

2014



Grand Rapids, Michigan
August 21



Bart A. Porter





Bart Allen Porter
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Born
October 23, 1959
Died
June 5, 2014

BART ALLEN PORTER

Bart was born on October 23, 1959 to Clifford Porter and Glenda Haire. He graduated from Owosso High School and attended Lansing Community College.

Jozette and Bart were married on August 25, 1994 and lived in Owosso, Michigan. He was employed for 30 years by Sanches Construction Company as General Manager.

Among his many Masonic accomplishments, he was only the 12th person in Shiawassee County to Coroneted a 33d Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 2012.

On June 5, 2014, Most Illustrious Companion Bart A Porter was called by the Supreme Architect to lay down his working tools of life and to hear from Him who sitteth there as Judge Supreme the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord".

Most Illustrious Companion Bart is survived by his loving wife Jozette, sons: Bart Porter II, Nicholas and Christopher, daughter: Jessica, parents: Clifford Porter and Glena Haire, Brothers and grandchildren.

MASONIC CHRONOLOGY
BART ALLEN PORTER

SYMBOLIC LODGE

Owosso Lodge No. 81..... Raised 1982
Worshipful Master..... 1986, 1993
Mason of the year 1994
District Mason of the Year 1994
Certified Master Ritualist1997

Honorary Memberships

Byron Lodge No. 80
St. Johns-Ovid Lodge No. 105
Coloma Lodge No. 162
Elsie Lodge No. 238
Vernon Lodge No. 279
Springport Lodge No. 284
Perry Lodge No. 350
Hugh McCurdy Lodge No. 381

Shiawassee County Masonic Association

President 1987
Secretary 1990-1995

CAPITULAR

Durand Chapter No. 139 RAM..... 1986
High Priest..... 1995, 1996

Order of the High Priesthood

Anointed 1995

CRYPTIC

Durand Council No. 38..... 1986
Thrice Illustrious Master..... 1998, 1999
Cryptic Mason of the Year 2001

Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters

Order of the Silver Trowel..... 1998

Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

Appointed Illustrious Grand Steward August 19, 2010
Most Illustrious Grand Master August 15, 2013
Grand Representative of North Carolina in Michigan

Honorary Memberships
Pontiac Council No. 3

CHIVALRIC

Durand Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar 1986
Commander..... 1997

Past Commander's Association of Michigan..... 1997

YORK RITE COLLEGE

Flint York Rite College, No. 5..... 1993
Governor..... 2000
Order of the Purple Cross..... 2002

KNIGHT YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

Michigan Priory No. 22 1999
KYGCH 2013

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

Pythagoras Council No. 66 2003
Sovereign Master 2012

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

St. Martin Conclave 2004

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States of America ... 2008

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

Valley of Bay City 1983
Owosso Scottish Rite Club
Director
Fellowcraft Degree Team Assistant Director
Master Mason Degree Team Assistant Director
Scholarship Committee Chairman
Board of TrusteesVice President
Chapter of Rose CroixMost Wise Master
Michigan Scottish Rite Fund Director
Coroneted 33 Degree 2012
Deputies Representative to the Valley of Bay City

SHRINE

Elf Kurafeh Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. 1986

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIXTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 21, 2014**



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PROCEEDINGS

**GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASONS OF MICHIGAN**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan
August 21, 2014**

The Officers of Durand Council No. 8, under the direction of Illustrious Companion Emil H. Schatz, Thrice Illustrious Master, purged the Council in the Select Masters Degree under dispensation in the Grand Centennial Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan at 8:30 A.M., August 21, 2014, for the purpose of receiving, Right Illustrious Companion David G. Boring, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and his Staff of Grand Officers prior to the official Opening of the One Hundred Fifty Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master David G. Boring was escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and extended the gavel of Durand Council No. 38. Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master boring directed the Officers of Durand Council No. 38 to vacate their stations and the Grand Officers to assume their respective stations.

After inquiring of the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder if a constitutional number were present, Most Illustrious Grand Master Boring proceeded to open the One Hundred Fifty Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan in Full Form.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Most Illustrious Companion, Stephen R. Striggow, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master it is my pleasure this morning to present to you and the Companions here assembled, the following Distinguished Guests. Who were presented at the altar, introduced and were escorted to the East, welcomed, accorded appropriate honors, and seated.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Most Worshipful Brother, William E. LeVeque, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

Most Worshipful Brother William E. LeVeque then assisted Most Illustrious Grand Master David g. Boring in greeting all of our Distinguished Guests.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, James M. Kiefer, Grand King, Louis C. McCray, Grand Scribe, Donald L. Galway, Grand Treasurer, Sherman Parker, Grand Secretary, Robert E. Cooper, Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Landis, Grand Captain of the Host, William A. Siebert, Grand Principal Sojourner, Richard Hitch, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Richard E. James, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Michael Roberts, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Carl John Peterson, Grand Master of the 1st Veil, John Ames, Grand Sentinel, Eldin Miller, and several Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest: Wayne E. Turton, Paul C. Johnston, Gordon B. Ruthruff, K. Lee Yeager, James J. Vann, Charles E. Updike, Stanley B. Lukyx, Paul D. Williams, George W. H. Lyons, Larry A. Inscho, Michael Whiting, Paul C. Howell, Harry Walbridge, David W. Dossette and Gerald F. Thorp

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN

Sir Knight Howard H. Crumit Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Paul G. Roggow, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Albert F. Johnson, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Donald L. Trumbull, Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Michael Whiting, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Shawn A. Bashore, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Donald Williams, Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Claude A. Miller, Eminent Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Loren A. Winn, Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Ardys D. Bennett, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Roger P. Sobran, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Jack H. Mengel, Eminent Grand Warder, Sir Knight John A. Jackson, Eminent Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight Gary Paquet, Eminent Grand Soloist and several Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders: James E. Hawn, David L. Seyferth, William P. Herlihy, Roy A. Ickes, Cortland C. Rule, Emmett W. Mills and Vernon T. Barnhart.

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF INDIANA

MIGM Paul E. Wenning

RIGPCW Michael E. Stoner

RIGS David Ulrich

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF IOWA
PMIGM Richard Bowersox

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF KENTUCKY
RIDGM D. Clint Durham
PMIGM James V. Jones

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF OHIO
MIGM Robert K. Rhinehart
RIGS Stephen C. Hill

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF ONTARIO
MIGM Donald J. Emerick
RIDGM George H. Grifford
RIGPCW John Hewitt
IGM George Napper
RIC Alan Donovan

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF WISCONSIN
RIGCC Terry Lee Loper

MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER'S
Robert E. Cooper, Thrice Illustrious Master

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

Right Eminently Distinguished Brother, David W. Dossette, Grand Governor for Michigan of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

MICHIGAN PRIORY NO. 22, KYCH
Kay Lee Yeager, Eminent Prior

GRAND COUNCIL OF ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES OF CANADA
Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master
Prince D. Selvaraj

Past Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master
Arthur D. Payne

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUBS

Philip C. Smith, 2nd Vice President, Michigan State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

Right Puissant Companion, Ronald W. Guthrie, Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International; Representing Most Puissant Companion, Lawrence O. Weaver, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Idaho

Right Puissant Companion Charles D. Wood Jr., Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana

Right Puissant Companion Donald L. Himes, Right Puissant General Grand Conductor of the Council, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Michigan

Gary G. Wyne, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana, Executive Secretary of Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation for the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Right Puissant Companion Warren A. Caruss, Past Right Puissant East Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Michigan

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Worshipful Brothers:

- Wayne E. Turton, PMWGM
- Robert E. Cooper, Grand Marshal
- Larry A. Inscho, Grand Steward
- Robert O. Troutman, Grand Steward

**ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS
2013 - 2014**

- Most Illustrious Grand Master – David G. Boring
- Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master – Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM
- Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work – Edward P. James
- Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer – Brian K. Himes, PMIGM
- Right Illustrious Grand Recorder – Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
- Illustrious Grand Chaplain – Terry G. Baker, PMIGM
- Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard – David L. Seyferth
- Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council – Gary L. Paquet
- Illustrious Grand Steward – Dwight A. Humm, PMIGM
- Illustrious Grand Marshal – Ryan J. Groat
- Illustrious Grand Sentinel – William H. Ford
- Illustrious Grand Lecturer – Stephen R. Striggow, PMIGM

**ROLL CALL OF PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS
YEAR ELECTED**

NAME	YEAR ELECTED
*G. Gordon Goodman	1982
*Gordon J. Karlake	1984
*Charles T. Myer	1986
George W. H. Lyons	1990
*Ernest Berry	1992
*Jeffrey K. Burk	1993
*Michael J. Jungel	1994
Donald L. Himes	1997
*Ronald B. Blaisdell	1998

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*Jerry C. Townsend	1999
William E. LeVeque	2002
William A. Siebert	2003
Terry G. Baker	2004
Michael Whiting	2004
Kenney L. Lenfestey	2005
Warren A. Caruss	2006
Anthony M. Chamberlin	2008
Brian K. Himes	2009
Stephen R. Striggow	2010
Dwight A. Humm	2011
Robert O. Troutman	2012
*Absent	

ROLL CALL OF ARCH DEPUTIES

Melvin L. Easterday, Arch No. 1
Gene E. Newman, Arch No. 2
Philip C. Smith, Arch No. 3
Wayne E. Caruss, Arch No. 4
*Kenneth Rautiola, Arch No. 5
*Ronald B. Blaisdell, PMIGM, Arch No. 6
Larry A. Inscho, Arch No. 7
*John A. Fossler, Arch No. 8
William H. Ford, Arch No. 9
Edward P. James, Arch No. 10
*Absent

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS

ALABAMA	Terry G. Baker
ALASKA	
*ARIZONA	Paul C. Howell
ARKANSAS	Larry A. Inscho
AUSTRALIA – SOUTH	Scott Stewart
AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES	Stephen R. Striggow
AUSTRALIA – VISTORIA	Daniel Stewart
CALIFORNIA	Kenney L. Lenfestey
CANADA – EAST	Donald L. Trumbull
CANADA – ONTARIO	Warren A. Caruss
CANADA – WEST	Michael S. Roberts
COLORADO	Ryan J. Groat
CONNECTICUT	
DELWARE	James M. Kiefer
DIST OF COLUMBIA	Kay L. Yeager

*ENGLAND – WALES	Carl S. Hobday
FLORIDA	Gary L. Paquet
GEORGIA	Gordon B. Ruthruff
GERMANY	William H. Ford
GREECE	Wayne E. Caruss
HAWAII	
IDAHO	George W. H. Lyons
ILLINOIS	Louis C. McCray
INDIANA	Edward P. James
*IOWA	Joshua Wilson
ISREAL	David W. Dossette
KANSAS	Vernon T. Barnhart
KENTUCKY	Edward J. Chezick
LOUISIANA	Philip C. Smith
MAINE	Dwight A. Humm
MARYLAND	Timothy C. Forche
MASSACHUSETTS	James E. Hawn
MINNESOTA	Robert E. Cooper
MISSISSIPPI	Michael J. Jungel
MISSOURI	Robert O. Troutman
MONTANA	Wayne E. Caruss
NEBRASKA	Richard G. Stange
NEVADA	Warren A. Caruss
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Steve J. Eliopoulos
NEW JERSEY	William A. Siebert
NEW MEXICO	
NEW YORK	Donald L. Himes
NORTH CAROLINA	
*NORTH DAKOTA	Louis D. Scott
OHIO	David G. Boring
OKLAHOMA	Bernard C. Kirchoff
OREGON	Paul W. Roggow
PANAMA	Emil H. Shatz
PENNSYLVANIA	Michael Whiting
PHILIPPINES	Richard E. James
PORTUGAL	Carl J. Peterson
RHODE ISLAND	William E. LeVeque
ROMANIA	Melvin L. Easterday
SCOTLAND	Anthony M. Chamberlin
SOUTH CAROLINA	Brian K. Himes
SOUTH DAKOTA	Frances G. Callahan
*TENNESSEE	George E. Maule
*TEXAS	Ernest Berry
*TOGO	John A. Fossler

UTAH	
VERMONT	Donald L. Galway
WASHINGTON	Courtland Rule
*WISCONSIN	Jerry C. Townsend
*WYOMING	Richard M. Causley
*Absent	

APPOINTMENTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

DIVISIONS AND REFERENCE

Warren A. Caruss, Chairman
Donald L. Himes
George W. H. Lyons

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

David G. Boring, Chairman
William H. Ford

RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS

David G. Boring, Chairman
Arthur F. Girard (1)

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Warren A. Caruss, Chairman
Philip C. Smith
Donald L. Himes

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Brian K. Himes, PMIGM, Chairman
Larry A. Inscho, PMEGHP
Harry A. Walbridge

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

William E. LeVeque, Chairman
Brian K. Himes
Anthony M. Chamberlin

TELLERS

Anthony M. Chamberlin, Chairman
John Penley
Darel W. Winslow

COLLECTORS

Terry G. Baker Chairman

**COMMITTEE REPORT
REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Report of the Credential Committee is as follows:

Grand Officers entitled to one vote each	10
Past Grand Officers entitled to one vote each	11
Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	28
Deputy Masters entitled to one vote each	18
Principal Conductor of the Work entitled to one vote each	15
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	60
Arch Deputies entitled to one vote each	7
Proxy votes issued at one vote each	<u>15</u>
TOTAL VOTES OR BALLOTS ISSUED	164

29 Councils represented
23 Distinguished Guest Registered

Councils not represented:
Zabud Council No. 9
Lansing Council No. 29
Hiawatha Council No. 65

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM, Chairman
Bernard C. Kirchoff, PTIM, (59)
Steve J. Eliopoulos (8)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2013 PROCEEDINGS

Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring announced that the Minutes of the 2013 Grand Assembly held in Lansing, Michigan, have been printed and distributed to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Constituent Councils. Letters and or E-mails were sent to: Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Representatives of both Sister Grand Jurisdictions and of Michigan, and Grand Council Committees of Michigan, informing them that the 155th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan can be found on our website, rsm-mi.org. If there be no objections, the Minutes be approved and accepted as printed in the 2013 proceedings. There being no objection, they will stand as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REGRETS

Letters of regrets were acknowledged from the following:

Mrs. Brenda Sellars, wife of Most Puissant General Grand Master and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, George C. Sellars, sends her regrets that she will be unable to attend our Grand Session this year. She sends the Officers her best regards for a great session.

Mrs. Marge Wilson, wife of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert A. Wilson, sends her regrets that due to her health she will be unable to attend. She further stated that she really enjoyed attending the Grand Sessions in the past and wish that she were able to attend but wish us well with our Grand Session.

Thank you for your Fraternal Greetings from your Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Right Illustrious Companion, David G. Boring, for my Most Illustrious Grand Master, Charles E. Taylor.

Thank you for your invitation to attend your August 21, 2014 Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor, extends his Fraternal Greeting and Best wishes to your Right Illustrious Companion, David G. Boring and prays that he and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan will have a most productive and harmonious Grand Session and will experience an abundance of Friendship, Brotherly Love and prosperity during his year as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Taylor and I regret to inform you that due to scheduling conflicts we will not be permitted to attend your Grand Session. May God Bless

Fraternally,
Wade C. Smith Sr.
Grand Secretary-Recorder
Grand York Rite Bodies of Georgia

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, G. Gordon Goodman, sends his regrets. At 94 years of age, I'm having a problem getting around as fast I did last year and my Doctors said that I should not travel. With that being said, I would like to congratulate the Grand Council for having a great year and wish them the best in the future.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Jerry C. Townsend, sends his regrets. I'm sorry that I will not make the Grand York Rite Session this year. I'm still in the Philippines and having a great time. I would like to congratulate the Grand Council for have a great year and hope their session goes well. I would like to send congratulations to the new Grand Council Officers and wish them the best.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Ernest Berry, due to a conflict in dates, I'll be in Charlotte, North Carolina. Have a great session.

**RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS
156TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN**

Distinguished Guests, Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Illustrious companions, and companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select masons of Michigan:

Welcome to the 156th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. I hope you and your lady are enjoying yourselves at this Grand Council Session, and find the accommodations and service of the Crown Plaza here in the second largest city in Michigan, Grand Rapids, to your comfort and convenience.

To our distinguished guests, the gift of your presence at this Annual Assembly is deeply appreciated. To the Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Illustrious Companions and ladies we welcome you to this 156th Grand Session. You have given your time to be with us today in our deliberations and provide wisdom and counsel for a successful and productive Grand Assembly.

To Officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, Scottish Rite, and all other appendant bodies of Michigan Masonry, a heartfelt thank you for the honor, respect and hospitality accorded the Grand Officers during the past year.

On August 13, 2013, Bart A. Porter received the honor by this Grand Council by his election as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. "Alas my companions, sadness prevails among us. When we last met in this place, our numbers were complete, but now precious one is missing." Sadly do we mourn the loss of a friend, a Most Illustrious Companion, Grand Master Bart A. Porter.

As we now meet in the 156th Annual Assembly, just as Bart said last August, “it has all worked out.” The well-crafted constitution and bylaws of the Grand Council, to with Article 1 section 7 has assured that. I owe a great deal of thanks to Junior Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert O. Troutman for taking time away from his Grand Lodge of Michigan, Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan obligations to “complete our number” on the dais today, Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Ed James for being my “wingman” since October 2013. I can think of no better group of three to be together and to be stranded in one of those horrible snowstorms we had last February.

NECROLOGY

Several of our Companions have traveled to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. This Cryptic family mourns the loss of the many Companions of our Constituent Councils and of our Sister Jurisdictions. We offer our condolences to their families and loved ones for the many losses suffered this past year.

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council and Illustrious Grand Steward, drape the altar in token of our sorrow and respect for our departed Companions.

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Unveil the floral tribute.

Right Illustrious Grand Recorder read the roll of distinguished dead of our Sister Jurisdictions.

**DISTINGUISHED DEAD, SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
2013 - 2014**

ALASKA..... Most Illustrious Companion Milton M. Motzahn Sr., PMIGM

ARKANSAS Most Illustrious Companion Burt F. Lee, PMIGM

COLORADO Most Illustrious Companion Jon Patrick Sweet, PMIGM

HAWAII Most Illustrious Companion Homer A. Cundiff, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Gus Yong, PMIGM

INDIANA Most Illustrious Companion H. Hanly Hammel Jr., PMIGM

MISSISSIPPI Most Illustrious Companion Van A. Evans, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Billy A. McNair, PMIGM

MISSOURI Most Illustrious Companion Robert H. Bray, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Robert N. Hunter, PMIGM

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NEW HAMPSHIRE Most Illustrious Companion Robert M. Argel, PMIGM
NEW JERSEY Most Illustrious Companion Saul M. Tischler, PMIGM
NEW YORK Most Illustrious Companion Harvey E. Payne, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Jay Kosseff, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion George B. Whitmer, PMIGM
NORTH CAROLINA Most Illustrious Companion W. Fred Scott, PMIGM
NORTH DAKOTA Most Illustrious Companion LaVerne L. Stippich, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Norris W. Nelson, PMIGM
RHODE ISLAND Most Illustrious Companion Jerry I. Duhamel Sr., PMIGM
SOUTH DAKOTA Most Illustrious Companion Lawrence W. O. Holmes, PMIGM
VERMONT Most Illustrious Companion Herbert H. Harford, PMIGM
WASHINGTON Most Illustrious Companion J. Rex Hartsfield, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Robert E. Steele, PMIGM
Wisconsin Most Illustrious Companion Richard J. Reilly, PMIGM

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS

Most Illustrious Companion Bart A. Porter

**Most Illustrious Grand Master
Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master
August 15, 2013
Presided: To his death on June 5, 2014**

Robert R. Smith

**Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan
1995**

Illustrious Grand Marshal; conduct the Illustrious Grand Chaplain to the Altar.

PRAYER AT ALTAR

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council and Illustrious Grand Steward, restore the altar.

I recommend that suitable pages be set aside in the Proceedings of the Grand Council in memory of these departed Companions.

Visitations

It is the aspiration of every Most Illustrious Grand Master to visit all 33 subordinate councils within Michigan. Unfortunately due to Bart's illness, his visits diminished by December 2013. Bart had the pleasure of attending the Grand Council in Ohio on October 7, 2013 along with the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and the Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work where he received his honorary membership in the Grand Council of Ohio. Bart and I traveled to make awards presentations at Flint Council No. 56 banquet of November 13, 2013.

The Deputy Grand Master represented Bart at the 94th annual celebration of George Washington's birthday, visitations to Pontiac No 3, Mt. Clemens No. 8, Union Council No. 11, Saginaw Council No. 20, Jackson Council No. 32, Leslie Council No. 50, Marine City No. 59, the Grand Lodge of Michigan, East Central Conference in Lansing and the Grand Sessions of Ohio, Ontario, Indiana and Wisconsin.

The complete list of visitations is on file in the Grand Records Office.

Appointments to Sister Jurisdictions

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Edward P. James (10) is appointed as the Grand representative to Indiana. Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, David G. Boring (8) is appointed as the Grand Representative to Ohio.

Dispensations

Dispensations were issued to and for:

Saginaw Council No. 20 to move their charter from 148 E. Main Street at McDonald Street Midland 48640-3736 to the Saginaw Masonic Center 2655 N. Center Street, Saginaw, MI 48602 for the purpose of all degree conferral festival February 1, 2014

Durand Council No 38 to move their charter from 202-1/2 N. Saginaw Street Durand 48429-1175 to the Crown Plaza Hotel 5700 28th Street Southeast, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 on Thursday August 21, 2014 for the purpose of opening the 156th annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

Disciplinary Actions

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Cryptic year.

Consolidations

I am pleased to report that no requests for consolidations were received.

Five Year Plan 2014-2019

The Grand Council in 2013 developed goals for the next five years. The goals were to be specific (target specific areas for improvement), measurable (quantify or at least suggest an indicator of progress) {we chose to use the traffic light colors, red, yellow and green}, assignable (specify who will do it), realistic (what results can realistically be achieved, given available resources) and time-related (specify when the results can be achieved)

The result for 2014, year one, is as follows:

- Support the CMMRF Goal: Increase Donations from the Grand Council by \$200 per year.
Score: Red: Donation increase \$<0 -\$50
- Support the Endowment Fund: Goal: Increase Donations to the Endowment Fund by \$200 per year.
Score Yellow: Donation increase \$651 --\$1,600
- Increase Membership: Increase Membership Goal: Decrease the loss of Membership by 1% per Year.
Red: membership loss
- Improve the Quality of the Ritual Work: Goal: All Councils are Proficient i.e. open and close in all three degrees, receive Grand Officers, and preform the RM & SEM without rituals.
Score: Red: Less than 50% of councils are proficient.

