnson, Walter Carroll	08/20/1935	03/25/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
Johnson, William K.	02/06/1934	11/02/2017	32 - Ezra, Missouri
Jones, Carl J.	01/01/1935	11/24/2017	41 - Carthage, Missouri
Jones, Culus L.	09/14/1932	02/03/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Kempf, Marvin C	04/07/1939	07/29/2017	9 - St. Joseph, Missouri
Key, Kimber W.	12/25/1925	09/17/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Koch Jr., William P.	10/28/1943	12/12/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Koffman, John H.	07/14/1931	11/20/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri

Lampertz, Russell J.	01/01/1925	11/20/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Lieneke, Clinton O.	09/17/1924	10/08/2017	24 - Shekinah, Missouri
Lieneke, Clinton O.	09/17/1924	10/08/2017	49 - Independence, Missouri
Livingston, Fred S.	11/16/1932	12/17/2017	25 - Zabud, Missouri
Lloyd, David Allen	11/12/1959	07/09/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
Long, Joseph T.	03/25/1938	04/22/2017	1 - Hiram, Missouri
Lucas, William C.	11/08/1930	09/07/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Lyon, Harry G.	01/03/1934	07/04/2017	49 - Independence, Missouri
Mays, David Louis	09/09/1942	11/24/2017	27 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
McAuley, Myran Wayne	05/05/1948	04/22/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
McNutt, D. T.	11/16/1923	07/28/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Metsker, Richard L.	09/10/1937	08/20/2017	41 - Carthage, Missouri
Olson Jr., Edwin A.	01/01/1925	12/31/2017	9 - St. Joseph, Missouri
Osborn, Ervin V.	07/10/1922	06/15/2017	53 - Harmony, Missouri
Parker, Charles Marvin	03/26/1946	02/15/2017	49 - Independence, Missouri
Parker, Charles Marvin	03/26/1946	02/15/2017	38 - Westport, Missouri
Patterson, Rupert	01/01/1923	09/24/2017	9 - St. Joseph, Missouri
Payne, William D.	07/26/1925	06/04/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Perry, Michael E.	07/17/1979	06/14/2017	20 - Cape, Missouri
Rayfield, William E.	08/11/1940	12/12/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Sanders, Robert Lee	09/17/1933	11/25/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Sansoucie, Dimon Lee	07/30/1938	08/03/2017	27 - Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Searfoss Jr., Robert Lee	08/21/1921	11/10/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Sheffer, John Franklin	09/04/1928	09/27/2017	42 - Sedalia, Missouri
Smith, Albert L.	08/19/1928	12/07/2017	9 - St. Joseph, Missouri
Smith, Alfred R.	11/13/1931	05/15/2017	1 - Hiram, Missouri
Smith, Fred J.	02/14/1940	11/16/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Stuecken, Fred Florenz	08/15/1927	02/10/2017	47 - Trinity, Missouri
Stuecken, Fred Florenz	08/15/1927	02/10/2017	59 - Shelby, Missouri
Taylor, Keith D.	05/31/1950	01/30/2017	46 - Neosho, Missouri
Truman, Thomas Leroy	05/27/1947	12/08/2017	49 - Independence, Missouri
Wade, James Glenn	12/02/1937	06/14/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri
Ward, Kenneth	03/26/1942	09/01/2017	47 - Trinity, Missouri
Welsh, Joseph L.	04/08/1944	10/29/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
Westbrook, Kenneth Lynn	07/29/1929	04/19/2017	44 - Kirksville, Missouri
Wilson, William Carroll	05/26/1942	12/12/2017	48 - Jeremiah, Missouri
Wisemore, Darrell Dean	06/21/1924	07/16/2017	49 - Independence, Missouri
Wolf, Willis	09/24/1933	09/06/2017	25 - Zabud, Missouri
Zobrisky, Steve E.	03/21/1925	11/30/2017	34 - Centralia, Missouri

Memorial Service

by Very Illustrious Companion Harley L. Kropf, Grand Chaplain

(Not Available at Time of Printing)

Visitations

June 22, 2017	VIC Wayne Fryer attended GHP Ron Barrett's Reception at Liberty, Missouri as my representative
June 24, 2017	MIC Donald L. Trabue attended the Jobs Daughters Annual Assembly in Jefferson City as my representative
June 25, 2017	VIC Wayne Fryer attended the Rainbow for Girl's Annual Assembly in Springfield as my representative
July 15, 2017	I attended the KYCH Annual Meeting in Jefferson City. Had the pleasure of seeing MIC Kevin B. Sample installed as Eminent Prior of Missouri Priory No. 17
July 22, 2017	Attended my Official Reception at Shelbina Lodge hosted by Shelby Council No. 59
August 6, 2017	Grand Officers Conference Call
August 19, 2017	Attended Region 3 York Rite Conference
August 27, 2017	Grand Officers Conference Call
August 28, 2017	Made Official Visit to Centralia Council No. 34
September 9, 2017	Attended Region 7A York Rite Conference in Bolivar
September 15, 2017	Attended South Central York Rite Conference in St. Louis
September 25, 2017	Attended Grand Lodge of Missouri session in Columbia
September 30, 2017	Attended Region 4 York Rite Conference in Jefferson City, and Grand Officers meeting
October 2, 2017	Attended Triune Annual Fish Fry RARA fund raiser
October 14, 2017	Attended Region 6 York Rite Conference in Farmington
October 28, 2017	Official Visit to Ezra Council No. 32
November 6, 2017	Attended MO/ILL Chapter Day at St. Charles No. 1 in St. Charles, MO
November 20, 2017	Official Visit to Rolla Council No. 39
November 27, 2017	Official Visit to Centralia Council No. 34. Presented 50 Year Pin to MIC E. Allen Kohler
November 28, 2017	Official Visit to Shelby Council No. 59
December 3, 2017	Grand Officers Conference Call
December 7, 2017	Official Visit to Trinity Council No. 47
December 14, 2017	Official Visit to Kirksville Council No. 44
December 17, 2017	Grand Officers Conference Call
January 7, 2018	Grand Officers Conference Call
February 1, 2018	Official Visit to Trinity Council No. 47
February 7, 2018	Official Visit to St. Joseph Council No. 9
February 20, 2018	Official Visit to Lebanon Council No. 56
February 26, 2018	Visit to Centralia Council No. 34, planning for Cryptic Day
March 3, 2018	Attended Grand Master Chapter Day in Jefferson City
March 24, 2018	Attended Grand Master Cryptic Day in Columbia
March 28, 2018	Official Visit to Hiram Council No. 1
April 6, 2018	Attended Nebraska Grand Session in Kearney, Nebraska

May 4, 2018	Attended Kansas Grand Session in Topeka, Kansas
May 6, 2018	Grand Officers Conference Call
May 19, 2018	VIC Fryer Inspected Masonic Time Capsule in Branson, Missouri on my behalf
May 27, 2018	RIC Shoemaker represented me at the DeMolay State Conclave

Edicts Issued

I have issued one Edict during my term of office and it is as follows:

September 19, 2017 Edict No. 1

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

According to the Grand Recorder's Statistical Report of 2016 Annual Returns, Councils reported donations to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) of only \$364.25, and to the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund (CEF) of only \$211.75, from all of the Councils combined. Although some Councils failed to report contributions at all, this is still an extremely low contribution to the two major charities of our Grand Council.

Therefore, it is my order that subordinate council recorders include on their 2017 Dues Notices, line items for (1): Voluntary donations to CMMRF with a "suggested amount" of \$3.65, and (2): Voluntary donations to CEF with a "suggested amount" of \$5.00. The Grand Recorder's office will supply upon request "Penny-a-Day" stickers for CMMRF to be affixed to member's dues cards of those who contribute at least the minimum amount of \$3.65. And, that the recorder of every Chartered Council, and the chairman of any committee having oversight of the receipt of charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests will report to and send to the Grand Recorder a written report of such charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests, and that documentation will be maintained so that Missouri may receive credit and the recognition it deserves. All checks for charitable contributions will be issued separately to the Grand Council of Missouri with a notation in the memo field of its designated use.

Dispensations Granted

- October 7, 2017 Granted dispensation to Shekinah Council No. 24 to have a special meeting on October 27, 2017 at 8 p.m. at the Kansas City York Rite Temple for the purpose of considering petitions for membership and Masonic education
- February 27, 2018 Granted dispensation to Hiram Council No. 1 to permanently remove from their current home at the New Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 to the Valley of St. Louis Scottish Rite Temple, 3633 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 due to the sale of the New Masonic Temple.

Decisions

- February 5, 2018 Approved the consolidation of Adoniram Council No. 63 located in Webb City, MO with Neosho Council No. 46 located in Neosho, MO
- February 5, 2018 I ordered the Grand Council Regional Numbering and Missouri Regional Map to be redefined to more succinctly align with the regional boundaries/maps of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of the State of Missouri, as follows:
- Region 1 shall consist of the following Councils:
- Kirksville Council No. 44
 - Trinity Council No. 47
 - Shelby Council No. 59
- Region 2 shall consist of the following Councils:
- St. Joseph Council No. 9
 - Trenton Council No. 37
 - Harmony Council No. 53
- Region 3 District A shall consist of:
- Sedalia Council No. 42
 - Independence Council No. 49
 - Liberty Council No. 50
- Region 3 District B shall consist of:
- Shekinah Council No. 24
 - Westport Council No. 38
 - Kansas City Council No. 45
 - East Gate Council No. 51
- Region 4 shall consist of:
- Ezra Council No. 32
 - Centralia Council No. 34

Rolla Council No. 39

Region 5 shall consist of:

Hiram Council No. 1

York Council No. 40

Jeremiah Council No. 48

Region 6 shall consist of:

Cape Council No. 20

Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

Bonne Terre Council No. 43

Region 7 District A shall consist of:

Zabud Council No. 25

Fidelity Council No. 35

Lebanon Council No. 56

Bert S. Lee Council No. 58

West Plains Council No. 64

Region 7 District B shall consist of:

Jasper Council No. 30

Carthage Council No. 41

Neosho Council No. 46

The Regional Officers currently responsible for the listed Councils will take due notice thereof. The Regional Map will also be added to the Grand York Rite of Missouri Web Site / Documents section. I also asked the Grand Recorder to add the Council Region number to the Lewis and Clark form. This will allow the Grand Master to keep track of where the nomination is coming from.

