

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

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

HELD
JUNE 5, 2019
CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI



GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI 154TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY)

“Illinois Regalia” 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

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast – On Your Own
- 7:00 a.m. Registration (Credentials Committee) – Chapter, Council and Commandery – until 10:30 am (*Atrium*)
- 8:45 a.m. Flag Presentation by Heroes of ‘76/Pledge/Anthem (*Capitol/Truman*)
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Council Reception of Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (*Capitol/Truman*)
- Introduction of the Grand Lecturer and the Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers
- Introduction of the Regional Deputy Grand Masters
- Introduction of the 2018-2019 Grand Council Officers
- Brief Welcoming Comments by the Grand Master
- Reception of the Past Grand Masters of Missouri
- Reception of the Out of State Grand Council Officers
- Recognition of the Grand Representatives
- Reception of Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies
- Reception of National Body Representatives
- Reception of the General Grand Council Officers
- Reception of the General Grand Master or Representative & brief remarks
- Reception of the Grand Lodge Officers
- Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks
- Summary Address of the Grand Master
- Necrology: Part of the Grand Master’s Address
- Grand Chorister Presentation (or as determined by GM)
- Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests
- 10:15 a.m. Formal Opening of the 154th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri (*Capitol/Truman*)
- Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee

- 10:30 a.m. Election of the 2019-2020 Grand Council Officers
Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee
Report of the Finance Committee
Report of the Grand Treasurer
Report of the Grand Recorder
Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)
Report of the Election Committee
Acceptance of the Grand Council Officers Elect
Report of the Grand Master Elect – w/Appointments
Report of the Committee on Time and Place
Address of the General Grand Master or Representative
Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
- 11:45 p.m. Grand Council Closed or Called from Labor until 3:00 pm
- 12:00 p.m. Grand Council Lunch and Learn – Open to All – Special Guest Speaker (*Lincoln*)
- 1:30 p.m. Order of the Silver Trowel (*Missouri*)
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Council Resumes Labor (concludes remaining business, if any)
All Grand Council Awards will be given at the Friday Grand York Rite Banquet
- 3:30 p.m. Installation of the 2019-2020 Grand Council Officers, Open to Ladies and Guests
- 4:30 p.m. Close of the 154th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of
the State of Missouri
Pictures
- 6:30 p.m. Rat Pack Dinner/Entertainment – Open Seating w/Cash Bar, Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.
(*Missouri*)
- 9:30 p.m. “Old Goats” Meeting (Past Grand High Priests) (*Joplin Room*)

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri 2018-2019

Elected and Appointed Officers

Aaron M. Shoemaker	Grand Master
Christopher E. Tilley	Deputy Grand Master
Wayne B. Fryer	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Donald L. Trabue	Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample.....	Grand Recorder
Donald MacCormick.....	Grand Captain of the Guard
Michael S. Smith	Grand Conductor of the Council
Paul L. Daniels	Grand Marshal
Matthew D. Ruth	Grand Steward
Patrick D. West.....	Grand Sentinel
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey	Assistant Grand Sentinel
William G. “Kip” Davis, II	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Adam M. Iwanow.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel
Ronald L. Skiles	Assistant Grand Sentinel
<i>(Kevin E. Weaver - Deceased)</i>	Grand Chaplain
Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr.	Grand Chaplain
Roy L. Gilkey	Assistant Grand Chaplain
Steven C. Monrotus.....	Grand Organist
Daniel R. Quesenberry	Grand Chorister
William G. Snyder.....	Grand Historian
Richard A. Riepe	Grand Lecturer
Larry F. Walters	Grand Photographer
William R. Brantley	Assistant Grand Photographer
Donald E. Gilkerson.....	Assistant Grand Photographer
Debbie L. Hanson.....	Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder

Living Past Grand Masters

Everette L. Gloyd (1978-1979)	Danny D. Smothers (2009-2010)
Jack R. Clark, Sr. (1987-1988)	James G. Haddox (2010-2011)
E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1998)	George M. Merkle (2011-2012)
Bob L. Detherow (1998-1999)	William C. Woolsey (2012-2013)
William J. Bowser (2000-2001)	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)
Donald L. Trabue, Honorary (2008)	Joseph P. Elsen (2017-2018)

Regional Deputy Grand Masters

Vacant.....Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 1
 Daryl L. PriceRegional Deputy Grand Master, Region 2
 Bobby E. WhiteRegional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A
 Jeffery L. Fielder-BeyRegional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3B
 Michael C. Rohman.....Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 4
 Terry K. CoppotelliRegional Deputy Grand Master, Region 5
 Dennis W. HouckRegional Deputy Grand Master, Region 6
 Edward L. Choate.....Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7A
 William G. “Kip” Davis, IIRegional Deputy Grand Master, Region 7B

Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Jerry L. MilesRegional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 1
 Ronald E. Wood, Jr.Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 2
 Richard A. RiepeRegional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3A
 Donald E. GilkersonRegional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 3B
 Donald H. VandegriffeRegional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 4
 Taz A. Meyer.....Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 5
 Vacant.....Regional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 6
 Gerald McCoyRegional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7A
 David R. PhillipsRegional Deputy Grand Lecturer, Region 7B

Standing Committees

Address of the Grand Master

Joseph P. Elsen, Chairman
 Todd A. Schulze
 Terry R. Struse

Credentials

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

Finance & Accounts

David C. Witte, Chairman
 Michael S. Smith
 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
 Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey
 Kevin B. Sample
 Todd A. Schulze
 William G. Snyder

Returns of Councils

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

Special Committees

Audit

James D. Hardy, 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

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
Christopher E. Tilley
Wayne B. Fryer

Education: Cryptic Ed - Freemasonry 2.5

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

Endowed Membership

David C. Witte, Chairman
Bob L. Detherow
Kevin B. Sample, Ex-officio
Donald L. Trabue, Ex-officio

General Grand Council Charity Committee

William J. Bowser, Chairman

General Grand Council Endowed Mbership

William C. Woolsey, Chairman

Grand Master's Cryptic Day

Richard A. Riepe, Chairman
Kevin B. Sample
Kevin E. Weaver

Program Book

Russell S. Hanson, Chairman

Ritual

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

Social Media/Communications/Internet

Donald MacCormick, Chairman
David C. Witte
Roy L. Gilkey
Kevin B. Sample

Time and Place

Christopher E. Tilley, Chairman
Wayne B. Fryer
Donald L. Trabue
Kevin B. Sample

Triennial

Michael S. Smith, Chairman
William J. Bowser
William G. Snyder

York Rite Conferences

Christopher E. Tilley, Chairman
Regional Deputy Grand Masters
Regional Deputy Grand Lecturers

Youth & Membership

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

Order of Silver Trowel

Roger D. Fler, Secretary/Treasurer

Grand Representatives

**Jurisdiction To Missouri
United States of America**

- Alabama..... George M. Merkle
- Alaska Vacant
- Arizona Vacant
- Arkansas Vacant
- California Vacant
- Colorado Vacant
- Connecticut Vacant
- Delaware..... Jack D. Brown
- District of Columbia Michael S. Smith
- Florida..... Vacant
- Georgia Vacant
- Hawaii..... James G. Haddox
- Idaho Vacant
- Illinois Christopher M. Tilley
- Indiana Harley L. Kropf
- Iowa Aaron M. Shoemaker
- Kansas..... Danny D. Smothers
- Kentucky..... Bob L. Detherow
- Louisiana..... Robert W. Schlichter
- MaineEverette L. Gloyd
- Maryland..... William E. Brenneman
- Massachusetts Albert H. Miller
- Michigan John E. Schofield
- Minnesota Joseph P. Elsen
- MississippiDaniel R. Quesenberry
- Missouri PHA Donald MacCormick
- 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 Vacant
- South Carolina Roy N. Thomas
- South Dakota Vacant
- Tennessee..... Kevin B. Sample

- Texas Alfred L. Mason
- Utah..... Vacant
- Vermont Glenn E. Means
- Virginia Vacant
- Washington Corey B. Huntsucker
- Wisconsin..... Vacant
- Wyoming Vacant

**Jurisdiction To Missouri
Canada/Mexico**

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

**Jurisdiction To Missouri
Other Jurisdictions**

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



**Aaron Michael Shoemaker
Grand Master, 2018-2019**

BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND MASTER

Aaron M. Shoemaker was born and raised in Independence, Missouri. He and his wife, Casey, were married in June 2001. They have one daughter, Elizabeth who was born in July 2007. They reside in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Aaron is currently the Search Marketing Manager for the global media company Andrews McMeel Universal. Previously he served as the Digital Engagement Strategist, and Manager of Consumer & Client Operations for Universal Uclick (now known as Andrews McMeel Syndication) - a division of Andrews McMeel Universal - where he provided editorial features, comic strips, puzzles and other content to leading media outlets such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today, the Los Angeles Times, Yahoo!, Google and many others. Prior to that, Aaron spent seven years managing a team of Customer Care and Information Technology

professionals located in the United States and England for the mobile application and media company Handmark, Inc. He also spent several years at Sprint working first as a Systems Integrator in the Operations Systems Support Center and then as a Network Systems Engineer in the System and Technology Integration Center within the Technology and Advanced Systems Development division.

He is a Past Master and Endowed Life Member of East Gate Lodge No. 630, Kansas City, Missouri. East Gate Lodge No. 630 received the Grand Lodge of Missouri's "Honor Lodge with Distinction" award upon completion of his term as Worshipful Master. He has served the Grand Lodge of Missouri as the chairman or member of numerous committees. In the past, Aaron has also been active in Kansas Masonry co-founding two Lodges. On September 27, 2011, he was appointed and installed as the Right Worshipful Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri for the 2011-2012 Masonic year. He was made an Honorary Oklahoma Mason by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, AF&AM in November 2011. In December 2011, he was honored to assist in raising Bro. Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of the 33rd President of the United States of America MWB Harry S. Truman, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. He was subsequently instrumental in bringing Bro. Daniel to the Grand Lodge of Missouri where Clifton served as the Fall 2013 Truman Lecturer and assisted in opening the Missouri Masonic Research Library.

Aaron is an honorary life member and an Advisor in the Order of DeMolay. He is currently serving as the Director of Marketing for Missouri DeMolay. In 2018 he received the Honorary Legion of Honor.

Aaron is Past President of the Kansas Lodge of Research and assisted in the production of A History of Masonry in Kansas Vol. II. He is an active member of the Missouri Lodge of Research where he served for many years as the Editor and Chairman of the Publications Committee. Additionally, he was the founder and longtime Chairman of the Truman Lecture Series where he successfully managed over 12 major events. In this capacity, he brought over a dozen leading Masonic scholars to Missouri to address full-capacity audiences. In recognition of his efforts in the field of Masonic research and education, Aaron was elected as a member of the Masonic Study Society which was founded by JSM Ward and meets in London, England. In 2008, he was named a Founding Fellow of the Masonic Society where he currently serves on the board of directors. He holds membership in numerous additional Masonic Research organizations.

In recognition of his service to the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, he was awarded the rank and decoration of Knight Grand Cross by the 2009-2010 Grand Chancellor, M. Ill. David Dixon Goodwin, FGCR, KGC. During the 2011 Annual Convocation he was appointed as the Right Illustrious Grand Seneschal of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America by M. Ill. Martin P. Starr, FGCR, KGC, Grand Chancellor 2011-2012 and served in each advancing line office culminating with his election and installation as the Most Illustrious Grand Chancellor on February 11, 2017.