- Improve the Financial Position of the Grand Council Goal: Maintain a General Fund Budget surplus

Score: Green: The Council has a budget surplus

Grand Masters Service Award

The Grand Masters Service Award is presented to those Companions who are top line signers for three or more petitions. These petitions may be accumulated over several years. I urge all Council Recorders to submit names of companions deserving of this award. For the year ending May 31, 2014, it is my pleasure to present these awards to:

Illustrious Companion Brandon B. Mullins	Ann Arbor No. 86
Illustrious Companion Melvin Easterday	Pontiac No. 3
Illustrious Companion Forrest L. Taylor	Pontiac No. 3

Most Illustrious Grand Master's Meritorious Award

We are extremely fortunate that there are so many outstanding companions within Michigan. I wish to recognize the following companions who have given distinguished service to the cryptic rite this past year

Companion David A. Roberts	Monroe No. 1
Companion Albert T McGuire III	Monroe No. 1
Illustrious Companion Melvin Easterday	Pontiac No. 3
Illustrious Companion Gene E. Newman	Mt. Clemens No. 8
Most Illustrious Companion Robert O. Troutman	Mt. Clemens No 8
Illustrious Companion James M. Kiefer	Tyre No. 10
Illustrious Companion Harley D. Ridgeway	Tyre No. 10
Illustrious Companion Cory Curtiss	Union 11
Illustrious Companion Gary W. Leach	Union 11
Most Illustrious Companion Dwight A. Humm	Saginaw No. 20
Companion James T. Groat	Northville 30
Illustrious Companion George M. Otis	Jackson No 32
Illustrious Companion Emil H. Schatz	Durand no. 38
Illustrious companion Philip C. Smith	Durand No. 38
Illustrious Companion Paul M. Tarr Jr.	Leslie No. 50
Right Illustrious Companion David Seyferth	Muskegon No, 54
Illustrious Companion Donald B. Whitener	Flint No. 56
Companion Brian H. Wilcox	Marine City No. 59

Most Illustrious Companion Warren A. Caruss	Grand Ledge No. 62
Illustrious Companion Wayne E. Caruss	Grand Ledge no. 62
Illustrious Companion Paul W. Roggow	Cadillac No. 70
Illustrious Companion Darel C. Winslow	Livingston No. 73
Illustrious Companion Brandon B. Mullins	Ann Arbor No. 86
Illustrious Companion Wayne S. Hamlin	Thumb Area No. 90
Illustrious Companion Leonard A. Boss	Straits Area No. 92
Illustrious Companion William H. Ford	Straits Area no. 92
Illustrious Companion Louis C. McCray	Sunrise No. 93

Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year

The announcement of the recipient of the Thrice Illustrious Master of the year award will be made at the Grand York Rite Banquet Thursday evening. This Grand Council is very fortunate to have an outstanding group of Thrice Illustrious Masters.

Cryptic Mason of the Year

The announcement and formal presentation of the recipient of the Cryptic Mason of the Year will be made at the Grand York Rite Banquet Thursday evening. Dais officers of all 33 councils within Michigan have at least one companion worthy of this honor. I am charging you to submit your nominations with your annual report in December 2014.

Adult Youth Leadership Award

For the last 30 years, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan is pleased to present the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International Adult Leadership Award to a worthy individual who has demonstrated exemplary work with our youth organizations. The 2014 recipient of the General Grand Councils' Adult Leadership Award for the State of Michigan will be presented at Thursday's evening Grand Banquet.

Bond, Seal, and Master Key

The Grand Recorder is in possession of the Seal of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, a copy of the Masters Key, and fidelity bonds covering the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder. These items will be placed into the hand of the duly elected successor this afternoon in accordance to Cryptic Law.

Fraternally Submitted

David G. Boring

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

Acting Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, I move this report be received and referred to the Committee on Division and Reference, Second by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

REPORT OF THE DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE

To the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan.

Your Committee on Division and Reference, to whom was referred the address of the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, reports as follow:

That portion of the address pertaining to necrology is referred to the Obituary Committee.

That portion pertaining to Appointments, Commissions, Dispensations and By-Laws Approved is referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

That portion pertaining to the Bond and Seal be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report on the Five Year Plan is referred to the consideration of the incoming dias officers.

The balance of the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Masters report be approved.

Fraternally,
Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman
Donald L. Himes, PMIGM
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM

I move that this report be received and placed in the proceedings, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds the appointments and dispensations granted which were mentioned in the Address of the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and referred by the Committee on Division and Reference to be within the authority and discretion of the Acting Most Illustrious Grand Master.

It was a very difficult year for the Grand Council of Michigan. It was off to such a good start and then the news of the Grand Masters illness was devastating. The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master kept in touch with the Grand Master to carry out his directions and on his passing stepped forward and led the Grand Council with great skill and ability.

We commend the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master for his knowledge of the Cryptic Law and devotion to the Cryptic Rite.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen R. Striggow, PMIGM, Chairman
Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM
William A. Siebert, PMIGM

Past Most Illustrious Companion, Stephen R. Striggow, moved that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be received and placed in the Proceedings, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
June 1, 2013 - MAY 31, 2014

*To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of
the Grand Council of Michigan:*

FIFTH THIRD BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance June 1, 2013	\$ 33,803.00
Deposits	\$ 18,282.14
Voiding of Checks 1840 & 1847	\$ 497.74
Disbursements - Checks 1828 - 1867 & EFT	
<u>\$(11,587.89)</u>	
Balance May 31, 2013	\$ 40,994.99

FIFTH THIRD BANK - GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance June 1, 2013	\$ 5,321.82
Deposits -	\$ -0-
Interest	\$ 1.07
Withdrawals	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Balance May 31, 2014	\$ 5,322.89

LORD ABBETT FUND - #774890-1 (GENERAL FUND)

Dividends to General Savings Account	
June 1, 2013 Market Value	\$ 6,211.92
Deposits	\$ -0-
Increases in Market Value	\$ 000.00
Decreases in Market Value	<u>\$ (71.87)</u>
May 31, 2014 Market Value	\$ 6,140.05

OPERATING FUNDS

Fifth Third - Checking Account	\$ 40,994.99
Fifth Third - General Savings Account	\$ 5,322.89
Lord Abbett Fund #774890-1 (General Fund)	<u>\$ 6,140.05</u>
Total Operating Funds May 31, 2014	\$ 52,457.93

SPECIAL FUNDS

Fifth Third Bank - Ritual Savings Account

Balance June 1, 2013	\$ 3,486.42
Deposits (EFT)	\$ 000.00
Withdrawals	\$ -0-
Interest	\$.71
Balance May 31, 2014	\$ 3,487.13

Lord Abbett #776157-7 - Triennial Account

June 1, 2013 Market Value	\$ 4,347.42
Deposits - From Checking	\$ 0.00
Increases in Market Value	\$ 112.55
May 31, 2014 Market Value	\$ 4,459.97

Total Special Funds - May 31, 2014 \$ 7,947.10

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Franklin Income Fund - Endowment Fund

Interest goes into General Savings Account	
June 1, 2013 Market Value	\$ 50,865.36
Deposits (EFT)	\$ 0.00
Increase in Market Value	\$ 7,126.08
May 31, 2014 Market Value	\$ 57,991.44

I Shares - EAFE - Endowment Fund

Dividends re-invested	
June 1, 2013 Market Value	\$ 10,221.90
Increase in Market Value	\$ 1,771.60
May 31, 2014 Market Value	\$ 11,993.50

Raymond James Bank Program - #36347687 - Endowment Fund

Interest Dividends re-invested	
June 1, 2013 Balance	\$ 12,467.92
Deposits June-May	\$ 000.00
Withdrawals (EFT to Franklin Income Fund)	\$ 000.00
Interest June-May	\$ 497.24
May 31, 2014 Balance	\$ 12,965.16

Total Endowment Funds - May 31, 2014 \$ 82,950.10

TOTAL ASSETS

Total Operating Funds May 31, 2013	\$ 52,457.93
Total Special Funds May 31, 2014	\$ 7,947.10
Total Endowment Funds May 31, 2014	\$ 82,950.10
Total Assets May 31, 2014	\$143,355.13

Respectfully submitted,

Brian K. Himes

Brian K. Himes, PMIGM
Grand Treasurer

Moved by Most Illustrious Companion, Brian K. Himes that the report be referred to the Finance Committee, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

I herewith submit to you my Annual Report of the Transactions of the Office of the Grand Recorder for the period of June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 for your consideration and approval.

The Annual Reports have been received from 33 Councils.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Councils enrolled in the Grand Council	33
Number of Annual Returns received	33
Total membership as of December 31, 2012	1566

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Greeted during 2013	51	
Affiliated by Consolidation	0	
Affiliated by Demit	0	
Affiliated by Transfer	5	
Affiliated by Restoration	7	
Affiliated by Dual Membership	0	
Correction of 2012 Returns	<u>8</u>	
		<u>71</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		<u>1637</u>
Died	52	
Transferred Out	1	
Demitted	0	
Withdrew	24	
Suspended	46	
Correction of the 2012 Return	<u>0</u>	
		<u>123</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013		1514
NET LOSS FOR 2013		(52)

Number of Councils showing a Gain in membership	5
Number of Councils showing a Loss in membership	21
Number of Councils showing neither a Gain or Loss	7
Number of Councils Greeting New Members	19
Number of Councils not Greeting any New Members	14

It is fitting and proper that the Grand Council compliment the Officers and Companions of the Constituent Councils showing a Gain in membership.

Hiram Council No. 14 led the way with a Gain of 10.5 per cent.

Following the close of this Annual Grand Assembly, the Donald D. Boudeman Memorial Bible will be presented to Hiram Council No. 14 to grace their Altar for the Year 2014-2015.

FINANCIAL REPORT

During the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014, deposits slips numbers 871 through 877 were forward to the Grand Treasurer for a Total of \$18,282.14 deposited.

RECEIPTS JUNE 1, 2013 THROUGH MAY 31, 2014

Per Capita	\$ 11,750.45
IRS Reimbursements	1,200.00
Rituals	670.00
Lord Abbett Dividend	297.29
Endowment Fund (Includes Golf Outing)	1,082.10
Raymond James (Direct Deposit)	824.00
Dues Cards	358.95
Refund Grand Session 2013	481.98
GO-PGO Fund	540.00
Widows Fund Transfer	486.24
Name Tag	15.00
Grand Master Gift	310.00
Collar	125.00
Certificates	57.00
History Books	15.00
Shipping & Handling	68.23
Sales Tax	<u>.90</u>
Total Deposits for the year June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014	\$18,282.14

DISBURSEMENTS

JUNE 1, 2013 THROUGH MAY 31, 2014

Grand Master's Honorarium (Troutman)	\$ 293.75
Grand Master's Honorarium (Porter)	881.25
Grand Master's Visitation Honorarium (Troutman)	220.00
Grand Master's Visitation Honorarium (Porter)	660.00
Grand Master's Apron (Porter)	288.00
Grand Master's Jewel (Troutman)	101.39
Treasurer's Honorarium	300.00
Grand Recorder's Honorarium	600.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Honorarium	860.00
Grand Recorder's Rent Honorarium	535.00
Grand Recorder's Office Supplies	1164.30
Grand Recorder's Postage Reimbursement	103.65
Grand Recorder's Internet Service	240.00
Insurance and Bond	257.00
Printing	374.71
General Grand Council Per-Capita	1005.00
Per-Capita Refunds	137.80
Annual Assembly Expenses	1300.00
EFT	540.00
Regalia	748.86
Flowers	100.00
State Filing Fee	20.00
Widows Expense Grand Session	486.24
Dues Cards	<u>370.94</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$11,587.89
Bank Balance June 1, 2013	\$33,803.00
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RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT

Bank Statement Balance June 1, 2014
Fifth Third Bank, Washington, Michigan

CASH ASSETS OF GRAND COUNCIL

May 31, 2014

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TOTAL ASSETS

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Total Special Funds May 31, 2014	\$ 7,947.10
Total Endowment Funds May 31, 2014	<u>\$ 82,950.10</u>
Total Assets May 31, 2014	\$143,355.13

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the Companions of this Grand Council for allowing me to serve as your Grand Recorder. A special thanks goes to the present Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's and Recorder's of this Grand Council for their patience and understanding during this past year of service. The death of Most Illustrious Companion, Bart A. Porter was something no-one anticipated. His death sent a shock wave through the Grand Council Officers Line.

To Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master David G. Boring, I would like to thank you for allowing me to work with you. This past year has been an experience that neither you nor I wanted. You have stepped up and completed a year that you never saw coming. The lines of communication were always open at all times. I hope that I have assisted you to make things as easy as possible.

To the Recorder's of this Grand Council, I hope that the changes that have been made this past year have made your work as a recorder easier. We will continue to work on the Annual Returns to make them easier. The electronic filling of the return has help, at least at my end. This Grand Office will continue to work on programs for all of our Recorders. We are and will be committed to better communication between the Grand Office and all of the Recorders.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move as much of this Report as relates to Membership, be referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Rite, that the portions that relates to Finance be referred to the Finance Committee and that all other matters herewith discussed and not specifically referred to a Committee, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Grand Recorder

2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

WELCOME FROM THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

On behalf of the Crowne Plaza Hotel and its staff, we would like to welcome each of you. We hope you will have an enjoyable stay here at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. If there is anything we can do to make your visit here more enjoyable, please let us know.

Diane
Hotel Representative
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

RESPONSE TO CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL REPRESENTATIVE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and its Companions and Distinguished Guests, have enjoyed their stay and accommodations. We want to compliment you on your friendly staff and their concern to comply with our various needs.

We will be looking forward to returning to the Grand Rapids area in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM
Acting Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

Moved by Most Illustrious Companion, Robert O. Troutman, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

Report of the Finance Committee

To the Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan.

The comparative statement of financial position (balance sheet) for the fiscal years ending May 31, 2014, and 2013 respectively, appears below:

**Grand Council of Michigan Royal and Select Masons
Comparative Balance Sheet (Cash Basis)**

	<u>May 31, 2013</u>	<u>May 31, 2014</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
FIFTH THIRD BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT	33,803	40,995
FIFTH THIRD BANK - GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	5,322	5,323
LORD ABBETT FUND - #774890-1 (GENERAL FUND)	<u>6,212</u>	<u>6,140</u>
Total Checking/Savings	45,337	52,458
Special Purpose Designated Assets		
Fifth Third Bank - Ritual Savings Account	3,486	3,487
Lord Abbett #776157-7 - Triennial Account	<u>4,347</u>	<u>4,460</u>
Total Special Purpose	7,834	7,947
Total Current Assets	<u>53,171</u>	<u>60,405</u>
Investments		
Franklin Income Fund	50,865	57,991
I Shares – EAFE -	10,222	11,994
Raymond James Bank Program - #36347687	<u>12,468</u>	<u>12,965</u>
Total Investments	73,555	82,950
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>126,726</u></u>	<u><u>143,355</u></u>
 <u>LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</u>		
Net Assets		
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	113,057	126,726
Increase (decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	3,345	7,234
Increase (decrease) in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>10,324</u>	<u>9,395</u>
Net Assets, End of the Year	126,726	143,355

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS126,726143,3552014 GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN 39

During the 12 months ending May 31, 2014 the Grand Council Unrestricted Asset and Permanently Restricted Assets increased. The increase in Permanently Restricted Assets is primarily attributable to the increase in unrealized appreciation in the endowment fund investments. The committee is pleased to report that our endowment investments have fully recovered from the "Great Recession". The cost basis of the investments at May 31, 2009 was \$65,019. The investment portfolio suffered a market value decline to \$49,328 at May 31, 2009. We are pleased to report the market valuation at May 31, 2014 is \$82,950, which is in excess of the cost basis.

The comparative statement of actual activities to the approved 2014 budget appears below.

**Grand Council of Michigan Royal and Select Masons of Michigan
Budget v. Actual - June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Revenue		
Membership Revenue		
Per Capita Assessment	\$ 12,300	11,624
Sales of Rituals		670
Fees -certificates		57
Proceeds from YR golf outing		709
Donations from Grand Officers PGO fund		540
Contributions for Endowment Fund		373
Grand Officer donation for MWGM gift		310
Reimbursement of IRS filing fees		1,200
Sales of General Grand Council History		30
Interest Revenue	700	297
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 13,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,811</u>
Expenses		
Grand Master Travel Allowance	2,055	2,055
Grand Treasurer Stipend	300	300
Grand Recorder's Expenses	2,300	2,235
Grand Assembly York Rite Sessions	1,795	1,193
Postage and Supplies	2,600	1,297
General Grand Council Per Capita	1,200	1,005
Regalia	1,000	1,013
Transfer to Triennial Fund	1,100	-
Licenses and Permits	50	34

Insurance & employee bonding	300	257
Youth Organization Grants	300	-
Total Expenses	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,389
Increase in Net Assets	\$ -	\$ 6,422

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The Grand Council Board of Directors sincerely thanks the councils who were able to donate \$1,200 as reimbursement to the Grand Council for the non-budgeted expense in fiscal year 2013 of \$3,300 fees payable to the Internal Revenue Service to reinstate the subordinate councils' tax exempt status under code section 501(c) (10). The committee is pleased to report 100% of the councils have been reinstated. Further the timely filing of IRS Form 990N shows 27 of the 33 councils received acceptance of their calendar year end 2013 reports, as shown in the table below. The 5 councils where the annual return was not accepted is solely attributable to lagging communication within the Internal Revenue Service between Cincinnati, Ohio and Ogden, UT. The 990 filing deadline is May 15th of each year.

	NO.	acceptance date	rejection date
MONROE	1	5/10/2014	
PONTIAC	3	5/10/2014	
RIVER RAISIN	4	5/10/2014	
NEBUZARADAN	6	5/10/2014	
MT CLEMENS	8	5/10/2014	
ZABUD	9	5/10/2014	
TYRE	10	5/10/2014	
UNION	11	5/10/2014	
HIRAM	14	5/10/2014	
ADRIAN	18		5/10/2014
NILES	19	5/10/2014	
SAGINAW	20	5/10/2014	
LANSING	29	5/10/2014	
NORTHVILLE	30	5/10/2014	
JACKSON	32	5/10/2014	
DURAND	38	5/10/2014	
LESLIE	50		5/10/2014
MUSKEGON	54	5/11/2014	
FLINT	56	5/11/2014	
MARINE CITY	59		5/11/2014
GRAND LEDGE	62	5/11/2014	
KALAMAZOO	63		5/11/2014
HIWATHA	65	5/11/2014	
CADILLAC	70	5/11/2014	
MARQUETTE	72	5/11/2014	
LIVINGSTON	73	5/11/2014	
GEORGE HILL	85	5/11/2014	
ANN ARBOR	86	5/11/2014	
THUMB AREA	90	5/11/2014	

BEDFORD	91	5/11/2014	
STRAITS AREA	92	5/11/2014	
SUNRISE	93		5/11/2014

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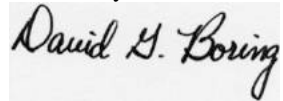
The Finance Committee unanimously recommends your approval of the 2014-15 Annual Budget as presented below:

**Grand Council of Michigan R&SM
2014-15 Cash Basis Budget**

	Budget 2014-15
REVENUES	
Per Capita Fee	11,800
Endowment Income Distribution	300
Revenue Totals	12,100
Transfers:	
5/3 savings account	2,905
Lord Abbett general fund	1,000
Lord Abbett Triennial fund	2,250
Total decrease of accumulated net assets	6,155
DISBURSEMENTS	-
Grand Masters Apron	300
Replacement of Grand Officer Aprons (8 @ \$300)	2,400
Replacement of Grand Assembly Companion Aprons	1,500
Past Grand Master's Jewel	300
Grand Captain of the Guard Apron Case	100
Arch Deputy Expenses	-
Insurance and Bonds	300
subtotal	4,900
Grand Master's Allowance	1,200
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance	900
Grand Master's Stationery	-
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	300
Grand Treasurer's Office/Phone/Postage	200
Grand Recorder's Allowance	600
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	900
Grand Recorder's Office Expenses	1,500
Grand Recorder's Internet Service	660
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance	535

Grand Recorder's Postage Expense	565
Grand Officers subtotal	<u>7,360</u>
Annual Call and Programs	400
Reprint of By-Laws	470
Printing annual proceedings	200
subtotal publication and printing	<u>1,070</u>
Annual Grand Assembly Expense	1,300
Flower for Triangle	75
subtotal Annual Grand Assembly	<u>1,375</u>
Youth Group Contributions	300
General Grand Council Per Capita (\$1.00)	1,000
2014 Triennial	<u>2,250</u>
Other Payments Total	<u>3,550</u>
Total Expense	<u>18,255</u>
Balanced--- breakeven	<u><u>0</u></u>

Fraternally Submitted,



David G. Boring, Chairman
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Fred R. Jex (59)
Edward P. James, RIGPCW

Moved by Acting Most Illustrious Companion, David G. Boring, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

READING OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CRYPTIC LAW

The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Companion, Anthony M. Chamberlin, reported that in as much as the proposed amendments were printed in the Annual Call, and were sent to each Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductor of the Work, Recorder, Committeemen, Grand Representatives, Arch Deputies, and on our website, that all present have a copy of the amendments, No. 1 and No. 2, in the Advance Proceeding and if there is no objection be considered as the first reading.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this be accepted as it is printed and distributed, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

The following amendments to Michigan Cryptic Law is respectfully submitted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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ARTICLE VI

The names and addresses or business addresses of the incorporators and subsequent list of Officers and Directors is included in the Directory issued ~~annually~~. That can be found on our website.

~~**ARTICLE VII**~~

~~—The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors are the first five Officers shown in the 1965 Directory.~~

~~**ARTICLE VIII-VII**~~

The term of corporate existence is perpetual, provided that the resident agent files the required reports with the State of Michigan Corporations and Securities Commission.

(The above was duly approved on August 21, 1965, replacing the Act of Incorporation approved March 26, 1895 the latter having been declared null

and void.)

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**BY-LAWS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASONS OF MICHIGAN
(2008) (2014)**

ADOPTED ~~JANUARY 22, 1966~~ AUGUST 21, 2014

ARTICLE 1

DIRECTORS AND TITLES

Section 1,

The Directors of the Corporation shall be as prescribed in Article II, Section * of the By-Laws of Grand Council.

The Officers of the Corporate Board shall be as follows:

The Most Illustrious Grand Master – PRESIDENT

The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master – VICE- PRESIDENT

The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder – SECRETARY

The Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer – TREASURER

The Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work – DIRECTOR

Section 2,

The Resident Office and the Resident Agent of the Corporation in the State of Michigan shall be s indicated by Articles III and IV of the Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE II
MEETINGS**

Section 1,

The Annual Meeting of the board of Directors shall be held as prescribed in Article II, Section 9, of the By-Laws of Grand Council.