By Law Changes, Subordinate Councils

March 27, 2018	Approved the name change of Sedalia Council No. 42 to John F. Houston Council No. 42
May 28, 2018	Approved complete by-laws revision for Mountain Grove Council No. 35

Membership Records and MMS

At this time the Masonic Membership System (MMS) is up and going. Hopefully this will make things easier for the Council Recorders to keep track of and report the correct number of members to the Grand York Rite office.

Time Capsule

Very Illustrious Companion Wayne B. Fryer, Grand Captain of the Guard visited the Time Capsule on my behalf on May 19, 2018. It is located next to a Rapid Roberts Conoco C-Store at the intersection of Hwy 65 & Hwy 248 (Shepherd of the Hills Expressway). He reported the condition to be in good repair and provided pictures shown below.



IRS Compliance Form 990-N

During the year the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer have been working with the Councils that have been out of compliance with the IRS and hopefully with more effort on the part of subordinate councils we will all be in compliance with the IRS Code.

Grand Master's Coins

The Grand Council Advancing Line has agreed to continue with the Grand Master's Coin program, with a series of four. As in the past, it was up to the sitting Grand Master where the proceeds go from the sale of the coins. I have directed that the proceeds for my year will go to CMMR and the Youth Groups.

Grand Master's Cryptic Day

The Fourth Annual Grand Master's Cryptic Day was held at the Jefferson City Lodge on March 24, 2018. We were honored to have in attendance Most Worshipful Brother Ronald D. Jones, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri. There was a total of twenty York Rite companions that received the Super Excellent Master Degree that day, ten of them being from the Prince Hall Councils. A good time was had by all.

State of the Craft

During my travels for official visits and other meetings I have found the State of the Craft to be in good standing, even taking into consideration our declining membership. I hope that our membership numbers might rebound over the next several years.

Recommendations

I would recommend that the incoming Grand Master have as many face-to-face meetings with his Grand Officers as possible during the year. There is much for the officers to learn and be responsible for. Although we are trying to use new technology as much as possible, there is much to be learned when sitting across the table from one another and personally interacting with the officers, which cannot be equally accomplished over the phone or by video conference.

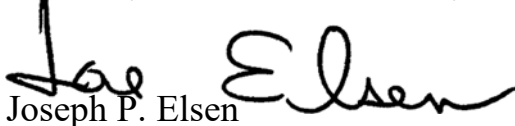
I would also recommend to the incoming Grand Master to make as many visits to the Subordinate Councils in the state. In the Councils that I did get to visit, I was greeted, fed well, and received in due form. They were greatly appreciative of the Grand Master's visit.

Appreciation

Companions, I would like to thank the Grand Council Officers for their effort in making this a good year for the Cryptic Masons of Missouri. Also, thank you to the Past Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, RDGM's, RDGL's for the work and guidance they have done and given me.

Finally, to my lady Kaye, my children, daughters-in-laws and grandchildren, I know I missed family functions and activities that I truly wanted to attend. Your unselfish generosity in allowing me to do this will never be forgotten. I love you all.

Sincerely and Most Fraternally submitted,



Joseph P. Elsen
Grand Master 2017-2018

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

Companions, the Committee has reviewed the Address of MIC Joseph P. Elsen, Grand Master 2017-2018, and finds that the Grand Master has skillfully discharged his duties and submitted a worthy report of his accomplishments and accounting of his travels in behalf of the Grand Council.

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

The incoming Grand Master is encouraged to study this Address, as well as addresses submitted by Grand Masters David Carl Witte, Terry Robert Struse, William Gene Snyder, and Todd Alan Schulze for guidance in his term.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Robert Struse
Todd A. Schulze, Chairman

William G. Snyder

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

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

COMPANIONS: All funds are invested in and/or thru banking institutions in Jefferson City. All bank accounts are interest bearing, with no service charges, with amounts being maintained at less than \$250,000 in any one banking institution. Investments in common stock or equal securities in nationally known corporations traded on the New York Stock Exchange, as allowed by Sec. 135 of the By-Laws is being utilized (American Balanced Fund and American Income Fund).

I present herewith my report of the receipts, disbursements and the financial condition of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri for the fiscal year, June 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

General Fund

Total Assets, General Fund, June 1, 2017		\$ 53,627.97
Receipts: Grand Secretary, etc.	\$ 47,736.59	
Interest Earned	\$ 241.21	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Income	\$ 315.20	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Balanced	\$ 442.63	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 48,735.63</u>	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #xxxxx9328	\$ 5,512.50	
Jefferson Act. #xxxxx4544	\$ 24,638.89	
Jefferson Act. #xxxxx4155 (Debits)	\$ 4,375.73	
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$ 34,527.12</u>	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts:		<u>\$ 14,208.51</u>
Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2018		\$ 67,836.48

Statement of Assets- General Fund, March 31, 2018

Interest Checking Account #xxxxx9328, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.06 %	\$ 555.02	
Interest Checking Act. #xxxxx4544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 767.02	
Interest Checking Act. #xxxxx4325, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$ 7.51	
Monery Mkt. Act. #xxxxx4155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.36%	\$ 37,317.36	
Jefferson CD #xxxxx0927, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.25%, Matures 4/3/18	\$ 18,009.76	
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$ 5,419.17	
American Income Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$ 5,760.64	
Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2018		\$ 67,836.48

General Fund (Special Account)

Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), June 1, 2017		\$ 38,349.38
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$ 190.36	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund	\$ 1,341.86	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 1,532.22</u>	
Disbursements:	<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 1,532.22</u>
Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2018		\$ 39,881.60

Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2018

Monery Mkt. Act. #xxxxx4155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.36%	\$ 402.54	
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$ 16,428.66	
CD #xxxxx0708, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.10%, Matures 4/10/19	\$ 23,050.40	
Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2018		\$ 39,881.60

Endowed Membership Fund

Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, June 1, 2017		\$ 129,467.92
Receipts: Memberships (3)	\$ 1,830.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 502.13	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Fund-Income	\$ 5,120.45	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 7,452.58</u>	
Disbursements:	<u>\$ -</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		<u>\$ 7,452.58</u>
Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2018		\$ 136,920.50

Statement of Assets - Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Market Act. #xxxxx4155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.36%	\$ 9,277.48	
CD #xxxxx1055, Providence Bank, Jefferson City, 1.70%, Matures 12/5/19	\$ 57,541.37	
American Income Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)	\$ 70,101.65	
Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2018		\$ 136,920.50

Charity Endowment Fund**Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, June 1, 2017**

		\$	129,693.99
Receipts: Various Contributions	\$	43.80	
Interest Earned	\$	1,056.78	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Balanced	\$	1,845.55	
Total Receipts:		\$	2,946.13
Disbursements:	\$	900.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$	2,046.13
<u>Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$	131,740.12

Statement of Assets - Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Market Act.#xxxxx4155,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.36%	\$	2,333.07	
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)	\$	22,595.58	
CD#xxxxx4500,Providence Bank,Jefferson City,1.35%,Matures 7/13/18	\$	31,538.17	
CD#xxxxx2161, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 1.50%, Matures 2/7/19	\$	34,558.50	
CD#xxxxx3910,Providence Bank-Jefferson City,1.55%,Matures 9/13/19	\$	40,714.80	
<u>Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$	131,740.12

Supply Fund**Total Assets, Supply Fund, June 1, 2017**

		\$	13,421.23
Receipts: Inventory Sales	\$	3,915.02	
Interest Earned	\$	29.08	
Total Receipts:		\$	3,944.10
Disbursements:	\$	10,230.98	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$	(6,286.88)
<u>Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$	7,134.35

Statement of Assets - Supply Fund, March 31,2018

Money Market Act.#xxxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.36%	\$	7,134.35	
<u>Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$	7,134.35

Triennial Fund**Total Assets, Triennial Fund, June 1, 2017**

		\$	472.95
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$	1.38	
Total Receipts:	\$	1.38	
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$	1.38
<u>Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$	474.33

Statement of Assets - Triennial Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Market Act.#xxxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.36%	\$	474.33	
<u>Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$	474.33

Leadership Fund**Total Assets, Leadership Fund, June 1, 2017**

		\$	817.72
Receipts: From Councils	\$	174.80	
Interest Earned	\$	2.44	
Total Receipts:		\$	177.24
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:		\$	177.24
<u>Balance, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2018</u>		\$	994.96

Statement of Assets - Leadership Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Market Act.#xxxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.36%

	\$	994.96	
Total Assets, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2018			\$ 994.96

Audit Fund**Total Assets, Audit Fund, June 1, 2017**

Receipts: Interest Earned

Total Receipts:

Disbursements:

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:

Balance, Audit Fund, March 31, 2018

	\$	2.44	
	\$	2.44	
	\$	-	
			\$ 2.44
Balance, Audit Fund, March 31, 2018			\$ 5,176.33

Statement of Assets - Audit Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Market Act.#xxxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.36%

	\$	5,176.33	
Total Assets, Audit Fund, March 31, 2018			\$ 5,176.33

Proceedings Fund**Total Assets, Proceedings Fund, June 1, 2017**

Interest Earned

Total Receipts:

Disbursements:

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:

Balance, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2018

	\$	15.15	
	\$	15.15	
	\$	-	
			\$ 15.15
Balance, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2018			\$ 5,013.94

Statement of Assets - Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2018

Money Market Act.#xxxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.36%

	\$	5,013.94	
Total Assets, Proceedings Fund, March 31, 2018			\$ 5,013.94

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2018**\$ 395,172.61**

Fraternally submitted,
Donald L. Trabue, HPGM, Grand Treasurer

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

REPORTS OF THE GRAND RECORDER

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

Companions, one wonders where 12 months can go so quickly. Although Russell, Debbie and I did not get some of the things we had planned to get accomplished this year, we did make some progress nonetheless.

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

Proceedings: We had a plan worked out to complete the 2017 proceedings this year and then start working our way back to get caught up, however this plan got changed early in the year – without going into much detail about it, it is our plan to put this into effect this year.

Protocol: As was stated last year, we are still experiencing a loss of understanding of Masonic protocol with regard to sending official correspondence to the Office of the Grand Master and his committees. Council Recorders are sending requests for Dispensations and By-Laws changes directly to the Grand Master or Jurisprudence Committee. We would urge and respectfully request that normalized communications be reinstated – by sending your requests to the Grand Recorder's office wherein they will be appropriately distributed and tracked through to completion. We find this necessary when documenting and approving actions to be properly recorded by all involved. We strongly encourage Council Recorder's to follow protocol in order that the actions required by the Grand Master can be appropriately recorded.

