Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland Annual Grand Assembly PROCEEDINGS



Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Grand Lodge of Maryland

Cockeysville Maryland





Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Maryland

> September 21, 2020 Call Letter for Annual Meetings,

Companions & Sir Knights: By order of:

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Comp. Bruce G. Colburn,
- Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. Randall L. Watson,
- Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Charles E. Warns II,

Official notice is hereby given for

The Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, The Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland, and The Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Please see reverse for additional information!!!!!

The Grand Assembly of the Grand Council will be held on <u>Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.</u> in the Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD. Agenda will include Reports, Budgets, Elections, and Installation of 2020 – 2021 Officers. Line Officers MUST have their Apron, Apron Case and Jewel. Please bring a mask for this meeting if you have one.

PLEASE NOTE WELL: Confirmation of attendance required to MIGM by email (<u>beldarl@verizon.net</u>) or you may leave a voice message at 443.429.4091 for proper space preparations.

The Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be a Virtual Meeting held online on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 24</u>, <u>2020 at 10.00 a.m</u>. Agenda will include all business appropriate to the Annual Conclave. Please look for a separate mailing from the Grand Recorder. Register for this meeting at <u>grand.recorder.maryland@gmail.com</u>.

The Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held on <u>Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.</u> at Glen Burnie Lodge, 11 Crain Hwy South, Glen Burnie, MD. Agenda will include Reports, Budgets, Elections and Installation of Officers for 2020 – 2021. Officers must have their Apron, Apron Case, and Jewel. Only Voting Members may attend...only two per Chapter. Please coordinate with your MEHP if you wish to vote a proxy.

Dress: You are welcome to bring your own mask and gloves

Grand Chapter: Red Jackets, vests, & ties for Grand Officers; red jackets or coat, ties & PHP aprons Grand Council: Tuxedo, purple vests & ties for Grand Officers, purple jacket or coat, ties & PTIM aprons Grand Commandery: Commandery Uniform less swords and chapeaus.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

ME Comp Vernon H Huebschman Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Maryland RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman Grand Recorder Grand Council of Maryland SK Kris D. Brown Grand Recorder Grand Commandery of KT in MD



Additional Comments as supplied by those listed:

Grand Chapter of Maryland:

This will be a live session, all MWGM and Grand Chapter COVID-19 rules apply. Masks are mandatory, Social Distancing is required, Gloves to be used. The Lodge building will be cleaned prior to the meeting, Gloves, Masks, and Sanitizer will be provided. There will no meal provided, but bottled water will be available. The Lodge room is limited to 45 people, but based on past attendance, and that no out of State dignitaries will attend, we should be OK.

If you are a Grand Officer and will not be attending due to Covid or other reasons, please let me know, and you must make arrangements with someone attending to deliver your collar and jewel.

There are two candidates who have put their names forward to run for Grand Scribe:

- Andrew Martinez, PHP of Mt. Vernon RAC No. 25
- Dennis Ewing, PHP-Adoniram RAC No. 21; ES- Druid RAC No. 28

RE Comp. Bruce Colburn, MEGHP

Grand Council of Maryland;

A registration count must be sent to MIGM Watson via email by Friday, October 16th, so the room can be set up with the capacity that best meets our expected attendance. Thanks,

RI Comp. Randy Watson, MIGM Beldar1@verizon.net

Grand Commandery of Maryland:

The Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be a Virtual Meeting held online on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. Agenda will include all business appropriate to the Annual Conclave. Including a special election for Eminent Grand Generalissimo and any resulting offices required, updated committee reports, and installation of officers, voting on proposed amendments.

Please look for a separate mailing from the Grand Recorder. Register for this meeting at: grand.recorder.maryland@gmail.com.

Courteously SK Kris Brown Grand Recorder

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland Annual Grand Assembly - Cockeysville , Maryland October 22, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Grar	nd Council Opening	MIGM Randall L. Watson
	dentials Committee	Preliminary Report: PTIM William Baldwin
	eption of MIPGM's	MIGM Randall L. Watson
		Grand Recorder Vernon H. Huebschman
	ceedings	
	Degree	Grand Recorder Vernon H. Huebschman
	cer's Report	Most Illustrious Grand Master: Randall L. Watson
	cer's Report	Grand Recorder: Vernon H. Huebschman
	cer's Report	Grand Treasurer: John A. Rafine, MIPGM
	cer's Report/Ritual Additions	Grand Lecturer: PTIM John L. Thomas
	ounts & Finance	RIDGM Randolph S. Disney
	ensations & Charters	NO REPORT
12. CMN	VIRF	PTIM Louis P. Romeo, Jr.
13. Fest	ive Board 2020	NO REPORT
14. Doir	ngs of Grand Officers	NO REPORT
15. Frat	ernal Relations	NO REPORT
16. Grie	vance	NO REPORT
17. Juris	sprudence & Constitution	As needed
18. Long	g-Range Planning	NO REPORT
19. Mer	nbership	NO REPORT
20. Reco	ognition & Awards	MIGM Randall L. Watson
21. Time	e & Place 2021	Comp. Robert England
22. Sess	ions 2021	NOREPORT
23. Yout	th Relations	MIGM Randall L. Watson
24. Unfi	nished Business	RIDGM Randolph S. Disney
25. New	<i>r</i> Business	MIGM Randall L. Watson
	a. Memorial Walk proposals	b. Ending Council Insurance reimbursement
	tion of 2020 - 2021 Officers	MIGM Randall L. Watson
27. Rem	narks	RPDGGM Thomas Taylor & Others
28. Calli	ng Off for Installation	MIGM Randall L. Watson
	allation of 2020 - 2021 Officers	Installing MIPGM Gordon A. Davids
	Remarks & Closing	MIGM Randolph S. Disney
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The MIGM may alter is agenda as he sees fit, and may receive reports to be printed in the Proceedings as he may direct.

1. Grand Council Opening

MIGM Randall L. Watson

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Grand Master, M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson with the following Officers in their respective place and stations:

M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson
R.I. Comp. Randolph S. Disney
R.I. Comp. William C. Hare
R.I. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman
M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine, MIPGM
Comp. Robert B Lumbert, MIPGM
Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas
Comp. Raymond L. Tayse
Comp. G. Andrew Martinez
Comp. Gary J. Kennedy
Comp. William J. Baldwin, Jr.
Comp. John L. Thomas
Comp. Louis P. Romeo, Jr.

Grand Master Deputy Grand Master Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Grand Recorder Grand Treasurer Grand Chaplain Pro Temp Grand Captain of the Guard Grand Conduction of the Council (Absent) Grand Marshal Grand Steward Grand Steward Grand Lecturer CMMRF Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance lead by MI Comp. Watson, MIGM.

Opening Prayer by M.I. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert.

