

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



May 8, 2021

Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink

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
Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland**



**Call Letter for Semi-Annual Meetings,
and
Special Grand Assembly for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
Annual Council of Anointed High Priests**

Companions & Sir Knights

By order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Comp. Jeffrey L. Dill, Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. Randolph S. Disney, Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Charles E. Warns II, and Most Excellent President Randall L. Watson official notice is hereby given for:

**The Semi-Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland,
The Semi-Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland, and
The Semi-Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.
The Special Grand Assembly of The Grand Council for conferral of TIM Degree
The Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland**

The Grand Commandery will meet in Grand Conclave **Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 10:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Conclave. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2022 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau & Sword.

Location: Gothic Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

The Grand Council will meet in Grand Assembly on, **Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 9:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2022 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is Tuxedo, Apron & Jewels for Officers, Coat & Tie otherwise. Please wear your Council Apron.

Location: Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

The Grand Chapter will meet in Grand Convocation **Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 11:30 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2022 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is Tuxedo with Red Jacket, Apron & Jewels for Officers, Coat & Tie otherwise. Please wear your Chapter Apron.

Location: Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

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 Brown
Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of KT in MD

The Special Grand Assembly of The Grand Council for conferral of TIM Degree

April 24, 2021

**Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink
Cockeysville, Maryland**

9:00 a.m. - GRAND COUNCIL LAW SCHOOL at 9:00 a.m. ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED for TIM-Elects & Candidates for the Degree. Assemble in the Main Lobby of Freemason Hall.

10:00 a.m. Gothic Room - SPECIAL GRAND ASSEMBLY of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland for the conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree. Attendance is restricted to PTIM's and current TIM's.

The dress is Tux for Officers and Candidate. Please bring your TIM, PTIM, or Grand Council Aprons.

Councils having candidates are especially encouraged to attend for the benefit of the candidates.

The Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland

April 24, 2021

**Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink
Cockeysville, Maryland**

1:00 p.m. - GRAND CHAPTER LAW SCHOOL for qualified MEHP's-Elect is ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED for the CAHP Degree. Assemble in the Main Lobby of Freemason Hall.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS Set up and Rehearsal (Officers Only)

2:00 p.m. - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS will hold its annual meeting and confer its Degree upon qualified candidates. The Application Form is on the Grand Secretary's page of the Grand Chapter of Maryland (YORKRITEMARYLAND.ORG) No Fee is Required. This meeting is restricted to PHP's and current MEHP's and qualified MEHP's-Elect. The dress is Tux for Candidates and Officers.

No Aprons or jewels are required, Traditionally, Masonic jewels and pins are not worn at this meeting.

Chapters having candidates are especially encouraged to attend for the benefit of the candidates.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

ME Comp Vernon Huebschman
Grand Secretary
Ex Comp Michael Faby
Grand Lecturer
Grand Chapter of Maryland

RI Comp Vernon H. Huebschman
Grand Recorder
Grand Council of Maryland
MIPGM Randall L. Watson
Grand Lecturer

Ex Comp Vernon Huebschman
Excellent Secretary
Council of Anointed High Priests
of Maryland

**We will be following the Grand Lodge COVID-19 rules
Please bring and wear a mask to all events.**

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland
Semi-Annual Grand Assembly
May 8, 2021

1. Grand Council Opening	MIGM Randolph S. Disney
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9. Officer's Report	<i>Grand Lecturer:</i> MIPGM Randall L. Watson
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11. Dispensations & Charters	RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas
12. CMMRF	PTIM Louis P. Romeo
13. Super Excellent Master Degree	MIGM Randolph S. Disney
14. Doings of Grand Officers	MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert
15. Fraternal Relations	RIDGM William C. Hare
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17. Jurisprudence & Constitution	MIPGM John A. Rafine
18. Long-Range Planning	RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas
19. Membership	TIM Arthur F. Hebbeler
20. Recognition & Awards	RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas
21. Time & Place 2021	RIDGM William C. Hare
22. Sessions 2020	RIDGM William C. Hare
23. Youth Relations	MIPGM Randall L. Watson
24. Unfinished Business	RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas
25. New Business	MIGM Randolph S. Disney
26. Election of 201 – 2020 Officers	Designated MIPGM
27. Remarks	
28. Closing	MIGM Randolph S. Disney