While Aaron enjoys all areas of Masonic research, his personal focus is on the study of various Masonic ritual and symbols. He has presented papers before numerous Masonic bodies around the United States. Several of his papers have been published in national Masonic publications such as Amicus (a publication of the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction

of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry), Miscellanea (the annual publication of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America), and the Journal of The Masonic Society.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he is a life member of both the Valley of Kansas City (Missouri) and the Valley of Northeast Kansas. He is a Past Venerable Master of the Kansas City Lodge of Perfection (2011). On February 25, 2015, he was elected to serve a two-year term as a Trustee and was reelected as a Trustee in 2017. Aaron serves on the Advisory Conference for the Valley of Kansas City's Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Missouri. Aaron is member of the board of directors of the Valley's charitable foundation. He served for four years as the Librarian and Historian of the Valley of Kansas City (Missouri) Scottish Rite. He has participated in degree work in both the Valley of Northeast Kansas (4°, 18°, and 32°) and the Valley of Kansas City (30°, and 32°). He served as the Asst. Class Director for several years and assisted in the KCCH investiture in the parts of "Grand Chancellor", and "Grand Minister of State." He has served the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry as the moderator of the Supreme Council's internet forum, by providing ad hoc advice on technological issues and was selected by the Sovereign Grand Commander as a Fellow in 2004. Aaron has also been appointed by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Missouri to serve the Scottish Rite as the Director of Communications for the Orient of Missouri (June 2007 - Present). He became a voting member in 2017 and as of that time had served for over a decade as the Chairman of the Communications Committee for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri, Inc. On October 2nd, 2009, Aaron was elected to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) by the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. He is life member of the Scottish Rite Research Society and in 2017 was elected a member of its Board of Directors.

Sir Knight Shoemaker is very active in the York Rite having served as Illustrious Master, Excellent High Priest, and Eminent Commander. In recognition of his service to the York Rite of Freemasonry, Aaron has received the rank and title of Knight of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH). He is a life member in Missouri Priory No. 17, KYCH and an honorary member of Lily of the Valley Priory No. 1 (the Premier Priory) in North Carolina. He served as the Regional Grand Commander of Region 3 of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri. Most Illustrious Companion Shoemaker served as the Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region 3A of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and was elected and installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master for the 2018-2019 term. He is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Iowa near the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, Grand Representative of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW and the ACT near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. He received the Grand Council's Lewis and Clark Award for Distinguished Service in 2009 and the Grand Commandery's Lewis and Clark Award for Distinguished Service in 2011. He has also served as a member of numerous committees for all three Grand York Rite bodies in Missouri. Sir Knight Shoemaker served the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America as a member of the Knight Templar Magazine Editorial Review Board for 7 years.

He has been elected to membership in numerous honorary and invitational bodies including:

The Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) where he is a Past Sovereign Master of Santa Fe Council No. 417 (2011-2012) and recipient of the Knight Commander of the Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri. On February 15, 2014, Right Venerable Brother Shoemaker was appointed as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America and has advanced to the office of Right Venerable Junior Grand Warden. He has served on the Publications Committee, Program Committee, Red Branch of Eri Committee and Order of the Scarlet Cord Committee of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America. He has also been honored by being made an Honorary Member of Supreme Ruler's Conclave No. 123 of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas.

Right Excellent Sir Knight Shoemaker is also active in the Knight Masons where he served as the Excellent Chief of Charlemagne Council No. 79 in 2014. He has served the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America as Chairman of the Program Planning Committee, a Member of the Charter Committee (2011-Present), and the Ritual Committee. In recognition of his service to the Grand Council of Knight Masons he was honored as the premier recipient of the Knight Commander of Zerubbabel (No. 0001); he was also awarded the rank and decoration of "Right Excellent Past Grand Senior Knight."

He is an active member of the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon and was a Founder, Charter Secretary and served as the Worthy Master of Immanuel Chapel No. 56 in 2014. He remains involved in the ritualistic cast alternating between the parts of Worthy Master, and Prior. In February 2019, he was appointed and installed as a Grand Cellarer.

In the York Rite College, he is a Past Governor (2015-2016) of Harry S. Truman College No. 167; additionally, he served the York Rite Sovereign College of North America for several years as a member of the York Rite Progress and Promotion Committee. On August 5, 2017, he received the Order of the Purple Cross and was elevated to the rank of Associate Regent in the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

In the Masonic Rosicrucian Society in the United States of America (SRICF) he has been honored with the IX^o (Magus) grade. He has served the High Council as the Director-General of Ceremonies for many years and is a member of the Committee on Ritual. RW Frater Shoemaker also serves as the Chief Adept of Missouri (appointed in February 2013).

Upon his reception as a Knight Preceptor in the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, he was appointed as Eminent Warden of Regalia for the Sovereign Grand Preceptor's Chapter and he was elected, installed, and served as Preceptor in 2014.

He is a Past Sovereign of St. Augustine Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in Topeka, Kansas (2010-2011) and is a dual-member in Mary Conclave in Kansas City, Missouri where he has served as Director of Properties and as a cast member.

Aaron served two terms as the Primus Worshipful Master of the Court of Discovery No. 80 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales and Provinces Overseas. In this role, he was instrumental in establishing the Masonic Order of Athelstan in Missouri. He was honored to assist in consecrating Noble Stone Court No. 104 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and has served in a

pro tem capacity for the Provincial Grand Court on numerous occasions. He served his mother court as the Eminent Prior for several terms after he completed his duties as Primus Master.

Rev. Knight Shoemaker is a member of St. James Lodge of Scottish Masters of St. Andrew No. 2 and the Commandery of St. James, both of which are seated in Mark Masons Hall in London, England, operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales. In 2010, he received the grade of Knight Beneficent of the Holy City (VI^o/CBCS/KBHC).

Additionally, he has been honored with membership in the Royal Order of Scotland (life member), The Operatives (The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers), the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (HRAKTP / KTP / Order of Holy Wisdom), etc., etc.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Welcome to the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. I extend my appreciation to each of you for being here today as we conduct the business of this Grand Council. I hope that you find that it was a productive and enjoyable use of your time.

It has been a privilege for me to serve this Grand Council during the past year. I have enjoyed my term of office immensely and pursuant to Art. II, Section 9, I am pleased to share the following account of my term.

Necrology

Freemasonry offers us an opportunity to make the acquaintance of and develop a friendship with many men who we otherwise would not meet. This expanded network of Companions is perhaps the greatest blessing and benefit of membership in our ancient fraternity. With this in mind, it naturally follows that we must each experience the loss of a friend on a more frequent basis than many in society.

During the 2018 reporting year, our Grand Council has suffered the loss of 107 Companions. I also wish to make special mention of the passing of Most Illustrious Companions Kevin Earl Weaver on February 6, 2019, Honorary Past Grand Master (2018), LeRoy D. Unruh on March 16, 2019, Past Grand Master (2001-2002), and William J. Bowser on May 26, 2019, Past Grand Master (2000-2001). We additionally lost Frederick M. Harle, Sr., Past Grand Organist, and Robert R. Andresen, Past Grand Chorister.

Let us pause and pay respect to our departed Companions. Our memorial service will be led by Very Illustrious Companion Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., Grand Chaplain.

Full Name	<i>(Reporting period 5/1/18-5/26/19)</i>		Council
	Date of Birth	Date of Death	
Aaron, Thomas John	01/10/1933	12/08/2018	39 - Rolla
Andresen, Robert R.	05/10/1933	12/16/2018	48 - Jeremiah
Ayers, Louis Randall	08/29/1921	11/27/2018	44 - Kirksville
Barnes, Fred Darrell	09/29/1939	03/14/2019	43 - Bonne Terre
Bay, Edward R.	01/01/1939	10/30/2018	1 - Hiram
Beal, William F.	03/09/1930	04/07/2019	48 - Jeremiah
Bennett, Gary L.	01/09/1941	10/23/2018	24 - Shekinah
Bowlin, Marvin	01/01/1944	05/18/2019	9 - St. Joseph
Boydston, Marion Howard	09/13/1945	08/20/2018	9 - St. Joseph
Bugg, James B.	05/20/1921	05/29/2018	25 - Zabud
Burnett, Gerald J.	11/19/1929	04/03/2019	34 - Centralia
Chapin, Loren L.	05/21/1929	10/15/2018	9 - St. Joseph
Chumbler, Gene J.	02/22/1937	06/10/2018	48 - Jeremiah
Clark, Fred L.	10/10/1936	03/30/2019	46 - Neosho
Cobb, Eldon L.	11/17/1932	02/15/2019	25 - Zabud
Crews, Neil R.	01/20/1953	10/31/2018	49 - Independence
Cripps, Lawrence Milton	01/03/1940	03/30/2019	41 - Carthage
Crow, Gerald Barclay	12/05/1927	08/29/2018	44 - Kirksville
Delcour, Howard J.	01/02/1929	09/24/2018	39 - Rolla
Duncan, Roy L.	05/16/1942	05/09/2019	39 - Rolla
Dye, Kyle L.	03/13/1935	05/31/2018	25 - Zabud
Elliott, Jonathon C.	10/31/1944	03/01/2019	48 - Jeremiah
Ford, Edward Ray	11/25/1939	10/29/2018	44 - Kirksville
Green, Chriss L.	08/02/1922	12/01/2018	49 - Independence
Haddock Jr., Arnold Dennis	09/04/1954	07/29/2018	48 - Jeremiah
Harle Sr., Frederick M.	08/01/1920	04/20/2019	49 - Independence
Harper, Robert W.	11/28/1926	06/30/2018	20 - Cape
Hartoebben, Ronald H.	11/16/1940	12/30/2018	48 - Jeremiah
Hedrick, Ray Lee	02/20/1946	03/10/2019	1 - Hiram
Hickey, Ronald M.	05/30/1938	03/08/2019	49 - Independence
Hoffmann, Joseph William	05/11/1936	09/09/2018	48 - Jeremiah
Holmes, Richard John	10/10/1937	05/27/2018	40 - York
Holt, Nelson	11/07/1919	06/20/2018	25 - Zabud
Houge, Larry R.	02/27/1940	08/25/2018	25 - Zabud
Howard, Charles W.	02/06/1930	11/04/2018	9 - St. Joseph
Humphrey, Henry Keith	10/02/1929	01/12/2019	44 - Kirksville
Hunt D.O., Dr. Howard H.	08/27/1933	08/02/2018	44 - Kirksville
Jenkins, Robert Dean	03/12/1929	11/25/2018	38 - Westport
Kuhn, James P.	08/15/1924	11/04/2018	49 - Independence
Lawrence, Gregory A.	07/05/1950	10/03/2018	44 - Kirksville
Lucas Jr., Rafe	10/25/1938	11/29/2018	37 - Trenton
Malone, Charles P.	06/18/1922	10/09/2018	34 - Centralia
Manley, Ralph K.	10/15/1923	05/06/2019	25 - Zabud
McFarland, Dale Eugene	12/15/1946	06/28/2018	44 - Kirksville