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**ARTICLE IV
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Section 1,

The Secretary, at the direction of the President of the Board shall notify the Board of Directors, and such other persons or Grand Council Committees as the President may direct to be notified of such Regular or Special meeting of the Board, as to place, date and time, at least 10 days prior to the meeting by first class United States Mail at the last known address, **or by electronic means.**

**ARTICLE V
QUORUM**

Section 1,

A majority of the Board of Directors of the Corporation present at any meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1, BUSINESS OF THE CORPORATION

The business and financial affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors within the limits as set forth in the Michigan Manual of Compiled Law of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and the Regulations approved or adopted by Grand Council when in Annual Assembly.

Section 2, RECEIPTS - FUNDS -- ACCOUNTS

(a) All monies due the Corporation shall be deposited to the credit of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan directly into a General Savings Account or an interest bearing Checking Account.

(b) The place of deposit of the General Savings Account or interest bearing Checking Account shall be a bank, Savings and Loan, or other depository whose accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and selected by a majority of the Board of Directors.

(c) The signatures of the Treasurer and the Secretary ~~all five of the Board of Directors~~ shall be on file with the depository in which the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan has any of its funds or accounts.

(d) Special Accounts or Funds, set aside for a specific purpose, must first have approval from the Grand Council in Annual Assembly prior to their establishment.

(e) No transferring of funds from one special account to another, combining of special accounts, or co-mingling of one account with another shall be permitted unless authorized by the ~~Grand Council in Annual Assembly~~. **Board of Directors.**

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(f) Accounts now authorized by Grand Council are as follows:

1. A General Saving Account
2. A General Checking Account
3. A Special Ritual Fund Account
4. A Special Triennial Fund Account
5. A Special Endowment Fund Account
6. A Special History Account
7. A Special Lord Abbett General Fund Account
- 8. A Special Grand Councils Widows Fund.**

(g) Special Account Funds may be invested in Savings Accounts, Certificates of Deposit, Bonds, Stocks, and Mutual Funds (2000).

(h) The aggregate investment shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee who will in turn recommend to the Board of Directors of the Corporation to continue, reposition, or delete funds to strengthen the portfolio. This is to be continued annually and prior to the Board of Directors meeting in April. (2000)

Section 3, WITHDRAWALS

(a) All withdrawals made from the General Savings Account shall be deposited into the General Checking Account for the purpose of disbursement and recording of expenditures.

(b) Any withdrawals from a Savings Account (General or Special) shall require the signatures of the ~~President~~, Secretary, and or Treasurer of the Board of Directors as the prime signatures. ~~In the absence of any of the above, any director may sign.~~

(c) All checks drawn in payment of any indebtedness of the Grand Council shall require the signatures of the ~~President~~, Secretary, and or Treasurer of the Board of Directors as the prime signatures. ~~In the absence of any of the above, any director may sign.~~

(d) Any surrender, selling or renewal of a security which is part of the assets of Grand Council must first have the approval of the Board of Directors. ~~and shall require the signatures of three of the five directors authorized to sign.~~ Each transaction shall be reported to Grand Council in Annual Assembly and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Section 4, THE GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL & SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN
ENDOWMENT TRUST**

PREAMBLE/HISTORY

In the early 1980s, during a financial crisis, P.M.I.G.M.s Richard G. Dean, Charles P. Sheffield, G. Gordon Goodman and William Skrepnek, provided the needed cash to

ensure the stability of the Grand Council of Michigan. Then, on May 17, 1985, the Grand Council of Michigan established a permanent fund called the Grand Council Endowment Fund. This initial fund was the combined funds from the special funds called the Charles H. Sinclair CD, the Richard G. Dean CDs, the Skrepnek CD, the Goodman/Bookless CD, and miscellaneous CDs. Hence, it became apparently clear that drastic measures were necessary to

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combat our financial dilemma. P.M.I.G.M. Charles P. Sheffield initiated a canister program at each Grand Session. Grand Officers made concessions. In 1988, P.M.I.G.M. George C. Sellars initiated the Vision 2000 Program with the assistance of P.M.I.G.M. Michael J. Jungel through the 1990s. It is now clear that an Endowment Trust should be established for the purpose of assisting the Grand Council of the State of Michigan in meeting its annual operating expenses. To that end, P.M.I.G.M. Charles P. Sheffield continued the canister program; Grand Officers and members provided contributions to establish such a Trust. At the Grand Session of 2003, a Blue Ribbon Committee was formed to ascertain our Future security and managerial guidelines for a Trust. Subsequently, during the second Blue Ribbon Committee meeting in 2004, a goal of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) was established, and the Endowment Trust was initiated. It is the purpose of these Bylaws to provide the rules and regulations for the operation of such funds in perpetuity.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Grand Council R. & S.M. of the State of Michigan Endowment Trust is to establish an Endowment Trust to assist the Grand Council of Michigan in meeting its operating expenses in perpetuity.

II. TRUSTEES

The Grand Council Endowment Trust Committee shall consist of five (5) Trustees and two (2) ex-officio members as follows:

A. The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and the appointed Chairman of the Financial Committee shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee by virtue of their respective positions and with the same powers as the elected Trustees.

B. Five (5) Super-Excellent Masters of various Councils of the State of Michigan in good standing shall be elected at large. One (1) such Trustee shall be elected at each Annual Assembly of the Grand Council to serve for a five (5) year term. No elected Trustee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. At the Grand Council Annual Assembly in the year 2005, the five (5) at-large Trustees shall be elected to serve for a five (5) year term, a four (4) year term, a three (3) year term, a two (2) year term, and a one (1) year term respectively.

C. No Grand Officer of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan shall serve as an elected Trustee. An elected Trustee who is elected or appointed as a Grand Officer shall be deemed to have resigned as elected Trustee. Past Grand Officers shall be eligible for election as Trustees at the Annual Assembly during which

their term as a Grand Officer expires.

D. The Trustees shall elect a Chairman of the Committee each year ~~who shall be either a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master or the Chairman of the Finance Committee.~~

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**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN
~~(1996)~~ (2014)**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME - AUTHORITY - MEMBERSHIP - MEETINGS

Section 1, NAME

The name of this Grand Council shall be "Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan" as provided in the Articles of Incorporation approved by the Corporations and Securities Commission of the State of Michigan, under Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931 as amended. (1996)

(See Articles of Incorporation in preamble)

Section 2, AUTHORITY

This Grand Council shall have and exercise power and authority over Cryptic Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Michigan, subject only to its own By-laws and the ancient landmarks of the Craft, its object shall be a united effort to promote the well-being and perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry within the State of Michigan, and to enact and enforce all laws and regulations for the government of itself and constituent Councils.

Section 3, MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Grand Council shall consist of the following:

- (a) elective and appointed officers of Grand Council.
- (b) Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work of this Grand Council.
- (c) The Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters and Principal Conductors of the Work for the time being, of each chartered council in this

jurisdiction, and all Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of said Councils.

- (d) Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of Councils in other jurisdictions who have become affiliated with a council in Michigan, provided that they are duly elected to Grand Council at an annual assembly.

An officer of a constituent Council, who by reason of his office is a member of Grand Council but is unable to attend an annual assembly, may appoint a proxy to represent him as hereinafter provided.

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- (a) Receive all money collected by the Grand recorder in the name of Grand Council and issue receipts to him for the same.
- (b) Pay out such sums of money as may be ordered by Grand Council on warrants signed by the Grand Master and Grand Recorder and countersigned by him, such claims having been certified by the Grand Recorder or approved by the Finance Committee.
- (c) Pay out no money for any expenditure not authorized by the Grand Council unless the claim shall have been audited and approved by the Grand Master or Finance Committee, or both.
- (d) Keep a true and correct record of all receipts and disbursements in a book provided for that purpose and, at each Annual Assembly, submit a detailed report, in writing, of the same.
- (e) Submit interim reports at stated intervals showing total receipts expenditures by items and the amount of funds on hand to designated officers and the Finance Committee; provided that the Grand Master or the Grand Council shall request such reports.
- (f) Submit all books, papers and records for examination at the Annual Assembly, or at any other time when the Grand Master of Finance Committee may reasonably request an examination.
- (g) Execute and deposit with the Grand Master an official bond within thirty days of his election, such bond to meet the requirements specified in Article VIII of these By-Laws.
- (h) Deliver to his successor in office all the books and other property of the Grand Council in his possession, together with any funds of Grand Council which have not been deposited to its account.

Section 4, GRAND RECORDER

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to attend all assemblies of the Grand Council, with all the necessary books, records and papers which are under his control, and to keep a true record of all its proceedings proper to be written; to make annual

publication of these proceedings under direction of the Grand Council and forward one copy **either printed, CD or electronic** thereof to each of the Grand Council Officers and Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, ~~two copies~~ **one copy** to each of the Constituent Councils in this jurisdiction, **one copy** to the General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council and ~~the usual number of copies~~ to inform each of the Grand Recorders of the several Grand Councils with which fraternal relations are maintained **that the Annual Proceedings can be found on our website, that is maintained by the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.**

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The Most Illustrious Grand Master may appoint the committee on Charters and Dispensations in advance of the Annual Assembly in cases where the work that may be required will involve considerable time.

(5) **A Committee on Resolutions and Thanks** whose duty it shall be to draft appropriate resolutions to extend the thanks of this Grand Council to all those who may have, directly or indirectly, contributed toward making its Annual Assembly a pleasing and successful occasion.

(6) **A Committee on Next Place of Meeting** whose duty it shall be to **report where the next Annual Assembly will be held.** ~~accept invitations from Councils who may wish to be host to the Grand Council, and to submit a report, with or without recommendation, to the Grand Council for its action.~~

(7) The Most Illustrious Grand Master may, with the consent and assistance of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, name such other special committees as may be warranted and define their duties. The formation of special committees in this manner may be consummated in the interim between Annual Assemblies. The details relating thereto shall be covered in the report of the Grand Master.

(8) A committee on the ~~Unified~~ York Rite **Meeting Sessions**, whose duty it shall be to negotiate with the similar committees of the other York Rite Grand Bodies, the place, schedule and order of events constituting the Annual meetings of the York Rite Grand Bodies of the State of Michigan, commencing in the year 2002. The Committee shall insure that the two or three Grand Bodies, as the case may be, shall meet at the same location during the same week in August, and that the wishes of the Most Illustrious Grand Master who will preside over the Grand Council Assembly are respected. ~~(1998, 2001)~~

Section 2, STANDING

Immediately after the installation of the officers of Grand Council, the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint the following standing committees, each one to consist of three members of whom the first named shall act as chairman:

(1) **A Committee on Finance** whose duty it shall be to examine and audit the books, records and annual reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. It shall also be their duty to analyze the tentative budget submitted by the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, together with the needs of the

Grand Recorder's Office; and formulate an itemized budget for presentation to the Board of Directors not later than the April meeting of the Board.. Once approved by the Board of Directors, the budget will be presented, by the Finance Committee, to the Grand Council for adoption.

Any expenditure during the recess of Grand Council for an item not provided in the budget, as adopted, shall require audit and approval by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors before payment may be made by the Grand Treasurer. (1998)

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ARTICLE IX

COMPENSATION OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS AND OTHER MEMBERS

Section 1, ALLOWANCE, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER (2000)

The Most Illustrious Grand master shall be entitled to draw upon the funds of Grand Council for such sums of money as may be necessary for actual expenses incurred in connection with his official duties, provided that the total amount so drawn does not exceed the allowance prescribed in the budget for that purpose. He shall also be entitled to a supply of suitable stationery necessary for the transaction of the business of his office.

Section 2, ~~SALARY~~ ALLOWANCE-GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer shall receive ~~as compensation~~ an allowance for his services the sum as prescribed in the annual budget, payable annually.

Section 3, ~~SALARY~~ ALLOWANCE-GRAND RECORDER

The Grand Recorder shall receive ~~as compensation~~ **an allowance** for his services such an **allowance amount of money** as the Grand Council may provide in its annual budget. Extra **allowance compensation** for rent and clerical help shall also be provided in the same manner. The combined **allowances compensation, less social security,** shall be paid in quarterly installments.

Section 4, ~~SALARY~~ ALLOWANCE-GRAND SENTINEL

The Grand Sentinel shall receive ~~as compensation~~ **an allowance** for his services the sum as prescribed in the annual budget, payable annually.

Section 5, SOCIAL SECURITY

The Grand Council (as an employer) shall pay to the Federal Government the amount of social security for which it may be liable on such salaried officers (employees) as may be applicable under the plan, together with such amounts as are withheld from the salaries which represent the portion paid by the officers involved.

Section 6, OTHER ~~COMPENSATION~~ ALLOWANCES

The Grand Council shall ~~compensate~~ **approve allowances** to other officers, committees or members for special services at such times and for such amounts as may be approved at its Annual Assembly, (1981, 1998, 2000)

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ARTICLE X

REVENUE OF GRAND COUNCIL

Section 1, CHARTER FEES

The sum of fifty dollars (**\$50.00**) shall accompany each petition for dispensation to form and open a new Council. In case a charter is refused or the petition withdrawn, said sum shall be returned to the petitioners, less any expenses incurred.

Section 2(a), PER CAPITA AND ASSESSMENTS (1980, 1984, 1996, 2004)

Each chartered Council and each Council U.D. shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of four dollars for each Super-Excellent Master greeted during the yearly period ending with the 31st of December.

Each chartered Council shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of **eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50)** ~~seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)~~ for each Super-Excellent Master on its rolls as of the 31st of December of each year, excluding the Recorder, life members, honorary members, members whose dues have been remitted and those greeted during the year.

~~— Each chartered Council shall pay to the Grand Council, in addition to the established Per Capita, an assessment of four dollars (\$4.00) for each Super-Excellent Master on its rolls, who is liable for the Per Capita, for a period of four (4) years beginning with the Per Capita due in January 2005 and ending in January 2008. Funds from this assessment shall be used only for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, publishing membership materials, and fund raising for the Endowment Trust. (2004)~~

Section 2(b), (1980, 1984, 1996, 2004)

The Per Capita and assessment above shall apply to members granted Demits, Withdrawals, and Life Memberships during the year. Where circumstances warrant remission of dues in granting withdrawals and life memberships, the per capita and assessment shall be offset by including the names involved on the list of dues remitted.

ARTICLE XI

NEW COUNCILS

Section 1, REQUISITES

A dispensation to form a new Council shall not be granted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master except upon petition in due form provided by the Grand Recorder which shall have been signed by not less than nine Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters in good standing. The petition shall also be accompanied by the certificates of permission and demits of the petitioners, together with the required fee (\$50.00).

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After the new council is constituted, the Grand Recorder shall notify the Recorders of each council that granted certificates of permission specifying which Companions are transfers and which are to remain as dual members, as of the date the new council was constituted.

Section 7, POWERS

A Council U. D. may confer degrees, affiliate members by petition for membership, discipline its own members adopt by-laws subject to approval by Grand Council and has such powers as may be clearly expressed in the dispensation.

Section 8 (a), REPORTS TO GRAND COUNCIL

At the ensuing Annual Assembly, the Most Illustrious Grand Master granting a dispensation to form a new Council shall report the facts to Grand council, with all the documents relating thereto. Representatives of a Council U. D. shall be present at the same assembly, at a time specified by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and shall submit the dispensation, a record of the proceedings of said Council and a copy of its proposed by-laws. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall review the Most Illustrious Grand Master's report and the matter submitted by the Council U. D., after which they shall make recommendations to Grand Council relative to issuance of a charter or continuance of the dispensation.

Section 8 (b),

The Charters and Dispensations Committee shall not recommend, nor can a charter be issued by Grand Council unless and until the Council U. D. shall have greeted as Super Excellent Masters at least ~~eighteen (18)~~ **nine (9)** Companions.

Section 9 (a), HOW CONSTITUTED

A Council U. D. has three years from the Annual Assembly at which the dispensation was reported to secure the required twenty-seven or more members to qualify for consideration for a charter. Failing to reach the requirement within the three years, The Committee on charters and Dispensations shall so report to Grand Council and move that the Dispensation be withdrawn **or extended for a period of one year.**

Section 9 (b),

A charter permitting a Council U. D. to be duly constituted shall be granted by vote of Grand Council at its Annual Assembly only. A chartered Council can be constituted only by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or his duly appointed proxy, and not until it is provided with a properly furnished place of meeting in quarters dedicated to Masonry, and has sufficient paraphernalia to confer the degrees (or access to the same). The ceremony of installation shall apply to the appointive officers as of the date the charter was granted; new officers shall not be elected and installed until after the Council has been duly constituted.

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Section 10, NUMBERING OF COUNCILS

The several Councils in this jurisdiction shall be numbered consecutively starting with number one and continuing according to the date of their respective charters. ~~No council shall be granted the number of any former Council that has become defunct.~~

Section 11, ANNUAL RETURNS

A Council U. D. shall not be required to submit an annual report to the Grand Recorder, however in filing its first annual report after being constituted, the per capita assessment shall apply to all Super Excellent Masters greeted while said council was under dispensation. In case the dispensation shall be continued beyond the first Annual Assembly after issuance, the Grand Council shall determine the liability for filing an annual report and the payment of per capita assessment.

Section 12, CHARTER REFUSED

If a dispensation should be withdrawn or charter shall be refused by Grand Council the affiliated Companions who received certificates of permission resume their membership in their former Councils without petition or other action; affiliates from other jurisdictions shall be granted return of their demits. Members greeted while the Council was under dispensation shall be entitled to certificates of good standing from the Grand Recorder, provided that the fees for their degrees are remitted to Grand Council and that said members shall petition another Council for membership within the period of one year, unless further time is granted by the Grand Master or by Grand Council. Those Companions who have received a portion of the degrees only shall, if they do desire, complete their work in a Council of their choice and the fee shall be divided proportionally between Grand Council and the Council completing the work; the Companions then become members of said Council.

ARTICLE XII

CHARTERED COUNCILS

GENERAL

Section 1, WHO COMPOSE

THE TERM "Council" is generally interpreted to refer to the members of a particular Cryptic Rite body. Each chartered Council in this jurisdiction shall consist of not less than twenty-seven members, which shall include the following elective and appointive officers:

(a) Elective Officers

Master	titled Thrice Illustrious
Deputy Master	titled Companion
Principal Conductor of the Work	titled Companion
Treasurer	titled Companion
Recorder	titled Companion
Captain of the Guard	titled Companion
Conductor of the Council	titled Companion
Steward	titled Companion

(a) Appointive Officers

Conductor of the Council	titled Companion
Steward	titled Companion
Chaplain	titled Companion
Sentinel	titled Companion
Marshall	titled Companion

The council may also provide in its by-laws for the election of a trustee or trustees and a representative to a Masonic Temple Association; it may likewise provide for the appointment of an associate steward and a director of the work.

Section 2, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Each chartered council is an integral part of Grand council from which it derives certain inherent and corporate rights; by virtue of these rights it has power:

1. To retain its charter until lawfully surrendered, suspended or revoked.

2. To admit members, and to reject applications for membership.
3. To meet and to do all the work of Cryptic Rite Masonry.
4. To elect and install its officers.
5. To transact its other lawful Masonic business.
6. To exercise penal jurisdiction over members, subject to appeal.
7. To representation in all assemblies of Grand Council.

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Section 7, CHARTER LOST OR DESTROYED

Whenever the charter of a council shall be destroyed by fire or some other manner or shall become so defaced or illegible as to be unfit for use, it shall be lawful for the Most Illustrious Grand Master to order a duplicate charter to be issued. The duplicate charter shall set forth the names of the original officers of said Council, the time of its loss or defacement, and be certified to by order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and attested by the Grand Recorder, under his hand and seal. There shall be no fee for such replacements.

Section 8, FORFEIT OF CHARTER

Any Council under this jurisdiction which shall fail to assemble for the period of one year, or fail to be represented at the Grand Council for two years in succession, or fail for the same length of time to pay its per capita to the Grand Council, or fail to abide by the minimum fees and dues established by Grand Council, shall be placed on a probationary status on the order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The officers of said Council shall be notified by the Grand Recorder of the action taken by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The matter shall then be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Rite who, together with the ~~district Arch Deputy Instructor~~ and Grand Officer in charge of said council, shall make a complete investigation and assessment of the matter. The Committee shall make every reasonable effort to assist said Council in resuming operation and shall submit a report at the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council.

If it appears that said Council is unable to resume operation or to voluntarily consolidate under the provisions of Article XXII, the Committee may, after obtaining concurrence from another council, recommend that the inactive Council be consolidated by action of the Grand Council. The provisions of Article XXII, Section 4 shall then be followed.”

Section 9, PROPERTY AND RECORDS OF DEFUNCT COUNCILS

When a Council has voted to surrender its charter or has been notified that its charter has been forfeited or revoked, the Recorder of said Council shall, with ten days of that date, forward by the best available carrier the charter, books of record (minute book, cash books of Treasurer and Recorder, check book and all receipt stubs), its seal and any money on hand at the time of surrender or forfeiture. The Recorder shall also forward a true inventor of the other property belonging to said Council, all of these effects to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council. It shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to appoint a custodian of such property which is not forwarded to the Grand Recorder, until such time as the Grand Council shall provide for its final disposal.

The Charter and books of record of a defunct Council shall be retained

permanently by the Grand Recorder, or until such time as the charter may be restored. All money belonging to said council shall be deposited in the General Fund of Grand Council. The disposition of other effects and property, for which a custodian has been appointed, shall be determined by Grand Council after careful consideration of all facts relating to the matter.

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Section 10, MEMBERS OF DEFUNCT COUNCIL

It shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and his assistants to help and to encourage the members of a Council whose charter is revoked or surrendered to become affiliated with other active Councils. A member of a defunct council is not liable for dues after said Council becomes extinct, but the former Council became extinct. Discretionary powers for the remission of dues or fees owed by members of the defunct council shall rest with the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder. **Those members of the extinct Council will be placed into Gedaliah Council No. 1858 until they can be placed into another Council.** The Grand Recorder may also issue life memberships to those who may be been eligible but who had not received the same.

Section 11, CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING

In addition to the issuance of certificates of good standing to members greeted by a Council U. D. to whom a charter is refused and to members who request the same at the time their council has ceased to exist, the Grand Recorder shall also be empowered to issue certificates of good standing to former members of defunct councils who, for reasons of their own, did not become affiliated with another Council, and subsequently desire to do so **will be place into Gedaliah Council No. 1858.**

The former member shall apply for restoration of membership to the Council of his choice and the Recorder of that Council shall then apply to the Grand Recorder for a certificate of good standing specifying in the request the name of the defunct Council. If the records indicate the applicant was a former member of that Council, the Grand Recorder will issue such a certificate, together with a statement of any unpaid dues or fees owed at the time the Council became defunct.