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 Robert B. L

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

M.I. Randolph S. Disney	Grand Master (Excused)
R.I. Comp. William C. Hare	Grand Master Pro Temp
R.I. Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson	Grand Recorder Pro Temp (1 st hour)
R.I. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Grand Recorder (2 nd hour)
M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine	Grand Treasurer
M.I. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert	Grand Chaplain Pro Temp
Comp. G. Andrew Martinez	Grand Captain of the Guard Pro Temp
VACANT	Grand Conduction of the Council
Comp. Gary Kennedy	Grand Marshall
Comp. Patrick Stangler	Grand Steward (Absent)
Comp. John Austin	Grand Sentinel Pro Temp
Comp. John L. Thomas	Grand Lecturer Emeritus (Absent)

Opening Prayer:

MI Comp. Robert B. Lumbert, MIPGM

Pledge of Allegiance;

RI Comp. William C. Hare, MIGM

2. Credentials Report

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman RIG Rec

MIGM,

Number of Councils Present	Seven (7)
Number of Voting Members	Fifteen (15)
Number of Non-Voting Members	Two (2)

The MIGM on receiving this report declared that the necessary number of Councils were represented to constitute a quorum, and that the Companions in the Grand Council Assembly were properly noted in the proceedings. Attendance was taken by Roll Call due to Covid Virus restrictions.

Final Register of attending Companions:

1. Concordia	Robert B. Lumbert, MIPGM	2. Jerusalem	William J. Wickham, TIM Louis P. Romeo, Jr
5. Hiram	William C. Eppig, PTIM Dennis W. Ewing TIM William C. Hare, RIDGM John A. Rafine, MIPGM Spyridon G. Treklas RIGPCW Randall L. Watson, RIGPCW	7. Carroll	NOT REPRESENTED
8. Jeshua	Robert M. Penny	9. Zabud	NOT REPRESENTED
10. Enoch	Gary J. Kennedy, TIM	11. Salem	NOT REPRESENTED
12. Giblum	NOT REPRESENTED	13. King Solomon	Carl Swanson
16. Palestine	NOT REPRESENTED	20. Harmony	G. Andrew Martinez
21. Adoniram	Clifton R. Friel, MIPGM Vernon H. Huebschman RIG Rec	23. York	NOT REPRESENTED
		25. Samuel L. Clemens	NOT REPRESENTED
	# Non-Voting Companion		

3. Reception of MIPGM's

RIDGM William C. Hare

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

MIPGM Clifton R. Friel	2003
MIPGM John A. Rafine	2017
MIPGM Robert B Lumbert	2018 -2019
MIGM Randall L. Watson	2020

4. Proceedings: Annual 2020

M.I Comp. Randall L. Watson, Gr Rec Pro Temp

MIGM,

As the Proceedings of the 2020 Annual Grand Assembly have been posted to the Grand Council website on the Grand Recorder's page, I move their adoption as published, subject to comments submitted for corrections, which after consideration of the MIGM shall be acted upon as he may direct.

Motion seconded by MIPGM Lumbert and passed unanimously.

Proceedings: Special Grand Assembly

RI Grand Recorder Vernon Huebschman

April 24, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. Gothic Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

Due notice for this Special Grand Assembly was given by mail to all qualified TIM's and PTIM's by MIPGM William C. Eppig in his capacity as Asst. Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of RAM of MD.

This Grand Assembly was Opened in Ample Form by MIGM Randolph S. Disney at 10:00 a.m. for the sole purpose of conferring the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree. Sixteen Companions support the candidates this date. The Grand Recorder confirmed that Due Notice had been sent to all qualified Companions to the best of our knowledge. MIGM Disney then called off the Grand Assembly and invited the TIM Degree team to retire and prepare for the ceremonies.