2. Credentials Reports

Comp. William J. Baldwin, Gr Sentinel

Preliminary Report at the opening of the Grand Assembly

Number of Councils Present	Eight (8)
Number of Voting Companions	Twenty-four (24)
Number of Non-Voting Companions	Five (5)

The MIGM acknowledged the presence of a quorum and welcomed all for being present.

Final Report per Register submitted by the Grand Sentinel, per registration sheets:

Number of Councils Present	Twelve (12)
Number of Voting Companions	Thirty-one (31)
Number of Non-Voting Companions	Sixteen (16)



1. Concordia	Robert B. Lumbert, MIPGM Bruce G. Colburn*	2. Jerusalem	Louis P. Romeo, Jr
5. Hiram	Jeffrey L. Dill, MIPGM William C. Eppig, PTIM William C. Hare, PTIM Dennis Ewing, TIM John P. Mitchell Spyridon G. Treklas John A. Rafine, MIPGM Randall L. Watson, MIGM	7. Carroll	William J Baldwin, G Sent
8. Jeshua	None Registered	9. Zabud	None Registered
10. Enoch	Gary King	11. Salem	Patrick A. Stangler
12. Giblim	None Registered	13. King Solomon	John H. Austin, PTIM Kris Brown, PTIM
		20. Harmony	Gordon A. Davids, MIPGM Randolph S. Disney, PTIM F. Andrew Martinez, TIM
21. Adoniram	Vernon Huebschman	23. York	None Registered
		25. Samuel L. Clemens	None Registered
	# Non-Voting Companion		

Final Register of attending Companions:



3. Reception of MIPGM's

MIGM Randall L. Watson

The Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council were invited to present themselves west of the Altar. Those present were:

MIPGM Gordon A. Davids	1995
MIPGM Jeffrey L. Dill	2015 – 2016
MIPGM John A. Rafine	2017
MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert	2018 -2019

The General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, R.P. Comp. G. Thomas Taylor was received and greeted.

MEGHP Bruce G. Colburn was introduced & greeted.

Grand Honors were led by MIGM Watson

The MIGM greeted our MIPGM's. M.I. Comp. Davids responded for those assembled:

"I never thought I would see the day when I would stand here as the most senior MIPGM of this Grand Council. I think it falls to me to respond. We would like to thank your for these courtesies and for your service in these very trying times. I am proud to be a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland."

Later, during his Annual Report, the MIGM asked for a moment of silent reflect, as of our 2020 Annual Grand Assembly, the following MIPGM has passed to the Celestial Lodge Above:

MIPGM Stephen J. Ponzillo, III

A moment of silence was observed for our late MIPGM

4. Proceedings

R.I. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

As the Proceedings of the Annual Grand Assembly of 2019 have been posted to the Grand Council Website for nearly eleven months without comment, I moved they be adopted as published, subject to review and correction if valid comment is made.

As the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly and the Special Grand Assembly for the TIM Degree were cancelled due to health concerns, there are no Proceedings for the record. Seconded by TIM Mitchell, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

Vernon H. Huebschman, Grand Recorder



5. TIM Degree

MIGM,

With the health restriction imposed by State and by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Special Grand Assembly for the Conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Masters' Degree was cancelled for April 2020. The MIGM has issued a dispensation for those rising officers who have been selected in their respective Councils as Thrice Illustrious Master-Elect shall be install without the qualifying condition of receiving the TIM Degree. Provided that the Companion shall at the earliest opportunity attend and participate in the conferral of this Degree.

Respectfully,

R. I. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

6. Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master

MIGM Randall L. Watson

Companions,

I once again thank you for your trust and the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Council for the 2020 term of office. As everyone knows, this has been quite an unusual and challenging year with the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. The Cryptic Year began normally after the Grand Assembly, but screeched to a sudden stop with the complete shutdown of in-person gatherings effective at midnight between Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, the 17th.

Thanks to RIDGM Randy Disney and RIGPCW Bill Hare, who represented the Grand Council at numerous functions including Lodge Installations and presentations of Master's Pins, Grand Sessions of other jurisdictions, Masonic Youth sessions, and Masonic presentations.

Grand Visitations

The Grand Line and I were able to attended scheduled Grand Visitations to nine Councils before the Pandemic shutdown. (These were: Hiram #05 on Dec 5, 2019; Carroll #07 on Nov 25, 2019; Jeshua #08 on Mar 3, 2020; Zabud #09 on Mar 3, 2020; Enoch #10 on Feb 10, 2020; Salem #11 on Feb 18, 2020; Giblim #12 on Mar 3, 2020; Harmony #20 on Dec 9, 2019; and Adoniram #21 on Mar 3, 2020.) The other five Grand Visitations were cancelled. (These were: Concordia #01 for Apr 17, 2020; Jerusalem #02 for Mar 24, 2020; King Solomon #13 for Apr 22, 2020; York #23 for Jun 5, 2020; and Samuel Clemens #25 for Sep 9, 2020.)

COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic

Many items had to be cancelled in addition to Grand Visitations; most notably the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly for May 28, 2020, the Super Excellent Master Degree Conferral for April 4, 2020, and the Past Thrice Illustrious Master Degree Conferral for April 25, 2020. The project to revise the Ritual was put on hold. The York Rite Cruise on the Carnival Pride scheduled for August 30 – September 6, 2020 was also cancelled.



General Grand Triennial

The Triennial for the General Grand Council and Chapter scheduled for September 24-29, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky was cancelled, with virtual meetings taking the place of the in-person Triennial. The General Grand Council Meeting was held using the Zoom platform on September 26, 2020. The General Grand Chapter's virtual meeting will be held on November 21, 2020.

Master's Pins

As detailed in the Maryland Supplement to the Summer 2020 issue of the Royal Arch Magazine, a total of 33 Companions participated in presenting the 2020 Master's Square Pins to the incoming Worshipful Masters. I helped the Grand Chapter and represented the York Rite by attending as MIGM and presenting 18 pins this year. I attended an additional 15 Lodge Installations where another Companion presented the Master's pin.

Functions of Note

- On November 16, 2019 I had the privilege to respond for the Collateral Bodies at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.
- On August 12, 2020 I was honored to be invited to represent the Grand Council at the first stated communication of Logia Sol Naciente, U.D., which was presented that evening with its Dispensation to organize to do Work in the Spanish language. It is expected that they will be chartered as lodge #242 at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication next month.
- On September 26, 2020 the Grand Commandery invited me to represent the Grand Council at their ceremony of formal mutual recognition with the St. Andrews Grand Commandery Knights Templar (Prince Hall Affiliate) for the State of Maryland and Jurisdiction. This completed the York Rite mutual recognition, which was done by the Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in 2014.
- On March 14, 2020 RIDGM Randy Disney represented Maryland at the Delaware Grand York Rite Sessions. They had a maple syrup tasting contest and the syrup made in Western Maryland won over all the competition.
- A copy of the full list of events is attached to the formal report.
- I also participated with numerous other meetings, discussions and virtual gatherings which are not included in the list of functions.

