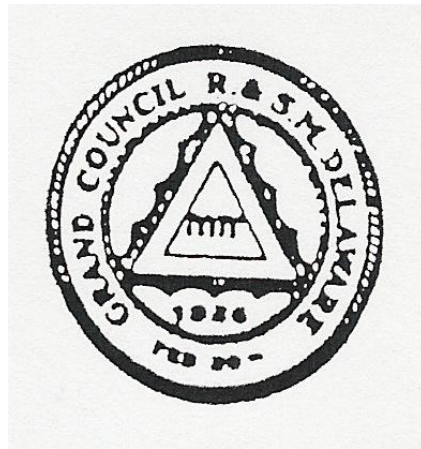


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OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL  
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OF  
DELAWARE**



**AT ITS  
EIGHTY-FIFTH  
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD AT THE  
ATLANTIC SANDS HOTEL  
REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE  
MARCH 12, 2011, A.D. 3011, A. Dep.**



**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
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GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE**

The Eighty-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, on Saturday, March 12, 2011, A. Dep. 3011. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Robert A. Benson with prayer by Grand Chaplain Lionel D. Hunter followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gilbert E. Greenfield was then received into the Grand Assembly and afforded Grand Honors.

The following officers were in their respective stations:

**GRAND OFFICERS**

M.I. Grand Master	Gilbert E. Greenfield
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Robert A. Benson
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	James G. Horn
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
I. Grand Chaplain	Lionel D. Hunter
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Neal J. Sobocinski
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	David H. Laucius
I. Grand Marshal	Herbert J. Atkinson
I. Grand Steward	Jon B. Cottrell
I. Grand Sentinel	Lyman L. Krimmel

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

Donald D. Thomas, 1985	James A. Pletz, 1993
John B. Dorsey, 1996	Mark E. Irwin 1997
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999	Wayne T. Slack, 2003
James R. Herrington, 2005	Charles T. Hart, 2006
Richard L. Weaver, 2007	Arthur A. Loveless, 2008
James B. Walsh, 2009	

**CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

**GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1**

G. Thomas Taylor	Deputy Master
Kenneth W. Jaeger	Principal Conductor of the Work

**ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2**

John Eberly	Principal Conductor of the Work
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**JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3**

George E. Gadsby

Illustrious Master

**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4**

Herbert J. Atkinson

Illustrious Master

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS**

The Grand Recorder declared that a Constitutional number of Councils were represented, that a quorum had been established and this Grand Council could rightfully proceed with its labors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as will be printed in the Proceedings.

**RECEPTION OF REPORTS**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Grand Recorder was authorized to give Reports in brief, subject to the will and pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council. Except as may be noted herein, all Reports were received, accepted and ordered to be printed in these Proceedings.

**ADMISSION OF SELECT MASTERS**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, all Select Masters in good standing, as listed in the Grand Council Register, were admitted by courtesy.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

Distinguished Visitors from the neighboring jurisdictions and the several Masonic Bodies of the State of Delaware were presented at the Altar, as follows:

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

M.I. Charles W. Wagner

Most Illustrious Grand Master

M.I. Robert B. Bussler

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

M.I. Aries M. Dominguez

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

**KENTUCKY**

Ill. Loren Smith

7<sup>th</sup> Grand Arch Deputy  
Grand Representative of Delaware



York Rite Sovereign College of North America

R.W. Mark E. Irwin

Chief Adept, Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

Ill. Donald D. Thomas, 33°

Active Emeritus, A.A.S.R.

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly.

**RECEPTION OF THE  
AMBASSADORS TO GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL**

M.I. Wayne T. Slack

Delaware

M.I. Robert Malwitz

Chief Ambassador

**RECEPTION OF THE  
RIGHT PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND RECORDER  
DAVID GRINDLE**

Most Illustrious Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, Right Puissant David Grindle, the General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Greenfield most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware, invited him to the East where he was afforded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented to him the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Council. Right Puissant Grindle commented on his pleasure of being in Delaware and given the authority to preside over this Grand Council but suggested the labors should be returned to Grand Master Greenfield.

**RECEPTION OF  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters in attendance assembled at the Altar. They then introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. M.I.G.M. Greenfield thanked them for their past endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past year. The assembled MIPGM were then afforded Grand Honors.

**RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Representatives arose, and were greeted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

## ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

Right Puissant David Grindle General Grand Recorder for General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, Most Distinguished Representative of the General Grand Council International, Most Excellent Robert A. Benson, Grand High Priest, RAM of Delaware, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Wayne T. Slack, Right Eminent David H. Laucius, Grand Commander Knights Templar of Delaware, distinguished guest, officers, members and visitors of the Grand Council of Delaware welcome to this the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Delaware. It is my humble desire that your visit to this Grand Assembly held in the city of Rehoboth Beach Delaware, will fulfill the need for this change in venue. Your companionship and friendship will I know always be cherished by the Greenfield Family.

Right Puissant David Grindle it is an honor to greet you at this Grand Council Assembly.

Companions, expectation is like mouths. Everyone has one but not all work. I did not accomplish everything I set out to do, but whoever has. Cryptic Masonry in Delaware on the other hand is still looked favorable upon by our sister jurisdictions. My Lady and I were made to feel more at home than we could have hoped. May none of our guest be treated in a lesser manner.