McFarland, Dan M.	06/13/1941	12/24/2018	1 - Hiram
McGuire, Donald Edward	09/26/1931	06/27/2018	43 - Bonne Terre
Merry, Robert E.	03/16/1927	05/04/2019	48 - Jeremiah
Owings, Dr. Richard Bainbridge	01/23/1923	05/15/2018	37 - Trenton
Palmer, Eldred E.	07/22/1917	11/12/2018	44 - Kirksville
Pehlman, Joseph E.	06/12/1937	08/19/2018	27 - Poplar Bluff
Pierce, Donald Dean	08/21/1941	11/09/2018	44 - Kirksville
Pyle, Leland Charles	04/26/1925	10/04/2018	25 - Zabud
Rethemeyer, Gene A.	01/19/1936	01/19/2019	9 - St. Joseph
Riddle, James Doyle	06/20/1922	09/20/2018	41 - Carthage
Roberts, Gerald Joe	01/01/1934	07/12/2018	38 - Westport
Sanford, Donald Eugene	06/30/1944	07/05/2018	59 - Shelby
Schell, Rollin J.	08/23/1924	08/23/2018	42 - John F. Houston
Schneider, Vern H	05/01/1924	03/13/2019	1 - Hiram
Sexson, Farrell Dean	06/19/1939	10/03/2018	42 - John F. Houston
Smith, Dr. Wayne Delarmie	01/22/1928	05/28/2018	44 - Kirksville
Soutiea Jr., Wilfred G.	02/20/1940	08/15/2018	48 - Jeremiah
Spickler, John W.	08/08/1928	11/24/2018	1 - Hiram
Spurgeon, William L.	02/08/1936	06/01/2018	48 - Jeremiah
Taylor, Daniel L.W.	02/04/1937	11/19/2018	40 - York
Tracy, Ceborn L.	05/22/1930	05/01/2018	25 - Zabud
Unruh, Leroy Dale	01/26/1932	03/16/2019	43 - Bonne Terre
Weaver, Rev. Kevin Earl	04/18/1955	02/06/2019	48 - Jeremiah
Wells, Russell Douglas	09/09/1939	10/29/2018	44 - Kirksville
Whitaker, Robert Toombs	04/20/1933	10/05/2018	50 - Liberty
White, Harvey H.	07/20/1936	08/13/2018	27 - Poplar Bluff
Whitman, James Henry	10/17/1946	01/10/2019	25 - Zabud
Wiggins, James D.	07/02/1943	07/12/2018	32 - Ezra
Willard, Wallace W.	04/24/1932	03/03/2019	56 - Lebanon
Willenbrink, Robert L.	01/24/1934	09/21/2018	34 - Centralia
Williams, Emmit G.	10/24/1942	09/05/2018	42 - John F. Houston
Winslow, William Lester	12/21/1939	02/11/2019	44 - Kirksville

Memorial Service

by Very Illustrious Companion Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr., Grand Chaplain

Today, we the living, have gathered together once again, to renew the friendships and brotherly love that have been bonded together by months, years, and perhaps decades of sharing the common goal, that of being Companions composing the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Missouri. This year as in past years, we are saddened, knowing that 107 of our Companions with whom we have shared life, are no longer with us, but heard their names called by the God that created them. Three of which are Most Distinguished Companions Leroy D. Unruh, William J. Bowser, and Kevin E. Weaver.

They have started a new journey with the Companions that have heard their names called by their Creator in years past. They are on a journey that we the living, must still experience. Our Companions that have heard their names called this Grand Council year are not forgotten.

Their deeds, their work, in various Councils around the state, and their memories will be with us until we too, enter that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

The Lord who created you says: *Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name. When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not be drowned! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For, I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43: NLT)*

Let us Pray: Eternal God, we humble ourselves before you and trust in your divine mercy and wisdom that you have called your servants to be with you forever in your everlasting Kingdom. Continue to pour out your blessing on each family who has suffered loss and assure them of your presence and love always. We thank you that in the midst of sorrow, we have the light of your divine promise to comfort us.

Quicken every tender memory that we have; and grant us O Lord that we may love and serve you and one another with continued devotion and dedication to the end, that by our work, you are glorified.

This we ask to the honor of your Holy Name. Amen.

Past Grand Masters

To the past Grand Masters – Thank you for your encouragement, support, and counsel during my time in the York Rite and my time in the Grand Council’s advancing line. Each of you has contributed to the success of this Grand Council and left a legacy on which we can build.

Appointments

One of the privileges of presiding over this Grand Council is having the ability to appoint several individuals to serve this Grand Council. My full list of appointments is included in the printed proceedings, but I would like to call your attention to four individuals in particular.

Adam M. Iwanow served as an Assistant Grand Sentinel and Chairman of our Youth & Membership committee. Adam has greatly strengthened this Grand Council’s ties to the Masonic Youth groups. He has represented us on many occasions throughout this year and been an example to these groups of what the Grand Council represents.

Due to the winter weather, I had to reschedule my official to Centralia Council twice this year. Through these challenges, I was pleased to work with their Recorder, Ronald Lee Skiles. Ron proved to be an outstanding communicator and I learned of his many efforts to keep Centralia Council strong. With that in mind, I was pleased to appoint and install him as an Assistant Grand Sentinel on January 28, 2019.

With the unplanned passing of MIC Kevin Earl Weaver came the need to appoint a new Grand Chaplain. I immediately thought of an individual who has not only served numerous bodies of Freemasonry but more importantly inspired multiple generations of Masonic Leaders. I

was therefore pleased to appoint and install VIC Ralph S. Cantrell, Jr. as the Grand Chaplain on March 9, 2019.

Finally, I look back on my appointment to the bottom of the advancing line which took place one year ago. VIC Matthew D. Ruth has made me proud this year as he has participated in our many activities and initiatives. Matt has a visionary mind and I have no doubt will lead this Grand Council to new heights in the years ahead.

Message

This year, I suggested to our Councils that they should utilize the three tenets of Craft Masonry - BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, and TRUTH to focus their activities.

- BROTHERLY LOVE - to think of ways to improve social activities in our Councils.
- RELIEF - to emphasize the importance of our Cryptic Philanthropies.
- And TRUTH - to promote education within the Councils with the goal of improving our membership's understanding of the history and philosophy of the Cryptic Degrees.

The Grand Council's theme for the year was - PRESERVATION!

PRESERVATION is a theme that is unique to the Cryptic degrees in the American York Rite system.

- This begins with the story of the PRESERVATION of the Word in the Council's ritual.
- We should each strive to PRESERVE Masonic history and philosophy through assisting the Missouri Lodge of Research, and by actively preserving local Masonic records.
- And finally, the PRESERVATION of our health through the work of CMMRF. In our jurisdiction, this was reinforced during the month of April which I declared CMMRF Month within our Grand Council. Information was shared with each constituent Council regarding the work of CMMRF and providing instructions on the submission of contributions.

While not a part of my original message, FELLOWSHIP emerged as an additional theme as I traveled. In discussions with Companions during my travel, I often asked them what inspired them to join, what they hoped to find, and what has kept them active. The OVERWHELMING response was friendship and fellowship. While many aspects of our great fraternity are interesting and important, friendship and fellowship are what attracts and retains most of our companions.

Visitations

Throughout the year I was privileged to travel to Masonic events throughout our state and nation. A complete list is included in the preliminary proceedings, but I wanted to highlight a few events in particular.

On August 25, 2018, I was pleased to travel to the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri to attend the Masonic Notables Tour. RIC Christopher E. Tilley conducted the Early Masonic Notables Tour at the Bellefontaine Cemetery. Chris has performed an incredible amount of research into many of Missouri Masonry's early heroes who are buried in this cemetery! During this walking tour, we stopped at the graves of these individuals and Chris provided us with interesting insights into their role in Missouri Masonry. It is a fascinating tour and I encourage each of you to attend the next time Chris organizes this tour!

In late September, I traveled to San Antonio, Texas to attend the South-Central Conference of York Rite Masons. This annual conference provides York Rite Masons with an opportunity to listen to and converse with York Rite leaders from Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. The presentations provided those of us who attended with new ideas and fresh insights into the various challenges that the York Rite is facing. These will be incorporated into our 7-year plan which is referenced later in this address. The highlight of the trip was attending the official visit of MIC Reese L. Harrison, Jr. to Blue Bonnet Council No. 409 in San Antonio, TX. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting a Texas Council and meeting new companions. After the meeting, Reese treated MIC Bill Snyder and me to dinner at the Petroleum Club of San Antonio where we enjoyed a delicious shrimp dinner and good conversation. I sincerely appreciated the warm hospitality shown by MIC Harrison and the companions of Blue Bonnet Council No. 409.

During my time in the line, I heard many positive stories about Poplar Bluff Council No. 27. I noted the fact that due to geography; they don't receive many official visits. With that in mind, I was determined to visit them during my term. On January 10, 2019, I was pleased to conduct this visit. I found the Council to be in good shape, with dedicated companions doing their best to preserve Cryptic Masonry in Southeast Missouri. During their meeting, the Council was put at ease and I asked each Companion to share the story of why they joined Freemasonry, what inspired them to become active, and what has kept them involved. As I mentioned earlier in this address, the overwhelming response was friendship and fellowship. I led a similar discussion at Centralia Council No. 34 and found the same result. With this in mind make sure that our Councils are encouraging activities that allow for the development of genuine friendships between our members and families. Take time to get to know your Companions outside of the Lodge room - attend community events, host game nights at your home, travel to other Councils together, etc.

Finally, I was pleased to attend the 164th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana April 28-May 1. Over the past decade, I have become good friends with their outgoing Grand Master, MIC John Bridegroom. John had an outstanding term as was evidenced by the comments of the many companions in attendance at his session. I am appreciative of the hospitality shown to me during my visit and look forward to visiting the Hoosier State again soon!

June 4, 2018	Kansas City York Rite Installation of Officers - Kansas City, MO
June 28, 2018	Visited the Truman Library to meet with several staffers. Independence York Rite Installation of Officers - Independence, MO
June 30, 2018	Harry S. Truman YRC & Charlemagne Council of Knight Masons - Buckner, MO
July 21, 2018	Missouri Priory No. 17 KYCH - Jefferson City, MO
July 31, 2018	Santa Fe Council AMD
August 1-5, 2018	York Rite Sovereign College of North America - Oakbrook, Illinois
August 10-11, 2018	Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Iowa - Visited with my good friends MIC Wade Sheeler (outgoing MIGM) & MIC Charlie Smithson (incoming MIGM)
August 19, 2018	Grand Council Officer Call
August 24-25, 2018	Missouri College, SRICF - Visit of MW Supreme Magus - Bellefontaine Cemetery Masonic Notables Tour
September 7-8, 2018	YR Region 7 Conference - Bolivar, MO
September 8, 2018	Inspected Time Capsule in Branson, MO
September 11, 2018	SR Exec. Board
September 16, 2018	Grand Council Officer Call
September 20-22, 2018	South Central Conference of York Rite Masons - San Antonio, Texas Attended Official Visit of MIC Reese L. Harrison, Jr. GM of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas to Blue Bonnet Council No. 409 in San Antonio, TX
September 23-25, 2018	Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Missouri
September 29, 2018	Official Reception of MEGHP - Shelbina, MO
October 4-7, 2018	SRRS Board Meeting - New Orleans, Louisiana
October 6, 2018	Region 2 Conference - St. Joseph, MO - Wayne B. Fryer & Richard Riepe Represented me
October 7, 2018	Grand Council Officer Call
October 13, 2018	Michael S. Smith represented me in at the Region 6 Conference in Cape Girardeau
October 13, 2018	Wayne B. Fryer represented me at the Springfield YR Festival
October 19-20, 2018	Don MacCormick and Richard Riepe represented me at the Independence YR Fall Festival
October 21, 2018	Grand Council Officer Call
October 24, 2018	SRKC Business Meeting
October 26-27, 2018	YR Region 5 Conference & Grand Commander's Reception - Webster Groves, MO
October 30, 2018	Santa Fe Council AMD
November 2-3, 2018	DeMolay State Officer Installation & LOH - St. Louis
November 4, 2018	Grand Council Officer Call
November 8-11, 2018	SRICF High Council Annual Meeting - Louisville, KY
November 13, 2018	SR Exec. Board
November 17, 2018	SRICF - Columbia, MO