Dispensations and Edicts

During this term, authority to Open/Close Council Assemblies in Ample Form was delegated to the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, and the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

During this term, authority to issue Dispensations for "standard" issues (such as a Council desiring to cancel a stated Assembly) was delegated to the Grand Recorder.

The full text of the Edicts and Dispensations due to Coronavirus control provisions are contained in the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Constitution.



Conclusion

I wish to express my gratitude to the support and efforts of the Grand Council Officers and Past Grand Masters who have accompanied me on many of the outings, as well as providing guidance and good counsel in addition to their own labors in the quarries.

Finally, I wish to express thank each of you for all your support and service for York Rite Masonry.

Fraternally yours,

Randall Watson

M.I. Grand Master

October 2019 – October 2020

A motion was made to spread this report upon the Proceedings by M.I. Comp. Lumbert, Seconded by Comp. Austin, and passed unanimously.



	November 2019								
Sun, Nov 03	DeMolay Chevalier Observance								
Wed, Nov 06	SRICF High Council Triennial Session in Louisville, KY								
Wed, Nov 13	Giblim #12								
Fri, Nov 15	Grand Lodge Annual								
Mon, Nov 25	Grand Visitation to Carroll #7								
Tue, Nov 26	Jerusalem #2								
	December 2019								
Thu, Dec 05	Grand Visitation to Hiram #5								
Sun, Dec 08	Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade								
Mon, Dec 09	Grand Visitation to Harmony #20								
Sun, Dec 15	York Rite Religious Service at MMH Chapel cancelled due to Influenza outbreak								
Fri, Dec 20	Druid / Hiram / Monumental Holiday Ball								
	January 2020								
Thu, Jan 02	Glen Burnie #213 Installation								
Fri, Jan 03	Harmony #53 Installation								
Sat, Jan 04	Camp Springs #227, Oxon Hill #231 & Patuxent #218 Installations								
Sun, Jan 05	Md Masonic Lodge of Research #239 Installation								
Mon, Jan 06	Columbia #58 Installation								
Tue, Jan 07	Hagerstown #217 Installation								
Wed, Jan 08	Highland #184 Installation								
Thu, Jan 09	Crescent #240 Installation								
Sat, Jan 11	Queen City #131, Mountain #99, Cumberland DeMolay & Ali Ghan Shrine Installations								
Sun, Jan 12	Oakland #192 Installation								
Mon, Jan 13	T.J. Shryock #223 Installation								
Tue, Jan 14	Bonnie Blink Daylight #1 Installation								
Tue, Jan 14	Susquehanna #130 Installation								

MIGM - Grand Council Doings - Presented to Annual Assembly - October 22, 2020

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland

Wed, Jan 15	East Gate #216 Installation
Sat, Jan 18	Collington #230 & St. Albans-Birmingham #233 Installations
Sun, Jan 19	Bowie-Collington DeMolay Installation
Mon, Jan 20	Monocacy #203 Installation
Tue, Jan 21	Montgomery-Cornerstone #195 Installation
Wed, Jan 22	Prince Frederick #142 Installation
Thu, Jan 23	Centennial #174 Installation
Fri, Jan 24	Ionic #145 Installation (Also presented Antietam #197 WM Pin)
Sat, Jan 25	Silver Spring #215 Installation
Sun, Jan 26	Ancient Baltimore #234 Installation
Mon, Jan 27	Nanticoke #172 Installation
Tue, Jan 28	Oakland #192 MM
Wed, Jan 29	Granite #177 MM
Thu, Jan 30	Terrapin #241 Installation
Fri, Jan 31	St. Columba #150 Installation
Fri, Jan 31	St. Columba #150 Installation February 2020
Fri, Jan 31 Mon, Feb 03	
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Mon, Feb 03	February 2020 Oriental #158 WM Pin
Mon, Feb 03 Sat, Feb 08	February 2020 Oriental #158 WM Pin Corinthian #93 MM
Mon, Feb 03 Sat, Feb 08 Mon, Feb 10	February 2020 Oriental #158 WM Pin Corinthian #93 MM Grand Visitation to Enoch #10
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Sun, Mar 08	DeMolay LOH Observance									
Wed, Mar 11	SEM Rehearsal									
	April, May, June 2020									
Sat, Apr 04	SEM Cancelled									
Sat, Apr 25	CAHP & PTIM Cancelled									
Thu, May 28	Semi-Annual Cancelled									
Tue, Jun 23	Jerusalem Zoom									
	July 2020									
Thu, Jul 09	Hiram #5 Zoom									
Sat, Jul 18	Grand Commandery Semi-Annual Zoom									
Sat, Jul 25	DeMolay Conclave Installation									
Mon, Jul 27	Jul 27 Carroll #7 Installation									
Tue, Jul 28	Jerusalem #2 Zoom Installation									
	August 2020									
Wed, Aug 12	Logia Sol Naciente U.D. first communication									
Tue, Aug 18	Catonsville DeMolay Installation									
Map Aug 24	Harmony #20 Installation									
Mon, Aug 24										
Sun, Aug 30	York Rite Cruise Cancelled									
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Sun, Oct 04

DeMolay Awards Day

7. Report of the Grand Recorder

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

MIGM,

This year has been one of constant adjustments and reconfiguring in our local bodies and in the plans for this Grand Council. We have lost planned events... but learned new communication techniques.

The Summary reports reflects a drop of activity in the local Council, and also the consequences of a corresponding quiet in their associated Chapters....and then the Lodges. The stream of candidates dried up in place. Just now we are seeing some Chapter completing degree cycles, thus releasing new Companions to the Council to begin their work. I am sure the Commanderies are eagerly awaiting our Councils Degree work to be completed soon so that when they are permitted to reopen, there will be a significant number of Candidates for their Orders.

IRS 990N: We still have Councils battling out this process. One has completed its struggles successfully. The trick is to just get started and to have the contact information of the presiding officer ready.

Annual Reports: Some Councils are on time, most were late and some have not arrived as of this writing. This is easily the most frustrating part of the job of being a Grand Recorder. There needs to be consequences for Councils that are not timely and for Recorders that ignore their responsibilities.

Awards: Please visit the General Grand Council website to see the array of new awards and programs available for our membership. Most can be begun locally. Please take a look for yourself.

Website: Most of the inquiries I have for information are answered by the question...did you look on the Grand Council Website before you contacted me? The website is a fantastic tool and fountain of information.

MIGM, I regret the end of your term. You are among the most talented Masons in Maryland. We have been deprived of your energy and insights by the circumstances of this unusual year. I thank you for the pleasure of serving as your secretary for a third time and wish you success in your future aspirations.