In addition to the expected protocol mentioned above, it must be clearly understood that District and Grand Line Officers (unless commissioned by the GM for specific purposes) do not have the authority to communicate requests for dispensations, to grant dispensations, authorize relocations or to speak on behalf of the Council Master or Recorder. We appreciate the help in facilitating communications, but official requests must come from the appropriate channels and follow the by-laws of the Grand Council and the by-laws of the subordinate Council.

This year our office had some help, for better or worse, whereby "others" attempted to communicate what the Grand Recorder would or would not do with regard to annual returns. I would remind Council Recorders that you need to work with me directly on any issues you encounter. I will render my opinion which may or may not be approved by the Grand Master, however his decision will obviously stand. I would respectfully ask that "others" with opinions as to the official functions of my office refrain from interference.

Annual Returns – Late: As of the time of this report, the following Councils filed late returns and were assessed penalties: Zabud Council No. 25; Trenton Council No. 37; Jeremiah Council No. 48 (new Recorder); and East Gate Council No. 51.

Annual Returns – No Return: As of the date of this report, the following Councils have not filed a return and will be assessed penalties: Shekinah Council No. 24 and Bonne Terre Council No. 43. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – Financial Statements: The following Councils either failed to submit or filed an incomplete Financial Statement: Hiram Council No. 1; Zabud Council No. 25; Fidelity

Council No. 35; Trenton Council No. 37; Rolla Council No. 39; John F. Houston Council No. 42 (formally Sedalia Council No. 42); Kirksville Council No. 44; Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48 (new Recorder); and East Gate Council No. 51. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

Annual Returns – CMMR and CEF Donations (according to the annual returns): The following Councils reported no contributions to CMMR or CEF: Hiram Council No. 1; Cape Council No. 20; Zabud Council No. 25; Ezra Council No. 32; Fidelity Council No. 35; Trenton Council No. 37; John F. Houston Council No. 42 (formally Sedalia Council No. 42); Kirksville Council No. 44; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48; Liberty Council No. 50; East Gate Council No. 51; Harmony Council No. 53; Bert S. Lee Council No. 58; and West Plains Council No. 64.

In contrast, Rolla Council No. 39 was able to contribute \$3.27 per member for each of their members, Lebanon Council No. 56 was able to contribute \$4.78 per member for each of their members, and Independence Council No. 49 had the largest contribution of \$7.98 per member for each of their members and had the largest total contribution from all the Councils.

One item of importance to mention – CMMR and CEF donations according to Annual Return Financial Reports show total contributions of \$2,070.18 and \$637.12 respectively, however total contributions received in 2017 through our office were actually \$7,947.08 and \$750.50 respectfully. Recorders need to try to report accurately. *The awards given this year for charitable contributions are based on annual return reporting.*

Additionally, in 2017 the Grand Master ordered that subordinate council recorders include on their 2017 Dues Notices, line items for (1): Voluntary donations to CMMRF with a “suggested amount” of \$3.65, and (2): Voluntary donations to CEF with a “suggested amount” of \$5.00. The Grand Recorder’s office will supply upon request “Penny-a-Day” stickers for CMMRF to be affixed to member’s dues cards of those who contribute at least the minimum amount of \$3.65. And, that the recorder of every Chartered Council, and the chairman of any committee having oversight of the receipt of charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests will report to and send to the Grand Recorder a written report of such charitable contributions, donations of any kind, and bequests, and that documentation will be maintained so that Missouri may receive credit and the recognition it deserves. All checks for charitable contributions will be issued separately to the Grand Council of Missouri with a notation in the memo field of its designated use.

Annual Returns – Bonding: The following Councils reported that the Treasurer and Recorder are NOT bonded: Hiram Council No. 1; Cape Council No. 20; Poplar Bluff Council No. 27; Jasper Council No. 30; Ezra Council No. 32; Fidelity Council No. 35; Trenton Council No. 37; Westport Council No. 38; Rolla Council No. 39; York Council No. 40; John F. Houston Council No. 42 (formally Sedalia Council No. 42); Kirksville Council No. 44; Kansas City Council No. 45; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48; Independence Council No. 49; East Gate Council No. 51; Harmony Council No. 53; Lebanon Council No. 56; Bert S. Lee Council No. 58; Shelby Council No. 59; and West Plains Council No. 64. 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 – Audits: The following Councils did not file an Audit as part of their Annual Return: Trenton Council No. 37; Rolla Council No. 39; John F. Houston Council No. 42 (formally Sedalia Council No. 42); Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48 (new Recorder); East Gate Council No. 51; and Harmony Council No. 53. This was largely reduced from the number failing to complete the Audit from 2016.

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

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

MMS: Last year we reported that our membership records were already in transition to the Masonic Membership Solution (MMS) membership database. I am most pleased to report that this was completed in September 2017. Training was conducted by John Elkington at the South Central York Rite Conference in St. Louis, and additionally 3 on-line classes were conducted.

Council Recorders were informed on multiple occasions that they had until December 31, 2017 to correct their membership records. They were also afforded the opportunity to assign an IT representative (exactly as it has been handled with the Grand Commandery for the past 2 years) to assist with this effort. All were informed that the annual return would be modified from its traditional format and that bills would be presented based on the total year end membership. Finally, Monthly Reports were discontinued.

However, as is the case with all things this large and complicated, it was not without varying levels of discontent expressed by some of the Recorders. Some failed to act at all to correct their membership records which resulted in some exaggerated bills. Many members were not added to our previous records over several years for varying yet unexplainable reasons. When these were added, even with prior year dates, it generated Greeting Fees for this year. When these were made known to me, I worked with each Recorder to have the fees removed and corrected billing established. It is a complex process and we will work through it. There is no issue that we cannot resolve by working together.

As of the time of this report, several Council Recorders and/or IT Representatives have made no changes to their membership since MMS was brought on line: Hiram Council No. 1; Shekinah Council No. 24; Trenton Council No. 37; and East Gate Council No. 51. It is strongly recommended that immediate attention is directed to the membership records of these Councils.

Recorders and/or IT Representatives of these Councils are strongly encouraged to contact me so we can get your membership records up to date. We have the technology for desktop sharing for hands-on training so there is no reason why it cannot be accomplished.

Finally, this year I have submitted legislation to delineate the responsibilities of the MMS system which I hope will meet with everyone's approval.

Appreciation: Lady Debbie Hanson continues to be the most valuable asset to the Grand York Rite of Missouri. This office would not function without her dedication. She is to be applauded, not only for putting up with both Russell and me, but for all the hard work she does and the "voice of reason" when Russell and I need counseling. I again thank RIC Russell S. Hanson for his continued assistance in the business partnership that the leadership of the Grand York Rite agreed to when we developed the current business plan. I could not do this job without him.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, HPGM, Grand Recorder
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri

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

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2017 End: 12/31/2017
Grand Council of Missouri

Total Working Councils =	31	
The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.		
Total number members on last return =		2,581
Total number GREETED =	155	
Total number AFFILIATED =	48	
Total number REINSTATED =	17	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	0	
Total Gain (+)		220
Total number DEMITTED =	88	
Total number SUSPENDED =	372	
Total number DECEASED =	129	
Total number EXPELLED =	0	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	2	
Total Loss (-)		591
	Net Gain (Net Loss) =	(371)
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural) on this report as of		= 2,210

STATISTICS (2016 Contrast)

Number of Chartered Councils	31
Number of Members, December 31, 2015	2314
Number Greeted	66
Number Affiliated	40
Number Reinstated	31
Total Gains	110
Number Dimitted	33
Number Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct	0
Number Expelled	2
Number Suspended by Lodge or Chapter	9
Number Suspended by Council NPD	108
Number Died	72
Total Losses	219
Total Members, December 31, 2016	2205
Net Loss	109

Statistical Reports: The first observation on the above report is that we ended up with more members than we started with. There are multiple corrections which must be observed this year which are a result of reconciling the membership database. We must disregard the number of Greetings due to the fact that this number additionally includes “adding” members to the database from previous years. The same can be said with regard to all of the accounting for this first year. But it is a place to start from.

The following reports from MMS are the Membership Counts by Councils and following is the Average Age Report as of May 24, 2018 – pay particular attention to the first line on the Average Age Report – it tells much about our future.

	Active Members	Petitioner	Candidate	Active no DOB	Active with DOB	*Average Age	Active Local Bodies	US Mailable
Missouri	2,186		2	46	2,140	68.4	30	2,159
1 - Hiram	48				48	66.0	1	48
9 - St. Joseph	178			10	168	71.9	1	176
20 - Cape	58				58	67.7	1	55
24 - Shekinah	59				59	70.8	1	59
25 - Zabud	299		1	1	298	67.5	1	297
27 - Poplar Bluff	52				52	64.8	1	52
30 - Jasper	40				40	66.6	1	39
32 - Ezra	55				55	72.5	1	55
34 - Centralia	142				142	70.6	1	141
35 - Fidelity	30			1	29	65.5	1	29
37 - Trenton	37				37	76.7	1	37
38 - Westport	36			1	35	72.6	1	36
39 - Rolla	83				83	68.4	1	81
40 - York	34				34	68.5	1	34
41 - Carthage	58			2	56	73.2	1	58
42 - Sedalia	52				52	67.1	1	52
43 - Bonne Terre	68				68	66.4	1	66
44 - Kirksville	132			3	129	69.5	1	130
45 - Kansas City	54			17	37	65.2	1	54
46 - Neosho	61			2	59	67.2	1	60
47 - Trinity	17			1	16	65.5	1	17
48 - Jeremiah	115			1	114	68.7	1	115
49 - Independence	132				132	66.1	1	132
50 - Liberty	95				95	70.6	1	94
51 - East Gate	60			3	57	72.4	1	59
53 - Harmony	22			1	21	64.3	1	21
56 - Lebanon	68				68	63.6	1	66
58 - Bert S. Lee	34		1		34	63.2	1	32
59 - Shelby	43				43	63.5	1	42
64 - West Plains	24			3	21	50.9	1	22
Total Members	2,186		2	46	2,140	68.4	30	2,159
Total Plural Members	42							
Total People	2,144							