The Masonic Bodies in Delaware is approaching the six thousand mark, let we in Cryptic Masonry all give a bigger nudge and raise the York Rite in general and Cryptic Masonry in particular to more than twenty-five percent of that total.

### NECROLOGY

This Cryptic year the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe had seen fit to call to his side Four Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters. They were M.I. Albert H. Westerside, M.I. Horace G. Patterson, M.I. Richard A. Scarlott and M.I. Archie W. Bethard, III.

The number of members by Council are,  
Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, greeted 14 and after deaths of (8), plus suspension and demits ended with a total increase of 1.

Adoniram Council No. 2, greeted 1, and after a death of (1) plus suspensions and demits ended with a total decrease of 5.

Joppa Council No. 3, greeted 6, and after deaths of ( 2 ) suspensions and demits ended with no change in membership.

May the Supreme Grand Architect hold each of the (11) Companions called, softly in the palm of his hands till the end of days.

## DISPENSATIONS

Granted dispensation to the Councils to move their charters if necessary to vote on Candidates and to waive the waiting period for investigation of Candidates at degree festivals.

I granted no other dispensations.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER:

March 19, 2010 attended Grand Chapter and Grand Council Sessions in Washington D.C., also the Worshipful Grand Lodge Brotherhood Night at the Nur Shrine later that evening.

Also in March: attended Grand Council also the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Rhode Island in support of the Grand High Priest and to say hello to good friends.

April attended Grand Councils of Maine and of Pennsylvania. Attended Joppa Council #3 in Georgetown, Delaware on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Gunning Bedford Council #1 in Wilmington on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

May attended only One (1) Grand Session, that being in Manchester, New Hampshire.

June attended the Grand Session in Connecticut but was unable to attend session in Vermont.

July attended Grand Session in New York.

September Drove to Dover to visit Adoniram Council # 2, which did not open. Have traveled to Dover four times, still no meeting.

October Attended both Massachusetts and Maryland.

December held Grand Visit at Thrice Illustrious Master Council # 4, where I view the conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Master degree, also I attended conferral of the Order of High Priesthood.

March 2011 due to health was unable to attend the session in New Jersey.

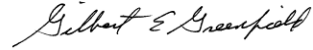
## CONDITION of the CRAFT:

The Councils are showing growth yet there is still need for more members. To paraphrase Brother Winston Churchill, never have so few been called to do so much.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A steady growth in Council members and along with education of the officers, there will come many recommendations. Until then.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Gilbert E. Greenfield,  
Illustrious Grand Master

*On Motion, regularly moved, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.*

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

The following report shows we have a decrease in our total assets of 3.70557% or \$1,019.53. No interest for CD #497149289 is shown on this report because the interest will not reported until the CD matures in July 2011. Unfortunately the interest rates have not improved during this past year, but we hope as the economy improves so will our assets. I thank the Grand Recorder, Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM, for his assistance this past year.

	IMMA Savings	Checking Account	Total Operating
	#206110389	#372746018	
Balances as of 2-01-10	\$ 7,767.93	\$ 1,110.97	\$ 8,878.90
Receipts:			
Deposits	\$ 205.37	\$ -	\$ 205.37
CD Interest Transfer	\$ 52.98		\$ 52.98
CD Interest			
CD Interest Accrued			
IMMA Interest	\$ 17.77		\$ 17.77
Transferred to Checking	\$(350.00)	\$350.00	
Sub-Totals	\$7,694.05	\$1,460.97	\$9,155.02
Disbursements		\$(1,356.00)	\$(1,356.00)
Balances as of 1-31-11	\$7,694.05	\$104.97	\$7,799.02

	Investments		Perm.Fund
	CD	CD	Savings
Balances as of 2-01-10	#497132351 \$ 8,099.76	#497149289 \$ 8,857.26	#496385063 \$ 1,677.79
Receipts:			
Deposits			\$ 58.98
CD Interest Transfer	\$ (50.58)		
CD Interest	\$ 50.58		
CD Interest Accrued		\$ -	\$ 1.13
IMMA Interest			
Transferred to Checking			
Sub-Totals	\$ 8,099.76	\$ 8,857.26	\$ 1,737.90
Disbursements			
Balances as of 1-31-11	\$ 8,099.76	\$ 8,857.26	\$ 1,737.90

**Total All Accounts: \$26,493.94**

Assets	2/1/2010	1/31/2011	Difference	Difference in %
Checking Account	\$1,110.97	\$ 104.97	\$ (1,006.00)	
IMMA Savings	\$7,767.93	\$7,694.05	\$ (73.88)	
Flex CD (Accruing)	\$8,857.26	\$8,857.26	\$ -	
Flex CD (IMMA Trans.)	\$8,099.76	\$8,099.76	\$ -	
Perm.Fund Savings	\$1,677.55	\$1,737.90	\$ 60.35	
Total Assets	\$27,513.47	\$26,493.94	\$(1,019.53)	(3.71)%
Total Net Worth		\$ 26,493.94		

Fraternally submitted,  
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM  
Grand Treasurer

*On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.*

**REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

Thank you for the opportunity to make this report of the Grand Recorder. I am pleased that the Recorders of the constituent Councils have filed their returns and the per capita checks have been deposited through the Grand Treasurer's office.

