

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware
Summary of the 85th Annual Assembly

The 85th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware was opened by Right Illustrious Companion Robert A. Benson, Deputy Grand Master, at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. All constituted Councils were properly represented. Most Illustrious Grand Master Gilbert E. Greenfield was then received into Grand Council and proceeded to preside over the Grand Assembly.

Right Puissant David Grindle, General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International was duly received into Grand Council.

Grand Council experienced a net loss in membership for the year of 8. The record for the year shows 21 greetings, 2 affiliations, 15 deaths, 3 demits, and 12 suspensions. The membership ends the year at 287. All Councils had greetings this year. The General Funds of Grand Council were \$7,799.02 in the Operating Fund and \$16,957.02 invested in CDs for a total of \$24,756.04. In addition the Permanent Fund contains a balance of \$1,737.90.

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 Albert H. Westerside, Richard A. Scarlott, Archie W. Bethard, III and Horace G. Patterson, Jr.

Following the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, Grand Council approved the following amendment to Standing Resolution No. 11:

11. SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

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

The Finance Committee presented a budget with projected income of \$1,187.00 and expenses of \$1,185.00. 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 eight of our sister jurisdiction present. M. I. David Raymond, Most Illustrious Grand Master from the Grand Council of New York, responded for these distinguished Companions. Right Puissant David Grindle, General Grand Recorder 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. He also spoke about the exciting breakthroughs in the

study of circulatory medicine support by the donations made to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and encouraged continued support.

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

Robert A. Benson	M. I. Grand Master
James G. Horn	R. I. Deputy Grand Master
Neal J. Sobocinski	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
Jay C. Bergstrom	I. Grand Captain of the Guard
Wayne T. Slack	I. Grand Chaplain
Lyman L. Krimmel	I. Grand Conductor of the Council
Lionel D. Hunter	I. Grand Marshal
Jon B. Cottrell	I. Grand Steward
Michael Pizzola	I. Grand Sentinel

M.I. Grand Master Benson set forth 2 goals this year. The first is to build upon the momentum in Grand Chapter

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.