The officers of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Master were:

King David	M.I. Comp. Gordon A. Davids, MIPGM No. 20
Thrice Illustrious Master	Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman, RIGRec, No. 5, 21
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	M.I. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert, MIPGM No. 1
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	R.I. Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas, RIGPCW No. 5
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Comp. Alexander Dean Burt III, PTIM No. 21

The qualified candidates for the Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree were:

Comp. Dennis W. Ewing	Hiram Council No. 5 (COVID Dispensation)
Comp. Christopher J. Miele	Hiram Council No. 5 TIM-Elect for 2021
Comp. Stephen R. Twomey II	Adoniram Council No. 21 TIM-Elect for 2021

The cast conferred the TIM Degree in full costume, and in excellent form. TIM Vernon H. Huebschman opened the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters in Due Form and called for the candidates to be prepared and presented for their Obligation, Anointing, and Instruction.

Special commendations go to MIPGM Gordon A. Davids for his heartfelt rendition of King David's address; and to Comp. Dean Burt who stepped in to fill the T.I. Steward's part following the sad loss of MIPGM Patrick A. Curtis who himself had succeeded to that role following MIPGM Bennie G. Owens. MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert did excellent work as our T.I. Senior Warden with the long passages and the Anointing itself.

The circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic caused some adjustments in the form of the degree and limited the attendance. Masks and social distancing were observed. TIM Huebschman closed the Council in due form and returned the meeting to MIGM Disney who thanked all for their efforts.

The Special Grand Council Assembly was closed in Ample form at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

6. Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master

MIGM Randolph S. Disney

For this item MIPGM Robert L. Lumbert was invited to the East and assumed the role of presiding officer. As MIGM Disney was recuperating from recent surgery, the MIGM's Address was read into the record by RIDGM William C. Hare...who moved its acceptance, seconded by PTIM Eppig; passed unanimously

**Most Illustrious Grand Master's Message
to the Companions at the Semi-Annual Communication
Oriental Room, Cockeysville, Maryland**

My Dear Companions—

I can tell you without equivocation that I would vastly prefer to be with each of you this morning rather than being where I am and doing what I'm doing. But they tell me that this could bring my health situation to some type of finality and if successful, it will be worth it.

I have left this meeting in the capable hands of my Deputy Illustrious Master, Right Illustrious Companion Bill Hare and I have every expectation that he will preside in fine fashion.

I have been involved in Freemasonry for nearly three decades. It has become a way of life for me since I gave my first three distinct knocks on the door at New England Lodge #4 F&AM in Worthington, Ohio. I progressed through the Capitular Degrees at Horace W. Wright Chapter #226, also in Worthington, the Cryptic Degrees in Zabud Council #99 in Westerville Ohio and the Chivalric Orders in Mt. Vernon Commandery #1 in Columbus, Ohio.

The Columbus area was settled by New Englanders (specifically from Connecticut and hence the name of the Lodge) under the leadership of Colonel Thomas Worthington. The Lodge was chartered in 1803, when there were still Indian settlements along the Olentangy River. It is still the oldest operating Lodge west of Pittsburgh. One of those settlers, Reverend James J. Kilbourne, out of the necessity of the day, was half soldier and half preacher. He was one of the charter members of New England #4 and ultimately became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. It should be noted that the two High Schools in the Worthington community are named after Col Thomas Worthington and Reverend James J. Kilbourne. History still means something somewhere.

When I was progressing through the York Rite bodies in Ohio, it was not a requirement to have the Cryptic degrees conferred upon you as a prerequisite to receiving your Commandery Orders. I believe it was the same in Maryland. As such, it struck me that the Council, with the very prolific Royal Master and Select Master degrees and the always impressive Super Excellent Master Degree, were true Masonic volunteers. The Companions were there because they truly wanted to be there. And such it is today, not only with respect to Council, but all of Freemasonry. We each found something that appealed to our minds, our hearts and our intellects and which kept us coming back.