November 28, 2018	SRKC Business Meeting
December 1, 2018	YR Region 3 Educational Conference - KC/Ivanhoe
December 8, 2018	Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine & Our Lord's Tabernacle, HRAKTP
December 112, 2018	SR Exec. Board
December 26, 2018	SRKC Business Meeting
January 6, 2019	Grand Council Officer Call
January 8, 2019	SR Exec. Board
January 10, 2019	Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 - Official Visit
January 20, 2019	Grand Council Advancing Line Call
January 23, 2019	SRKC Business Meeting
January 28, 2019	Centralia Council No. 34 Installation & Official Visit - Columbia, MO
January 29, 2019	Santa Fe Council AMD
February 3, 2019	Grand Council Officer Call
February 9, 2019	SRICF / St. Thomas of Acon / Masonic Order of Athelstan
February 17, 2019	Grand Advancing Line Call
February 20-24, 2019	Masonic Week - Washington D.C.
March 1, 2019	Mary Conclave RCC
March 9, 2019	Independence Spring York Rite Festival / Grand Master's Cryptic Day
March 17, 2019	Grand Council Advancing Line Call
March 23, 2019	Was represented at Region 1/Region 4 York Rite Conference - Jefferson City, MO
March 30, 2019	Harry S. Truman YRC
April 1, 2019	Kansas City Council No. 45 - 75th Anniversary Table Council - Kansas City, MO
April 17, 2019	Shekinah Council No. 24 - Official Visit - Kansas City, MO
April 28, 2019	Grand Master's Breakfast - St. Louis, MO
April 28-May 1, 2019	Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana
May 1, 2019	Was represented at the York Rite Open House - Cape Girardeau
May 6, 2019	Grand Council Officer Call
May 11, 2019	SRICF & Masonic Order of Athelstan - Columbia, MO
May 19, 2019	Grand Council Officer Call
May 26-27, 2019	Missouri DeMolay Conclave
June 3, 2019	Kansas City Council No. 45, Royal and Select Masters - Installation of Officers

Edicts Issued

None.

Decisions

None.

Dispensations Granted

October 22, 2018 Granted dispensation to Independence Council No. 49 to move their regular stated meeting date to December 12, 2018 to coincide with their annual holiday dinner.

By Law Changes, Subordinate Councils

July 26, 2018 Approved the By-Laws changes for Centralia Council No. 34

1. Article II, Meetings. Section 1. Change meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. Article VI, Powers and Duties. Section 4. TREASURER. (a). Add last sentence, to wit, There shall be no less than three (3) signers on all accounts.
3. Article XI, Fees. Section 1. Change greeting fee from thirty dollars to seventy-five dollars.
4. Article XII, Dues. Section 1. Change base dues from fifteen dollars to twenty-five dollars.

Time Capsule

On September 8, 2019, I traveled to Branson, Missouri with VIC Matthew D. Ruth, Grand Steward, in order to inspect the time capsule. The overall state of the site and structure are good. VIC Ruth and I did note that there is a hairline crack near the top of the obelisk. Additionally, the spaces between the various pieces of the structure need to be resealed. I photographically documented these issues. If these issues are not addressed soon, I fear that the frequent freezing and thawing that we experience each year will cause structural damage that will exceed our ability to repair.

Grand Master's Cryptic Day

The fifth annual Grand Master's Cryptic Day was held at the Independence Masonic Temple in Independence, Missouri on March 9, 2019. This event began in an effort to reinforce and strengthen our Grand Council's ties with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, AF&AM. We were honored to host Most Worshipful Brother Robert T. "Tim" Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri and several Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. 12 Companions (including two from Kansas) were greeted as Royal and Select Masters and they each received a short-form version of the Super Excellent Master degree. I extend my appreciation to Richard Riepe and his Lady Elizabeth D. Aman, Kevin B. Sample, Dan Quesenberry, the many Companions of our host Council, Independence Council No. 49, and especially to the Companions who took part in the degree work. Without your dedication that special day would not have occurred.

Grand Officer Collars and Aprons

At the suggestion of RIC Chris Tilley, Deputy Grand Master, our Grand Council Officers discussed the state of our regalia and the image that they project as we travel throughout the Craft. On March 17, 2019, the Grand Council authorized the purchase of new Grand Officer aprons. It was also recommended that we identify a vendor to repair and re-plate (restore the gold plating) our Grand Officer Collars during the next term.

Membership Records and MMS

I have heard throughout this year how successful of a program this has been for our Grand Council. Our Grand Recorder has commented numerous times how much time this saves our operations. During the conversion to MMS, we discovered many Companions who had fallen off the roles and of others who were listed as active members but had passed away.

IRS Form 990-N

Our Grand Treasurer, MIC Donald Trabue, spent a lot of time working with Councils who were behind with 990 reports. I commend him for his efforts which will be detailed in his report.

State of the Cryptic Rite

During my travels, I have observed great interest in and enthusiasm for Cryptic Masonry. A few Councils are very strong, and many are struggling. I find great encouragement in the fact that in each location that I visited, I found a group of sincere and dedicated Companions working to strengthen Cryptic Masonry. The challenges that we face are not unique to Cryptic Masonry but are found throughout the Craft as a whole. Our future rests in the hands of each of you.

The Advancing Grand Council Line

Our Grand Council is Blessed to have an advancing line of capable and committed Companions. Within our midst, we have professionals with expertise in digital marketing, website development, big data and analytics, business owners, a psychologist, a cattle rancher, and many other areas of experience.

The diversity of our skills and abilities brings us great strength. The Officers have worked together as a team to solve the many challenges faced by our Grand Council.

This year, we held an average of two video conference calls each month.

The first call each month was focused on administration with updates from the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and our Regional Officers. The goal was to introduce transparency with the issues facing our Grand Council and to keep our Officers informed so that they could offer their ideas and talents.

The second call each month was dedicated to the development of a rolling 7-year plan. This planning process was facilitated by VIC Michael S. Smith who helped us construct the plan

using techniques that he has used in the corporate world. The goal was to create a plan that includes the entire advancing line. The team identifies goals which are broken into measurable tasks, assigned to individuals, and tied to a deliverable date at which point a status is provided.

On May 2, 2019, RIC Christopher E. Tilley was diagnosed with a form of leukemia. The physicians have rapidly developed a treatment plan which Chris began in early May. He is determined to fight and to beat this!

RIC Tilley has been a significant figure in the renewal of Cryptic Masonry throughout our jurisdiction. His dedication to our Grand Council and creative thinking for the future have been noted by all who come in contact with him. Chris has let us know that he will be unable to progress to the office of Grand Master today due to his aggressive treatment plan. He intends to beat leukemia, restore his health, and hopefully be in a place where he could accept nomination in 2020. With that in mind, he has agreed to continue serving as Deputy Grand Master - if nominated and elected.

RIC Wayne B. Fryer is willing to accept nomination to the office of Grand Master and if elected is prepared to serve. Assuming a normal process, all other advancing line officers would then progress as normal.

The Grand Council Advancing line has weathered many challenges over the past several years. There have been several resignations due to health and other issues that have resulted in Companions rapidly advancing through the line. It is our sincere hope that the plan just outlined will be accepted by the Companions and that this will allow our Officers adequate time in the line to gain experience and to plan for their respective term as Grand Master.

Past Recommendations

During my time in the line, I have reviewed the addresses of numerous Past Grand Masters. I found many outstanding ideas, few of which have been acted on. The time seems to move along faster than expected and despite best intentions, many things are simply not completed. With this in mind, I commend the continued study of prior Grand Master Addresses to our advancing line Officers.

Recommendations

I recommend the following items for the consideration and action of this Grand Council.

- Continue wearing distinctive attire & custom ties. This establishes that we are a unique, yet cohesive group within the Masonic family.
- Continue the Production and Sale of the Grand Master Coins with proceeds to benefit CMMRF.
- Continue to acknowledge the work and dedication of our Companions and supporters through the Lewis & Clark Awards, Cryptic Mason of the Year, Lady of the Council, Adult Youth Leadership Award, and other available methods of recognition. While we each SERVE the Craft without expectation of acknowledgment or reward, it is always encouraging to know that it is noticed and appreciated.

- Attempt to schedule official visits and other events during the warmer months of the year. Numerous events had to be postponed or canceled this year due to poor road conditions from snow and ice.
- Expand education regarding CMMRF within our Councils. Share its mission and provide regular updates as to the results of the research within our Councils.
- Rekindle the Super Committee with each Grand Body's Time & Place Committee charged with representing the needs of their respective body to this super committee.
- Continue video conference calls twice per month.
- Encourage Grand Officers to attend visits with the MIGM. Set aside time before or after these visits to break bread with each other and to strengthen the bonds of fellowship.
- Creation of a Grand Recorder's Succession Plan
- Creation of a Grand Treasurer's Succession Plan
- Creation of a Special Committee to study issues discovered with the time capsule, submit an RFP to qualified contractors, and to present bids to the Grand Master along with a recommended course of action.

Appreciation

Fulfilling my responsibilities as Grand Master would not have been possible without the assistance of many individuals.

The printed version of my address will contain a list of individuals that I wish to thank for their assistance during my time in the line. I am directing the printing of a Grand Master's Certificate of Appreciation for each and I will present these at a convenient time in the near future and share personal comments with each recipient at that time.

I would, however, be severely in error if I did not take the time to share my gratitude to the following subset without whom I would not have been able to complete the many tasks that I did this year.

To William G. Snyder – Thank you for displaying your trust in me by appointing me to the advancing line. We have traveled many miles together over the years and your counsel has been invaluable. Your faith in my abilities has given me the confidence to approach Freemasonry with an increased determination.

Kevin B. Sample and Debbie Hanson – You have been my eyes, my ears, my calendar and consistently kept me on track throughout this year. Thank you so much for your dedication to this Grand Council and also to my personal success. I greatly appreciate you both!

Tina Woolsey and Tara Ornsbey – Going into this term, Casey was concerned about how she could possibly get done a number of items that are traditionally delegated to the wife of a Grand Master. As the mother of our young daughter and a nurse with an ever-changing schedule, it seemed a daunting task! Thankfully, God sent you two into our lives with a compassionate understanding of our situation and dedication to this Grand Council. I don't know what else to say, other than Thank you!

To my parents, Robin and Randy Vogel – It would not have been possible for me to serve as Grand Master without your graciousness shuffling Elizabeth around, often on VERY short notice. You have told me countless times not to worry about it, that Elizabeth is your

Granddaughter and you love having her around and helping. That said, I know that you have given up opportunities to do other things many times this year. Thank you.

Finally, to my wife Casey and daughter Elizabeth – Thank you for sharing me with this Grand Council this year. I have missed many events, adventures, and bedtime chats. You have both been very patient and understanding about this. I will always be thankful for this as it enabled me to fulfill my duties to the Grand Council. I love you both and look forward to more time together in the year to come!

In addition to those mentioned above, certificates will be presented to VIC Steven C. Monrotus, the family of MIC Kevin Earl Weaver, MWB John W. Hess, RWB Stanton Thayer Brown II, MIC Bill Bowser, MIC Todd Schulze, MIC David C. Witte, MIC Donald Trabue, MWB Glenn E. Means, MIC John Bridegroom, and MWB Tim Thomas.

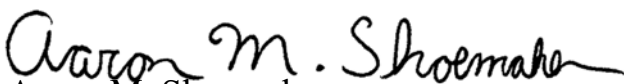
Conclusion

As we conclude this year, I leave office with the belief that this Grand Council is stronger now than it was one year ago. We have moved from strength-to-strength for several years now. I am thankful to my predecessors for setting us on the right course. I am grateful to the many men who have worked diligently to complete tasks on behalf of the Grand Council. I am thankful that there are Companions who believe in the concept of PRESERVATION, who have joined Cryptic Masonry, and who support our mission through their donations to CMMRF and participation in the work of their constituent Councils.