The Summary of the Annual Reports is submitted in its incomplete state, and I move its adoption as such with the authority to add data from the delinquent Councils as it arrives...with the Proceedings have the most complete version possible.

Respectfully Submitted and with a motion to spread upon the Proceedings,

R.I. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman Grand Recorder

Seconded by Comp. Patrick Stangler and passed unanimously.



	Grand Council of R&SM of Maryland																							
	2019 - 2020 Submitted: October 22, 2020																							
	Summary Repo	rt of	Mei	mbersh	nip S	tatu	s as	submi	tted in	Ann	ual Co	uncil F	lepo	rts										
Council Number	Council Name		IRS 990-N	8/31/2018 Membership	Greetings	Re-instatement	Merger	Subtotal		Deaths	Suspended by Chapter Action	Suspensions by Lodge Action	Demit	Correction	Ending 8/31/18	General Grand Council Life Memberships Gen Grd Council Life Memberships (-52.50) Assessment less Life memberships				Greeting Fee (\$10.00 per Candidate)	Total Assessment		CMMRF Donation	
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9	Zal	bud	Y	19	0	0	0	19		0	0	0	1	. 0	18	0	\$0.00	\$ 207.00	\$-	\$	207.00	\$	50.00	
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12	Gik	lim	Y	54	1	0	0	55		0	0	0	C) 1	54	0	\$0.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 10.00	\$	415.00	\$	200.00	
13	King Solon	non		50				50							50	0				\$	-			
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25	Samuel Clem	ens		10				10							10	0				\$	-			
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	TOTAL			1037	20	6	11	1096		24	14	1	7	6	1052	16	\$ 40.00	\$ 6,859.50	\$ 200.00	\$	7,019.50	\$1	1,636.50	

Seconded by: M.I. Comp. Robert Lumbert, and passed unanimously

The Grand Recorder Report that as of 9/30/2019 the Reconciled Balance of the Operating Account was \$2,073.40. There have been deposits of Assessment Checks during the month of October. There have been checks written to clear the Financial Expense Accounts per the approved 2019 - 2020 Budget. The full end of year statement of the Operating Account will be presented to the Grand Assembly in May 2021

Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

Grand Recorder.



8. Report of the Grand Treasurer

M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine

October 4, 2020

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

This report covers the reporting period of November 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. During this period our ending account value decreased by -14.11 reflecting our exposure to energy and REITs. Our account advisor does not recommend any changes to our account as these sectors have stabilized.

During this reporting period there were no transfers to or from this account and our cash account was debited (\$150) on July 15, 2020 for payment of the Morgan Stanley annual service charge.

This report was submitted to the Finance Committee for its review. A report of the opening and closing values of our account detailing each investment appears on the reverse of this report.

Fraternally,

John Rafine, PGC, Grand Treasurer

1	10/31/19		9/30/20		Change
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\$	14,471.31	\$	15,804.97	\$	1,333.66
\$	31,819.10	\$	31,221.28	\$	(597.82
\$	46,290.41	\$	47,026.25	\$	735.84
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\$	13,168.55				7.9
\$	33,547.63				20.2
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9. Grand Lecturer's Report:

Comp. John L. Thomas

No report submitted for this Grand Assembly

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10. Accounts & Finance

R.I. Comp. Randolph S. Disney

Morgan Stanley Investment Account 1036 (per statement)		10/31/19		9/30/20		Change
Total Cash, Bank Deposit Program and Money Market Funds	\$	5,462.89	\$	13,168.55	\$	7,705.66
Stocks						
Common Stocks				-		
Excelon Corp	\$	13,647.00	\$	10,728.00	\$	(2,919.00
Magellan Midstream Partners	\$	37,392.00	\$	20,520.00	\$	(16,872.00
Omega Healthcare Inv Inc.	\$	28,626.00	\$	19,461.00	\$	(9,165.00
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	\$	8,965.80	\$	5,413.65	\$	(3,552.15
Preferred Stocks						
Capital One Financial Corp	\$	10,456.00	\$	10,072.00	\$	(384.00
Total Stocks	\$	99,086.80	\$	66,194.65	\$	(32,892.15
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Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds		;			-	
PIMCO Corporate and Income Opportunity	\$	9,300.00	\$	8,065.00	\$	(1,235.00
Total Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds	\$	9,300.00	\$	8,065.00	\$	(1,235.00
Corporate Fixed Income	-				-	
Bonds						
Natwest Group PLC FXD (formerly Royal Bank of Scotland)	\$	14,625.00	\$	14,193.00	\$	(432.00
Fixed Rate Capital Securities						
Hartford RNL SVC GRP	\$	7,107.50	\$	6,917.50	\$	(190.00
Legg Mason inc	\$	10,936.00	\$	10,212.00	\$	(724.00
interest	\$	55.30	\$	98.54	\$	43.24
Total Corporate Fixed Income	\$	32,723.80	\$	31,421.04	\$	(1,302.76
Mutual Funds			-		-	
American BD FD of America	\$	14,471.31	\$	15,804.97	\$	1,333.66
American CAP INC Builder	\$	31,819.10	\$	31,221.28	\$	(597.82
Total Mutual Funds	\$	46,290.41	\$	47,026.25	\$	735.84
Total Value	\$	192,863.90	\$	165,875.49	\$	(26,988.41
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Asset Allocation (includes accrued int. as of 31 September 2020)	Ma	arket Value			Pe	rcentage
. Cash	\$	13,168.55				7.9
Equities	\$	33,547.63				20.2
Fixed Income and Preferreds	\$	73,764.66				44.4
Alternatives	_	45,394.65				27.3
TOTAL VALUE		165,875.49				1009
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The Committee offers the following as the proposed budget for 2020-2021:

The Proposed Budget was moved for adoption by R.I. Comp. Disney, seconded by the Grand Recorder and passed unanimously.



11. Dispensations & Charters

Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

There were no Charters or Dispensation issued during the past year which require the action of this Grand Assembly.

12. CMMRF

Comp. Louis P. Romeo, Jr.

MIGM,

This report is short but not sweet for this year 2020. Due to the Corona Virus not too much has been going on. The following is a summary of the giving and fund raising in the Cryptic Year :

Council	Donations collected and returned
Concordia No. 1 (Odenton)	\$ 299.00
Jerusalem No. 2 (Essex)	\$ 0.00
Hiram No. 5 (Cockeysville)	\$ 440.00
Carroll No. 7 (Westminster)	\$ 26.00
Jeshua No. 8 (Easton)	\$ 47.00
Zabud No. 9 (Cambridge)	\$ 50.00
Enoch No. 10 (Frederick)	\$ 250.00
Salem No. 11(Cumberland)	No Report
Giblim No. 12 (Salisbury)	\$ 200.00
King Solomon No. 13 (Germantown)	\$ 55.00
Harmony No. 20 (Annapolis)	\$ 0.00
Adoniram No. 21 (Denton)	\$ 182.00
York No. 23 (Camp Springs(\$ 142.50
Samuel L. Clemens No. 25	No Report
TOTAL COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION	\$ 1,691.50
CMMRF Annual Fundraising Efforts	\$ 905.00
Total Maryland CMMRF Contributions	\$ 2,596.50

During the presentation of this report Comp. Romeo present three Award Bars to Councils for their continuing support.