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	GREET	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUS.	DIED	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	151	14	0	0	2	3	8	152	
ADONIRAM	31	1	0	0	1	4	1	26	
JOPPA	51	6	0	1	0	5	2	51	
T. I. M.	62	0	0	1	0	0	4	58	58
TOTALS	295	21	0	2	3	12	15	287	
NET LOSS	8								

Our Grand Council was again hit hard this year by suspensions and death. There was an encouraging sign as the Councils greeted 21 new members this year. We need to continue work in this area and reach out to the Chapter to help build our ranks for the future.

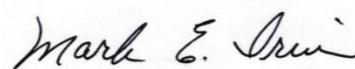
I continue to be a strong believer in the Internet and email. I urge all to make use of these tools when contacting this office. I have been working in automating and imaging many of the forms and records for access through the Internet. Our official Grand Council is maintained by Companion Dan Pushee, who provides timely publishing of changes that are submitted to him. In addition, I have created a website where records such as recent proceedings, constitutions and other documents are housed. Also included on the official website is a link to petition forms that can be printed and used. Please avail yourself of these various methods of disseminating information.

I am happy to report that the proceedings from last year are available on the Internet and can be reached through the Grand Council website. If you are desirous of a printed copy and do not have access to the Internet, please contact this office and I will see that you get one.

My thanks to our Most Illustrious Grand Master for his support and I wish for him and his lady a time of rest from their labors.

Thank you to all of the Companions for your support throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder

*On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Report of the Grand Recorder was received.*

## **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master reported that Insurance would be continued as in the past with all bodies of the Grand York Rite participating in the shared cost.

## **REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

Prayer was offered by Illustrious Lionel Hunter, Grand Chaplain.

Great and glorious Heavenly Father, we ask You to be with those of us who have been called to Your heavenly kingdom. Be with their families in their time of sorrow and comfort them and all of us who mourn their loss. Please bless and keep us under Your protection until we meet in our celestial lodge above. In your name, Amen.

## **REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions,

Rather sadly, I must note that this Committee has accomplished very little to assist this Grand Council in support of the General Grand Council philanthropic endeavors of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, (CMMRF). As our Most Illustrious Grand Master knows too well, ‘the best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray’, for reasons totally beyond our control. Five major surgeries, over a course of seven months, does upset the very best of intentions.

I would note that contributions have been made to General Grand Council in support of CMMRF, but a more aggressive approach is of vital importance. We all will either be personally impacted, or well know one who has been touched, by the endeavors of the foundation in research on heart disease, blindness, COPD, diabetes, not to mention that little purple pill some of the older generation find need to take, not to give it our whole hearted support.

I believe this Grand Council need adopt a standard program to support CMMRF on a continued yearly basis that just happens because it is the right thing to do. An add on to the annual per capita; volunteer solicitations in the annual dues payment, the elusive ‘Texas Hold-em Poker’, can collections, a yard sale, a wine (or Scotch) tasting evening – you name it.

I again note that several donations have been made to CMMRF and I express my sincere appreciation to all those who have seen fit to do so.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald D. Thomas PMIGM, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR**

No report received.

### **REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE**

No report received

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE**

No report received.

### **REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE**

The Committee reports that the 2010 Proceedings have been created and posted on the Internet. In an effort to reduce costs for the Grand Council, the Committee had decided to not print copies of the Proceedings but rather publish them on the Internet for the benefit of all members. In addition, a pdf formatted file will be sent to all Grand Jurisdictions that are recognized by this Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder's office in the last year have received Proceedings in various formats. Some were printed, some sent on CD and some sent via email. Email is the lowest cost alternative. For those Companions who do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Grand Recorder's office for a printed copy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Irwin, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST**

The YMCA of Northern Delaware serves the less fortunate children of Delaware. All the Children enjoy the activities which they take part in. There is 90 acres of land that they play and camp on. Lots of swimming to. Again this year, the Trust has given \$70,000 to the YMCA toward helping these less fortunate Children.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM, Governor

## **REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

After much discussion by this committee and conversing with the Most Illustrious Grand Master, it has been concluded that there has been no Companion eligible for this high award, despite many Companions working for the good of our fraternal organization.

Fraternally submitted,  
Charles T. Hart, MIPGM

## **THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT**

The stated Assembly of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 was held on December 29, 2010 in the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street. Wilmington, Delaware with the following officers present:

Illustrious Master	MIPGM Donald D. Thomas, p.t.
Senior Warden	MIPGM James A. Pletz
Junior Warden	MIPGM C. Granville McVey
Recorder/Treasurer	Illustrious David H. Laucius, p.t.
Steward	MIPGM John B. Dorsey
Sentinel	Illustrious Lionel Hunter

Past Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas advised those present that he had received an email earlier today advising him that Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson was stricken with a stomach virus and would be unable to attend and thus he had been called upon to preside for this evening's session. He then welcomed all present and thanked them for coming out this evening.

Harold Heitmann, Illustrious Master elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, was duly elected affiliated member of the Council. The Thrice

Illustrious Masters Degree was then conferred upon him in a most proficient manner by the Officers of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 with M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey assuming the role of Benaiah. M.I.P.G.M. Donald D. Thomas delivered King David's Charge.