Before the petition for affiliation may be balloted upon, the recorder shall collect any unpaid dues or fees as reported to him; upon election to membership, the Recorder shall send the unpaid dues or fees, if any, to the Grand Recorder together with a statement as to the date of the applicant's election to membership. If the petition for affiliation is rejected, the Recorder shall refund any sums collected as unpaid dues or fees to the applicant; the certificate of good standing shall be returned to the Grand Recorder.

Section 12, CHARTER MAY BE RESTORED

The charter of a defunct Council may be restored by action of Grand Council upon

petition of not less than twenty-seven former members, or by less than that number of former members (**you must have one of the previous members of that Council**) provided that the difference may be made up by demits, transfers and certificates of good standing of other Companions or former Companions now residents at or near the location of the defunct Council. Such a petition shall be presented to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, who shall report the same to Grand council at the ensuing Annual Assembly. The matter shall be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for report and recommendation.

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If the restoral of the charter is approved by vote of Grand Council, the Grand Recorder shall return the original charter, or a duplicate if necessary, to the members who have petitioned for the same. Any books or records of the former Council which have been retained, and which may be of value to the petitioners, shall also be returned. The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall issue a dispensation to hold an election of officers after notification to those who signed the petition for restoral by the acting Recorder. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, or his duly appointed proxy, shall preside at the ceremony of installation. The council shall then adopt by-laws which the Most Illustrious Grand Master must approve before its rights as a duly constituted Council become fully effective.

ARTICLE XIII
OFFICERS OF CHARTERED COUNCILS

Section 1, ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE

The elective and appointive officers of a chartered council, and their respective titles, are defined in Article XII, sec. 1 of the By-Laws; the appointive offices being filled by the Thrice Illustrious Master.

Section 2, TENURE OF OFFICE

The several officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors have been duly elected (or appointed) and installed, except for the restrictions on the office of Thrice Illustrious Master as hereinafter defined.

Section 3, WHO TO PRESIDE

It shall be the duty and the privilege of the Thrice Illustrious Master, if present, to preside at all assemblies of the Council. In the absence of the Thrice Illustrious Master, the Deputy Master shall preside; in the absence of the Thrice Illustrious Master and the Deputy Master ~~both of them~~, the Principal conductor of the Work shall preside. In the absence of ~~the first~~ all three officers, the Junior Past Thrice Illustrious Master present shall preside. If all of the three officers are vacated, the latter provision shall apply until such time as an election may be held.

Section 4, ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Officers shall take place at the stated Assembly next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist of each year, except that Councils which so desire may provide in their By-Laws for the election to be held in November.

All elections shall be by ballot and the majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect; blank ballots shall be counted in determining the total vote cast. Any member **having received the Super Excellent Masters Degree**, in good and regular standing

shall be entitled to **vote** in all elections, in his own Council.

Section 5, FAILURE TO ELECT

If a Council shall fail, from just cause, to elect its officers at the time required, the Most Illustrious Grand Master in the exercise of his discretionary powers may grant a dispensation to hold an election at a subsequent stated assembly, or at some other time, provided that the members are notified accordingly.

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Section 3, SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS

A Council cannot suspend its by-laws, nor any portion thereof, it shall be the duty of the Thrice Illustrious Master to see that they are enforced.

Section 4, MODEL BY-LAWS

In drafting its by-laws, a Council shall simplify them as much as possible by eliminating all matters that are already provided for in the By-Laws of Grand Council. The provisions contained in the by-laws of a constituent Council shall be patterned after the model which is included in the Appendices of these By-Laws of Grand Council and shall include such items as are designated as mandatory.

ARTICLE XVI

PETITIONS AND DEGREES

Section 1, DEGREES

The following degrees shall be conferred by each Council in this jurisdiction, and in the following order: Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master. No charter of dispensation shall be granted to form councils of Royal Masters, Select Masters or Super Excellent Masters independent of a regular Council of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters.

The degree of super Excellent Master shall be conferred in full or ample form upon a candidate before he may be enrolled as a member and thus be entitled to the full rights and benefits of membership. Ample form shall be considered to be the Ceremony of Healing in the Super Excellent Master degree. It is required that all companions thus healed witness the full form within one year of their greeting.

(1999)

Section 2, FORM OF PETITION

Every petition for the degrees, or membership in a Council, shall declare the Lodge of which the petitioner is a member and the Chapter of which he is a member or has petitioned for membership, and shall state whether or not an applicant for the degrees has previously petitioned a Council and been rejected. A list of petitions and forms that are available from the Grand Records Office will be found in the appendices of this manual **and on the website of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.**

Section 3, FILING OF PETITION

All petitions for the Council degrees shall be signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name; the other declarations specified on the petition shall also be properly filled in by him. Each petitioner must be recommended by two members of the Council to which the petition is presented, or by two members of another council in this jurisdiction who are known to the Council accepting the petition.

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Section 6, A COUNCIL HAS THE RIGHT

A Council has the right, when deemed advisable to appoint a committee to inquire into the character and conduct of a petitioner for reinstatement who has stood suspended for a period of three or more years. The Council must also have proof of the applicant's affiliation in his Lodge and Chapter. The vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary for reinstatement.

Section 7, DUES CARDS

The dues cards issued by constituent councils shall be obtained from the office of the Grand Recorder, and shall bear the seal of Grand Council **and signature of the Grand Recorder** on the reverse side. (Adopted in 1949)

ARTICLE XVIII

DEIMITS, TRANSFERS AND WITHDRAWALS

Section 1, DEMITS

A member of a constituent Council who establishes permanent residence in another Grand Jurisdiction may wish to transfer his membership thereto. He shall make application, in writing, for a demit which shall be presented at a stated assembly. If he is not in arrears for dues and not under charges, the Council may grant him a demit by a majority vote of the members present. Said demit shall date from the time the vote was taken granting the same. Forms to be used in preparing demits shall be obtained from the Grand Recorder.

Section 2, TRANSFERS (1980)

A member of a constituent Council within this jurisdiction may transfer his membership to another council by presenting a petition for membership to the council with which he desires to affiliate and, when such a petition is accepted, the Recorder of that Council shall request his present Council to issue a Certificate of transfer. If the Companion is not indebted to his present council and not under charges, said council shall, at its first stated assembly after receiving the request, issue a certificate of transfer for this Companion. Such certificate shall be mailed to the Recorder who requested the same, and the date of granting the certificate shall be used by both Recorders for the record as to the date of change in membership.

A Companion who changes his permanent address may also apply for dual membership as provided for in Article XIX of these By-Laws.

Section 3, WITHDRAWALS

A member of a constituent Council may withdraw from membership, provided that

he is not indebted to his Council and not under charges. He shall make application in writing stating his reasons therefore, the application shall be read at the first stated assembly after receipt of same. It shall then be ordered laid over until the next stated assembly before any action shall be taken by the council. The Thrice Illustrious Master shall appoint a committee of no less than three whose duty it shall be during the interim to personally contact said applicant for withdrawal and report back to the Council one of the following recommendations:

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ARTICLE XX
GRAND COUNCIL REPORTS

Section 1, FISCAL YEAR-RETURN BLANKS

The financial year of a constituent Council shall terminate on the 27th 31st day of December and the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected and installed by that date. At least one month prior to the close of the fiscal year, the Grand Recorder shall forward to the Recorder of each constituent Council **either by regular mail or electronically** ~~two sets of forms to be used in filing annual reports, Certificate of Election of Officers and Directory Information Sheet. One set of forms shall be used for reporting the results of the annual election of officers and the other set to forward the annual report of the Council.~~

It shall be the imperative duty of the Thrice Illustrious Master to ascertain whether these return blanks have been received by the Recorder and to notify the Grand Recorder in case they have not been received by the 27th day of November. No Council whose Thrice Illustrious Master fails to give such notice to the Grand Recorder shall be excused from any penalty which may be imposed for failure to make prompt and proper returns.

Section 2, REPORT OF ELECTION

The Recorder of each council shall, within ~~twenty-four hours~~ **ten (10) days** after the close of its annual assembly, report the names and addresses of the first three officers and Recorder who have been elected on the blank forms provided therefore and mail them to the ~~Grand Master and~~ Grand Recorder as designated thereon. If no assembly or election was held, the Recorder shall report the names and addresses of the officers who hold over. Failure to receive blank forms which the Grand Recorder customarily provides shall not excuse the Recorder for failure to make such reports.

Section 3, RETURNS OF COUNCIL

The Thrice Illustrious Master shall cause the annual returns of the Council to be made out according to blanks furnished by the Grand Recorder. This annual report shall be signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master and attested to by the Recorder and, together with the Grand Council ~~dues~~ **Per Capita**, transmitted to the Grand Recorder within ten days after the 1st of January. A Council which fails to comply with the requirements of this section shall forfeit representation ~~and all compensation~~ at the ensuing annual assembly of Grand Council, unless a reasonable excuse shall be given for such delinquency.

Section 4 (a) GRAND COUNCIL DUES - PER CAPITA (1980, 1984, 1996)

Each chartered Council and each Council U.D. shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of four dollars for each Super-Excellent Master greeted during the year ending with the 31st of December. Each chartered council shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of ~~seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)~~ **eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50)** for

each Super-Excellent Master on its rolls as of the 31st of December of each year, excluding the Recorder, life members, honorary members, those whose dues have been remitted during the year and those greeted within the period covered by the report.

~~Each chartered council shall pay to the Grand Council, in addition to the established Per Capita, an assessment of four dollars (\$4.00) for each Super-Excellent Master on its rolls, who is liable for the Per Capita, for a period of four (4) years beginning~~

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~~from this assessment shall be used only for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, publishing membership materials, and fund raising for the Endowment Trust. (2004)~~

Section 4(b), (1980, 1984, 1996, 2004)

The Per Capita and assessment above shall apply to members granted Demits, Withdrawals, and Life Memberships during the year. Where circumstances warrant remission of dues in granting withdrawals and life memberships, the per capita and assessment shall be offset by including the names involved on the list of dues remitted.

Section 5, RETURNS OF COUNCILS U.D.

A Council U.D. shall not be required to submit an annual report nor be subject to Grand Council dues and assessments, except that in filing its first annual report the per capita and assessment shall apply to all Super-Excellent Masters greeted during the time the Council was under dispensation. The Grand Council may require payment of the per capita and assessment in case the dispensation is carried beyond the first annual assembly after such dispensation was granted, depending on the date of issuance.

Section 6, How fund are to be used

~~Such funds to be use for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, publishing membership material, purchase of new equipment for the Grand Recorder's office, refurbish the regalia of the Grand Officers, provide jewels and aprons for the Arch Deputies and pay expenses that incur from those endeavors, provided that such charges are approved by the Board of Directors.~~

ARTICLE XXI RITUAL REGULATIONS

Section 1, OWNERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION

(a) The esoteric work of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction is contained in the ritual which shall be published by, and remain the property of, the Grand Council. The Grand Recorder shall furnish each Council with six copies of the ritual as adopted by Grand council which shall be charged to the Master, who shall sign a receipt therefore. Each Grand Officer, each Past Grand Master and each Arch Deputy is also entitled to a copy of such ritual, upon signing a receipt therefore. The Grand Recorder shall maintain a sufficient supply of rituals to take care of new requirements and to replace worn out copies. (1998)

(b) Any member who is in good standing in a Council shall have the privilege of purchasing through the Recorder of his Council a Ritual for his own use. The Grand Recorder shall supply said Ritual at cost plus a reasonable handling charge.

Section 2, ANNUAL INVENTORY AND REPORT

~~— Each incoming Master, before being installed, shall inventory and account for the rituals assigned to his Council. His report on the same shall be made on the receipt form appended to the annual report to the Grand Recorder, which he shall sign. The annual report shall not be considered complete without this receipt.~~

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Section 2 3, LOST RITUALS

In case a Council shall lose a ritual thus committed to its charge, such Council shall make a written report to the Grand Recorder stating the facts and circumstances under which the loss occurred. This statement shall be certified and signed by the Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder under the seal of the council. ~~Except in cases where rituals have been destroyed by fire a deposit of two dollars shall also be required with the statement of loss and the request for replacement~~

A Council may take such disciplinary action as its members may decide with reference to an officer who loses his ritual through apparent carelessness.

Section 3 4, REPLACEMENT OF RITUALS

The Grand Recorder shall, at his discretion, replace worn out rituals which are returned to him as such; no charge shall be made for such replacements, nor for those reported destroyed by fire. ~~Replacement of other lost rituals shall not be made until the necessary deposit has been forwarded; such deposits shall be returned in case the lost ritual is later found and returned to the Grand Recorder.~~

Section 4 5, MASTER KEY (1992, 1996, 1999, 2001)

The Grand council shall maintain a Master Key, covering complete working of that portion of the Ritual which is designated by abbreviations and symbols.

Copies of the Master Key may be assigned to each of the Grand Officers, the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Grand Lecturer, Arch Deputies and the Recorders of each of the subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction.

The proper usage and safeguarding of the Master Key shall be the direct responsibility of those to whom the copies are assigned. Any copies not specifically assigned shall be kept in the Office of the Grand Recorder.

Where a vacancy or change occurs in connection with the office of any Grand Officer, the Grand Lecturer, Arch Deputy, or Recorder of a subordinate Council, the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall be responsible for the transfer of the Master Key assigned to the respective office. Upon the death of any Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officer or Arch Deputy the Master Key shall be returned to the Office of the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE XXII

CONSOLIDATION OF COUNCILS

Section 1, JUSTIFICATION

Conditions may arise in this jurisdiction wherein the best interests of the Cryptic Rite in general, and of certain Councils in particular, might be enhanced by the consolidation of two or more councils. This might well apply to those councils whose membership barely exceeds the constitutional requirements, to those located in near vicinity of another Council that can offer better advantages to prospective members, or to cases where the consolidation of two or more relatively small Councils might result in the creation of one strong council. Under such conditions, consolidation would be

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Section 3, RULES OF ORDER

The following rules shall apply when the Grand council is in session:

1. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing.
2. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without permission.
3. All questions of order are to be decided by the presiding officer.
4. When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and shall not be interrupted except upon a point of order.
5. When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to adjourn, lay on the table, definitely postpone, commit or to amend, and these motions take precedence in the order in which herein named.
6. Any member may call for a division of the question when the same will admit such division.
7. A motion that entirely changes the subject matter of the original motion shall not be entertained as an amendment to or substitute for the motion under debate.
8. No member, except one who voted with the majority, shall be allowed to move for a reconsideration. In this connection, a majority shall apply to the vote by which the question was first decided.
9. After a motion has been stated by the Most Illustrious Grand Master it has become the property of Grand Council, it may be withdrawn at any time previous to amendment or vote unless some member offers an objection to the withdrawal.
10. There shall be no debate upon any question until after it has been put by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.
11. All motions and resolutions shall be couched in respectful language.
12. When the Most Illustrious Grand Master is addressing the Grand Council, or a member is speaking on a question, they shall not be interrupted by other members talking or passing between the speaker and the chair.
13. ~~It~~ **If** any member shall be guilty of disorderly behavior, he shall be called to order for the first offense; for the second offense, he shall be reprimanded by the presiding officer; for continued offense, the Most Illustrious Grand Master shall suspend him from a seat in the Grand Council during the pleasure of the same.

**ARTICLE XXVI
MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1, CLOTHING (1998)

(a) All Officers, elected and appointed and all Arch Deputies attending Grand Council shall be clothed with the appropriate aprons and jewels furnished by Grand Council.

(b) All members attending an Assembly of Grand Council shall be clothed with the aprons furnished by Grand Council.

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Section 2, PAST OFFICERS' JEWELS

All Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters who have, by vote of the Grand Council received jewels, are required to wear them during their attendance at the Grand Council.

Section 3, COMMITTEES

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appoints all special committees of three **or more**. ~~Larger committees are appointed by order of the Grand Council.~~ A list of all committee so appointed will be furnished ~~the~~ **by** Most Illustrious Grand Master ~~by~~ **to** the Grand Recorder.

Section 4, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ~~COMPENSATION~~

The committees on Finance, Jurisprudence, Credentials, Obituaries and Condition of the Rite report at the ensuing Assembly of Grand Council. The duties of other committees terminate with the session, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Grand Council. ~~Committeemen appointed at one session and required to report at a subsequent session of the Grand Council shall receive one days per diem, provided that they shall not be paid both as such committeemen and as representatives or otherwise.~~

Section 5, RESOLUTION (1986)

WHEREAS: Several Illustrious and Most Illustrious companions have served this Grand council during their terms of office with fervency and zeal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Grand Assembly recognize these departed companions by contributing in the name of each, a monetary gift of \$25.00 each, to the General Grand council Medical research Foundation **or the Endowment Fund of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan**, with replies made to the widows of each; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this gesture become a policy of this Grand Council and that the Board of Directors be authorized to make such gifts, if and whenever such occasions occur in the future.

**ARTICLE XXVII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1, UPDATING

These By-Laws may be amended by a written resolution to that effect which

shall be filed with the Grand Recorder at least sixty days prior to the date of the ensuing Annual Assembly. Such a resolution may be presented by a constituent Council or by any member of the Grand Council. The Grand Recorder shall mail a copy of each such resolution to all of the constitutional ~~members~~ **Council Recorders** of this Grand council at least thirty days prior to the date of the ensuing Annual Assembly.

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Such resolutions shall be forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee by the Grand Recorder at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the ensuing Annual Assembly. The Jurisprudence Committee shall report on each resolution at the Annual Assembly.

If the resolution to amend is approved by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Council, it shall be declared adopted as of that date, unless otherwise specified. (1998)

Section 2, REPEAL OF PREVIOUS

All edicts or resolutions, and all by-laws and rules of order heretofore adopted by this Grand Council, inconsistent with this Manual on By-Laws are hereby repealed. Adopted May 1977.

ARTICLE XXVIII

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRINT
DISTRIBUTE
OWNERSHIP**

Section 1, AUTHORIZATION TO PRINT

The Grand Recorder shall have and shall exercise authority to print and distribute to all holders of the Grand Council Manual on By-Laws within a reasonable time following their adoption all amendments adopted by this Grand Council in Annual Assembly.

He shall cause the entire page involved by the amendment to be reprinted and place thereon the same page number as the original. If the amendment, added paragraph or new section should necessitate additional pages to be added, the extra pages shall also carry the same page number but with the added prefix (a), (b) etc.

All pages reprinted because of amendments, added sections or paragraphs shall also have printed at the bottom of the page and to the right of the page number, "REVISED (YEAR OF REVISION)".

EXAMPLE: "REVISED, 1977"

Section 2, DISTRIBUTION (1998)

The Grand Recorder shall distribute the ~~Manual on By-Laws~~ **Cryptic Law Book** as follows:

1. One to each Grand Officer and one to the Grand Marshal following his appointment.
2. One to each Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

3. One to each Arch Deputy.
4. Two to each constituent Council, one for the Thrice Illustrious Master and one for the Recorder.

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Each ~~Manual on By-Laws~~ **Cryptic Law Book** will be numbered and the Grand Recorder shall keep a record of their distribution.

Section 3, MAILING

The Grand Recorder shall mail to each holder of a ~~Manual on By-Laws~~ **Cryptic Law Book** all revised and reprinted pages caused by actions taken by Grand Council in Annual Assembly.

Section 4, RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of each holder of a ~~Manual on By-Laws~~ **Cryptic Law Book** to see that the revised or reprinted pages received from the Grand Recorder are properly placed in the ~~Manual on By-Laws~~ **Cryptic Law Book**.

Section 5, CONSIGNMENT

These By-Laws shall be out on consignment only and shall remain the property of Grand Council. Each recipient of a Manual will be held responsible for its safe keeping and its return to Grand Council when required. Any replacement of a Manual on By-Laws due to loss or destruction shall be at a cost of ~~Fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ **Twenty five dollars (\$25.00)**.

Section 6, OWNERSHIP

Any member of Grand Council or member of a constituent Council who should desire to own the Manual on By-Laws out-right may do so by purchasing same from the Grand Recorder at a cost to be determined by the Board of Directors of Grand Council.

ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEES

Section 1

The Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work shall be a standing Committee on Charity and shall have power to draw warrants on the Treasurer for a sum not to exceed _____dollars for the relief of any one member. Such action shall be reported to the council at its next stated assembly. Any requests for relief or charity in excess of _____dollars shall be presented to the Council for action at its next regular assembly.

Section 2

The Thrice Illustrious Master shall, immediately after his installation appoint the following standing committees who shall serve until their successors have been appointed:

- (1) A Committee on Finance consisting of three members (exclusive of the Deputy Master who may be an ex-officio member) ~~whose duty it shall be to examine and approve all bills and accounts against the Council prior to their presentation for payment.~~ This committee shall also be responsible for an audit of the books and accounts of the Council, as well as the annual reports of the Treasurer and Recorder, and report hereon not later than the stated assembly in ~~April~~ **December** of the current year.
- (2) A committee on Visitations whose duty it shall be to obtain information relative to all sick companions and to visit them for the purpose of rendering such care and attention as their cases require. The original Committee shall consist of three members; additional members may be detailed, if necessary, to share this fraternal duty.
- (3) An Entertainment Committee whose duty it shall be to provide suitable entertainment for social gatherings of the Council and to perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon them for the entertainment of the members and their guests. The Chairman shall select as many members as may be required to carry out the wishes of the Council.
- (4) A Dues Committee whose duties are prescribed in Article VI, Sec. 3 of

these By-Laws. This Committee shall consist of at least three members, the Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder shall serve as ex-officio members thereof.

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Section 2

It shall be the duty of the Recorder to mail a second notice not later than the stated assembly in February to those who are then in arrears; if still delinquent, a third notice shall be mailed on or before the stated assembly in April. These subsequent mailings shall be plainly marked "Second Notice" and "Third Notice" respectively and a copy of the following Section 3 enclosed therewith.

Section 3

The Recorder shall, at the stated assembly in May of each year, refer to the Dues Committee the names of all members whose dues are still unpaid. The Dues committee shall make a careful and complete investigation of each member referred to them and request such remission of dues as in their judgment is warranted, without mention of the names of the members involved. At the following stated Assembly in October, the Dues Committee shall offer a motion that those members whose dues have not been paid or remitted be declared under the penalty of "Membership in Abeyance": such a motion shall require a majority vote of the members present to be made effective. The members thus involved shall be mailed a notice to this effect and, if their dues are still unpaid by the stated Assembly in November, the Thrice Illustrious Master shall, at that time, declare said members indefinitely suspended for non-payment of dues.

(Section 3 above is obligatory as a part of the By-Laws of every Council and should be printed on the reverse of dues notices.)