Freemasonry provides us with many opportunities to “travel to foreign countries” and receive knowledge from the experience of Brethren in other jurisdictions. As I conclude my address, I leave you with a quote that was shared by MIC John Bridegroom as he concluded his own Grand Master’s Address at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Indiana. This quote comes to us from the 1977 Grand Master’s Address of MIC Marion Keith Crum, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana who said,

“...I am laying down the gavel of authority, only to pick up the trowel of service. It is through service only that we can achieve our goals.” -MIC Marion Keith Crum

Sincerely and Most Fraternaly submitted,



Aaron M. Shoemaker
Grand Master 2018-2019

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER’S ADDRESS

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

Companions, the committee has reviewed the Address of MIC Aaron M. Shoemaker, Grand Master 2018-2019 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 Masters Address as to form and propriety of content.

Fraternally submitted,
Terry Robert Struse, PGM
Joseph P. Elsen, PGM, Chairman

Todd A. Schulze, PGM

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

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER REPORTS

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, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

General Fund

<u>Total Assets, General Fund, June 1, 2018</u>		\$ 84,086.88
Receipts: Grand Recorder, etc.	\$ 38,251.70	
Interest Earned	\$ 446.15	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Income	\$ 251.16	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Balanced	<u>\$ 318.08</u>	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 39,267.09</u>	
Disbursements: Jefferson Act. #xxxx9328	\$ 6,528.82	
Jefferson Act. #xxxx4544	\$ 21,845.80	
Jefferson Act. #xxxx4155 (Debits)	<u>\$ 1,003.23</u>	
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$ 29,377.85</u>	
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts:		<u>\$ 9,889.24</u>
<u>Balance, General Fund, March 31, 2019</u>		<u>\$ 93,976.12</u>

Statement of Assets- General Fund, March 31, 2019

Interest Checking Account #xxxx9328, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.06 %	\$	182.05	
Interest Checking Act. #xxxx4544, Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.05%	\$	1,199.70	
Money Mkt. Act. #xxxx4155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$	60,605.39	
Jefferson CD #xxxx0927, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.60%,Matures 7/3/19	\$	20,239.93	
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$	5,737.25	
American Income Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$	6,011.80	
<u>Total Assets, General Fund, March 31, 2019</u>			\$ 93,976.12

General Fund (Special Account)

Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), June 1, 2018 **\$ 39,944.15**

Receipts: Interest Earned	\$	192.92	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Balanced Fund	\$	964.30	
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 1,157.22</u>	
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			<u>\$ 1,157.22</u>
<u>Balance, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2019</u>			\$ 41,101.37

Statement of Assets- General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2019

Money Mkt. Act. #xxxx4155, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$	404.48	
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)(Market Value)	\$	17,392.96	
CD #xxxx0708, Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 1.10%,Matures 4/10/19	\$	23,303.93	
<u>Total Assets, General Fund (Special Account), March 31, 2019</u>			\$ 41,101.37

Endowed Membership Fund

Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, June 1, 2018 **\$ 131,456.72**

Receipts: Memberships (1)	\$	700.00	
Voided Distribution Check	\$	-	
Interest Earned	\$	754.17	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American Fund-Income	\$	3,056.37	
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 4,510.54</u>	
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			<u>\$ 4,510.54</u>
<u>Balance, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2019</u>			\$ 135,967.26

Statement of Assets - Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2019

Money Market Act.#xxxx4155,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$	4,286.85	
CD#xxxx1055,Providence Bank,Jefferson City, 1.70%,Matures 12/5/19	\$	58,522.39	
American Income Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)	\$	73,158.02	
<u>Total Assets, Endowed Membership Fund, March 31, 2019</u>			\$ 135,967.26

Charity Endowment Fund

Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, June 1, 2018 **\$ 134,559.62**

Receipts: Various Contributions	\$	287.60	
Interest Earned	\$	1,314.78	
Increase in Market Value, etc. American-Balanced	\$	1,326.27	
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 2,928.65</u>	
Disbursements:	\$	1,150.00	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			<u>\$ 1,778.65</u>
<u>Balance, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2019</u>			\$ 136,338.27

Statement of Assets - Charity Endowment Fund

Money Market Act.#xxxx4155,Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$	3,921.71	
American Balanced Fund (thru Jefferson Bank-Jefferson City)	\$	23,921.84	
CD#xxxx3910,Providence Bank-Jefferson City, 1.55%,Matures 9/13/19	\$	41,345.43	
CD#xxxx2161, Hawthorn Bank-Jefferson City, 2.50%, Matures 11/7/19	\$	35,075.25	
CD#xxxx4500,Providence Bank,Jefferson City,2.00%,Matures 2/20/20	\$	32,074.04	
Total Assets, Charity Endowment Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 136,338.27

Supply Fund

Total Assets, Supply Fund, June 1, 2018			\$ 6,025.04
Receipts: Inventory Sales	\$	2,057.75	
Interest Earned	\$	18.99	
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 2,076.74</u>	
Disbursements:	\$	2,827.53	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			<u>\$ (750.79)</u>
Balance, Supply Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 5,274.25

Statement of Assets - Supply Fund, March 31,2019

Money Market Act.#xxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$	5,274.25	
Total Assets, Supply Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 5,274.25

Triennial Fund

Total Assets, Triennial Fund, June 1, 2018			\$ 609.67
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$	2.51	
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 2.51</u>	
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			<u>\$ 2.51</u>
Balance, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 612.18

Statement of Assets - Triennial Fund, March 31, 2019

Money Market Act.#xxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$	612.18	
Total Assets, Triennial Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 612.18

Leadership Fund

Total Assets, Leadership Fund, June 1, 2018			\$ 1,049.77
Receipts: From Councils	\$	164.30	
Interest Earned	\$	4.36	
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 168.66</u>	
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			<u>\$ 168.66</u>
Balance, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 1,218.43

Statement of Assets - Leadership Fund, March 31, 2019

Money Market Act.#xxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.50%	\$	1,218.43	
Total Assets, Leadership Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 1,218.43

Audit Fund

Total Assets, Audit Fund, June 1, 2018			\$ 5,177.04
Receipts: Interest Earned	\$	4.36	
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 4.36</u>	
Disbursements:	\$	-	
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:			<u>\$ 4.36</u>
Balance, Audit Fund, March 31, 2019			\$ 5,181.40

Statement of Assets - Audit Fund, March 31, 2019

Money Market Act.#xxxx4155,Jefferson Bank - Jefferson City, 0.50%

\$ 5,181.40

Total Assets, Audit Fund, March 31, 2019

\$ 5,181.40

Total Assets, All Funds, March 31, 2019

\$ 419,669.28

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:

Regrettably, this past year was not as productive as I or others would have anticipated or desired. My other profession with the Department of Veterans Affairs has escalated in scope and responsibility, requiring many additional hours dedicated to serving this amazing organization, for which I will not apologize. However, this requirement of my time is not fair to the Grand Council of Missouri, and as such, the amount of time devoted to the Grand Council has suffered. For this, I do apologize. Had it not been for the diligence and dedication of Russell and Debbie Hanson, I could not have done this job. They have worked tirelessly in the background to keep me and the duties of this office afloat, and for that I will be forever grateful. In my opinion, we do make a good team.

Companions, following this narrative you will find the statistical reports of the Grand Recorder’s office. Although the same recommendations are made every year, again, it would be of 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.

To all grand officers, Masters and Recorders, I highly recommend an occasional perusal of Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Council. Regarding this section of my report, I refer to Article VI, Chartered Councils, Section 61, 61A, 61B, and 82, to wit,

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. (Amended 5/2/97, 6/7/17, 7/8/18)

SEC. 61A. Any Council not having its annual return submitted by March 8 (eight) of each year will lose all voting privileges at Grand Council and the Grand Recorder will hold all payments to that Council until the annual return is in and all fees paid for that year. (Added 5/17/01, renumbered 6/9/16)

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. (Added 7/8/18)

SEC. 82. The Master. The Master has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Council are duly observed, as well as statutes, rules and regulations of the Grand Council; that accurate records are made, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are promptly made to the Grand Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It

is his duty to preside at all Assemblies of his Council, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs. It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Assemblies of the Grand Council, and to see that the Recorder of his Council promptly discharges his duty in reference to Council returns, and dues. And he shall have authority to remove any officer of his Council, whose actions are such as to disturb the Craft or to interfere with its proper procedures, customs, and requirements.

Annual Returns – Late: As of the time of this report, the following Councils filed late returns and were assessed penalties: Hiram Council No. 1; Shekinah Council No. 24; Zabud Council No. 25; Jasper Council No. 30; Westport Council No. 38; Rolla Council No. 39; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Kansas City Council No. 45; Neosho Council No. 46; Jeremiah Council No. 48; Independence Council no. 49; and Lebanon Council No. 56;

Annual Returns – No Return: As of the date of this report, the following Councils have not filed a return and will be assessed penalties: Fidelity Council No. 35; and East Gate Council No. 51. 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: Shekinah Council No. 24; Trenton Council No. 37 (new Recorder); Westport Council No. 38; Lebanon Council No. 56; Bert S. Lee Council No. 58; Shelby Council No. 59; and West Plains Council No. 64. 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; St. Joseph Council No. 9; Cape Council No. 20; Shekinah Council No. 24; Zabud Council No. 25; Jasper Council No. 30; Ezra Council No. 32; Trenton Council No. 37; York Council No. 40; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Kansas City Council No. 45; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48; Liberty Council No. 50; Harmony Council No. 53; and West Plains Council No. 64.

In contrast, for CMMR, Rolla Council No. 39 was able to contribute \$3.55 per member for each of their members; Shelby Council No. 59 was able to contribute \$4.63 per member; Lebanon Council No. 56 was able to contribute \$5.16 per member; and for the second year in a row, Independence Council No. 49 had the largest contribution of \$8.55 per member and had the largest total contribution from all the Councils.

For the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund (CEF), only 5 Councils reported contributions: Carthage Council No. 41 was able to contribute \$0.29 per member; Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 was able to contribute \$1.00 per member; Centralia Council No. 34 was able to contribute \$1.34 per member; Rolla Council No. 39 contributed \$1.72 per member; and Hiram Council No. 1 had the largest contribution of \$1.92 per member. The largest total contribution was from Centralia Council No. 34.

One item of importance to mention – CMMR and CEF donations according to Annual Return Financial Reports show total contributions of \$2,235.31 and \$469.22 respectively, however total contributions received in 2018 through our office were actually \$3,552.08 and \$433.9 respectfully. Recorders need to try to report accurately. The awards given this year for charitable contributions are based on annual return reporting.

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; Centralia Council No. 34; Trenton Council No. 37; Westport Council No. 38; Rolla Council No. 39; York Council No. 40; Carthage Council No. 41; John F. Houston Council No. 42; Bonne Terre Council No. 43; Kirksville Council No. 44; Kansas City Council No. 45; Neosho Council No. 46; Trinity Council No. 47; Jeremiah Council No. 48; 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 or if they did file an Audit, it was incomplete: St. Joseph Council No. 9 – did not check all the boxes; Shekinah Council No. 24 – did not check all the boxes; Jasper Council No. 30 – did not check all the boxes; Trenton Council No. 37; Trinity Council No. 47 – not signed by audit committee; Jeremiah Council No. 48 – not signed by audit committee or officers; and Harmony Council No. 53 – not signed by audit committee.