The minutes of the stated assembly of December 29, 2009 were accepted as written. The Treasurer reported a balance in the Treasury of \$214.46.

Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas then recognized the following distinguished Brethren who were in attendance:

Right Eminent Wayne T. Slack, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware.  
Knight Companion James A. Pletz, Intendant General for Delaware, UGIC, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.  
Preeminently Distinguished Sheldon L. Edwards, Grand Governor for Delaware, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Also in attendance at this meeting was Most Illustrious Grand Master Gilbert E. Greenfield together with several members of his staff. The Most Illustrious Grand Master was officially received into the Council by Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas and afforded the dignities of his office. The Most Illustrious Grand Master congratulated the officers on their proficiency, under the immediate circumstances, and encouraged the newly affiliated member to work zealously in his Council for the forthcoming year. He pledged his own personal support to him and wished him the very best. He expressed the hope that each of our Councils would have an enjoyable prosperous year. He then noted that the success of the Council was totally dependent upon Craft Lodge membership and that we should all be active in our Blue Lodges.

The Recorder noted of the passing of MIPGM's Richard A. Scarlett, Horace G. Patterson and Albert H. Westerside and of the contribution each of them had made to Thrice Illustrious Council Number 4. Prayer was offered on their behalf by Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas

Upon motion, regularly made and seconded, the following officers were elected to serve Thrice Illustrious Master's Council Number 4 for the ensuing Cryptic year:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Herbert J. Atkinson
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	James A. Pletz, MIPGM
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

The following were then appointed as:

Thrice Illustrious Steward  
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel

John B. Dorsey, MIPGM  
Lionel Hunter

The next degree conferral is scheduled for December 28, 2011 at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware commencing at 6:45 P.M.

Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas thanked Illustrious David H. Laucius for sitting in as Recorder.

The labors of Thrice Illustrious Council Number 4 being completed with harmony prevailing, the Most Illustrious Grand Master closed the Council in ample form at 7:47 P.M.

Respectively submitted,  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Recorder, TIM No. 4

Addition. Most Illustrious Past Grand Master (2002) Archie Bethard also passed away this past year.

### **JURISPRUDENCE REPORT**

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and presents its report on it.

The Committee is pleased to see that there were 21 Greetings within the jurisdiction this year and trust that we will be able to capitalize on this start in the coming years.

The committee has reviewed the dispensation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and finds it proper and within his authority and approve of it.

We are pleased that the Most Illustrious Grand Master was able to be present at the Grand Lodge Brother hood Night and represent the Grand Council. We do not see from his address whether any other events within the state were attended such as Semi-Annual and Annual Communications of Grand Lodge. It is important for our Grand Council to demonstrate its unity and support for our Grand Lodge.

Based on the report, it appears that no official visit was made to Adoniram Council. It appears that that Council had difficulty in getting a sufficient number to open. This is of great concern and needs to be addressed. We would encourage the incoming Grand Master to develop a plan to revitalize this Council and guide it to renewed growth.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master was able to attend 9 of our sister jurisdictions. We know the friendships and relations that were built will benefit both he and our Grand Council in the future. We appreciate the courtesy that was shown to our Grand Master in each of these sessions.

We were somewhat disappointed that our Most Illustrious Grand Master did not make any recommendations, as there are always areas that can be improved.

We thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for his service to this Grand Council this year and trust he will have some time to relax.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman  
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM  
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

*Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was approved.*

### **Administrative Matters**

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Donald D. Thomas submitted the following for consideration:

To insure proper communication of Grand Council sessions are provided to the constituted Councils, amend Standing Resolution No. 11 to include any Special Conclaves. Standing Resolution No. 11 currently reads:

#### *11. SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY (1982)*

*The Grand Recorder shall furnish a synopsis of the approved recommendations to the Recorder of each Constituent Council before April 30th following each Annual Assembly to be read at the May Assembly.*

Amend to read:

#### *11. SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES*

*The Grand Recorder shall furnish a synopsis of the approved recommendations to the Recorder of each Constituent Council before April 30th following each Annual Assembly to be read at the May Assembly. The Grand Recorder shall furnish a synopsis of the actions of any special assemblies to the Recorder of each Constituent Council within 30 days of each Special Assembly to be read at the next Assembly of each Council.*

Both Grand Chapter and Grand Council held Semi-Annual Communications this year and this would provide information to the constituent councils following a special assembly. The Committee finds that this is in order and recommends the amendment to Standing Resolution No. 11.

Amend Standing Resolutions of Grand Council to add the following:

*The Grand Recorder shall provide to each new Companion to the Grand Council progressive line, within ten (10) days of their election and installation:*

*A copy of the latest Constitution and Standing Resolutions of this Grand Council*

*A copy of the Constitution and Amendments of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International.*

*This can be provided either in printed or electronic format as convenient to all parties.*

The Committee recognizes the importance of its officers being versed in the Constitutions and related governing documents of both the Grand Council and General Grand Council but do not believe it is necessary to legislate this. Currently the Grand Council Constitution and Standing Resolutions is published on a web page and is accessible to all officers and members. Copies of the General Grand Council Constitution can be provided by the Grand Recorder. Even with these documents available to the officers, it is incumbent on each individual to familiarize themselves with them. As the old adage goes, “you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.” I encourage all who are interested to read and understand the governing rules of our body.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman  
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM  
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*On motion regularly made, and seconded the above Budget was **APPROVED.***

## **RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

rose and congratulated the Most Illustrious Grand Master on his term of office and on behalf of the other distinguished guests for the hospitality shown them during the weekend.