Section 4

Members greeted during the year, including those otherwise admitted to membership, shall pay dues on a pro-rata basis, computed from the month in which membership is consummated.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES

Section 1

The Council shall, by resolution, designate the bank which shall act as depository for its General Fund and specify the signatures required on all checks, warrants, or other withdrawals.

Section 2

At the stated assembly in _____ (November or December must be selected) of each year, designated as the Annual Assembly, The Treasurer and Recorder shall submit **their books for examination at the** ~~a written annual report to the Council's Annual Assembly~~. The Treasurer's ~~report~~ **books** shall include a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements; ~~that of the Recorder's books~~ shall include an itemized statement of receipts by source, together with such

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other information as may be proper for the enlightenment of the Council. (1981)

ARTICLE VIII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1

The order of business at a stated assembly, unless otherwise specified by the Thrice Illustrious Master and approved by the members present shall be as follows:

- ~~— 1. Opening.~~
- ~~— 2. Reading and approval of minutes – stated and special assemblies.~~
- ~~— 3. Reading and referring of petitions (or nominations).~~
- ~~— 4. Receiving of reports of Committees on petitions.~~
- ~~— 5. Balloting on candidates or for admission.~~
- ~~— 6. Reports of standing or special committees.~~
- ~~— 7. Presentation of bills and accounts.~~
- ~~— 8. Presentation of communications~~
- ~~— 9. Disposing of such other business as may lawfully come before the Council.~~
- ~~— 10. Conferring of degrees.~~
- ~~— 11. Closing.~~

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Sick and Distressed**
- 4. Reading and approval of minutes (Stated and Special Assemblies)**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Reading and referring of petitions.**
- 7. Balloting on candidates for admission**
- 8. Reports of Standing Committees**
- 9. Presentation of Communications**
- 10. Presentation of Bills**
- 11. Disposing of such other business that may come before the Council.**
- 12. Conferring of degrees**
- 13. Closing**

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ARTICLE IX

COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The Recorder shall receive for the faithful performance of his duties such a sum of money as may be determined at the stated assembly in December, this to be applicable to the ensuing year. The manner of payment shall be specified in the motion covering the amount.

Section 2

Compensation for ~~the Sentinel, and or~~ Treasurer may be determined in the same manner as applicable to the Recorder. ~~(Sentinel or Treasurer)~~

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 1

These By-Laws may be amended by resolution in writing by any member for presentation at a stated assembly. Such a resolution shall be entered upon the minutes of that meeting and lie over until the next stated assembly. In the meantime the membership shall be notified as to which Article or Section thereof, is involved by the resolution, together with a statement as to what changes are proposed. The adoption of the resolution by the council shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present when the vote is taken; it shall not then be made effective until ~~two copies of the resolution~~ **on proper Grand Council forms (Amendment of By-laws and Certificate of Recorder)**, showing date presented and date approved, have been submitted to the Most Illustrious Grand Master and a copy returned with his approval of the same.

REGULATIONS FOR INSTITUTING

When the dispensation for the organization of a council under dispensation has been granted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master it shall be forwarded by the Grand Recorder to the companion named therein as its Thrice Illustrious Master, who will at once confer with the Grand Master and arrange for a suitable date for the institution of the new council. After the date of the meeting has been arranged the Thrice Illustrious Master shall notify each and every companion who petitioned for the dispensation of the date of such meeting.

The meeting for instituting the new council shall be presided over by the Most Illustrious Grand Master or his duly authorized proxy at which meeting any companion properly vouched for as a Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master in good standing may be present by invitation or permission of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of his proxy.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master or his proxy will then take his station as presiding officer and request the companions to be clothed, will order the officers to take their respective stations and they shall open a Council of Select Masters in regular form.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master or proxy will then cause the dispensation to be read to the companions, after which The Most Illustrious Grand Master will order the Recorder pro tem to copy the dispensation (unless it has been previously done) on the first page of the record book, which record the Thrice Illustrious Master shall certify to be correct, and no Council shall proceed to do any work or transact any business by virtue of such dispensation until the same is recorded as above provided.

The Thrice Illustrious Master will then appoint the remaining officers of the Council under dispensation, namely, a Treasurer, Recorder, Chaplain, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward, Marshal, and Sentinel and cause a proper record (there of) to be made also in the book of records of the Council.

A Council under dispensation can adopt a set of By-Laws, which must follow the suggested form on Model By-Laws for Councils as found ~~on pages 71 through 75 in this Manual on By-Laws~~ **Cryptic Law Book**. These By-Laws must be approved by **the Most Illustrious Grand Master and a copy returned the Recorder of the Council.** ~~Grand Council only and can only be approved when the Grand council is in Annual~~

~~Assembly and the question of granting the charter to the Council has been approved.~~

A Council under dispensation, by majority vote of its members **as part of their By-laws**, may fix the day and hour of its assemblies, and which assembly in the lunar month shall be its stated, to designate its choice in either November or December as its annual

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assembly, the amount of dues to be paid by each member, and its fees for the degrees. Provided, it shall not confer the three degrees for less than twenty dollars (\$20.00), and the dues are not less than one dollar (\$1.00) in addition to the Per-Capita or special assessment as levied by the authority of Grand Council. (1983)

A Council under dispensation is authorized by its dispensation to admit and ~~make~~ **confer the degrees of** Royal Masters, Select Masters, and Super Excellent Masters. ~~It~~ **They** can also admit to membership, members by Certificates of Transfer and affiliation by Demit. ~~It~~ **They** must however have greeted as Super Excellent Masters at least ~~eighteen (18)~~ **nine (9)** Companions before applying for a Charter.

A Council under dispensation has three years (3) to meet this requirement from the date the Council under dispensation was first reported to Grand Council.

The personal and territorial jurisdiction of a Council under dispensation shall be in all respects like that of any chartered Council in this jurisdiction.

In receiving, referring and balloting on petitions for degrees, or for membership, a Council under dispensation shall observe the rules and regulations enacted by the Grand Council for the government of chartered Councils.

The duties of the officers of a Council under dispensation are such as are required by Masonic usages and Grand Council regulations of the officers of a chartered Council, so far as the same does not conflict with the provisions of these regulations.

A Council under dispensation is not required to pay to the Grand Council any dues. It is required however to pay to the Grand Recorder a fee of ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~ **four dollars (\$4.00)** on each Super Excellent Master greeted during the time the Council was under dispensation.

The Thrice Illustrious Master or the legal representative of the Council under dispensation will be admitted to a seat in Grand council but not to membership. While he cannot vote, ~~the representative will be entitled to the same per diem as received by Chartered Council delegates at the Annual Assembly at which the charter for the Council under dispensation is being considered.~~

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Amendment No. 1 was then brought forward for the second reading. The Jurisprudence Committee reported that Amendment No. 1 was in proper form and proper order. A two thirds ballot was necessary for approval. A total of seventy-one (71) ballots were cast, sixty-five (65) were for and five (5) against, with one (1) spoiled ballot. Acting Most Illustrious Companion, David G. Boring, then declared Amendment No. 1 having passed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Changes to the Cryptic Law Book

The Following change to Grand Council Law is hereby Submitted;

Amend Article XIV

Section 3

Business

As now reads in pertinent part:

A Council may, at a stated or special assemblies held for the transaction of business only, consider and transact business jointly with Chapters and/or Commanderies domiciled at the same location, called joint meetings. Joint stated meetings may be opened on a rotating basis by one of the two or three York Rite Bodies, in accordance with their ritual. The presiding officer of the council will declare the council open on the Select Master degree for the transaction of business, when opened in ritualistic form by another body, and take a seat in the East with the opening presiding officer.

The presiding officer who opens that month, and his corps of officers, will run the stated meeting of the York Rite. When a matter relative to only one of the bodies comes to the floor, the presiding officer of that body assumes control of the discussion and calls for the ballot, etc. Otherwise, all correspondence is read only once and all business voted on only once. The joint meeting is closed in accordance with the ritual of the opening body.

(a) All business of a Council (not participating in joint stated meetings) shall be transacted at a stated assembly which has been regularly opened in the Select Masters degree; a Council, not participating in joint stated meetings, cannot be declared open or closed, it shall be done according to the ritual.

Amend above section to read;

All business of a Council shall be transacted at a stated assembly which has been regularly opened in the Select Master degree.

Reason:

This section of the law has not been followed. It has been used as an excuse to not learn how to open and close a council in proper form. When opening in the Select Master degree is the school of instruction and evaluation, many cannot open or close correctly with an open printed out ritual. The Councils that meet at the same time as chapters open, conduct business and close separately in an hour. The work of both bodies has become deplorable.

Submitted by:
Stephen R. Striggow PMIGM
Robert O. Troutman PMIGM
Robert E. Cooper PTIM
Larry A. Inscho PTIM

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Amendment No. 2 was then brought forward for the second reading. The Jurisprudence Committee reported that Amendment No. 2 was in proper form and proper order. A two thirds ballot was necessary for approval. A total of seventy-six (76) ballots were cast, sixty-six (66) were for and nine (9) against, with one (1) spoiled ballot. Acting Most Illustrious Companion, David G. Boring, then declared Amendment No. 2 having passed.

Report of the Membership Committee

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The committee has examined the membership status and has found that roughly 10% of all Michigan Masons are Royal Arch Masons, but less than half of all Chapter members are also Council members.

Grand Council is now in the second year of a 5 year plan, part of which is to increase the enthusiasm to enhance the York Rite experience by encouraging all RAM Companions to complete the journey of “more light” by acquiring the full allegory of Hiram Abiff.

A 3 part petition is available to all potential York Rite candidates to give the opportunity and visibility of receiving the degrees and orders of all 3 bodies (RAM, R&SM & KT) while the excitement of joining the York Rite family of Masons is at its apex.

With Attention being paid by top line signers to impress upon potential candidates the importance of the Cryptic Degrees and not glossing over it, the candidate may revisit his decision to skip over Council and be more receptive to obtaining the lessons to be garnered therein.

With the future of the health of our councils depending upon what awareness and actions are taken today, we can most assuredly entertain great expectations of a stronger and more vibrant Council presence in Michigan!

Respectfully submitted,
Edward James, RIGPCW, Chairman
David Seyferth, RIGCG
Gary Paquet, IGCC

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

There has been no Charters or Dispensations referred to the committee.

Respectfully Submitted
Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman
Philip C. Smith
Donald L. Himes, PMIGM

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council:

Your Historical Committee will have THE FIRST FIFTY (50) YEARS AND THE SECOND ONE HUNDRED YEARS of Cryptic masonry available to the Companion at the 156th Annual Assembly on August 21, 2014 or through the office of the Grand Recorder.

This book is a must for your Masonic Library and for future reference. Be sure to get one before they run out, as did the First Hundred Years. The committee will continue to up-date this historical book for the next printing.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald L. Himes, PMIGM
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Ernest Berry, PMIGM

Report of the Endowment Committee

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The financial data relating to the holdings of the Endowment is included in the Grand Treasurer's Report.

The Committee has examined the Endowment and finds that there has been a noticeable number of companions making their much appreciated financial contributions. However, not as many companions as could be are taking an active roll in supporting the fund which, in the long run, is in their best interest to do so. Since the Fund is designed to help offset the expenses of the Grand Council when necessary, it is important to realize that in supporting this fund the effect is two fold: Insuring that the fund grows and that enough funds are available when needed.

Supporting the fund also means lower per-capita for all the companions involved and may delay the need for any near future increases. It would be a wise investment in our future as well as for the companions who follow to take advantage of the check-off box on the dues notice which affords an opportunity for a donation to be made to the fund.

That being said, a sincere thank you goes out to all the companions and constituent councils who gave generously this year. It is hoped that the companions continue contributing within their ability to do so and that Cryptic Masonry in Michigan remains steadfast for many years to come!

Respectfully submitted,
Edward James, RIGPCW, Chairperson
Ryan J. Groat, IGM

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FOUNDATION

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Grand Council continues its tradition of supporting the Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Grand Worthy Advisor and State Master Councilor of our State Youth with a small monetary contribution. Also with the presence of the Grand Council Officers at many of the youth functions on both the State and Local level.

We would like to encourage ALL Cryptic Masons to visit and support our three Masonic Youth Groups.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, PMIGM, Chairman
James E. Hawn, PTIM
Edward J. Chezick, TIM #8

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Report of the Committee on the Condition of the Rite

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Committee has examined the condition of the Rite and we find that the percentages offered in last year's report, unfortunately, remain virtually unchanged. There are still a large number of Royal Arch Masons within our jurisdiction who have not partaken of all the opportunities offered them in regards to completing the journey of "more light" by not fully receiving all of the allegory of Hiram Abiff.

Continuing to strive to impress upon our membership the importance of receiving all of the degrees in the York Rite, should be paramount to all who top line sign a petition for someone being recommended for the Chapter Degrees. Understanding the preservation of the word only enhances the experience of it's discovery.

Once again, during our Officer's retreat in March of 2014, the Grand Council Officers reviewed the well-being of all the constituent councils. As has been the case in the past, we find that a large number of Councils are doing well and flourishing while others continue struggling with financial and membership issues. None the less, much to their credit, they continue to persevere for they know the importance and beauty associated with our degrees.

Continuing and building ever stronger the relationship and bond with all the York Rite bodies is most assuredly our best avenue for a successful resurgence, not just in membership numbers, but in the spirit of our commitment to what we stand for; Fidelity to our vows as Masons and citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward James, RIGPCW, Chairman
David G. Boring, RIDGM
Gary L. Paquet, IGCOG

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting requests your presence at the Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions, which will be held jointly with the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan.

The Michigan Grand York Rite Committee cordially extends an invitation to hold the One Hundred Fifty Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan on August 20, 2015, at the Doubletree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City,

Michigan 48708. The Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions will be held from August 18 through August 22, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, PMIGM, Chairman
Larry A. Inscho, PTIM
Harry A. Walbridge, PTIM

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**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

2014 is the year of the Triennial in Buffalo, New York on Sept. 29, 2014. The Grand Council of Michigan will open the Assembly in honor of our dear Companion, George Sellars. We also will take charge of the Hospitality Room for the sessions. There are many activities planned and places to go & see. There is also quite a bit of business for the Assembly to transact before the new General Grand Officers are elected and installed.

In February, the East Central Regional Conference was held in Lansing, Michigan. The program was interesting and educational. All had a good time. Many thanks to the Grand Officers of Michigan who provided hospitality.

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman
Jerry C. Townsend, PMIGM
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The committee on Public Relations took Photographs of the 2013 Session of the Grand Council and distributed them to the Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted:
Wayne E Caruss, Chairman

Duane V. Todd
Robert C. Greenwood

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The committee on Appeals and Grievances is pleased to report that no appeals or grievances were received during the past Cryptic year. This is indicative of the peace and harmony that prevailed throughout the Grand Council of Michigan under the leadership of Most Illustrious Grand Master Bart A. Porter.

Respectively submitted,
David G. Boring, RIDGM
William H. Ford, IGS

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation may be the most important philanthropy Freemasonry donates to, if not, it must be among the most important. The nature of the donations, which fund initial and foundational research means Cryptic Masons fund cutting-edge vascular research that would otherwise not be done.

The Chairman of this committee had the opportunity, by invitation of Most Illustrious Companion Gary Wyne, Executive Director of the Foundation, to attend an all-day presentation by Keith March, M.D., Ph.D. and his team of researchers at Indiana University Medical Center. The attendees had an opportunity to meet the researchers who were benefitting from these funds and to hear presentations about their past and current projects. The one thing taken away from this amazing experience is there is no way to understand how important and vast an area this research covers.

Vascular health affects practically every aspect of life. The wide range of benefits is amazing and anyone who becomes aware of the profound advances CMMRF has initiated cannot help to be touched by the experience.

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Unfortunately, our statewide contributions average less than \$2000 yearly. This works out to, even in good years, less than \$1.50 per capita. This cannot be a reflection of the good nature and warm hearts of Cryptic Masons in Michigan. Every place a presentation was given, the collections reflected generous and heart-felt giving. We collected \$300.00 at St. Ignace in September and \$328.00 at Pontiac in June.

The task is to package the information about CMMRF in the most impactful way. We suggest a series of communications relating individual results of the research would keep this important work in front of our members' eyes and appropriately dramatize the impact of our contributions. While CMMRF seems worthy of significant individual donations, even raising the per capita giving to \$5.00 yearly would be immediately attainable and more than triple our statewide contribution.

Respectfully Submitted
David L. Seyferth, IGCG, Chairman
Ryan J. Groat, IGS
Wayne E. Caruss

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, Companions of the Grand Council:

As we continue the work of this 156th. Annual Assembly, let us continue to be eternally grateful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his blessings bestowed upon us as a great Masonic family. Yet, the All Powerful Hand of our Supreme Grand Master has moved in the manner that we are all too familiar with. "As it is appointed unto man once to die" we realize the great sorrow that has made its presence known to many of our Companions this past year through the loss of loved ones by death.

In the Holy Bible - the New Testament, it is written in 2nd. Timothy, Chapter 4, Vs. 7 and 8, "I

have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Henceforth there is laid up for me a "crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me" at that day. Our Grand Council Family has suffered the loss of a highly esteemed and Most Worthy Brother since we last met. Sadly we report the loss of:

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Bart Allen Porter

**Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons
of Michigan**

Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master

August 15, 2013

Presided: To his death on June 5, 2014

Most Illustrious Companion Bart Allen Porter, age 54, of Owosso, Michigan, passed away on June 5, 2014 at his home after a long illness. Born October 23, 1959 he grew up in Owosso, graduating from Owosso high School and soon thereafter Lansing Community College. After college he soon affiliated with Freemasonry. Most illustrious Companion Bart presided over all the York Rite Bodies of Masonry including Flint York Rite College No. 5. He was elected into the Officers Line of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and eventually installed Most Illustrious Grand Master on August 15, 2013 in Lansing, Michigan. His other Masonic affiliations include a Member of Michigan Priory No. 22 K.Y.C.H. past President Shiawassee County Masonic Association, Director of the Owosso Scottish Rite Club, member and actively involved in the Valley of Bay City A.A.S.R. wherein he was coroneted a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, only one of twelve such other awards in all of Shiawassee County. He was also a member of Elf Kurafeh Temple Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. Being employed in the construction business for over thirty years, he managed to equally share quality time with his family, his love of the Masonic fraternity and serving his church. Brother Bart leaves behind his Lady Jozette, his four children, several grand children and many other loving family and friends. Brother Bart was laid to rest at the St. Mary's Cemetery of Owosso, Michigan. Well done good and faithful servant, enter Thou into the Joy of Thy Lord.

Robert R. Smith

**Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan**

1995

Brother Robert R. Smith passed away on March 25, 2014 in Florida after a long illness. Illustrious Companion Robert served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Lansing Council No. 29 and Sunrise Council No. 93, a total of seven time between the two Councils. He also presided over all the York Rite Bodies of Masonry and was a Member of Michigan Priory No. 22 K.Y.C.H.

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brother Robert is a Past State President of the Michigan State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, Past International President of International high Twelve International and was serving as State Secretary of the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs at the time of his passing. Both he and Lady Doris were strong supporters of the Youth Groups in and around the Lansing Area when she was in better health. Brother Robert was preceded in death by his Lady Doris

The Michigan Constituent Council Recorders have reported a total of fifty two (52) Companions who have answered the call of our Supreme Grand Master this past year. May each of those faithful and dedicated Cryptic Masons, along with those who have passed away from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions find their eternal rest at the Right Hand of The Father while we bid them a fond farewell. Well done good and faithful servants, enter thou into the Joy of Thy Lord.

PRAYER

Let us pray:

Our Father, we know that Thy Spirit has been with us during this memorial tribute, and we pray that Thy presence may go with us as we continue our deliberations in token of our esteem for our absent brethren.

May Thy comfort and Thy love touch each one here, and may the broad mantle of Thy protecting care shield us and keep us ever safe.

Bless us and keep us steadfast in all those virtues we so admired in our brethren whom Thou hast called and make us the instruments of Thy will, that brotherly love and peace may pervade Thy entire universe.

Amen

Respectfully submitted:
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM, Chairman

Gordon J. Karlake, PMIGM
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM

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REPORT OF THE YORK RITE COOPERATION COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The York Rite Cooperation Committee has continued to work closely with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar to bring together a more unified York Rite. This has been accomplished through open dialogue between our respective leaders regarding all degree days, the use of websites for purposes of scheduling events and the Grand Council's continued support of contributing articles in the Michigan Triple Tau Magazine. To date, eight articles have been submitted for publication this Cryptic year. Topics range from "Cleaning Out the Garage, Crowdfunding, and The Steakhouse to I Find Them to be Three Times Nine and Illustrated in the Lives of the Founders of this Degree an historical accounting of our founders as portrayed in the bible.

This year also found several opportunities for us to work together and function as a unified York Rite. In March we were able to participate in two Seven Degree Days, one in Flint/Saginaw and the other in Grand Rapids. One of the big highlights was the 700th anniversary of the Martyrdom of Jacques DeMolay. This event was held in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery No. 1 on March 14, 2014. In attendance was the Most Worshipful Grand Master Raymond Lemons, Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Keifer, Right Eminent Grand Commander Howard Crumit Jr. and representing Most Illustrious Grand Master Bart Porter was Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master David Boring. Now, you can't get much more unified than that. It was a great sight to behold and one we hope we can see again in the near future.

In addition to those events already mentioned, fraternal cooperation was exhibited by the Grand Officers of Chapter, Council and Commandery at the Livingston and Straits Area Council Three Degree Days, East Central Conference, Strawberry Festival and who could forget our annual You-per Council. This year was extra special as the PMIGM and current Grand Master of Michigan, William E. LeVeque, was the presiding officer. As this was his reception dinner, not only was the York Rite well represented, but dignitaries from all aspects of Masonry came to participate in this wonderful event.

Through these efforts we will continue to grow as a York Rite. Our fraternity is strong, but when we work together and combine our talents we flourish. There is hardly anything more gratifying as a Mason than to hear from a new Brother, Companion or Sir Knight, words of praise or thanks when he has just received a great Degree or Order; when his face lights up and "gets" the further light in Masonry. Lets continue to work together to make this organization one to be proud of.

Respectfully Submitted:
Gary L. Paquet, IGCC, Chairman

Edward P. James, RIGPCW
Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM

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REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

*To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and
Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:*

Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan.

This report is one I am not pleased to write. Over the past year there is a noticeable deterioration in the proficiency of the Officers in the Councils of Michigan. There were many encouraging signs in the last several years, however the trend has seemed to be the opposite this year. In some cases it is because of new companions getting involved, and in others it is because of the declaring open of Council instead of opening in full form. I find it very regrettable that Councils cannot spend another 15 minutes to open and close their Councils in full form each meeting. The more it is done in full form the faster it goes because you have an idea what you are doing. I have attended some Councils that have no clue how to open even with the printed out ritual. I have been told they opened in Council the previous month so they will be opening in Chapter. When the minutes of the previous meeting are read they say they opened in Chapter and declared Council open. How can we expect the new companions to become involved when no one seems to care in the first place. Companions we need to get back to having pride in our in our work and not be doing the least amount to get by.