13. Festive Board 2019

Due to health restrictions, there were special social events planned for 2020.

14. Doings of Grand Officers

The report of the MIGM summarizes the main activities of the Grand Line for 2020.



15. Fraternal Relations Committee

No written Report submitted as no action was required. Most of the Jurisdictions in the Northeast held virtual or restricted Grand Assemblies during 2020.

16. Committee on Grievance

There are no issues claiming the attention of this body.

17. Jurisprudence and Constitution

M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson

R.I. Comp. Vernon Huebschman

Included in the Proceeding by order of the MIGM.

Companions,

Jurisprudence and Constitution Chairman Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MIPGM, laid down his working tools ands went to eternal rest on February 17, 2020.

During this term, the following Edicts were issued:

Edict #1 – Suspension of Cryptic Meetings – March 16, 2020

In unity with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and conformance with the Edict of M.W. Brother and Companion Richard P. Naegele, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is the order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of R&SM of Maryland, M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson that the following actions be taken immediately:

- All Council activities, including Assemblies and rehearsals are to be cancelled from March 17 through April 30th.
- In compliance with this Edict, the PTIM Degree Conferral scheduled for April 25th before the CAHP is cancelled for this year.
- Any Council which has not already had election of Officers is granted Dispensation to conduct them at their first Assembly held after this shutdown period.
- Dispensation is granted for any otherwise eligible Companion elected as the TIM for the upcoming term, who has not previously received the PTIM Degree, is permitted to be installed without the Conferral.

Edict #2 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery Provisions – June 1, 2020

 Governor Hogan has implemented Phase 2 of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery Plan for Maryland; however, formal Council Assemblies and other in-person gatherings of Companions are still prohibited. As restrictions are lessened, Councils are authorized to implement all guidelines for in-person meetings/gatherings that the Grand Lodge issues for Lodges, in accordance with State and local restrictions. All guidelines/restrictions should be followed, including use of masks, social distancing, and limitations on number of attendees. Shaking hands is discouraged.

- Once in-person meetings are allowed, a Council may still choose not to hold in-person Assemblies.
- Councils may take advantage of more liberal restrictions on outdoor events by utilizing "Low Vale" or other types of outdoor Assemblies/events.
- **Modifications to Ritual** To eliminate physical contact, the following modifications to the Ritual are in effect through the remainder of this Grand Council's Cryptic Year:
 - Instead of conducting the Chaplain, officers to be installed, or Candidates, they shall be instructed to follow the conducting officer at the appropriate social distance, with the addition of any verbal instructions necessary so that the Candidate is properly placed and positioned.
 - The TIM shall not kneel at the Altar during Obligations, but will stand while maintaining the appropriate social distance. He shall not place his hand on the Candidate's.
 - Candidates and elected officers to be installed shall be informed that they may bring their own Bible (Volume of the Sacred Law) to take and seal the Obligations.
 - Grips shall not be given. They should be explained to the Candidate, but only demonstrated by pantomime, without physical contact, while maintaining social distancing between all Companions.
 - The Candidate will not carry in a piece of work at the beginning of the Royal Master Degree. It shall be explained to him that one of the items already on the desk/table for the PCW's inspection represents the piece he has just "symbolically" carried up.
 - The Cherubim may be omitted; if used, there is no physical contact between them.
 - The Conductor of the Council will not tap the PCW on the shoulder in the Royal Master Degree.
 - Social distancing must be maintained while "whispering" Passwords.
 - TIM will make the deposits in the Select Master Degree instead of handing the items to the DIM, then to the PCW for deposit.
 - The TIM, DIM and PCW shall use separate gavels in the opening and closing ceremonies.
 - Any other modifications which have not been specifically delineated that are necessary to eliminate physical contact between Companions.
- As provided in the Edict on "Suspension of Cryptic Meetings" issued March 16, 2020, Dispensation is granted to permit any otherwise eligible Companion elected as the TIM for the term beginning in the spring of 2020, who has not previously received the PTIM Degree, to be installed without the Conferral. It is expected that such Companion should participate as a Candidate at the next Conferral of the PTIM Degree; tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021.
- Virtual Gatherings Councils are encouraged to use current technologies such as Zoom, Go-To-Meeting, and other platforms to hold virtual gatherings to keep in touch. Councils with a large overlap of membership with other York Rite Bodies (Chapter and/or Commandery) should consider combining their efforts and hold joint virtual gatherings. Educational program presentations are encouraged in addition to informal discussions and social time.
 - An open installation of officers may be done in a virtual setting. Grand Council maintains authority for all installations; so even in a virtual setting, it must be conducted by the MIGM or his representative.
 - Ritual practices and instruction are permitted in a virtual setting. The meeting organizer must ensure that all participants are entitled for the Degree being covered; and each Companion is responsible for the security and confidentiality of the content respecting anyone in his surroundings who might be able to see his screen or overhear the discussion.
 - Conferral of Degrees in a virtual setting is prohibited. Candidates' Degrees must only be conferred in-person.

- A Council may hold its election of officers and conduct other business in a "closed" virtual Assembly.
 - All participants must be Select Masters.
 - A closed virtual Assembly must be opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer.
 - Due Guards and Signs are omitted.
 - For any questions being decided, the TIM must ensure that only those who are entitled to vote in the Council are counted. Questions may be decided by voice vote, "show of hands" (for participants using video), or platform supported polling; but no vote requiring anonymous balloting by Ballot Box may be taken. For election of Candidates, the TIM may allow a motion to dispense with the Ballot Box and use one of the other voting methods, but this motion must be unanimous to be approved.
 - Minutes must be taken and maintained for the closed portion of the virtual Assembly.

Coronavirus Recovery Provisions – Update With Grand Lodge Opening – June 16, 2020

On June 1st, Edict #2 – "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery Provisions" was issued, and contained the following (with emphasis added):

 Governor Hogan has implemented Phase 2 of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery Plan for Maryland; however, formal Council Assemblies and other in-person gatherings of Companions are still prohibited. As restrictions are lessened, Councils are authorized to implement all guidelines for in-person meetings/gatherings that the Grand Lodge issues for Lodges, in accordance with State and local restrictions. All guidelines/restrictions should be followed, including use of masks, social distancing, and limitations on number of attendees. Shaking hands is discouraged.