Companions, Cryptic Masonry in Maryland is, given the circumstances, continuing to move forward. As I stated in my remarks last Fall, at the Annual Communication, due to the uncertainty of the times, I was hesitant to devise an extensive program with a lot of activities. One thing I want to do is confer the Super Excellent Master degree and optimistically that will happen next year when we will be mask free.

One activity, however, where the Grand Council has been active is in Grand Visitations. To date, visitations have been held in Carroll Council, Harmony Council, Hiram Council and Salem Council. During these visitations, all extended nothing but Masonic fellowship and fraternalism. Three of the Councils—Carroll, Harmony and Hiram—were conferring degrees the night of the visitation. Each did an excellent job in their conferrals and are to be congratulated on their efforts. I look forward to visiting with my Companions at the remaining Councils most likely in the Fall. When I was Grand Commander, one of the most enjoyable aspects of the job was to visit and be a part of the Commanderies in the jurisdiction. The same holds true with my Companions in Council.

When I was Grand Commander, I scheduled a visitation at a Commandery the same night that the Red Cross and Malta were being conferred. When the Eminent Commander told me this I answered “Great! how can I help” – and I wound up being Master of Infantry, which I was only too happy to do.

Companions, as MIGM, the same holds true with each Council in the jurisdiction—how can the Grand Council line and myself help? If you need a chair filled, let me know. If I am unavailable, I’ll do my best to find someone who can help.

I know we’re on a tight timeline this morning and I certainly do not want to delay MEGHP Dill from opening his Grand Chapter on time. Therefore, I’m going to turn this morning’s proceedings back over to R.I. Companion Hare.

I hope to be back on my feet and active as quickly as possible. I look forward to seeing and being with my Brothers and Companions in the very near future.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

Randy

7. Report of the Grand Recorder

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

MIGM,

This year has been another of constant adjustments and reconfiguring in our local bodies and in the plans for this Grand Council. We have lost planned events, but continued to learn & improve upon new communication techniques.

IRS 990N: There is a green banner on the gateway page of yorkritemaryland.org that links to the most expeditious route to the IRS 990N submission page. Several Council Recorders have already expressed their gratitude for this link in making the process. Easier.

This is one of the many improvements to the **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. I commend PTIM William Eppig and Comp. Rafael Rodriguez for their tireless work in taking my vague suggestions for improvement or innovation...and their own ideas for the betterment of the yorkritemaryland.org website... to make it an excellent tool for our Companions, our Officers, and our visitors.

Annual Reports: The Summary of the Annual Reports for 2020 was submitted in its incomplete state. The returns to the General Grand Council were made based on the prior year's ending figures, per the General Grand Council's Constitution, and the appropriate fees paid base on that data. One Council is still struggling to reconfigure its administrative services. One Council is unlikely to salvage itself but there is always hope.

The School for Secretaries, Recorders, and Treasurers: After losing the 2020 edition of this School for our Administrative Officers, and while laboring under the imposing restrictions for meetings which were different in each Maryland Country, we did hold a very successful School in 2021. Comp. Bill Eppig was given the lead on this project as the Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and he together with SK Kris Brown, Grand Secretary of the Grand Commandery, and myself devised a meeting agenda. Comp. Eppig arranged with RE Comp John Lister, and MI Comp. John Rafine to develop the individual segments of the School. To add a new degree of accomplishment...Comp. Bill, working with SK Brown converted the School into a virtual event on a ZOOM platform. The attendance was good. The entire event was recorded and is available to any Companion or Sir Knight who would like to watch the content...all four hours which peeled away so fast because it was so engaging. My deepest congratulation to all involved and especially to ME Comp. Eppig.