## **RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Right Puissant David Grindle for his remarks. Companion Grindle also extended his thanks for the courtesies extended to he and his lady. He also spoke of the excellent work being done by the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and encouraged continued support. He also gave some details about the upcoming Triennial of General Grand Council to be held in Raleigh, North Caroline in August.

### **DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Greenfield then discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of the Grand Council for all their efforts during the past year.

### **ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Greenfield announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year. The results of the Election, by acclamation, were as follows:

M.I. Grand Master	Robert A. Benson
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	James G. Horn
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Neal J. Sobocinski
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

Most Illustrious Companion Benson then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Jay C. Bergstrom
I. Grand Chaplain	Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Lyman L. Krimmel
I. Grand Marshal	Lionel D. Hunter
I. Grand Steward	Jon B. Cottrell
I. Grand Sentinel	Michael Pizzola

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark E. Irwin, with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. serving as Grand Marshal and Illustrious Herbert J. Atkinson as Chaplain.

## REMARKS OF THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Greenfield; Distinguished East; Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters in attendance; Guests; and Companions all. Good Morning. I will be brief.

It is an honor and privilege to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware as the presiding officer. In advance, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Companions who will assist me as Grand Staff and Committee members during the coming year. Thank you.

My focus for the year is twofold. First is to support the current effort being led by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest H. Richard Hoffman and others within the York Rite.

Council derives its members from the Chapters who derive their members from the Blue Lodge. The combined efforts of this group are a major factor in adding forty-four plus York Rite Masons in the past fourteen months. We don't always need new programs...sometimes we just need to work and expand current ones that are giving positive results. "If it aint broke...don't fix it"; just keep it healthy and producing.

Second, as Grand High Priest a goal I had was to expand the New Castle Planning Council to a statewide inclusive group. This was not successful; but, I believe is still needed...so now I have a second chance to push this agenda. That's what you get for electing me.

Thanks to all of you for attending our session here "at the beach". I hope your stay has been pleasant and memorable. God Bless, So Mote it Be.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Robert A. Benson  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

## APPOINTMENTS

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then directed the Grand Recorder to read the Committee appointments for the ensuing year. The first named to be the Chairman of each Committee:

### Jurisprudence

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM  
James B. Walsh, MIPGM

### Grand Inspector

Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM  
James G. Horn

### Finance

Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., MIPGM  
Neal J. Sobocinski  
David H. Laucius

### Constitution and Statutes

James A. Pletz, MIPGM  
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., MIPGM

### York Rite Leadership

Franklin R. Townsend  
Jay C. Bergstrom

### Memorials

Charles T. Hart, MIPGM  
Arthur A. Loveless, MIPGM  
R. Nelson Biggs

### Grand York Rite Annual Mtg.

Neal J. Sobocinski (Chapter)  
James G. Horn (Council)

### Gov. Albert T. Hanby Trust

Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM

A. Tony Maxwell – Perm. Member

### Awards and Recognition

Charles T. Hart, MIPGM  
Arthur A. Loveless, MIPGM  
Richard L. Weaver, MIPGM

### G.G.C. Benevolent Foundation

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

### Grand York Rite Youth

Lionel D. Hunter  
Christian L. Dull  
G. Thomas Taylor (Commandery)

### Permanent Fund

David H. Laucius  
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM  
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

## VISITATION SCHEDULE

The schedule of visitations to the Constituent Councils was then announced by the Grand Recorder:

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	April 27, 2011
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	May 4, 2011
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	April 5, 2011
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 28, 2011

## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date of the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set for Saturday, March 10, 2012, at a time and place to be determined by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:25 A.M. by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

ATTEST:

*Mark E. Irwin*

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder

## MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

1926	*Harvey W. Bentley	1927	*Royden L. Hammond
1928	*George O. Fearon	1929	*John McMillan
1930	*Cornelius E. Beatty	1931	*Herman H. Hanson
1932	*Harry L. Holson	1933	*Clarence B. Hess
1934	*J. Wallace Woodford	1935	*Calvin E. Afflerbach
1936	*Thomas R. Saunders	1937	*John P. LeFevre
1938	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1939	*Harry W. Kennedy
1940	*George S. Buhl	1941	*Andrew J. Bock
1942	*R. Earle Dickey	1943	*William H. Cantwell
1944	*Charles S. Cahoon	1945-46	*Frank B. Newell
1947	*Harry R. Craig	1948	*James Carswell
1949	*M. Haswell Pierce	1950	*Walter L. Conway
1951	*George E. Vandegrift	1952	*J. Ralph Carey
1953	*Harry V. Holloway	1954	*Irwin R. Murray
1955	*Howard C. Barlow	1956	*Henry S. Young
1957	*J. Henry McDonnell	1958	*Stephen E. Hamilton
1959	*Percy W. Gardner	1960	*Alfred E. Yeaton
1961	*F. Irving Crow	1962	*Charles E. Green
1963	*Emerson Keeler	1964	*Raymond A. Howard
1965	*John J. McClearnen	1966	Chester C. Coffin
1967	*Rhey H. Smith	1968	*Warren R. Gray
1969	*C. Ray Scarborough	1970	*Ernest H. Martyn
1971	*Samuel A. Wise	1972	*A. Warren Wheatley
1973	*James L. Crouse	1974	*John M. Johnson
1975	*E. Paul Wootten	1976	*Richard H. Thomas
1977	#James H. Durrill	1978	*Dallas E. Marvel
1979	*Charles W. Barkins	1980	*Paul E. Hurter
1981	*James H. Hutchins	1982	*Raymond M. Savage
1983	*Henry G. Law	1984	W. Thomas Musser
1985	Donald D. Thomas	1986	*Lewis J. Blackwell
1987	*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	1988	*Horace G. Patterson, Jr.
1989	C. Granville McVey	1990	*T. Eugene Womach
1991	*Richard A. Scarlott	1992	Maynard H. Mires, Jr.
1993	James A. Pletz	1994	*Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1995	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1996	John B. Dorsey
1997	Mark E. Irwin	1998	Franklin R. Townsend
1999	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	2000	*William J. Littel
2001	*Albert H. Westerside	2002	*Archie W. Bethard, III
2003	Wayne T. Slack	2004	*Charles J. Conley
2005	James R. Herrington	2006	Charles T. Hart
2007	Richard L. Weaver	2008	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
2009	James B. Walsh	2010	Gilbert E. Greenfield

## GRAND TREASURERS

1925-27	*John McMillan	1927-33	*Harvey W. Bentley
1933-52	*John McMillan	1953-66	*James Carswell
1967-68	*Paul Yearsley	1969-80	*Alfred E. Yeaton
1981-86	Chester C. Coffin	1987-91	*Henry G. Law
1992-94	C. Granville McVey	1995	Donald D. Thomas
1996-00	C. Granville McVey	2001	G. Thomas Taylor, III
2002-03	John B. Dorsey	2004-08	Wayne T. Slack
2009-	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.		

## GRAND RECORDERS

1925-38	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1938-39	*Harvey W. Bentley
1939-56	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1957-64	*Alfred H. Coe
1965-70	*Raymond A. Howard	1971-72	#Lawrence B. Jones
1973-75	*John J. McClearnen	1976-80	*Henry G. Law
1981-91	*C. Ray Scarborough	1992-94	*Henry G. Law
1995	C. Granville McVey	1996-99	Donald D. Thomas
2000-02	Mark E. Irwin	2003-04	James T. Ruby
2005-07	Franklin R. Townsend	2008	Wayne T. Slack
2009-	Mark E. Irwin		

\* - Deceased # - Suspended

## RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

1975	Chester C. Coffin	1976	* Raymond A. Howard
1977	* James L. Crouse	1978	* Henry G. Law
1979	* C. Ray Scarborough	1980	* Robert Parke, Jr.
1981	* Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1982	* Lewis J. Blackwell
1983	* J. Norman Nicklas	1984	* Richard A. Scarlott
1985	C. Granville McVey	1986	* John A. Irwin
1988	James A. Pletz	1989	* James Richardson
1990	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1991	* Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1992	John B. Dorsey	1994	John N. Phillos
1996	James T. Elliott, Jr.	1997	Maurice C Barnes
1998	Eugene R. Small	1999	David F. Coady
2000	*James A. Johnson	2001	Jon B. Cottrell
2006	James G. Horn	2007	Robert A. Benson

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

1983	* Marion C.T. Townsend	1984	* J. Norman Nicklas
1985	David B. Craig, Jr.	1986	*James H. Hutchins
1987	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1988	Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.
1989	James A. Pletz	1990	Franklin R. Townsend
1991	* Walter D, Wagner	1992	Eugene R. Small
1993	George W. Taylor	1994	Robert R. Hiddeman
1996	Donald E. Rosenberry	1997	G. Thomas Taylor
1998	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1999	J. David Goss
2001	Edwin Newth	2002	Carol & Herb Fulmer
2006	Bronwyn Millman	2007	George C. Dutton