Yesterday, MWGM Richard Naegele issued a memo with Lodge Reopening Guidelines. As stated in Edict #2, Councils are permitted to implement the reopening guidelines that have been issued for Lodges. Remember that all other specific provisions for Councils contained in Edict #2 remain in effect until the Annual Grand Assembly in October.

This report for the Annual Grand Assembly is respectfully submitted for the Committee on Jurisprudence and Constitution, and it shall be spread upon the Proceedings.

Randall Watson

M.I. Grand Master.

18. Long Range Planning Committee

No Report

No Report

19. Membership Committee



20. Recognition and Awards

Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons in Maryland,

The awards this Committee is responsible for receiving names and resumes from the Councils of R&S Masters are: Lady of the Council Award Ronald L. Thomas General Grand Council Ritualist Award General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year General Grand Council International Adult Leadership Award Ish-Sodi Award – First Line Signer on 5 Petitions

Presentation of an Ish Sodi Award:	Comp. Thad Vargo, Recorder – Hiram Council No. 5
Youth Advisor Award for 2020:	MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert, Concordia Council No. 1
Cryptic Mason of the Year:	Comp. Barry Noe, Jerusalem Council No. 2

The General Grand Council Awards were requested at the proper time for presentation but the firm in New Mexico that does the engraving has been shut down with our awards trapped inside because of the Corona Virus. These presentations will be done at a later date.

MIGM Watson called upon RPGGPCW G. Thomas Taylor to preside over the College of Preservation and make the presentation of the Secret Vault Award. The Award Presented on this occasion is the nomination for the year 2019 but not presented due to a health issue. There is no nomination for 2020.

R.P. Comp. Taylor opened the College in due form and announced the recipient of the Order of the Secret Vault to be Comp. William Baldwin, PTIM and Recorder of Carroll Council of Westminster, MD. This award is given for his decades of service in preserving and supporting Cryptic Masonry in Westminster, Maryland for this day when new Companions would take up the cause.



21. Time & Place 2020

Comp. Robert England

With the effects of the pandemic being the closing of large fraternal gathering, the York Rite leadership were forced to cancel the long planned Grand York Rite Session in Ocean City, MD. It was reported that the location, the Dunes Hotel, had cheerfully agreed to roll all the negotiated rates and terms of the 2020 Sessions to the weekend of October 23-24, 2021. The Dunes Hotel as stated that they were open to discussions for similar terms for the Session for 2022, should our leadership determine to return to that location.

22. Sessions 2020

Comp. William Miller

With the cancellation of the Sessions Weekend this committee had to stand down this year, but looks forward to return to service in 2021.

23. Youth Relations

M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson

Companions,

The annual Hershey Park Trip is sponsored by the York Rite to not only act as an outing for the members of the Maryland Masonic Youth Groups, but also to help them as a membership incentive for them to invite their prospective members.

Along with many other events, this year's trip scheduled for Thursday, June 25th was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus control provisions. The deposit put down for the buses by Grand Commandery was rolled over to cover the trip in 2021, so no funds were lost.

This report for the Annual Grand Assembly is respectfully submitted for the Committee on Youth Relations,

Randall Watson

24. Unfinished Business

RI Comp. Robert B. Lumbert

FIRST ITEM...

Right Illustrious Companion Vernon H. Huebschman, Grand Recorder:

I submit the following proposed amendment to the Standing Regulations and Standing Resolutions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland for consideration at the October 2020 Annual Grand Assembly. The purpose is to formalize the record and authority for the Time Capsule 2000 Committee which was appointed in 2000 as an Ad Hoc Committee which has continued to work since then. This amendment is effected by adding this committee to the list of Standing Committees in Article VI of the



Standing Regulations; and adding an explanation of its duties as a new Standing Resolution #17 as follows (new language underlined):

Standing Regulations of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland

Article VI – Standing, Elective and Special Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees of the Grand Council:

Doings of Grand Officers Committee on Finance Committee on Jurisprudence Committee on Correspondence Committee on Unfinished Business Committee on Fraternal Relations Committee on Fraternal Relations Committee on Membership Committee on Recognition and Awards Committee on Grand Council History Committee on Youth Relations Cryptic Mason's Medical Research Time Capsule 2000 – Walk of Remembrance

Standing Resolutions of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland

17. RESOLVED, That the Time Capsule 2000 – Walk of Remembrance Committee may establish its own financial account on behalf of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland, doing business as "Time Capsule 2000" for the purpose of depositing funds collected for bricks/stones in the walkway and making expenditures for the committee's operating expenses (such as for the engraving and placement of the memorial bricks/stones). When the fund balance in such account exceeds the level deemed necessary by the committee, or as determined by the Grand Council by resolution at a Semi-Annual or Annual Grand Assembly, half of the surplus amount shall be dispersed each to the Grand Council (for a donation to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation) and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland (for a donation to the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library and Museum, the Masonic Charities of Maryland, and/or the Maryland Masonic Homes).

This amendment may be adopted by unanimous approval at the October 22, 2020 Annual Grand Assembly; otherwise it will lay over for consideration of a 2/3 majority at the next Semi-Annual Grand Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall L. Watson Grand Master Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Hiram No. 5

Upon a voice vote, this Amendment passed unanimously and is adopted.



25. New Business

Motion: That the Grand Council end the shared and prorated assessment for recuperating half the costs of the Grand Councils share of the York Rite Liability Policy, due to the significant reduction of policy invoice.

Motion made by R.I. Comp. Vernon Huebschman, Grand Recorder. Seconded by MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert, and passed unanimously

26. Election of Officers

Installing Grand Chaplain

MI Comp. Randall L. Watson

The following officers were nominated and seconded for their respective offices:

Comp. Randolph S. Disney	MIGM
Comp. William C. Hare, Jr.	RIDGM
Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas	RIGPCW
Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	RIG Recorder
Comp. John A. Rafine	RIG Treasurer

A motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for all candidates. Passed unanimously.