The above paragraph was written for the report ***last Year!*** It is even more true today. The schools, and evaluation grading, was heavily weighted toward the opening and closing. We had several Councils that didn't even take the time to find out what page the opening was on let alone memorize it. It is disappointing when the TIM asks the page number the opening is found on. You know who you are so I am not going to put scores in this report.

To the Councils that take the time to learn their work in the opening and closing, keep up the good work.

I strongly suggest each council or the councils in an Arch come together and form a degree Team, and at least put on the Royal Master Degree. Give your Council something to be proud of.

The Arch Deputies and I are more than willing to help in any way necessary.

Respectfully submitted;
Stephen R. Striggow PMIGM
Grand Lecturer

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Report of the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

This year in Grand Council has been a challenging one for me, as my travels to the Dias has been a short one, as was my predecessor. My opportunities included chairing 4 committees; Condition of the Right, Endowment, Membership as well as the Cast Director for the SEM Degree Team. I also had the privilege of serving as Arch Deputy for District 10 as well as a sub for District 8. My experience while working with these Councils has shown me that great camaraderie exists amongst the companions and an eagerness to complete the story of Hiram Abiff, which only the Council Degrees can offer.

While there is much work to be done and many challenges yet to face, I have faith that all the companions will endeavor to continue their zeal for the craft and that the difficulties and burdens that faces them in everyday life will weigh less upon them because of the lessons learned in Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Grand Officers, especially MIGM Bart Porter for their support and guidance this past year, and look forward to a successful year in 2015 for the Grand Council and all the Companions.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward James, RIGPCW

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS AND PUBLICATION OF
CRYPTIC LAW**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

Companions of Michigan,

Your Committee on Revisions and Publications of Cryptic Law has completed the task assigned to it.

The assignment was to have the Cryptic Law Book in electronic form and updated to be approved at this session. It was put into electronic form and some housekeeping issues will be voted on at this Grand Council Session.

If approved the members of the Grand Council will have complete access to the most up to date Cryptic Law. It will be easier to make updates and get them distributed to the Companions of Michigan.

The members of this committee thank the Grand Council of Michigan for allowing them to serve this Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted;
Stephen R. Striggow PMIGM Chairman
Anthony M. Chamberlin PMIGM
Robert O. Troutman PMIGM

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were duly elected for the year 2014-2015:

Most Illustrious Grand Master:

David G. Boring (8)

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master:

Edward P. James (10)

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work:

David L. Seyferth (54)

Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer:

Brian K. Himes, PMIGM

Right Illustrious Grand Recorder:

Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM

Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

Gary L. Paquet (59)

Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect, David G. Boring appointed the following Officers:

Illustrious Grand Chaplain; Terry G. Baker, PMIGM

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council: Ryan J. Groat (30)

Illustrious Grand Steward: David A. Roberts (1)

Illustrious Grand Marshal: Corey F. Curtiss (86)

Illustrious Grand Sentinel: William H. Ford (92)

Illustrious Grand Lecture: Stephen R. Striggow, PMIGM

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ARCH DEPUTIES FOR 2014-2015

Gene E. Newman
Darel W. Winslow
Philip C. Smith
Wayne E. Caruss
Ronald B. Blaisdell, PMIGM
Larry A. Inscho
John A. Fossler
William H. Ford
Harley D. Ridgeway

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The following Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters were selected as the Grand Installing Officers:

Installing Grand Master: Brian K. Himes, PMIGM
Installing Grand Chaplain: Dwight A. Humm, PMIGM
Installing Grand Recorder: Kenney L. Lenfestey, PMIGM
Installing Grand Marshal: Stephen R. Striggow, PMIGM

Following the obligation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Kenneth D. Chandler's wife, Vera, then presented Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring with Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Chandler's Apron.

After the remaining Grand Officers were installed, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Brian K. Himes installed the Grand Lecturer, Stephen R. Striggow, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Arch Deputies for 2014-2015.

AWARDS

The Awards were presented at the York Rite Banquet on Thursday evening.

The Adult Youth Leadership Award was presented by Right Puissant Companion, Ronald W. Guthrie, Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International to Ronald J. Johnson. The Cryptic Mason of the Year was presented to Robert Daniel Resse from Pontiac Council No. 3.

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The Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year Award was presented to Leonard A. Boss from Straits Area Council No. 92.

The Recorder of the Year Award was presented to Robert A. Schaeffer from George Hill Council No. 85.

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1977 - Robert S. Grieves*	Monroe	1
1978 - Lucian F. Hunt*	Marquette	72
1979 - Howard G. Branch*	Kalamazoo	63
1980 - W. Wallace Wilson *	Niles	19
1981 - David S. Willson*	Muskegon	54
1982 - Fred G. Catrell*	Livingston	73
1983 - Elmer Harpst*	George Hill	85
1984 - Howard C. Bedell*	Inverness	60
1985 - John 1. Dull*	Bedford	91
1986 - Earl C. Quackenbush*	Ann Arbor	86
1987 - Carl H. Cull*	Flint	56
1988 - Albert F. Cronheim*	Tyre	10
1989 - Harley B. Kinne*	Grand Ledge	62
1990 - Schuyler A. Erickson*	Niles	19
1991 - Masao Kon*	Ann Arbor	86
1992 - David H. Ahearn	Inverness	60
1993 - Randy C. Richardson*	Mt. Clemens	8
1994 - Ernest C. Folkmire*	Mt. Clemens	8
1995 - William R. Cook*	Inverness	60
1996 - Terence J. Donegan*	Saginaw	20
1997 - Paul A. Duke*	Mt. Clemens	8
1998 - Robert 1. Vesey	River Raisin	4
1999 - Duane V. Todd	George Hill	85
2000 - William E. Coleman*	Muskegon	54
2001 - Bart A. Porter..	Durand	38
2002 - Fred W. Deady, Jr.*	Tyre	10
2003 - Donald L. Crist *	Darius	75

2004 - Laurel J. Moffit *	Durand 38
2005 - Howard Carpenter*	Straits Area 92
2006 - Philip C. Smith	Durand 38
2007 - Thomas J. Myers	Durand 38
2008 - Wayne E. Caruss	Grand Ledge 62
2009 - Robert C. Greenwood	Mt. Clemens 8
2010 - Arthur F. Girard	Monroe 1
2011 - William H. Ford	Straits Area 91
2012 - Richard E. James	Saginaw 20
2013 - John E. Nelson	Pontiac 3
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD

1984 - Russell Helmer, Jr.	Flint 56
1985 - John K. Gale*	Union 11
1986 - Milton D. Olson*	Zabud 9
1987 - Robert B. Wardell*	River Raisin 4
1988 - Eric Nyman	Hiawatha 65
1989 - Nils Jay Larson*	Inverness 60
1990 - Frank E. Russell*	Ann Arbor 86
1991 - Albert Pontious*	Pontiac 3
1992 - Earle W. Mott*	Monroe 1
1993 - Lenzy R. Lewis	Flint 56
1994 - Roland B. Birch*	Saginaw 20
1995 - Kenneth E. Smiley	Lansing 29
1996 - Vernon T. Barnhart	Grand Ledge 62
1997 - John A. Jackson	Monroe 1
1998 - Armand Cote	Marine City 59
1999 - Ms. Jo Neil Shaw	G.G.
2000 - Peter Scholtz	A.G.G.
2001 - Benjamin R. Johnson*	Livingston 73
2002 - Deborah Lawrence	Supreme Deputy Rainbow
2003 - Bill Wilder	Grand Secretary Job's Daughters
2004 - Michael D. Zirkle	Saginaw 20
2005 - Larry M. Dillon	Exe, Officer, DeMolay
2006 - Lisa & Chris Standhart	Job's Daughters
2007 - Patricia Collier	All Youth Groups
2008 - Hazel Chapman	All Youth Groups
2009 - Robert C. Kogelschatz	Marine City 59
2010 - Wayne A. Hacker	Roseville DeMolay
2011 - Maureen K. Riley	Rainbow for Girls in MI
2012 - William E. LeVeque	All Youth Groups
2013 - David D. Hutton	Monroe 1

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

1988 - Roy E. McConnell	Cadillac 70
1989 - George 1. Rutherford*	Durand 38
1990 - Henry F. Schroeder, III	Marine City 59
1991 - Herbert Glassmeyer*	Northville 30
1992 - Shirley W. Curtis	Marine City 59
1993 - James J. Vann, Sr.	River Raisin 4
1994 - Aubrey W. Carless	Hiawatha 65
1995 - Lanier M. DeLind*	Williamston 64

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1996 - Frank A MacWhirter.*	Mt. Clemens 8
1997 - Thomas F. Schultz	Muskegon 54
1998 - Corbin P. Elliott.	Monroe 1
1999 - Mark Schnesk*	Hiawatha 65
2000 - Jeffrey W. Sloboda	Tyre 10
2001 - Anthony M. Chamberlin	Marine City 59
2002 - Howard Carpenter*	Straits Area 92
2003 - John T. Updike	River Raisin 4
2004 - Robert W. Trussell	Mt. Clemens 8
2005 - Louis R. Cole	Pontiac 3
2006 - Jerry Ritzert	Straits Area 92
2007 - Ivan L. Fletcher	Monroe 1
2008 - Robert E. Cooper	Tyre 10
2009 - Robert J. Siekman	Cadillac 70
2010 - John A. Ames	Mt. Clemens 8
2011 - Edward P. James	Tyre 10
2012 - Ronald W. Tamlyn	Straits Area 92

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

1988 - Robert E. Kerr*	Cass City 90
1989 - Glen M. Smith*	Grand Ledge 62
1990 - Brian K. Himes	Mt. Clemens 8
1991 - Laurel J. Moffit*	Durand 38
1992 - Hugh A. Homer	Sault Ste. Marie 69
1993 - Ernest R. Gartz*	Northville 30
1994 - Charles W. Ridoutt*	Muskegon 54
1995 - William E. Le Veque	Marquette 72
1996 - Dwight A. Humm	Saginaw 20
1997 - James P. Henry*	Albion 57
1998 - James T. McKnight*	Muskegon 54
1999 - Raymond Parker, Jr.*	Nile 19
2000 - Donald B. Whitener.	Flint 56
2001 - Raymond E. King *.....	Monroe 1

2002 - Kay L. YeagerRiver Raisin 4
 2003 - George W.H. LyonsPontiac 3
 2004 - Timothy C. ForcheLeslie 50
 2005 - William N. StockerCass City 90
 2006 - William H. FordStraits Area 92
 2007 - Duane E. Warner *Kalamazoo 63

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2008 - George E. Maule Hiawatha 65
 2009 - George K. Summey Nebuzaradan 6
 2010 - Louis D. Scott Livingston 73
 2011 - Cortland C. Rule Adrian 18
 2012 - Arthur F. Girard Monroe 1
 *Deceased

**STANDING COMMITTEES
 2013-2014**

FINANCE

David G. Boring, (Ch)
 Fred R. Jex (59)
 Edward P. James

JURISPUDENCE

Stephen R. Striggow, (Ch)
 Warren A. Caruss
 William A. Siebert

CONDITION OF THE RITE

Edward P. James, (Ch)
 David G. Boring
 Gary L. Paquet

CREDENTIALS

Anthony M. Chamberlin, (Ch)
 Bernard C. Kirchoff, (59)
 Steve J. Eliopoulos, (8)

OBITUARY

Terry G. Baker, (Ch)
 Gordon J. Karlake
 George W. H. Lyons

HISTORICAL

Donald L. Himes, (Ch)
 Anthony M. Chamberlin
 Ernest Berry

YORK RITE COOPERATION

Gary L. Paquet, (Ch)
 Edward P. James
 Robert O. Troutman

CMMRF

Warren A. Caruss, (Ch)
 Ryan J. Groat
 Wayne E. Caruss

REVISIONS & PUBLICATION

OF CRYPTIC LAW

Stephen R. Striggow, (Ch)
Robert O. Troutman
Anthony M. Chamberlin

YOUTH FOUNDATION

Brian K. Himes, (Ch)
Edward J. Chezick (8)
Philip C. Smith

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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

Warren A. Caruss, (Ch)
Donald L. Himes
Anthony M. Chamberlin

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Wayne E. Caruss, (Ch)
Robert C. Greenwood (8)
Duane V. Todd (85)

ENDOWMENT

Edward P. James, (Ch)
Ryan J. Groat

CAST DIRECTOR

Edward P. James, (Ch)
George W. H. Lyons

MEMBERSHIP

Edward P. James, (Ch)
Gary L. Paquet
David L. Seyferth

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

Edward J. Chezick, (Ch)

PINS (LAPEL)

Harlayne U'Ren

WEBSITE

Robert O. Troutman

ALL DEGREE DAYS

Stephen R. Striggow, (Ch.)
Timothy C. Forche

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan:

It has been our pleasure to have attending the One Hundred and Fifty-Sixth Annual Assembly several Most Illustrious Companions of Sister Jurisdictions and Honored Guests and it has been a custom of this Grand Council to grant Honorary Memberships, I therefore move that the following Most Illustrious Companions of Sister Jurisdictions and Honored Guests be made Honorary Members of this Grand Council:

Right Puissant Companion, Ronald W. Guthrie
General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Most Illustrious Companion, Paul E. Wenning
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana

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Most Illustrious Companion, Robert K. Rhinehart
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Ohio

The motion was then 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried. Certificates were then presented to each Companion.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
RESOLUTION AND THANKS**

*To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of
the Grand Council of Michigan:*

Your Committee on Resolution and Thanks respectfully submits the following report:

1. To the Grand York Rite Committee, thank you for making the 156th Annual Assembly a memorable event.
2. To the Distinguished Guests, we sincerely hope that you have enjoyed your stay here in Grand Rapids, and wish you a safe journey home. It was a pleasure having you join with us in our 156th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.
3. To our Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, David G. Boring, and lady Jill we thank you for keeping in touch with Most Illustrious Grand Master Bart A. Porter and carrying out his directions and on his death stepping forward and led this Grand Council with great skill and ability. We know that your year as Most Illustrious Grand Master will be a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM
Arthur F. Girard, (1)

Most Illustrious Companion Troutman then moved that the report be received and printed in the Annual Proceedings, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtis, carried.

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ELECTION OF FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

This year with the resignation of Companion Fred R. Jex and Illustrious Companion Emmett W. Mills there will be three Companions to be elected to the Foundation Endowment Trustees. The balance of the term for Illustrious Companion Emmett W. Mills, two (2) years; Companion Michael McNabb was nominated and elected. The balance of Companion Fred R. Jex term, four (4) years; Vernon T. Barnhart was nominated and elected. The five year term, nominations were then opened. Illustrious Companions; Daniel Stewart and Gene Hoisington were nominated, ballots were cast and Illustrious Companion Daniel Stewart was elected to serve the five (5) year term as Foundation Endowment Trustees.

**FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES
2014-2015**

- 5 Years** Daniel Stewart
1671 Cornerstone
Muskegon, MI. 49445
(231) 343-1918
E-mail: mallets4hire@yahoo.com
- 4 Years** Vernon T. Barnhart
9617 Riverside Dr.
Grand Ledge, MI. 48837-9298
(517) 626-2215
E-mail: vbarnhart@yahoo.com
- 3 Years** Wayne E. Caruss
222 W. Quincy St.
Dimondale, MI. 48821-9555
(517) 646-0069
E-mail: waynec@acd.net
- 2 Years** Michael McNabb
116415 Lakeside Trl.
Shepherd, MI. 48883
(989) 444-8723
E-mail: arlyjay@aol.com

1 Years Howard H. Crumit Jr.
1989 Long Lake Shores Ave.
Bloomfield Hills, MI. 48302
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Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master

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Finance Chairman

Wayne E. Caruss
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E-mail: wynec@adc.net

Grand Treasurer

Brian K. Himes
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2014 YORK RITE GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

The Annual York Rite Golf Outing at the Gladwin Heights Golf Club in Gladwin was held on Sunday, August 3, 2014. Due to scheduling conflicts with other Masonic organizations, the number of golfers was down significantly, with only 20 golfers on 5 teams. Our tee time was delayed about ½ hour as there was another group scheduled ahead of us and their time was set back because of dense fog. The fog was so heavy in spots, you could not see 100 yards, let alone see the greens. By a little after 10:00 AM the fog was pretty well burned off by the sun, and the other group started on the front nine. Shortly after their team on hole #1 was away, the course allowed us a shotgun start on #1 and the last three holes of the back nine. The weather continued to improve through the morning and it turned out to be another great day for golf. Although we had fewer golfers than in the past, due to a big increase banner sales, our net profit was up to what I believe is a new record.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place Team: Loren and Gail Winn, Shirley Melby and Pete Roback
Longest Drive: (Men) none entered
Longest Drive: (Women) Gail Winn
Closest to the pin: Gail Winn
Challenge Hole #7: Gail Winn (1st winner ever)

Fewest Putts: 3 Man Team of Ted Hall, Barry Chapman and Phil Knapp
Putting Contest: Not held

The Committee Thanks all those who participated in this year's outing and also those volunteers who made the trip to Gladwin to help out.

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Financial Statement

Expenses

Cash Prizes Paid Out	\$ 150.00
Door Prizes & Refreshments on Course	\$ 208.26
Plaque Update Donated	\$ 00.00
Gladwin Heights Golf Course (for Golf and Dinner)	<u>\$1322.16</u>
	\$1765.92

Income

Registration Fees	\$ 1250.00
Extra Meals (<u>16@\$18.00</u>)	\$ 288.00
Income from Mulligans, 50/50, Raffle and Other Sales	\$ 206.00
Donations (Including prize money turned back in)	\$ 67.00
Banner Sales (97)	<u>\$ 2425.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 4236.00
Expenses subtracted	<u>(\$1765.92)</u>
Net Profit	\$2470.08

\$2470.08 Divided by 3 = \$823.36 for each of the 3 Bodies' Charity of Choice

York Rite Golf Committee

REC Louis C. McCray GK, Chairman, MIC Steven R. Striggow PMIGM, SK Loren A. Winn PGC,
MEC Robert E. Cooper PREC Don Galway GS, REC Carl John Peterson GM2V

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
Held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel
926 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing, Michigan 48917
August 15, 2013**

Pursuant to a regularly given notice, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan was held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 926 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing, Michigan, August 15, 2013 at 3:15 PM.

Present were: President Bart A. Porter, Vice President David G. Boring, Treasurer Brian K. Himes, Secretary Anthony M. Chamberlin, and Director Edward P. James, Absent, none.

Certification: The Secretary reported and certified that the above names were duly elected and installed at the One Hundred Fifty Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, and thereby, according to the By-Laws of the Corporation, held the following Offices on the Board of Directors:

Bart A. Porter	President
David G. Boring	Vice President
Brian K. Himes	Treasurer
Anthony M. Chamberlin	Secretary
Edward P. James	Director

Vice President David G. Boring moved that the Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifty Fourth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held in Bay City, Michigan, August 23, 2012, be approved as printed in the 2012 Annual Proceedings, Seconded by Treasurer Brian K. Himes, carried.

Treasurer Brian K. Himes moved that the Bills, pertaining to the Annual Assembly just completed, and the operation of the Grand Council be approved and paid. Seconded by Vice President David G. Boring, Motion carried.

Treasurer Brian K. Himes moved that the Fifth Third Bank of Washington Twp., Michigan be designated as the place of Deposit of our savings, checking and special accounts be signed and filed with the above bank. Seconded by Secretary Anthony M. Chamberlin, Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Annual Board of Directors will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5700 E. 28th St., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546 on August 21, 2014, following the Installation of Grand Officers and the Arch Deputies.

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No further business to come before this Meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President, David G. Boring, seconded by Director Edward P. James motion carried, Closed at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Anthony M. Chamberlin, P.M.I.G.M.
Grand Recorder

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 28, 2013**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons held at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace, Michigan on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 9:30 AM.

The meeting was called to order by President Bart A. Porter at 9:30 AM. An opening prayer was then given by Right Illustrious Companion Edward P. James.

The Roll Call of Officers was then called: President - Bart A. Porter, present; Vice President - David G. Boring - excused; Treasurer - Brian K. Himes - present; Secretary - Anthony M. Chamberlin - present; Director - Edward P. James, present. Others that were present were: Gene E. Newmen, Warren A. Caruss, Wayne E. Caruss, David L. Seyferth, William Seibert, Robert O. Troutman, Donald L. Himes, George W. H. Lyons, Melvin Easterday, Ryan Groat, and Michael Whiting.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of June 22, 2013 were distributed and approved.

The Grand Recorder then distributed to the Board of Directors the following: Money Received June 1, 2013 through September 15, 2013 and for the Second Quarter. It was then moved that these reports be accepted and placed on file, by the Grand Recorder, 2nd by the Treasurer, Brian K. Himes, carried.

The Treasurers Report was then distributed by the Grand Treasurer Brian K. Himes, PMIGM. The Treasurers Report was then moved by the Treasurer and 2nd by the Secretary, Anthony M. Chamberlin to accept the Treasurers Report as printed, carried.

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SICK AND DISTRESSED:

It was reported that Illustrious Companion George Maule has cancer and is receiving treatment.

SURETY BOND;

The Surety Bond for the 32 Councils was discussed. We are still looking for the costs and who the insurance carrier will be. Information will come as we receive it.

CRYPTIC LAW BOOK:

Work continues on the Cryptic Law Book. The committee is in hopes to have everything in order of the Annual Session in 2014.

CHARTERS:

In the process of dealing with the IRS we have found that many of our Charters are in very poor condition, either fading out, water damage, or just too bad of shape to even read what is on it. A discussion was held and if a Council wishes to have their Charter Replaced, they need to make a request and one will be issued.

FORMS:

Dues Notice forms were then discussed. Two changes were recommended; 1. Add a place for a donation to the Endowment Fund and 2. Add a place for a donation to the CMMRF. It was decided to include those recommendations to the Dues Notice form.

GRAND OFFICERS - PAST GRAND OFFICERS FUND

The Secretary brought up the subject of the GO-PGO Fund. He reported that by sending the cards with a letter to all of the Past Grand Officers and the present Grand Officers that he was able to collect a majority of the money. This fund pays for the

widows to attend the Grand Session. Paying for their meals and room for one day that the Grand Council will meet, including the Grand Banquet.

REGALIA:

Further discussion will be needed on the replacements of the Grand Officers Aprons.

