

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware
Summary of the 87th Annual Assembly

The 87th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware was opened by Right Illustrious Companion Neal J. Sobocinski, Deputy Grand Master, at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel in New Castle, Delaware. All constituted Councils were properly represented. Most Illustrious Grand Master James G. Horn was then received into Grand Council and proceeded to preside over the Grand Assembly.

Right Puissant Charles L. Hollinger, General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International was duly received into Grand Council.

Grand Council experienced a net increase in membership for the year of 13 due to an adjustment of membership of 16 accidentally removed. The record for the year shows 18 greetings, 3 affiliations, 0 reinstated, 11 deaths, 3 demits, and 12 suspensions. The membership ends the year at 298. All Councils had greetings this year. The General Funds of Grand Council were \$6,850.54 in the Operating Fund and \$17,000.75 invested in CDs for a total of \$23,851.29. In addition the Permanent Fund contains a balance of \$2,711.91.

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 Master Chester C. Coffin and the General Grand Master George Sellars.

Following the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, Grand Council unanimously approved the following Constitutional change:

Amend Article 8 - POWER OF OFFICERS,

by adding the following:

In addition, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to receive from each Constituent Council of this Grand Council, and from the Grand Treasurer, such information, complete and compliant, to enable him to file all required federal government IRS filings on their behalf and report same to the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly.

The Cryptic Mason of the Year was awarded to John Eberly of Adoniram Council #2 and the Adult Youth Leadership was awarded to David Painter. Also at the annual banquet PMIGM James R. Herrington was awarded the Order of the Secret Vault.

The Finance Committee presented a budget with projected income of \$1,299.00 and expenses of \$1,299.00. The per capita was set at a total of \$4.50 that 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. P. F. Dean Lewis, Most Puissant Grand Master from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, responded for these distinguished Companions. Right Puissant Charles Hollinger, General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, extended the greetings of the General Grand Master Lawrence O. Weaver 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. He also relayed the changes in General Grand Council due to the untimely death last month of Most Puissant George Sellars, General Grand Master.

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

Neal J. Sobocinski	M. I. Grand Master
Jay C. Bergstrom	R. I. Deputy Grand Master
Lionel Hunter	R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PMIGM	M. I. Grand Treasurer
Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM	M. I. Grand Recorder
William F. Lott	I. Grand Captain of the Guard
James R. Herrington, PMIGM	I. Grand Chaplain
Harold J. Heitmann	I. Grand Conductor of the Council
A. Tony Maxwell	I. Grand Marshal
George Gadsby	I. Grand Steward
Bradley Driscoll	I. Grand Sentinel

M.I. Grand Master Sobocinski challenged the Companions by stating “the sky is not the limit, there are already footprints on the moon.”

The date of the next Grand Council session was set for March 9, 2014 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.