

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware  
Summary of the 84th Annual Assembly

The 84th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware was opened by Right Illustrious Companion Gilbert E. Greenfield, Deputy Grand Master, at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 13, 2010 in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. All constituted Councils were properly represented. Most Illustrious Grand Master James B. Walsh was then received into Grand Council and proceeded to preside over the Grand Assembly.

Right Puissant Reuben (Rex) Long, Northeastern Regional Deputy Grand Master was duly received into Grand Council. Grand Council was honored to receive Most Worshipful James E. Willey, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, into the Assembly. The Most Worshipful graciously addressed the Companions assembled, welcoming the distinguished visitors from Sister jurisdictions to Delaware and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in Delaware.

Grand Council experienced a net loss in membership for the year of 23. The record for the year shows only 2 greetings, 1 affiliations, 2 reinstated, 9 deaths, 6 demits, and 13 suspensions. The membership ends the year at 309. Only Adoniram Council had any greetings this year. The General Funds of Grand Council were \$8,849.23 in the Operating Fund and \$16,957.02 invested in CDs for a total of \$25,806.25. In addition the Permanent Fund contains a balance of \$1,677.55.

The Most Illustrious Master declared that the Grand Council would continue with the insurance coverage and each constituent council would be billed by the Grand Commandery.

The Memorials Committee presented a brief service in memory of our departed Companions including Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters Henry G. Law, Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. and Albert H. Westerside.

Following the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, Grand Council approved the following amendment to the Constitution:

*The Grand Council shall hold its Annual Assembly on the second Saturday in March at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware, or at such time and place to permit meeting on the same day as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or such other time and place as the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly may determine. Special Assemblies may be called if deemed necessary, or when requested by a majority of the Councils.*

The Finance Committee presented a budget with projected income of \$1,187.50 and expenses of \$1,187.50. The per capita was set at a total of \$4.50 which includes \$3 to Grand Council, \$1 to General Grand Council and \$ .50 to the York Rite Grand Sessions weekend.

Grand Council was honored to have representatives from seven of our sister jurisdiction present. M. P. Douglas D. Crum, Most Puissant Grand Master from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, responded for these distinguished Companions. Right Puissant Reuben “Rex” Long, Northeast Regional Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, extended the greetings of the General Grand Master Joe Vale and thanked the Companions of Delaware for their hospitality.

The following Grand officers were elected/appointed and installed to serve for the ensuing Cryptic year:

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

M. I. Grand Master Greenfield challenged the Companions assembled to try harder and not be “Second Best”. He asked that all Companions do more than just look for a replacement in their Councils. His goal is to improve the Grand Council by building on the legacy of the past and in the immortal words of Lenny Dykstra, “We Can Do It.”

The date of the next Grand Council session was set for May 12, 2011 at a time and place to be determined by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,



Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder

*In compliance with the Requirements of Grand Council, this Summary has been prepared for the benefit of the Companions of this Jurisdiction. It is to be read aloud at the first meeting of the Council following its receipt. Grand Representatives are invited to use as much of the above as they wish in their correspondence with our Sister Jurisdictions.*