Council	Active No DOB	Active DOB	Avg. Age	18-29 # %	30-39 # %	40-49 # %	50-59 # %	60-69 # %	70-79 # %	80-89 # %	90-99 # %	100+ # %	Totals # %
Missouri	46	2140	68.4	37 1.7	86 4.0	203 9.5	272 12.7	439 20.5	561 26.2	383 17.9	154 7.2	5 0.2	2140 100.0
1 - Hiram	0	48	66	3 6.3	1 2.1	7 14.6	10 20.8	4 8.3	8 16.7	10 20.8	3 6.3	2 4.2	48 2.2
9 - St. Joseph	10	168	71.9	0 0.0	2 1.2	10 6.0	15 8.9	41 24.4	56 33.3	34 20.2	9 5.4	1 0.6	168 7.9
20 - Cape	0	58	67.7	0 0.0	3 5.2	8 13.8	6 10.3	11 19.0	16 27.6	9 15.5	5 8.6	0 0.0	58 2.7
24 - Shekinah	0	59	70.8	0 0.0	3 5.1	7 11.9	4 6.8	11 18.6	13 22.0	14 23.7	6 10.2	1 1.7	59 2.8
25 - Zabud	1	298	67.5	10 3.4	13 4.4	30 10.1	34 11.4	57 19.1	79 26.5	54 18.1	21 7.0	0 0.0	298 13.9
27 - Poplar Bluff	0	52	64.8	0 0.0	4 7.7	7 13.5	8 15.4	8 15.4	17 32.7	8 15.4	0 0.0	0 0.0	52 2.4
30 - Jasper	0	40	66.6	1 2.5	1 2.5	4 10.0	7 17.5	10 25.0	11 27.5	3 7.5	3 7.5	0 0.0	40 1.9
32 - Ezra	0	55	72.5	0 0.0	1 1.8	3 5.5	2 3.6	17 30.9	15 27.3	9 16.4	8 14.5	0 0.0	55 2.6
34 - Centralia	0	142	70.6	1 0.7	5 3.5	11 7.7	21 14.8	26 18.3	31 21.8	31 21.8	16 11.3	0 0.0	142 6.6
35 - Fidelity	1	29	65.5	1 3.4	2 6.9	2 6.9	4 13.8	5 17.2	10 34.5	3 10.3	2 6.9	0 0.0	29 1.4
37 - Trenton	0	37	76.7	0 0.0	0 0.0	2 5.4	2 5.4	7 18.9	9 24.3	9 24.3	8 21.6	0 0.0	37 1.7
38 - Westport	1	35	72.6	1 2.9	0 0.0	2 5.7	3 8.6	7 20.0	9 25.7	11 31.4	2 5.7	0 0.0	35 1.6
39 - Rolla	0	83	68.4	1 1.2	5 6.0	7 8.4	6 7.2	21 25.3	22 26.5	17 20.5	4 4.8	0 0.0	83 3.9
40 - York	0	34	68.5	1 2.9	0 0.0	3 8.8	5 14.7	8 23.5	9 26.5	3 8.8	5 14.7	0 0.0	34 1.6
41 - Carthage	2	56	73.2	0 0.0	1 1.8	4 7.1	6 10.7	9 16.1	16 28.6	13 23.2	7 12.5	0 0.0	56 2.6
42 - Sedalia	0	52	67.1	2 3.8	2 3.8	5 9.6	12 23.1	7 13.5	11 21.2	5 9.6	8 15.4	0 0.0	52 2.4
43 - Bonne Terre	0	68	66.4	1 1.5	4 5.9	3 4.4	16 23.5	16 23.5	16 23.5	11 16.2	1 1.5	0 0.0	68 3.2
44 - Kirksville	3	129	69.5	2 1.6	4 3.1	10 7.8	10 7.8	31 24.0	45 34.9	21 16.3	5 3.9	1 0.8	129 6.0
45 - Kansas City	17	37	65.2	1 2.7	4 10.8	5 13.5	8 21.6	3 8.1	6 16.2	4 10.8	6 16.2	0 0.0	37 1.7
46 - Neosho	2	59	67.2	1 1.7	5 8.5	9 15.3	5 8.5	9 15.3	10 16.9	15 25.4	5 8.5	0 0.0	59 2.8
47 - Trinity	1	16	65.5	0 0.0	2 12.5	0 0.0	4 25.0	2 12.5	7 43.8	0 0.0	1 6.3	0 0.0	16 0.7
48 - Jeremiah	1	114	68.7	0 0.0	1 0.9	12 10.5	15 13.2	28 24.6	32 28.1	22 19.3	4 3.5	0 0.0	114 5.3
49 - Independence	0	132	66.1	5 3.8	5 3.8	13 9.8	22 16.7	27 20.5	30 22.7	23 17.4	7 5.3	0 0.0	132 6.2
50 - Liberty	0	95	70.6	1 1.1	2 2.1	7 7.4	11 11.6	19 20.0	29 30.5	19 20.0	7 7.4	0 0.0	95 4.4
51 - East Gate	3	57	72.4	0 0.0	2 3.5	7 12.3	1 1.8	13 22.8	13 22.8	14 24.6	7 12.3	0 0.0	57 2.7
53 - Harmony	1	21	64.3	2 9.5	2 9.5	0 0.0	3 14.3	6 28.6	2 9.5	5 23.8	1 4.8	0 0.0	21 1.0
56 - Lebanon	0	68	63.6	0 0.0	3 4.4	11 16.2	15 22.1	13 19.1	17 25.0	7 10.3	2 2.9	0 0.0	68 3.2
58 - Bert S. Lee	0	34	63.2	0 0.0	1 2.9	6 17.6	8 23.5	7 20.6	8 23.5	4 11.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	34 1.6
59 - Shelby	0	43	63.5	1 2.3	3 7.0	4 9.3	7 16.3	11 25.6	12 27.9	4 9.3	1 2.3	0 0.0	43 2.0
64 - West Plains	3	21	50.9	2 9.5	5 23.8	4 19.0	2 9.5	5 23.8	2 9.5	1 4.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	21 1.0
Total	46	2140	68.4	37 1.7	86 4.0	203 9.5	272 12.7	439 20.5	561 26.2	383 17.9	154 7.2	5 0.2	2140 100.0

No.	Council	Location	Chartered	EIN	Stated Assemblies	Annual Return Received	2016 Membership	MMS Initial Adjustment	2016 Revised Membership	Greeted	Admitted	Reinstated	Add Adjustment	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled	Delete Adjustment	Total Losses	2017 Net Gain / Loss	2017 Total Year End Membership	% of Growth
1	Hiram	St. Louis	July 17, 1883	23-7550888	4th Wednesday	1-Mar-18	45	7	52	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	-2	50	-4%
3	Marion	At Large	June 9, 2016		Grand Session		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
9	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	October 7, 1871	23-7550889	1st Wednesday	14-Feb-18	196	24	220	1	1	0	0	2	1	41	4	0	0	46	-44	176	-20%
20	Cape	Cape Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	1st Wednesday	24-Feb-18	56	7	63	7	2	0	0	9	0	15	3	0	0	18	-9	54	-14%
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891	3rd Wednesday		66	-5	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	60	-2%
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	4th Monday	21-Apr-18	223	82	305	6	2	1	0	9	2	6	3	0	1	12	-3	302	-1%
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550893	2nd Thursday	1-Mar-18	59	6	65	0	1	2	0	3	0	12	4	0	0	16	-13	52	-20%
30	Jasper	Joplin	April 25, 1900	23-7550895	1st Tuesday	1-Mar-18	45	16	61	0	0	3	0	3	5	19	0	0	0	24	-21	40	-34%
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	1st Monday	28-Feb-18	70	35	105	0	0	0	0	0	9	40	1	0	0	50	-50	55	-48%
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	4th Monday	15-Feb-18	135	36	171	6	1	0	0	7	2	17	16	0	0	35	-28	143	-16%
35	Fidelity	Mountain Grove	April 26, 1920	23-7550898	3rd Friday	28-Feb-18	40	-17	23	2	7	1	0	10	1	1	4	0	0	6	4	27	17%
37	Trenton	Trenton	April 25, 1921	23-7550900	3rd Thursday	4-May-18	29	9	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	37	-3%
38	Westport	Kansas City	April 25, 1921	43-6071585	1st Monday	26-Feb-18	35	15	50	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3	0	0	16	-16	34	-32%
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150	3rd Monday	27-Feb-18	109	-21	88	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	91	3%
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	4th Tuesday	26-Jan-18	34	8	42	4	0	0	0	4	3	7	1	0	0	11	-7	35	-17%
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903	3rd Thursday	27-Feb-18	104	-23	81	2	0	2	0	4	4	3	6	0	0	13	-9	72	-11%
42	John F. Houston	Sedalia	April 10, 1922	23-7550904	1st Wednesday	1-Mar-18	39	6	45	2	7	0	0	9	2	0	4	0	0	6	3	48	7%
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	2nd Tuesday		71	2	73	9	0	0	0	9	2	9	3	0	0	14	-5	68	-7%
44	Kirksville	Kirksville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	2nd Thursday	20-Feb-18	148	69	217	10	2	5	0	17	6	81	13	0	0	100	-83	134	-38%
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	1st Monday	22-Feb-18	54	-6	48	32	3	1	0	36	10	12	4	0	0	26	10	58	21%
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	3rd Monday	24-Feb-18	60	8	68	6	15	0	0	21	1	17	5	0	0	23	-2	66	-3%
47	Trinity	Hannibal	April 25, 1949	23-7550909	1st Thursday	28-Feb-18	15	7	22	4	0	0	0	4	1	1	5	0	0	7	-3	19	-14%
48	Jeremiah	Webster Groves	April 24, 1950	23-7144151	3rd Monday	5-May-18	123	29	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	-13	139	-9%
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	4th Thursday	12-Feb-18	140	10	150	0	2	1	0	3	14	7	6	0	0	27	-24	126	-16%
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	3rd Monday	1-Mar-18	108	29	137	7	1	0	0	8	15	29	6	0	0	50	-42	95	-31%
51	East Gate	Kansas City	April 24, 1950	23-7550912	1st Thursday	17-May-18	21	43	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	63	-2%
53	Harmony	Bethany	April 19, 1974	23-7396156	3rd Tuesday	22-Feb-18	22	19	41	7	0	0	0	7	0	14	12	0	0	26	-19	22	-46%
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-1697678	3rd Tuesday	28-Feb-18	61	19	80	6	0	0	0	6	2	16	0	0	0	18	-12	68	-15%
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	1st Thursday	5-Feb-18	37	2	39	0	1	0	0	1	3	10	0	0	0	13	-12	27	-31%
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	4th Tuesday	10-Feb-18	39	1	40	9	1	1	0	11	2	4	5	0	0	11	0	40	0%
63	Adoniram	Webb City	Cons w/46	47-1583565		N/A	21	-20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%
64	West Plains	West Plains	June 7, 2017		1st Tuesday	1-Mar-18	22	-15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0%
	TOTAL						2227	382	2609	123	47	17	0	187	87	372	127	0	1	587	-400	2209	-15%