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MEDAL OF HONOR**

\*Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Near Delaware</u>	<u>State or Province</u>	<u>From Delaware</u>
Eugene R. Small	<b>ALABAMA</b>	George H. Busby
Donald F. Taylor	<b>ALASKA</b>	Russell A. Kenderick
	<b>ARIZONA</b>	David W. Blood
	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	Wesley M. Newton
James A. Pletz	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Brett A. McDonald
Samuel L. Mellin	<b>COLORADO</b>	Darrell Tygart
Wayne T. Slack	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	Richard L. Smail
John B. Dorsey	<b>DIST. of COLUMBIA</b>	Scott M. Applebee
C. Granville McVey	<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>	Cecil E. Decker
Donald D. Thomas	<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	Robert Keith Hind
Jon B. Cottrell	<b>FLORIDA</b>	Charles Lee Hollinger
	<b>GEORGIA</b>	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr	<b>GERMANY</b>	Walter E. Eichen
Charles T. Hart	<b>HAWAII</b>	Thomas L. Wilkerson
Harry D. Newell	<b>IDAHO</b>	M. William Echo
James T. Elliott, Jr.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	James W. Patton
G. Richard Ward	<b>INDIANA</b>	Robert F. Price
Wayne T. Slack	<b>IOWA</b>	George R. McCormick
Carl E. Buffington	<b>KANSAS</b>	F. Earl Riley
	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	Douglas F. Long
Franklin R. Townsend	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
W. Thomas Musser	<b>MAINE</b>	Robert V. Damon
	<b>MARYLAND</b>	Clifton R. Friel
Warren F. Schueler, Sr.	<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	Gerald H. Pass
Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	Theodore A. Cannell
Charles H. Ware	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	Billy Frank Smith
Franklin R. Townsend	<b>MISSOURI</b>	Alvin Gerstenschlager
Lucien T. Lenhart	<b>MONTANA</b>	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
D. Julian Massey	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	Abbott George Burkeu
John B. Dorsey	<b>NEVADA</b>	William G. Roberts
Neal J. Sobocinski	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	Thomas G. LaBerge
James R. Hanby	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	Robert J. Sheridan
David B. Harman	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	John E. Smith
	<b>NEW YORK</b>	Walter E. Barlow
Mark E. Irwin	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	Otis V. Jones, Jr.
Maurice C. Barnes	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	Cory R. Lien
James B. Walsh	<b>OHIO</b>	Henry A. Dodson
Jay C. Bergstrom	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	Charles F. Gillentine
Charles T. Hart	<b>ONTARIO</b>	R. Frank Russell
G. Thomas Taylor	<b>OREGON</b>	Robert E. Hoffmaster
Chester C. Coffin	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	Edward L. Helgerman
Randall C. Mullen	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Evaristo A. Leviste
	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	Raymond E. Hassell
John N. Phillos	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	Wilson C. Hardee
	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	Milton Edny
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	<b>TENNESSEE</b>	William P. Bouton
James R. Herrington	<b>TEXAS</b>	Vernon I. Bartlett
Robert J. Lomax	<b>UTAH</b>	William J. Westbrook
James Teal	<b>VERMONT</b>	Guy Oldenburg
Gilbert E. Greenfield	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	William C. Cannon
	<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>	John F. Dobell
	<b>WISCONSIN</b>	Clarence A. McElmurry
Wayne D. Mower	<b>WYOMING</b>	Charles Gregg

**GRAND COUNCILS    RECOGNIZED BY  
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE**

<b>ALABAMA</b>	<b>MONTANA</b>
<b>ALASKA</b>	<b>NEBRASKA</b>
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>NEVADA</b>
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>NEW YORK</b>
<b>DISTRICT of COLUMBIA</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>
<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	<b>OHIO</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>ONTARIO</b>
<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>OREGON</b>
<b>HAWAII</b>	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>SCOTLAND</b>
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>
<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>TENNESSEE</b>
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>UTAH</b>
<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>VERMONT</b>
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>WISCONSIN</b>
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>WYOMING</b>
<b>MISSOURI</b>	

Grand Recorder names and addresses can be found at the General Grand Council Website:

<http://www.ggccmi.org/ggcmrec.html>

**RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**  
**Gunning Bedford Council No. 1**  
Wilmington

Date of Charter: October 1, 1918  
Stated Assembly: Fourth Wednesday of each Month  
Closed: June, July, August, and December

**OFFICERS**

Harold J. Heitmann	Illustrious Master
G. Thomas Taylor, III	Deputy Master
Kenneth W. Jaeger	Principal Conductor of the Work
James R. Herrington, MIPGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Recorder
Bradley J. Driscoll	Captain of the Guard
David L. Osborn	Conductor of the Council
Michael Ratcliff	Steward
Terrance Van Gorder	Chaplain
Joseph L. Kaufman	Sentinel

**GREETED**

Jack Blakley	Tonny Wheatley
Sheldon Waters	David Osborn
Terrance Van Gorder	William Brown
Stephen Hentkowski	Walter Klein
William Stephy	Fred Palmer
Michael Ratcliff	Oliver Cahoon
Robert Welsh	J. David Lewis

**REINSTATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

Alan Wrang	Vernon Lee
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**SUSPENDED**

Jason Hewes	Jeffrey Hewes
Clayton Hewes, IV	

**DIED**

Albert H. Westerside, MIPGM	Arthur G. Craig
Glenn G. Hench	Loren W. Kunkle
Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM	Horace G. Patterson, MIPGM
Rudolph Veleair	James Matthews

**Adoniram Council No. 2**

Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Wednesday of each Month

except October – Second Wednesday

Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

James Ferguson, PIM	Illustrious Master
John D. Hiott	Deputy Master
John A. Eberly	Principal Conductor of the Work
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Recorder
Thomas Morrison	Captain of the Guard
James Ruby	Conductor of the Council
C. William Tulloch	Steward
Charles H. Workman, III	Chaplain
Frank C. Lind	Sentinel

**GREETED**

Joseph Doyle

**AFFILIATED**

None

**REINSTATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

James Gooden

**SUSPENDED**

Benjamin Betts  
James Durrill

David Coady  
Eugene Knapp

**DIED**

Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM

**Joppa Council No. 3**  
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month  
Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

George E. Gadsby	Illustrious Master
Christian L. Dull, Jr.	Deputy Master
John W. Merkley, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work
James B. Walsh, MIPGM	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes, PIM	Recorder
James G. Horn, PIM	Captain of the Guard
Francisco Sandoval	Conductor of the Council
David R. Beebe	Steward
Richard A. Mickles	Chaplain
William F. Horn, Jr.	Sentinel