27 . Installation	MWGM Richard P. Naegele, MEPGHP, MIPGM, REPGC
Installing Most Illustrious Grand Master	MIPGM Gordon A. Davids
Installing Grand Marshal	MIPGM

The following Officers were installed in their respective stations'

Grand Council Officers for 2020			
M.I. Grand Master:	Randolph S. Disney	Harmony	20
R.I. Deputy Grand Master:	William C. Hare, Jr.	Hiram	5
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work:	Spyridon G. Treklas	Hiram	5
R.I. Grand Treasurer:	John A. Rafine, MIPGM	Hiram	5
R.I. Grand Recorder:	Vernon H. Huebschman	Hiram	5
Grand Captain of the Guard:	Raymond L. Tayse	King Solomon	12

MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert

Grand Conductor of the Council:	G. Andrew Martinez	Harmony	20
Grand Marshal:	Gary J. Kennedy	Enoch	10
Grand Steward:	Patrick Stangler	Salem	11
Grand Sentinel: Grand Chaplain: Asst. Gr Chaplain	William A. Baldwin, Jr. Arthur F. Hebbeler, III Dean Burt	Carroll Samuel Clemens Adoniram	7 25 21
Grand Lecturer:	Randall L. Watson, MIPGM	Hiram	5
CMMRF Chairman:	Louis P. Romeo, Jr.	Jerusalem	2
General Grand Council Ambassador:	Patrick A. Curtis, MIPGM	York	23

Committees		
Accounts & Finance		Dispensations & Charters
	William C. Hare, Jr.	Spyridon G. Treklas
	John A. Rafine MIPGM	John A. Rafine MIPGM
	Randall L. Watson MIPGM	
Membership		Grievance
	Arthur Hebbeler	Gordon A. Davids MIPGM
	Dennis Brekhus	Jeffrey L. Dill MIPGM
Time & Place		Vernon H. Huebschman
	William C. Hare, Jr	Doings of Grand Officers
	G. Andrew Martinez	Robert B. Lumbert MIPGM
CMMRF		Edward A. Foreman, Jr. MIPGM
	Louis P. Romeo, Jr.	Clifton R. Friel MIPGM
	G. Andrew Martinez	Recognition & Awards
Credentials		Spyridon G. Treklas
	William Baldwin	Raymond Tayse
	Raymond Tayse	Long Term Planning
Fraternal Relations	, , ,	Spyridon G. Treklas
	William C. Hare, Jr.	Gary J. Kennedy
	Patrick Stangler	Sessions
Unfinished Business		William C. Hare, Jr.
	Spyridon G. Treklas	Jeffrey L. Dill MIPGM
	Vernon Huebschman	Charles Warns II
Youth Relations		
	Randall L. Watson MIPGM	
	Carl Michel	
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29 Closing

MI Comp. Randolph S. Disney

The MIGM closed this Annual Grand Assembly in Ample Form.

The Grand Assembly was declared closed at 9:15 p.m



Respectfully Submitted,

R. I. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, PTIM Grand Recorder.



APPENDIXES

Appendix 1: Summary of Council Reports

Concordia Council R&SM No.1	1206 Stehlik Drive	Meets: 3 rd Fridays
	Odenton, MD 21113	7:30 p.m.
TIM: Richard D. Smith	DIM: Frederick T. Rossmark, Jr.	PCW: Andrew N. Wllson
Recorder: Robert B. Lumbert	Membership: 90	
Thrice Illustrious Masters:	James B. Coker, MIPGM	Robert B. Lumbert
Ronald L. Aughenbaugh MIPGM	Edward A. Foreman, Jr. MIPGM	Richard D. Smith
David Sampson	Howard Culver	Frederick A. Spicer
David Thielman	Charles E. McLaughlin	Charles W. Wagner, Jr.
	James J. Morgan, Jr.	
Merger: 11 added	Deaths: 2	Suspended: 9
Greetings: 0	Donald Sager	William D. Green
	Charles W. Wagner Jr.	Mark Massoni
Reinstated: 3		Scott Moston
Edward Garrant	Suspensions:	Richard H. Myers
Thomas E. Hoffman	Dennis Richardson	Habakuk Ndzerre
Charles Malinoski	George Snow	Edward A. Potts, Jr
Demits: 0	William Van Tine	

Jerusalem Council R&SM No. 2	140 Orville Road	Meets: 4 th Tuesdays
	Essex, MD 21221	7:30 p.m.
TIM: William J. Wickham, Jr.	DIM: Destin R. Strader	PCW: William Miller
Recorder: Jeffrey C. Ament	Membership: 83	
Past Thrice Illustrious Master	Jeffrey Ament	Alex A. Rodriguez
	W. Michael Boughman	Louis P. Romeo, Jr.
	Robert C. Heinze	Richard F. Seim
	William E. Lautenschlager	Richard H. Westermyer, Jr.
	Louis H. Ortt	Arthur M. Gordon
Greetings: 0	Deaths: 2	Demits: 4
	Robert L. Shea	George A. Sherman
Reinstated: 0	William Shipley, Sr.	Hillard O'Day
		Robert Heinze
	Suspensions: 0	Donald C. Willard

Hiram Council R&SM No. 5	304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 2103	Meets: Irregular Schedule
TIM : Dennis Ewing	DIM: George J. Christoff	PCW: Chris Meile
Recorder: Thaddeus M. Vargo	Membership: 269	
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters	Jeffrey L. Dill MIPGM	Richard P. Naegele, MIPGM
	William C. Eppig Richard A. Eppler, MIGPM/CT	Alex A. Rodriguez Howard E. Roe
	William C. Hare RIGPCW	John L. Thomas
	Vernon H. Huebschman, REGRc	Spyridon G. Treklas
	Millard W. Keller, Jr.	Randall L. Watson, MIGM
	Carl A. Michel, Jr.	Robert E. Young
	W. Calvin Gray	John P. Mitchell
Greetings: 4	Deaths: 3	Demitted: 0
Thomas Earl Hambry	Gordon Grabus PGChaplain	
Douglas B. Haberkam	Steven J. Ponzillo III MIPGM	Suspended: 0
Jason S. Smith	Charles Ridgeway	
Lambos J. Ventos		
Reinstated: 0		
Plural: 0		

Carroll Council R&SM No. 7	46 Monroe Street	Meets: 4 th Monday 7:30 p.m.
TIM : James E. Frock	DIM: Jeffrey Disney	PCW: Michael Raab
Recorder: William J. Baldwin, Jr	Membership: 55	
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	William J. Baldwin, Jr.	
Greetings: 0	Deaths: 5 George R. Bankert John N. Burdette Harry D. Gray Dean H. Griffin L. Linwood	Demit: 0 Suspended: 0



Jeshua Council No. 8 R&SM	114 N. Washington St	2 nd Thursday of Jan. Apr, June Oct.
	Easton, MD 21601	
TIM; Darryl w. McCaslin	DIM: Robert M. Penney	PCW: Michael S. Bauman
Rec: Robert M. Penny	Membership: 31	
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	Howard Higgins	Darryl McCaslin
Greeted: 1	Died: 1	Suspended:
Richard Lee VanEmBurgh	Arnold N. Spicer	
	Demit:	

Zabud Council R&SM No. 9	439 Race Street	Meets: 4 th Mondays
	Cambridge, MD 21613	7:30 p.m.
TIM : Wallace Dodson	DIM: George Wittstadt	PCW: Robert Walls
Recorder: Wallace Dodson	Membership: 18	
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters	Wallace Dodson	David Tibbets
	Christian Jensen	George Wittstadt
Greetings: 0	Deaths:	Suspended:
Reinstated :0	Demit: 1	
	John B. Maclay	
Enoch Council R&SM No. 10	1203 N. Market Street	Meets: 2 nd Mondays
	Frederick MD 21701	7:30 p.m.
TIM: Gary Kennedy	DIM: James King	PCW: Austin Fogle II
Recorder: Dennis Brekhus	Membership: 83	
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	Dennis A. Brekhus	George W. Shumard
		Gary Kennedy
Greetings: 8	Daniel C. Powell, Jr.	Suspended: 2
Jacob Deater	Daniel C. Powell, III	Deaths: 3
Roy Daniel Jaquez	Mark Richardson	Demit: 1
David Dlecan	Dan Webb	
David Mohler		