Annual Returns – Dues: The following Councils reported dues charged each member to be less than that required by Grand Council (\$37.60), to wit:

SEC. 105. Dues, Minimum. Council dues shall not be less than \$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. (Amended 5/2/97, 7/8/18)

St. Joseph Council No. 9 (\$30.00); Poplar Bluff Council No. 27 (\$37.00); Jasper Council No. 30 (\$32.00); Trenton Council No. 37 (\$30.00); and Harmony Council No. 53 (\$37.00).

Annual Returns – 990 Status: I defer the reporting of 990 status to the Grand Treasurer.

Annual Returns – Council Indebtedness: The following Councils reported a negative cash on hand as of December 31, 2018: John F. Houston Council No. 42. I refer these to the Grand Officers to address.

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.

Greetings: We are pleased to report that there were 84 Greetings during the 2018 reporting year. Grand Council Growth Awards will be presented to John F. Houston Council No. 42 (10%); Bert S. Lee Council No. 58 (10%), and the most going to West Plains Council No. 64 with 12 (286%).

MMS: We are finally pleased to report that all our Councils are fully engaged and using MMS, either by the Council Recorder or the IT Representative designated for that purpose. Our office believes this to be one of the most significant positive changes to the Grand Council of Missouri in many years. We thank you for all your hard work.

Search for new Grand Recorder: It is anticipated that unless something drastic happens, I will be leaving this office in June 2021. Interested applicants should submit their resumes to directly to me (not the MGYR office). Applicants will be screened by the grand officers and the MGYR office staff to determine applicable skillset and capability to perform the job. Once selected, we will work with and train the designee(s), delegating some tasks, so they are fully qualified to perform the functions of this office, should they be elected by this body. It is my intention, after I retire in about 6 years, to fully invest the time needed to do all the things that remain unfinished and hopefully to work with and support whomever you select as my replacement.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, HPGM, Grand Recorder

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

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2018 End: 12/31/2018
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 =		<u>2,211</u>
Total number GREETED =	<u>137</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>45</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>36</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>2</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>220</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>81</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>220</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>107</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>2</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>410</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(190)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural) on this report as of		<u>2,021</u>

Statistical Reports: 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	2,008	2	5	45	1,963	68.5	30	1,988
1 - Hiram	50				50	63.3	1	50
9 - St. Joseph	174			11	163	72.4	1	174
20 - Cape	55				55	69.2	1	52
24 - Shekinah	43				43	70.5	1	43
25 - Zabud	228	1	3		228	68.7	1	227
27 - Poplar Bluff	47				47	65.6	1	47
30 - Jasper	38			1	37	65.5	1	37
32 - Ezra	57			2	55	70.4	1	56
34 - Centralia	126				126	73.1	1	124
35 - Fidelity	25			1	24	63.7	1	24
37 - Trenton	35				35	72.6	1	35
38 - Westport	35			1	34	73.1	1	35
39 - Rolla	84				84	67.7	1	82
40 - York	34				34	67.0	1	34
41 - Carthage	56			2	54	71.4	1	56
42 - John F. Houston	47				47	63.7	1	47
43 - Bonne Terre	66				66	66.8	1	63
44 - Kirksville	128				128	69.2	1	127
45 - Kansas City	57			15	42	64.8	1	57
46 - Neosho	46			1	45	70.2	1	46
47 - Trinity	14			1	13	63.8	1	14
48 - Jeremiah	115			2	113	66.8	1	114
49 - Independence	115			1	114	65.2	1	115
50 - Liberty	85	1			85	72.0	1	85
51 - East Gate	60			3	57	73.5	1	59
53 - Harmony	22			1	21	65.3	1	22
56 - Lebanon	64		1		64	65.1	1	63
58 - Bert S. Lee	35		1		35	64.6	1	35
59 - Shelby	40				40	65.6	1	39
64 - West Plains	27			3	24	53.1	1	26
Total Members	2,008	2	5	45	1,963	68.5	30	1,988
Total Plural Members	35							
Total People	1,973							

Council	Active	Active	Avg.	18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70-79		80-89		90-99		100+		Totals	
	No DOB	DOB	Age	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Missouri	45	1963	68.5	34	1.7	80	4.1	173	8.8	267	13.6	400	20.4	514	26.2	346	17.6	145	7.4	4	0.2	1963	100.0
1 - Hiram	0	50	63.3	3	6.0	1	2.0	9	18.0	11	22.0	6	12.0	10	20.0	7	14.0	2	4.0	1	2.0	50	2.5
9 - St. Joseph	11	163	72.4	0	0.0	2	1.2	11	6.7	14	8.6	37	22.7	54	33.1	33	20.2	11	6.7	1	0.6	163	8.3
20 - Cape	0	55	69.2	0	0.0	1	1.8	7	12.7	7	12.7	10	18.2	16	29.1	10	18.2	4	7.3	0	0.0	55	2.8
24 - Shekinah	0	43	70.5	0	0.0	3	7.0	6	14.0	4	9.3	6	14.0	7	16.3	11	25.6	6	14.0	0	0.0	43	2.2
25 - Zabud	0	228	68.7	7	3.1	10	4.4	17	7.5	26	11.4	46	20.2	62	27.2	41	18.0	19	8.3	0	0.0	228	11.6
27 - Poplar Bluff	0	47	65.6	0	0.0	2	4.3	8	17.0	7	14.9	6	12.8	16	34.0	8	17.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	47	2.4
30 - Jasper	1	37	65.5	1	2.7	1	2.7	5	13.5	7	18.9	8	21.6	9	24.3	4	10.8	2	5.4	0	0.0	37	1.9
32 - Ezra	2	55	70.4	0	0.0	1	1.8	3	5.5	5	9.1	15	27.3	18	32.7	7	12.7	6	10.9	0	0.0	55	2.8
34 - Centralia	0	126	73.1	0	0.0	6	4.8	5	4.0	16	12.7	21	16.7	31	24.6	30	23.8	17	13.5	0	0.0	126	6.4
35 - Fidelity	1	24	63.7	1	4.2	1	4.2	3	12.5	3	12.5	6	25.0	7	29.2	2	8.3	1	4.2	0	0.0	24	1.2
37 - Trenton	0	35	72.6	2	5.7	0	0.0	1	2.9	3	8.6	6	17.1	11	31.4	5	14.3	7	20.0	0	0.0	35	1.8
38 - Westport	1	34	73.1	1	2.9	0	0.0	2	5.9	3	8.8	6	17.6	8	23.5	9	26.5	5	14.7	0	0.0	34	1.7
39 - Rolla	0	84	67.7	1	1.2	5	6.0	7	8.3	8	9.5	22	26.2	23	27.4	12	14.3	6	7.1	0	0.0	84	4.3
40 - York	0	34	67	2	5.9	0	0.0	2	5.9	6	17.6	9	26.5	9	26.5	1	2.9	5	14.7	0	0.0	34	1.7
41 - Carthage	2	54	71.4	0	0.0	3	5.6	4	7.4	6	11.1	10	18.5	12	22.2	11	20.4	7	13.0	1	1.9	54	2.8
42 - John F. Houston	0	47	63.7	3	6.4	2	4.3	5	10.6	10	21.3	8	17.0	11	23.4	4	8.5	4	8.5	0	0.0	47	2.4
43 - Bonne Terre	0	66	66.8	1	1.5	4	6.1	3	4.5	14	21.2	12	18.2	18	27.3	13	19.7	0	0.0	1	1.5	66	3.4
44 - Kirksville	0	128	69.2	3	2.3	4	3.1	9	7.0	12	9.4	29	22.7	41	32.0	24	18.8	6	4.7	0	0.0	128	6.5
45 - Kansas City	15	42	64.8	1	2.4	4	9.5	7	16.7	9	21.4	5	11.9	5	11.9	5	11.9	6	14.3	0	0.0	42	2.1
46 - Neosho	1	45	70.2	0	0.0	4	8.9	5	11.1	2	4.4	10	22.2	7	15.6	14	31.1	3	6.7	0	0.0	45	2.3
47 - Trinity	1	13	63.8	0	0.0	2	15.4	0	0.0	3	23.1	1	7.7	6	46.2	1	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	0.7
48 - Jeremiah	2	113	66.8	0	0.0	3	2.7	12	10.6	20	17.7	29	25.7	28	24.8	19	16.8	2	1.8	0	0.0	113	5.8
49 - Independence	1	114	65.2	4	3.5	6	5.3	11	9.6	21	18.4	25	21.9	20	17.5	24	21.1	3	2.6	0	0.0	114	5.8
50 - Liberty	0	85	72	1	1.2	0	0.0	5	5.9	12	14.1	14	16.5	27	31.8	18	21.2	8	9.4	0	0.0	85	4.3
51 - East Gate	3	57	73.5	0	0.0	1	1.8	6	10.5	3	5.3	13	22.8	13	22.8	12	21.1	9	15.8	0	0.0	57	2.9
53 - Harmony	1	21	65.3	1	4.8	3	14.3	0	0.0	2	9.5	7	33.3	2	9.5	4	19.0	2	9.5	0	0.0	21	1.1
56 - Lebanon	0	64	65.1	0	0.0	2	3.1	9	14.1	13	20.3	13	20.3	18	28.1	7	10.9	2	3.1	0	0.0	64	3.3
58 - Bert S. Lee	0	35	64.6	0	0.0	1	2.9	5	14.3	9	25.7	5	14.3	10	28.6	4	11.4	1	2.9	0	0.0	35	1.8
59 - Shelby	0	40	65.6	0	0.0	3	7.5	1	2.5	9	22.5	10	25.0	11	27.5	5	12.5	1	2.5	0	0.0	40	2.0
64 - West Plains	3	24	53.1	2	8.3	5	20.8	5	20.8	2	8.3	5	20.8	4	16.7	1	4.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	1.2
Total	45	1963	68.5	34	1.7	80	4.1	173	8.8	267	13.6	400	20.4	514	26.2	346	17.6	145	7.4	4	0.2	1963	100.0