No.	Council	Greeting Fees	Per Capita	2016 Debits	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	General Grand Council Credit	2016 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Council	Late Fees	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	Paid
1	Hiram	\$ 7.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ -	\$ 1,387.00	0	0	7	\$ 193.20	8	\$ 20.00	\$ 53.80	\$ 267.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ -	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,120.00
3	Marion	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	St. Joseph	7.00	4,857.60	-	4,864.60	14	20	40	2,042.40	0	-	-	2,042.40	2,822.20	-	2,822.20	2,822.20
20	Cape	49.00	1,490.40	-	1,539.40	5	8	3	441.60	0	-	56.90	498.50	1,040.90	-	1,040.90	1,040.90
24	Shekinah	-	1,656.00	813.00	2,469.00	0	0	13	358.80	1	2.50	-	361.30	2,107.70	-	2,107.70	-
25	Zabud	42.00	8,335.20	-	8,377.20	0	0	25	690.00	4	10.00	29.20	729.20	7,648.00	30.00	7,678.00	7,658.00
27	Poplar Bluff	-	1,435.20	2.50	1,437.70	11	1	5	469.20	0	-	-	469.20	968.50	-	968.50	968.50
30	Jasper	-	1,104.00	1.90	1,105.90	0	0	17	469.20	0	-	-	469.20	636.70	-	636.70	636.70
32	Ezra	-	1,518.00	-	1,518.00	0	11	6	469.20	0	-	-	469.20	1,048.80	-	1,048.80	1,048.80
34	Centralia	42.00	3,946.80	-	3,988.80	0	0	48	1,324.80	0	-	-	1,324.80	2,664.00	-	2,664.00	2,664.00
35	Fidelity	14.00	745.20	554.80	1,314.00	0	0	2	55.20	0	-	-	55.20	1,258.80	-	1,258.80	1,258.80
37	Trenton	-	1,021.20	-	1,021.20	0	0	1	27.60	1	2.50	-	30.10	991.10	45.00	1,036.10	991.10
38	Westport	-	938.40	29.20	967.60	1	7	1	248.40	0	-	-	248.40	719.20	-	719.20	719.20
39	Rolla	14.00	2,511.60	-	2,525.60	0	0	23	634.80	3	7.50	28.40	670.70	1,854.90	-	1,854.90	1,854.90
40	York	28.00	966.00	-	994.00	4	2	7	358.80	1	2.50	-	361.30	632.70	-	632.70	632.70
41	Carthage	14.00	1,987.20	174.40	2,175.60	0	0	3	82.80	1	2.50	-	85.30	2,090.30	-	2,090.30	2,090.30
42	John F. Houston	14.00	1,324.80	-	1,338.80	4	3	6	358.80	0	-	-	358.80	980.00	-	980.00	980.00
43	Bonne Terre	63.00	1,876.80	10.00	1,949.80	0	0	11	303.60	2	5.00	-	308.60	1,641.20	-	1,641.20	-
44	Kirksville	70.00	3,698.40	-	3,768.40	2	15	9	717.60	3	7.50	167.60	892.70	2,875.70	-	2,875.70	2,875.70
45	Kansas City	224.00	1,600.80	-	1,824.80	9	9	1	524.40	0	-	-	524.40	1,300.40	-	1,300.40	1,300.40
46	Neosho	42.00	1,821.60	2,362.70	4,226.30	0	0	2	55.20	1	2.50	-	57.70	4,168.60	-	4,168.60	4,112.50
47	Trinity	28.00	524.40	-	552.40	0	0	0	-	0	-	12.70	12.70	539.70	-	539.70	539.70
48	Jeremiah	-	3,836.40	-	3,836.40	0	0	29	800.40	5	12.50	14.60	827.50	3,008.90	45.00	3,053.90	3,008.90
49	Independence	-	3,477.60	20.00	3,497.60	3	8	21	883.20	1	2.50	-	885.70	2,611.90	-	2,611.90	2,611.90
50	Liberty	49.00	2,622.00	-	2,671.00	1	12	18	855.60	0	-	29.20	884.80	1,786.20	-	1,786.20	1,786.20
51	East Gate	-	1,738.80	-	1,738.80	0	0	2	55.20	0	-	-	55.20	1,683.60	45.00	1,728.60	1,683.60
53	Harmony	49.00	607.20	-	656.20	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	656.20	-	656.20	656.20
56	Lebanon	42.00	1,876.80	-	1,918.80	2	5	10	469.20	2	5.00	15.00	489.20	1,429.60	-	1,429.60	1,429.60
58	Bert S. Lee	-	745.20	-	745.20	2	0	7	248.40	1	2.50	191.80	442.70	302.50	-	302.50	302.50
59	Shelby	63.00	1,104.00	-	1,167.00	1	2	1	110.40	0	-	14.60	125.00	1,042.00	-	1,042.00	1,042.00
63	Adoniram	-	27.60	-	27.60	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	27.60	-	27.60	-
64	West Plains	-	193.20	-	193.20	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	193.20	-	193.20	193.20
	TOTAL	\$ 861.00	\$ 60,968.40	\$ 3,968.50	\$ 65,797.90	59	103	318	\$ 13,248.00	34	\$ 85.00	\$ 613.80	\$ 13,946.80	\$ 51,851.10	\$ 165.00	\$ 52,016.10	\$ 48,028.50

No.	Council	2nd Payment	Date 2nd Payment	Total All Payments	2017 Credits	2017 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/17	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited
1	Hiram	\$ -		\$ 1,120.00					\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 65.60			N	N	Y
3	Marion	-		-														
9	St. Joseph	-		2,822.20		0.00	4,474.08	105,630.05	200.00	420.00		110,726.13	30.00	9.27		Y	Y	Y
20	Cape	-		1,040.90			2,945.60					2,945.60	50.00			N	N	Y
24	Shekinah	-		-		2,107.70												
25	Zabud	-		7,658.00		20.00										Y	Y	Y
27	Poplar Bluff	-		968.50			998.68		5,000.00			5,998.68	37.00	86.65	89.75	N	N	Y
30	Jasper	-		636.70	\$ 0.00		957.00	21,750.00				22,707.00	32.00	26.00		N	N	Y
32	Ezra	-		1,048.80			4,516.19	12,332.41	3,000.00			19,848.60	40.00			N	N	Y
34	Centralia	-		2,664.00			1,005.19	8,000.00		1,550.00		10,555.19	50.00	167.90	167.90	Y	Y	Y
35	Fidelity	-		1,258.80												N	N	Y
37	Trenton	-		991.10		45.00												
38	Westport	-		719.20		0.00	485.20					485.20	65.60	18.25	18.25	N	N	Y
39	Rolla	-		1,854.90	\$ 0.00									287.86	139.42			
40	York	-		632.70			560.99	848.17	1,000.00		-	2,409.16	49.60	43.80	43.80	N	N	Y
41	Carthage	-		2,090.30	\$ 0.00		(2,056.90)		592.33			(1,464.57)	37.60	49.45	105.00	Y	Y	Y
42	John F. Houston	-		980.00		0.00												
43	Bonne Terre	-		-		1,641.20												
44	Kirksville	-		2,875.70					1,000.00			1,000.00	57.00			N	N	Y
45	Kansas City	-		1,300.40			4,048.69					4,048.69	48.00	50.00		N	N	Y
46	Neosho	-		4,112.50		56.10	4,582.36			234.00		4,816.36	18.00			N	N	Y
47	Trinity	-		539.70	\$ 0.00													
48	Jeremiah	-		3,008.90		45.00												
49	Independence	-		2,611.90		0.00	5,459.27	10,000.00				15,459.27	67.60	1,006.00		N	N	Y
50	Liberty	-		1,786.20	\$ 0.00		4,335.66			981.25		5,316.91	39.25			Y	Y	Y
51	East Gate	-		1,683.60		45.00			500.00			500.00	26.00			N	N	N
53	Harmony	-		656.20			43.70					43.70	37.00			N	N	N
56	Lebanon	-		1,429.60		0.00	4,832.83		1,000.00			5,832.83	40.00	325.00		N	N	Y
58	Bert S. Lee	-		302.50			1,816.46		300.00			2,116.46	38.00			N	N	Y
59	Shelby	-		1,042.00			756.03		2,000.00			2,756.03	38.00		73.00	N	N	Y
63	Adoniram	-		-		27.60												
64	West Plains	-		193.20		0.00	206.50					206.50	40.00			N	N	Y
	TOTAL	\$ -		\$ 48,028.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,987.60	\$ 39,967.53	\$ 158,560.63	\$ 17,092.33	\$ 3,185.25	\$ -	\$ 218,807.74		\$ 2,070.18	\$ 637.12			

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER REPORTS

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

Companions, when I was appointed to this post by MIC Elsen, I fully intended to schedule a series of instructional "talks" on the topic of Cryptic History across the State of Missouri. With the permission of the (Most Illustrious) Grand Master, I was going to include the Regional Deputy Grand Masters and Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers in bringing to life the real history of Missouri Cryptic Masonry as well as my personal theories about the "real" origins and purposes of the Royal, Select and Super-Excellent degrees. I also intended to begin answering the rhetorical question posed by me at my session regarding the meaning of "the regular alarm of the mysterious nine". Furthermore, I hoped to rescue many objects of Masonic and Cryptic history across the State that are presently in danger of deterioration or loss and place these in the custody of the Lodge or Council of Research for safe-keeping and preservation.

Of course, my intentions were dashed upon my election to the post of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work 2017-2020 of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. Since that time, I have addressed some of these historical items across the nation with the membership of over 20 Grand Councils and travel from coast to coast. With a lesser travel schedule anticipated for 2018-2020, it is my hope that I will be able to resume my participation in my home State's Cryptic proceedings during the second year of my General Grand term, all subject to the discretion of the Grand Master 2018-2019. If permitted, I would like to visit Councils across Missouri during the months of November through February.

Fraternally submitted,
William G. Snyder, PGM, Grand Historian

(No Other Grand Officer Reports Available at Time of Printing)

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(from the floor)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

The Committee on Finance and Accounts recommends the following:

1. The adoption and publication of a formal investment policy.
2. Formation of Investment Committee to interview and hire a financial manager for Grand Council Investments.
3. Explore creating a Grand York Rite of Missouri Finance and Accounts Committee to

manage joint expenses and budget item.