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Salem Council R&SM No. 11	15 Greene Street	Meets: 3 rd Tuesdays,	
	Cumberland, MD 21502	4 times/year 7:30 p.m.	
TIM: Patrick A. Stangler	DIM: Jeffrey M. Grog	Samuel J. Lane	
Recorder: Robert W. Hamilton	Membership: 87		
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	John Greer	Patrick Stangler	
	Robert W. Hamilton		
	Kenneth A. Robertson		
Greetings: 0	Deaths:	Suspended: 0	
Reinstated: 0	Demit: 0		

Giblim Council R&SM No. 12	110 S. Division Street	Meets: 4 th Thursdays	
	Salisbury, MD. 21801	7:30 p.m.	
TIM : Joel Jacob Todd jr	DIM: Glynn R. Bridge	PCW: Arthur H . Tawes, Jr.	
Recorder: Franklin H. Williams,	Membership: 54		
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters	Norris Cartwright, Sr.	Arthur H. Tawes	
	Alonzo Conley, Jr.	Joel J. Todd	
	Charles Dashiell, Jr.		
Greetings: 1	Deaths: 0	Suspended: 0	
John D. Trimper	Demit: 0		
Reinstated: 0			

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King Solomon Council R&SM	20516 Boland Farm Road	Meets: 3 rd Thursdays		
No. 13	PO Box 2124	7:30 p.m.		
	Germantown, MD 20875			
TIM: Raymond Lee Tayse	DIM: Bryan Remley PCW: Skip Richard			
Recorder: Jason Weeks	Membership: 39			
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	Lee Brobst	Richard Parker, Sr.		
	Kris D. Brown	William Parsons		
	Walter Hagen	Arthur Sellers		
	Donald Holiday, Sr.	Ward Taylor		
	Thomas Marraffa, Jr	Royce Watson, MIPGM		
		Robert E. Vitarelli, Sr.		
Greetings:	Deaths:	Suspended:		
	Demit:			
Reinstated:				



Harmony Council R&SM No. 20	162 Conduit Street	Meets: 2 nd Mondays	
	Annapolis, MD 21402	7:30 p.m.	
TIM : G. Andrew Martinez	DIM: S. Dirk Wiker	PCW: Warren S. Stagnaro	
Recorder: Randolph S. Disney	Membership: 92		
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	Robert N. Brannan	Leland P. Linder	
	James H. Conboy	Edward V. Matthais	
	Howard E. Culver, Jr.	Mark F. Owens	
	Gordon A. Davids, MIPGM	W. Andrew Price	
	Randolph S. Disney Steven E. Robertson		
		Jimmie E. Trowbridge	
		Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr.	
Greetings: 2	Deaths: 2	Suspensions: 4	
Brian J. Dieterich	William L. Kugel	Keith Foye	
Warren A. Stagnaro	George Cook	Eric Edstrom	
Reinstated: 1		William Midget	
Charles L. Carmichael	Demits: 1	G. Scott Romanoski	
	Franklin McDonald		

Adoniram Council R&SM No.	114 Market Street	Meets: 1 st Tuesdays		
21	Denton MD 21628	7:30		
TIM: Robert E. Sparks	DIM: A. Dean Burt III	PCW: Stephen R. Twomey II		
RECORDER: Eugene Racz	Membership: 70	1embership: 70		
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	Burt A. Dean III	Eugen D. Racz		
	Clifton R. Friel	Robert E. Sparks		
		William Parsons		
Greetings: 4	Deaths: 2	Suspended: 0		
Joseph M. Cichocki	Jesse G. Cunningham			
Kenneth B. Eaton	Maurice E. Porter			
John Henry Myers, Jr.	Demit: 0			
Stephen R. Twomey II				



York Council R&SM No. 23	6311 Old Branch Avenue	3 rd Fridays 7:30 p.m.		
	Camp Springs, MD 20748 March, June, Sept, Dec.			
TIM : Patrick A. Curtis	DIM: William Zarychta	lliam Zarychta PCW: Randolph F. Geck		
Recorder: G. Daniel Brewer	Membership: 64			
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:	Larry O. Bowen	Robert B. Malwitz, MIPGM		
	Grover. D. Brewer	Harry Miller, Jr.		
	Patrick A. Curtis, MIPGM	S. Brent Morris		
	Mark E. Irwin	Urban T. Peters MIPGM		
	Charles W. Lloyd, Jr.	Ronald M. Rhine		
	James Cloud	Charles E. Vannoy		
		William B. Vansant		
		Darrell T. Verner		
Greetings: 0	Deaths: 4	Demit: 0		
Reinstated: 0	Thomas Verner	Suspended: 0		
	Gus Souris			
	Ronald Carlson			
	Harry I. Miller			

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Samuel L. Clemens Council	837 A Frederick Road	Meets: 2 nd Wednesdays	
R&SM No. 25	Catonsville, MD 21228	7:30 p.m.	
TIM : Arthur F. Hebbeler III	DIM: Vacant	PCW: Richard Bolton	
Recorder: Vacant	Membership: 10		
Past High Priests:	Arthur F. Hebbeler III		
Greetings:	Deaths:	Suspended:	
Reinstated:	Demit:	None	

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СО	LNAME	FNAME	COTITLE3	DIED
Adoniram	Porter	Maurice	00111220	7/10/2020
Adoniram	Cunningham	Jesse		7/10/2020
Concordia	Wagner, Jr.	Charles	PTIM	4/7/2020
Enoch	Alleva	Gerald		10/23/2019
Harmony	Kugel	William		6/26/2020
Harmony	Cook	George		5/24/2020
Hiram	Sparaco, Jr.	Paul		7/11/2020
Hiram	Ponzillo, III	Stephen	MIPGM	2/17/2020
Hiram	Kinnear, Jr.	Frank		1/20/2020
Hiram	Black	Douglas		1/17/2020
Hiram	Moody	Clarence		12/26/2019
Jerusalem	Shea	Robert		11/10/2019
Jerusalem	Shipley, Sr.	William		9/19/2019
Jeshua	Spicer	Arnold		4/3/2020
King Solomon	Hagen	Walter	PTIM	3/25/2020
York	Carlson	Ronald		9/1/2020
York	Miller, Jr.	Harry	PTIM	5/24/2020
York	Livingstone	Walter		11/25/2019