During the past year, I have been honored to participate in monthly virtual meeting with General Grand Recorder Stephen Blake, and some of the General Officers. This meeting directly conflicts with my duties as Secretary of Druid Chapter but they have been accommodating in letting me do my presentations early. There have been two interesting developments that have come out of this personal association with Steve Blake. First, The General Grand Council will emulate our School for Secretaries, Recorders & Treasurers at a Special GG Assembly this coming August, with

will be held in conjunction with the Grand Encampments meeting in Minneapolis, MN. The second this that Comp Steve helped facilitate a meeting to explore the use of electronic payment systems for assisting in the financial transactions of the Maryland Grand Bodies...initially with an experimental use for the Grand Sessions Registration on a voluntary basis for those willing, and then with the collection of local body dues and assessment from our local member likewise on a voluntary basis for those willing to participate in an electronic transaction. Those participating in the meeting were equally convinced of the security, and the accuracy of the processes to complete transactions and to place the funds in the desired accounts directly without checks or other paper that can be misplaced or undelivered by the USPS. The great hope I have is to accomplish better service, especially to our newer & younger members, and to lessen the burdens on our administrative officers by participating in this process which consolidates several important actions with direct money transfers.

Finally, a suggestion for better branding of the York Rite. For those locations where it is appropriate I suggest that they begin styling themselves collectively as The York Rite Bodies of that Locale...like the York Rite Bodies of Salisbury, Denton, Easton, Germantown, Westminster, Frederick, Glen Burnie, Annapolis, Cumberland, and Camp Springs...as these locations have multiple bodies of roughly the same people. Cockeysville is a bit different and less unified. Hopefully our potential candidates will begin seeing the same kind of unity they envision as is seen in the Scottish Rite. They will eventually learn the separate but equal character of our three bodies as they improve in their knowledge.

On a personal note, I expect to end my tenure as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter this year with hopes of an excellent replacement who will lead our member services in great new directions. As we are not yet ready to make the same transitions in Grand Council, I will offer my services until all involved are ready to make the same changes later on, if I may continue to serve you as Grand Recorder.

The proposed Operating Budget for the Grand Council 2021 – 2022 is submitted and referred to the Finance & Budget Committee for their report and recommendation.

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

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

Seconded by MIPGM Watson, and passed unanimously.

8. Report of the Grand Treasurer

M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine

See following pages which are scanned into these Proceedings.

May 1, 2021

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

This report covers the reporting period of November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. As of April 30, 2021 our account value was \$193,034.90, an increase of 17.15% (\$26,389.79) for this fiscal year to date. Capital One Financial Corp and Legg Mason bonds were called for redemption and those proceeds were deposited into our cash account.

Check # 900 in the amount of \$2000 was issued on November 17, 2020 to fund our operating account. This report was furnished to the Finance Committee for review.

Fraternally,

John Rafine, MIPGM, Grand Treasurer

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland Grand Treasurer's Report			
NOVEMBER 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021			
Morgan Stanley Investment Account 1036 (per statement)	11/1/20	4/30/21	Change
Total Cash, Bank Deposit Program and Money Market Funds	\$ 13,491.85	\$ 35,345.03	\$ 21,853.18
Stocks			
<u>Common Stocks</u>			
Excelon Corp	\$ 11,967.00	\$ 13,482.00	\$ 1,515.00
Magellan Midstream Partners	\$ 21,324.00	\$ 28,062.00	\$ 6,738.00
Omega Healthcare Inv Inc.	\$ 18,726.50	\$ 24,700.00	\$ 5,973.50
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	\$ 5,337.15	\$ 7,869.30	\$ 2,532.15
<u>Preferred Stocks</u>			
(*1) Capital One Financial Corp	\$ 10,180.00	\$ -	\$ (10,180.00)
Total Stocks	\$ 67,534.65	\$ 74,113.30	\$ 6,578.65
Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds			
PIMCO Corporate and Income Opportunity	\$ 8,035.00	\$ 9,490.00	\$ 1,455.00
Total Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds	\$ 8,035.00	\$ 9,490.00	\$ 1,455.00
Corporate Fixed Income			
<u>Bonds</u>			
Natwear Group PLC FXD	\$ 14,353.80	\$ 14,887.50	\$ 533.70
<u>Fixed Rate Capital Securities</u>			
Hartford RNL SVC GRP	\$ 6,865.00	\$ 6,650.00	\$ (215.00)
(*2) Legg Mason inc	\$ 10,220.00	\$ -	\$ (10,220.00)
interest	\$ 31.75	\$ 31.53	\$ (0.22)
Total Corporate Fixed Income	\$ 31,470.55	\$ 21,569.03	\$ (9,901.52)
Mutual Funds			
American BD FD of America	\$ 15,746.05	\$ 15,685.26	\$ (60.79)
American CAP INC Builder	\$ 30,367.01	\$ 36,832.28	\$ 6,465.27
Total Mutual Funds	\$ 46,113.06	\$ 52,517.54	\$ 6,404.48
Total Value	\$ 166,645.11	\$ 193,034.90	\$ 26,389.79
Operating Fund Balance as of 04/30/21		\$ 3,586.66	
Asset Allocation		Market Value	Percentage
Cash	\$ 13,491.85	\$ 35,345.03	18.31
Equities	\$ 34,162.25	\$ 40,402.71	20.93
Fixed Income and Preferreds	\$ 73,603.36	\$ 56,655.86	29.35
Alternatives	\$ 45,387.65	\$ 60,631.30	31.41
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 166,645.11	\$ 193,034.90	100%
*1 Redemption of called bond Capital One Fin. Corp. 12/1/20			
Cost \$10,602.94, sales proceeds \$10,000 (\$602.94)			
*2 Redemption of called bond (Legg Mason) 3/15/21			
Cost \$10,315.05, sales proceeds \$10,000 (\$325.05)			