2018-2019 Grand Council Budget

Income

Per Capita, Membership	\$ 43,028.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	2,700.00
Greeting Fees	700.00
General Fund Interest Income	1,500.00
Grand Session, Meals Income	3,000.00
Grand Session, Program Book Income	100.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	\$ 51,278.00

Expenses

Grand Master Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary	5,000.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	5,000.00
Employment Taxes	750.00
Bonding Insurance	100.00
Audit Committee	1,000.00
Grand Lecturer Expenses	750.00
Office Expenses	4,000.00
Printing Services	500.00
Office Rent	1,900.00
Storage Rent	400.00
General Grand Council Per Capita	5,000.00
Annual Assembly	6,500.00
Grand Officer Expenses	1,000.00
Past Grand Master Jewel	100.00
Triennial Fund	133.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	221.00
MMS Maintenance	400.00
Web Master	250.00
Miscellaneous	750.00
Total	\$ 37,754.00
Total Income	\$ 51,278.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 37,754.00
Investment Funds	\$ 13,500.00
Balance	\$ 24.00

Fraternally submitted,
David C. Witte, Chairman
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio
Russell S. Hanson, Ex-officio

Byron E. Hams
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-officio
Grand Council Advancing Line Officers

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence thanks the Grand Master for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Council during his 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 Joseph P. Elson, Grand Master, for a successful year. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well.

Fraternally submitted,
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey
Robert W. Schlichter

Jeffrey A. Keevil
Glenn E. Means, Chairman

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2018 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

PROPOSAL No. 1

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the language of **ARTICLE II, SEC. 16A. Grand Council Contracts**, be moved to a new third paragraph under **Article III, Section 18. Standing Committees, Duties of. (4) The Committee on Finance and Accounts.**

As currently written:

SEC. 16A. *Grand Council Contacts.* 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*)

As revised:

(1) ***The Committee on Finance and Accounts*** shall examine the financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder together with the report of the Auditor and report upon the same. It shall also report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Council, and no appropriation shall be made without having been considered and reported upon by this committee. The fiscal year of the Grand Council shall end May 31st of each year. (*Amended 5/15/03*)

In addition, in the event of the death or disability of either the Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder, the Finance and Accounts Committee together with the concurrence of the Grand Master shall have the authority to remove all ledgers and financial records and shall retain a qualified auditor not previously involved who shall perform a complete audit of such records. These actions shall be conducted with expediency so as not to interfere with operations of the office. (*Added 5/2/97*)

Grand Council Contacts. 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*)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To relocate this section to the more appropriate section under the Committee on Finance and Accounts. The relocation of this section does not delegate the authority to execute contracts.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 2

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

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

If Proposal No. 1 is adopted, to Revise Section 16 by adding Paragraph A, to wit:

SEC. 16. *Grand Officers, Duties of.* The remaining officers shall perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their stations, or as may be assigned them by the Grand Council.

A. *Regional Deputy Grand Masters, Duties of.* The Grand Master shall divide the State of Missouri into seven (7) regions as now established by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. He may also sub-divide the larger regions into multiple districts and will appoint one Regional Deputy Grand Master (R.D.G.M.) in each Region/District. In addition to the duties specifically assigned by the Grand Master, the duties of the RDGM shall be:

- (1) To be the personal representative of the Grand Master,
- (2) To deliver or communicate the intended message of the Grand Master,
- (3) To assist the Grand Master in promoting Grand Council and York Rite programs and activities in each region,
- (4) To be fully knowledgeable of, adhere to, and interpret the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, to seek additional counsel and rulings from the Committee on Jurisprudence on items in question, and to communicate the same to all Council officers and members in his region,
- (5) To make official visits to every Council in his Region no less than annually, and to complete and file with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master a RDGM visitation report using the forms provided no later than 14 days after each visit,
- (6) To ensure that the IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N has been electronically filed and accepted, and a copy of the filing and acceptance thereof has been provided to the Grand Recorder,
- (7) To determine the condition of each Council charter, regalia, and meeting place,
- (8) To review the Finances of each Council and determine that they are collecting enough in the form of dues to cover Grand Council per capita and fees as well as providing for local operational funds,
- (9) To resolve issues and conflicts which may arise within each Region while communicating the same to the Grand Master,
- (10) To work with such district and regional officers as may be appointed by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to plan and execute a successful Regional meeting, and
- (11) To perform services and execute duties as they may be instructed by the Grand Master and/or the Grand Council of Missouri.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To officially establish the office and prescribe the duties of Regional Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 3

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

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

If Proposal No. 2 is adopted, to move Standing Resolution No. 3 to a new Paragraph B under Section 16, to wit:

B. Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers, Duties of. The Grand Master shall additionally appoint one Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer (RDGL). In addition to the duties specifically assigned by the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, the duties of the RDGL shall be:

(1) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri,

(2) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council,

(3) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance,

(4) To prepare and conduct, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, at least one Regional Assembly in his region per year,

(5) To recommend and, in conjunction with the Grand Lecturer, approve and accredit degree teams in his region for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees,

(6) To have the Super Excellent Master degree conferred at Regional Assemblies. The Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer shall report directly to the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer or the Grand Master's appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee and while functioning in a committee capacity reports to the Chairman committee, and

(7) That each Regional Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed. (Amended 5/14/09)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To codify Standing Resolution No. 3.

Fraternally submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 4

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

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

If Proposal No. 3 is adopted, to Rescind Standing Resolution No. 3.

Fraternally submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 5

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

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

If Proposal No. 3 is adopted, to move Standing Resolution No. 2 to a new Paragraph C under Section 16, to wit:

C. *Grand Lecturer, Duties of.* The Grand Master shall additionally appoint one Grand Lecturer, whose duties shall be:

(1) To acquaint himself thoroughly with the work and lecturers of the three degrees of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri,

(2) To visit the councils in Missouri as extensively as possible, and instruct them in the work, lectures and ceremonies adopted by the Grand Council,

(3) To make written report to the Grand Council of the work done by him, and of the general condition of the councils as to work, and of such other matters connected with his office as are considered of interest or importance,

(4) To supervise the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers and give guidance and assistance in the responsibilities of their office,

(5) To prepare a written schedule, in conjunction with the Regional Deputy Grand Masters, of at least one Regional Assembly in each region per year,

(6) To approve and accredit degree teams throughout the state, for the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees,

(7) To direct the Regional Degree Teams through the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers to confer the Super Excellent Master degree at Regional Assemblies. The Grand Lecturer reports directly to the Grand Master or his appointed representative. He is also a member of the Ritual Committee, and

(8) That the Grand Lecturer must possess a current certificate of proficiency in opening and closing a Council of Select Masters before being appointed. (Amended 5/14/09)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To codify Standing Resolution No. 2.

Fraternally submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 6

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

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

If Proposal No. 5 is adopted, to Rescind Standing Resolution No. 2.

Fraternally submitted,
Chris E. Tilley, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 7

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

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

ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61. *Annual Returns*. ~~The returns of each Council shall be made up to and including December 31st of each year, on forms furnished by the Grand Recorder.~~ On or before December 31 each year, Council Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Council to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 106. Dues, Remission.** On or before February 1 each year the Grand Recorder will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with a bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Council. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Greeting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Council Life Memberships as verified by the Grand Recorder, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 61B. Annual**

Audit) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. ~~They~~ All forms shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N, no later than the first day of March of each year. Failure to make such return as provided shall subject the Council to a fine of ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dollars for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61. *Annual Returns*. On or before December 31 each year, Council Recorders will submit to the Grand Recorder a complete list of remissions for their Council to include the member's full name and type of remission in accordance with **Section 106. Dues, Remission**. On or before February 1 each year the Grand Recorder will provide a Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) statistical report for the previous reporting year along with a bill for the calculated fees due the Grand Council. The bill will include appropriate fees and credits. Fees shall consist of Greeting Fees, Per Capita and any outstanding balances from the previous year's return. Credits shall consist of approved Remissions, Endowed Memberships and General Grand Council Life Memberships as verified by the Grand Recorder, along with any overpayments from the previous year's return. A Financial Report Form and an Annual Audit Committee Report Form (see **Section 61B. *Annual Audit***) will also be included as part of the Annual Return. All forms shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder with a copy of the latest IRS Form 990 or a copy of the acceptance of the electronic submission of a Form 990N, no later than the first day of March of each year. Failure to make such return as provided shall subject the Council to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dollars for each period of thirty days, or fraction thereof, said return is withheld.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: With the completion of all Council membership records being transitioned into and maintained in MMS, the annual return process has changed considerably. Council Recorders will manage all membership changes in MMS as they occur. The Grand Recorder will generate subordinate council returns based on MMS records as of December 31 each year and bill accordingly. It is the responsibility of each Council Recorder to maintain their membership records in MMS.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 8

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

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

To add Section 61B. Annual Audit, to wit:

ARTICLE VI, *Chartered Councils*, SEC. 61B. *Annual Audit*. There shall be a complete and careful audit of the financial affairs of each subordinate council and of the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Recorder and Treasurer and of others handling, and having in charge, money or property of the council. Such audit shall cover the period from the last previous audit up to and including the thirty-first day of December of each year.

Upon his election, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the Master-elect, shall appoint an auditing committee of three or more members, whose duty it shall be forthwith to audit the books and accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Recorder of the council. If the council has trustees, or other custodians of property or funds, then their books, accounts, and vouchers shall also be audited, and the securities or other property checked, inspected, etc. The books, accounts and vouchers of any other officer, member or committee may also be designated by the Master-elect and may be subject to an audit.

The Master-elect, may in lieu of an auditing committee designate any certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants to make the final audit, provided that the certified public accountant or member of a firm of the same is not related by blood or marriage to the out-going Master, Recorder, or Treasurer.

The report of audit shall be in duplicate, in writing, and be signed by the Auditing Committee or by the C.P.A., or firm of C.P.A.'s who made the audit.

One copy of the report shall be delivered forthwith to the Master-elect, who shall see that the same is presented to and read in open council at the next stated assembly following its date and be spread upon the records thereof; and the other copy shall be transmitted to or filed with the Grand Recorder on or before the first day of March (that being the date for the transmittal to or filing with the Grand Recorder of the annual returns of the council).

All of the actions contemplated herein shall be performed with a view to having the audit completed and the report made prior to the first day of March in each year.