No.	Council	Location	Chartered	EIN	Stated Assemblies	Annual Return Received	2017 Membership	Greeted	Admitted	Reinstated	Add Adjustment	Total Gains	Dimitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled	Delete Adjustment	Total Losses	Gain / Loss	2018 Net Membership	2018 Total Year End Membership	% of Growth
1	Hiram	St. Louis	July 17, 1883	23-7550888	4th Wednesday	4-Mar-19	50	3	2	0	4	9	0	3	4	0	0	7	2	52	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%
9	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	October 7, 1871	23-7550889	1st Wednesday	23-Feb-19	176	5	4	1	3	13	2	6	6	0	0	14	-1	175	-1%	
20	Cape	Cape Girardeau	October 6, 1871	23-7550890	1st Wednesday	15-Feb-19	54	5	0	0	0	5	0	2	1	0	0	3	2	56	4%	
24	Shekinah	Kansas City	April 27, 1892	23-7550891	3rd Wednesday	7-May-19	60	0	0	1	3	4	1	15	5	0	0	21	-17	43	-28%	
25	Zabud	Springfield	April 25, 1894	44-0520296	4th Monday	9-Mar-19	302	4	4	4	4	16	8	60	11	0	0	79	-63	239	-21%	
27	Poplar Bluff	Poplar Bluff	April 24, 1895	23-7550893	2nd Thursday	1-Mar-19	52	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	2	0	0	7	-6	46	-12%	
30	Jasper	Joplin	April 25, 1900	23-7550895	1st Tuesday	20-Mar-19	40	0	2	2	4	8	1	8	1	0	0	10	-2	38	-5%	
32	Ezra	Jefferson City	April 23, 1902	23-7550896	1st Monday	1-Mar-19	55	4	2	0	5	11	0	9	5	0	0	14	-3	52	-5%	
34	Centralia	Columbia	April 28, 1908	23-7550897	4th Monday	25-Feb-19	143	1	0	0	0	1	2	14	2	0	1	19	-18	125	-13%	
35	Fidelity	Mountain Grove	April 26, 1920	23-7550898	3rd Friday		27	3	1	6	5	15	7	10	0	0	0	17	-2	25	-7%	
37	Trenton	Trenton	April 25, 1921	23-7550900	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-19	37	2	1	0	2	5	2	0	5	0	0	7	-2	35	-5%	
38	Westport	Kansas City	April 25, 1921	43-6071585	1st Monday	10-May-19	34	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	35	3%	
39	Rolla	Rolla	April 10, 1922	23-7144150	3rd Monday	2-Mar-19	91	4	2	1	8	15	3	16	6	0	0	25	-10	81	-11%	
40	York	St. Charles	April 10, 1922	23-7550902	4th Tuesday	28-Jan-19	35	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	-2	33	-6%	
41	Carthage	Carthage	April 10, 1922	23-7550903	3rd Thursday	28-Feb-19	72	3	0	2	0	5	1	15	6	0	0	22	-17	55	-24%	
42	John F. Houston	Sedalia	April 10, 1922	38-4024549	1st Wednesday	2-May-19	48	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	54	13%	
43	Bonne Terre	Bonne Terre	April 21, 1924	23-7550905	2nd Tuesday	7-May-19	68	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	68	0%	
44	Kirksville	Kirksville	April 22, 1929	23-7550906	2nd Thursday	20-Feb-19	134	2	1	3	8	14	1	15	7	0	0	23	-9	125	-7%	
45	Kansas City	Kansas City	April 24, 1944	23-7550907	1st Monday	7-Mar-19	58	5	1	1	0	7	6	0	2	0	0	8	-1	57	-2%	
46	Neosho	Neosho	April 22, 1946	23-7550908	3rd Monday	4-Mar-19	66	2	1	0	0	3	10	11	4	0	0	25	-22	44	-33%	
47	Trinity	Hannibal	April 25, 1949	23-7550909	1st Thursday	28-Feb-19	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	5	-5	14	-26%	
48	Jeremiah	Webster Groves	April 24, 1950	23-7144151	3rd Monday	9-May-19	139	4	1	3	4	12	14	1	19	0	0	34	-22	117	-16%	
49	Independence	Independence	April 24, 1950	23-7550910	4th Thursday	2-Mar-19	126	4	3	3	4	14	3	13	7	0	0	23	-9	117	-7%	
50	Liberty	Liberty	April 24, 1950	23-7550911	3rd Monday	28-Feb-19	95	2	3	3	1	9	14	2	2	0	0	18	-9	86	-9%	
51	East Gate	Kansas City	April 24, 1950	23-7550912	1st Thursday		63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	-3	60	-5%	
53	Harmony	Bethany	April 19, 1974	23-7396156	3rd Tuesday	21-Feb-19	22	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	22	0%	
56	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 9, 1990	43-1697678	3rd Tuesday	30-Mar-19	68	2	2	1	0	5	1	7	2	0	0	10	-5	63	-7%	
58	Bert S. Lee	Springfield	May 17, 2001	90-0053587	1st Thursday	14-Feb-19	27	4	5	2	0	11	1	2	1	0	0	4	7	34	26%	
59	Shelby	Shelbina	February 28, 2006	90-0324713	4th Tuesday	1-Mar-19	40	3	0	0	1	4	1	1	1	1	0	4	0	40	0%	
64	West Plains	West Plains	June 7, 2017		1st Tuesday	14-Feb-19	7	12	9	0	0	21	0	1	0	0	0	1	20	27	286%	
	TOTAL						2208	84	45	37	57	223	80	221	108	1	3	413	-190	2018	-9%	

No.	Council	Greeting Fees	Per Capita	2017 Debits	Dues Cards	Dues Cards Postage Fees	Total Per Capita, Fees & Debits	Remissions, Inability to Pay	Remissions, 50-year	Living Life Member	Credit for Remissions and Life Members	GG Council Endowed Mbrs & Not Endowed Mbrs	General Grand Council Credit	2017 Credits	Total Credits	Amount Owed Grand Council	Late Fees
1	Hiram	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,435.20	\$ -	\$ 23.56	\$ 4.80	\$ 1,484.56		4	7	\$ 303.60	4	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 313.60	\$ 1,170.96	\$ 15.00
3	Marion	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
9	St. Joseph	35.00	4,830.00	-	71.06	-	4,936.06	0	14	35	1,352.40	0	-	-	1,352.40	3,583.66	
20	Cape	35.00	1,545.60	-	24.70	4.80	1,610.10	8	8	2	496.80	0	-	-	496.80	1,113.30	
24	Shekinah	-	1,186.80	30.00	20.14	-	1,236.94		9	8	469.20	1	2.50	-	471.70	765.24	45.00
25	Zabud	28.00	6,596.40	20.00	117.04	8.50	6,769.94	8	44	22	2,042.40	4	10.00	-	2,052.40	4,717.54	15.00
27	Poplar Bluff	-	1,269.60	-	23.18	4.80	1,297.58	6	1	5	331.20	0	-	-	331.20	966.38	
30	Jasper	-	1,048.80	-	17.86	4.10	1,070.76	4	1	14	524.40	0	-	-	524.40	546.36	15.00
32	Ezra	28.00	1,435.20	-	26.98	-	1,490.18	1	8	6	414.00	0	-	-	414.00	1,076.18	
34	Centralia	7.00	3,450.00	-	51.30	-	3,508.30		32	42	2,042.40	0	-	-	2,042.40	1,465.90	
35	Fidelity	21.00	690.00	-	12.92	3.75	727.67	3	0	1	110.40	0	-	-	110.40	617.27	-
37	Trenton	14.00	966.00	45.00	17.10	3.75	1,045.85	2	14	1	469.20	1	2.50	-	471.70	574.15	
38	Westport	14.00	966.00	-	17.10	-	997.10	0	6	1	193.20	0	-	-	193.20	803.90	45.00
39	Rolla	28.00	2,235.60	-	37.24	7.25	2,308.09	1	9	17	745.20	3	7.50	-	752.70	1,555.39	15.00
40	York	7.00	910.80	-	15.96	3.75	937.51	6	2	6	386.40	1	2.50	-	388.90	548.61	
41	Carthage	21.00	1,518.00	-	24.32	4.80	1,568.12	5	7	3	414.00	0	-	-	414.00	1,154.12	
42	John F. Houston	42.00	1,490.40	-	23.18	-	1,555.58	1	4	5	276.00	0	-	-	276.00	1,279.58	45.00
43	Bonne Terre	7.00	1,876.80	60.00	29.26	5.50	1,978.56		3	11	386.40	1	2.50	-	388.90	1,589.66	45.00
44	Kirksville	14.00	3,450.00	-	53.58	7.25	3,524.83	3	18	10	855.60	3	7.50	-	863.10	2,661.73	
45	Kansas City	35.00	1,573.20	-	25.46	-	1,633.66	0	9	1	276.00	0	-	-	276.00	1,357.66	15.00
46	Neosho	14.00	1,214.40	56.10	19.38	4.10	1,307.98	8	7	2	469.20	1	2.50	-	471.70	836.28	15.00
47	Trinity	-	386.40	-	9.50	3.75	399.65		1	0	27.60	0	-	-	27.60	372.05	-
48	Jeremiah	28.00	3,229.20	45.00	45.22	7.25	3,354.67	2	4	22	772.80	4	10.00	-	782.80	2,571.87	45.00
49	Independence	28.00	3,229.20	-	49.40	-	3,306.60	1	5	19	690.00	0	-	-	690.00	2,616.60	15.00
50	Liberty	14.00	2,373.60	-	36.48	-	2,424.08	1	11	15	745.20	0	-	-	745.20	1,678.88	
51	East Gate	-	1,656.00	45.00	26.22	-	1,727.22	0	5	2	193.20	0	-	-	193.20	1,534.02	-
53	Harmony	-	607.20	-	11.78	3.75	622.73	0	4	0	110.40	0	-	-	110.40	512.33	
56	Lebanon	14.00	1,738.80	-	27.36	5.15	1,785.31		4	9	358.80	1	2.50	-	361.30	1,424.01	15.00
58	Bert S. Lee	28.00	938.40	-	16.34	3.75	986.49	2	1	5	220.80	1	2.50	-	223.30	763.19	
59	Shelby	21.00	1,104.00	-	18.62	4.10	1,147.72	0	2	2	110.40	0	-	-	110.40	1,037.32	
64	West Plains	84.00	745.20	-	13.68	3.75	846.63		0	2	55.20	0	-	-	55.20	791.43	
	TOTAL	\$ 588.00	\$ 55,696.80	\$ 301.10	\$ 905.92	\$ 98.65	\$ 57,590.47	62	237	275	\$ 15,842.40	25	\$ 62.50	\$ -	\$ 15,904.90	\$ 41,685.57	\$ 345.00

No.	Council	Total Amount Owed Grand Council	Paid	Total All Payments	2018 Credits	2018 Debits	Cash on Hand 12/31/18	Real Estate & Investments	Paraphernalia	Uncollected Dues	Indebtedness	Total Value of Council	Annual Dues	CMMR Donations	CEF Donations	Treasurer Bonded	Recorder Bonded	Audited	990
1	Hiram	\$ 1,185.96	\$ 1,170.96	\$ 1,170.96		\$ 15.00	\$ 3,553.41		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 131.20		\$ 6,184.61	\$ 65.60	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	No	No	Yes	Yes
3	Marion	-	-	-															
9	St. Joseph	3,583.66	3,583.66	3,583.66		0.00	4,474.08	94,078.14	200.00	630.00		99,184.89	30.00			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Cape	1,113.30	1,113.30	1,113.30		0.00	2,336.78	7,366.82				9,703.60	50.00			No	No	Yes	Yes
24	Shekinah	810.24	765.24	765.24		45.00										No	No	Yes	Yes
25	Zabud	4,732.54	4,717.54	4,717.54		15.00	12,064.00		7,000.00	2,871.40		21,935.40	58.60			Yes	Yes	Yes	No
27	Poplar Bluff	966.38	966.38	966.38		0.00	1,148.98		5,000.00			6,148.98	37.00	46.50	45.95	No	No	Yes	Yes
30	Jasper	561.36	546.36	546.36		15.00	362.00	14,684.00				15,046.00	32.00			No	No	Yes	Yes
32	Ezra	1,076.18	1,076.18	1,076.18			4,942.47	11,499.55	3,000.00			19,442.02	40.00			No	No	Yes	Yes
34	Centralia	1,465.90	1,465.90	1,465.90			3,195.29	8,000.00	1,500.00			12,695.29	50.00	167.90	167.90	No	No	Yes	Yes
35	Fidelity	617.27	-	-		617.27													
37	Trenton	574.15	574.15	574.15									30.00			No	No	No	Yes
38	Westport	848.90	803.90	803.90		45.00								32.85		No	No	Yes	No
39	Rolla	1,570.39	1,555.39	1,555.39		15.00	8,867.25		5,000.00			13,867.25	37.85	287.86	139.42	No	No	Yes	Yes
40	York	548.61	548.61	548.61		0.00	829.56	859.19	-	-	-	1,688.75	49.60			No	No	Yes	Yes
41	Carthage	1,154.12	1,154.12	1,154.12			14,638.96		846.00			15,484.96	37.60	14.60	15.95	No	No	Yes	Yes
42	John F. Houston	1,324.58	1,279.58	1,279.58		45.00	(394.84)			1,393.00		998.16	39.80			No	No	Yes	Yes
43	Bonne Terre	1,634.66	1,589.66	1,589.66		45.00	6,504.88					6,504.88	42.00			No	No	Yes	Yes
44	Kirksville	2,661.73	2,661.73	2,661.73			21,479.96	11,860.66	1,500.00			34,840.62	57.00	45.60		No	No	Yes	Yes
45	Kansas City	1,372.66	1,357.66	1,357.66		15.00	4,048.49			2,400.00		6,448.69	48.00			No	No	Yes	Yes
46	Neosho	851.28	836.28	836.28		15.00	2,264.20					2,264.20	44.60			No	No	Yes	Yes
47	Trinity	372.05	372.00	372.00		0.05	787.65			100.00		887.65	50.00			No	No	No	No
48	Jeremiah	2,616.87	2,571.87	2,571.87		45.00	2,634.06		8,000.00	3,278.00		13,912.06	59.60			No	No	Yes	No
49	Independence	2,631.60	2,616.60	2,616.60		15.00	9,065.83	10,000.00				19,065.83	67.60	1,000.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
50	Liberty	1,678.88	1,678.88	1,678.88	\$ 0.00		3,563.99		1,000.00	1,274.75		5,838.74	41.25			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
51	East Gate	1,534.02	-	-		1,534.02													
53	Harmony	512.33	512.33	512.33			24.25			74.00		98.25	37.00			No	No	Yes	No
56	Lebanon	1,439.01	1,424.01	1,424.01		15.00			1,000.00			5,832.83	40.00	325.00		No	No	Yes	Yes
58	Bert S. Lee	763.19	763.19	763.19			3,951.65		300.00			4,251.65	38.00	30.00		No	No	Yes	Yes
59	Shelby	1,037.32	1,037.32	1,037.32	\$ 0.00								45.00	185.00		No	No	Yes	No
64	West Plains	791.43	791.43	791.43									40.00			No	No	Yes	No
	TOTAL	\$ 42,030.57	\$ 39,534.23	\$ 39,534.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,496.34	\$ 110,342.90	\$ 158,348.36	\$ 36,846.00	\$ 12,152.35	\$ -	\$ 322,325.31		\$ 2,235.31	\$ 469.22				