GENERAL GRAND SESSION:

Michigan will be in charge of the Hostility Room on Monday and Tuesday at the General Grand Session in Buffalo, New York in September 2014. In addition to this, we will be opening the General Grand Session on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. It was suggested that everyone book their hotel rooms and meals as soon as possible.

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The Treasurer, Brian K. Himes then moved to ask all Councils within the State of Michigan for donations for the Hostility Room, 2nd by Director, Edward P. James, carried. With this action being approved by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer was then instructed to handle that request to the Councils.

IRS:

The Grand Recorder then reported that we are having a problem now with Ogden, Utah. That this matter with Utah is being handled.

TRADE MARK FROM ILLINOIS:

We have not received anything further from General Grand Council at this time.

2013 ANNUAL RETURNS:

The Grand Recorder reported that this year we will be using an Excel form for the majority of the annual return. That a new 990 will also be included. With these changes, much of the work that the Council Recorders will be reduced and make it much easier for them.

DIRECTORYS:

The new Directory for the Grand Council will be forth coming. Hopefully all of the Councils will submit the Election of Officers in on time. When the information is received, the Grand Recorder will print a copy for each Grand Officer everyone else will find the Directory on the website.

HIAWATHA COUNCIL NO. 65:

The Board of Directors where informed of the problems that are happening with Hiawatha Council No. 65. As further information is received the Board will be updated.

The Chairman of the York Rite Grand Session Committee, Brian K. Himes then reported that the Grand Council received a refund from the Grand Session Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors a motion was then made by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes and 2nd by Director Edward P. James to close the meeting, carried.

A closing prayer was then given and the meeting was then closed at 11:35 AM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Mid-Michigan York Rite, Seven Degree Day at the Saginaw Masonic Center, 2655 North Center, Saginaw, Michigan on February 1, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Secretary

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 1, 2014**

The Board of Directors meeting that was scheduled to be held at the Saginaw Masonic Temple on February 1, 2014 was cancelled, due to not having a quorum present and rescheduled to March 21, 2014 at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace, Michigan at 9:00 A.M.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 21, 2014**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons held at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace Michigan on Friday March 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President David G. Boring at 9:00 AM. An opening prayer was then given by Director Edward P. James.

The Roll Call of Officers was then called: President – Bart A. Porter, excused; Vice President – David G. Boring, present; Treasurer – Brian K. Himes, present; Secretary – Anthony M. Chamberlin, present; Director – Edward P. James, present. Others that were present: Terry G. Baker, William Ford, Robert O. Troutman, Donald L. Himes, Wayne Caruss, Warren A. Caruss, Stephen R. Striggow, Gary L. Paquet, Dwight A. Humm, and David L. Seyferth.

The Board of Directors meeting that was to be held on February 1, 2014 at the Saginaw Masonic Temple, was canceled because there was no quorum available because of conflicts with the personal schedules of the members of the board.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

Most Illustrious Companion Stephen R. Striggow reported that Most Illustrious Companion Bart A. Porter is at home, having received treatment for his cancer. His treatment has him very weak and tired. Our hopes and prayers are with Most Illustrious Companion Porter.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of September 28, 2013 were distributed and approved as corrected.

The Treasurers Report was then distributed by the Grand Treasurer Brian K. Himes, PMIGM. The Treasurers Report was then moved by the Treasurer and 2nd by David G. Boring to accept the Treasurers Report as printed, carried.

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BILLS:

The Bills of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons was then presented. It was moved by Secretary, Anthony M. Chamberlin and 2nd by Director, Edward P. James that the bills be paid, carried.

SURETY BOND:

The Secretary then informed the Board of Directors that he is in contact with an insurance agent who is checking into the insurance for the Surety Bond for the 32 Councils.

CRYPTIC LAW BOOK:

The committee that has been working on the Cryptic Law Book has meet and reports that they have completed the rewrite of the Cryptic Law Book. They will have everything ready for the Grand Session to be voted upon by the membership.

ENDOWMENT TRUST TRUSTEES:

Wayne E. Caruss, a member of the Endowment Trust Trustees, requested an accounting for the Endowment funds to be sent to him. That the Endowment Trust Trustees have not meet for two (2) years. The Board of Directors then discussed this matter and directed the Secretary to send an email to the Trustees requesting a report by May 1, 2014. That the amount of money in the account that is not invested is approximately \$12K and needs to be placed into some fund and not cash. We furthermore request the Endowment Trust Trustees to meet and invest this money. A letter from Raymond James, had been received by the Treasurer requesting that all of the accounts go into one fund. They are to contact the Treasurer, Brian K. Himes for that information.

CHARTERS:

Replacement Charters are available to Councils that find their charter is in poor condition, either fading out, water damage or just too bad of shape to even read what is on it. These councils need to contact the Grand Recorder for the replacement charter.

REGALIA:

Discussion was held on the replacement of Grand Officers Aprons. After much discussion a motion was made by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes and 2nd by Director, Edward P. James to purchase eight (8) aprons and two (2) or three (3) apron cases for the following Grand Officers: Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, Grand Marshal, and Grand Recorder. Cost not to exceed \$2000.00, motion carried.

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The member's aprons were then discussed. A motion was then made by Director, Edward P. James and 2nd by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes to purchase eight (8) dozen new member's aprons not to exceed \$1500.00, motion carried.

The secretary was directed to check on prices and order the aprons from our suppliers.

IRS:

We are still dealing with the IRS, everything was taken care of with the office in Ohio, now we are dealing with the offices in Utah.

TRADE MARK FROM ILLINOIS:

The General Grand Council has informed us to do nothing with the information that was sent to us from Illinois, regarding the Trade Mark. They are handling the problem.

2013 ANNUAL RETURNS:

The Grand Recorder reports that as of this date the following Council still needs information to complete their Annual Returns for 2013:

- Jackson 32
- Grand Ledge 62
- Cadillac 70
- Marquette 72
- Sunrise 93
- Middleville 94

The following Councils have not returned their 2013 Annual Returns

- Saginaw 20
- Lansing 29

Kalamazoo 63
Hiawatha 65

We still have not received an Annual Return for 2012 from Hiawatha 65.

The problems that Hiawatha Council No. 65 was discussed. The Grand Recorder will be working with the recorder of Hiawatha Council to try to resolve the problems and get their returns up to date.

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2013 ANNUAL PROCEEDING:

The Grand Recorder distributed the 2013 Annual Proceeding to those Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers that were present. Copies will send to those Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Michigan Recorder who have not received their copy.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL:

Michigan will be in charge of the Hospitality Room at the General Grand Session in Buffalo, New York in September 2014. In addition to this, we, the Grand Council of Michigan will be opening the General Grand Council Session on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. A motion was then made by the Treasurer, Brian K. Himes to donate \$2,000.00 from the Triennial fund for the Hospitality Room, 2nd by Director, Edward P. James, carried.

There will be legislation to increase the per capita to General Grand Council as much as \$3.00 per member. We are presently paying \$1.00 per member.

The Grand Recorder then brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that the Grand Council has been paying the \$1.00 per capita from our \$11.50 per capita that our councils are presently paying. If there is an increase we need to introduce legislation to add the per capita of General Grand Council to our annual fee paid by our councils.

At East Central meeting held on March 8, 2014, we were informed that the recognition of the Grand Council of Illinois may be pulled by General Grand Council. With this information a discussion was held by the Board of Directors and those present to hold any further discussion until after action is taken by General Grand Council.

At East Central, Michigan was informed that they were to host the hospitality room by General Grand Council chairman Charles Wood. Right Illustrious Companion David G. Boring then scrambled to obtain the needed items for the hospitality room. It was then moved by Secretary, Anthony M. Chamberlin and 2nd by Director, Edward P. James that whatever cost that the

General Grand Council doesn't pay for will be reimbursed by the Grand Council of Michigan, carried.

ALL DEGREE DAYS:

Director Edward P. James then gave his report on the Three (3) and Seven (7) Degree Days. A discussion followed. With the problem during a Seven (7) Degree Day being that Grand Chapter taking longer than what is needed to complete their degree work. After the Council Degrees are completed, the companions that received the degrees are exhausted. The total amount of time is too long for the degree work. The Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest need to discuss how their degree work can be done in a shorter amount of time.

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Also discussed, was the use of the Ample Form for the Super Excellent Masters Degree being done and that the Super Excellent Masters Degree being done in Full Form two (2) or three (3) times a year, that the Council that is sponsoring the event must have their own candidates. Further discussion is needed.

ENDORSEMENT:

The Grand Office has received an endorsement for Illustrious Companion Gary L. Paquet for the office of Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard from Marine City Council No. 59.

PROBLEM COUNCILS:

The following Councils were discussed:

Nebuzaradan 6
Niles 19
Lansing 29
Kalamazoo 63

We have received information that there is possibility that Cadillac 70 may be requesting to move their charter to Traverse City.

There being no further business to come before the board of Directors a motion was then made by Director, Edward P. James and 2nd by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes to close the meeting, carried.

A closing prayer was then given and the meeting was then closed at 2:00 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at the Grand Session, time and place of meeting to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM

Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 19, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday August 19, 2014 at 7:10 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President David G. Boring at 7:10 PM. An opening prayer was then given by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Terry G. Baker.

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The Roll Call of Officers was then called: President – David G. Boring, present; Vice President – Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM, present; Treasurer – Brian K. Himes, present; Secretary – Anthony M. Chamberlin, present; Director – Edward P. James, present. Others that were present: Wayne E. Caruss, Warren A. Caruss, Dwight A. Humm, David L. Seyferth, Gary L. Paquet, Terry G. Baker, Corey Curtiss, Michael Whiting and Stephen R. Striggow.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

Right Illustrious Companion David Seyferth's, mother in law was just placed in hospice.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 21, 2014 were distributed and approved as distributed.

With the death of Most Illustrious Companion Bart A. Porter, the powers of the Most Illustrious Grand Master were transferred over to the Deputy Grand Master, in accordance with the Cryptic Law. Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master David G. Boring then appointed Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert O. Troutman to serve as Deputy Grand Master and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Dwight A. Humm to serve as Grand Steward.

The Grand Recorder reported that he received from the Doan Companies a check in the amount of \$200.00 that was donated in memory of Most Illustrious Companion Bart A. Porter to CMMRF. A letter of thanks was sent to the Doan Companies for their donation and the check was sent to the CMMRF Foundation.

The Treasurers Report was then called; Treasurer Brian K. Himes then reported that his report can be found on pages 12 and 13 of the Advance Proceedings. He then moved that his report be accepted as printed, 2nd by Director Edward P. James, carried.

BILLS:

With the Grand Treasurers basement flooding, the bills will be presented at our next meeting of the Board of Directors in September.

The Recorder then distributed a list of money's that the Grand Recorder received during the last period.

SURETY BOND:

The Secretary reported that he is still waiting for a reply from our insurance carrier.

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CRYPTIC LAW BOOK:

The Committee on the Cryptic Law Book has made the needed changes to the Cryptic Law Book and will be presented at the Grand Session on Thursday August 21, 2014 as Amendment No. 1. A 2/3rd majority will be needed for its passage. The Jurisprudence Committee has found it in proper form and proper order.

ENDOWMENT TRUST TRUSTEES:

A discussion was held as what to do about the inactivity of the Trustees with the money that has not been invested for over two years. It was suggested to talk to Fred R. Jex and Emmett Mills and Howard Curmit Jr. about the possibility of them resigning as a Trustee. President Boring was going to talk with these companions about resigning and will report back at the next meeting of the Board. With new members as Trustees, may be they will start to do something with the funds.

CHARTERS:

Letters have to be sent to the Recorders of all councils to inform them that if their charter is in poor condition either fading out, water damage or just too bad of shape to even read what is on it. The Charter can and will be replaced at no charge to them.

REGALIA:

The Grand Recorder informed the Board of Directors that the new Grand Officers Aprons and 100 Members Aprons have been purchased. Along with several new apron cases that were needed. The cost of all of the aprons and cases were far below the amount allotted for the purchase of the same.

IRS:

Still dealing with the IRS, only this time it's Ogden, Utah.

2013 ANNUAL RETURNS:

The Grand Recorder reported that all 33 Council have turned in their 2013 Annual Return with only several checks for per capita outstanding.

TRADE MARK FROM ILLINOIS:

No Change

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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL:

Michigan will be in charge of the Hospitality Room at the General Grand Session in Buffalo, New York in September 2014. In addition to this, we, the Grand Council of Michigan will be opening the General Grand Session on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. \$2,000.00 was donated from the Triennial Fund for the Hospitality Room. The proposed amendments to the by-laws of General Grand Council were then distributed and will be discussed at our next Board of Directors meeting in September.

ALL DEGREE DAYS:

Discussion was held on the Three Degree Day at Livingston Council. With them possibly having one candidate, and not sure of that, it was decided to cancel. Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master will inform Livingston Council of the decision.

PROBLEM COUNCILS:

The Grand Recorder reported that Lansing Council No. 29, are thinking about consolidation. That the Most Illustrious Grand Master after the Grand Session needs to set up a meeting with Lansing Council to find out exactly what needs to be done in this matter.

It was brought up to have the SEM Degree twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Further discussion is needed.

We have received nothing further about Cadillac Council No. 70 wishing to move its Charter to Traverse City.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors a motion was then made by Director, Edward P. James and 2nd by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes to close the meeting, carried.

A closing prayer was then given and the meeting was then closed at 8:45 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Secretary

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APPENDIX

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ABSTRACT OF RETURN 2013

Council Name	Coun	2012 M SEM	Rest	Dual	Dec	Life	Trans	Trans	Susp	Dem	Dem	Wit	2013 M	Dues	Per	Cap	SEM	Life	M	Withd	Special	F	Demi	Amount	Paid	Amount	Due
Monroe	1	167	6	2	0	2	52	0	0	10	0	0	2	161	1	1173	24	15	15	24	15	0	1251.15	1251.15			
Portiac	3	62	1	1	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	563.5	4	0	0	0	9.3	0	576.8	576.8				
River Raisin	4	57	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	56	2	483	4	0	0	0	8.4	0	504.95	495.4				
Nebuzaradan	6	33	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	310.5	0	0	0	0	4.8	0	316.05	315.3				
Mt. Clemens	8	89	2	0	0	5	38	1	0	0	0	0	86	2	494.5	8	15	7.5	12.9	0	0	541.9	537.9				
Zabud	9	22	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	126.5	0	0	0	0	3.15	0	129.65	129.65				
Tyre	10	54	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	54	2	448.5	8	7.5	7.5	8.1	0	0	479.6	479.6				
Union	11	40	4	0	0	3	6	0	0	2	0	0	39	1	310.5	16	0	0	5.85	0	0	401.35	332.35				
Hiram	14	19	1	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	21	0	115	4	0	0	3.15	0	0	122.15	122.15				
Adrian	18	37	0	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	333.5	0	0	0	5.25	0	0	338.75	338.75				
Niles	19	52	1	0	0	0	20	0	0	3	0	0	49	0	310.5	4	37.5	7.5	7.35	0	0	367.45	366.85				
Saginaw	20	59	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	540.5	0	0	0	7.5	7.65	0	518.15	518.15				
Lansing	29	23	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	184	0	0	0	3.45	0	0	187.45	187.45				
Northville	30	77	1	1	0	0	24	0	0	5	0	0	74	2	529	4	0	0	11.1	0	0	544.1	544.1				
Jackson	32	28	1	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	28	3	149.5	4	0	0	4.2	0	0	176.5	157.7				
Durand	38	52	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	49	1	471.5	8	0	7.5	7.35	0	0	501.85	494.35				
Listle	50	68	0	0	0	6	19	1	0	1	0	0	62	3	448.5	0	0	0	9.3	0	0	457.8	457.8				
Muskegon	54	34	9	1	1	4	8	0	0	1	0	0	36	0	207	36	0	30	5.4	0	0	278.4	278.4				
Flint	56	73	2	0	0	2	28	0	0	0	0	0	72	1	460	8	22.5	7.5	10.8	0	0	508.8	508.8				
Marine City	59	47	2	1	0	2	10	0	1	2	0	0	42	1	333.5	8	22.5	22.5	6.3	0	0	381.15	381.15				
Grand Ledge	62	29	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	276	8	0	0	4.35	0	0	288.35	288.35				
Kalamazoo	63	43	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	6	0	0	37	1	287.5	0	7.5	0	5.55	0	0	291.25	300.55				
Hawatha	66	47	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	2	0	0	42	1	356.5	0	0	0	6.3	0	0	362.8	362.8				
Cadillac	70	39	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	39	4	333.5	0	0	0	5.85	0	0	316.35	339.35				
Marquette	72	37	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	33	2	299	0	7.5	22.5	4.95	0	0	345.95	345.95				
Livingston	73	70	4	0	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	72	3	644	16	0	0	10.8	0	0	674.95	674.95				
George Hill	85	22	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	21	2	149.5	0	0	0	3.15	0	0	152.65	152.65				
Ann Arbor	86	40	2	0	0	3	13	0	0	0	0	2	37	5	184	8	0	15	5.55	0	0	247.5	212.55				
Thumb	90	38	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	36	0	368	0	0	7.5	5.4	0	380.9	380.9					
Bedford	91	18	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	149.5	0	0	0	2.7	0	0	140.7	152.2				
Straits Area	92	49	6	0	0	1	8	0	0	3	0	0	50	0	402.5	24	0	7.5	7.5	0	0	441.5	441.5				
Sunrise	93	23	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	19	0	161	8	0	15	2.85	0	0	186.85	186.85				
Middleville	94	26	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	28	0	287.5	0	0	0	4.2	0	0	325	291.7				
Gedaliah	1858	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12561.3	12657.6				

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SUCCESSION OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Year, Name, Residence When Elected, and Remarks

1858 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
1859 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
1860 FRANCIS DARROW; Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873.
1861 JOHN CLARK, St. Clair. Died February 19, 1876.
1862 DAVID BURHAM TRACY, Detroit. Died February 19, 1906.
1863 EDWARD A. ELLIOT, Detroit. Died November 15, 1880.
1864 GARRA BENJAMIN NOBLE, Detroit. Died February 9, 1897.
1865 DAVID BOVEE, Coldwater. Died July 19, 1900.
1866 SEAMAN L. DART, Coldwater. Died February 8, 1883.
1867 WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS, Hillsdale; Died May 19, 1913.
1868 JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN, Hillsdale. Died April 24, 1898.
1869 CHARLES HIRAM PUTNAM, Hudson. Died May 15, 1895.
1870 OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING, St. Johns. Died July 30, 1922.
1871 EBENEZAR SPRAGUE, Lyons. Died January 2, 1892.
1872 HENRY SHAW NOBLE, Monroe. Died October 23, 1908.
1873 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
1874 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
1875 MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater. Died December 20, 1883.
1876 GEORGE HILL, JR, Portland. Died October 3, 1920.
1877 JOHN R. EVERARD, Jackson. Died November 22, 1891.
1878 ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY, St. Louis. Died Nov. 10, 1905.
1879 HUGH McCURDY, Corunna. Died July 16, 1908.
1880 DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton. Died March 30, 1921.
1881 RUFUS CLAGHORN HATHEWAY, Ionia. Died Dec. 8, 1896.
1882 WILLIAM GILSON HUDSON, Ludington. Died May 28, 1924.
1883 GEORGE HENRY GREENE, Lansing. Died June 24, 1899.
1884 JAMES HOUGHLAND CUMMINS, Holly. Died Oct. 29, 1908.
1885 GEORGE HAMILTON STEPHENSON, St. Johns. Died Oct. 27, 1901.
1886 ALFRED BALDREY, St. Joseph. Died October 14, 1923.
1887 ALFRED GORDON GULLEY; South Haven. Died August 15, 1917.
1888 ALLEN McKEE, Manistee. Died November 4, 1921.
1889 THOMAS GREY GREENE, Centreville. Died December 18, 1911.
1890 TRAVERS PHILLIPS, Hastings. Died January 5, 1920.
1891 CHARLES RUSH BAGG, Detroit. Died August 17, 1899.
1892 HORACE EDGAR HATCH, Detroit. Died May 4, 1931.
1893 FRANK NORMAN CLARK, Northville. Died December 19, 1910.
1894 EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL, Holly. Died March 13, 1930.
1895 GEORGE ADELBERT CROSS, Lawrence. Died December 18, 1927.

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1896 GEORGE PORTER McMAHON, Grand Rapids. Died June 11, 1914.
1897 LLOYD B. HESS, Grand Rapids. Died June 10, 1901.

1898 CHARLES MILAN NORTON, Lansing. Died September 3,1919.
 1899 GEORGE DUDLEY SMITH, Muskegon. Died September 1, 1916.
 1900 RICHARD ALDEN CATTON, Detroit. Died January 9,1903.
 1901 ITHAMAR TITUS SMITH, Hudson. Died June 13, 1926.
 1902 BRYON CULVER HILL, Jackson. Died April 15, 1905.
 1903 JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY, Manchester. Died September 1,1940.
 1904 DALLAS DOW ALTON, Fremont. Died August 9, 1947.
 1905 BAYARD ALFRED CHURCH, St. Louis. Died April 29, 1944.
 1906 ARTHUR HAMILTON McCLOUD, Detroit. Died October 10, 1917.
 1907 FRANK OSCAR GILBERT, Bay City. Died November 26,1929.
 1908 CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON, Jackson. Died June 1, 1948.
 WILLIAM WENTE, Honorary, Manistee. Died February 25, 1915.
 1909 EMORY TOWNSEND, Saginaw. Died October 18, 1933.
 1910 WILLIAM PRICE PERRY, Hillsdale. Died December 26, 1923.
 1911 JOHN NICHOL, Ionia. Died August 31,1928.
 1912 FRANK POMEROY WILCOX, Detroit. Died July 1, 1931.
 1913 LOU BARNEY WINSOR, Reed City. Died November 8,1936
 1914 JOHN HOMER McCALLUM, Sault Ste. Marie. Died Oct. 25,1918.
 1915 HORACE SHELDON MAYNARD, Charlotte. Died Sept. 2,1917.
 1916 CLARENCE A. HOWARD, Three Rivers. Died November 27,1922.
 1917 FRANK VINTON HALE, Pontiac. Died October 13, 1924.
 1918 CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE, Grand Rapids. Died Oct. 12, 1936.
 1919 FRANK SCADDEN, Crystal Falls. Died September 6,1929.
 1920 H. BURR LEE, Petoskey. Died May 27, 1951.
 1921 ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR, Pontiac. Died March 21,1933.
 1922 HOWARD EDGAR SLOCUM, Corunna. Died December 2,1957.
 1923 WILLIS VIRGIL CAPRON, Flint. Died June 9, 1924.
 1924 CHARLES WADE MIXER, Hastings. Died November 11,1934.
 1925 WILLARD B. OAKES, Lansing. Died May 17, 1929.
 1926 NEIL EDWIN REID, Mount Clemens. Died May 4, 1956.
 1927 DANIEL WILLARD McMILLAN, Detroit. Died August 31,1938.
 1928 JOHN PALMER WOOD, Lakeland, Florida. Died March 30, 1947.
 1929 EDWIN JESSE MacMILLAN, Grand Rapids. Died Oct. 30,1938.
 1930 JAMES STEPHEN POTTER, Hillsdale. Died Dec. 23, 1954.
 1931 ORON JOHN RICHARD BURY, Ann Arbor. Died Sept. 29, 1944.
 1932 ARTHUR EDDY WEST, Kalamazoo. Died April 22, 1941.
 1933 ARTHUR EDDY WEST, Kalamazoo. Died April 22, 1941.
 1934 JOHN E. CLARK. Died September 15, 1972.
 1934 WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSTON, Leslie. Died June 6,1948.
 1935 FRED A. YOUNG, Dowagiac. Died April 23, 1980.