Said report of audit shall be made upon standard printed forms provided by the Grand Recorder, but nothing contained in or omitted from such printed forms shall relieve the auditing committee or C.P.A., or firm of C.P.A.'s from reporting fully and completely their findings in the premises.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: There appears to be an extreme oversight on the part of our by-laws having to do with the requirement of an annual audit to be performed by each subordinate council. It was agreed upon by the Grand Council officers in the early 2000's that an annual audit would be part of the annual return, however it appears such was never codified. I have incorporated language similar to that adopted by the Grand Chapter so as to maintain consistency in reporting.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 9

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

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

ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141A. *Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.*

(A) The Recorder of each Council of Missouri shall:

~~(1) Forward to the Grand Recorder the personal application for Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural membership.~~

~~——(2) Forward to the Grand Recorder the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~——(3) Notify the Grand Recorder upon the election of Dual/Plural member or the formation of a new council containing one or more Dual/Plural members;~~

(4) Notify the Grand Recorder of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(5) Notify the Grand Recorder of the reinstatement of good standing of a Dual/Plural member;

~~(6) Notify the Grand Recorder of the issuance of the Certificate of Withdrawal of Dual/Plural membership;~~

(8) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from council of “original membership” to the Grand Recorder for certification and transmittal;

~~(9) Submit the Report of Dual/Plural Members as of December 31 of each and every year with the Annual Return.~~

(B) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri shall:

~~(1) Forward the personal Application of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership to the council of this Jurisdiction and/or other Jurisdiction for the attention and action of the members, respectively.~~

~~(2) Receive and transmit the Certificate of Good Standing for Dual/Plural Membership which shall accompany the Petition for Dual/Plural Membership;~~

~~(3) Notify the other councils involved of the election of a Dual/Plural member, or the formation of a new council containing one or more Dual/Plural members;~~

(4) Notify the other councils involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(5) Notify the other councils involved that a Dual/Plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

(6) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original” or “parent” membership.

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141A. *Duties of Council Recorders and of the Grand Recorder.*

(A) The Recorder of each Council of Missouri shall:

(1) Notify the Grand Recorder of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(2) Notify the Grand Recorder of the reinstatement of good standing of a Dual/Plural member;

(3) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from council of “original membership” to the Grand Recorder for certification and transmittal;

(B) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Missouri shall:

(1) Notify the other councils involved of the suspension for non-payment of dues or otherwise, the expulsion of a Dual/Plural member;

(2) Notify the other councils involved that a Dual/Plural member has regained good standing after suspension;

(3) Forward the Certificate of Dimission from the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original membership” to the council to be regarded by the member as the council of “original” or “parent” membership.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: As membership records are now maintained in MMS, there is no need for these communications. The subordinate Recorders can validate an applicant’s membership status in MMS. Additionally, none of the deleted items are being complied with. If adopted, the items above will be renumbered accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 10

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

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

ARTICLE XVII, *Dual-Plural Memberships*, SEC. 141D. *Suspension of Dual/Plural Member for Non-Payment of Dues:* A member shall become suspended in all Councils for non-payment of dues when he fails to pay dues in either the original Council or the Council/Councils he holds dual/plural membership.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: An oversight in the establishment of Dual/Plural Membership did not address suspension in one or more Councils. This establishes that language, not unlike that of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 11

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

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

ARTICLE IX. Dues SEC. 105. Dues, Minimum. Council dues shall not be less than ~~\$4.50~~ \$10.00 plus Grand Council per capita and fees in addition to per capita of the General Grand Council, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To ensure the financial health of subordinate councils.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 12

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

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

Addition of new ARTICLE XIX, Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS)

SEC 143. Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS). MMS will be the official repository of all membership records of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri.

SEC 144. Use of Data/Content. Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the MMS system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re-export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

SEC 145. Users Must.

A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities.

B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data.

C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information.

D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities.

E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or misleading entry known to the user as such.

F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry.

G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities.

H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

SEC 146. Your Login and Password. To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name and password. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However, you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user of or visitor to the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

SEC 147. (Illustrious) Master Responsibilities.

A. Shall ensure the utilization of MMS to manage all membership records of the Council in a timely manner.

B. May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a council's membership records and will comply with SEC 148. Council Recorder Responsibilities.

C. Shall notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any changes to the office of Recorder or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

SEC 148. Council Recorder Responsibilities.

A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the MMS Administrators and the Grand Recorder's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the MMS system.

B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all council membership records in MMS, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.

C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Council.

D. Recorders and IT Representatives shall log in to MMS no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.

E. Shall submit to the Grand Recorder a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Recorder by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

SEC 149. Grand Recorder Responsibilities.

A. Shall manage and monitor all user accounts, coordinating with System Administrators for all activations and deactivations in a timely manner.

B. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of grand officers of the Grand Council.

C. Shall report to the Grand Master any deficiencies in utilization of MMS by any Council.

D. Shall run an Annual Statistical Report for each Council immediately following the close of the reporting year.

E. Shall generate a bill for each Council based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Council, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with **ARTICLE VI, Chartered Councils, SEC. 61. Annual Returns**, presenting said bill to the Council Recorder no later than February 1.

F. Shall not allow any prior year corrections in a billing cycle due to the failure of any Council Recorder or IT Representative to manage and maintain their membership records.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Grand Council of Missouri formally adopted the MMS solution as our official membership database program. We need to establish rules governing the use of the system.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 13

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

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

~~**ARTICLE II. SEC. 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: I propose the entire section be repealed. The Grand Representative program has not been functional for many years. Those appointed as Grand Representatives rarely meet the expectations of the program, those of traveling to the respective jurisdiction, communicating with their counterpart, and filing an annual report with the Grand Recorder's office concerning the activities and news of interest of their Grand Council to be

included in the annual reports of our Grand Council. Additionally, many jurisdictions are doing away with the program since the transactions of their meetings can be found online in jurisdictional web sites and the primary role of a Grand Representative is null and void.

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, PM, Poplar Bluff Council No. 27

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

PROPOSAL No. 14

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

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

ARTICLE II. SEC. 13. Grand Treasurer, Duties.

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

IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: ARTICLE II. SEC.13. Grand Treasurer, Duties.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: All nonprofit, tax-exempt entities are required to follow best

practices in the administration of their revenues and investments or face a loss of tax-exempt status. Masonically, the due safeguards require that no one person be empowered to act without the guidance and documentable consent of the nonprofit entity's designated investment decision-makers and consistent with a specific investment policy. This further provides for specific accountability for the Grand Council's investments.

Fraternally submitted,
William Snyder, PM, Independence Council No. 49
David Witte, PM, Independence Council No. 49
Aaron Shoemaker, PM, East Gate Council No. 51
Chris Tilly, PM, Hiram Council No. 1

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

PROPOSAL No. 15

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

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

ARTICLE XVI *Endowed Membership (Renamed 5/19/05)* SEC. 140. **Endowed Membership.**

2. Any member may purchase an endowed membership by computing the fee as 20 times the member's Council dues at time of purchase of said endowment membership plus the cost of a General Grand Life Membership, provided that no endowed membership fee shall be less than ~~\$300.00~~ \$600.00)

16. Earnings as herein noted shall be construed to be any portion of the fund in excess of the endowed principal. Earnings thusly shall include, but not be limited to, interest, dividends, appreciation, etc. This shall be a separate fund invested in accordance to Article II, Section 13 (7) and not commingled with any other funds.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This is aimed at seeing that all financial obligations of the Grand Council and local councils are reasonably met in the purchase price of an endowed membership as should have been done at its inception. Presently, a per capita charge is incurred by the Grand Council that can be avoided by inclusion of the purchase of a General Grand Council Life Membership for the endowed member. This further increases the opportunity for a significant return to the benefit of the Grand Council and the local councils from the endowed membership program.

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

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

PROPOSAL No. 16

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

(Proposal to add Standing Resolution No. 13 to be presented from the floor and acted upon at the 2018 Grand Council Assembly by authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Master)

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

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

Fraternally submitted,
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey
Robert W. Schlichter

Jeffrey A. Keevil
Glenn E. Means, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COUNCILS

(See Reports of Grand Recorder)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Terry R. Struse, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING

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

No actions referred to this committee. This was handled by the Grand Recorder's Office, and the Grand Council Officers.

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUCKEYE AWARD

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Stanton T. Brown, II, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

Companions, to be clear, yes, Virginia, there really are two committees in the Grand Council that seem to be charged with the same responsibilities. However, the Charity & Charity Endowment Fund Committee and the General Grand Council Charity Committee actually have different but overlapping areas of concern. The General Grand Charity Committee appears to have the focus of organized collection from the Cryptic membership of donations to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). The Charity Committee would appear to have a broader charge as it would include not only promotion of our sponsored charitable foundation but the collection and use of funds from the membership for not only CMMRF but youth educational scholarships for the 501(c) 3 funds or entities of the OES, DeMolay, Job's and Rainbows, and involvement in local charitable endeavors such as protection and welfare of widows and orphans as well as Cryptic support for other Masonic charities of the Grand Lodge and our York Rite partners;

To that end, it is noted that several of the current Grand Officers have made a dedicated effort to promote CMMRF this year and, with proper resources in the future from the General Grand Council and CMMRF, contributions to CMMRF should increase. Further, the following recommendations are made:

1. The Pick 3 Calendar "book" project needs to be revived, with a dedicated member being assigned to handle the distribution of "winnings" to registered book owners. In the past, this raised a gross amount of nearly \$20,000 per year, with a net yield of around \$10,000 to the Charity Endowment Fund.

2. A 501(c)3 Charitable Foundation should be established at the direction of the Grand Council and charged with collection and distribution of donations and tax-deductible contributions for CMMRF, and other charitable purposes such as scholarships, and receipt and distribution of funds for Grand Lodge charities such as the Missouri Lodge of Research, MoChip, Scholarships, and the Masonic Home as well as KTEF, RARA and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. The Calendar proceeds should be directed to the benefit of this Foundation upon its establishment with the State of Missouri and the IRS.

3. This Committee should be charged in 2018-2019 with the purpose of implementing these recommendations or to draft any necessary legislation in cooperation with the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration at the 2019 Grand Assembly.

4. It is anticipated that the members of this Committee who are serving as Grand Officers in 2018-2019 be appointed to shape the implementation of these recommendations in such manner as will be in the best interests of the charitable purposes intrinsic to the origins of the Cryptic Rite.

Fraternally submitted,
William G. Snyder, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: GRAND COUNCIL MERIT AWARD

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

Companions, the Grand Council Merit Award Committee congratulates the following Councils and Illustrious Masters for achieving the requirements for the award:

Council Name	No.	Master	Term	RDGM	Region
York	40	Glenn B. Parker	2017-2018	Coppotelli	5
Kansas City	45	Charles H. Conner, Sr.	2018-2018	Fielder-Bey	3A
Independence	49	Donald MacCormick	2017-2018	White	3B
Cape	55	Charles M. Huey	2017-2018	Tripp	6

And a very belated award from 2014-2015:

Kansas City	45	Donald MacCormick	2014-2015	Huggins	3
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For this ensuing year, it is hoped that more Councils will make the effort to avail themselves of the considerable resource of Masonic education among our Companions, that they will call upon their RDGL for a School of Instruction, either for themselves or as a Region, to have social events with their ladies. The Committee is ready to assist you in any way; please call upon us!

