

THE CRYPTIC FREEMASON

George C. Sellars Most Puissant General Grand Master



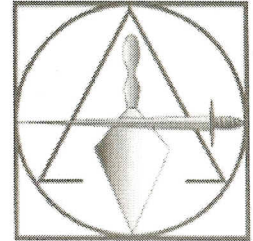
If all goes as planned, on August 29, 2011 Right Puissant Companion George C. Sellars will be installed Most Puissant General Grand Master of the Most Puissant General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Companion George was born June 23, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of George and Anna Sellars. He attended Detroit Public Schools and St. Thomas and St. Peters Lutheran Schools, and graduated from Edwin Denby High School, Detroit. While in high school he was Captain of the football team and President of the choir. He attended the University of Michigan, Lawrence Technical University, and Detroit Institute of Technology, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology, History, and business. He has also taken postgraduate study in Engineering, Economics, and Management.

George has been married to Brenda Grace Sellars for 48 years. They have children Barbara Anne Saylor and husband David, and Brother and Companion Paul G. Sellars. George and Brenda are members of Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, St. Claire Shores, MI.

George served in the Army and Navy, where he was an instructor. He worked thirty four years in marketing, engineering, and management for a Public Utility Company, and for fifteen years was Owner, President and C.E.O. of a Construction and Consulting Firm.

George was initiated in Metropolitan Lodge #519 in 1961. Later he was a member of Composite Lodge #459, and a dual member of Grosse Pointe Lodge, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1973 and 1989. He served the Grand Lodge of Michigan as District Deputy Instructor 1974-77, on the Board of General Purposes 1978-83, and on many committees over the years.



George was exalted in Composite Chapter #178 in 1971, and was High Priest in 1983. He is a member of the Michigan Holy Order of High Priesthood, where he was Most Excellent President in 1994.

George was greeted in Jeremiah Council #88 in 1975. The next year he became a member of Mt. Clemens Council #8, where he was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1979, and Recorder for several years thereafter. A dual member of Marine City Council, he was Recorder there 1998-2000. He is also a member of Essex Council #12 of Ontario, Canada. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel from the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters May 16, 1980, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council May 21, 1993.

For the Grand Council of Michigan he was Founder, Editor, and Publisher of the "Michigan Compendium" in 1979. On May 19, 1984 he was appointed the Grand Marshal of the Grand Council. Proceeding through the Grand line he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master on May 21, 1988. Serving on many committees for the Grand Council over the years, he has served as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee since 2000.

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For the General Grand Council, International he was appointed Ambassador for Michigan for the Triennium 1984-96. He was appointed Regional Deputy General Grand Master for the East Central Region 1996-99. He was elected General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in Rapid City, SD in 2005, and Deputy General Grand Master in Indianapolis, IN in 2008. He was Editor of the Cryptic Freemason Magazine 2007-09.

George was Knighted in Mt. Clemens Commandery #51 in 1975, and served as Eminent Commander 1976 through 1978. He was Recorder for several years. For the Grand Commandery of Michigan he served as Grand Sword Bearer in 1978 and Grand Sentinel in 1984. He was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in 2002.

He was initiated into Prince Edwin York Rite College #8 in 1977. He served on the degree team 1978-81, after which he joined the line, serving as Preeminent Governor 1989, and then as Secretary 1990-2000.

George received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Wheeling, WV in 1983, and served as Grand Governor for Michigan 1992-98. In 1999 he was elected and inducted a Regent of the Sovereign College, and in 2000 he was elected and inducted as Secretary General and member of the board of Directors of the Sovereign College, serving until 2004. He received the Knight Commander of the Purple Cross in 2003. In 2007 he was the General Chairman for the General Assembly held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

George was elected a member of Michigan Priory #22, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 1984. He served as a lecturer 1985 through 1988, and then joined the line, serving as Eminent Prior in 1993. He received the Knight York Grand Cross of Honour with one Quadrant in 1988. He became Registrar/Treasurer 1994-2004.

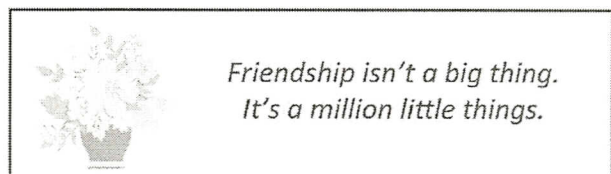
For Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour he was the Personal Representative of the Grand Master General for District #8 1998-2003, and was Eminent Grand Prelate 2003-04.

George was a Charter Member of Michigan Forest #190, Tall Cedars of Lebanon in 1990, and a Charter member of White Pine Forest #191 in 1991, where he served as Charter Scribe 1992-98., and as Grand Tall Cedar in 1998., and has been Chairman, Trustee, and Budget and Finance for the Board of Directors since then.

George participates in several Masonic research and educational activities, including the Philaethes Society; founder and director of Michigan Masonic Research Association; Masonic Book Club; Scottish Rite Research Society; Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076, London, England, Secretary for MI 1989-2006.

George is also a member of several other Masonic organizations, including Moslem Shrine Temple, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite; Valley of Detroit, Thistle and Rose Council #27, Allied Masonic Degrees; International Lodge #4, Royal Ark Mariners; The Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.; the Royal Order of Scotland; Both IL and MI Colleges of SCIRF; Gates of the Temple Tabernacle #LXV, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; St. Clemens Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Detroit Chapter, National Sojourners; received the Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay; Great Chiefs Council, #0, Knight Masons of the U.S.A., Excellent Chief 2002 & 04; dual member of Trinity Council #36, Knight Masons of the U.S.A; The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon; and Noruh Grotto.

George has been awarded Honorary Membership in 12 Councils of Royal an Select Masters, 29 Grand Councils, 5 Councils of Ish Sodi, 14 Councils of Thrice Illustrious Masters, 5 Grand Commanderies, 13 Pories of Knights of the York Cross of Honour, 15 York Rite Colleges, 3 Past Commanders Associations, and 5 Orders of High Priesthood.



*Friendship isn't a big thing.
 It's a million little things.*