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland Grand Treasurer's Report			
NOVEMBER 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020			
Morgan Stanley Investment Account 1036 (per statement)	11/1/19	10/30/20	Change
Total Cash, Bank Deposit Program and Money Market Funds	\$ 5,462.89	\$ 13,491.85	\$ 8,028.96
Stocks			
<u>Common Stocks</u>			
Excelon Corp	\$ 13,647.00	\$ 11,967.00	\$ (1,680.00)
Magellan Midstream Partners	\$ 37,392.00	\$ 21,324.00	\$ (16,068.00)
Omega Healthcare Inv Inc.	\$ 28,626.00	\$ 18,726.50	\$ (9,899.50)
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	\$ 8,965.80	\$ 5,337.15	\$ (3,628.65)
<u>Preferred Stocks</u>			
Capital One Financial Corp	\$ 10,456.00	\$ 10,180.00	\$ (276.00)
Total Stocks	\$ 99,086.80	\$ 67,534.65	\$ (31,552.15)
Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds			
PIMCO Corporate and Income Opportunity	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 8,035.00	\$ (1,265.00)
Total Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 8,035.00	\$ (1,265.00)
Corporate Fixed Income			
<u>Bonds</u>			
Natwest Group PLC FXD (formerly Royal Bank of Scotland)	\$ 14,625.00	\$ 14,353.80	\$ (271.20)
<u>Fixed Rate Capital Securities</u>			
Hartford RNL SVC GRP	\$ 7,107.50	\$ 6,865.00	\$ (242.50)
Legg Mason inc	\$ 10,936.00	\$ 10,220.00	\$ (716.00)
interest	\$ 55.30	\$ 31.75	\$ (23.55)
Total Corporate Fixed Income	\$ 32,723.80	\$ 31,470.55	\$ (32,723.80)
Mutual Funds			
American BD FD of America	\$ 14,471.31	\$ 15,746.05	\$ 1,274.74
American CAP INC Builder	\$ 31,819.10	\$ 30,367.01	\$ (1,452.09)
Total Mutual Funds	\$ 46,290.41	\$ 46,113.06	\$ (177.35)
Total Value	\$ 192,863.90	\$ 166,645.11	\$ (26,218.79)
Asset Allocation (includes accrued int. as of 31 October 2020)	Market Value		Percentage
Cash	\$ 5,462.89	\$ 13,491.85	8.1
Equities	\$ 34,162.25	\$ 34,162.25	20.5
Fixed Income and Preferreds	\$ 73,603.36	\$ 73,603.36	44.17
Alternatives	\$ 45,387.65	\$ 45,387.65	27.24
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 158,616.15	\$ 166,645.11	100%

9. Report of the Grand Lecturer

M.I Comp. Randall L. Watson

MIGM,

This year three Companions were fully certified in the Opening/Closing, Royal Master Degree and Select Master Degree

- Comp. James E. Frock Carrol Council No. 7 (deceased)
- Christian J. Miele Hiram Council No. 5
- Stephen R. Twomey II Adoniram Council No. 21

I move this report be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings. Seconded by MIPGM Lumbert, and passed unanimously.