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

(from the floor)

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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

Companions, the Grand Council officers have continued to work to hold expenses down and maximize effectiveness. This year starts the process of rebuilding the supply fund to provide the necessary funds for future purchases of Masonic regalia and office equipment.

Below is the recommended budget for Council year 2019-2020:

Income

Per Capita, Membership	\$	35,052.00
Per Capita, Endowed Membership		2,800.00
Greeting Fees		560.00
General Fund Interest Income		1,750.00
Grand Session, Meals Income		3,000.00
Grand Session, Program Book Income		100.00
Miscellaneous		1,250.00
Total	\$	44,512.00

Expenses

Grand Master Expenses	\$	3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium		1,000.00
Grand Recorder Salary		4,000.00
Clerical Assistant Salary		5,000.00
Employment Taxes		800.00
Bonding Insurance		100.00
Audit Committee		250.00
Grand Lecturer Expenses		250.00
Office Expenses		3,000.00
Printing Services		2,000.00
Office Rent		1,800.00
Storage Rent		400.00
General Grand Council Per Capita		4,810.00
Annual Assembly		3,500.00
Supply Fund Contribution		2,500.00
Grand Officer Expenses		500.00
Past Grand Master Jewel		100.00
Triennial Fund		76.00
Emerging Leaders Fund		127.00

MMS Maintenance	400.00
Web Master	250.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total	\$ 34,113.00
Total Income	\$ 44,512.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	\$ 34,113.00
Investment Funds	\$ 9,500.00
Balance	\$ 899.00

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

Michael S. Smith
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, 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.

We with regret accepted the resignation from the Jurisprudence Committee of Past Illustrious Master Robert W. Schlichter in February 2019.

Our congratulations to Most Illustrious Companion Aaron M. Shoemaker, Grand Master for a very successful year. In our estimation you have performed your duties and responsibilities remarkably well.

Fraternally submitted,
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey
Todd A. Schulze
Glenn E. Means, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample
William G. Snyder

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

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION AT THE 2019 GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

No Proposals were received by the Jurisprudence Committee. One (1) Proposed Resolution was received, but subsequently withdrawn by the Proposer.

Fraternally submitted,
Jeffery L. Fielder-Bey
Todd A. Schulze
Glenn E. Means, Chairman

Kevin B. Sample
William G. Snyder

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)

James D. Hardy, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING

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

Companions, this committee worked on the many details of our annual assembly over the course of numerous Grand Officer conference calls throughout the year.

Additionally, we are grateful to the work performed by Kevin B. Sample, Debbie Hanson, Tara Ornsbey, Tina Woolsey, Casey Shoemaker and the Ladies and Committee Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

This annual assembly takes an enormous amount of work and it has been a team effort to make it a success! THANK YOU to everyone who assisted!

Fraternally submitted,
Aaron M. Shoemaker, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY AND CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

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, I write this report on behalf of MIC Kevin E. Weaver, based on reports submitted to the Grand Recorder’s office. The Grand Council Merit Award Committee congratulates the following Councils and Illustrious Masters for achieving the requirements for the award:

Council Name	No. Master	Master Name	Term	RDGM	Region
Hiram	1	Tom G. Cupples	2018-2019	Coppotelli	5
York	40	Glenn B. Parker	2018-2019	Coppotelli	5
Kansas City	45	Kevin M. Shields	2018-2019	White	3A
Independence	49	Russell L. Pence, Jr.	2018-2019	White	3A

There was one additional submission, however it did not meet or report all the requirements of the award, enough to warrant achievement. My recommendations to the committee are:

1. RDGMs should not submit reports that do not meet all requirements or are unintelligible, including the name of the RDGM submitting the report. Any application that cannot be read should be returned to the RDGM.
2. No. 8, Mail Trestleboard to all members – the requirement is to send a copy with the application. None of the applications received complied with this requirement. Any application without a copy of such should be returned as not met.
3. Any application in which requirements have not been met for all items should be returned to the RDGM.

As was recommended last 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 B. Sample, Grand Recorder

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:
CRYPTIC EDUCATION – FREEMASONRY 2.5**

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

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)

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, on May 2, 2019, MIC William J. Bowser, PGM, sent the following communication to our office: *Debbie, I know this is the busiest time of the year for you. But could you right my report up for me because I don't think I am going get home in time to do it. I would like to have my last report in book. Thank you, if you can, but if not, I understand. William J Bowser.*

I regret having to file this report on behalf of our recently departed Past Grand Master Bowser, however he wanted this information communicated.

For the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, the amount that Missouri contributed to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was \$7,982.08. The amount of donations which were routed through the Grand Recorder's office for 2018 were \$3,552.08. This indicates that Councils are not following the requirement of submitting all charitable donations through the office.

Council	Contribution
Hiram Council No. 1	\$ 60.00
St. Joseph Council No. 9	1,050.00
Poplar Bluff Council No. 27	75.70
Centralia Council No. 34	367.90
Rolla Council No. 39	452.28
York Council No. 40	43.80
Carthage Council No. 41	49.45
Kirksville Council No. 44.....	35.00
Kansas City Council No. 45	55.00

Jeremiah Council No. 48	265.50
Independence Council No. 49	1,041.00
Lebanon Council No. 56.....	650.00
Shelby Council No. 59.....	156.95
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri.....	3,679.50
Total:	\$7,982.08

Fraternally submitted,
Kevin B. Sample, Grand Recorder, on behalf of
William J. Bowser, PGM, Chairman

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP**

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)
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 5th Annual Grand Master’s Cryptic Day was hosted by Independence Council No. 49 on March 9, 2019. W O W ! What a wonderful event. It was well attended. There were candidates from around the state and even from Kansas. The degree work was exceptional. All parts were from memory and spoken from the heart!

I wish to thank VIC Daniel R. Quesenberry for organizing the cast members. The majority of the work was conferred by members of both Kansas City Council No. 45 and Independence Council No. 49. A huge debt of gratitude goes to Matthew L. Quesenberry for conferring the Super Excellent Master Degree in outstanding form! A special thanks to Most Illustrious Joseph P. Elsen, Past Grand Master of the Cryptic Council of Missouri and Most Illustrious Kevin B. Sample, Honorary Past Grand Master of the Cryptic Council of Missouri for giving the Lectures.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard A. Riepe, 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, the Ritual of the Cryptic Council of Missouri is some of the most beautiful and inspiring in all of Masonry. The life lessons taught, if taken to heart and applied personally, could make a huge positive impact on each of us! This should influence our devotion to Deity, our respect for mankind and the hope of reward in that higher Lodge to which we are advancing.

Companions we need to take our Ritual to heart. I do not mean just memorize it. However, that would greatly improve our Festivals and individual Council work tremendously. Why not allow it to change your life? Become what we profess to be. Internalize it! Make it yours. Be that person that others wish to emulate.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard A. Riepe, Grand Lecturer

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS/INTERNET

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Donald MacCormick, 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, on behalf of the committee, the 155th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri will occur on Thursday, June 11, 2020 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,
Kevin B. Sample, Grand Recorder

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL

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

Companions, our committee is pleased to provide information on the 71st Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter and the 47th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, from 24 September to 29 September 2020. More information and registration may be located at <https://triennial.org>.

We are both pleased and proud to have our own RPC William G. Snyder as a candidate for the General Grand Council which has the following Candidates for Offices:

General Grand Master:	RPC Monty J. Glover
Deputy General Grand Master:	RPC William G. Snyder
General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work:	RPC Stephen A. Balke
General Grand Treasurer:	
General Grand Recorder:	MIC Daniel D. Hanttula

September 23, 2020: Arrival of Key Personnel

September 24, 2020: Registration Open

September 27, 2020: Flag Presentation

September 28, 2020

General Grand Chapter Credentials Check-in

General Grand Chapter Opens

Chapter Lady's Luncheon

Chapter Men's Luncheon

General Grand Chapter Labor Resumes

General Grand Chapter Installation

Triennial Banquet

September 29, 2020

General Grand Council Credentials Check-in

General Grand Council Open

Council Lady's Luncheon

Council Men's Luncheon

CMMRF Annual Meeting

General Grand Council Labor Resumes

General Grand Council Officer Installation

September 30, 2020: Have a safe journey home!!

Fraternally submitted,
Mike Smith, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE CONFERENCES

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Christopher E. Tilley, Chairman

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND MEMBERSHIP

(No Report Available at Time of Printing)

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Companions, as the long-standing Grand Representative of Louisiana near Missouri, I was pleased to attend the Grand York Rite Sessions from February 28-March 2, 2019 in that Great State again this year.

Although I was unable to obtain lodging where the sessions were being held in downtown Alexandria, parking, as opposed to valet parking, was readily available at no cost in one of the parking lots across the street. Apparently, I waited too long to attempt to make reservations.

Per the usual, fellowship was at its peak and the food fare fantabulous to say the least.

I was received and introduced in excellent form on the first day of the conference and invited to speak during the Grand Chapter Session by my good friend and Grand High Priest Michael A. Watts. I did speak briefly but then turned the mike over to another good friend, Right Excellent Companion David L. Leirer, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. David represented Missouri in a fantastic fashion. I really didn't know he had that many words within him.

To conclude, I have visited the Grand Council of Louisiana many times over the past several years and have never failed to be well received and have a wonderful time. So long as the Lord permits, I will return.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Schlichter, Grand Representative of Louisiana near Missouri