**GREETED**

David R. Beebe	William W. Brittingham
William F. Horn, Jr.	Francisco Sandoval
David L. Johnson	Kirk B. Messick

**REINSTATED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

Richard A. Mickles

**SUSPENDED**

William R. Joline	Glenn C. Moore
Kenneth Moore	Alva T. Shepherd
David W. Simpler	

**DEMITTED**

None

**DIED**

Glenn M. Campfield	Ronald L. Jefferson
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**Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4**  
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

**OFFICERS**

Herbert J. Atkinson, PIM	Illustrious Master
James A. Pletz, MIPGM	Senior Warden
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM	Junior Warden
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM	Treasurer-Recorder
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM	Steward
Lionel Hunter PIM	Sentinel

**AFFILIATED**

Jay C. Bergstrom

**DIED**

Albert J. Westerside, MIPGM	Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM
Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM	Horace G. Patterson, Jr., MIPGM

## MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light." Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus 2011 plus 4000 = 6011

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world." Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus 2011 plus 3760 = 5771. After September add another year.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.), "in the year of discovery." Add 530 years to the common era. Thus 2011 plus 530 = 2541

Cryptic Rite (Royal and Select Masters) dates from the year in which the temple was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit." Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus 2011 plus 1000 = 3011

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.), "in the year of the order." From the Christian era take 1118. Thus 1118 from 2011 = 893.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACITOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 2011 plus 1913 = 3924.

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Prior to 1947, the Annual Assembly was always held on the first Wednesday in October. Past Illustrious Grand Master Frank B. Newell was elected to that office on October 3, 1945, and served until January 15, 1947. At the Annual Assembly that was held on the third Saturday on January, 15, 1977 Past Illustrious Grand Master James H. Durrill was elected to that office and served until March 11, 1978, the first Annual Assembly that was held on the second Saturday in March.

**OFFICERS OF  
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE  
2011**

<b>M.I. Grand Master</b> 519 Marshyhope Rd., Felton, DE 19943	<b>Robert A. Benson</b> 302-284-3771
<b>R.I. Deputy Grand Master</b> 19 Sussex Drive, Lewes, DE 19958	<b>James G. Horn</b> 302-645-9889
<b>R.I. Principal Conductor of the Work</b> 209 Mangum Drive, Bear, DE 19701	<b>Neal J. Sobocinski</b> 302-834-5213
<b>M.I. Grand Treasurer</b> 4 Westmeadow Lane, Newark, DE 19711	<b>Sheldon L. Edwards, MIPGM</b> 302-234-0353
<b>M.I. Grand Recorder</b> 317 Kalorama Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784	<b>Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM</b> 410-549-1155
<b>Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard</b> 107 Sonant Drive, Newark, DE 19713	<b>Jay C. Bergstrom</b> 302-292-0685
<b>Ill. Grand Chaplain</b> 812 Penn Pines Blvd., Clifton Heights, PA 19018	<b>Wayne T. Slack</b> 610-259-2568
<b>Ill. Grand Counductor of the Council</b> 225 Pusey Ave., Collingdale, PA 19023-1908	<b>Lyman L. Krimmel</b> 610-532-4802
<b>Ill. Grand Marshal</b> 2203 Alister Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808	<b>Lionel D. Hunter</b> 302-994-3192
<b>Ill. Grand Steward</b> 31 Melanie Drive, New Castle, DE 19720	<b>Jon B. Cottrell</b> 302-328-5313
<b>Ill. Grand Sentinel</b> 24655 DuPont Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947	<b>Michael Pizzola</b> 302-249-7282

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The Eighty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic  
Masons of Delaware will be held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, Rehoboth,  
Delaware, on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 9:00 A.M.

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**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**2008-2011  
ELECTIVE**

Joe Vale .....General Grand Master  
3609 Southwood Dr., Gastonia, NC 28056 ..... 704-824-3444

George Sellars ..... Deputy General Grand Master  
25159 S. Magdalena St., Harrison Twp, MI 48045 ..... 586-791-3009

Lawrence O. Weaver.....General Grand P.C. of the Work  
19433 Prospector Ter., Oregon City, OR 97045 ..... 503-518-9129

Kenneth D. Chandler .....General Grand Treasurer  
2288 Coy Rd., Mason, MI 48854 ..... 517-676-2172

David A. Grindle ..... General Grand Recorder  
PO Box 1087, Meridian, ID 83646..... 208-895-6612  
e-mail: ggr@ggccmi.org

**APPOINTIVE**

Rev. Glenn B. Everett..... General Grand Chaplain

Ronald B. Blaisdell..... General Grand Chaplain

Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr..... General Grand Chaplain

Jack (Jay) M. Callaham, Jr.....General Grand Captain of the Guard

Saul M. Tischler..... General Grand Conductor of Council

J. Gordon Cartrette ..... General Grand Marshal

Howard K. Boxmeyer..... General Grand Steward

Howard F. Entwistle ..... General Grand Sentinel

Robert (Bob) Malwitz..... Chief Ambassador

Robert H. Cook.....General Grand Organist

Reuben (Rex) Long.....NE Regional Deputy General Grand Master  
5 Courtley Cir., Owego, NY 13827..... 607-687-5882