10. Accounts & Finance

R.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson

Report of the

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

For the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly May 17, 2018

Most Illustrious Sir and Companion:

The Grand Treasurer's records have not been reviewed during this year.

The Grand Recorder's records are presented in his report, and the following operating account information is presented in the attached spreadsheet:

The attached spreadsheet also contains the proposed budget for the 2021 -2021 operating year (November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022), which was prepared based on previous actuals and the Most Illustrious Grand Master's plans for the year. Moved acceptance of the budget, and the report submitted by the Grand Treasurer: seconded and passed'

Fraternally submitted,

R.I. Comp. William C. Hare

Chairman

Grand Council of R&SM/MD

22-Oct-20

		2020-2021 Approved	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Proposed
Income				
	DESCRIPTION/TITLE			
A	Per Capita (based on 1050)	\$ 7,875.00		\$ 7,875.00
B	Greeting Fees	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
C	Interest/Dividends	\$ -		\$ -
D	Miscellaneous			
E	Transfer from Investments	\$ 6,350.00		\$ 8,150.00
F	Ritual			\$ -
G	Fund Raising			\$ -
H	SEM			\$ 1,000.00
I	Insurance	\$ -		\$ -
J	Festive Board			\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 14,475.00		\$ 17,275.00
EXPENSES				
1	Grand Recorder Expenses	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
2	Grand Lecturer Expenses			\$ -
3	Grand Treasurer Expenses	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
4	Grand Sentinel Gratuity	\$ -		\$ -
5	Grand Organist Gratuity	\$ -		\$ -
6	Officers' Travel Expenses	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
7	Per Capita General Grand	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,572.50	\$ 2,625.00
8	Office Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 220.37	\$ 500.00
9	Annual Proceedings & Postage	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
10	Flowers & Memorials	\$ -		\$ -
11	Sessions Expenses	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 234.27	\$ 1,600.00
12	Grand Master's Apron & Case	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
13	Triennial Expenses			\$ -
14	CMMRF			\$ 500.00
15	Printing/Dues Card Equipment & Software	\$ 250.00	\$ 37.10	\$ 250.00
16	Purchases	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
17	Bonnie Blink Church Service			\$ -
18	Award & Recognition	\$ 200.00		\$ 250.00
19	Membership/Degree Teams	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00
20	Youth Group/ Hersey Trip	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
21	Web Site	\$ 100.00		\$ 250.00

22	Miscellaneous	\$	100.00		\$	100.00
23	SEM Degree				\$	2,000.00
24	Insurance	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,725.33	\$ 1,800.00
25	Anniversary	\$	-		\$	-
26	Table Council				\$	-
TOTAL		\$	14,475.00	\$	4,789.57	\$ 17,275.00

12. CMMRF

Comp. Louis P. Romeo, Jr. PTIM

The data below was provided by the CMMRF Office.

A CMMRF Bar was presented to Harmony Council No. 20 and accepted by GCoH Andrew Martinez. TIM Dennis Ewing assisted Comp Louis Romeo in drawing the two \$100 winners for the raffle, who were June Romeo and Peter Romeo. The net proceeds for CMMRF of \$145.00 were turned in to the Grand Recorder and verified. Comp. Romeo moved the adoption of his report, seconded by MIPGM Randy Watson, and passed unanimously.

13. Super Excellent Master Degree

MIGM Randolph S. Disney

The content of this report is contained in the MIGM's Report in Item 6.

14. Doings of Grand Officers

MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert

No information was submitted to this committee for report to the Grand Council at this time.