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1936 WILLIAM ALOYS BILZ, Spring Lake. Died April 12, 1940.
 1937 CLAUDE EZRA FURGASON, Lansing. Died February 4,1939.

1938 WILLIAM CLIFFORD WHEATON, Elk Rapids. Died Dec 17,1962.
 1939 SAMUEL RYERSON WILDE, Saginaw. Died June 15, 1956.
 1940 ARCHIE KIDFORD ADAMS, Iron Mountain. Died March 16, 1950.
 1941 HOLLIS J. COLYER, Pleasant Ridge. Died June 4,1967.
 1942 HAROLD P. WILLIAMS, R.F.D, Otisville. Died June 2,1967.
 1943 MARK C. CARPENTER, Glendora, California. Died Feb. 12, 1965.
 1944 JOHN D. RIGG, Hillsdale. Died May 23,1965.
 1945 RUSSELL J. HAMMOND, Lake City. Died December 16, 1984.
 1946 FRANK J. MEISTER, St. Petersburg, Florida, Died Jan. 30, 1960.
 1947 SAMUEL E. BALLANTINE, Detroit. Died August 5, 1948.
 1948 DONOVAN L. DYER, Ann Arbor. Died August 24, 1961.
 1949 WILLIAM E. DORAN, Flint. Died January 3, 1976.
 1950 JOE RICE, Tecumseh. Died October 15, 1965.
 1951 CHARLES H. SINCLAIR, Cadillac. Died October 5,1968.
 1952 LLOYD E. KNAPP, Lansing. Died October 20, 1976.
 1953 DONALD D. BOUDEMANN, Kalamazoo. Died December 24,1979.
 1954 CLYDE G TOWNSEND, Pontiac. Died March 15, 1964.
 1955 RUSSELL H. KIKSTADT, Clearwater, Florida, Died December 6, 1990.
 1956 CLIFFORD A. TAYLOR, Spring Lake. Died December 29,1966.
 1957 ARVIDE R. NORTH, Mason. Died May 25, 1984.
 1958 CHARLES D. LOGSDON. Zephyrhills, Florida, Died Nov. 24, 1989.
 1959 RAYMOND M. CARLSON, Okemos. Died September 17,1972.
 1960 JAMES VAN WAGONER, Saginaw. Died September 7, 1975.
 1961 WILLIAM H. HARMON, Cheboygan. Died October 22, 1977.
 1962 JOSEPH H. MURRAY, Kalamazoo. Died August 14, 1967.
 1963 ARTHUR N.ROZELLE, Brooklyn. Died March 5, 1986.
 1964 WALTER S. PATTISON, Muskegon. Died August 7, 1965.
 1965 ROYCE E. CURLIS, Sault Ste. Marie. Died June 1, 1997.
 1966 EARL E. PETTIT, Williamston. Died November 30, 1979.
 1967 KENNETH I. PENBERTHY, Royal Oak. Died March 6,1988.
 1968 CHARLES PHILO SHEFFIELD, Grand Rapids. Died June 17, 2004.
 1969 LELAND C. DENNIS, Pontiac. Died October 16, 1985.
 1970 WARREN G. MAJOR, Centreville. Died July 13, 1998.
 1971 WANG-JUITING (RAY) LIVINGSTON, Boulder, CO. Died April 18, 1995.
 1972 ROBERT S. SPENCER, Lakeland, FL. Died October 31, 1985.
 1973 RICHARD GLEN DEANE, Flushing, Died September 18, 1992.
 1974 JOHN LONGO, Winter Haven, Florida, Died, November 8, 2008
 1975 ERNEST L. WELSH, Gobles. Died April 29, 2004.
 1976 HAROLD E. BLAESS, Ann Arbor. Died July 3,1986.

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1977 GEORGE BOOKLESS, Rochester. Died January 20,1985.
 1978 GEORGE W POST, Mason. Died May 8, 1984.

1979 ROBERT ALVIN STUTESMAN, Gaylord. Died October 19, 2002.
1980 J. BRUCE ELDRED, Mt. Pleasant. Died July 1, 2008
1981 KAI VILMER KOFOED, Grand Rapids, Died August 30,1997.
1982 GLENCOE GORDON GOODMAN, Palm Harbor, FL
1983 WILLIAM SKREPNEK, Lennon, Died March 21, 2012
1984 GORDON J. KARSLAKE, Mason
1985 KENSELL RICHARD GOSS, Gobles. Died March 31, 2003.
1986 CHARLES THEODORE MYER, Trenton.
1987 ROBERT ANDREW WILSON SR., Channing. Died March 27, 2002.
1988 GEORGE CLOW SELLARS, Harrison Twp. Died February 10, 2013
1989 ROBERT PAUL BISHOP, Flint. Died June 16, 1991.
1990 GEORGE W. H. LYONS, Shelby Twp.
1991 MICHAEL LOUIS STELLUTE, Concord. Died September 6, 2009
1992 ERNEST BERRY, Trenton.
1993 JEFFREY KEITH BURK, Gaylord.
1994 MICHAEL JAMES JUNGEL, Vicksburg.
1995 KENNETH DEAN CHANDLER, Mason. Died July 27, 2013
1996 CHARLES EDWARD STEWART, Monroe, Died April 10, 2012
1997 DONALD LEE HIMES, Washington Twp.
1998 RONALD B. BLAISDELL, Redford.
1999 JERRY C. TOWNSEND, Marcellus.
2000 JAMES E. PRESTON, Rockford. Died November 24, 2005
2001 DUANE E. WARNER, Watervliet, Died May 8, 2011
2002 WILLIAM EUSTACE LE VEQUE, Wetmore.
2003 WILLIAM A. SIEBERT, Gladwin.
2004 TERRY GAYLORD BAKER, Marysville.
2004 MICHAEL WHITING. Pontiac.
2005 KENNEY L. LENFESTEY, Brighton
2006 WARREN A. CARUSS, Lansing
2007 HENRY L. SEITZ, Stephenson, Died August 3, 2011
2008 ANTHONY MARTIN CHAMBERLIN, Marysville
2009 BRIAN KURT HIMES, Eastpointe
2010 STEPHEN R. STRIGGOW, Holly
2011 DWIGHT A. HUMM, Midland
2012 ROBERT O. TROUTMAN, Eastpointe
2013 BART A. PORTER, Owosso, Died June 5, 2014

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 Jerry C. Townsend.....Wisconsin.....Gene H. Schaber
 Richard M. CausleyWyoming.....
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THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

The Seventieth Annual Assembly of the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was opened in due form at the Crowne Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 21, 2014, at 4:35 PM by the Thrice Illustrious Master Robert E. Cooper. A warm welcome was extended to all members and guests.

The names of the candidates for this order were read, as follows:

David R. Sodergren	Mount Clemens Council No. 8
Michael A. Pierce	Union Council No. 11
Ryan J. Groat	Northville Council No. 30
Michael J. Conn	Jackson Council No. 32
Emil A. Schatz	Durand Council No. 38
Gary L. Paquet	Marine City Council No. 59
David Mayville	Livingston Council No. 73
Jon W. Jelsema	Middleville Council No. 94

The prologue was given by Most Illustrious Companion Stephen R. Striggow, from Durand Council No. 38. The Heralds gave the lessons, and the Officers of the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters portrayed the "Order of the Silver Trowel".

The Cast

T.I. Master	Robert E. Cooper
King David	John T. Updike
T.I. Senior Warden	William A. Siebert
T.I. Junior Warden	Michael Roberts
T.I. Steward	Philip Smith
T.I. Chaplain	David W. Dossette
T.I. Recorder/Treasurer	Brian K. Himes, PTIM
T.I. Sentinel	James M. Kiefer

1 st . Herald	Larry A. Inscho
2 nd . Herald	Gene E. Newman
3 rd . Herald	Harley D. Ridgeway
4 th . Herald	Richard Hitch
5 th . Herald	Stephen R. Striggow
6 th . Herald	Edward P. James
7 th . Herald	Corey F. Curtiss
8 th . Herald	Steve J. Eliopoulos
Prologuizer.....	Stephen R. Striggow

An excellent portrayal of the Order of the Silver Trowel Degree was conferred for the pleasure of the candidates and members of the Assembly.

After the Degree, Thrice Illustrious Master Robert E. Cooper called to order the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters for the business of the Council.

Thrice Illustrious Master Robert E. Cooper congratulated the newly made Thrice Illustrious Masters and hoped that they had enjoyed the conferral of the degree.

The candidates were presented with their Dues Cards, and a Silver Trowel.

Thrice Illustrious Master Robert E. Cooper introduced the Past Thrice Illustrious Masters in attendance.

It was moved and seconded that the Records and Financial Report of the last Assembly printed in the 2013 Proceedings be approved. The motion carried.

The Recorder/Treasurer then presented the following Financial Report:

Financial Report

Balance as of August 23, 2013	\$1,827.85
Receipts from Fees (2013)	\$ 125.00
Receipts from Fees (2014)	\$ 000.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 352.00</u>
Balance as of August 21, 2014	\$1,600.85

It was moved and seconded to receive the Recorder/Treasurer Financial Report subject to audit. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to pay the Recorder the annual fee of \$100.00 as stated in the By Laws. The motion carried.

The Recorder had no out of pocket expenses.

It was moved and seconded to donate \$100.00 to CMMRF. The motion carried.

Election of Officers for 2014-2015

It was moved and seconded the Officers be advanced one station, and that the Recorder/Treasurer be reelected. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Larry A. Inscho be elected Sentinel. The motion carried.

Companion David W. Dossette was appointed Chaplain by the incoming Thrice Illustrious Master William A. Siebert. The incoming Thrice Illustrious Master appointed the Prologuizer and Heralds, and all accepted their appointments.

The officers elected and appointed were then installed.

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John D. Landis, No. 30
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- 1st Gary Leach, No. 11 (2014)
20437 W. Outer Drive, Dearborn, MI 48124-2461
- 2nd Gene E. Newman, No 8, (2012)
7227 Maxwell, Warren, MI 48091-3571
- 3rd Harley D. Ridgeway No. 1 (2013)
9397 Ingalls Road, Belding, MI 48809
- 4th Richard Hitch, No. 30 (2012)
517 S. Sybald Street, Westland, MI 48186-3868
- 5th Stephen R. Striggow, No. 38
16463 Fish Lake, Holly, MI 48442
- 6th Edward P. James, No. 10
6361 128th Ave., Fennville, 49408
- 7th Corey F. Curtiss, No. 86 (2010)
2733 Senate Drive, Apt. D4 Lansing, MI 48912
- 8th Steve J. Eliopoulos, No. 8 (2014)
20681 Roscommon, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2203

Thrice Illustrious Master William A. Siebert thanked the installing officers and members for their confidence and support.

The Recorder then presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Masters Jewel to Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Robert E. Cooper.

The Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was then closed in due form by the Thrice Illustrious Master William A. Siebert at 5:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, PTIM
Thrice Illustrious Recorder/Treasurer

Succession of Thrice Illustrious Masters

1944-46	*Hollis J. Colyer, No. 1, Pleasant Ridge
1946-47	*Harold P. Williams, No. 56, Ortisville
1947-48	*Mark C. Carpenter, No. 29, Pasadena, CA
1948-49	*Sherman W. Garnett, No. 38, Owosso
1949-50	*Robert Inskip, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1950-51	*John F. Beel, No. 29, Lansing
1951-52	*Earl E. Pettit, No. 64, Williamston
1952-53	*Ernest J. Whitlock, No. 39, Livonia
1953-54	*J. Wallace Royce, No. 8, Clawson
1954-55	*Walter J. Way, No. 54, Muskegon
1955-56	*Harry M. Cook, No. 59, St. Clair Shores
1956-57	*Jerome W. Hartman, No. 29, Lansing
1957-58	*William M. Allen, No. 73, Brighton
1958-59	*Ivan W. Hughes, No 9, Athens
1959-60	*Walter S. Pattison, No. 54, Muskegon
1960-61	*Kenneth J. Penberthy, No.1, Royal Oak
1961-62	*John L. Campbell, No. 20, Saginaw
1962-63	*Earl L. Ries, No. 73, Howell
1963-64	*Marquis A. Sartell, No. 3, Pontiac
1964-65	*Thomas W. Bailey, No. 1, Highland Park
1965-66	*Orrie C. Mead, No. 64, Holiday, FL
1966-67	*Harold T. Glassford, No. 88, Royal Oak
1967-68	*Daniel Yakuber, No. 1, Detroit
1968-69	*R. L. Hart Oldham, No. 57, Marshall
1969-70	*Floyd E. Barnes, No. 19, Niles
1970-71	*Charles W. Rideoutt, No. 54, Spring Lake
1971-72	*Walter D. Hutchins, No. 30, Wayne
1972-73	*Kai V. Kofoed, No. 10, Grand Rapids
1973-74	*Kenneth Yager, No. 60, Roscommon
1974-75	*Benjamin A. Rossin, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1975-76	*George S. Parker, No.59, New Hudson
1976-77	*O. Eugene Osborne, No. 1, Trenton
1977-78	*Earl C. Quakenbush, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1978-79	*Ralph W. Raiford, Jr., No. 86, Ann Arbor
1979-80	*Orville J. Henschel, No. 37, Constantine
1980-81	Charles T. Myer, No. 1, Trenton
1981-82	*Masao Kon, No. 86, Ann Arbor

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1982-83 *Richard M. Crofut, No. 4, Trenton

1983-84	*Jack N. Shimonishi, No. 30, Detroit
1984-85	*Raymond A. McPhee, No. 23, Lansing
1984-85	*Kensell R. Goss, No. 63, Gobels (Honorary)
1985-86	*W. Wayne Stephenson, No. 60, Wolverine
1986-87	*Gorman Nicholson, No. 1, Gibraltar
1987-88	*David F. Hicks, No. 32, Brooklyn
1988-89	Ernest Berry, No. 4, Trenton
1989-90	*Kendall E. Welch, No. 3, Pontiac
1990-91	*John J. Dull, No. 9 & 91, Nashville
1991-92	*Carl H. Cull, No. 56, Burton
1992-93	Robert Vessey, No. 4, Ottawa Lake
1993-94	*George C. Sellars, No. 8, Harrison Twp.
1994-95	Donald L. Himes, No. 8, Washington Twp.
1995-96	Brian K. Himes, No. 8, Eastpointe
1996-97	Paul C. Howell, No. 86, Ypsilanti
1997-98	Carl S. Hobday, No. 3, Auburn Hills
1998-99	Clay E. Swinburnson, No. 3, Lake Orion
1999-00	Jerry E. Townsend, No. 6, Marcellus
2000-01	Richard E. Cooper, No. 85, Ithaca
2001-02	James L. Ketchum, No. 59, Cheboygan
2002-03	Ronald B. Blaisdell, No. 1, Redford
2003-04	James J. Vann Sr., No. 4, Petersburg
2004-05	Carl D. Rufus, No. 11, Willis
2005-06	*Kenneth D. Chandler, Mason
2006-07	Michael Whiting, No. 3, Pontiac
2007-08	Kenney Lenfestey, No. 3, Brighton
2008-09	Anthony M. Chamberlin, No. 59, Marysville
2009-10	Warren Caruss, No. 62, Diamondale
2010-11	K. Lee Yeager, No. 4, Temperance
2011-12	Donald L. Trumbull, No. 73, Pinckney
2012-13	John T. Updike, No. 4, Temperance
2013-14	Robert E. Cooper, No. 10, Cedar Springs
2014-15	William A. Siebert, No. 20, Gladwin

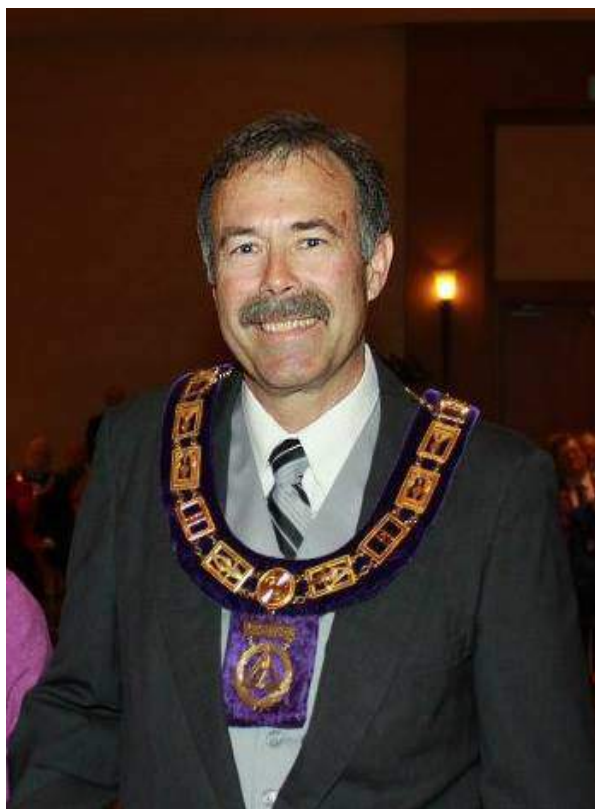
St. Clair No.2, Revoked, 1878
 Mt. Moriah No.6 (Coldwater) merged with Nebuzaradan No. 37, May 16,1992 and took the No.6.
 Three Rivers No.7, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882
 Ionia No. 12, Surrendered, Dec. 27,1937
 Sturgis No. 13, Surrendered Dec. 13,1936
 Hiram (Marshall) No. 14, Revoked Dec. 15,1882
 Putnam (Hudson) No. 16, Surrendered Oct. 23, 1877
 Genesee (Fenton) No. 17, Arrested Jan. 7, 1889
 St. Johns No. 21, Arrested March 28,1933
 Mosaic No. 22, Revoked, Dec. 28, 1877
 Portland No. 23, Surrendered Merged with No. 62, in 1996
 Adoniram No. 24, (Manchester) Surrendered Jan. 1, 1936
 King Solomon No. 25 (Big Rapids) Revoked April 28, 1941
 Clinton No. 26, Surrendered Dec. 3, 1931
 Oceana No. 27 (Pentwater) Revoked Dec. 15, 1882
 Dowagiac No. 28, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882
 Northville No. 30, Revoked Feb. 17, 1901
 Reading No. 31, Arrested Dec. 15, 1882
 Ithaca No. 33, Surrendered Dec. 10, 1925
 Blanchard No. 34 (Tecumseh) Surrendered March 7, 1933
 Union City No. 35, Forfeited May 16, 1982
 Charlotte No. 36, Surrendered Feb. 20,1934
 Holly No. 39, Surrendered April 16, 1932
 Bronson No. 40, Revoked Feb. 19, 1900
 Centreville No. 41, Revoked Dec. 15,1882
 Lapeer No. 42, Revoked May 15, 1917
 Lawrence No. 43, Surrendered Jan 20, 1938
 St. Joseph No. 44, Merged with Niles No. 19
 South Haven No. 45, merged with St. Joseph 0.44, Sept. 12, 1953
 Newago No. 47, Arrested Jan. 12,1884
 Ludington No. 48, Revoked April 29, 1941
 Giblum No. 49 (Hastings) Surrendered May 27,1947
 Grand Haven No. 51, Revoked May 21, 1918
 Petoskey No 52, Surrendered Feb. 14, 1939
 Bay City No. 53, Merged with No. 20 Dec. 12, 1938

Reed City No. 55, Forfeited March 19, 1935

Sah-gon-ah-ka-to (Alpena) Surrendered Dec. 1, 1938
 Traverse City No. 61, Surrendered Dec. 5, 1941
 Marquette No. 66, Revoked Feb. 9, 1901
 King Cyrus No. 67 (Crystal Falls) Forfeited March 4, 1935
 St. Louis No. 68, Revoked May, 15, 1927
 Grayling No. 70, Revoked Jan. 16, 1900
 David S. Kendall (Houghton), Revoked May 9, 1930
 Fred L. Wells No. 74 (Port Huron), Surrendered Feb. 12, 1934
 Fremont No. 76, Surrendered Feb. 4, 1944
 Sandusky No. 77, Revoked Dec. 27, 1979
 Colon No. 78, Surrendered Jan. 4, 1934
 Mt. Sinai No. 79, Surrendered Dec. 27, 1928
 Bessemer No. 80, Merged with Darius No. 75, Dec. 2, 1993
 Charlevoix No. 81, Surrendered May 17, 1920
 Benzie (Frankfort) No. 82, Revoked May 14, 1931
 Eaton Rapids No. 83, Surrendered Dec. 15, 1935
 Almont No. 84, Revoked March 3, 1942
 Vicksburg No. 87, Merged with Kalamazoo No. 63, April 10, 1959
 Jeremiah No. 88 Ferndale, Merged with Mt. Clemens No.8, Sept. 25, 1995
 Northville No. 89, Took back their old No. 30, 1971-72
 Mt. Ararat No.5, Merged with Jackson No. 32, April 14, 2004
 Albion No. 57, Took back their old No. 14 and name, Hiram,
 August 17, 2005, at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council
 Darius Council No. 75, Consolidated with Hiawatha Council No. 65, August 2, 2008
 Inverness Council No. 60, Consolidated with Straits Area Council No. 92, August 6, 2009
 Manistee Council No. 46, Revoked July 21, 2011

In Memoriam
Bart Allen Porter

Most Illustrious Grand Master
Elected: August 15, 2013



Born: October 23, 1959
Owosso, Michigan
Died: June 5, 2014
Owosso, Michigan



*Dedicated to the Memory
of
The Honored Dead
of our
Sister Grand Jurisdictions
Year 2013*

*We Join with Them in Mourning the
Loss of
Their Beloved Companions in Masonry*



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Supreme Grand Council
In 2013

*May Their Services to the Craft
Be Long Remembered*

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