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman
Christopher L. Tilley

Aaron M. Shoemaker

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: CRYPTIC EDUCATION – FREEMASONRY 2.5

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

Companions, we will continue with having an Educational speaker at the Grand Council Lunch. This year's speaker is Right Worshipful Brother Eric Diamond the host of X Oriente Podcasts. RWB Eric is a very active Mason from the Chicago, Illinois area. This year the Grand Council discussed adding Masonic papers and short educational topics on the Grand York website. Our plans are to request all Masters of Councils in the State to educate the Membership and provide them with the tools to accomplish this.

Fraternally submitted,
Christopher E. Tilley, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Walter W. Doyle, Chairman *(deceased)*

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

David C. Witte, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY

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

Companions, for the period January 1, 2017 through April 15, 2018, the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$3,162.10.

Since our last Grand Session, one extender has been earned for contributions of \$1,000.00 by St. Joseph Council No. 9.

Council	Contribution
St. Joseph Council No. 9	\$1, 073.05
Independence Council No. 49	676.00
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.....	237.00
Centralia Council No. 34.....	200.00
Roger D. Fleeer	200.00
Santa Fe Council No. 417 AMD	135.00
Lebanon Council No. 56.....	100.00
Mark Hoegemann	100.00
J.W. Terrill.....	100.00
Kirksville Council No. 44.....	77.00
York Council No. 40	47.45
Bonne Terre Council No. 43.....	35.00
Matthew Mueller	50.00
Paul Whitsell.....	50.00
Melissa Vargas	25.00
Lynda Baris.....	20.00
Total:	\$3,162.10

Fraternally submitted,
William J. Bowser, PGM, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

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

On behalf of the Committee on the matter of the General Grand Council Endowed Membership, I submit the following report and recommendations:

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed me as a Committee of One on this matter. I have drawn upon information that I have obtained from other Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council in preparing this report. The current rate for an endowed “life” membership in the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International is \$62.50 per member, based upon an annual per capita of \$2.50 per member. Like most endowed programs, the endowed membership takes effect after the current year of per capita owed to a general grand body. Thus, the capital cost to the Grand Council

is effectively \$65.00 per endowed membership, including the \$2.50 annual per capita owed for the current year. In contrast, the endowed membership of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International is presently \$100.00 per member, based upon an annual per capita of \$4.00 per member.

If each of our members was “required” to be an endowed member of the General Grand Council, it would be a cost savings of \$2.50 per member each year.

The Grand Council of the State of Maine requires the amount of \$62.50 to be collected with each “greeting” of a candidate for the Cryptic degrees for the purposes of making every new member an endowed member of the General Grand Council and avoiding the annual cost of \$2.50 per member as well as any potential increase in that per capita cost.

Efforts were made in previous years to encourage all current members to purchase an endowed membership at the pre-2015 rate of \$10.00. The current Grand Council endowed membership program does not require the purchase of a General Grand endowed membership; thus, each endowed member continues to incur an expense of the annual General Grand per capita.

The Committee submits the following recommendations:

- 1) Legislation in the form of a bylaw amendment for the 2019 Grand Assembly should be drafted requiring the mandatory purchase of a General Grand endowed membership for each new member from the current Grand Council minimum endowed membership rate or as an additional amount.
- 2) Legislation in the form of a by-law amendment for the 2019 Grand Assembly should be drafted requiring the purchase of General Grand endowed memberships for any new or current Grand Council endowed members.
- 3) A resolution authorizing the Grand Masters for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to seek an agreement or legislation to be approved at the General Grand Triennial session in 2020 for an installment purchase plan at the \$62.50 rate for all members over a three (3) year period.

Fraternally submitted,
William C. Woolsey, PGM, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER’S CRYPTIC DAY

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

Companions, the 4th Annual Grand Master’s Cryptic Day was held on March 24, 2018, hosted by Shelby Council No. 59 and held in Columbia. Our honored guests were Companion and Most Worshipful Brother Ronald D. Jones, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri and of course our very own Most Illustrious Companion Joseph P. Elsen, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. The Council was opened in due and proper form by the officers of Shelby Council No. 59.

We Greeted 13 new Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic Council, along with an additional 7 candidates for the Super Excellent Master only. We were extremely excited to have visiting Companions and candidates from William H. Graham Council No. 2 PHA join us for a day they will never forget. The best comment of the day (overheard) from one of Graham Council’s candidates was “they really do know how to do ritual work”.

I want to express my most sincere appreciation to all of the approximately 60 Companions present who stepped up to participate in the degree work, helped with setup, cast, and crew. It was another great day for Cryptic Freemasonry in Missouri.

The 5th Annual Grand Master's Cryptic Day is tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2019, location to be announced.



Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RDGM AND LEADERSHIP EVENTS

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

Companions, no actions were referred to this committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RDGL AND INSTRUCTION EVENTS

(No Report Available at Time of Printing, see Report of Ritual Committee)

Kevin E. Weaver, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

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

Companions, I have talked with the RDGM's over the year and have asked them how things are going with official visits and the general state of the craft. I have received some official visit report forms from some. It seems most are attempting to do their job. That's all I can ask for at this time.

Fraternally submitted,
Joseph P. Elsen, Chairman

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:

Companions, no actions were referred to this committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

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

Companions, during this term, the Grand Council needed to reprint the current ritual book, and the committee was charged with correcting any typographical errors that crept into the printing. All the members were requested to search the ritual, find the mistakes and once compiled, they would be forwarded to the Grand Recorder, and he in turn, to the printer. This was successfully accomplished, and though I personally, have not seen the newest printing, I have no doubt that this was done.

The Grand Master's Cryptic Day was held in Columbia on March 25, and under the supervision of MIC Kevin Sample, the degrees were conferred on the Candidates. He has my personal thanks for bringing together all the Companions to give the parts, last minute changes included.

Congratulations to the Companions who invested a good portion of their time to learn and study and sit for an examination to gain their Ritual Proficiency certificates.

There was a question asking for a decision regarding reproducing the ritual via electronic scanning to enlarge the font for ease of reading for study and practice by an individual Companion. The committee affirms that the only ritual in use in Missouri is purchased through

the Grand York Rite office. We cannot dictate nor supervise what individual Companions will do or not do with their copy of that ritual. At this time, there are no plans to print a larger font edition or to make the ritual available as a download from the Grand York Rite website.

There is a proposed By-Laws change to the duties of the Grand Lecturer; these will require much more of the Grand Lecturer's time investment and monetary expenses if they are to be met well. And while I have no objection to the adoption of that proposal, even working part-time for a church (which may be changing as I change churches in the near future), I realize that I am not the man for this job. In consultation with the new Grand Master, he will be appointing a new Grand Lecturer, who, I am confident will fulfill these duties even better than I could hope to do.

I thank MIC Elsen for his appointment and for this opportunity to serve the Grand Council and the Companions in this way!

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin E. Weaver, Grand Lecturer

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, this year we had over 24,200 pageviews on our Grand York Rite website. The majority of users viewing the homepage, event calendar, documents section, and Grand Officer lists. Our webmaster regularly updated contact information and content. There were many software updates made to keep the website secure and up-to-date. New functionality was added such as the addition of holidays to calendars, a new forms creation system. We moved the website from BlueHost to GoDaddy giving us a staging and development harness, reliable backups, and a more responsive website.

We continue to improve outbound communication through the use of a MailChimp and would encourage all bodies to post major events for York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Festivals, Reunions, Fundraisers, Appendant Body Events etc. to the Grand York Rite Calendar.

We are currently putting in place the technology to allow us to handle event booking, RSVPs, etc. internally without the use of an outside service.

We continue to utilize Facebook and currently have an audience of 2,293 individuals.

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman

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 154th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri will occur on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. Any changes to the date or location will be communicated to the membership via our website, e-mail distribution list, and formal communication to each constituent Council.

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL

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

Companions, I was unable to attend the General Grand Council Session in Portland Oregon. I had the Grand Recorder issue a proxy to those attending. From the outcome of the Session, MIC William G. Snyder, PGM of the Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri was elected General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for General Grand Council International.

Fraternally submitted,
Joseph P. Elsen, Chairman

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

Minority Report

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

Companions, the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council have for many years held their Triennial Grand Sessions conjointly, with the choice of location as well as sponsorship and planning responsibilities shifting with every other Triennial. The August 2017 Triennial location was in Portland, Oregon as the choice of the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council. The General Grand Council's Planning Committee, comprised primarily of appointees from the General Grand Master's home State of Oregon, resigned in July 2017, citing a lack of direction and cooperation from the General Grand Master and his officers. Accordingly, an ad hoc committee appointed by the General Grand High Priest took over the responsibilities, comprised primarily of appointees from the General Grand High Priest's home State of Washington.

Ultimately, all turned out very well and a candidate from Missouri was elected to the advancing line of the General Grand Council for the first time in over 80 years. MIC William J. Bowser and MIC William G. Snyder were in attendance as voting members of the General Grand

Council along with a good number of current Grand Chapter of Missouri officers and Past Grand High Priests holding General Grand Council proxies.

The next Triennial will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in September 2020 as the choice of the new General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent James Hodge of Indiana, and the 2023 Triennial will likely be held in September 2023 in the State of Georgia as the choice of the next Most Puissant General Grand Master, Monty J. Glover of Hawaii, soon to be of Georgia.

The 2026 Triennial will most likely be held in the Washington, D.C. area as the choice of the General Grand High Priest, Teko A. Foly of Washington, D.C. The current General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work continues to suggest to his counterpart that Kansas City or St. Louis or Branson would be better locations for 2026.

It is recommended that as the upcoming Triennials are well within the reach of the voting members for Missouri of both the Chapter and Council, plans should be made now for attendance at all three events.

The 2020 Triennial will likely have legislative proposals for greater inclusion of Grand Council officers from the various States and countries in the decision-making process between Triennials as well as expanded Cryptic educational programs and the establishment of better resources for use by Grand Councils in promoting CMMRF for donations from members and the general public.

Fraternally submitted,
William G. Snyder, PGM

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND MEMBERSHIP

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Roger D. Salyer, Chairman

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