15. Fraternal Relations Committee

RIDGM William C. Hare

No action taken requiring a report at this time. Due to Covid 19 restrictions there has been no travel to our sister jurisdictions to report upon. Most jurisdiction in the northeast are still holding virtual meetings now.

16. Committee on Grievance

MIPGM Gordon A. Davids

No Grievances have been filed requiring action by the Grand Council.

17. Jurisprudence and Constitution

MIPGM

This committee received no dispensations to review. We are submitting proposed changes to Article X Sections 4 and 5 of our Constitution, Standing Regulations & Standing Resolutions of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland. Article X, Section 4 f. "Duties of the Grand Recorder" – we are proposing to transfer the operating account from the Grand Recorder to the Grand Treasurer. If adopted, the Grand Recorder would receive all monies due the Grand Council and turn them over to the Grand Treasurer. Article X, Section 5. "Duties of the Grand Treasurer" – we are proposing two changes. Section 5. a., if adopted, would make the Grand Treasurer responsible for all monies belonging to the Grand Council. It would also change the existing requirement to obtain the approval of the Grand Council before making any investments to requiring approval of the Finance Committee and Grand Master. Investments fluctuate and continuing to require a Grand Council Grand Assembly before moving investments could result in severe losses. Likewise, should the performance of financial sectors change, this proposal would allow the Grand Council to benefit by moving funds more quickly to higher performing investments. Article X, Section 5 b, if adopted, would add investment firms to the available options to deposit monies. It would also allow vouchers to be signed by the Grand Recorder and Grand Master, removing the existing requirement for the Grand Treasurer to sign a voucher in addition to the Grand Recorder and Grand Master. This committee recommends adoption of these amendments. Per Article XXVII, "Amendment", this proposal can be voted and adopted with unanimous consent at this Semi-Annual Assembly. Otherwise, it shall lay over to the next annual or Semi-Annual Assembly and would require a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present to adopt. We thank you for the privilege of serving on this committee. Fraternaly,

John Rafine, MIPGM, Chairman

Edward Foreman, MIPGM

W. Michael Boughman, PTIM

Motion to accept by MIPGM Rafine, seconded by RIGPCW Treklas and passed unanimously.

18. Long Range Planning Committee

RIGPCW Treklas

This report will be submitted for the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly

19. Membership

Comp. Arthur F. Hebbeler

The was no report filed by the Chairman of any action by this committee.

20. Recognition and Awards

RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas

This report will be given at the Annual Grand Assembly.

21. Time & Place 2018

Comp. William C. Eppig, PTIM

The Dunes Manor Hotel has provided an informal proposal through Comp. William Miller, chairman of the Grand Chapter's Committee to hold the present contract terms in place for 2022. This report was accepted as stated. A motion was made by Comp. Eppig to accept the proposal and join in a mutual agreement with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery to agree to a contract formalizing these conditions. Seconded by R.I. Comp. Treklas and Passed unanimously.

22. Sessions 2017

RI Comp. William C. Hare

No report at this Grand Assembly.

23. Youth Relations

RI Comp. Randall L. Watson

The tickets purchased last year for Hershey Park are still valid through the end of June 2021 and may be purchased for individual groups. Bus Trips will not be accepted this year because of health restrictions.

24. Unfinished Business

RI Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas

There is no unfinished business continuing from the last Grand Assembly.

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25. New Business

R.I. Comp. William C. Hare

A motion to adopt the propose by-law amendment on the management of the Operating Account was made by Grand Recorder Huebschman, seconded by Grand Treasurer Rafine and passed unanimously

27. Election of Officers

MIPGM Randall L. Watson

Motions were made to retain all the present elected officers in place for the 2021 – 2022 Cryptic Year, and there being no objection, the Grand Recorder was directed to cast a unanimous ballot.

28. Closing Remarks

Various Companions

The RIDGM Hare was congratulated on presiding over a good meeting under the unusual circumstances of having the MIGM in recovery and the Grand Recorder held up for an hour in traffic 40 miles from the meeting.

29. Closing

RIDGM William C. Hare

The Grand Council of R&SM of Maryland was closed in Ample form at 11:00 a.m.

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